

Towards a Privacy-Preserving Way of Vehicle Data Sharing – A Case for Blockchain Technology?

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AEGIS

Advanced Big Data Value Chain for Public Safety and Personal Security.

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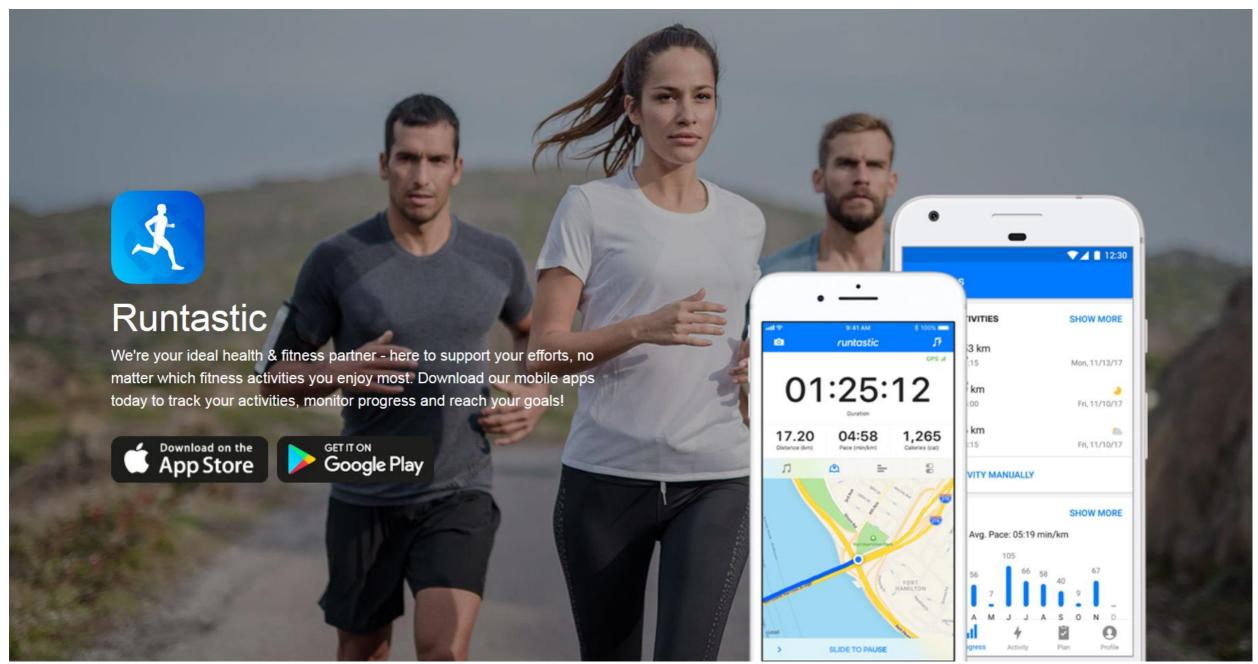
Agenda



- Quantified Self
- Quantified Vehicles | Vehicle Data Sharing
- Vehicle Data Value Chain (VDVC)
- Vehicle Information Systems (Vehicle IS)
- Blockchain basics
- Open Vehicle Data Platform (OVDP) based on Blockchain Technology
- OVDP Workflow

Quantified Self







DEFINITION of Quantified Self:

"A key contemporary trend emerging in big data science is the quantified self (QS)- individuals engaged in the self-tracking of any kind of biological, physical, behavioral, or environmental information."

(Swan, 2013)



■ Modern cars offer access to data enabling the creation of (useful) services

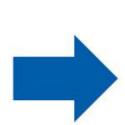
Data from the vehicle

- On Board Diagnostic (OBD) data / = (rather) open
 (emission relevant data, limited data, e.g. speed, rpm, ..)
- Controller Area Network (CAN) data = (rather) closed
 (access to a plethora sensors and measurements, e.g. gear shifts, steering wheel movement, ADAS usage ...)













Data from the vehicle driver

- · Smartphone data
- Smartwatch data
- · Smart glasses data
- Social networking data
- Camera data









Quantified Self => Quantified Vehicles



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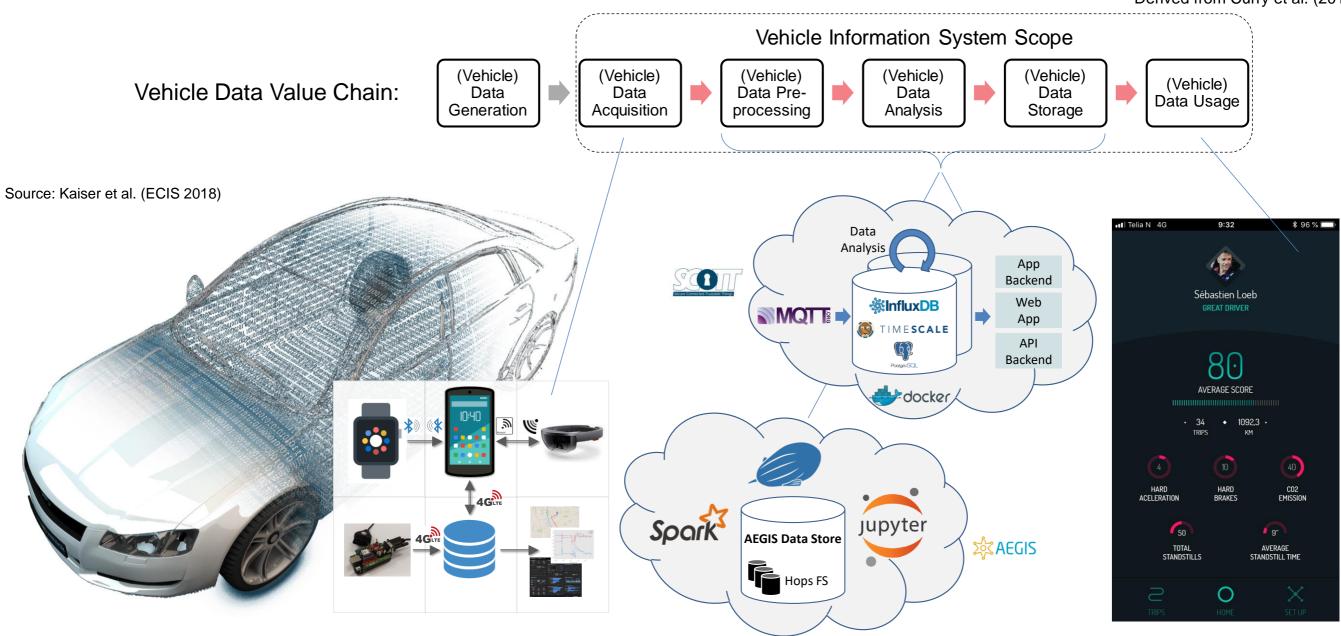
"The behavioral patterns of self-tracking can be transferred to vehicles, which capture sensory data about themselves and about their environment, thus becoming 'Quantified Vehicles"

(Stocker et al., 2017)

Vehicle Data Value Chain (VDVC)

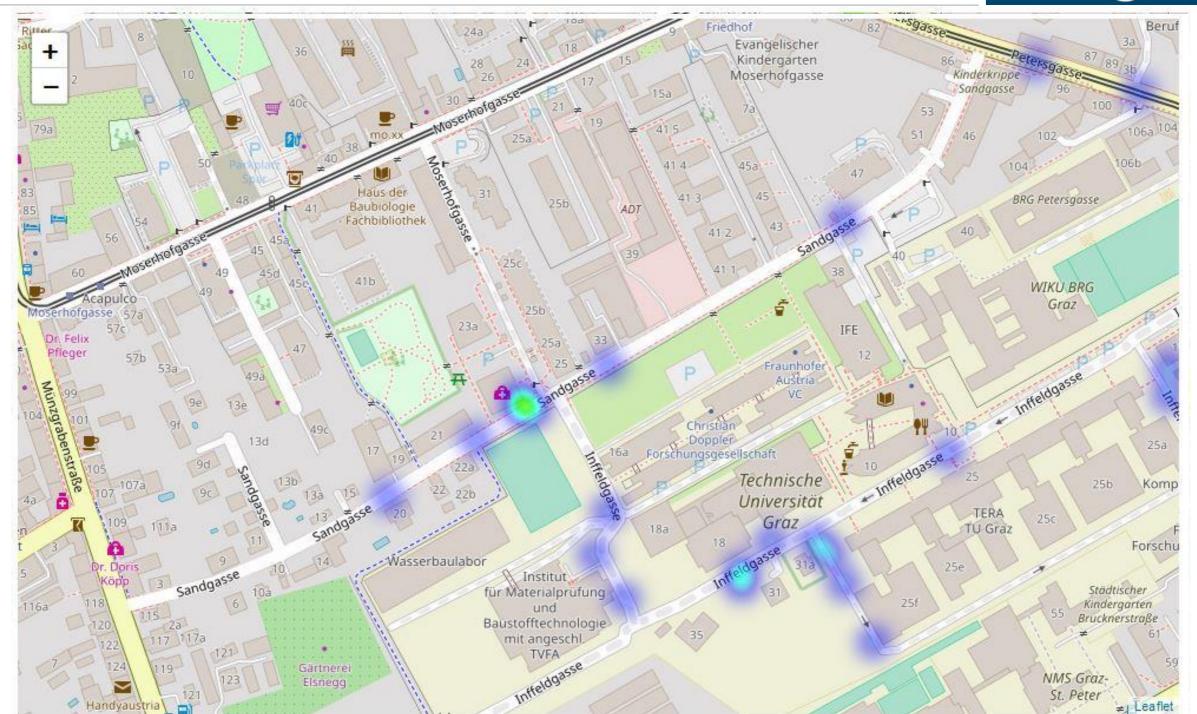


Derived from Curry et al. (2016)



Poject AEGIS: Event map and speed bump / pothole heatmap





Quantified Vehicles => enable Vehicle Information Systems



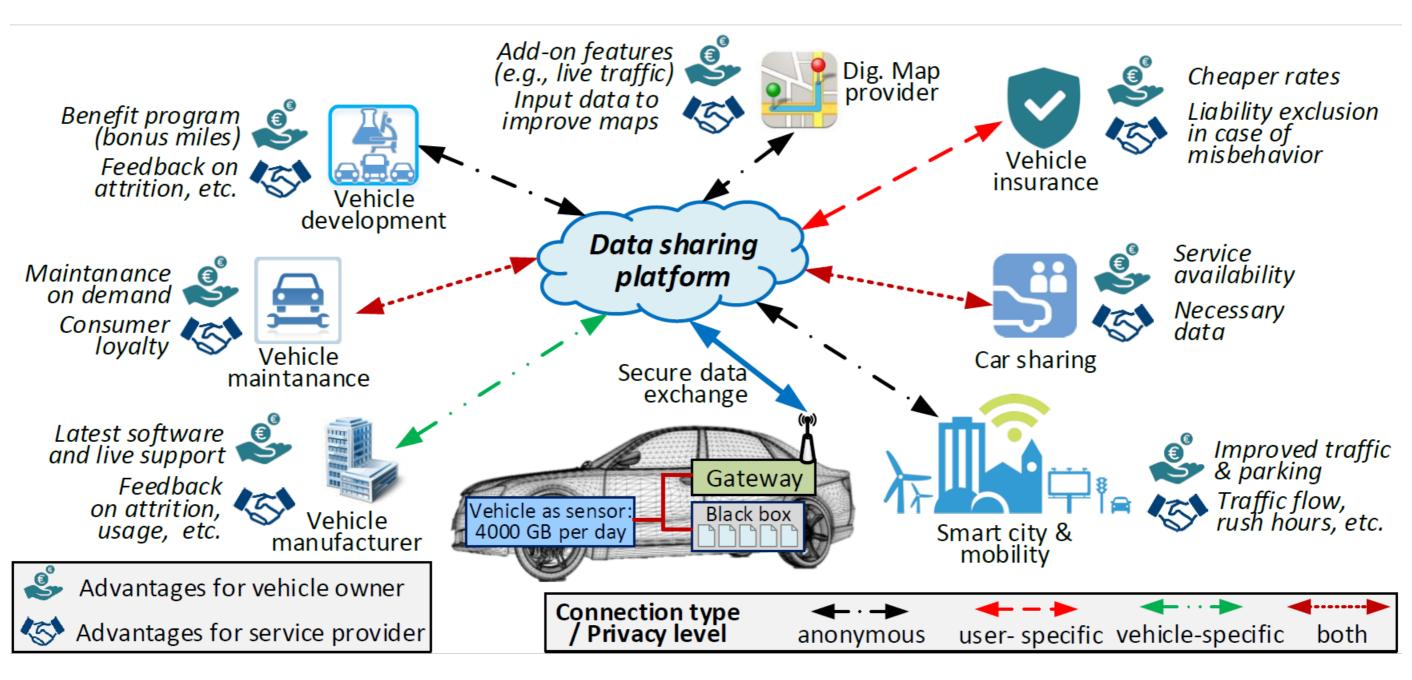
TOWARDS A DEFINITION of Vehicle IS

"..software applications processing vehicle data and/or other relevant data from different sources to finally provide valuable and action-relevant information to the vehicle driver and/or to other stakeholders."

(Kaiser et al., 2018)

Vehicle IS - Beneficiaries





Trustworthy data exchange required



Some facts:

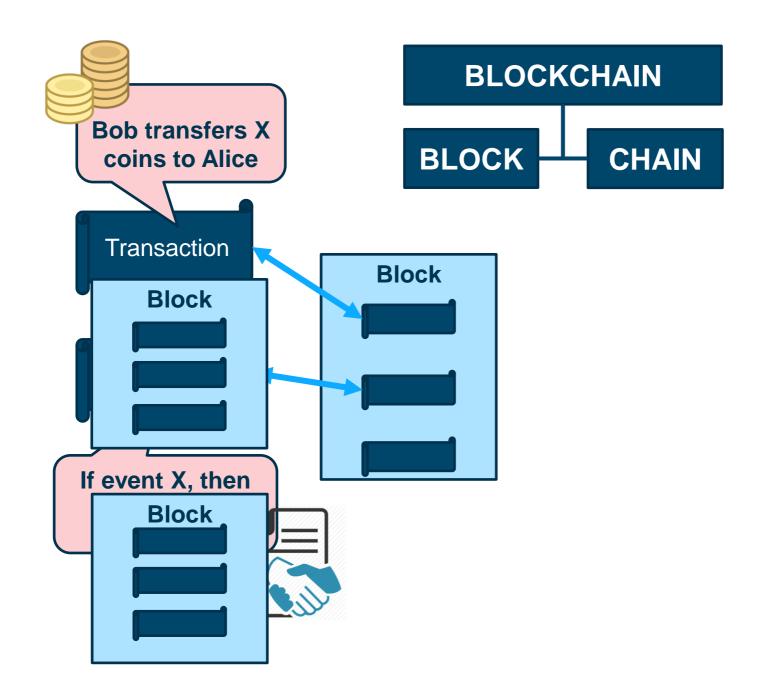
- Cars will be connected
 - → essential part of the IoT
- Vehicles can collect a huge amount of data (existing sensors)
- ICT companies are targeting the automotive market
- Cloud services are interesting for OEMs, suppliers, and third parties
- Lack of concrete applications
 - → data collection vs. sharing

What are the related problems?

- How to transfer data \rightarrow 5G, c-roads?
- Where to put the data?
- How to share the data?
- How to provide services?
- How to control my data?
 - → privacy setting per service
- How to ensure data integrity?
- Earn money by data sharing?

Blockchain Basics – functionality





Blockchain Basics – functionality & key benefits

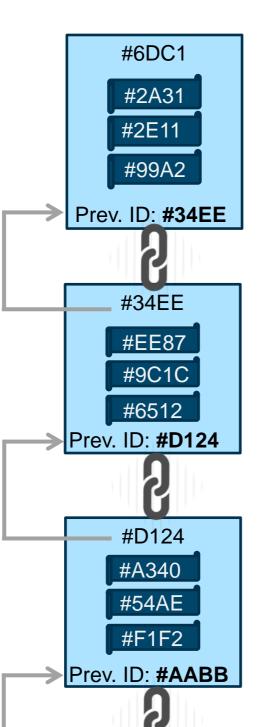


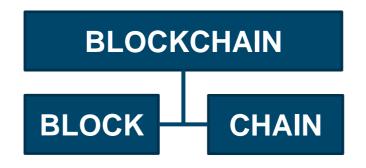
□ Tamper-proof data storage

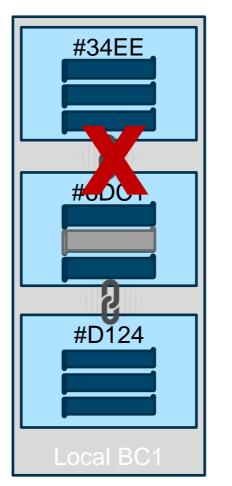
 □ Scalability & decentralization

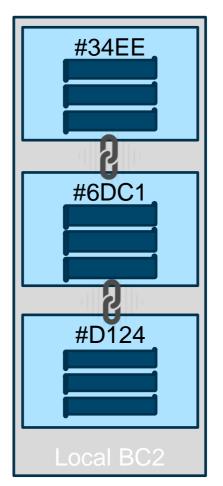
Privacy preserving

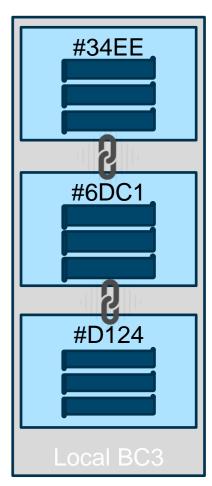
□ Trust& Transparency











Concept: Blockchain-based Open Vehicle Data Platform (OVDP)



Smart contracts using Blockchain technology: specify data access per data type for each service

Driver is able to decide if and how driving data is shared with service providers

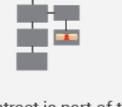
Signed contract, Blockchain techn. ensures:

- Contract can not be manipulated
- Contract is available to Brokers which provide / manage the secure data storage and are responsible to handle data access for service providers

Smart Contracts



code into a blockchain.





Contract is part of the public blockchain.

Parties involved in the contract are anonymous.



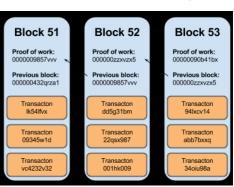
Contract executes itself when the conditions are met.



Regulators use blockchain to keep an eye on contracts.



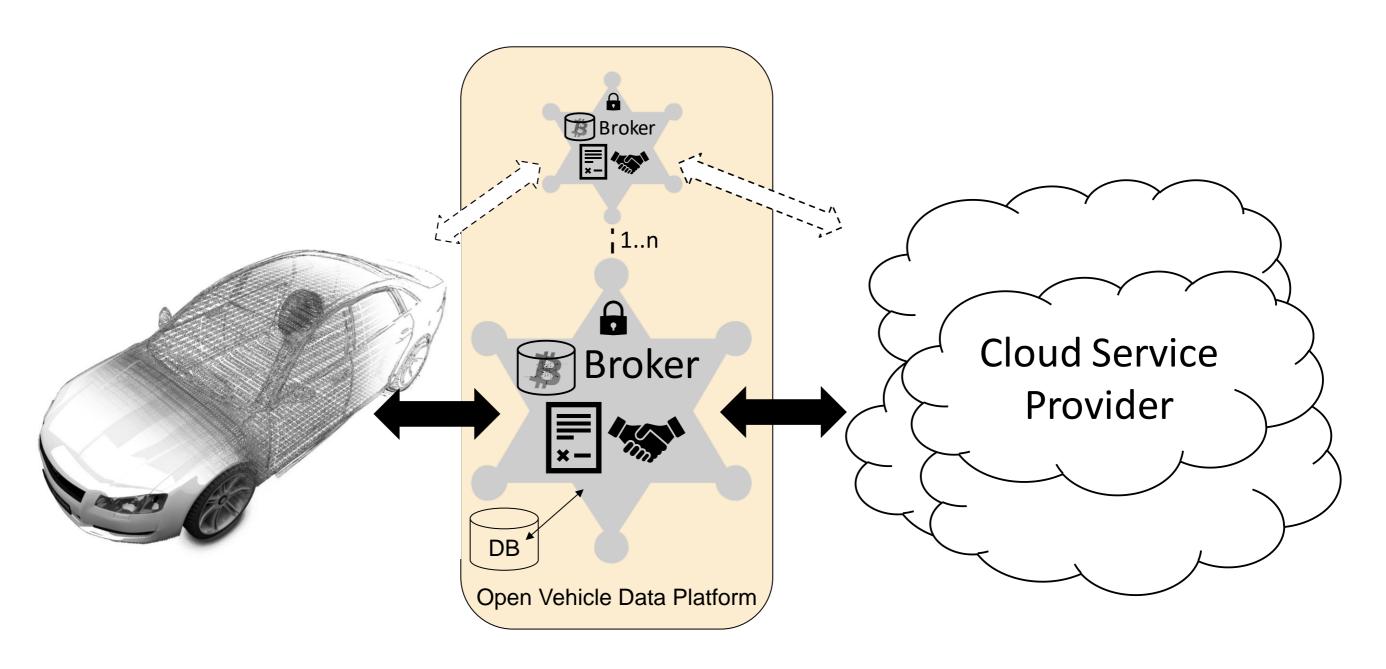
https://codebrahma.com



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Example Workflow



1

• Vehicle owner wants to use a service, gets in contact (like in an app store), is informed about the type of the data the service provider requires (comparable to smartphone apps: need access to e.g. microphone, contacts, ..)

2

• User agrees to terms, a smart contract between connected vehicle, owner, and service provider is created and signed

3

• Once smart contract is finalized, it's stored on the Blockchain

4

Vehicle will continuously collect data (datasets) and send it encrypted to the online storage of the Broker

5

• Broker can verify that the dataset was not altered (hash value), and can not change the dataset (would invalidate the digital signature). Broker will add its signature, completes the transaction and broadcast it on the Blockchain network

6

• Service providers are notified about available datasets, request the dataset

7

• Broker provides or declines access to data as specified in the smart contracts



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