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Privacy Protection with Dynamic Pseudonym-Based Multiple Mix-Zones Over Road Networks

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Abstract: In this research we proposed a strategy for location privacy protection which addresses the issues related with existing location privacy protection techniques. Mix-Zones and pseudonyms are considered as the basic building blocks for location privacy; however, continuously changing pseudonyms process at multiple locations can enhance user privacy. It has been revealed that changing pseudonym at improper time and location may threaten user's privacy. Moreover, certain methods related to pseudonym change have been proposed to attain desirable location privacy and most of these solutions are based upon velocity, GPS position and direction of angle. We analyzed existing methods related to location privacy with mix zones, such as RPCLP, EPCS and MODP, where it has been observed that these methods are not adequate to attain desired level of location privacy and suffered from large number of pseudonym changes. By analyzing limitations of existing methods, we proposed Dynamic Pseudonym based multiple mix zone (DPMM) technique, which ensures highest level of accuracy and privacy. We simulate our data by using SUMO application and analysis results has revealed that DPMM outperformed existing pseudonym change techniques and achieved better results in terms of acquiring high privacy with small number of pseudonym change.

Keywords: road network; multiple mix-zones; location privacy

I. INTRODUCTION

The advent of mobile communication and ubiquitous computing has extended the opportunities for users to make life easier by accessing vast information through location based services. However, when the users get registered with these services, they may be exposed to the threat of information disclosure [1,2]. Personal data privacy has not been a critical problem but due to the expansion of location based services, an adversary can track a user's location by accessing his information. As a consequence, location privacy of user becomes a challenge [3,4]. The private information of a user, that is recorded during his visit to a hospital, library, and social networking website or while driving on a road becomes an invasive catalogue of data. Despite, it remains a strenuous task to achieve the desired level of protection by using a single mix-zone [5]. Consequently, it gives the opportunity to any malevolent adversary to track the user and may cause harm.

In the last decade, various pseudonym changing techniques for the protection of location privacy in VANETS have been proposed [6,7,8 9,10,11]. This can be achieved

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by changing the identifier of a target vehicle called the pseudonym that is chosen randomly. However this mechanism is performed by location server, therefore, by executing pseudonym change, the services from main server will be disturbed which is the cause of overhead in the network [12,13,14]. Despite, most of the current pseudonyms change mechanism ignores this crucial aspect [15,16,17,18] but the problem persists because if single vehicle changes its pseudonym, it can be tracked easily by an attacker [19,20,21,25,26,27]. Moreover, it has been further investigated that when multiple vehicles are inside mix-zone, they may change their pseudonyms [23,24]. On the contrary, an attacker can easily discover mix-zones because, mix-zones are mostly, statically determined [25, 26]. So, this concept led to further research and explored the idea of dynamic mix zone [9, 26,27,28,29] which emphasizes on the technique of pseudonym change with dynamically determined mix-zones. In [14] game theory approach has been proposed for non-cooperative location privacy. In this approach, selfish vehicles alter their pseudonyms when they have maximum payoff but it fails in the situations, where few vehicles may not change their pseudonym if they have achieved satisfactory level of location privacy. As a result, in most of the cases, the vehicles whose pseudonyms have expired may not have sufficient number of other vehicles willing to change their pseudonyms. This, in turn, adversely affects the location privacy provided to the vehicles in need.

After detailed analysis of existing limitations, we presented a protocol that will generate some inducement for vehicles to change their dynamic pseudonyms inside as well as outside the mix-zone. Our proposed model comprises of following important factors:

(i) We have introduced a reputation method that gradually encourages each vehicle to change Dynamic Pseudonym Multiple Mix-zones (DPMM) within the mix-zone as well as outside the mix-zone.

(ii) We further propose dynamic pseudonym multiple mix-zones (DPMM) generation

with privacy protection that comprises of various parameters for defending against constant attacks.

(iii) The simulation results indicate that the proposed technique provides better results, acquiring high rate of protection with reduced number of changes in pseudonyms, along with presenting the best performance.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

2.1 General idea description

We have proposed a Dynamic Pseudonym Multiple Mix-zone model (DPMM) for mobile travelers over Road networks. There are four main entities that can be shown in figure 1, i.e. mix zone, reported server, road side unit and vehicles. Mix zone is an area where vehicles change their pseudonyms; however vehicles can change their pseudonyms inside as well as outside mix zone. Reported server is an entity which allows communication between RSU and vehicle and it is also responsible to authenticate vehicle over the road network. Moreover, vehicles are connected to reported server (RS); they may change pseudonyms even when they are outside mix-zone. RSU is a computing device located on the road sides, which can provide connectivity to the vehicles. So, our proposed model based on secure communication between these four entities as shown in figure 1.

2.2 Assumptions

In this research model, we have proposed a protocol and have assumed that each vehicle has a unique ID (identity information in road network). This ID is only shared with reported server (RS). We also assumed that RS1, RS2... RS_n all are connected with main RS servers and main RS verify each unique ID information and provide information to multiple reported server (RS), which is used for requesting a change in pseudonyms when vehicle travels inside or outside a mix-zone. It is further assumed that every vehicle is authenticated by a private or public key. This

key allows a vehicle to acquire its pseudonym and its RS information from reported server. Moreover, mix-zone and reported server are trusted entities, while RSU (Road side unit which is providing connectivity between multiple RSUs and also communicate with reported server) is not a trusted entity. Under such circumstances, a reported server is responsible to control vehicles. RS information and public keys, both are available at reported server. Reported server broadcasts a public pseudonym for each vehicle which comes under its range or detected over road network. The availability feature of RS is almost perfect. Additionally, it has the information of RS private IDs and encrypted information of public keys associated with every vehicle. Thus, RS will acquire a vehicle's public key and frequently update it.

2.3 Model description

(1) In our first approach, we have proposed that every vehicle gets associated with RS, where RS allocates a virtual identity and a secret pseudonym. The virtual ID (dummy identity of vehicle user instead of using real identity) is a node identity for vehicle user which is 128-bit address used for both node identity and locator. The virtual ID is pre-defined and randomly assigned by the main reported server. This ID is permanent and thus, no longer bound to the main reported server and/or locations. Once a vehicle receives a virtual identity and a private pseudonym, it will resend it to reported server which, in turn, broadcasts this new generated RS information. Hence, vehicle encryption includes public pseudonym, its virtual identity and timespan of RS information. Time span of RS information can be defined as time which is required for a vehicle to travel at a regular speed to cover distance between two reported servers. During this process, vehicle sends its virtual identity to RS, before its certificate expires. RS will resend newly generated private pseudonym to vehicle when it receives virtual identity of vehicle, while at the same time, it will update reported server regarding the vehicle's information. Hence, reported server will broadcast certificate. In

this approach, vehicles on road are identified by their virtual identity while pseudonyms allow them to communicate. However, in this approach only RS will communicate with road side unit (RSU). The number of road side unit (RSU) may communicate with multiple reported servers which are installed within the infrastructure. Therefore, the capacity of multiple reported servers and number of vehicles to communicate with an infrastructure depends upon the radio coverage of existing RSUs in the nearby area. The bandwidth required to send a request and receive response of pseudonym will be analyzed in section III and its parameter is defined in Table 1.

2) In our second approach, we have proposed that every vehicle has both its private and public key. As the vehicle acquires RS public key, it will be authenticated on road network by encrypting its private keys and public keys with RS public key. Hence, vehicle pair keys (i.e. private/public) get registered with RS and in turn, RS will send a set of information to vehicle by encrypting them with vehicle public key. This information contains a message that allows vehicles to create their private pseudonym and certificate. So based on this, when a vehicle receives a set of information, it creates a certificate and a private pseudonym. Once it is done, RS information

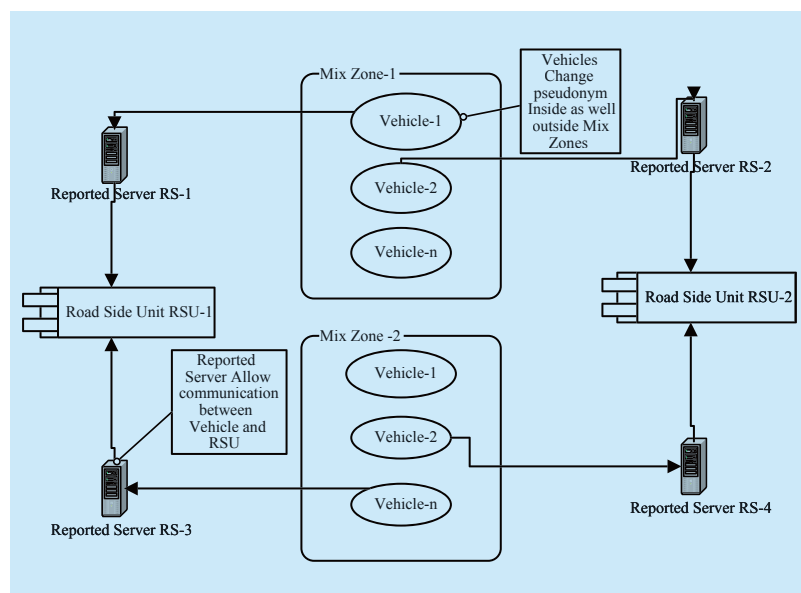


Fig. 1 Basic work Flow illustration of DPMM

Table I Notation description

Notation	Description
V_{id}	Vehicle's identity.
V_{pKey}	Vehicle's private. Key
V_{pbKey}	Vehicle's public key.
RS	Report server
V_{pr}	Vehicle's private pseudonym.
V_{vid}	Vehicle's virtual identity.
$V_{pseudRSinf}$	Vehicle's pseudonym and Report server information.
$RpKey$	RSU's private key.
$RpbKey$	RSU's public key.
$ERpbKey(V_{id})$	Asymmetric encryption function at encrypts the vehicle identity with RSU public key.
$EV_{id}(V_{pseudo}+V_{vid})$	Symmetric encryption function that pseudonym and its virtual identity with the real identity of the vehicle.
$ERpbKey(V_{prKey} + V_{pbKey})$	Asymmetric encryption function public key with RSU public key.
$EVpbKey(V_{pseudRSinf})$	Asymmetric encryption function that encrypts the set of information (which permit at the vehicle to generate its pseudonym and certificate) with its public key
$Br(V_{RSinf})$	Broadcast the vehicle certificate.
$EVID(V_{vid})$	Symmetric encryption function that encrypts the vehicle virtual identity with its real identity.
$EV_{id}(v'_{prpseudo}+v'_{vid})$	Symmetric encryption function that encrypts the new private pseudonym and virtual identity of the vehicle with its real identity.
v'_{RSnew}	Vehicle's new RS information
$Br(v'_{RSnew})$	Broadcast the new RS information

First Approach: Steps are as Follows

- 1: RS broadcasts periodically its public key.
- 2: Vehicle sends to RS a $ERpbKey(V_{id})$ message.
- 3: RS sends to the applicant vehicle a $EVID(V_{prpseudo} + V_{vid})$ message.
- 4: RS sends to RSU a V_{RS} information message.
- 5: RSU broadcasts V_{RS} information message..
- 6: Vehicle sends a $EV_{id}(V_{vid})$ message to the RS.
- 7: RS delivers a $EV_{id}(v'_{prpseudo} + v'_{vid})$ message to the vehicle.
- 8: RS sends to RSU a V'_{RS} information message.
- 9: RSU broadcasts v'_{RS} information message

Second Approach: The steps are as follows:

- 1: RS broadcasts periodically its public key.
- 2: Vehicle sends to RS a $ERpbKey(V_{prKey} + V_{pbKey})$ message.
- 3: RS sends to the applicant vehicle a $EV_{pbKey}(V_{pseudRSinf})$ message.
- 4: Vehicle generates its private pseudonym and RS information.
- 5: Vehicle broadcasts its new RS information.
- 6: Vehicle updates its private pseudonym and new RS information.
- 7: Vehicle broadcasts the new RS information

will be broadcasted. As soon as RS information expires, it will generate a new private pseudonym that will be broadcasted. Pseudonyms are the only way to identify vehicles by using this approach. However, vehicles in second method are free to communicate their private pseudonyms and certificates, once they have been validated by RS.

The RSUs are scattered equidistantly to measure expiration time of certificates and private pseudonyms. Consider “d” as a distance between each road side unit and communication range of each road side unit. Moreover, maximum and minimum speed on road are represented by V_{max} and V_{min} , respectively. It is assumed that there must be at-least two vehicles which may travel at an average speed. The main goal of our approach is to allow at least two vehicles to acquire pseudonym on road during same time interval. It is denoted by $V_m = (V_{max} + V_{min}) / 2$. The ratio determined between distance “d” and “ V_m ” will be the expiry time “t” of certificate and private pseudonym, which is represented by $t = d / V_m$. The communication range of each road side unit is equal to “d” as mentioned previously. Therefore, vehicle at any speed can communicate with at least one road side unit and is allowed to change its pseudonym at least once while on the road.

Location privacy is an important aspect to consider in road networks, according to this, vehicles have to disseminate information to other vehicles which are coming under their premises for safety application or accident warning. To mitigate and manage an attacker from tracking a vehicle's trajectory, it is required that vehicle must change their pseudonym at multiple time and location, however it is evident from the discussion that existing methods regarding pseudonym change are not capable enough for desired location privacy. Therefore, it is very easy for an attacker to quantify the vehicle's movement by using relative coordinates, which in turn, manipulate vehicle's location privacy. Moreover, due to less number of pseudonyms stored inside vehicle and bottleneck occurred due to high frequency

of updating pseudonym. It is therefore evident that some selfish vehicles inside mix zone may not cooperate and do not proceed to alter their pseudonym when current strength of location privacy is larger or equivalent to the minimum level of location privacy.

To cope with this critical (to location privacy) issue, we have proposed reputation based technique, which enable vehicles to cooperate for pseudonym change. Moreover, strength of location privacy increases, as number of vehicles cooperates, and the value of that increase depends upon the number of vehicles that will be cooperating. We have proposed that vehicle will change their pseudonym when they are inside as well as outside mix zone. It has been already mentioned in [26, 27, 25] the strength of the location privacy is directly proportional to number of vehicles that are cooperating, however, when number of vehicles cooperate, they will change their pseudonyms inside and outside of mix zone causing location privacy to increase. Let us consider the following example: if there are 10 vehicles entering the mix zone and four of these vehicles change their pseudonym inside mix zone, then it is very easy for an attacker to calculate entrance as well as exiting time and the related information. So, it is clear from above discussion that if less number of vehicles changes their pseudonym then location privacy decreases. But, if the number of vehicles changing their pseudonyms are large while entering and exiting mix zones i.e. 10 then it is very difficult to launch an attack. Also, some selfish vehicles do not change their pseudonyms so their strength of location privacy decreases. Overall conclusion is that, strength of the location privacy is proportional to number of vehicles that are cooperating. The strength of location privacy of DPMM improves because large numbers of vehicles are cooperating and changes their pseudonyms in order to increase their reputation. However, curves in EPCS (Efficient Pseudonym Changing Schemes for Location Privacy Protection) [25], RPCLP (Reputation-based Pseudonym Change for Location Privacy in Vehicular Networks) [26]

and MODP (Mix-zones Optimal Deployment for Protecting location privacy) [27] schemes have small fluctuations. This is because these three schemes do not have any incentive policy to encourage vehicles to cooperate for pseudonym changes.

2.4 Attacks in multiple mix-zones over road networks

In the following section, we shall discuss the possible attacks on the road network.

(1) Fabrication Attacks: In this type of attack, an adversary may penetrate some malicious information into the network. When appropriate entity in the network would receive unauthorized packet, it can be misled to some anonymous destination. Moreover, It is very easy for an invader to initiate this type of attack by penetrating vague information into the network, however it is also possible that sender might assume that it is somebody else. These might include fabricate message and warning certificate identities [30, 31, 35]. According to this construct, drivers manipulate messages by using broadcast method and then execute the attack by sending information into the network. Message Fabrication has two possible forms. According to first technique incorrect information related to attacker's ID, speed and position of vehicle has been transferred to nearby vehicle or RSU. According to second construct, it has been assumed that, attacker will act as an emergency vehicle, in turns he/she can drive at a higher speed [32]. Our system avoids this type of attack because of secure communication system architecture and RS server. Secondly, we cloak synchronization (between nodes) and IP filtering in our system.

(2) Message Suppression Attacks: In this type of attacks, an adversary might drop down some critical information or some message which is sent to the receiver or hold that information to be used for later time. In road networks, this may create a very critical issue, like the information regarding the accident may not reach to the user in time. In case of any mishap, the information regarding that

incident will not immediately be propagated to the insurance authorities. Moreover, these messages might contain very important information for the receiver. By acquiring these packets, attacker can manipulate and use them again at some other time. The main reason behind such type of attacks would be to handicap registration and insurance authorities from learning about road accidents and to generate delay in disseminating collision information to RSU. It is evident from the discussion that, attacker may restrict any message related to congestion warning and might use it at some other time, in response vehicles do not receive the warning and can be forced to wait in the traffic [33,34].

(3) Alteration Attacks: Adversary, in such attacks, tries to change existing information by using delaying tactics or changing the actual information about the entry of vehicle that has been communicated. In such scenario, an adversary may alter the message by informing its neighbor vehicles on the road network that the road is clear but on the contrary, the road is blocked [30,36,37].

(4) Denial of Service Attacks (DOS): These are very popular security threats in the communication network. In this type of an

attack, the attacker acquires the control of the resources, blocking the channel used by vehicular network. This will restrict the information from arriving safely and timely at final destination. Hence, these types of attacks may hinder drivers who are dependent upon application's information. In order to avoid such circumstances, the driver may switch between multiple channels or technologies if available like Bluetooth, LTE Wifi and DSRC [30, 38, 39].

(5) Replay Attacks: An adversary attacks by repeating the communication of a message that has been received earlier. By doing this, he will take the advantage of current situation and plan some critical attacks. However message does not contain any time stamp value or sequence number information. It is well known fact that, keys can be reused and it might be possible to re send these stored messages with the same key by adding malicious information into the system without any detection. Moreover to avoid such type of attacks each and every packet must be authenticated, not only just encrypted and packets should have some timestamp information. Such type of attacks may launch to confuse the authorities to prevent identification of vehicles in hit-and-run incidents [33, 34].

Table II Simulation Parameters

Parameters	Value
Northwest Atlanta region Map	14km x 12 km
Number of RSU	50
Simulation time	10 min
No of vehicles	10,000
Vehicle speed (m/h)	100–250
Bit rate	6Mbps
MAC protocol	IEEE 802.11
RSU Communication range	500m
Vehicle communication range	200m
Road Junctions	10,000
Max. transmission range	10ms
Min. transmission range	2ms
Routing protocol	AODV
Number of Mix-zones	500
Number of Road junctions	6831
Number of Road segments	9187
Mobility Model	Random Rnet Router

III. EXPERIMENTS AND EVALUATION

3.1 Experiment setup

We have evaluated our proposed method with SUMO simulator [22-24], and real map Northwest Atlanta region Map is used. We have based our analysis covering a large area of 14 km x 12 km and over 10,000 vehicles moving at varying speed. The simulations have been run five times, moreover network parameters are set as shown in Table 2.

3.2 Performance evaluation

The simulation results have shown that vehicles passing through multiple mix-zones have changed their pseudonyms dynamically as depicted in fig.2 Five different numbers

of mix-zones and their data mechanisms corresponding to dynamically changing pseudonyms have been considered respectively. It is worthy to note here that, due to dynamically changing pseudonyms in y-axis as shown in figure. 2, it is clear that DPMM is a better technique in terms of dynamically changing pseudonyms as compared to EPCS (Efficient Pseudonym Changing Schemes for Location Privacy Protection) [25], RPCLP (Reputation-based Pseudonym Change for Location Privacy in Vehicular Networks)[26] and MODP (Mix-zones Optimal Deployment for Protecting location privacy)[27]. In particular, DPMM always performs the best. As a matter of fact, pseudonym-change badly influences communication performance. If a pseudonym change interval is longer, then the privacy exposure time increases. However, if pseudonym-change interval is shorter, then overhead increases because of frequent pseudonym change. Therefore, an algorithm is required that finds an optimal pseudonym-change interval for making a balance between communication overhead and location privacy.

The average strength of location privacy for a number of vehicles, moving in SUMO simulation over Northwest Atlanta region map is shown in figure 3. The average strength of location privacy achieved by DPMM and EPCS is higher than RPCLP and MODP schemes, where certain selfish-vehicles inside mix-zones possessed greater location privacy thus, refusing to change their pseudonyms. The average strength of location privacy in DPMM scheme is greater when compared with other three schemes because it causes DPMM to make vehicles change their dynamic pseudonyms when they pass inside and outside the mix-zones. We conclude that average strength of location privacy maintains a certain value when numbers of vehicles increase. We further measured distance between two nodes to calculate the average location strength by using equation 4.

$$Dist_{avg}(i, j) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N |L_i(K) - L_j(K)| \quad (1)$$

Delay Characteristics

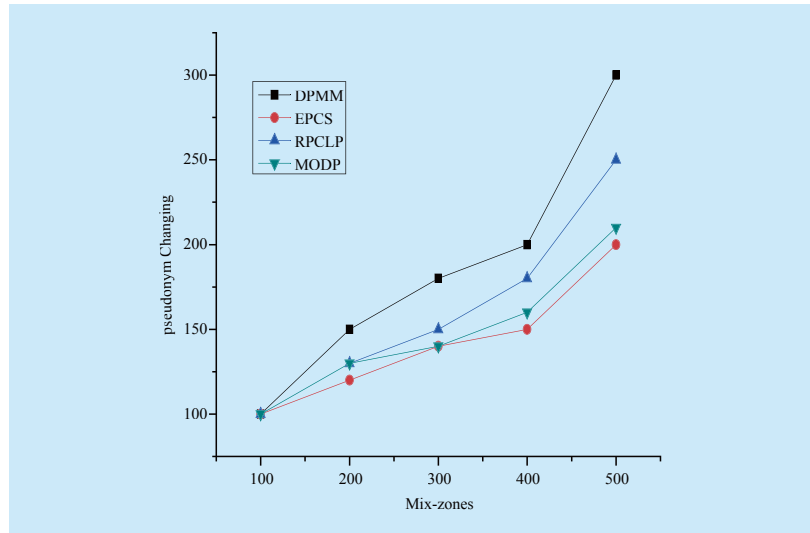


Fig. 2 Dynamic pseudonym changing

In vehicle networks, mostly delay characteristics depend upon the road intersection. The adversary formulates road intersections with normal distributions. The delay characteristic has been investigated by using normal distribution that would use trajectory of vehicle on intersection. For example, if f is number of road segments that meets at an intersection, and we have $f = 4$; for vehicles arriving from u_1 , their delay characteristic is represented as:

$$P_{u_1, e^i}(t) \sim (\mu_1, i, \sigma_1, i) \quad (2)$$

Where $i = 1, \dots, f$ and e_1, e_2, e_3 and e_4 indicates the direction respectively.

Packet delivery Ratio

The packet delay is the time packet takes to achieve the destination after it leaves the source. The average end to end delay X_{avg} can be calculated by equation given below where W_r is the emission instant of the package and W_t is the reception instant of the package.

$$X_{avg} = \sum_{j=1}^{P_r} (W_r - W_t) / P_r \quad (3)$$

Location privacy inside mix-zone and outside mix-zone is represented by H , however, it increases when vehicles cooperate. The strength of location privacy is directly proportional to the number of vehicles that are cooperating inside and outside mix-zone. Hence, after n number of rounds, final strength of location privacy is determined by:

$$\hat{H}_H^n = \sum_{y=1}^n W_{\tau}^y / A_{\tau}^y \quad (4)$$

The average strength of location privacy and dynamic pseudonym's lifetime is calculated for various seconds as shown in figure 4. The average strength of location privacy achieved by RPCLP scheme is highest as compared to DPMM and other two schemes. However, our DPMM scheme statistics still satisfies location privacy. Figure 4 shows that

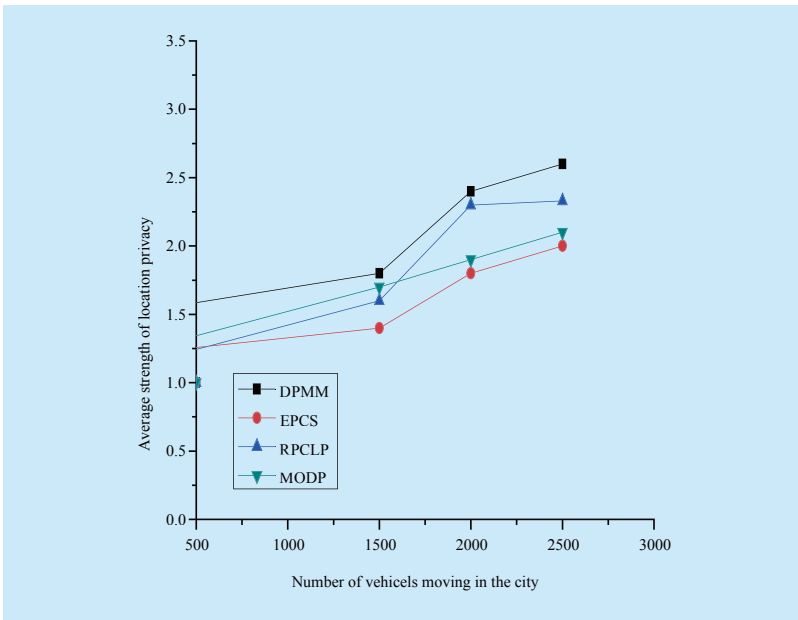


Fig. 3 Location privacy

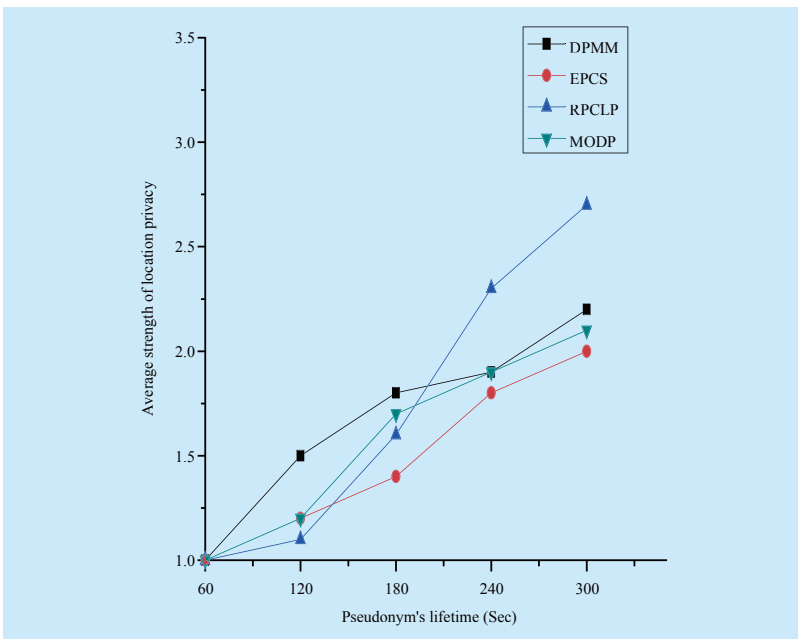


Fig. 4 Average strength of location privacy

the average strength of location privacy maintains a certain value with increase of dynamic pseudonym's lifetime whereas; dynamic pseudonym's lifetime has little impact on average strength of location privacy.

We have performed our simulations on several vehicle densities as shown in figure 5. It is evident from the experiments that with a rapid increase in number of vehicles, communication range decreases greatly as compared with the methods such as EPCS, RPCLP and MODP schemes in terms of time delay and throughput. However, with a shorter time delay, greater will be the DPMM scheme. We have compared figure 5 (a and b) for time delay, (c with d) for throughput and finally (e with f) for packet delivery ratio, and concluded that DPMM has outperformed EPCS, RPCLP and MODP in terms of time delay, throughput and packet delivery ratio. Moreover, in figure 6 (a) and (b), we have observed probability changing pseudonyms inside mix zone and outside mix zone. It is evident from the performed experiments that DPMM scheme performs better in terms of number of vehicles verses probability changing pseudonym.

Additionally, as the number of vehicles increases, DPMM will give the better results as compared to other three schemes. Finally, it has been evident from figure. 5 and 6 that better results are achieved when traffic on road becomes heavier and hence, throughput can get a greater value.

Probability changing the pseudonyms

$\phi(v)$, is the probability that vehicle v is connected to RS and passed through number of mix-zones during the same interval. $\Psi(P_V)$ is the probability that a vehicle changes pseudonym inside and outside mix-zones while going through the road it has chosen to have pseudonym (P_V).

The number of mix-zones in the road system is given by graph and edge (G, E).

The maximum number of vehicles connected which pass through mix-zones on the road system are denoted as mix-zones_r and the dynamic pseudonyms are denoted as mix_rdpvt .

Here, we define:

$G([PV_1, \dots, PVC])$ to be the set of dynamic pseudonyms change $[PV_1, \dots, PVC]$ in the graph G, E .

$G([PV_1, \dots, PVC]) = \{m | m = \{[e_1, 1 \dots e_1, PV_1]; [e_2, 1 \dots e_2, PV_2]; \dots; [e_c, 1 \dots e_c, PV_c]\}\}$
 $ex, ym \Rightarrow ex, yE\}$

So, the probability P of a particular vehicle connected to RS is shown as:

$$P = \Phi(v) \times \sum_{v \in 0 \dots \max\text{-zones}_r} \Phi(v) \times \sum_{PV=[PV_1, \dots, PVC]} \prod_{PV_1, \dots, PVC \in P_v} \times \sum_{g \in G(P_v)} \frac{|p| p \in g \wedge \forall e \in p_{f_g(e)=1}}{|g|} \quad (5)$$

IV. CONCLUSION

In this research, we have proposed an advanced method to improve user privacy in terms of dynamic pseudonyms, while focusing on multiple mix-zones over road networks. Our technique is based on multiple mix-zones using advanced cryptographic communication schemes to protect user privacy against various attacks, where number of pseudonym search user requests are limited in given time-frame. After having a detailed analysis of available literature, we observed that existing schemes only deal with the methods that comprise of a single pseudonym change. However, an attacker can easily trace a single pseudonym change during any basic communication under mix-zone schemes. In this paper, we have gradually encouraged each vehicle to change their pseudonym dynamically by using (DPMM) approach inside and outside mix-zone. We have further proposed a new reputation based dynamic pseudonym change protocol for location privacy protection.

On the basis of detailed analysis of results, it has been inferred that our simulation results have outperformed existing techniques such as EPCS (Efficient Pseudonym Changing Schemes for Location Privacy Protection), RPCLP (Reputation-based Pseudonym Change for Location Privacy in Vehicular Networks)

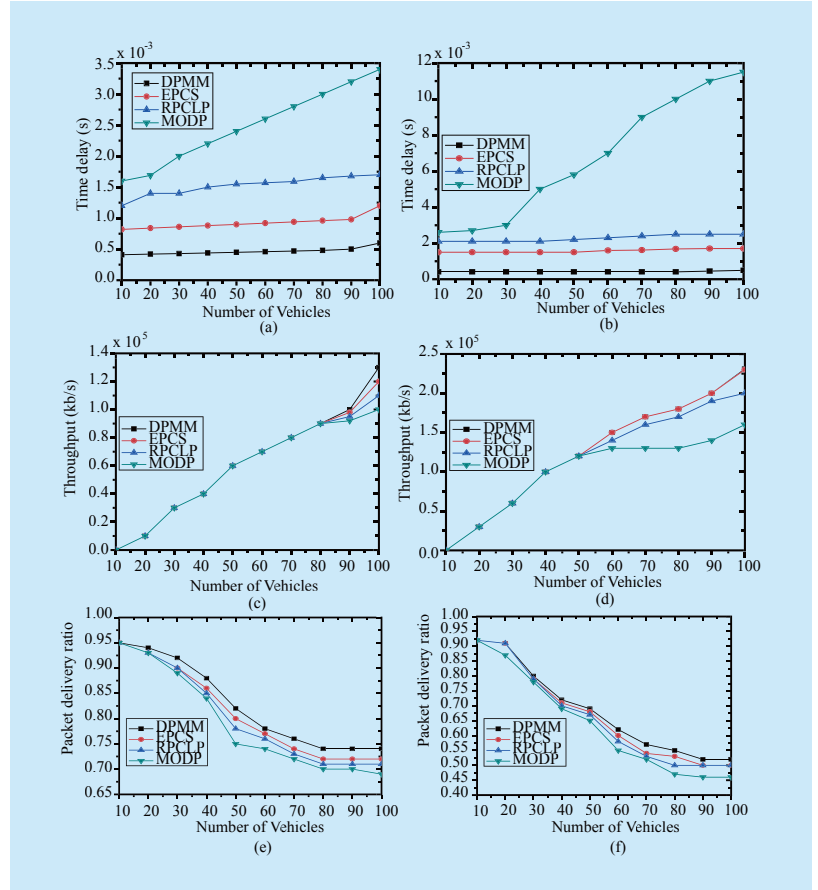


Fig. 5 Performance Evaluation

and MODP (Mix-zones optimal deployment for protecting location privacy). Furthermore, we obtained better results in terms of achieving high privacy protection rate with a smaller number of pseudonym changes. In our future work, we will examine vehicle to vehicle communication privacy along with focusing on user behavior inside and outside mix-zones over road networks.

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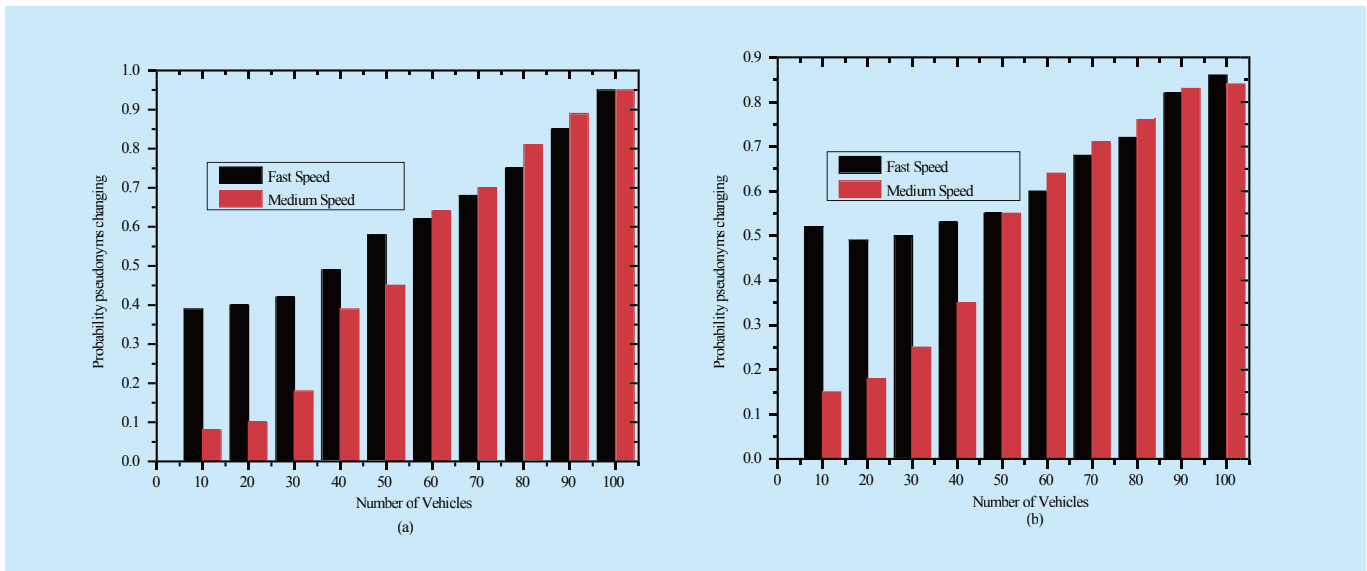


Fig. 6 Probability pseudonyms changing in various speed

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