

# **Week 1 Class 1**

- Networks connect multiple computing devices to exchange data
- There are different types, wired, wireless, optical
- We are going to focus on wireless in this class

## **Goals**

- Understand current and emerging wireless systems from security perspective
- Insight into recent research trends in wireless sec
- Experience on steps of small research project

## **Terms to Know**

- Symmetric cipher: Uses same key to encrypt and decrypt
- Asymmetric Cipher: Uses different key to encrypt and decrypt

## **Wireless Security (Research)**

- in a nutshell: radio waves are broadcasted in open space and everyone can see it
  - radio waves can go through walls

# **Week 1 Class 2**

## **Types of Wireless Attacks**

- Passive (privacy related)
  - Intercept/Evesdrop
  - Infer (user, location, traffic)
- Active
  - Block (jamming)
  - Deceive
    - Message modification
    - Spoofing/Masquerading
    - MitM
- WPA3 is at Layer 2 and Layer 1
- The difference between physical and wireless networks are at layer 1 and 2

## **Cryptographic Countermeasures**

- Symmetric-key cryptography

- Encryption for confidentiality
- Message authentication and integrity
- Public-key cryptography
  - Digital signatures for authentication
  - asymmetric encryption
- Secure hash functions
- Pseudorandom number generators
  - secret frequency hopping

## Are We Still Insecure?

- Unfortunately, yes!
- Attackers are evolving too!
  - access to open source crypto
  - unexplored analysis methods
  - abuse of privacy infrastructure
  - (advanced) radio softwarization
    - decreases cost
  - Constrained devices in a highly-connected ecosystem
- More needs to be done to make the world safer

## Wireless Security Research

- What is it?
  - offensive security vs defensive security
  - in research, we apply a scientific method to study/assess or design a system or protocol
- Examples
  - cryptography
  - protocol analysis
  - traffic analysis
  - formal analysis
  - testbed implementation

## Above is on first quiz

## Wireless Communications

### Acoustic Waves

### Electromagnetic Waves

- transport energy through open space, stored in propagating electric and magnetic fields

# Periodic Wave

- max amplitude
- phase
- frequency
- time period
- sampling rate
- sampling interval

## Wavelength

- The distance a wave travels in a time period
  - Depends on propagation speed
  - For EM waves
    - $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s speed of light
    - $f = 1/T$  frequency
    - $\lambda = c/f$  (meters) wavelength

## Wireless Channel

- An open, shared medium for signal propagation
  - Broadcast nature  $\rightarrow$  noise, interference, congestion
  - Easier for eavesdropping, jamming, etc.
- Simplified mathematical representation:  $y = hx + n$ 
  - $y$  = received signal
  - $x$  = transmitted signal
  - $n$  = noise
  - $h$  = channel

## Signals and Channel Representation

- Each signal has an amplitude and a phase
  - complex numbers have an amplitude and a phase, too
  - So, it is natural - and easier - to use a complex number to represent a symbol/signal ( $x$ ) or a channel ( $h$ )
- Symbols: Short signals to convey digital bits
  - different symbols have different waveforms (e.g., phases)

## Week 2 Class 1

### Review of last week

- Physical layer between wire and wireless are different

# Digital Modulation

- map input digital bits to analog symbols
  - modulation alphabet: a finite set of distinct symbols
  - demodulation: find bits corresponding to received symbols
- Basic digital modulation methods
  - amplitude shift keying (ASK)
  - Frequency Shift Keying (FSK)
  - Phase Shift Keying (PSK)
  - Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)
    - combines ASK and PSK

## Constellation Diagram

- a representation of ASK and PSK symbols on a 2D diagram in the complex plane
  - it shows amplitude and phase of a symbol

## Symbol (Baud) Rate

- $m$  distinct symbols can represent  $\log_2(m)$  bits
  - for example to represent 4 bits we need  $2^4 = 16$  symbols
  - $m$  is modulation order
- symbol rate of  $n:n$  possible changes per second
  - $m$  and  $n$  determine the transmission (bit) rate
  - ex. assume symbol rate is 100 symbols/second and modulation order is 32 what is the bit rate?
    - $100 * \log_2(32) = 500$  bits

## Signal in Time/ Frequency Domain

- A signal may be composed of multiple waves, each with a different frequency (and phase/amplitude)
  - It can be used to send multiple symbols simultaneously

## Fourier Transform (FT)

- To represent (express) a time-domain signal  $v(t)$  based on its frequency components

## OFDM

- Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing
  - widely used in nearly all modern systems
  - carefully selects frequency components of a signal
    - ex. use only the frequencies that are multiple of  $f_1$

- subcarriers = frequency components
- orthogonal subcarriers

## Noise and SNR

- Noise: undesired random energy that degrades the signal's quality at Rx
- SNR: Signal-to-Noise Ratio
  - measured in dB
- Interference: Energy coming from other transmissions
  - SINR: Signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio
  - Intentional vs. Unintentional

## dBm

- dBm is the dB value when referenced to  $P_0 = 1\text{mW}$

## Wireless Channel - Definitions

- Channel bandwidth
  - the width of the set of frequencies used to create a signal
  - example: 100 kHz, 5MHz, etc.
  - It is different from bandwidth (Data rate) in computing
- Channel capacity
  - theoretical upper-bound on the data rate over a band width  $B$
  - When noise is additive white Gaussian (AWGN)

## QAM Order vs. SINR

- recall  $c = B * \log_2(1 + \text{SINR})$

## Wireless DoS

- RF jamming or intentional interference (Physical Layer)
  - Maliciously reduce channel capacity
  - Constant / Persistent jamming
    - signal generators, magnetrons
  - Random jamming
  - Selective/Reactive jamming
    - Jam only when a particular transmission is detected
- Flooding (deceptive jamming) (Layer 2)
  - Disassociation attacks in Wi-Fi

## Week 2 Class 2

- Quiz next week
  - Equation on dB and dBm
  - Know concepts

## EM Wave Phenomena over Channel

- Gain / Loss
  - Shadowing
  - Absorption
- Multi-path Distortion
  - Reflection
  - Scattering
  - Diffraction
  - Refraction
- Doppler Fading (mobility)

## Line of Sight

- A straight line from the Tx antenna to that of the Rx
- Non-Line-of-Sight
  - No visual LOS between Tx and Rx

## Free-Space Path Loss

- Attenuation of EM energy from the Tx to the Rx over the obstacle-free space (LOS channel)
- The wider the propagation area, the less power will be received by a single antenna
- Free-space path loss (sphere wavefront case)

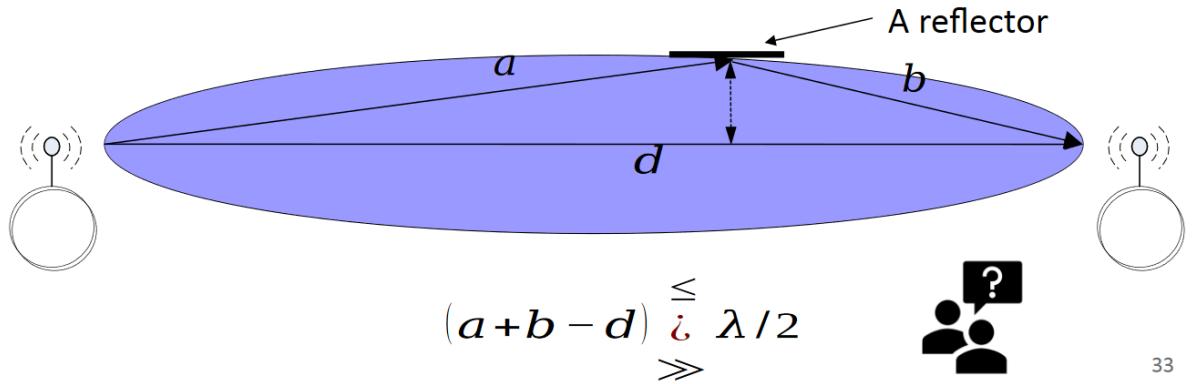
## Signal Superposition - Concept

- When two signals arrive (almost) at the same time, they superpose on each other
  - We say the two signals interfere -- or collide
  - The superposed (combined) signal may look very different than the individual ones
- It's kind of like sound waves, they can combine to be stronger if they line up correctly but for the most part they collide and destroy each other
- This can be intentional (jamming) or unintentional

## Multipath Propagation and Fading

- In case of signal reflections
  - constructive vs. destructive interference (fading)
  - depends on how far the reflection object is ( $a+b$ ) and  $\lambda/2$

- in phase vs. out of phase



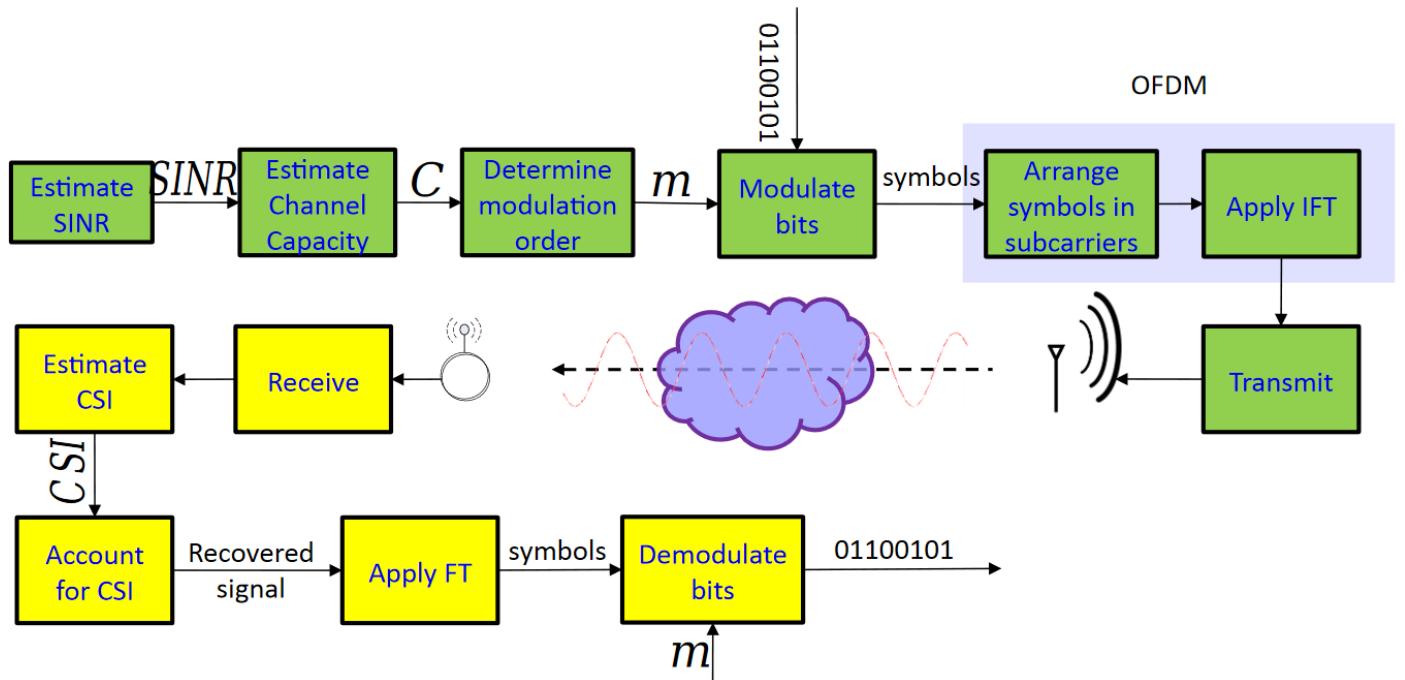
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## Multi-Path Channel-Mitigations

- Mitigating multi-path fading at the Rx
- Estimate and account for LOS and NLOS channel components to recover the original symbol
- Channel State Information (CSI): a representation of the multi-path channel
- Mitigating inter-symbol interference (ISI)
  - 1. OFDM - details not discussed here
  - 2. Spread Spectrum (SS) techniques (discussed later)

## Schematic View of PHY - layer

- Putting all together



- This process isn't perfect, things can go wrong

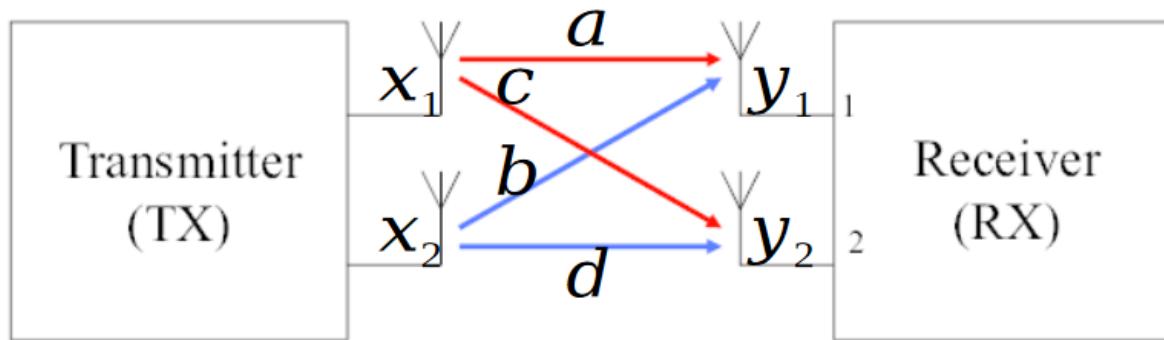
## MIMO

- So far we assumed SISO system

- single input, single output
- Tx, Rx, or both can be equipped with multiple antennas
  - Multiple-Input Multiple-Output
    - MISO, SIMO, MIMO
  - Multiple antennas can improve SNR, transmission rate, transmission security, etc.

## MIMO Channel

- SISO channel model
  - $y = hx + n$
- MIMO channel model
  - $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}$
  - p transmit antennas and q receive antennas
- Example MIMO System:



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## A PHY-Layer Approach to Security

- A paradigm to exploit features and mechanisms at the PHY layer to launch or mitigate attacks
  - Not everything can be protected by upper-layer security mechanisms!
  - PHY/MAC headers, RSS value, operating frequency, channel coefficients, hardware features, etc. are unprotected!
- PHY-layer security can complement upper-layers' approaches
  - examples: friendly jamming, hardware fingerprints, uniqueness of wireless channel, hiding data in noise,...

## Possible PHY-Layer Attacks

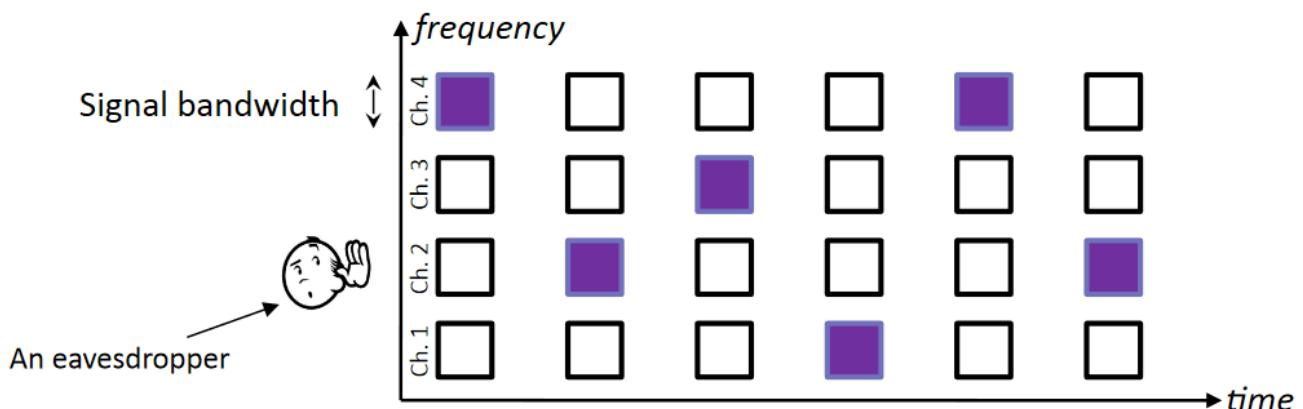
- Eavesdropping on open medium - sniffing
- RF jamming (reduce transmission rate)
- Unintentional EM emanating
  - TEMPEST
- Privacy violation
  - multipath channel coefficients - location characterization
- Modulation classification

# Mechanisms/Applications

- Spread spectrum (frequency hopping)
- Authentication
  - Device fingerprints, channel characteristics, watermarking
- Traffic/Transmission attribute obfuscation
  - Header (full-frame) encryption, modulation obfuscation
- Covert communications in noise
- Key generation
  - the channel tends to be unique → Source of randomness

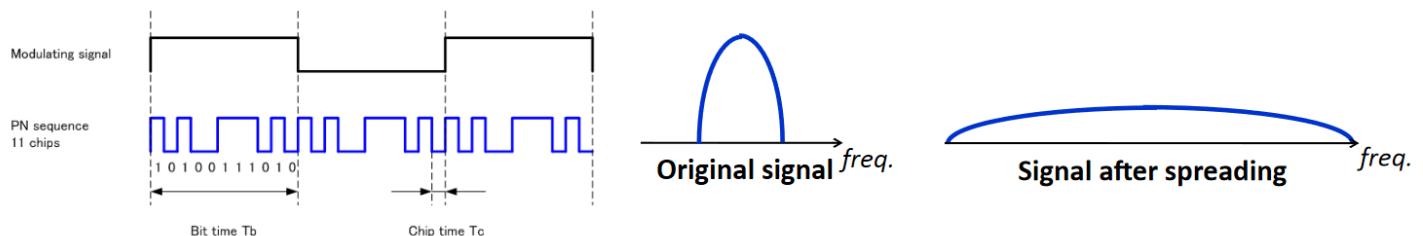
## Frequency Hopping SS (FHSS)

- Continuously change transmission frequency
  - Anti-jamming - only if a subset of channels are jammed
    - Also, mitigates narrow-band interference or eavesdropping
  - It can mitigate ISI too: transmissions on a few are spaced
  - But, requires wide/high total bandwidth and maybe a secret hopping pattern



## Direct Sequence SS

- Each bit is converted to a compact bit sequence using orthogonal spreading sequence
  - If we use FT, we observe the signal bandwidth is spread



- The Rx uses the same spreading sequence to recover the bit
- Increases resistance to ISI, interference and eavesdropping
- Anti-jamming/eavesdropping if spreading sequence is secret

## Orthogonal Spreading Sequences

- An Rx uses this specific sequence to
  - detect and synchronize with the transmitted signal
  - eliminate a delayed copy of a spread signal, and
  - Cancel out uncorrelated noise and interference

## Week 3 Class 1

### Wi-Fi 802.11

- Defines MAC and PHY for a wireless (WLAN)
- First adopted in 1997 by IEEE
- 42 variations since then
- Address the following key issues
  - Coordination of devices within a WLAN and their mobility
  - Privacy and security of the user and its data

### Infra Basic Service Set

- BSS with an Access Point (AP)
  - AP connects wireless and wired networks
  - Basic Service Set Identifier (BSSID)
    - BSSID = AP's MAC Address
- Extended Service Set (ESS)
  - Service Set Identifier (SSID/ESSID)
- Distribution System
  - connects multiple APs, increasing coverage

### AP Beacon

- Broadcast every 10-100 ms by the AP
- Includes
  - Timestamp
  - SSID
  - Supported data rates (modulation and coding schemes)
  - Correct channel number
  - Supported security protocols

### 802.11 Medium Access Control (MAC)

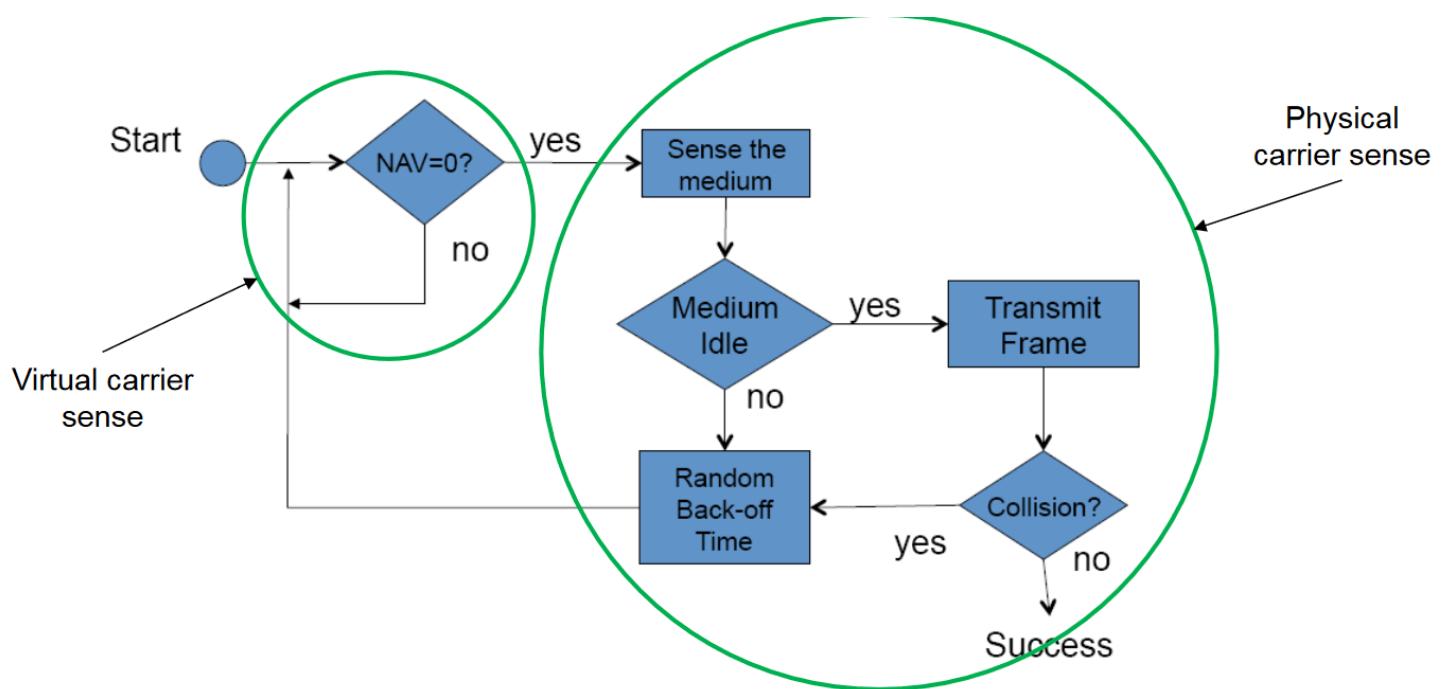
- Distributed Coordination Function (DCF)
  - For asynchronous data service (best effort service)

- Nodes (including AP) contend for access to medium
- Point Coordination Function (PCF) (optional)
  - For time-bounded service
  - Polling from AP
- Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF)
  - Traffic categories priorities

## Distributed Coordination: CSMA/CA

- Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA) with Collision Avoidance
- Collision avoidance methods
  - Physical carrier sense
    - Checks if RSS (Received Signal Strength) is above a threshold
  - Virtual carrier sense
    - Wait for the duration another Tx "announced" it will be active
  - RTS (Request To Send) / CTS (Clear To Send) mode
    - explicit channel reservation

## CSMA/CA Algorithm



- NAV: The remaining duration fo others' transmissions

## CSMA/CA Data and ACK

- Sender (physical carrier sense)
  - If channel idle for DIFS\*: transmit entire data e
    - If later on collision detected: increase backoff time next time
  - If channel bust: backoff

- Receiver
  - If received OK, return ACK after SIFS

## Evolution of Wi-Fi

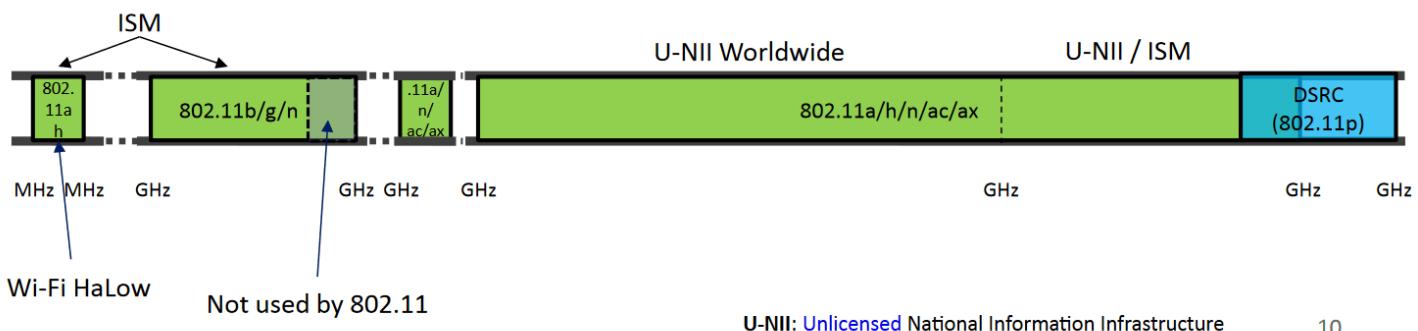
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Year	1997	1999	1999	2003	2009	2013–16	Feb. 2021 ^
Name		Wi-Fi 1	Wi-Fi 2	Wi-Fi 3	Wi-Fi 4	Wi-Fi 5	Wi-Fi 6
Frequency (GHz)	2.4	2.4	5	2.4	2.4 & 5	5	1–7
Bandwidth (MHz)	22	22	5/10/20	5/10/20	20/40	20/40/80/160	20/40/80/160
Max Data Rate (Mbps)	2	11	54	54	Up to 600	Up to 7,000	Up to 10,530
Modulation	FHSS/ DSSS	DSSS w/ CCK	OFDM	OFDM/ DSSS	MIMO- OFDM	MU-MIMO/ OFDM	MU-MIMO/ OFDMA

\*Obsolete (removed)

CCK: Complementary code keying

## Wi-Fi Frequency Bands

- Supported channel bandwidths
  - 10 (.11a), 20, 40, 80 and 160 MHz
- Radio frequency range (spectrum):
  - As per FCC "New Rules" (2015)



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## 802.11n (2009) - Wi-Fi 4

- Frequency bands: 2.4 GHz and 5GHz
  - 20 and 40 MHz channels
- Achieves high throughput using MIMO-OFDM
  - 48 subcarriers per bandwidth
  - Up to 4 antennas (2x2 MIMO up to 270 Mbps)
- Access mode: Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF)
  - Extension of DCF and PCF

- Different priority levels for voice, video, background and best-effort data services
- Other features
  - Beam forming using MIMO
  - Channel bonding (combining 20 MHz channels, creating 40 MHz ones)
  - HT-mixed mode
    - Backwards compatible
  - Greenfield Mode (for n devices only)

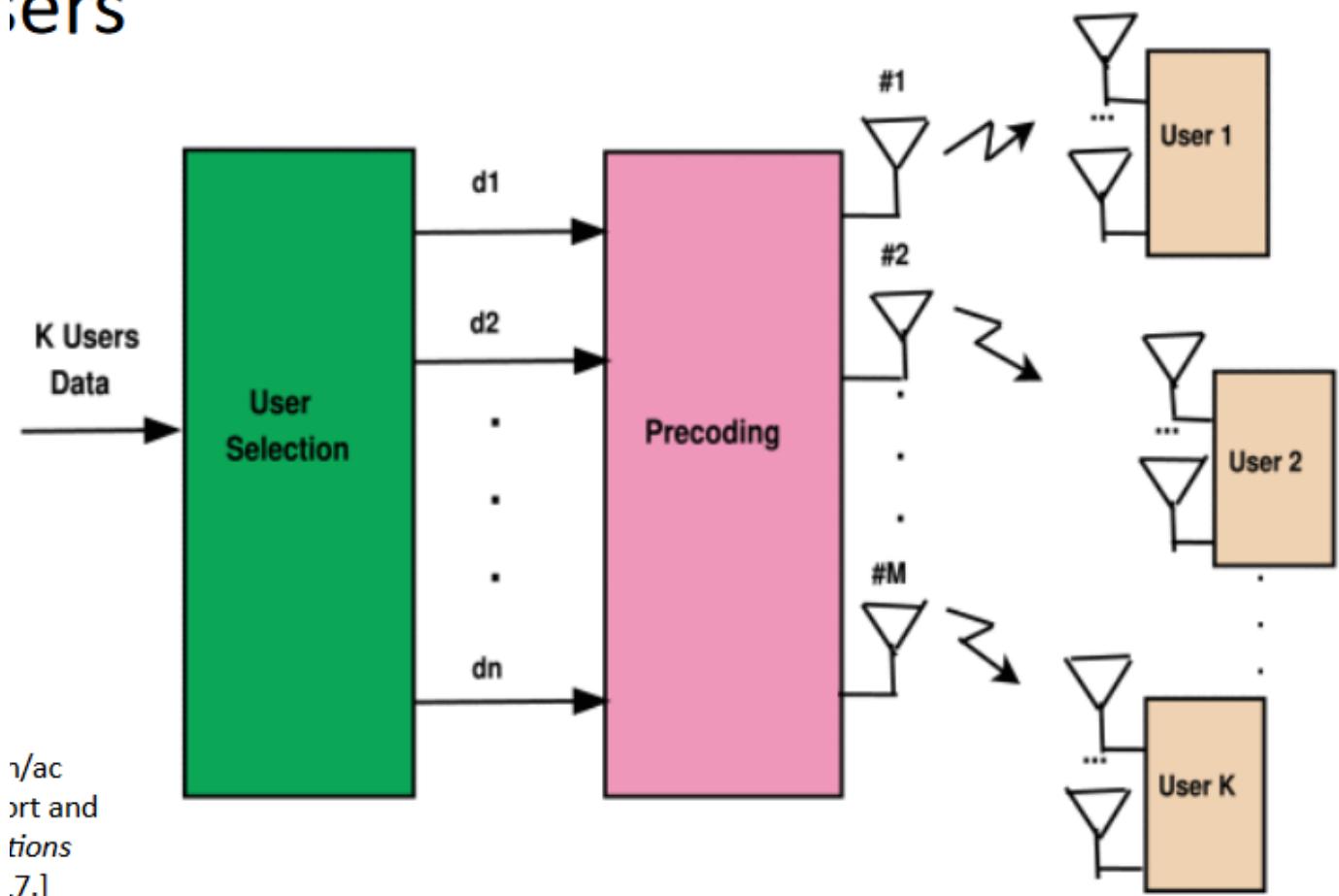
## 802.11ac (2013) - Wi-Fi 5

- Very High Throughput (VHT) WLAN
- 5 GHz only
- Extended channel bonding
  - Mandatory 80 MHz and option 160 MHz
- 256 QAM (up from 64 QAM in 802.11n)

## Multi-User MIMO (MU - MIMO)

- One transmitting MIMO device, multiple MIMO receivers (users) simultaneously
  - Antenna coordination to nullify the stream of one user at other users

Users



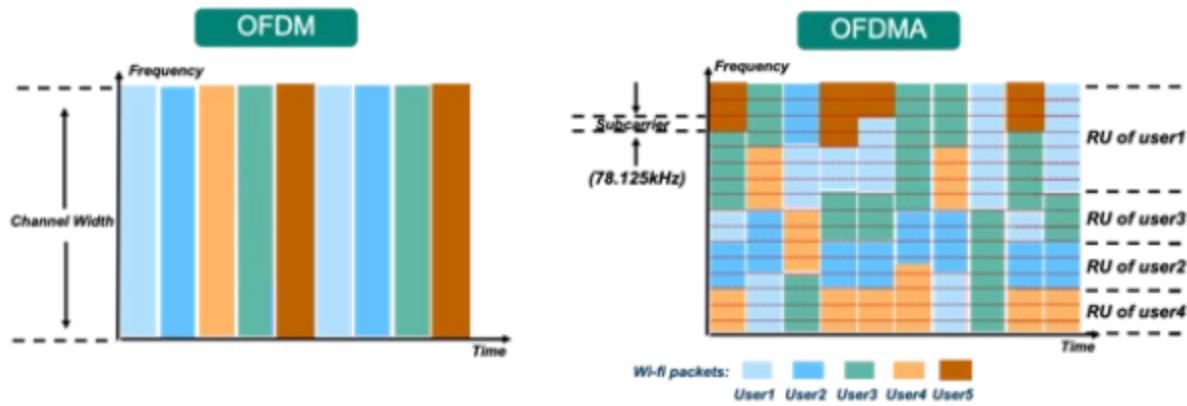
## 802.11ac - Wave 2 (2016)

- MU-MIMO

- Up to four downlink clients
- More antennas for up to eight spatial streams (vs. up to four in 802.11n)
  - Explicit CSI feedback for better antenna coordination
  - In practice, Wave 2 devices only have 4 antennas
- Support for more 5 GHz channels

## 802.11ax (2021) - Wi-Fi 6

- Technical name: High Efficiency WLAN (HEW)
  - GHz band, whatever allowed to use
    - Wi-Fi 6E: Wi-Fi 6 Extended to the 6GHz band
  - Wake time scheduling (for power savings)
  - Multi-user MIMO in both downlinks and uplink
- OFDMA (Orthogonal FD Multiple Access)
  - Time-frequency resource units (RUs)
  - Per user RUs



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- Data rate: up to 11 Gbps
    - Supports 1024-QAM (Higher than 256-QAM in 802.11ac)
  - Spatial frequency reuse
    - Dynamically adjusting transmit power and signal detection threshold for simultaneous transmissions
  - 802.11be (Wi-Fi 7)
    - Extremely High Throughput (EHT)
    - Currently at its early development stages, targeting 2024
    - 320 MHz bandwidth? 16 spatial streams/ MIMO

## Week 3 Class 2

### Wi-Fi Security Protocols

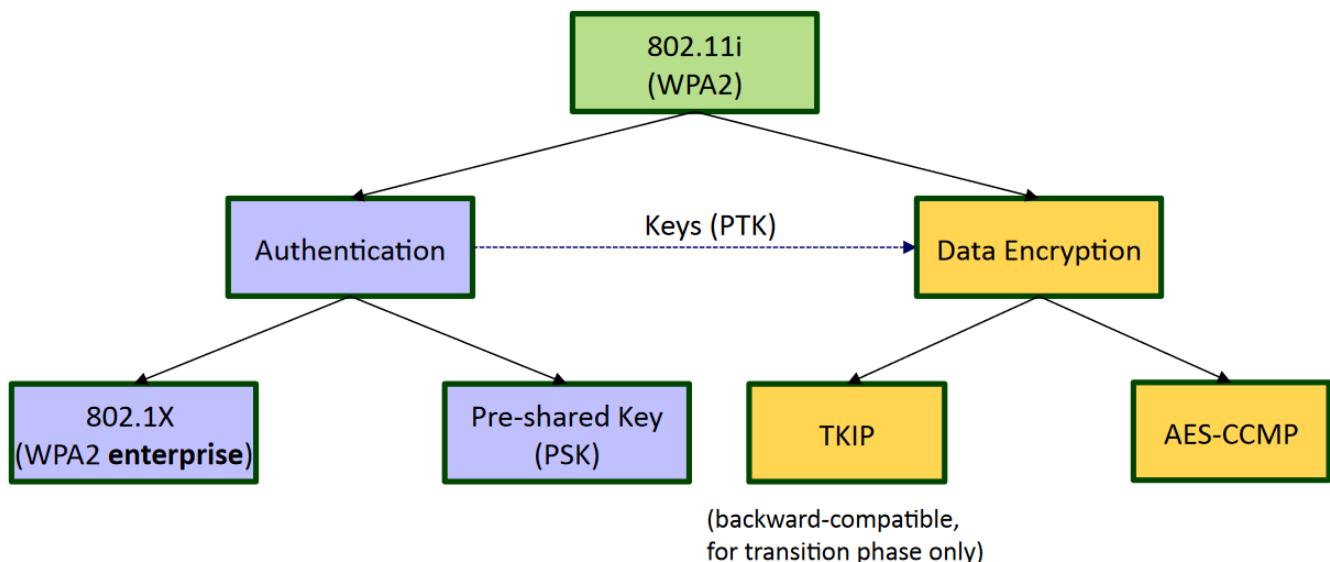
#### Timeline

- 1999: Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)

- 2000 first weakness
- 2004 derecated
- 2020 obsolete
- 2004 802.11i (WPA2)
  - 2012 WPA (TKIP- only) deprecated

## WPA2 in a nutshell

- Wi-Fi Protected Access II



## Joining WLAN - Initiation

1. Probing (scanning) to find an AP
  - Active scanning
    - Prob request/response frames
  - Passive Scanning
    - Listen for beacon frames
2. Auth - default mode in WPA2: open
  - Auth request/response frames
3. Association: AP and stations swap info
  - Association request/response frames
  - Transmit rates, cipher suite, MAC addresses, etc.

## IEEE 802.1X

- Auth for IEEE 802-based WLANs
  - Flexible, mature, scalable, and interoperable framework
    - Not an auth method
    - Requires deploying a server (not always possible)
  - Prevents unauth access to layer 2 (port-based)
  - User-specific key and user-based authentication

- Roles
  - Supplicant - the visitor (laptop)
  - Authenticator - the gate keeper (AP)
  - Authentication server - the decision maker

## **802.1X/EAP - Definitions**

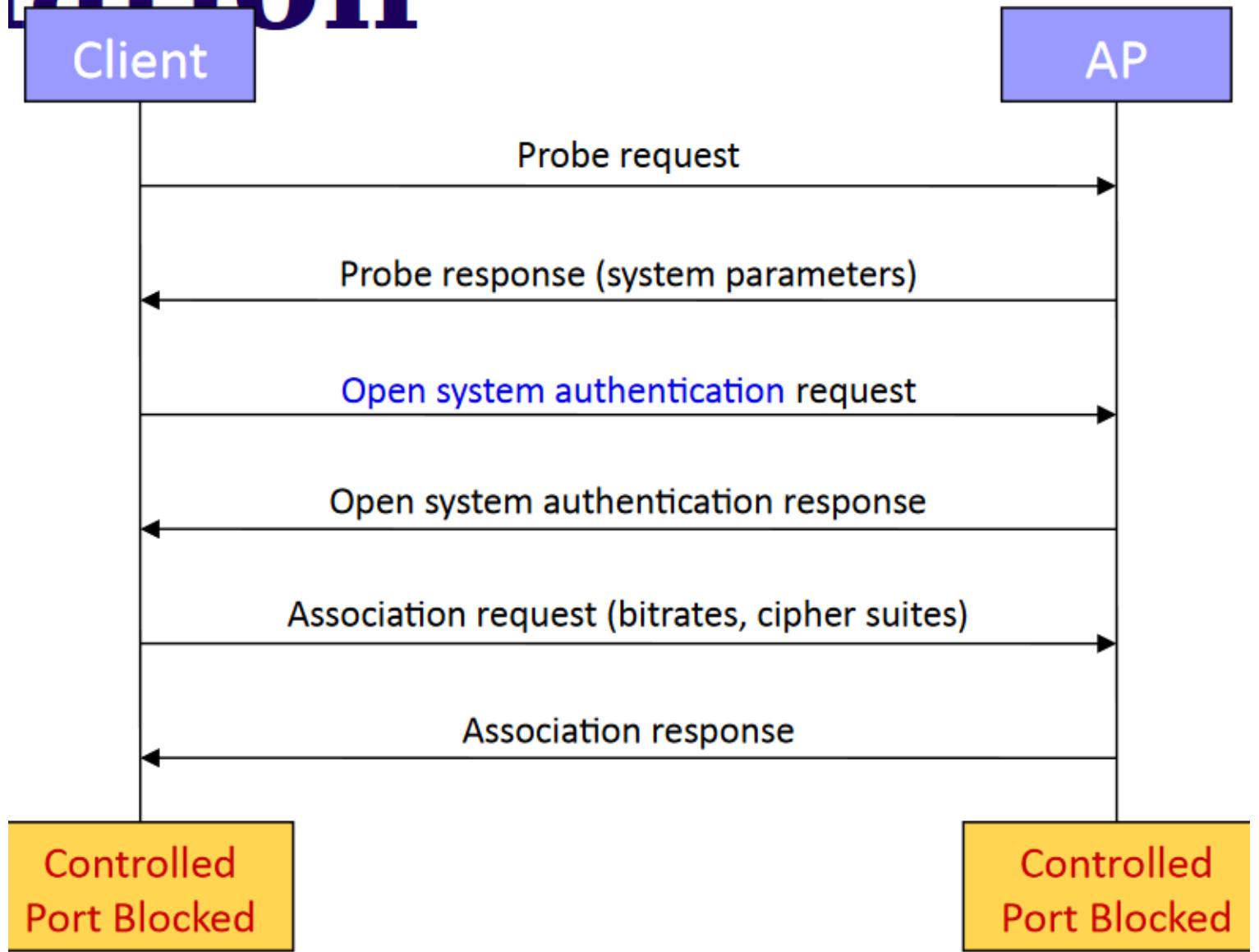
- EAP: Extensible Authentication Protocol
  - A variety of auth methods
  - EAPOL: Encapsulation of EAP over LAN
- RADIUS: Remote Access Dial-In User Service
  - Set of common functionalities across auth servers
  - a protocol that allows access those functionalities/services
- WPA2 with 802.1X is called WPA2-enterprise
  - Appropriate for medium and large enterprises, and more recently, public Wi-Fi networks

## **Pairwise Key Hierarchy**

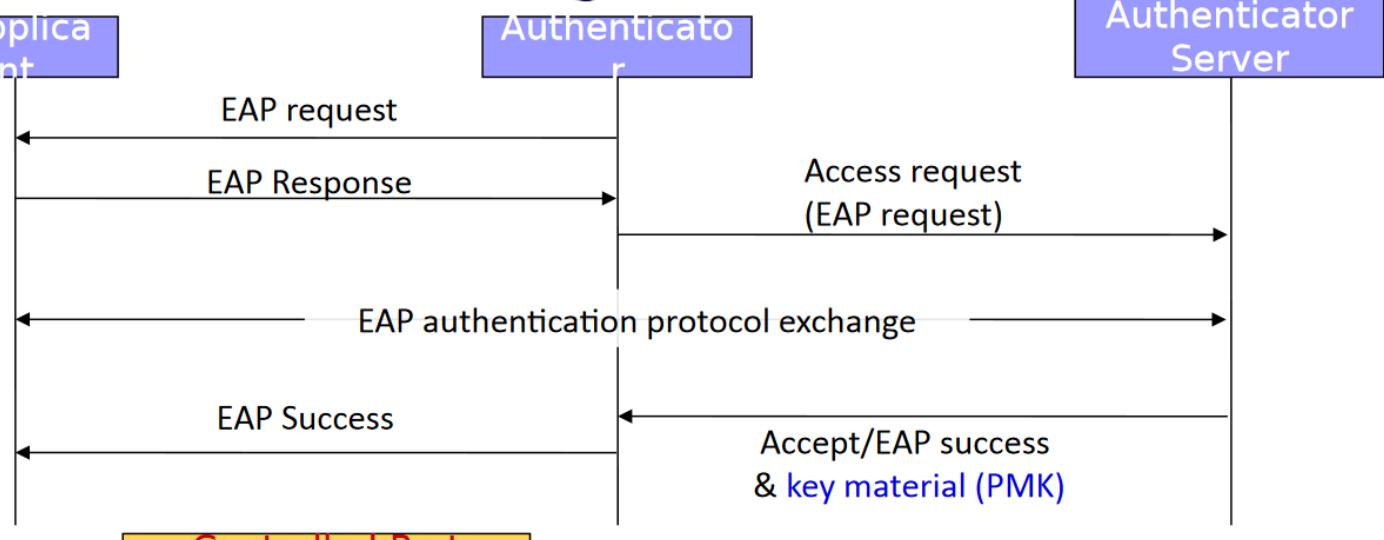
1. Master Session Key (MSK)
  - Generated after mutual authentication for the supplicant and auth server (AS)
2. Pairwise Master Key (PMK)
  - In 802.1X mode: derived from MSK, and is client-specific
  - In pre-shared key mode: PMK = PSK (based on passphrase)
3. Pairwise Transient Key (PTK) - Derived from PMK
  - Generated after supplicant and AP's mutual auth

## **First Step 802.11 Association**

# Wireless LAN Authentication



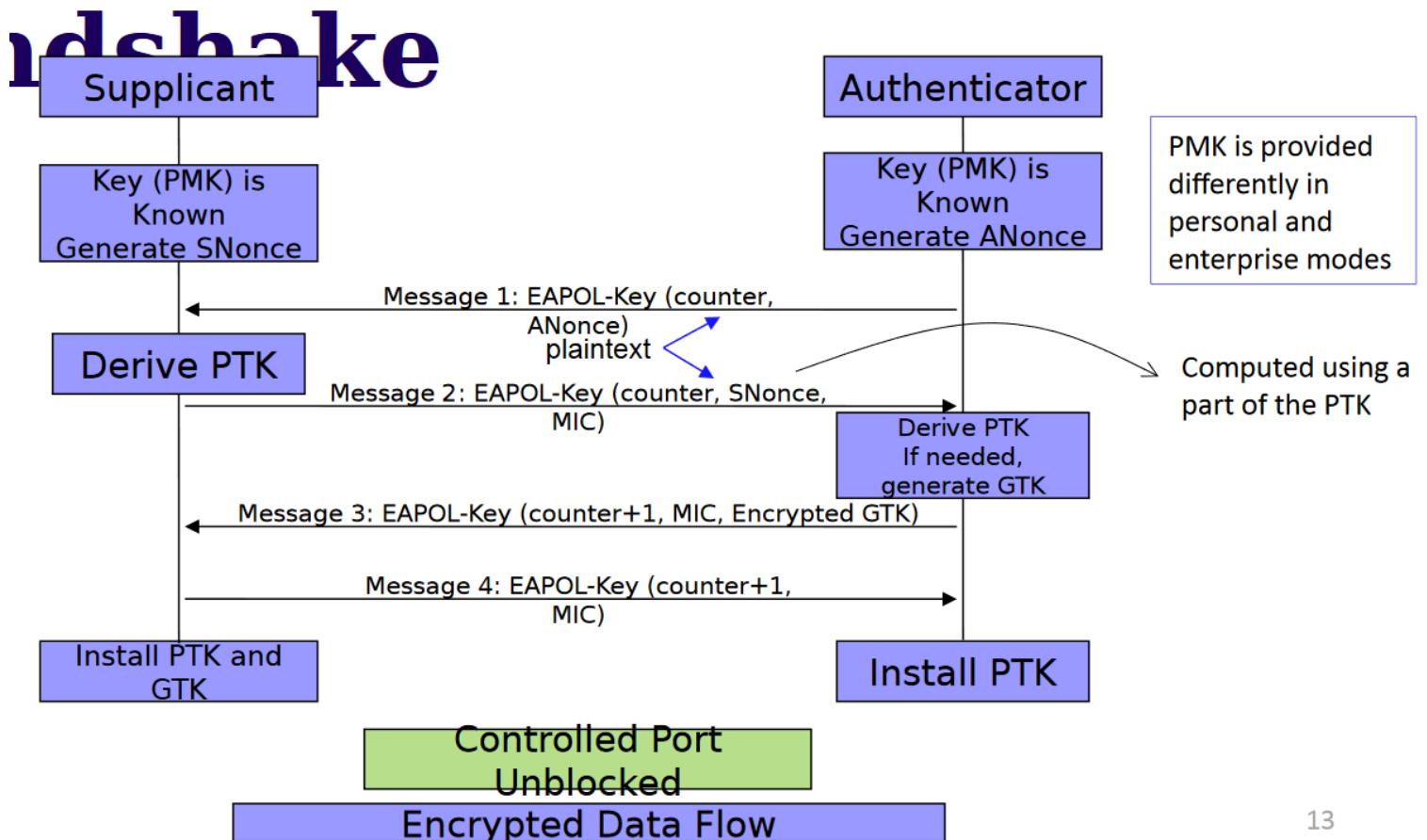
## EAP Authentication (802.1X Only)



At this point, supplicant and AS have authenticated each other, but not the supplicant and the authenticator

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## Final Step: 4-Way Handshake



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## Results of 4-way Handshake

1. Supplicant and authenticator both proved the knowledge of the shared PMK
  - Mutual auth
  - A common step in both enterprise and personal

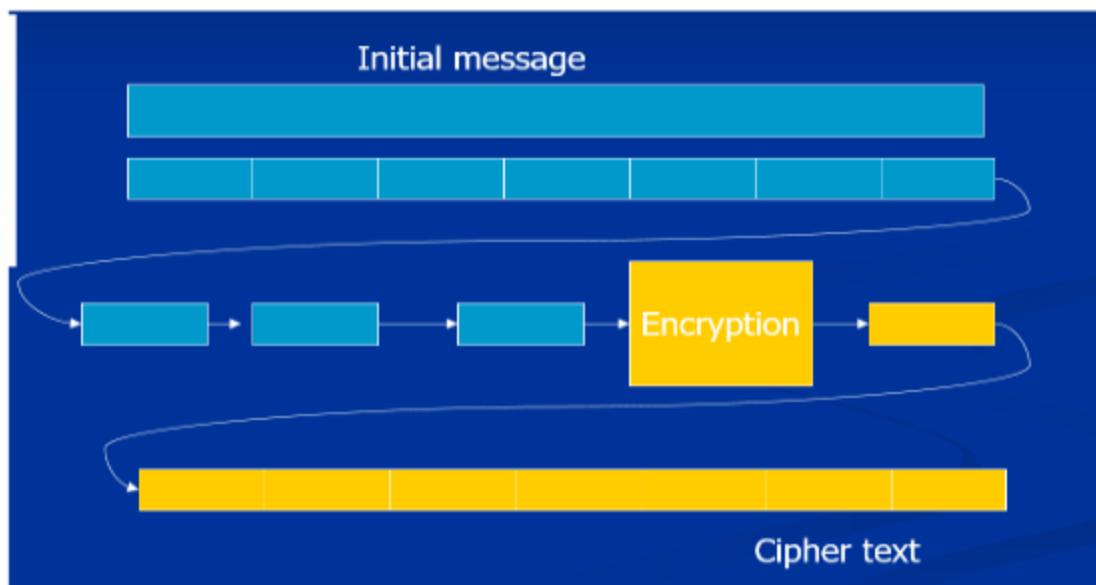
2. A fresh PTK is derived
3. both parties have synced and turned on encryption of unicast (and group) packets

## AES-CCMP

- provides a very high level of confidentiality, integrity and replay protection of 802.11
- Relies on AES
  - 128 bit key
- CCMP: Counter mode with cipher-block chaining MAC protocol
  - 1. AES counter mode block cipher for encryption
  - 2. AEES cipher-block-chaining MAC (CBC-MAC) for integrity

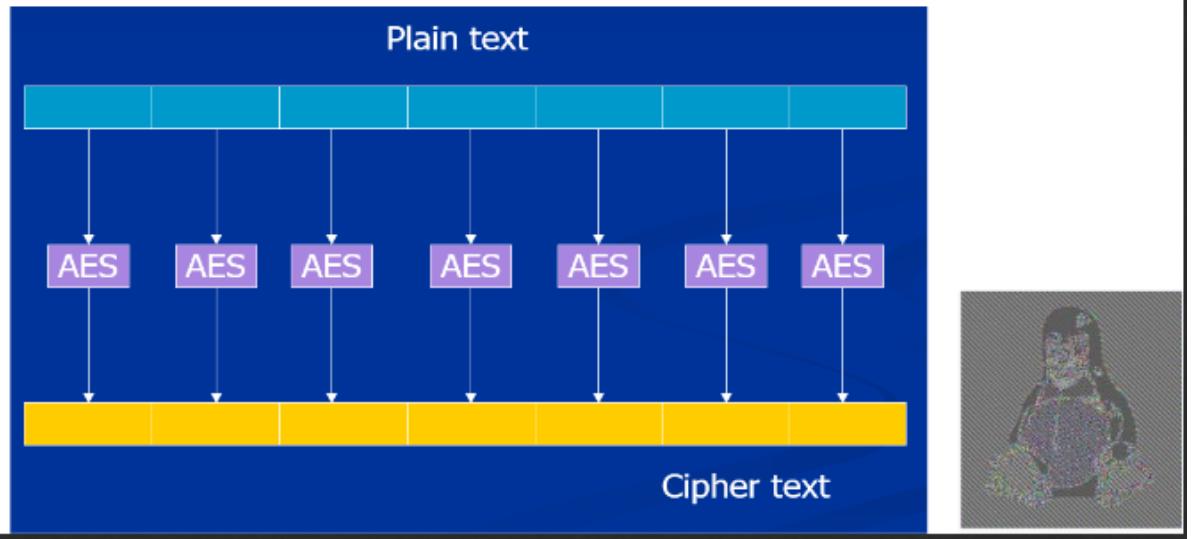
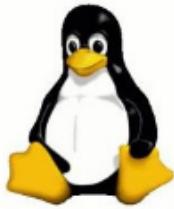
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- Electronic Codebook (ECB) - serial mode
  - reveals the patterns in the original data - not used in WPA2



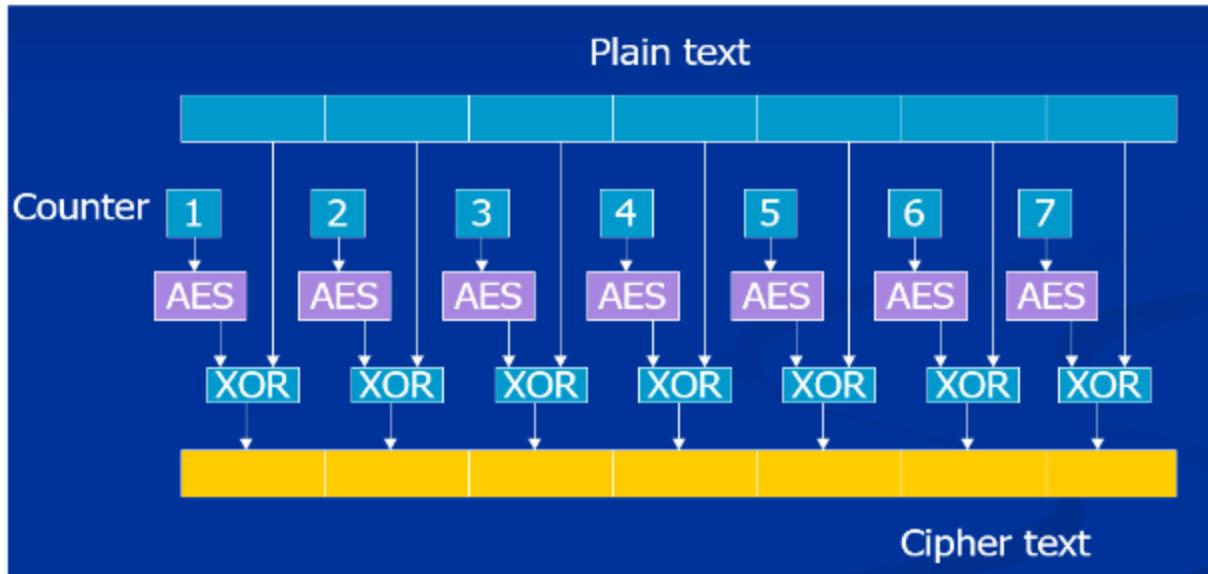
## Block Cipher Modes (2)

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## Block Cipher Modes (3)

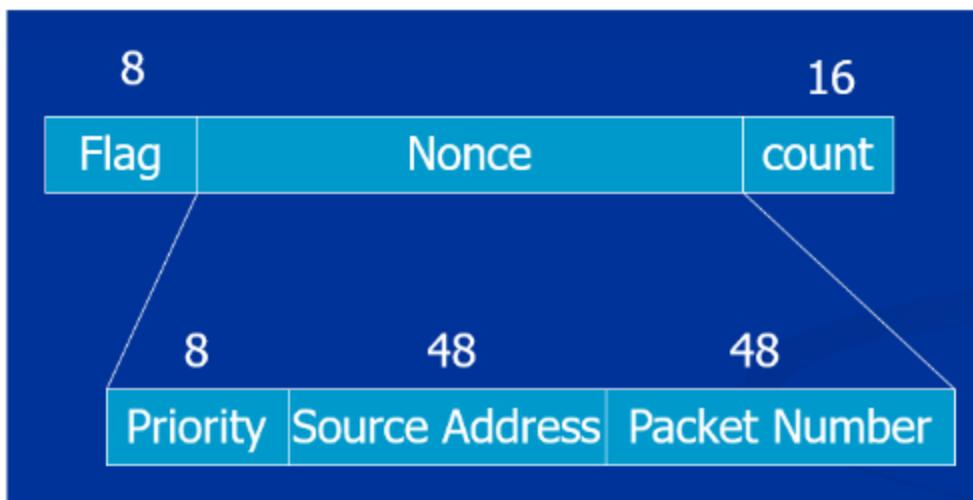
- Counter mode with AES - used in WPA2
  - Hide any pattern by using counter



## Nonce + Counter

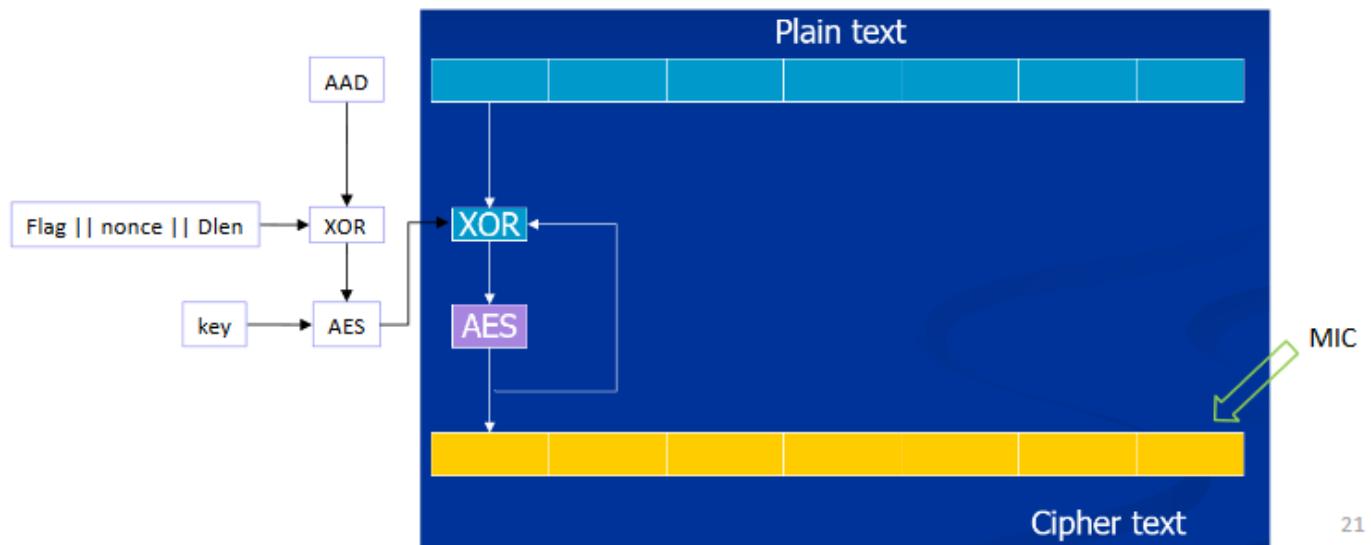
- The counter is prepended by a nonce
  - 104-bit nonce only changes from one packet to another

- The counter starts at , and counts up as encryption proceeds



## Cipher-Block Chaining (CBC)

- Used to generate message integrity code (MIC)
  - Algorithm is initialized by nonce



## Computing MIC

- Used CBC-MAC with 128-bit blocks
- The first block for computing MIC is comprised of
  1. Flag, which is a constant
  2. The same 104-bit nonce used in counter mode encryption
    - Dlen, which is the length of data
- Second block: Additional Authentication Data
  - MAC Addresses, the fragment number, and QOS identifier
- Then data blocks

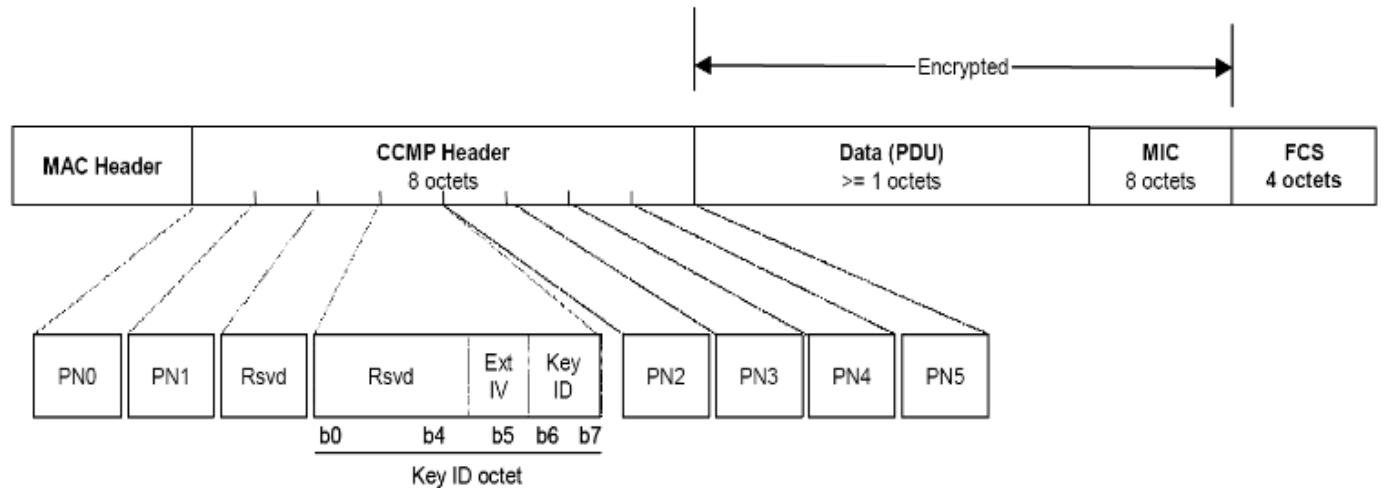
## CCM Protocol (CCMP)

- CCM: Counter with CBC-MAC combination

- Three features
  - Specification of a nonce for each packet
    - Successive packets encrypted separately
    - Detects replay attacks
  - Achieve both message integrity and encryption with single PTK
  - Extension of integrity to cover data not encrypted (e.g., MAC addresses)

## CCMP MPDU

- MAC and CCMP headers are not encrypted

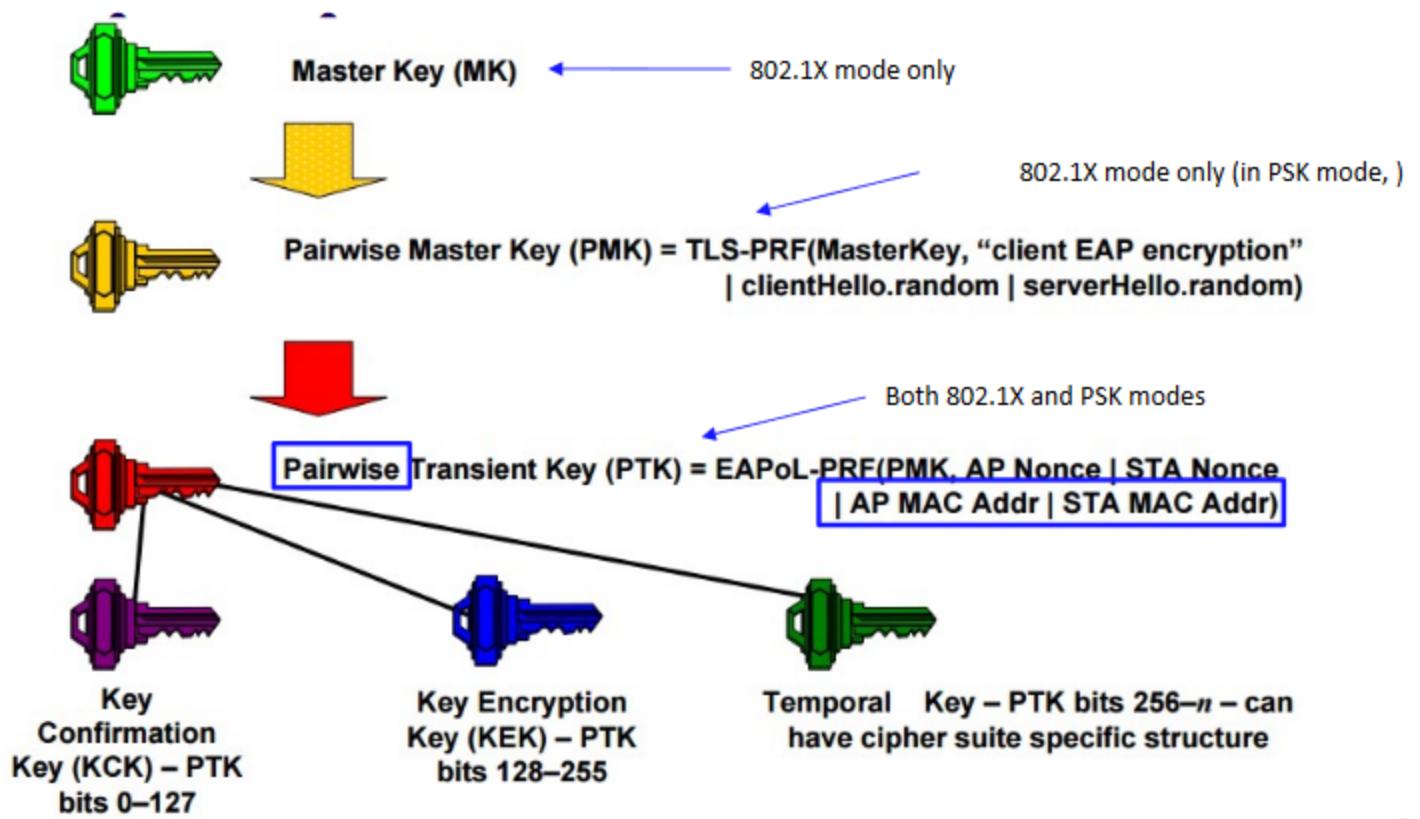


## Week 4 Class 2

### Pairwise Key Hierarchy - Review

1. Master Session Key (MSK) - Generated after 802.1X auth
2. Pairwise Master Key (PMK)
  - In 802.1X mode: derived from MSK
  - In pre-shared key mode:
3. Pairwise Transient Key (PTK) - Collection of operational keys
  - Key Confirmation Key (KCK) - used for integrity-checks for key distribution and to prove possession of PMK
  - Key Encryption Key (KEK) - used to encrypt and distribute keys, e.g., Group Transient Key (GTK)

- Temporal Key (TK) - used to encrypt data traffic



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## WPA2-Personal is Vulnerable

- Simple passphrases → dictionary attacks
  - $\text{PSK} = \text{PBKDF2}(\text{HMAC-SHA1}, \text{passphrase}, \text{ssid}, 4096, 256)$
  - PBKDF2: A password-based key derivation function
  - Capture one MIC, try different passphrases offline
    - Deriving PTK needs SNonce and ANonce too (sent in plaintext)
    - Even easier for other clients of the same network
  - coWPAtty: A tool for cracking/auditing pre-shared key (PSK)
- Fixed in WPA3

## IEEE 802.11w (2009)

- Protected management frames
  - Confidentiality, integrity, authenticity, and replay (via CCMP)
- Frames protected by 802.11w
  - Disassociation and deauthentication
  - Radio measurement action frame
  - QoS action frame
- Frames infeasible to protect
  - Any packet sent before 4-way handshake (e.g., beacon, probe, authentication and association)

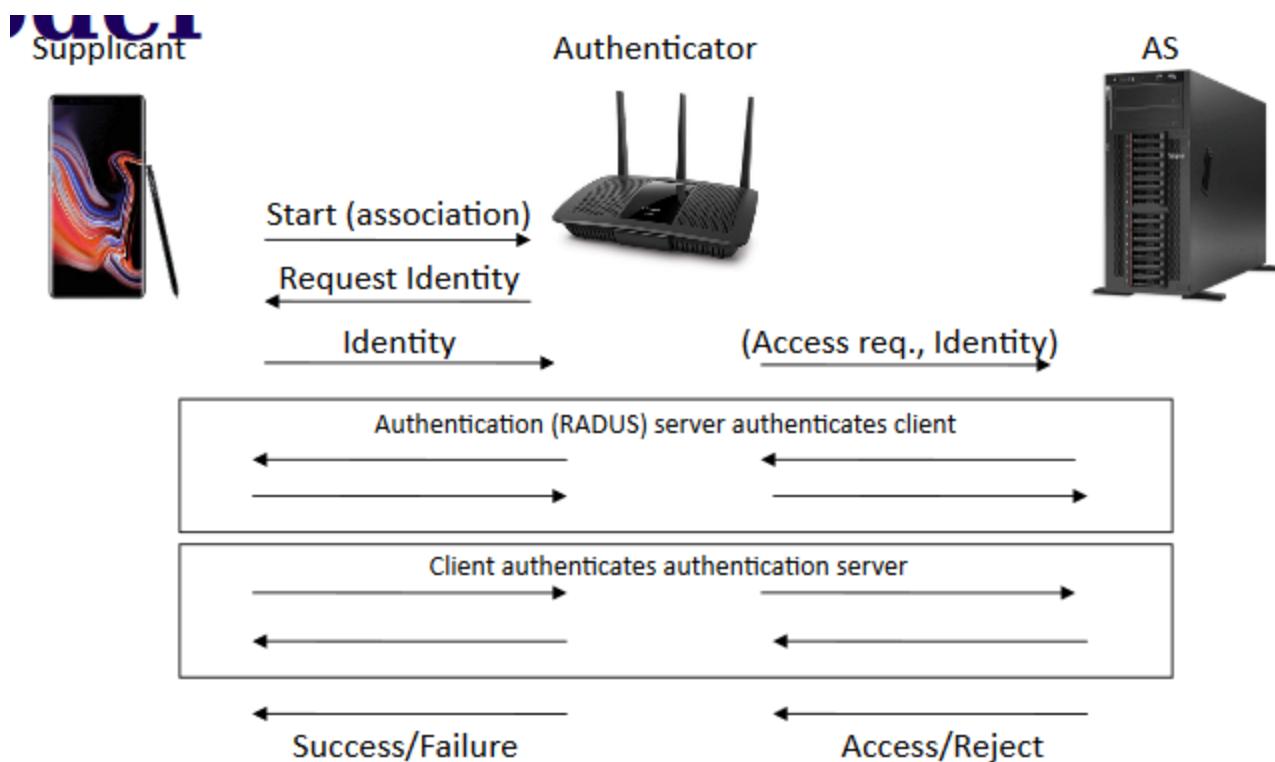
# Challenges of Header Encryption

- interruption in virtual carrier sense
  - Other stations cannot read Duration field
- Sender identification dilemma
  - When MAC address is encrypted, the Rx (Bob) cannot easily retrieve the right decryption key

## Exposed MAC Address

- One can use unique, plaintext MAC addresses to track and identify users
  - Ex
    - smart trash cans to track/learn peoples shopping patters
    - Grocery stores created profile for their shoppers
- MAC address randomization for higher privacy
  - Standardized as part of IEEE 802.11aq amendment (2018)
- It should not disrupt an ongoing (encrypted) session
  - So it can be changed only in unassociated state (why?)
    - Used for prob requests per connection or per network/SSID

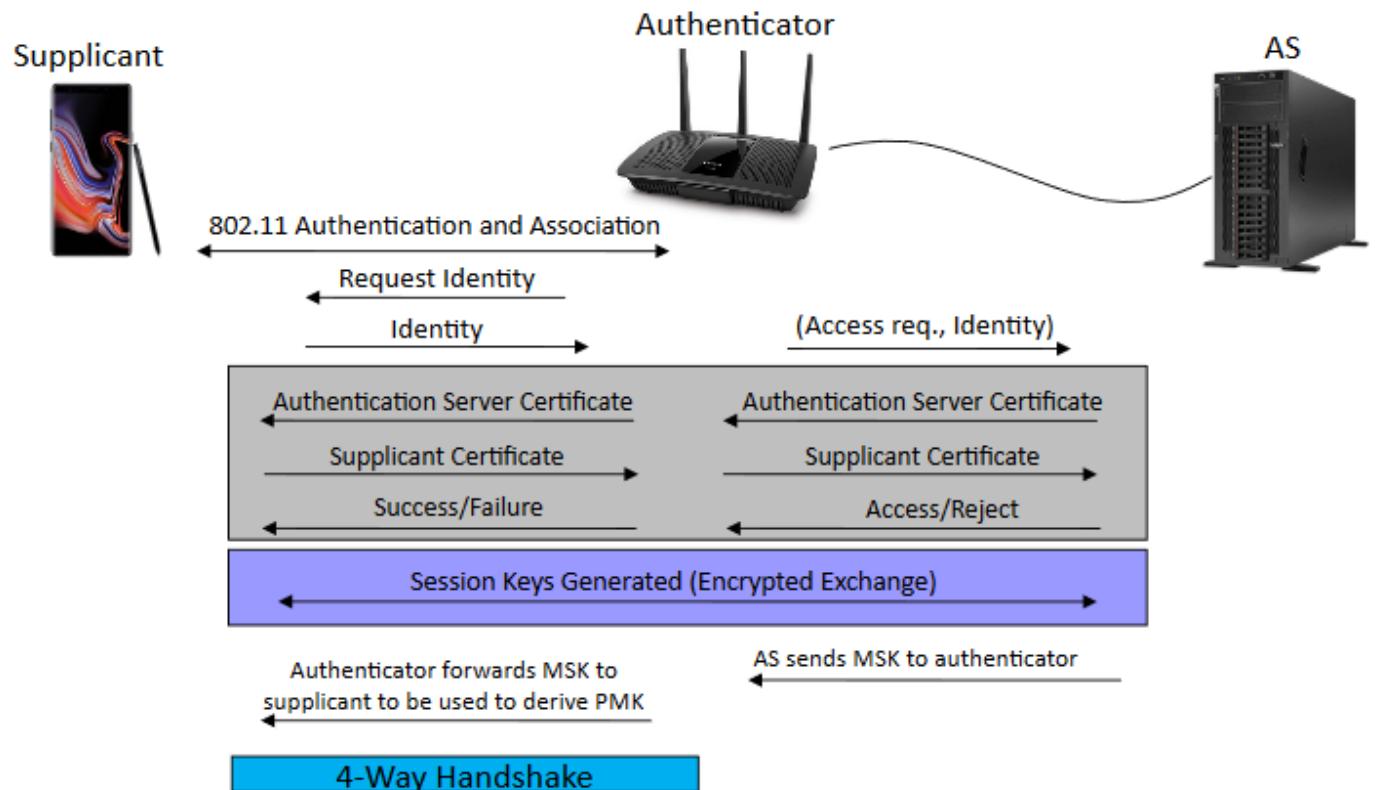
## 802.1X/EAP -WLAN Model



## EAP-TLS

- Based on Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol
  - One of the most secure EAP standards

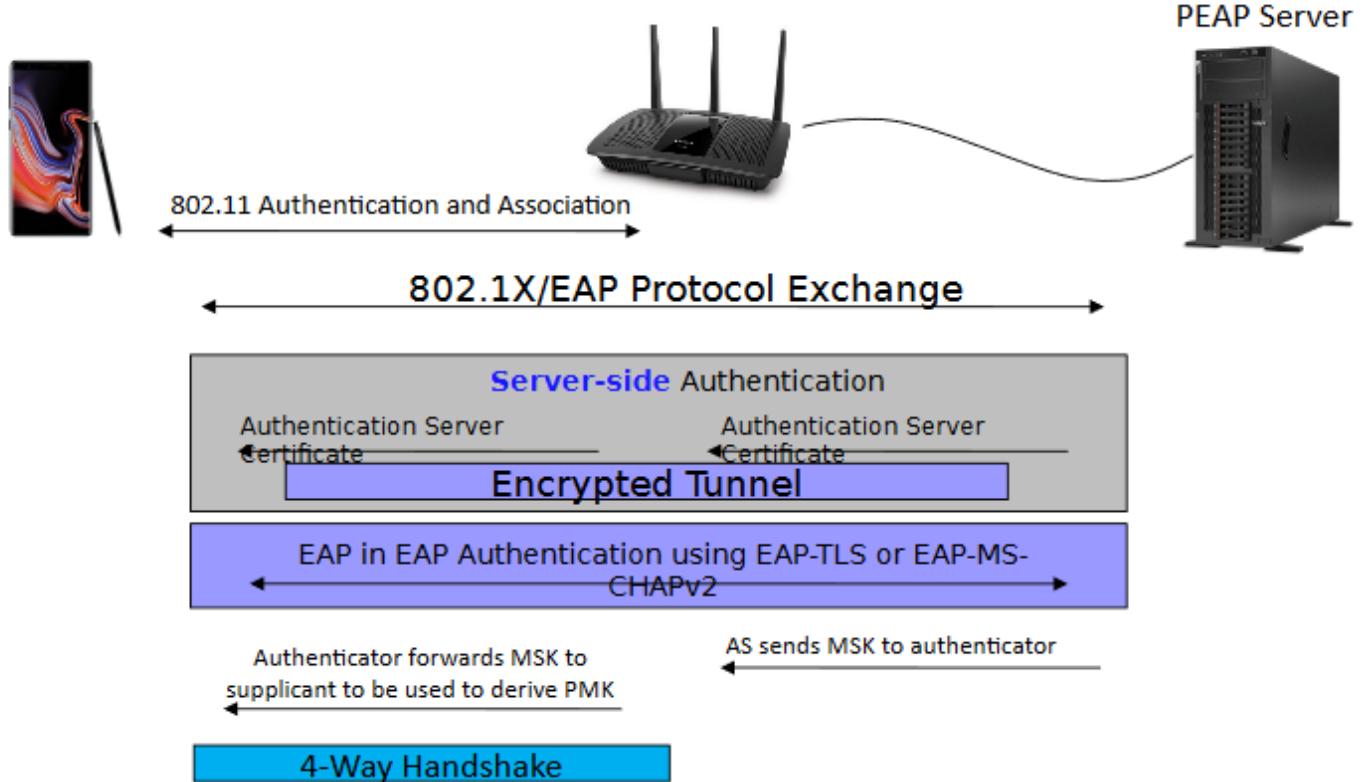
- Needs public key infrastructure
  - Requires certs for server and client (mutual auth)
  - Advantages
  - A compromised client password is not enough to illegitimately connect to the network
  - MitM attack against a client is difficult too; the attacker would need a valid server certificate



## PEAP

- Protected EAP
- In EAP, identity request/response messages are not encrypted
  - PEAP provides secure communication channel (tunnel)
- PEAP auth has two phases
  - 1. EAP-TLS with anon users
  - Server-side public key certs (optional client auth)
  - 2. Regular EAP

- EAP in EAP



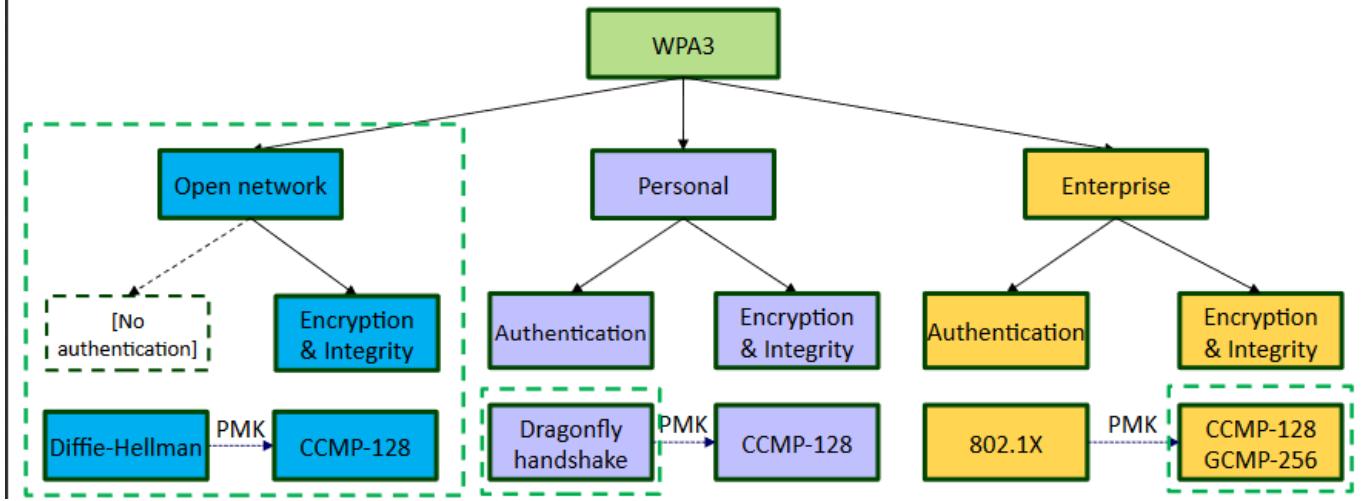
## Passpoint for Public Networks

- What if you want auth in a public network
- Wi-Fi Passpoint (Hotspot 2.0)
  - Secure Wi-Fi enterprise was a success → extend it beyond an enterprise
  - Requires online sign-up and 802.1X
    - Auth using creds or the SIM
  - Automatic network discovery & selection, seamless roaming
    - Based on 802.11u (2011)
  - Used, among others, for WiFi4EU (Free Wi-Fi for Europeans)

## WPA3 and Public Wi-Fi

### WPA3 in a nutshell

- WPA3: Wi-Fi Protected Access III - 2018
  - Next generation of Wi-Fi security



- Dotted box is new in WPA3

## WPA3 - New Features

1. Mandatory Protected Management Frames - PMF (802.11w)
2. Individualized encryption in public/open networks
  - Enhanced Open
3. Interact with the AP for each password attempt in WPA3-personal (dragonfly handshake)
4. 192-bit security for WPA3-enterprise (optional)
5. Alternative interface for configuring IoT devices
  - Easy Connect

## WPA3-Personal

- Simultaneous Authentication of Equals (SAE)
  - Also called dragonfly handshake
  - Replaces PSK generation in WPA2-personal
  - Robust against offline dictionary attacks
    - Allows Natural Password Selection - select easy passwords
    - Also, provides forward Secrecy; unlike the passphrase, the PMK will have high entropy and no longer will be constant
- Manage (IoT) devices with limited or no interface
  - Device Provisioning Protocol (DPP)
  - Device's public key is communicated using QR, NFC, or BT

## Dragonfly Handshake

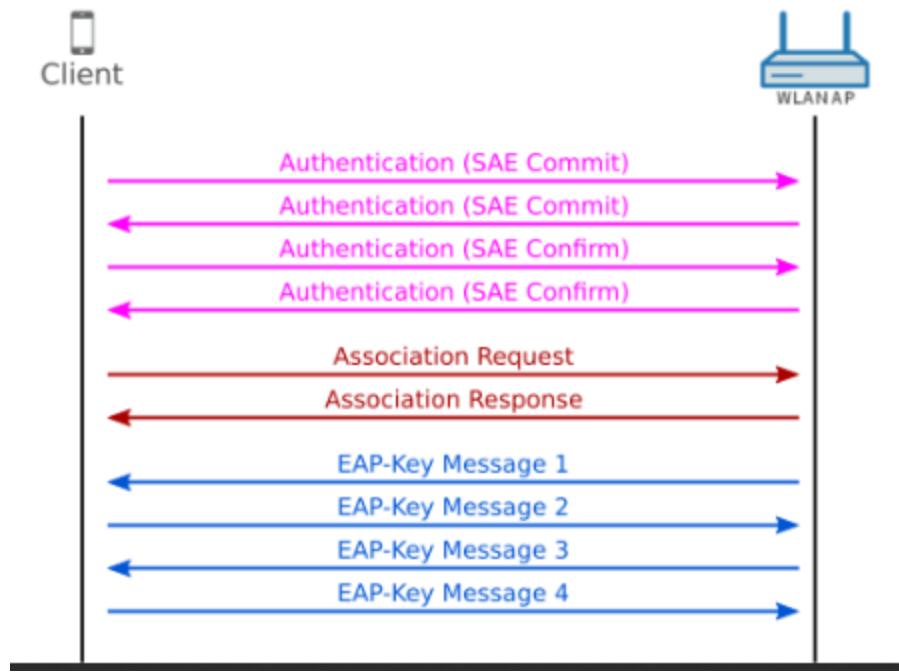
- Two phases: Commit and Confirm
  1. Commit exchange: at both sides
    - a.) commit to a single guess of the password
    - b.) exchange a random scalar and a masked password element (can be a point on an Elliptic curve), then

c.) generate a common key (PMK) using the exchanged random numbers and the password element

2. Confirm: derive a token using the secret, then exchange to confirm the guess

## SAE Messages

- WPA2 authentication messages (with open-system auth) were almost useless, SAE uses and expands them!



## Cracking SAE?

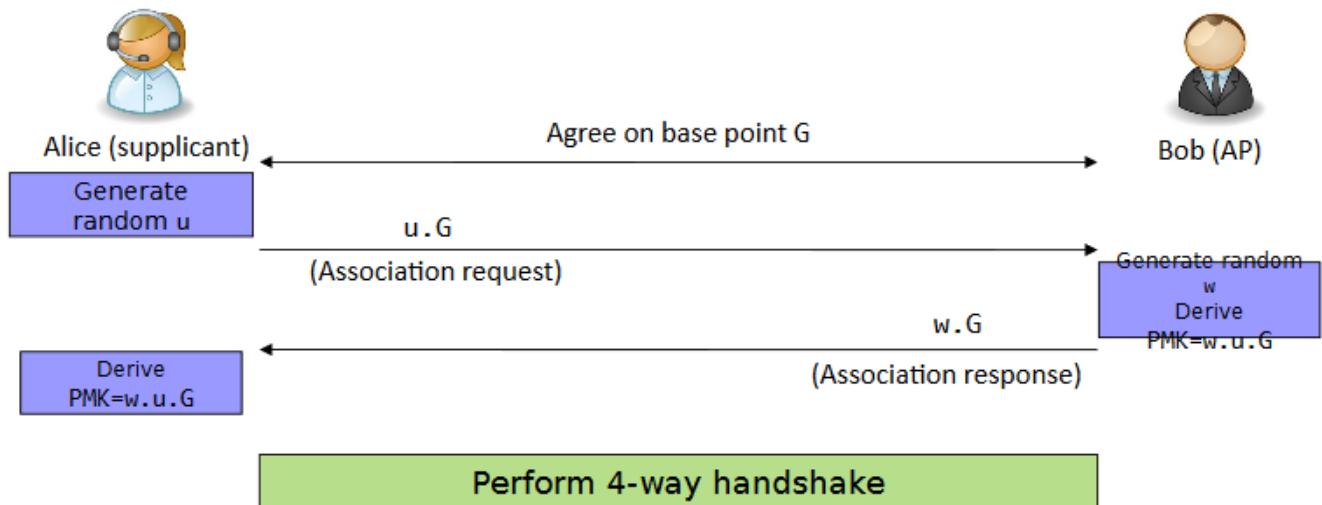
- Random numbers and password element are masked → Attacker cannot obtain them to check if a guessed passphrase (from dictionary) is correct
  - In contrast, the inputs to PBKDF2 function were known
  - ANonce and SNonce were also easy to capture
- Attacker would need a network interaction to confirm each guessed password
  - Idea: slow down the rate of an attempted attack
  - Temporal limit on password checks

## After All, Why Public/Open Wi-Fi?

- A public open network may not be secure
  - In a restaurant/cafe, stadium, library, airport/airplane, hotel
- Possible reasons
  - Lower cost (free Wi-Fi)
  - Better indoor coverage than cellular
  - Running out of cellular data allowance (<30% remaining)

## WPA3 for Open Networks

- Unauthenticated encryption
- Based on Opportunistic Wireless Encryption (OWE)



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## Lecture based Quiz 2

- Review the slides
- Take the baseline understanding

## Week 7 Class 2

### Staelliate Communications (SATCOM)

- Three main types
  - Relay communications between ground stations
    - Beyond LOS communications
    - Signal is amplified via a transponder
  - Sense precipitation, temp, emissions, etc
  - Track and control objects on the ground
- Applications
  - TVs, phone, positioning, radio, internet, military
  - Over 2,000 satellites are orbiting

### Communication Satellites

- Types of geocentric satellites
  - Low Earth Orbit (LEO) - below 2,000 km
  - Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) - below 35,000 km
  - Geostationary Orbit (GEO) - move at same speed as earth
  - High Earth Orbit

### GPS Global Positioning System

- Sat-based radio navigation system owned by US gov, operated by the US air force
  - Global navigation sat system (GNSS) provides geolocation and time info to a GPS receiver
  - Requires an unobstructed LOS to four or more GPS satellites
- There are 31 satellites

## SATCOM Security Challenges

- End-to-end encryption - costly (multibillion dollar investment)
- Denial of service attacks (jamming)
- Autonomous attack detection and incident response
- Secure networking for a large number of satellites in multiple orbits with multiple communications links
- In particular, how about GPS?
  - Authentication? no
  - Confidentiality? no
  - Availability? no

## Secure SATCOM - Spread Spectrum

- First line of defense against jamming and eavesdropping
  - Also, mitigates interference
- 1. Direct sequence spread spectrum
  - Example: GPS
- 2. Frequency hopping spread spectrum
  - More robust to interference/attacks
    - Dynamic FH sequence → hard to learn by adversaries
  - Examples: Military Strategic and Tactical Relay (MILSTAR)

## Lit Review

## Expectations

- get 4 main things
  - baseline understanding of wireless security
  - presentation skills
  - get a good sense of things coming up in wireless security (emerging topics)
  - practice steps of the research process (think independently)
- Read 5-7 good papers
- 2 pages including introduction
- you are then expected to know exactly what the next steps are to complete the project
- Make a case that what you come up with is different than what others have done

- Threat model: What are the capabilities and goals of the attacker

# Cellular Networks Security

- Base station (eNodeB) in a Radio Access Network (RAN)

## Subscriber Identity Module (SIM)

- Secure storage for
  - Administrating data
    - PIN
  - International Mobile Subscriber Identity - IMSI
  - Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity - TMSI (or GUTI)
  - Authentication and Ciphering Keys
  - Roaming data, SMS, telephone numbers, etc
    - Mobile Station International Subscriber Directory Number - MSISDN
  - SIM card is also a computing device
    - Implementation of encryption

## Mobile Equipment Identification

- International Mobile Equipment Identifier (IMEI)
  - Allows unique identifying phones, independent of SIM
- Equipment Identity Register (EIR)
  - White list - valid mobiles
  - Black List - stolen
  - Gray List - local tracking mobiles
- Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR)
  - Approved mobile type
  - Consolidated black list

## IMSI

- To uniquely identify a subscriber/SIM
  - It is different than telephone number (MSISDN) and IMEI
  - TMSI, assigned by the network, is used to hide the IMSI
- 15 digits (or less)
  - 3 digit mobile code - MCC
  - 3 digit mobile network code (MNC) - in the US
  - 9-10 digit mobile subscriber identification number - MSIN

## Key Management Scheme

- K - Subscriber Authentication Key

- Shared 128-bit key
- Used for subscriber (SIM holder) authentication and session key generation
- Stored in 2 locations
  1. Subscribers SIM (owned by operator, trusted)
  2. Home Locator Register (HLR) of the subscribers carrier
- SIM can be used with different equipment
  - Key management is independent

## Cellular Networks - Generations

- 1G - 1980's
  - Analog radio signals
  - FDMA (frequency-division multiple access)
  - Voice-only
- 2G (GSM) - 1990s
  - Global System for Mobile Comms
  - Digital radio signals, using digital modulation
  - TDMA (time-division multiple access)
  - Data services (SMS and MMS)
  - Digital encryption, one-way auth

## A5 - A Stream Cipher

- Implemented very efficiently on SIM for 2G
  - Design was never made public
  - Disclosed by Ross Anderson and Bruce Schneier
- Variants
  - A5/1 - the strong version
  - A5/2 - the weak version (for certain export regions)
  - A5/3
    - GSM Association Security Group and 3GPP design
    - Based on KASUMI Algorithm

## Encryption in GSM (2G)

- Stream cipher using A5/1 Algorithm
  - Security through obscurity? A5 was initially kept secret, but became public through reverse engineering
  - Within 2 minutes of intercepted call, the attack takes only 1 second

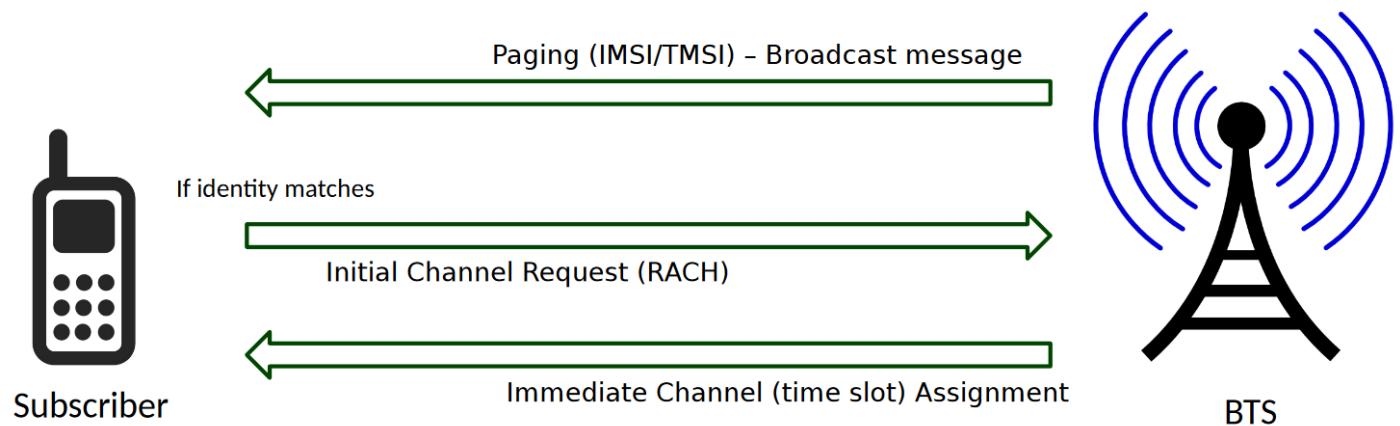
## IMSI Catchers

- Eavesdroppers who intercept users' IMSI to track their location and other things
  - Attacker is a fake (portable) BTS, a form of MitM attack

- the fake base station send an identity\_request to the victim mobile phone, forcing it to respond with its IMSI
- Easy to launch GSM (why?)
  - phones dont auth network, they automatically trust the network
- StingRay:Harris Corp IMSI Catcher for phone surveillance
  - Intercept GSM communications
  - Stingray II: Crossbow (U.S. ICE)

## Paging

- An incoming call or SMS for the subscriber



## Paging and Identity Harvesting

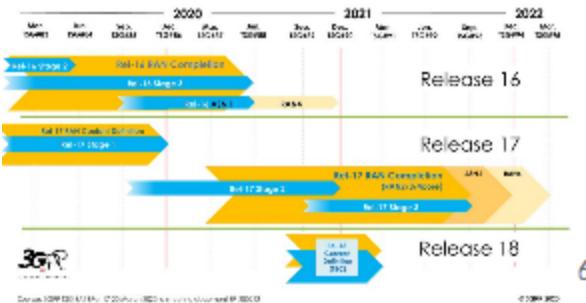
- Paging
  - When the network/BTS needs to notify the mobile phone of an incoming call/SMS
  - The paging request message contains IMSI/TMSI in cleartext
- Identity harvesting attack
  - Dial and disconnect immediately, forcing the BTS to keep sending paging request messages

## Next Generations - 2.5G

- 2G retirement
  - AT&T (2017) and Verizon (2020) already shut down 2G
  - T-Mobile is expected to shutdown 2G by December 2022
    - T-Mobile already blocks new 2G or 3G activations (Jan. 2021)
- 2.5G (GPRS) - early 2000s
  - Packet switching (billing based on data volume)
  - GSM was circuit-switched telephony
  - best-effort service
  - GEA3 (based on KASUMI) for keystream generation

# 3GPP

- 3rd Generation Partnership Project
  - Standards organization of mobile broadband protocols
  - Formed in 1998 for developing 3G
- Three Technical Specification groups
  1. Radio Access Network (RAN)
  2. Services & Systems Aspects (SA)
  3. Core Network & Terminals (CT)
- Releases



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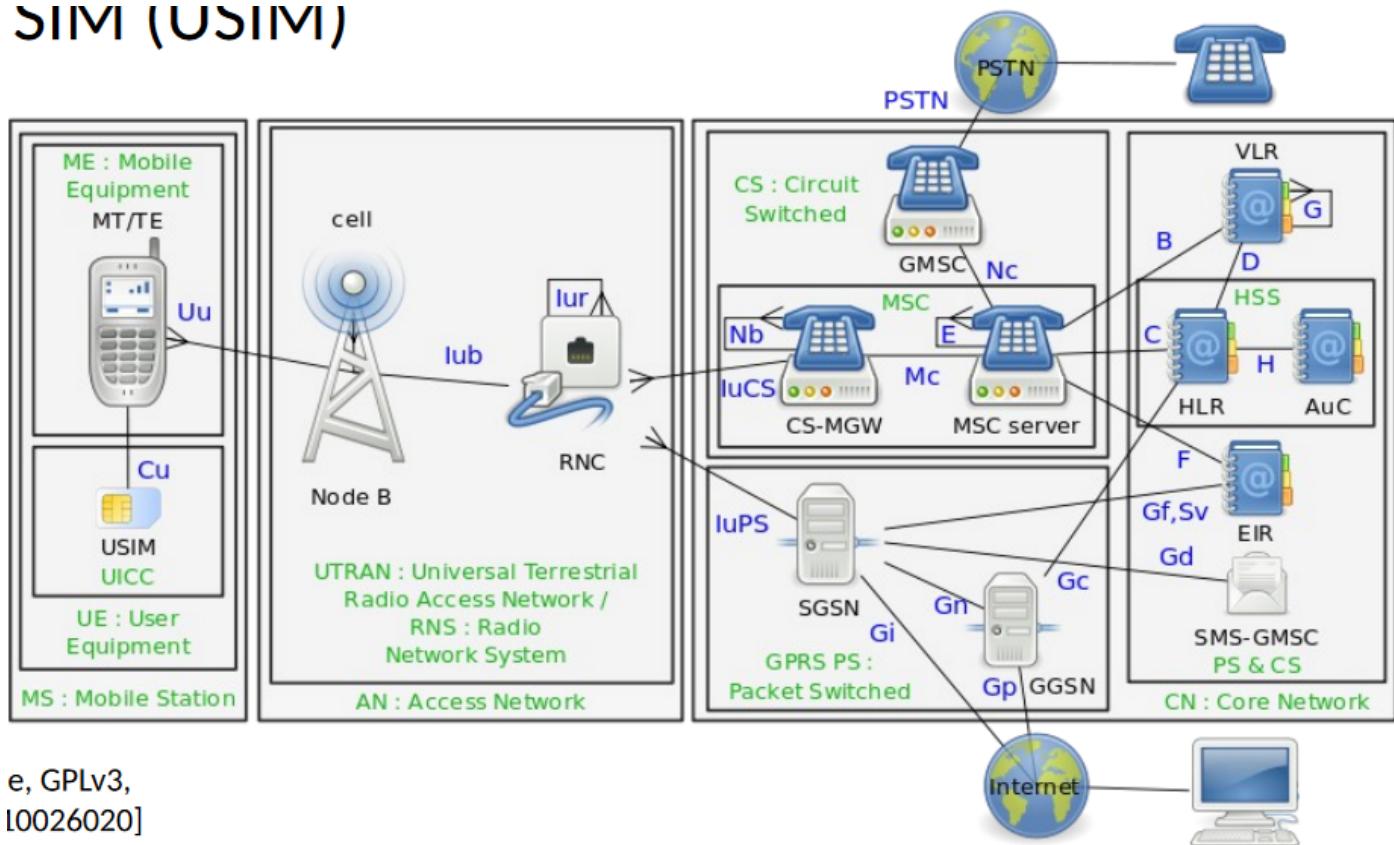
## 3rd Generation (3G)

- 3G - early 2000s
  - Higher data rate (up to 14 mbps)
  - code division multiple access (CDMA)
    - Based on DSSS, each user is assigned a dedicated code
- Competing Techs
  - UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service)
    - Europe, Japan, China
  - CDMA2000: Adopted by Verizon Wireless in 2002, will shut down by the end of 2020 (ATT: 2022)

## UMTS Architecture

- very similar to GSM
  - Mobile station → User equipment (UE)
  - SIM → Universal SIM (USIM)

- BTS → Node B  
**SIM (USIM)**



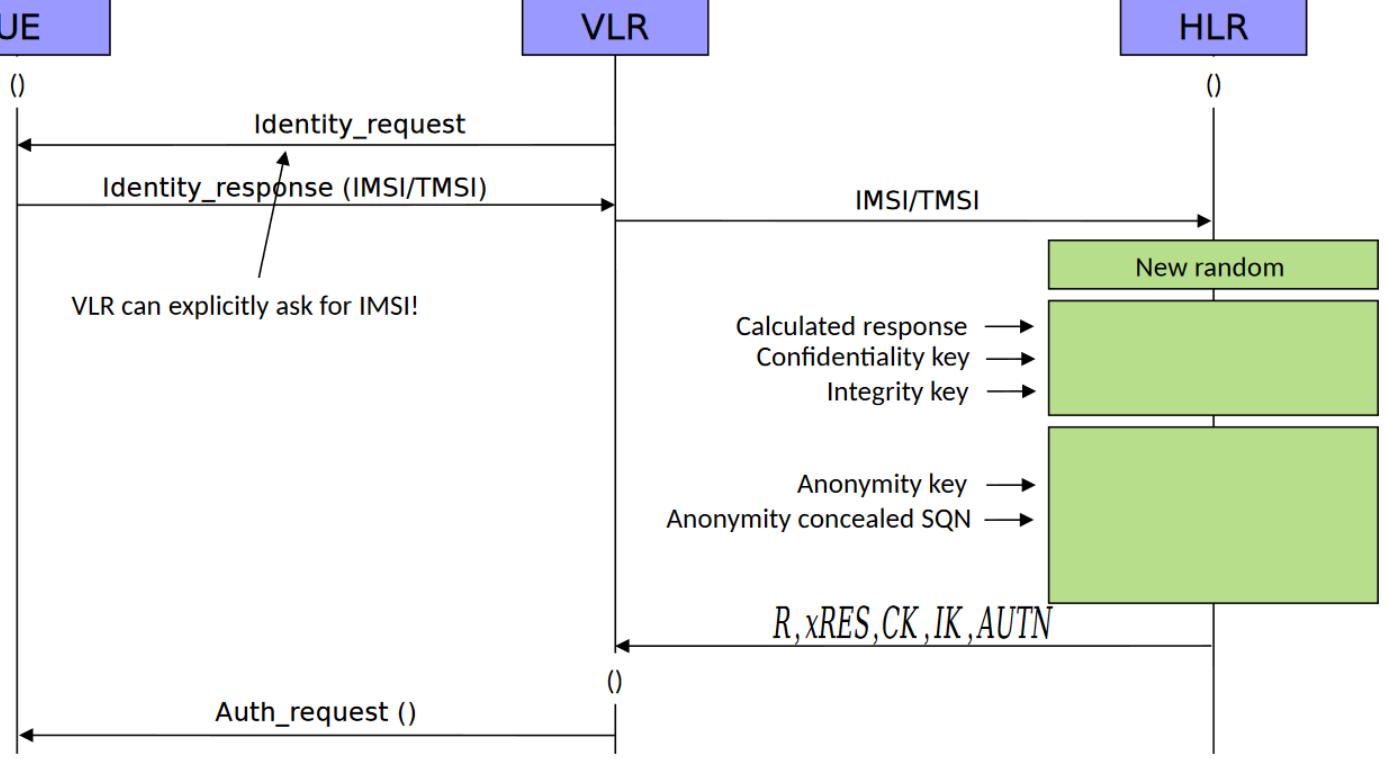
## 3G Mutual Auth

- New! Allow the UE to authentication the network, mitigating impersonation attacks
- Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) protocol
  - The basis for security in 3G, 4G, 5G
  - Challenge-response for UE authentication (like GSM)
  - SQN: sequence number to prevent replay attacks
  - Establish keys to protect subsequent communications
    - using f1--f5: A set of one-way keyed cryptographic functions
    - That includes f4 for integrity key generation

## AKA Main Features

- A unique permanent pre-shared symmetric key K
- The network generates a challenge R
  - It authenticates the UE through verifying UE's response RES
- The network also generates a MAC (Message authentication code) for SQN and R
  - UE authenticates the network via verifying its MAC
- SQN is not transmitted in plaintext
  - To prevent eavesdropping and correlating attacks

## AKA - 1st Phase



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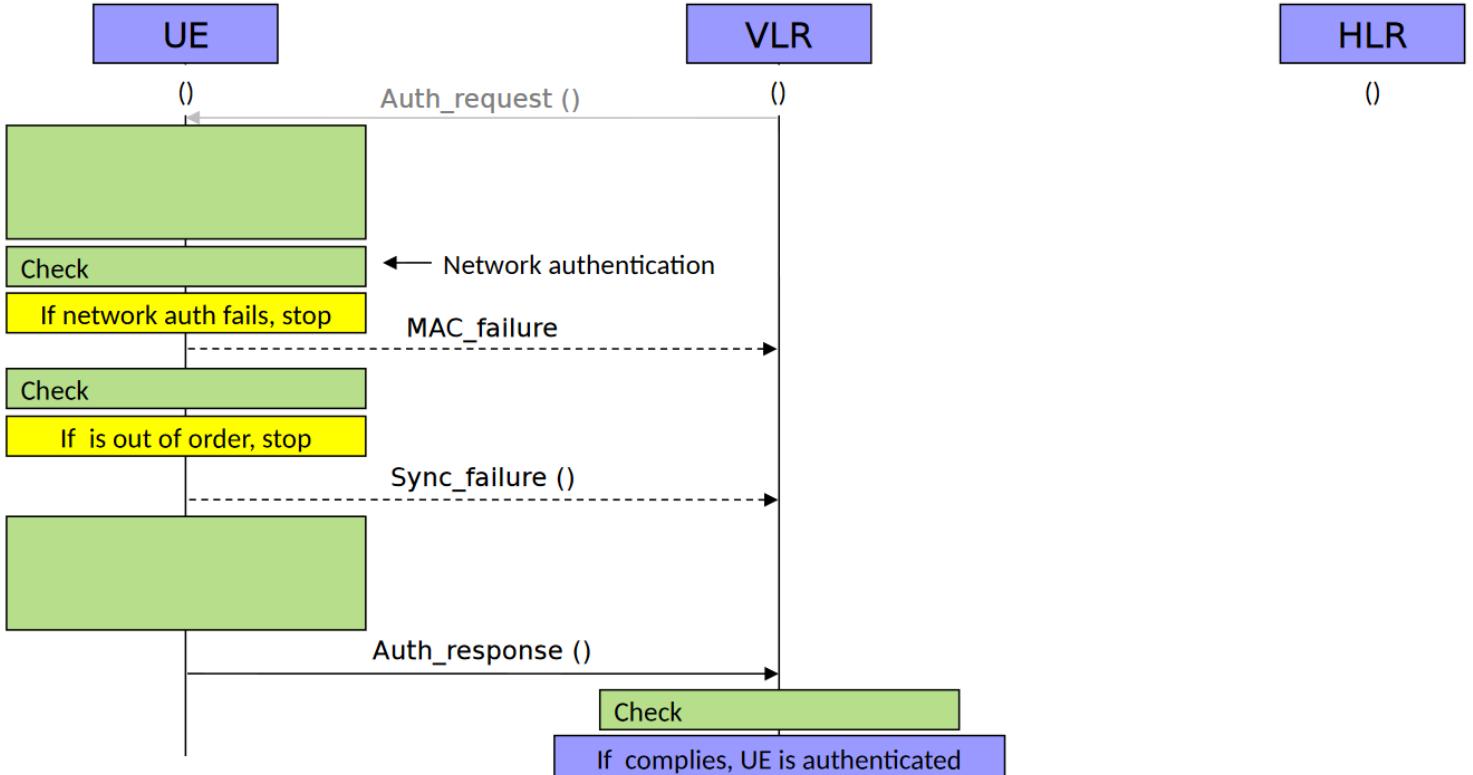
HLR - Home Location register

xRES - expected Response from UE

CK - Confidentiality Key

IK - Integrity Key

## AKA - 2nd Phase

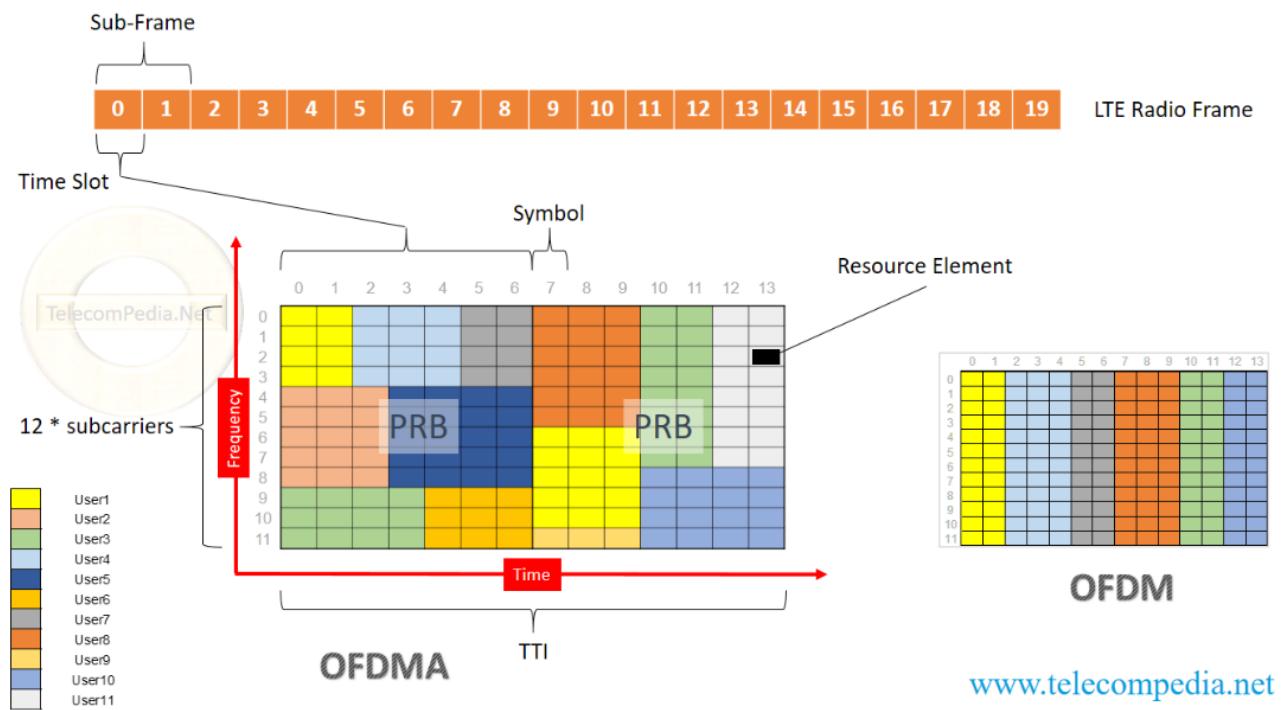


# 4th Generation (4G)

- 4G - 2011
  - All IP-based communications (IP telephony)
    - Voice over LTE (VoLTE) - HD voice call
  - Increases speed (up to 1 Gbit/s)
  - OFDMA multi-carrier (instead of CDMA)
  - MIMO capability
- Two techs
  1. LTE Advanced (long term evolution advanced)
  2. Mobile WiMAX (IEEE 802.16e) - not very popular in the US
    - last mile wireless broadband access instead of cable and DSL

## OFDMA vs OFDM - A Review

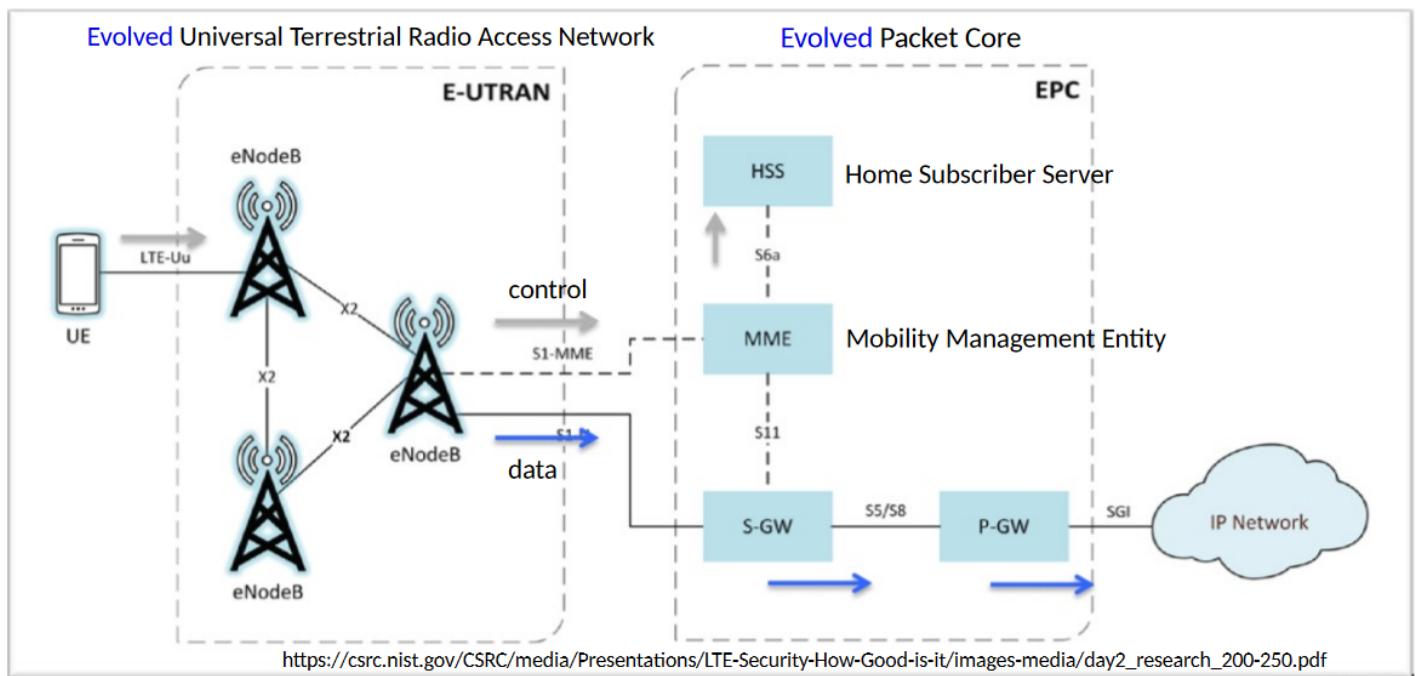
- Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access



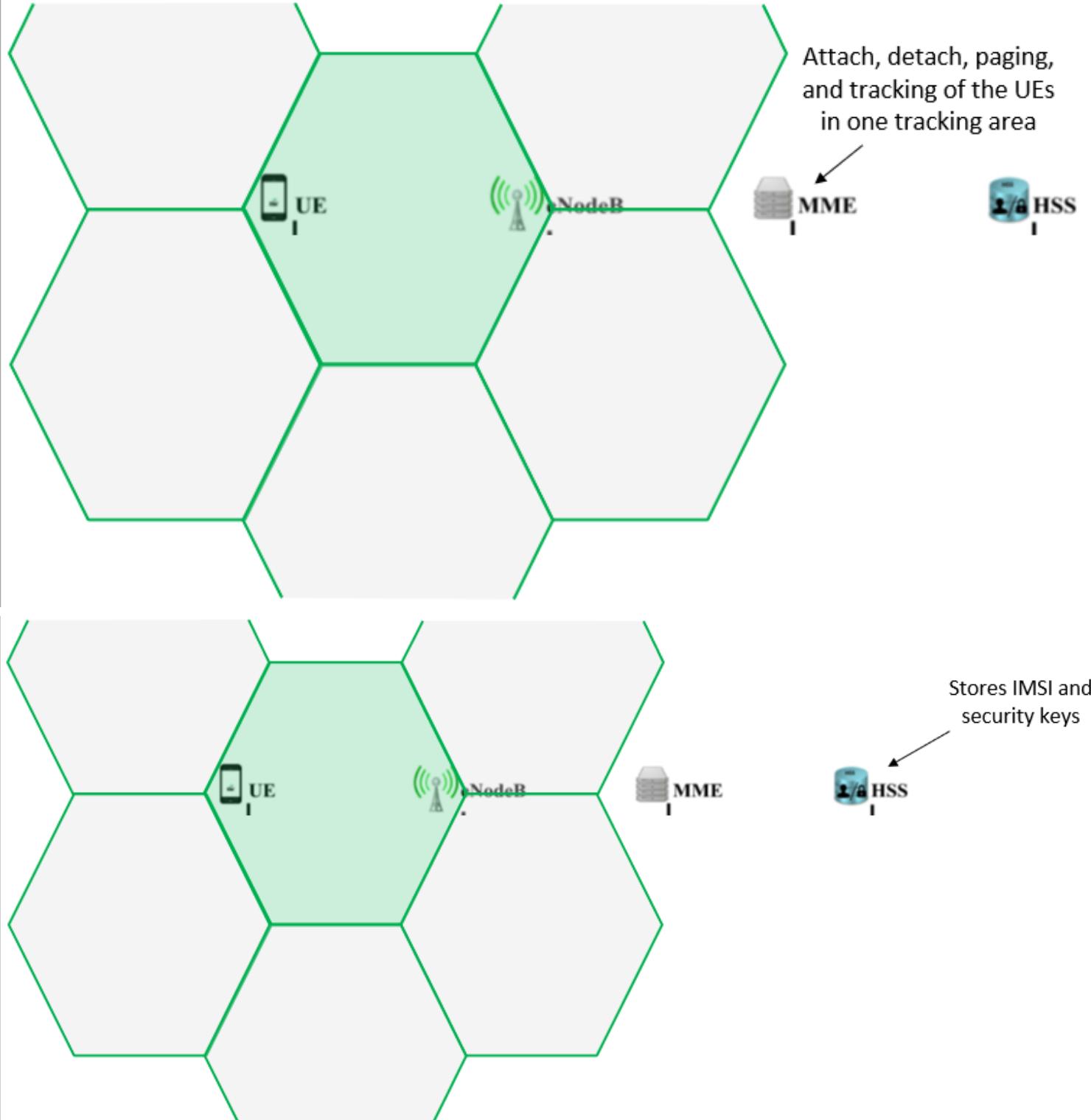
## LTE Network Architecture

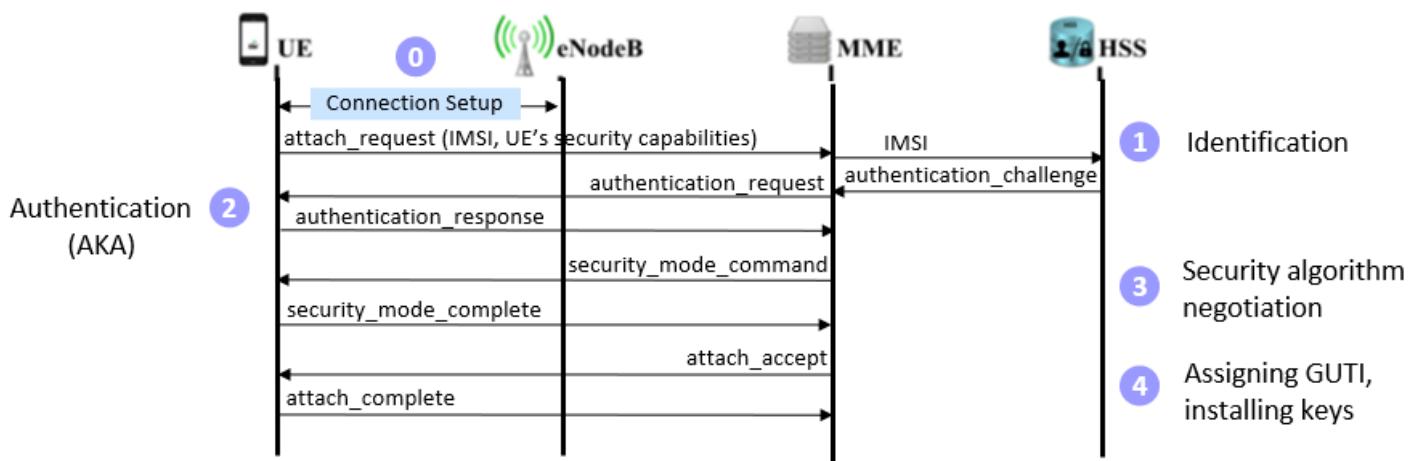
- Node B → Evolved Node B (eNodeB) - more responsibilities

- HLR → Home Subscriber Server (HSS)



## Attach Procedure in LTE





- GUTI (Globally Unique Temporary Identity) = MME + TMSI

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## How NSA Tracks People

- A mobile device continuously announces its location

## IMSI Catchers (Again!)

- Malicious eNodeB advertises itself as legitimate
  - Sniff and duplicate the configuration of a legitimate eNodeB
  - Create higher received signal strength than the legitimate's
- Force all UEs to disclose their IMSI in the clear
  - UE trusts any eNodeB who claims it has never seen that UE
- No need to downgrade to GSM
  - identity\_request message is still unauthenticated!
- Open source tools
  - srsRAN (with SDR inside Faraday cage - why?) Against the law

## 4G - Crypto Algorithms

- Available encryption and integrity algorithms
  - Snow 3G (EIA1/EEA1) - mandatory
    - Stream cipher, employs an LFSR (initiated by the key and a 128-bit initialization variable) and a state machine to generate a sequence of 32-bit words
  - AES (EIA2/EEA2) - mandatory
    - Block cipher - Counter mode for confidentiality and cipher-based MAC mode for integrity
  - ZUC (EIA3/EEA3) - optional
    - Stream cipher, with a 128-bit initialization vector
- They all use 128-bit keys

# **4.5th Generation - 2015**

- LTE Advanced Pro (4.5G)
  - Up to 3 Gbps (3x LTE Advanced)
    - Aided by 256-QAM support
  - Employs MU-MIMO
- Introduces narrowband IoT (NB-IoT)
  - Bring IoT devices to the cellular networks ecosystem
  - Low cost, long battery life, and high connection density
  - Uses the same security and privacy features of LTE

# **5th Gen (5G) - 2019**

- New applications beyond mobile internet
  - drones
  - vehicles
  - IoT/sensors
  - ...
- New frequency bands: 2.5-3.7 GHz, 25-39 GHz
  - In addition to the traditional 600 - 850 MHz band for LTE
  - Different coverage ranges (why?) physics of waves
  - eNodeB → gNB

# **5G Design Goals**

- Extremely low latency
  - ultra-reliable and low-latency communications (URLLC)
    - Less than 1 millisecond
  - Applications: remote surgery, VR, interactive/autonomous vehicles (smart transportation), etc.
- Ubiquitous, high density, high speed connectivity
  - Extreme mobile broadband (xMBB) - up to 10 Gbps
  - Massive machine-type communications (mMTC) - smart city
  - Support higher densities
    - Concerts, stadium, malls, etc

# **5G Ecosystem**

# THE CONNECTED COMMUNITY



- A massively connected community
  - wearables
  - Smart vehicles
  - Appliances
  - Virtual Reality
  - Augmented Reality
  - Public Safety
  - Smart classroom :)
  - Remote surgery
  - ...

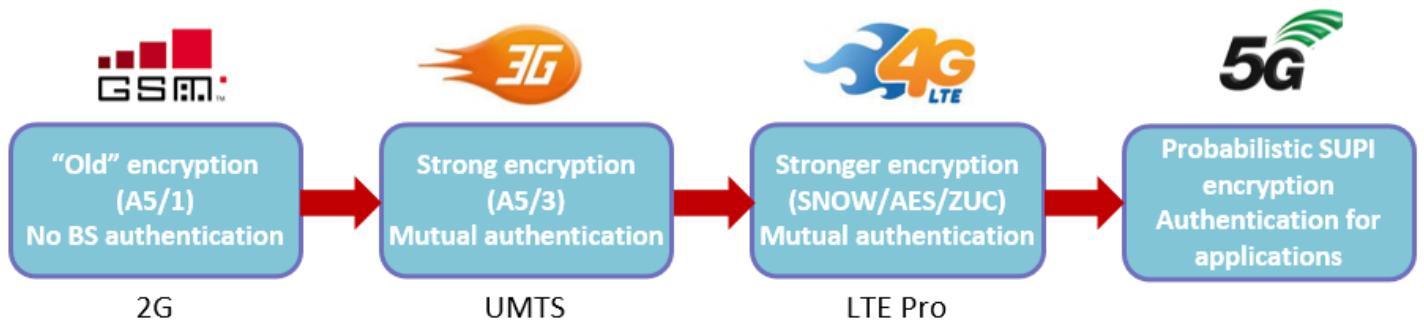
## What Brings About 5G?

- Key enabling technologies
  - Millimeter waves and small cells
  - Massive MIMO
  - Beamforming
  - Full duplex
  - Network slicing/virtualization
- Implications:
- Challenges
  - Fast signal decay (why?) needs more gNBs, new hardware, wider attack surface, privacy concerns, ...

## 5G Security

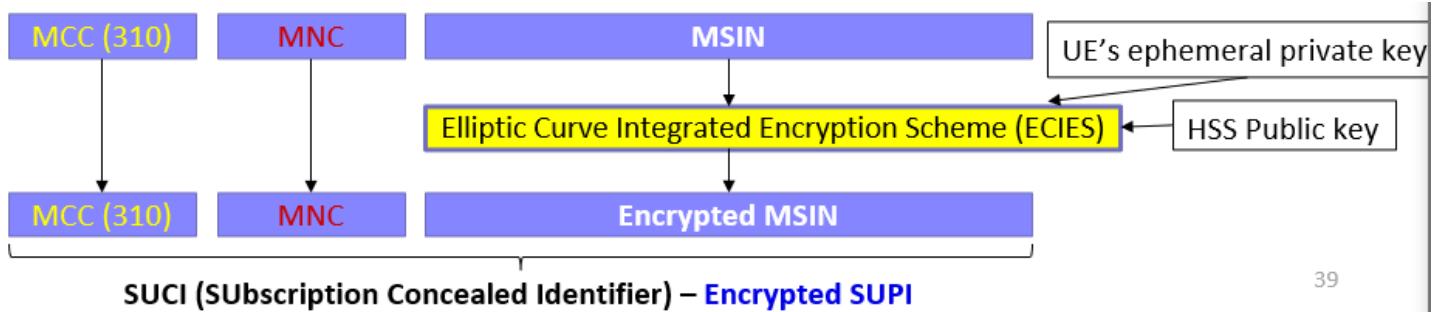
- The same encryption and integrity algorithms as LTE
- IMSI → SUbscription Permanent Identifier (SUPI)

- 5G-GUTI is still supported
- Evolution of security from 2G to 5G:



## 5G Security - SUPI Encryption

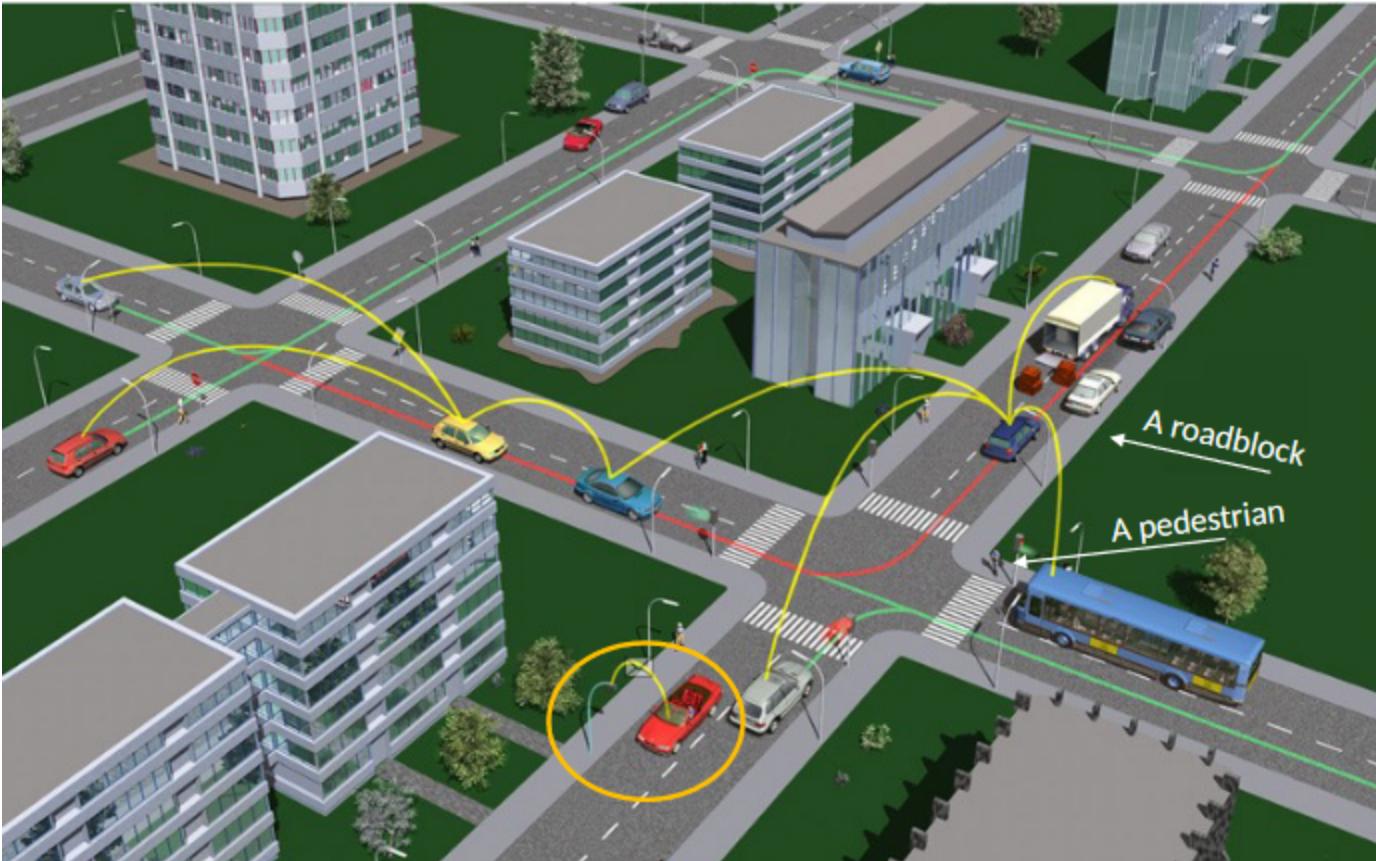
- SUPI obfuscated and encrypted (concealed) using public key of HSS
  - HSS (home network) public key is stored in USIM
  - Probabilistic asymmetric encryption using ECC
  - Each time, same SUPI is encrypted with a different ephemeral key to generate a different SUCI (to avoid creating a fixed ID)



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## Security of Vehicle-to-Everything Communications

### Roadways of the Future



## Connected Vehicles (CV)

- Let vehicles "talk" to enhance proximity awareness
  - Can reduce > 60% of the deaths on the roads
    - 98% of accidents today are due to human errors :(
  - Increase transportation system efficiency
    - Reduced travel time, less traffic, and less pollution
  - Comfort while driving, social inclusion (mobility for all), ...
    - Autonomous, semi-autonomous, and non-autonomous cars
- Emerging technology with rapid growth
  - Projected market value by 2028: \$12.8 Billion
  - Volkswagen, BMW, Ford, Tesla, Nissan, Cadillac, Audi, etc.

## Types of Connected Vehicles

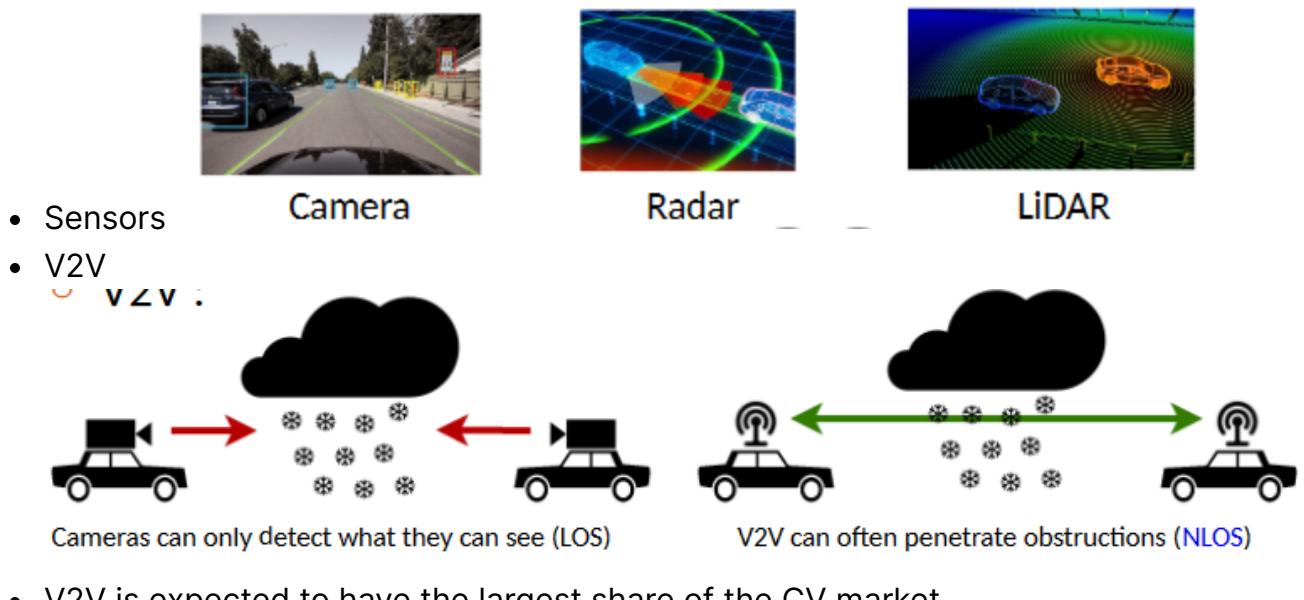
- exploit wireless waves to talk
- Depending on whom a vehicle talks to
  - Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V)
  - Vehicle-to-Network
  - Vehicle-to-Pedestrian
  - Vehicle-to-Infrastructure
  - Vehicle-to-[insert your choice] → V2X
    - Cellular V2X - Vehicles as new citizens in future 5G ecosystem

# Vehicle to Infrastructure

- Roadside Units (RSU)
  - Devices installed along the roadway
  - Capable of relaying V2X messages
  - Can interface with traffic management systems like traffic light controllers

# Vehicle to Vehicle Communications

- Provide 360 degree awareness of nearby vehicles
  - Wirelessly exchange safety and non-safety messages
  - Complement the sensors: see (in NLOS) what sensors can't

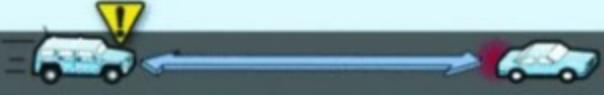


- V2V is expected to have the largest share of the CV market

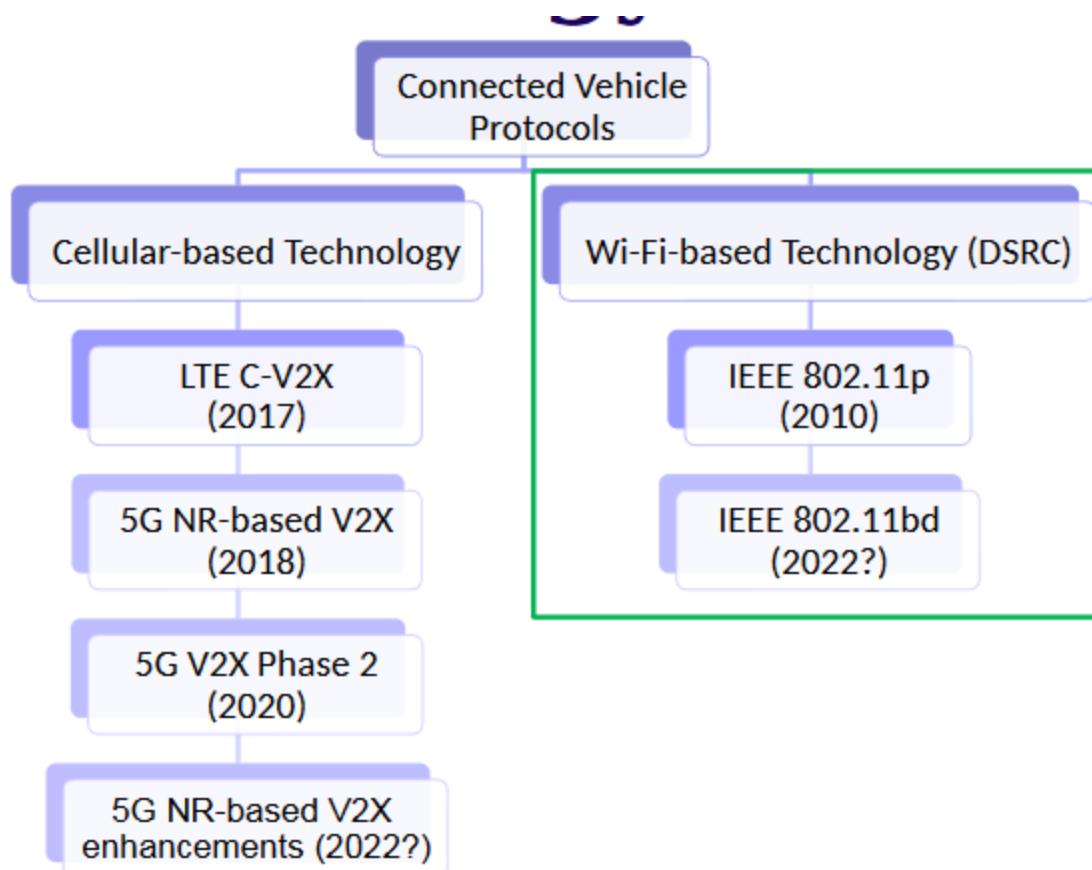
# Basic Safety Messages (BSMs)

- Broadcasted periodically by each vehicle
  - Contains position, velocity, direction, acceleration, ...
- BSM examples
  - Forward Collision Warning
  - Emergency Electronic Brake Light
  - Blind Spot Warning
  - Do not Pass Warning
  - Left Turn Assist

## - Intersection Movement Assist

<b>Forward Collision Warning</b> Approaching a Vehicle That Is Decelerating or Stopped	
<b>Emergency Electronic Brake Light Warning</b> Approaching a Vehicle Stopped in Roadway but Not Visible Due to Obstructions	
<b>Blind Stop Warning</b> Beginning Lane Departure That Could Encroach on the Travel Lane of Another Vehicle Traveling in the Same Direction; Can Detect Vehicles Not Yet in Blind Spot	
<b>Do Not Pass Warning</b> Encroaching Onto the Travel Lane of Another Vehicle Traveling in Opposite Direction; Can Detect Moving Vehicles Not Yet in Blind Spot	
<b>Blind Intersection Warning</b> Encroaching Onto the Travel Lane of Another Vehicle With Whom Driver Is Crossing Paths at a Blind Intersection or an Intersection Without a Traffic Signal	

## V2X Technology Evolution



# DSRC Basics

- Dedicated Short-Range Communications
  - Commonly deployed in EU and Japan
    - Somewhat limited in the US, < 0.0057% of the current 274 million vehicles on the road
  - Based on Wi-Fi technology (IEEE 802.11p or 802.11bd)
    - Layers 1 & 2 (PHY and MAC)
- Network and transport layers, and security services: IEEE 1609 family
- Payload definitions and performance requirements: SAE standards

## IEEE 802.11bd (2022?)

- Enhancements for next-gen V2X
  - Maneuver, live camera feeds, platooning, remote driving, ...
- Design goals
  - Latency < 5ms
  - Double the throughput of 802.11p
  - Double the relative velocities to 500 km/h
  - Double the communication range to > 1 km
  - Coexistence & backward compatibility
- How? Using advanced Phy-layer tech

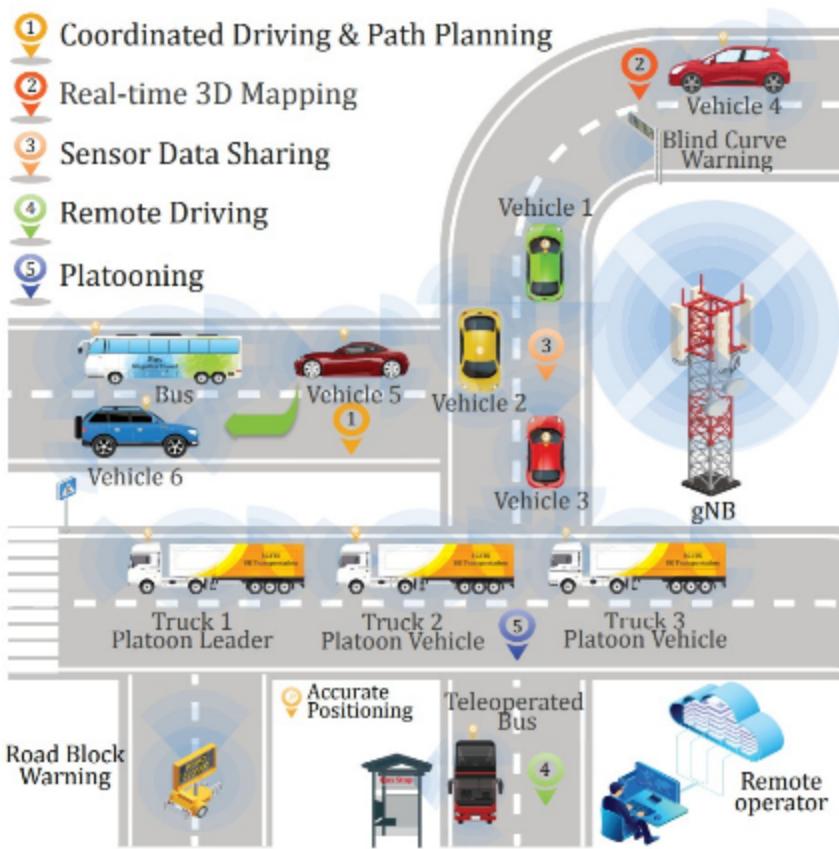
## C-V2X

- 3GPP Cellular V2X
  - Release 16 (2020): platooning, automated/remote driving
  - Direct communication vs. Network communication
- Direct C-V2X compared with 802.11p-based V2X
  - Increases communication range
  - Provides better non-line-of-sight (NLOS) performance
  - Enhances reliability and latency with low complexity

## 5G New Radio (NR) V2X

- NR-V2X
  - Phy & MAC layers
  - Upper layers: like DSRC
    - IEEE 1609
    - SAE
- Advanced use cases
  - URLLC for latency

- eMBB for 3D maps



# V2V Security

## Possible Attacks

- V2V creates new attack surfaces!
  - Eavesdropping and tracking (identity, velocity, trace, etc.)
  - Spoofing, including replaying (manipulated) messages
  - Jamming
- BSM-specific attacks
  - Spoofing, message modification, replay, etc.
  - Can be life threatening, specifically for autonomous vehicles

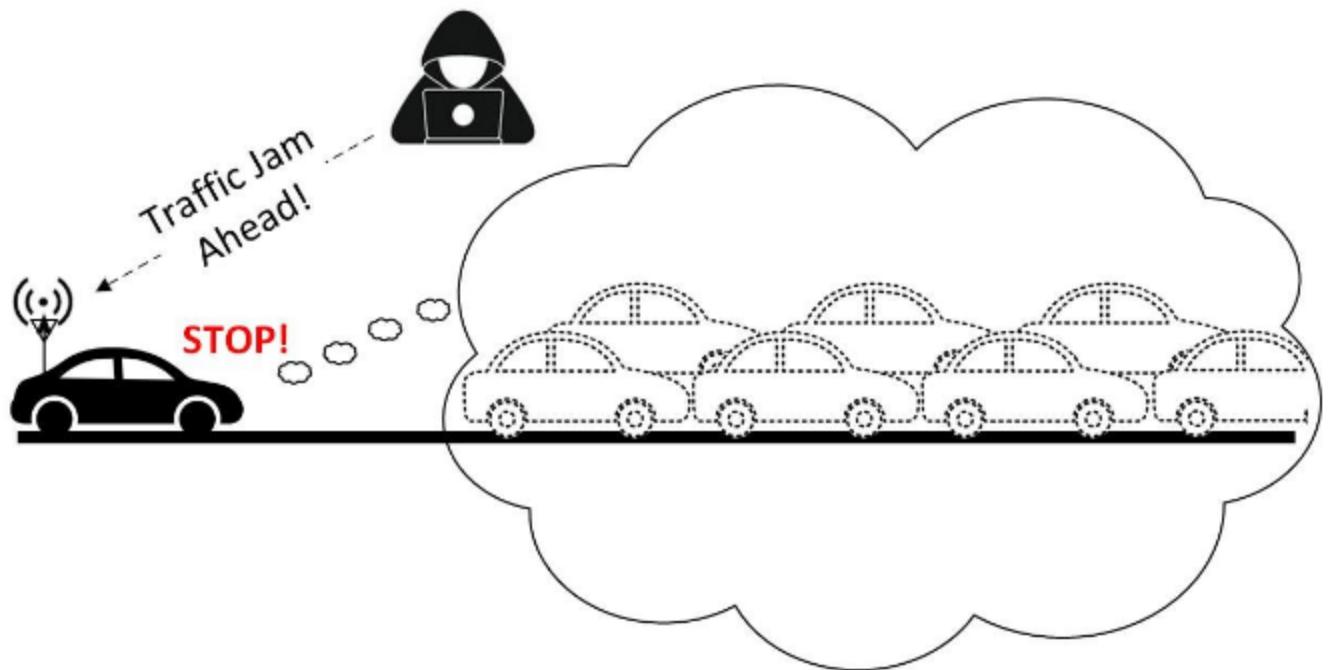
## Attack Example 1

- With jamming and then BSM spoofing, an attacker can feed false information and cause an incident



## Attack Example 2

- Falsified BSMs indicating a traffic jam ahead could cause vehicles to stop suddenly for no reason



## Security Requirements for V2V

1. A message originates from a trustworthy and legitimate vehicle
2. A message is not modified between sender and receiver - integrity
3. Misbehaving units are removed from the system
4. Tracking vehicles is not possible beyond a short interval
5. Life-long solutions

## BSM Authentication and Integrity

- Achieved by using Elliptic Curve digital signature algorithms (ECDSA)
  - Includes time and location (to prevent replay/relay attacks) Defined in IEEE 1609.2 standard
- Uses PKI and (short) certificates to sign BSMs
  - A public-key infrastructure (PKI) is needed to verify the certs of the public keys
  - Why using asymmetric keys instead of symmetric ones?
  - Short-lived pseudonym certificates to prevent tracking

## V2X Public Key Infrastructure

