

# CS 439: Wireless Networking

IoT in Public Spaces

# Bridging the Gap with IoT



**Incentives and Privacy  
Exposure vs. Benefits**

**IoT**



# Designing an IoT Ecosystem

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## Context Discovery

**“What environment  
am I in?”**



**The CoffeeShop**

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Context Discovery

User Identity



**“What identity  
should I expose?”**

**FrenchRoast99**



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User Identity Use and Reuse



**FrenchRoast99**

**Location-based  
pseudonyms**



**Espresso42**



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Sharing/Querying



**The CoffeeShop**

**Enable social networking  
based recommendations**



**A friend**

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Secure Validation and Privacy



**The CoffeeShop**

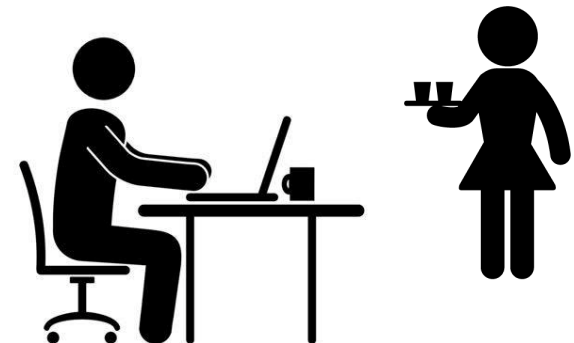
**Prevent impersonation  
and  
unauthorized access**



# Incognito

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- ▶ A privacy-preserving IoT ecosystem architecture
  - ▶ Users share any desired part of their identity within an environment
- ▶ User-managed identities
  - ▶ cid: context-based identities





# Incognito

- ▶ User and Infrastructure Devices
  - ▶ Wi-Fi to infrastructure



# Incognito

## ▶ User and Infrastructure Devices

- ▶ Wi-Fi to infrastructure
- ▶ Bluetooth LE for local environment



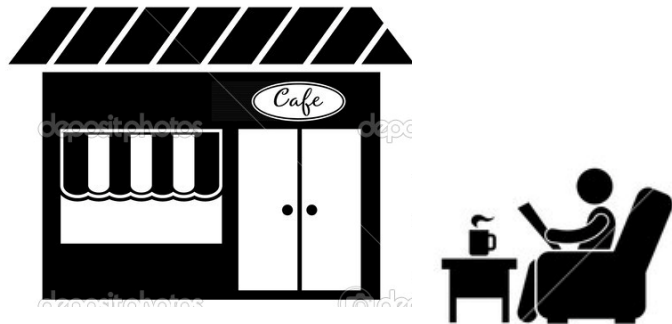
# Incognito

## ▶ Environments

- ▶ Organizations can share data across locations



**The CoffeeShop II**



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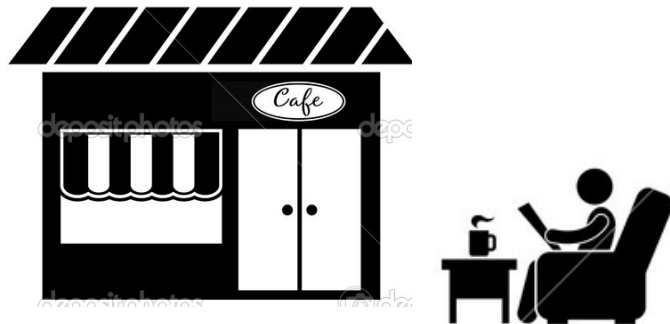
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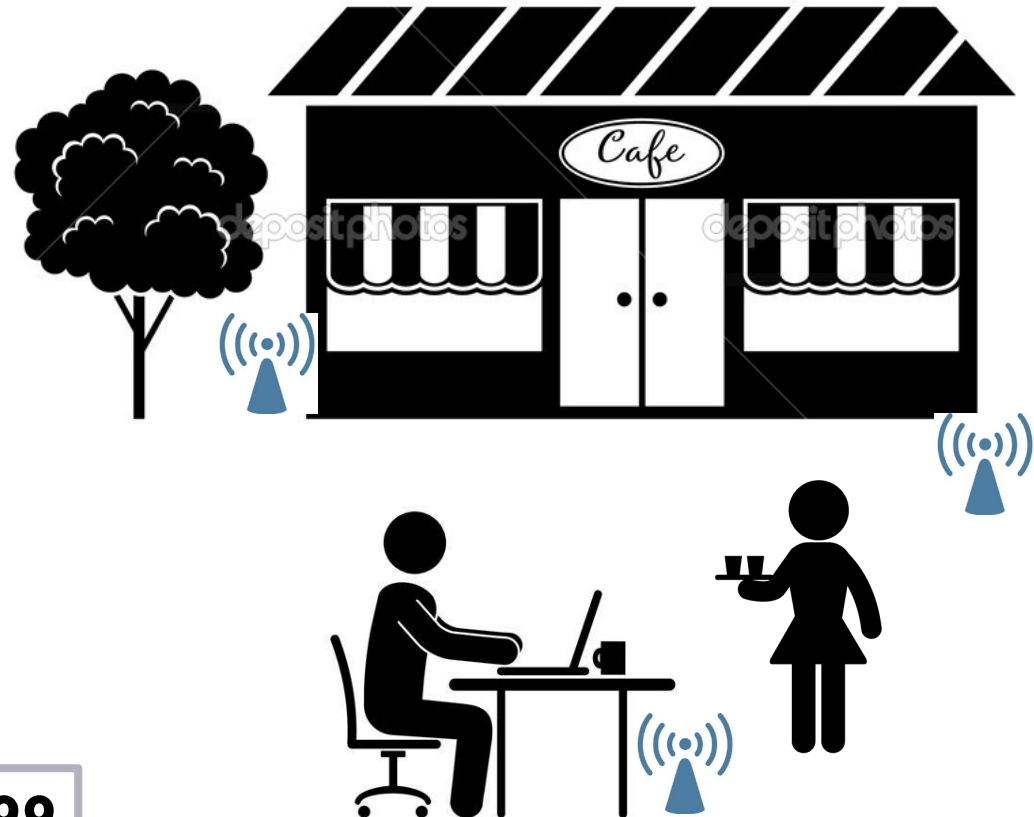
- ▶ Users can enable sharing of data within categories

**CafeAuLait**



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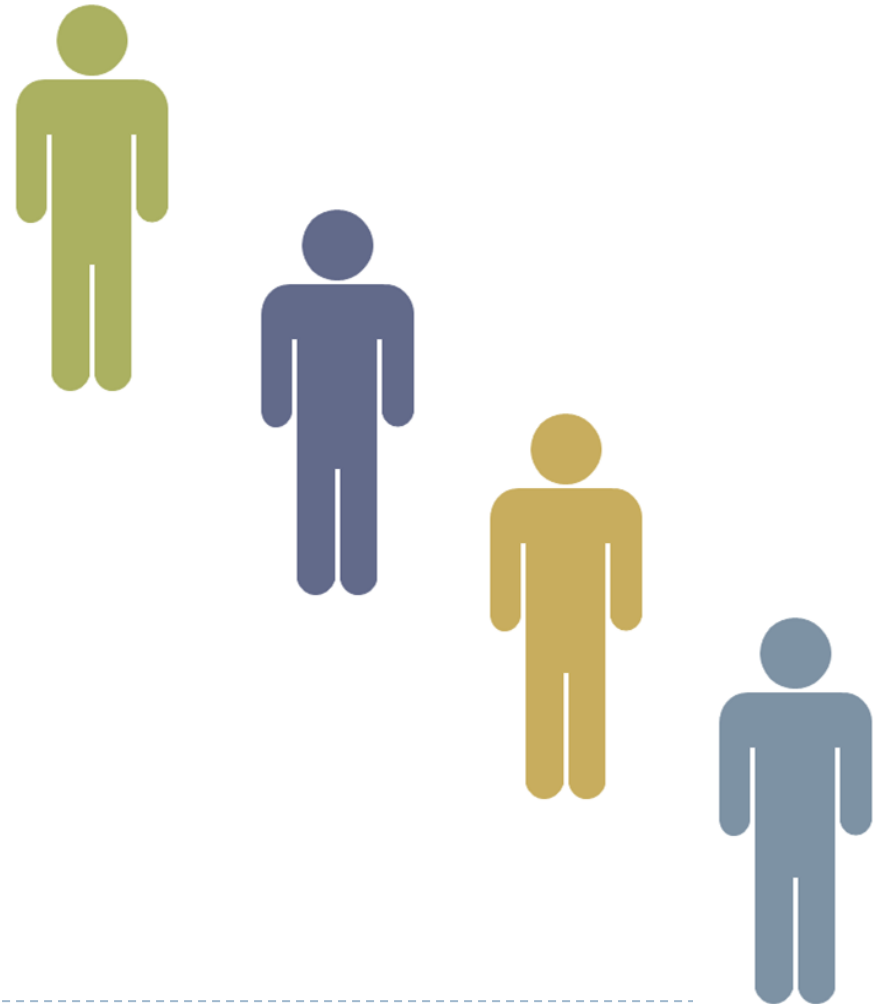


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# User Identities

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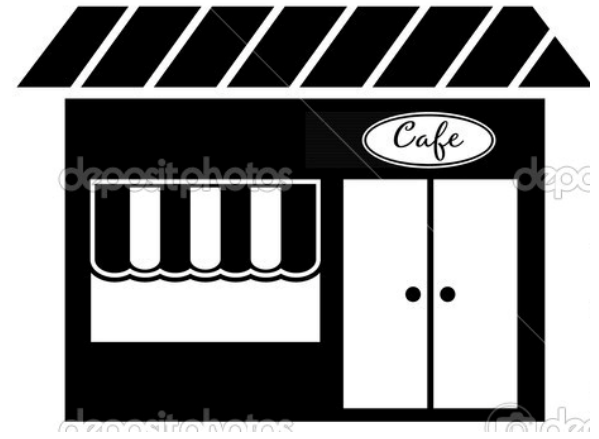
- ▶ **Anonymous**
  - ▶ Random cid every packet
  - ▶ For every message, the user appears as someone new
  - ▶ No tracking from environment



# User Identities

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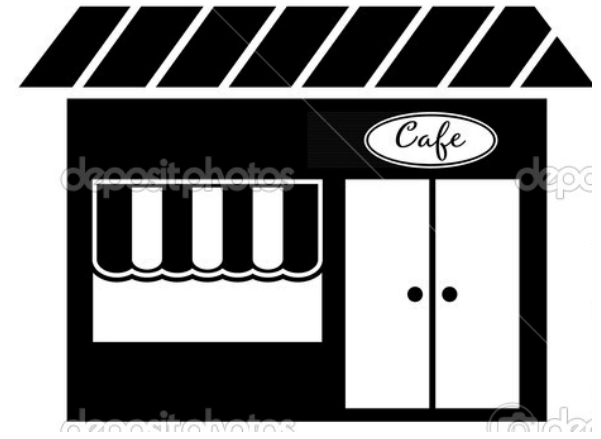
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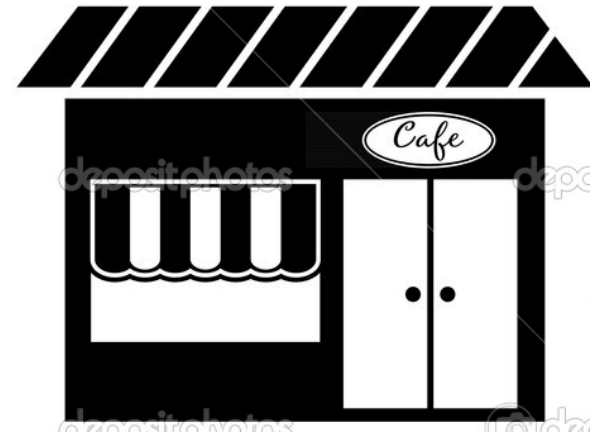
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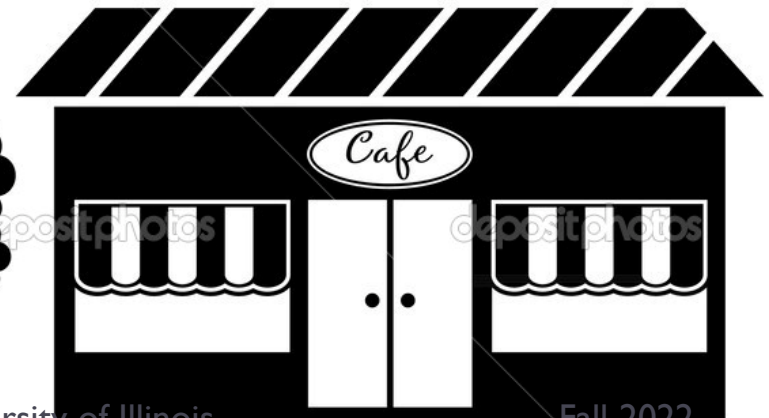
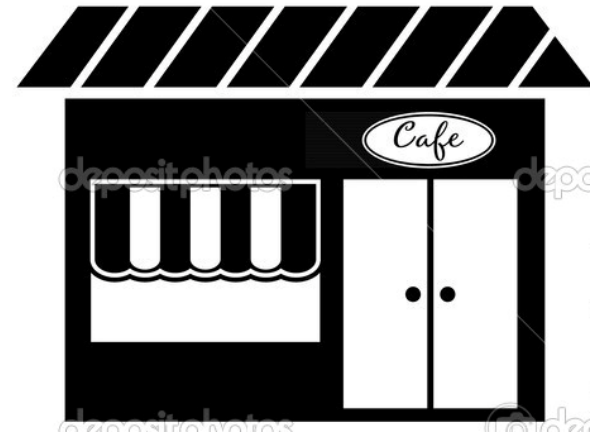


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## ▶ Local

- ▶ Random cid per environment
- ▶ No connection to the same user in a different environment

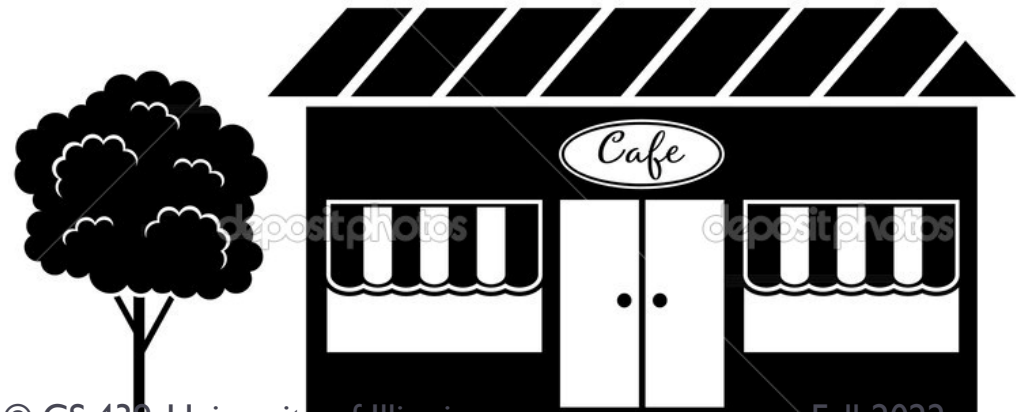
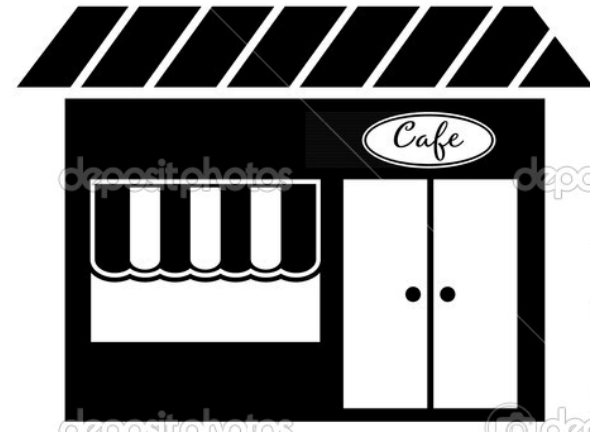


# User Identities

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- ▶ **Cross-Domain**

- ▶ Random cid per environment class
- ▶ Track and share user information within an environment class



# User Identities

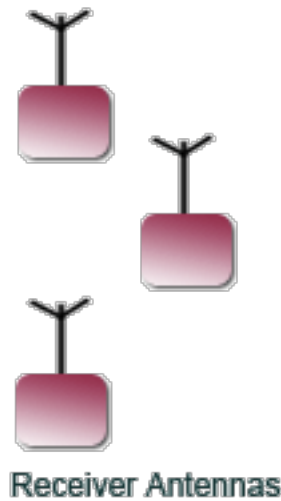
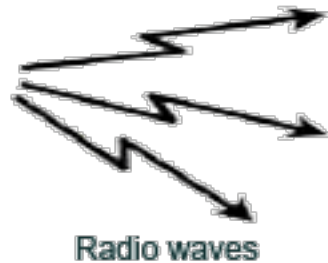
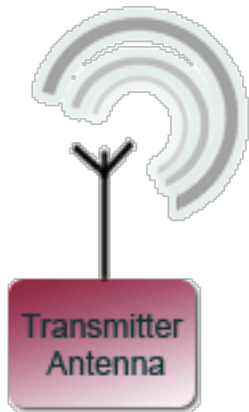
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- ▶ **Global**
  - ▶ Global cid
  - ▶ User exposes an identity all of the time



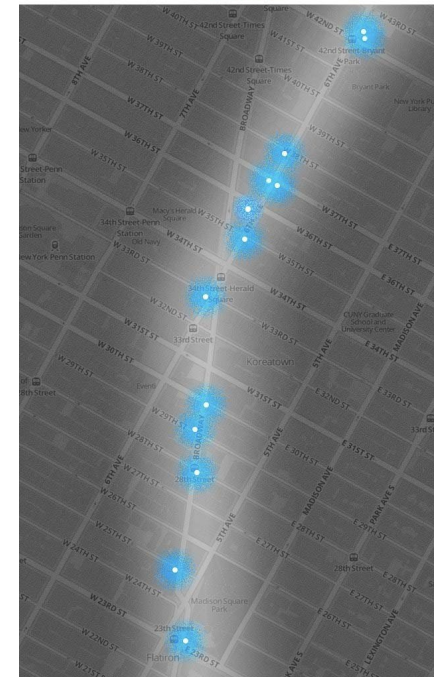
# Managing Exposure

**All transmissions contain the identity of the sender (MAC address)**



Receiver Antennas

**BEACON LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY BuzzFeedNEWS**



**Anyone can listen and track the user**



# Managing Exposure

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**Incognito: User-managed  
MAC addresses  
BLE and WiFi!**





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**Both MAC addresses  
are set to current cid**

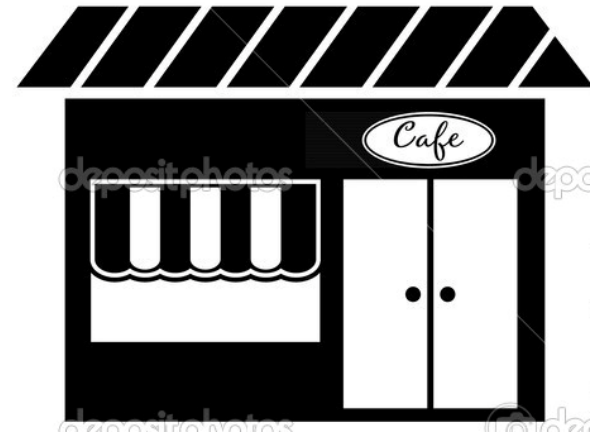


# User-to-Environment Sharing

## User registers with environment



MAC = cid  
Data = (PublicKey,  
PrivateKeyEncrypt(cid))



**Environment specific  
public-private key pair**

Content ID	Public Key	Encrypted CID
cid	PublicKey	PrivateKey(cid)
cid-a	PublicKey-a	PrivateKey-a(cid-a)

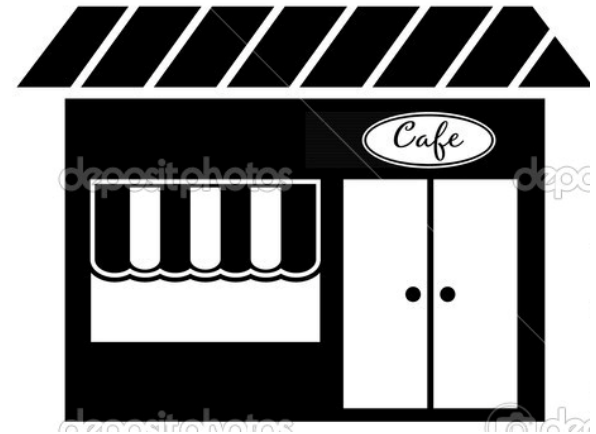


# User-to-Environment Sharing

## User advertises presence



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Data = (Hash(TimeStamp),  
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**Timestamp added to prevent impersonation**

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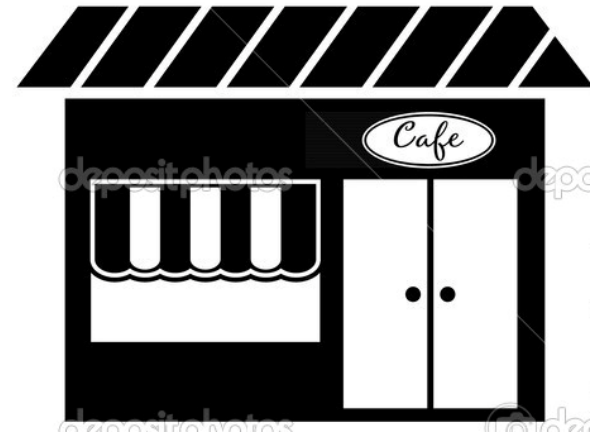


# User-to-User Sharing

## User enables sharing with friends



$(cid, \text{PrivateKeyEncrypt}(cid))$



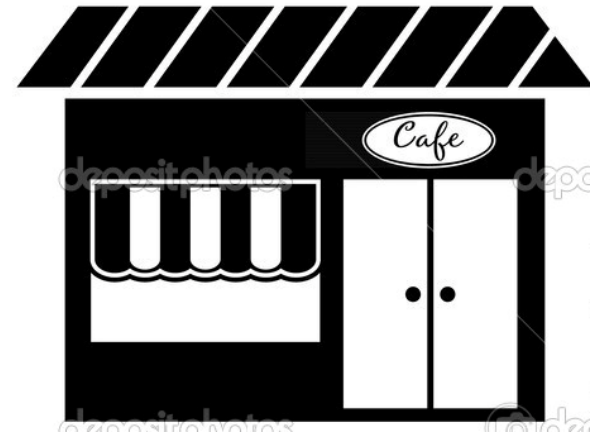
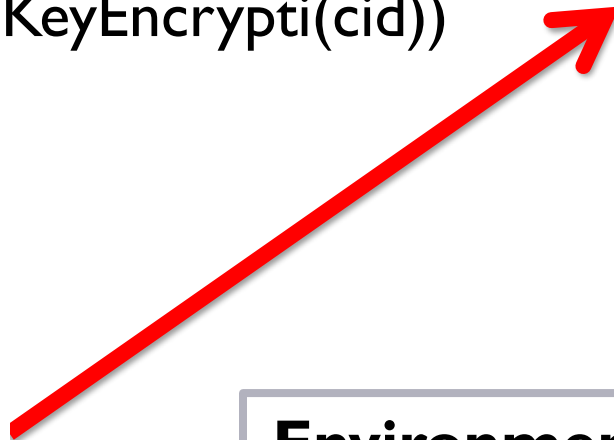
**Share cid and encrypted cid with second user**

# User-to-User Sharing

## Friend queries environment data



(cid,  
PrivateKeyEncrypt(cid))



**Environment can validate  
cid without any  
knowledge of second user**

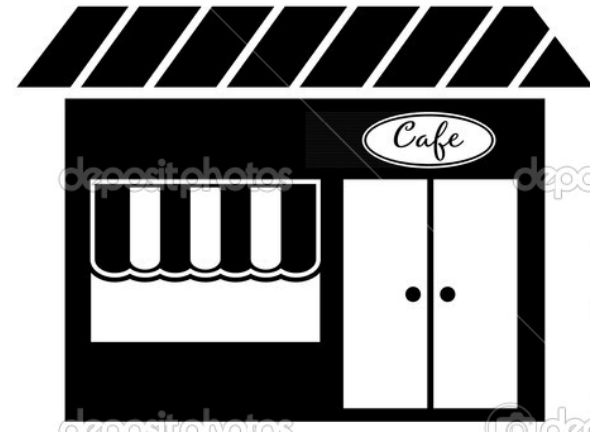
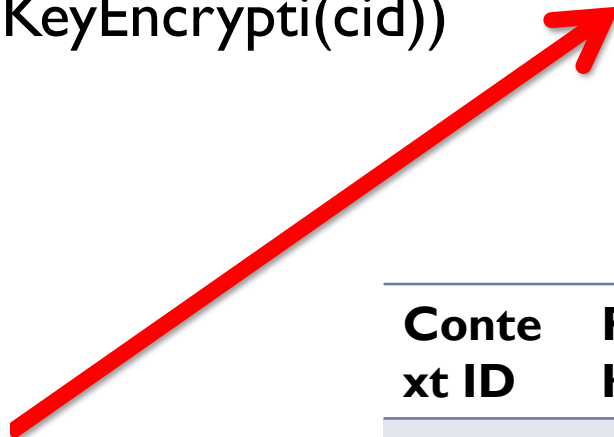


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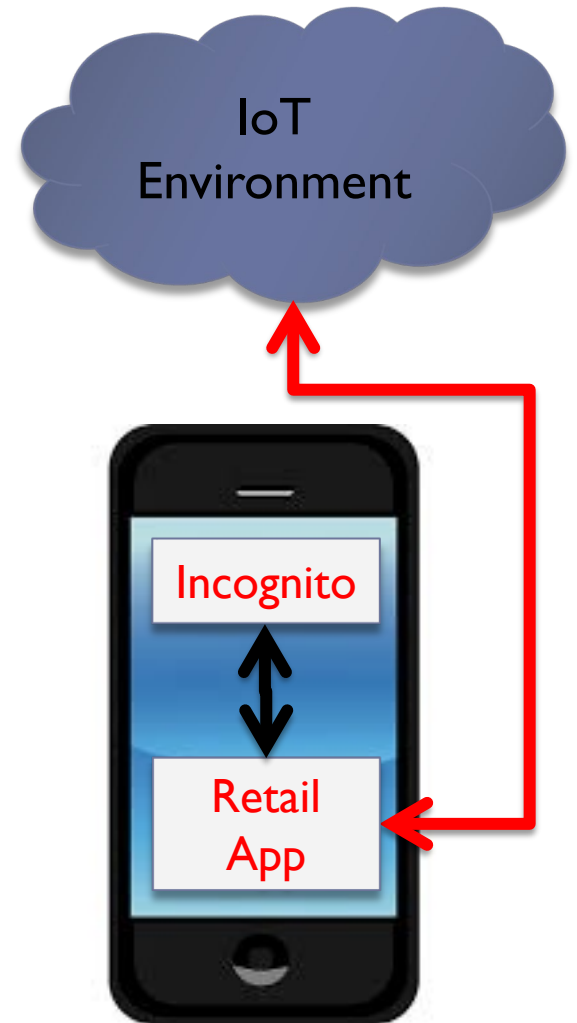
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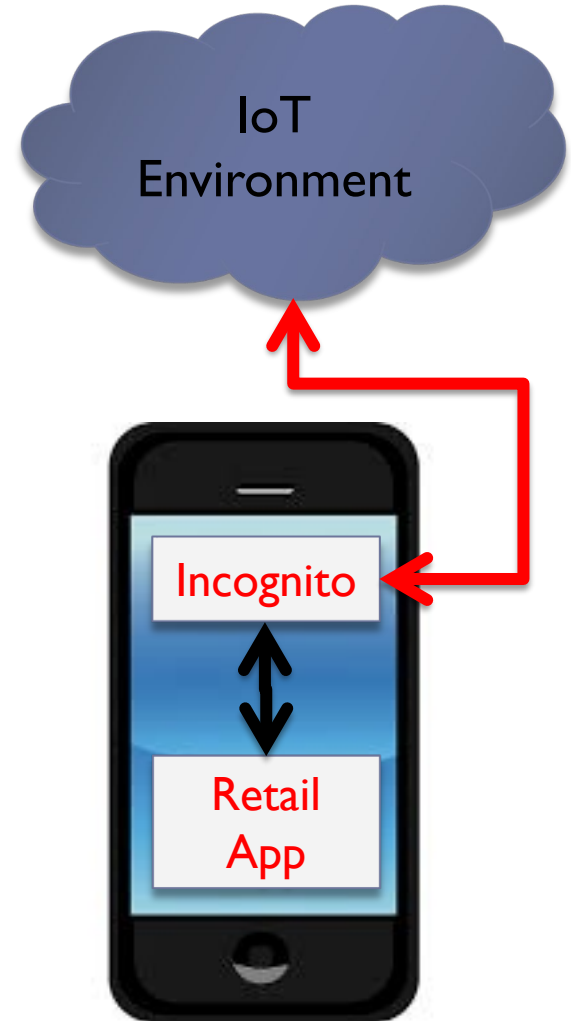


# Realizing Incognito

## Ensuring privacy from malicious apps

**Challenge:**  
External apps could leak cid

**Solution:**  
Sandbox IoT apps  
All communication with IoT infrastructure through incognito





# Realizing Incognito

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## CID Lifetime and Exposure

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**One environment could snoop into the other**

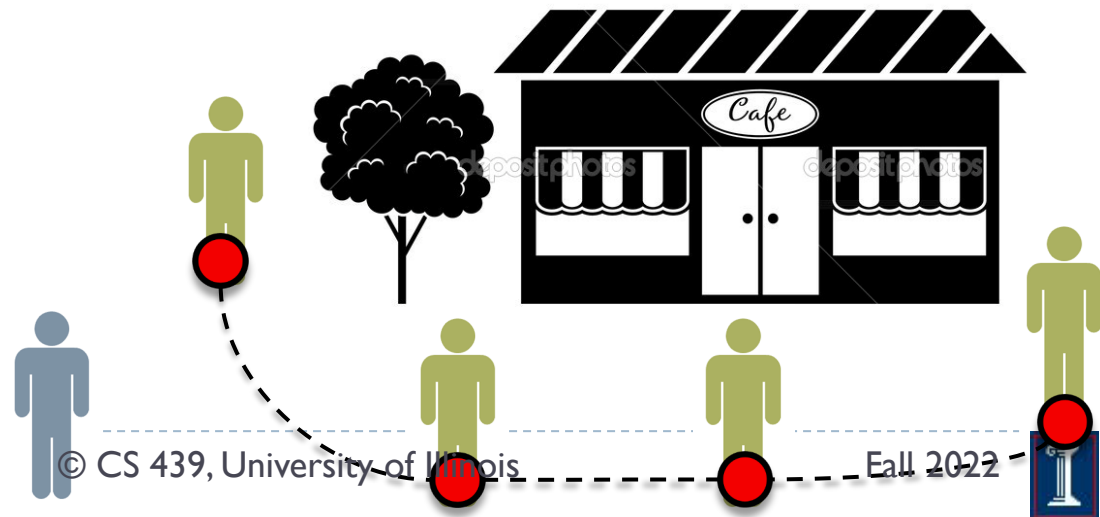


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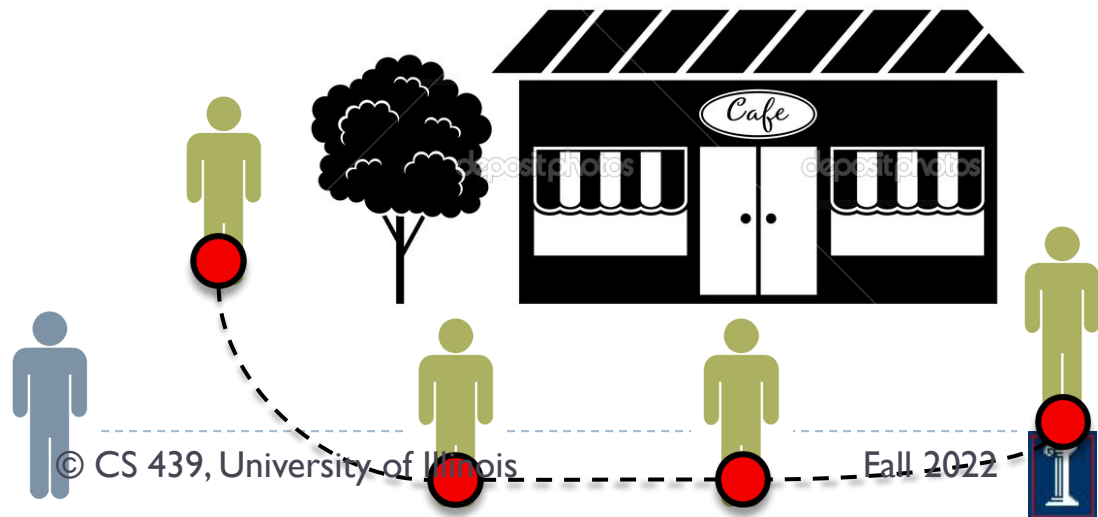
# Realizing Incognito

## CID Lifetime and Exposure

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Can we bring back random MAC addresses and still maintain cid as a location based identifier?



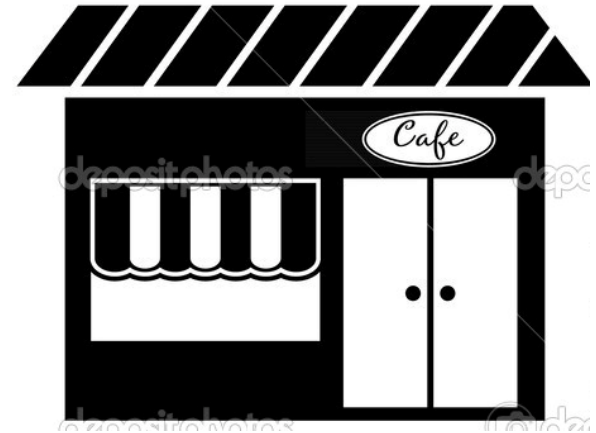
# Anonymizing MAC Addresses



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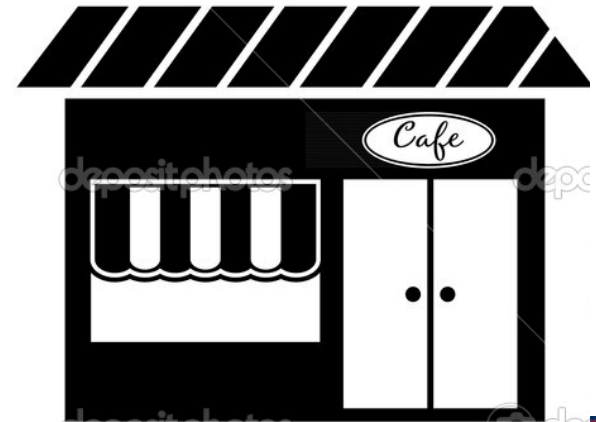
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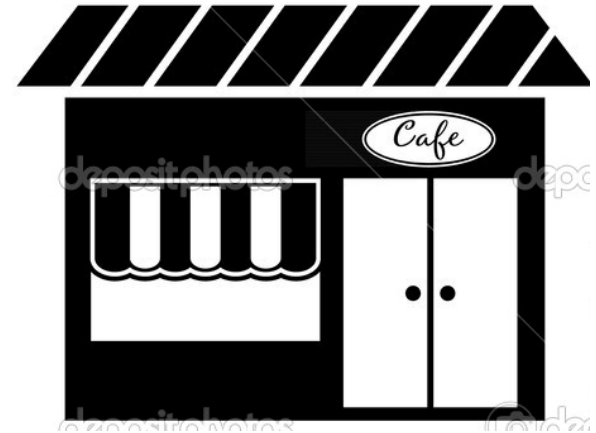


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**Only prevents  
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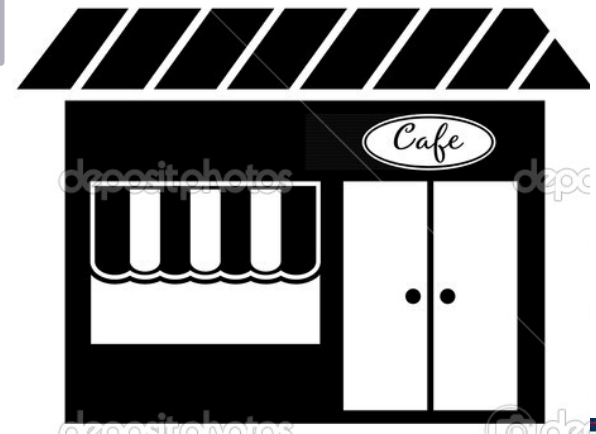


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# Anonymizing MAC Addresses



Registration



**PrivateKeyEncrypt during advertising is expensive**

**High computation and energy**

**Large packets**

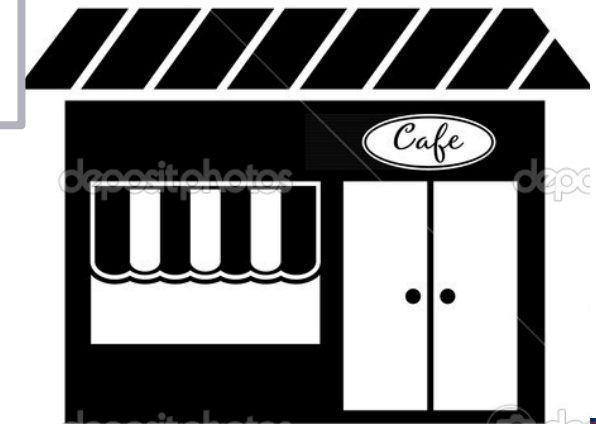
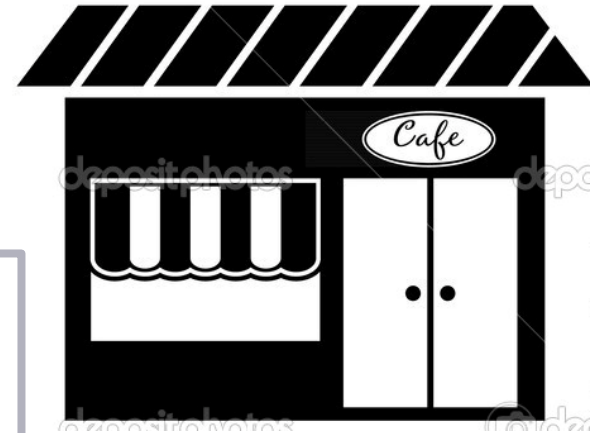
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# Lamina

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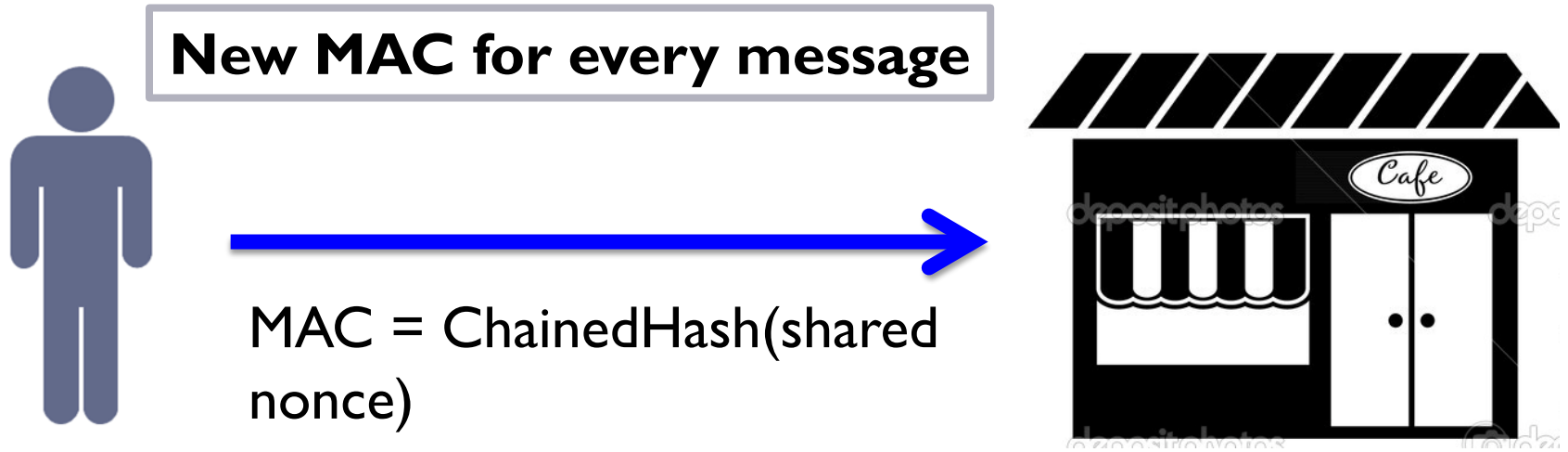
(cid , PublicKey,  
PrivateKeyEncrypt(cid),  
**shared nonce**)



# Lamina

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### Problem

**Many encryption protocols  
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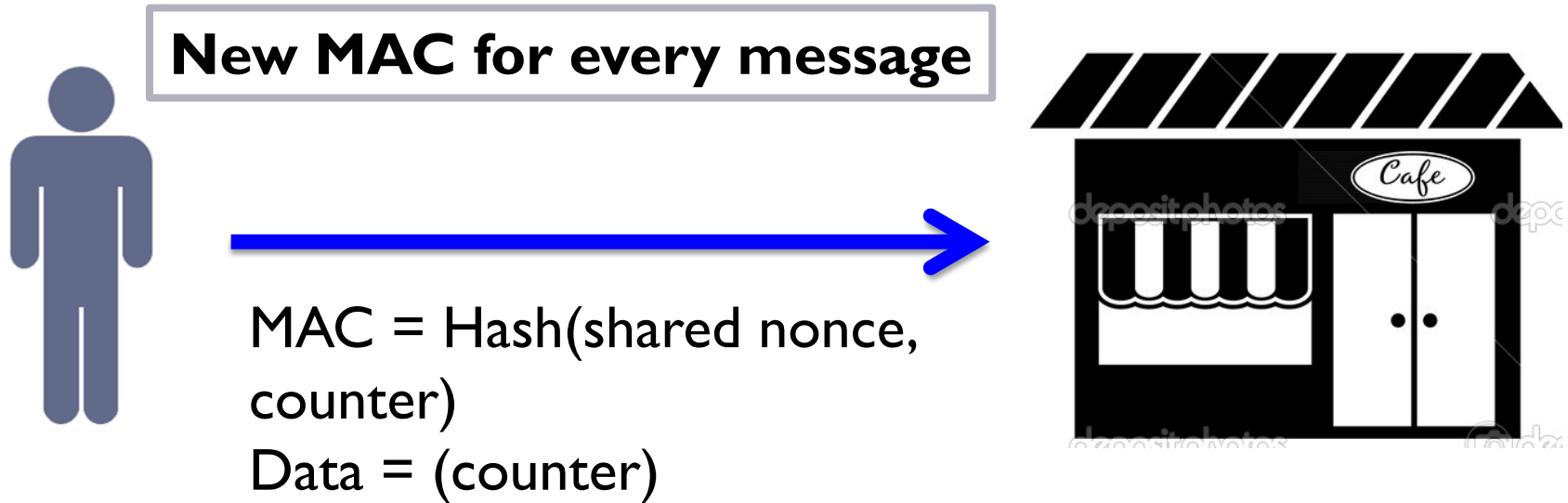
Many encryption protocols  
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Loss → protocol desync,  
further decryption of the  
stream impossible

# Lamina

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## User advertises presence



**Use AES Counter mode**

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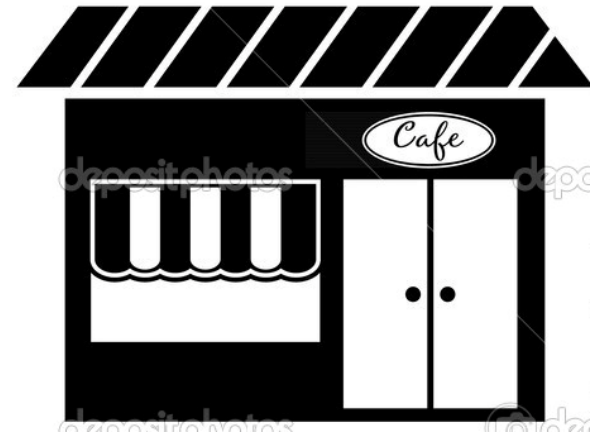


**New MAC for every message**



MAC = Hash(shared nonce,  
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Data = (**counter**)



**Use AES Counter mode**

**Self-synchronizing cipher  
maintains encrypted  
channel with packet loss**

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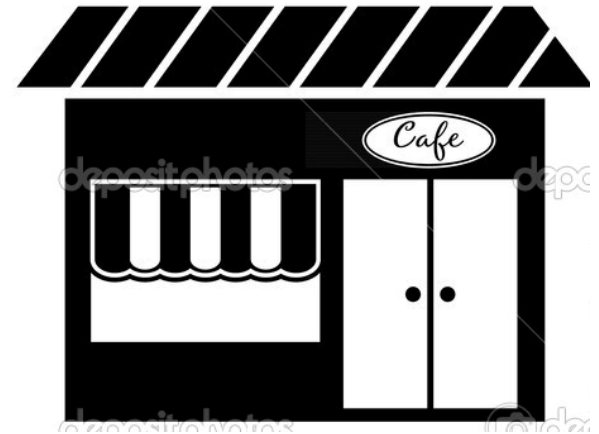


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**Problem**  
**Incremental counters can leak information**



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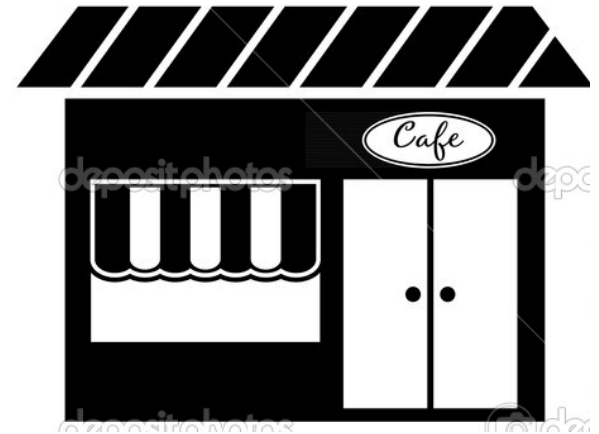


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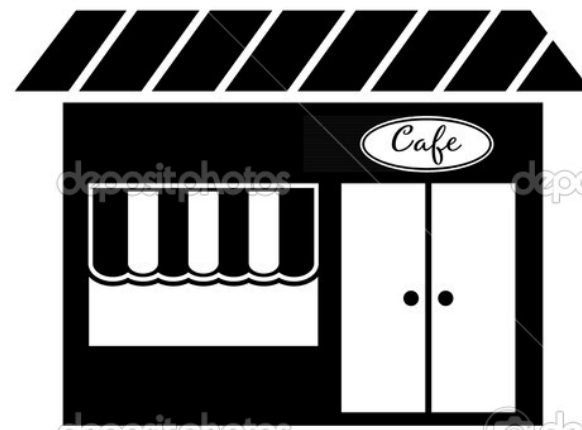


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**Counter does not have to be an incremental sequence, it just has to change**

**Use shared sequence of randomized counters**



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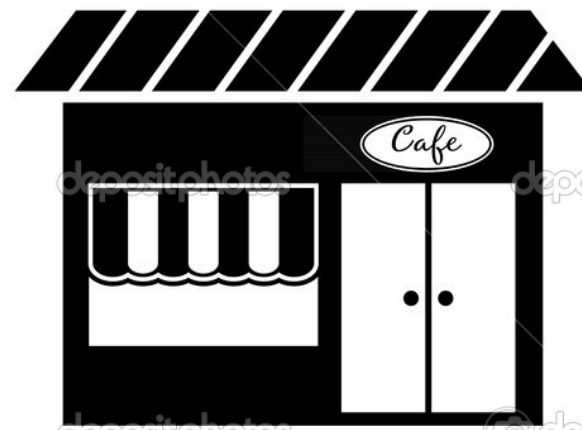


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**Hashed Counter =  $\text{Hash}(\text{shared nonce}, \text{counter})$**





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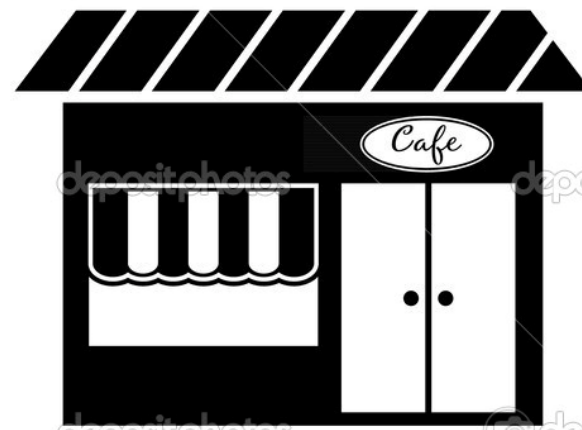


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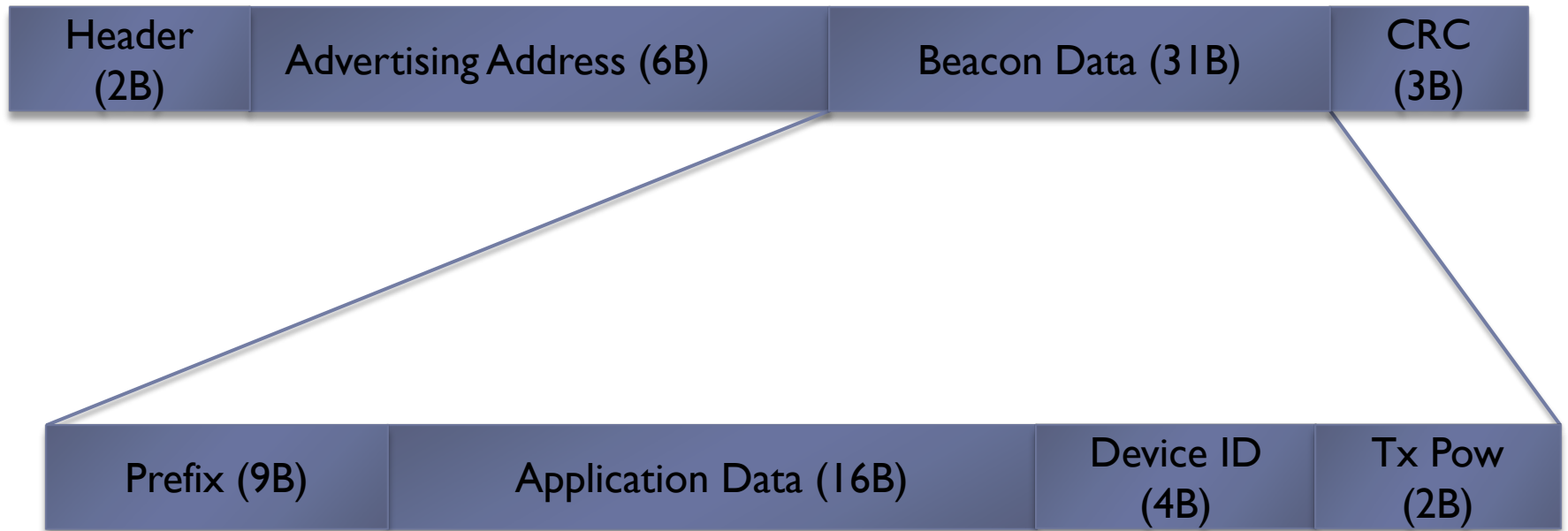
**Counter does not have to be an incremental sequence, it just has to change**

**Counter sequence can be pre-loaded and pre-hashed for low-power and low-computation devices**

# Lamina and BLE

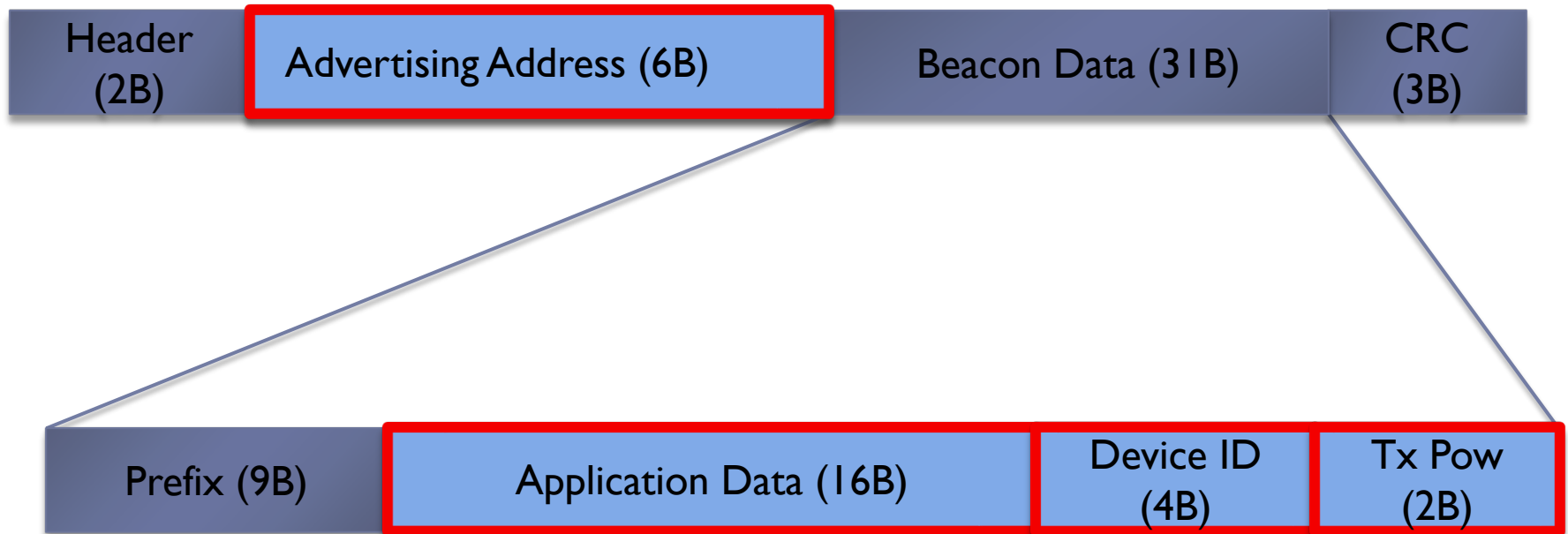
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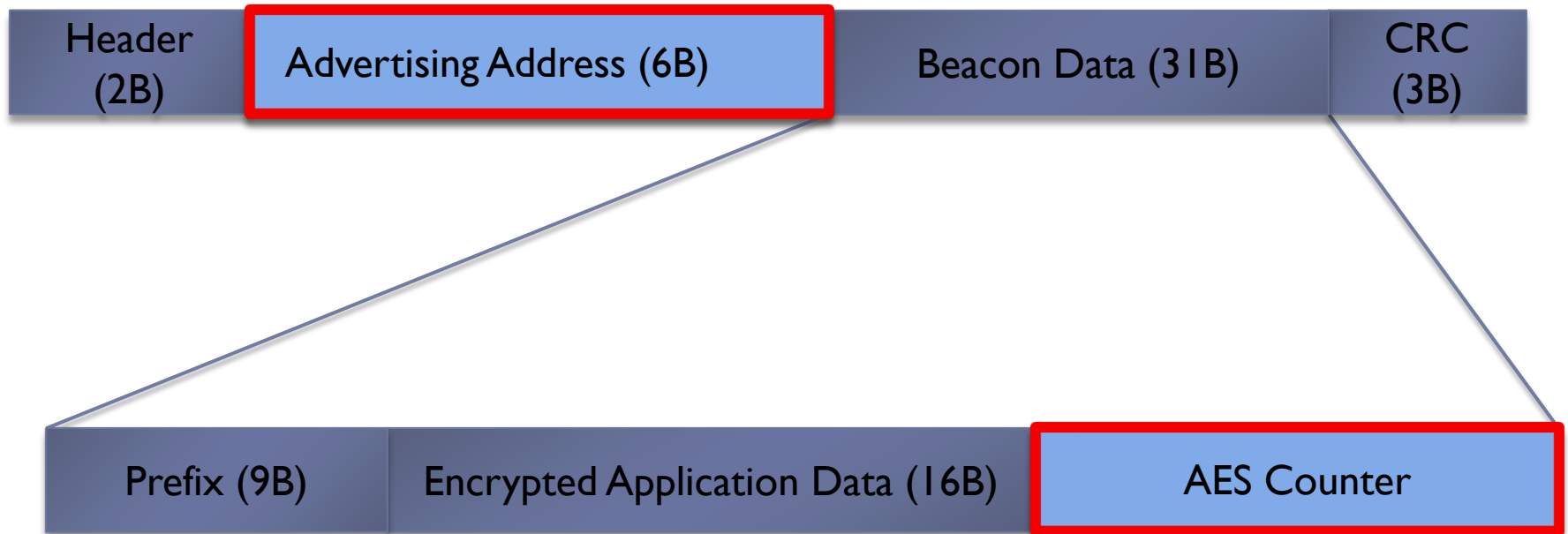
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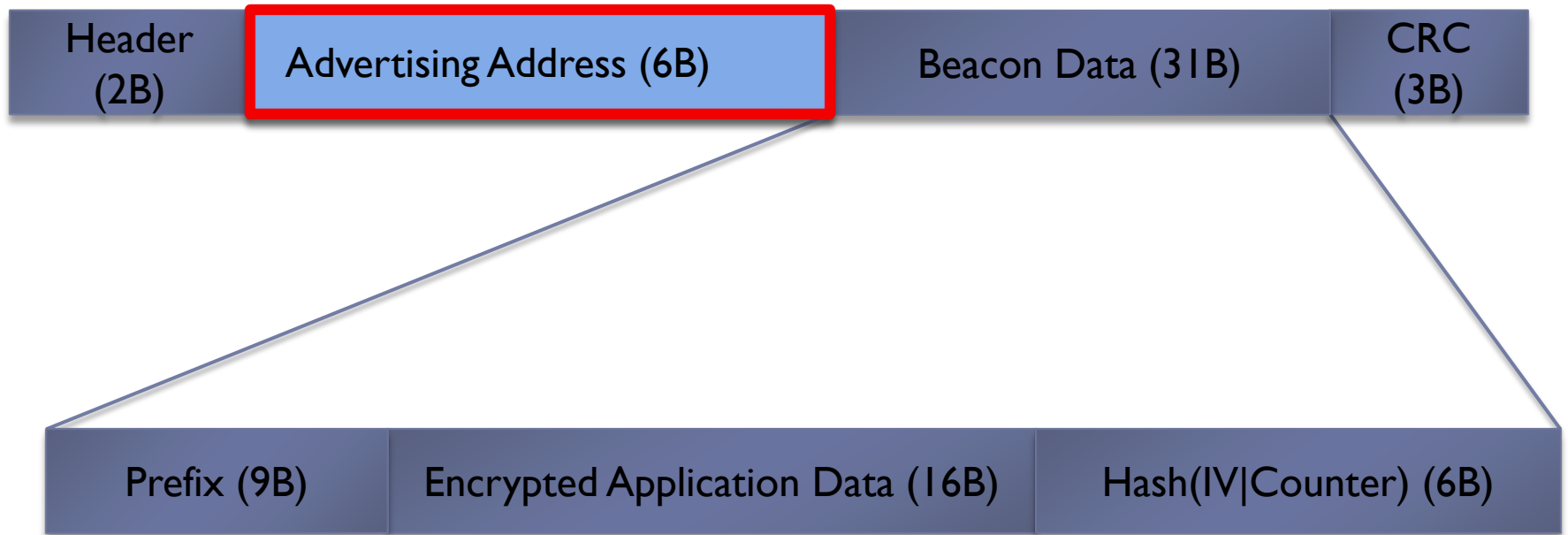


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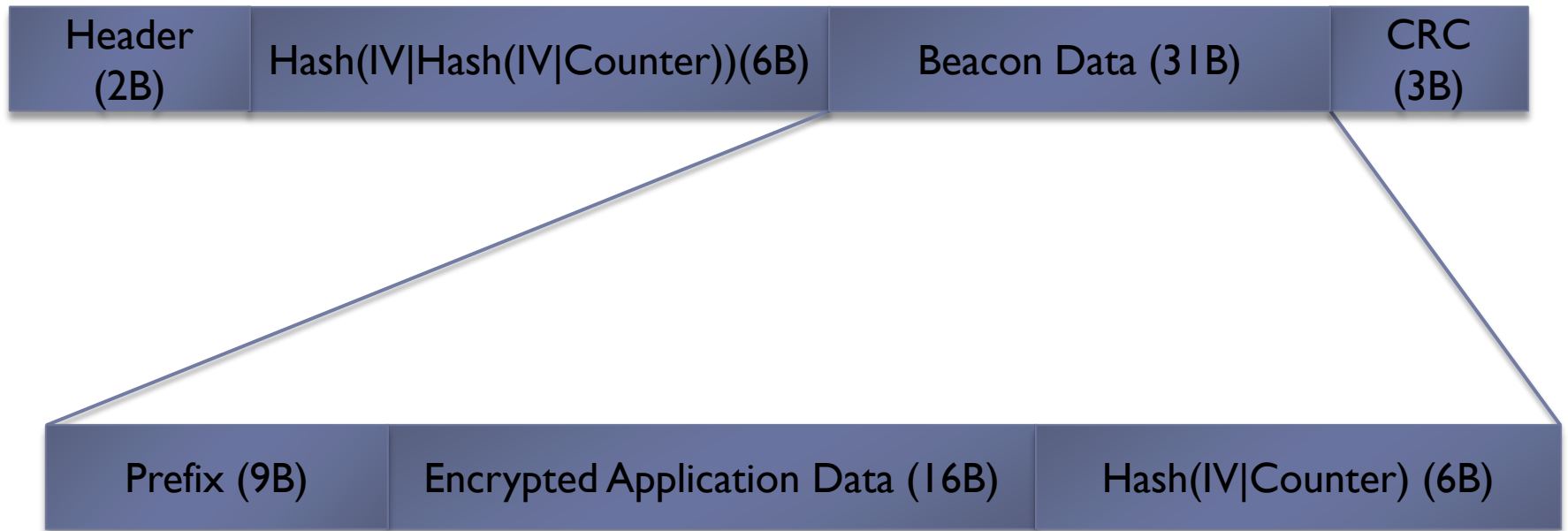


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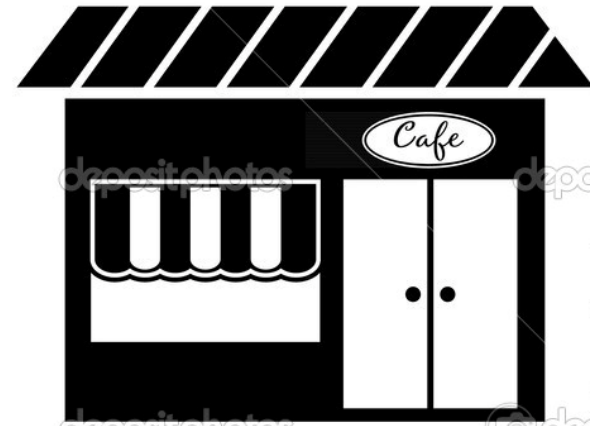
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**New MAC for every message**



MAC = Hash(shared nonce,  
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**Unique MAC address  
identifiable by IoT**

**No public key cryptography**

**Loss tolerant**



# Incognito + Lamina

