

# A provably secure and efficient authenticated key agreement scheme for Energy Internet based Vehicle-to-Grid technology framework

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**Abstract**— The Energy Internet (EI)-based vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technology facilitates the electric vehicles not only to distribute additional electricity into grid systems, but also support receiving back from the power grid in the form of charging. The secure key establishment is quite significant to initiate the bidirectional electricity power delivery into and from the system. To effectively implement any EI-based V2G communication, the authentication protocol must be free from cyber attacks. In this study, we not only explore the drawbacks of several smart grid-based authentication protocols but also bring forth the limitations of a recently presented EI-based V2G scheme by Gope and Sikdar. The examined drawbacks in this protocol may disrupt its proper functioning, since it faces desynchronization problems while logging into the mobile device bearing registration parameters. The scheme is also vulnerable to replay attack and man-in-the-middle attack. The user is also unable to validate session key in the protocol. Considering these limitations, we propose a novel and efficient V2G protocol framework enabling the vehicles to communicate or recharge at desired recharging stations. The results of proposed framework are compared with several contemporary schemes, and its security features are validated by random oracle model-based formal analysis.

**Index Terms**—Vehicle-to-grid, authentication, smart grid, energy internet, attacks

## I. INTRODUCTION

The paradigm of energy internet (EI) seeks to assimilate the information and communication technologies (ICT), modern cyber systems and the current electrical power systems which could aid in establishing next generation smart grids tremendously [1]. The concept of EI allows the energy to be shared analogous to the information being exchanged on

traditional internet. The EI resolves to integrate the element of economics, data information, and energy relying on power grid-based network, resulting in an open framework to exchange the energy and corresponding information. It enables to combine various energy sources with smart grid and contribute to overall efficiency in energy generation, distribution, customer-oriented operations and service provisioning. All of these contributing factors rely on secure communication among the participating entities.

The Vehicle to Grid (V2G) technology allows the bidirectional flow of energy between power grid and the electric vehicles (EV). The electric energy could be transferred from power grid to EV whenever the latter needs to recharge its battery, and from EV to power grid in case of extra energy produced from EV. Hence, in V2G ecosystem, the vehicles also act as the energy asset for the smart grid and this bidirectional charging may contribute significantly in producing the energy. Owing to V2G technology, a single household or an individual EI owner may get into the trade of selling and purchasing of energy from one's electric vehicle, without building a formal power generation and distribution system. The energy produced under EI-based V2G and other renewable energy sources could not only meet high energy requirements at critical times, but also averts wastage of energy produced from renewable sources by real-time injecting of the surplus energy back into the grid. This efficiency of renewable energy leads to its wider adoption in comparison with conventional power energy systems.

Besides the flow of energy, another significant aspect of EI-based V2G network is information exchange among interacting entities. Recently many protocols have been presented for authenticated data flows in energy internet based grid systems. The standard that deals with the EI-based protocols and architectures is ISO/IEC/IEEE 18880 [2]. This standard defines architecture, data storage and application services for various protocols. The security loopholes have been fixed and features enhanced in the later standards such as ISO/IEC/IEEE 18881-3. The V2G network system focus on mere vehicle charging, grid based charging stations, and the power supplying grid system. The charging stations could be simultaneously shared by many users. Different standards of grid are used at various levels of charging. For charging purpose, IEC 15118 standard is used to establish communication between EV and EV charger [3]. Likewise, the electric vehicle supply equipment employs Open Charge

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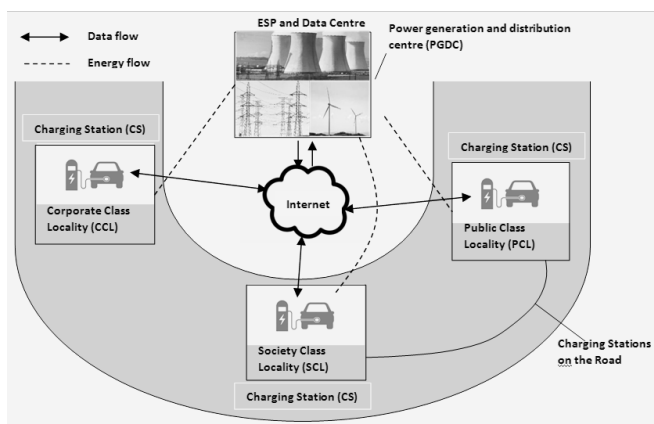


Fig. 1. System model

Point Protocol (OCPP) to communicate with energy management systems [4]. The security of EI-based V2G systems is of significant concern, since the vehicle might be attacked by an attacker affecting not only its operation but also risk its privacy. The privacy threat could be exposure of user's identity, location and driving path of vehicle, etc. Due to mobility of vehicles, the security procedures are getting hard to implement in V2G infrastructure-based environment. We can see several studies, recently, to ensure the vigorous authenticated key agreements in EI-based V2G systems [1-2].

#### A. Related Work

Many authentication protocols have been presented for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) with different application objectives, recently. [5] presented two elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) and identity-based authentication protocols. Although, these schemes are resistant to impersonation and de-synchronization attacks and reduced computational cost for smart-meter's end, yet these are prone to man-in-the-middle attack and false data injection attacks. [6] presented a smart grid-oriented protocol relying on both symmetric and ECC-based operations. However, [6] was found to be prone to false injection attacks [7], and high computation cost renders it unfit for smart grid applications. [7] designed a protocol embedding symmetric and public-key operations. Later, [8] demonstrated that [7] does not provide resistance to man in the middle attacks, and proposed another data aggregation scheme. Thereafter, [9] showed that [8] neither resist against forgery attacks nor protects the privacy of user. Later, Tsai et al. presented a key distribution protocol for smart grids by combining identity-based signature and encryption [10]. Then, [10] remarked that does not ensure session key security and privacy of long-term secrets in smart meter and presented an efficient scheme [11]. Thereafter, [12] notices that the scheme [11] suffers man in the middle attack further leading to DoS attack ultimately. In [12], the physical protection of smart meter is considered by employing Physical Uncloneable Functions (PUFs). Here, other than [4-10], many protocols in V2G-based systems can be seen with privacy issues [11-15, 20-23]. Many of these schemes employ group-signatures and sign encryption-based operations. However, these are costly implementations and also the location privacy concerns for EV users remained unsolved in those schemes. In

this context, Gope and Sikdar (G & S) presented a lightweight EI-based V2G authentication protocol [12], however, after a careful observation we examined that some limitations in the protocol may disrupt the proper functioning of protocol framework. The G & S's scheme suffers de-synchronization problems while logging into the device bearing registration parameters. The scheme is also vulnerable to replay attack and man-in-the-middle attack, since any adversary may pick a legitimate message from the user request on open channel and forward to service provider by appending that message with the charging station's previous session's message. The service provider is unable to detect this attack and validates the forged message mistakenly, which may lead to serious revenue based concerns on the part of service provider. Besides, the user is unable to evaluate the legitimacy of session key in that protocol if the adversary manipulates public channel and injects false information in the message. Considering the above flaws, we propose a novel and efficient V2G protocol framework enabling the vehicles to communicate or recharge at desired service stations in a secure manner. Besides, the results of the proposed framework are compared with several contemporary schemes, and the feasibility of our scheme is demonstrated under random oracle model-based formal analysis.

#### B. Our Contribution:

In this scheme, we present a lightweight and secure model for EI-based V2G communication architecture. The subscribers may get their vehicles charged on service stations of different rates depending on the geographical location. The existing schemes for V2G are unable to resist various attacks such as impersonation attacks, forgery and man-in-the-middle attacks. Our scheme ensures resistance from those attacks as well as brings efficiency due to employing lightweight primitives.

#### C. System Model

The system model for the EI-based V2G technology framework is depicted in Fig. 1, which comprises three main set of entities: a number of EV users having a mobile gadget with access of internet, a number of recharging stations CS<sub>j</sub>, and a Electricity Service provider (ESP). The ESP comprises two components, 1) Power Generation and Distribution (PGDC) 2) Data Centre (DC). A user gets registered with its electric vehicle from ESP. The ESP stores all of its data in data centre. The ESP procures the electric power from different vendors and distributes to several charging stations in various locations. The charging stations may exist in Corporate Class Locality (CCL), residential Society-based Class Locality (SCL) or any Public Class Locality (PCL). The subscribers may get their vehicles charged from any of the charging stations in a location. The charging rates may vary from location to location. For instance, the stations at corporate locations may charge more than residential society locations, and the stations at residential society may charge more than those in public places. In this context, the identity of location becomes very crucial. In this system, the users having EVs get registered with ESP on secure channel. Subsequently, these users employ public channels to get authenticated on the field from various charging stations.

Table I. Symbols with definitions

Symbols	Definition
$Ui/CSj/ESP:$	User/ Charging Station/ Electric Service Provider
$ID_u, ID_c:$	Identities of user and CSj
$NID_i:$	Pseudo identity of user or subscriber
$MID_c:$	Masked identity of CSj
$\varphi_i, pwd_i$	Biometric value and password of user
$q_i:$	Shared secret between Ui and ESP
$K_{uc}:$	Shared secret between CSj and ESP
$Gen/Rep:$	Generation /Reproduction function:
$\hat{A}:$	Adversary
$SK:$	Session key between Ui and CSj
$LRI_u, LRI_{CS}$	Location region identifiers for Ui and CSj
$\oplus,   , h()$	XOR, Concatenation, A secure one-way hash function

#### D. Adversary Model

The subscriber and ESP communicate on a secure channel for registration phase, while the same participants utilize public channel to authenticate one another for converging on a mutually agreed session key. We bring the renowned Dolev-Yao attack model [13] in consideration while developing the proposed model. This model assumes that an attacker is capable of intercepting, replaying, and modifying the message contents recovered on public channel. The chances of forgery, replay and man-in-the middle attacks become even higher on account of wireless communication being used in EI-based V2G network. The privacy of user becomes more significant in EI-based vehicle owners, and the adversary may exploit the open channel to intrude into the users' privacies and impersonate on their behalf to get the services. At the same time, various charging stations could impersonate one another to charge more from the subscribers.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

This section briefly presents fuzzy extractor function as follows. Fuzzy extractor modifies the biometric input data into uniform random strings which then serves as a biometric key [14]. Using this algorithm, any random length string  $L_i$  could be reformed by merging a generic biometric input (including noise)  $J_i$  with the helper string  $H_i$ . This algorithm needs two operations to function properly, i.e. *Gen* and *Rep*. The *Gen* operation takes biometric input  $J_i$  and generates binary output  $L_i \in \{0, 1\}^l$  and a helper output  $H_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ . The  $L_i$  string is kept secret, while  $H_i$  is also stored. To recover  $L_i$ , the second operation *Rep* is employed to use the factors  $J_i$  and  $H_i$ . To validate the correctness of fuzzy extractor, the function  $d_s(J_i, J_i^*) \leq t$  and  $Gen(J_i) \rightarrow (L_i, H_i)$  is utilized. Then, we get  $Rep(J_i^*, H_i) \rightarrow L_i$ , where  $d_s$  represents distance function and  $t$  as error threshold. The Table I shows symbols as used in the scheme.

## III. Review of G & S protocol

This section presents the working and drawbacks of G & S protocol.

### A. Revisiting G & S's Protocol

This section depicts the review of G & S's authentication protocol for EI-based vehicle to grid communication. In this protocol, the three entities namely, user  $U_i$  having a mobile gadget with equipped internet, a charging station  $CS_j$ , and a electricity service provider  $ESP$ , interact to validate the  $U_i$ 's authenticity so that the latter could get the recharging services

from  $CS_j$ . The G & S's protocol [12] contains two phases 1) user registration 2) mutual authentication.

#### i. User registration phase

A vehicle user needs to register from  $ESP$  for getting the recharging services. Its registration procedure is given below:

- Initially, the user submits its identity  $ID_u$  towards  $ESP$  as a registration request by using a confidential channel.
- Next, the  $ESP$  records the user's entry into its database and constructs a new pseudo identity  $NID_i$ , a secret key  $q_i$  and also a set of shadow identities  $SID = \{sid_1, sid_2, sid_3, \dots, sid_n\}$ , which may be used if the participants lose synchronization among themselves. Thereafter,  $ESP$  submits the message  $\{NID_i, q_i, SID\}$  towards user by utilizing a confidential channel.
- After receiving the message from  $ESP$ , the  $U_i$  inputs its biometric factor  $\varphi_i$ , password  $pwd_i$  and computes  $\gamma_i = h(\varphi_i)$  and  $\omega_i = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i)$ . After computing  $\omega_i$ , the user stores the message  $\{\omega_i, NID_i, q_i^*, SID\}$  in its mobile gadget to utilize while authenticating with the charging station.

#### ii. Login and Authentication phase

To obtain the services of charging station  $CS_j$ ,  $U_i$  must authenticate  $CS_j$ . Likewise;  $CS_j$  also authenticates the user with the help of  $ESP$ . The steps in mutual authentication phase for  $U_i$  and  $CS_j$  are illustrated below:

- The user inputs its password  $pwd_i$  and biometric factor  $\varphi_i$ . Then, it computes  $\gamma_i = h(\varphi_i)$  and  $\omega_i' = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i)$  and compares the equality for  $\omega_i' = \omega_i$ . If it is not true, the smart card terminates the session. Otherwise, computes  $q_i = q_i \oplus h(\varphi_i || pwd_i)$ . Next, it generates a random number  $R_u$  and finds the location region identifier  $LRI_u$ . Then, it computes  $EL = LRI_u \oplus h(q_i || R_u)$  and  $B_1 = h(NID_i || R_u || q_i || EL)$ . Finally, it submits the message  $M_1 = \{NID_i, R_u, EL, B_1\}$  towards charging station.
- Next,  $CS_j$  generates a random integer  $R_c$  and computes  $B_2 = h(ID_c || R_c || K_{uc} || LRI_{CS})$ , where  $LRI_{CS}$  represents location region identifier for charging station. Then, it submits the message  $M_2 = \{M_1, ID_c, R_c, LRI_{CS}, B_2\}$  towards  $ESP$ .
- Next,  $ESP$  recovers corresponding  $NID_i$  from its repository and verifies message. Then, it computes  $ID_c = h(q_i || NID_i) \oplus MID_c$  and verifies  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . Onwards, it decodes and compares  $LRI_u$  against  $LRI_{CS}$ . If it is validated, it further constructs and generates the novel  $SK$  and a pseudo identity  $NID_i^{new}$ . Thereafter, it further computes  $NID_i^{new*} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{new}$ ,  $SK_u = h(ID_u || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK$ ,  $SK_{cs} = h(ID_c || K_{uc} || R_c) \oplus SK$ ,  $B_3 = h(SK_{cs} || K_{uc} || R_c)$  and  $B_4 = h(ID_u || q_i || NID_i^{new*})$ . Finally, it submits the message  $M_3 = \{NID_i^{new*}, SK_u, B_4\} || (SK_{sp}, B_3)$  towards  $CS_j$ .
- The  $CS_j$  computes and verifies the validity of parameter  $B_3$  and also calculates the session key as  $SK = h(ID_c || K_{uc} || R_c) \oplus SK_{CS}$ . Then it sends  $M_4 = \{NID_i^{new*}, SK_u, B_4\}$  to  $U_i$  for final verification.
- $U_i$ , finally verifies  $B_4 = B_4$  after computing  $B_4$ . If successful, it further computes  $SK = h(ID_u || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK_u$  and  $NID_i^{new} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{new*}$ . This mutually agreed session key is used by  $U_i$  and  $CS_j$  to authenticate and get the required services.

### B. Drawbacks in G & S's protocol

The G & S has the following drawbacks: 1) The scheme may suffer biometric de-synchronization problem during the login process; 2) The attacker may initiate replay attack, and owing to this neither user, nor  $ESP$  could authenticate the  $CS_j$ ; 3) The user is unable to verify the validity of mutually established

session key; 4) If a single session key is exposed to  $\hat{A}$ , it might lead to server impersonation attacks in future.

*i. Biometric de-synchronization:* One of the drawbacks in G & S's scheme is biometric de-synchronization in which the captured biometric parameters might vary little bit each time it is captured that may result in failure to login attempts repeatedly into mobile device by the user. This may occur even without  $\hat{A}$ 's involvement. This is because of the fact, in G & S, the captured biometric features are stored without any biometric parameters capturing tool such as bio-hashing or fuzzy extractor based functions [14].

*ii. Replay attack:* In [12],  $\hat{A}$  may initiate replay attack which may prevent user and ESP to authenticate the involved CSj. The attack may be initiated by taking the following steps:

1. The attacker intercepts the message  $M_1 = \{NID_i, R_u, EL, B_1\}$  on its way to a particular charging station CSj. Next, it appends any intercepted message of CSj issued for other subscriber  $\{ID_c, R_c, LRICs, B_2\}$  with Ui's message and forwards  $M_2 = \{M_1, ID_c, R_c, LRICs, B_2\}$  towards ESP. Now  $\hat{A}$  may obstruct the message completely and forwards a new message; or else it may utilize a fast communication channel to forward message towards ESP before original message could reach the server.

2. Upon receiving the message from  $\hat{A}$ , the ESP verifies all the parameters of legitimate user. However, it may not determine the  $\hat{A}$ 's involvement or non-participation of CSj entity in forwarding the received message. The ESP constructs response message and submits to CSj, which is received by  $\hat{A}$ . The  $\hat{A}$ , in return, forwards the message to Ui. The message is validated by the user and recovers agreed session key. The pseudonym is also updated in its repository by Ui. However, the legal CSj is ignorant of the created session key by Ui or ESP. Although, it does not disturb the overall system, yet it makes the participants (user and ESP) erroneously believe that the session key is mutually shared by the intended participants. The user will be kept in waiting position from the CSj for any feedback or response. Similarly, ESP shall be expecting from CSj of any revenue credited to its account, since ESP had verified CSj's authenticity to a particular user.

*iii. No session key verification:* In G & S scheme, the user does not verify the authenticity of created session key. An adversary may inject a fake message using XOR function on its way towards user from CSj or ESP. The session key should have been included by ESP in the message  $B_4$ . Thus,  $\hat{A}$  may disrupt the functioning of G & S by manipulating it, which renders scheme inapplicable for practical applications.

*iv. Key Compromise Impersonation attack:* The G & S claims that if both the keys  $q_i$  and  $K_{uc}$  are exposed to  $\hat{A}$ , then only, the adversary may be able to impersonate as a service provider. However, we observe that if a single shared user secret  $q_i$  is revealed by mistake to the  $\hat{A}$ , then it may impersonate as a service provider by taking the following steps:

1. The  $\hat{A}$  could guess the identity  $ID_u$  by using the intercepted public parameter  $R_u$  from intercepted  $SK_u$ .

2. Now,  $\hat{A}$  having  $q_i$ ,  $R_u$  and  $ID_u$  may impersonate as a service provider by constructing  $M_4 = \{NID_i^{new*}, SK_u, B_4\}$  and submitting to user, where  $R_u$  is intercepted from Ui's authentication request on real time basis. Here, the factors  $NID_i^{new*}$  and  $B_4$  may be constructed by  $\hat{A}$  having  $q_i$ , by computing  $NID_i^{new*} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{new}$  and  $B_4 = h(ID_u || q_i || NID_i^{new*})$ , where  $NID_i^{new}$  is

randomly selected pseudonym number. Now,  $\hat{A}$  may initiate a successful key compromise impersonation attack against user originating the authentication request.

### III. Proposed Model

This section presents an enhanced authentication protocol for EI-based vehicle to grid communication. Our scheme assumes the similar system architecture as G & S has illustrated in its protocol. In this system model, the three entities namely, user Ui with mobile device, a charging station CSj, and a utility service provider ESP, cooperate one another to enable the mutual authenticity between Ui and CSj. In this manner, the user may qualify for the stipulated recharging services. Our scheme comprises two phases; user registration and mutual authentication phase.

#### A. User registration phase:

A vehicle user needs to register itself from ESP for getting the recharging services. The registration steps are given below:

1. Initially, the user submits its identity  $ID_u$  towards ESP as a registration request by using a confidential channel.

2. Next, ESP records the user's entry into its database and constructs a new pseudo identity  $NID_i$ , a secret key  $q_i$  and also a set of shadow identities  $SID = \{sid_1, sid_2, sid_3, \dots, sid_n\}$ , which may be used if the participants lose the synchronization among themselves. Thereafter, the ESP submits  $\{NID_i, q_i, SID\}$  towards user by utilizing a confidential channel.

3. After receiving the message from ESP, the  $U_i$  inputs its biometric factor  $\varphi_i$  and password  $pwd_i$ . Then it computes  $Gen(\varphi_i) \rightarrow (R_i, P_i)$  and stores  $P_i$  into the mobile gadget. Next, the gadget computes  $\gamma_i = h(R_i)$  and  $\omega_i = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i)$ . After computing  $\omega_i$  the  $U_i$  stores  $\{\omega_i, P_i, NID_i, q_i^*, SID\}$  in its mobile gadget to enable mutual authentication between Ui and CSj/ESP.

#### B. Login and Authentication phase

To obtain the services of CSj, Ui must authenticate CSj, while CSj must authenticate Ui with the help of ESP. The steps in mutual authentication for Ui and CSj are given below:

1. Ui inputs its password  $pwd_i$  and biometric factor  $\varphi_i^*$ . Then, it computes  $Rep(\varphi_i^*, P_i) \rightarrow R_i$ . Next, it computes  $\gamma_i = h(R_i)$  and  $\omega_i' = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i)$  and compares the equality for  $\omega_i' = \omega_i$ . If it is not true, the mobile gadget terminates the session. Otherwise, computes  $q_i = q_i \oplus h(\varphi_i || pwd_i)$ . Next, it generates a random number  $R_u$  and finds location region identifier  $LRI_u$ . Then, it computes masked identity as  $MID_c = h(q_i || NID_i) \oplus ID_c$ ,  $EL = LRI_u \oplus h(q_i || R_u)$  and  $B_1 = h(ID_c || NID_i || R_u || q_i || EL)$ . Finally, it submits the message  $M_1 = \{NID_i, MID_c, R_u, EL, B_1\}$  towards CSj.

2. Next, CSj generates a random integer  $R_c$  and computes  $B_2 = h(B_1 || ID_c || R_c || K_{uc} || LRICs)$ , where  $LRICs$  represents the location region identifier for charging station and  $T_c$  is timestamp. Then, it submits  $M_2 = \{M_1, R_c, T_c, LRICs, B_2\}$  towards ESP.

3. The ESP, upon receiving it, recovers the  $NID_i$  and  $q_i$  from its repository and computes  $ID_c = h(q_i || NID_i) \oplus MID_c$ . It then verifies parameters  $T_c$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  and location region identities for  $LRI_u$  against  $LRICs$ . If it is verified, it further constructs and creates a new  $SK_c$  (Current session key) and a pseudo identity  $NID_i^{new}$ . Next, it computes  $NID_i^{new*} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{new}$ ,  $SK_u = h(ID_u || ID_c || SK_p || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK_c$ ,  $SK_{cs} = h(ID_c || K_{uc} || R_c) \oplus SK$ ,  $B_3 = h(SK_{cs} || K_{uc} || R_c)$  and  $B_4 = h(ID_u || SK_p || SK_c || q_i || NID_i^{new*})$ , where  $SK_p$  denotes past session key. Then, it submits  $M_3 = \{(NID_i^{new*}, SK_u, B_4) || (SK_{sp}, B_3)\}$  to CSj.



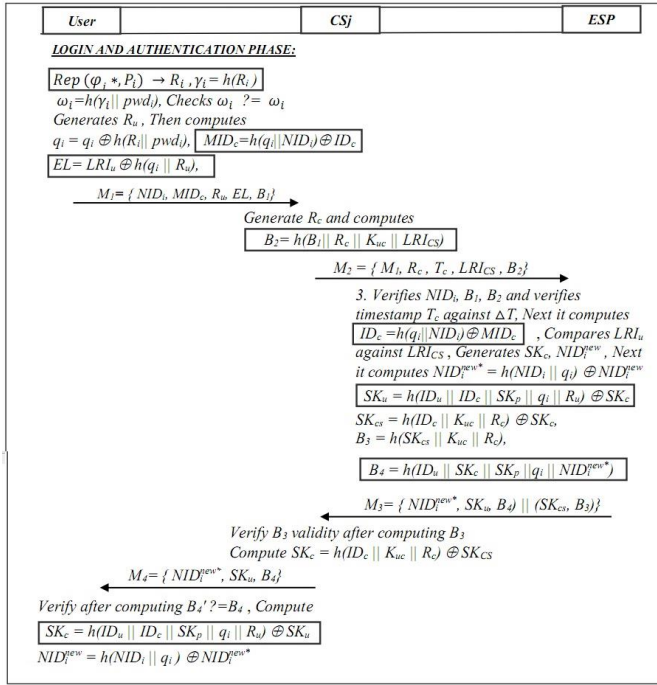


Fig. 2. Proposed model

4. The CSj verifies the validity of  $B_3$  and computes session key as  $SK = h(ID_c || K_{uc} || R_c) \oplus SK_{CS}$  and forwards  $M_4 = \{ NID_i^{new*}, SK_u, B_4 \}$  to user for final verification as shown in Fig. 2.

5. The user verifies the equation  $B_4 \stackrel{?}{=} B_4$  after computing  $B_4$ . If true, it further computes  $SK_c = h(ID_u || ID_c || SK_p || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK_u$  and  $NID_i^{new} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{new*}$ . The agreed session key is used by Ui and CSj to authenticate and get the required services.

### C. Password revision

In proposed scheme, the password may be revised off and on by the subscriber for safety reasons, without consulting the administrator or server by adopting the following procedure:

- Initially,  $U_i$  inputs its password  $pwd_i$  and biometric factor  $\varphi_i^*$ . Then, it computes  $Rep(\varphi_i^*, P_i) \rightarrow R_i$ . Further, it calculates  $\gamma_i = h(R_i)$  and  $\omega_i' = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i)$  and compares the equality for  $\omega_i' \stackrel{?}{=} \omega_i$ . If it does not match, the session is terminated.
- Otherwise, the mobile device computes  $q_i = q_i \oplus h(\varphi_i || pwd_i)$  and proceeds for inputting new password from subscriber as  $pwd_i^{new}$ . The mobile device computes  $\omega_i'' = h(\gamma_i || pwd_i^{new})$  and  $q_i' = q_i \oplus h(\varphi_i || pwd_i^{new})$ . Lastly, it replaces  $\omega_i$  with  $\omega_i''$  and  $q_i$  with  $q_i'$  in the mobile device to finalize the password modification.

## IV. SECURITY ANALYSIS

This section presents the informal security discussion, demonstrates formal security analysis and security verification using Proverif tool.

### A. Informal security analysis

The informal security discussion of our scheme is as under:

*i. Impersonation or forgery attack:* The proposed scheme is immune to impersonation attack, since no  $\hat{A}$  may impersonate as either user, or CSj or ESP. The user and CSj entities, both share secrets  $q_i$  and  $K_{uc}$  with ESP. Until, these shared secrets are exposed to the  $\hat{A}$ , the latter could not launch any kind of impersonation attack. If  $\hat{A}$  attempts to replay or modify

parameters to impersonate as a user, this attempt is unmasked at ESP's end while verifying parameters  $NID_i, B_1, B_2$  and location identifiers i.e.  $LRI_u$  against  $LRI_{CS}$ . Similarly, if  $\hat{A}$  impersonates as ESP, this unauthorized attempt is unmasked upon the verification of  $B_4 = h(ID_u || SK_c || SK_p || q_i || NID_i^{new*})$ .

*ii. Session key verification:* The user in proposed scheme verifies mutually established session key between user and CSj with the help of ESP. Earlier, in G & S, the user could not validate the authenticity of messages on the way to the user by  $\hat{A}$ . The verification of parameters by comparing  $B_4' \stackrel{?}{=} B_4$  ensures the authenticity of recovered session key by the user, while  $B_4$  is computed by embedding various factors including current session key  $SK_c$ , where  $B_4 = h(ID_u || SK_c || SK_p || q_i || NID_i^{new*})$ .

*iii. Known-key secrecy and perfect forward secrecy:* In proposed scheme, if the current session key is revealed to  $\hat{A}$ , the latter may not compute previous session keys as it does not have the shared long-term secret keys which are necessary to recover the past session keys from  $SK_u$ . Similarly, in our scheme if the long term user secret key  $q_i$  is revealed to  $\hat{A}$ , the latter might not be able to compute current session key  $SK_c$ , since it has no access to previous session key  $SK_p$ . Hence, our scheme adequately provides known-key and forward secrecy.

*iv. Physical device exposure attack:* In this scheme we assume that the devices are tamper proof and are capable of implementing Physical Unclonable Functions (PUFs), which suggests that the devices could hamper any physical exposure to the  $\hat{A}$  for any leakage of parameters. Any malicious attempt on the device shall be rendered useless due to the embedded hardware design and employed PUFs implementation.

*v. Key Compromise Impersonation attack:* In G & S scheme,  $\hat{A}$  could access all previous session keys if the shared secret  $q_i$  is mistakenly exposed. However, in our scheme if  $q_i$  is exposed to  $\hat{A}$  by mistake,  $\hat{A}$  may not recover current session key  $SK_c$ , as it has no access to previous session key  $SK_p$ . The shared secret between CSj and ESP is assumed to be protected; however, the subscriber may lose its secret key by accident, as illustrated in the adversary model.

*vi. Resist unjustified failures of login attempts:* The failure of login attempts was the limitation in G & S due to the mismatch between stored and captured parameters. This happens when the biometric input is directly applied to compute any parameter in a function. The flaw could be remedied by employing the fuzzy extractor algorithms on captured biometric inputs. In our scheme, we employed fuzzy extractor algorithm on the captured biometric to bring the uniformity in the captured and stored biometric parameters so it may resist unjustified failures to login attempts.

*vii. Resist DoS attack:* The denial of service (DoS) attack is not possible in our scheme since the ESP verifies the factors  $NID_i, B_1$ , and  $B_2$  before accessing the repository. If the  $NID_i, B_1$  and  $B_2$  are authenticated using the current time stamp, only then the database will be accessed. Hence, it may resist DoS attack.

### B. Formal Security Analysis Using ROM

In this section, we demonstrate the sound security features proposed model by formal security analysis and proofs.

#### i. Definitions and assumptions

Bellare and Rogaway came forward with a formal security proof for two-party symmetric authentication protocol [15]. Since, the charging station CS<sub>j</sub> used to forward the message of subscriber, hence the real authentication is between the ESP and subscriber, and it is assumed that the communication between CS<sub>j</sub> and ESP is secure. In this scenario, CS<sub>j</sub> and ESP might be deemed as a single member for analyzing formally.

*1. Complexity assumptions:* Since, the proposed model's security depends largely on one-way hash digest function or alternatively a pseudorandom function [16], it is necessary to define few security terms for pseudorandom functions and the game scenario as utilized in the forthcoming security proof.

**Definition 1:** We assume  $r$  as a polynomial time function and  $Adv_J = |Pr[J^r = 1] - Pr[J^{r'} = 1]|$  be the advantage of an algorithm  $J$ , if managed by some probabilistic polynomial time  $\hat{A}$ , while  $\hat{A}$  could distinguish  $r$  function from  $r'$  function. Here,  $r$  acts as a  $(g, q', \epsilon)$ -secure pseudorandom function only if there exists no algorithm  $J$  distinguishing  $r$  from  $r'$  having  $Adv_J \geq \epsilon$ , that may launch at most  $q'$  oracle queries towards  $r$  or any truly random function  $r'$  and running at most  $g$  times this game.

*Initialization:* While interacting with  $\hat{A}$ , a challenger  $C$  chooses some randomly selected bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  for gauging function  $r_b$ , where  $r_0$  represents a pseudo-random function and  $r_1$  represents a perfect random function.

*Training phase:*  $\hat{A}$  may issue  $q'$  queries,  $z_1, \dots, z_{q'}$  towards  $C$ , where  $z_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  represent the random length-based binary strings. The  $C$  answers to those queries through submitting  $r_b(z_i)$  toward  $\hat{A}$  such that  $i \in (1 \leq i \leq q')$ , where  $r_b(z_i) \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$  and  $\ell$  represents the length of the string with positive integer.

*Guess:* The  $\hat{A}$  produces  $b^* \in \{0, 1\}$  output by guessing  $b$ , and wins the game on matching the equality for  $b^*$  and  $b$ . The  $\hat{A}$ 's advantage of winning game is as  $Adv_{r_0, A} = |Pr[b^* = b] - 0.5|$ .

*2) Security Model and Symbols:*

*Protocol participants:* The oracle  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$  represents  $\hat{A}$ 's role in  $X$ 's interaction with  $Y$  for session  $s$ , and  $\Pi_{Y,X}^t$  as  $\hat{A}$ 's role for  $Y$ 's interaction with  $X$  for session  $t$ , where  $X, Y \in D$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D$  denotes players' identities, and  $\mathbb{N}$  is set of positive integers.

*Protocols:* Our scheme used three entities for establishing the agreed session key between subscriber and service provider. However, this protocol could be condensed as de-factor two party protocol. Hence, we describe the authentication protocol for two interacting members in the following way:

**Definition 2:** We can formally define a two party authenticated key agreement  $P$  by an efficient and computable function  $\Pi$ , using the under-mentioned inputs:

$e$ : denotes the length of parameter as employed in the scheme.

$X$ : denotes the identity of protocol initiator, where  $X \in D$ .

$Y$ : denotes identity of other participant in the protocol, where  $Y \in D$ .

$f$ : denotes the secret parameter, where  $f \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .

$\partial$ : represents up-to-date exchanged messages in the protocol.

$\tau$ : the randomly flipped coins for protocol initiator, while  $\tau \in \{0, 1\}^+$ .

The output of  $\Pi(e, X, Y, f, \partial, \tau) = (c, \sigma, \beta)$  can be defined as under:

$c$ : It depicts message that is scheduled to be forwarded next, where  $c \in \{0, 1\} \cup \{*\}$ , here  $*$  indicates blank message sent by initiator.

$\sigma$ : It shows the "accept" ( $\hat{A}$ ) or "reject" ( $\mathcal{R}$ ) decision, or even "no decision" ( $*$ ) at all, i.e.,  $\sigma \in \{\hat{A}, \mathcal{R}, *\}$ .

$\beta$ : It represents the private output, i.e.  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}^* \cup \{*\}$ , and  $\{*\}$  shows that the protocol initiator have no private output.

*3) Adversary Model:* The  $\hat{A}$ , being a probabilistic polynomial-time Turing machine for the protocol run, might eavesdrop, modify the messages, and fully control the public channel. This activity could be represented by the understated queries:

Execute ( $\Pi_{X,Y}^s, \Pi_{Y,X}^t$ ): The execute query simulates all sort of passive attacks, while a passive attacker may intercept the communication among  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$  and  $\Pi_{Y,X}^t$  for a protocol session.

Send ( $\Pi_{X,Y}^s, m$ ): The send query simulates active attacks, in which an attacker could submit the message  $m$  towards and get the response in accordance with the contributed protocol.

Reveal ( $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$ ): The reveal key simulates the revelation of past session key/s regarding any session.

Corrupt ( $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$ ): The simulation of corrupt key reveals long term high entropy secrets, while this query simulates the attacks passively.

Test ( $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$ ): Upon acceptance and construction of agreed session key by  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$ ,  $\hat{A}$  may initiate the Test query and could attempt distinguishing a legal session key from any randomly selected string.

*4) Security Definitions:* Now we define some definitions for a matching conversation below:

**Definition 3:** We define a protocol session for entity  $X$  as  $(X, Y, s, \text{role})$  where  $Y$  being identity for  $X$ 's co-partner,  $s$  being identifier of session, and  $\text{role}$  is either initiator or responder. The protocol having two sessions between  $X$  and  $Y$  is of form  $(X, Y, s, \text{initiator})$  and  $(X, Y, t, \text{responder})$ , respectively, and are called matching conversation sessions engaging  $X$  and  $Y$  only if session identifiers are same, while the initiator and response entities being  $X$  and  $Y$ . If  $P$  contains more than two sessions while every session pair be a matching conversation, then  $P$  is termed as protocol with matching conversations.

The mutual authentication can be defined on the basis of matching conversation as follows: A protocol  $P$  complies with mutual authentication if for  $\hat{A}$ : 1) the matching conversation will be deemed as acceptance and 2) acceptance will be regarded as matching conversation. The first condition suggests that if in  $P$ 's session of two parties there is matching conversation, both intended parties are said to accept each other. According to second condition, if each entity accepts authenticated session with another entity, then the chances of matching conversation would be negligible. Theoretically, we define mutual authentication ( $M_uA$ ) as given below:

**Definition 4:** A protocol satisfies  $M_uA$ -secure feature only if:

1. There is matching conversation for  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$  and  $\Pi_{Y,X}^t$ , that is, the latter oracles are said to accept each other.

2. The  $\text{NoMatching}^A(k)$  event occurs and there exist  $i, j, X$ , and  $Y$  such that  $\Pi_{X,Y}^i$  is accepted, however there is no other matching conversation-based  $\Pi_{Y,X}^j$ , where the chances of occurring  $\text{NoMatching}^A(k)$  event is negligible, here  $k$  is security parameter. This event may be referred as  $\text{Sucs}_P^{M_uA}(\hat{A})$ . This indicates the probability of success about  $\hat{A}$ 's launching impersonation attack towards any one of the two entities in  $P$ .

*Authentication Key Agreement (AKA) Security:* To execute  $M_uA$ -secure compliant protocol  $P$ , the attacker may interact with two fresh oracles such as  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$  and  $\Pi_{Y,X}^t$ . After execution,  $\hat{A}$  issues Test query to any one of those two oracles. Consequently, either the valid session key or some random string will be sent to  $\hat{A}$  corresponding to random bit  $b$ . In the end,  $\hat{A}$  shall output a bit  $b^*$  and ends the game. Now, the AKA-advantage  $Adv_P^{AKA}(\hat{A})$  can be described as  $|Pr[b^* = b] - 0.5|$ . We can lay down the AKA-security theoretically as:

**Definition 5:** The protocol is deemed to AKA-secure only if it complies with the understated conditions:

1.  $\hat{A}$  may engage in the authentication protocol's execution with oracles, i.e.,  $\Pi_{X,Y}^s$  and  $\Pi_{Y,X}^t$ . Both of these oracles may accept and establish an agreed session key between them.
2. The protocol complies with  $M_uA$ -secure property
3. The advantage  $Adv_P^{AKA}(\hat{A})$  is quite negligible for any of the probabilistic polynomial time  $\hat{A}$ .

## ii. Formal Analysis of the proposed protocol

In the formal analysis, it is demonstrated that the contributed scheme as based on hash function-oriented pseudorandom functions, is provably secure of attacks.

*Lemma 1:* If we assume a function  $h$  as a secure pseudorandom function ( $m_0, u_0, \vartheta_0$ ) having negligible  $\vartheta_0$ , the proposed protocol stands  $M_uA$ -secure.

*Proof.* For proving the lemma 1, it is assumed there is a polynomial time attacker who is capable of breaking  $M_uA$ -security of the contributed scheme  $P$  with high probability  $Sucs_P^{M_uA}(\hat{A})$ . For this, a polynomial-time algorithm  $\mathcal{N}$  is constructed with considerable advantage, and this proves the contradiction. Besides,  $Sucs_P^{M_uA}(\hat{A}) = \Pr [Sucs_{U_i}] + \Pr [Sucs_S] - \Pr [Sucs_{U_i}, Sucs_S] \leq \Pr [Sucs_{U_i}] + \Pr [Sucs_S]$ , where the events  $Sucs_{U_i}$  and  $Sucs_S$  represent the success probabilities of legitimate User and Server's impersonation attempts by the  $\hat{A}$ . Hence, the proof can be divided in two cases, one for server's impersonation and other as  $U_i$ 's impersonation.

**Case 1 (Server S's impersonation):** We suppose that  $\hat{A}$  may impersonate as S with probability  $\varphi$ . If the  $\hat{A}$  wants to get authenticated from  $U_i$  successfully by employing  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  controlled by the algorithm  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\hat{A}$  must accurately submit  $B_4 = h(ID_u || SK_c || SK_p || q_i || NID_i^{pew*})$ . In the game ahead,  $\mathcal{N}$  will take advantage of capable  $\hat{A}$  for breaking the assumption of pseudorandom function with probability  $\varphi \leq 4\vartheta_0 + 2^{-v}$ , where  $v$  is a security factor.  $\mathcal{N}$  plays game with  $C$  as given below:

*Initialization:* We assume the long term secret key as  $q_i$  which is  $\mathcal{L}$  bit in length. The  $C$  chooses any random bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$  and constructs a secure hash function  $h_{b'}$  where  $h_0 = h_{q_i}$  be a pseudorandom function and  $h_1$  a random function. If  $\mathcal{N}$  models the game by using  $h_1$  for interaction with  $\hat{A}$ , we term the game experiment as random experiment. Alternatively, in case the  $\mathcal{N}$  utilizes  $h_0$  for modeling the game, it will be termed as a real experiment. The objective lies with guessing the equality for  $h_{b'} = h_0$  or  $h_{b'} = h_1$  i.e guessing the value for  $b'$  as 0 or 1.

*Training:* The  $\mathcal{N}$  models  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  and  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$  for interaction with  $\hat{A}$  and in return responds to the under-mentioned queries:

- Execute ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s, \Pi_{U_i,GN}^t$ ):  $\mathcal{N}$  employs as  $h_{b'}$  as provided by  $C$  for  $h_{q_i}$  in protocol P.  $\mathcal{N}$  again constructs  $q_h$  randomly and  $NID_i^{pew*}$  and calculates  $NID_i^{pew*} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{pew*}$ ,  $SK_u = h(ID_u || ID_c || SK_p || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK_c$ , and  $B_4 = h(ID_u || SK_c || SK_p || q_i || NID_i^{pew*})$ . Thereafter,  $\mathcal{N}$  models  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  and  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$  using  $h_{b'}$ ,  $NID_i^{pew*}$ ,  $SK_u$  and  $B_4$ .
- Send ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s, m$ ): The oracle  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  submits request  $m = \{NID_i, R_u, B_1\}$  to  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$  in P. The latter verifies  $B_1$  after querying  $h_{b'}$  and checks  $NID_i$  in repository and validates  $B_1$  after querying  $h_{b'}$ .
- Send ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t, m$ ): After getting  $m = \{NID_i, R_u, B_1\}$ ,  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$  computes  $NID_i^{pew*} = h(NID_i || q_i) \oplus NID_i^{pew*}$ ,  $k_i^{GN} = h(ID_u || ID_c || SK_p || q_i || R_u) \oplus SK_c$  and  $B_4 = h(SK_u || q_i || NID_i^{pew*})$ . Then it submits  $m = \{NID_i^{pew*}, SK_u, B_4\}$  to  $\hat{A}$ .

*Challenge:*  $\hat{A}$  sends the Send ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s, m$ ) to initiate P. Then, the oracle  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  submits  $m = \{NID_i, R_u, B_1\}$  to  $\hat{A}$ . Then,  $\hat{A}$  computes  $B_4$  with probability  $\Pr [Sucs_S] = \varphi$ . Next,  $\hat{A}$  queries Send ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t, \{NID_i^{pew*}, SK_u, B_4\}$ ). Upon receiving the query,  $\mathcal{N}$  issues the query  $z^* = h(SK_u || q_i)$  to  $h_{b'}$  and receives  $B_4^* = h(SK_u || q_i || NID_i^{pew*})$ . *Guess:* Ultimately, the  $\mathcal{N}$  outputs and makes a guess of the bit  $b'' \in \{0, 1\}$ . If the equality  $B_4^* = B_4$  holds,  $\mathcal{N}$  returns output 0, on the other hand,  $\mathcal{N}$  produces any random bit from the set  $\{0, 1\}$ .

The probability analysis regarding  $\mathcal{N}$  for successfully distinguishing between  $h_{b'}$  may be divided into two parts: one with random experiment (i.e.  $b'' = 1$ ) and the other with real experiment as (i.e.  $b'' = 0$ ). For the real experiment case, the  $\hat{A}$  may submit the accurate information for winning the game with chances  $\varphi$ , and the  $\mathcal{N}$  may output as  $b'' = 0$  having  $\varphi$  probability. Otherwise, if  $\hat{A}$  submits the faulty information, the  $\mathcal{N}$  may randomly guess bit  $b''$ , and  $\mathcal{N}$  will produce ( $b'' = 0$ ) with probability  $(1 - \varphi) / 2$ . For random experiment,  $\hat{A}$  may submit accurate information by guessing at random, and its probability of guessing is  $2^{-e}$ . Therefore, if  $b'' = 1$ , the  $\mathcal{N}$  produces  $b'' = 1$  with probability  $(1 - 2^{-e}) / 2$ . By summing up both probabilities (i.e.  $b'' = 1$  and  $b'' = 0$ ), we get to the result  $\{1/2 + \varphi / 4 - 2^{-(e+2)}\}$ . Hence, according to this accumulation result it is proved the probability  $\varphi$  cannot exceed  $4\vartheta_0 + 2^{-e}$ .

**Case 2 ( $U_i$ 's impersonation):** Assume that  $\hat{A}$  may impersonate as a user with chance  $\varphi'$ . If  $\hat{A}$  wants to get accepted by  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$ , then  $\hat{A}$  needs to submit accurate data. Hence,  $\mathcal{N}$  induces a similar game with  $C$  as it employs above.

*Initialization:* To initialize, the challenger chooses a hash digest function  $h_b, b$  having the value set  $\{0, 1\}$  to respond the queries from  $\mathcal{N}$ , where  $h_0 = h_{q_i}$  be a pseudorandom function while  $h_1$  be the random function.

*Training:*  $\mathcal{N}$  initially chooses  $R_u$  and  $NID_i$  in P, and models  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s$  and  $\Pi_{U_i,S}^t$  by responding to Execute ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s, \Pi_{U_i,S}^t$ ) and Send ( $\Pi_{U_i,S}^s, m$ ) queries.

*Guess:*  $\mathcal{N}$  produces an output by guessing  $b'$  with set of values  $\{0, 1\}$  corresponding to  $NID_i$  and  $B_1$ . If these parameters are validated, the  $\mathcal{N}$  produces the output 0, specifying  $h_b = h_{q_i}$ , or else it produces a random bit from the set  $\{0, 1\}$ .

The probability of  $\hat{A}$ 's submitting the accurate parameters  $NID_i$  and  $B_1$  is  $\varphi'$  for the real experiment, while for the random experiment it is  $2^{-e}$ . After combining probabilities for both experiments, we get  $\{1/2 + \varphi' / 4 - 2^{-(e+2)}\}$ . Hence, according to this accumulation the probability  $\varphi'$  is at most  $4\vartheta_0 + 2^{-e}$ . After summing up the two cases ( $\varphi + \varphi'$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Sucs_P^{M_uA}(\hat{A}) &\leq \Pr [Sucs_{U_i}] + \Pr [Sucs_S] \quad (1) \\ &\leq 8\vartheta_0 + 2^{-(e-1)} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

The above equation suggests non-negligibility of  $\vartheta_0$ , contracting the above lemma about  $\vartheta_0$ 's negligibility. Therefore, the proposed protocol is  $M_uA$ -secure.

*Lemma 2:* If we assume a function  $h$  as a secure pseudorandom function ( $m_0, u_0, \vartheta_0$ ) having negligible  $\vartheta_0$ , the proposed protocol stands AKA-secure.

*Proof.* We assume an  $\hat{A}$  that is capable of breaking AKA-security of P with considerable advantage  $Adv_P^{AKA}(\hat{A}) = \vartheta$ . Then, a simulator  $\mathcal{N}$  is constructed for breaking the assumption of pseudorandom function [17]. The  $\mathcal{N}$ , according to definition 3, plays the game with  $C$  as given below:

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Completing equations...
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-- Query not attacker(sk[])
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Starting query not attacker(sk[])
RESULT not attacker(sk[]) is true.
-- Query inj-event(endESP(idu)) ==> inj-event(beginESP(idu))
Completing...
Starting inj-event(endESP(idu)) ==> inj-event(beginESP(idu))
RESULT inj-event(endESP(idu)) ==> inj-event(beginESP(idu)) is true.
-- Query inj-event(endUi(idu_2315)) ==> inj-event(beginUi(idu_2315))
Completing...
Starting query inj-event(endUi(idu_2315)) ==> inj-event(beginUi(idu_2315))
RESULT inj-event(endUi(idu_2315)) ==> inj-event(beginUi(idu_2315)) is true.

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Fig. 3. Simulation results

**Initialization:** To initialize,  $\hat{C}$  chooses a random bit from the given set  $\{0, 1\}$  and constructs a secure hash-digest function to respond to the queries from  $\mathcal{N}$ , where  $h_0=h_{qi}$  be the pseudorandom function, while  $h_1$  is a random function.

**Training:** The  $\mathcal{N}$  chooses the nonce  $R_g$  and  $NID_i$  in the protocol, and models  $\Pi_{Ui,S}^s$  and  $\Pi_{S,Ui}^t$  by responding the queries,  $\text{Execute}(\Pi_{GN,S}^s, \Pi_{S,GN}^t)$  and  $\text{Send}(\Pi_{Ui,S}^s, m)$ , respectively.

- Test ( $\Pi_{Ui,S}^s$ ): Using this query, if  $q_h$  is constructed,  $\mathcal{N}$  selects a random  $v \in \{0, 1\}$ , then it responds by returning legal session key  $q_h$  in case  $v = 0$ , or any random string if  $v = 1$ . Or else,  $\mathcal{N}$  returns  $\phi$ , indicating null string or emptiness.
- Test( $\Pi_{R,T}^t$ ): Its modeling is also similar to above query.

**Challenge:** The  $\hat{A}$  submits the *Test* query toward  $\mathcal{N}$  after having queried the oracle  $\text{Execute}(\Pi_{GN,S}^s, \Pi_{S,GN}^t)$ .

**Guess:** Upon having queried *Test* ( $\Pi_{Ui,S}^s$ ) or *Test* ( $\Pi_{S,Ui}^t$ ), the  $\hat{A}$  outputs a bit  $b$  as 0, if it takes the responded message as valid session key, or else it outputs  $b$  as 1. Finally,  $\mathcal{N}$  produces the  $b'$  as 0 if  $b'=b$ , or else it will return the output as  $b'=1$ .

The probability analysis for  $b'=b$  is alike the analysis performed in *Lemma 1*. The  $\hat{A}$  could win this game if it guesses the equality for  $b'=b$  having the real experiment-based probability as  $(\vartheta + 1/2)$ , i.e.  $b=0$ . The  $\hat{A}$  can only guess under random experiment whether  $b'=b$  having probability of 0.5, i.e.  $b=1$ . In case, it effectively makes a guess for  $b'=b$ , the  $\mathcal{N}$  produces the output  $b'=1$ . Hence, the probability for  $\{b'=b \text{ and } b=0\}$  is calculated as  $(\vartheta(1/2) + 1/4)$ , while for  $\{b'=b \text{ and } b=1\}$  it is  $1/4$ . After accumulating both probabilities for real and random experiments, we get  $(\vartheta + 1)/2$ . While, the probability for  $\vartheta_0$  amounts to at least  $\vartheta/2$ , which is non-negligible and bears a contradiction. Therefore, the advantage  $\text{Adv}_P^{\text{AKA}}(\hat{A})$  is quite negligible for any polynomial time attacker, and in this context our protocol beholds AKA-Secure.

### C. Security Verification Using Proverif

The Proverif automated tool [18] is employed to verify the demonstrated protocol's security features including mutual authentication and session key confidentiality. In this section, we develop the corresponding modules to verify the security properties of proposed scheme using Proverif automation tool. The Proverif employs widely accepted laws of  $\pi$  calculus which facilitate many significant cryptographic operations including digital signatures, symmetric or asymmetric encryption/decryption, and hash-digest related operations.

To perform the simulation, we modeled two events for executing the code for  $U_i$  and  $ESP$  as these are the entities mutually authenticating each other, while  $CS_j$  performs the forwarding function in general. The event  $\text{beginUi}$  (bitstring) and event  $\text{endUi}$  (bitstring) are used by  $U_i$  to authenticate  $ESP$ .

Table II: Functionality Comparison

	[6]	[7]	[5]	[10]	[8]	[12]	[11]	Ours
F1	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
F2	×	×	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓
F3	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓
F5	×	×	×	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
F6	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓
F7	×	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓
F8	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×	✓
F9	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×	✓

F1: Anonymity, F2: Mutual Authentication, F3: Resist Man in the middle Attack, F4: Resist unjustified failures of login attempts, F5: Supports forward secrecy, F6: Resist impersonation attack, F7: Supports Session key security, F8: Resist Denial of service attack, F9: Biometric security (3-factor authentication)

Similarly, the event  $\text{beginESP}$  (bitstring) and event  $\text{endESP}$ (bitstring) are employed by  $ESP$  to authenticate  $U_i$ . We compute the results of queries and the order of the two pair of events remained stable. The results in Fig. 3 depict that our scheme achieves mutual authentication and session key secrecy since the session key is robust against attackers.

## VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

In this section, we examine the performance of proposed scheme with other contemporary authentication schemes for smart grids. Table I depicts the comparative analysis of features and performance efficiency between our scheme and other protocols, which manifests that the schemes [5-8, 10-12] are unable to ensure the requisite security properties of an authentication protocol in general. We focused a few crucial security properties such as session key security, man-in-the-middle attack, DoS and forgery attack, etc. while designing the proposed V2G authentication scheme [21-24]. The scheme [12] affords many security properties; nonetheless, it does not ensure resistance to DoS attacks. Comparatively, our scheme warrants this significant security feature as depicted in Table II. In our scheme, the early decision on the part of  $ESP$  against a fake authentication request ensures immunity from DoS attack.

Next, we compute the computational cost of cryptographic operations for proposed and other schemes [5-8, 10-12] as given in Table III using JPBC [19, 20] and JCE library [21]. These operations are implemented on a mobile device (Smartphone Lenovo Zuk Z1 with Quad-core 2.5 Ghz processor having 4GB RAM and Android Operating System V5.1.2), and a personal computer (Virtual machine with HP E8300 Core i5 and 2.93 Ghz processor with 4GB RAM using Ubuntu 16.11 OS). The Table III depicts the communication and computational costs for proposed and compared schemes. It is evident that the performance of our protocol is better in terms of computational and communication delay. There are specifically some standards for smart grid V2G such as OCPP and IEC 15118 protocol, and upon considering these standards we find that the schemes [5-7] adopt costly ECDSA cryptography-based signatures and suffer security weaknesses that render those schemes difficult to fit in V2G applications. Such schemes also involve in exposing useful information such as subscriber's name, identification number of vehicle, location of charging, and other related information affecting the privacy of customer. In this scenario, our proposed scheme finds an effective blend with smart grid standard protocols such as OCPP and IEC 15118 for being lightweight, efficient



Table III. Computational cost

	User (ms)	Server (ms)
$T_{BP}$	13.662	7.318
$T_{ECM}$	10.235	5.387
$T_{Exp}$	8.341	3.362
$T_M$	5.012	2.002
$T_H$	0.019	0.012
$T_{SYM}$	0.063	0.048
$T_{Bio\_Rep}$	0.015	-
$T_{CertG}$	69.326	-
$T_{CertV}$	-	21.257

Table IV. Operations cost of communication

Primitive operations	Comm. cost (bits)
Bilinear Pairing	320 bits
Elliptic Curve Point	320 bits
User/CSj identity	60 bits
Hash function	160 bits
Random number	160 bits
Time Stamp	32 bits
Digital signature	1024 bits
Symmetric encryption	256 bits

Table V. Comparison of Computational and communication cost

SCHEMES	User's device	ESP/CS	Comm. Cost (bits)
[6]	$3T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertG}+T_{sym}+T_h \approx 105.125$	$4T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertV}+T_{sym}+4T_h \approx 44.903$	2590
[7]	$2T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertG}+T_{sym}+T_h \approx 94.89$	$3T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertV}+T_{sym}+3T_h \approx 39.496$	4836
[5]	$2T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertG}+3T_h \approx 94.868$	$3T_{ECM}+T_m+T_{CertV}+4T_h \approx 39.468$	2784
[10]	$4T_{ECM}+T_{exp}+5T_h \approx 49.376$	$3T_{ECM}+T_{exp}+5T_h+2T_b \approx 34.219$	8190
[8]	$T_{sym}+4T_h \approx 0.139$	$T_{sym}+4T_h \approx 0.096$	3922
[12]	$6T_h \approx 0.114$	$8T_h \approx 0.096$	2144
[11]	$3T_{ECM}+T_{exp}+6T_h \approx 39.16$	$2T_{ECM}+T_{exp}+6T_h+2T_b \approx 28.844$	3466
[Ours]	$7T_h+T_{Bio\_Rep} \approx 0.148$	$9T_h \approx 0.108$	2176

and secure protocol.

To accommodate the current infrastructure of limited stations for vehicle battery charging, the scalability in the protocol has been considered. In UK, the fuel stations with the largest network are Tesco with 1562 gas stations (operated under supermarket chain), BP with 1228 gas stations, and lastly the Shell and Esso gas stations, both with more than 1000 number of stations. For EVs the prevailing capacity of battery could be categorized as low charging flow rates with 3KW to 6KW and high charging flow rates up to 150KW. We employed GM Spark, Tesla S 85, and Ford focus EV models with battery capacities of 21KWh, 90KWh and 23KWh, respectively. If we consider any instant charging station having the energy flow rate with 50KWh, then the drained tank to full charging for such vehicles may take 25 min, 1.8 hours, and 28 min, respectively. Similarly, the high flow rate-based charger (150KW) takes 36 minutes to charge Tesla S 85 battery. If we assume that the average number of charging points in a charging station is 15, then 15 cars may get charged simultaneously in a CS. This may generate 15 authentication requests every hour from a charging station towards server. Referring to Table V, the communicational cost of our scheme is 2144 bits (268 bytes) excluding TCP/IP and Ethernet overhead. Upon adding this overhead of 64 bytes for each message, the total cost of authentication request including 4 messages, becomes 508 bytes. If verification time of authentication request at ESP is 0.0009s then for 1562 stations

of Tesco, the total computation delay on CPU per hour for verifying those requests is calculated as 22 sec ( $1562 \times 15 \times 0.0009$ ). The bandwidth needed for communicating those requests is computed as  $(508 \times 1562 \times 15) \approx (26.5 \text{Kbps})$ . We used symbols i.e.  $T_{ECM}$  for ECC-based point multiplication,  $T_m$  for modular multiplication,  $T_{CertG}$  for certificate generation,  $T_h$  for hash digest,  $T_{exp}$  for exponential operation and  $T_{sym}$  for symmetric encryption, to calculate communication delay as shown in Table IV. Our scheme takes quite less communication cost of 2176 bits as compared to other related schemes which take from 2590 to 8190 bits to communicate for authentication. Although, communication cost for [12] is less than our scheme as 2144, it is prone to many security problems. These research findings warrant to a large extent that our protocol complies with the claimed security features having low computational and communicational costs which render it quite suitable for EI-based V2G authentication models.

## VI. CONCLUSION

To effectively initiate the power transfer among entities in an energy internet-based vehicle-to-grid system, a secure data exchange is very indispensable. For this secure data exchange and communication, the underlying authentication protocol must not only be free from cyber attacks but also ensuring privacy. In this paper, we highlight a few drawbacks of contemporary smart grid-based authentication schemes, and reviewed EI-based V2G scheme by G & S, in particular. G & S demonstrated an efficient EI-based V2G authentication scheme, however, it bears many security loopholes including replay attack, man-in-the-middle attack, and impersonation attack. The scheme is unable to confer session key security to the subscriber and also suffers unjustified failures during login attempts. Considering the said limitations, we propose a novel and efficient V2G protocol framework enabling the vehicles to communicate or recharge at desired recharging stations. Besides, the results of the proposed framework are evaluated and compared against several contemporary schemes and the security properties are validated under rigorous formal analysis employing random oracle model.

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