

Formal Methods for Payment Protocols

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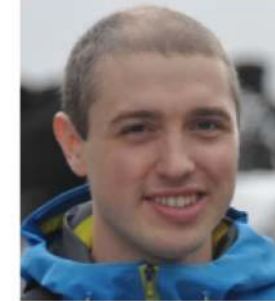
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EMV Standard

EMV is the global standard for **smartcard payments**: 9+ billion cards used!

Founded by **Euro**pay, **M**astercard, and **V**isa. Others have joined too



The standard claims to offer the highest **security**



EMV: Security and Convenience

Low-value purchases do not need a PIN



High-value purchases **should** be protected by a PIN



But they are **not!**

Take Home Messages

1. **Developed *first* comprehensive model of EMV**
Paper specification runs over 2,000 pages
→ directly formalized in Tamarin
2. **Found both known and new security issues**
The PINs for your credit cards are useless!
3. **We proposed and machine-checked fixes (disclosed to relevant vendors)**
Fixes do not affect cards in circulation
4. **Experience supports general hypothesis:**
Don't trust, verify!



Details described on the web at emvtrace.github.io

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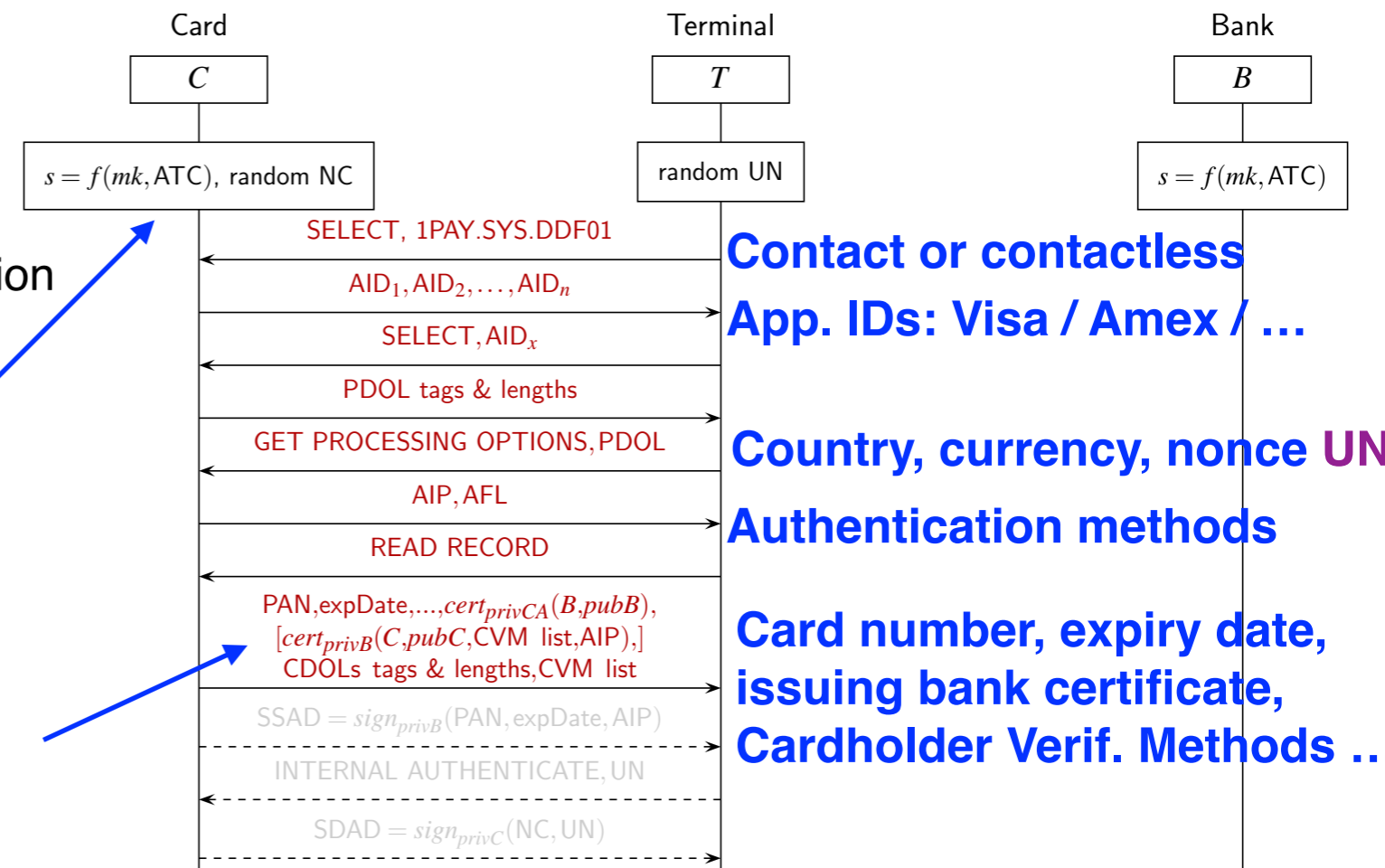
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mk: symmetric master key shared between card and bank
ATC: transaction counter result s used for MACs

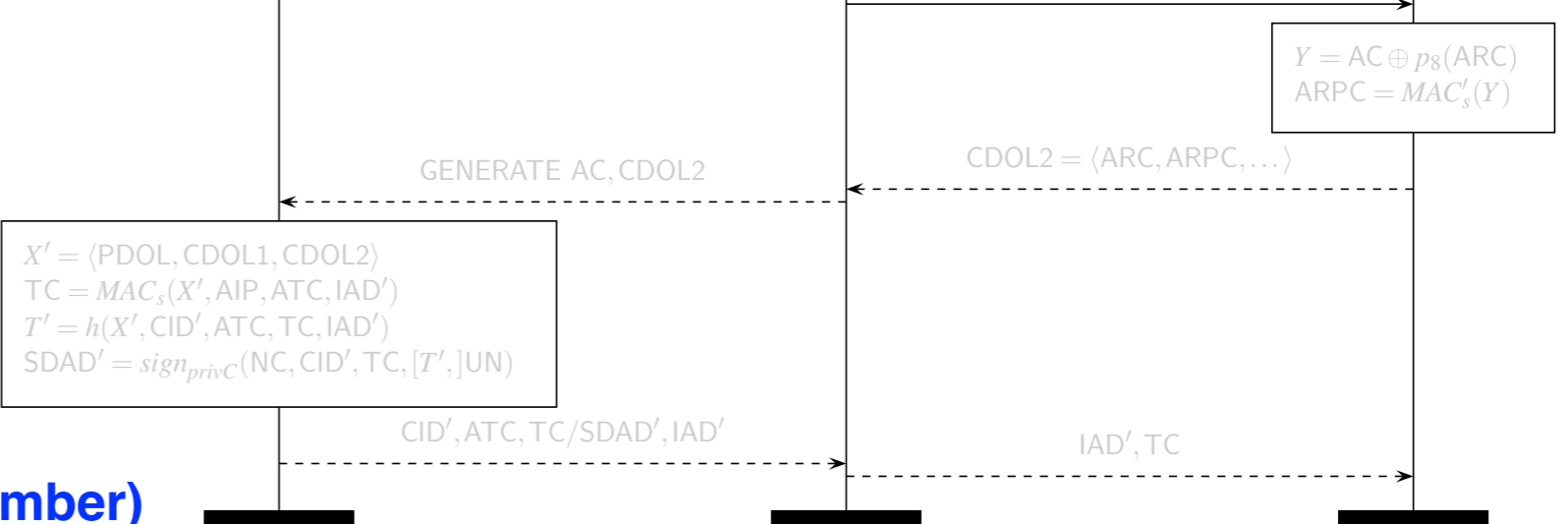
Uses PKI with certificates for CAs, Banks & Cards (but not Terminals)

2,000+ pages



Contact or contactless
App. IDs: Visa / Amex / ...
Country, currency, nonce UN
Authentication methods
Card number, expiry date, issuing bank certificate, Cardholder Verif. Methods ...

Substantially simplified account!
 Also with variants for different EMV kernels



Acronym Zoo:

PDOL/CDOL: Data Object Lists

AID: Application Identifiers

PAN: Primary Account Number (Card number)

CVM: Cardholder Verification Methods

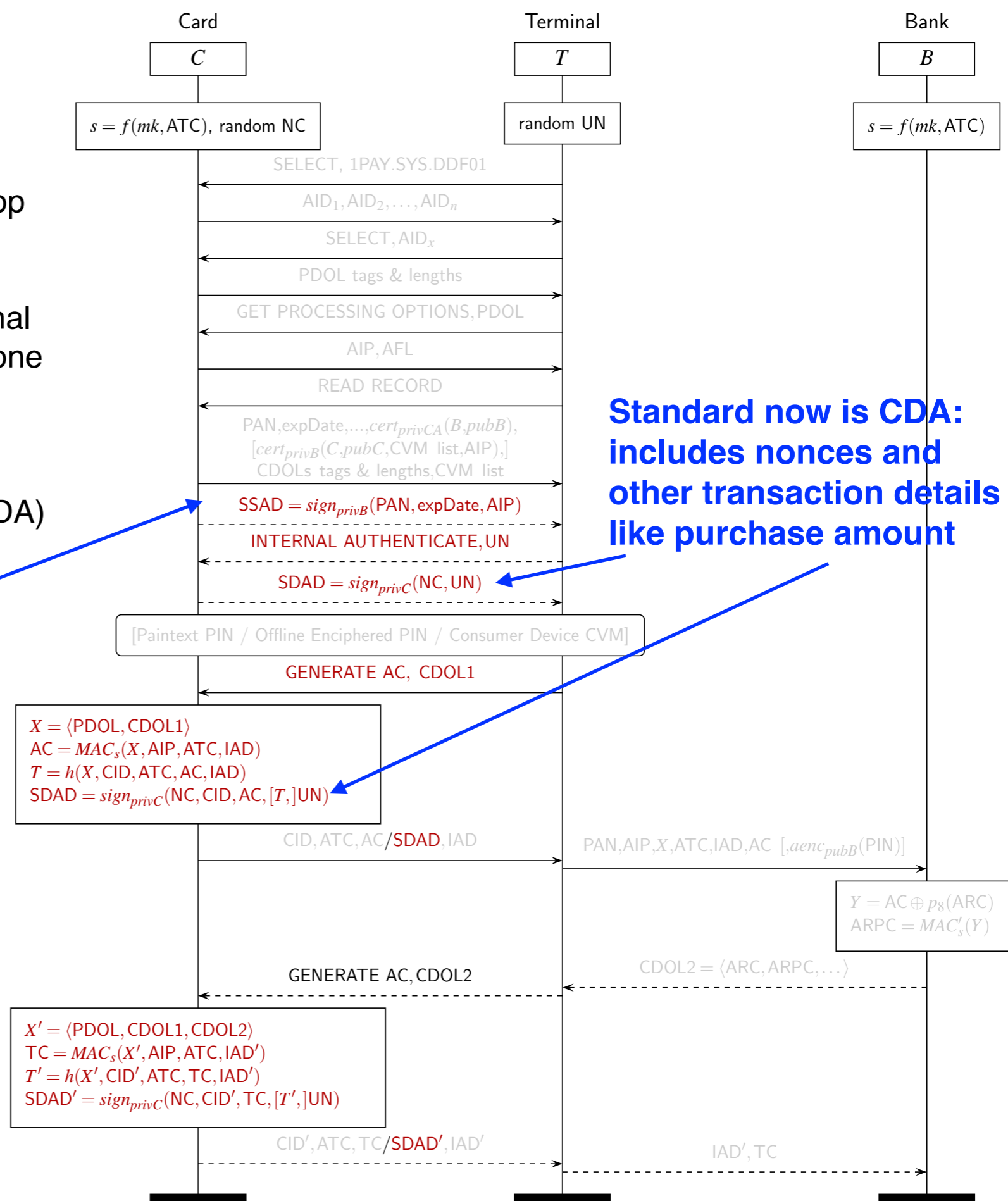
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Static data like card number and exp. date signed earlier by bank and stored on card. Legacy status.

Standard now is CDA: includes nonces and other transaction details like purchase amount

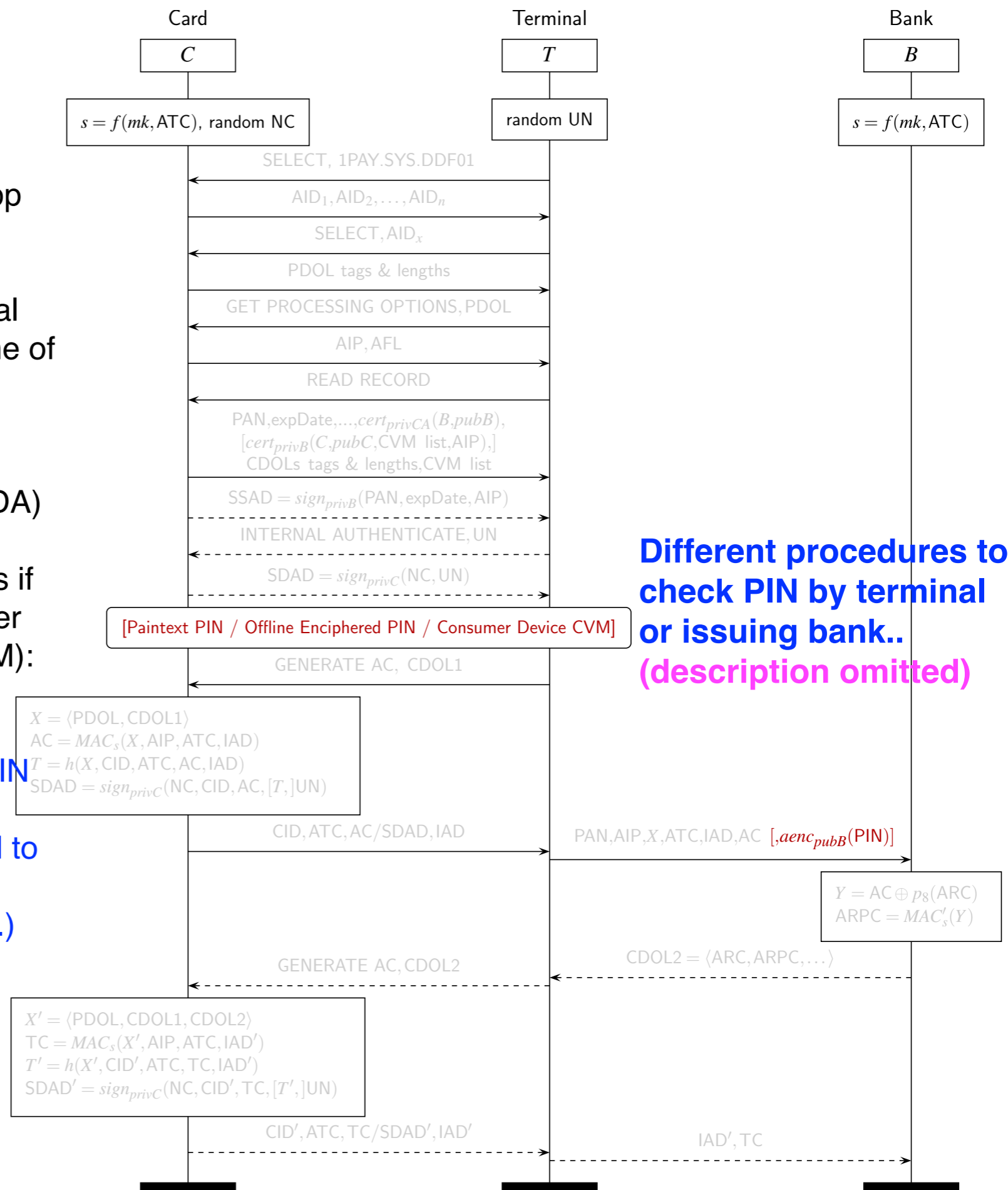


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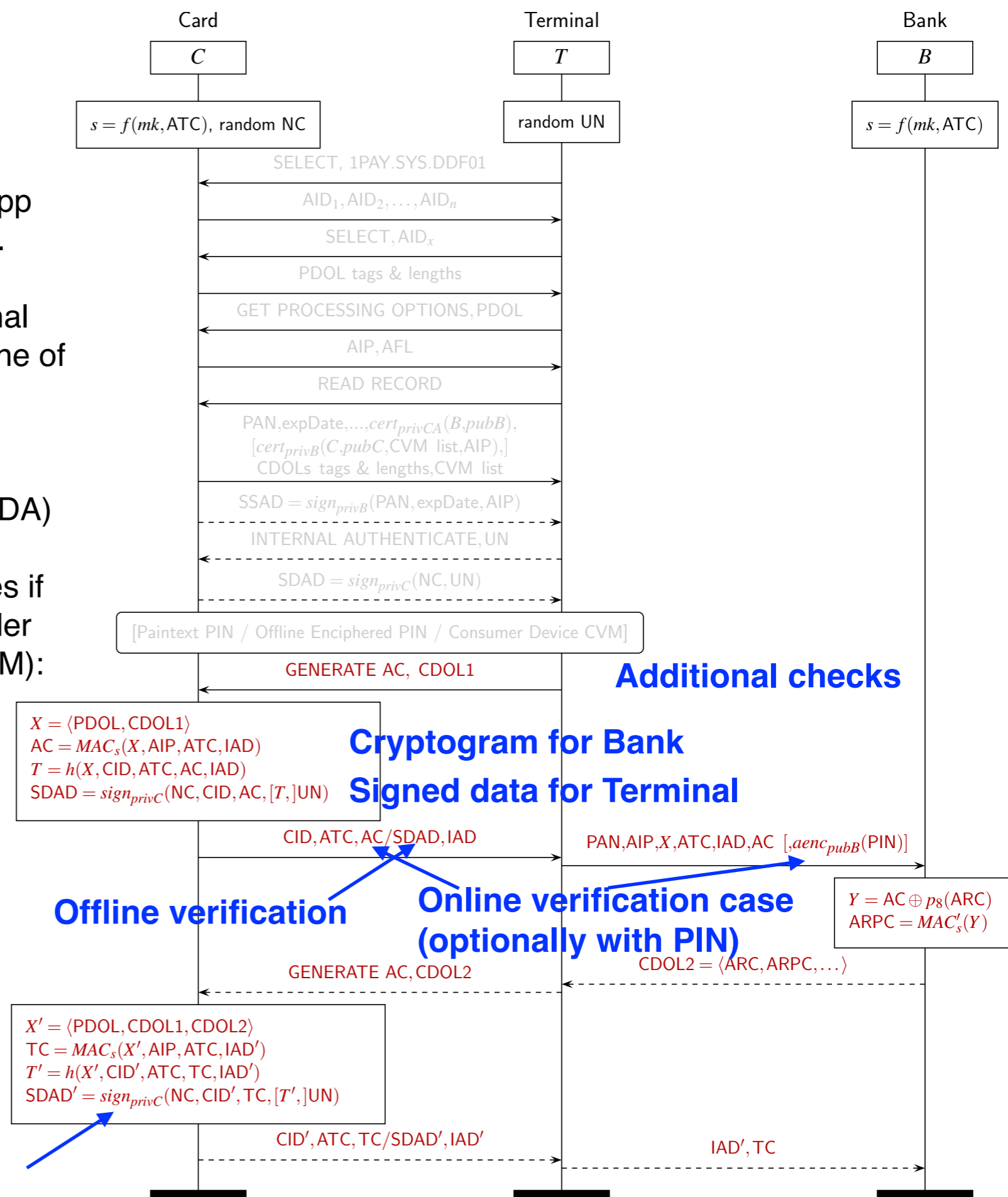
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 - Plaintext PIN (terminal sends PIN to card)
 - Offline Enciphered PIN (terminal encrypts PIN and sends to card)
 - Online PIN (PIN sent encrypted to issuing bank)
 - Customer Device CVM (mobile phone auth.)



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- Transaction Authorization (TA):** result is:
 - Declined offline
 - Accepted offline (typically low value)
 - Authorized online by issuer bank

This 2nd phase is for contact, where card authenticates bank and updates its state



Main Properties Considered

1. **The bank accepts** transactions t accepted by the terminal

```
lemma bank_accepts :  
  "All t #i.  
    TerminalAccepts(t)@i  
  ==>  
    not (Ex #j. BankDeclines(t)@j) |  
    Ex A #k. Honest(A)@i & Compromise(A)@k"
```

In Tamarin, protocol modeled as a labelled transition system giving rise to a (possibly infinite) set of traces. Following trace would violate this property

.... BankDeclines(23581) ... TerminalAccepts(23581) ...

TerminalAccepts(t) iff Terminal satisfied with transaction.

BankDeclines(t) iff Bank receives authorization request with wrong cryptogram

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2. Transactions are **authenticated to the terminal** by the card and the bank

```
lemma auth_to_terminal: //injective agreement, r will be 'Card' or 'Bank'
  "All T P r t #i.
    Commit(T, P, <r, 'Terminal', t>@i
  ==>
    ((Ex #j. Running(P, T, <r, 'Terminal', t>@j & j < i) &
      not (Ex T2 P2 #i2. Commit(T2, P2, <r, 'Terminal', t>@i2 & not(#i2 = #i))
    ) |
    Ex A #k. Honest(A)@i & Compromise(A)@k"
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Whenever terminal T *Commits* to a transaction t with communication partner P , then either P in the role $r \in \{\text{'card'}, \text{'Bank'}\}$ was previously *Running* the protocol with T and they agree on t , or an agent presumed honest was compromised. (Also there is a *unique Commit* for each pair of accepting transaction and accepting agent, so replay attacks are prevented.)

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Decomposed analysis: contact(less), and methods for data authentication and cardholder verification

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Attack: fake the Card's response, which is not authenticated

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Visa_EMV_Low	✓	✓	✗ ⁽¹⁾	✗ ⁽¹⁾
Visa_EMV_High	✓	✓	✗ ⁽¹⁾	✗ ⁽¹⁾
Visa_DDA_Low	✓	✗ ⁽²⁾	✗ ⁽²⁾	✓
Visa_DDA_High	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mastercard_SDA_OnlinePIN_Low	✓	✗ ⁽²⁾	✗ ⁽²⁾	✓
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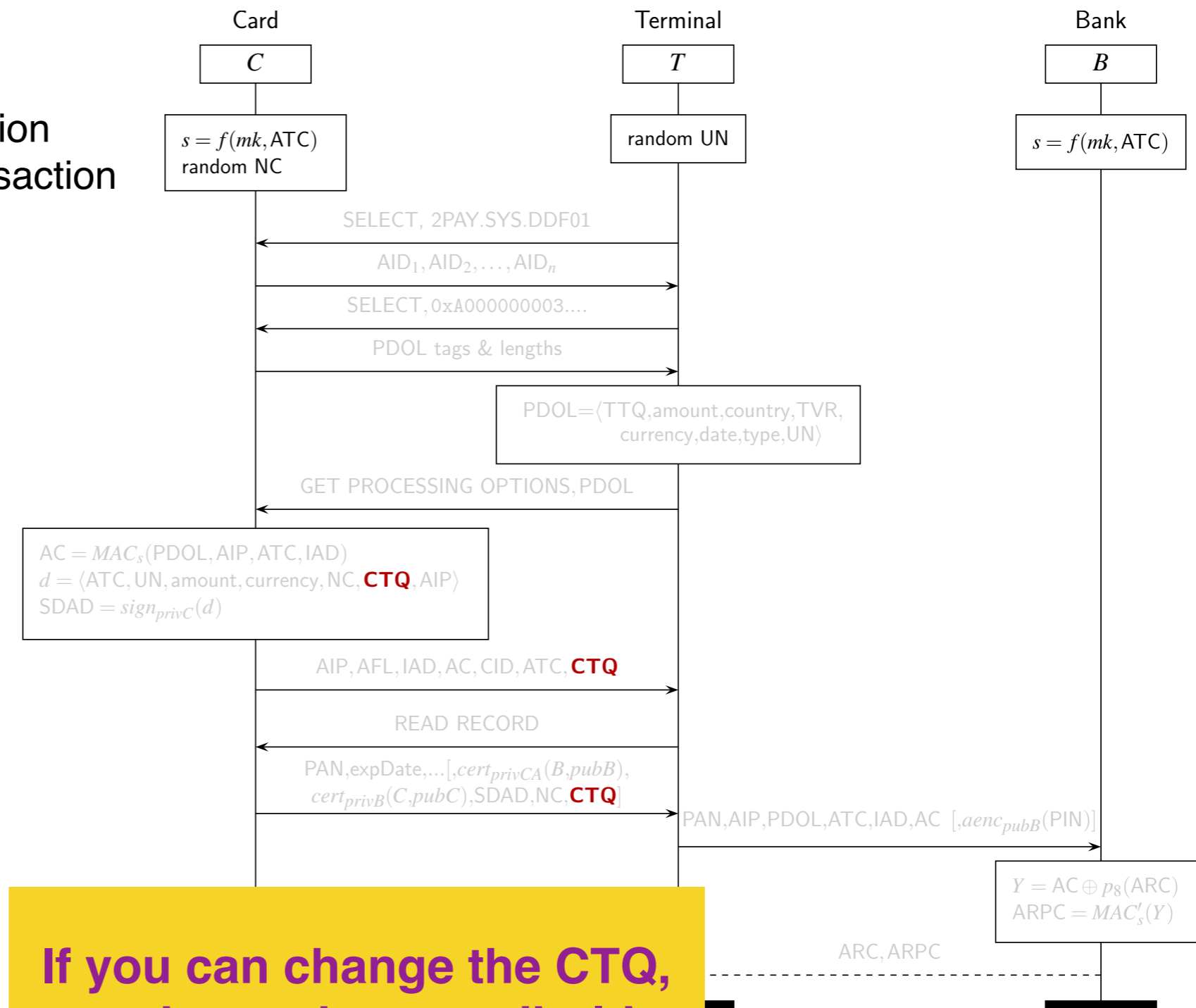
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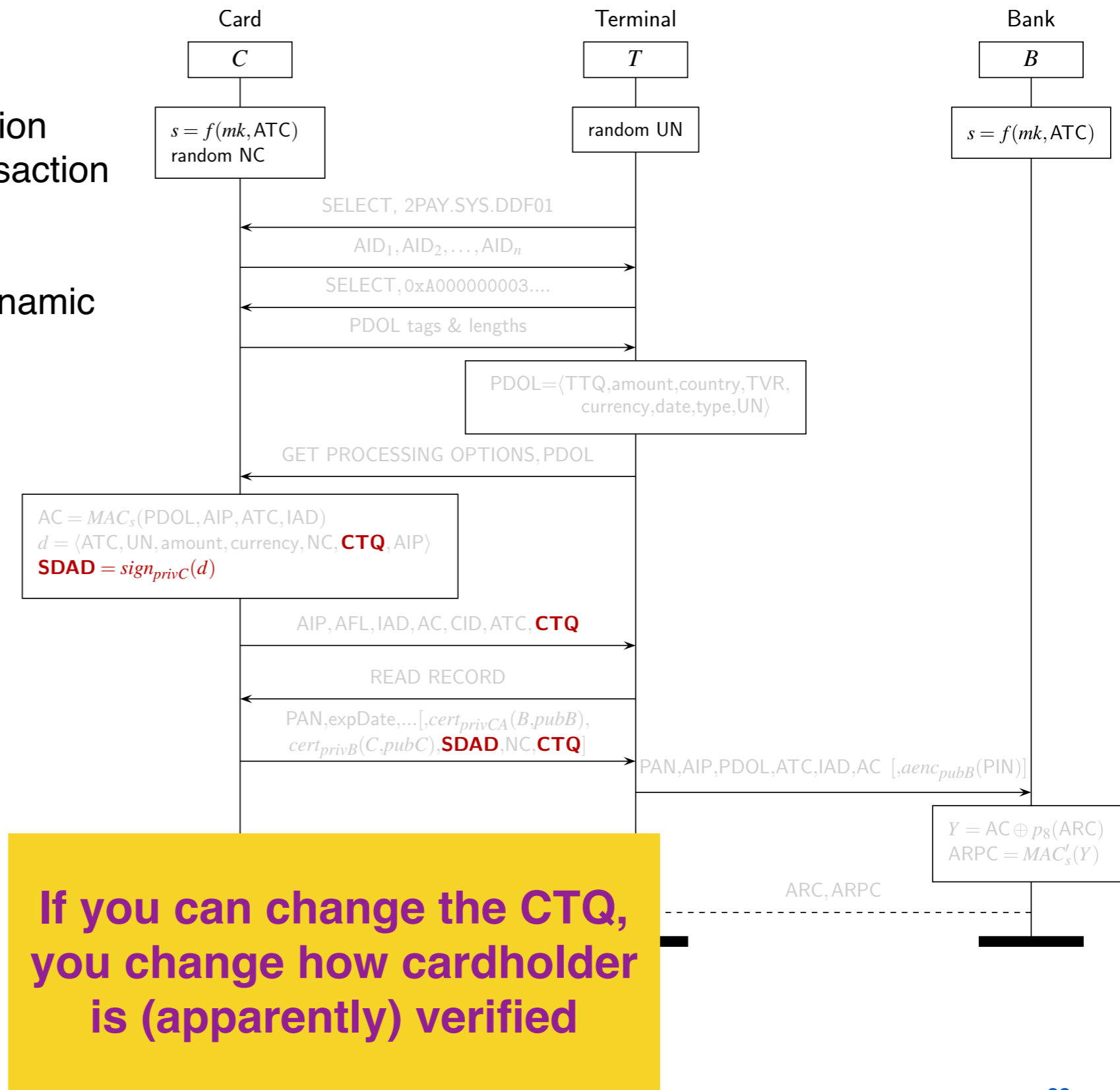
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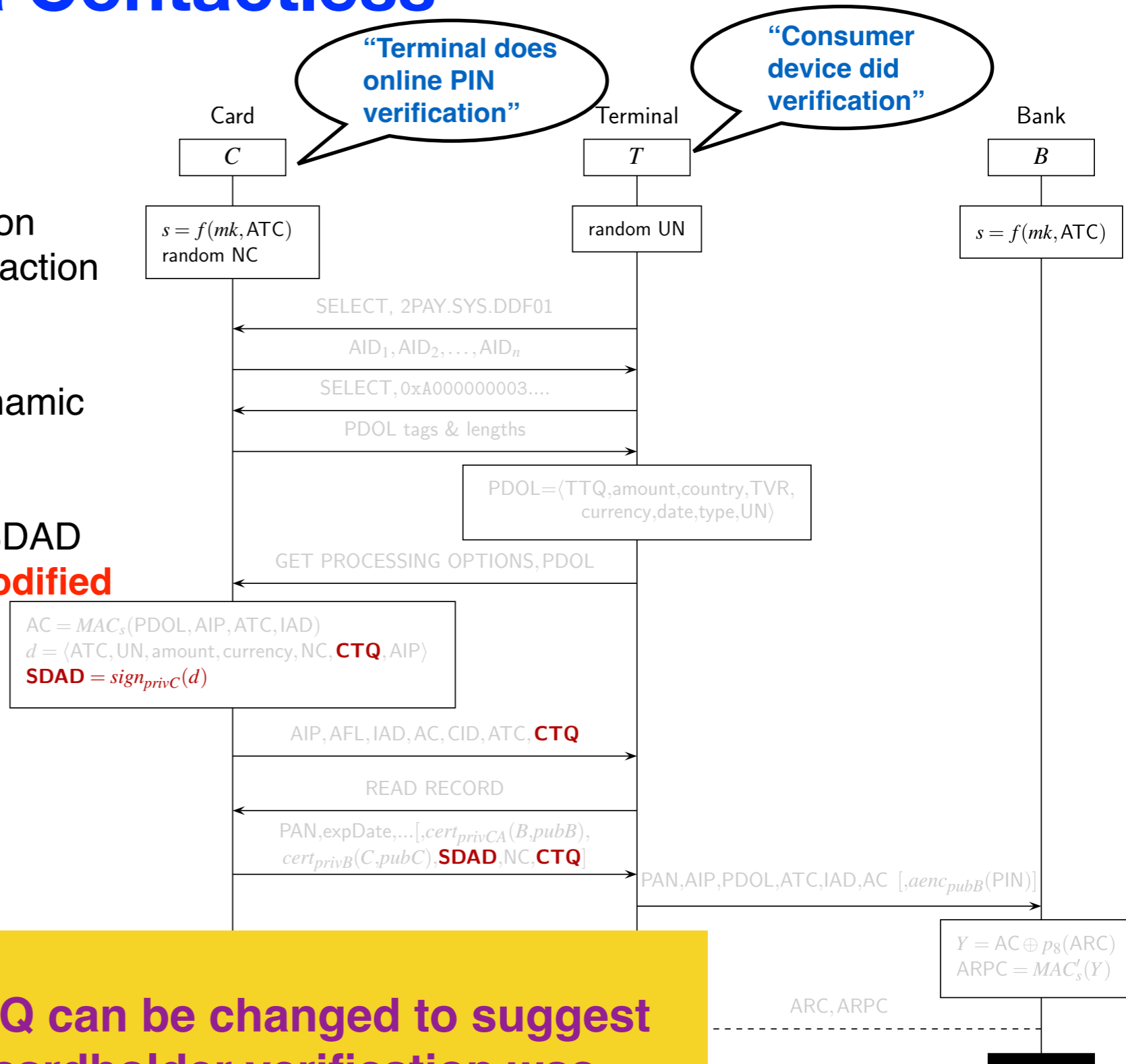
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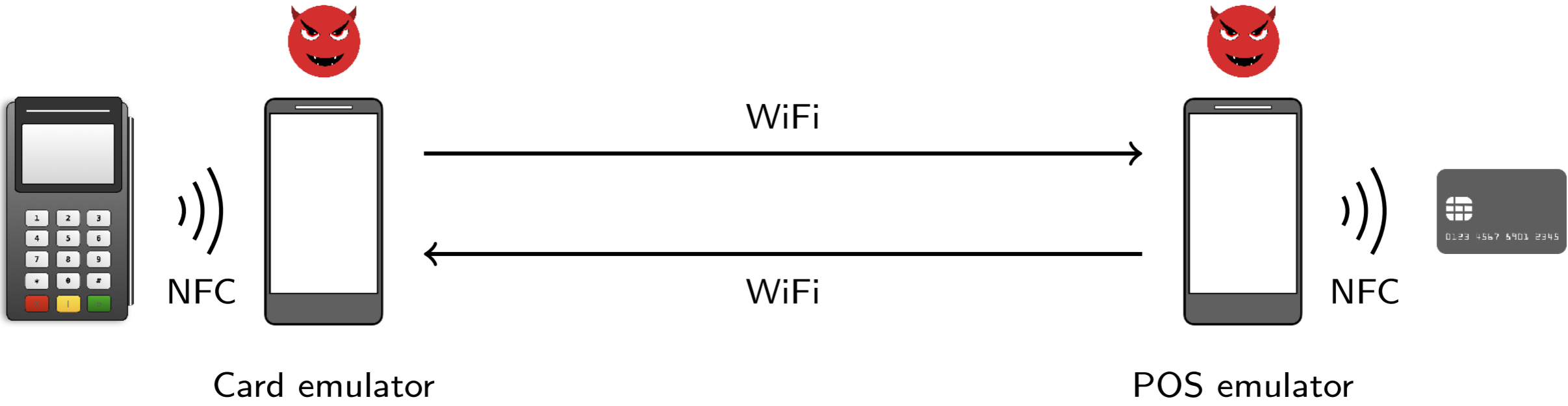
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- Most Visa transactions don't use the SDAD
 \Rightarrow CTQ and therefore **CVM can be modified**



CTQ can be changed to suggest cardholder verification was performed on the Consumer Device

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(a) Terminal sends command indicating *Cardholder Verification* required

(b) Card sends response indicating *Online PIN* required

(c) Attacker changes Card Transaction Qualifier (CTQ) to 0x028 indicating that **Online PIN not required and Consumer Device CVM was performed**





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ETH-Forscher warnen Sicherheitslücke bei Visa-Kreditkarten entdeckt

Dienstag, 01.09.2020, 11:49 Uhr

- Forschende der ETH Zürich haben eine Sicherheitslücke bei Visa-Kreditkarten entdeckt.
- Damit könnten Betrügerinnen und Betrüger Beträge von Karten abbuchen, die eigentlich mit einem Pin-Code bestätigt werden müssten.
- Andere Unternehmen wie Mastercard oder American Express sind laut ETH nicht betroffen.

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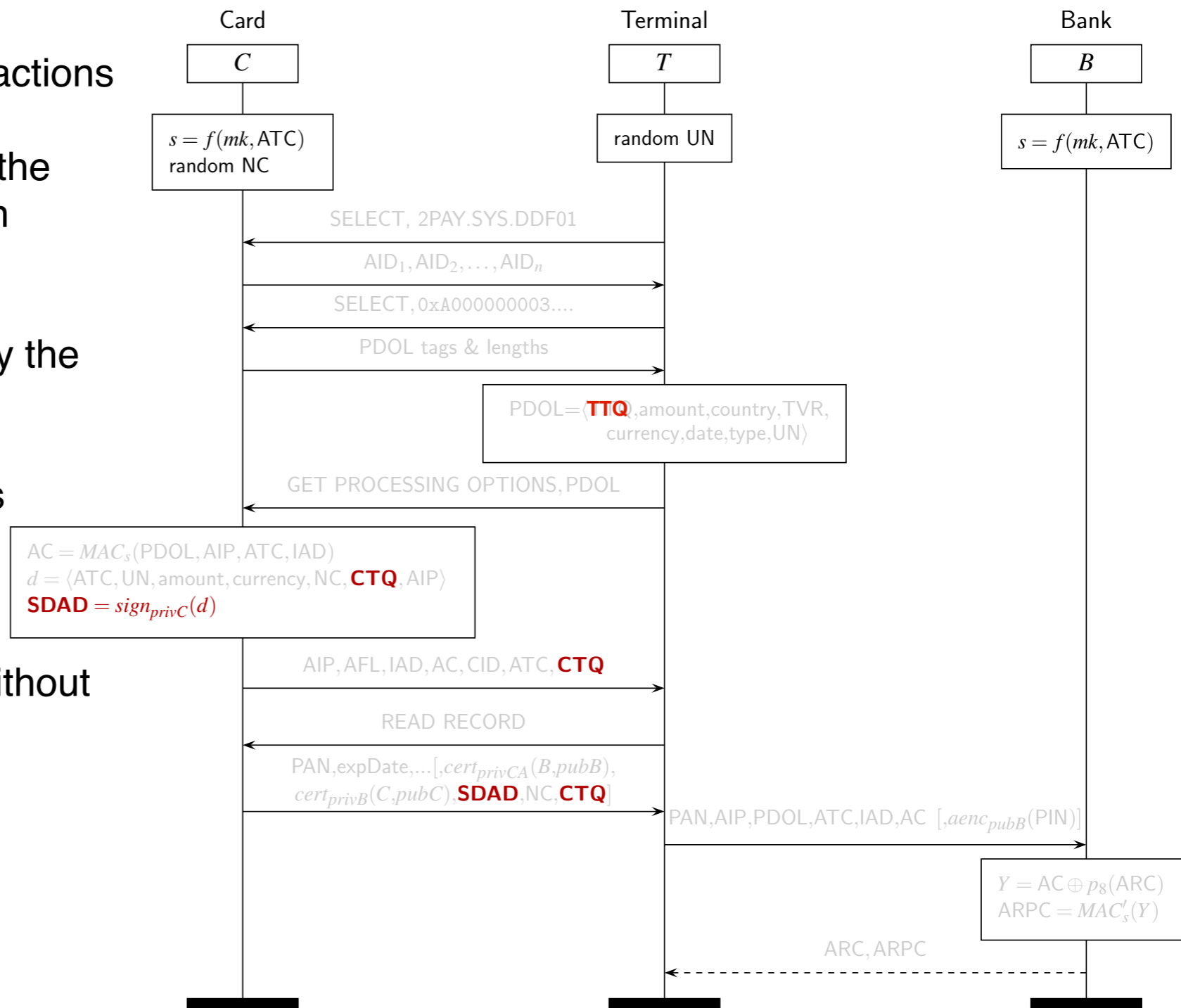


(Bild: ETH, Basin et al.)

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Countermeasure to PIN Bypass

- **Recall the problem:** Most VISA transactions do not use the Signed Dynamic Authentication Data (**SDAD**), which is the only protection to the Card Transaction Qualifiers (CTQ)
- **Easy Fix:** always have the card supply the **SDAD** and the terminal verify it
- Having the card supply it is as easy as setting bit 1 of byte 1 of the Terminal Transaction Qualifiers (**TTQ**)
- Fixes can be deployed on terminals without reissuing cards!



Other Issues found

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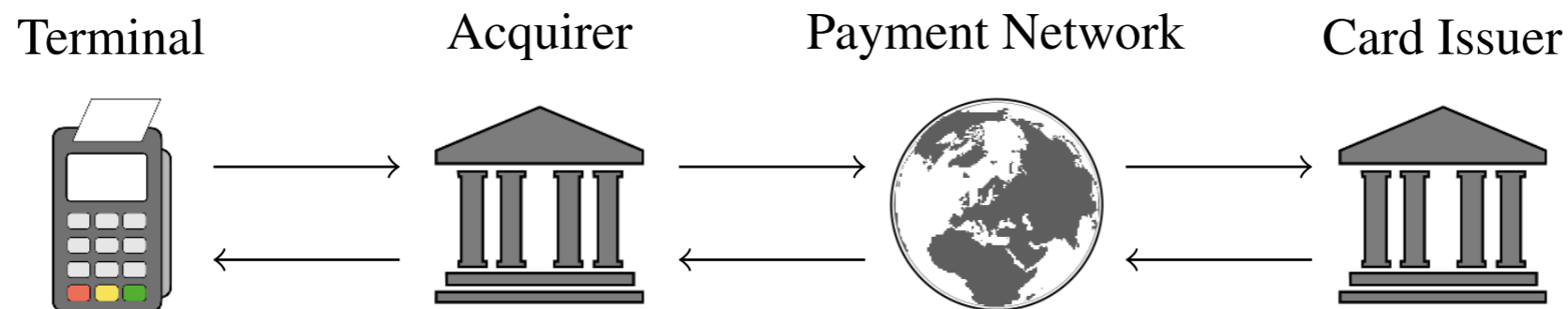
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- Low-value **offline** transactions with Visa or old Mastercard are **not secure**
- **Weaponize**: MITM fools terminal into accepting a transaction where bank declines, only after attacker is long gone
- Didn't test in the wild for ethical reasons
- **Fix**: Change the SDAD input to authenticate additional data, e.g., the AC (cryptogram) and its input. So changes detected by terminals.
- Requires reissuing cards!



Mastercard can be attacked too!

After previous work, we **enriched our model** to account for the fact that there are different **payment networks**.



Attack idea: replace card's Application Identifiers (AIDs) with the Visa AID `A000000031010` to deceive the terminal into activating the Visa kernel.

- Simultaneously perform a Visa transaction with the terminal and a Mastercard transaction with the card.
- For Visa transaction, apply previously described attack on Visa!



Current work: verification project with an EMV partner to analyze upcoming changes to standard.

Conclusions



Formal Methods matter!

- You can rob the bank with a theorem prover.

Tools sufficiently advanced that they can and should be used

- Good hygiene: be explicit about protocol, adversary, and properties
- Find errors or produce proofs
- Follow standardization efforts: check modifications for upcoming releases
EMV not a standard but Tamarin is being used now as part of its development

Research challenges

- **COMPLEXITY**, **Complexity**, **complexity**
- Improving scope and accuracy
- Education: getting the message out and training engineers



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