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## SECURITY THREAT IDENTIFICATION AND TESTING FOR SECURITY PROTOCOLS

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# Context: Multi-Party Web Applications

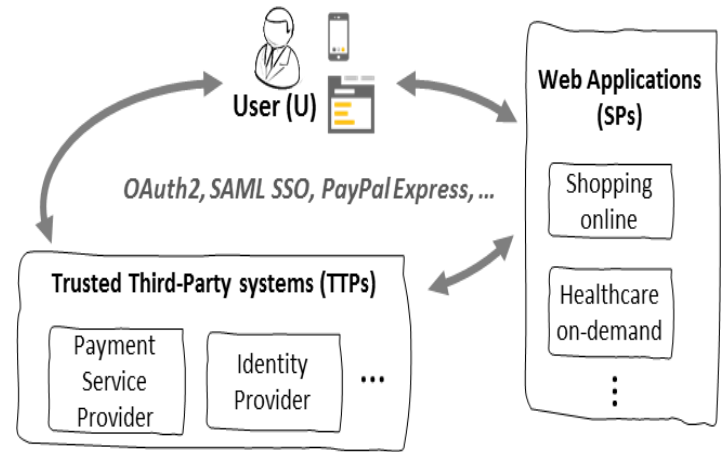
Many modern web applications relies on TTPs to deliver services to their Users

- e.g., 27% of Alexa top 1000 uses Facebook SSO

Based on:

- protocols (interoperability)
- bilateral trust relationships

*TTPs are assumed to be trustworthy  
But neither SP nor C are assumed so*



# Challenges and Motivations

**Several** vulnerabilities reported in literature

Mainly **implementation** issues, but also **design** ones

**Challenges** include:

- highly **configurable** protocols, **interpretation** of the specifications
- **internal requirements**, total cost for development (**TCD**)
  - lack of (security) **testing**, but also
  - lack of **tool support** for developers
- ...

Paper	Tech	Application(s)
Sec.4 of [22]	FV	SPs implementing Google's SAML SSO
Sec.5.2.1 of [36]	FV	SPs implementing OAuth 2.0 implicit flow-based Facebook SSO
Sec.IV.A.1 of [30]	BB	PayPal Payments Standard implementation in SPs using os-Commerce 2.3.1 or AbanteCart1.0.4
Sec.V.A of [33]	WB	SPs implementing CaaS solutions of 2Checkout, Chrono-Pay, PSiGate and Luottokunta (v1.2)
Sec.IV.A.2 of [30]	BB	PayPal Express Checkout implementation in SPs using OpenCart 1.5.3.1 or TomatoCart 1.1.7
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Sec.6.2 of [23]	BB	developer.mozilla.com (SP) implementing BrowserID
Sec.V.C of [24]	FV	CitySearch.com (SP) using Facebook SSO (OAuth 2.0 Auth. Code Flow)
Sec.4 of [21]	FV	SPs implementing Google's SAML SSO
Bug 2 of [1]	M	Github (TTP) implementing OAuth 2.0 Authorization Code flow-based SSO

Legend: FV: formal verification; BB: black-box; WB: white-box; M: manual inspection

[1] Account hijacking by leaking authorization code. <http://www.oauthsecurity.com/>.

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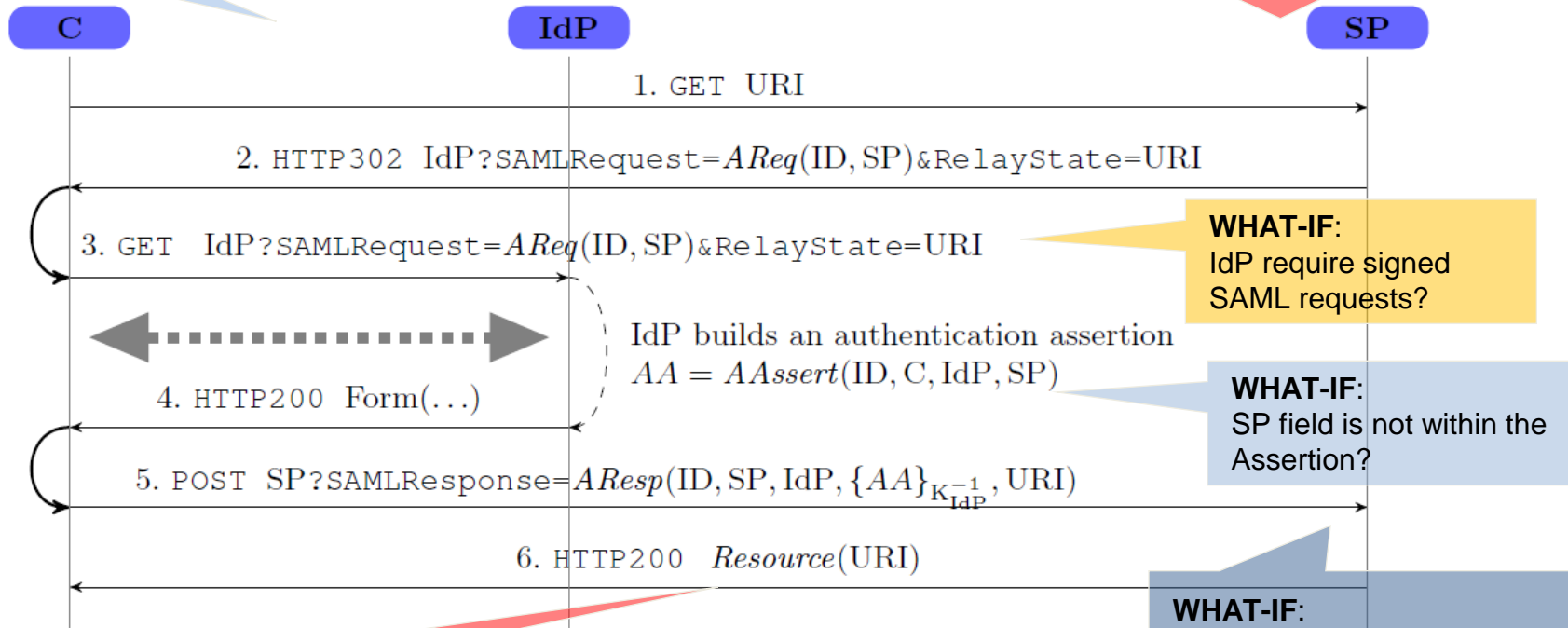
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# Illustrative example

## Developing and deploying SAML SSO

**Assumption:**  
All HTTPS channels

**Goal:**  
SP shall authenticate C



**Goal:**  
resource shall be confidential

SAML2 comes with many profiles, protocols, optional attributes, etc... + Internal requirements  
= several **WHAT-IF**

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The image displays three sequential screenshots of the SAP NetWeaver SAML configuration interface, illustrating the development and deployment of SAML SSO.

**Screenshot 1: Local Provider Configuration (Operational Mode)**

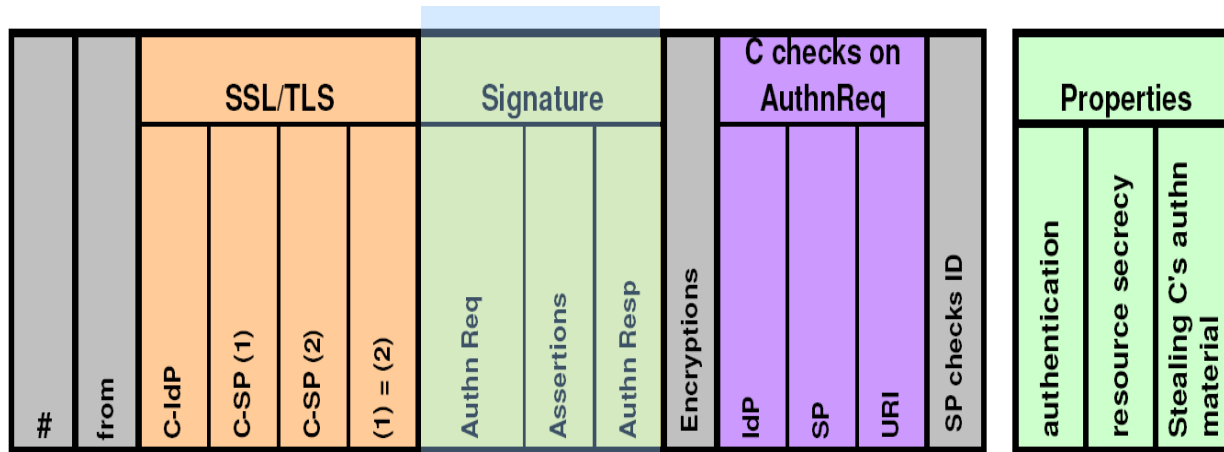
- Local Provider** (Selected)
- Operational Mode**:
  - Service Provider
  - Identity Provider
  - Identity Provider as...
- General Settings**:
  - Provider Name: [Text Field]
  - Signature/Encryption**:
    - Keystore View: [Text Field]
    - Signing Keypair: [Text Field]
    - Signing Keypair Details: [Text Area]
  - Encryption Keypair: [Text Field]
  - Encryption Keypair Details: [Text Area]
- Artifact Profile**:
  - Supported Bindings: SOAP
  - Artifact Validity Period (Seconds): [Text Field]
- Authentication Policy (SOAP)**:
  - Require HTTPS
  - Enable Authentication
  - Accept HTTP Basic Authen...
  - Accept Client Certificate A...
- Metadata**:
  - Sign Metadata
- Legacy Support**:
  - Issue Logon Ticket
- Miscellaneous**:
  - Clock Skew Tolerance (Seconds): [Text Field]

Navigation: Back, Next, Cancel, Finish

source: few screen-shots of the SAP NetWeaver SAML Next Generation Single Sign On

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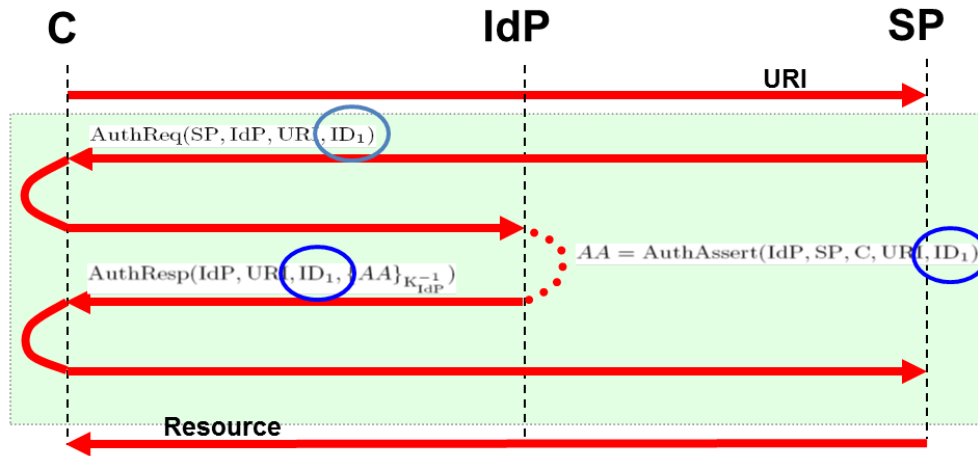
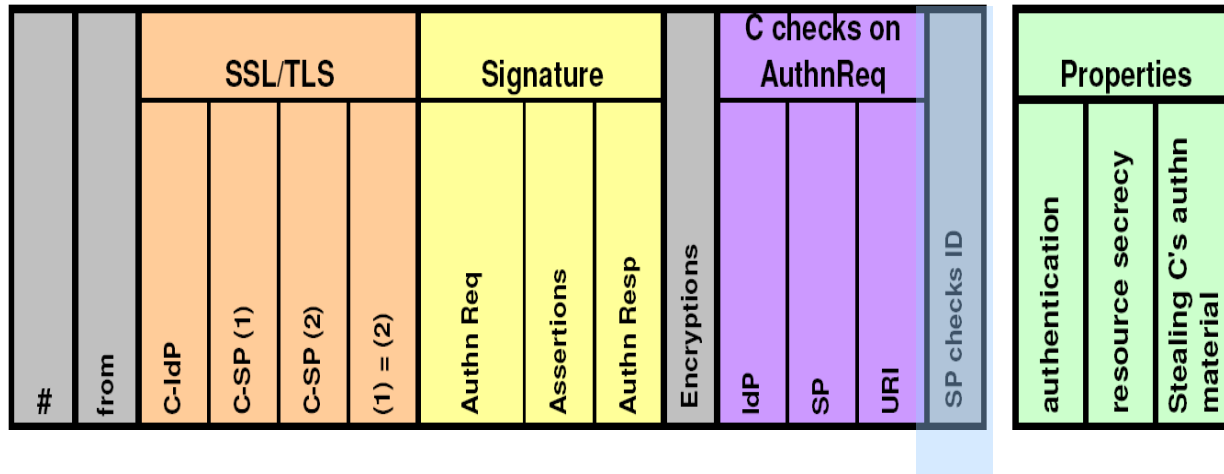


The screenshot shows the 'Trusted SP Wizard' configuration interface. The 'Signature' step is active, showing a 'Certificate' field with a browse button and a 'Certificate Details' text area. Below this, there are sections for 'SSO Profile', 'SLO Profile', and 'Artifact Profile', each with 'Sign' and 'Require Signature' dropdown menus. The 'Require AuthnReq signed' dropdown is also visible. Navigation buttons 'Back', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Finish' are at the bottom.

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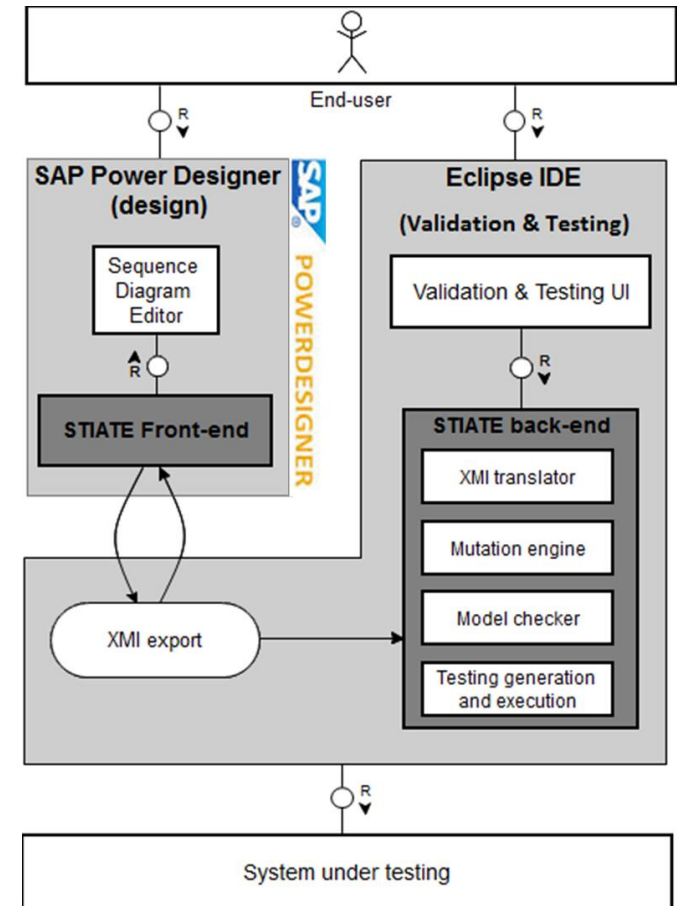
# Our solution

identify **SAFE vs UNSAFE** configurations in the **WHAT-IF** space

- Threat identification at design-time via model-checking
- Model-based testing

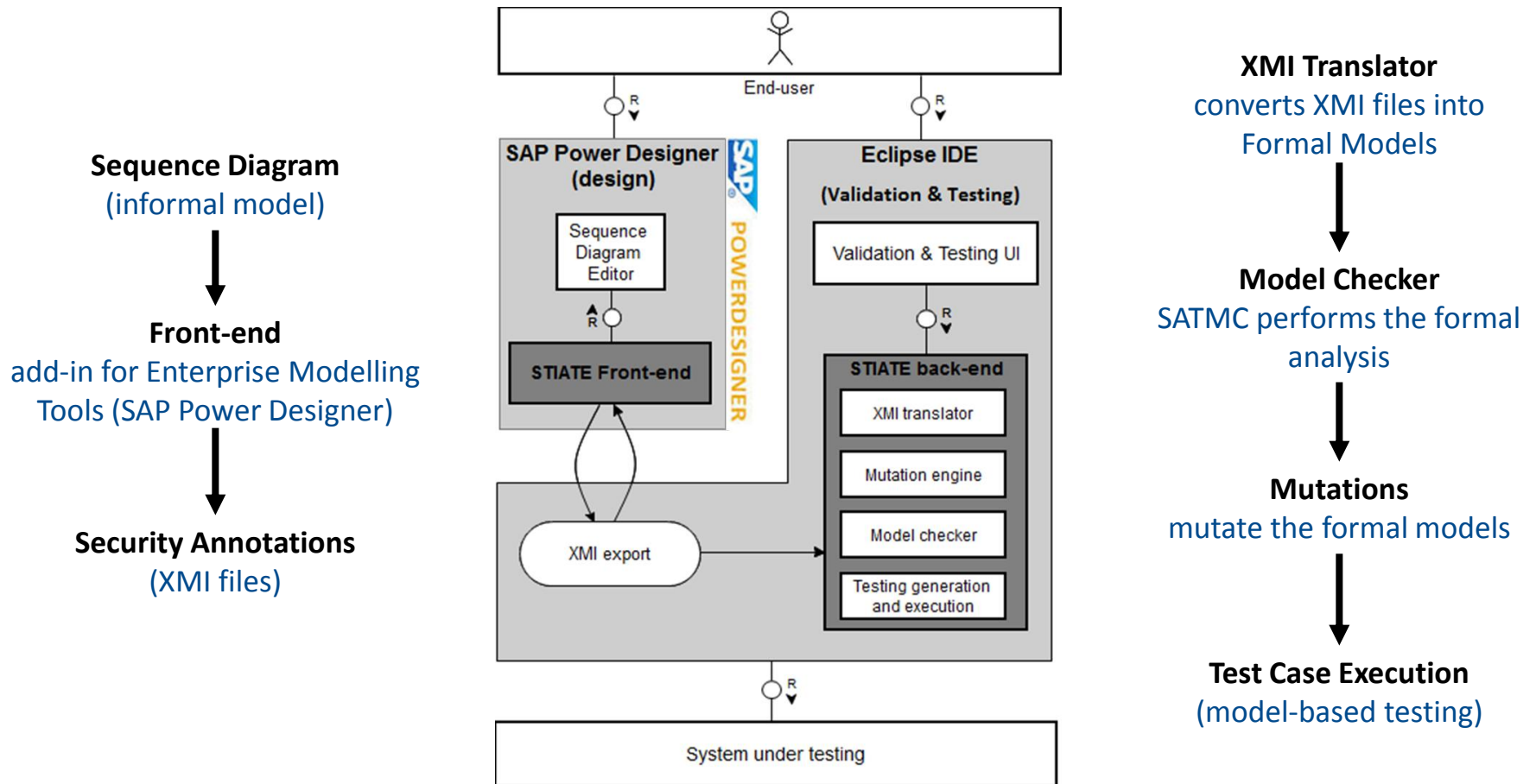
**rigorous, but viable** for an **industrial setting**

- accessibility / usability
- automation / integration
- cost-benefit ratio (TCO)





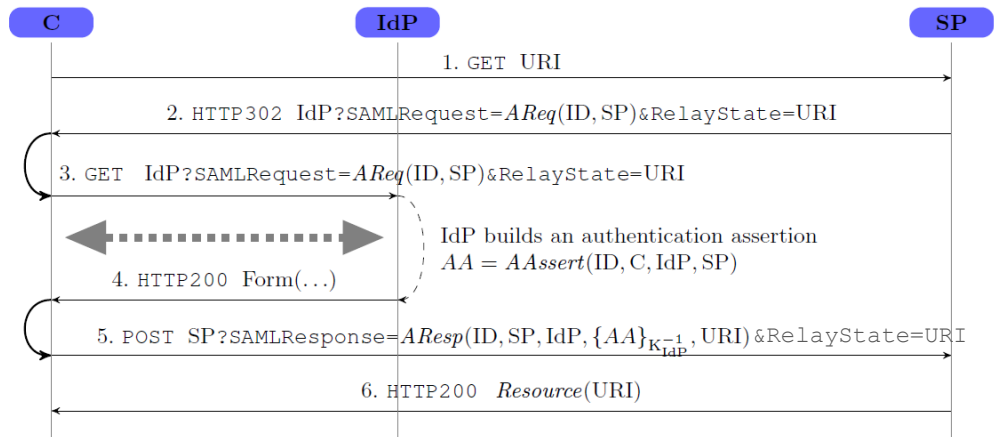
# Our solution (cont.)



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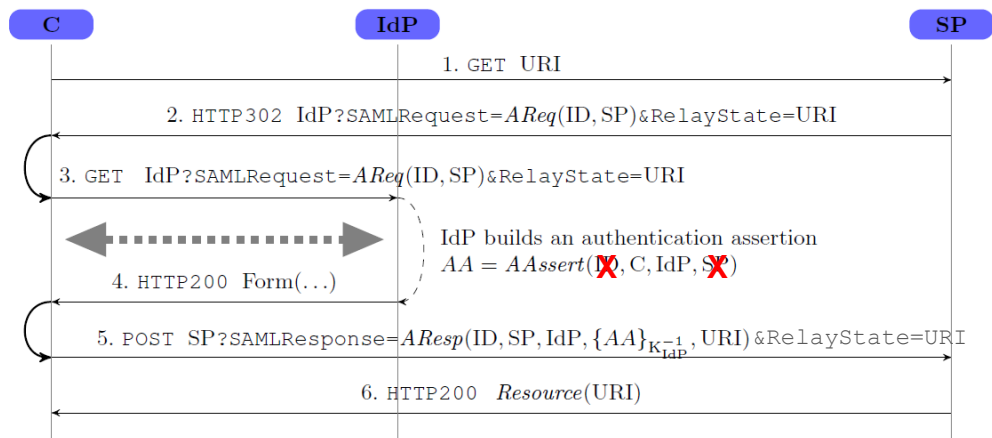
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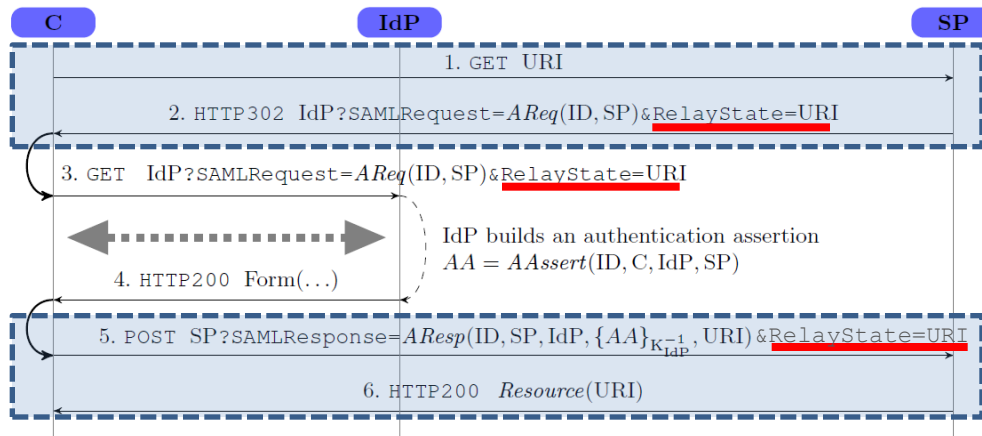
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## Design vs. Implementation

(Armando et al. An authentication flaw in browser-based Single Sign-On protocols: Impact and remediations. Computers & Security 2013)

XSS **attack** due to unrealistic **assumption** and missing **input validation**

# Final remarks

## Proof-of-concept READY

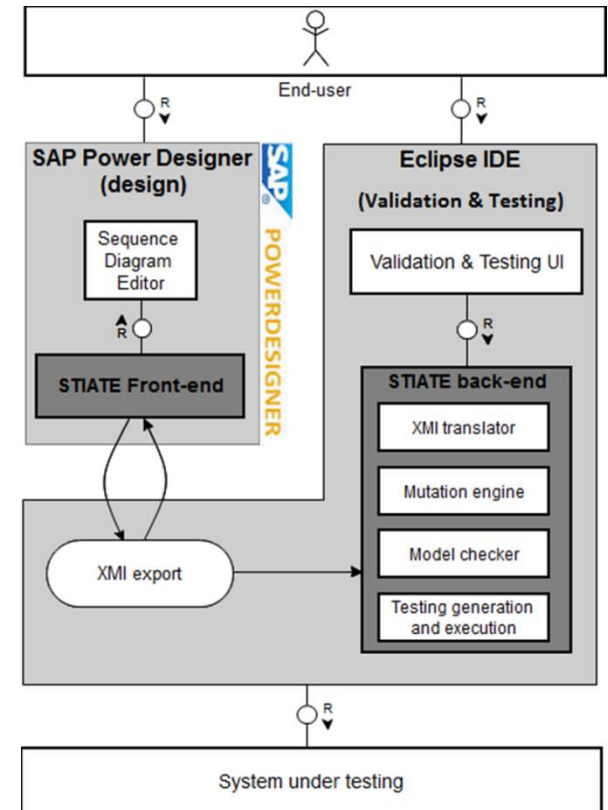
- prototype integrated within SAP Power Designer
- other use cases under scrutiny: e.g., mobile payment commercial solution

## Potential end-users

- Architects and development teams integrating a core security protocol
- Security consultants analyzing a customer proprietary protocol (e-payment)
- Standardization bodies designing protocols and reference implementations

## Industrial transfer (our experience)

- though lowered, the TCD is still not negligible
- consultancy mode works well, handing over the prototype not so well





**THANK YOU**

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