

# A Compositional and Complete approach to Verifying Privacy using the Applied Pi-calculus

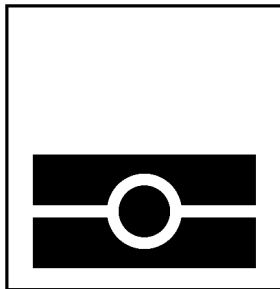
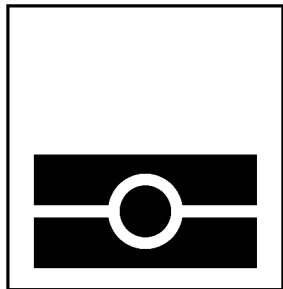
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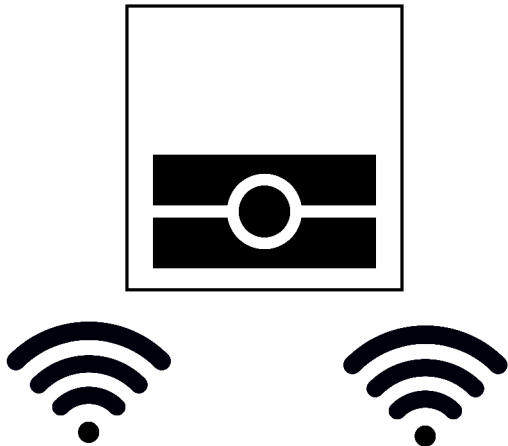
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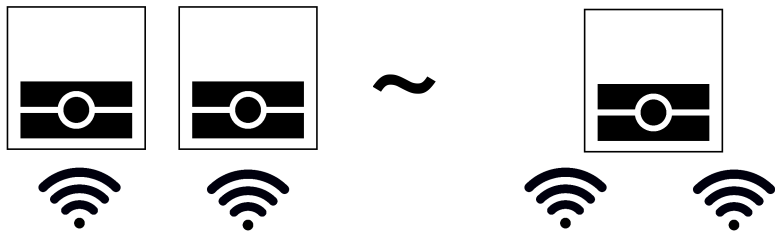
Specification: Every reader session is with a new e-passport



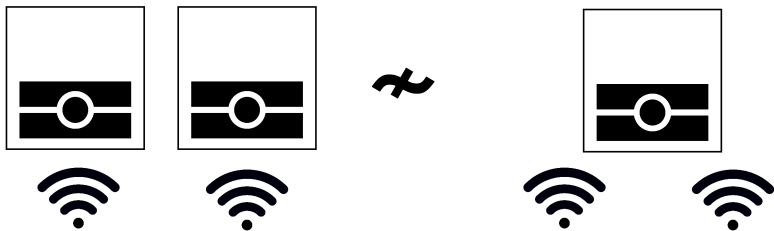
System: An e-passport can be used in multiple sessions



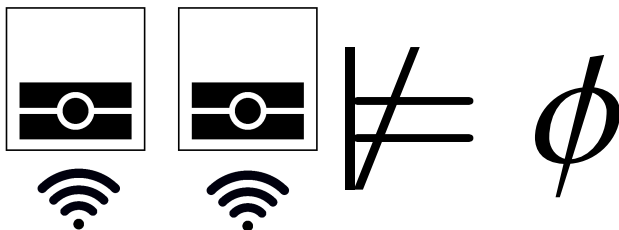
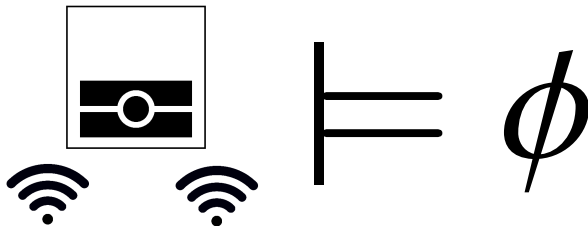
## Unlinkability: Attacker cannot tell if same e-passport used twice



## Attack: Attacker can tell if same e-passport used twice



Distinguishing formula: describes an attack whenever one exists



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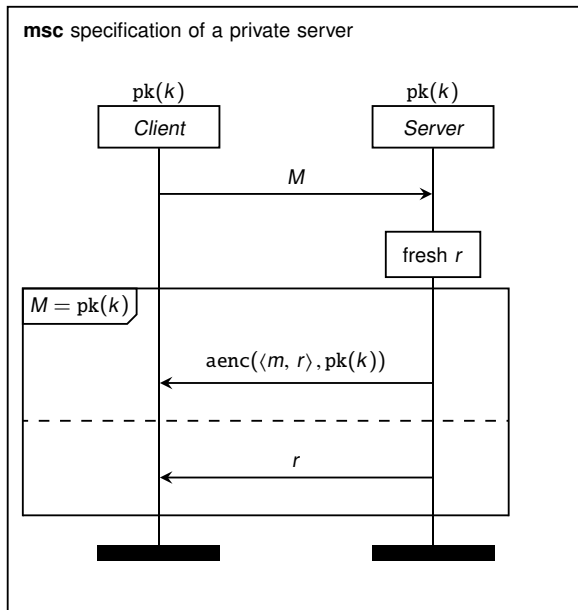


Highlights of half-a-century of research:

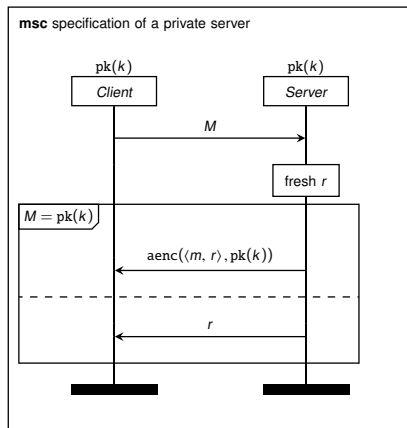
- ▶ Trace equivalence easy to define (aka. language equivalence, Chomsky 1963).
- ▶ ... but bisimilarity **asymptotically more efficient** (Kanellakis and Smolka 1983, and Paige and Tarjan 1987).
- ▶ Bisimilarity sensitive to when decisions are made, uncovering **shorter attacks**.
- ▶ Open bisimilarity preserved in all contexts, hence is **compositional** (Sangiorgi 1993).
- ▶ Open bisimilarity has **prototype** for Dolev-Yao attacker (Tiu and Dawson 2012).
- ▶ Quasi-open bisimilarity is **complete** (Sangiorgi 2001)
- ▶ Quasi-open bisimilarity **characterised** by an intuitionistic modal logic (LICS'18)



## First a classic private server example

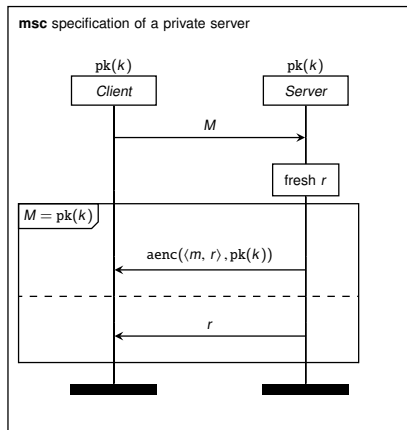


# System specification in applied $\pi$ -calculus



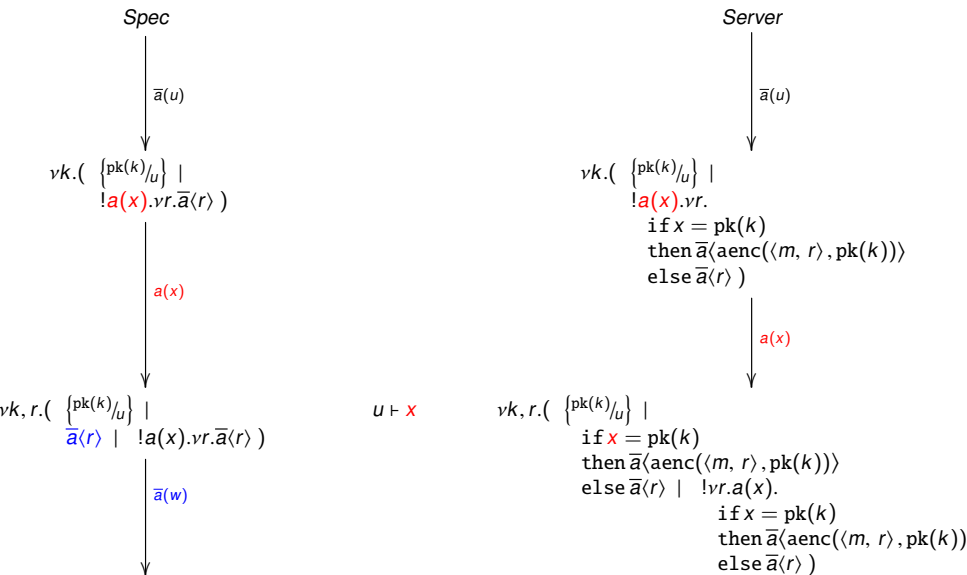
Server:  $\nu k. \bar{a}(pk(k)).$   
 $! \nu r. a(x).$   
if  $x = pk(k)$   
then  $\bar{a}\langle aenc(\langle m, r \rangle, pk(k)) \rangle$   
else  $\bar{a}(r)$

# Specification of how behaviour should appear to attacker



Spec:  $\nu k. \bar{a}(pk(k)).$   
 $!a(x).$   
 $\nu r. \bar{a}(r)$

# Open bisimilarity finds a false attack on this example





# Prove privacy by constructing a quasi-open bisimulation

$\mathcal{T}$  least symmetric open relation such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Spec} & \mathcal{T} & \text{Server} \\
 \nu k, r_1, \dots, r_k. ( \sigma \mid P_1 \mid \dots \mid P_k \mid \\
 & & \mid !a(x).vr.\bar{a}\langle r \rangle ) \\
 \mathcal{T} & \nu k, r_1, \dots, r_k. ( \theta \mid Q_1 \mid \dots \mid Q_k \mid \\
 & & \mid !a(x).vr. \text{if } x = \text{pk}(k) \\
 & & \text{then } \bar{a}\langle \text{aenc}(\langle m, r \rangle, \text{pk}(k)) \rangle \\
 & & \text{else } \bar{a}\langle r \rangle )
 \end{array}$$

$I, I', J'$  partition  $\{1, \dots, k\}$

$$u_i \sigma = \begin{cases} \text{pk}(k) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ r_i & \text{if } i \in I' \cup J' \\ u_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad u_i \theta = \begin{cases} \text{pk}(k) & \text{if } i = 0 \\ r_i & \text{if } i \in I' \\ \text{aenc}(\langle m, r_i \rangle, \text{pk}(k)) & \text{if } i \in J' \\ u_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P_i = \begin{cases} \bar{a}\langle r_i \rangle & \text{if } i \in I \\ 0 & \text{if } i \in I' \cup J' \end{cases} \quad Q_i = \begin{cases} \text{if } n_i \theta = \text{pk}(k) & \text{if } i \in I \\ \text{then } \bar{a}\langle \text{aenc}(\langle m, r \rangle, \text{pk}(k)) \rangle & \\ \text{else } \bar{a}\langle r \rangle & \\ 0 & \text{if } i \in I' \cup J' \end{cases}$$

$a, m, n_i$  messages fresh for  $\{k, r_1, \dots, r_n\}$   $u_0, \dots, u_k$  distinct variables fresh for  $\{a, m, k, r_1, \dots, r_n\}$

## Deterministic encryption leads to real attack, hence described by formula

*Deterministic\_Server*:  $\nu k. \bar{a}\langle \text{pk}(k) \rangle.$   
 $!a(x). \nu r.$   
**if**  $x = \text{pk}(k)$   
**then**  $\bar{a}\langle \text{aenc}(m, \text{pk}(k)) \rangle$   
**else**  $\bar{a}\langle r \rangle$

$\text{Deterministic\_Server} \models \langle \bar{a}(y) \rangle \langle a y \rangle \langle \bar{a}(z) \rangle (\text{aenc}(m, y) = z)$

$\text{Spec} \not\models \langle \bar{a}(y) \rangle \langle a y \rangle \langle \bar{a}(z) \rangle (\text{aenc}(m, y) = z)$

Meaning: after transitions  $\bar{a}(y) \xrightarrow{a y} \bar{a}(z)$ , *Deterministic\_Server* and *Spec* reach the following respective frames, distinguishable by the given recipe.

$\nu k. (\{ \text{pk}(k) / y \} \mid \{ \text{aenc}(m, \text{pk}(k)) / z \})$  not statically equivalent to  $\nu k, r. (\{ \text{pk}(k) / y \} \mid \{ r / z \})$

## Recap

- ▶ Bisimilarity congruences **compositional** and **efficient** to discover.
- ▶ Open bisimilarity found a **false attack** on privacy.
- ▶ Quasi-open bisimilarity provides just enough information to **avoid such false attacks**.
- ▶ Such real attacks can **always** be described using an **intuitionistic modal logic**.

None of these facts are obvious!

We fill an important gap in the literature.

...but what about more substantial **unlinkability** examples?



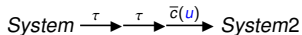
## e-passport example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Reader} \triangleq & \quad c_k(x_k).d(nt).vnr.vkr. \\ & \quad \text{let } m = \{\langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle\}_{\text{snd}(x_k)} \text{ in} \\ & \quad \bar{c}\langle m, \text{mac}\langle m, \text{fst}(x_k) \rangle \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{MainUK} \triangleq & \quad \bar{c}_k\langle ke, km \rangle. \\ & \quad vnt.\bar{c}\langle nt \rangle.d(y). \\ & \quad \text{if } \text{snd}(y) = \text{mac}(\text{fst}(y), km) \wedge nt = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke))) \\ & \quad \text{then} \quad vkt.\text{let } m = \{\langle nt, \langle \text{fst}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke) \rangle, kt) \rangle\}_{ke} \text{ in} \\ & \quad \quad \bar{c}\langle m, \text{mac}(m, km) \rangle \\ & \quad \text{else} \quad \bar{c}\langle \text{error} \rangle \end{aligned}$$
$$\text{System} \triangleq \quad vC_k.(!\text{Reader} \mid !vke.vkm.!\text{MainUK})$$
$$\text{Spec} \triangleq \quad vC_k.(!\text{Reader} \mid !vke.vkm.\text{MainUK})$$

Failure of **unlinkability**:

$\text{System} \not\sim \text{Spec}$

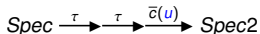
## System leads by starting two sessions with the same e-passport



System2:

$\nu c_k, ke_1, km_1, nt_1. (\{nt_1/u\} \mid R1_1 \mid R1_1 \mid !Reader \mid \text{SentNonce}_1 \mid UK1_1 \mid !MainUK_1 \mid !\nu ke.\nu km. !MainUK )$

Spec can only follow by starting two sessions with different e-passports.



Spec2:

$\nu c_k, ke_1, km_1, ke_2, km_2, nt_1. (\{nt_1/u\} \mid R1_1 \mid R1_2 \mid !Reader \mid \text{SentNonce}_1 \mid UK1_2 \mid !\nu ke.\nu km. MainUK )$

State of reader with keys  $km_1, ke_1$ :

$\nu nt. \bar{c}(nt).$

$\longleftarrow$  Reached here sending nonce  $nt_1$

$d(y).$

if  $\text{snd}(y) = \text{mac}(\text{fst}(y), km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1)))$

then  $\nu kt. \text{let } m = \{\langle nt_1, \langle \text{fst}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1)), kt \rangle \rangle\}_{ke_1}$  in

$\bar{c}\langle m, \text{mac}(m, km_1) \rangle$

else  $\bar{c}\langle \text{error} \rangle$

Specification takes lead, executing reader with keys  $ke_2, km_2$ .

$$\text{Spec2} \xrightarrow{d(nt)} \xrightarrow{\bar{c}(w)} \text{Spec3}$$

Spec3:

$$\nu c_k, ke_1, km_1, nt_1, ke_2, km_2, nr, kr. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \right\rangle_{ke_2} \cdot \text{mac} \left( \left\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \right\rangle_{ke_2}, km_2 \right) \right\} / w \right\} \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !\text{Reader} \mid \text{SentNonce}_1 \mid UK1_2 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. \text{MainUK} \end{array} \right)$$

Execution is completely **lazy**, producing constraint:

$$u \vdash nt$$

System2 follows as best as possible:

$$\text{System2} \xrightarrow{d(nt)} \xrightarrow{\bar{c}(w)} \text{System3}$$

System3:

$$\nu c_k, nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr. \left( \begin{array}{l} \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \right\rangle_{ke_1} \cdot \text{mac} \left( \left\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \right\rangle_{ke_1}, km_1 \right) \right\} / w \right\} \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !\text{Reader} \mid \text{SentNonce}_1 \mid UK1_1 \mid !\text{MainUK}_1 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. !\text{MainUK} \end{array} \right)$$

Notice **either** reader can be executed.

# Execution of e-passport resumes with symbolic input

System3  $\xrightarrow{d(y)}$  System4

System4:

$$\nu c_k, nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr. ( \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} / w \right\} \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !Reader \mid Rcvd(y)_1 \mid UK1_1 \mid !MainUK_1 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. !MainUK )$$
$$Rcvd(y)_1 \triangleq \text{if } \text{snd}(y) = \text{mac}(\text{fst}(y), km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1))) \\ \text{then } \nu kt. \text{let } m = \{ \langle nt_1, \langle \text{fst}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1)), kt \rangle \} \}_{ke_1} \text{ in} \\ \quad \bar{c}(m, \text{mac}(m, km_1)) \\ \text{else } \bar{c}(\text{error})$$

Constraints:

$$u \vdash nt \quad u, w \vdash y$$

## Find Most General Unifier for Equality Constraints

Solve for  $y$ :  $\text{snd}(y) = \text{mac}(\text{fst}(y), km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1)))$

iff  $y = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \wedge y_2 = \text{mac}(y_1, km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(y_1, ke_1)))$

iff  $y = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \wedge y_1 = \{y_3\}_{ke_1} \wedge y_2 = \text{mac}(y_1, km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(y_3))$

iff  $y = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \wedge y_1 = \{y_3\}_{ke_1} \wedge y_2 = \text{mac}(y_1, km_1) \wedge y_3 = \langle y_4, y_5 \rangle \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(y_5)$

iff  $y = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle \wedge y_1 = \{y_3\}_{ke_1} \wedge y_2 = \text{mac}(y_1, km_1) \wedge y_3 = \langle y_4, y_5 \rangle \wedge y_5 = \langle y_6, y_7 \rangle \wedge y_6 = nt_1$

Applying variable elimination we obtain (where  $y_4$  and  $y_7$  are fresh variables):

$$y = \langle \{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

But is the history respected?

# Solve a system of “Deducibility Constraints”

**Most general unifier** for  $y$ :

$$y = \langle \{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

Current **frame** for *System4*.

$$\nu nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr. \left( \{ nt_1 / u \} \mid \left\{ \langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} / w \right\}$$

Current **constraints**, outputs before each input form **attacker's knowledge** before each input:

$$u \vdash nt \quad u, w \vdash y$$

Apply substitutions to find constraints to solve (where  $nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr$  names):

$$nt_1 \vdash nt$$

$$nt_1, \langle \{ \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle \\ \vdash \langle \{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

# Solve the Deducibility Constraints

Want to solve the following:

$$nt_1 \vdash nt$$

$$nt_1, \langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle \\ \vdash \langle \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

Only one possibility, unify the following (where  $nt_1$ ,  $ke_1$ ,  $km_1$ ,  $nr$ ,  $kr$  names):

$$\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle \\ = \langle \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle y_4, \langle nt_1, y_7 \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

Most general solution:

$$nt = nt_1 \quad y_4 = nr \quad y_7 = kr$$

Applying substitution constraints are provable (remember which are names):

$$nt_1 \vdash nt_1$$

$$nt_1, \langle \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle \\ \vdash \langle \langle nr, \langle nt_1, nt \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt_1, nt \rangle \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle$$

## Annotate Proofs with “Recipes”

$$u : nt_1 \vdash u : nt_1$$

$$u : nt_1, w : \left\langle \{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\rangle \\ \vdash w : \left\langle \{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, nt \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, nt \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\rangle$$

From recipes, we obtain **respectful substitution**  $\{u/nt\} \cdot \{w/y\}$  enabling guard in System4:

$$\nu C_k, nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr. \left( \left\{ \frac{nt_1}{u} \right\} \mid \left\langle \{ \langle nr, \langle u, kr \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nr, \langle u, kr \rangle \} \}_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\rangle \Big/ w \right) \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !\text{Reader} \mid \text{Rcvd}(w)_1 \mid UK1_1 \mid !\text{MainUK}_1 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. !\text{MainUK} )$$

applying above frame to the following enables the guard:

$$\text{Rcvd}(w)_1 \triangleq \text{if } \text{snd}(w) = \text{mac}(\text{fst}(w), km_1) \wedge nt_1 = \text{fst}(\text{snd}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(w), ke_1))) \\ \text{then } \nu kt. \text{let } m = \{ \langle nt_1, \langle \text{fst}(\text{dec}(\text{fst}(y), ke_1)), kt \rangle \} \}_{ke_1} \text{ in} \\ \quad \bar{c} \langle m, \text{mac}(m, km_1) \rangle \\ \text{else } \bar{c} \langle \text{error} \rangle$$



## Final Transition of System4

Since match enabled, System4 proceeds as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \nu C_k, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr. ( & \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} / w \right\} \\ & \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !Reader \mid \text{Rcvd}(\langle \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \rangle) \\ & \mid UK1_1 \mid !MainUK_1 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. !MainUK ) \end{aligned}$$

$\xrightarrow{\bar{c}(z)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu C_k, nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr, kt. ( & \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} / w \right\} \\ & \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} / z \right\} \\ & \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !Reader \mid 0 \mid UK1_1 \mid !MainUK_1 \mid !\nu ke. \nu km. !MainUK ) \end{aligned}$$

## Finally we reach states distinguished by **static equivalence**

State of *System5*:

$$\nu c_k, nt_1, ke_1, km_1, nr, kr, kt. ( \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nr, \langle u, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle u, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} /_w \right\} \\ \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} /_z \right\} \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !Reader \mid 0 \mid UK1_1 \mid !MainUK_1 \mid !\nu ke.\nu km.!MainUK )$$

State of *Spec5* after same moves:

$$\nu c_k, ke_1, km_1, nt_1, ke_2, km_2, nr, kr. ( \{nt_1/u\} \mid \left\{ \left\{ \langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_2}, \text{mac}(\langle nr, \langle nt_1, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke_2}, km_2) \right\} /_w \right\} \mid \{error/z\} \\ \mid R1_1 \mid 0 \mid !Reader \mid 0 \mid UK1_2 \mid !\nu ke.\nu km.MainUK )$$

Distinguished by equation:

$$error = z$$

For *System5* this equation evaluates to (no variables):

$$error = \left\{ \left\{ \langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, \text{mac}(\langle nt_1, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke_1}, km_1) \right\} \right\}$$

For *Spec5* this equation evaluates to:

$$error = error$$

## Checking Attack is a Real Attack: using intuitionistic $\mathcal{FM}$

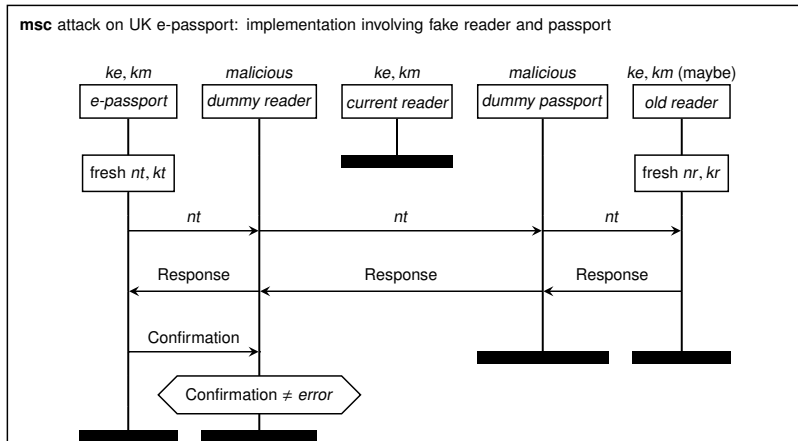
$$\text{System} \models \langle \tau \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \bar{c}(u) \rangle \\ [d u] ( \langle \bar{c}(w) \rangle [d w] [ \bar{c}(z) ] (error \neq z) \\ \vee \langle \bar{c}(w) \rangle (w = error) )$$

$$\text{Spec} \not\models \langle \tau \rangle \langle \tau \rangle \langle \bar{c}(u) \rangle \\ [d u] ( \langle \bar{c}(w) \rangle [d w] [ \bar{c}(z) ] (error \neq z) \\ \vee \langle \bar{c}(w) \rangle (w = error) )$$

Sub-formula in **red** is main attack branch.

Sub-formula in **blue** eliminates branch immediately diverging from the attack (challenge is directly fed back to e-passport).

## Implementation of attack: is it practical?



$Response = \langle \{ \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nr, \langle nt, kr \rangle \rangle_{ke}, km) \rangle$

$Confirmation = \langle \{ \langle nt, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke}, \text{mac}(\{ \langle nt, \langle nr, kt \rangle \rangle_{ke}, km) \rangle$

## Your questions?

- ▶ Can prove refinement of BAC is unlinkable (randomly encrypt errors).
- ▶ Automatic, but requires tool for anyone to use.
- ▶ Implementation: components reusable from existing tools (ProVerif, Tamarin, etc.).
- ▶ All trace attacks are discovered using bisimilarity...
- ▶ ...however, attack shown is shorter than any attack found using trace equivalence.
- ▶ Attacker may control choices (which readers to use).
- ▶ Complements rather than competes, e.g., with respect to POR.

## Why no law of excluded middle?

**Classically**,  $\phi \vee \neg\phi$  is a tautology and  $[\pi]\phi = \neg\langle\pi\rangle\neg\phi$ .

Hence for all classical modal logics:

$$\bar{a}b \mid c(x) \models \langle\tau\rangle\text{tt} \vee [\tau]\text{ff}$$

**Intuitionistically**, “Reachable worlds” are processes accessible by substitutions. E.g.

$$\bar{a}b \mid c(x) \leq (\bar{a}b \mid c(x))\{^a/c\} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{a}b \mid a(x) \xrightarrow{\tau} 0$$

Closing modalities under all reachable worlds (**intuitionistic heredity**):

$$\bar{a}b \mid c(x) \not\models \langle\tau\rangle\text{tt} \vee [\tau]\text{ff}$$

$\bar{a}b \mid c(x) \not\models \langle\tau\rangle\text{tt}$ , — no  $\tau$ -transition in world where  $a$  and  $c$  are not equal.

$\bar{a}b \mid c(x) \not\models [\tau]\text{ff}$ , — some  $\tau$ -transition in world where  $a = c$ .

## For congruences, quantify over all names

For congruences (open bisimilarity and late congruence):

$$[x = y]\tau \not\sim 0$$

**Distinguishing strategy**, in world where  $x = y$ :

$$([x = y]\tau)\{y/x\} \xrightarrow{\tau} 0 \quad \text{but} \quad 0\{y/x\} \not\downarrow_{\tau}$$

**Distinguishing formula** biased to the left:

$$[x = y]\tau \models [x = y]\langle\tau\rangle\text{tt} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \not\models [x = y]\langle\tau\rangle\text{tt}$$

**Distinguishing formula** biased to the right:

$$[x = y]\tau \not\models [\tau]\text{ff} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \models [\tau]\text{ff}$$

# No duality between left and right formulae

All bisimulations agree:

$$[x = y]\tau \quad \not\sim \quad \tau$$

**Distinguishing formula** biased to the right:

$$[x = y]\tau \not\models \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau \models \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

Dual formula is **not distinguishing**.

$$[x = y]\tau \not\models \neg \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau \not\models \neg \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

[read as “there is no reachable world in which we can do a  $\tau$ -transition”]

## What is a distinguishing formula biased to the left?



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## What is a distinguishing formula biased to the left?

**Distinguishing strategy** (right process leads):

$$[x = y]\tau \quad \begin{array}{c} \tau \\ \downarrow \tau \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Since right leads, for formula biased to the left, write **box**:

$$[\tau](\dots\dots\dots)$$

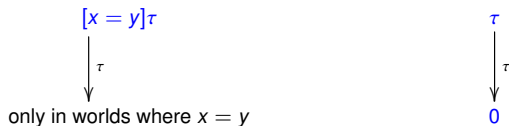
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**Distinguishing strategy** (right process leads):



Since right leads and left only follows in worlds where  $x = y$ , write  $x = y$  as post-condition:

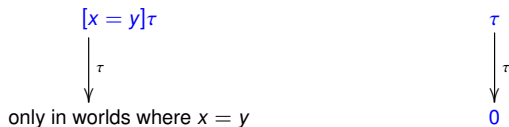
$$[\tau]\langle x = y \rangle \perp$$

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**Distinguishing strategy** (right process leads):



**Distinguishing formula** biased to the left:

$$[x = y]\tau \models [\tau](x = y)\mathbf{tt} \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \not\models [\tau](x = y)\mathbf{tt}$$

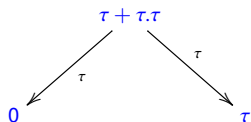
# Generating distinguishing formulae algorithmically

Not open bisimilar:

$$\tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \quad \not\sim \quad \tau + \tau.\tau$$

Distinguishing strategy (left process leads first):

$$\begin{array}{c} \tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \\ \downarrow \tau \\ [x = y]\tau \end{array}$$

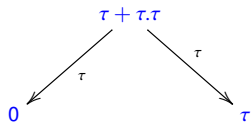
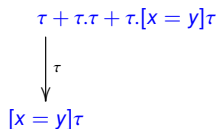


We just saw:

$$[x = y]\tau \not\sim 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [x = y]\tau \not\sim \tau$$

# Generating distinguishing formulae algorithmically

Distinguishing strategy (left process leads first):



We just saw:

$$[x = y]\tau \models [x = y]\langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

$$[x = y]\tau \models [\tau]\langle x = y \rangle \text{tt}$$

$$0 \models [\tau] \text{ff}$$

$$\tau \models \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

Since left process leads: diamond on left, box on right.

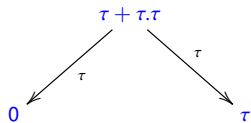
$$\langle \tau \rangle (\dots\dots\dots)$$

$$[\tau] (\dots\dots\dots)$$

# Generating distinguishing formulae algorithmically

Distinguishing strategy (left process leads first):

$$\begin{array}{c} \tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \\ \downarrow \tau \\ [x = y]\tau \end{array}$$



We just saw:

$$[x = y]\tau \models [x = y]\langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

$$[x = y]\tau \models [\tau]\langle x = y \rangle \text{tt}$$

$$0 \models [\tau]\text{ff}$$

$$\tau \models \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}$$

Since left process leads: conjunction on left, disjunction on right.

$$\langle \tau \rangle ([x = y]\langle \tau \rangle \text{tt} \wedge [\tau]\langle x = y \rangle \text{tt})$$

$$[\tau] ([\tau]\text{ff} \vee \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt})$$

# Generating distinguishing formulae algorithmically

Not open bisimilar:

$$\tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \quad \not\sim \quad \tau + \tau.\tau$$

**Distinguishing formula** biased to left.

$$\tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \models \langle \tau \rangle ([x = y] \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt} \wedge [\tau] \langle x = y \rangle \text{tt})$$

**Distinguishing formula** biased to right.

$$\tau + \tau.\tau \models [\tau] ([\tau] \text{ff} \vee \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt})$$

Only distinguishing if we drop law of excluded middle for name equality. I.e.

$$x = y \text{ or } x \neq y \quad \text{iff} \quad \tau + \tau.\tau + \tau.[x = y]\tau \models [\tau] ([\tau] \text{ff} \vee \langle \tau \rangle \text{tt}).$$

[Mechanically proven in intuitionistic proof assistant]

# Results for modal logic $\mathcal{OM}$

## Theorem (soundness)

If  $P \sim Q$  then, for all formulae  $\phi$ ,  $P \models \phi$  iff  $Q \models \phi$ .

### Proof.

By induction on structure of  $\phi$ . [mechanised]

□

## Theorem (completeness)

Whenever, for all formulae  $\phi$ ,  $P \models \phi$  iff  $Q \models \phi$ , we have that  $P \sim Q$ .

### Proof.

If  $P \not\sim Q$ , by induction on depth of a distinguishing strategy, construct  $\phi_L$  and  $\phi_R$  such that:

- ▶  $P \models \phi_L$  and  $Q \not\models \phi_L$ ;
- ▶  $P \not\models \phi_R$  and  $Q \models \phi_R$ .

Proof is constructive, so yields algorithm for generating distinguishing formulae.  
[implemented]

□