A Novel Algorithmic Approach to Safeguarding Inter-vehicular Communications and Privacy

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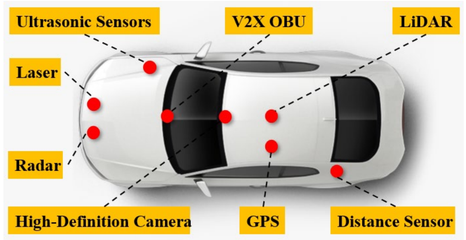
Abstract

VANET, which stands for "Vehicular Ad Hoc Network," is a wireless network that allows vehicles to communicate with each other and with infrastructure, such as Roadside Units (RSUs), with the aim of enhancing road safety and improving the overall driving experience through real-time exchange of information and data. VANET has various applications, including traffic management, road safety alerts, and navigation. However, the security of VANET can be compromised if a malicious user alters the content of messages transmitted, which can harm both individual vehicles and the overall trust in VANET technology. Ensuring the correctness of messages is crucial for the success of VANET, as fake messages pose a threat to traffic safety, human lives, and the credibility of VANET. This poster presents a novel framework for efficiently identifying vehicles that spread fake messages in VANET. The framework divides messages into two categories, urgent and non-urgent, and handles them using a decentralized priority queue consisting of trusted RSUs. The RSUs register dynamic security keys of the vehicles and broadcast the valid ones in their range for quick message exchange. The simulation results show that the framework is scalable and can efficiently identify vehicles that spread fake messages while providing secure communication and guaranteeing the QoS requirements of safety-related VANET applications.



Concerns Due to Fake Messaging

Fake messaging impacts drivers' behavior, which can cause changes in the network topology

Security concerns:

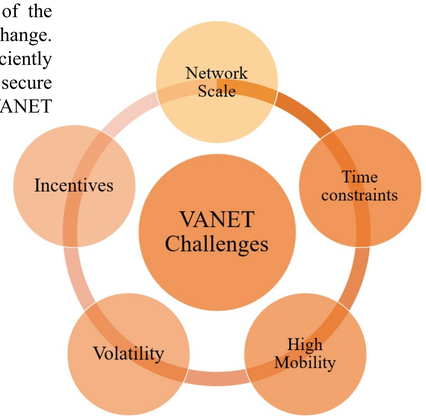
- For example, a malicious user alters message(s)
- Attacks could cause traffic jams by spreading bogus information
- Positioning information could be cheated, and data could be forged
- Hardware tampering

Privacy concerns:

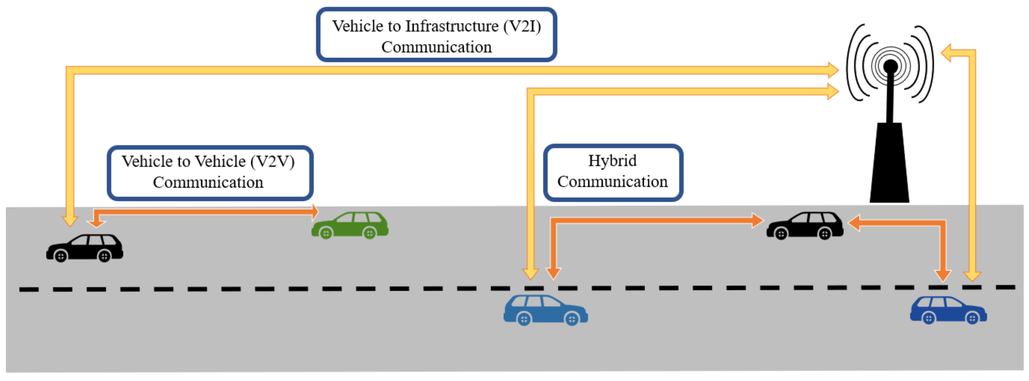
- Violation of privacy, or impersonation

Negative Consequences of Fake Messaging:

- Misleading drivers
- Causing unnecessary traffic congestion
- Disrupting emergency services
- Increasing the risk of accidents
- Wasting resources and time
- Damaging the credibility of the network and reducing trust



Vehicular Ad Hoc Network (VANET)



VANET Applications

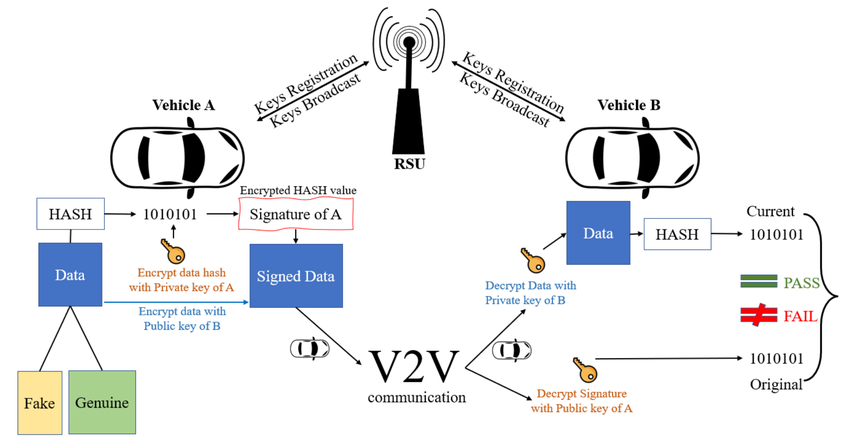
Safety Applications:

1.Collision Avoidance
2.Emergency Vehicle Warning
3.Intersection Safety
4.Road Hazard Warning
5.Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control
6.Pedestrian Safety
7.Lane Change Assistance

Non-Safety Applications:

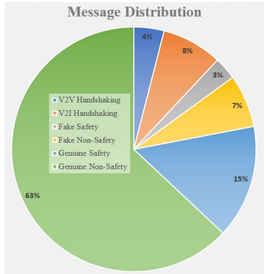
1.Infotainment Services
2.Fleet Management
3.Traffic Management
4.Parking Management
5.Toll Collection
6.Eco-Driving
7.Autonomous Driving

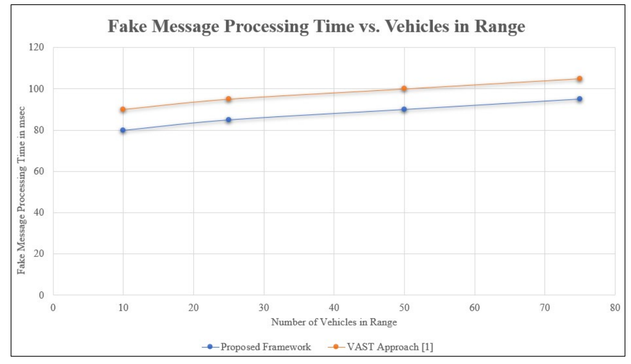
Fake Message Testing



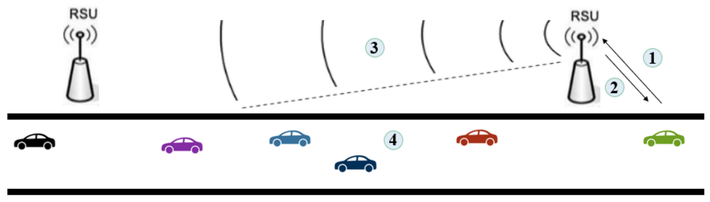
Simulation and Results

Parameters	Value
Area	5000x5000 sq meter
Number of Vehicles	100 to 200
Traffic Density	1-100 cars in radio range
Number of RSU	10
Speed of Vehicles	30-60 km/hr
RSU Range	1 km
OBU Range	300 meter
Simulation Time	100s
Minimum Distance of Separation between Vehicles	20 meter





Framework



Legend

1. V2I Handshake: Vehicle provides its *Public Key* to the RSU
2. I2V Handshake: RUS provides a list of valid *Public Keys* to the vehicle
3. I2V Broadcast: RSU broadcasts a list of valid *Public Key*
4. V2V Handshake: Vehicles exchange messages

Security Requirements

Conclusion

VANET is a promising technology that can significantly enhance road safety and driving experience by enabling real-time communication between vehicles and infrastructure. However, the security of VANET is critical, and fake messages can compromise its effectiveness, endangering human lives and eroding trust in the technology. This poster presents a novel framework that efficiently identifies vehicles that spread fake messages in VANET, using a decentralized priority queue of trusted RSUs to handle urgent and non-urgent messages. The framework's simulation results demonstrate its scalability and effectiveness in guaranteeing the QoS requirements of safety-related VANET applications while providing secure communication. The proposed framework can contribute to the wider adoption of VANET and the realization of its full potential in enhancing road safety and improving driving experience.

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