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# Unlinkability of an Improved Key Agreement protocol for EMV 2nd Gen Payments

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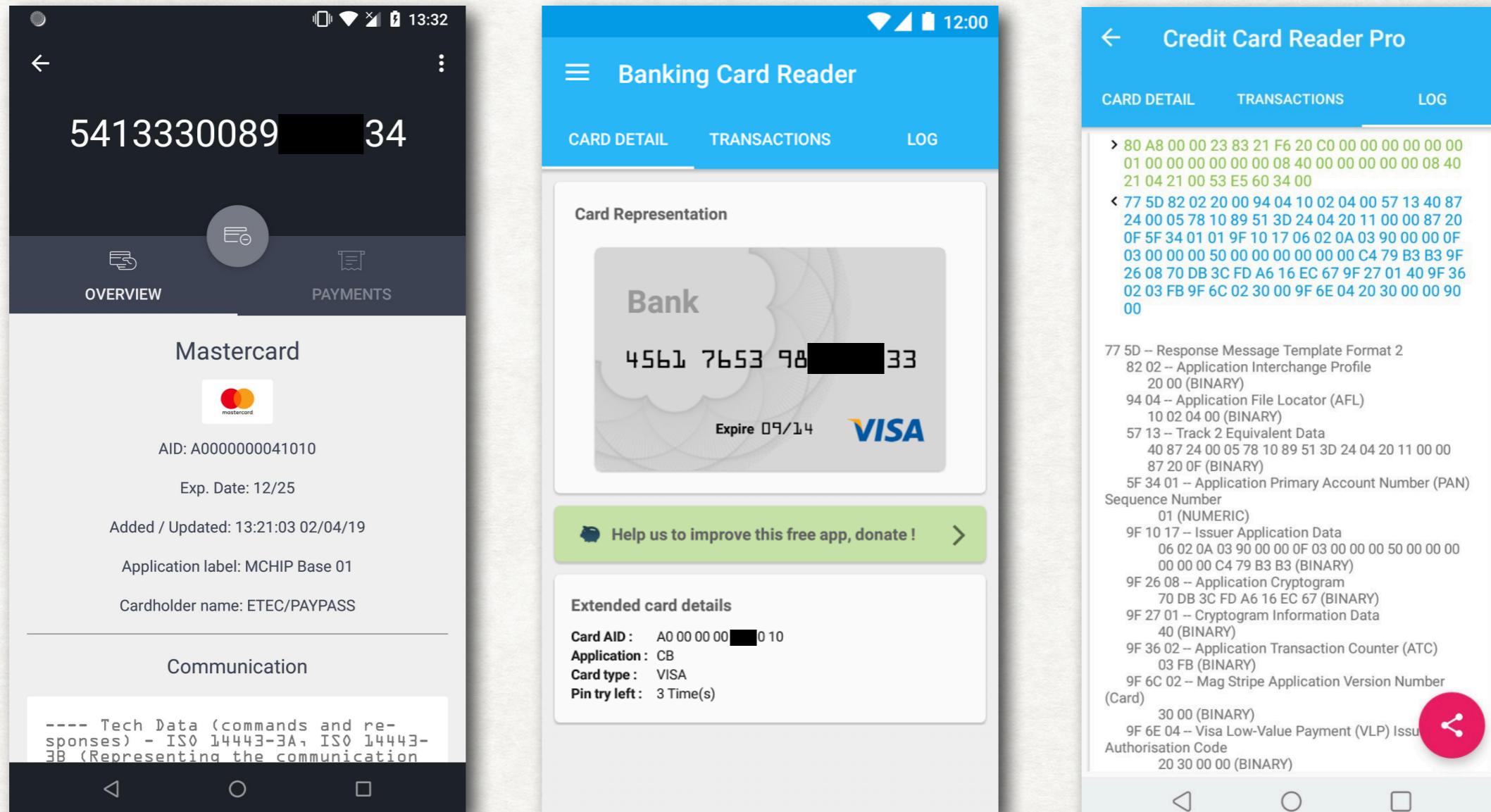
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# WHAT IS EMV?



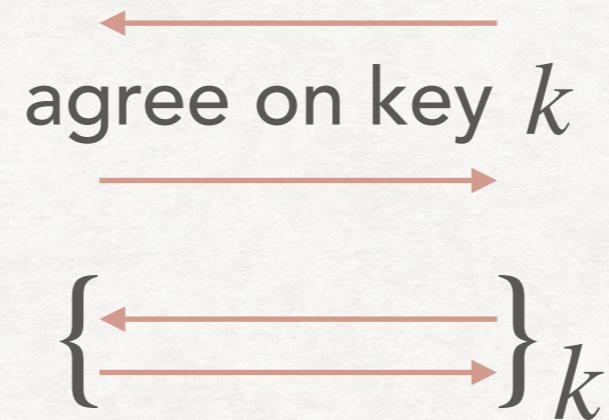
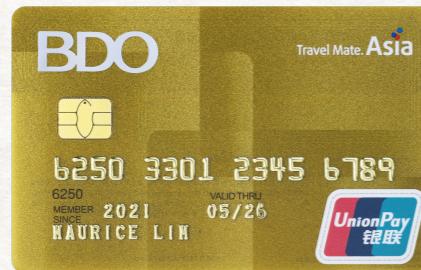
# THERE IS NO PRIVACY IN EMV



Unwanted data collection in contactless payments is straightforward.

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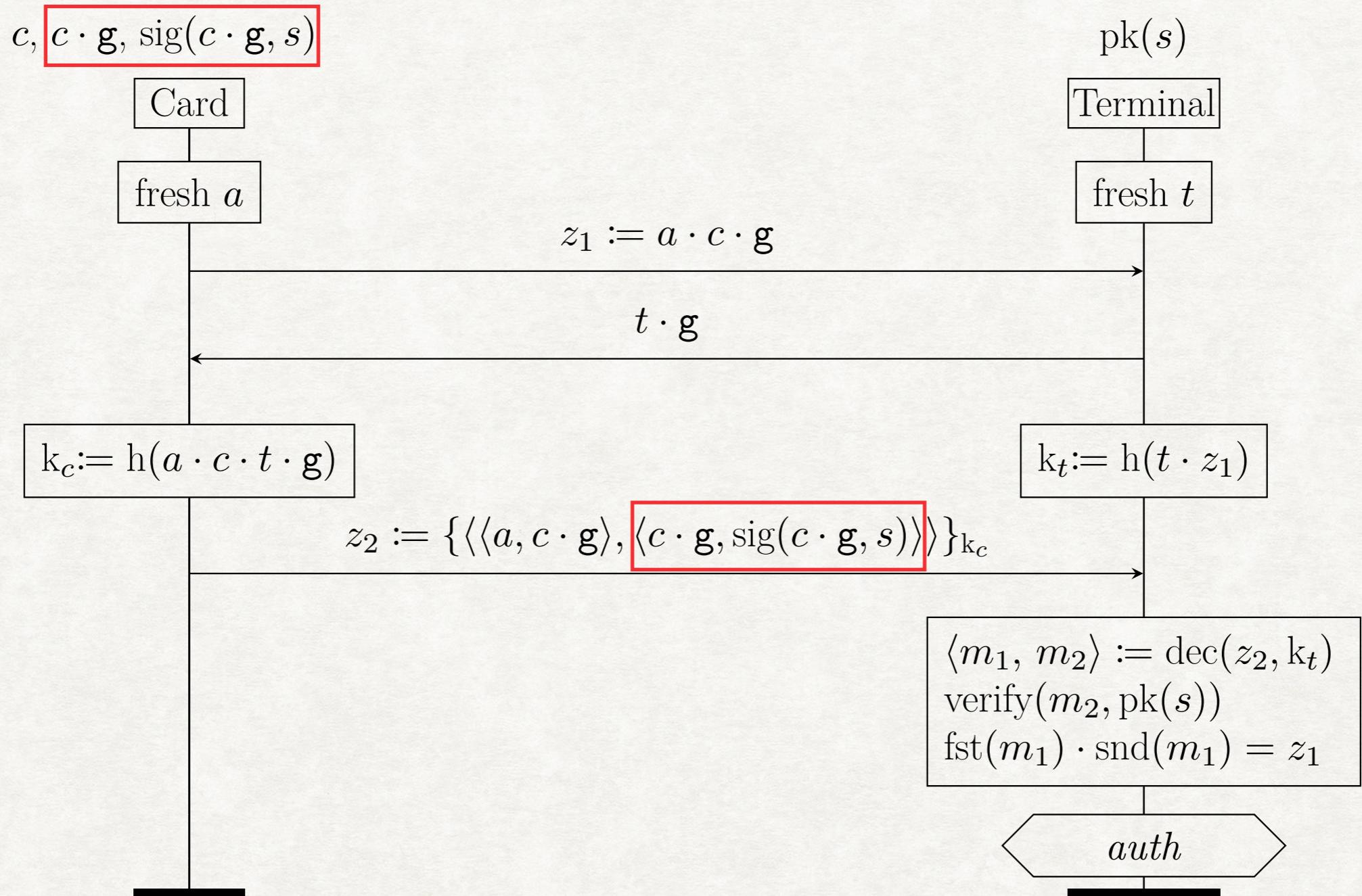
# EMVCO PROPOSAL: KEY ESTABLISHMENT



2012: “Blinded Diffie-Hellman RFC”, EMVCo LLC

- provide authentication of the card by the terminal
- protect against eavesdropping and card tracking.

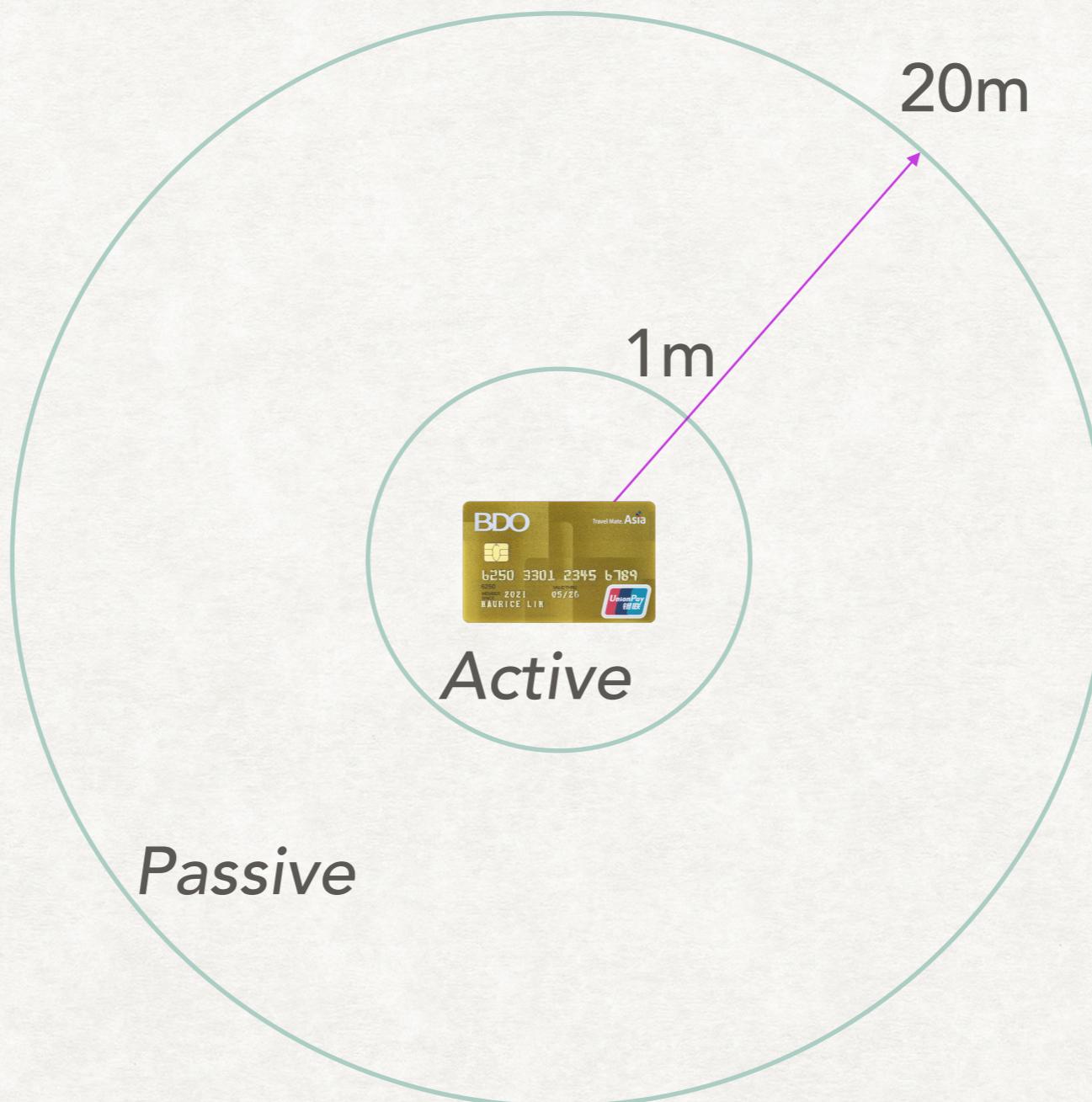
# BLINDED DIFFIE-HELLMAN (BDH)



$\mathbf{g}$  the generator of the DH group,  $\mathbf{s}$  PaySys signing key,  $\text{pk}(\mathbf{s})$  PaySys verification key

$\mathbf{c}$  card's secret key,  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{g}$  card's public key,  $\text{sig}(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{s})$  signature on the card's public key

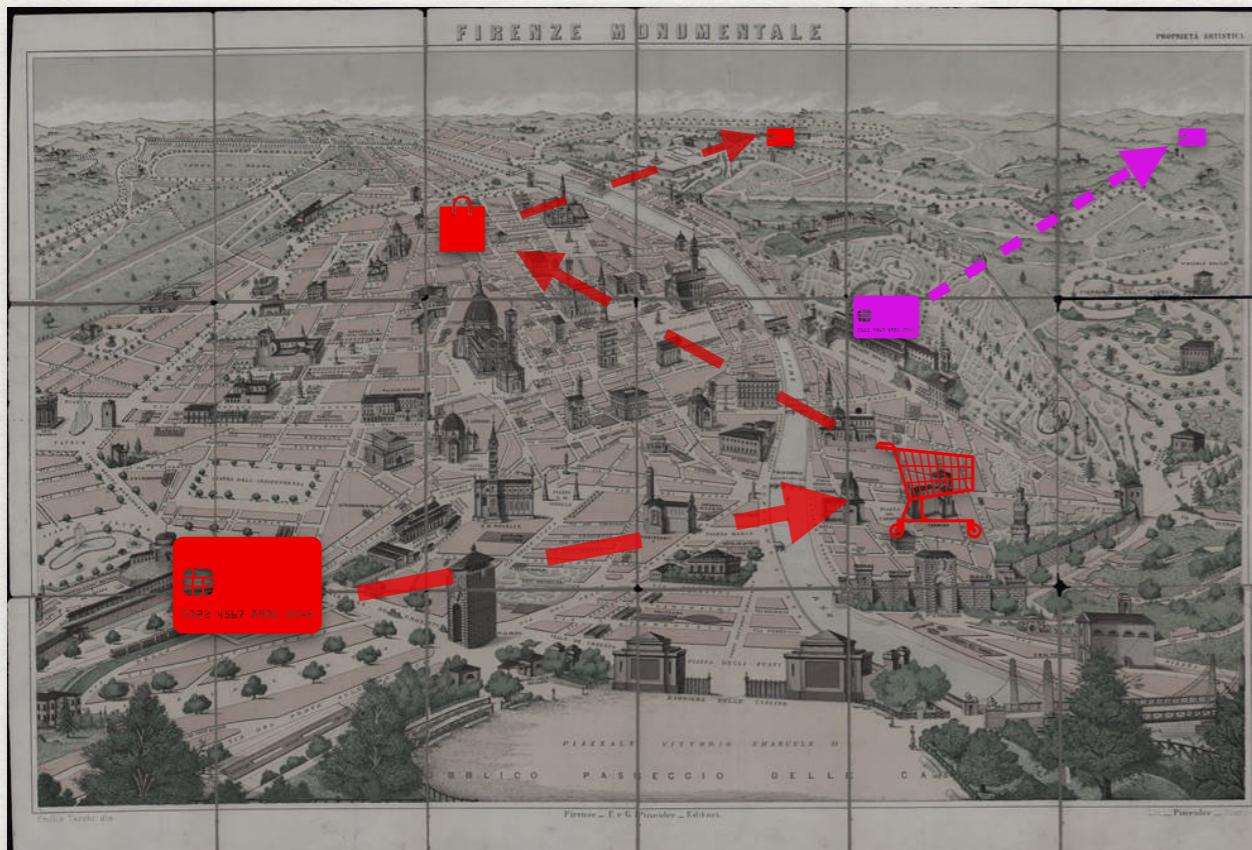
# EAVESDROPPER → ACTIVE ATTACKER



1. An active attacker powers up the card
2. Establishes a symmetric key with the card
3. Obtains the long-term identities  $c \cdot g, \text{sig}(c \cdot g, s)$

# PASSIVE ATTACKER

Without BDH: no privacy



With BDH: privacy



# (CLOSE) ACTIVE ATTACKER

Without BDH: no privacy



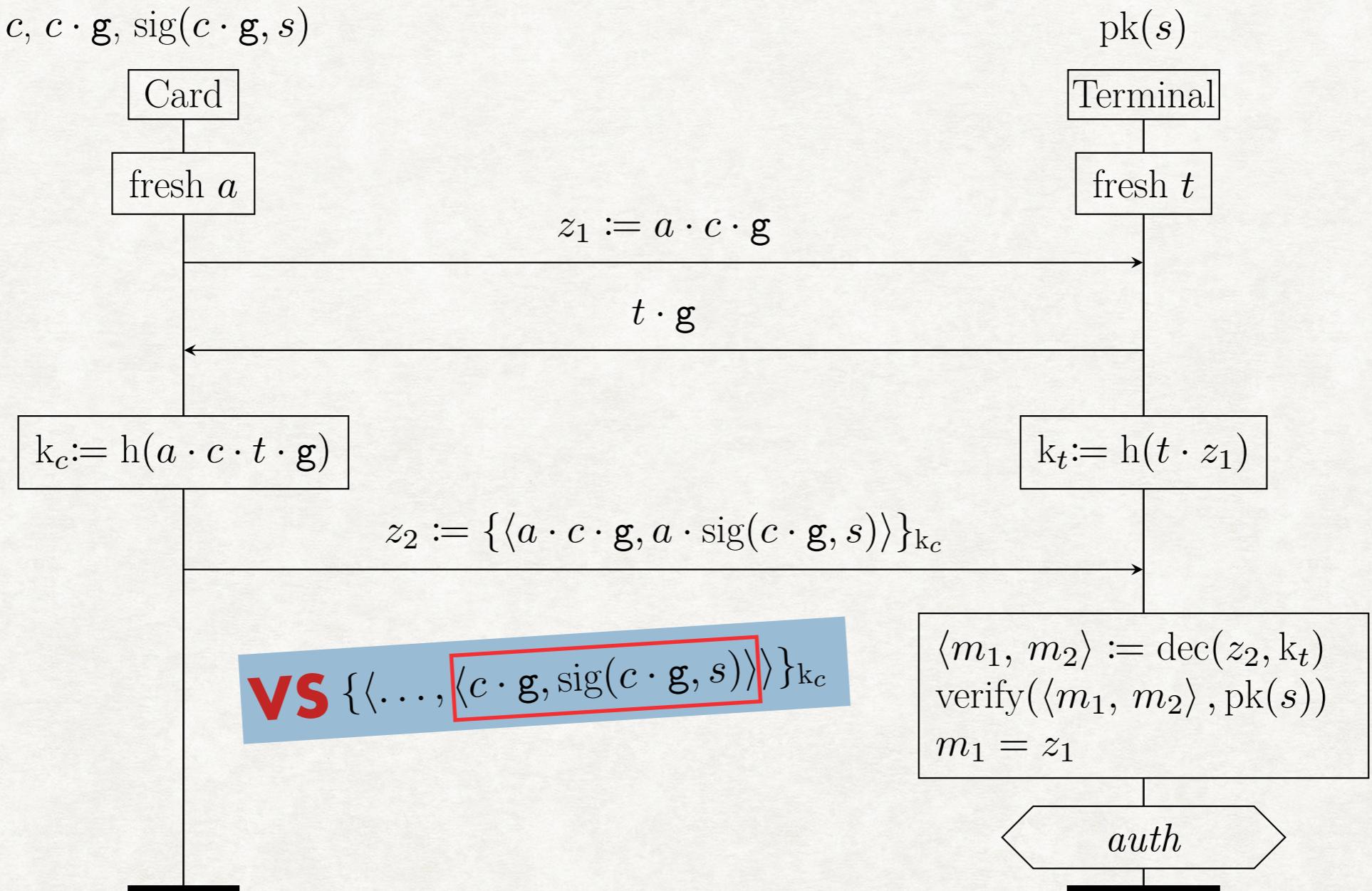
With BDH: no privacy



**NO DIFFERENCE!**

# UNLINKABLE BLINDED DIFFIE-HELLMAN (UBDH)

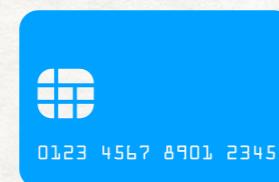
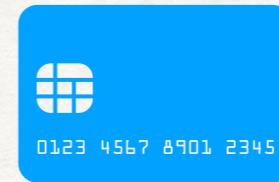
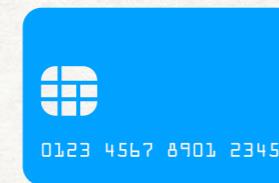
Verheul condition:  $a \cdot \text{sig}(M, s) =_E \text{sig}(a \cdot M, s)$



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# UNLINKABILITY



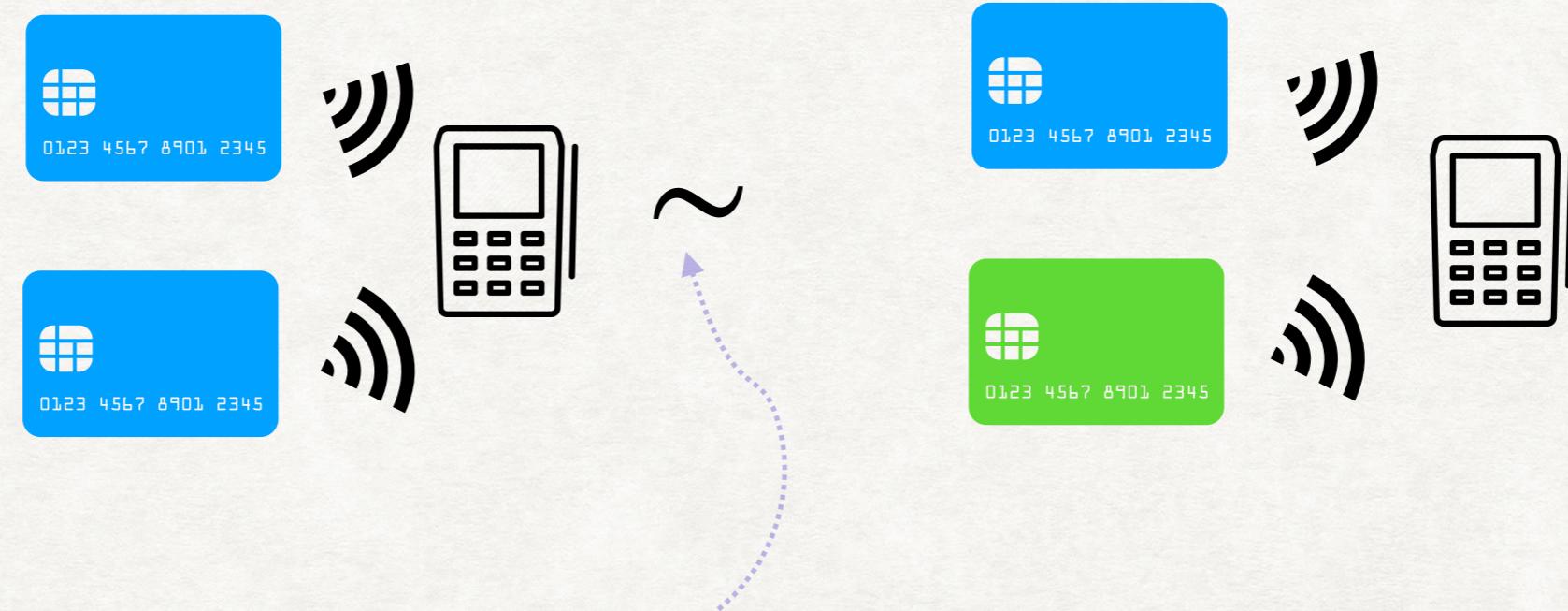
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## QUASI-OPEN BISIMILARITY

$Small\_Impl \triangleq \nu s. \overline{out} \langle \text{pk}(s) \rangle. !\nu c. !\nu ch_c. \overline{card} \langle ch_c \rangle. C(s, ch_c, c)$

$Small\_Spec \triangleq \nu s. \overline{out} \langle \text{pk}(s) \rangle. !\nu c. !\nu ch_c. \overline{card} \langle ch_c \rangle. C(s, ch_c, c)$

# UNLINKABILITY

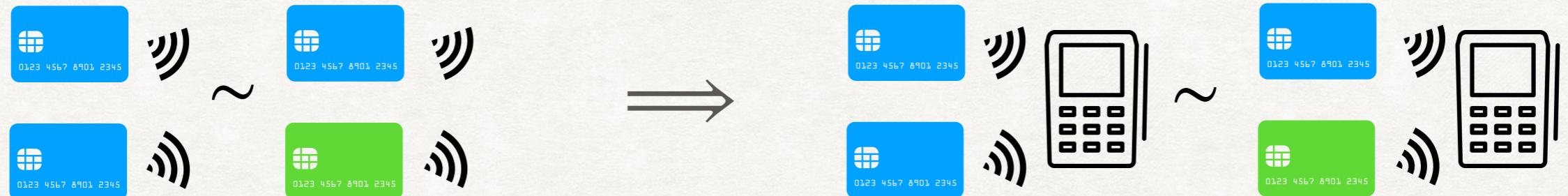


## QUASI-OPEN BISIMILARITY

$$Impl \triangleq \nu s. \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} !\nu c. \\ \cancel{\nu ch_c. \overline{card}\langle ch_c \rangle.C(s, ch_c, c)} \\ \cancel{\overline{out}\langle pk(s) \rangle.} \\ !\nu ch_t. \overline{term}\langle ch_t \rangle.T(s, ch_t) \end{array} \right)$$

$$Spec \triangleq \nu s. \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} !\nu c. \\ \cancel{\nu ch_c. \overline{card}\langle ch_c \rangle.C(s, ch_c, c)} \\ \cancel{\overline{out}\langle pk(s) \rangle.} \\ !\nu ch_t. \overline{term}\langle ch_t \rangle.T(s, ch_t) \end{array} \right)$$

# RESULTS: CONGRUENCE ENABLES COMPOSITIONAL REASONING



Theorem 1: If  $\text{Small\_Impl} \sim \text{Small\_Spec}$ , then  $\text{Impl} \sim \text{Spec}$ .

Proof.

- $\sim$  is a congruence, hence is preserved by any context
- the context:  $\nu out. (\{\cdot\} \mid out(pk_s). \overline{out}' \langle pk_s \rangle ! \nu ch_t. \langle ch_t \rangle . T(pk_s, ch_t))$



# RESULTS: BDH PROTOCOL IS NOT UNLINKABLE



Theorem 2:  $\text{Small\_Impl} \not\sim \text{Small\_Spec}$  for BDH.

Proof.

$$\text{Small\_Impl} \models \begin{array}{l} \langle \overline{\text{out}}(\text{pk}_s) \rangle \\ \langle \overline{\text{card}}(u_1) \rangle \langle \overline{u_1}(v_1) \rangle \langle u_1 y_1 \cdot g \rangle \langle \overline{u_1}(w_1) \rangle \\ \langle \overline{\text{card}}(u_2) \rangle \langle \overline{u_2}(v_2) \rangle \langle u_2 y_2 \cdot g \rangle \langle \overline{u_2}(w_2) \rangle \\ (\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{h}(y_1 \cdot v_1), w_1)) = \text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{h}(y_2 \cdot v_2), w_2))) \end{array} \not\models \text{Small\_Spec}$$



# RESULTS: UBDH PROTOCOL IS UNLINKABLE



Theorem 3:  $\text{Small\_Impl} \sim \text{Small\_Spec}$  for UBDH.

Proof.

- Define a relation (hard)
- Verify it is quasi-open bisimulation (not hard)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & UPD_{\text{spec}} \mathrel{\mathfrak{R}} UPD_{\text{impl}} \\
 UPD_{\text{spec}}^{\Psi}(\vec{Y}) &\triangleq \nu s, c_1, \dots, c_L, ch_1, \dots, ch_L, \\
 a_{l_1}, \dots, a_{l_K}.(\sigma & \\
 | C_1 | \dots | C_L & \\
 | !\nu c. \nu ch. \overline{\text{card}}\langle ch \rangle. C_{\text{upd}}(s, c, ch)) & \\
 \mathrel{\mathfrak{R}} \\
 UPD_{\text{impl}}^{\Psi, \Omega}(\vec{Y}) &\triangleq \nu s, c_1, \dots, c_D, ch_1, \dots, ch_L, \\
 a_{l_1}, \dots, a_{l_K}.(\theta & \\
 | \dots | C_l^d | \dots | !\nu ch. \overline{\text{card}}\langle ch \rangle. C_{\text{upd}}(s, c_d, ch) & \\
 | !\nu c. !\nu ch. \overline{\text{card}}\langle ch \rangle. C_{\text{upd}}((s, ch, c))) &
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_l &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{E}^l(ch_l) & \text{if } l \in \alpha \\ \mathcal{F}^l(ch_l, a_l) & \text{if } l \in \beta \\ \mathcal{G}^l(ch_l, a_l, Y_l \sigma) & \text{if } l \in \gamma \\ \mathcal{H}^l & \text{if } l \in \delta \end{cases} \\
 C_l^d &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{E}^d(ch_l) & \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap \alpha \\ \mathcal{F}^d(ch_l, a_l) & \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap \beta \\ \mathcal{G}^d(ch_l, a_l, Y_l \theta) & \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap \gamma \\ \mathcal{H}^d & \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap \delta \end{cases} \\
 pk_s \sigma &= \text{pk}(s) \\
 u_l \sigma &= ch_l \quad \text{if } l \in \{1, \dots, L\} \\
 v_l \sigma &= \phi(a_l, \phi(c_l, g)) \quad \text{if } l \in \beta \cup \gamma \cup \delta \\
 w_l \sigma &= m^l(a_l, Y_l \sigma) \quad \text{if } l \in \delta \\
 pk_s \theta &= \text{pk}(s) \\
 u_l \theta &= ch_l \quad \text{if } l \in \{1, \dots, L\} \\
 v_l \theta &= \phi(a_l, \phi(c_d, g)) \quad \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap (\beta \cup \gamma \cup \delta) \\
 w_l \theta &= m^d(a_l, Y_l \theta) \quad \text{if } l \in \zeta^d \cap \delta \\
 \Psi &:= \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\}, \quad \Omega := \{\zeta^1, \dots, \zeta^D\} \text{ are partitions of } \{1, \dots, L\} \\
 K &:= |\beta \cup \gamma \cup \delta| \quad l_1, \dots, l_K \in \beta \cup \gamma \cup \delta \\
 pk_s, u_l, v_l, w_l &\# \{\text{card}, s\} \cup \{c_l, ch_l, a_l | l \in \{1, \dots, L\}\} \\
 Y_l &\# \{s\} \cup \{c_l, ch_l, a_l | l \in \{1, \dots, L\}\} \\
 \text{fv}(Y_l) \cap (\{v_i | i \in \alpha\} \cup \{w_i | i \in \alpha \cup \beta \cup \gamma \cup \{l\}\}) &= \emptyset
 \end{aligned}$$



# CONCLUSIONS

- D. **Unlinkable authenticated EMV key establishment** in the presence of active attackers is feasible.

***Quasi-open bisimilarity*** allows

- A. To express **attacks** on privacy properties using **intuitionistic modal logic formulas**.
- B. To prove that a privacy property holds by providing a **proof certificate** that is easy to check.
- C. To reason about protocols **compositionally** by considering a **subsystem**, hence reducing the amount of work.



Thank you!

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