

Simultaneous and Anonymous Mobile Network Authentication Scheme Based on Chaotic Maps

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Abstract. Wireless network authentication schemes have been researched for about a decade, and associated security problems explored by many researchers. In 2004, Zhu and Ma proposed an authentication scheme for wireless environments. Afterwards other researchers proposed improvements according to Zhu-Ma scheme. Mutual authentication is one of the most important issues. To the best of our knowledge, there is no scheme that allows a foreign agent to authenticate the home agent and mobile user at the same time. Towards this purpose, we propose a simultaneous authentication scheme based on chaotic maps, and describe how our proposed scheme addresses various security problems while maintain anonymity.

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1. Introduction

Wireless communication is ubiquitous and the number of people who use wireless network services is increasing massively. This leads to situations on the network where a server which offers network service has to authenticate a mobile user (*MU*) in a wireless environment. However, the security landscapes of wireless networks have been studied for about a decade and research is still maturing.

In 2004, Zhu and Ma [12] proposed an authentication scheme with anonymity for the wireless environment, taking into account the limited network resources and a higher channel error rate in wireless communication environment. There are two major advantages in their scheme: 1) it takes only one round of message exchange between the mobile user and the foreign network, and another round of message exchange between the foreign network and the home network; 2) a one-time key is used between the mobile user and the foreign network. Then, in 2006, Lee *et al.*

[5] pointed out that there are security weaknesses in the Zhu-Ma scheme such as not achieving mutual authentication or providing backward secrecy of session key. In response, they provided an enhanced protocol (LHL-scheme) to Zhu-Ma's scheme. In 2008, Wu *et al.* [8] found another security issue that affects the Zhu-Ma and LHL schemes since they only use a one-way hash function to hide the user's real identity. An attacker could easily obtain ID_{MU} by off-line guessing attack. They proposed a modification (WLT-scheme) to strengthen the properties of anonymity and backward secrecy. The next year, Lee *et al.* [7] demonstrated the WLT-scheme still cannot provide the property of anonymity which was an inherited issued from Zhu-Ma scheme. In 2009, Zeng *et al.* [11] pointed out an inherent design flaw in Zhu-Ma scheme, in which an adversary can register as a legitimate user to the home agent (*HA*), and obtain the real identity of other users via messages eavesdropped between the foreign agent (*FA*) and mobile user. In 2010, He *et al.* [3] proposed a strong user

authentication scheme (HMZCB-scheme) using smart card for wireless environments. It focuses on the situation of smart card breach, even if the adversary extracts the information stored in smart card, he cannot derive the password of the user. In 2011, Lee and Kwon [6] provided the property of untraceability for the user. They used random nonce to make each session requests from a particular user unidentifiable, so the adversary cannot tell if the message is from the same user or not. To the best of our knowledge, there is no scheme that allows a foreign agent to authenticate the home agent and mobile user at the same time using only one function. Towards this purpose, we propose a simultaneous authentication scheme and describe how our proposed scheme addresses various security problems in this paper.

Recently, cryptosystems [1, 2, 9, 10] based on chaotic-maps theory (nonlinear dynamic) have been studied widely because the operations of chaotic-maps use recurrence characteristics. For example, Chain and Kuo [1] proposed a new identity feature based on the chaotic maps for digital signature scheme. We now extend this identity feature for an anonymous wireless communication authentication scheme. The major contribution of this proposed scheme is authentication of the foreign agent (FA) to the mobile user (MU) and the FA to the home agent (HA), in other words, FA can authenticate HA and MU simultaneously, which is a unique approach not applied in previous schemes.

The rest of our paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we briefly introduce Chebyshev chaotic-maps and their characteristics. In Section 3, we present our proposed scheme. The analysis of our scheme is presented in Section 4. Concluding remarks are given in Section 5.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, first we will briefly introduce Chebyshev chaotic maps and their properties [1].

2.1. Chebyshev Chaotic Maps

Let n be an integer and x be a variable within the interval $[-1,1]$. The Chebyshev polynomial $T_n(x)$ is defined as:

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \cos^{-1}(x)). \quad (1)$$

With Eq.(1), the recurrence relation $T_n(x)$ is defined as:

$$T_n(x) = 2xT_{n-1}(x) - T_{n-2}(x), \quad (2)$$

where $n \geq 2$, $T_0(x) = 1$ and $T_1(x) = x$. One of the most important properties of Chebyshev polynomials is the semi-group property which establishes the following:

$$\begin{aligned} T_r(T_s(x)) &= \cos(r \cos^{-1}(\cos(s \cos^{-1}(x)))) \quad (3) \\ &= \cos(rs \cos^{-1}(x)) = T_{sr}(x) = T_r(T_s(x)). \end{aligned}$$

2.2. Chaotic Maps Problems [1]

Let P and Q be integers and p be a prime number. The general second-order linear recurrence relation is as follows:

$$T_n(M) = P \times T_{n-1}(M) + Q \times T_{n-2}(M) \bmod p, \quad (4)$$

where $n \geq 2$, $T_n(M) \in GF(p)$, $T_0(M) = 1$ and $T_1(M) = M$.

Theorem 1: Let $f(M) = t^2 - 2Mt + 1$ and α, β be the roots of $f(M)$. If $M = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta)$, then the number of solutions is:

$$T_n(M) = \frac{(M + \sqrt{M^2 - 1})^n + (M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1})^n}{2} \bmod p. \quad (5)$$

Theorem 2: If a and b are integers, and $a > b$ ($a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$), then

$$T_{a+b}(M) + T_{a-b}(M) = 2T_a(M)T_b(M). \quad (6)$$

Theorem 3: If $a = b + c$, then

$$(T_a(M)T_b(M)T_c(M) + 1) \bmod p = ([T_a(M)]^2 + [T_b(M)]^2 + [T_c(M)]^2) \bmod p. \quad (7)$$

3. The Proposed Scheme

In this section, we will introduce our proposed scheme in detail. Our scheme is composed of the following three phases: Registration phase, Authentication phase, and Session key update phase. Before we introduce our proposed scheme, the notations and symbols used in the proposed scheme are as shown Table 1.

Table 1. Notations

Symbol	Represents
MU	The mobile user
FA	The foreign agent
HA	The home agent
PM_{MU}	The password of mobile user
ID_A	The identity of an entity A
$h(\cdot)$	A collision free one-way hash function
p_{MU}	The secret key selected by MU
\oplus	The exclusive-OR operation
\parallel	The concatenation operation
N_A	A random nonce selected by an entity A
P	A point on the elliptic curve $E_p(a, b)$

3.1. Registration Phase

As shown in Fig. 1, MU selects a secret key s , and computes $PW_{MU} = h(ID_{MU} \parallel s)$. Then MU sends ID_{MU} and PW_{MU} to HA via a secure channel. When

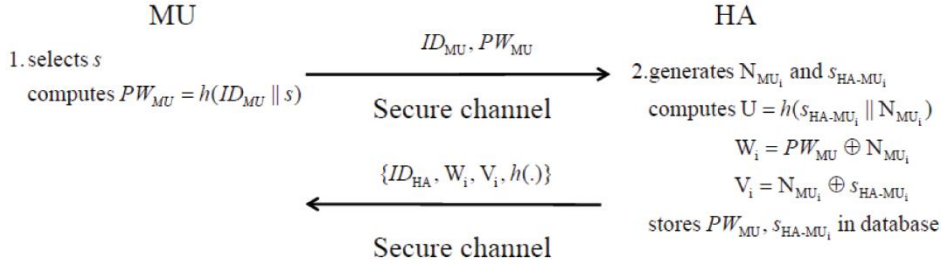


Figure 1. The Registration phase

HA receives the message, it generates random nonce N_{MU_i} and s_{HA-MU_i} , and then computes $U = h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N_{MU_i})$, $W_i = PW_{MU} \oplus N_{MU_i}$ and $V_i = N_{MU_i} \oplus s_{HA-MU_i}$. HA stores PW_{MU} and s_{HA-MU_i} into its database and uses U as an entry of MU . Then HA stores $ID_{MU}, W_i, V_i, h(\cdot)$ in the smart card and sends the smart card to MU via secure channel.

3.2. Authentication phase

Step A1: MU computes $PW_{MU} = h(ID_{MU} || s)$.

Step A2: $MU \rightarrow FA: L_1 = \{ID_{HA}, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4\}$

After user verification, MU generates a random nonce $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ and extracts N_{MU_i} and s_{HA-MU_i} from $N_{MU_i} = PW_{MU} \oplus W_i$ and $s_{HA-MU_i} = N_{MU_i} \oplus V_i$. Then MU computes $M_1 = h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N_{MU_i})$, $M_2 = PW_{MU} \oplus N_{MU_{i+1}}$, $M_3 = h(N_{MU_{i+1}} || ID_{FA})$, $M_4 = h(PW_{MU} \oplus h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N_{MU_{i+1}}))$, and attaches ID_{HA} to form L_1 . The MU sends the authentication message L_1 to FA .

Step A3: $FA \rightarrow HA: L_2 = \{ID_{FA}, M_1, M_2, M_5, M_6\}$

FA first generates three variables a, b, c , where $c = a + b$. Next, FA computes $M_5 = M_3 \oplus M_4$ and $M_6 = M_5 \oplus a$, then FA stores ID_{HA} and sends message L_2 to HA .

Step A4: $HA \rightarrow FA: L_3 = \{ID_{HA}, M_8, M_9, M_{10}\}$

HA uses M_1 as an entry to extract PW_{MU} and s_{HA-MU_i} stored in its database. Then HA computes $N'_{MU_{i+1}} = PW_{MU} \oplus M_2$, $M'_3 = h(N'_{MU_{i+1}} || ID_{FA})$, $M'_4 = h(PW_{MU} \oplus h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N'_{MU_{i+1}}))$, $M'_5 = M'_3 \oplus M'_4$, and checks if M'_5 equals M_5 . If it is true, HA computes $a = M_6 \oplus M'_5$, $M_7 = h(PW_{MU} || N'_{MU_{i+1}})$, $M_8 = h(ID_{FA} || ID_{HA} || M_7)$, $M_9 = T_a(M_3)$, $M_{10} = h(M_9 || M_7)$. Finally, HA sends the message L_3 to FA and replaces M_1 with $h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N_{MU_{i+1}})$ as a new entry of MU .

Step A5: $FA \rightarrow MU: L_4 = \{ID_{FA}, M_8, M_9, M_{11}, M_{12}\}$

After receiving message L_3 , FA verifies the identity of HA . If it is verified, FA computes $M_{11} = b \oplus M_{10}$, $M_{12} = T_c(M_3)$, and then sends message L_4 to MU . MU receives message L_4 and computes $M'_7 =$

$h(PW_{MU} || N_{MU_{i+1}})$ and $M'_8 = h(ID_{FA} || ID_{HA} || h(PW_{MU} || N_{MU_{i+1}}))$ and verifies if $M'_8 = M_8$.

Step A6: $MU \rightarrow FA: L_5 = \{M_{13}, M_{14}, C_{MF}\}$

If the verification holds, MU computes $b = M_{11} \oplus h(M_9 \oplus M'_7)$, $M_{13} = T_b(M_3)$ and selects a variable d then computes $M_{14} = T_d(M_3)$, the session key $h(T_{dc}(M_3))$ and $C_{MF} = h(T_{dc}(M_3) || b)$. Then MU sends message L_5 to FA .

After receiving message L_5 sent from MU , FA verifies if $M_{13}^2 + T_c^2(M_3) + M_9^2 = M_{13} \times T_c(M_3) \times M_9 + 1$. If it holds, FA then computes the session key $K'_{MF} = T_c(M_{14}) = T_{cd}(M_3)$ and checks whether C_{MF} is equal to $h(K'_{MF} || b)$ or not. If it holds, then the session key between FA and MU is $T_{cd}(M_3)$; otherwise FA rejects the MU 's request. The detailed process is shown in Fig. 2.

3.3. Session key update phase

Step S1: MU first selects d_i , and computes $T_{d_i}(M_3)$, then sends $\{T_{d_i}(M_3), C_{MF_{i-1}}\}$ to FA .

Step S2: After receiving the message, FA extracts $T_{c_{i-1}}$ by $C_{MF_{i-1}}$ from its database. FA computes $K_{MF_i} = T_{c_i d_i}(M_3)$, $C_{MF_i} = h(K_{MF_i} || T_{d_i}(M_3))$, and calculates $h_1 = h(C_{MF_i} || T_{c_{i-1}}(M_3))$. Then FA sends $\{T_{c_i}(M_3), h_1\}$ to MU and replaces $T_{c_{i-1}}(M_3)$, $C_{MF_{i-1}}$ with $T_{c_i}(M_3)$ and C_{MF_i} .

Step S3: MU computes $K_{MF_i} = T_{d_i c_i}(M_3)$, $C_{MF_i} = h(K_{MF_i} || T_{d_i}(M_3))$ and $h'_1 = h(C_{MF_i} || T_{c_{i-1}}(M_3))$, and MU verifies if $h'_1 = h_1$. If true, MU stores $T_{c_i}(M_3)$ and C_{MF_i} .

3.4. Modify Password Phase

Generally, MU can safely modify his password with HA through public channels. The procedure of the password change phase is described as follows.

Step M1: $MU \rightarrow HA: U, h_{new1}, h_{new2}$

MU selects a new random number s_{new} and computes $PW_{MU_{new}} = h(ID_{MU} || s_{new})$, $U = h(s_{HA-MU_i} || N_{MU_i})$, $h_{new1} = PW_{MU} \oplus PW_{MU_{new}}$ and

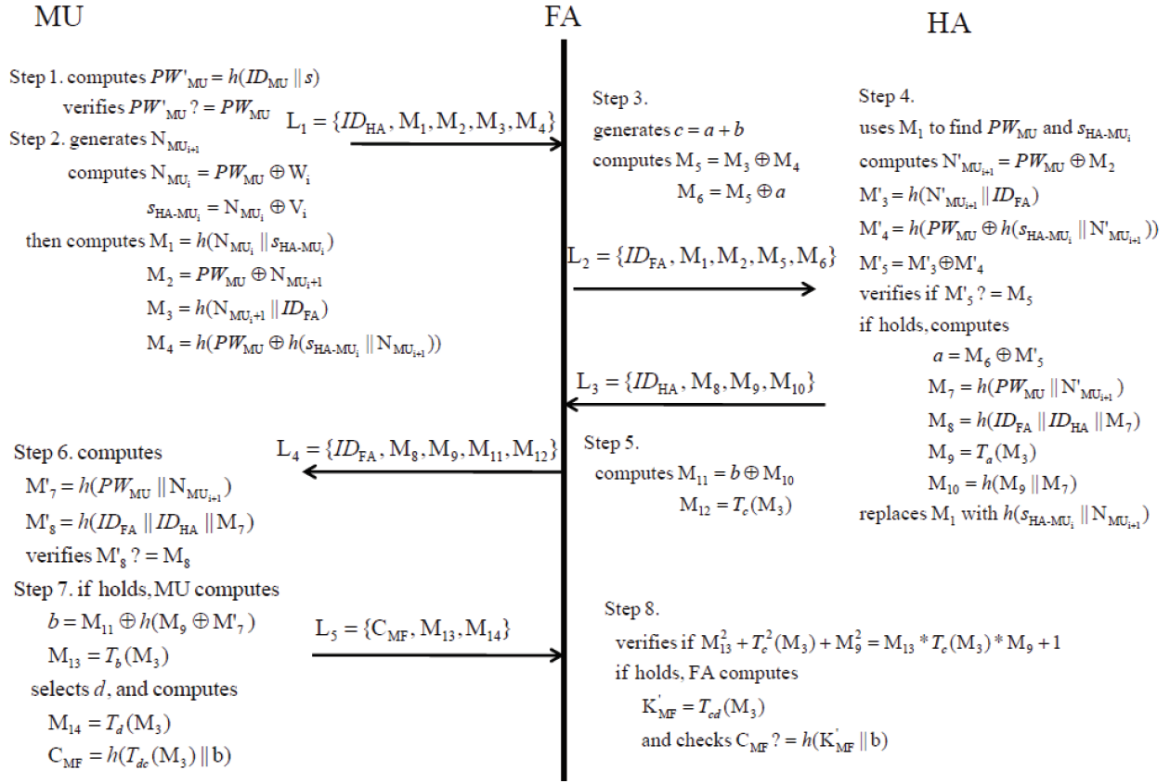


Figure 2. The Authentication phase

$h_{new2} = h(PW_{MU_{new}} || s_{HA-MU_i})$. Then, MU sends U, h_{new1} , and h_{new2} to HA .

Step M2: $HA \rightarrow MU: h_{new3}$

HA extracts the corresponding PW_{MU} and s_{HA-MU_i} from its database using U and calculates $PW'_{MU_{new}} = PW_{MU} \oplus h_{new1}$ and $h'_{new2} = h(PW'_{MU_{new}} || s_{HA-MU_i})$. If h_{new2} is equal to h'_{new2} , then HA can compute $h_{new3} = h(PW_{MU} || s_{HA-MU_i})$ and replace PW_{MU} with $PW_{MU_{new}}$. HA also sends h_{new3} to MU . Otherwise, HA stops this password modification request.

Step M3: MU calculates $h'_{new3} = h(PW_{MU} || s_{HA-MU_i})$ and checks whether h_{new3} is equal to h'_{new3} . If so, then MU updates W_i with $PW_{MU_{new}} \oplus N_{MU_i}$. Otherwise, MU rejects this modified option.

4. Security analysis

4.1. Anonymity

In our proposed scheme, the identity of MU is contained in these messages: $PW_{MU}, M_2, M_4, M_5, M_6, M_8$ and M_{10} . We assume that the adversary can intercept these messages and try to extract the identity of MU . In this scenario, without knowing $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ and s_{HA-MU_i} , the adversary cannot calculate the identity of MU . Some of the messages are protected by one-way

hash which increases computation for guessing-attack. As a result, our proposed scheme can effectively keep anonymity.

4.2. Man in the middle attack

The man-in-the-middle attack (abbreviated as MITM) is a kind of wireless network attack via connection eavesdropping, impersonation or both. We assume the channel is eavesdropped bidirectionally by the adversary between MU and FA , i.e. the adversary can receive messages L_1, L_4 and L_5 . However, the adversary doesn't know $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ and PW_{MU} , and we use hash to process sensitive information. So the password of the user would be safe since the adversary cannot extract it from those messages.

4.3. Secrecy of the session key

In our proposed scheme, MU and FA , respectively, use $T_a(M_3)$ and $T_c(M_3)$ as public keys, and compute $K_{MF} = T_{dc}(M_3)$ as their session key. We assume the adversary can intercept both public keys and try to calculate the session key. Since d and c are secret variables only known by MU and FA , respectively, it is very difficult to calculate the session key. In the session key update phase, our scheme changes d and c for each update phase process. The adversary still cannot compute the session key correctly. Hence, our scheme keeps the secrecy of the session key.

4.4. Replay attack

Each time MU sends an authentication request, MU will generate a new random nonce $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ to compute the request message. When receiving the request message, HA will use M_1 to find the corresponding entry of the user in its database. After successful authentication, HA will replace M_1 with a new entry computed with $N_{MU_{i+1}}$. If an adversary intercepts the authentication request and tries to resend it, HA will recognize this message as a replayed message and reject it. In the session key update phase, MU generates a new d_i to compute $T_{d_i}(M_3)$ each time, and FA uses C_{MF_i} to find the entry of the user in its database. After every successful update, FA will replace C_{MF_i} with $C_{MF_{i+1}}$. If an adversary intercepts the message and resends it, FA will recognize this message as a replay message and reject it. As a result, our proposed scheme can prevent replay attack.

4.5. Untraceability

To achieve this property, we have to achieve two things: 1. the identity of user needs to be hidden; 2. the temporary identity of user needs to be changed at each session. In our proposed scheme, we issue a temporary identity instead of the real identity for MU during authentication. For each session, MU generates a new random nonce $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ to compute the authentication request message. Since the message changes at every session, even if the request message is intercepted, an adversary discerns if the message is sent from a particular MU . Meanwhile, our proposed scheme keeps users untraceable.

4.6. Mutual authentication

This subsection discusses mutual authentication between the three parties of MU , FA and HA . First, for mutual authentication between MU and HA , HA authenticates MU by verifying M_5 in Step A4, and HA uses $N_{MU_{i+1}}$ and PW_{MU} to compute M_8 , then MU computes M'_8 to authenticate FA in Step A6. Next, for authentication from MU and HA to FA , MU authenticates FA by verifying M_8 , and HA can authenticate FA by verifying M_5 .

4.7. Simultaneous authentication

The proposed scheme provides the special property of simultaneous authentication. In other words, the foreign agent FA is able to authenticate the home agent HA and the mobile user MU at the same time by using one function. The following explains how simultaneous authentication occurs. In Step A3, FA generates $c = a + b$, and sends a and b attached to the computed messages to HA and MU , respectively. Then HA and MU sends $T_a(M_3)$, $T_b(M_3)$ back. We apply the identity property of chaotic maps, where $T_a^2(M_3) + T_b^2(M_3) + T_c^2(M_3) = T_a(M_3) T_b(M_3) T_c(M_3) + 1$. Hence, FA verifies HA and MU as $M_{13}^2 +$

$T_c^2(M_3) + M_9^2 = M_{13} T_c(M_3) M_9 + 1$. If the equation holds, FA successfully authenticates HA and MU simultaneously. Therefore, our proposed scheme has 3-party simultaneous authentication for the FA 's side, in which if an adversary intercepts the message between MU and FA to get the value b from $M_{11} = b \oplus M_{10}$, he/she still does not know M_{10} which is computed in hash-function. Accordingly, our scheme can provide secure and thorough authentication.

4.8. Smartcard loss attack

In our proposed scheme, even if an attacker obtains a legitimate user's smartcard, he only can extract ID_{HA} , W_i , V_i and $h(\cdot)$. However, the legitimate user's PW_{MU} is not stored in this smartcard directly. So, the password PW_{MU} is protected because PW_{MU} is included in the W_i and calculated with N_{MU_i} . It is not feasible to obtain the PW_{MU} from W_i . Therefore, our proposed scheme prevents unauthorized use of lost smartcards.

Finally, we compare our proposed scheme with previous schemes [3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12] in terms of security and show the comparison results in Table 6()@. According to Table 6()@, there are six major characteristics:

1. User anonymity. User anonymity is not established in schemes [3, 5, 8, 12]. An attacker can obtain a user's real identity by intercepting packets.
2. The schemes in [5, 8, 12] cannot prevent impersonation or man-in-the-middle attack.
3. Session key secrecy. The schemes [5, 12] do not provide secrecy of the session key. The other schemes, including ours, do provide session key protection.
4. Untraceability. Both our scheme and Lee-Kwon's scheme can achieve untraceability and prevent the disclosure of the user's whereabouts. They both generate a different random nonce for each authentication phase.
5. Lost smartcard protection. Similar to [4], our proposed scheme prevents smartcard loss attack because the PW_{MU} is not saved on the smart card, i.e., the attacker cannot obtain user's PW_{MU} from smart card when it is lost/stolen.
6. Authentication. In the KWC scheme[4], the validation of ID_{HA} is used for mutual authentication between FA and HA . In comparison, the proposed method authenticates FA with HA and MU simultaneously.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we proposed a new capability for a wireless communication authentication scheme which allows FA to simultaneously authenticate MU and HA . In addition, we also show the proof of resistance

against various security attacks while maintaining anonymity.

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Table 2. Comparison of security issues

	Zhu-Ma scheme [12]	LHL scheme [5]	WLT scheme [8]	Lee-Kwon scheme [6]	HMZCB scheme [3]	KWC scheme [4]	Ours
P_1	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
P_2	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
P_3	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P_4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P_5	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
P_6	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
P_7	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

P_1 : Achieve Anonymity; P_2 : Prevent Man-in-the-middle attack; P_3 : Secrecy of session key; P_4 : Prevention of Replay attack; P_5 : Achieve Untraceability; P_6 : Smart card loss attack; P_7 : Simultaneous authentication.

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