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# Security and Privacy for Edge-Assisted Internet of Things Security Proof for the SKKE Protocol

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As an Internet of things (IoT) technology, the ZigBee has a wide range of applications in home automation, smart energy, commercial building automation, personal, home and hospital care, telecom, and wireless sensor. The ZigBee standard has the advantage of high reliability, which is based on the security of authentication key agreement protocol, namely, the SKKE protocol. In the ZigBee standard, this protocol based on shared symmetric-key is applied on the security protocol level. It is a full symmetric-key key agreement with key confirmation scheme, while the key confirmation mechanism is provided by a message authentication coding mechanism. In this paper, we consider the security of the SKKE protocol. In the random Oracle model, we reduce the security of the SKKE protocol to the collision of the hash function and the HMAC function and the indistinguishability between the output of the random Oracle and a random number. We also give a theoretical proof with the game-based method. To our knowledge, there is no research on the provable security of the ZigBee protocol at this stage, so it is helpful to promote further research of the ZigBee protocol security.

## 1. Introduction

The emerging IoT technology usage in different aspects of life results in a very large number of devices connected to each other and to the Internet in a small space. As we have known, IoT devices rely on one or more communication technologies [1–3] (such as ZigBee, Z-Wave, BLE, and WiFi), some of which are well-suited for resource-constrained devices to operate in low-power and lossy networks (LLNs) such as ZigBee and Z-Wave. Among them, the ZigBee protocol, with its low-cost, low-power consumption, high-robustness, and flexibility, has been increasingly applied in the field of short distance communication, daily monitoring, and short distance data transmission. Nowadays, ZigBee-based IoT devices are predominant in the IoT landscape, and the security of the ZigBee plays a more and more important role in the ZigBee communication. In recent years, the researches of the ZigBee security can be divided into implementation level security and specification level security.

At the implementation level, some researchers have studied ZigBee enabled devices in order to find vulnerabilities at the implementation level [4, 5]. These attacks found in the research include replay attack, eavesdropping attack, acquiring key attack, denial of service attack, same-nonce attack, ghost attack, and men-in-the-middle attack. However, these findings do not necessarily reflect the insecurity in the specification. In addition, their methods are usually special and aim to discover low-level vulnerabilities and cannot be effectively transported to the formal analysis of the protocol stack, while, at the specification level, formal verification of ZigBee has been considered in several papers [6–11]. Especially, in [12], the authors focused on the application of formal verification to protocols in the IoT domain and summarized the existing approaches to the formal analysis of the ZigBee protocol. In addition, Li et al. in [13] established the ZigBee symbol model according to the ZigBee standard (ZigBee 1.0 and ZigBee 3.0). This model mainly captures the important elements, such as key sharing,

device joining, and key updating. Next, according to the ZigBee specification, the authors divided the ZigBee protocol into some subprotocols, then the authors used the security protocol verification tool (tamarin) to analyze and verify the security attributes of those subprotocols. Security analysis finds some known security vulnerabilities in ZigBee 1.0 and proves that there are no such vulnerabilities in ZigBee 3.0.

Since the 1980s, two methods for analyzing security protocols have been developed [14]. One method relies on the symbolic model of protocol execution, that is, symbolic (or Dolev Yao or formal) method, in which cryptographic primitives are regarded as black boxes. Symbolic method adopts a highly abstract execution view, in which the messages exchanged by all parties are symbolic terms. This model supports automatic analysis, but the high degree of abstraction makes the security guarantee provided by this method unclear and may miss the possible attacks in the computing model. The other method relies on the computational model which considers the complexity and probability problems, namely, computational (or cryptographic) method. This method captures a powerful security concept and can resist all probabilistic polynomial-time attacks.

All above researches of the ZigBee security at the specification level are in symbolic methods, so it is very necessary and meaningful to take research on the ZigBee security at the specification level under the computational model. In the ZigBee specification, the SKKE protocol is used for two end devices (not including trust center) to establish the application link key for their communication end-to-end (only used in APS layer). Although the process of establishing the end-to-end application link key has been researched in [13], the authors only considered the case that the trust center randomly generates the link key and then distributes it to the initiator and the responder, respectively. As for another case, the initiator and the responder share the master key (randomly generated by the trust center and transmitted to the initiator and the responder, respectively), and then they negotiate the application link key based on the shared master key through the SKKE protocol [15, 16]. The SKKE protocol is a full symmetric-key key agreement with key confirmation mechanism, while message authentication coding mechanism is used to provide key confirmation. Yuksel et al. [15, 16] described the SKKE protocol in detail, but the analysis of the SKKE protocol security is scarce at present. It is necessary to analyze and prove the security of the SKKE protocol. In this paper, the security model of the SKKE protocol is established under the random Oracle model, and its confidentiality is reduced to the collision of hash function and HMAC function and the indistinguishability between random Oracle output and random number. Meanwhile, its authentication is reduced to the collision between hash function and HMAC function, and the proof of the SKKE protocol confidentiality and authentication is given with the game-based method.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 gives the basic knowledge needed in the security proof of the SKKE protocol; Section 3 is the description of the SKKE protocol and its execution details; in Section 4, we model the SKKE protocol and give the definition of indistinguishable

experiment, authentication experiment, and some security notions; in Section 5, we prove the security of the SKKE protocol with the game-based method; Section 6 is the summary of our work.

## 2. Preliminaries

Denote by  $x \leftarrow y$  the operation of assigning  $y$  to  $x$ . Denote by  $x \xleftarrow{\$}$  the operation sampling  $x$  uniformly at random from a set  $X$ . *PPT* is short for probabilistic polynomial time.

**Lemma 1** (see [17]). *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a distinguisher, then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Pr[\mathcal{A}(y) = 1 | f \in F^{x,y}, y = f(x)] \\ & - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(y) = 1 | y \xleftarrow{\$} R]| \leq \text{negl}(n), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $F^{x,y}$ :  $x \mapsto y$  is a function cluster;  $|x| = |y| = n$ ;  $f \in F^{x,y}$  is a random Oracle;  $y \xleftarrow{\$}$  denotes sampling  $y$  uniformly at random from  $R$ ; and  $\text{negl}(n)$  is a negligible function.

HMAC [18] is a key-related hash operation message authentication code. HMAC operation uses a hash algorithm to generate a message digest as output with a key and a message as input. A key hash function and a key are used in the definition of HMAC. “text” is used as the plaintext to calculate HMAC; the operation of HMAC function is as follows:

$$H'((K \oplus \text{opad}) \| H'(K \oplus \text{ipad} \| \text{text})), \quad (2)$$

where  $H'$  is a hash function; ipad and opad are two different fixed strings. The detailed operation steps of HMAC function can be referred to [18].

## 3. The Description of the SKKE Protocol

In this section, we describe the interaction and the execution details of the SKKE protocol.

**3.1. The SKKE Protocol.** Figure 1 shows the message transmission of the key agreement mechanism, namely, the SKKE protocol [16]. As shown in the figure,  $U$  represents the initiator of the protocol and  $V$  represents the responder of the protocol. The essential difference between the role of the initiator and the role of the responder is that the initiator sends the first pass of the exchange. As shown in Figure 1, the  $MK$  is the master key shared between the initiator  $U$  and the responder  $V$ .  $A \langle B \rangle$  means the transmission of message  $A$  that contains payload(s)  $B$ .  $QEX$  represents the challenge generated by a device  $X$  and  $MacTag$  represents the hash value. Based on the master key  $MK$ ,  $U$  and  $V$  negotiate the session key  $LK$  by executing the SKKE protocol.

**3.2. Execution Details of the SKKE Protocol.** In [15, 16], the authors showed a detailed description of the SKKE protocol. For convenience, let us briefly describe it here.

In the SKKE protocol, an initiator  $U$  establishes a  $LK$  with a responder  $V$  using a shared secret  $MK$ . We present the computational details of the SKKE protocol in Figure 2.

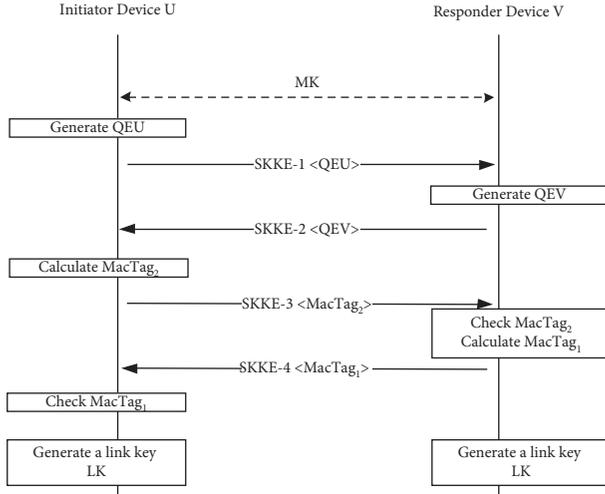


FIGURE 1: Symmetric-key authenticated key agreement scheme.

In the first two messages, the initiator and the responder exchange their challenges. In the last two messages, they exchange the data they have computed using the challenges and their identities. After verifying that they have received the correct value, they use another value as the  $LK$  that both of them can compute.

#### 4. Security Model and Security Experiment

**4.1. Security Model.** We assume that the attacker can completely control the channel, that is, the attacker can eavesdrop, delay, and tamper with the messages transmitted by running the protocol. The following Oracle queries are defined to describe the adversary's ability:

- (i)  $\text{Execute}(U, V)$ : this query models passive attacks. The output of this query consists of messages that were exchanged during the honest execution of the protocol among  $U$  and  $V$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Send}(U, m)$ : this query models active attack by sending message  $m$  to the participant  $U$ . The output of this query is the message that  $U$  would generate on receipt of message  $m$ .
- (iii)  $\text{Reveal}(U_i, V_i)$ : this query models the misuse of session key, namely, link key established between  $U$  and  $V$ . The output of this query is the link key  $LK_i$  established during the  $i$ -th communication between  $U$  and  $V$ . If the  $i$ -th communication is used as the test session, this query cannot be executed.
- (iv)  $\text{Corrupt}(U_i, V_i)$ : this query models the ability of the adversary  $A$  to reveal the long-term secret key of the  $i$ -th communication between  $U$  and  $V$ . The output of this query is the master key  $MK_i$  shared between  $U$  and  $V$  during the  $i$ -th communication. If the  $i$ -th communication is used as the test session, this query cannot be executed.

The adversary  $A$  is represented as two procedures  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  that share state. In the RO model, the hash functions  $H$

and  $H'$  are modeled as two random oracles,  $H_A$  and  $H'_A$ , and each of them obtains a list to store queries. When the adversary  $A$  queries to  $H_A$ , if the query is in the list, the corresponding value is returned, else it returns a random value. It is the same as above that the adversary  $A$  queries to  $H'_A$ .

**4.2. Security Experiment.** Before defining the security notion of the SKKE protocol, we define indistinguishability experiment and authentication experiment from the perspectives of confidentiality and authentication of the SKKE protocol.

**4.2.1. Indistinguishability Experiment.** In this section, we define an indistinguishability experiment (see Figure 3), which is used in the security proof of confidentiality.

The  $(U_i, V_i)$  represents  $i$ -th ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ) session established by the initiator  $U_i$  and the responder  $V_i$ , which is the test session and not revealed.  $MK_i$  and  $LK_i$  represent the master key and the link key, respectively, which is a bijection.  $keylen$  represents the length of the master key and the link key.

**Definition 1.** For any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage of the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks the confidentiality of the SKKE protocol which is defined as follows:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{ind}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = \left| \Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{ind}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = 1 \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right|. \quad (3)$$

**4.2.2. Authentication Experiment.** We denote the authentication experiment as  $\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{auth}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'})$ . Next, we consider the authentication of the initiator  $U_i$  to the responder  $V_i$ , namely,  $\text{Exp}_A^{\text{auth-uv}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'})$  (see Figure 4), as an example to consider the authentication of the SKKE protocol.

**Remark 1.** The SKKE protocol is a symmetrical two-way authentication protocol. In Figure 4,  $\text{Exp}_A^{\text{auth-uv}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'})$  denotes the authentication of the initiator  $U_i$  to the responder  $V_i$ , as for the authentication of the responder  $V_i$  to the initiator  $U_i$ , similarly.

**Definition 2.** For any PPT adversary  $A$ , the advantage of the adversary  $A$  breaks the authentication of the SKKE protocol which is defined as follows:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{auth}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = \Pr \left[ \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{auth}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = 1 \right]. \quad (4)$$

**Definition 3.** The SKKE protocol has security if for any PPT adversary  $A$ , the following advantage is negligible:

		$U$	$V$
SKKE-1	$U \rightarrow V$	$QEU$	
SKKE-2	$V \rightarrow U$	$QEV$	
Computation		$Z = MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU \parallel QEV\}_{MK}$ $MacKey = H(Z \parallel 0x00000001)$ $KeyData = H(Z \parallel 0x00000002)$ $MacData_2 = 0x03 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU \parallel QEV$ $MacTag_2 = MAC(MacData_2)_{MacKey}$	$Z = MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU \parallel QEV\}_{MK}$ $MacKey = H(Z \parallel 0x00000001)$ $KeyData = H(Z \parallel 0x00000002)$ $MacData_1 = 0x02 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV \parallel QEU$ $MacTag_1 = MAC(MacData_1)_{MacKey}$
SKKE-3	$U \rightarrow V$	$MacTag_2$	
SKKE-4	$V \rightarrow U$	$MacTag_1$	
Verification		$MacData_1 = 0x02 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV \parallel QEU$ Verify $MacTag_1$ using $MacData_1$	$MacData_2 = 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV \parallel QEU$ Verify $MacTag_2$ using $MacData_2$
$U$ and $V$ use $KeyData = H(MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU \parallel QEV\}_{MK} \parallel 0x00000002)$ as the new $LK$			

FIGURE 2: The SKKE protocol (H, hash function MAC, HMAC function;  $\parallel$ , concatenation; 0x, hexadecimal).

$$Adv_A^{SKKE}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = \max \left\{ \Pr \left[ \left| Exp_A^{ind}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \right| = 1 \right] - \frac{1}{2}, \Pr \left[ Exp_A^{auth}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = 1 \right] \right\}. \quad (5)$$

## 5. Security Proof

In this section, firstly, we prove the confidentiality (namely, indistinguishable security) and authentication of the SKKE protocol, namely, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. In the random Oracle model, we reduce the confidentiality to the collision of hash function and HMAC function and the indistinguishability between the output of random Oracle and

random number, while the authentication is reduced to the collision of the hash function and the HMAC function. Then, we show the SKKE protocol is secure by Theorem 3.

**Theorem 1.** *For any PPT adversary  $A$  against the indistinguishability experiment, the advantage of the adversary  $A$  wins the experiment which satisfies the following inequality:*

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{ind}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{hashklen}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{macklen}} + \text{negl}(\text{hashklen}) + \text{negl}(\text{macklen}), \quad (6)$$

where  $keylen$  is the length of master key,  $hashklen$  and  $macklen$  are the output lengths of the hash function and the HMAC function,  $q_H$  and  $q_{H'}$  are the times of the adversary queries to the hash functions  $H$  and  $H'$ ,  $\text{negl}(\text{hashklen})$  and  $\text{negl}(\text{macklen})$  are two negligible functions.

*Proof.* For each game  $G_i$ , we denote  $Exp_A^{ind}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = 1$  as  $S_i$ . The initial game  $G_0$  is defined as Figure 3.

Game  $G_1$ : the transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$  is realized by inlining the calculation process of  $LK_i$  and the HMAC function, as shown in Figure 5. So, the two games are equivalent. Then, we have

$$\Pr[S_1] = \Pr[S_0]. \quad (7)$$

Game  $G_2$ : if the adversary obtains the  $MK$  shared by the initiator and the responder, the adversary can calculate the  $LK$ , and then the adversary can win the game. Thus, as shown in Figure 6, in game  $G_2$ , we raise a flag  $bad_1$  when the adversary obtains the  $MK$  by guessing. The difference in the

probability of ( $b = b'$ ) in this game and in game  $G_1$  is bounded by the probability of  $bad_1$  in the latter game, while the probability of  $bad_1$  does not exceed  $1/2^{keylen}$ . Then, we have

$$|\Pr[S_2] - \Pr[S_1]| \leq \Pr[G_2: bad_1] \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen}}. \quad (8)$$

Game  $G_3$ : as shown in Figure 7, in this game, we raise a flag  $bad_2$  to represent that the adversary finds a collision of the outer hash function  $H'$  of the HMAC function  $H'((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(t(r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))$ , then the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  obtains  $Z_i$ . In the RO model, the hash function is idealized as a random Oracle, and an Oracle  $H_{\mathcal{A}}'$  is randomly selected from the function cluster  $F^{x,y}: x \mapsto y$  to replace the hash function  $H'$ . Then, according to the lemma, that is, the output of the random Oracle which is indistinguishable from the random number, we randomly and evenly select  $\lambda_i$  and replace  $Z_i$  with  $\lambda_i$ . Therefore, the upper bound of probability difference of  $G_2$  to  $G_3$  transformation is characterized by the

$\text{Exp}_A^{\text{ind}}(I, N, q_H, q_{H'}) :$ $(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow A_1(0) ;$ $(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow \text{ses}(U_i, V_i) ;$ $b \leftarrow \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^l ;$ $LK_i' \leftarrow \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^{\text{keylen}} ;$ $b' \leftarrow A_2(b ? LK_i, LK_i') ;$ $\text{return } (b = b')$	<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, invoke) :</p> $QEU_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^l ;$ $\text{return } (QEU_i)$ <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>QEU_i</math>) :</p> $QEV_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^l ;$ $Z_i \leftarrow \text{MAC}\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i\}_{MK_i} ;$ $\text{MacKey}_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) ;$ $\text{MacData}_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i ;$ $\text{MacTag}_i \leftarrow \text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_i)_{\text{MacKey}_i} ;$ $\text{return } (QEV_i, \text{MacTag}_i)$ <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, (<math>QEV_i</math>, <math>\text{MacTag}_i</math>)) :</p> $Z_i \leftarrow \text{MAC}\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i\}_{MK_i} ;$ $\text{MacKey}_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) ;$ $\text{MacData}_2 \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i ;$ $\text{MacTag}_{2_i} \leftarrow \text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_{2_i})_{\text{MacKey}_i} ;$ $\text{MacData}_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i ;$ $\text{if } (\text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_i)_{\text{MacKey}_i} = \text{MacTag}_{2_i})$ $\quad \text{ses}(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (MK_i, LK_i) ;$ $\quad \text{return } (\text{MacTag}_{2_i})$ $\text{else return } \perp$ <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>\text{MacTag}_{2_i}</math>) :</p> $\text{MacData}_{2_i} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i ;$ $\text{if } (\text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_{2_i})_{\text{MacKey}_i} = \text{MacTag}_{2_i})$ $\quad \text{ses}(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (MK_i, LK_i) ;$ $\text{else return } \perp$ <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> $\text{return } (LK_i)$ <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> $\text{return } (MK_i)$
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FIGURE 3: Indistinguishability experiment of the SKKE protocol.

$\text{Exp}_A^{\text{auth-uv}}(I, N, q_H, q_{H'}) :$ $((U_i, V_i), MK_i') \leftarrow A_1(0) ;$ $(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow \text{ses}(U_i, V_i) ;$ $QEU_i \leftarrow \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^l ;$ $(QEV_i', \text{MacTag}_i') \leftarrow A_2(QEU_i, MK_i') ;$ $Z_i \leftarrow \text{MAC}\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i'\}_{MK_i} ;$ $\text{MacKey}_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) ;$ $\text{MacData}_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i' \parallel QEU_i ;$ $\text{MacTag}_i \leftarrow \text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_i)_{\text{MacKey}_i} ;$ $\text{return } (\text{MacTag}_i = \text{MacTag}_i')$	<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>QEU_i</math>, <math>MK_i'</math>) :</p> $QEV_i' \leftarrow \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^l ;$ $Z_i' \leftarrow \text{MAC}\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i'\}_{MK_i'} ;$ $\text{MacKey}_i' \leftarrow H(Z_i' \parallel 0x00000001) ;$ $\text{MacData}_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i' \parallel QEU_i ;$ $\text{MacTag}_i' \leftarrow \text{MAC}(\text{MacData}_i)_{\text{MacKey}_i'} ;$ $\text{return } (QEV_i', \text{MacTag}_i')$ <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> $\text{return } (LK_i)$ <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> $\text{return } (MK_i)$
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FIGURE 4: Authentication experiment of the SKKE protocol.

<p>Game <math>G_1</math>:</p> <p><math>(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow A_1()</math> ;  <math>(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i)</math> ;  <math>b \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^l</math> ; <math>LK'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^{keylen}</math> ;  <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;  <math>b' \leftarrow A_2(b ? H(H'((MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))) \parallel 0x00000002), LK'_i)</math> ;  return <math>(b = b')</math></p>
<p>Oracles:</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, invoke):  <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ;  return <math>(QEU_i)</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>QEU_i</math>):  <math>QEV_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ; <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;  <math>Z_i \leftarrow H'((MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))</math> ;  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;  <math>MacData_{1_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  <math>MacTag_{1_i} \leftarrow H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{1_i}))</math> ;  return <math>(QEV_i, MacTag_{1_i})</math></p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, (<math>QEV_i, MacTag_{1_i}</math>)):  <math>Z_i \leftarrow H'((MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))</math> ;  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;  <math>MacData_{2_i} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;  <math>MacTag_{2_i} \leftarrow H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{2_i}))</math> ;  <math>MacData_{1_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{1_i})) = MacTag_{1_i}</math> )  <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (MK_i, H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math> ;  return <math>(MacTag_{2_i})</math>  else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>MacTag_{2_i}</math>):  <math>MacData_{2_i} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;  if <math>(MAC(MacData_{2_i})_{MacKey_i} = MacTag_{2_i})</math> ;  <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (MK_i, H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math> ;  else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):  return <math>(LK_i)</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):  return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 5: Game  $G_1$  of indistinguishability security of the SKKE protocol.

probability of  $bad_2$  event occurrence and the indistinguishability between the output of the random Oracle and a random number. Then, we can get

$$|\Pr[S_3] - \Pr[S_2]| \leq \Pr[G_3: bad_2] + \text{negl}(macklen) \leq \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{macklen}} + \text{negl}(macklen). \quad (9)$$

<p>Game <math>G_2</math> :</p> <p><math>(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow A_1()</math> ;</p> <p><math>(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i)</math> ;</p> <p><math>b \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0,1\}^l</math> ; <math>LK'_i \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0,1\}^{keylen}</math> ;</p> <p><math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ; <math>r_i \xleftarrow{\\$} \{0,1\}^{keylen}</math> ;</p> <p>if <math>(r_i = MK_i)</math> then</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>bad_1 \leftarrow true</math> ;</p> <p>else</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>b' \leftarrow A_2(b ? H(H'((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i)) \parallel 0x00000002), LK'_i)</math> ;</p> <p>return <math>(b = b')</math></p>
<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, invoke) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>QEU_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">return <math>(QEU_i)</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>QEU_i</math>) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>QEV_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ; <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>Z_i \leftarrow H'((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H(r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacData_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacTag_i \leftarrow H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">return <math>(QEV_i, MacTag_i)</math></p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, (<math>QEV_i, MacTag_i</math>)) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>Z_i \leftarrow H'((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H(r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacData_2 \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacTag_2 \leftarrow H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_2)</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacData_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)) = MacTag_i</math></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">return <math>(MacTag_2)</math></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i</math>, <math>MacTag_2</math>) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><math>MacData_2 \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_2)) = MacTag_2</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math> ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">return <math>(LK_i)</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 6: Game  $G_2$  of indistinguishability security of the SKKE protocol.

Game  $G_4$ : as shown in Figure 8, in this game  $G_4$ , we raise a flag  $bad_3$  to represent that the adversary finds a collision of the hash function  $H$ , then the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  obtains  $LK_i$ . In the RO model, the hash function is idealized as a random Oracle, and an Oracle  $H_{\mathcal{A}}$  is randomly selected from the

function cluster  $F^{x,y}: x \mapsto y$  to replace the hash function  $H$ . Then, according to the lemma, that is, the output of the random Oracle which is indistinguishable from the random number, we randomly select  $\gamma_i$  and replace  $H_{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000002)$  with  $\lambda_i$ . Therefore, the upper bound of

<p>Game <math>G_3</math>:</p> <p><math>(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow A_1(0); (MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i);</math>  <math>b \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l; LK'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^{keylen};</math>  <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i; r_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^{keylen};</math>  if <math>(r_i = MK_i)</math> then      <math>bad_1 \leftarrow true;</math>  else      <math>\lambda_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^{macklen};</math>  if <math>(\lambda_i = H'_A((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A((r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i)))</math> then      <math>bad_2 \leftarrow true;</math>  else      <math>b' \leftarrow A_2(b ? H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000002), LK'_i);</math>  return <math>(b = b')</math></p>
<p>Oracles:</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, invoke):      <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^l;</math>      return (<math>QEU_i</math>)</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i</math>):      <math>QEV_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^l;</math>      <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001);</math>      <math>MacData_{i_1} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i;</math>      <math>MacTag_{i_1} \leftarrow H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1});</math>      return (<math>QEV_i, MacTag_{i_1}</math>)</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i, (QEV_i, MacTag_{i_1})</math>):      <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001);</math>      <math>MacData_{i_2} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i;</math>      <math>MacTag_{i_2} \leftarrow H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_2});</math>      <math>MacData_{i_1} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i;</math>  if <math>(H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1})) = MacTag_{i_1}</math>      <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001));</math>      return (<math>MacTag_{i_2}</math>)  else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, MacTag_{i_2}</math>):      <math>MacData_{i_2} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i;</math>  if <math>(H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_2})) = MacTag_{i_2};</math>      <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001));</math>  else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):      return (<math>LK_i</math>)</p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):      return (<math>MK_i</math>)</p>

FIGURE 7: Game  $G_3$  of indistinguishability security of the SKKE protocol.

<p>Game <math>G_4</math> :</p> <p><math>(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow A_1(0)</math> ;  <math>(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i)</math> ;  <math>b \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^l</math> ; <math>LK'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^{keylen}</math> ;  <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ; <math>r_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^{keylen}</math> ;  if <math>(r_i = MK_i)</math> then      <math>bad_1 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else      <math>\lambda_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^{macklen}</math> ;  if <math>(\lambda_i = H'_A((r_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A((r_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i)))</math> then      <math>bad_2 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else      <math>\gamma_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0,1\}^{hashklen}</math> ;  if <math>(\gamma_i = H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000002))</math> then      <math>bad_3 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else      <math>b' \leftarrow A_2(b ? \gamma_i, LK'_i)</math> ;  return <math>(b = b')</math></p>
<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>U_i</math>, invoke):      <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ;      return <math>(QEU_i)</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i</math>):      <math>QEV_i \leftarrow \{0,1\}^l</math> ;      <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;      <math>MacData_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;      <math>MacTag_i \leftarrow H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)</math> ;      return <math>(QEV_i, MacTag_i)</math></p> <p>Send(<math>U_i, (QEV_i, MacTag_i)</math>):      <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(\lambda_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;      <math>MacData_{2_i} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;      <math>MacTag_{2_i} \leftarrow H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{2_i})</math> ;      <math>MacData_{1_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;      if <math>(H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{1_i})) = MacTag_{1_i}</math>          <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, \gamma_i)</math> ;          return <math>(MacTag_{2_i})</math>      else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, MacTag_{2_i}</math>):      <math>MacData_{2_i} \leftarrow 0x02 \parallel U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;      if <math>(H'_A((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'_A(MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{2_i})) = MacTag_{2_i}</math> ;          <math>ses(U_i, V_i) \leftarrow (r_i, \gamma_i)</math> ;      else return <math>\perp</math></p> <p>Reveal(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):      return <math>(LK_i)</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):      return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 8: Game  $G_4$  of indistinguishability security of the SKKE protocol.

the probability difference of  $G_3$  to  $G_4$  transformation is characterized by the probability of  $bad_3$  event occurrence

and the indistinguishability between the output of the random Oracle and a random number. Then, we have

$$|\Pr[S_4] - \Pr[S_3]| \leq \Pr[G_4: bad_3] + \text{negl}(\text{hashklen}) \leq \frac{q_H}{2^{\text{hashklen}}} + \text{negl}(\text{hashklen}), \quad (10)$$

where  $\text{hashklen}$  is the output length of the hash function and  $\text{negl}(\text{hashklen})$  is a negligible function. While in  $G_4$ , the protocol copies returned are random numbers that have nothing to do with coin tossing, then we have

$$\Pr[S_4] = \frac{1}{2} \quad (11)$$

In summary, from (1) to (5), we can get the adversary's advantage in winning as follows:

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ind}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{\text{keylen}}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{\text{hashklen}}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{\text{macklen}}} + \text{negl}(\text{hashklen}) + \text{negl}(\text{macklen}). \quad (12)$$

**Theorem 2.** For any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the authentication experiment, the advantage of the adversary winning satisfies the following inequality:

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{auth}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{\text{keylen}-1}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{\text{hashklen}-1}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{\text{macklen}-1}}, \quad (13)$$

where  $\text{keylen}$  is the length of master key;  $\text{hashklen}$  and  $\text{macklen}$  are the output lengths of the HMAC function and the hash function;  $q_H$  is the times of the adversary queries to the hash function  $H$ ; and  $q_{H'} = s_1 + s_2$  is the total times of the adversary queries to the hash function  $H'$ .

*Proof.* For each game  $G_i$ , we denote  $\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ind}}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) = 1$  as  $S_i$ . The initial game  $G_0$  is defined as Figure 4.

Game  $G_1$ : as shown in Figure 9, the transition from  $G_0$  to  $G_1$  is realized by in-lining the calculation process of HMAC function. Thus, the two games are equivalent. Then, we can have

$$\Pr[S_1] = \Pr[S_0]. \quad (14)$$

Game  $G_2$ : as shown in Figure 10, we raise a flag  $bad_1$  to represent that the adversary finds a collision of the hash function of  $H'$ , then the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  obtains a  $\text{MacKey}'_i$ , which satisfies the following conditions:

$$\text{MacTag}_{g1_i} = \text{MacTa}'_{g1_i}, \quad (15)$$

$$(\text{MacKey}_i \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H'(\text{MacKey}_i \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel \text{MacData}_{1_i} \neq (\text{MacKey}'_i \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H'(\text{MacKey}'_i \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel \text{MacData}_{1_i}. \quad (16)$$

Since the probability of the  $bad_1$  event happening is not more than  $s_1/2^{\text{macklen}}$ , then we can have

$$|\Pr[S_2] - \Pr[S_1]| \leq \Pr[G_2: bad_1] \leq \frac{s_1}{2^{\text{macklen}}}, \quad (17)$$

where  $s_1$  is the number of times the adversary queries to  $H'$  in this game.

Game  $G_3$ : as shown in Figure 11, we raise a flag  $bad_2$  to represent that the adversary finds a collision of the hash function  $H$ , then the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  obtains a  $Z'_i$ , which satisfies the following conditions:  $\text{MacKey}_i = \text{MacKey}'_i$  and  $Z_i \neq Z'_i$ . Since the probability of the  $bad_2$  event happening is not more than  $q_H/2^{\text{hashklen}}$ , then we can have

$$|\Pr[S_3] - \Pr[S_2]| \leq \Pr[G_3: bad_2] \leq \frac{q_H}{2^{\text{hashklen}}}. \quad (18)$$

Game  $G_4$ : as shown in Figure 12, we raise a flag  $bad_3$  to represent that the adversary finds a collision of the hash

function of  $H'$ , then the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  obtains a  $\text{MK}'_i$ , which satisfies  $Z_i = Z'_i$  and  $\text{MK}_i \neq \text{MK}'_i$ . Since the probability of the  $bad_3$  event happening is not more than  $s_2/2^{\text{macklen}}$ , then we can have

$$|\Pr[S_4] - \Pr[S_3]| \leq \Pr[G_4: bad_3] \leq \frac{s_2}{2^{\text{macklen}}}, \quad (19)$$

where  $s_2$  is the number of times the adversary queries to  $H'$  in this game. Due to the inclusion relationship between events  $H'((\text{MacKey}_i \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H'((\text{MacKey}_i \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel \text{MacData}_{1_i})) = H'(\text{MacKey}'_i \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H'((\text{MacKey}'_i \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel \text{MacData}_{1_i})$ ,  $\text{MacKey}_i = \text{MacKey}'_i$ ,  $Z_i = Z'_i$  and  $\text{MK}_i = \text{MK}'_i$ ,  $\Pr[S_4] = \Pr[G_4: \text{MK}_i = \text{MK}'_i]$  can be obtained from the conditional probability formula. The probability of the adversary obtains the master key  $\text{MK}_i$  by guessing which is not more than  $1/2^{\text{keylen}}$  ( $\text{keylen}$  is the length of the master key), so we can have

<p>Game <math>G_1</math>:</p> <p><math>((U_i, V_i), MK'_i) \leftarrow A_1()</math> ;  <math>(MK_i, \_) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i)</math> ;  <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l</math> ;  <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_i) \leftarrow A_2(QEU_i, MK'_i)</math> ;  <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math> ;  <math>Z_i \leftarrow H'(MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))</math> ;  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;  <math>MacData_{a_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  return <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i})))</math>  <math>= H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math></p>
<p>Oracles:</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i, MK'_i</math>):</p> <p><math>QEV'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l</math> ; <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math>  <math>Z'_i \leftarrow H'(MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))</math> ;  <math>MacKey'_i \leftarrow H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ; <math>MacData_{a_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  <math>MacTag'_{i_1} \leftarrow H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math> ;  return <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_{i_1})</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):</p> <p>return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 9: Game  $G_1$  of the authentication of the SKKE protocol.

<p>Game <math>G_2</math>:</p> <p><math>((U_i, V_i), MK'_i) \leftarrow A_1()</math> ; <math>(MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i)</math> ;  <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l</math> ; <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_i) \leftarrow A_2(QEU_i, MK'_i)</math> ;  <math>Z_i \leftarrow MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV'_i\}_{MK_i}</math> ;  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ;  <math>MacData_{a_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i})))</math>  <math>= H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math>  <math>\wedge ((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math>  <math>\neq MacKey'_i \oplus opad \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math>  then <math>bad_{a_i} \leftarrow true</math> ;  else  return <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i})))</math>  <math>= H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math>  <math>\wedge (MacKey_i = MacKey'_i)</math></p>
<p>Oracles:</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i, MK'_i</math>):</p> <p><math>QEV'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l</math> ; <math>Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math>  <math>Z'_i \leftarrow H'(MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i))</math> ;  <math>MacKey'_i \leftarrow H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001)</math> ; <math>MacData_{a_i} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i</math> ;  <math>MacTag'_{i_1} \leftarrow H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{a_i}))</math> ;  return <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_{i_1})</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>):</p> <p>return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 10: Game  $G_2$  of the authentication of the SKKE protocol.

<p>Game <math>G_3</math> :</p> <p><math>((U_i, V_i), MK'_i) \leftarrow A_1() ; (MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i) ;</math>  <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l ; (QEV'_i, MacTag'_i) \leftarrow A_2(QEU_i, MK'_i) ;</math>  <math>Z_i \leftarrow MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV'_i\}_{MK_i} ;</math>  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) ;</math>  <math>MacData_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i ;</math>          if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)))</math>            <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i))</math>            <math>\wedge ((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i))</math>            <math>\neq MacKey'_i \oplus opad \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i))</math>            then <math>bad_1 \leftarrow true ;</math>          else            if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)))</math>            <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i))</math>            <math>\wedge (H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) = H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math>            <math>\wedge (Z_i \neq Z'_i)</math>            then <math>bad_2 \leftarrow true ;</math>            else            return <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i)))</math>            <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i))</math>            <math>\wedge (MacKey_i = MacKey'_i)</math>            <math>\wedge (Z_i = Z'_i)</math></p>
<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i, MK'_i</math>) :</p> <p><math>QEV'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l ; Data_i \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math>  <math>Z'_i \leftarrow H'(MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_i) ;</math>  <math>MacKey'_i \leftarrow H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001) ; MacData_i \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i ;</math>  <math>MacTag'_i \leftarrow H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_i) ;</math>          return <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_i)</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> <p>return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 11: Game  $G_3$  of the authentication of the SKKE protocol.

$$|\Pr[S_4] = \Pr[G_4: MK'_i = MK_i]| \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen}}. \quad (20)$$

To sum up, from (6) to (10), we can get the advantage of the adversary against the authentication experiment of  $U$  to  $V$ , and it satisfies the following inequality:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{auth-uv}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{hashklen}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{macklen}}. \quad (21)$$

In a word, the advantage of the adversary against the authentication of the SKKE protocol satisfies

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{auth}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen-1}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{hashklen-1}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{macklen-1}}. \quad (22)$$

**Theorem 3.** For any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the security of the SKKE protocol, the advantage of the adversary winning satisfies the following inequality:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{SKKE}(l, N, q_H, q_{H'}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{keylen-1}} + \frac{q_H}{2^{hashklen-1}} + \frac{q_{H'}}{2^{macklen-1}} + \text{negl}(hashklen) + \text{negl}(macklen). \quad (23)$$

<p>Game <math>G_4</math> :</p> <p><math>((U_i, V_i), MK'_i) \leftarrow A_1(); (MK_i, LK_i) \leftarrow ses(U_i, V_i);</math>  <math>QEU_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l; (QEV'_i, MacTag'_i) \leftarrow A_2(QEU_i, MK'_i);</math>  <math>Z_i \leftarrow MAC\{U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV'_i\}_{MK_i};</math>  <math>MacKey_i \leftarrow H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001);</math>  <math>MacData_{i_1} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i;</math>  if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1})))</math>  <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\wedge ((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\neq MacKey'_i \oplus opad \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  then <math>bad_1 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else  if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1})))</math>  <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\wedge (H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) = H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math>  <math>\wedge (Z_i \neq Z'_i)</math>  then <math>bad_2 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else  if <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1})))</math>  <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\wedge (H(Z_i \parallel 0x00000001) = H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001))</math>  <math>\wedge (H'((MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_{i_1})))</math>  <math>= H'((MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\wedge ((MK_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\neq (MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_{i_1}))</math>  then <math>bad_3 \leftarrow true</math> ;  else  return <math>(H'((MacKey_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1})))</math>  <math>= H'((MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1}))</math>  <math>\wedge (MacKey_i = MacKey'_i)</math>  <math>\wedge (Z_i = Z'_i)</math>  <math>\wedge (MK_i = MK'_i)</math></p>
<p>Oracles :</p> <p>Send(<math>V_i, QEU_i, MK'_i</math>) :</p> <p><math>QEV'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{S}\{0, 1\}^l; Data_{i_1} \leftarrow U \parallel V \parallel QEU_i \parallel QEV_i</math>  <math>Z'_i \leftarrow H'(MK'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MK'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel Data_{i_1});</math>  <math>MacKey'_i \leftarrow H(Z'_i \parallel 0x00000001); MacData_{i_1} \leftarrow 0x03 \parallel V \parallel U \parallel QEV'_i \parallel QEU_i;</math>  <math>MacTag'_{i_1} \leftarrow H'(MacKey'_i \oplus opad) \parallel H'((MacKey'_i \oplus ipad) \parallel MacData_{i_1});</math>  return <math>(QEV'_i, MacTag'_{i_1})</math></p> <p>Corrupt(<math>U_i, V_i</math>) :</p> <p>return <math>(MK_i)</math></p>

FIGURE 12: Game  $G_4$  of the authentication of the SKKE protocol.

*Remark 2.* The proof of Theorem 3 is obvious. It should be noted that  $q_H$  is the largest times of the adversary queries to the hash function  $H$  in these two security experiments, and  $q_{H'}$  is the largest total times of the adversary queries to the hash function  $H'$ , similarly.

## 6. Conclusions

As an Internet of things communication technology, ZigBee has a wide range of applications in home automation, smart energy, commercial building automation, personal, home and hospital care, telecom, and wireless sensor. At the same time, its security has also received more and more attention. According to the standard of ZigBee 3.0, this paper considers the security of the SKKE protocol, which is used by the initiator and the responder to establish the application link key. In the random Oracle model, we reduce the confidentiality of the SKKE protocol to the collision of the hash function and the HMAC function and the indistinguishability between the output of random Oracle and random number. Then, we reduce the authentication to the collision between the hash function and the HMAC function. Finally, we give the theoretical proof of the confidentiality and authentication of the SKKE protocol with the game-based method. As we known, there is a lack of research on the provable security of the ZigBee protocol at this stage, so it is a meaningful work to study the provable security of the SKKE protocol, and it is helpful to promote further research of the ZigBee protocol security.

## Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

## Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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