

On the security of one RFID authentication protocol

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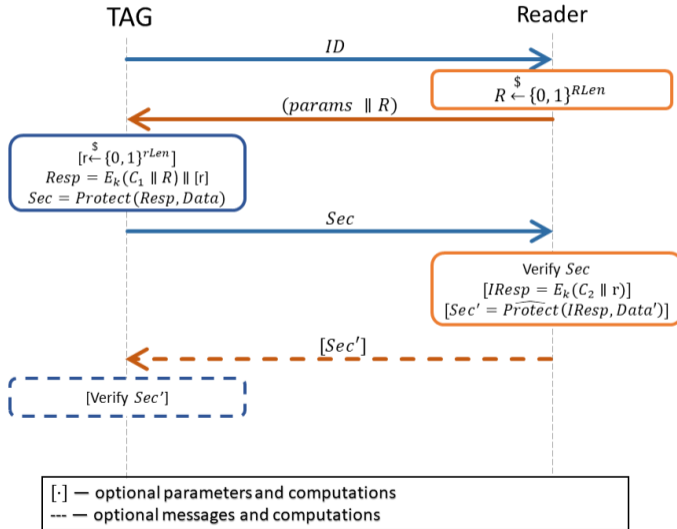
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4. Relatively small gate area; in particular, symmetric-cryptography based protocols are preferable.

RFID authentication protocol



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- send messages to protocol participants using *Send* query; messages are transmitted within some fixed session π to the session holder (the Reader is able to participate in parallel sessions, but for Tags all sessions are strictly sequential, and the adversary is able to send message only in the current session for the Tag);

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Hence, bit b controls the following properties: confidentiality, secure participant authentication, data integrity within the session, integrity “at the session level”.

$Test^b(\pi)$

if ($b = 0$) **then**

return 0

else

$t_1 \leftarrow Correctness(\pi)$

$t_2 \leftarrow NOT(Match(\pi, Sessions))$

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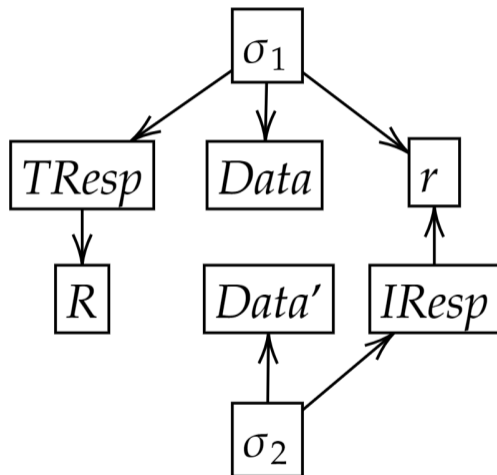
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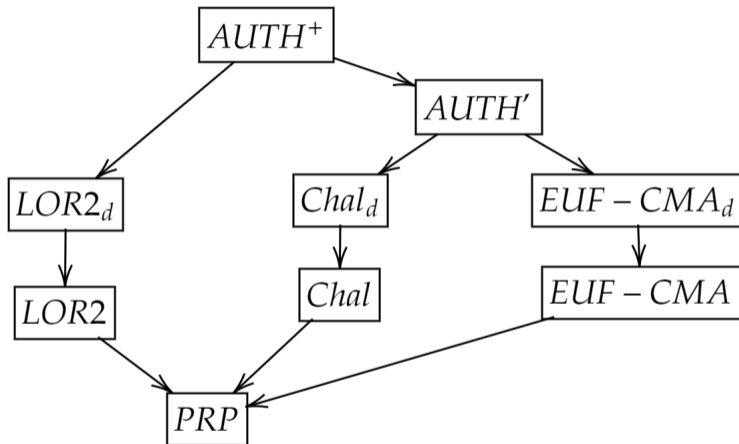


Figure 2: Schematic representation of the proof

IK Estimating the adversarial advantage

Theorem

The following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Adv}_{\Pi}^{\text{AUTH}^+}(t, d, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{R}, \Theta, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}, \Phi, \Psi, \hat{\mathcal{Q}}, \hat{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{\Phi}) \leq \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^d \text{Adv}^{\text{LOR2}}(t + T, q_i, \mu_i, \phi_i, \hat{q}_i, \hat{\mu}_i, \hat{\phi}_i) + \\ & + 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^d \text{Adv}^{\text{EUF-CMA}}(t + T, r_i + q_i + \hat{q}_i, \max(\mu_i + 2, \hat{\mu}_i + 2, \nu_i + 1), \\ & \quad \phi_i + 2 \cdot q_i + \hat{\phi}_i + 2 \cdot \hat{q}_i + \psi_i + r_i, \theta_i) + \\ & + 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^d \left(\text{Adv}^{\text{PRP}}(t + T, p_i + \theta_i) + \frac{\theta_i \cdot (p_i + \theta_i)}{2^{\text{Rlen}}} + \frac{\theta_i |\text{Consts}|}{|\text{Dom}| - p_i - \theta_i + 1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Thank you for your attention!

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