

# Security Protocols

# Comments

- All the login protocol we saw are subject to man-in-the-middle attacks
- All protocols were entities do not share some sort of secret beforehand, they are subject to this type of attack

# Authenticated D-H

A and B shared a pre-arranged secret  $S$

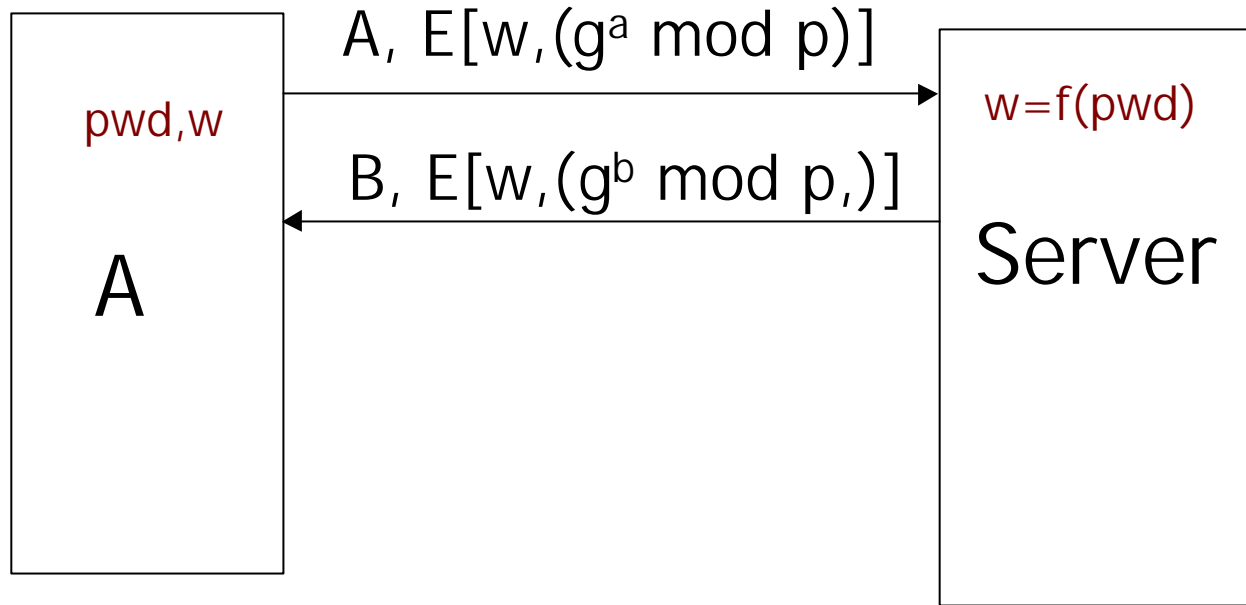
$$A \rightarrow B: g^x \bmod n \quad g^{xy}$$

$$B \rightarrow A: g^y \bmod n \quad g^{xy}$$

$$A \rightarrow B: E[S, (A, g^{xy})]$$

$$B \rightarrow A: E[S, (B, g^{xy})]$$

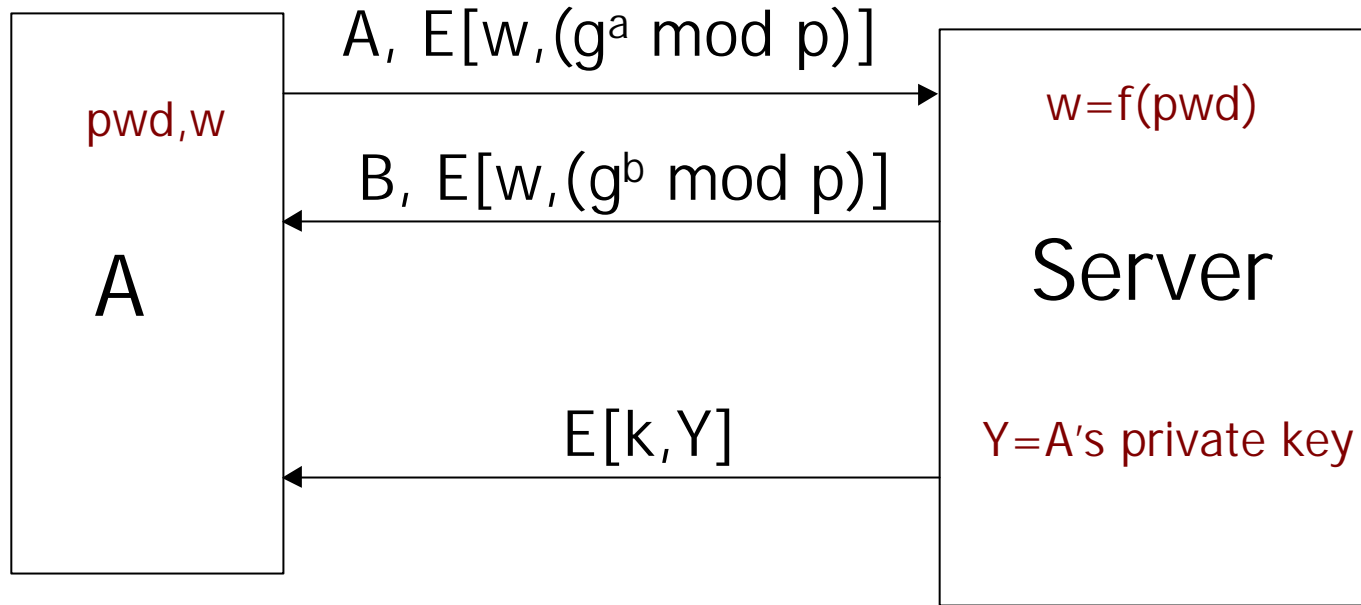
# EKE=Encrypted Key Exchange



$$k = g^{ab} \bmod p$$

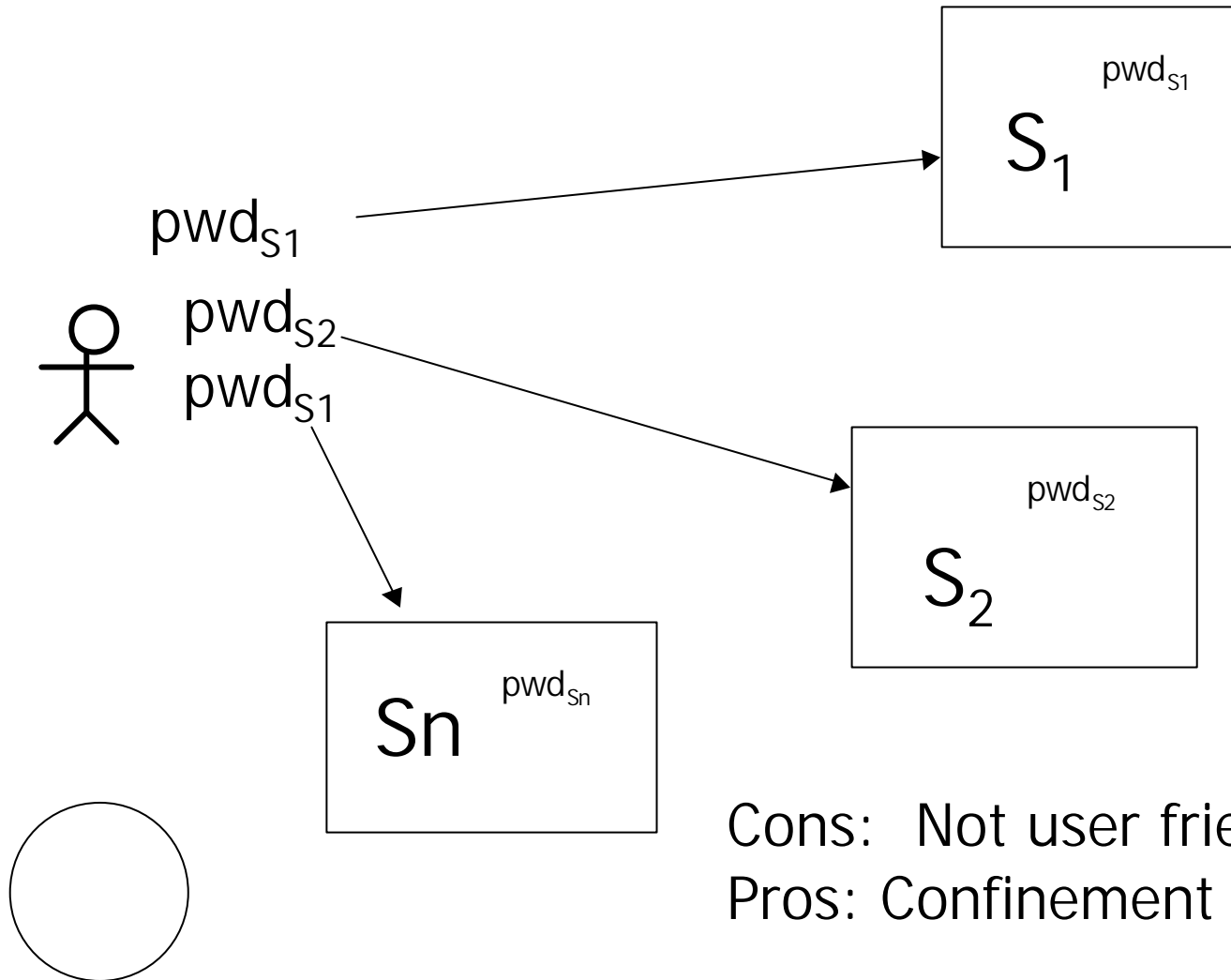
Encryption protects from dictionary attacks  
Mutual authentication

# Secure Credentials Download Protocol



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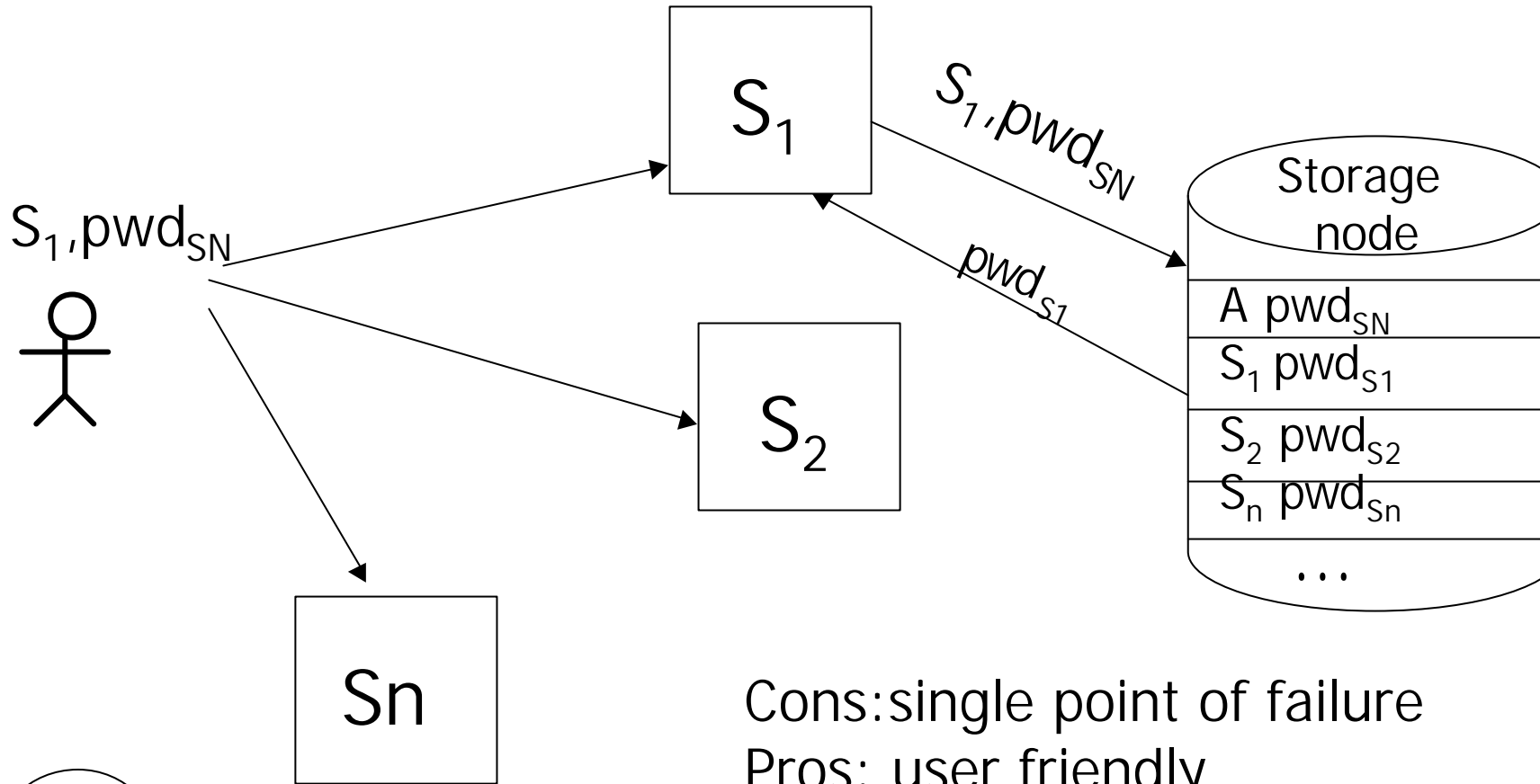
# Server specific



Cons: Not user friendly

Pros: Confinement of damage

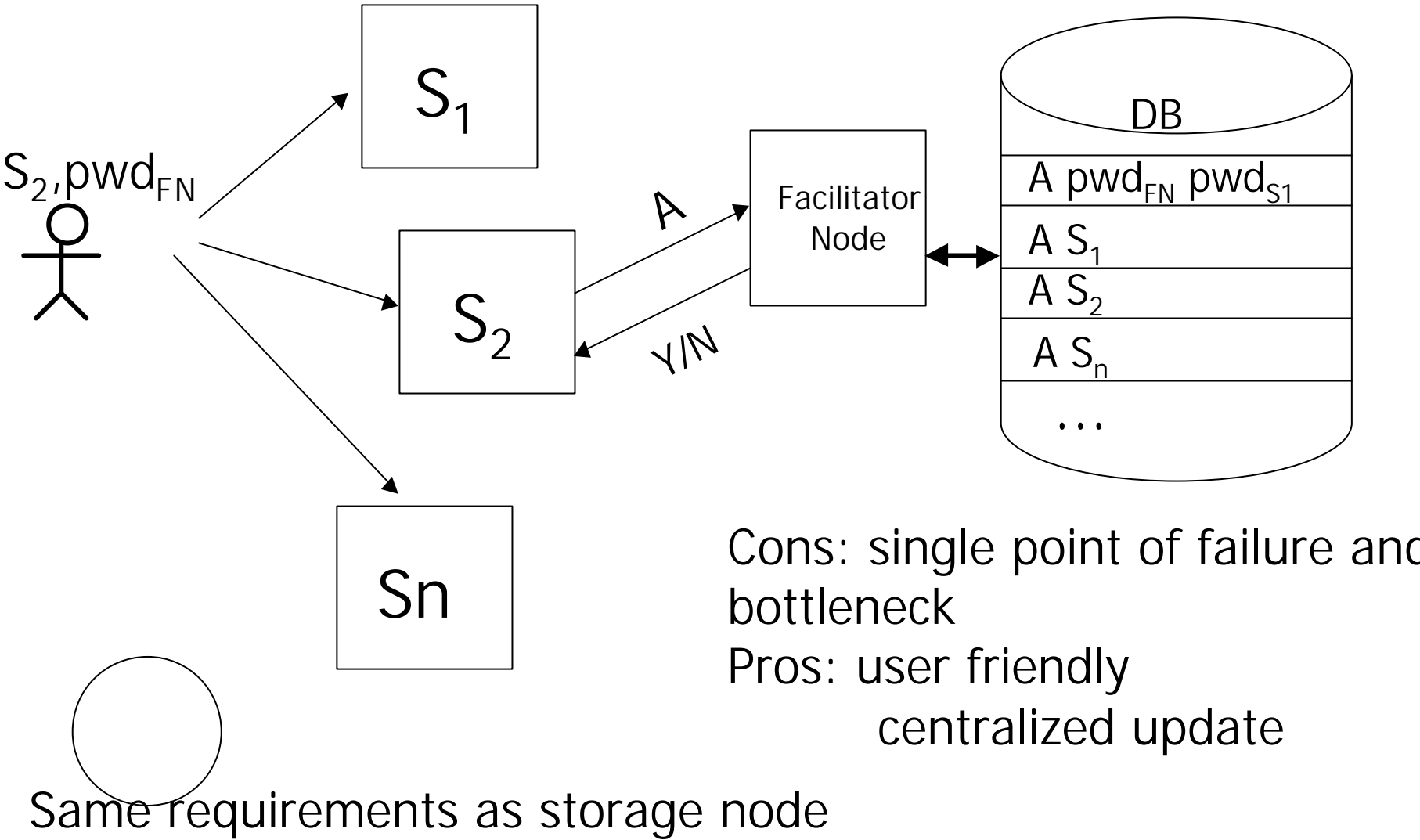
# Storage Node



Cons: single point of failure  
Pros: user friendly  
centralized updates

Storage node has to authenticate to servers

# Facilitator Node



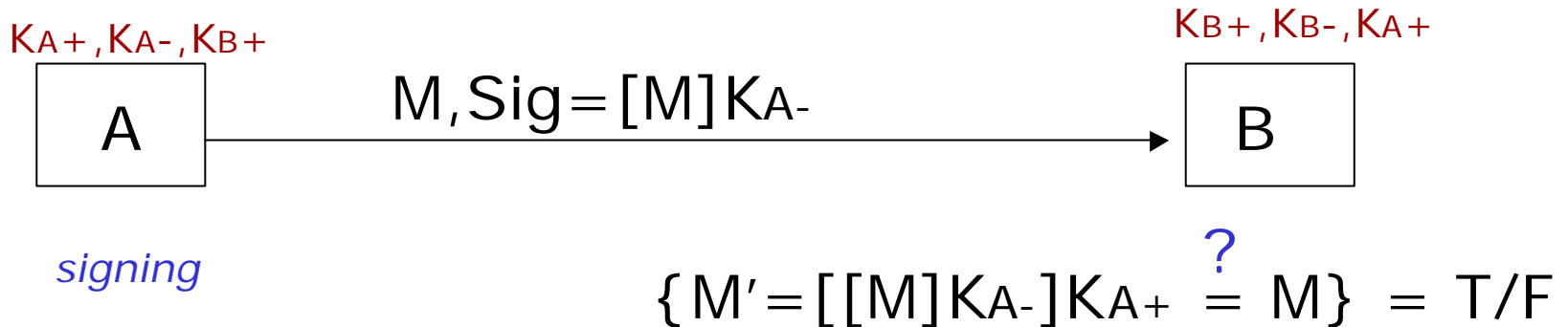


# Digital Signature

Assumptions:

$K_{x-}$  : private key generated and owned only by X

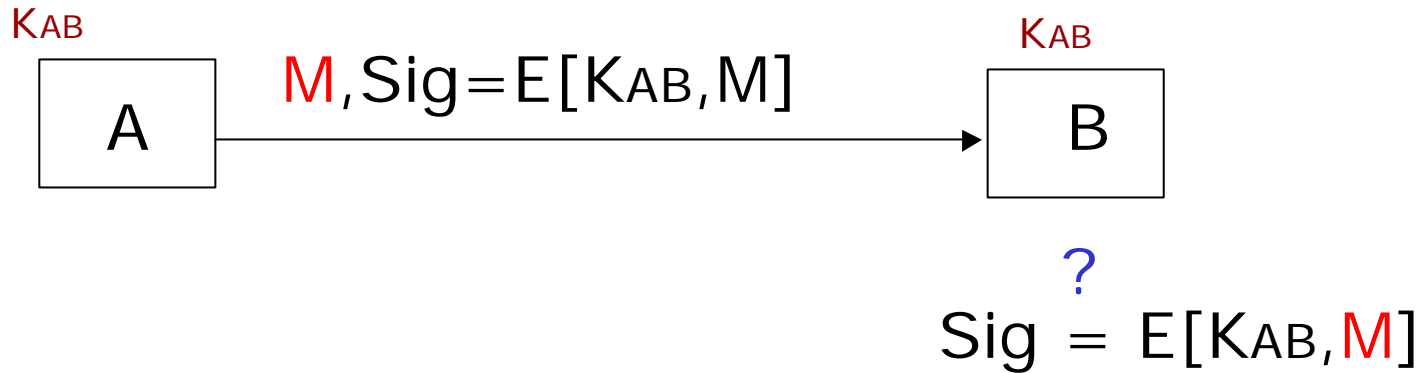
$K_{x+}$  : public key public known by everybody



$K_{x-}$  : signing key

$K_{x+}$  : verification key

# Signature with SK?



- Since both A and B share  $K_{AB}$  it is impossible for a third party to univocally determine which party generated *Sig*. Both of them could have done it!
- With AK private keys **do not need** to be transmitted over the network

# Challenge/response protocol

Host  $\rightarrow$  A: random string= $r$

A  $\rightarrow$  Host:  $\text{Sig}[r]_{K_{A-}}$

Host computes  $\text{Ver}(\text{Sig}[r]_{K_{A-}}, K_{A+}) = \text{True/False}$

- Subject to some attack (context-switching)

# Blind Signatures

$e$ =Bob's pub key  $d$ =Bob's priv key public modulus  $n$

- Alice chooses random  $1 < k < n$ , then blinds  $m$  by computing  $t = mk^e \bmod n$ , then send it to Bob
- Bob signs  $t$ ,  $t^d = (mk^e)^d \bmod n = (m^d)k \bmod n$  and send it to Alice
- Alice unblind  $t^d$  by computing  
 $s = t^d / k \bmod n \rightarrow s = m^d \bmod n$

$$t^d \equiv (mk^e)^d \equiv m^d k \pmod{n} \rightarrow t^d / k = m^d k / k \equiv m^d \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{Sig}[mk^e]K_B^- \rightarrow \text{Sig}[m]K_B^-$$

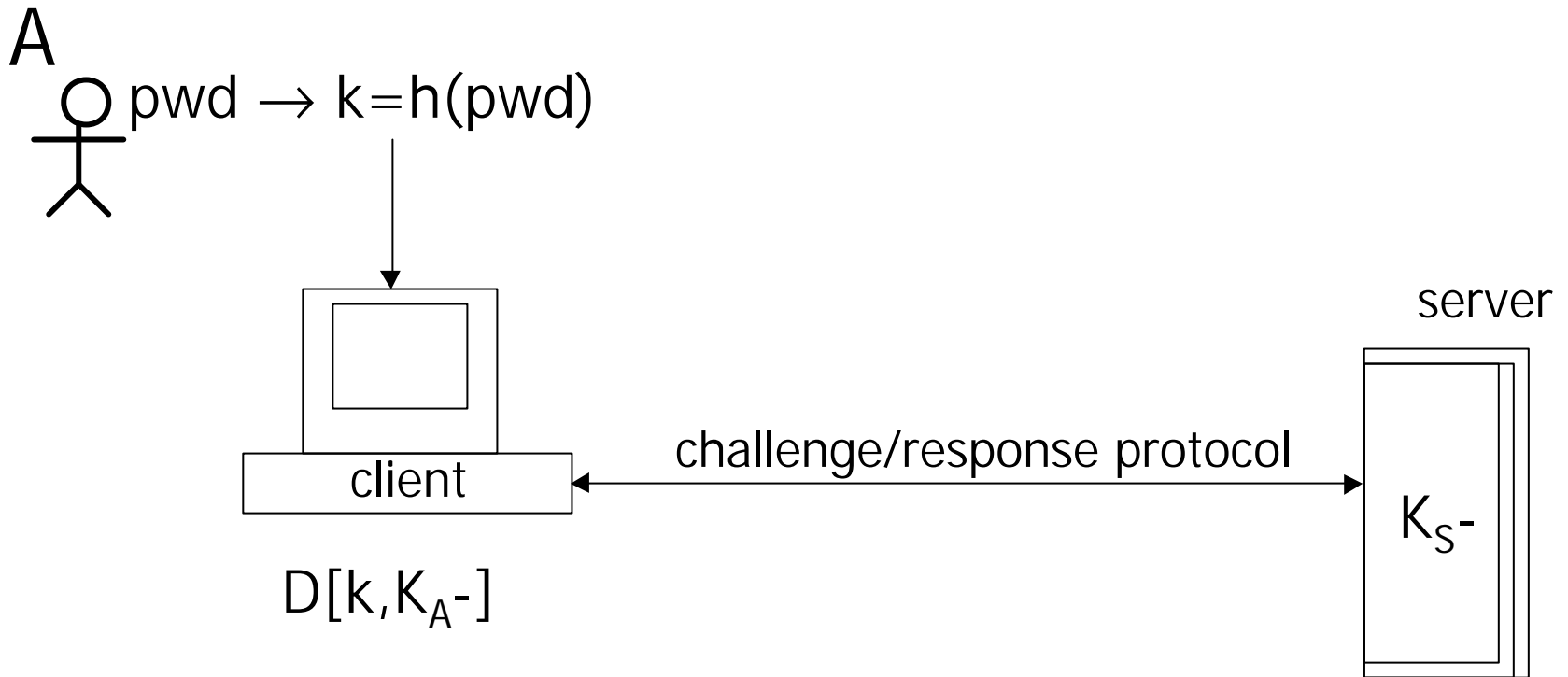
# Authentication protocols

Lesson learned:

*Never sign unknown strings  
(i.e. Encrypted messages)*

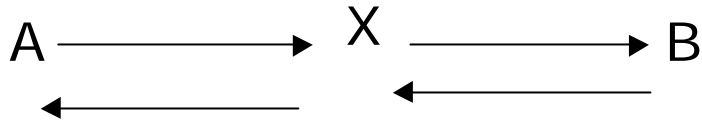
Always, first sign then encrypt!

# Login authentication chain

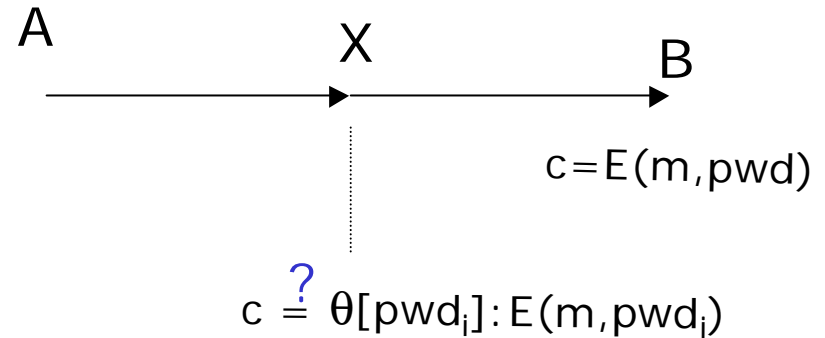


# Protocols attacks

## *Man-in-the-middle*

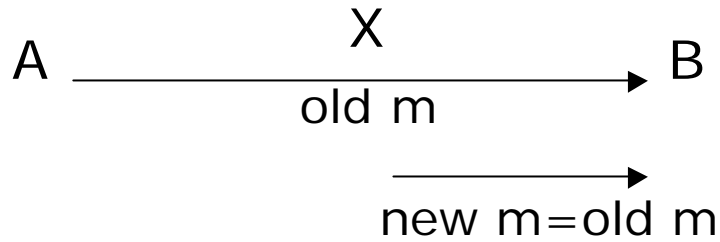


## *Dictionary*

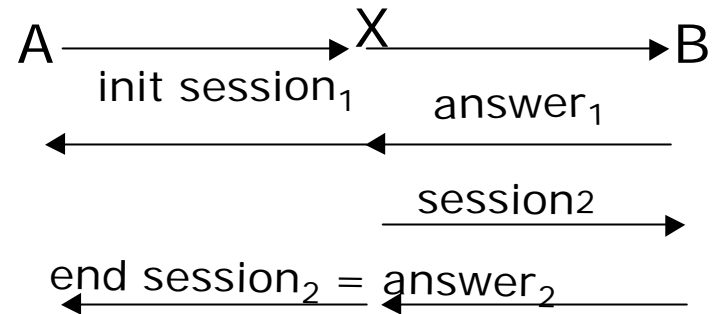


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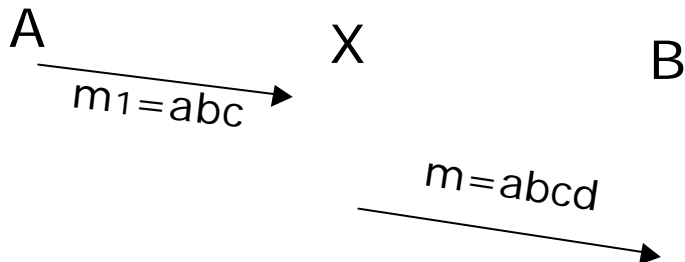
## *Replay*



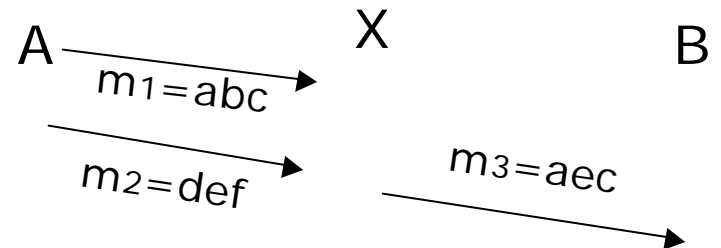
## *Reflection*



## *Padding*

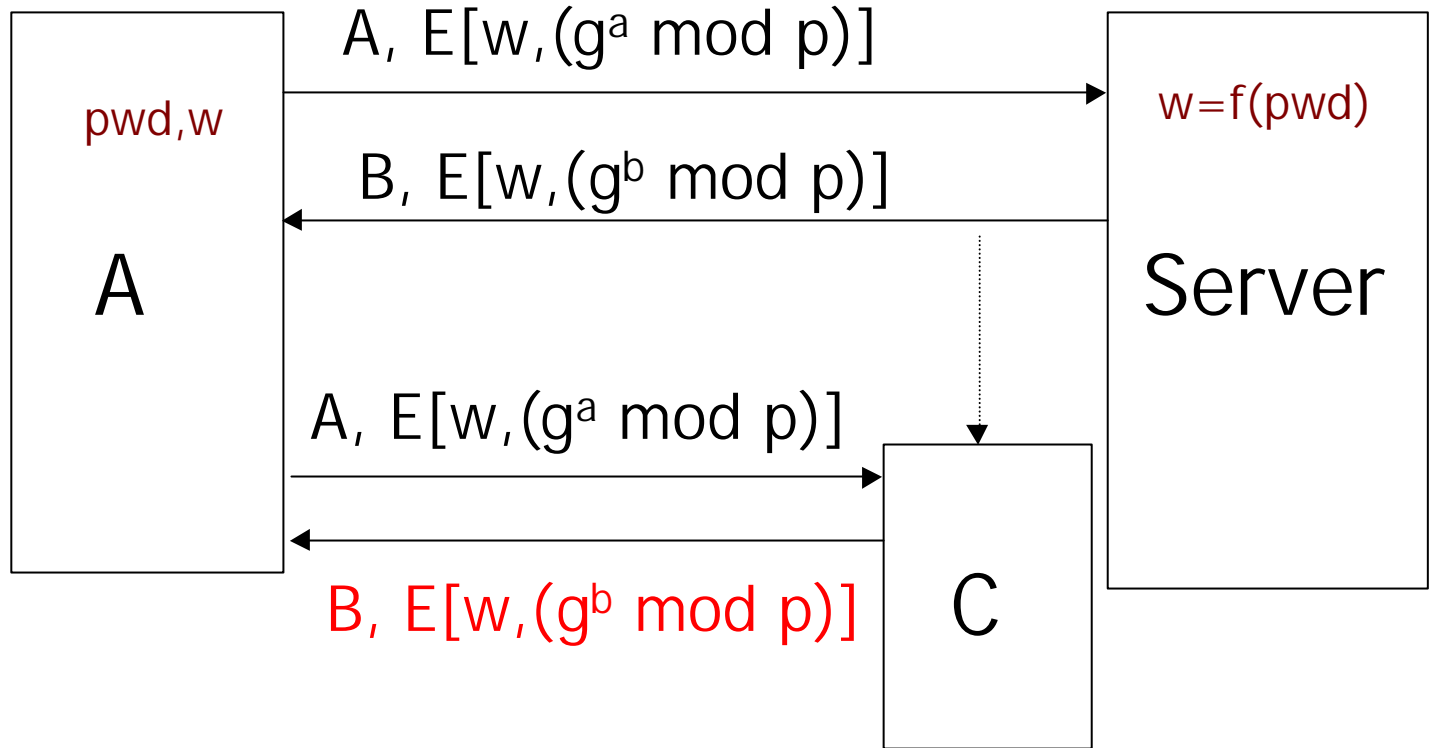


## *Cut&Paste*



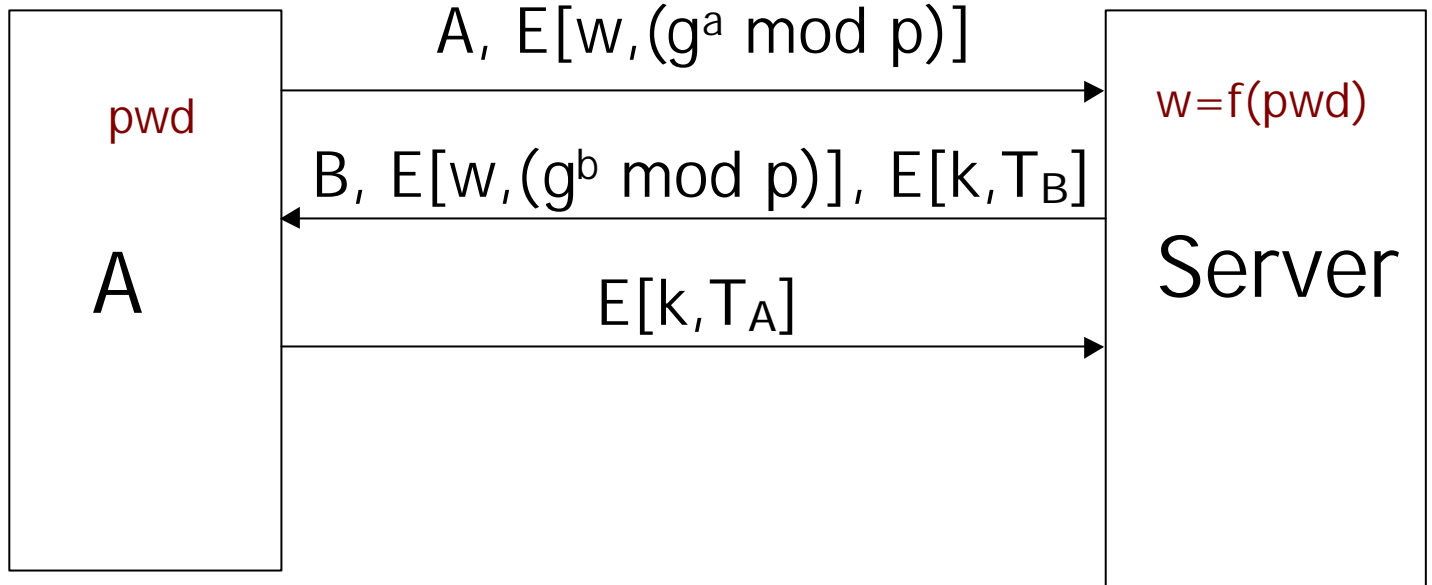


# Replay attack



C can complete a fake run of the protocol

# Timestamps



$$k = g^{ab} \bmod p$$

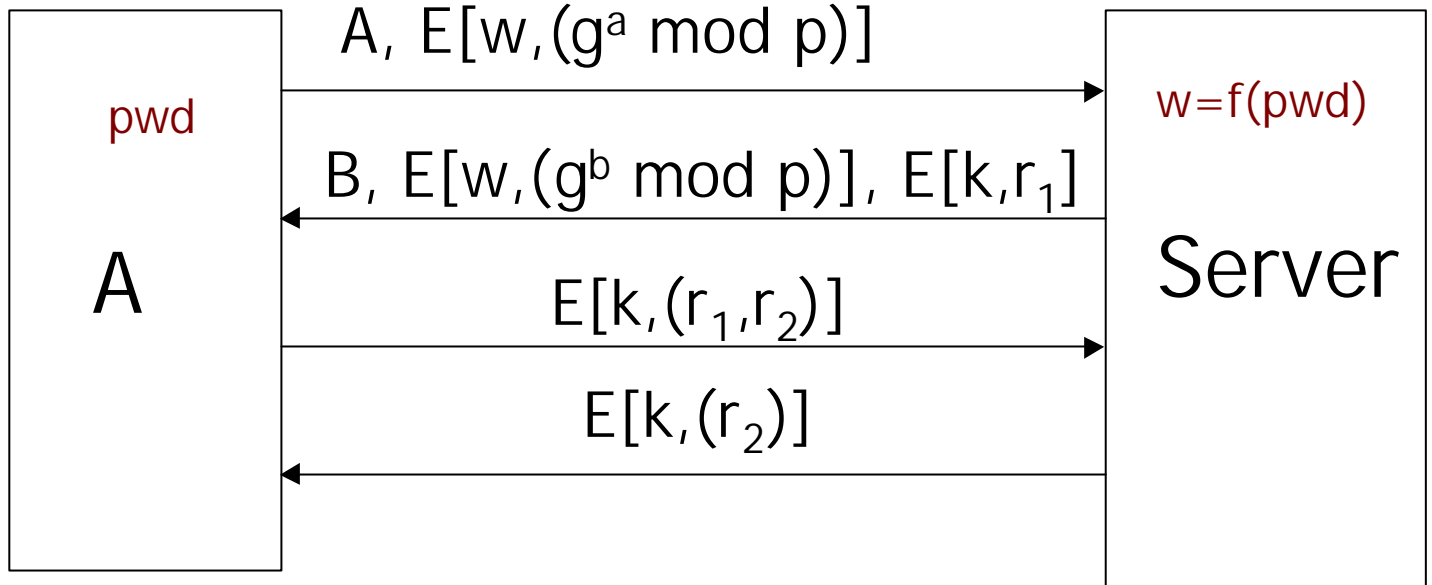
# Solutions based on timestamps

Pros: no need of additional msg

Cons:

- Clock synchronization not trivial in large distributed system
- If B's clock behind attack is still possible
- If A's clock ahead attack is still possible

# Nonces



$$k = g^{ab} \bmod p$$

# Solutions based on nonces

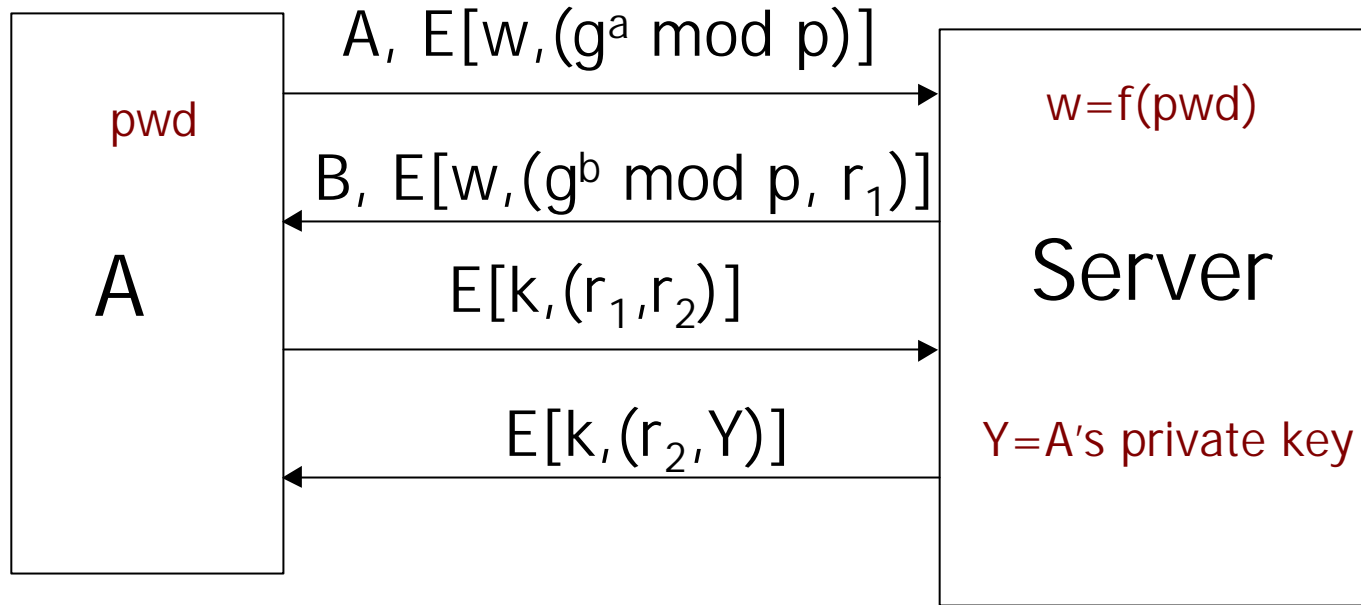
Nonce: an unpredictable and unique number

Pros: fix the problem

Cons:

- Need to keep state to store all the used nonces. Sequence numbers reduce the state but their initial value need to be kept secret

# Secure Credentials Download Protocol



$$k = g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$$

# Reflection attack

$A \rightarrow B: A, R_2$

$B \rightarrow A: R_1, [R_2]K_{AB}$

$A \rightarrow B: [R_1] K_{AB}$

$C(A) \rightarrow B: A, R_2$

$B \rightarrow C(A): R_1, [R_2]K_{AB}$

$C(A) \rightarrow B: A, R_1$

$B \rightarrow C(A): R_3, [R_1]K_{AB}$

$C(A) \rightarrow B: [R_1]K_{AB}$

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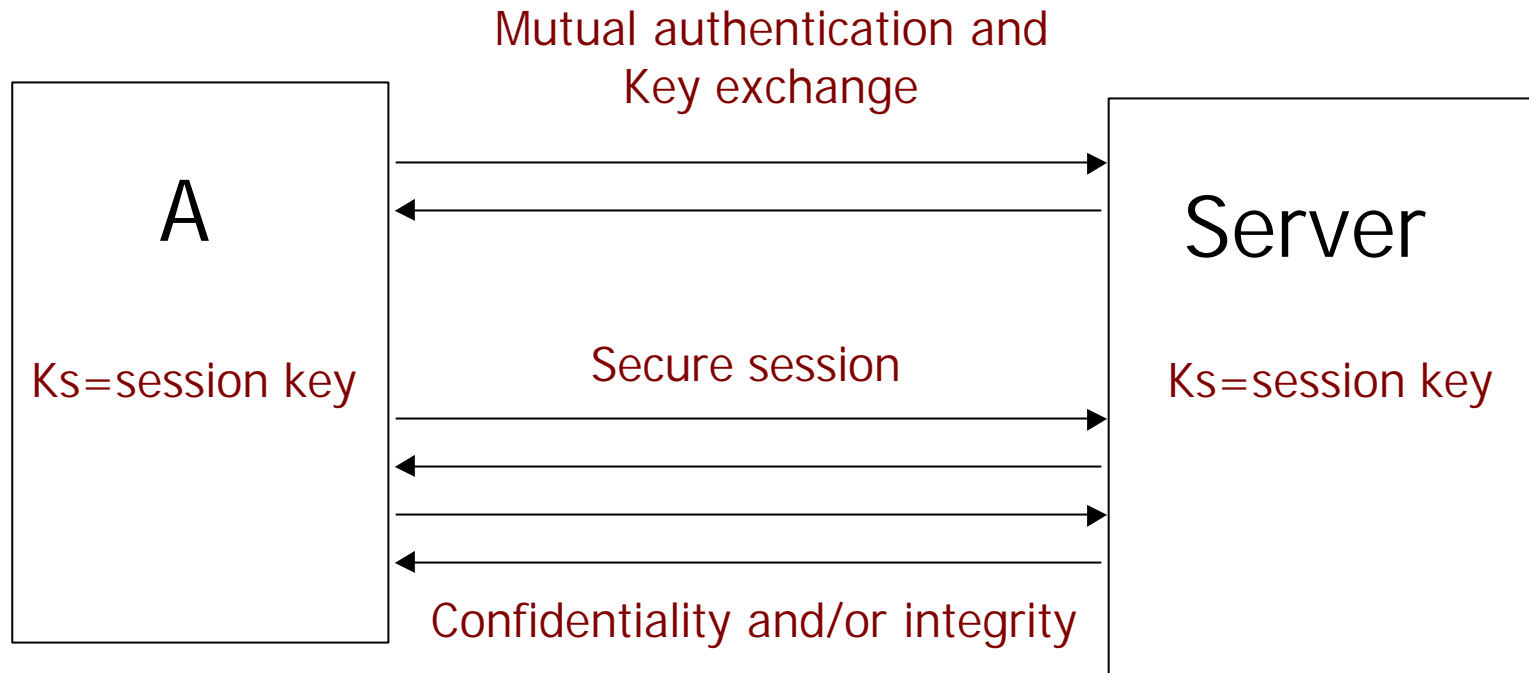
Solution

$$A \rightarrow B: A, R_2$$
$$B \rightarrow A: R_1, [\textcolor{blue}{B}, R_2] K_{AB}$$
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$$B \rightarrow C(A): R_3, [B, R_1] K_{AB}$$

and not  $[A, R_1] K_{AB} !!$

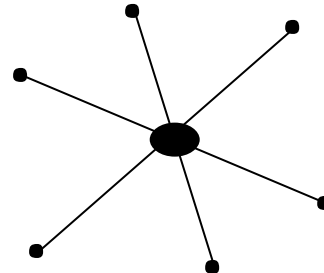
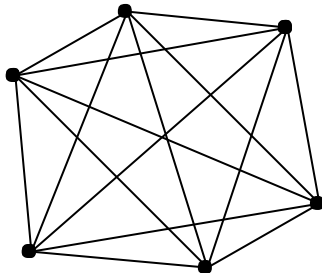


# Mutual authentication and secure sessions



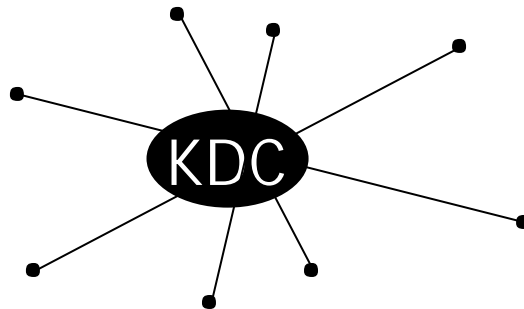
# Key Distribution

- **N** users
- Without any server
  - With SK user needs to share  $N-1$  symmetric keys
  - With AK user needs to know  $N-1$  public keys
- With an intermediary only 1 key ® scalability

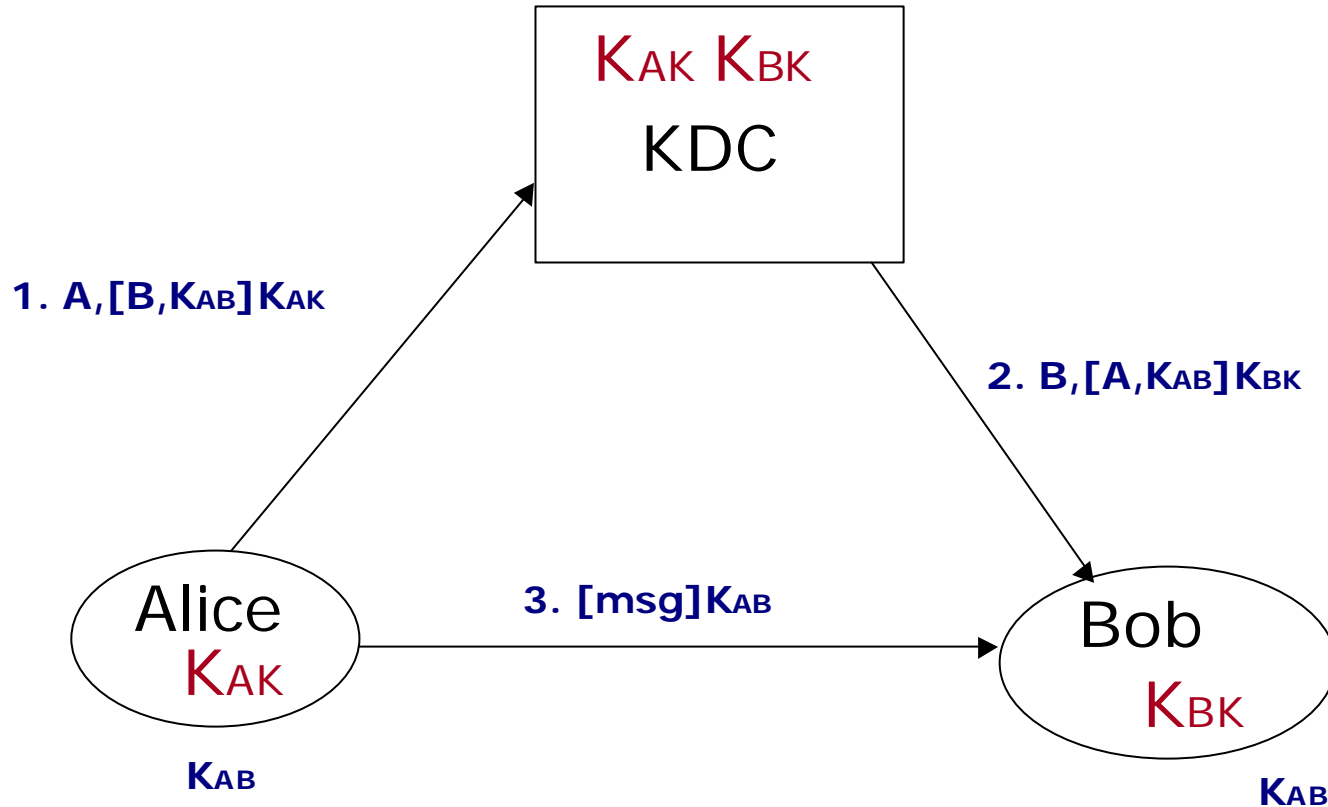


# Key Distribution Center

- All users register with the KDC and they share a symmetric key with KDC or register their public key
- KDC centralized server that distributes keys and capable of establishing a secure channel with any registered user



# Wide-Mouth Frog



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$A \rightarrow KDC: A, [B, K_{AB}] K_{AK}$

*Replay attack*

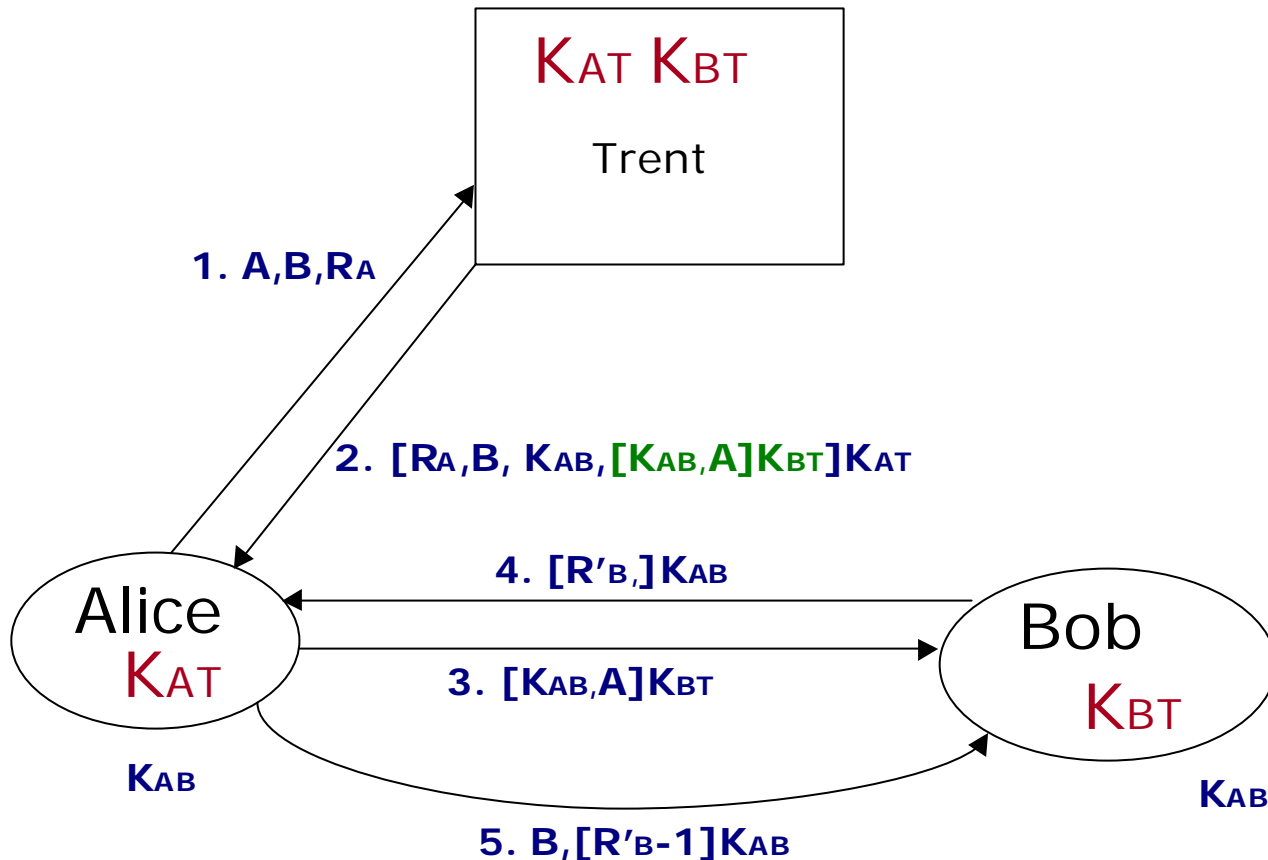
$KDC \rightarrow B: B, [A, K_{AB}] K_{BK}$

$A \rightarrow KDC: A, [B, T_A, K_{AB}] K_{AK}$

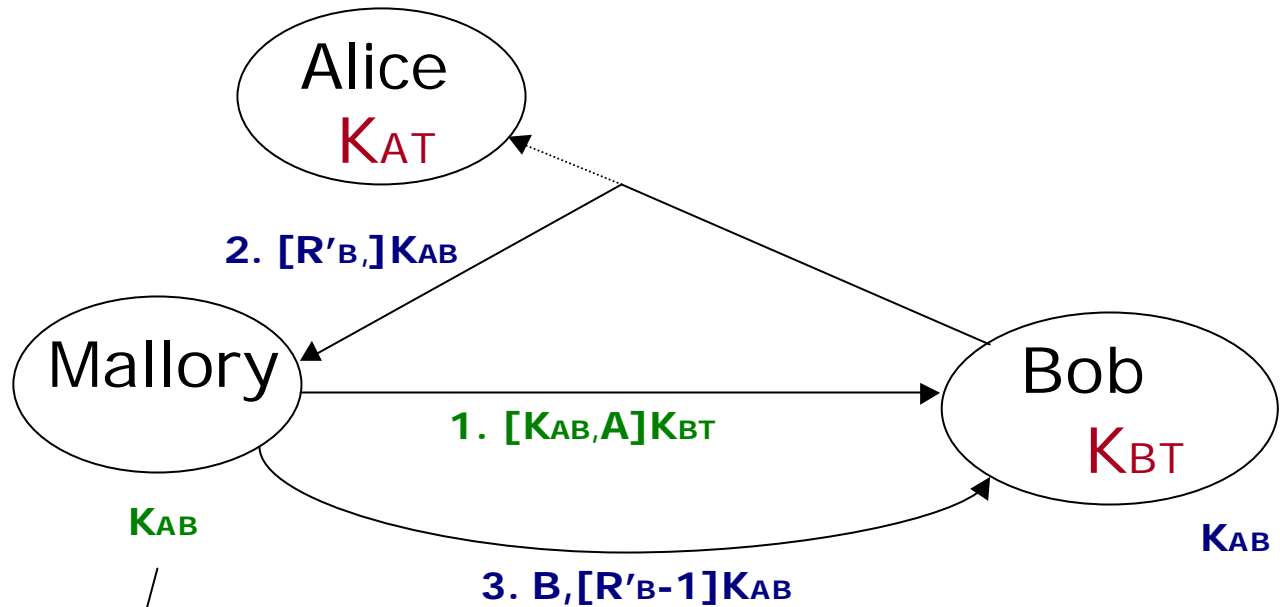
$KDC \rightarrow B: B, [A, T_{KDC}, K_{AB}] K_{BK}$

# Needham-Schroeder

Needham, R. M., and Schroeder, M. D. "*Using encryption for authentication in large networks of computers*". Commun. ACM 21, 12 (Dec. 1978)

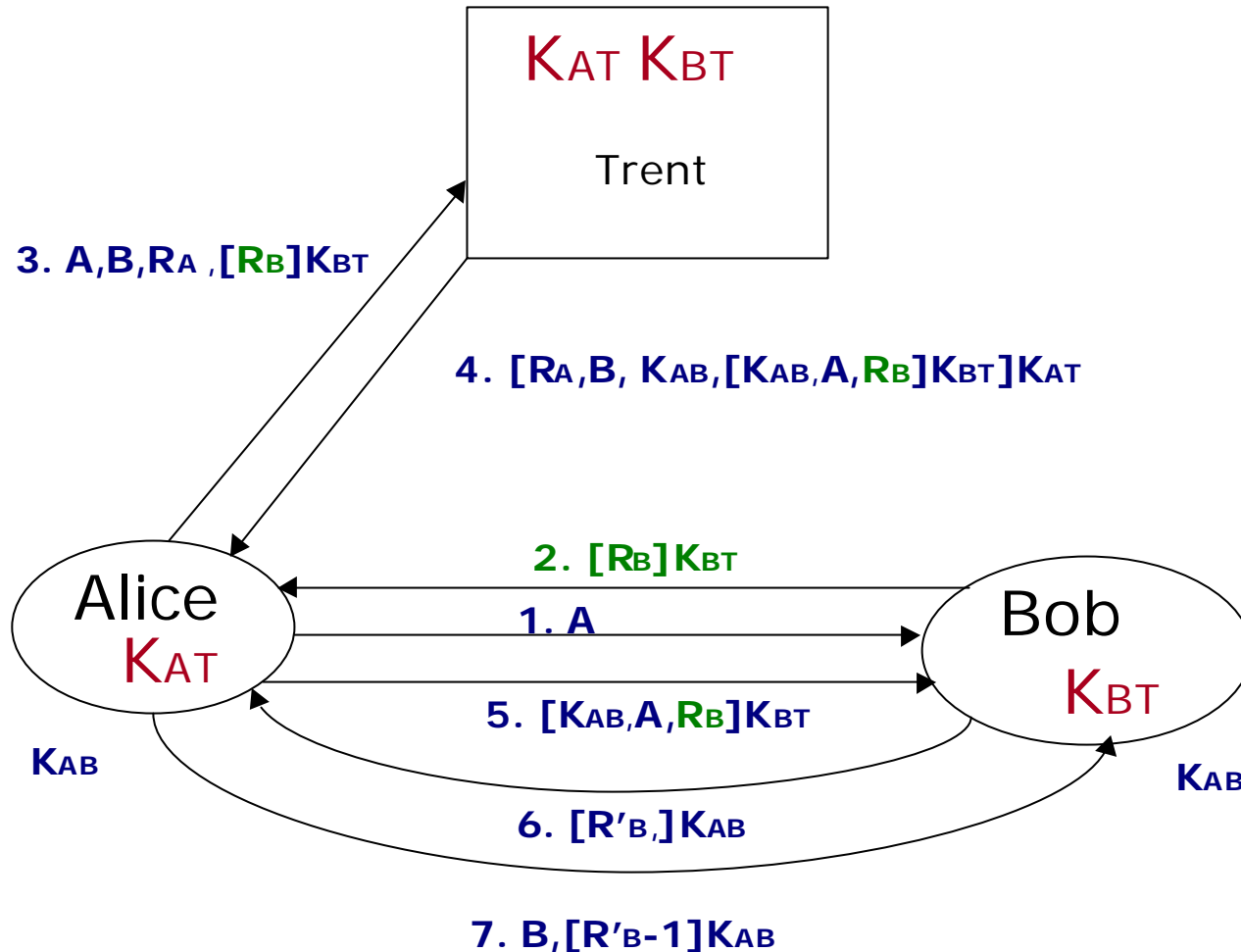


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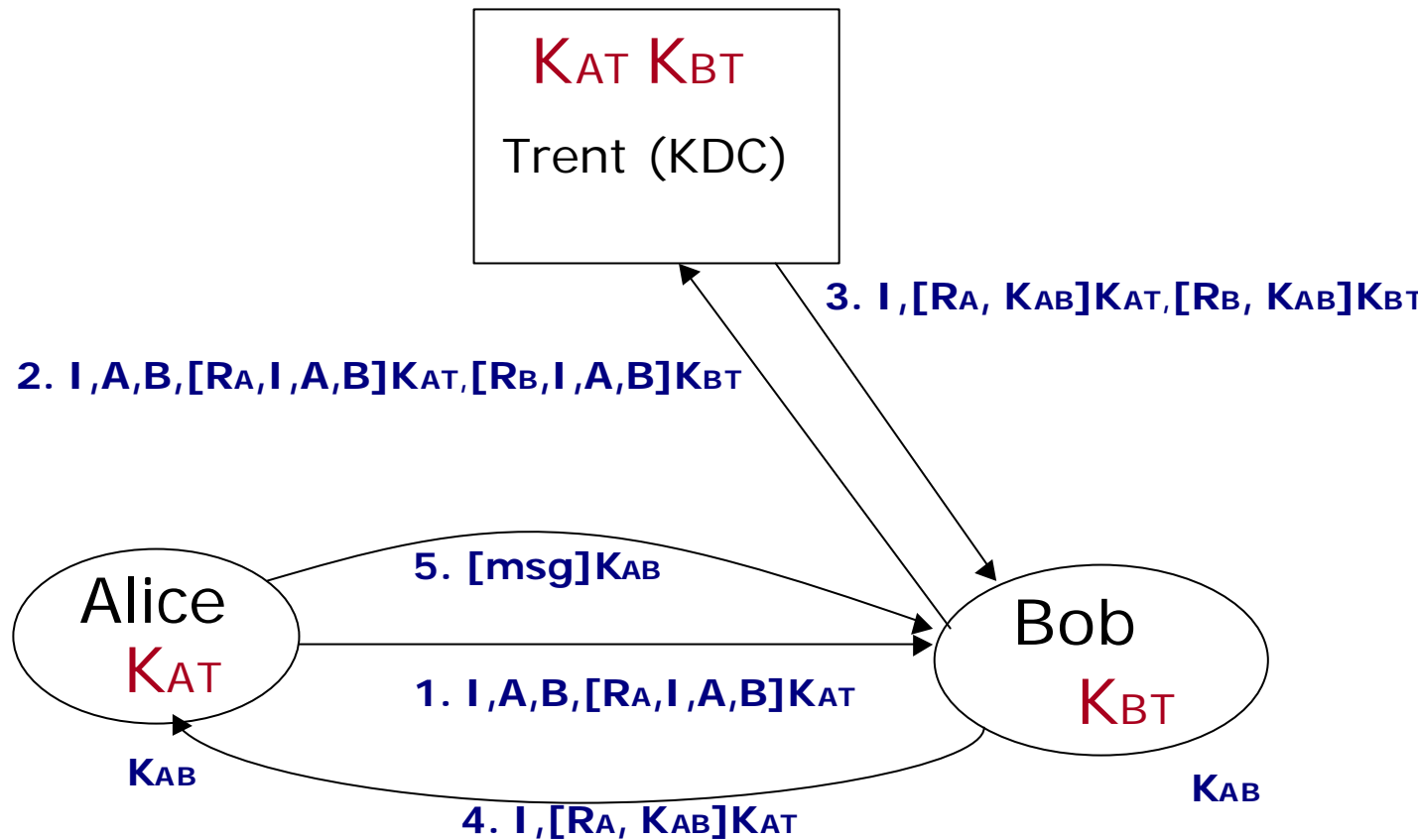
Old "stolen" key

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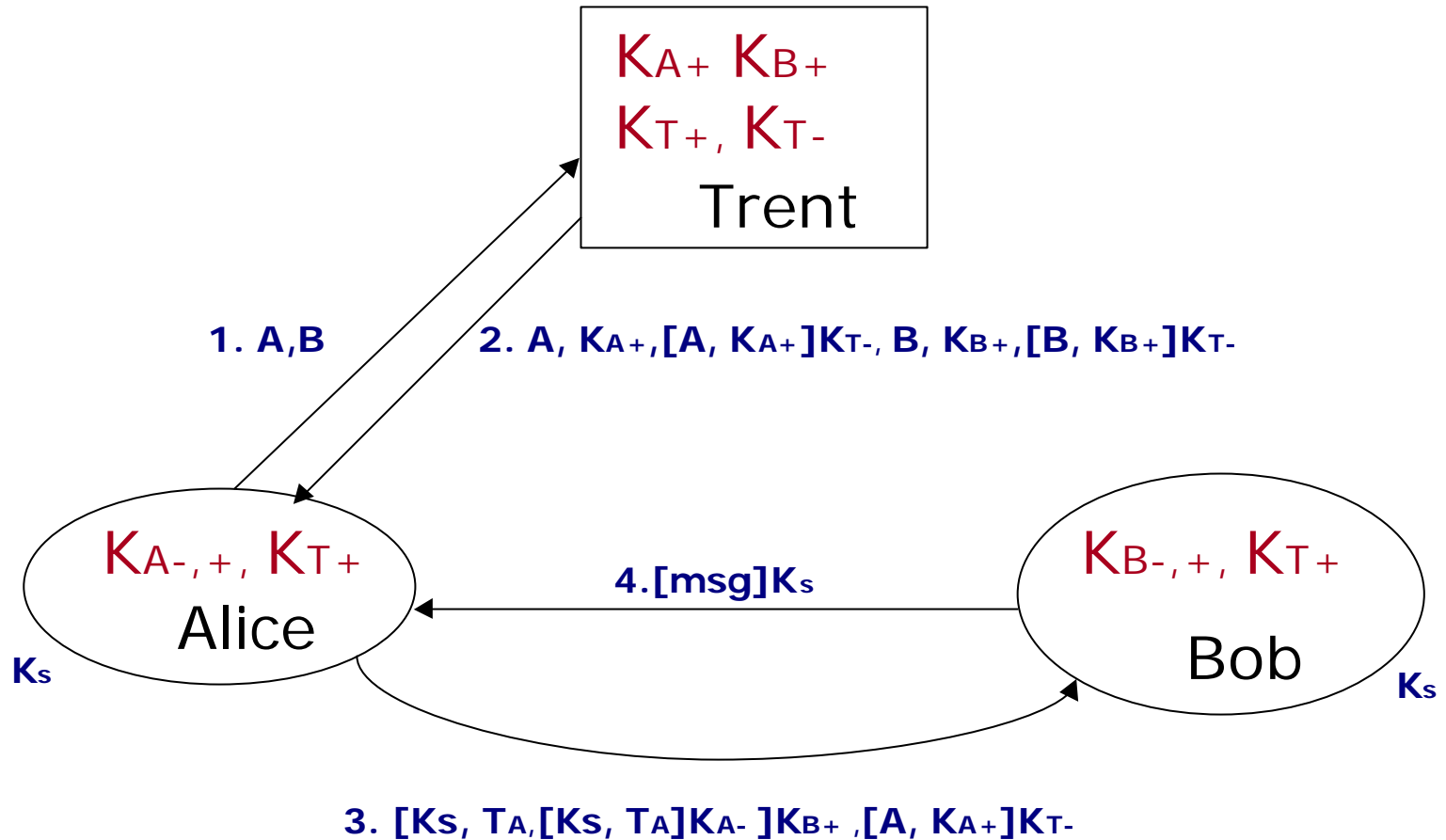




# Otway-Rees



# Dennis-Sacco



vulnerable to B masquerading as A....

# Dennis-Sacco attack

$A \rightarrow T: A, B$

$T \rightarrow A: (A, K_{A+}, [A, K_{A+}] K_{T-}), (B, K_{B+}, [B, K_{B+}] K_{T-})$

$A \rightarrow B: [K_S, T_A, [K_S, T_A] K_{A-}] K_{B+}, [A, K_{A+}] K_{T-}$

$B \rightarrow T: B, C$

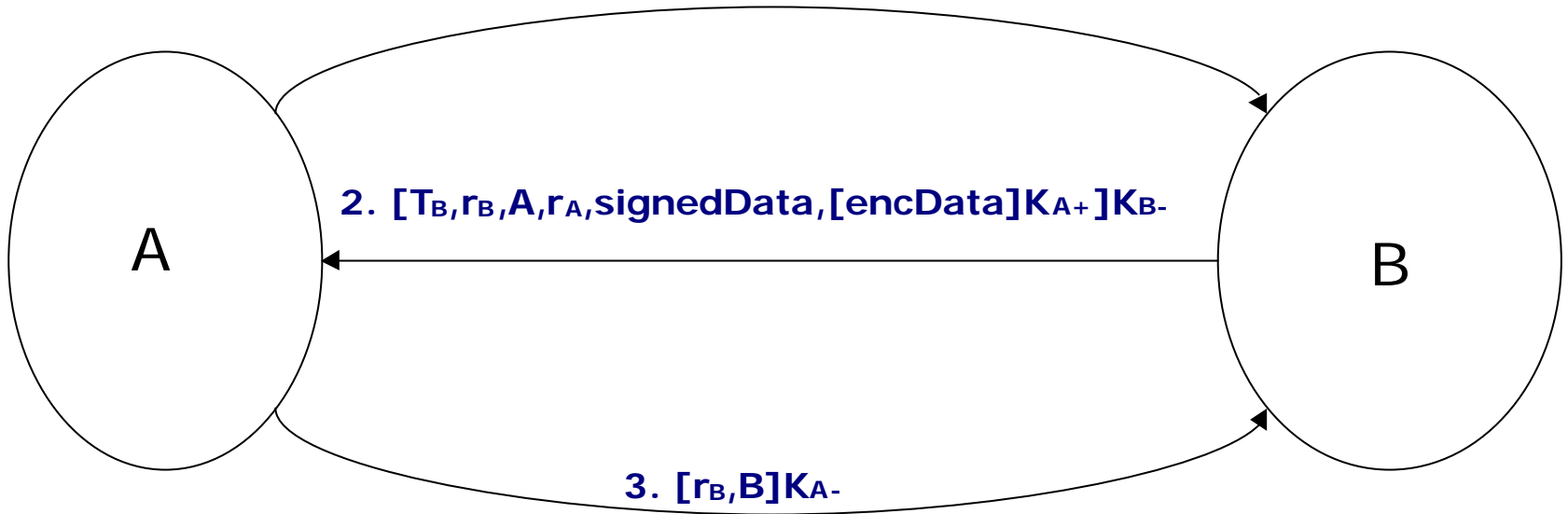
$T \rightarrow B: (B, K_{B+}, [B, K_{B+}] K_{T-}), (C, K_{C+}, [C, K_{C+}] K_{T-})$

$B \rightarrow C: [K_S, T_A, [K_S, T_A] K_{A-}] K_{C+}, [A, K_{A+}] K_{T-}$

solution: include the principals' names in the session key distribution message

# X.509

1.  $B, A, [T_A, r_A, \text{signedData}, [\text{encData}]K_{B+}]K_{A-}$



$T_x$  and  $r_x$  to prevent replay attacks  
Step 3 avoid use of timestamps