Formal verification of the 5G EAP-TLS authentication protocol using Proverif

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                          (* create a process macro *)
let x = M in P else Q. (* assignment and pattern matching *)
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phase t;
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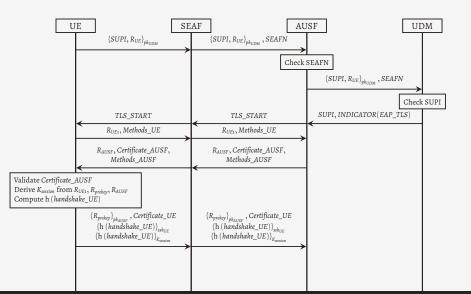
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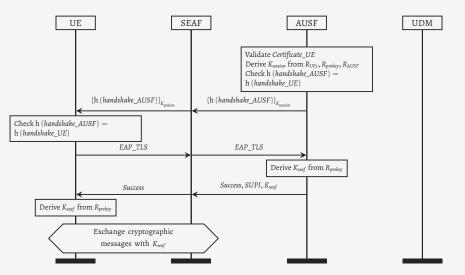
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5G EAP-TLS protocol execution I



5G EAP-TLS protocol execution II

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It's **DEMO** time!!

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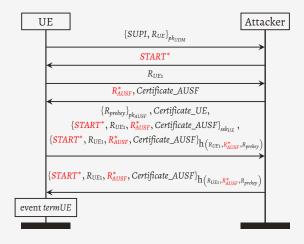
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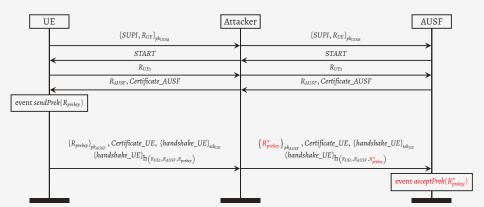
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Counterexample for property A1



Counterexample for property A2



Fixing the protocol

