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Platelet: Pioneering Security and Privacy Compliant Simulation for Intelligent Transportation Systems and V2X



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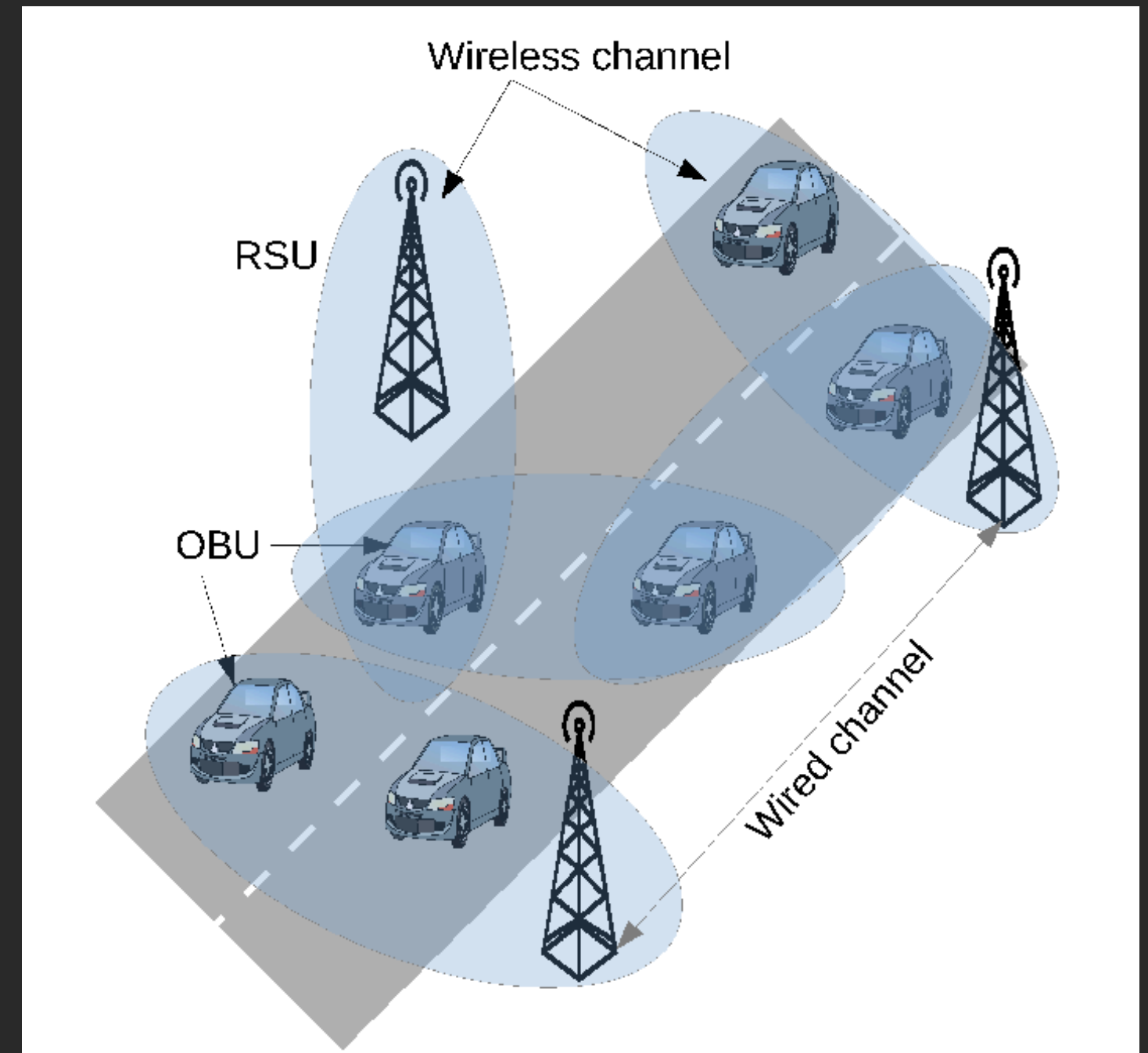
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ITS (intelligent transportation system)

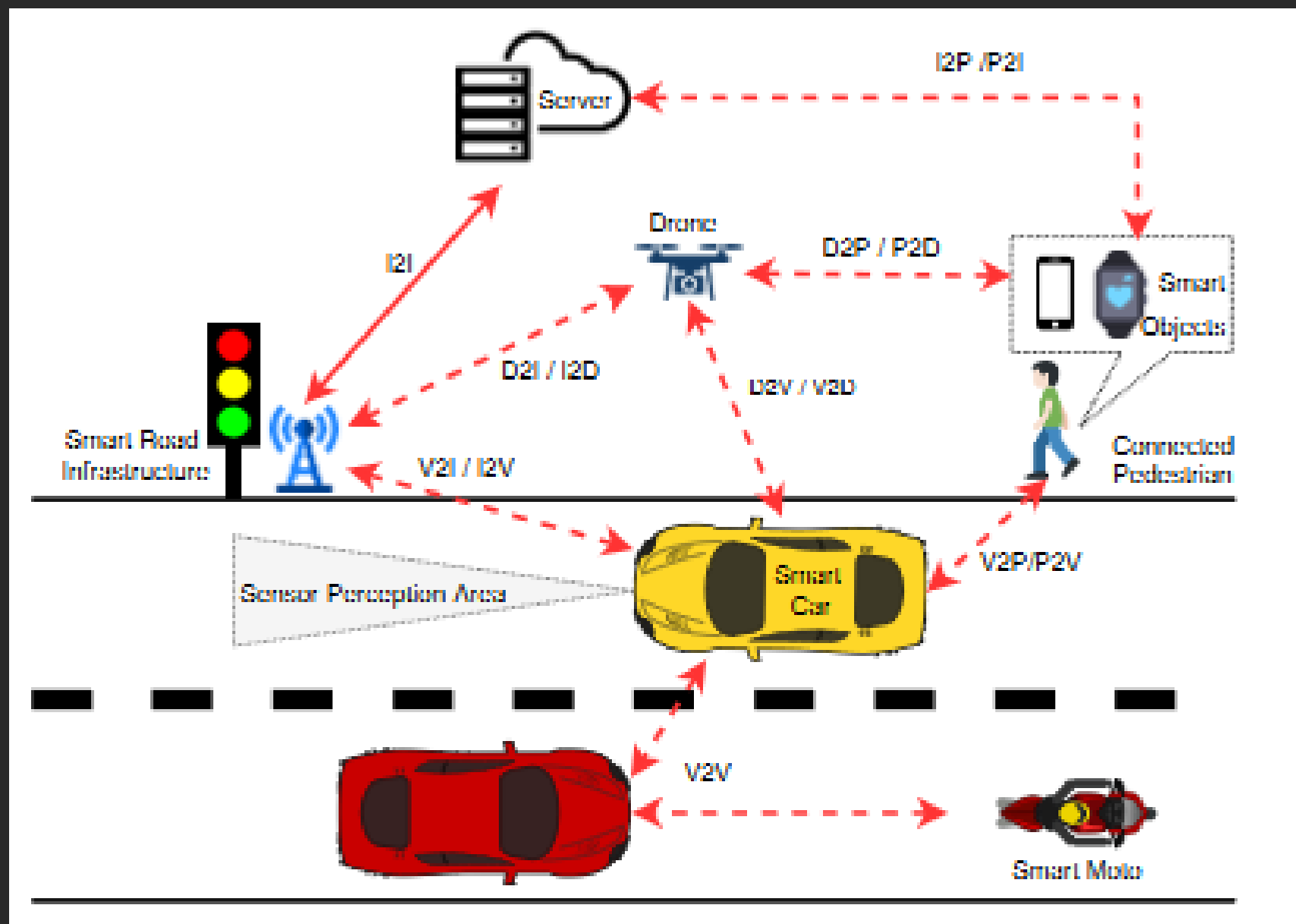
Applying new technologies to transport systems

In the context of a connected city, the presence of an inter-vehicular network is a central issue.



Simple VANET network schematic [1]

C-ITS Network



Advanced C-ITS network [3]

The network is made out of two types of nodes:

- RSU nodes (road-side units)
- OBU nodes (on-board units)

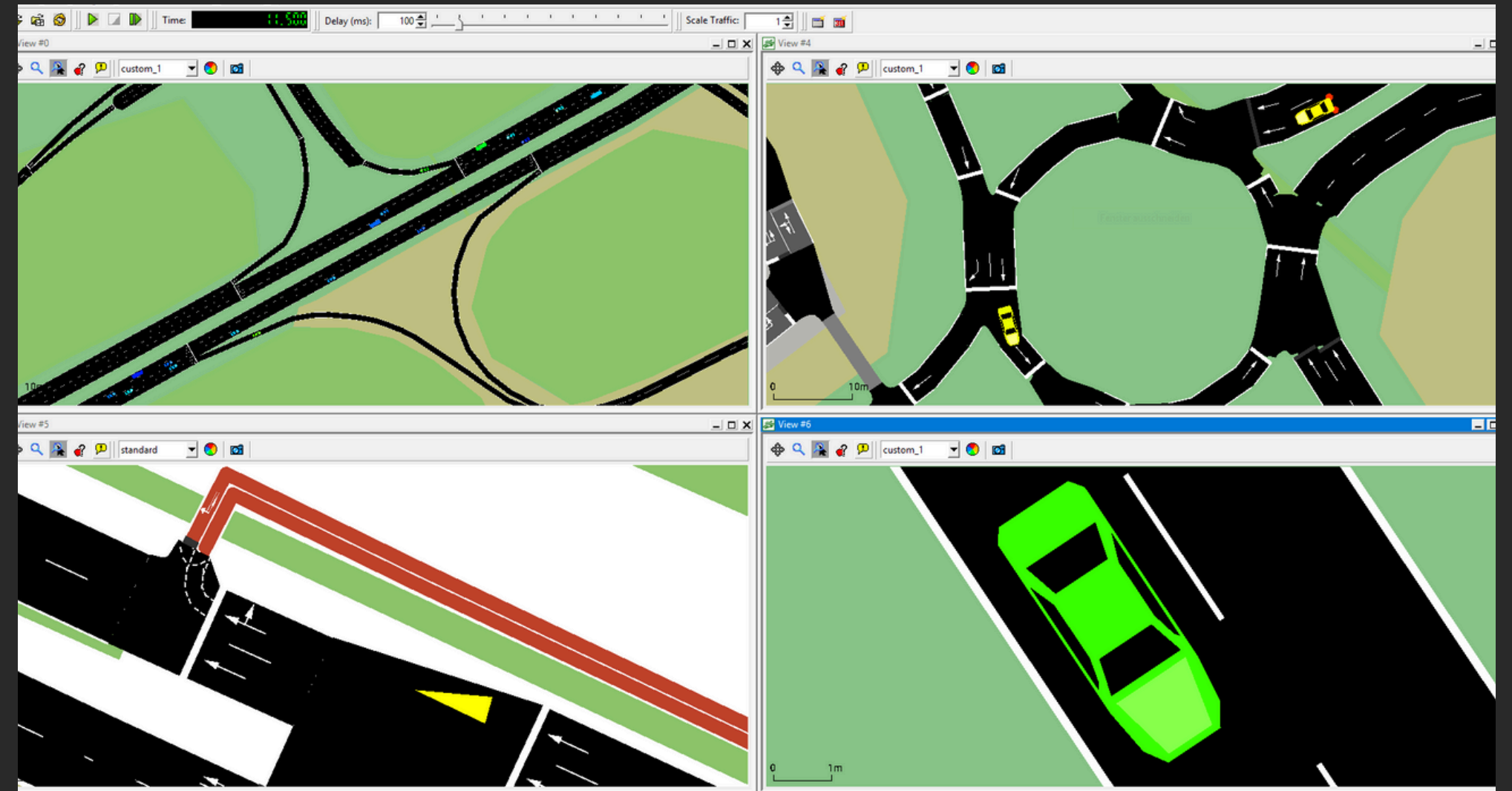
Initially **Ad Hoc**, recent solutions are increasingly based on **existing infrastructures** (cellular data, centralized servers, etc.).

V2X Network simulators

Testing on road = too expensive

Simulators are available to test these solutions in a digital environment.

Firms use **closed source** simulator but academic researchers needs **open source** simulators



SUMO simulation screen capture

State of the art

Many simulators exist but most are **ancient** and made for **older needs** of V2X network

The most recent simulator implementing the ETSI standard are **Artery and iTetris**

Artery and iTetris:

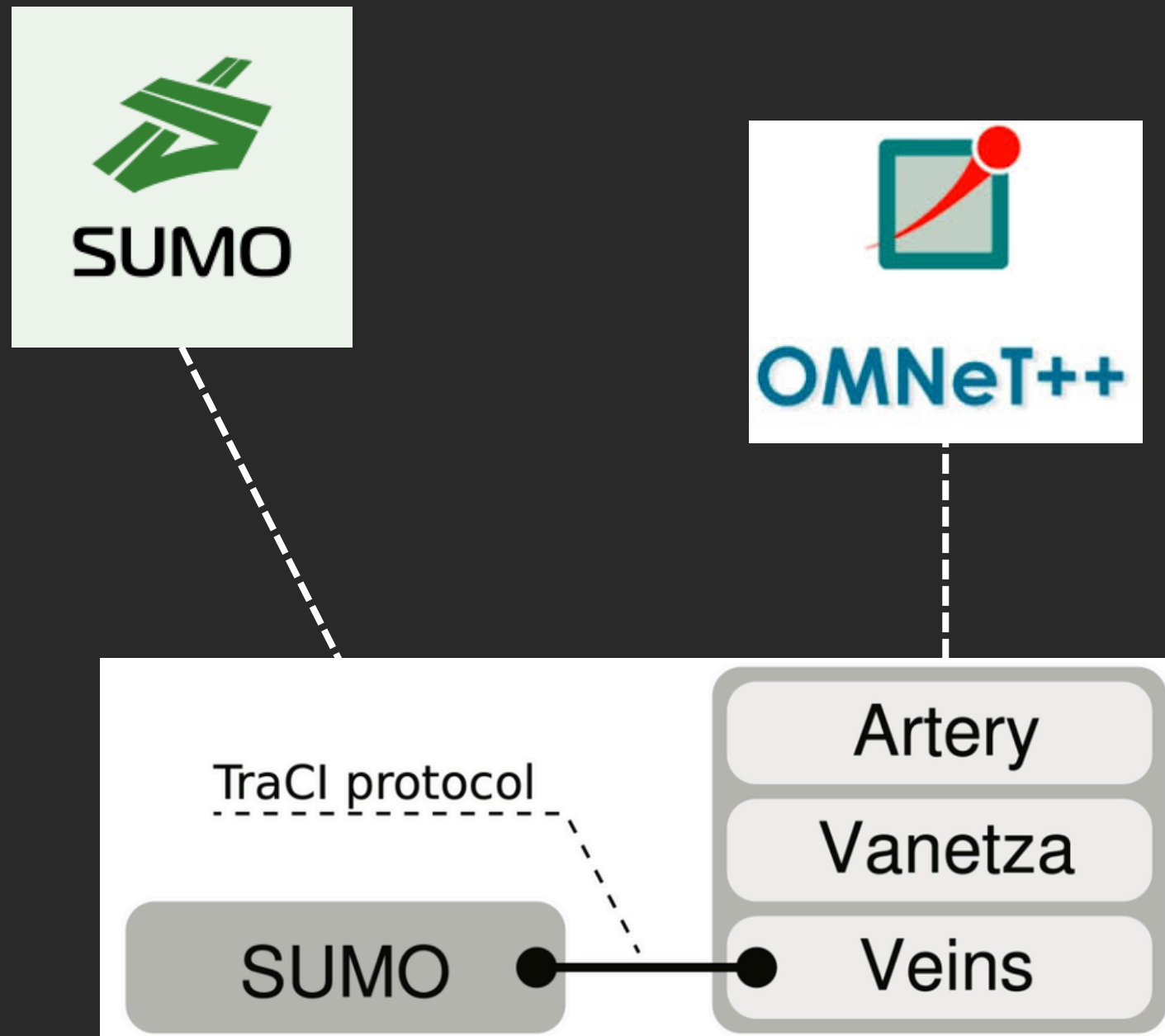
- Pros: most **efficient** platform to run ETSI simulators
- Cons: still lack consideration for **privacy** and **security**



State of the art

Simulator	Traffic simulation	Network simulation	ETSI-compliant	IEEE-compliant	5G and Beyond compatible	Signature implementation	Certificate renewal	pcap logging	EC and PC implementation	Certificate pool implementation
<i>TraNS</i>	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
<i>GrooveSim</i>	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
<i>iTETRIS</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
<i>Veins</i>	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
<i>Artery</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
<i>Platelet</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Artery's architecture



Artery simplified architecture [2]

Based on SUMO and Omnetpp

Most advanced ETSI based ITS simulator

- Omnetpp: Network simulator
- SUMO: Traffic simulator
- Vanetza: Library implementing the ETSI standard used heavily inside Artery and Platelet

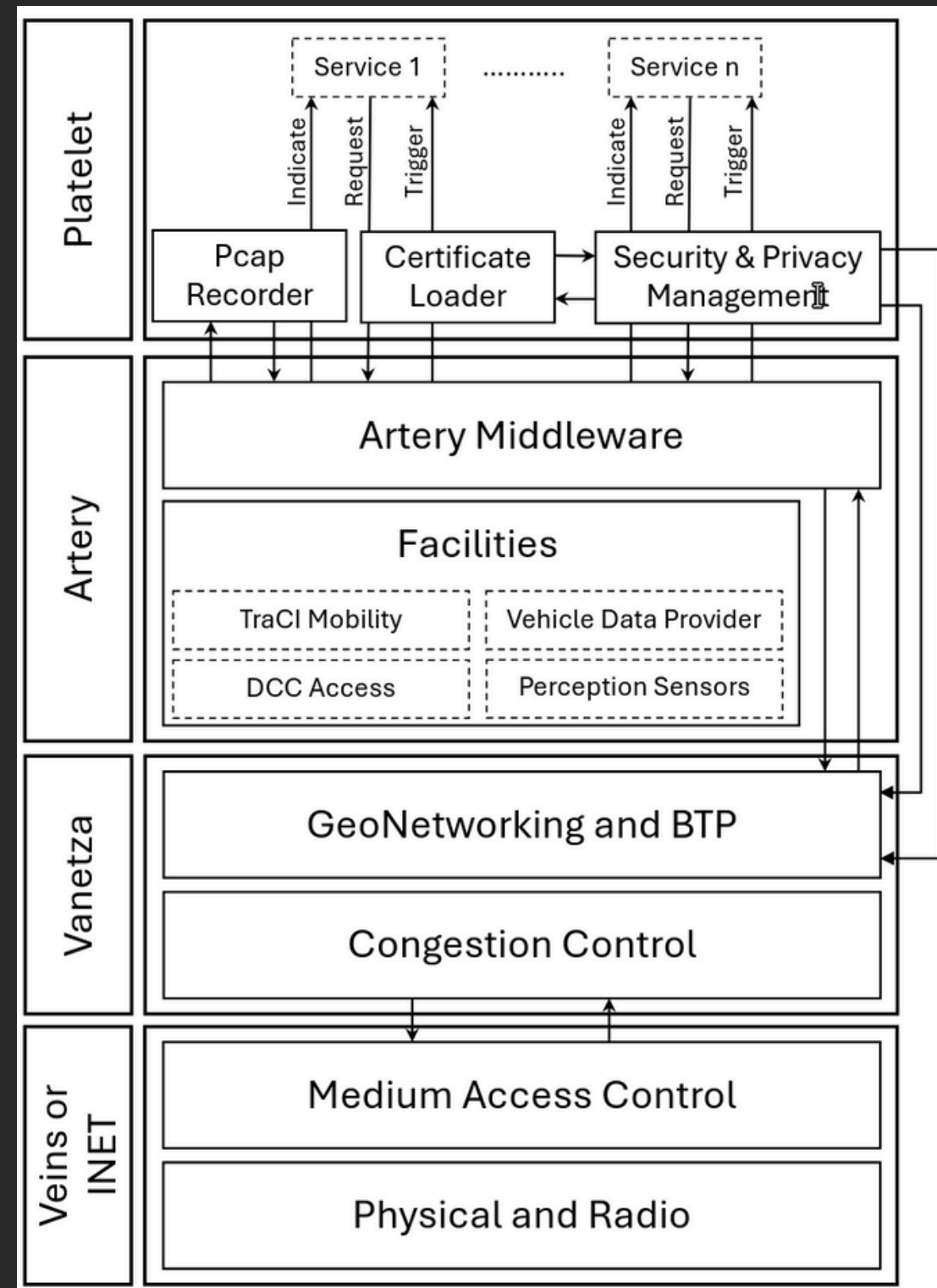
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First simulator to implement proper **security** and **privacy** management

Two new components:

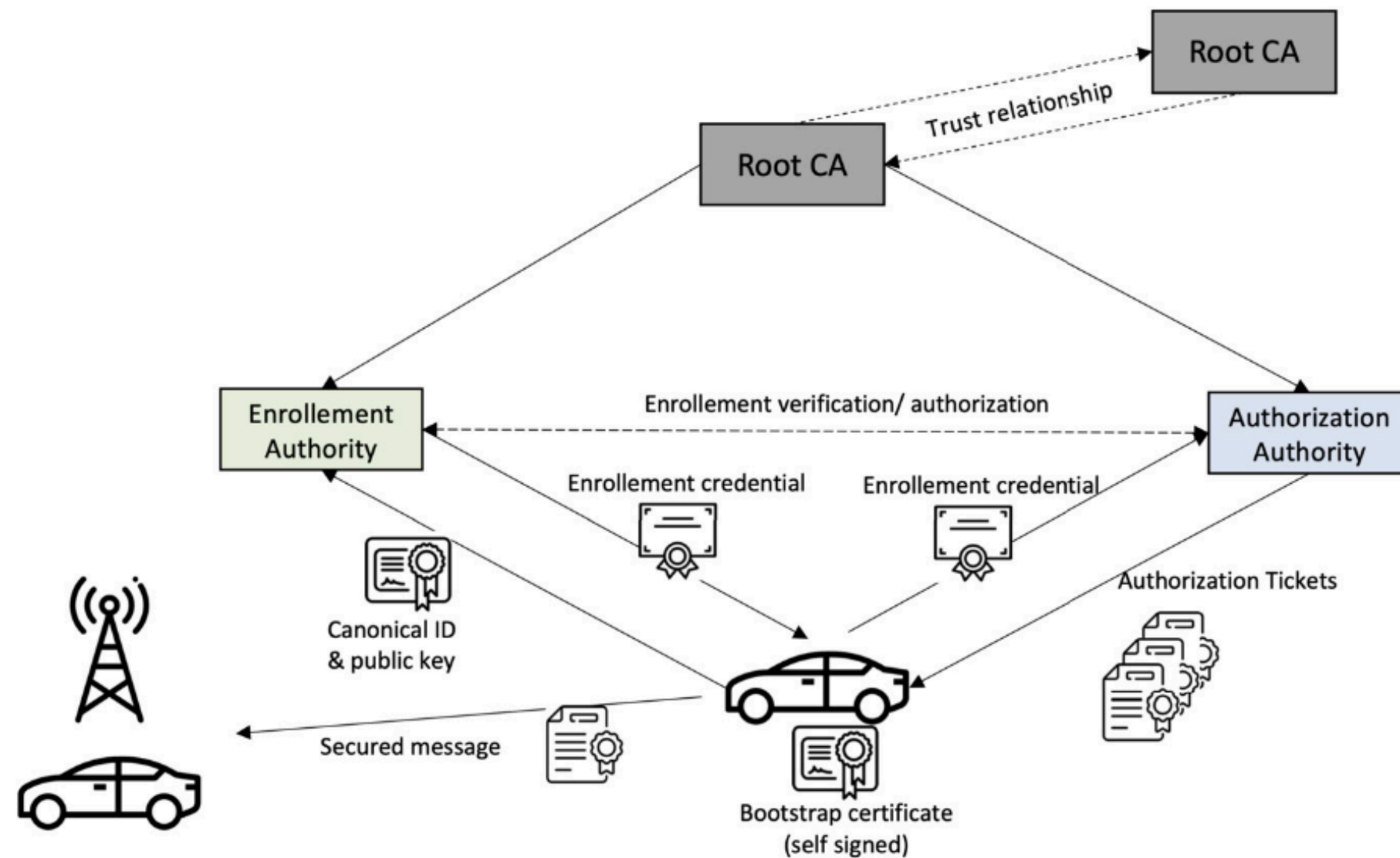
- A **pcap recorder** allowing for easier verification of completed scenarios
- A proper **certificate loader** allowing vehicles to send secured messages

A **fully integrated** standalone app to manage **secured** scenarios



Platelet Architecture [6]

PKI, security and privacy management



Generic ETSI PKI architecture [12]

StaticCertificateLoader

Artery has no certificate loading module

This Loader works by loading a stack of pre generated certificate and distributing them during the simulation

Checks the authenticity and integrity of the certificate while loading it

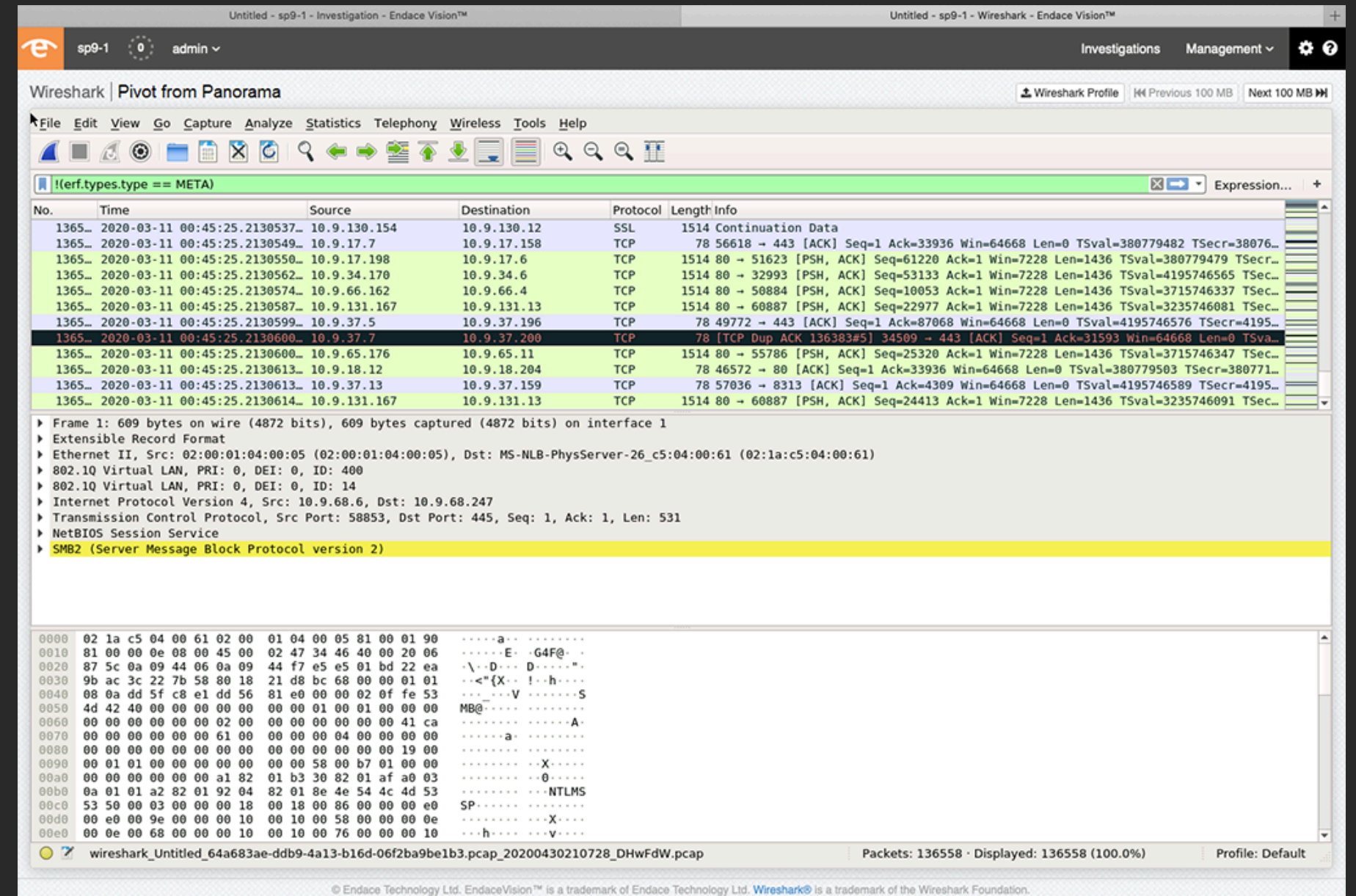


PcapItsRecorder

Pcap: packet recording file format

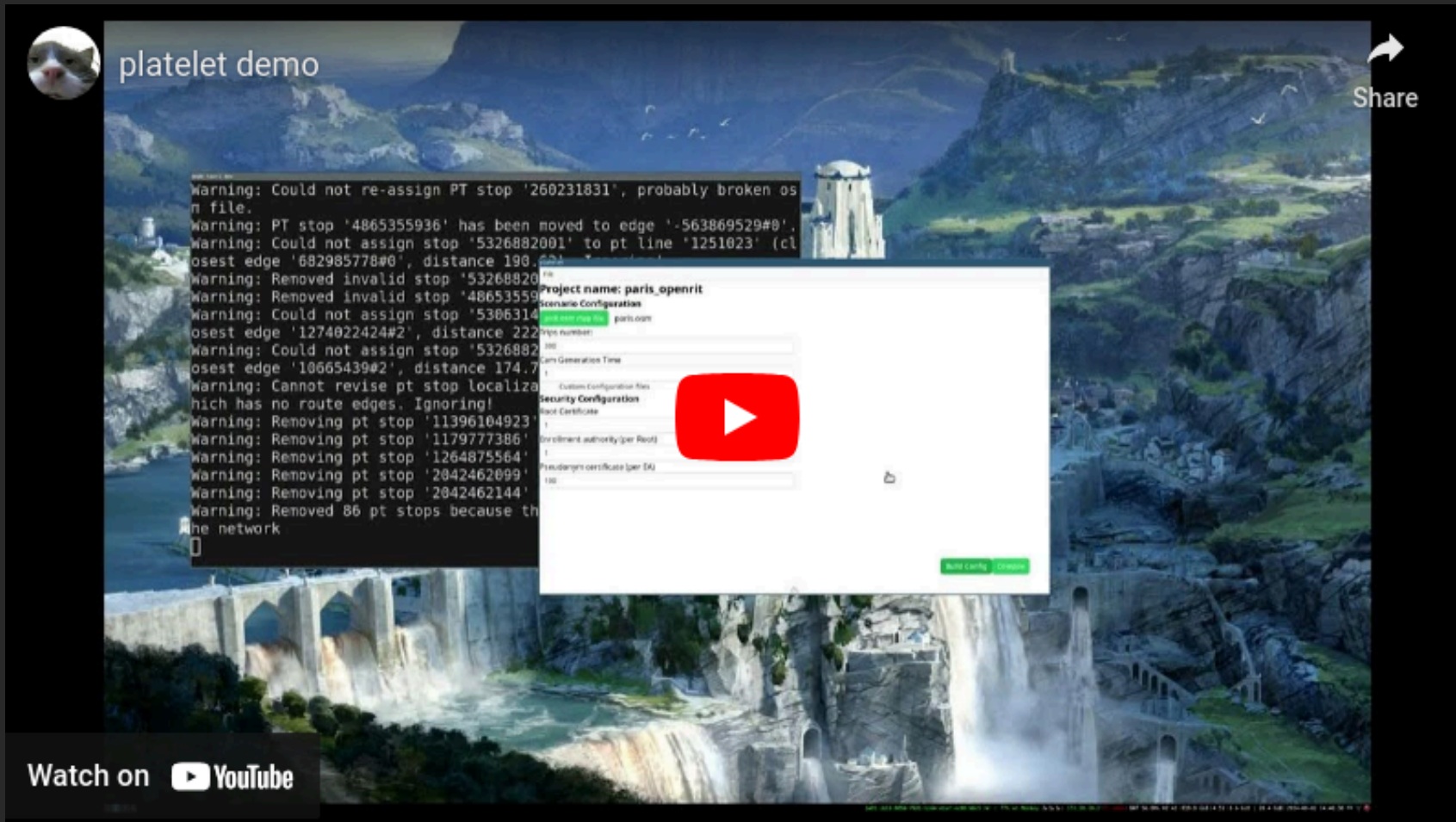
There was **no recorder** previously in the project

Thankfully! A **packet reader** exists inside wireshark

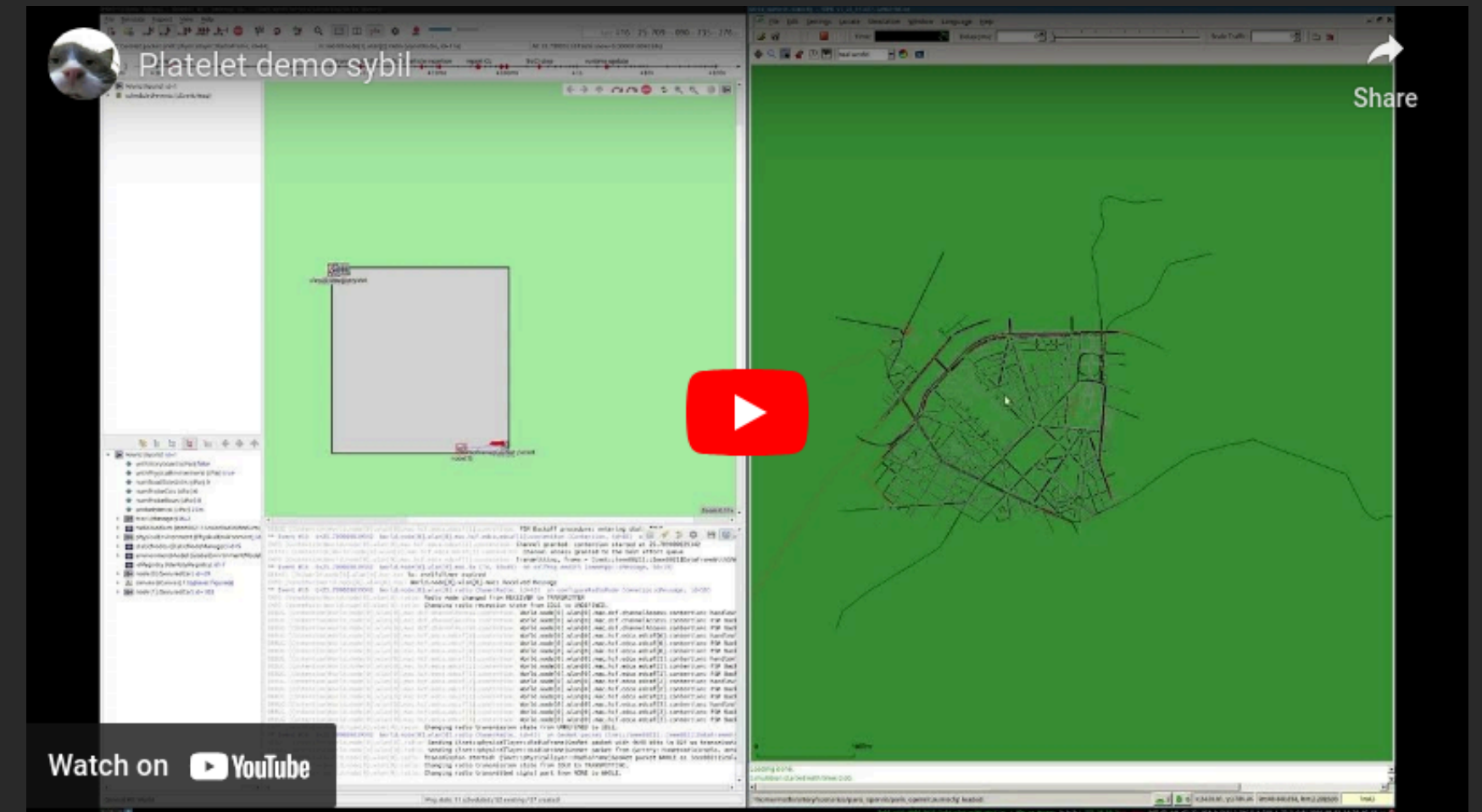


Wireshark interface

Demo



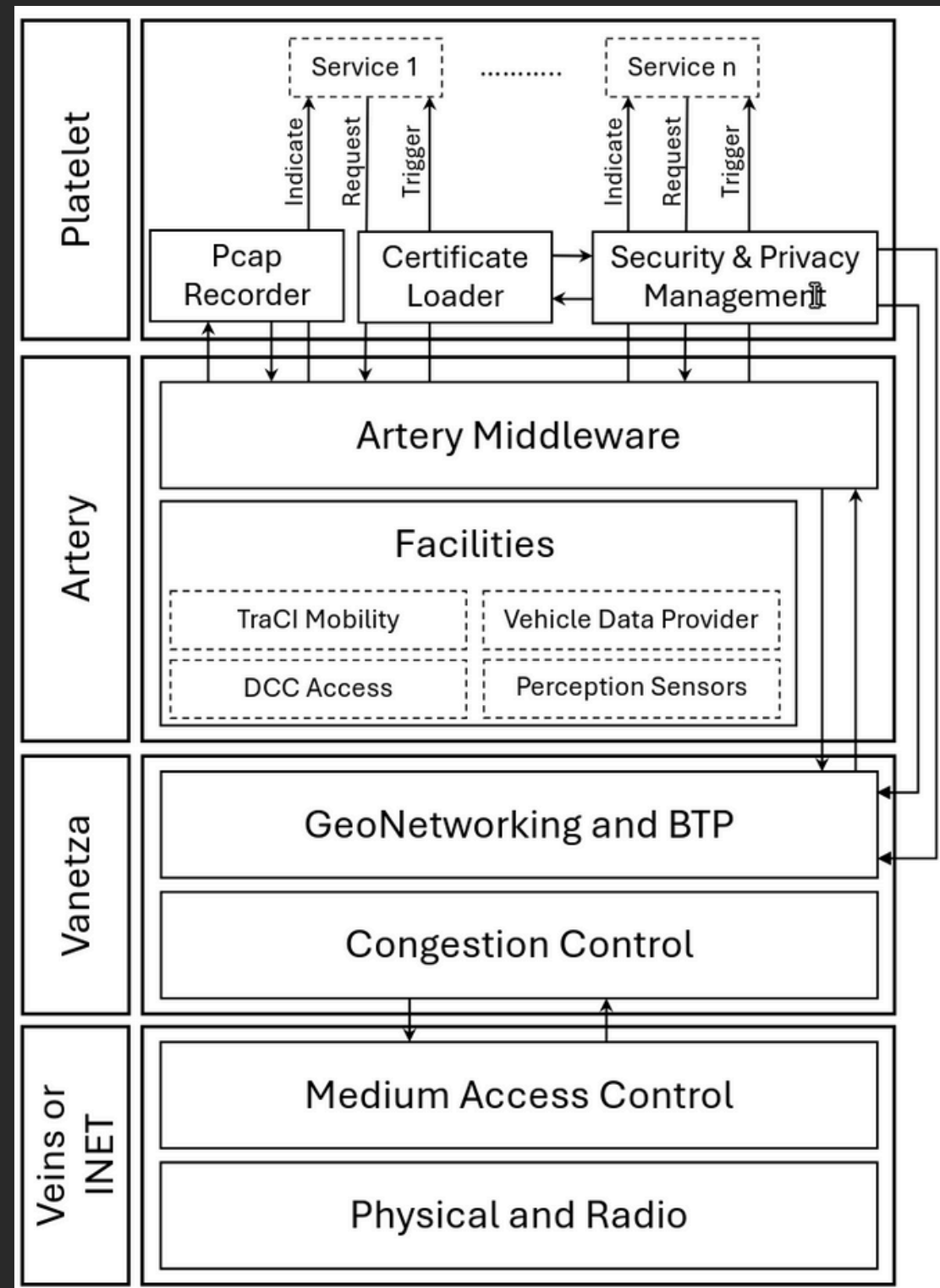
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To conclude



Platelet Architecture [6]

There was no simulator implementing **security** and **privacy** management allowing for unrealistic scenarios

Platelet allow for **secured** scenarios simulation and provides more component to **facilitate** it

To make researcher's life **easier** we centralized tools in a single **GUI app**

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