

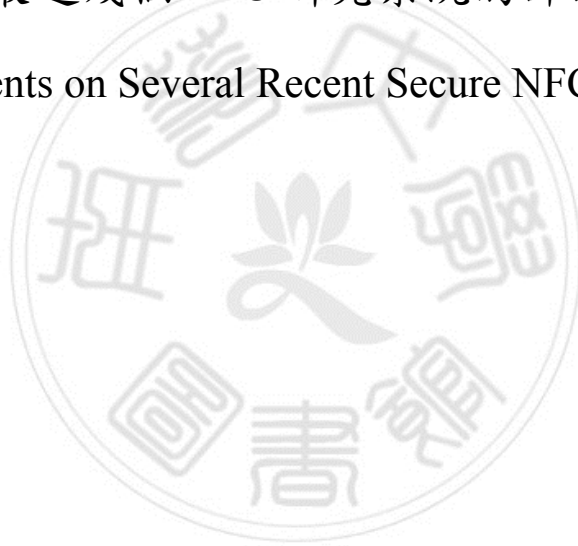
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## 摘 要

NFC 技術在現實生活中具有廣泛的應用，例如電子付款、門禁卡、交通票等。雖然，它很容易安裝使用，且現在已變得流行，但它可能會有使用上的安全漏洞。本研究為了確保交易過程之資訊安全，探究如何運用 NFC 來做安全的電子交易。因此我們藉由閱讀了近期有關 NFC 安全問題的幾篇文獻，透過本研究將透過 Liao 等人所主張以智慧卡做身份認證的十個安全要求及採用 Mao 所著之現代密碼學一書中所提到的平行會議(parallel session)攻擊來探討文獻所提 NFC 身分認證與訊息交易系統的安全問題，我們發現其中幾篇之弱點，並分別提出其修正案。

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## ABSTRACT

The NFC technology has a wide applications in the real life such as, electronic payments, access cards, traffic tickets, and so on. Although, the NFC payment scheme is easy to install and use, and has become popular, it may incur usage risk. Hence, the security issue is particularly important. To ensure the correct transaction process, this study first reads several recent schemes relating to NFC security issues. Then, we explore the NFC security issues of these proposed protocols by way of examining the ten security requirements for a smart card on authentication system insisted in Liao et al's article and by checking the parallel session attack described in *Modern Cryptography* of Mao's book. After analysis, we found their the weaknesses and further proposed amendments to them, respectively.

**Keywords:** NFC, smart cart, password, security element(SE), ID,authentication, mobile

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## **1.Introduction**

NFC (Near Field Communication) is a short-range high-frequency wireless communication technology, which can let devices communicate through point-to-point non-contact data transmission. It also allows the devices to read Near Field Communication (NFC) tags that contain product information. The NFC technology has three operating modes:

- (1) Card emulation mode: This model is actually the equivalence of an IC card using RFID technology, for instance, shopping malls credit card, access, control card, travel tickets, and so on. The card is powered by the RF field of the contactless card reader. Even if the user device (such as mobile phones) may exhaust its energy, the card in the phone can be powered by the reader. In an NFC device with card emulation-related applications, the NFC chip is usually equipped with a security element (SE).
- (2) Peer-to-Peer Mode: In this mode, the data is exchanged with a shorter transmission distance and with a faster speedity, but with a lower power consumption. In this mode, multiple devices such as, digital cameras, PDAs, computers and mobile phones, can exchange data or services effectively.
- (3) Reader/Writer mode: NFC acts as a contactless card reader to read the relevant information on the posters or the exhibition.

This study will explore several recent NFC secure protocols by way of checking the ten security requirements for a smart card on authentication system insisted in Liao et al's article [15] or by the parallel session attacks described in *Modern Cryptography* of Mao's book [19]. We found their weaknesses and further proposed amendments to them, respectively.

## **2. Review of several asure schemes in the literature NFC**

In this section, we review several studies about NFC security issue. For abbrevitation, we only depict them respectively and briefly.

### **(a)The design of secure mobile coupon mechanism with the implementation for NFC smartphones**

#### **(1) The original scheme**

In the paper [8], they design and implement a secure mobile coupon for NFC smartphones to enhance the customer shopping experience. Not only the mobile coupon using mechanism but also the loyalty point earning mechanism are designed. In the protocol. Customers can collect loyalty points to redeem mobile coupons. Moreover, retailers can generate their loyalty points efficiently. Please refer to [8] for the details.

#### **(2)Weakness**

The announcement of promotion activity in the original scheme is shown in **Fig. 1**.

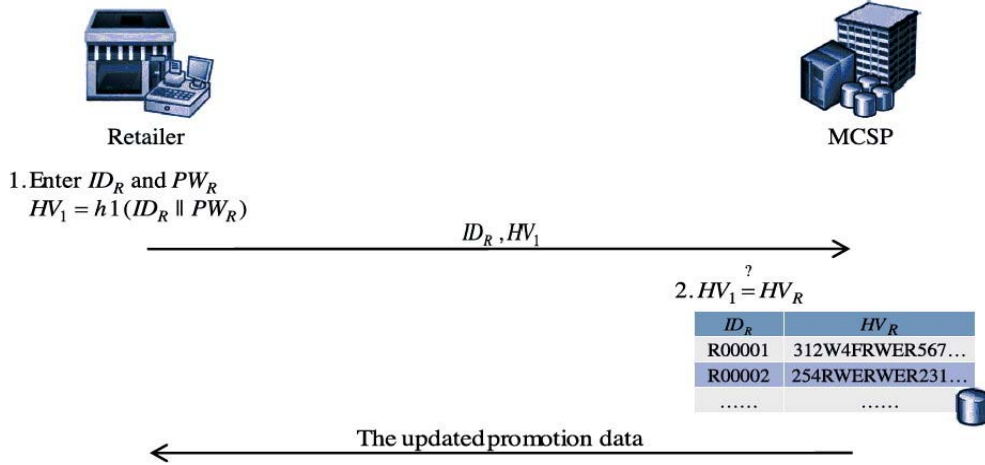


Fig. 1. The announcement of promotion activity.

In the figure, the retailer sends MCSP web site the credentials information  $ID_R$  and  $HV_1$  without any timestamps or random numbers. This may result in that the attacker can launch a password guessing attack, because after the attacker M recording  $ID_R$  and  $HV_1$ , he can guess password as  $pw'_R$  and verify whether  $HV_1 = h_1(ID_R \parallel pw'_R)$ . If they are equal, his guessing is right. In addition, it also suffers replay attacks and violates one of the ten security requirements mentioned in [15] that no verifier table is stored in the server's storage.

### (3)Modification

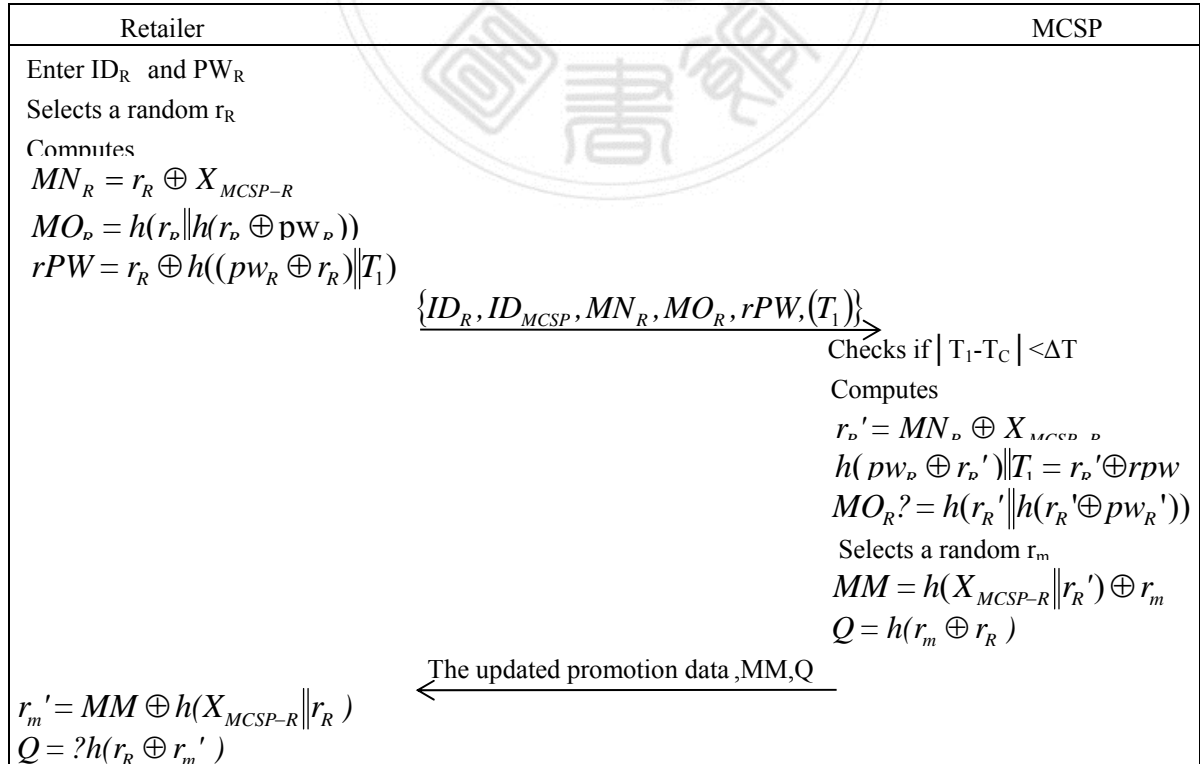


Fig. 2. The modification of promotion activity announcement.

In the modification, we let both the retailer and the MCSP web site send the credential information with time stamp and random numbers to each other, so that the security requirements can be met. The password authentication table is therefore unnecessary to be stored on the server. We depict it in figure 2

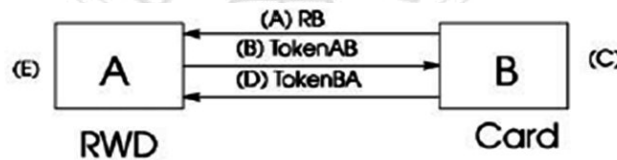
**(4) Security analysis**

In the modification, we let both the retailer and MCSP share a common secret  $X_{MCSP-R}$ , and each selects a random number when communicating at both sides. Hence, if M intercepts the communicating message, he obtains nothing other than the timestamp, both sides' identities and random numbers. Although he obtains the parameters, however, without the knowledge of  $X_{MCSP-R}$ , he has no way to calculate the randoms  $r_R$  or  $r_m$ . Therefore, the modified protocol is secure.

**(b) Transport ticketing security and fraud controls**

**(1) The original scheme**

The paper considers the technology problems of several electronic ticket solutions. Among them, it lists the approach ISO 9798-2 and states that MIFARE classic approximates to this method, but according to recent publications, it is vulnerable in four areas. For brevity, we only list the the figure fig.3 in [17]. As for the details, please refer to [17].



The tokens are structured as follows:

$$\text{TokenAB} = eK_{AB}(R_A \parallel R_B \parallel B \parallel \text{Text2}).$$

$$\text{TokenBA} = eK_{AB}(R_B \parallel R_A \parallel \text{Text4}).$$

Fig. 3. Example ISO 9798-2 mutual authentication process.

**(2) Weakness**

Other than the four vulnerabilities in the original paper, here we list an attack (as shown in Fig.4) on the scenario.

- 1). An attacker M pretends A which we denote  $M_A$  to communicate with B. After B sending him  $R_b$ , M now pretends B which we denote as  $M_B$  to send it to A.

- 2). A sends the message 3 to  $M_B$ , then  $M_A$  resend it to B as message 4.
- 3). After B sending out message 5 to  $M_A$ ,  $M_B$  resends it to A as message 6.

From the above, we can easily see that M can attain his goal to fool both A and B by using the names of B and A, respectively.

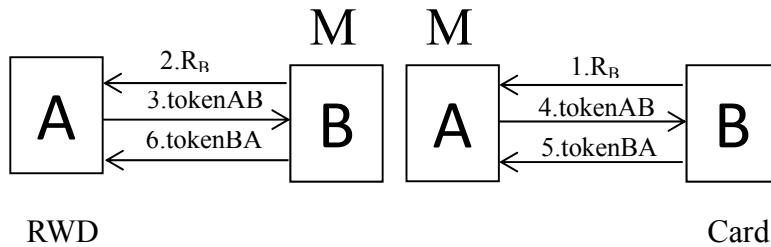


Fig. 4. The weaknesses of ISO 9798-2 mutual authentication process.

### (3) Modification

To remedy the weaknesses, we can simply add both side's identities to message 3 through 6 as shown in fig. 5.

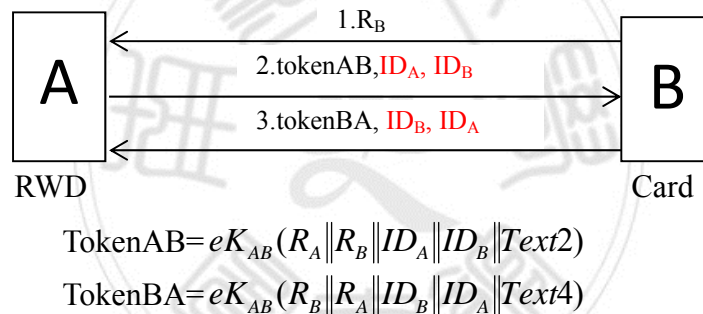


Fig. 5. The modification of ISO 9798-2 mutual authentication process.

### (4) Security analysis

If attacker M wants to launch an attack which we launched on the original scheme, he can succeed, because he can not successfully replace one of the identities with his own without A or B's awareness, so he can not fool A and B in the name of B and A. respectively.

## (c). A privacy-preserving smart parking system using an IoT elliptic curve based security platform

### (1) The original scheme

In the original scheme, they provides a generic ECC implementation on smart parking system that runs on different host operating systems, such as Contiki, TinyOS, iSenseOS, ScatterWeb and Arduino. Furthermore, it runs on smartphone platforms such as, Android and iPhone and also any possible linux based systems (e.g., raspberry Pi), allowing a single implementation to

run natively on heterogeneous networks. It can and protect a user's privacy by adapting the tool of zero knowledge proofs (ZKP). For abbreviation ,please refer to [6] for the details.

## (2) Weakness

For that the equation  $m=r+c \cdot x(\text{mod } n)$  is a Diophantine equation with  $\text{GCD}(1, c)=1$ , a set of solutions  $(r_0, x_a)$  can be found.

In fact, the general solution:  $s=\{(r,x) \mid r=r_0-ck, x=x_0+k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Therefore the secret  $x$  can be found.

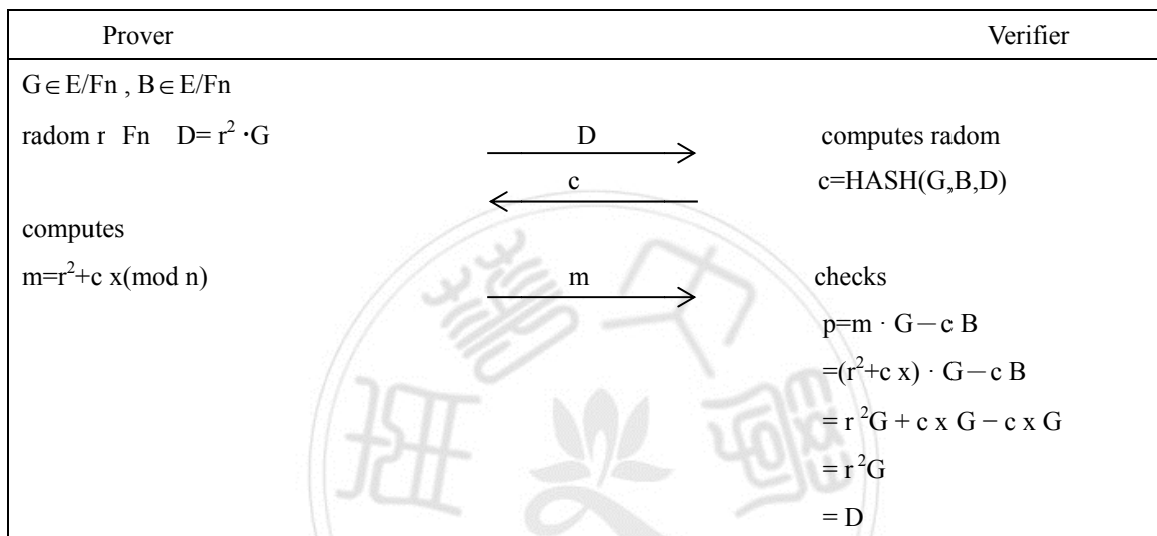


Fig. 6.the modified protocol of the original scheme

## (3)Modification

From section 2, we see that the weaknesses results from the linear property of Diophantine equation. Therefore, we must break the linear property of Diophantine equation. We modify  $m$  to be  $m=r^2+cx$  and let  $D=r^2 \cdot G$ .

## (4) Security analysis

For that our modification now doesn't possess the linear property of Diophantine equation, we therefore patch the security hole in the original scheme.

### (d).On-siteDriverID: A secure authentication scheme based on Spanish eID cards for vehicular ad hoc networks

#### (1) The original scheme

The original scheme is a security authentication method based on the Spanish eID smart card which is already in use and is applied to the VANET road authority. In the paper, they

proposed a security protocol that allows authorities to quickly obtain the driver's true identity in a VANET scenario. Please refer to [25] for the details. In the following, for brevity, we only list the figure of the original scheme in figure [7].

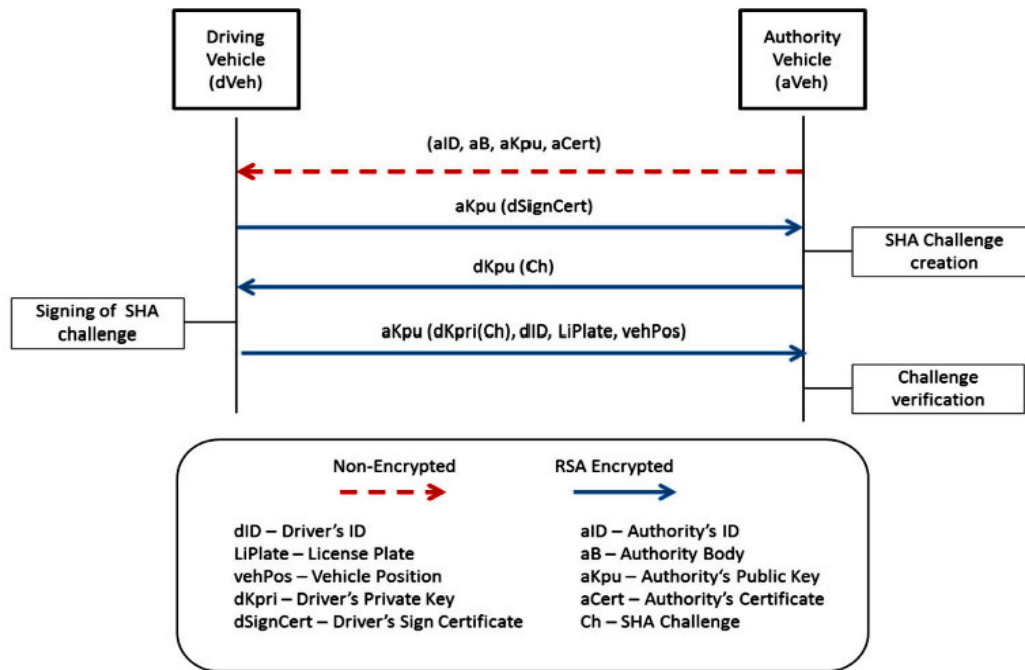


Fig. 7. Messages exchange for driver identification.

## (2) Weakness

We now list the scheme's weaknesses by using Fig. 8.

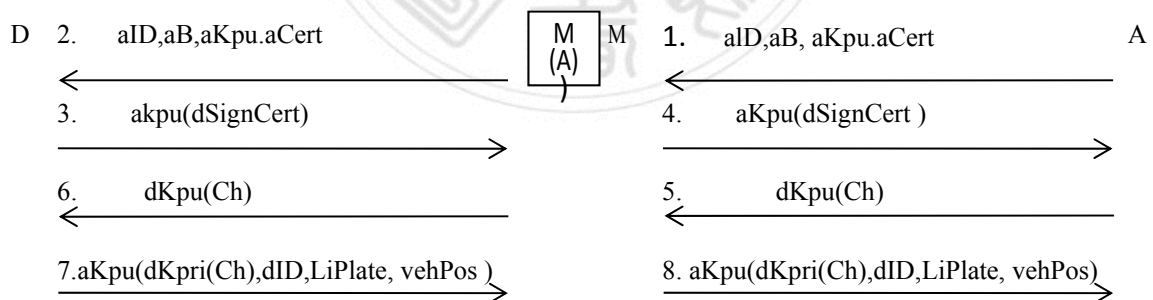


Fig. 8. The weakness of Messages exchange for driver identification.

- 1)  $M$  uses his real identity to communicate with  $A$ . Once  $A$  has sent message 1 to  $M$ ,  $M$  pretends  $A$  to communicate with  $D$  by resending message 1 which is from  $A$  and now is message 2.
- 2) After receiving message 2 from  $M$  which now pretends  $A$  (which we denote  $M_A$ ),  $D$  sends message 3 to  $M_A$ .  $M$  then responds to  $A$  with this message named message 4.
- 3)  $A$  sends message 5 to  $M$  and  $M_A$  sends it to  $D$ .



4)D sends message 7 to  $M_A$ , M then transfers this message to A.

From the above steps, we can easily see that M successfully fools D by using the name of A.

### (3)Modification

To remedy the weaknesses, we can simply add both sides' identities to message 2 through 4.

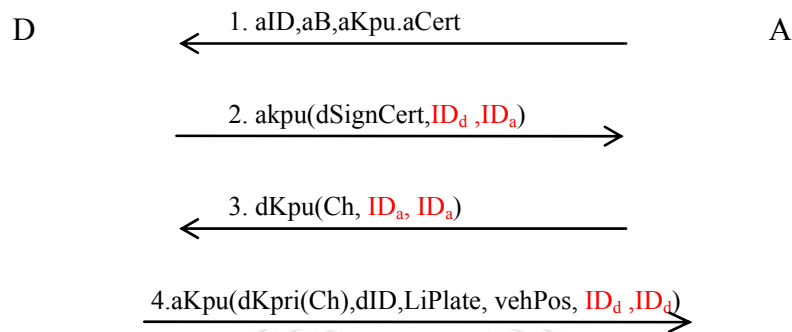


Fig. 9. The modification of Messages exchange for driver identification.

### (4) Security analysis

If an attacker M launches the attack as described in the above section, he can not succeed. Because when  $M_A$  receives message 3 from D, he can not succeed in resending this as message 4 to A in the name of M successfully as shown in Fig.8. Since then, A will find out that this message is not sent from M. It's from D.

## (e). Authentication in mobile cloud computing: A survey

### (1) The original scheme

Mobile cloud computing (MCC) is the state-of-the-art mobile distributed computing model. In MCC, execution time and energy consumption are significantly improved by transferring execution of resource-intensive tasks such as image processing, 3D rendering, and voice recognition from the hosting mobile to the cloud-based resources. Under this situation, user authentication in MCC is hence a critical requirement in securing cloud-based computations and communications. For brevity, we only list the original scheme in Fig.10. For the details, please refer to [4] .

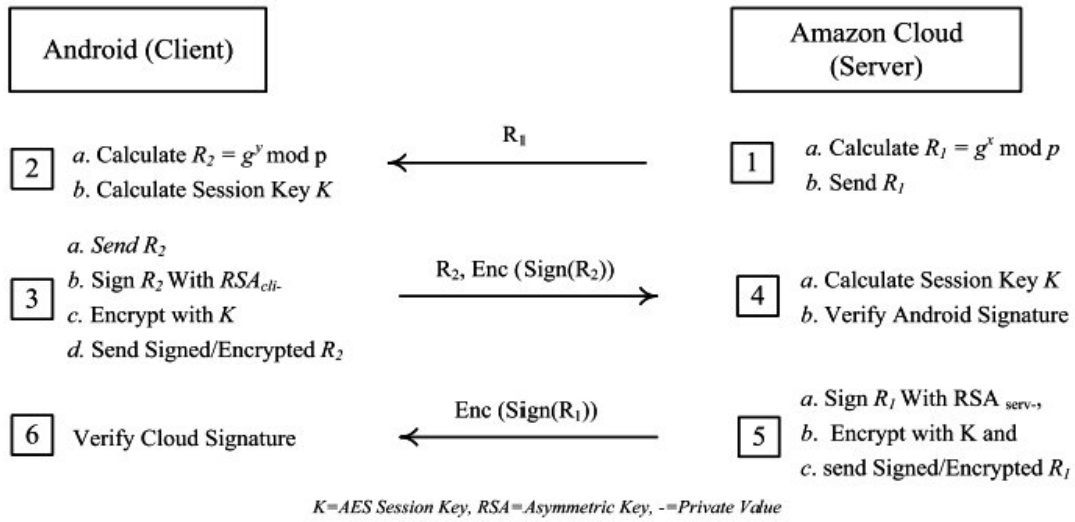


Fig. 10. Entity authentication protocol.

## (2)Weakness

The weaknesses of this scheme is similar to that of scheme (d) [25]. We therefore omit the descriptions of both modification and security analysis sections by only show the weaknesses in Fig.11. and the modified protocol in Fig.12. for the corresponding section.As for the security analysis, it's also similar to that of scheme (d). We therefore omit it.

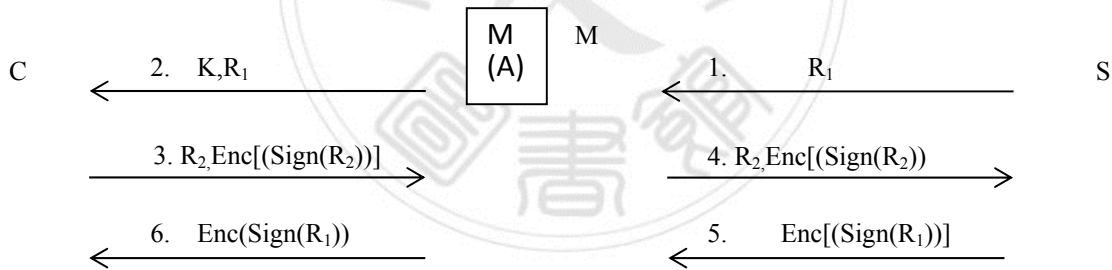


Fig. 11. The weaknesses of entity authentication protocol.

## (3)Modification

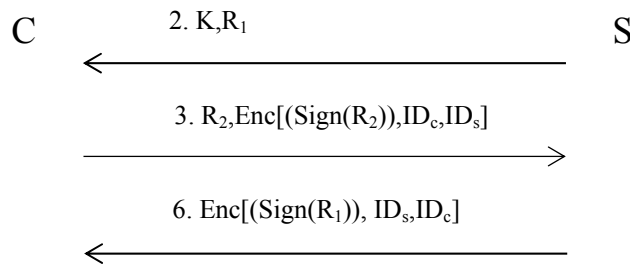


Fig. 12. The modification of entity authentication protocol.

## (f).An unlinkable anonymous payment scheme based on near field communication

### (1) The original scheme

In the proposed protocol, a user applies an anonymous virtual credit card from a trusted service manager. The sensitive information of the applied credit card is stored in the secure elements of user's mobile device. They claimed that their protocol can ensure various imperative security properties such as anonymity, unlinkability, and non-repudiation etc. Please refer to [16] for the details.

### (2)Weakness

In the scheme, we found three problems. We list them below:

Weakness 1: Characters missing in step 3 section 2.5. We show it as follows.

Step 3. The user encrypts the message and forwards the self-signed message  $E(K_{TID_i, TSM}, SIGN(SK_{TID_i}, AID_i || Nonce_1 || TID_i || P_{TID_i} || Nonce_2) || P_{TID_i} || Nonce_1)$  to TSM.

Weakness 2: The tangling usage of public key and private key in step 4 of section 2.5. We show it below.

Step 4. The TSM issues a virtual credit card  $TID_i\_CreditINFO$  that is protected by  $SK_{TID_i}$ , and a certificate  $CERT_{TID_i}^{TSM}$ . Last,  $CERT_{TID_i}^{TSM}$  and  $TID_i\_CreditINFO$  are stored into SE.

Besides, TSM must use the corresponding shared key  $K_{TID_i, TSM}$  shared with user  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  to decrypt the self-signed message. This is too time consuming.

Weakness 3: Figure 3 is copied from Figure 1.

### (3)Modification

In the following, we show the modifications for the respective weaknesses.

Weakness 1:

**Step 3.** The user encrypts the message and forwards the self-signed message  $E(K_{TID_i, TSM}, SIGN(SK_{TID_i}, AID_i || Nonce_1 || TID_i || PK_{TID_i} || Nonce_2) || PK_{TID_i} || Nonce_1)$  to TSM.

Weakness 2: the step 4 in section 2.5 should be protected by  $PK_{TID_i}$  rather than  $SK_{TID_i}$ .

## 3. Discussion

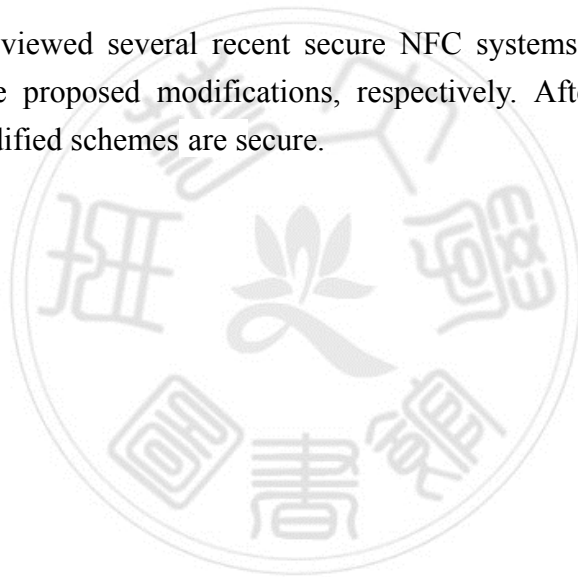
Near Field Communication (NFC), is a short-range high-frequency wireless communication technology that allows non-contact, peer-to-peer data transmission between electronic devices, and can operate fast and smoothly. With attractive properties, smart phones embedded with NFC become very popular. It brings mobile device users dynamic usage experience which lets users operate in a new interactive wireless way. At present, many researchers of NFC technology have gradually developed it with smart card (SC) to form the mobile payment scheme on the market. In the mobile payment life cycle, the data is from the mobile

device through the wireless network to reach the payment platform. Then, the payment instructions on the card are implemented to complete the payment action. We also can use the characteristics of ECC to design the efficient wireless payment transaction with same security level which needs more complex computation when using the other cryptosystems such as, RSA, Bilinear pairing and so on.

Due to that ECC cryptography key length is far more less than the other public key cryptosystems (such as RSA, Elgamal, Bilinear pairing), and thus is far more faster to process at same security level, when compared with the others. Thus, our for applications such as, smart cards, mobile phones, wireless memory devices, such as NFC limited resource environment.

#### **4. conclusion**

In this research, we reviewed several recent secure NFC systems, and demonstrated their weaknesses. Further,we proposed modifications, respectively. After security analyses, we confirmed that the modified schemes are secure.



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