

# AuCPace: Efficient Verifier-Based PAKE protocol tailored for the IIoT

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## System-level approach



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Many installations: critical infrastructure

Security should be mandatorily considered !





## Security for industrial control equipment


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- Security: A rather new topic for industrial control
- First step for security: focus on machine-to-machine interfaces and protocols.
- HMI interfaces often considered in a second step only.
- E+H: Remote HMI service access mostly provides an even larger attack vector!
- Most widespread authentication mechanism for HMI interfaces 2019: Passwords



## Requirements derived when planning the E+H BlueConnect App Architecture

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- In very important settings no PKI at the customer installation!  
=> HMI security solution shall not rely on PKI.
- Network access to central authentication servers is not always available  
(Subnetworks “air-gapped” for security reasons / Devices integrated to legacy fieldbuses)  
=> Support required for “offline” authentication with local storage of credentials
- Some devices have extremely tight resource constraints.  
(Intrinsically safe explosion protection by power and energy limits, See [HL17]) 
- Devices might become physically accessible for the adversary.
- We shall prepare the architecture for two-factor authentication, but need to accept that our customers will often stick to the concept of “passwords” for HMI authentication only.

## Result of our assessment

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We are forced to work with passwords?

Lets then do our **very** best to protect our customer's installations!

We need a combination of two elements:

- Verifier-based password authenticated key exchange (V-PAKE)
- State-of-the-art memory-hard password hashes

Astonishingly there is no established industry standard solution!

## Our protocol proposals

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- “Augmented Composable Password-Authenticated Connection Establishment”

### AuCPace

- “Composable Password-Authenticated Connection Establishment”

### CPace

- Constructions were designed for allowing freely usable implementations avoiding patents in order to make it suitable for more widespread use and, possibly, standardization.
- Motivation for this paper: Security proof will be pre-condition for more widespread use.
- This talk also considers preliminary results from the second review round carried out in the context of the CFRG PAKE selection process.

## Outline of this talk

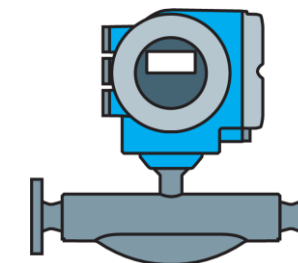
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- AuCPace and CPace protocols and their security analysis
- Comparison with other V-PAKE nominations from current CFRG selection process
- Implementation strategy and results on ARM Cortex-M4 and Cortex-M0
- Summary

## CHES2017: Typical budget constraints for Ex-ia field devices

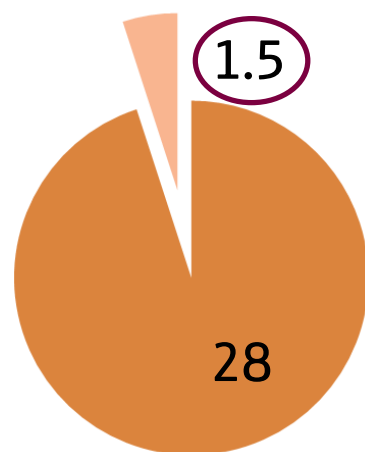


- Ignition by hot surfaces → Limit peak supplied electrical power
- Ignition by Sparks → Limit size of energy buffers (e.g. capacitors)

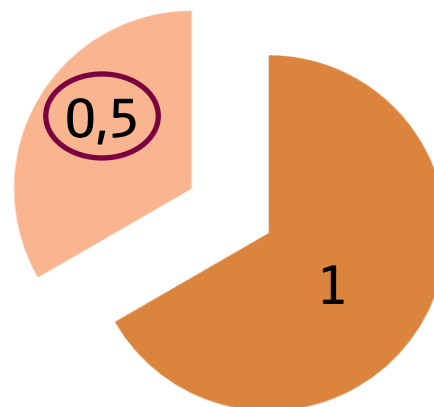


**Add-on feature “HMI interface and security” will be granted only a small fraction of the available power / transient buffer budget!**

Power budget / mW



Energy Buffer / mJ



- Measurement function
- Wireless HMI and security



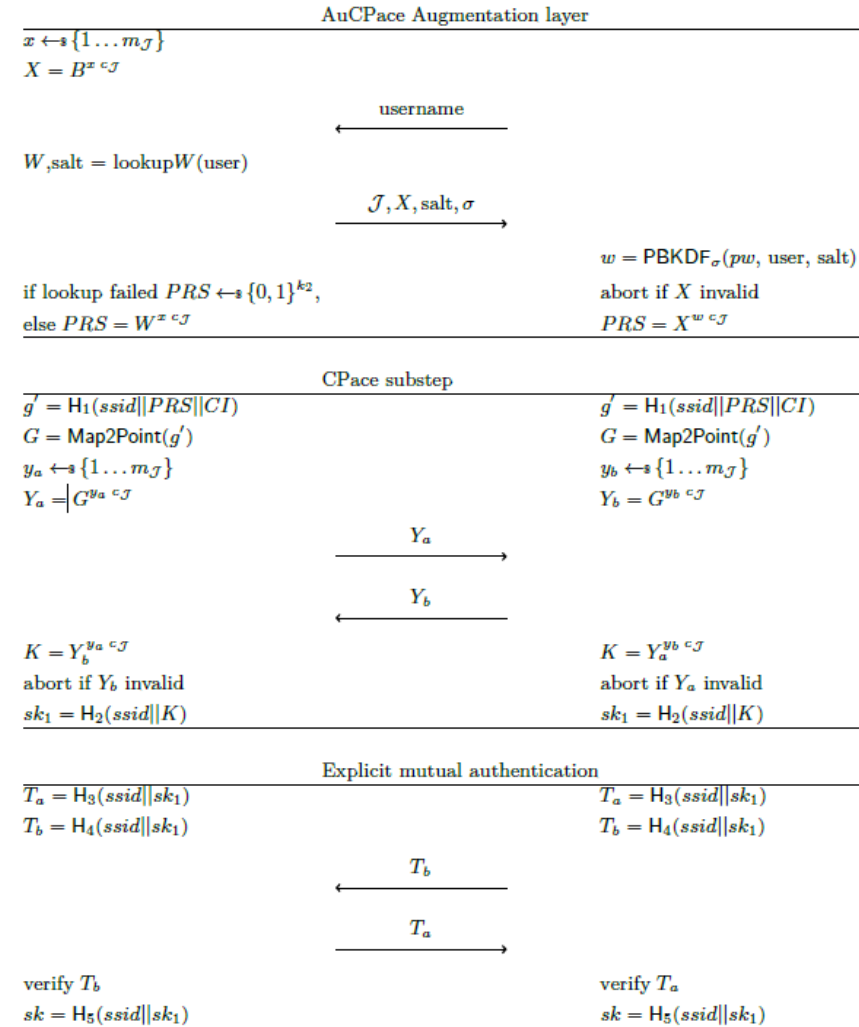
## Optimization strategy

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- Protocol level
  - Allow for fast curves: X25519 Diffie-Hellman
  - “x-coordinate-only” solution avoids need for point compression
  - Secure quadratic twist of Curve25519: AuCPace simplified point verification
  - No hash over full protocol transcripts required
  - Refer the password hash to the powerful client
- Curve25519 group element operations
  - Optimization of Elligator2 in comparison to [HL17] by using method from [BDL+11]
- Fe25519 field operations
  - Optimized assembly-level code using register-allocating code-generator tool

# The modular AuC Pace protocol construction

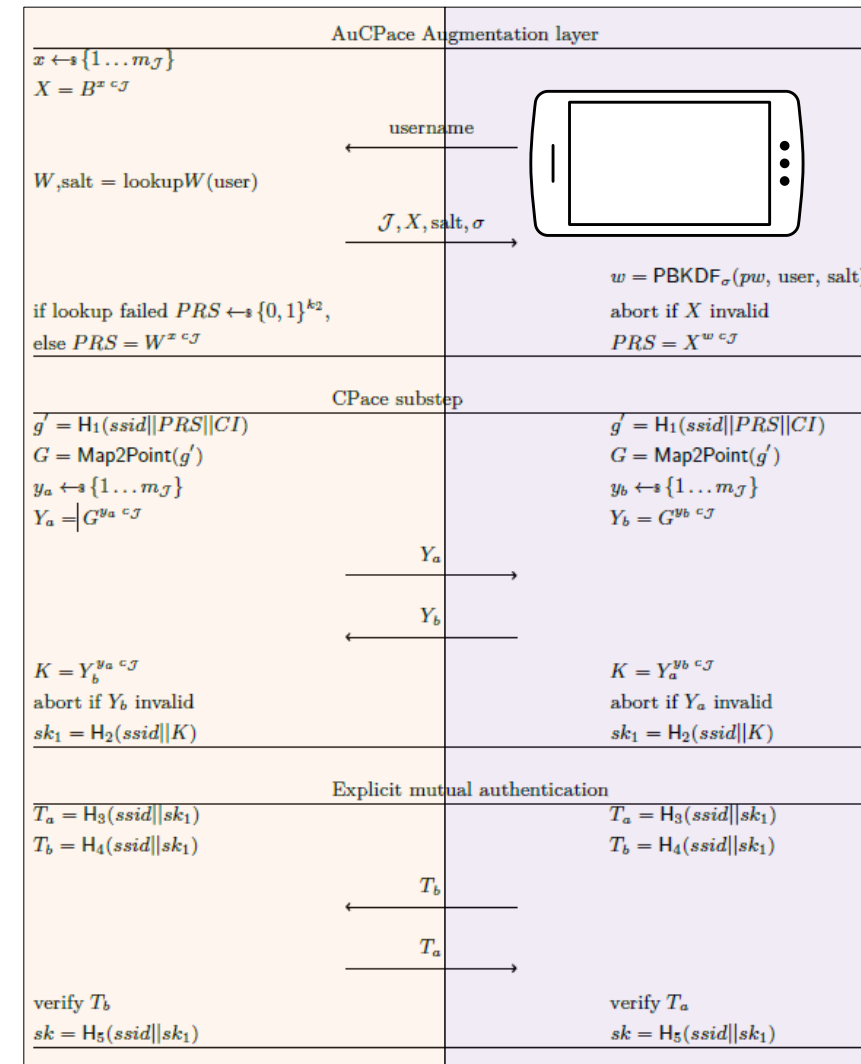
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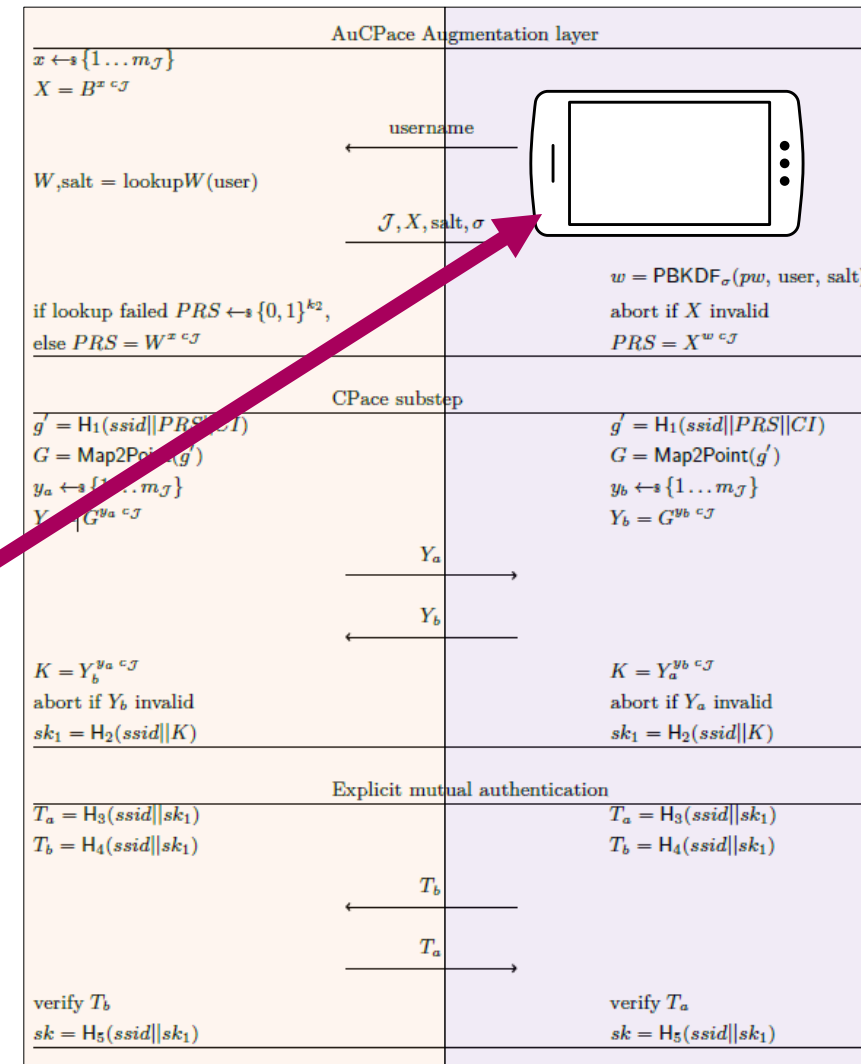


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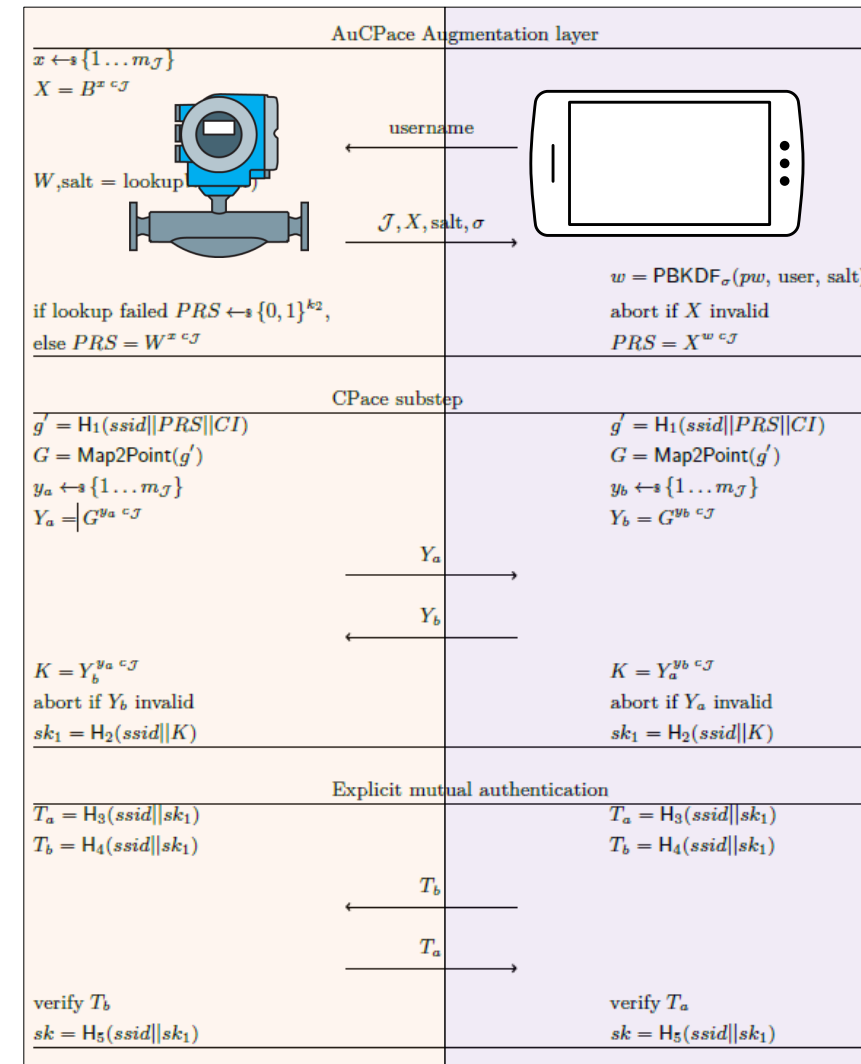
Typically large memory,  
powerful computation capabilities.  
(scrypt/Argon2)



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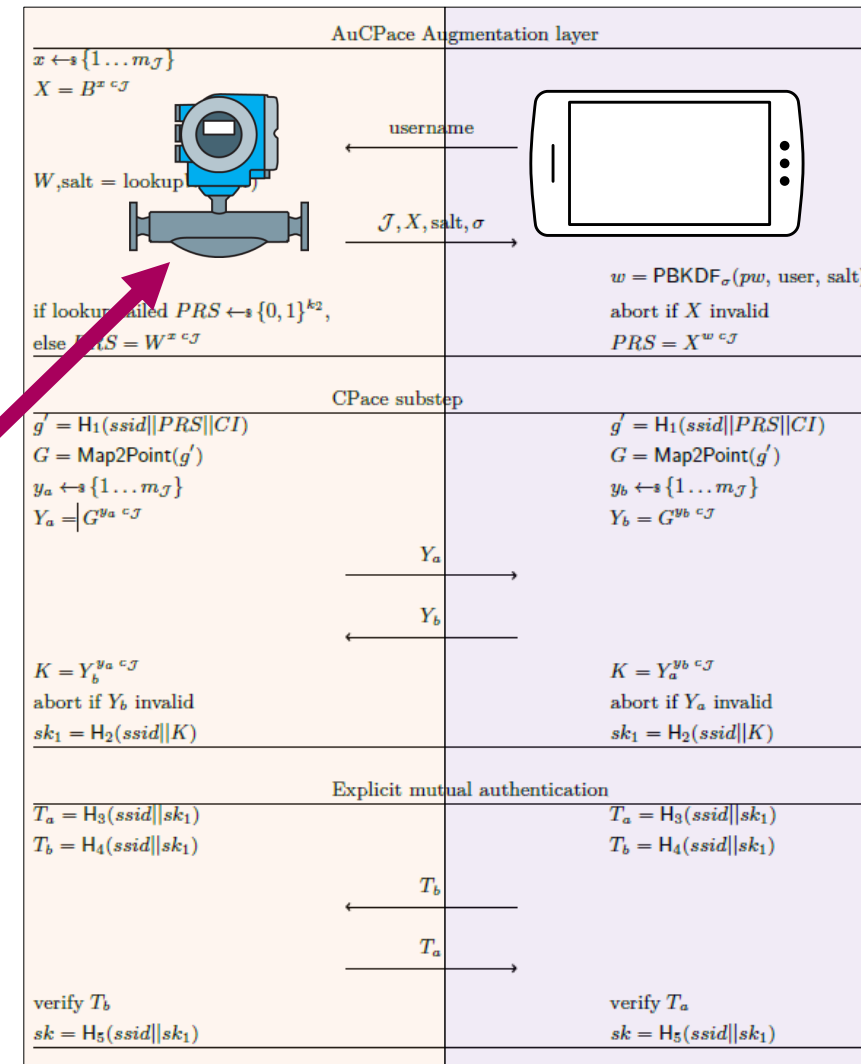


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Strongly constrained device

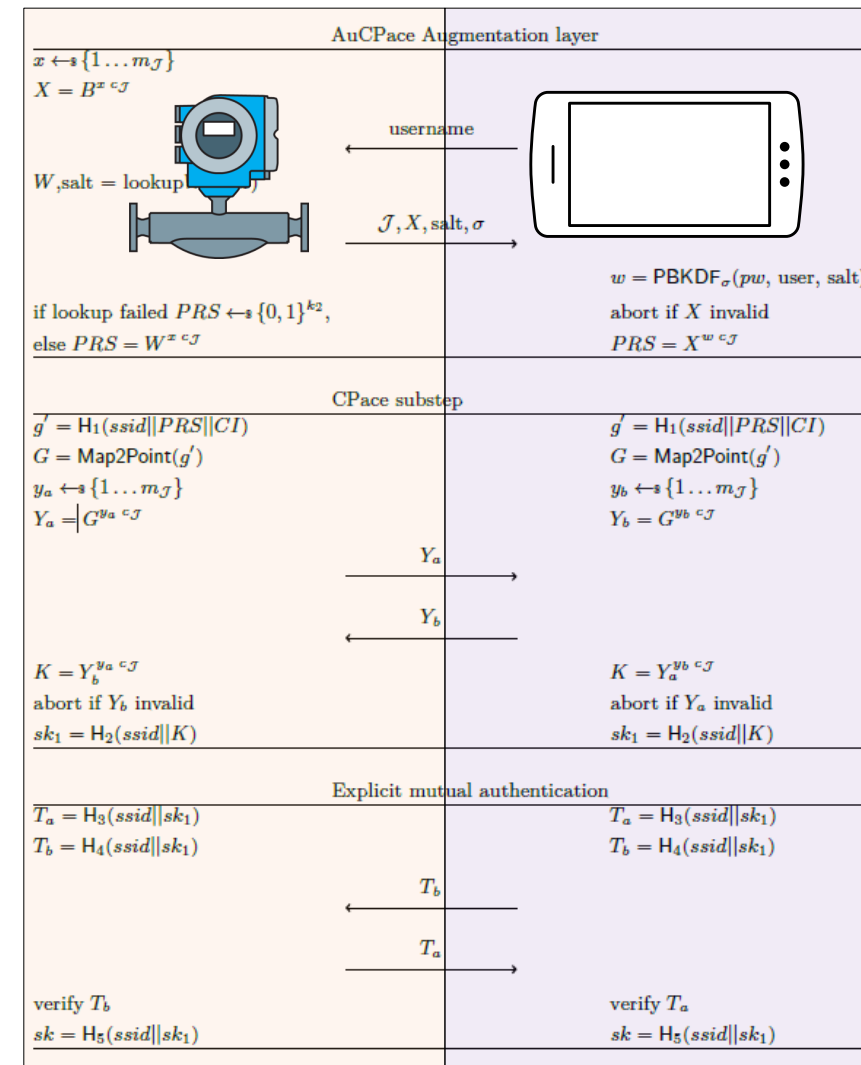


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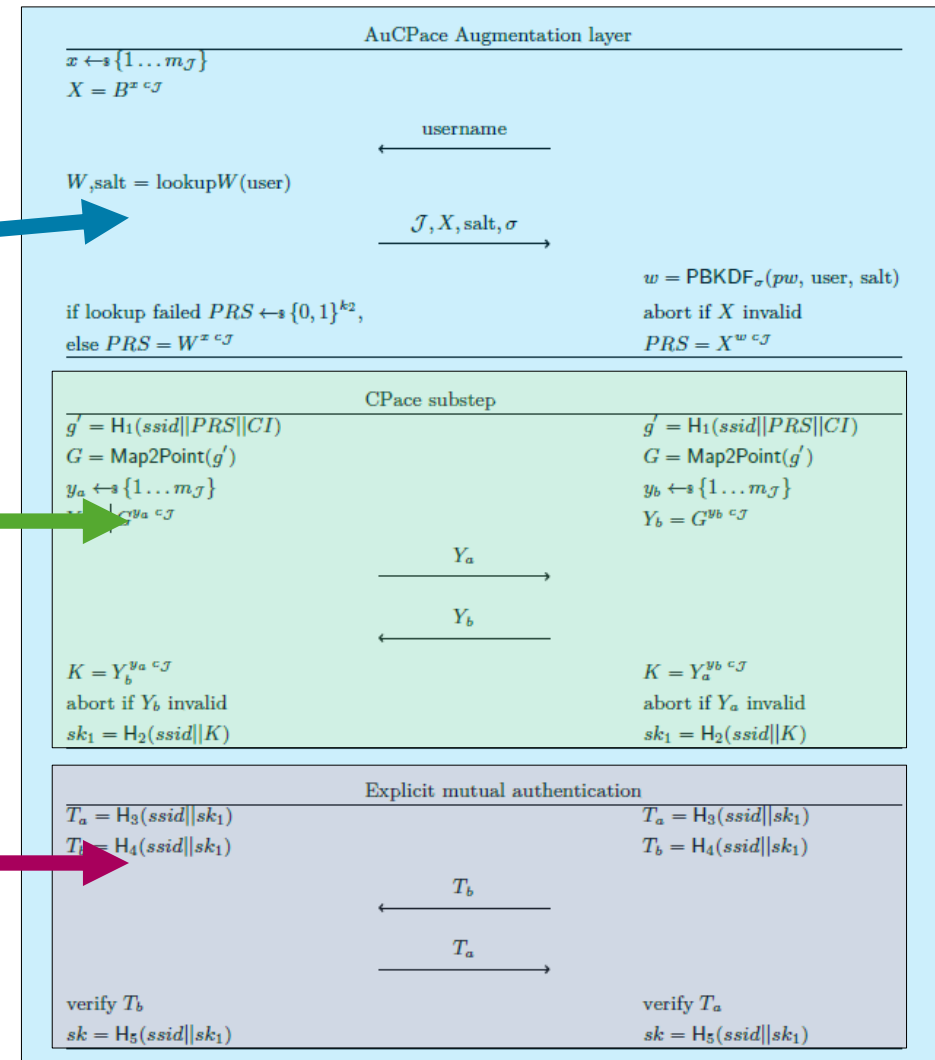
V-PAKE: Knowledge of password verifier W does not allow for taking over the client role.



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Three subcomponents within AuC Pace

- AuC Pace augmentation layer
- C Pace balanced PAKE protocol
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2. Session establishment

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AuCPace25519:

scrypt,  $\sigma = (r = 8, N = 32768, p = 1)$

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AuCPace proofs explicitly consider  
non-prime-order groups with small co-factors

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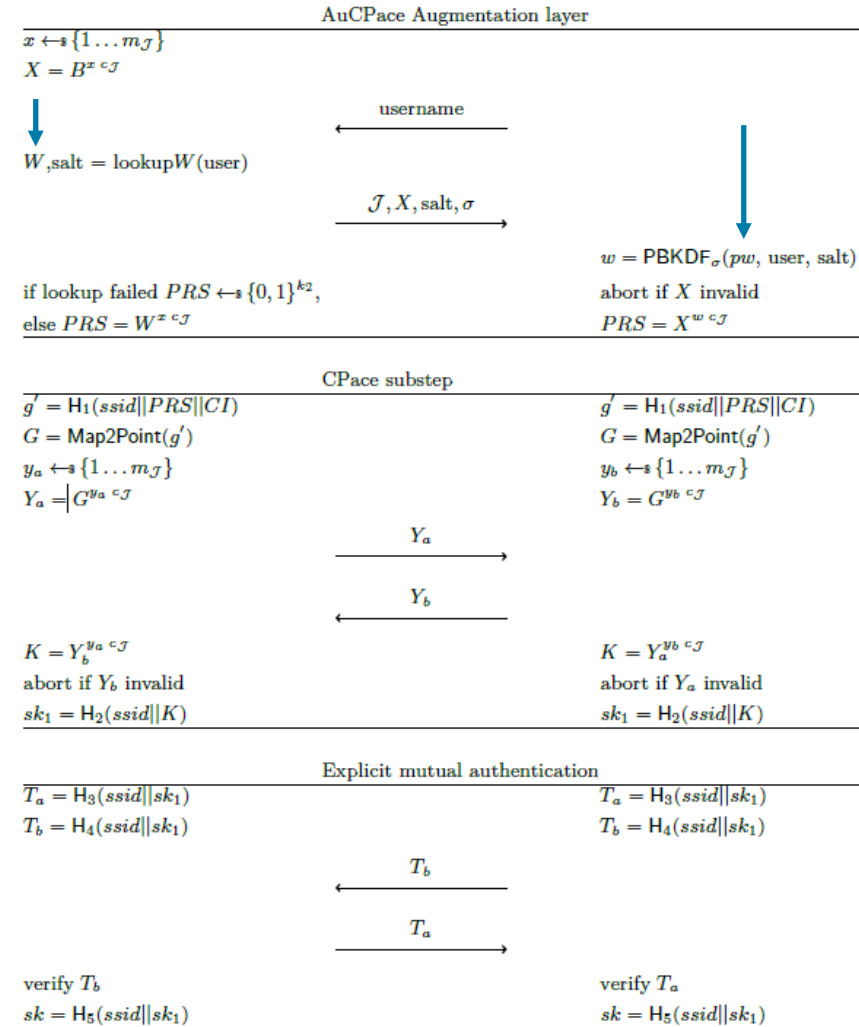
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Session key establishment:

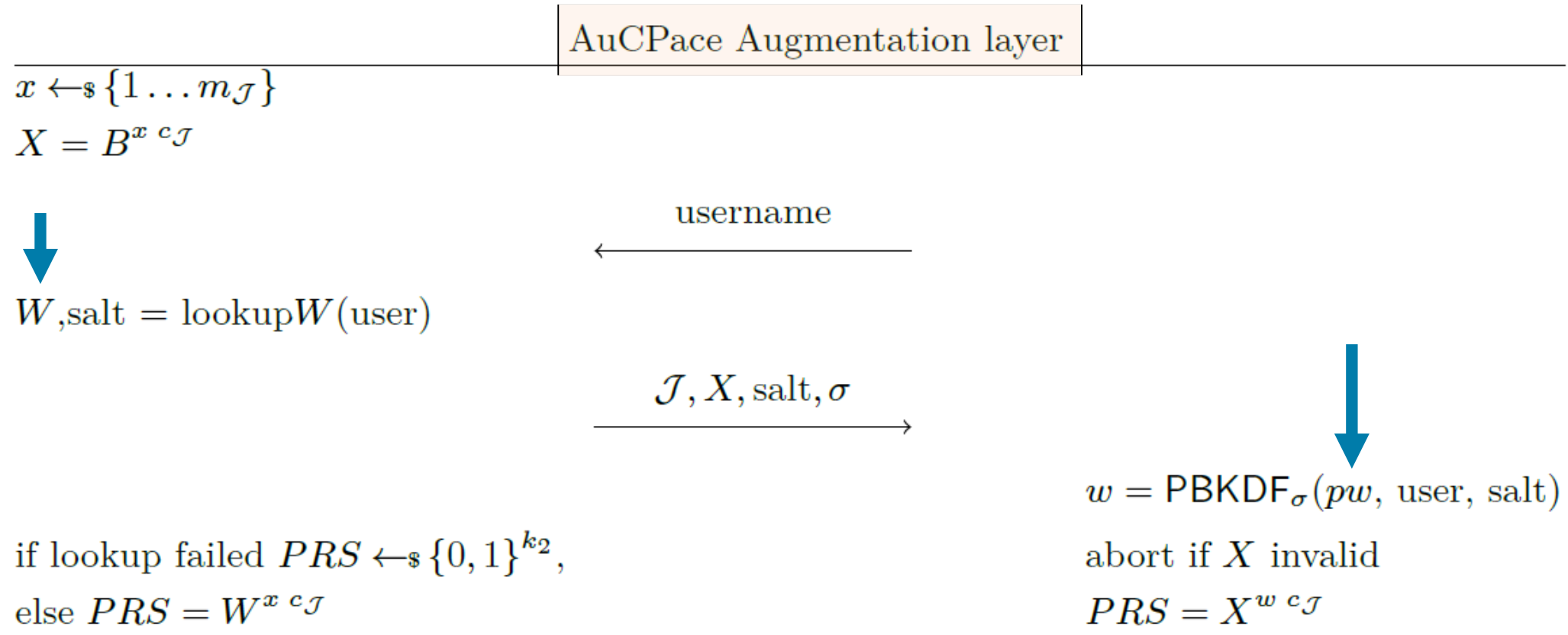
Client has access to clear-text password “pw”

Server has access to verifier “W”

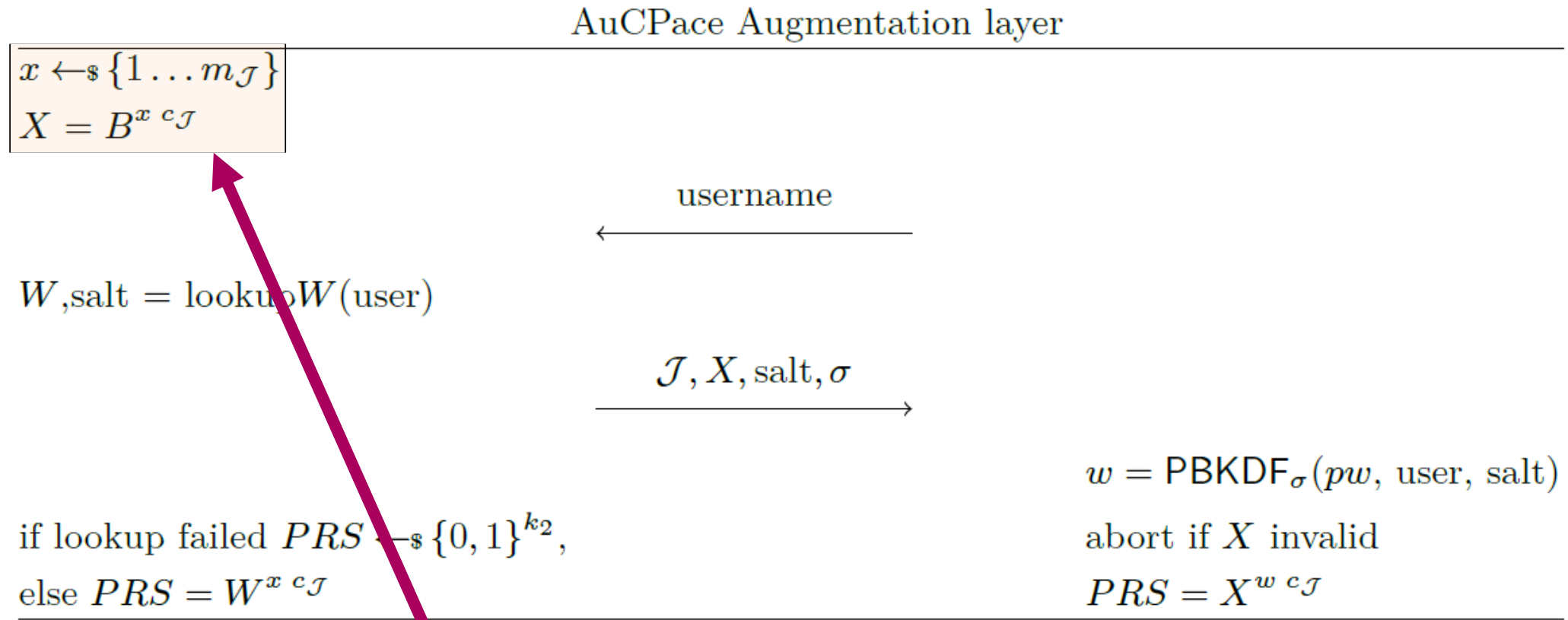




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Server generates DH key pair (x , X)

Ephemeral: “full augmentation” or static: “partial augmentation”

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### AuCPace Augmentation layer

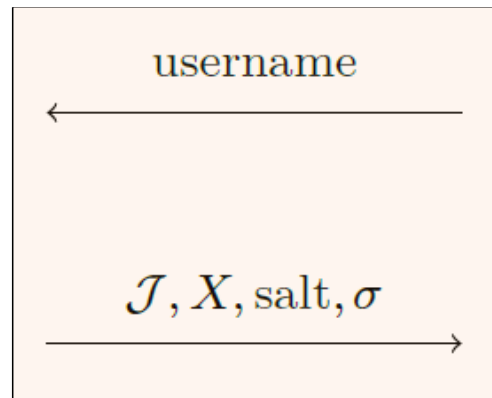
$$x \leftarrow_{\$} \{1 \dots m_{\mathcal{J}}\}$$

$$X = B^{x \circ \mathcal{J}}$$

$$W, \text{salt} = \text{lookup}W(\text{user})$$

$$\text{if lookup failed } PRS \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^{k_2},$$

$$\text{else } PRS = W^{x \circ \mathcal{J}}$$



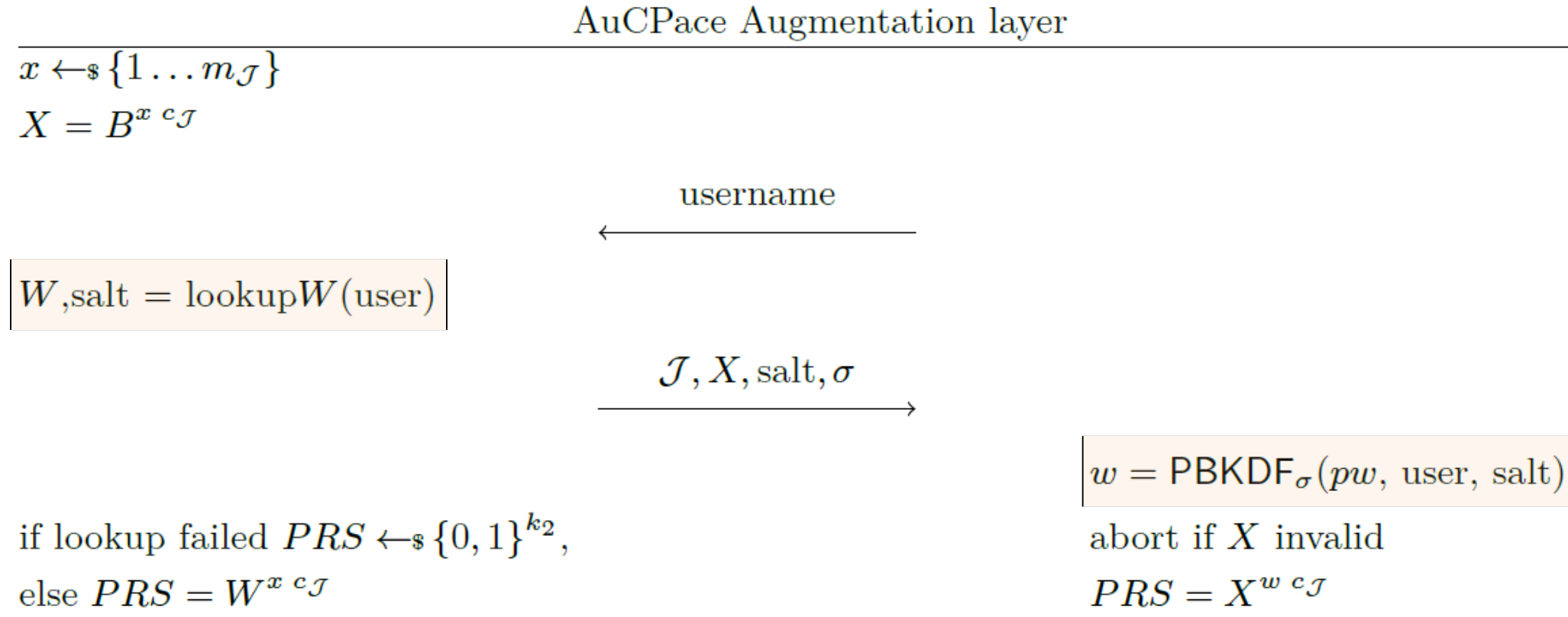
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abort if  $X$  invalid

$$PRS = X^{w \circ \mathcal{J}}$$

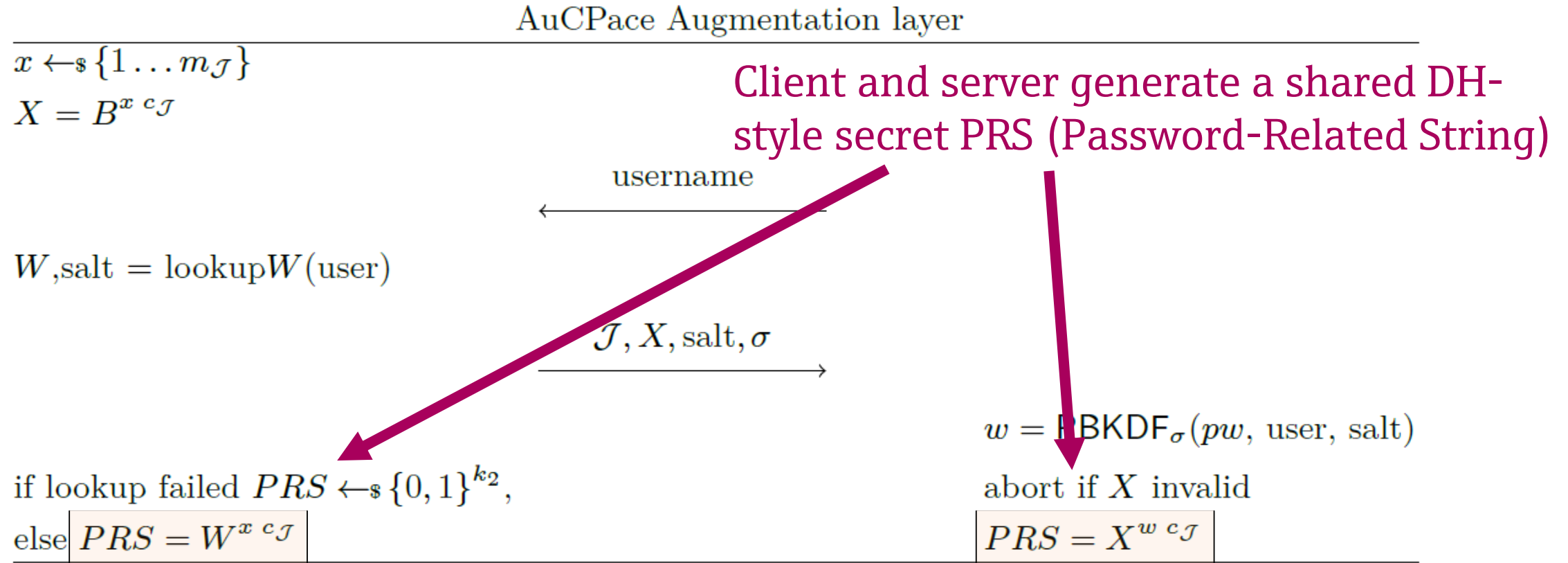
Username and password hashing information is exchanged

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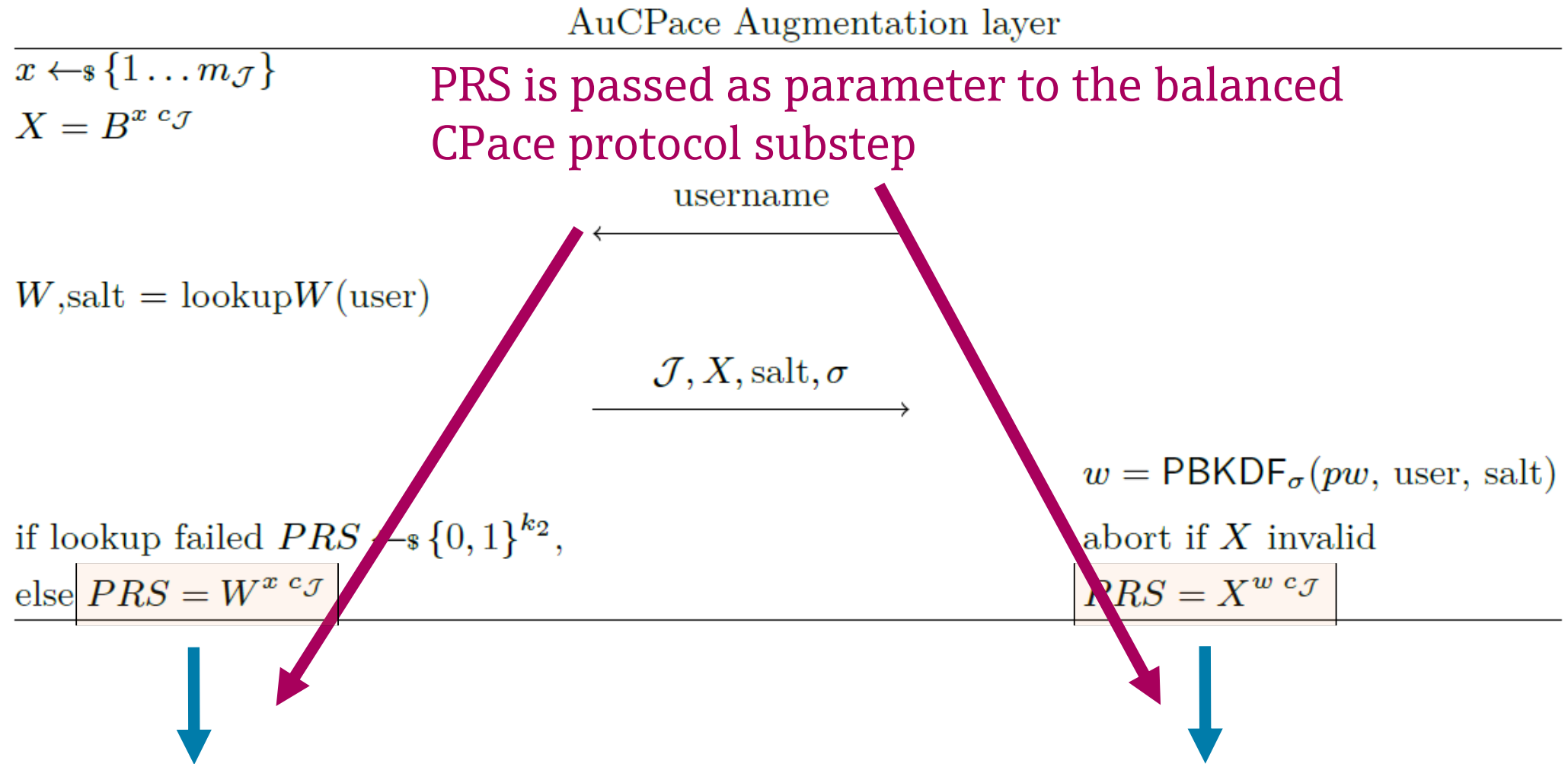


Password verifier lookup // Password hash calculation

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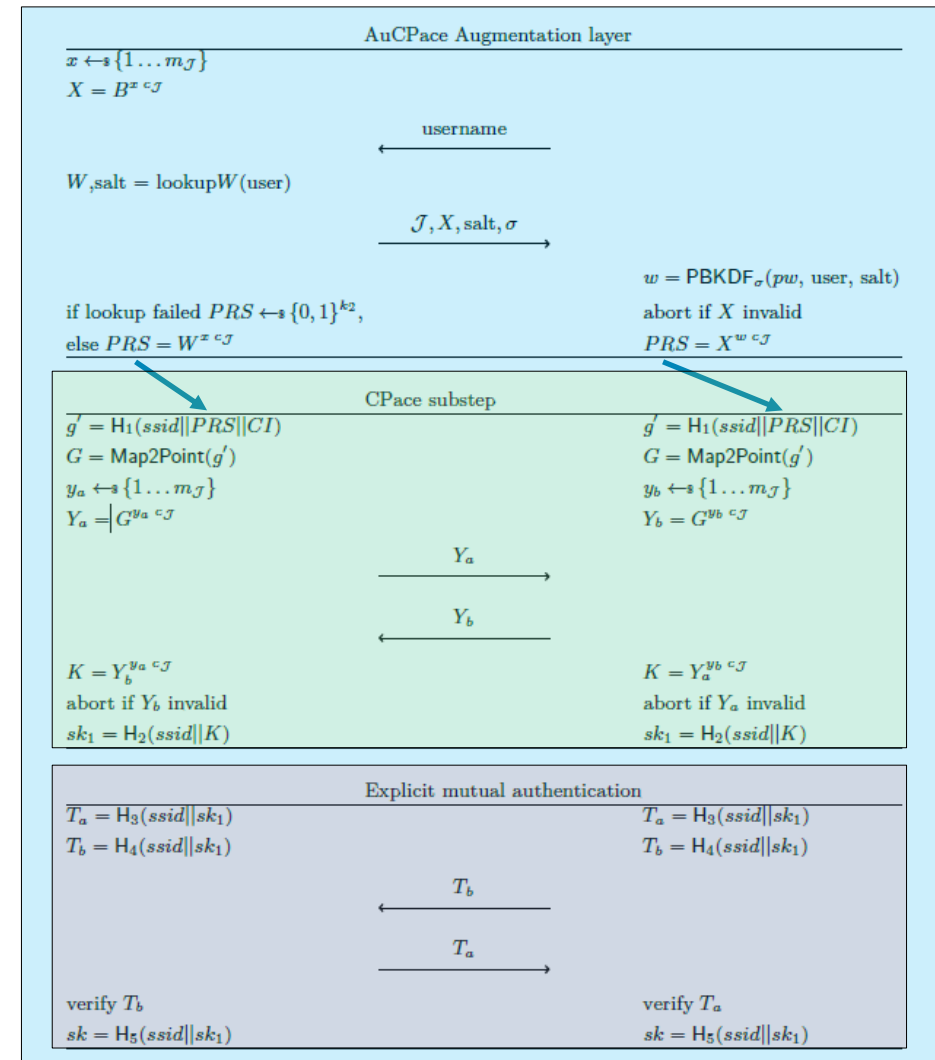
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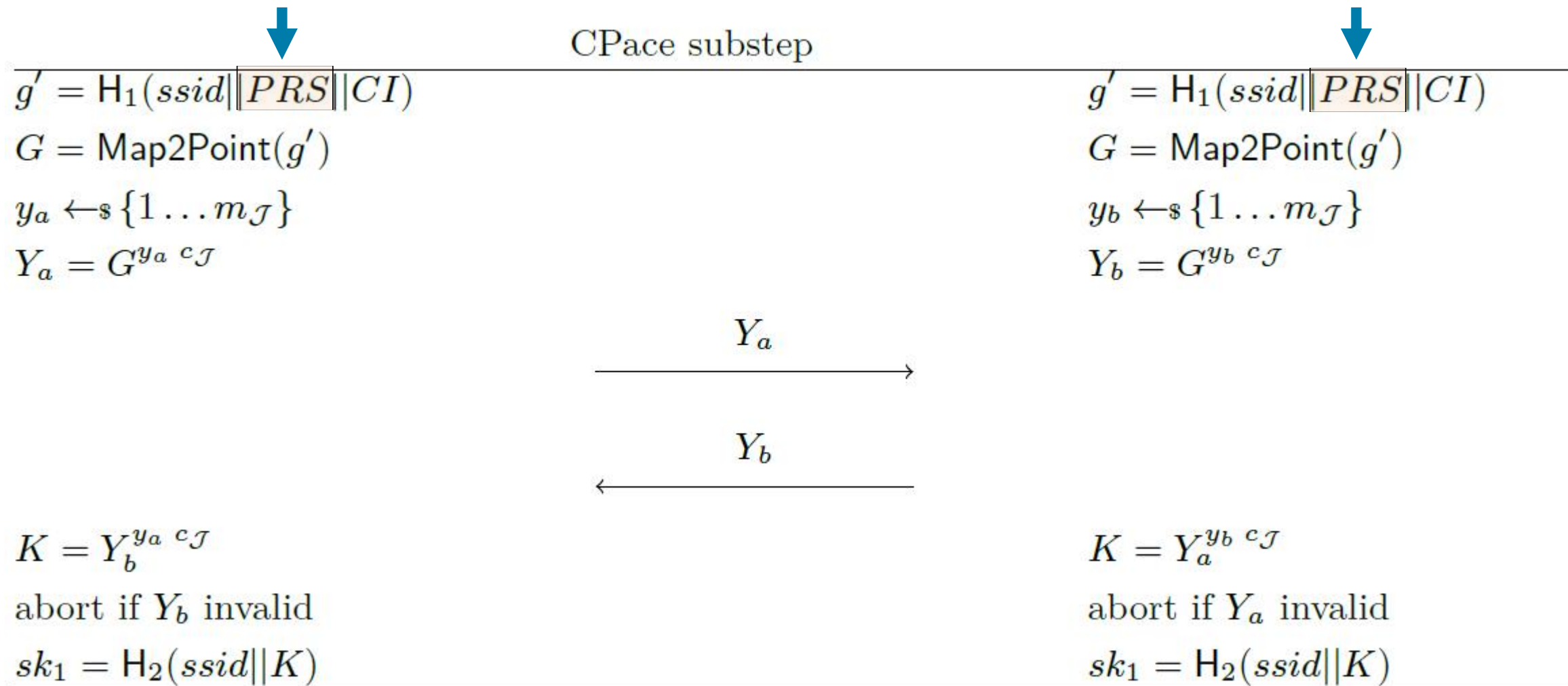


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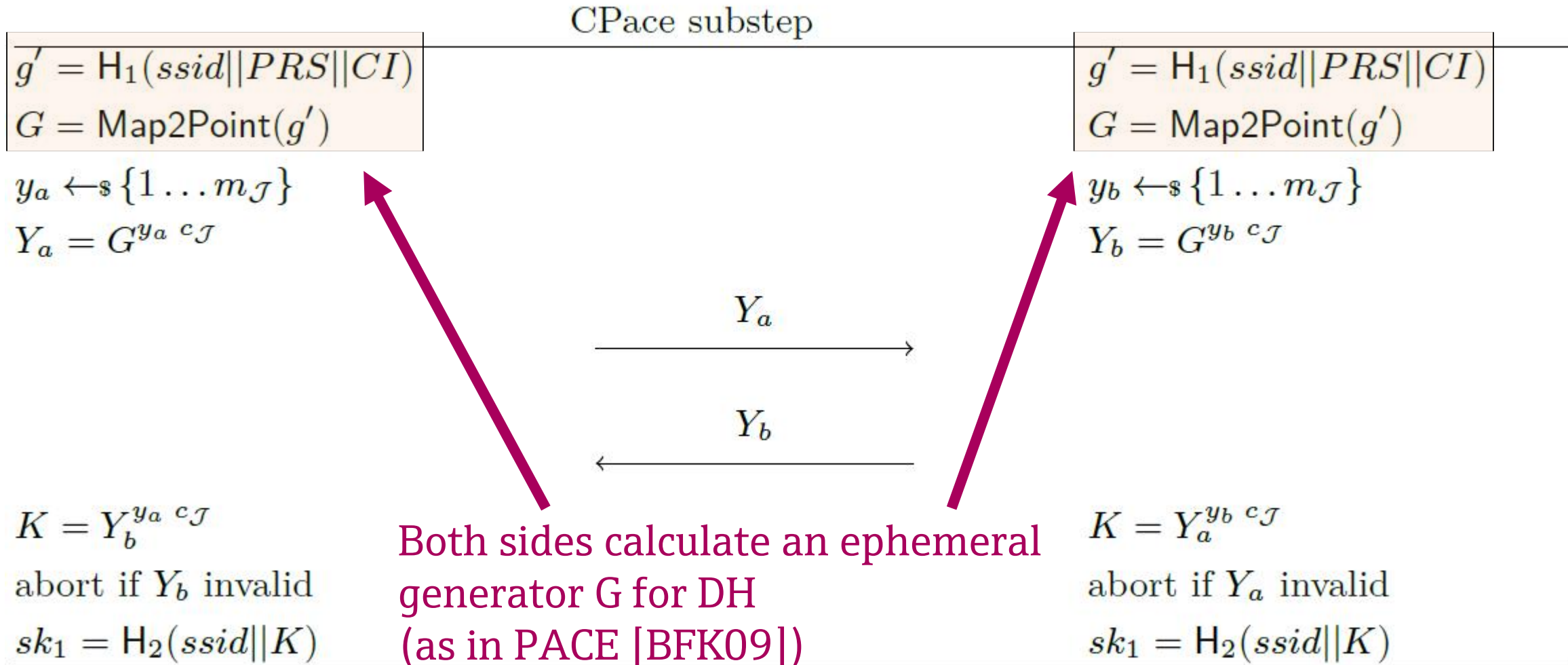
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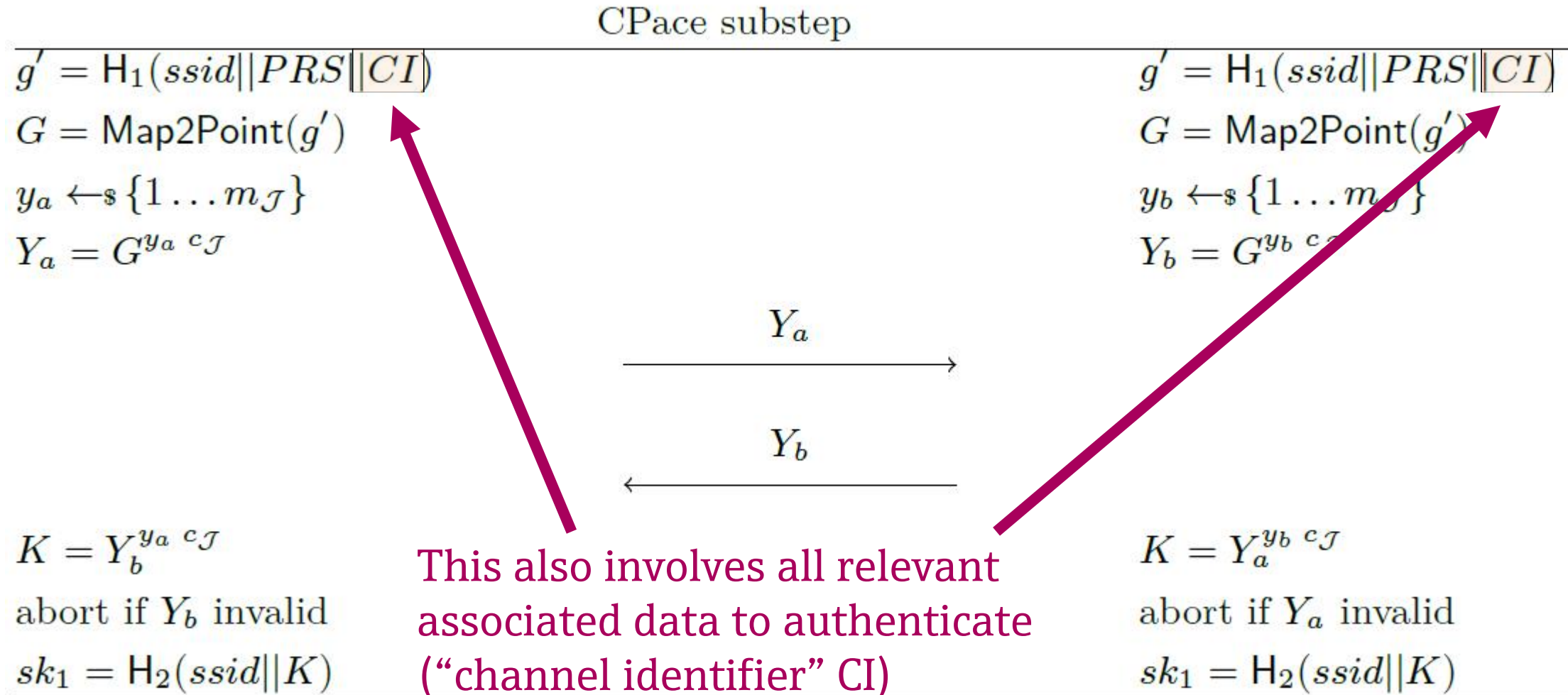
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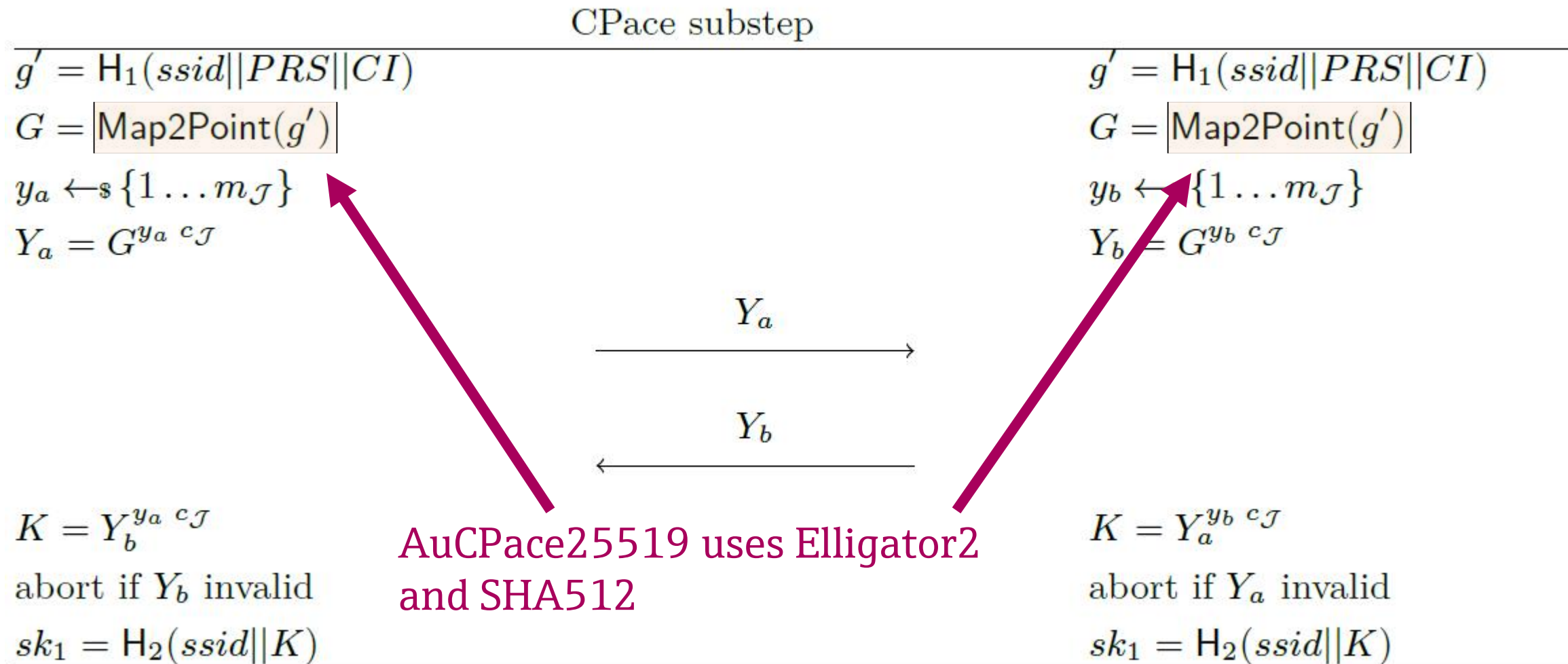
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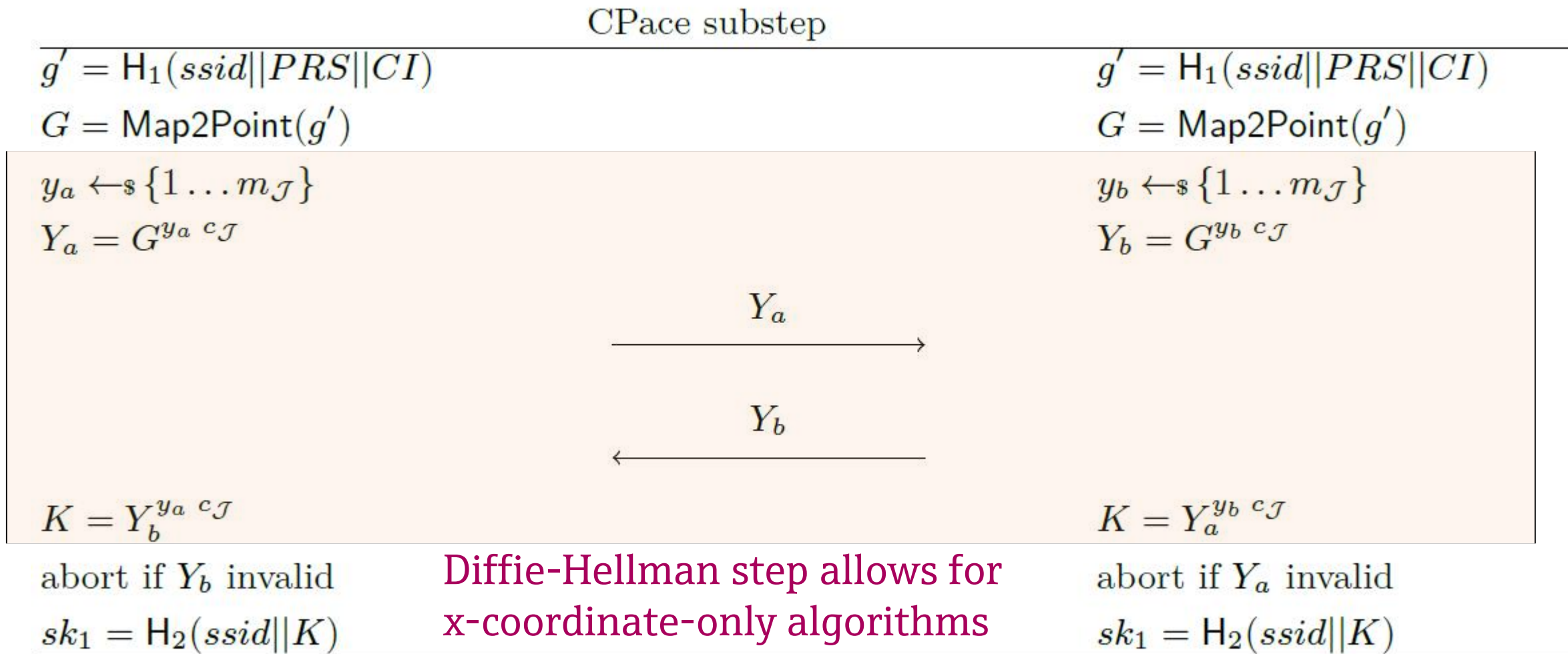
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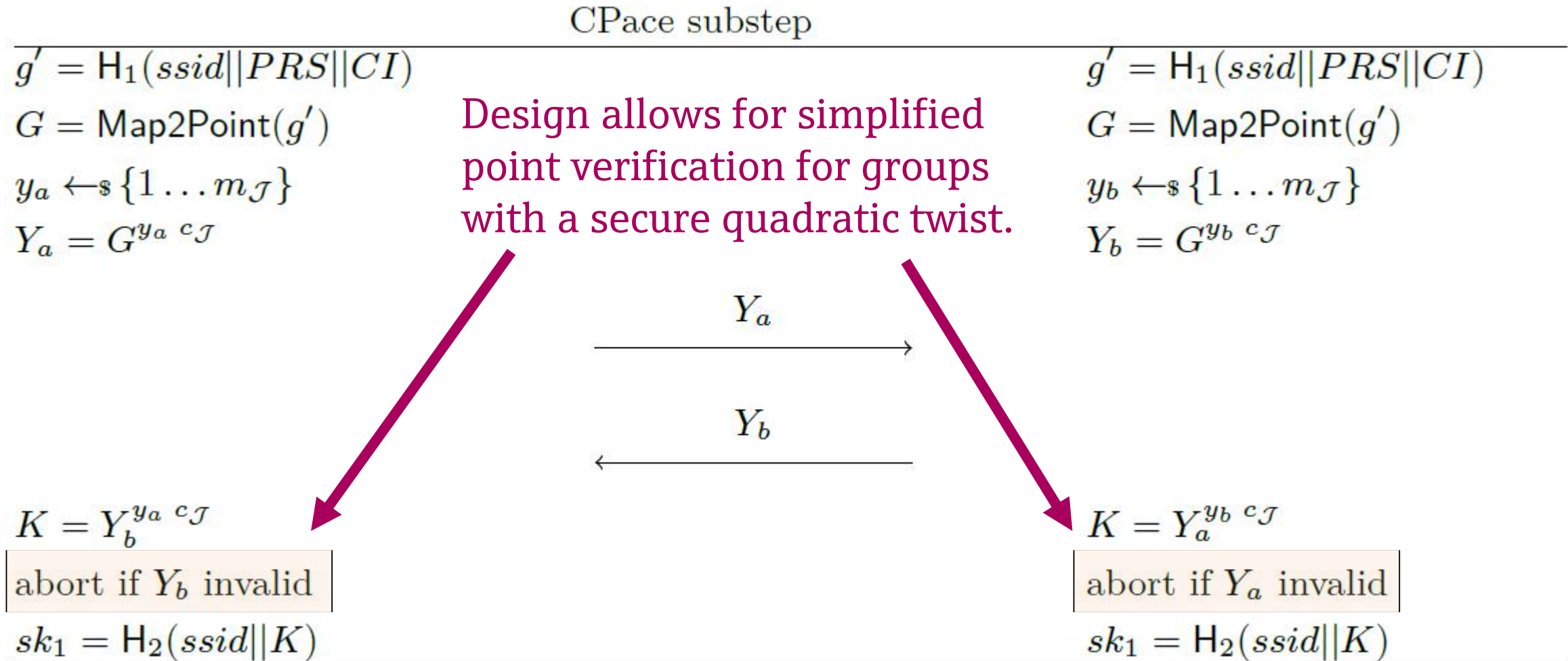
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Diffie-Hellman step allows for  
x-coordinate-only algorithms



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## AuCPlace in a nutshell

### CPace substep

$$g' = H_1(ssid || PRS || CI)$$

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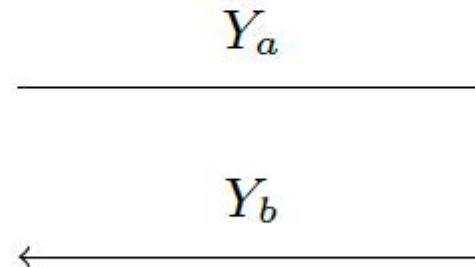
Generated session keys match  
iff both input parameters PRS  
and associated data “CI” match

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$$K = Y_b^{y_a} {}^{c_{\mathcal{J}}}$$

abort if  $Y_b$  invalid

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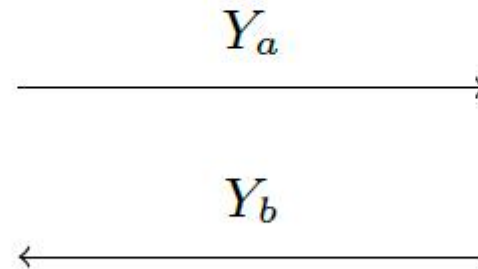
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Optionally, session keys are explicitly authenticated

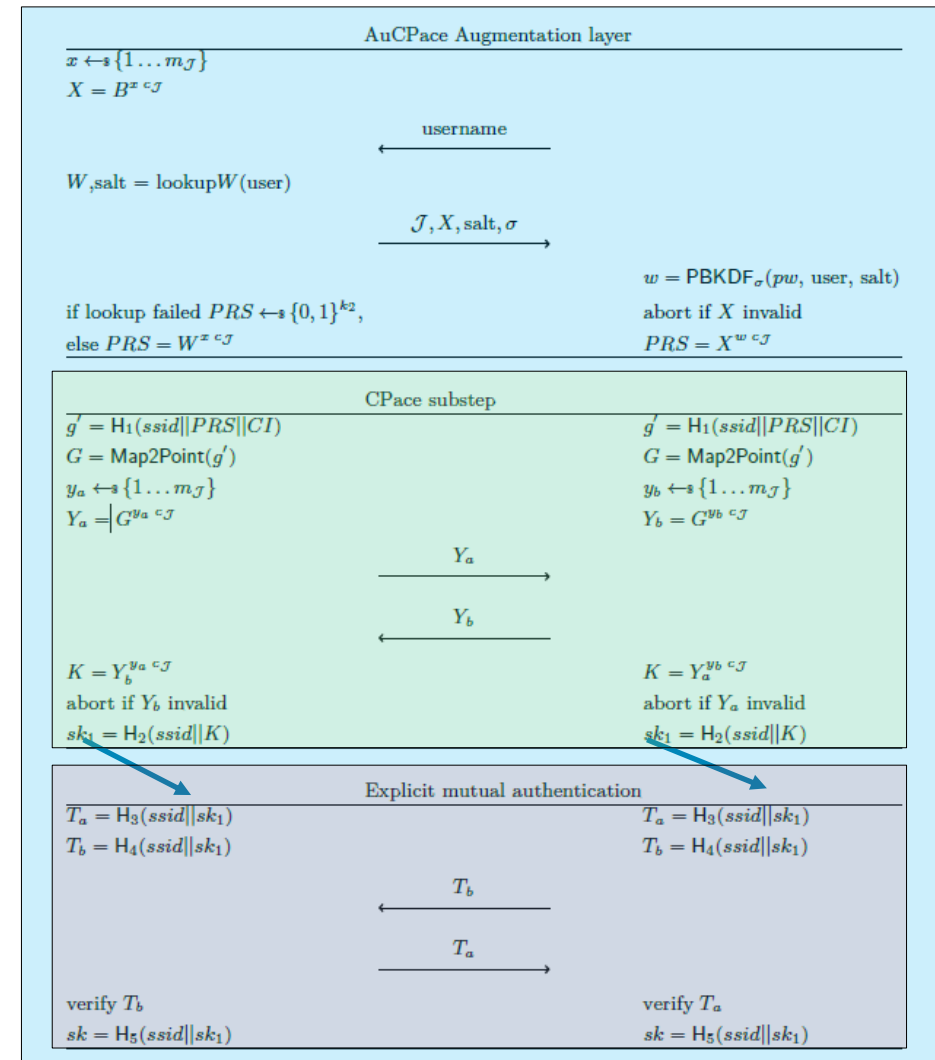
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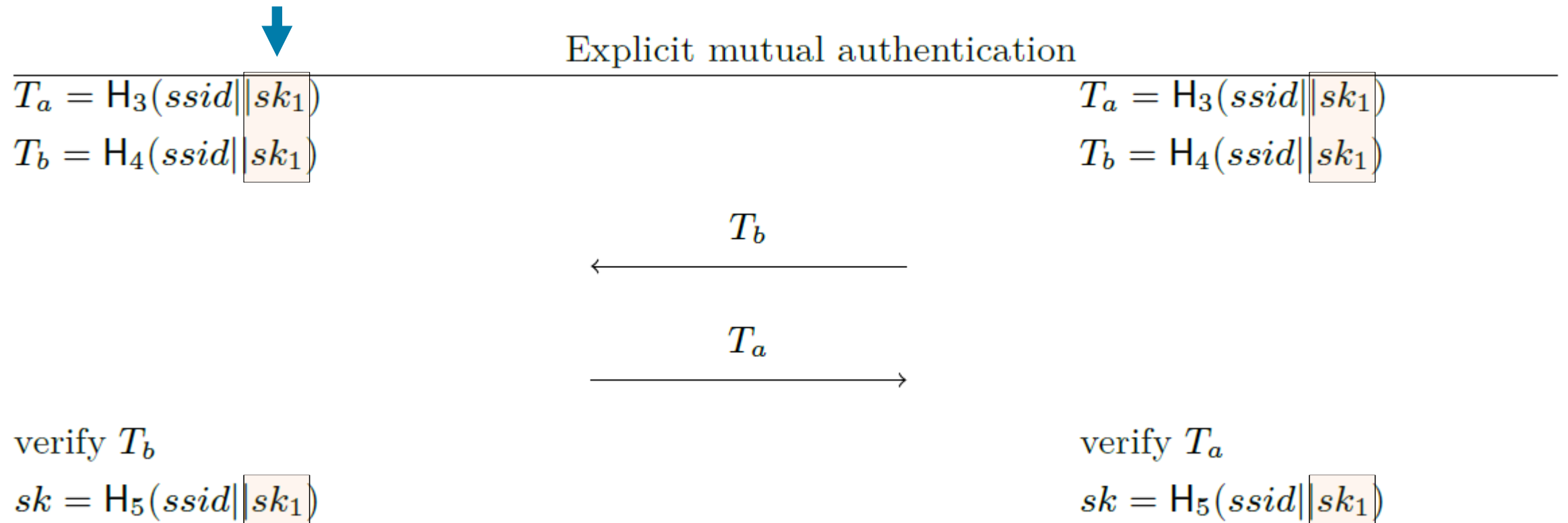
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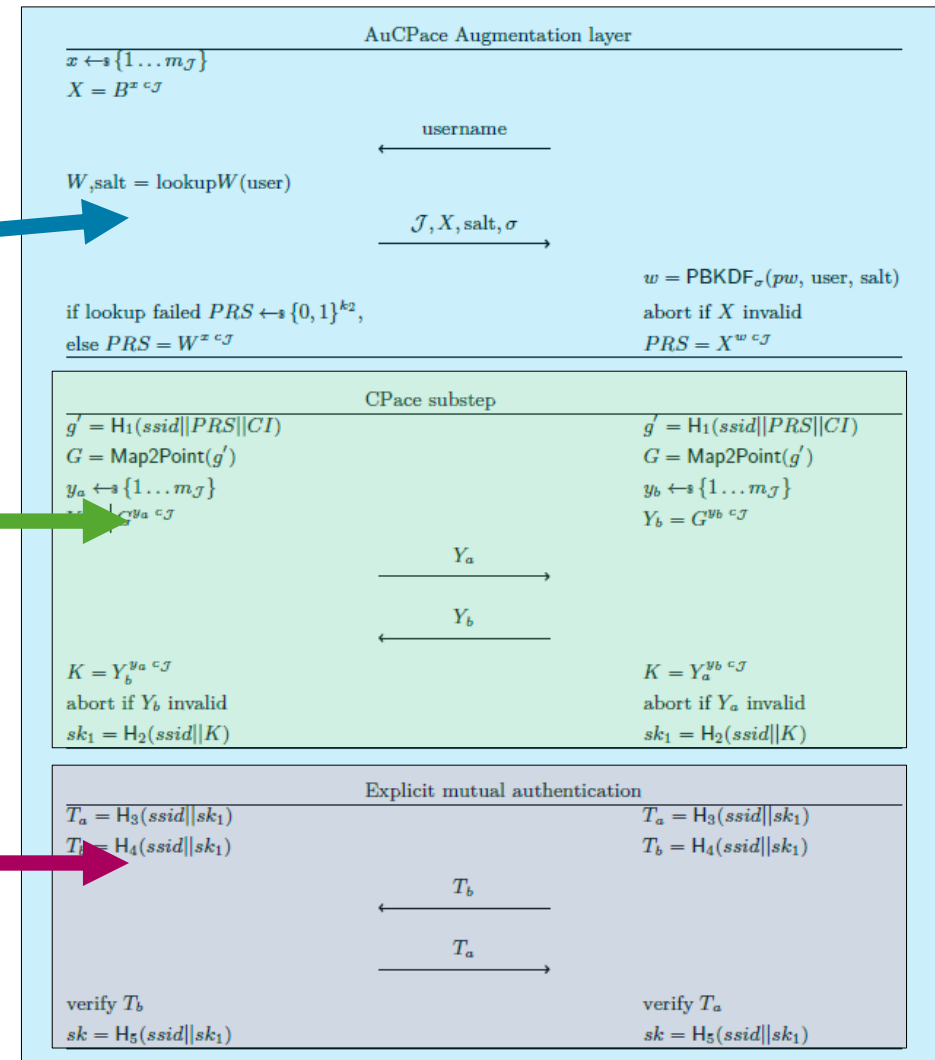


Note that no communication transcripts were necessary for generating the session keys and authentication messages!

# The modular AuC Pace protocol construction // Security analysis

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# The modular AuCPlace protocol construction

Security analysis – 1 –

Proof that CPlace protocol executions are indistinguishable from an ideal functionality

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{pwKE}}$$

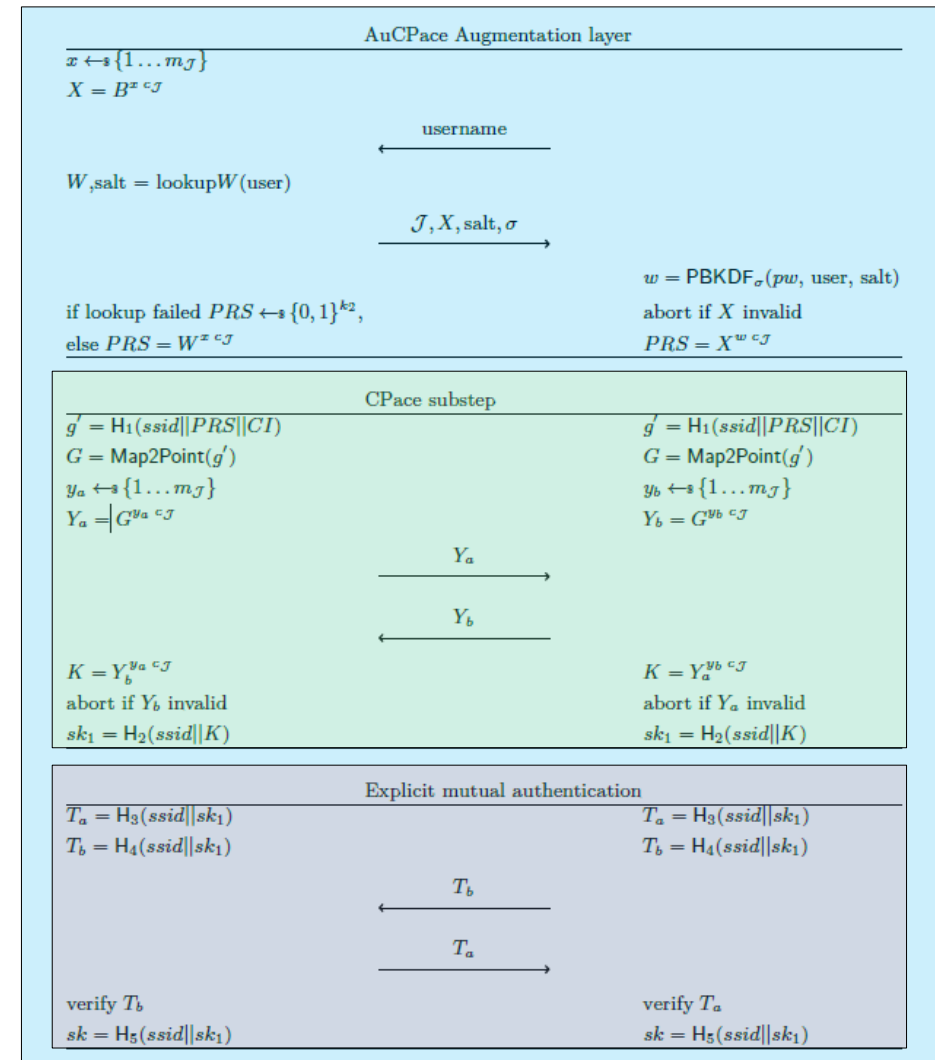
[CHK+05] for an observing environment

$$\mathcal{Z}$$

for all real-world adversaries

$$\mathcal{A}$$

under the specified hardness assumptions



Replace CPace in AuCPace with  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{pwKE}}$



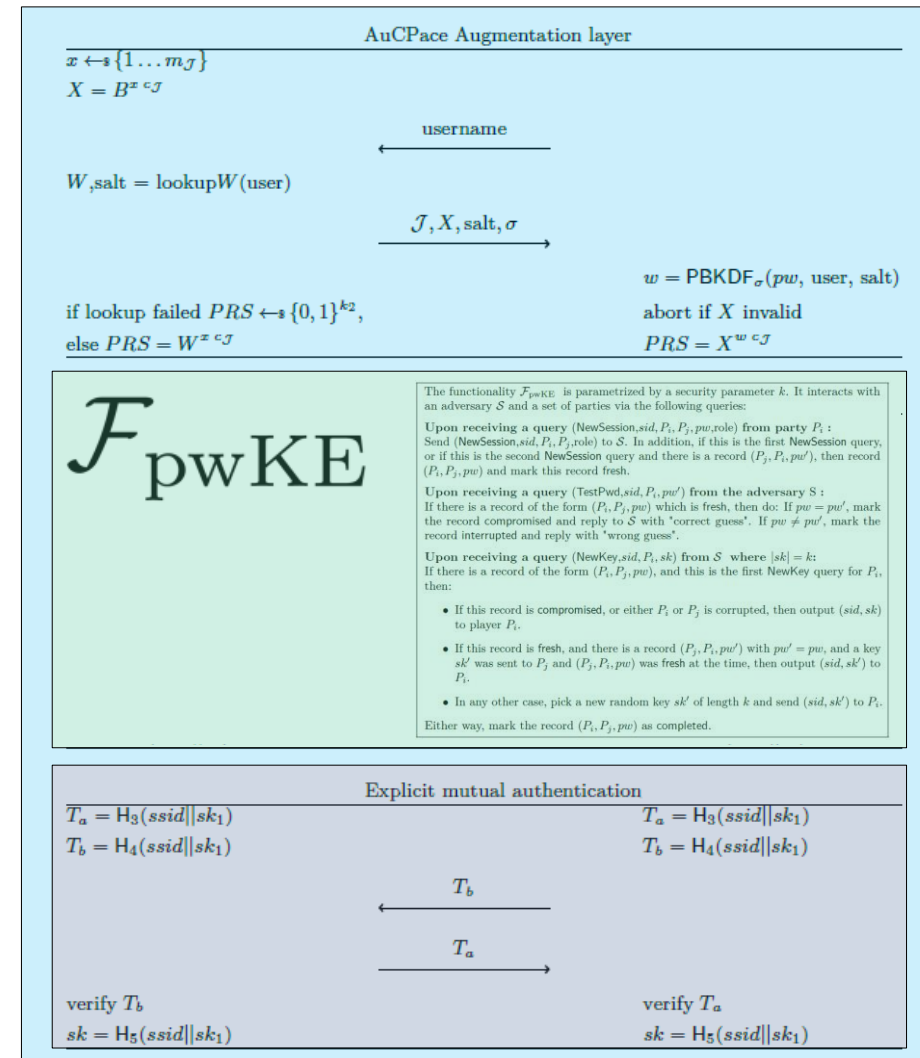
# The modular AuCPace protocol construction

## Security analysis – 3 –

Proof that execution of AuCPace protocol runs that use  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{pwKE}}$  are indistinguishable from executions using the ideal functionality

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{apwKE}}$$

[GMR06]



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## Security analysis – 4 –

Conclusion: AuCPlace is a secure verifier-based PAKE protocol

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The functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{apwKE}}$  is parametrized by a security parameter  $k$ . It interacts with an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$  and a set of parties via the following queries:

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### Stealing password data

**Upon receiving a query** (StealPWfile,  $sid$ ) **from adversary**  $\mathcal{S}$ :

If there is no password data record, reply to  $\mathcal{S}$  with "no password file". Otherwise do the following. If the password data record (file,  $P_i, P_j, pw$ ) is marked uncompromised, mark it as compromised. If there is a tuple (offline,  $pw'$ ) stored with  $pw = pw'$ , send  $pw$  to  $\mathcal{S}$ , otherwise reply to  $\mathcal{S}$  with "password file stolen".

**Upon receiving a query** (OfflineTestPwd,  $sid, pw'$ ) **from adversary**  $\mathcal{S}$ :

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### Active session attacks

**Upon receiving a query** (TestPwd,  $sid, ssid, P, pw'$ ) **from adversary**  $\mathcal{S}$ :

If there is a session record of the form ( $ssid, P, P', pw$ ) which is fresh, then do: If  $pw = pw'$ , mark the record compromised and reply to  $\mathcal{S}$  with "correct guess". Otherwise, mark the session record interrupted and reply with "wrong guess".

**Upon receiving a query** (SvrImpersonate,  $sid, ssid$ ) **from adversary**  $\mathcal{S}$ :

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### Key Generation and Authentication

**Upon receiving a query** (NewKey,  $sid, ssid, P, key$ ) **from adversary**  $\mathcal{S}$ , where  $|key| = k$ :  
If there is a record of the form ( $ssid, P, P', pw$ ) that is not marked completed, then:

- If this record is compromised, or either  $P$  or  $P'$  is corrupted, then output ( $sid, ssid, key$ ) to  $P$ .
- If this record is fresh, there is a session record ( $ssid, P', P, pw'$ ),  $pw' = pw$ , a key  $key'$  was sent to  $P'$ , and ( $ssid, P', P, pw$ ) was fresh at the time, then let  $key'' = key'$ , else pick a random key  $key''$  of length  $k$ . Output ( $sid, ssid, key''$ ) to  $P$ .
- In any other case, pick a random key  $key''$  of length  $k$  and output ( $sid, ssid, key''$ ) to  $P$ .

Finally, mark the record ( $ssid, P, P', pw$ ) as completed.

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Send  $b'$  to  $\mathcal{S}$ . If  $b' = \text{fail}$ , send (abort,  $sid, ssid$ ) to  $P$ , and mark record ( $ssid, P, P', pw$ ) completed.



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allowing for explicit mutual authentication  
of session keys

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# The modular AuCPlace protocol construction

AuCPlace security assumptions:

- Computational Diffie-Hellman problem (CDH)
- Discrete log of  $S' = \text{Map2Point}(s)$  unknown.
- Programmable random oracle  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{RO}}$
- Upon availability of an inverse map  $\text{Map2Point}^{-1}$  security also maintained with respect to adaptive adversaries.

$\mathcal{F}_{\text{apwKE}}$

The functionality  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{apwKE}}$  is parametrized by a security parameter  $k$ . It interacts with an adversary  $\mathcal{S}$  and a set of parties via the following queries:

**Password storage and authentication sessions**

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If this is the first  $\text{StorePWfile}$  query, store password data record  $(\text{file}, P_i, P_j, pw)$  and mark it uncompromised.

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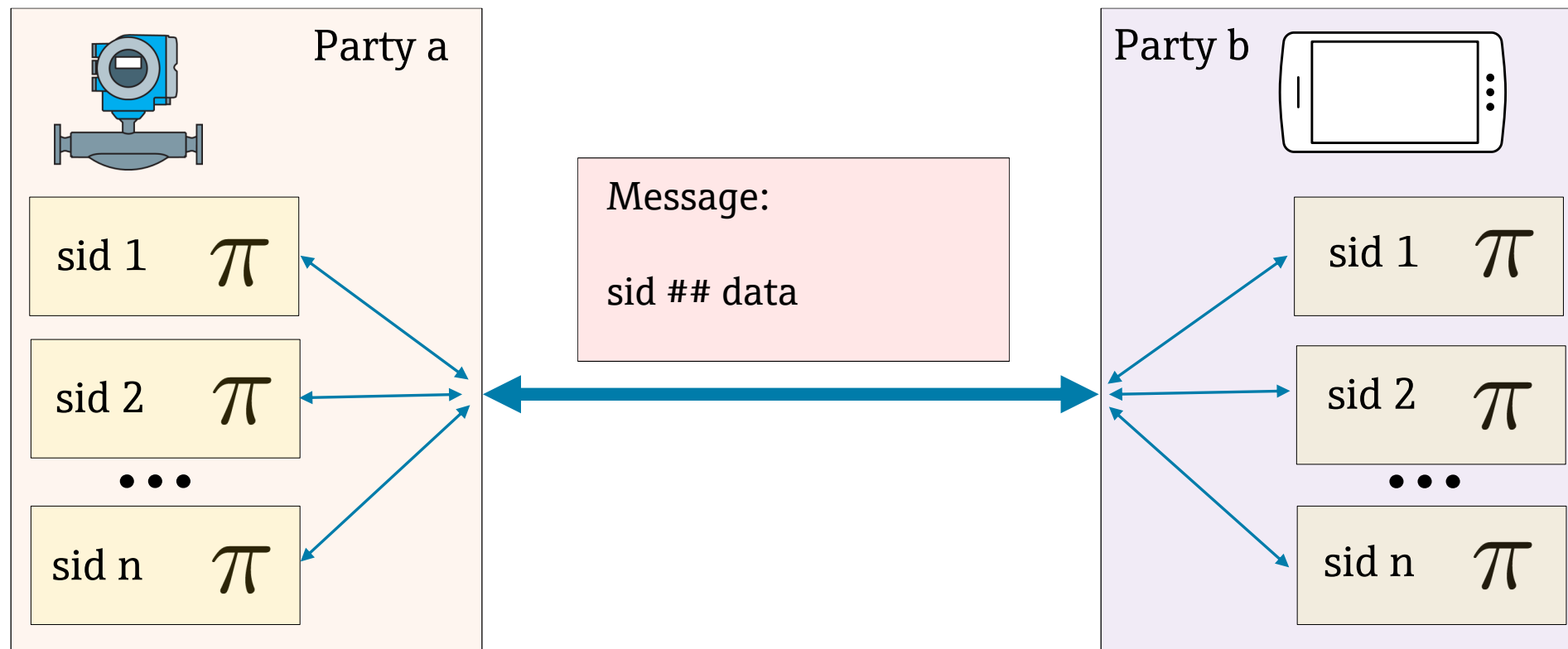
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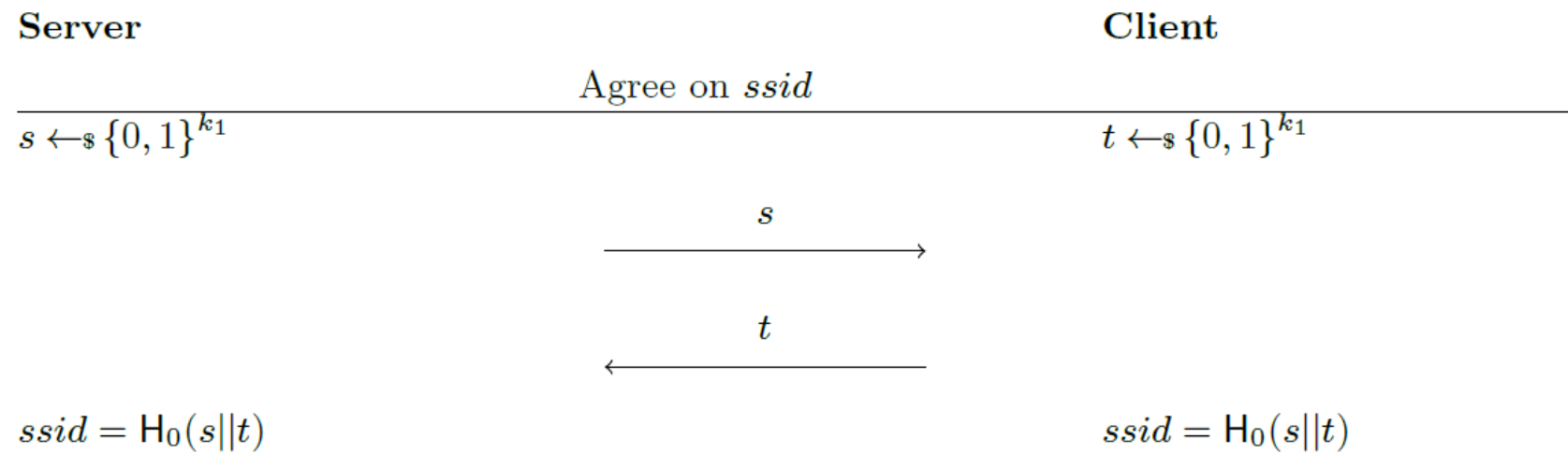
## Concurrent sessions within the UC framework

- UC[Can01] allows for an unlimited number of concurrently executed protocol instances  $\pi$  distinguished by a session ID (sid) (sid,ssid pair in JUC [CR03])



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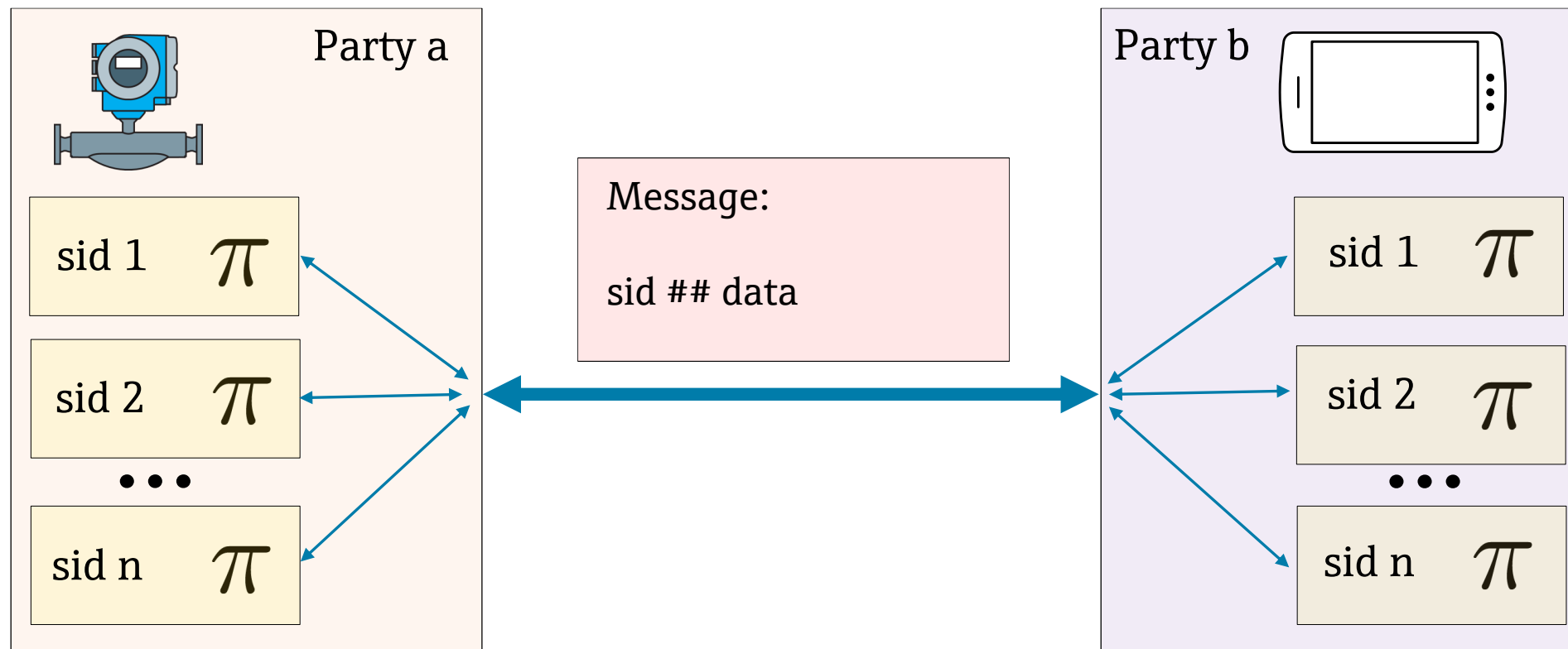
- Straight-forward approach for establishing *sid* in the real world: nonce-round prior to the protocol.



- In the literature this complexity coming with *any* UC security proof is not always considered to the same extent [JKX18,GMR06].

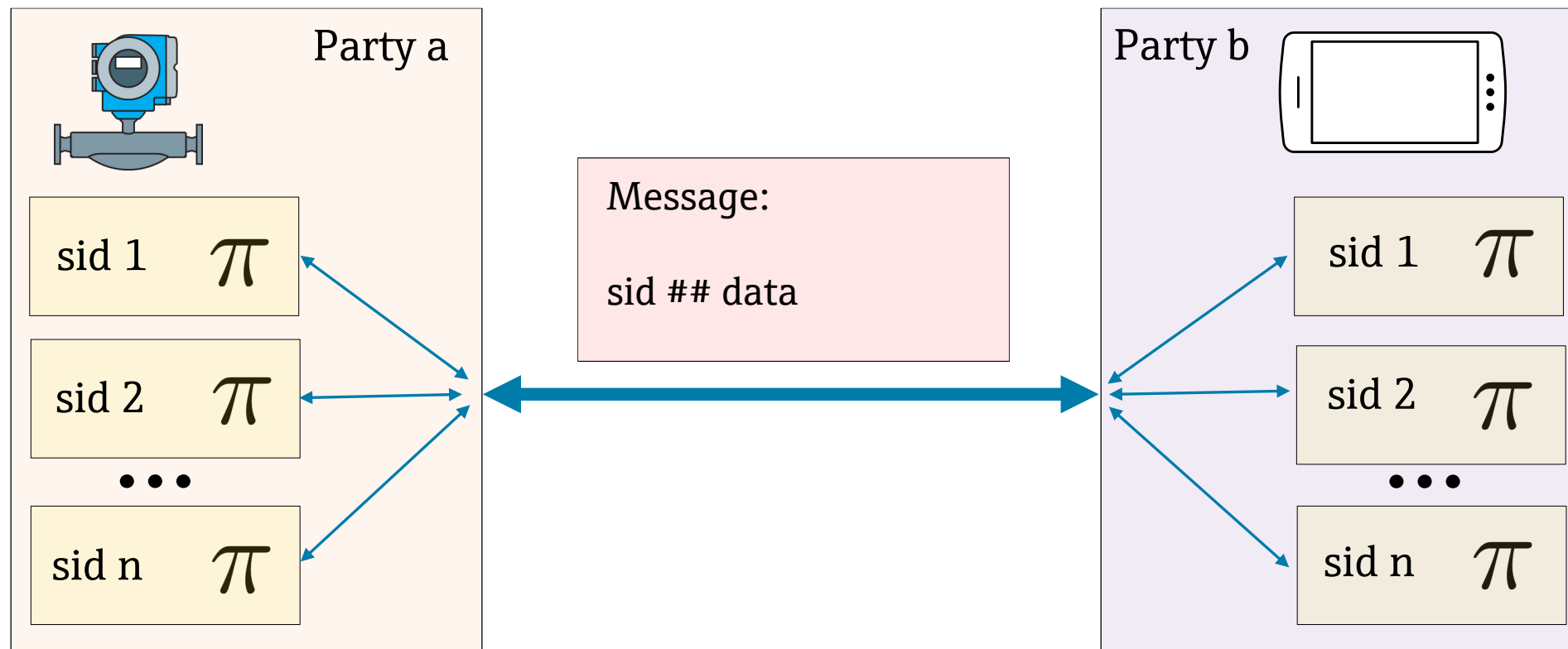
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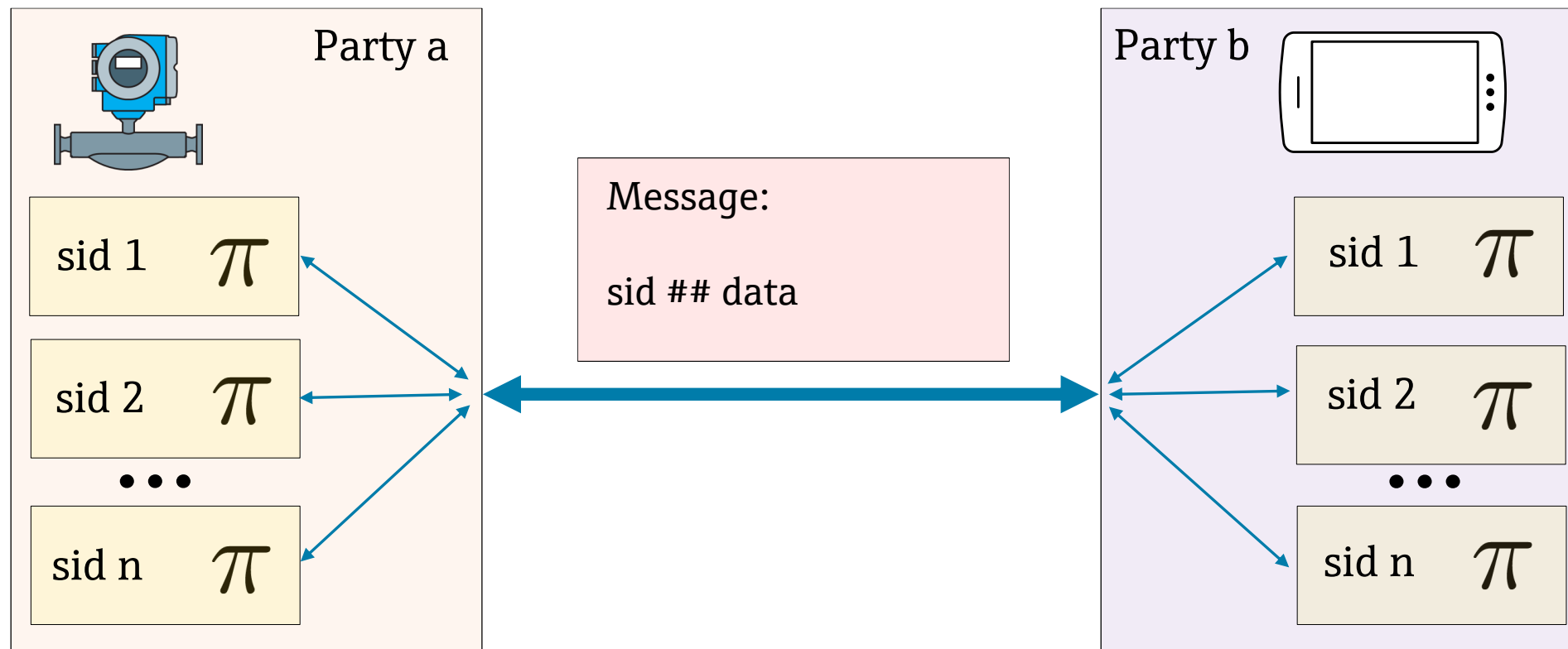
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## Concurrent sessions within the UC framework

- Session IDs are sometimes also used for a session specific nonce value  
(Here: No technical need for nonce agreement *prior* to entering the protocol)



## Use of the UC session ID as ephemeral nonce value in the AuC Pace protocol

- AuC Pace uses *ssid* as nonce
- *ssid* prepended to hash inputs  
=> outputs become ephemeral  
=> different *ssid* never share queries to  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{RO}}$

Küsters, Tüngerthal and Rausch [KTR13]:  
doing so is important for composability  
guarantees when combining joint state  
with global random oracles (IITM model).

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{g'} &= H_1(\boxed{ssid} || PRS || CI) \\ G &= \text{Map2Point}(g') \\ y_a &\leftarrow_{\$} \{1 \dots m_{\mathcal{J}}\} \\ Y_a &= G^{y_a} \end{aligned} \quad \text{UC Pace su}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= Y_b^{y_a} \\ \text{abort if } Y_b &\text{ invalid} \\ \overline{sk_1} &= H_2(\boxed{ssid} || K) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_a &= H_3(\boxed{ssid} || sk_1) \\ T_b &= H_4(\boxed{ssid} || sk_1) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Explicit 1}$$



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Protocols nominated in the currently ongoing  
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proof	UC	UC	BPR(ROR)	UC
comp. complexity server	2v	3v+1f	3v+1f+1i	3v+1f
comp. complexity client	3v	3v	3v+1f	4v+1f
$x$ -coordinate only	possible	possible	-	-
simplified point ver.	possible	possible	-	-
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AuCPace and OPAQUE provide stronger security guarantees than VTBPEKE by offering pre-computation attack resistance and universal composability.

In comparison to OPAQUE, AuCPace considers a more powerful adaptive adversary model.

## Pre-computation attack resistance option of AuCPace

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- Pre-computation attack resistance as introduced by Jarecki, Krawczyk and Xu [JKX18]
- The salt value for password hashing is kept secret from the adversary.
- Offline attacks become possible only after stealing the password database.
  
- See Appendix C of the updated eprint paper version as prepared for CFRG PAKE selection process (<https://eprint.iacr.org/2018/286.pdf>)
  
- Cost of this additional security feature for AuCPace:  
+1 scalar multiplication for server, +2 scalar multiplications + 1 inversion for client.

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OPAQUE and VTBPEKE are monolithic constructions and merge authentication and session key generation.  
Require one message less than AuCPace.


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AuCPace needs particularly little computational resources on constrained servers in the partially augmented configuration.

Main design target for our specific  setting. [HL17]



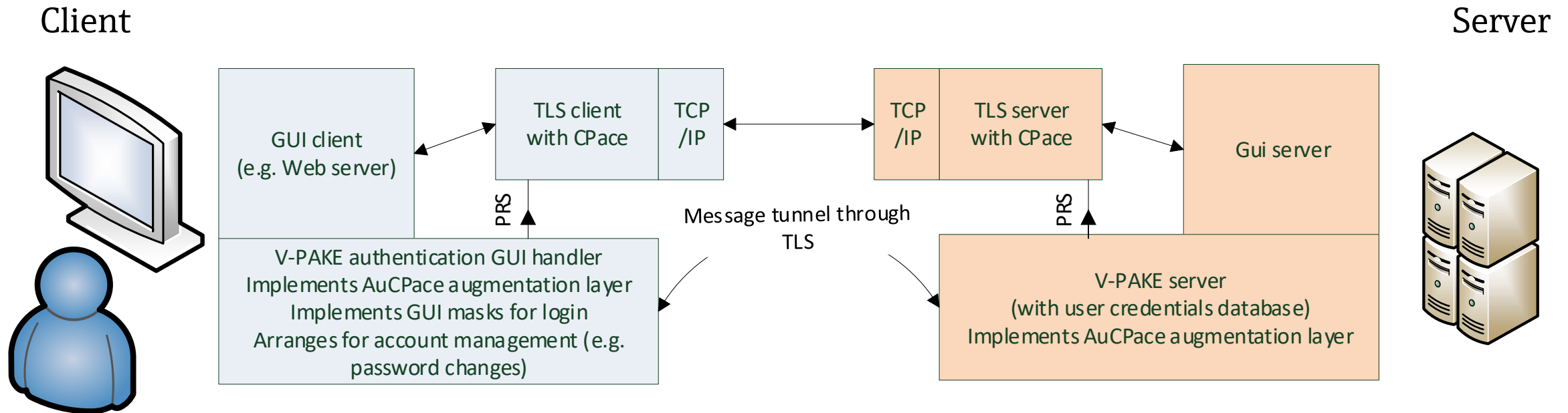
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total message size estimate	≈ 100B	≈ 100B	≈ 100B	≈ 280B
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## CFRG PAKE selection process: Suggestion for augmented PAKE (V-PAKE)



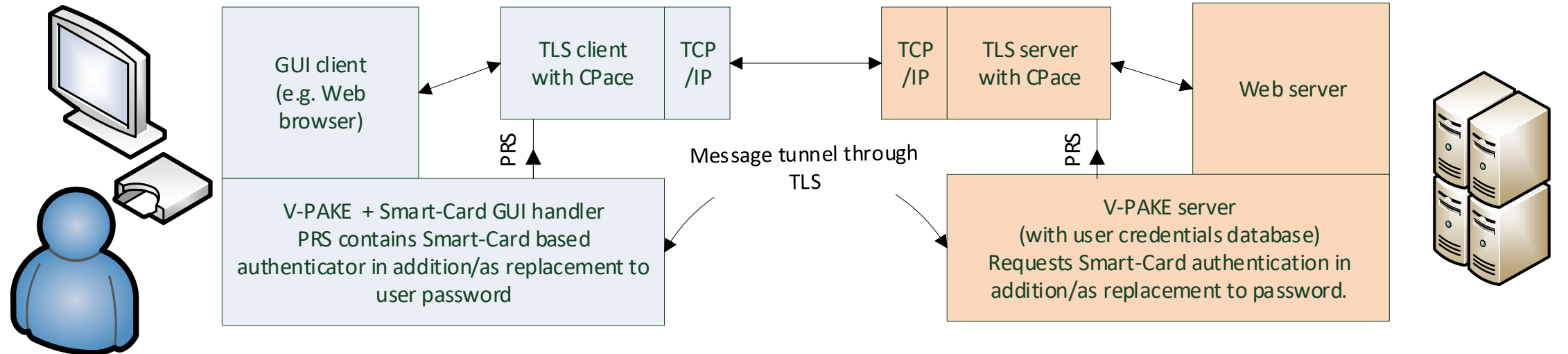
TLS implements a tunneling mechanism for authentication message exchange

TLS implements UC-secure balanced PAKE CPace

UC-Secure “augmentation layer” establishes ephemeral PRS on both sides using tunneled information messages in the TLS handshake and post-handshake phases.

## Suggestion

### Client

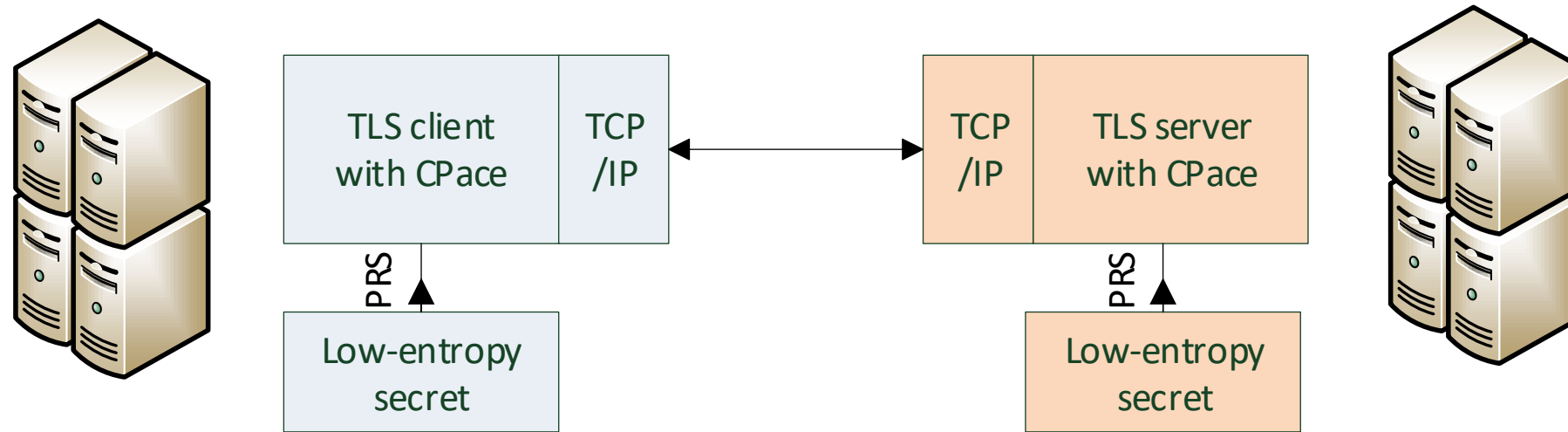


Future extensions (e.g. “UC-Secure smart-card-based authentication”, “UC-Secure fingerprint-based” authentication, RADIUS-server based authentication) could use the same TLS-CPace APIs for future extensions without need of modification of the TLS stack core.

Different ways of calculating the PRS input to CPace will be possible.

TLS-CPace just manages session confidentiality, integrity, forward secrecy and authenticates PRS.

## Machine-Machine balanced Use-Case



- Machine/Machine interfaces could use CSpace without an augmentation layer based on a pre-shared secret “PRS” which may be of low entropy.

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AuCPace specifically designed for avoiding implementation pitfalls and for ease-of-implementation

## Improvements regarding Elligator2 in comparison to [HL17]

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- Standard (naive) implementation of Elligator2 [BHK13] requires two separate field exponentiations (one for the inverse and one for the Legendre symbol).
- Using the inverse square root algorithm of [BDL+11]: one single exponentiation.
- Improvement accounts for about 4% of speed/power improvement regarding the balanced CPace protocol on a Cortex M0
- (Recall Riad Wahby's talk yesterday)

# Fe25519 field operations on ARM Cortex M4

- Schoolbook multiplication strategy
- Sequence of partial word products optimized for keeping input operands and partial results in registers
- Important difference in comparison to previous speed record Hayato Fujii and Diego Aranha [FA17]: Merging integer arithmetic with reduction
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B2	2	7	12	17	22	27	30	32
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B4	4	9	14	19	24	52	53	54
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## Experimental results for fe25519 field operations

- Significant cycle-count improvement in comparison to previous speed record

Target	f	$x + y$	$x - y$	$*A_0$	$+ * A_0$	$x^2$	$x * y$	
nRF51822	16	120	147	193	-	998	1478	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
STM32F411	?	73	77	129	-	563	631	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , [DSS16]
MK20DX	72	86	86	76	-	252	276	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , [FA17]
STM32F411	16	55	72	-	58	153	222	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
STM32L476	16	52	65	-	55	153	220	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
STM32L476	80	95	124	-	95	168	237	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
nRF52832	64	62	70	-	65	162	229	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
STM32F407	84	56	74	-	56	155	223	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{255}-19)}$ , this work
STM32F407	84	86	-	-	-	215	358	$\mathbb{F}_{(2^{127}-1)^2}$ [LLP <sup>+</sup> 17]

## Speed results for X25519 on Cortex M0 and Cortex M4

- Speed of X25519 competitive even in comparison with solutions using endomorphisms.

Target	f / MHz	X25519	
nRF51822	16	3,474,201	this work
STM32F411	?	1,816,351	[dG15]
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MK20DX	72	907,240	[FA17]
STM32L476	16; 80 <sup>(p)</sup> ; 80	609,779; 857,002; 971,272	this work
nRF52832	64	634,567	this work
STM32F411	16; 100 <sup>(p)</sup> ; 100	625,347; 625,449; 734,554	this work
STM32F407	16; 84(p); 168 <sup>(p)</sup> ; 168	625,358; 626,719; 655,891; 847,048	this work
?	?	548,873	[Len18]
STM32F407	84 <sup>(p)</sup>	542,900 (FourQ)	[LLP <sup>+</sup> 17]

## Speed results for X25519 and AuCPace

- Speed of our X25519 competitive even in comparison with solutions using endomorphisms.

Update August 2019: New X25519 speed record by Emil Lenngren [LEN18]

Full X25519 in assembly using non-standard ABI function calls passing full fe25519 operands in registers.

=> even fewer operand load/store operations

STM32F411	16; 100 <sup>(p)</sup> ; 100	625,347; 625,449; 734,554	this work
STM32F407	16; 84(p); 168 <sup>(p)</sup> ; 168	625,358; 626,719; 655,891; 847,048	this work
?	?	548,873	[Len18]
STM32F407	84 <sup>(p)</sup>	542,900 (FourQ)	[LLP <sup>+</sup> 17]

## RAM/ROM requirements for AuCPace

Target	RAM	ROM	RAM	ROM	
Target	ACE	ACE	X25519	X25519	
Cortex-M0	264 (396)	11252	0 (572)	6108	this work
Cortex-M4	264 (268)	8896	0 (444)	3324	this work
Cortex-M4				4152	[FA17]
Cortex-M4				3786	[DSS16]

**Table 7:** Memory consumption in bytes for asynchronized implementation of AuCPace (ACE) and X25519 for Cortex M0 and M4 microcontrollers. Results were obtained with arm-none-eabi-gcc -O2 (gcc version 4.9.3). RAM consumption is separated in static memory (stack memory) respectively.

## Summary

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- If you cannot avoid using password for remote access authentication, we recommend:  
V-PAKE + memory hard password hashing
- Result of our *system-level optimization strategy* for constrained servers:  
AuCPace and CPace
- AuCPace / CPace analysis in the UC framework
- AuCPace25519 and X25519 very efficient on ARM Cortex-M0 and M4, competitive even with the fastest known approaches benefiting from endomorphisms.

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Updates from summer 2019 included in eprint version of the TCHES paper  
<https://eprint.iacr.org/2018/286.pdf> (pre-computation attack resistance option)

