

Quando si parla di bug, bisogna sempre specificare l'obiettivo dell'attacco e la "gravità dell'attacco". Cosa ottengo?  
► chi attacca? sarebbe chi prova a falsificare il dato, non posso essere io steso, ma un altro. Tuttavia dovrebbe accedere al mio device. Ma quale lo faccio io!  
• Verify C19 : uso local time del telefono. Poi ci uso orologio online. **Peggio**, perché ora devo proteggere il modo in cui prendo la data online, essendo elemento esterno.

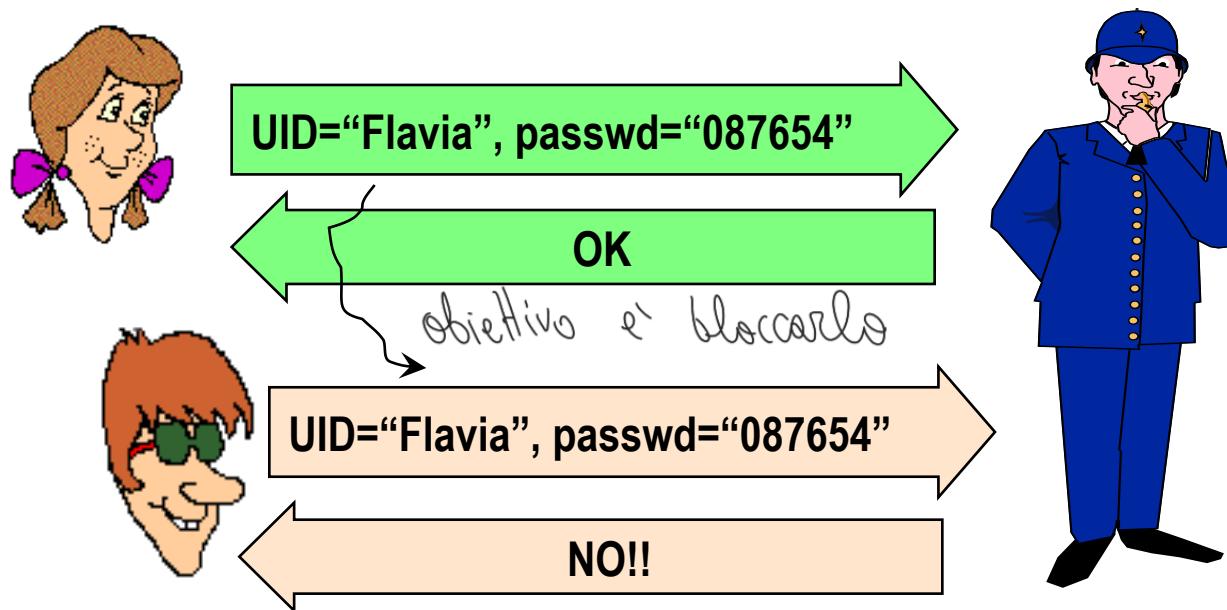
# Extra details on PAP/CHAP authentication

OTP :

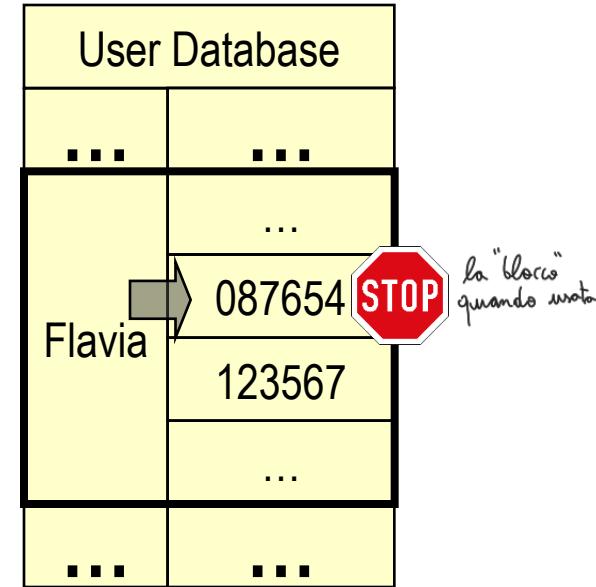
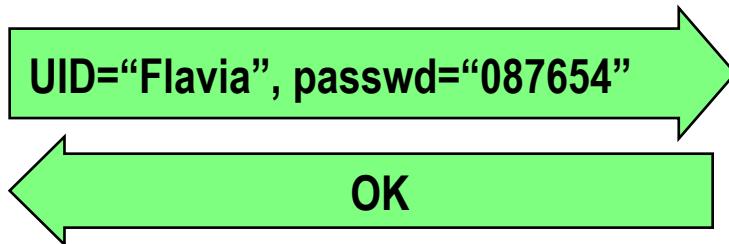
# One-time passwd

→ Is it possible to extend PAP so that user changes passwd at every (successful) attempt?

⇒ If it is, would prevent replay/playback attacks



# One-time passwd: trivial... but...



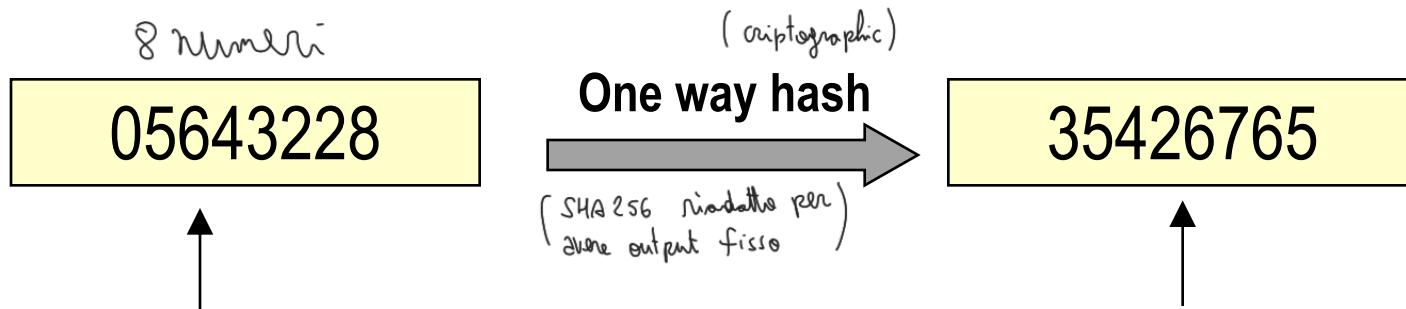
- N (large) passwd per user
- 10.000.000++ users
- HUGE DB!! Not viable

(costoso)

NON DEVO CAMBIARE  
NULLA NEL SISTEMA!  
(crea solo problemi)

scalabilità  
pessima

# Idea: hash chains



inizio da un valore e produco Hash

**P[0] = starting point**, "seed"

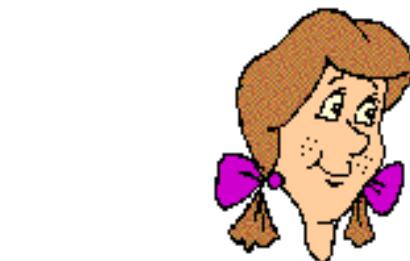
**P[i] = H(P[i-1])** → hash del precedente

**P[N] = last value**

genero N OTP password, partendo solo dalla prima!

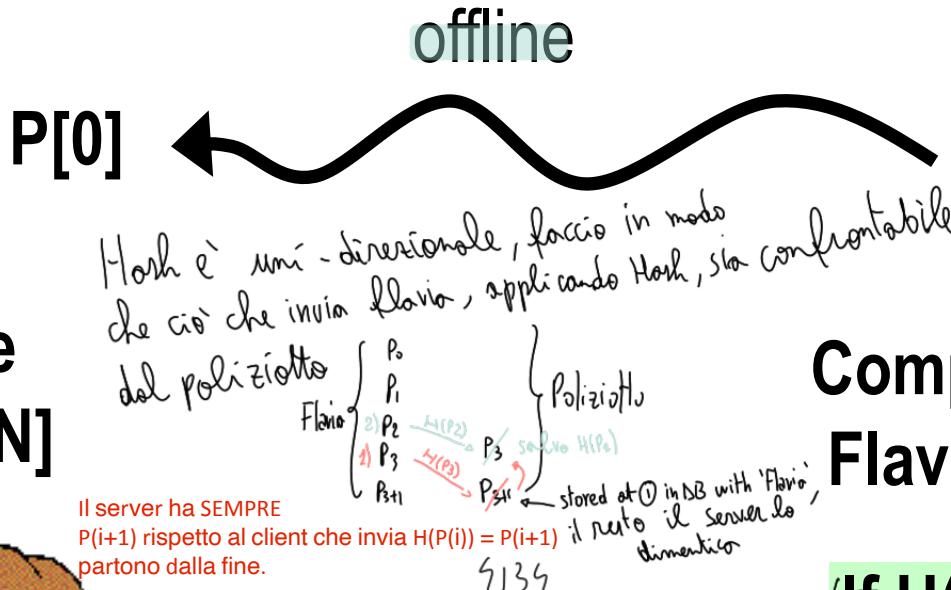
bisogna attaccare dove c'è la "configurazione!"

# One-time passwd: practical



Compute  
 $P[0] \dots P[N]$

$$\begin{cases} P[0] = 3120 \\ P[1] = 1214 \\ P[2] = 5123 \\ \bullet P[3] = 4134 \\ P[3+1] = 7991 \end{cases}$$



UID="Flavia", passwd=  $P[N]$

5123

UID="Flavia", passwd=  $P[N-1]$

....

UID="Flavia", passwd=  $P[i-1]$

Se perdo pw?

mando  $P[i-1]$  e poliziotto regge H per vedere se corrisponde ad altro valore memorizzato



Compute & store  
Flavia  $\rightarrow P[N+1]$

= 7991

If  $H(P[N]) == P[N+1]$   
OK; store  $P[N]$

$\hookrightarrow$  tolgo Flavia [7991] e metto [4134]  
vedo se  $H[4134] = 4134$

Stored  $P[i]$   
If  $H(P[i-1]) == P[i]$   
OK; store  $P[i-1]$

# **One-time passwd benefits**

- **Passwd/code in clear = OK**
- **Relaxed assumption on server-side security: improved robustness against server-side attacker**
  - ⇒ Authenticator only stores USED passwd
  - ⇒ no way to predict next one (1-way hash)
- **Authenticator only stores 1 value**
  - ⇒ Same complexity as in ordinary PAP
- **Issues:**
  - ⇒ Large N to prevent frequent renegotiation
  - ⇒ Client side = vulnerable (must store passwd seed or whole vector)

# One-time password: mainly in 2-factor authentication

## → Different requirements

⇒ One-time authorization token

→ Generated on a different device (e.g. phone, keycard)

→ Received on a different channel (e.g. SMS, email, ...)

⇒ Must be human-friendly

→ Main low level tech issue: how to truncate Hash (e.g. 160 bits) into 6 digits. See dedicated RFCs below

⇒ Different deployment model and relevant assumptions

→ Both server and clients are assumed to be secure

» no more strict need to use hash chains

(se attacco poliziotto fa nulla, P[0] lo ha l'altro che e' sicuro.  
I vari P[N] sono clear!)

solgi non va bene,  
non e' comodo per la gente.



# One-time password in 2-factor authentication

## → HOTP – HMAC-based OTP

⇒ Uses HMAC, not plain hash

→ (what's this? More later!)

memorizzato sia dal "provider" che dal "client"  
counter aumenta mano mano

⇒ Does not use a chain, but a counter

⇒  $\text{HOTP}(K, C) = \text{Truncate}(\text{HMAC-SHA-256}(K, C))$

⇒ Details in RFC 4226

↗ altro approccio?

Se  $H$  è sicura  
(soddisfa proprietà)  
 $\{$   
 $\text{HMAC}(K, I)$   
↓ INDEPENDENTI  
 $\text{HMAC}(K, I)$  non dà INFO!

## → TOTP – Time-based OTP

⇒ Turn time into counter

(ogni 30 secondi si rinnova codice)

→  $\text{TOTP} = \text{HOTP}(K, T)$

→  $T = (\text{Current Unix time} - T_0) / X$

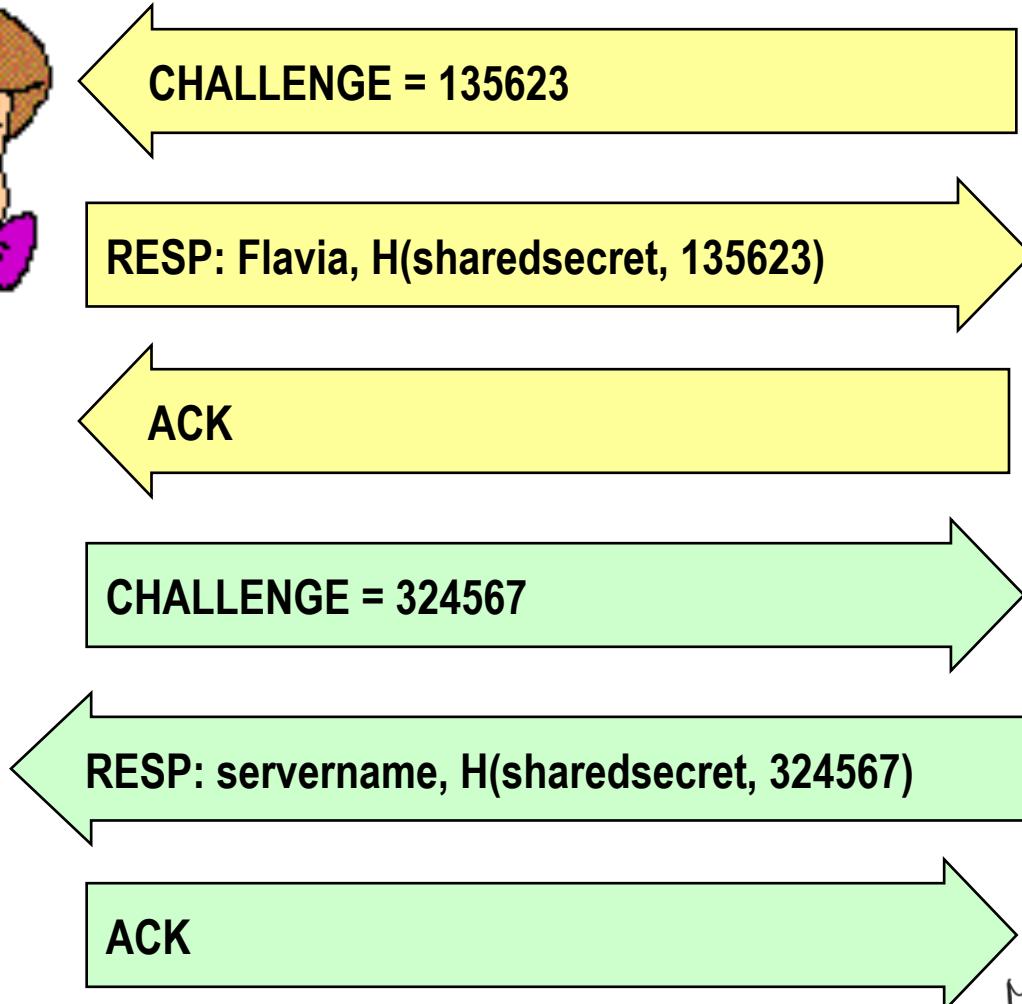
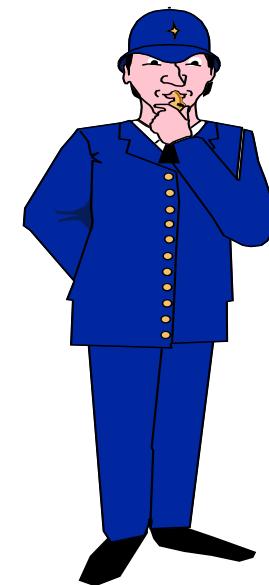
⇒ details in RFC 6238

windows (30s)  
tempo iniziale  
+ macchina

# **CHAP: what about mutual authentication?**

# CHAP and mutual authentication / 1

(identificano tutti e 2)



PAP non ha niente per  
tale scopo.

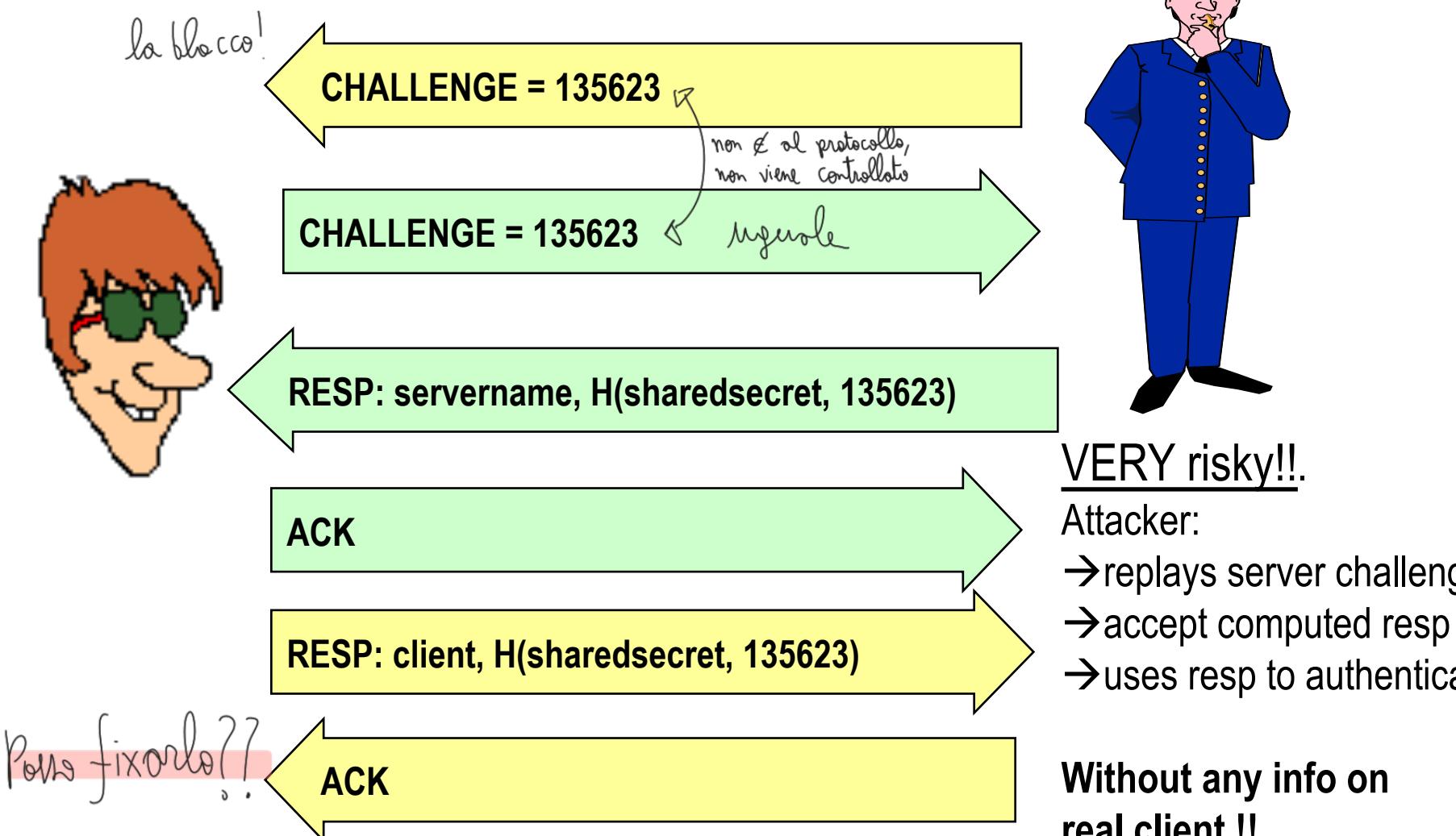
Usage of a shared  
Secret... good idea,  
Easy to manage!

Good idea??

MAI usare protocollo ottimo per  
scopo X per uno scopo Y diverso (anche se simili)

# CHAP and mutual authentication /2

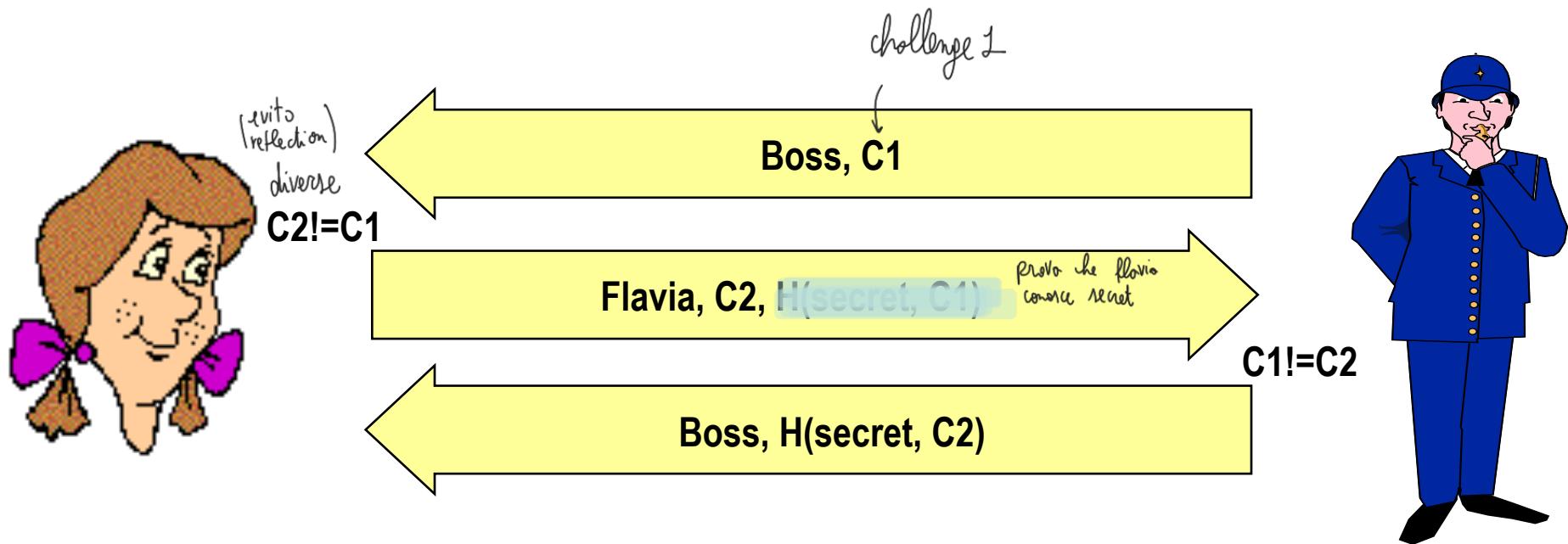
## Reflection attack



**Yes but this happened because you used two unilateral authentication protocols!**

**Let's combine them into a single Mutual authentication with Challenge-Response**

# Pippo's mutual authentication protocol (seriously, don't do this!)

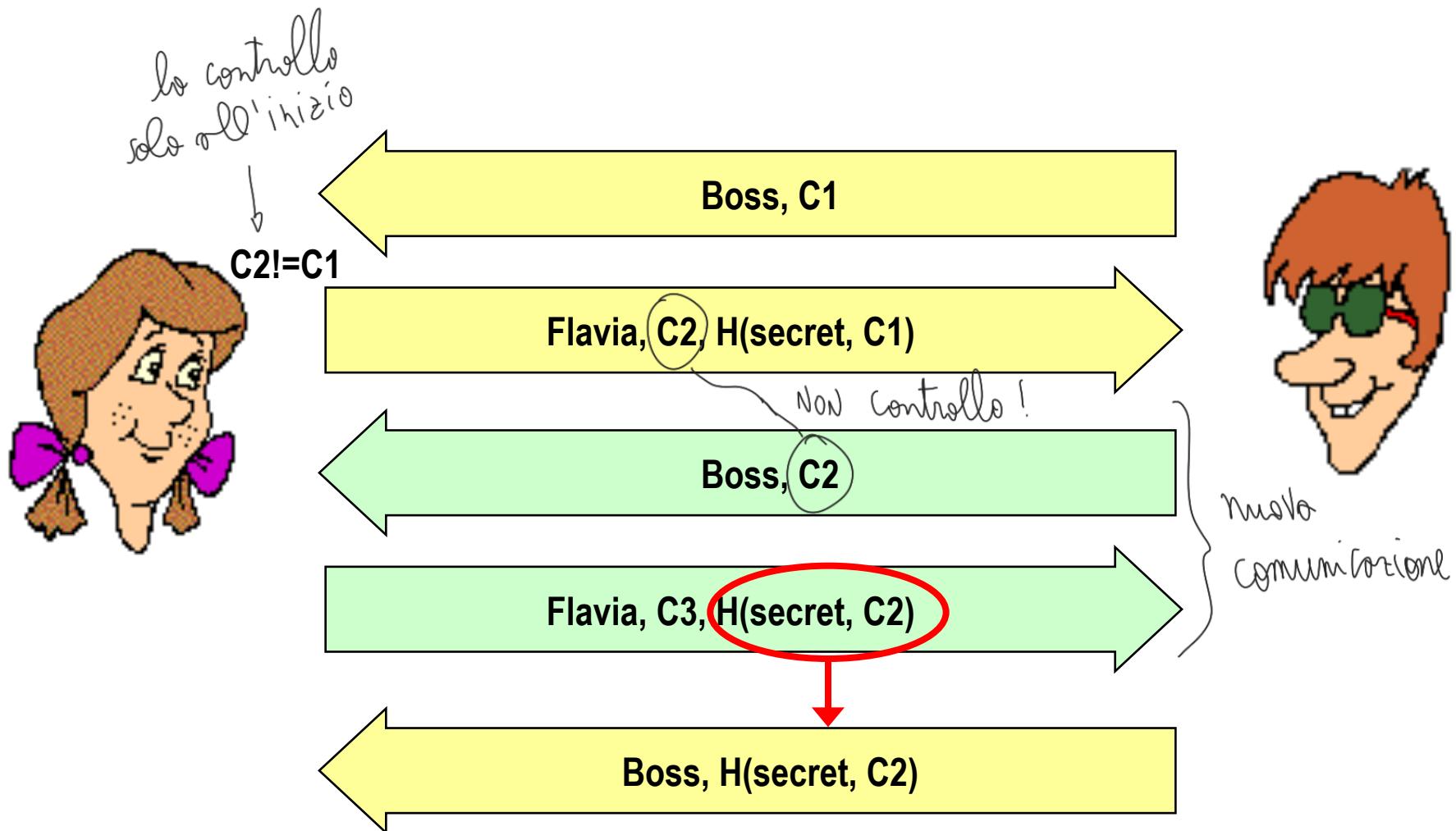


Flavia shows knowledge  
of secret over  $C_1$

Boss shows knowledge  
of secret over  $C_1 \neq C_2$

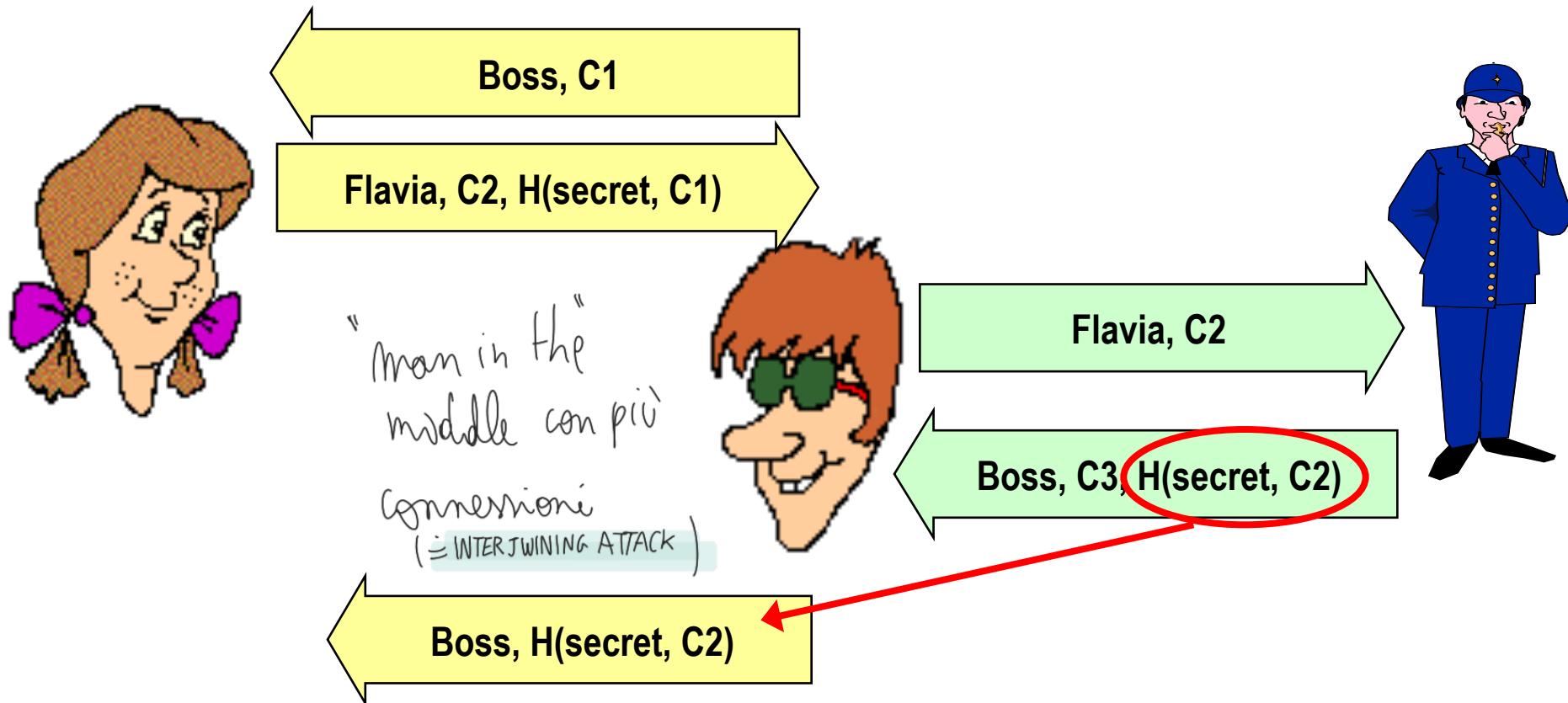
**Where is the flaw?**

# Reflection attack!



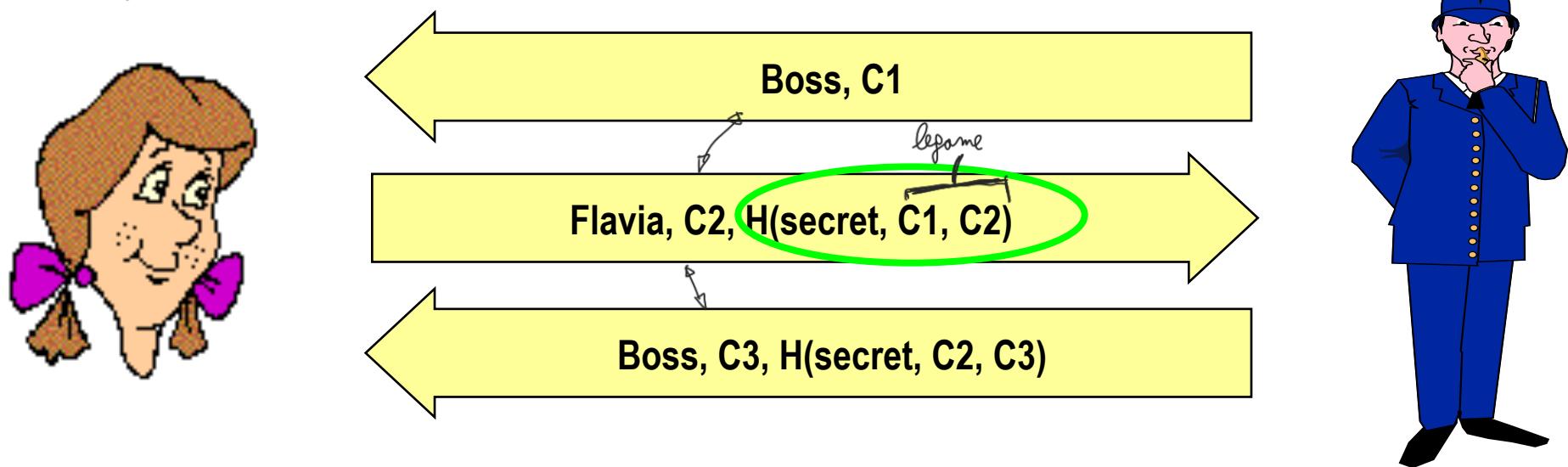
# Let's then prevent reflection!

→ Intertwining attack:  
Attacker may use “other” party!



# Let's try to fix this

voglio mio autentificazione critograficamente collegate anche  
se le due versioni sono scollegate. Voglio Hash dipendenti! Noti  $C_2$  e  $C_2$ , non le voglio slegate

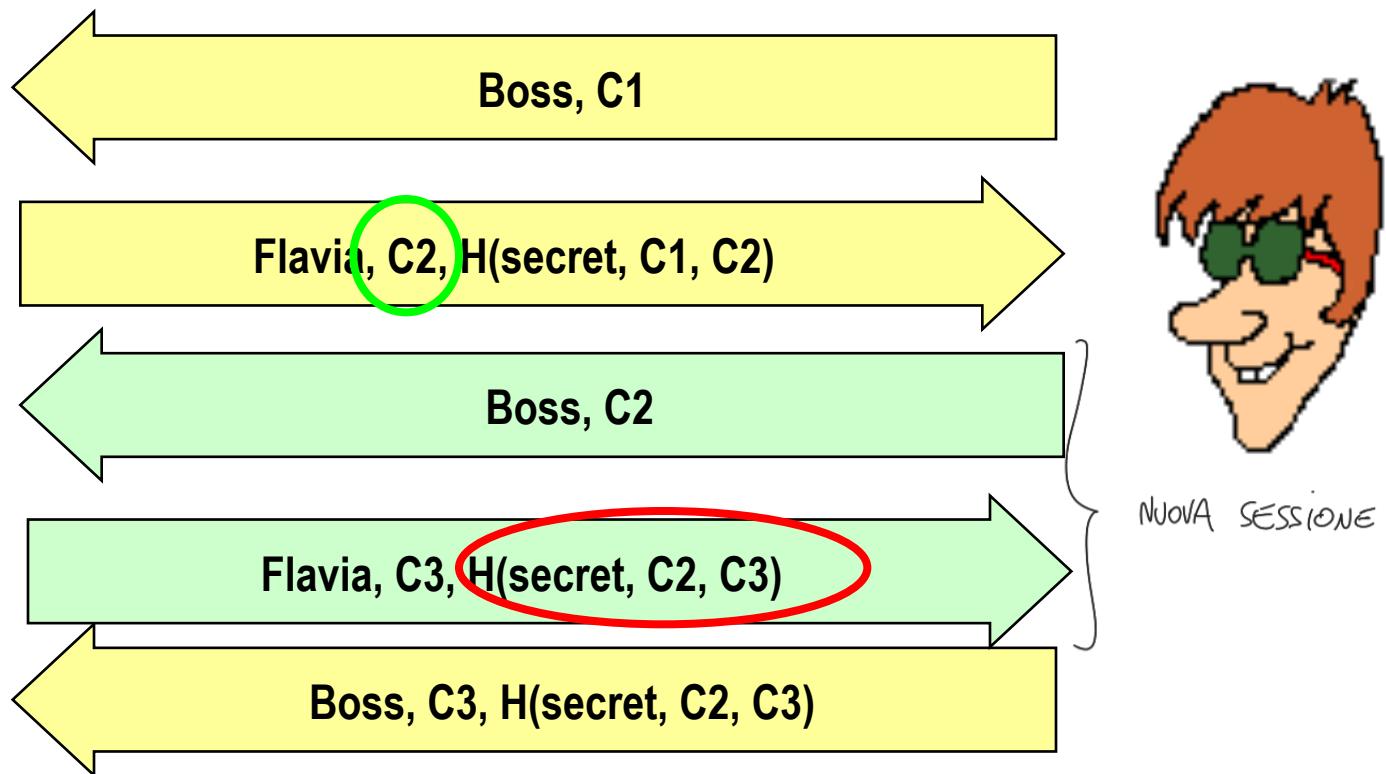


Hash BOTH challenges together!

Cryptographically binds challenges in same handshake  
i.e. binds the two authentication directions together!

# Does not work

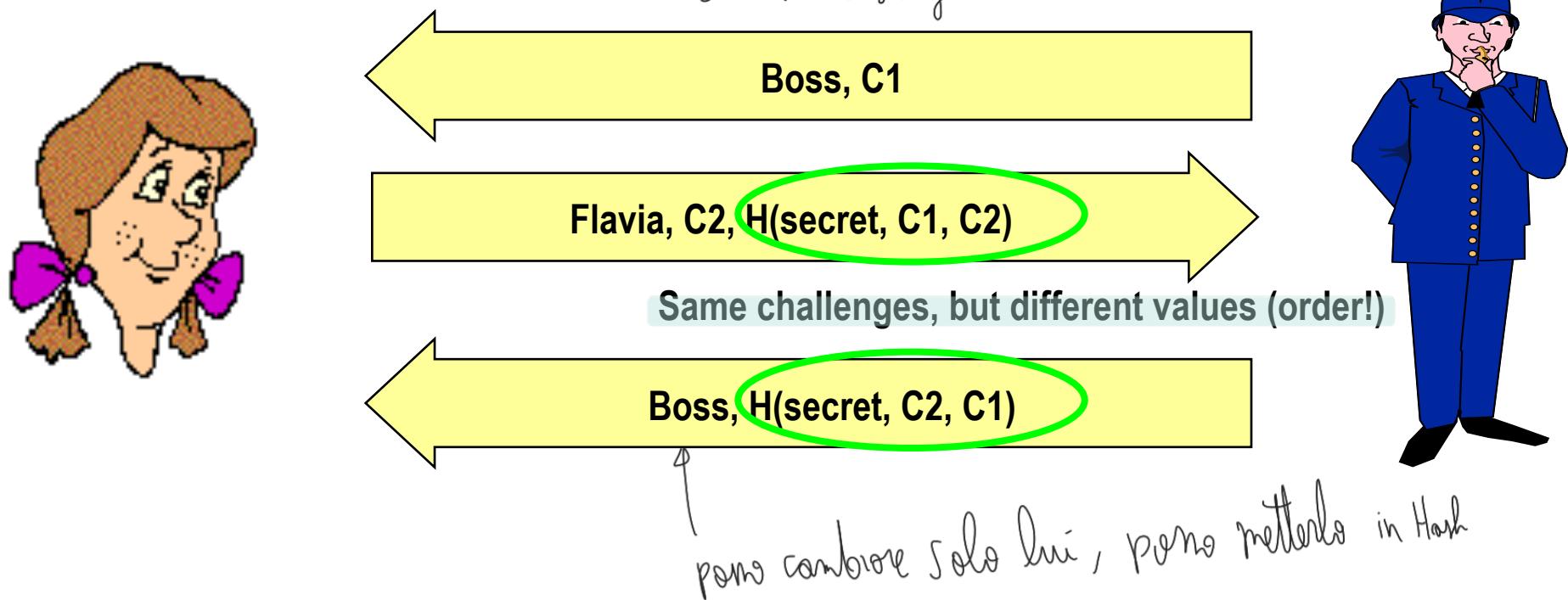
illusione ottica



Too many nonces!!

# Minimize nonces

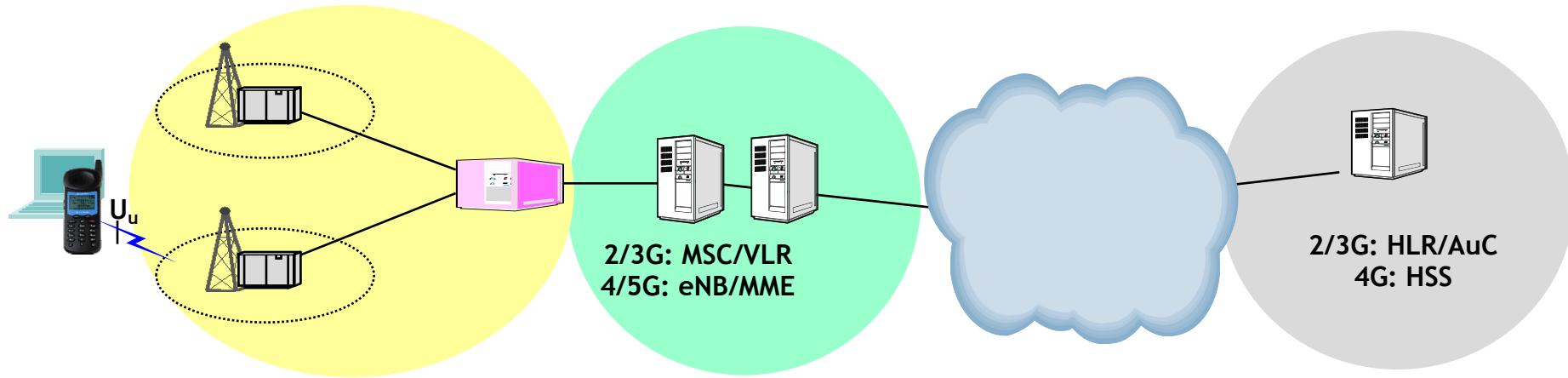
$C_1$  e  $C_2$  "single" mutual session challenge  
freshness generata da entrambi!



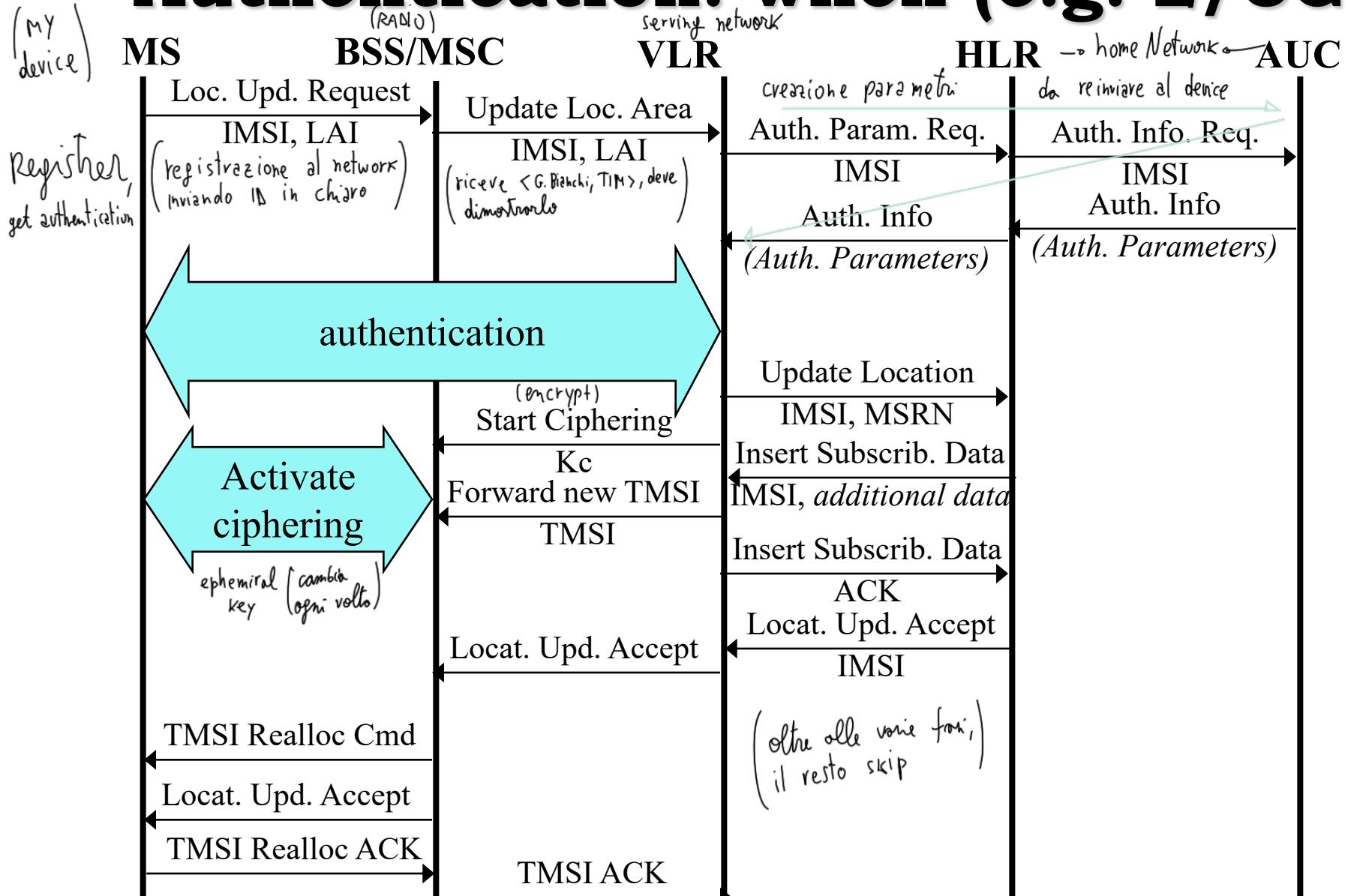
Gioi entrambi contribuiscono ad 'aggiornare' le challenge

# **Challenge-Response authentication in Wireless Cellular systems**

# Architecture of wireless cellular systems (abstracted)



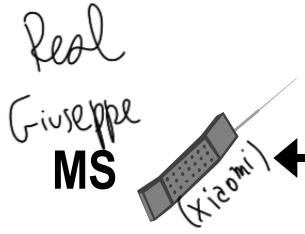
# Authentication: when (e.g. 2/3G)



# Authentication in 2G

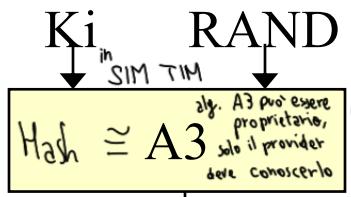


"CHAP" approach, **(unilateral)**  
NON è CHAP



classic challenge  
Authentication Request

Challenge: 128 bit RAND



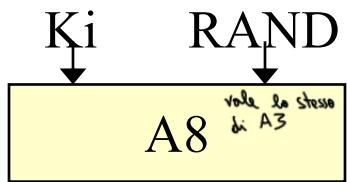
chip nella SIM che fa la computazione

MiddleMan può prendere RAND e SRES ma non Kc

SRES

classic Response  
Authentication Response

Signed Result: 32 bit SRES

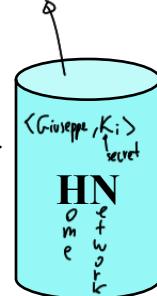
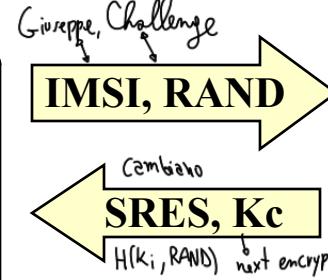
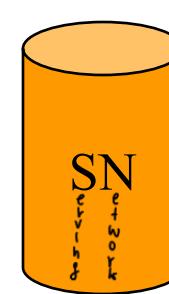


per la prossima sessione

produce

Kc

Giuseppe Bianchi



Non mi fido, mando response  
senza mandare il segreto, non fornisco  
"long term secret K<sub>i</sub>, sta in SIM e HN servirà"

SRES

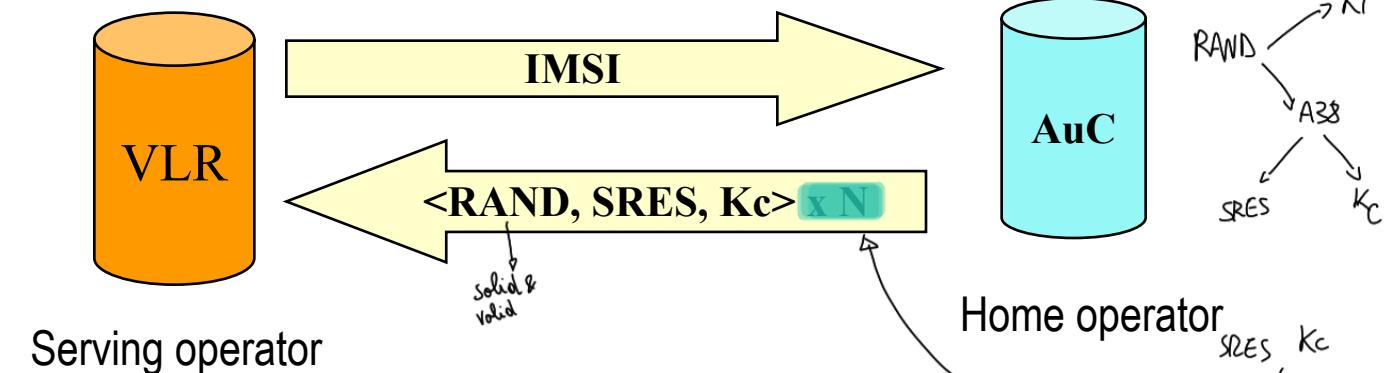
Equal?

Yes: user autentico

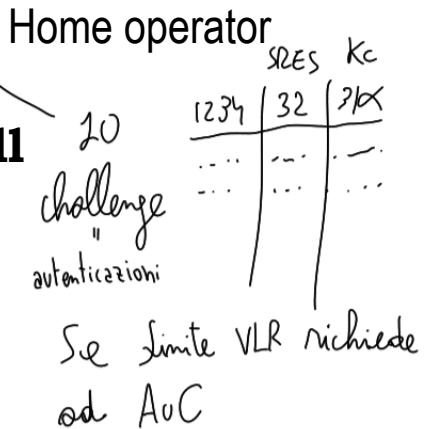
RAND fatto da SN, lo vorrei  
da TIM, bisogna "prendere tutte le  
responsabilità!"

# Triplets (Authentication Vector)

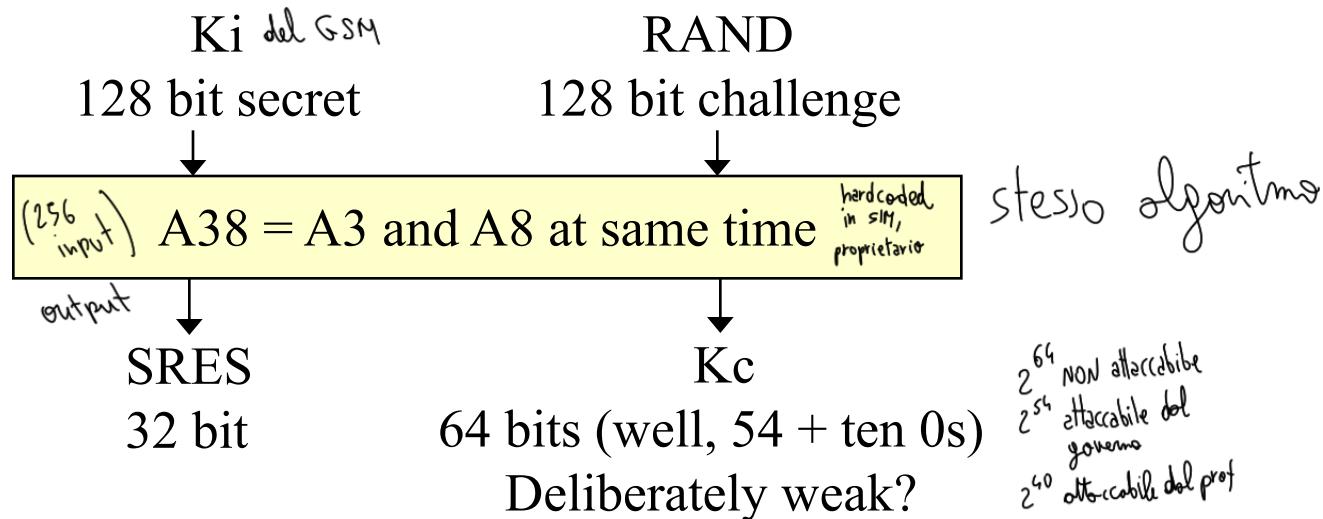
NON deve  
generare RANDOM



- Idea: once in a VLR area, authentication will need to be performed MANY times
- Hence deliver N triplets, to be used for N distinct authentications
- **IMPORTANT: VLR does NOT need to know authentication algo used (A3, A8)**
  - ⇒ Triplet contains computed result by AuC
  - ⇒ A3, A8 run inside the SIM (given by operator)



# Authentication: details



## →Challenge response with:

- ⇒ Challenge → RAND
- ⇒ Secret → Ki
- ⇒ Hash → A3 algorithm

(analogie)

# On the A3/A8 algorithms

## → Security by obscurity (- vedo, meglio è)

⇒ A3 algorithm CAN BE operator-specific!

(f. Hash)

⇒ But most vendors originally used algo today called COMP128

fatto da chi? era terribile, ma  
manteneva segreto ....

⇒ Non disclosed but...

→ Reverse engineered? Leaked out?

## → COMP128 broken in 1998

→ <http://www.isaac.cs.berkeley.edu/isaac/gsm-faq.html>

⇒ Chosen challenge attack [1998, Briceno, Goldberg, Wagner]

→ Ki disclosed through about 150.000 queries with suitably selected challenges → approx 8h in 1998

→ Having Ki means cloning the card!

⇒ Better attack [2002, Rao, Rohatgi, Scherzer, Tinguely]

→ Less than 1 minute!

## → Lesson learned:

⇒ Security by obscurity does NOT work!! Leave hash design to crypto experts Meglio sicuro e noto che insicuro ma nascosto

# **Over the air attach**

- **No mutual authentication!**
- **Rogue BTS may easily perform the attach**
  - ⇒ run it for sufficient time

# **5G/3G/4G authentication: AKA Authentication and Key Agreement**

**(STRONGLY Simplified for our purposes)**

*3G Terminology*

# **Major differences with 2G**

## **→ Mutual authentication!**

- ⇒ Optimized...
- ⇒ Guaranteed freshness for auth parameters

## **→ More comprehensive security**

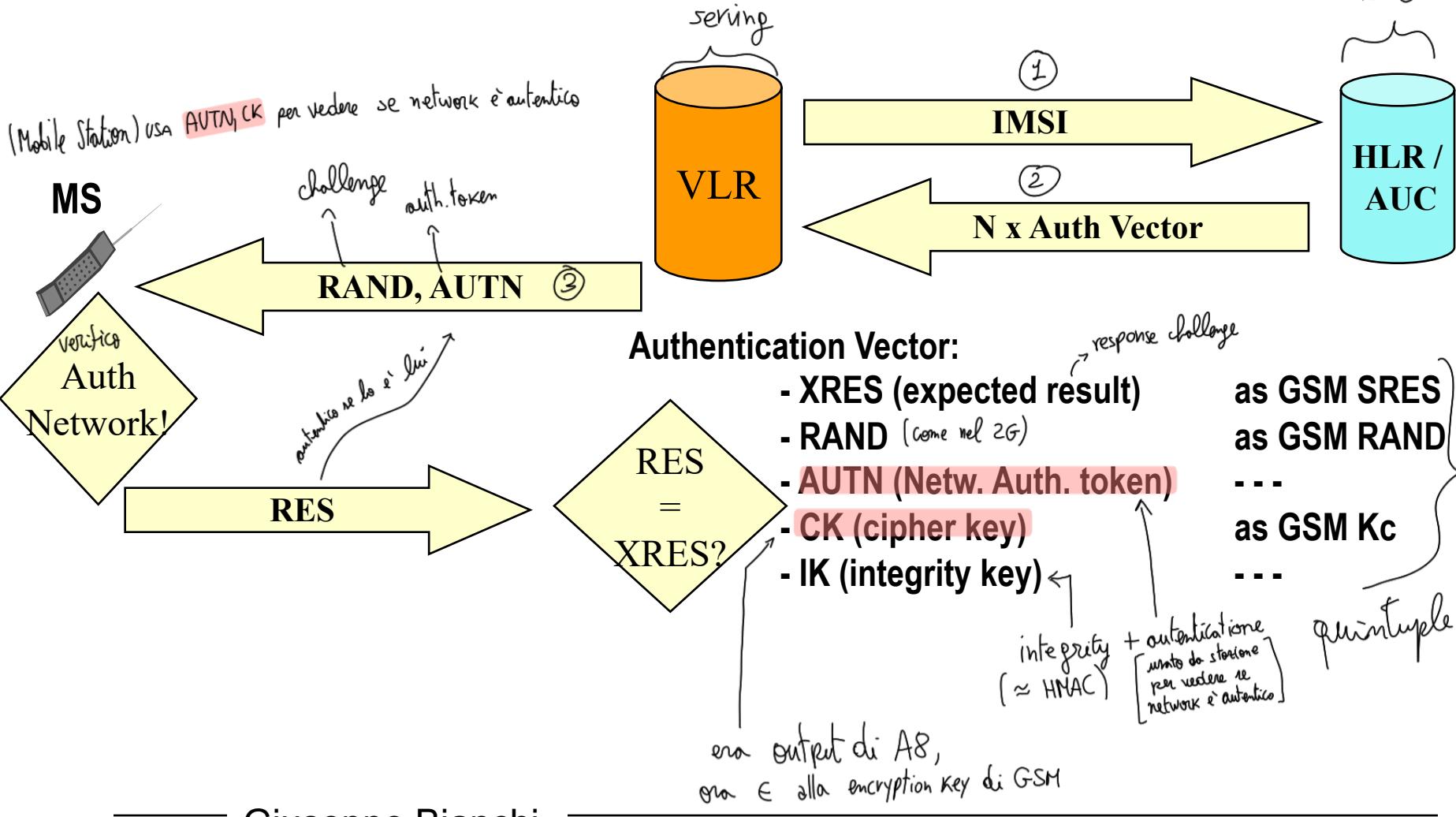
- ⇒ More keys and several extra details
  - (we will not focus on this)

## **→ Algorithms FIRST scrutinized by research community, THEN selected**

- ⇒ The opposite of security by obscurity ☺

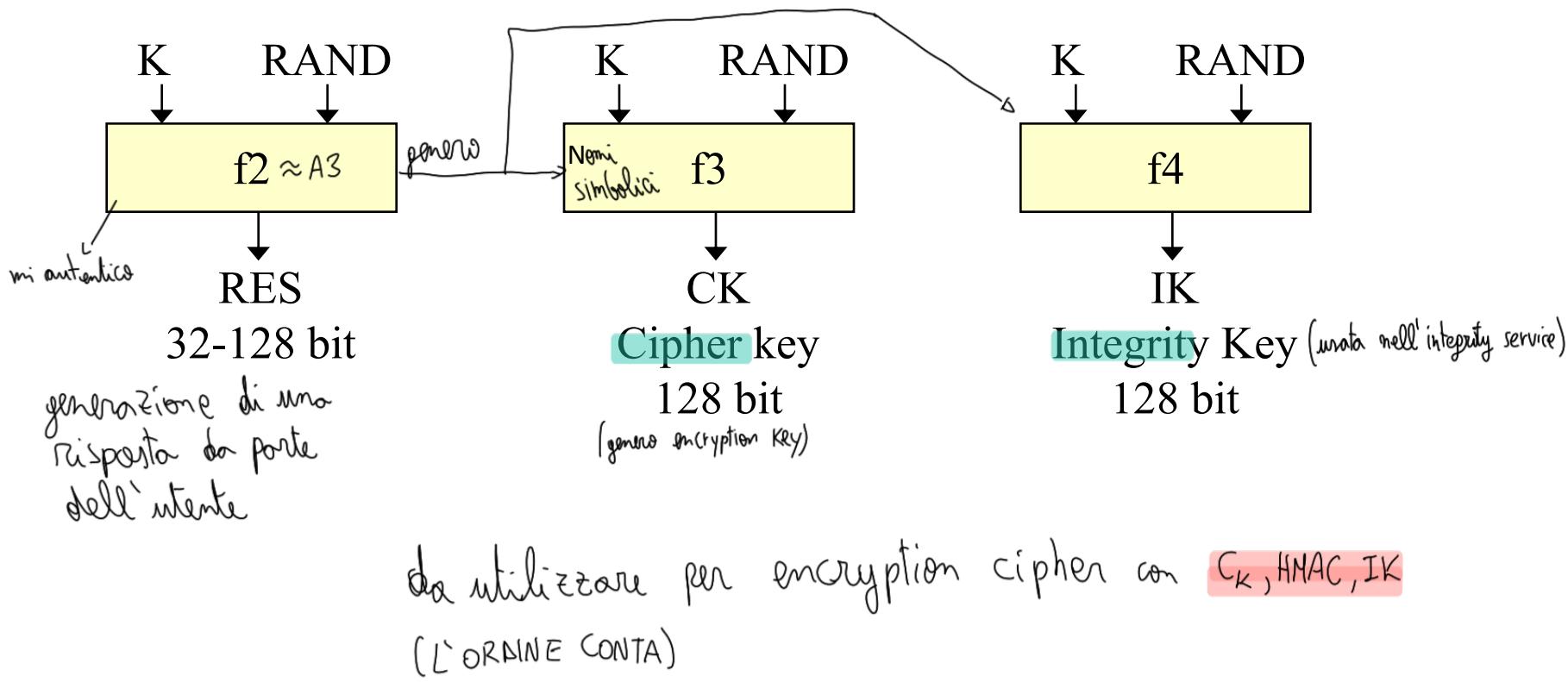
# Authentication Vector

Prima abbiamo visto authentication protocol 3-WAY, qui MS non si autentica! Perche?



# MS authentication

→ Usual challenge response, but different (public) algorithm



NONCE  
 ↘  
 time  
 ↗  
 random sequence  
 ↗  
 freshness

Come autentifico network?

# Network Authentication

→ MS should send a nonce...

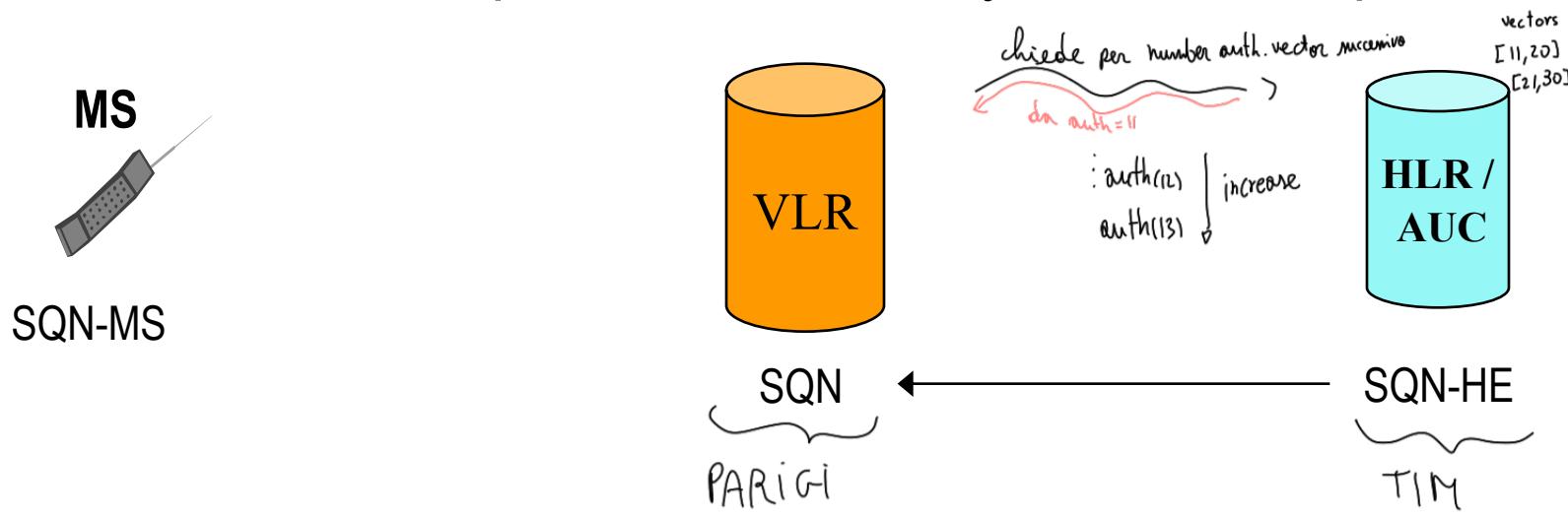
⇒ 1 extra message

Non uso "time": bisogna proteggerlo!  
 non uso "random"

→ Bright idea: use Sequence number as “implicit” nonce!

⇒ Issue: MS and AuC must be (approx) synchronized

⇒ And robust procedures for resync must be specified



[ognuno non ci siamo  
"problemi tecnici"]

# SEQ as nonce: idea

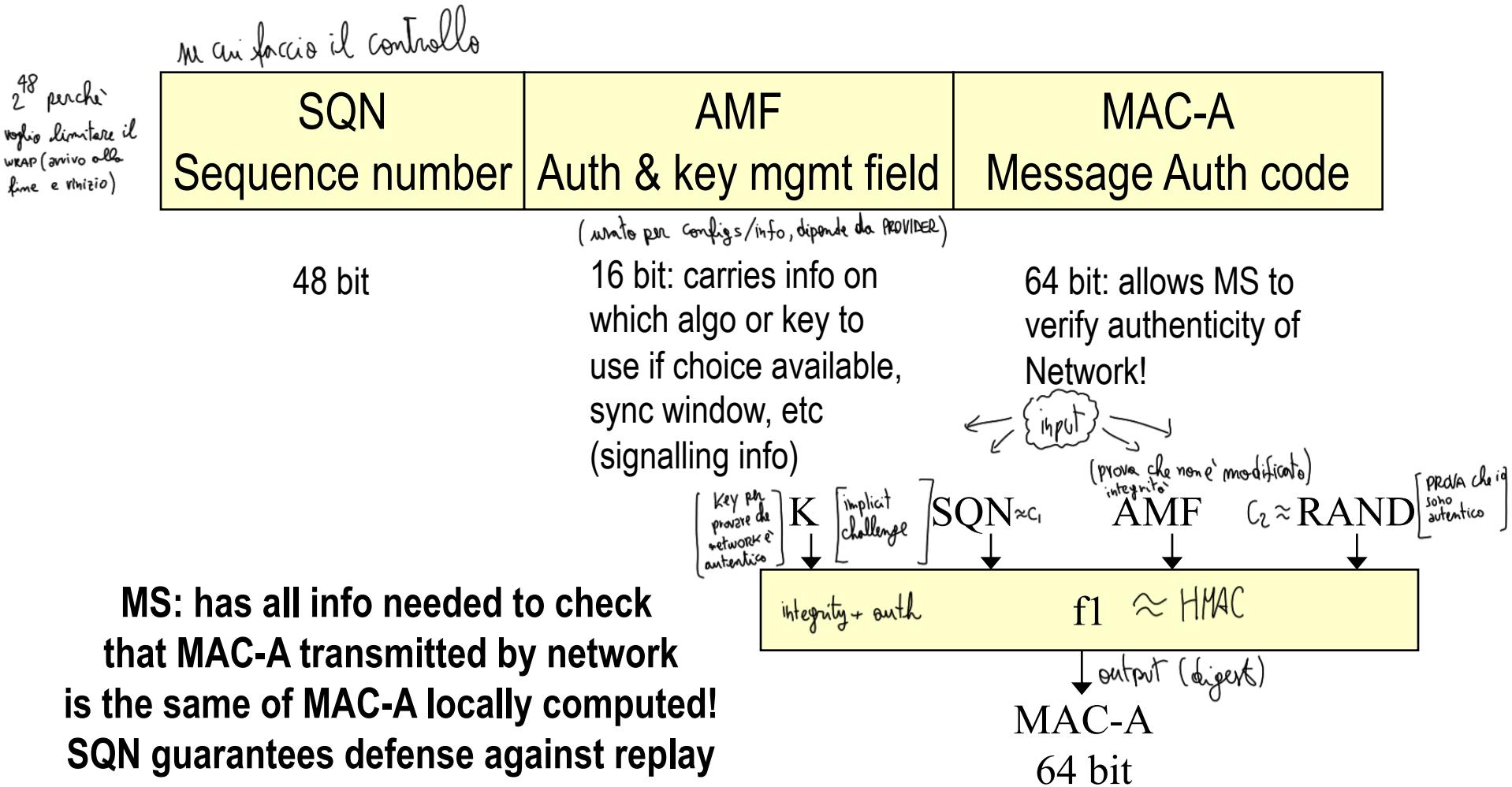


Use SQN as  
“implicit” challenge!!

↳ seq & NONCE

Once auth OK, update local SQN

# Network authentication: AUTN format



# Minor detail: protecting SQN!

→ A privacy problem:

(location: *Mo TMSI, per disaccoppiare una autenticazione con una macchina*)

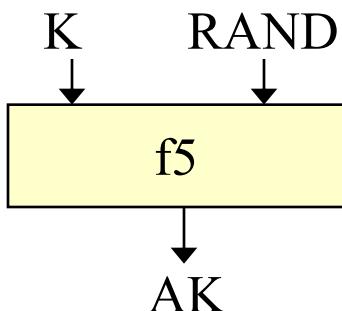
⇒ By looking at SQN (stepwise increasing), eavesdropper may discriminate and track user!

→ Solution: mask SQN with Anonymity Key

[48 bit Pseudo Random]

voglio  
encrypt,  
ma non ho  
negoziato  
nessuna chiave

SQN xor AK	AMF	MAC-A
Sequence number	Auth & key mgmt field	Message Auth code



Anonymity Key  
48 bit

seq. non mi protegge.  
<41235...2, Tor Vergata> ↗ seq. number NO OK  
<41235...3, Porioli>

effettivo, mas  
SOLUZIONE

# Authentication Vector

