

# Security Analysis of Network Protocols

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# Many Protocols

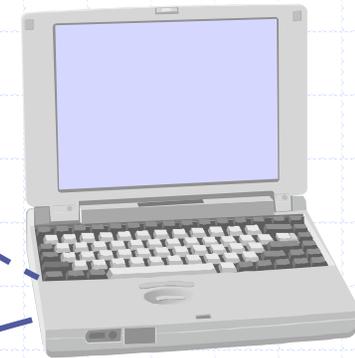
- ◆ Authentication and key exchange
  - SSL/TLS, Kerberos, IKE, JFK, IKEv2,
- ◆ Wireless and mobile computing
  - Mobile IP, WEP, 802.11i
- ◆ Electronic commerce
  - Contract signing, SET, electronic cash, ...
- ◆ And more
  - Web services, ...

# Mobile IPv6 Architecture

Mobile Node (MN)



Direct connection via  
binding update



Corresponding Node (CN)

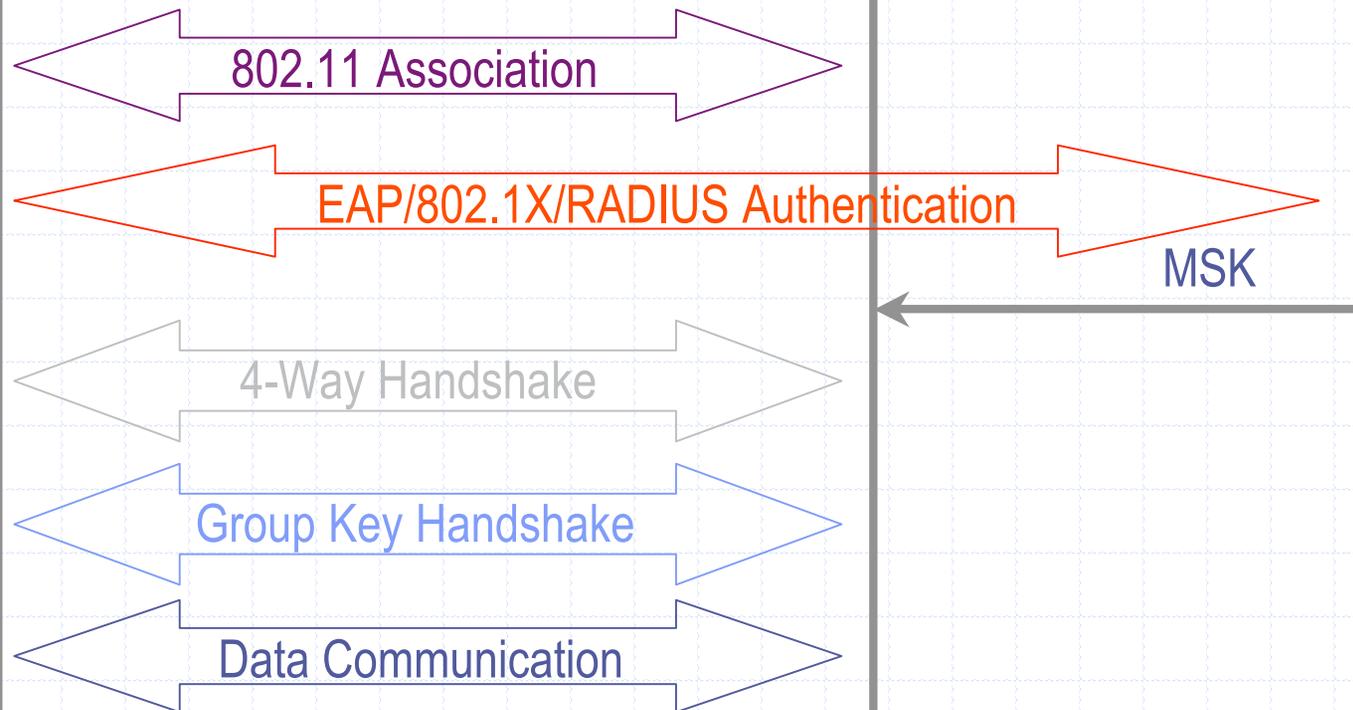


Home Agent (HA)

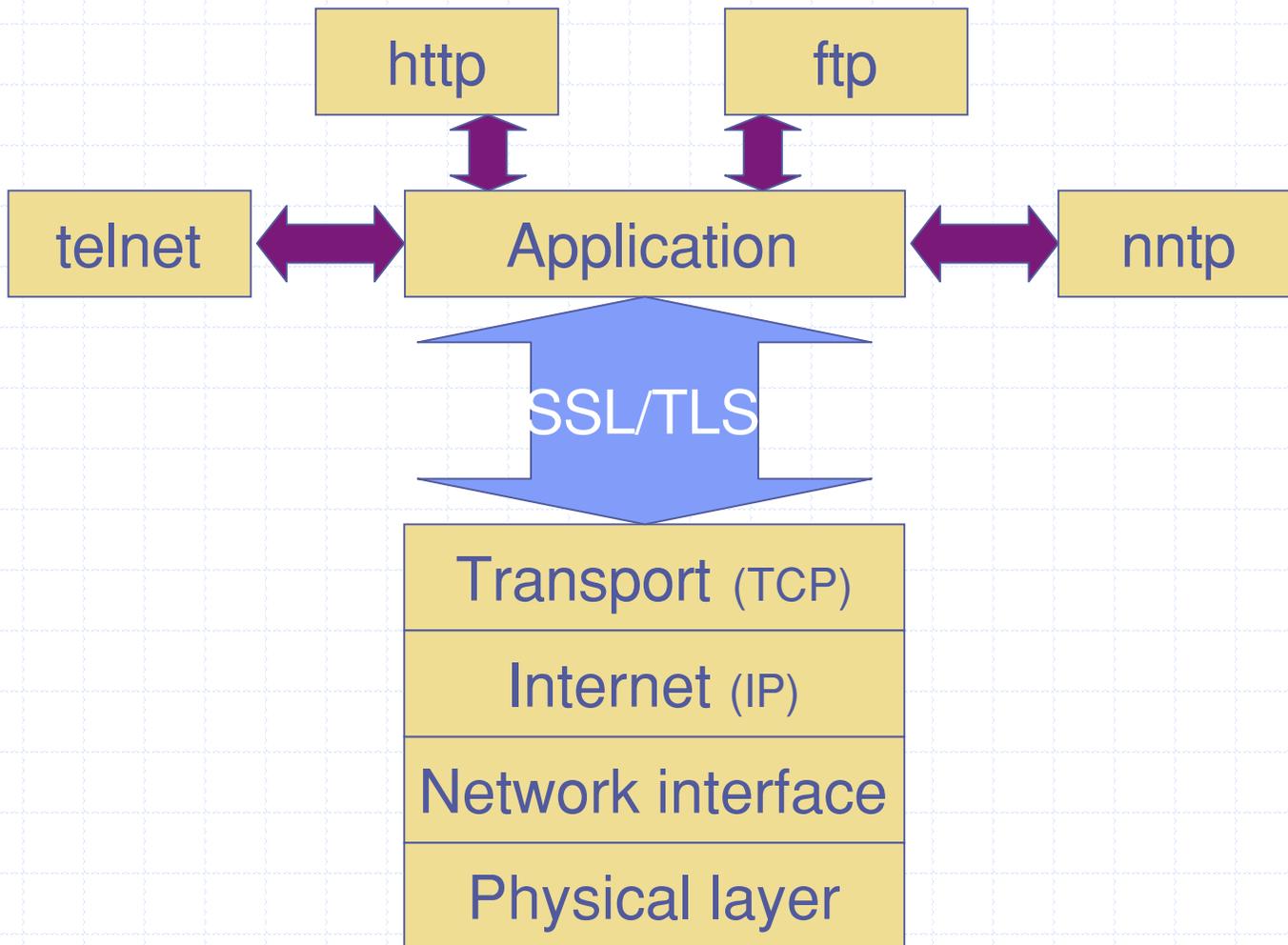


- ◆ Authentication is a requirement
- ◆ Early proposals weak

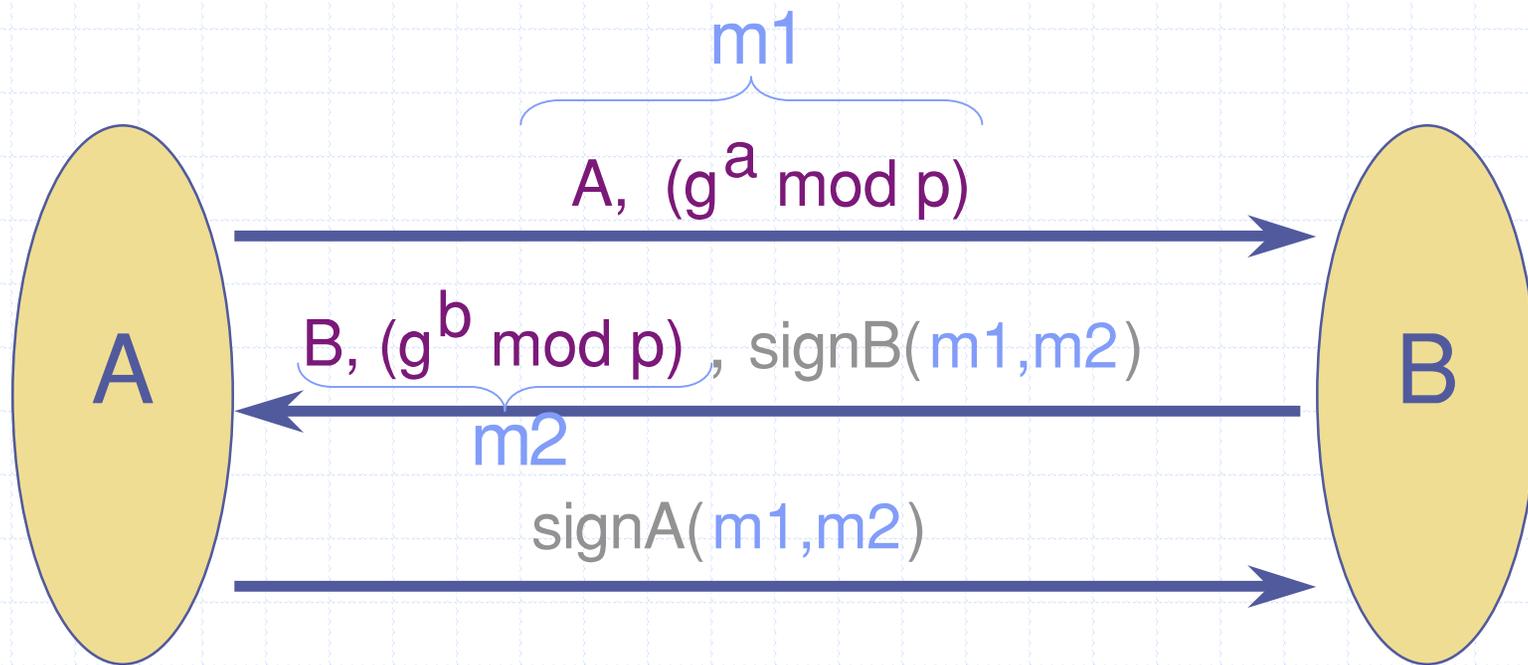
# 802.11i Wireless Authentication



# TLS protocol layer over TCP/IP



# IKE subprotocol from IPSEC



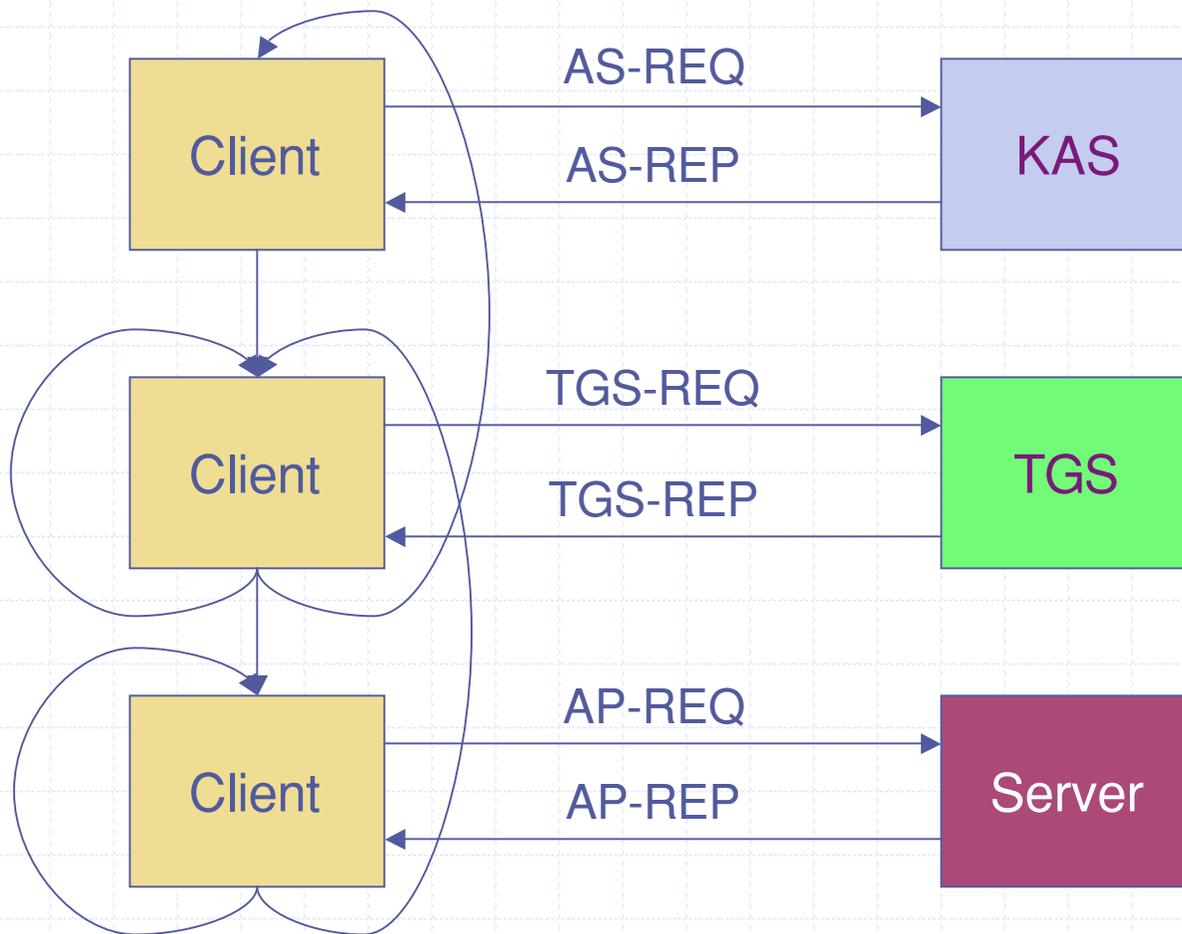
Result: A and B share secret  $g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$

Analysis involves probability, modular exponentiation, complexity, digital signatures, communication networks

# Protocol Attacks

- ◆ Kerberos [Scederov et. Al.]
  - Public key version - lack of identity in message causes authentication failure
- ◆ WLAN 802.11i [He , Mitchell]
  - Lack of authentication in msg causes dos vulnerability
  - Proved correct using PCL [ Datta , Derek, Sundararajan]
- ◆ GDOI [meadows – Pavlovic]
  - Authorization failure
- ◆ SSL [Mitchell – Shmatikov]
  - Version roll-back attack, authenticator confusion between main and resumption protocol
- ◆ Needham-Schroeder [Lowe]
  - We will look at this today

# Kerberos Protocol



Used for  
network  
authentication

## Microsoft Security Bulletin MS05-042

Vulnerabilities in Kerberos Could Allow Denial of Service, Information Disclosure, and Spoofing (899587)

Published: August 9, 2005

### Affected Software:

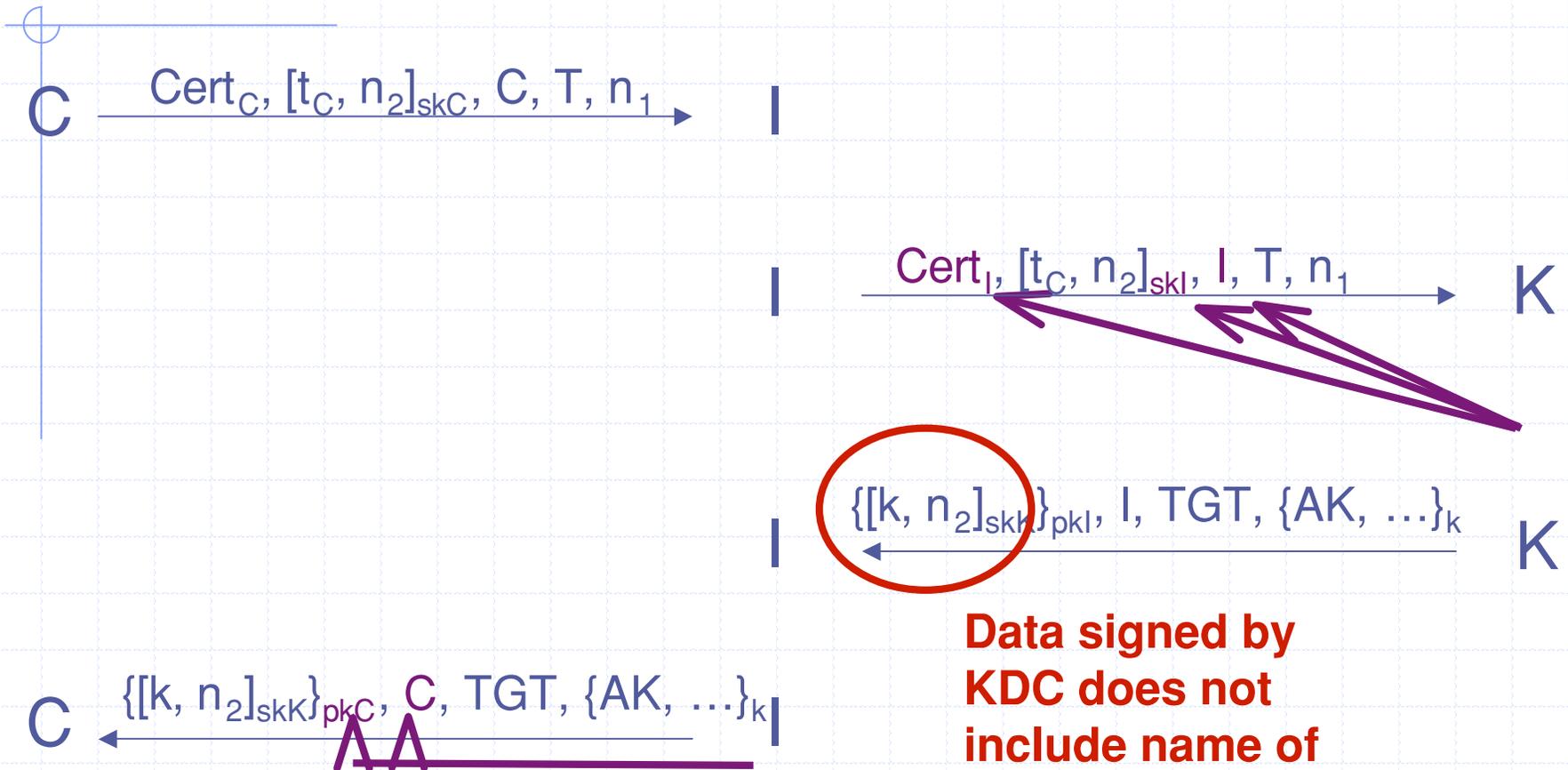
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Service Pack 4
- Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 1 and Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional x64 Edition
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 and Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 1
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 for Itanium-based Systems and Microsoft Windows Server 2003 with SP1 for Itanium-based Systems
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition

Credit: Cervesato, Jaggard, Scedrov, Tsay, Walstad

- Attack found in PKINIT-25; fixed in PKINIT-27
- Used in Windows and Linux (called Heimdal)
- Also in implementation by CableLabs (for cable boxes)

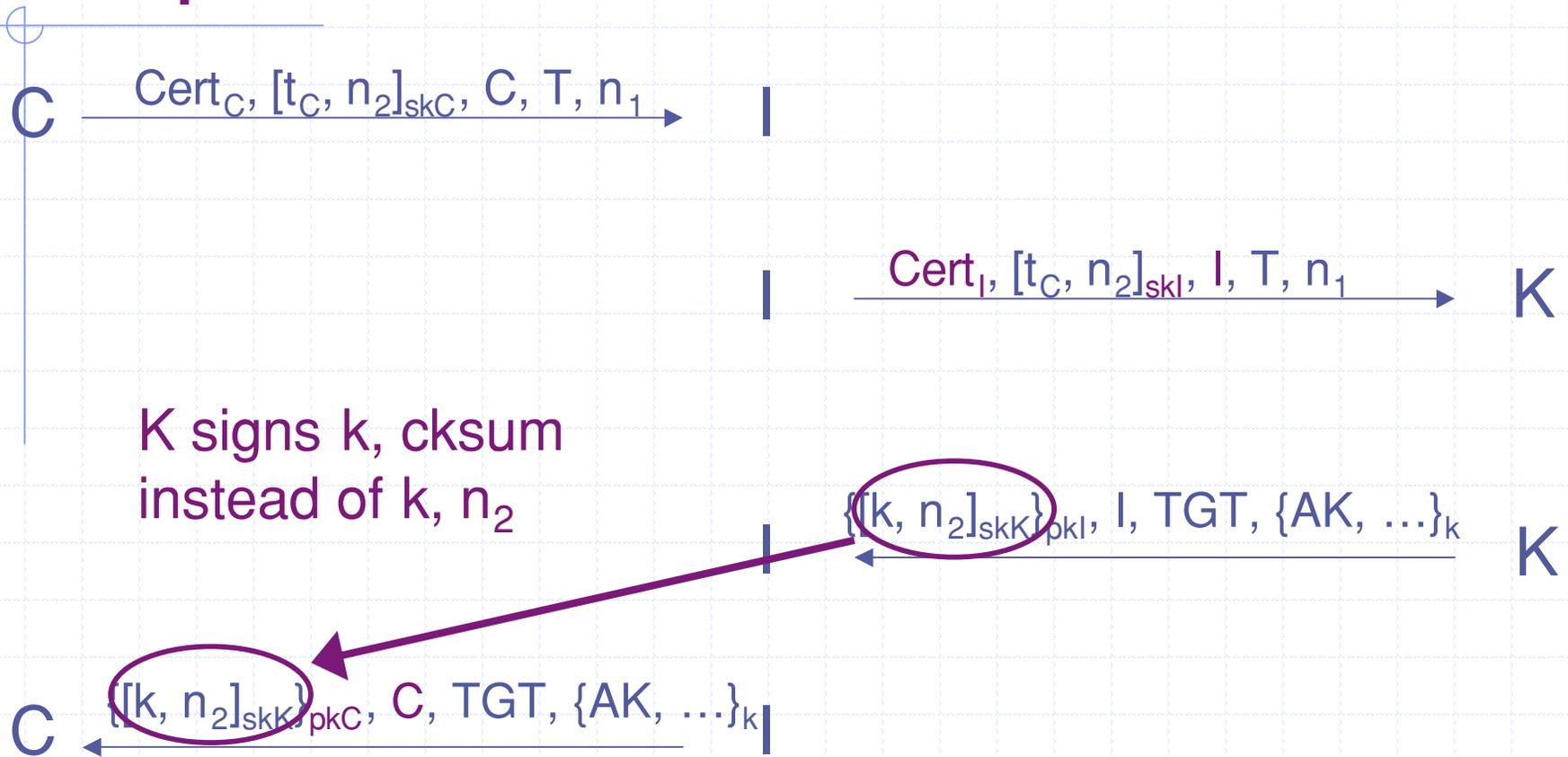
# Attack on PKINIT

(basic idea)



**Data signed by  
KDC does not  
include name of  
client**

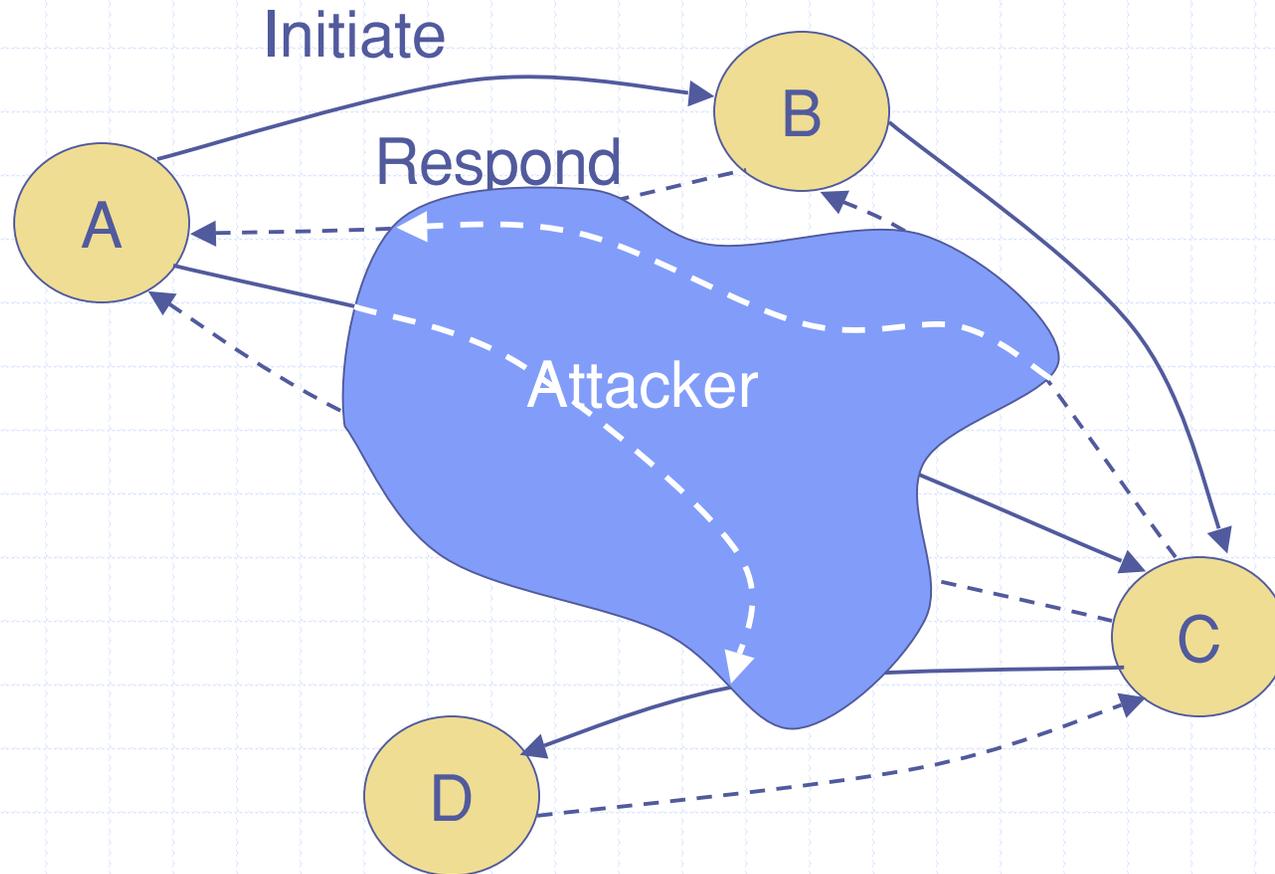
# Repair



# Main points of this talk

- ◆ Widely used protocols central to security
  - Worth designing correctly
  - Worth analyzing for bugs
  - Worth proving them correct
    - ◆ All methods use some simplifying assumptions
    - ◆ Diversity and overlap of methods is a good thing
- ◆ Develop basic science and engineering
  - New protocols are being developed
  - Methods can be used for other systems

# Run of a protocol



Correct if no security violation in any run

# Protocol analysis methods

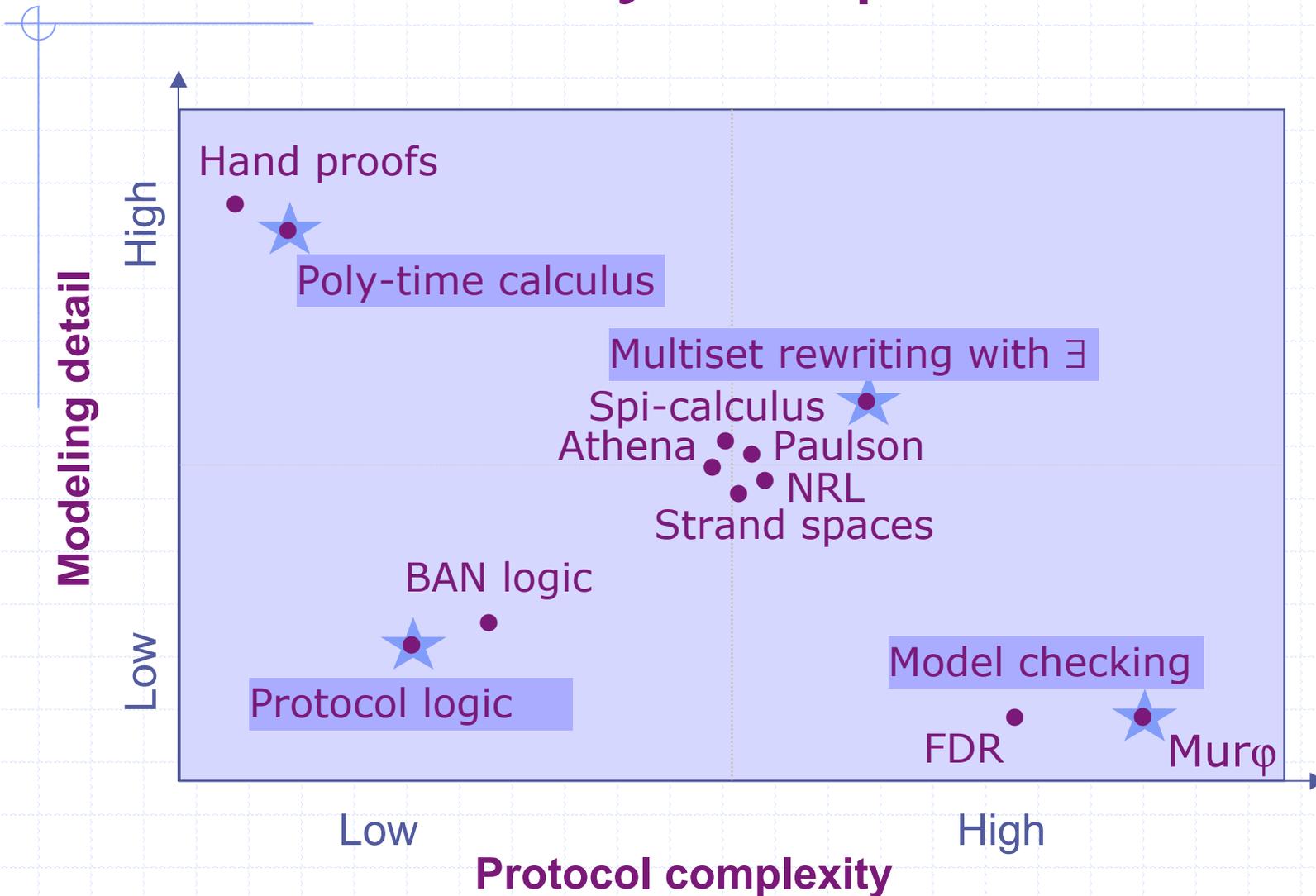
## ◆ Cryptographic reductions

- Bellare-Rogaway, Shoup, many others
- UC [Canetti et al], Simulatability [BPW]
- Prob poly-time process calculus [LMRST...]

## ◆ Symbolic methods

- Model checking
  - ◆ FDR [Lowe, Roscoe, ...], Murphi [M, Shmatikov, ...], ...
- Symbolic search
  - ◆ NRL protocol analyzer [Meadows], ...
- Theorem proving
  - ◆ Isabelle [Paulson ...], Specialized logics [BAN, ...]

# Protocol analysis spectrum



# “The” Symbolic Model

## ◆ Messages are algebraic expressions

- Nonce,  $\text{Encrypt}(K,M)$ ,  $\text{Sign}(K,M)$ , ...

## ◆ Adversary

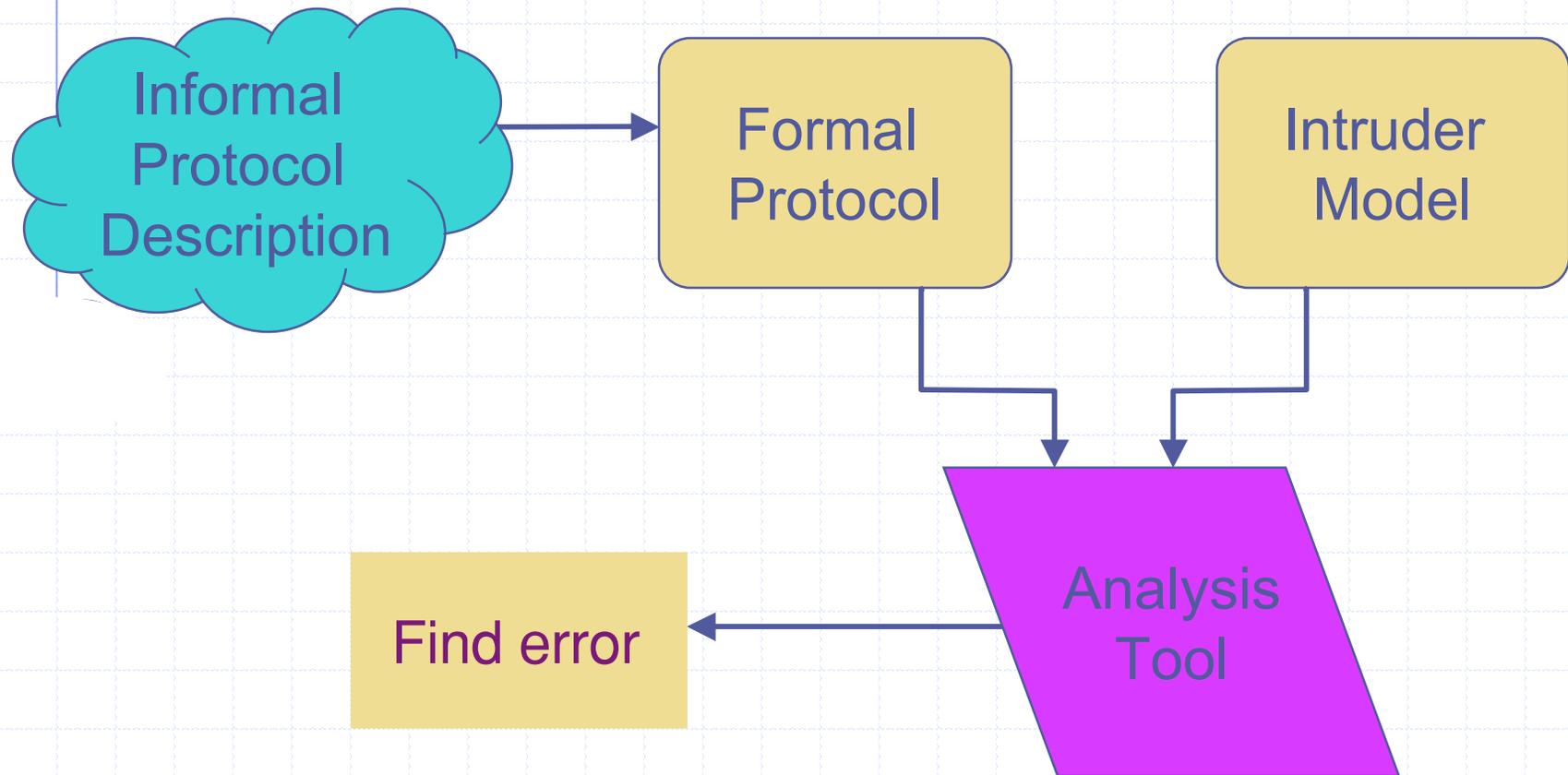
- Nondeterministic
- Observe, store, direct all communication
  - ◆ Break messages into parts
  - ◆ Encrypt, decrypt, sign only if it has the key
    - Example:  $\langle K1, \text{Encrypt}(K1, \text{“hi”}) \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow K1, \text{Encrypt}(K1, \text{“hi”}) \Rightarrow \text{“hi”}$
  - ◆ Send messages derivable from stored parts

# Many formulations

- ◆ Word problems [Dolev-Yao, Dolev-Even-Karp, ...]
  - Protocol step is symbolic function from input message to output
- ◆ Rewrite systems [CDLMS, ...]
  - Protocol step is symbolic function from state and input message to state and output message
- ◆ Logic programming [Meadows NRL Analyzer]
  - Each protocol step can be defined by logical clauses
  - Resolution used to perform reachability search
- ◆ Constraint solving [Amadio-Lugiez, ...]
  - Write set constraints defining messages known at step  $i$
- ◆ Strand space model [MITRE]
  - Partial order (Lamport causality), reasoning methods
- ◆ Process calculus [CSP, Spi-calculus, applied  $\pi$ , ...]
  - Each protocol step is process that reads, writes on channel
  - Spi-calculus: use  $\nu$  for new values, private channels, simulate crypto

Automated tools based on the symbolic model detect important, nontrivial bugs in practical, deployed, and standardized protocols

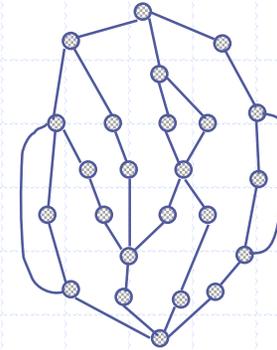
# Explicit Intruder Method



# Automated Finite-State Analysis

## ◆ Define finite-state system

- Bound on number of steps
- Finite number of participants
- Nondeterministic adversary with finite options



## ◆ Pose correctness condition

- Can be simple: authentication and secrecy
- Can be complex: contract signing

## ◆ Exhaustive search using “verification” tool

- Error in finite approximation  $\Rightarrow$  Error in protocol
- No error in finite approximation  $\Rightarrow$  ???

# Limitations

## ◆ System size with current methods

- 2-6 participants

Kerberos: 2 clients, 2 servers, 1 KDC, 1 TGS

- 3-6 steps in protocol

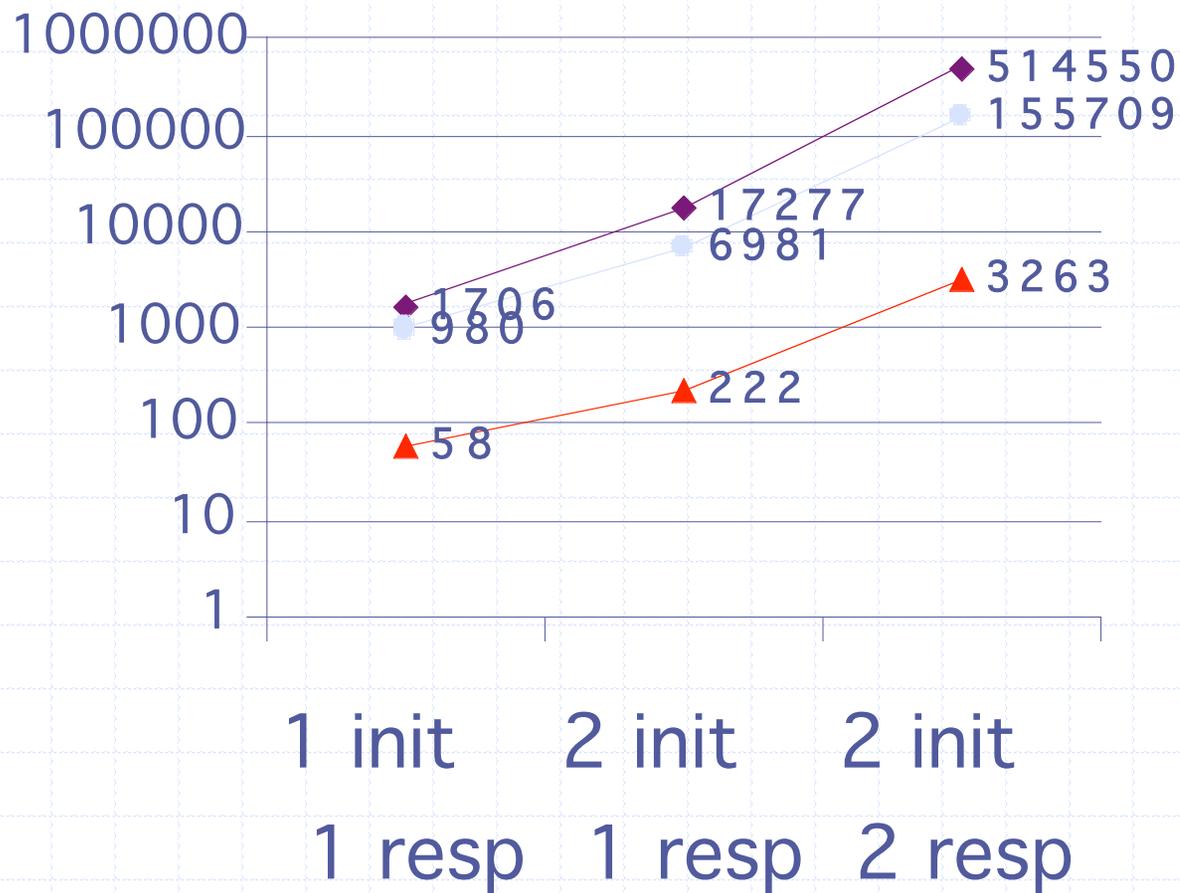
- May need to optimize adversary

## ◆ Adversary model

- Cannot model randomized attack

- Do not model adversary running time

# State Reduction on N-S Protocol



- ◆ Base: hand optimization of model
- CSFW: eliminate net, max knowledge
- ▲ Merge intrud send, princ reply

# Security Protocols in Murφ

- ◆ Standard “benchmark” protocols
    - Needham-Schroeder, TMN, ...
    - Kerberos
  - ◆ Study of Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
    - Versions 2.0 and 3.0 of handshake protocol
    - Include protocol resumption
  - ◆ Tool optimization
  - ◆ Additional protocols
    - Contract-signing
    - Wireless networking
- ... ADD YOUR PROJECT HERE ...

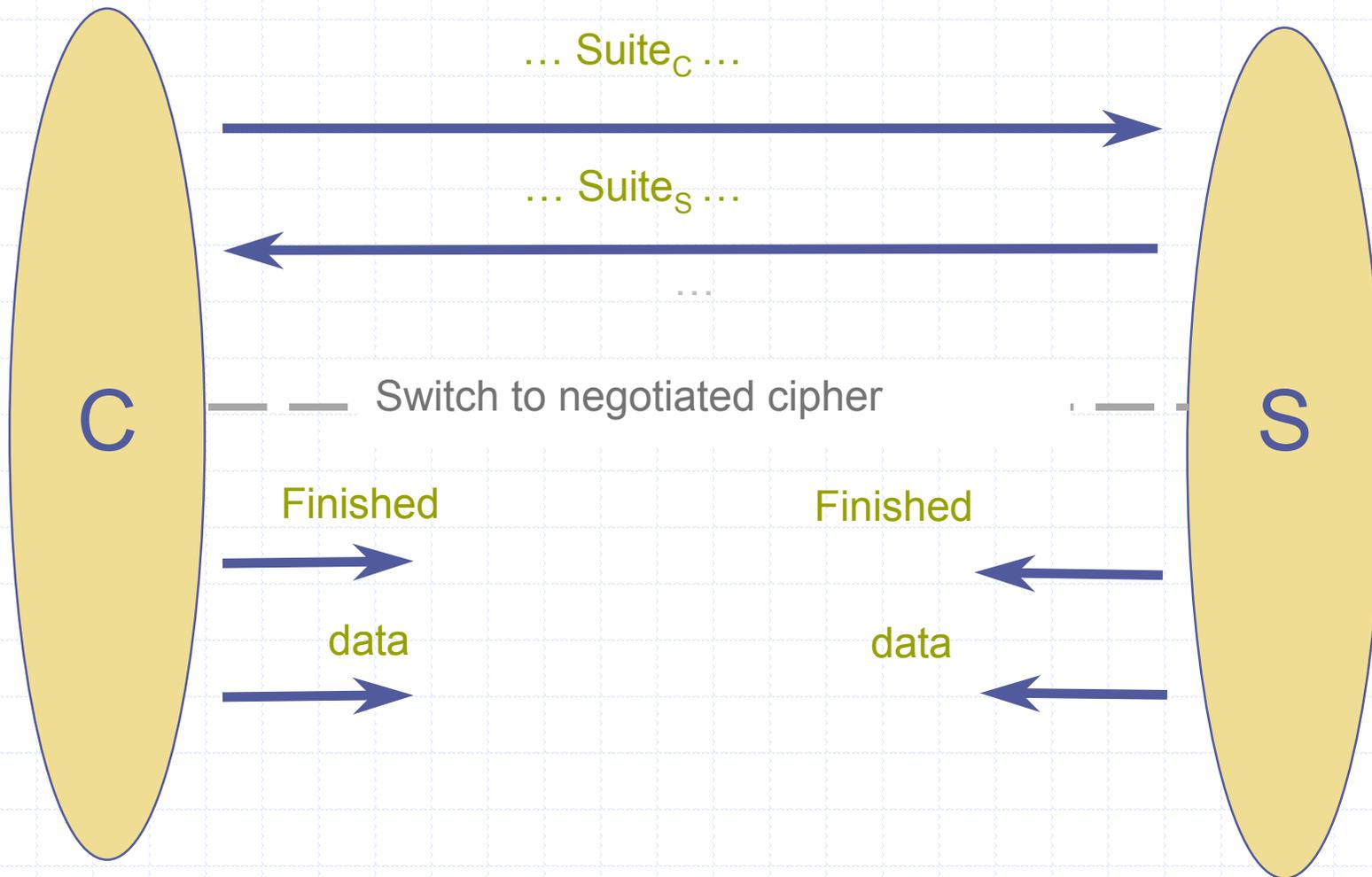
# Rational Reconstruction (TLS)

- ◆ Begin with simple, intuitive protocol
  - Ignore client authentication
  - Ignore verification messages at the end of the handshake protocol
  - Model only essential parts of messages (e.g., ignore padding)
- ◆ Execute the model checker and find a bug
- ◆ Add a piece of TLS to fix the bug and repeat
  - Better understand the design of the protocol

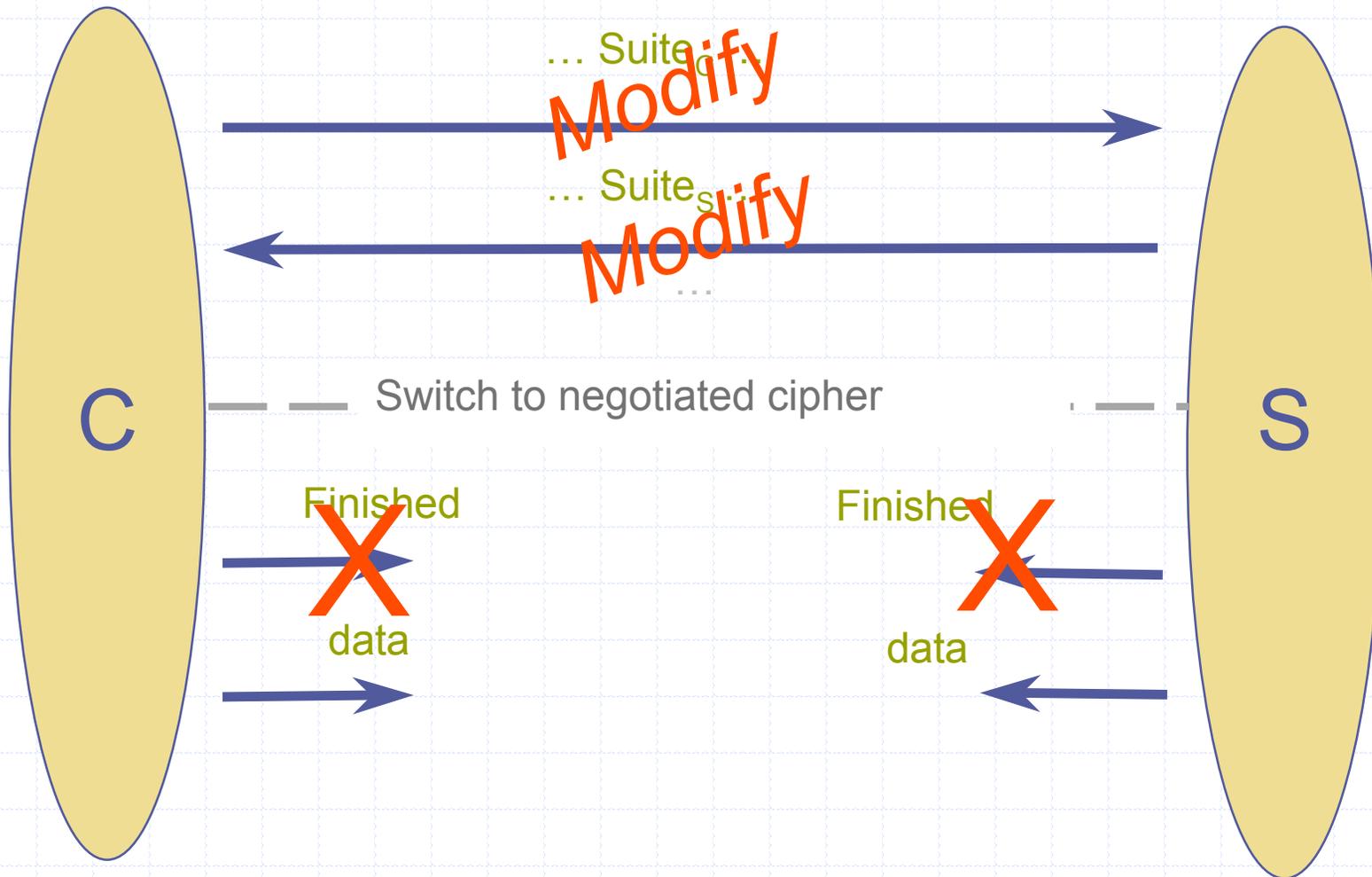
# Summary of Incremental Protocols

- ◆ A = Basic protocol
- ◆ B = A + version consistency check
- ◆ D = B + certificates for both public keys
  - ◆ Authentication for client + Authentication for server
- ◆ E = D + verification (Finished) messages
  - ◆ Prevention of version and crypto suite attacks
- ◆ F = E + nonces
  - ◆ Prevention of replay attacks
- ◆ G = “Correct” subset of SSL
  - ◆ Additional crypto considerations (black art) give SSL 3.0

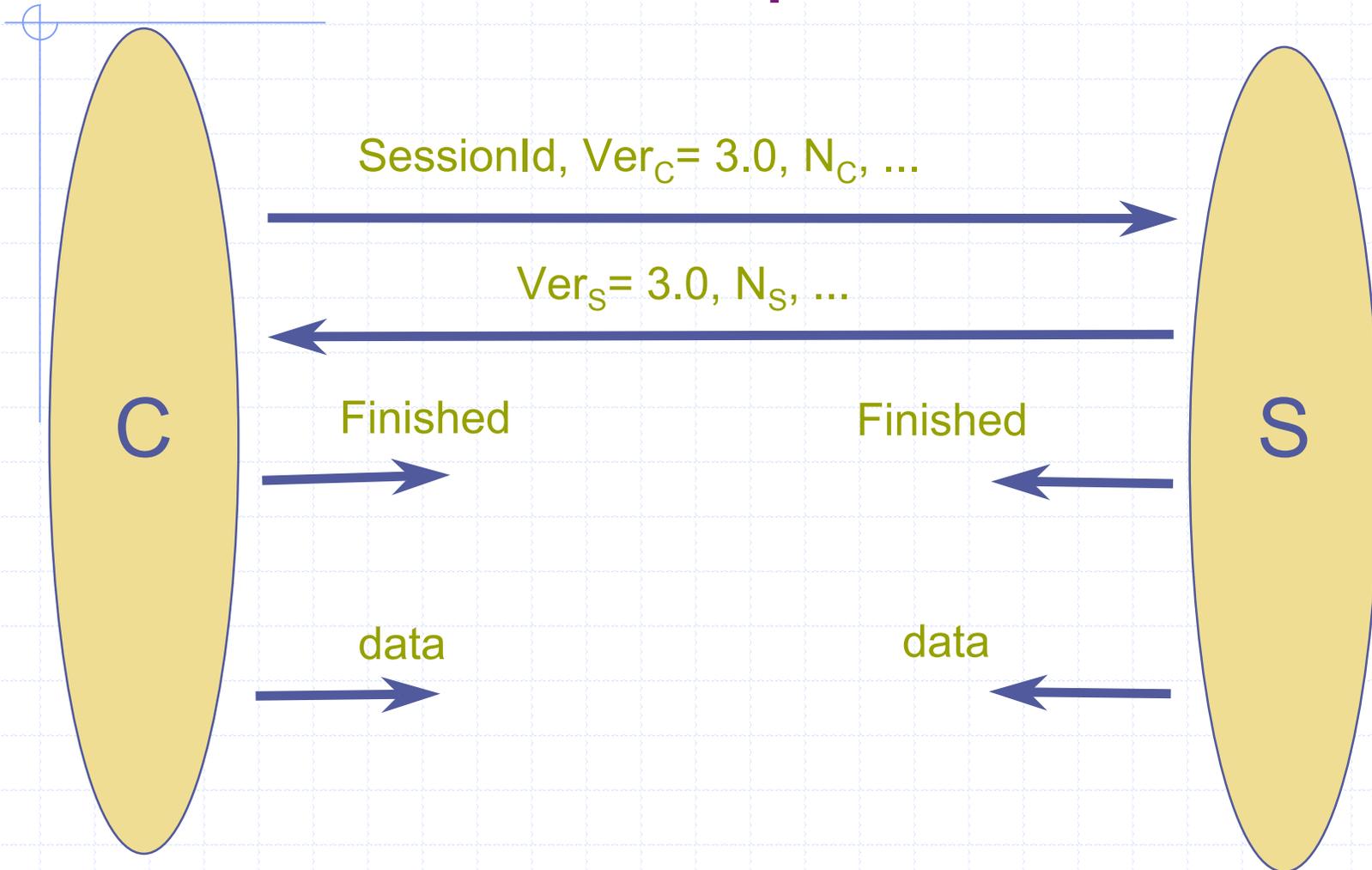
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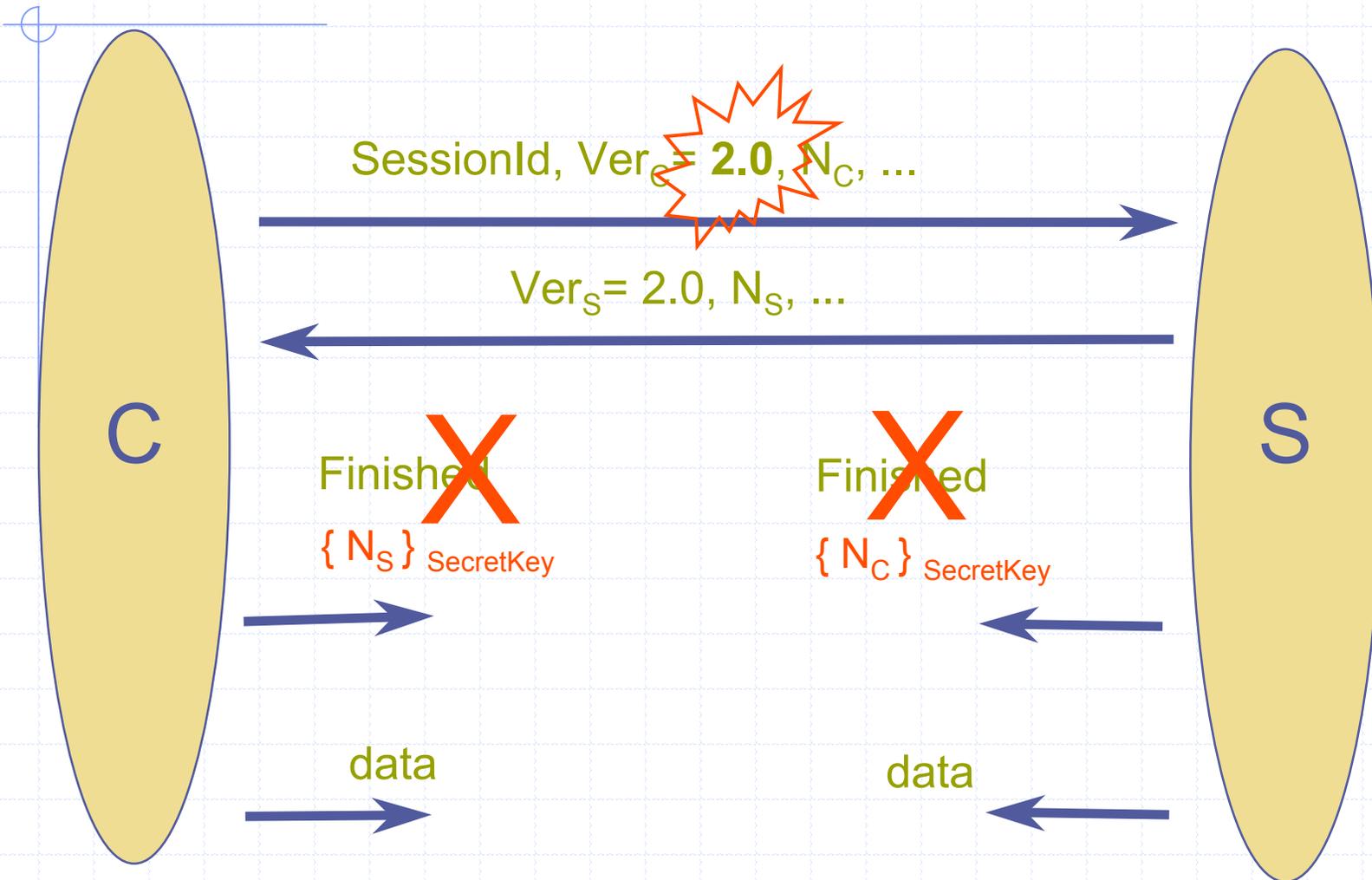
# Anomaly (Protocol F)



# Protocol Resumption



# Version Rollback Attack



SSL 2.0 Finished messages do not include version numbers or cryptosuites

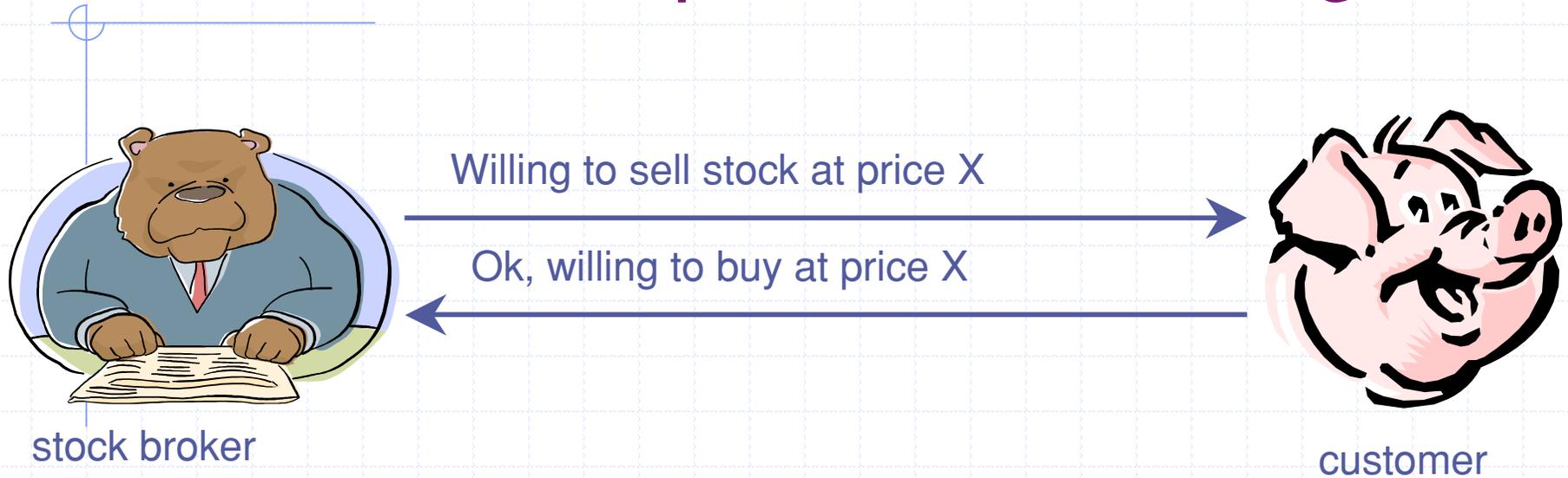
# Contract Signing

Seller advertises and receives bids  
Buyer may have several choices



- ◆ Both parties want to sign a contract
- ◆ Neither wants to commit first

# Another example: stock trading



## u Why signed contract?

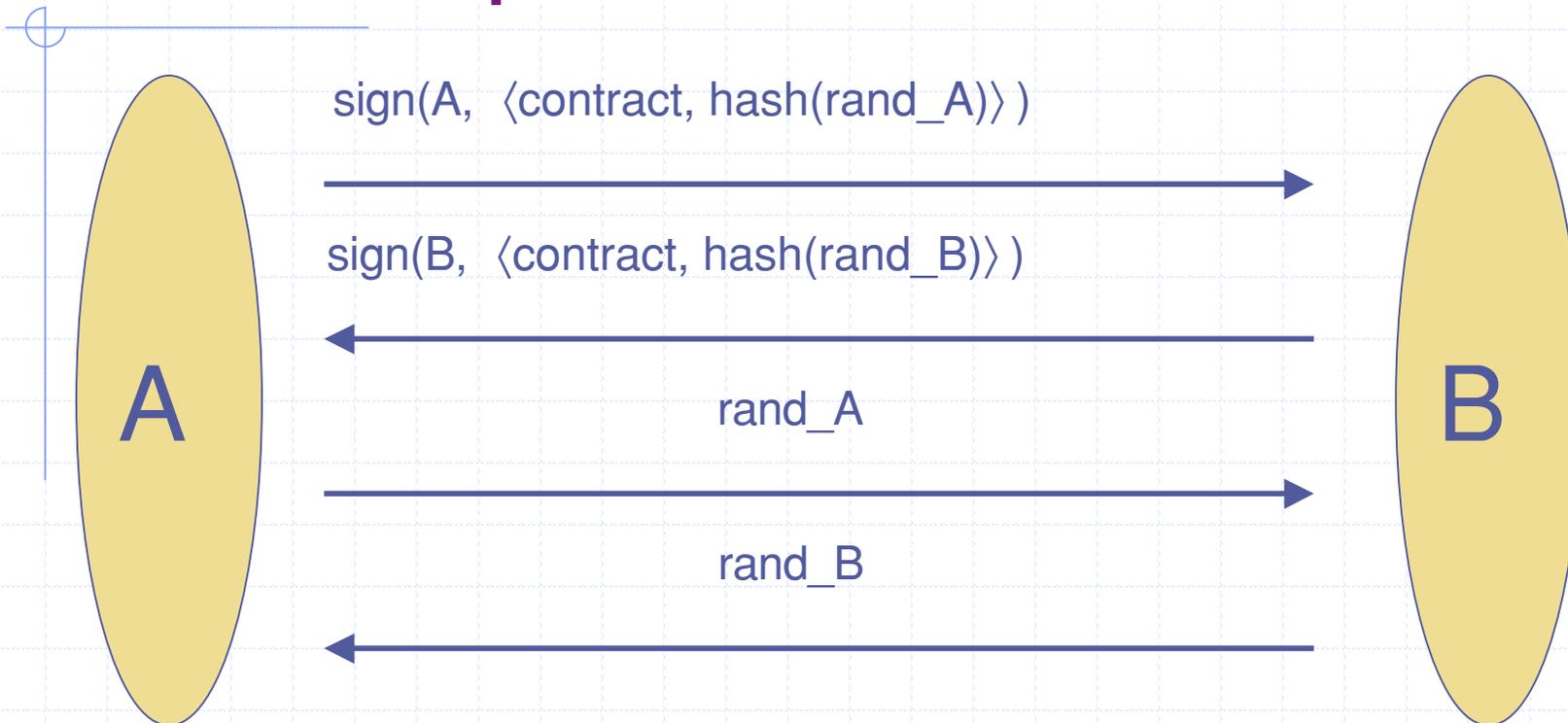
- Suppose market price changes
- Buyer or seller may want proof of agreement

# A general protocol outline



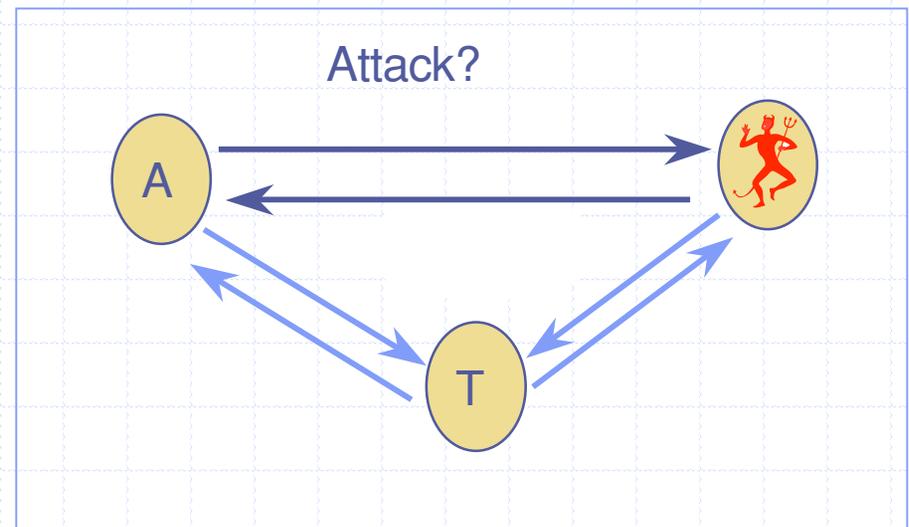
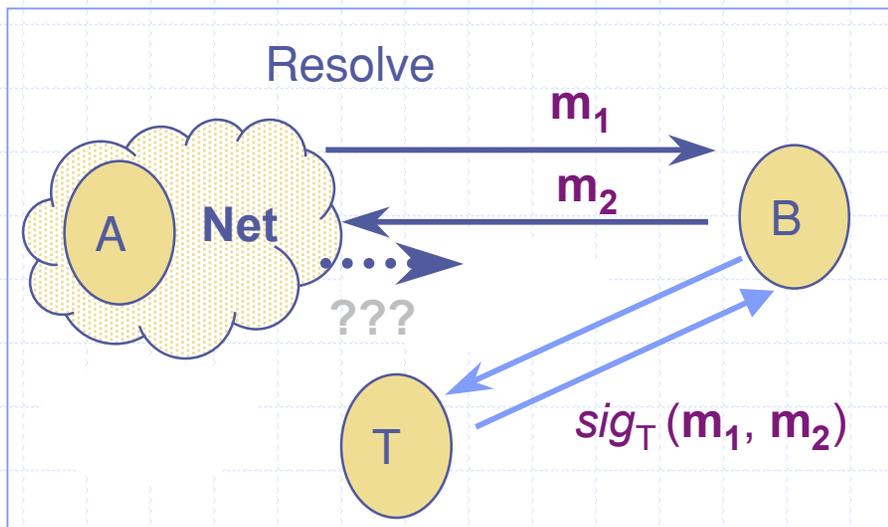
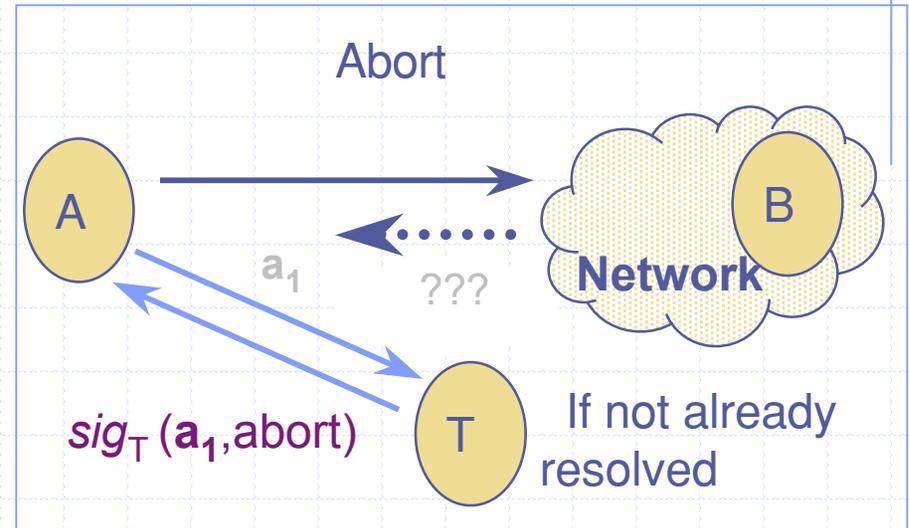
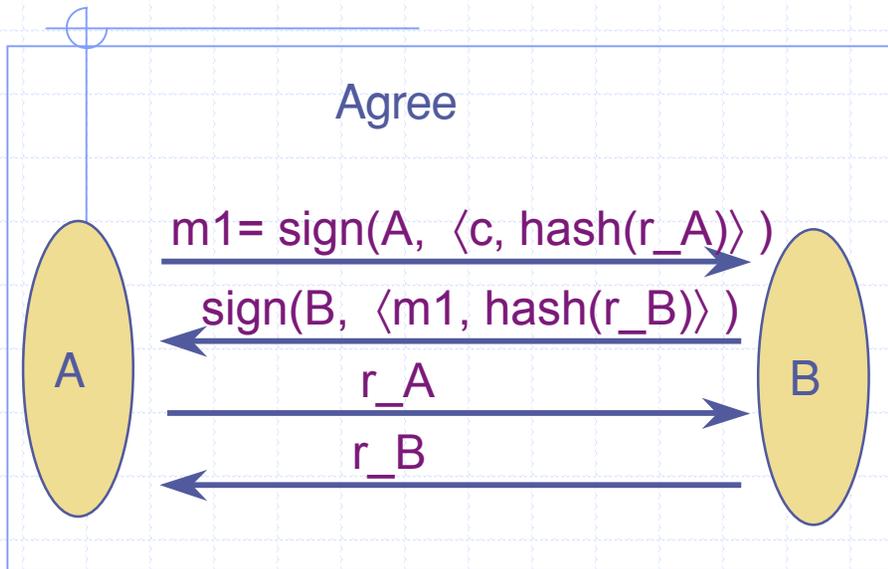
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  - Third party can declare contract binding if presented with first two messages.

# Refined protocol outline

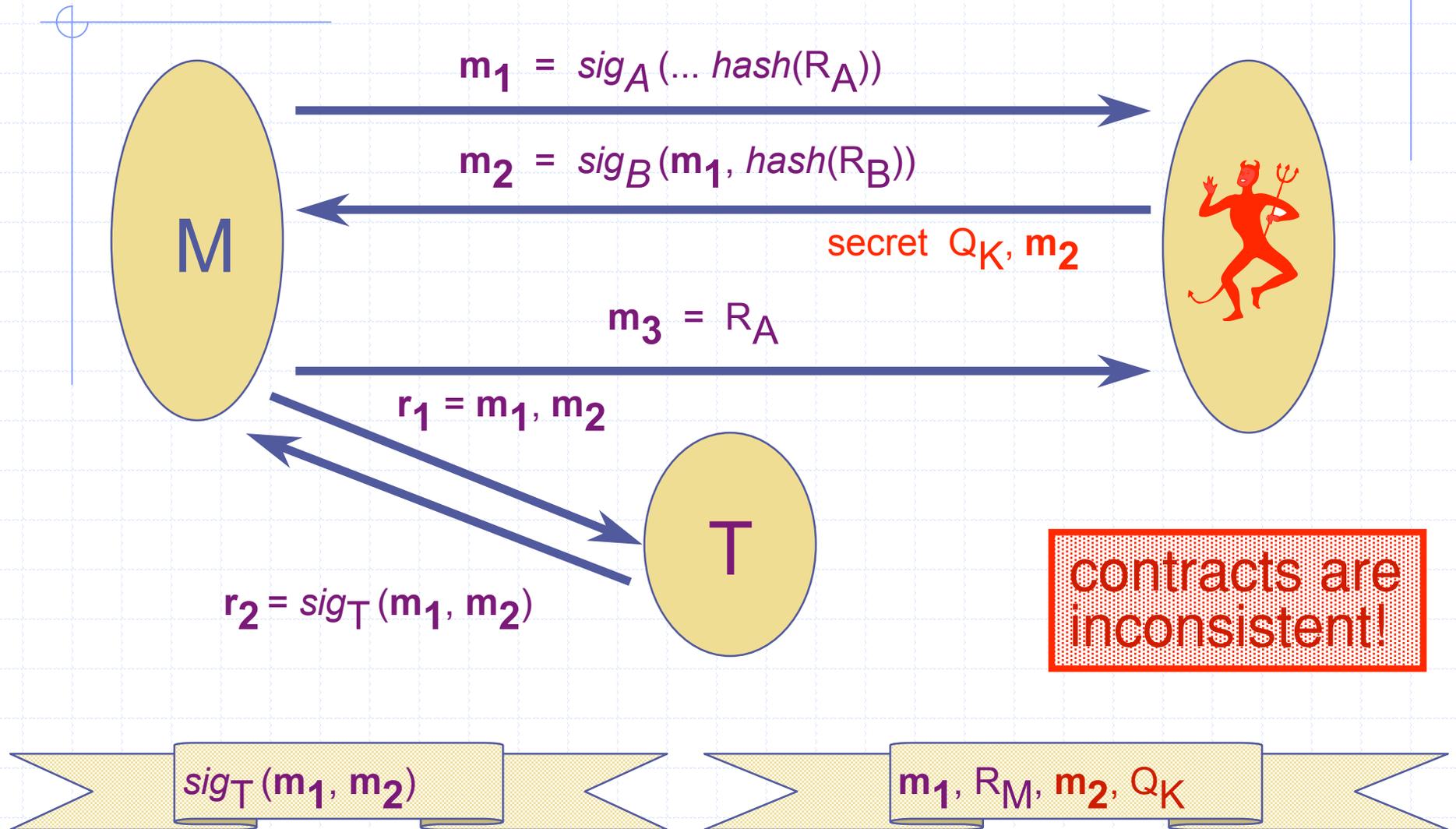


- ◆ Trusted third party can force contract
  - Third party can declare contract binding by signing first two messages.

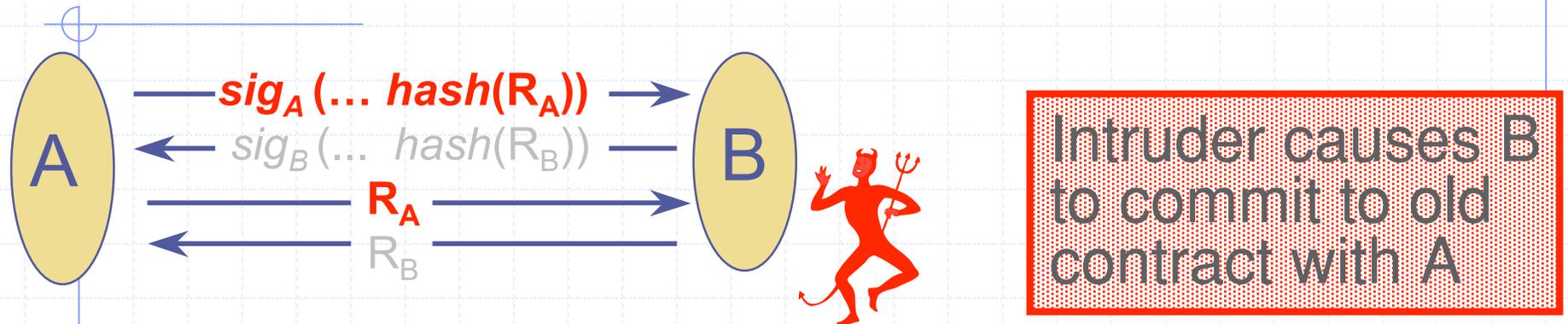
# Asokan-Shoup-Waidner protocol



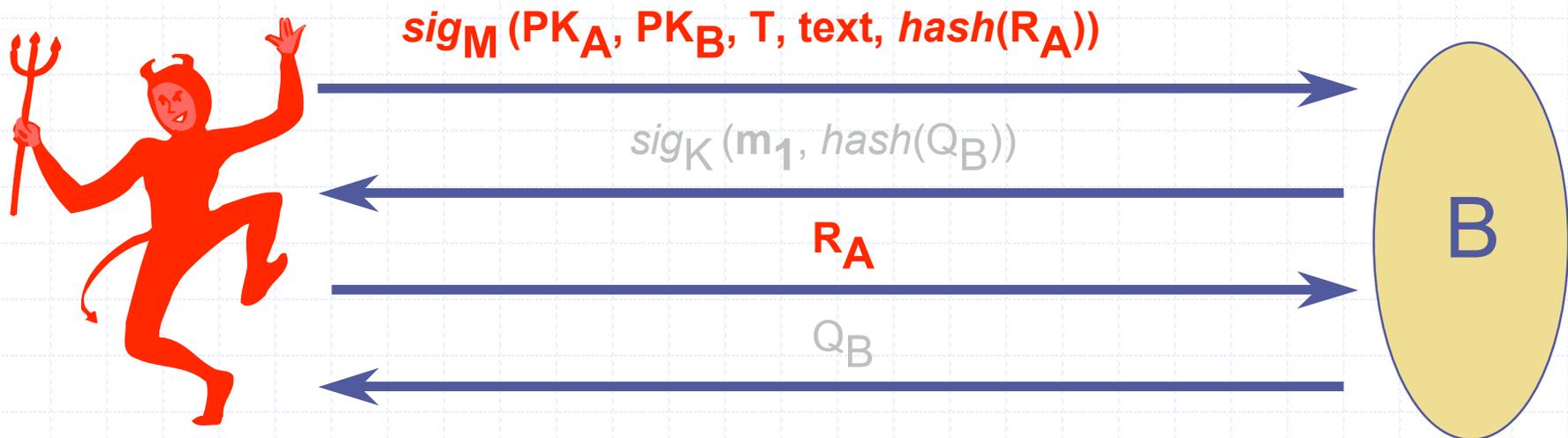
# Contract Consistency Attack



# Replay Attack



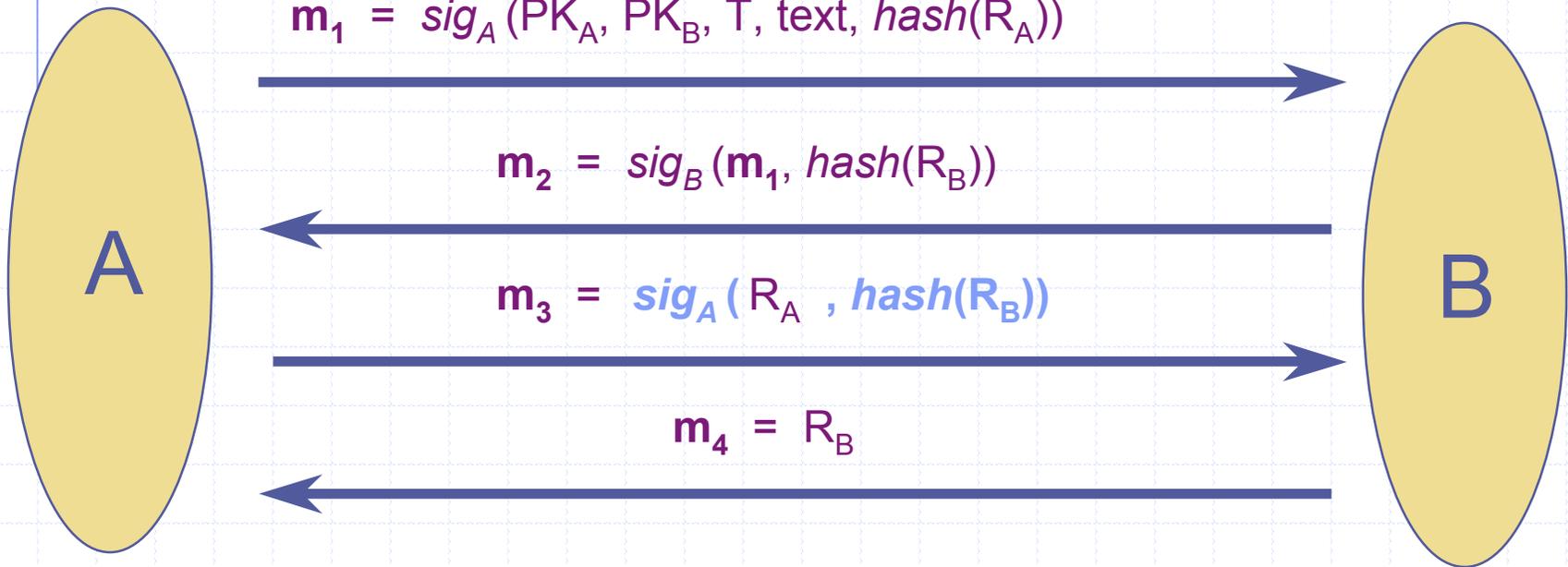
Later ...



# Fixing the Protocol

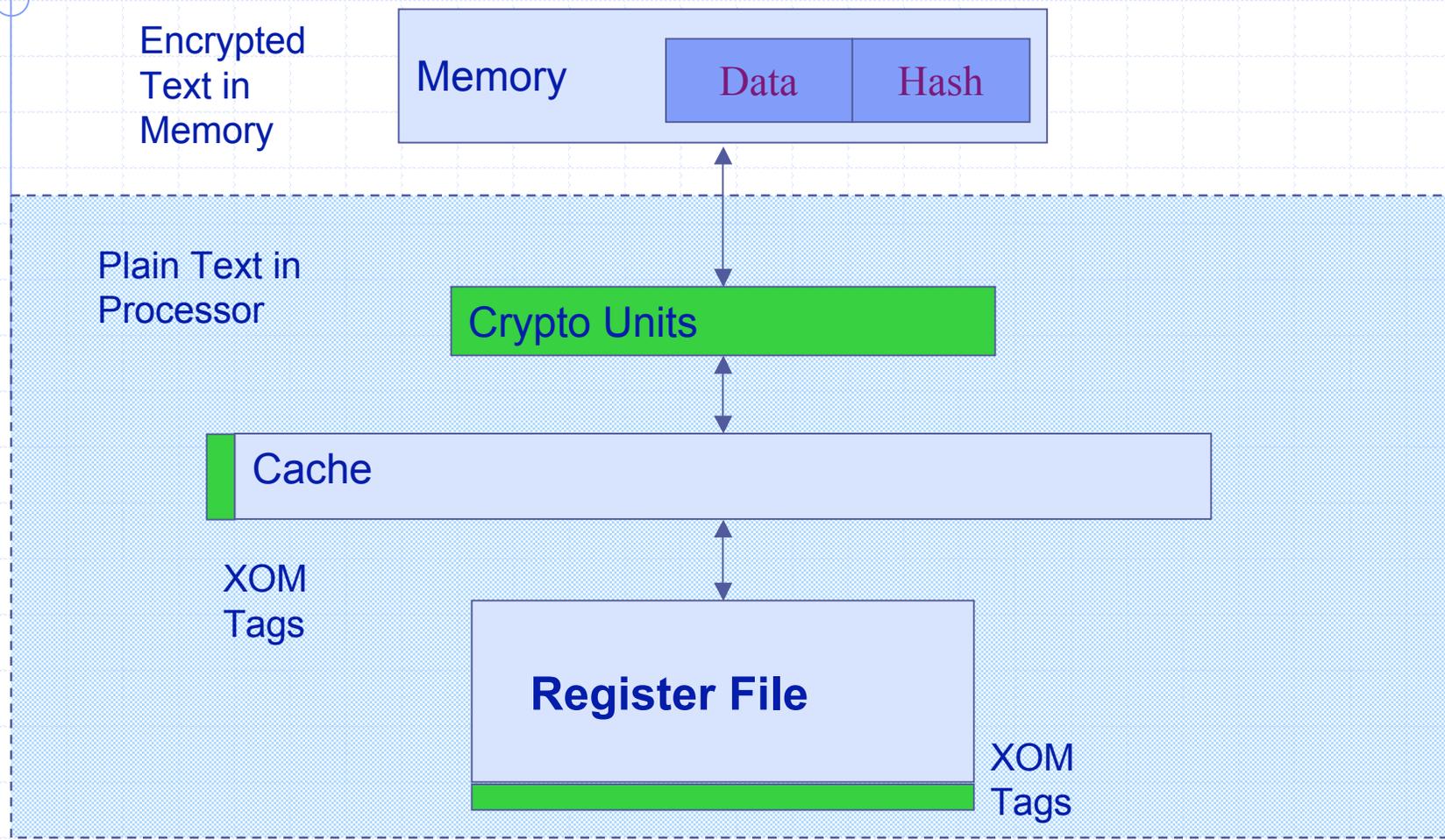
Input:  
 $PK_A, T, \text{text}$

Input:  
 $PK_B, T, \text{text}$

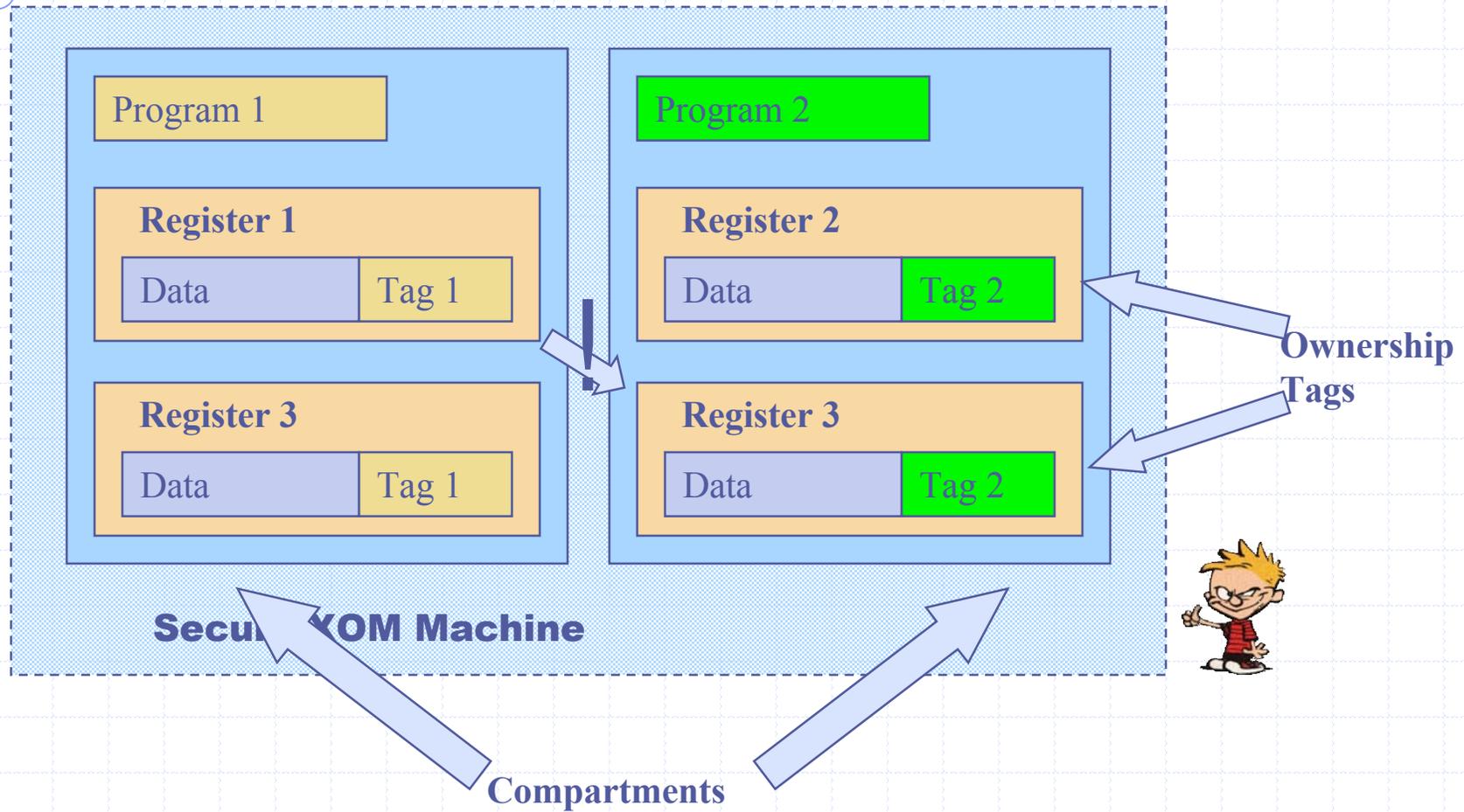


$m_1, R_A, m_2, R_B$

# XOM Processor Hardware



# XOM Provides Isolation



# Model Checking XOM

## ◆ XOM Model is a state machine:

### ■ State Vector

- ◆ A set of all things on the chip that can hold state
- ◆ Based on the Processor Hardware

### ■ Next-State Functions

- ◆ A set of state transitions that the hardware can have
- ◆ Derived from the instructions that can be executed on the processor

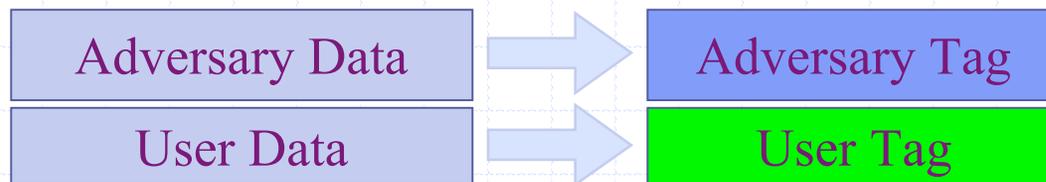
### ■ Invariants

- ◆ Define the correct operation of the XOM processor
- ◆ Two Goals: Prevent observation and modification

# No Observation Invariant

## 1. Program data cannot be read by adversary

- XOM machine performs tag check on every access
- Make sure that owner of data always matches the tag



if  $r_i$ .data is user data then

check that:  $r_i$ .tag = user

else

check that:  $r_i$ .tag = adversary

# No Modification Invariant

## 2. Adversary cannot modify the program without detection

- Adversary may modify state by copying or moving user data
- Need a “ideal” correct model to check against



For Memory:

if  $xom.m_i.data = user\ data$  then

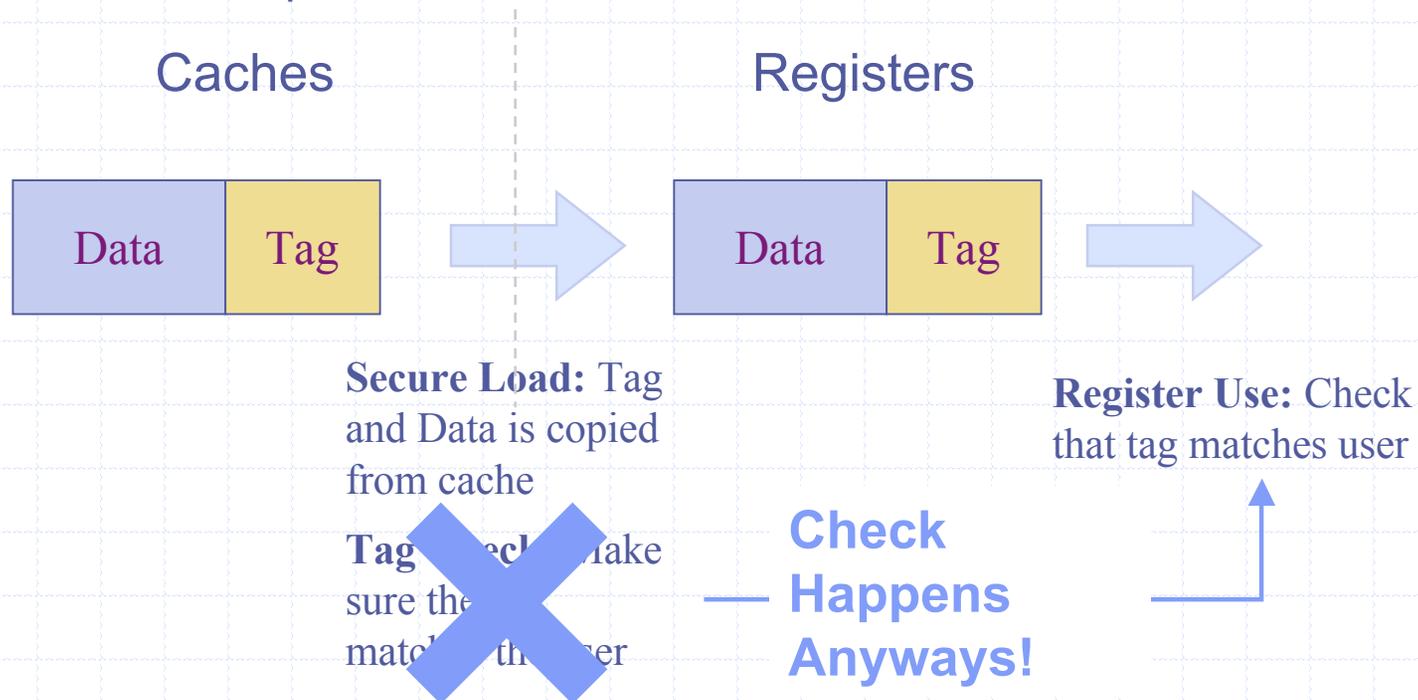
check that:  $ideal.m_i.data = xom.m_i.data$

# Checking for Correctness

- ◆ Model checker helped us find bugs and correct them
  - 2 old errors were found
  - 2 **new** errors were found and corrected
- ◆ Example:
  - Case where it's possible to replay a memory location
  - This was due to the write to memory and hash of the memory location not being atomic

# Reducing Complexity

- ◆ Fewer operations makes logic simpler
- ◆ Exhaustively remove actions from the next-state functions
  - If a removed action does not result in a violation of an invariant then the action is *extraneous*
  - Example:



# Basic Pattern for Doing Your Project

- ◆ Read and understand protocol specification
  - Typically an RFC or a research paper
  - We'll put a few on the website: take a look!
- ◆ Choose a tool
  - Murj or other tool
- ◆ Start with a simple (possibly flawed) model
  - Rational reconstruction to understand how protocol works and why
- ◆ Give careful thought to security conditions
  - This is often the most interesting part!

# CS259 Term Projects - 2008

*Mobile IPv6 Binding Update*

*Fast Handover Key Distribution Using SEND in Mobile IPv6*

*Bluetooth v2.1 + EDR Pairing Authentication Protocol*

*BitTorrent*

*OpenID 2.0*

*Handoffs in 802.16g*

*HIPAA online compliance auditor*

*TCG Remote Attestation*

*Direct Anonymous Attestation (DAA) Protocol*

*Pynchon Gate Protocol:*

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# CS259 Term Projects - 2006

Security Analysis of  
OTRv2

*Formalization of  
HIPAA*

Security analysis of  
SIP

*Onion Routing*

*Analysis of ZRTP*

MOBIKE - IKEv2  
Mobility and  
Multihoming Protocol

*802.16e Multicast-  
Broadcast Key  
Distribution Protocols*

*Short-Password Key  
Exchange Protocol*

*Analysis of the IEEE  
802.16e 3-way  
handshake*

*Analysis of Octopus  
and Related Protocols*

# CS259 Term Projects - 2004

*iKP protocol family*

*Electronic voting*

*XML Security*

*IEEE 802.11i wireless  
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*Onion Routing*

*Electronic Voting*

*Secure Ad-Hoc  
Distance Vector  
Routing*

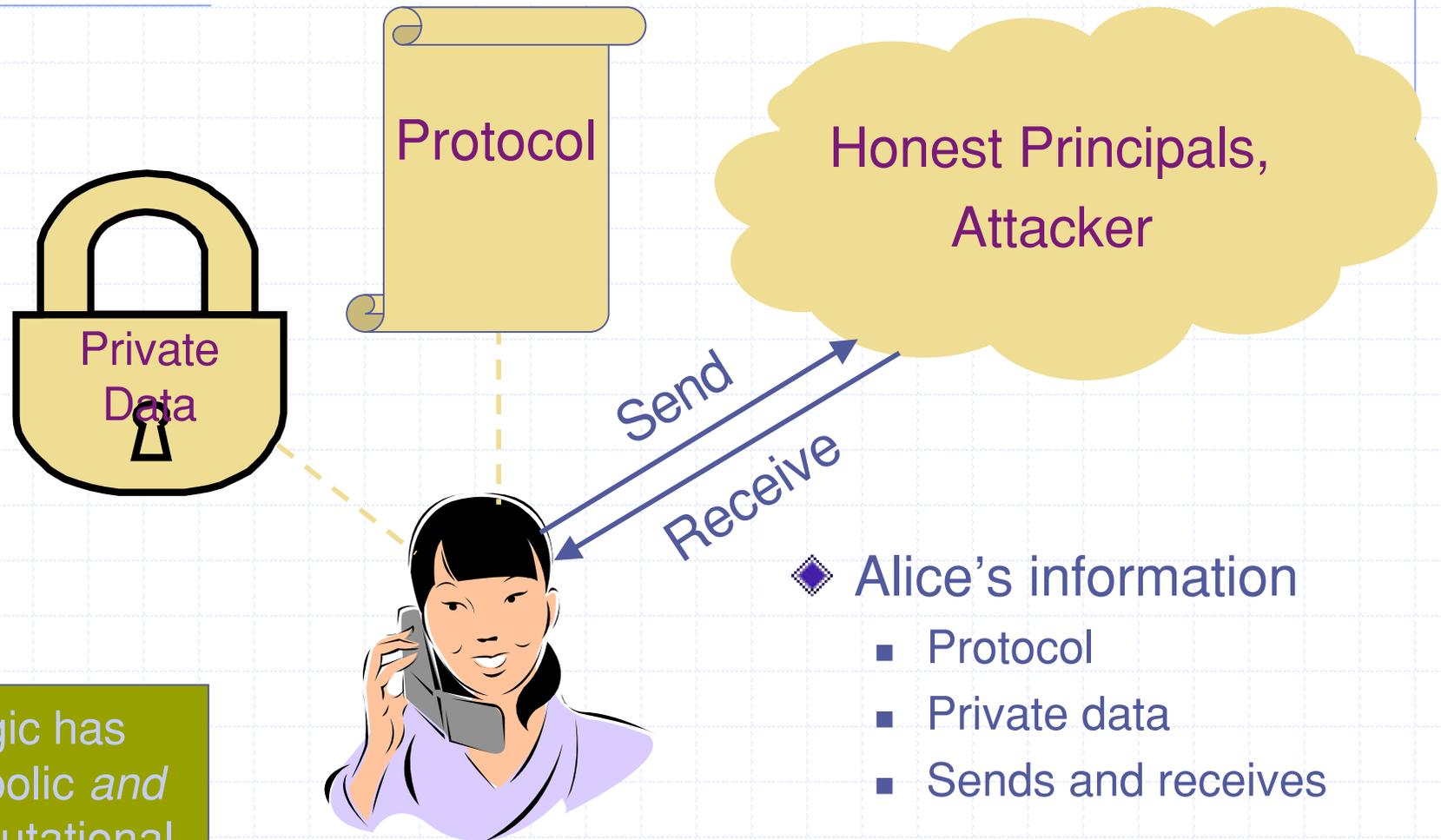
*An Anonymous Fair  
Exchange  
E-commerce Protocol*

*Key Infrastructure*

*Secure Internet Live  
Conferencing*

*Windows file-sharing  
protocols*

# Protocol composition logic



Logic has  
symbolic *and*  
computational  
semantics

# Goals of PCL

- ◆ PCL is an evolving research framework for approaching this basic question:
  - Is it possible to prove security properties of current practical protocols using compositional, direct reasoning that does not mention the actions of the attacker?
- ◆ Example
  - If the client and server exchange hashes of the messages they have seen, encrypted under a shared key, then they must have matching conversations

Can such ordinary conversational arguments be proved sound and used for practical examples?

# Logic: Background

## ◆ Logic

### ■ Syntax

- ◆  $p, p \vee q, (p \vee q), p \Rightarrow q$

### ■ Semantics

- ◆ Model,  $M = \{p = \text{true}, q = \text{false}\}$   
 $M \models p \vee q$

Formulas

Truth

## ◆ Proof System

### ■ Axioms and proof rules

$$\omega p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow p)$$

$$\frac{p \quad p \Rightarrow q}{q}$$

Provability

### ■ Soundness Theorem

- ◆ Provability implies truth
- ◆ Axioms and proof rules hold in all “relevant” models

# Protocol logic: Actions

send t;

receive x;

new n;

send a term t

receive a term into variable x

generate nonce n

◆ A program is a sequence of actions

InitCR(A, X) = [

new m;

send A, X, {m, A};

receive X, A, {x, sig<sub>X</sub>{“r”, m, x, A}};

send A, X, sig<sub>A</sub>{“i”, m, x, X}};

]A

RespCR(B) = [

receive Y, B, {y, Y};

new n;

send B, Y, {n, sig<sub>B</sub>{“r”, y, n, Y}};

receive Y, B, sig<sub>Y</sub>{“i”, y, n, B}};

]B



# Formulas true at a position in run

## ◆ Action formulas

$a ::= \text{Send}(P,t) \mid \text{Receive}(P,t) \mid \text{New}(P,t)$   
 $\mid \text{Decrypt}(P,t) \mid \text{Verify}(P,t)$

## ◆ Formulas

$\varphi ::= a \mid \text{Has}(P,t) \mid \text{Fresh}(P,t) \mid \text{Honest}(N)$   
 $\mid \text{Contains}(t_1, t_2) \mid \varphi \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \exists x \varphi$   
 $\mid a < a$

## ◆ Modal formula

$\varphi [ \textit{actions} ]_P \varphi$

## ◆ Example

$\text{Has}(X, \text{secret}) \quad ( X = A \vee X = B )$

Specifies secrecy

# Challenge-Response Property

## Specifying authentication for Responder

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CR} \models & \text{true} [ \text{RespCR}(A) ]_B \text{Honest}(A) \quad ( \\ & \text{Send}(A, \{A,B,m\}) < \text{Receive}(B, \{A,B,m\}) \wedge \\ & \text{Receive}(B, \{A,B,m\}) < \text{Send}(B, \{B,A,\{n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"},m, n, A\}\}\}) \wedge \\ & \text{Send}(B, \{B,A,\{n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"},m, n, A\}\}\}) < \text{Receive}(A, \{B,A,\{n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"},m, n, A\}\}\}) \wedge \\ & \text{Receive}(A, \{B,A,\{n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"},m, n, A\}\}\}) < \text{Send}(A, \{A,B,\{\text{sig}_A\{\text{"i"},m,n,B\}\}\}) \wedge \\ & \text{Send}(A, \{A,B,\{\text{sig}_A\{\text{"i"},m,n,B\}\}\}) < \text{Receive}(B, \{A,B,\{\text{sig}_A\{\text{"i"},m,n,B\}\}\}) ) \\ & ) \end{aligned}$$

Authentication as “matching conversations” [Bellare-Rogaway93]

# Proof System

- ◆ Goal: Formally prove security properties
- ◆ Axioms
  - Simple formulas about actions, etc.
- ◆ Inference rules
  - Proof steps
- ◆ Theorem
  - Formula obtained from axioms by application of inference rules

# Sample axioms

## ◆ Actions

$\text{true} [ \text{send } m ]_P \text{Send}(P, m)$

## ◆ Public key encryption

$\text{Honest}(X) \wedge \text{Decrypt}(Y, \text{enc}_X\{m\}) \quad X=Y$

## ◆ Signature

$\text{Honest}(X) \wedge \text{Verify}(Y, \text{sig}_X\{m\})$

$\text{Sign}(X, \text{sig}_X\{m\})$

# Correctness of CR – step 1

```
InitCR(A, X) = [  
  new m;  
  send A, X, {m, A};  
  receive X, A, {x, sigX{“r”, m, x, A}};  
  send A, X, sigA{“i”, m, x, X};  
]
```

]<sub>A</sub>

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RespCR(B) = [  
  receive Y, B, {y, Y};  
  new n;  
  send B, Y, {n, sigB{“r”, y, n, Y}};  
  receive Y, B, sigY{“i”, y, n, B}};  
]
```

]<sub>B</sub>

1. B reasons about his own action

$CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{Verify}(B, \text{sig}_A\{\text{“i”}, m, n, A\})$

2. Use signature axiom

$CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{Sign}(A, \text{sig}_A\{\text{“i”}, m, n, A\})$

# Proving Invariants

- ◆ We want to prove

- ∨  $\Gamma \int \text{Honest}(X) \rightarrow \varphi,$

- where  $\varphi \int$

- $(\text{Sign}(X, \text{sig}_X(\text{"i"}, m, n, Y) \rightarrow \text{Receive}(Y, n, \text{sig}_Y(\text{"r"}, m, n, X)))$

- ◆ “ $\varphi$  holds at all pausing states of all traces”

- Since the fragment of honest party action between pausing states is a protocol segment, the propagation of  $\varphi$  looks like:

- ∨  $\varphi \text{ --- actions of A --- } \varphi \text{ ---- actions of B --- } \varphi \text{ --- attacker actions -- } \varphi \text{ ---- actions of B --- } \varphi \text{ -- ...}$

# Proving Invariants (2)

## ◆ Rule for establishing $\Gamma$ :

- Prove  $\varphi$  holds when threads have started
- Prove, for all *protocol segments*, if  $\varphi$  held at the beginning, it holds at the end

# Correctness of CR – step 2

## ◆ So far

- $CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{Sign}(A, \text{sig}_A\{\text{"i"}, m, n, A\})$

## ◆ Use invariant $\Gamma$ to prove:

- $CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{Receive}(A, n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"}, m, n, A\})$

## ◆ Reason from B's point of view to prove:

- $CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{FirstSend}(B, n, (n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"}, m, n, A\}))$

## ◆ Apply Nonce freshness axiom to prove:

- $CR \mid\text{- true [ RespCR(B) ]}_B \text{Receive}(A, (n, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"}, m, n, A\})) < \text{Send}(B, \text{sig}_B\{\text{"r"}, m, n, A\})$

## ◆ A few similar steps leads to the full proof!

# Sample PCL studies

## ◆ Wireless 802.11i

- Model checking to find errors, improve
- PCL proof of correctness, including TLS

## ◆ Kerberos

- Including variants “PK-Init” and “DH-init”

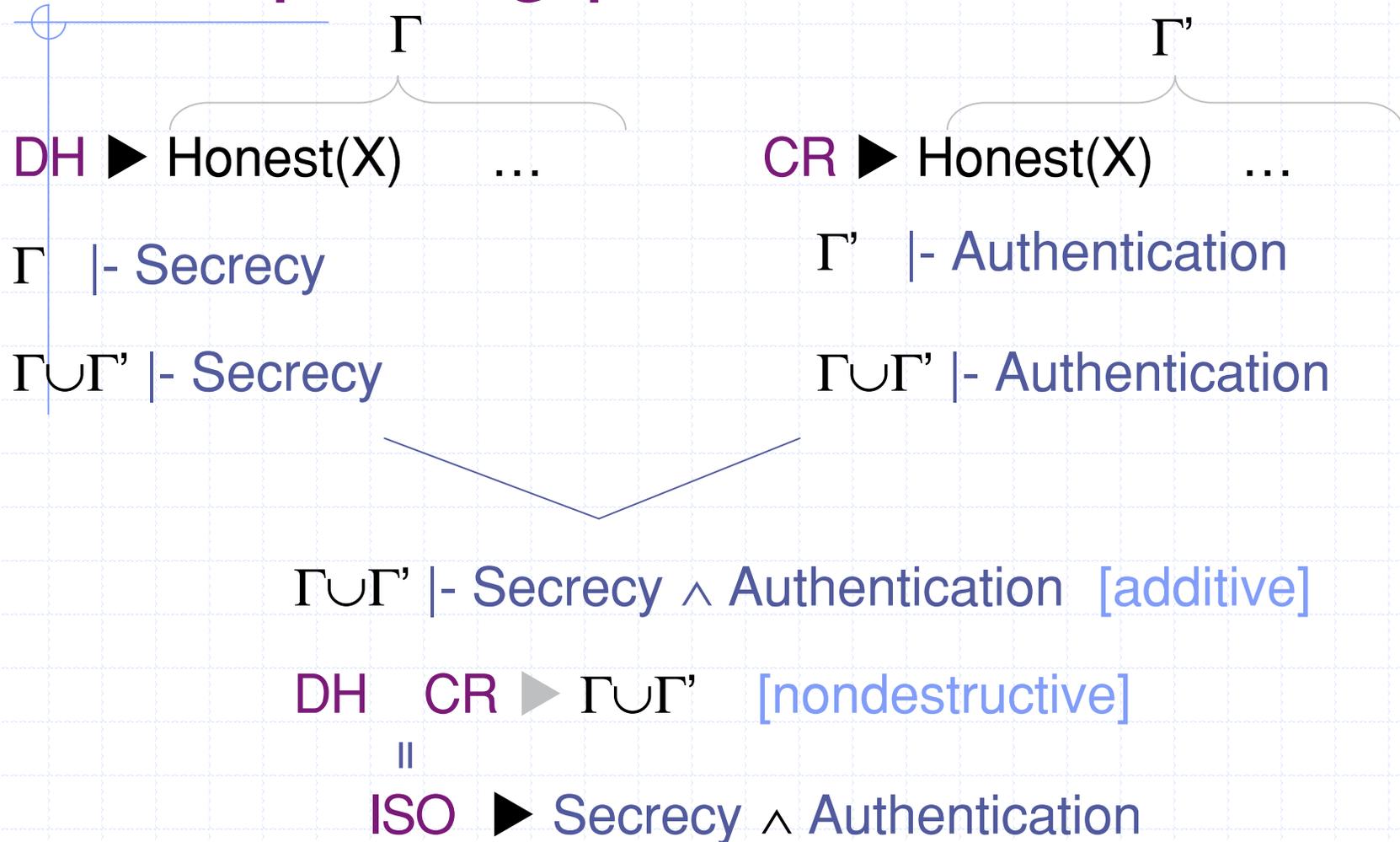
## ◆ Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

- Model check to find errors, improve
- PCL proof of correctness, identify subtleties

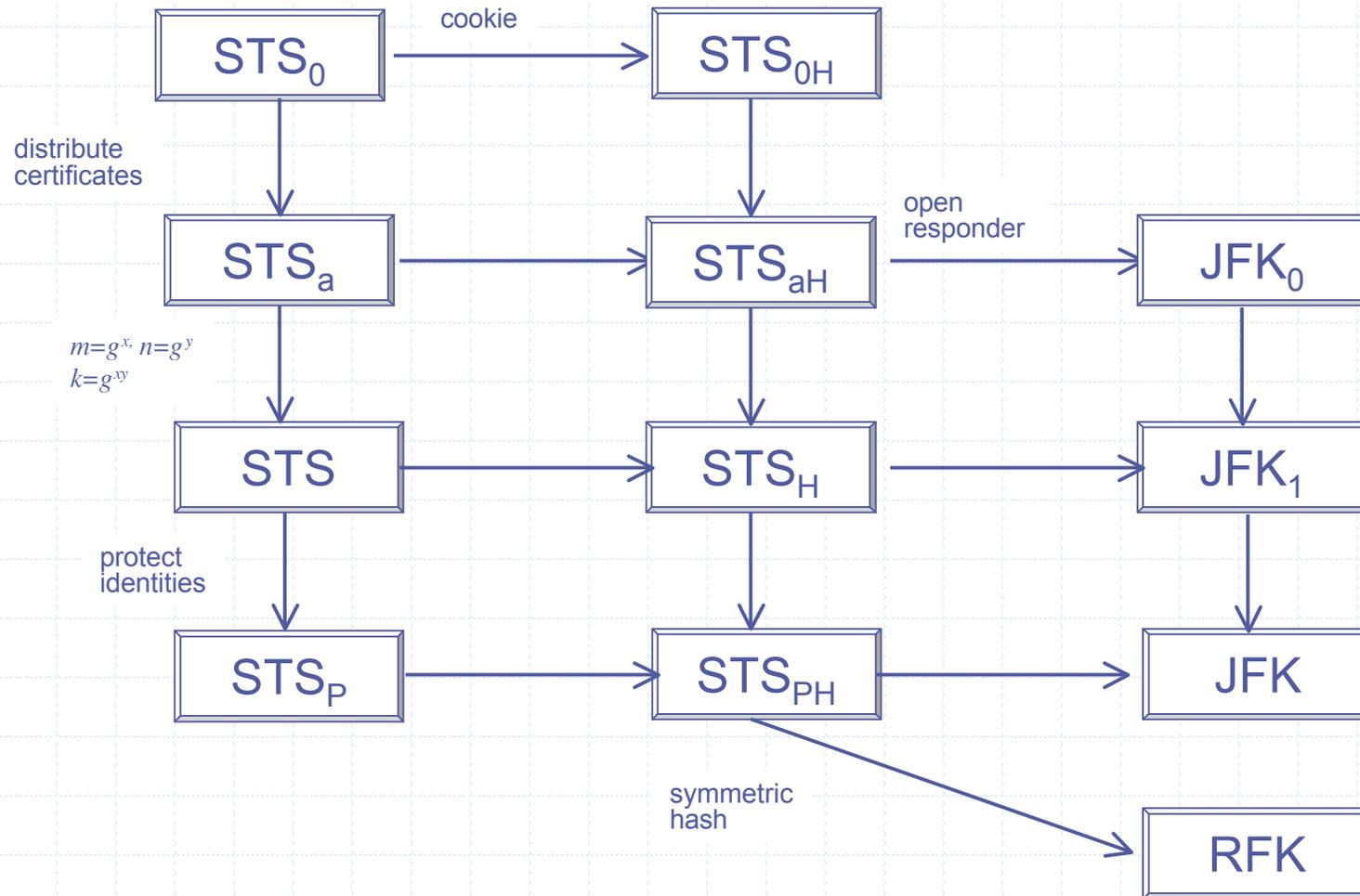
## ◆ Mesh Security Architecture (IEEE 802.11s)

- *Motorola group* added some axioms, found problems, identified invariants, proved correctness

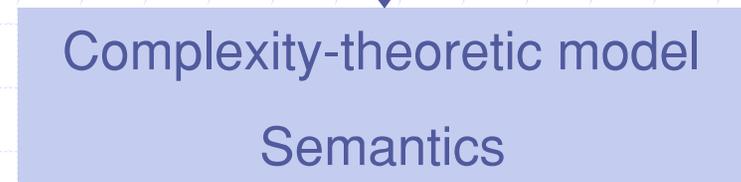
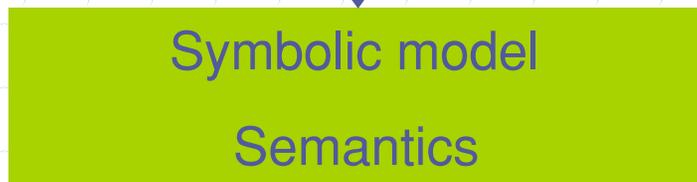
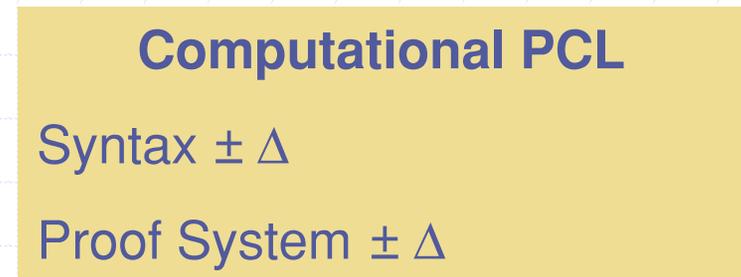
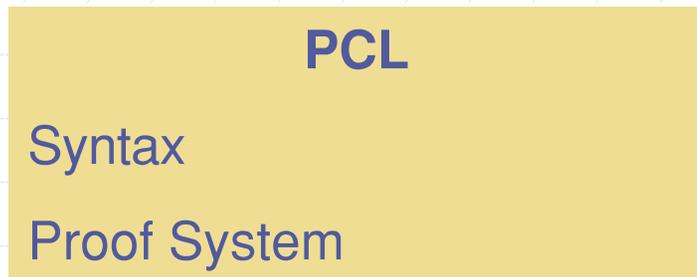
# Composing protocols



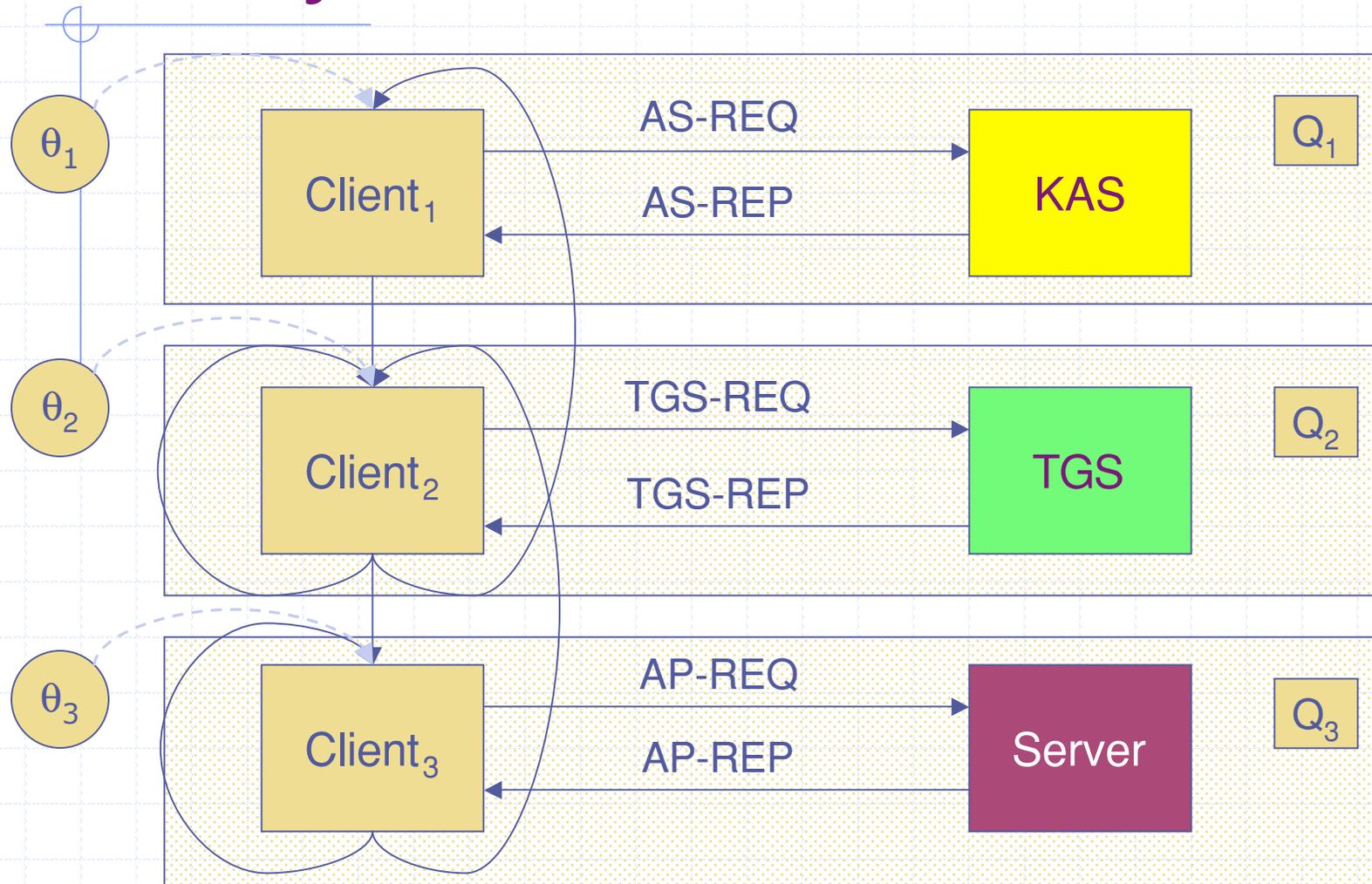
# STS family



# PCL $\rightarrow$ Computational PCL



# Analysis of Kerberos



# CPCCL analysis of Kerberos V5

- ◆ Kerberos has a staged architecture
  - 1: generate nonce and send it encrypted
  - 2: use as key to encrypt another nonce
  - 3: use 2<sup>nd</sup> nonce to encrypt other msgs
- ◆ Our proof shows “GoodKey”-ness of both the nonces
- ◆ Authentication properties are proved assuming that the encryption scheme provides ciphertext integrity

# Foundational results

## ◆ Computational PCL

- Symbolic logic for proving security properties of network protocols using public-key encryption

## ◆ Soundness Theorem:

- If a property is provable in CPCL, then property holds in computational model with overwhelming asymptotic probability.

## ◆ Benefits

- Symbolic proofs about computational model
- Computational reasoning in soundness proof (only!)
- Different axioms rely on different crypto assumptions

# Challenges for computational reasoning

- ◆ More complicated adversary
  - Actions of computational adversary do not have a simple inductive characterization
- ◆ More complicated messages
  - Computational messages are arbitrary sequences of bits, without an inductively defined syntactic structure
- ◆ Different scheduler
  - Simpler “non-preemptive” scheduling is typically used in computational models (change symbolic model for equiv)
- ◆ Power of induction ?
  - Indistinguishability, other non-trace-based properties appear unsuitable as inductive hypotheses
  - Solution: prove trace property inductively and derive secrecy

# Automation

- ◆ Prolog-based method for checking sufficient conditions for provability of invariants

# Conclusion

- ◆ Practical protocols may contain errors
  - Tools find bugs, reveal req., guarantees
- ◆ Variety of tools
  - Model checking can find errors
  - Proof method can show correctness
    - for specific model of execution and attack
- ◆ Closing gap between logic and crypto
  - ◆ Symbolic reasoning sound for statements about probability, complexity
  - ◆ Does not require strong crypto assumptions

# Credits

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## ◆ More information

- Protocol model-checking web page
  - ◆ <http://crypto.stanford.edu/protocols/mc.html>
- Protocol Composition Logic
  - ◆ <http://crypto.stanford.edu/protocols/>

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