

# Trust Engineering via Crypto Protocols

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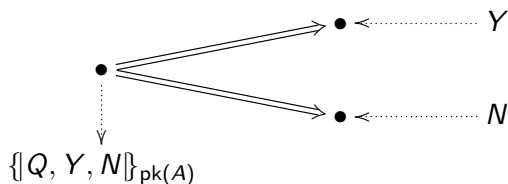
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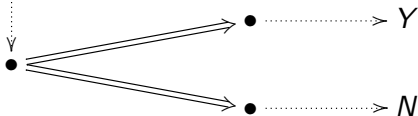
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Structure of protocol propagates answer

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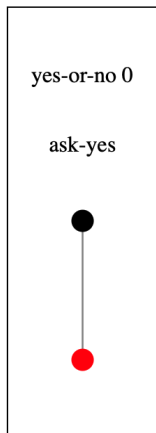
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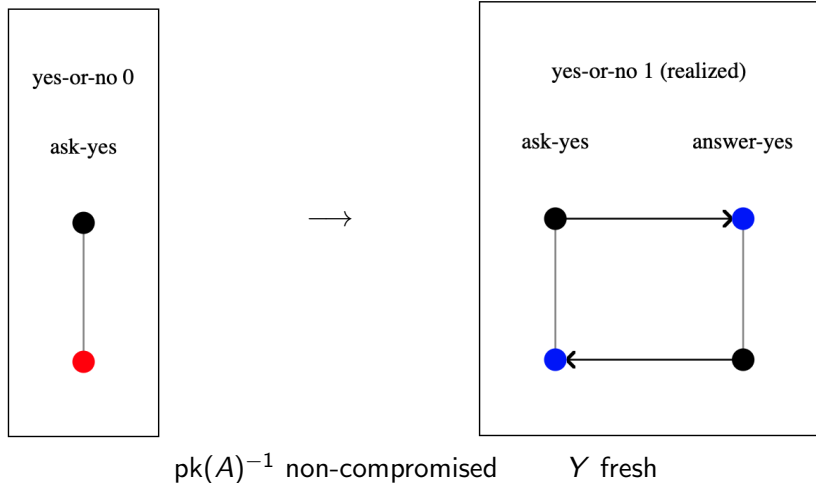
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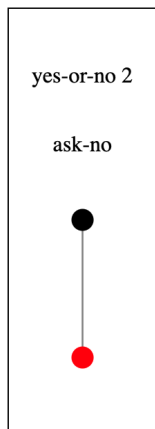
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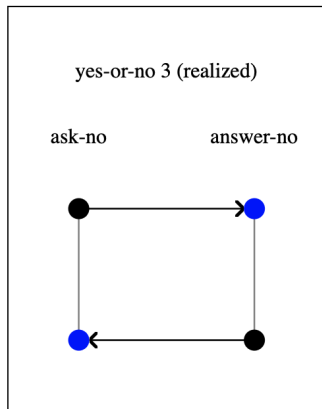
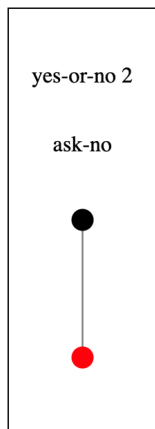
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- Cryptographic Protocol Shapes Analyzer solves:

If some scenario has occurred, what minimal, essentially different executions are possible?

# Protocol analysis vs. trust

- Protocol analysis tells us:
  - ▶ What must have happened elsewhere
  - ▶ What cannot have happened elsewhere
  - ▶ What assumptions underlie conclusions
- Trust provides reasons for assumptions, e.g.:
  - ▶ Organizational practices
  - ▶ Interests of real-world principals
  - ▶ Safety from authorization policies
- Each may amplify the other
  - ▶ Trust in known CA helps authenticate server
  - ▶ Protocol conclusions attribute claims to principals

authentication  
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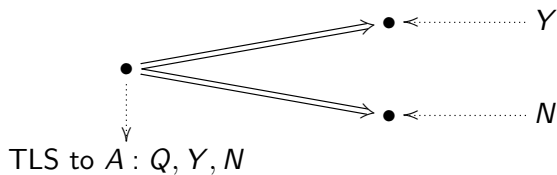
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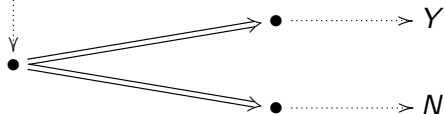
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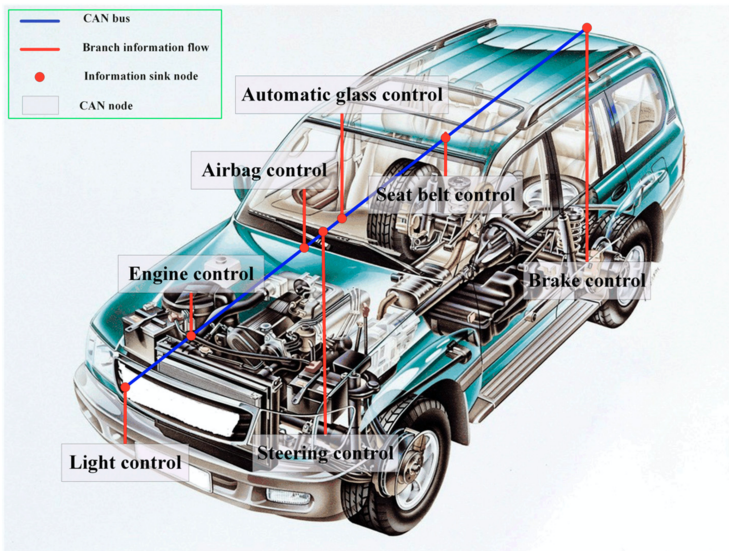
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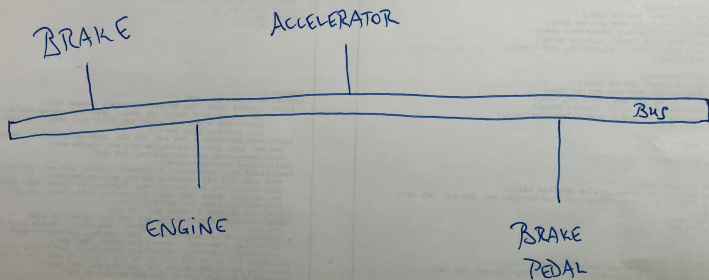
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- CPSA offers a secure channel abstraction for this

# More interesting example: A data bus



[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/334969096\\_Anomaly\\_Detection\\_of\\_CAN\\_Bus\\_Messages\\_Using\\_A\\_Deep\\_Neural\\_Network\\_for\\_Autonomous\\_Vehicles/figures?lo=1](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/334969096_Anomaly_Detection_of_CAN_Bus_Messages_Using_A_Deep_Neural_Network_for_Autonomous_Vehicles/figures?lo=1), Creative Commons License,  
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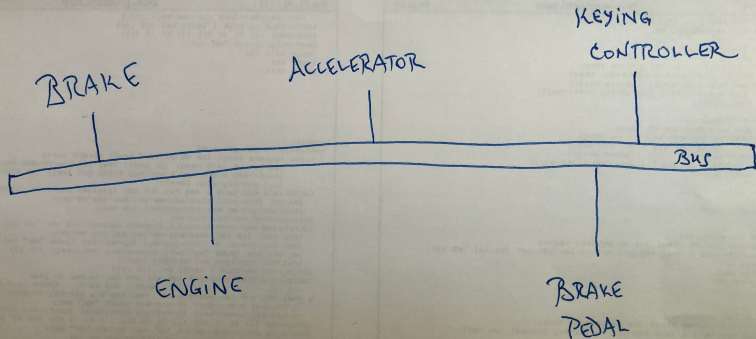
Schematically...



# Security considerations

- Most msgs don't need confidentiality
- Entertainment system should never
  - ▶ send control msgs to brakes
  - ▶ generate msgs purportedly from brake pedal
  - ▶ share authentication secret for pedal-to-brake msgs
- Hence: distribute pairwise Message Authentication Codes
  - ▶ Centralize authorization policy
  - ▶ Distribute shared secrets only to authorized pairs

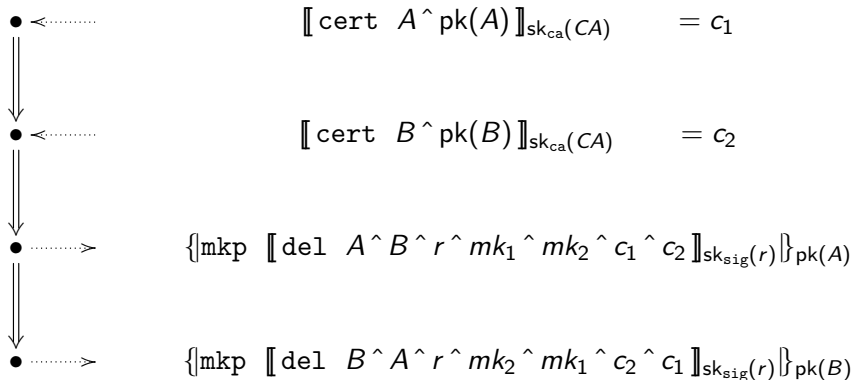
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# Designing the protocol

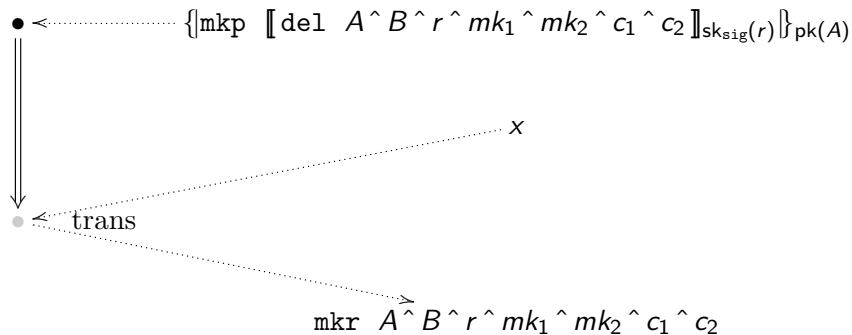
- Device behaviors:
  - ▶ Receive MAC keys for a peer device
  - ▶ Send or receive MACed msgs
- Controller behavior:
  - ▶ Deliver MAC keys to permitted peers
- Protocol considerations:
  - ▶ Long-term protection to deliver MAC keys
  - ▶ Certs for long-term keys
  - ▶ Devices store MAC keys in state, retrieve them for use

## MAC key distribution: Controller $r$

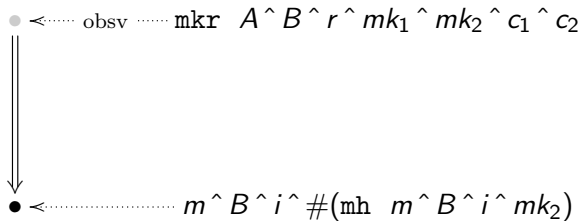




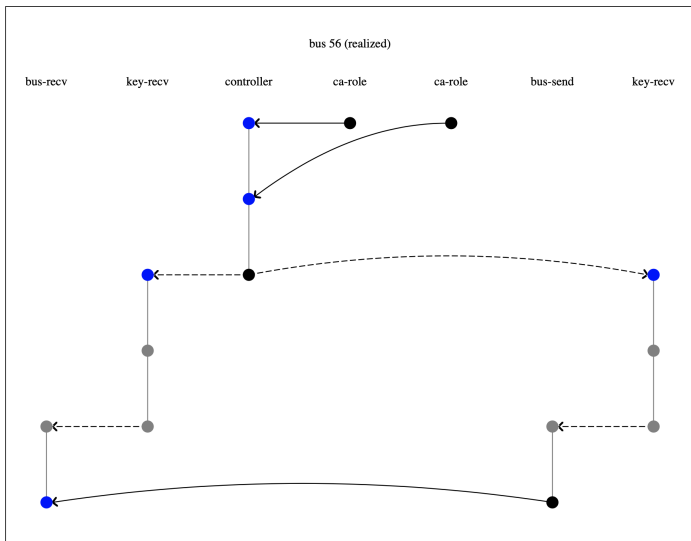
# MAC key distribution: Device A



## Message reception: Device A



# A CPSA result: A reception



$dk(A)$ ,  $dk(B)$ ,  $sk_{ca}(CA)$ ,  $sk_{sig}(r)$  all uncompromised

# How could we have done it wrong?

Well, we did it wrong repeatedly

- Bad MAC key packaging
- Key direction mismatch
- Didn't deliver certs with MAC keys to devices
  - ▶ What CA certified peer's long term key?
  - ▶ Untrustworthy CA could certify compromised long-term key
    - ★ Controller uses compromised long-term key
    - ★ MAC keys disclosed when distributed
  - ▶ CPSA results motivated improvement
  - ▶ Trust distinction: Trust one CA vs. trust all CAs

# Making trust reasoning explicit

- Authorization policy
- Reasons for thinking keys:
  - ▶ Undisclosed
  - ▶ Used only as dictated by this protocol
- Reasons for thinking principals:
  - ▶ Can protect keys
  - ▶ Adhere to protocol

Principals = People or hardware or software

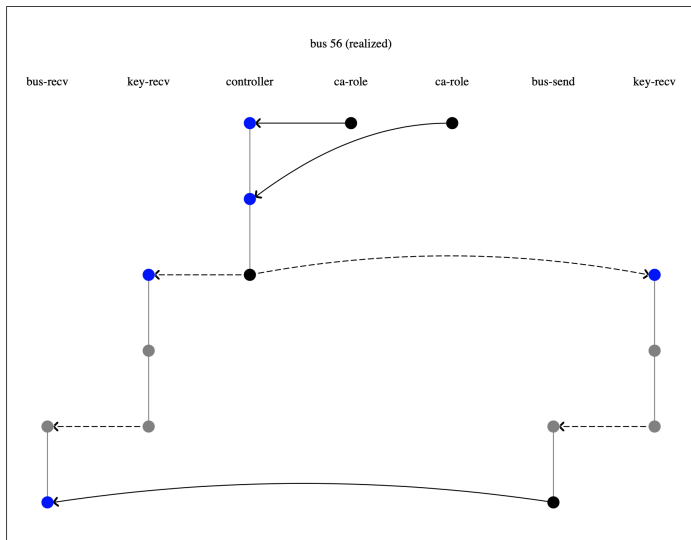
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- Enrich protocol reasoning with rules, eg:

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  (forall
    ((z1 strd) (ctr a b name))
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```

Can also reflect RBAC, XACML etc.

# Updated result



(facts (policy-permits ctr you me) ...)

# Making non-compromise explicit

- Simple approach:
  - ▶ CA ensures known individual possesses key
  - ▶ Self-protection ensures individual protects it
  - ▶ Threat intelligence determines if key stolen



# Persistent safety

```
(defrule persistent-safety
  (forall
    ((k msg) (subj name))
    (implies
      (and (fact starts-safe subj k)
            (fact keeps-safe subj k))
      (non k))))

(defrule ca-trust-anchor
  (forall
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# Threat-aware controller

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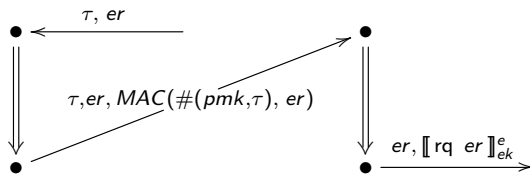
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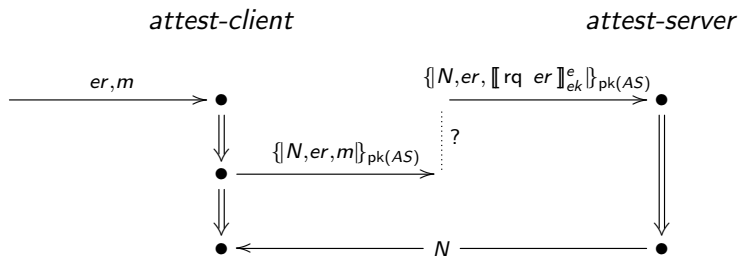
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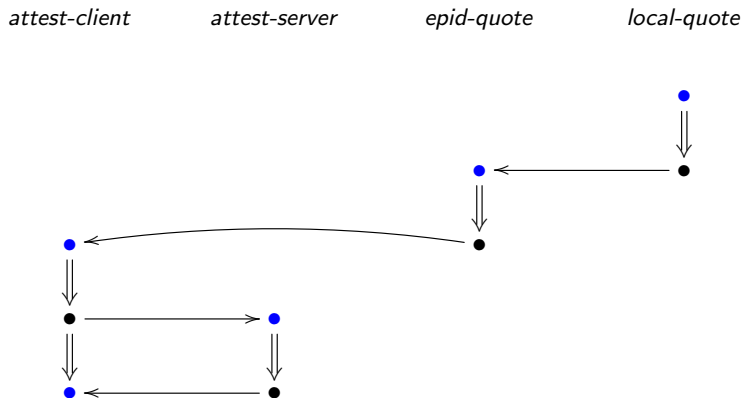
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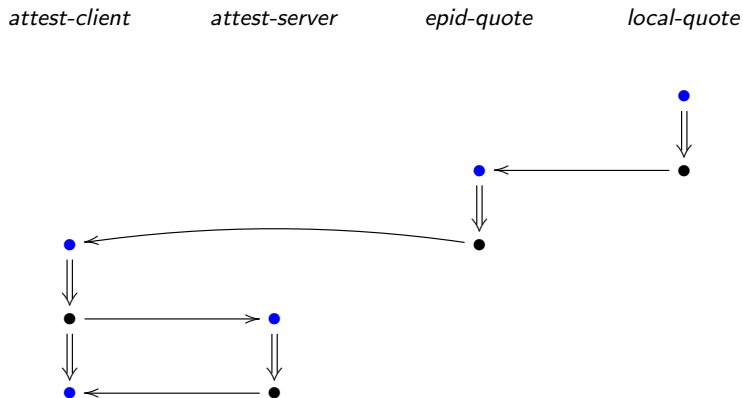
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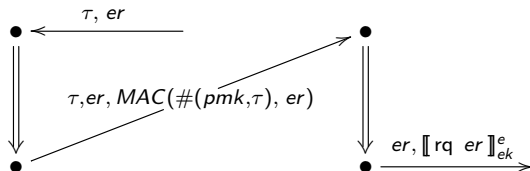
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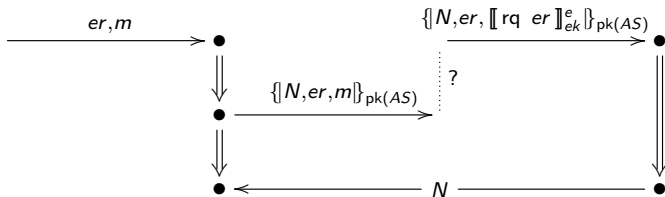
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AS says EPID key is manufacturer-made and non-compromised

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$\forall z: \text{STRD}, ek: \text{AKEY}.$

$\text{AttServ}(z, 2) \wedge$

$\text{ASQtKey}(z, ek)$

$\implies$

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# Attestation rule for application level code

## Rule

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall e, ch: \text{MSG}, k: \text{AKEY}, pmk: \text{SKEY}. \\ &\quad \text{PeerCode}(ch) \wedge \\ &\quad \text{EnclCodeKey}(e, ch, k, pmk) \\ \implies & \\ &\quad \text{Non}(k^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

# Induces a behavioral requirement

PeerCode( $ch$ ) means code that hashes to  $ch$ :

- Must:
  - ▶ Freshly generate a keypair  $k, k^{-1}$
  - ▶ Move  $k$  into enclave record
  - ▶ Use  $k^{-1}$  only in accordance with the protocol
- Must **not** disclose:
  - ▶  $k^{-1}$
  - ▶ Any computed value providing advantage on  $k^{-1}$

Satisfying the behavioral requirement:  
Why not **compile code** directly  
from the CPSA spec?

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