

Learning from the Past: Systematization for Attacks and Countermeasures on Mobile Networks

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What is the future of mobile
network and 5G security
research?

Effects of Signaling Attacks on LTE Networks

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New Privacy Issues in Mobile Telephony: Fix and Verification

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Breaking and Fixing VOLTE: Exploiting Hidden Data Channels and Mis-implementations

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Security Analysis of Handover Key

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Improving Air Interface User Privacy in Mobile Telephony

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Categories and Subject Descriptors

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IMSI-Catch Me If You Can: IMSI-Catcher-Catchers

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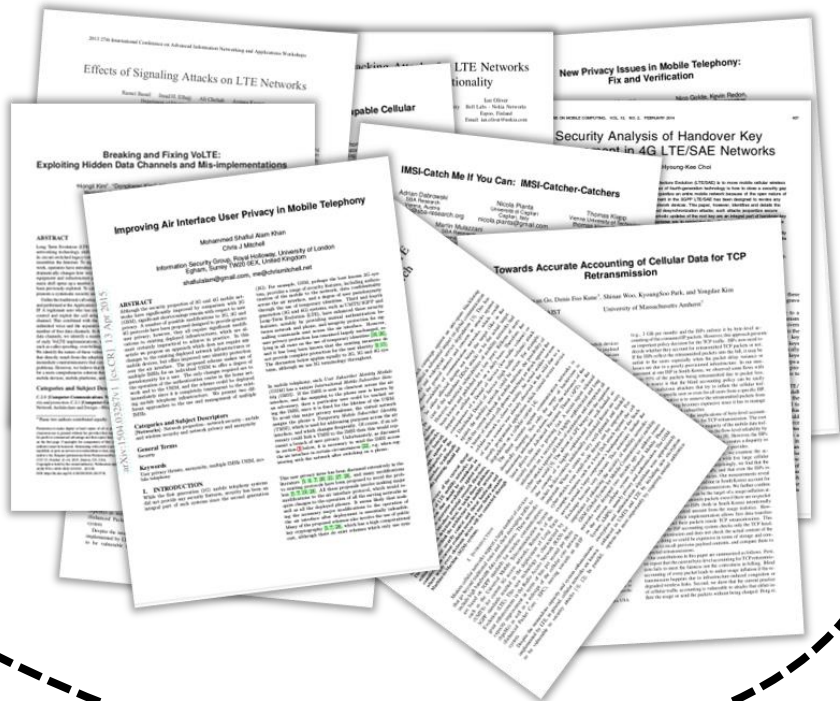
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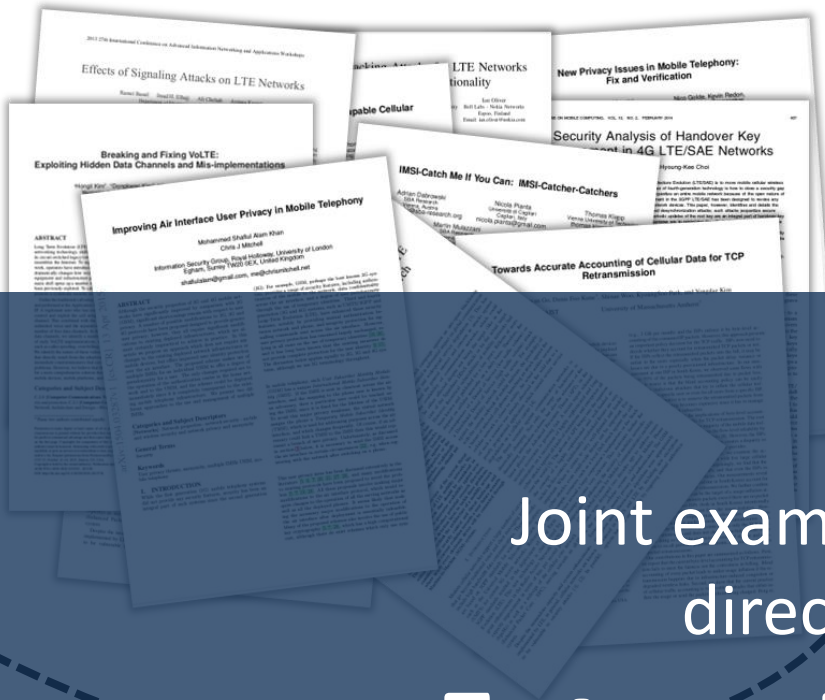
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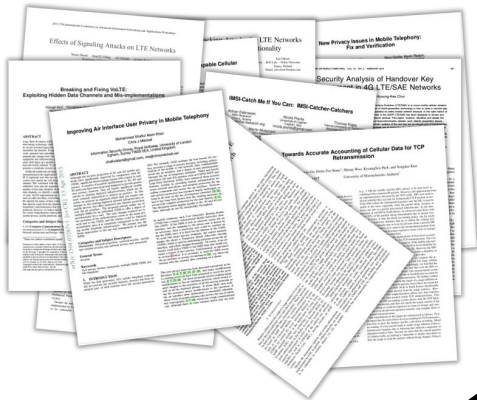






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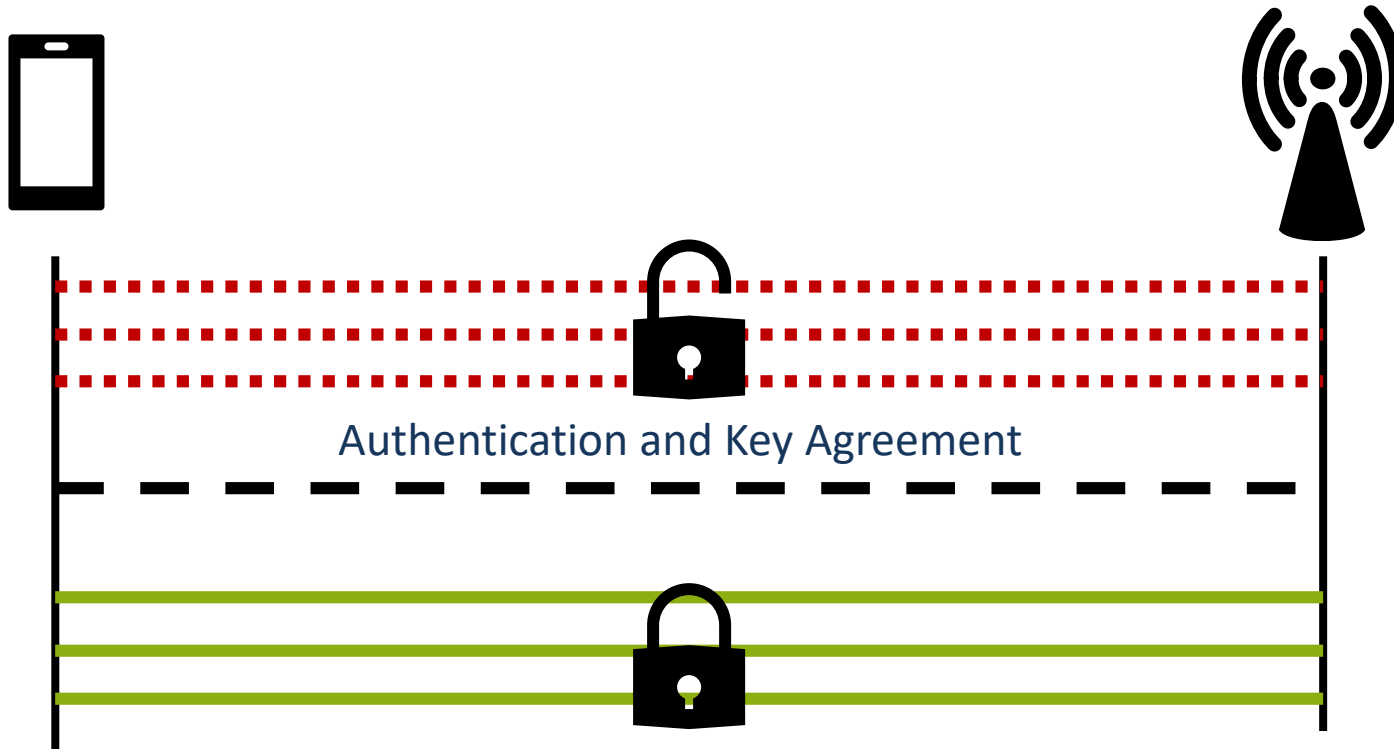
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- The phone cannot verify the network **before** authentication and key agreement



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Loss of
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Take Home Messages

Different kind research areas in mobile network security



Specification Issues harm the security of a mobile generation

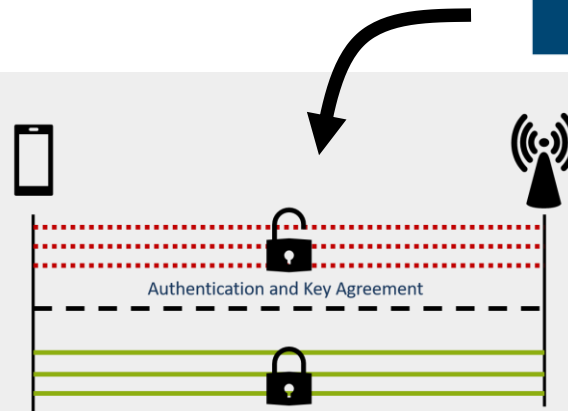
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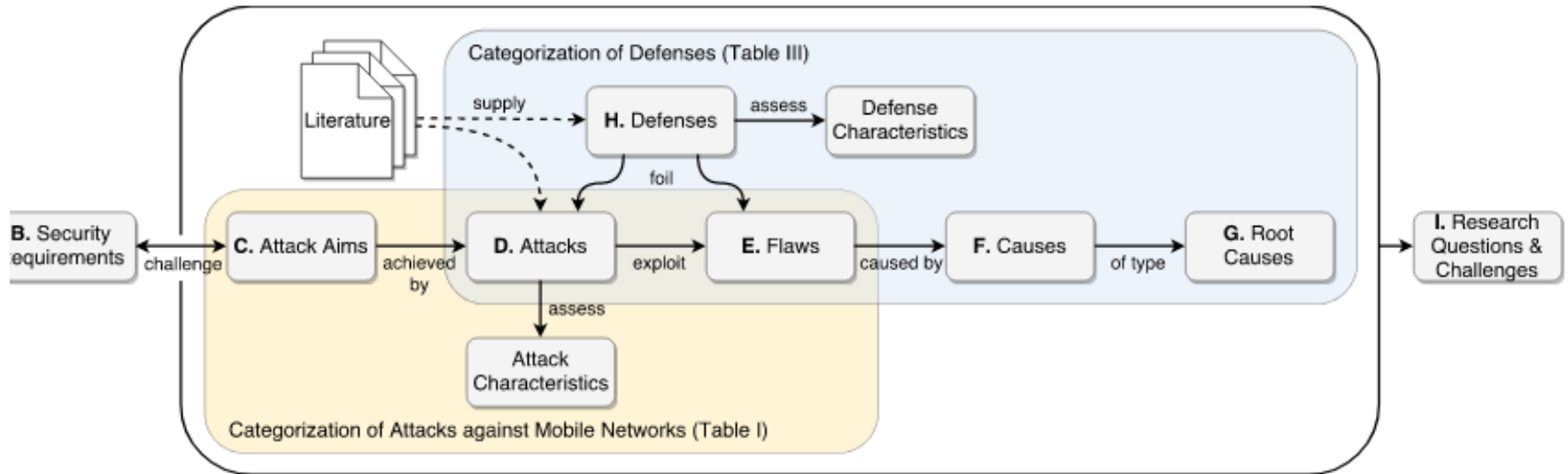
Attacks help to secure future generations



Conclusion

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