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# Bounded Memory Protocols and Progressing Collaborative Systems

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## To Share or not to Share

Examples: Administrative tasks, protocols

- Agents **collaborate** to achieve some common goal.
- **No intruder** can enter the system.
- However, an agent does not **completely** trust any other agent.
- Therefore, while collaborating, an agent might not want some confidential information to be **leaked**.

# Agenda

## ■ Local State Transition Systems

- Fresh Values
- Progressing Collaborative Systems
- Bounded Memory Adversary
- Timed Collaborative Systems

## Model (LSTS)

- FOL signature
- Configurations are multisets of facts:  
 $\{\text{Nurse}(\text{Tom}, \text{id1}, \text{blood}), \text{Nurse}(\text{Sam}, \text{id2}, \text{blood})\}$
- Actions are rewrite rules:  
 $\text{Nurse}(X, Y, \text{blood}) \rightarrow \text{Nurse}(\text{blank}, Y, \text{blood})$   
 $\text{Lab}(\text{id}, \text{blood}) \rightarrow \text{Lab}(\text{id}, \text{testResults})$
- Goals are multisets of facts:  
 $\{\text{Doctor}(\text{testResults}, \text{Tom})\}$
- Critical configurations are configurations that have to be avoided  
 $\{\text{Lab}(\text{testResults}, \text{Tom})\} \quad \{\text{Nurse}(\text{Tom}, \text{id1}, \text{blood}), \text{Nurse}(\text{Sam}, \text{id1}, \text{blood})\}$

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# Previous results [Kanovich, Rowe, and Scedrov, CSF'07, CSF'09, Rowe PhD Dissertation UPENN'09]

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### Complexity Results

Balanced actions:

PSPACE-complete

Not necessarily balanced actions:

Undecidable

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Example: **Towers of Hanoi**

$Clear(x) \ On(x, y) \ Clear(z) \ S(x, z) \rightarrow Clear(x) \ Clear(y) \ On(x, z) \ S(x, z)$

Given  $n$  disks plans must be of exponential length  $2^n - 1$ , at least.

## PSPACE Upper Bound

- Must check both **goal reachability** and **policy compliance**.
- Rely on a **non-deterministic algorithm** which can be *determinized* by Savitch's Theorem.
- Also use the fact that **PSPACE = COPSACE**.

## Some Assumptions

- All actions are balanced.
- There are three functions,  $C$ ,  $G$ , and  $T$ , which run in polynomial space and:
  - $C(Z) = 1$  if  $Z$  is a critical configuration, and  $C(Z) = 0$ , otherwise;
  - $G(Z) = 1$  if  $Z$  is a goal configuration, and  $G(Z) = 0$ , otherwise;
  - $T(\alpha) = 1$  if  $\alpha$  is a valid transition, and  $T(\alpha) = 0$ , otherwise.
- Let  $W$  be the initial configuration.

## Algorithm

- Use non-determinism to “guess” a compliant plan leading to a goal configuration
- Each intermediate configuration  $Z_i$  must check if  $C(Z_i) = 1$  and if  $G(Z_i) = 1$ ;
- Recording one step at a time, this is done in polynomial space;
- Goal reachability and plan compliance are checked simultaneously in this algorithm

# PSPACE Upper Bound

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- Initialize  $Z_0 = W$  and  $i = 0$ ;
- If  $C(Z_i) = 1$ , output no;
- If  $G(Z_i) = 1$ , output yes;
- Otherwise use non-determinism to “guess” a compliant plan leading to a goal configuration. By using  $T$ , guess an action  $\alpha$  applicable to  $Z_i$  resulting in the configuration  $Z'$ ;
- Set  $Z_{i+1} = Z'$  and  $i := i+1$ ;
- Repeat.

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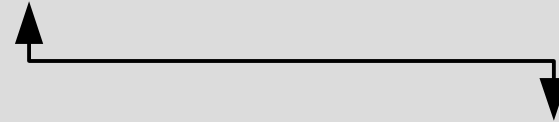
## New feature: fresh values [Kanovich, Ban Kirigin, Nigam, and Scedrov, FAST'10]

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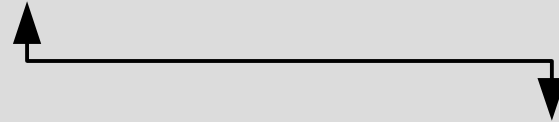


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Other examples:

- opening a new bank account;
- changing a customer's password;
- creating a transaction number or a case number.

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For example, whenever such an **unbalanced rule** is used, it requires an extra memory slot to store the nonce created. That is, agents possess an **unbounded memory**.

# Systems with balanced actions

## Problem

- Although checking for the existence of plan is in PSPACE, it turns out that to write down the entire plan may require exponential space and exponentially many mutually distinct nonces.

Example: Towers of Hanoi, suitably modified to have balanced actions that always creates fresh values.

- To cope with this problem we use the fact that the number of constants in a configuration is bounded. In particular, we will show how to reuse obsolete constants instead of updating with fresh constants.

## Systems with balanced actions

**Theorem:** Given a local state transition system (LSTS) with balanced actions that may create fresh values, any plan leading from an initial configuration  $W$  to a partial goal  $Z$  can be transformed into another plan also leading from  $W$  to  $Z$  that uses only a **polynomial number of nonces** with respect to the number of facts in the initial configuration and the upper bound on the size of facts.

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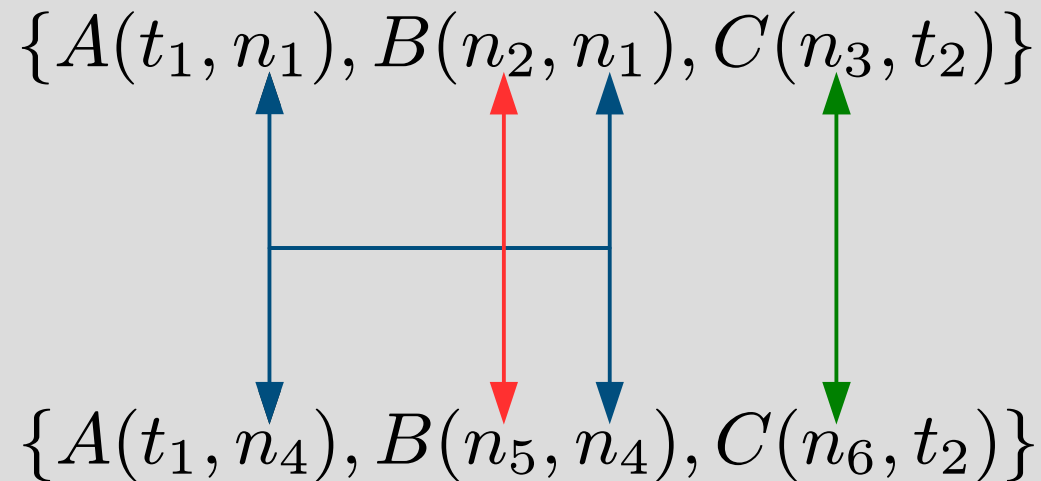
**In any configuration there are at most  $mk$  occurrences of constants.**

## Alpha-equivalence among configurations inspired by a similar notion from logic

$$\{A(t_1, n_1), B(n_2, n_1), C(n_3, t_2)\}$$

$$\{A(t_1, n_4), B(n_5, n_4), C(n_6, t_2)\}$$

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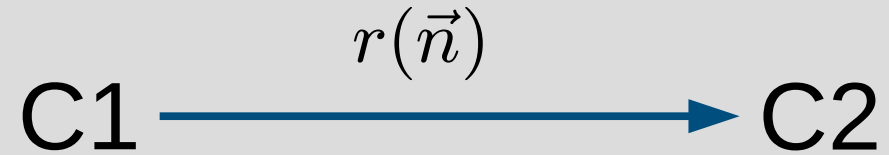
These configurations only differ in the names of the nonces used. Intuitively, they represent the same information.

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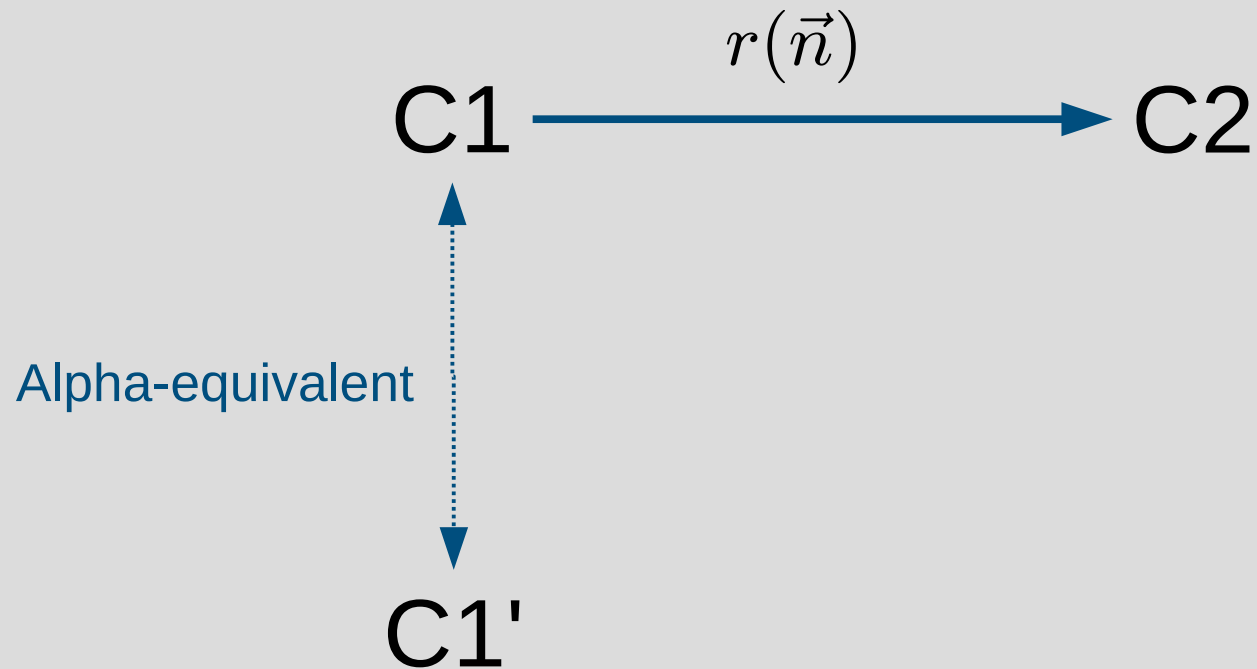
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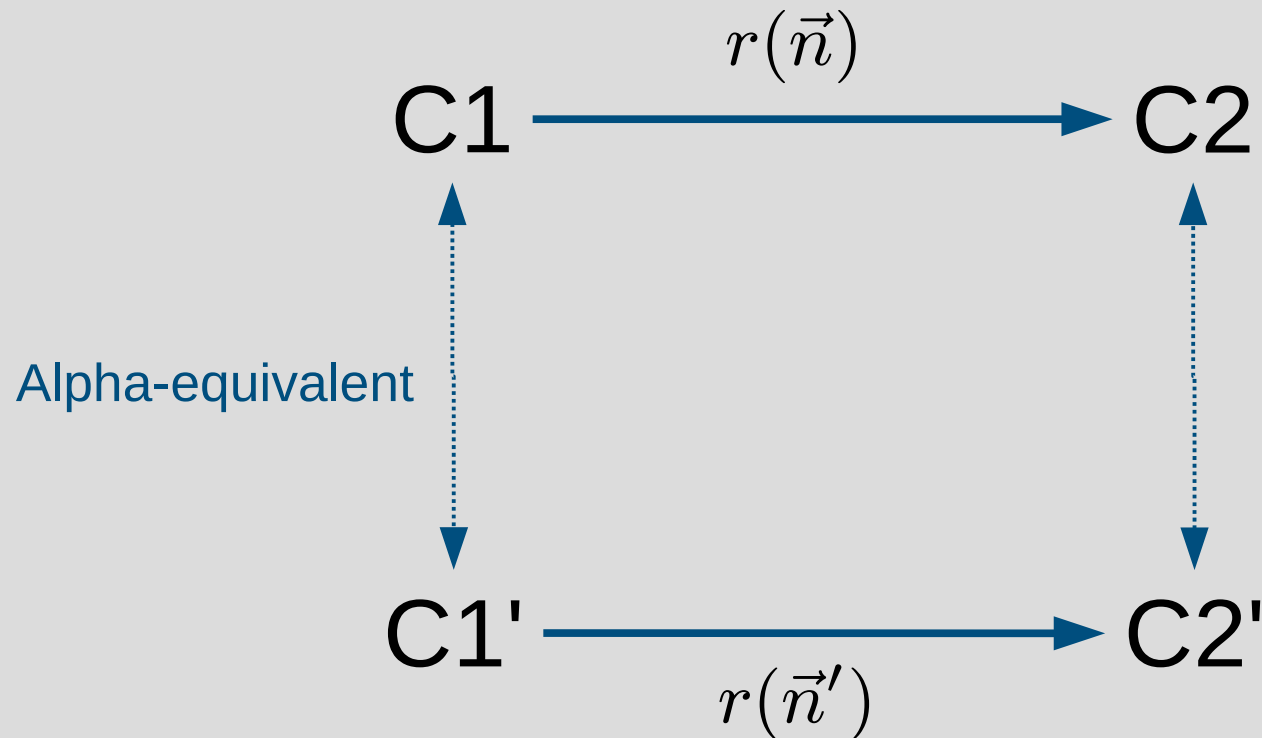
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Where all nonces in  $C1'$  and  $C2'$  including the nonces  $\vec{n}'$  are taken from a pre-defined set of  **$2mk$**  nonces.

## Systems with balanced actions

**Theorem:** Given an LSTS system with balanced actions that can create fresh values, the plan compliance problem is PSPACE-complete.

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- **Progressing Collaborative Systems**

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**Progressing** is inspired by the nature of security protocols, as well as many **administrative and business processes**: once one step of a protocol session is taken, the same step is not repeated.

## Progressing Plans

A plan is **progressing** if an instance of an action appears at most once.

Note that this implies that the length of progressing traces are of polynomial due to the assumption of size of facts.

# Progressing Collaborative Systems [Kanovich, Ban Kirigin, Nigam, and Scedrov, FCS-PrivMod'10]

This notion of progressing reflects the requirement that progressing processes are efficient, as one needs to consider only **traces of polynomial length** to check whether a process can be completed or not.

For instance, it is **not** possible to solve the Towers of Hanoi problem with a progressing plan.

## Complexity [FCS-Privmod'10]

Assuming that one can check in poly-time whether a state is an initial or goal state, then the **reachability problem for progressing plans** is **NP-complete** when actions cannot create fresh values.

However, extending this notion of progressing to systems that can create fresh values has turned out to be quite challenging.

One of the reasons is that with **the current definition of progressing**, progressing plans do not have necessarily polynomial length when one allows fresh values.

One can transform any problem into another problem whose solution is progressing, **even problems that require exponential plans**.

**For instance, we can adapt the encoding of the Towers of Hanoi, so that each move creates a new nonce.**

In order to extend the notion of progressing to the case where actions may create nonces, we shouldn't allow unbounded nonce generation. **Instead we need to somehow limit the use of nonces, but how many nonces is enough?**

For balanced systems, we know that **it is enough to fix a polynomial number of nonce names** with respect to the upper bound on the size of facts and the number of facts in the initial configuration.

new]

**alpha-equivalence** to instances of actions.

Two instances,  $r1$  and  $r2$ , of the same action are **equivalent** if there is a bijection  $\sigma$  that maps the **set of all nonce names** appearing in one instance to the **set of all nonce names** appearing in the other instance, such that  $(r1 \ \sigma) = r2$ .

$$X_1(t_1)X_2(t_2, t_3, n_1)X_3(n_1, n_2) \rightarrow X_4(t_1)X_2(t_2, x, n_3)X_5(n_1, n_3)$$

$$X_1(t_1)X_2(t_2, t_3, n_4)X_3(n_4, n_5) \rightarrow X_4(t_1)X_2(t_2, x, n_6)X_5(n_4, n_6)$$

# Progressing Collaborative Systems [Kanovich, Ban Kirigin, Nigam, and Scedrov, new]

We extend the definition of Progressing to plans containing nonces.

Given a balanced multiset rewrite system  $R$  whose actions may create fresh values, an initial configuration  $W$  and a polynomial  $f(m,k)$ , we say that a sequence of actions is progressing if it contains at most  $f(m,k)$  equivalent instances of any action, where  $m$  is the number of facts in the configuration  $W$  and  $k$  is the upper bound on size of facts.

With this new definition, it is not possible to solve the modified Towers of Hanoi problem using a progressing plan.

## Complexity [*new*]

Assuming that one can check in polynomial-time whether a state is an initial or goal state, then the reachability problem for progressing plans is **NP-complete** when actions are balanced and can create fresh values up to a polynomial number of times.

# Summary of Results

Plan Compliance Problem		
Balanced Actions	Nonces are not allowed	Progressing <b>NP-complete</b> [Kanovich et al. FCS-Privmod'10]
		Not necessarily Progressing <b>PSPACE-complete</b> [Kanovich et al. CSF'07]
	Nonces are allowed	Progressing <b>NP-Complete</b> [new]
		Not Necessarily Progressing <b>PSPACE-complete</b> [Kanovich et al., FAST'10]
Actions not necessarily balanced		<b>Undecidable</b> [Kanovich et al., CSF'09]

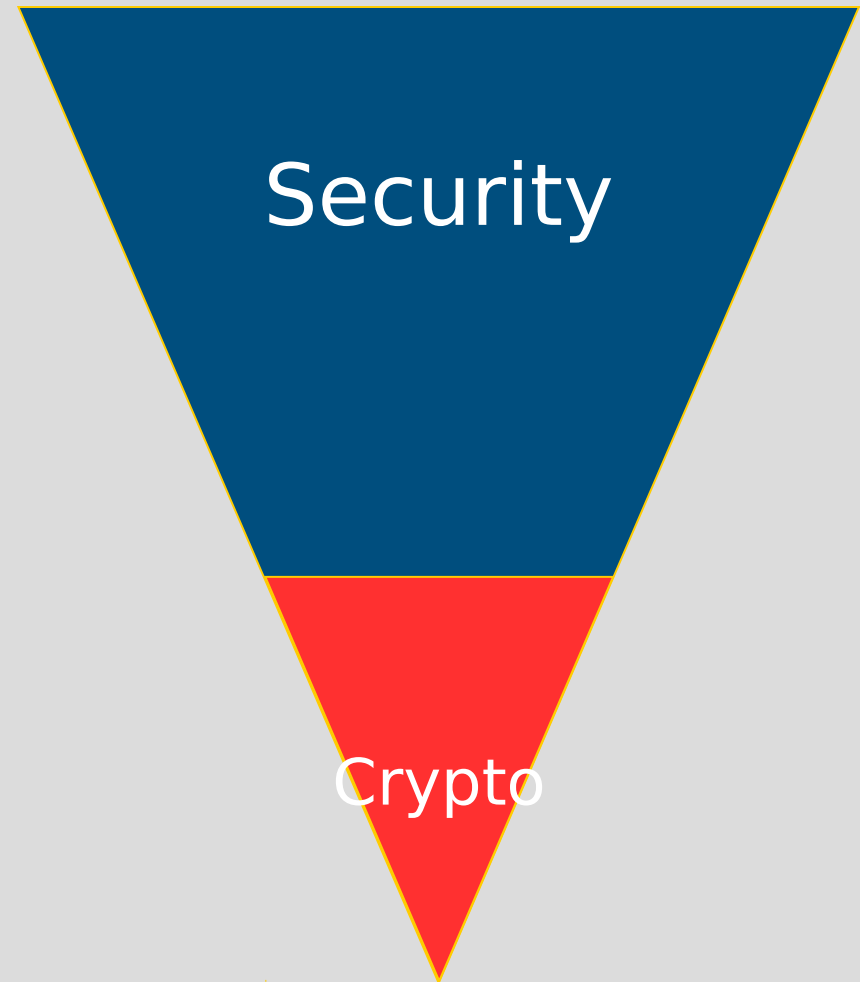
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Goal: protection of computer systems and digital information

- Access control
- OS security
- Network security
- Cryptography
- ...

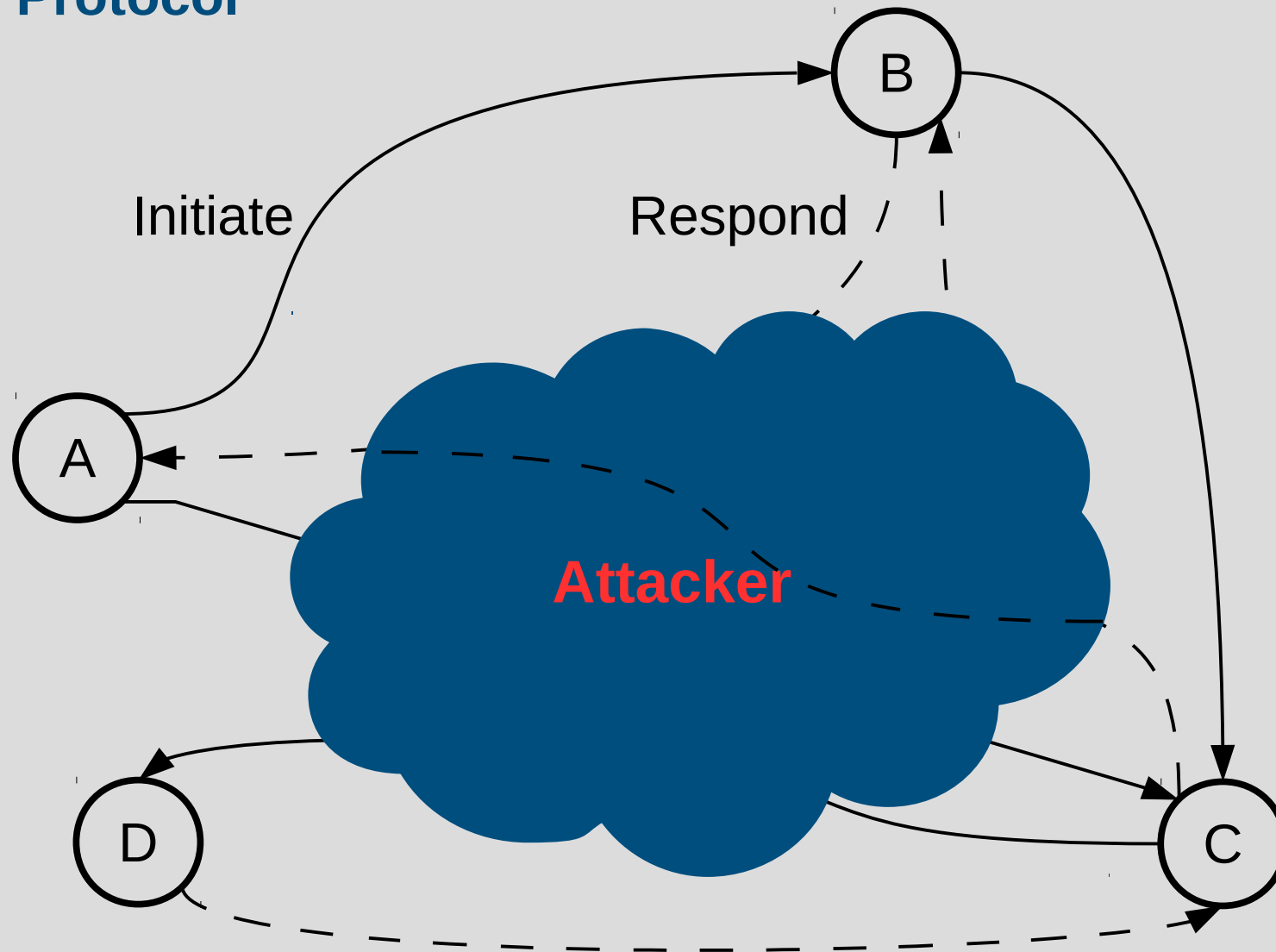


# Protocol Security

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- Cryptographic Protocol
  - Program distributed over network
  - Use cryptography to achieve goal
- Attacker
  - Read, intercept, replace messages, and remember their contents
- Correctness
  - Attacker cannot learn protected secret or cause incorrect protocol completion

## Run of Protocol



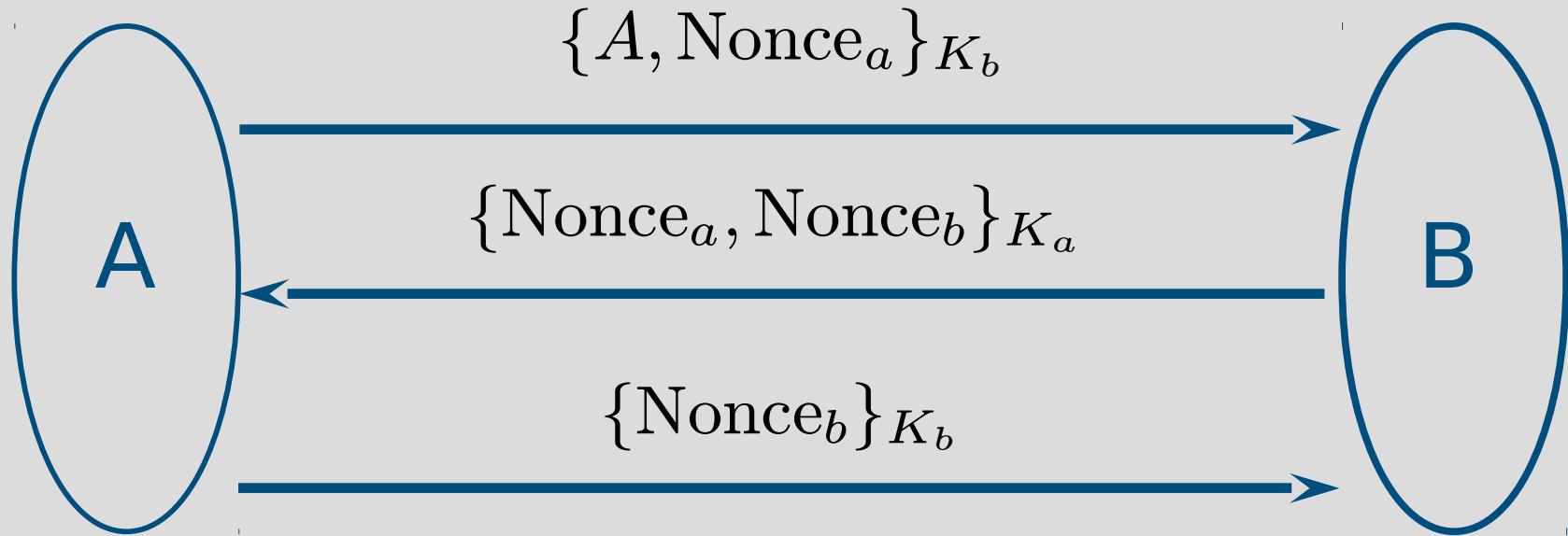
**Correct if no security violation in any run.**

# Correctness vs Security

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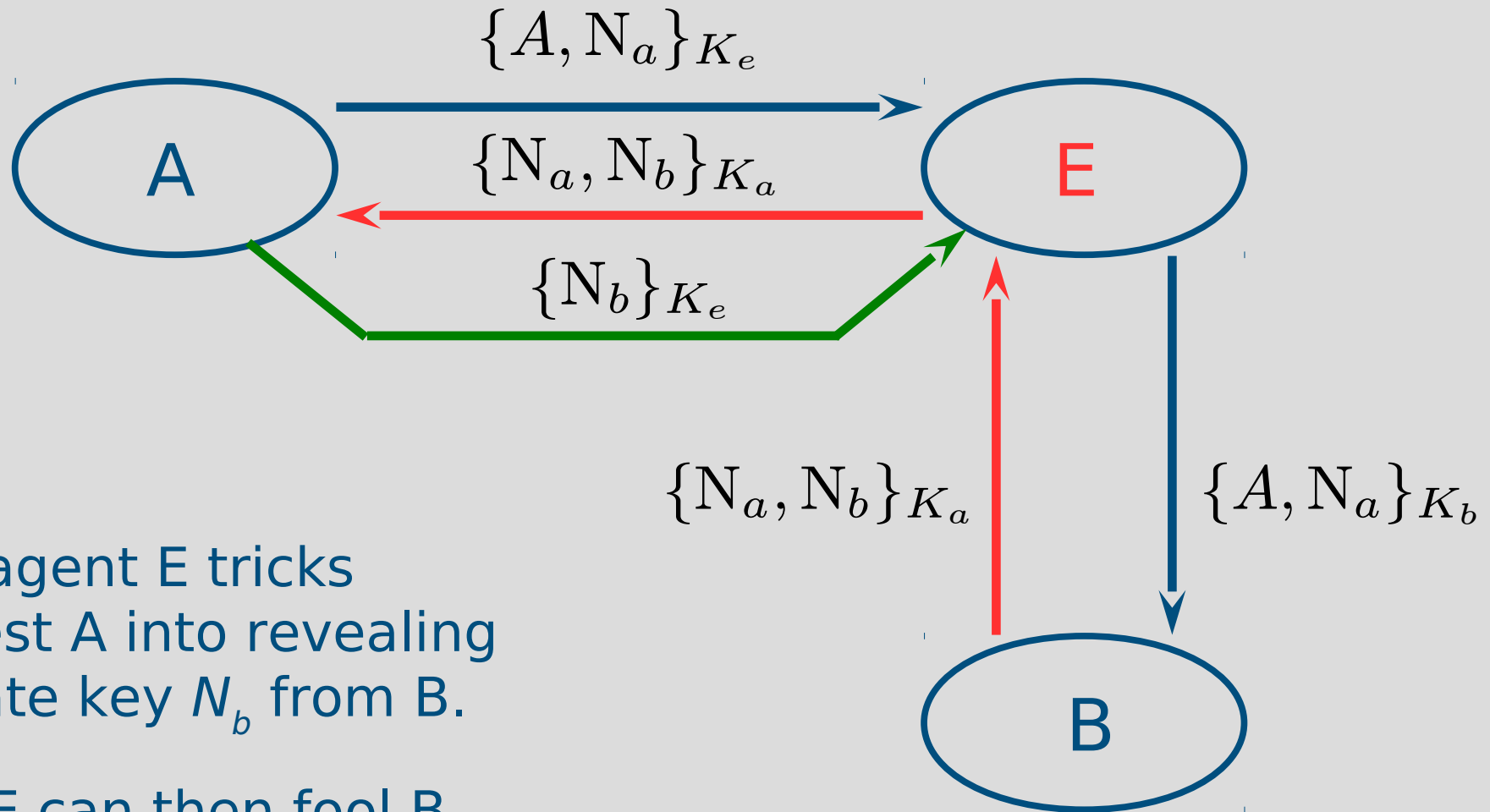
- Program or System Correctness
  - Program satisfies specification
    - ♦ For reasonable input, get reasonable output
- Program or System Security
  - Program resists attack
    - ♦ For unreasonable input, output not completely disastrous
- Main differences
  - Active interference from environment
  - Refinement techniques may fail

# Needham-Schroeder Key Exchange



Result: A and B share two private numbers not known to any observer without  $K_a^{-1}, K_b^{-1}$

## Anomaly in Needham-Schroeder [Lowe]



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Intercept/send messages:

$$N_S(x) \rightarrow M(x)$$

$$M(x) \rightarrow N_R(x)$$

Decompose messages:

$$M(\langle x, y \rangle) \rightarrow M(x), M(y)$$

Compose messages:

$$M(x), M(y) \rightarrow M(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

Create nonces:

$$\rightarrow \exists z. M(z)$$

Among other rules, e.g., rules involving encryption/decryption.

Some of these rules are not balanced. In particular, the intruder has an unbounded memory, *i.e.*, he can remember as many facts as he needs.

The **secrecy/planning problem** is undecidable.

## Memory Bounded Dolev-Yao intruder

How much adversarial behavior can be done by some insiders in a collaborative system?

Since insiders have a bounded memory, we need to consider a memory bounded Dolev-Yao intruder.

## Memory Bounded Dolev-Yao intruder, sample rules

We use private facts of the form  $R(*)$  to denote a free memory slot available only to the intruder and public facts of the form  $P(*)$  to denote a memory slot available to all agents.

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Intruder might need to forget information:

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Protocol roles may be **created/deleted** while other protocols are running.

$$A_k \rightarrow P(*)$$

$$Q_1(\vec{x}_1) \cdots Q_n(\vec{x}_n) P(*) \rightarrow Q_1(\vec{x}_1) \cdots Q_n(\vec{x}_n) A_0(\vec{x})$$

**Well-founded theories** [Cervesato *et al.*, CSFW'99] prohibit this. They only allow protocol roles to be created before any protocol runs take place. Hence they only allow for a bounded number of roles if actions are balanced.

## PSPACE lower-bound using protocol theories

We rely upon the fact that  $\text{NPSPACE} = \text{PSPACE}$ .

We encode a deterministic Turing machine,  $TM$ , that accepts in space  $n^2$ .

Assume w.l.o.g. that the machine has only one accepting configuration.

We encode  $TM$  by using two participants  $A$  and  $B$ .  $A$  initiates the protocol, while  $B$  encodes the actions of the Turing machine  $M$  and also checks whether the current state is the **accepting configuration** of  $TM$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $P(I, TM)$  be a protocol theory encoding  $TM$  with initial configuration  $I$ . Let  $M$  be a balanced intruder theory. A run of theory  $P(I, TM) + M$  can lead to a state containing  $M(\text{secret})$  if and only if the machine  $TM$  can reach the accepting configuration starting from  $I$ .

# PSPACE lower-bound using protocol theories

## Encoding $TM$ 's configurations as messages

$$\langle \$ \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_i \dots \xi_{n^2} \#, q, i \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \langle \tau, q, i \rangle$$

$\$$  and  $\#$  mark the beginning and the end of the tape.

$\xi_j$  contains the symbol at the  $j^{\text{th}}$  position in the tape.

$q$  is the state of  $TM$ .

$i$  is the position in the tape that  $TM$  is scanning.

We assume that no instruction leads  $TM$  to scan a position to the left of  $\$$  or to the right of  $\#$ .

# PSPACE lower-bound using protocol theories

## Normal Run

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow B : \quad \langle \text{update}, \{ \langle \tau, q, i \rangle \}_k \rangle \\ B &\longrightarrow A : \quad \langle \text{done}, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle \\ A &\longrightarrow B : \quad \langle \text{check}, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle \\ B &\longrightarrow A : \quad \text{result} \end{aligned}$$

In the first two actions,  $B$  executes the unique  $TM$ 's instructions that changes the state from  $q$  to  $q'$ , changing the contents of the tape, and  $i' = i + 1$  if the instruction moves  $TM$ 's head to the right, or  $i' = i - 1$  if the instruction moves  $TM$ 's head to the left, otherwise  $i' = i$ .

In the last two actions,  $B$  checks whether  $q'$  is the accepting state is reached. If it is then  $result$  is the *secret*, otherwise  $result$  is *no*.

# Anomaly

## First Session of the Anomaly

$A \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow B :$	$\langle update, \{ \langle \tau, q, i \rangle \}_k \rangle$	Intruder is the <b>man in the middle</b> . He learns the initial state.
$B \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow A :$	$\langle done, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle$	
$A \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow B :$	$\langle check, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle$	
$B \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow A :$	$result$	

## Later Sessions of the Anomaly

$M(A) \longrightarrow B :$	$\langle update, \{ \langle \tau, q, i \rangle \}_k \rangle$	Intruder impersonates <b>A</b> . After each session, the message exchanged encodes the next state of the Turing machine.
$B \longrightarrow M(A) :$	$\langle done, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle$	
$M(A) \longrightarrow B :$	$\langle check, \{ \langle \tau', q', i' \rangle \}_k \rangle$	
$B \longrightarrow M(A) :$	$result$	

## Formally in our system:

### Protocol Theory for A

ROLA:  $Guy(G, k)Init(I)P(*) \rightarrow_A Guy(G, k)Init(I)A_0(I, k)$

UPDA:  $A_0(X, k)P(*) \rightarrow_A A_1(X, k)N_S(\langle update, enc(k, X) \rangle)$

CHKA:  $A_1(X, k)N_R(\langle done, enc(k, Y) \rangle) \rightarrow_A A_2(Y, k)N_S(\langle check, enc(k, Y) \rangle)$

RESA:  $A_2(X, k)N_R(Res) \rightarrow_A A_3(X, Res, k)P(*)$

ERASEA:  $A_3(X, Res, k) \rightarrow_A P(*)$

## Formally in our system:

### Protocol Theory for $B$

- ROLB:  $Guy(G, k)Secret(s)P(*) \rightarrow Guy(G, k)Secret(s)B_0(k, s)$
- UPDB:  $B_0(k, s)N_R(\langle update, enc(k, \langle x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, \xi, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n^2+1}, q, i \rangle) \rangle) \rightarrow B_1(\langle x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, \eta, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n^2+1}, q', i' \rangle, k, s) N_S(\langle done, enc(k, \langle x_0, \dots, x_{i-1}, \eta, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n^2+1}, q', i' \rangle) \rangle)$
- CHKB:  $B_1(X, k, s)N_R(\langle check, enc(k, X) \rangle) \rightarrow B_2(X, k, s)N_S(result)$
- ERASEB:  $B_2(X, k, s) \rightarrow P(*)$

For each instruction in  $TM$  of the form:

$$q\xi \rightarrow q'\eta D$$

there are  $n^2$  UPDB rules where  $0 < i < n^2+1$  is the position  $TM$ 's head and the action above denotes that “if in state  $q$  and looking at  $\xi$  then replace it by  $\eta$ , move in the direction  $D$  and go to the state  $q'$ .”

## Memory Bounded Dolev-Yao intruder

Since all actions are balanced, the secrecy problem is **PSPACE-complete**.

This is one **theoretical explanation** of the successful use of model-checkers in the verification of security protocols. Our PSPACE upper bound can have some impact on practical aspects of protocol verification.

# Analysis of the intruder's memory for known anomalies

Protocol	Needham-Schroeder	Yahalom	Otway-Rees	Woo-Lam	Kerberos 5	PKINIT
No intruder	Facts: 9	Facts: 8	Facts: 8	Facts: 7	Facts: 15	Facts: 18
With Anomaly	Facts: 19 R(*): 7	Facts: 15 R(*): 9	Facts: 11/17 R(*): 5/9	Facts: 8 R(*): 2	Facts: 22/20 R(*): 9/4	Facts: 31 R(*): 10
Size of Facts	6	16	26	6	16	28

# No Upper Bound for the Dolev-Yao's Memory

Some known anomalies can be carried out by the Bounded Memory Dolev-Yao intruder if one gives him enough memory.

In particular, we considered all protocols to be bounded. That is, the agents participating cannot remember an unbounded number of facts. This is different from the setting in [Cervesato et al., CSFW'99]. In particular, for bounded protocols there is only a bounded number of concurrent sessions.

# No Upper Bound for the Dolev-Yao's Memory

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This leads to the following question:

**Is it possible to infer an upper-bound on the memory required by the Standard Dolev-Yao adversary to carry out an anomaly from the memory bound of the bounded protocol?**

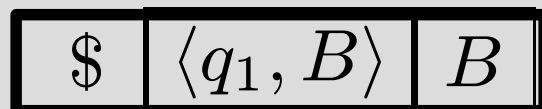
We answer this question negatively, confirming the hardness of protocol verification.

# Encoding Turing Machines

In particular, we provide a sound and faithful encoding of Turing Machines using **bounded memory protocols** and the **Standard Dolev-Yao adversary**.

## Assumptions (w.l.o.g.) about the machine $M$

- Only one tape, which is one-way unbounded to the right. The leftmost cell (numbered by **0**) contains the marker **\$** unerased;
- The initial 3-cell configuration is of the following form, where **B** stands for the blank symbol:



- We assume that all instructions are “move” instructions. The head of the machine cannot move to the leftmost cell marked with \$.
- Only one accepting state  $q_0$

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We use assume to principal, **Alice and Bob**, which share a symmetric key  $K$ ;

## Encoding of the Tape

- An unscanned cell that contains symbol  $\xi_0$  is encoded by a term encrypted with the key  $K$ ;

$$E_K(\langle t_0, \xi_0, e_0, t_1 \rangle)$$

where  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  are nonces, and  $e_0 = 1$ , if the cell is the last cell in a configuration.

- The cell that contains symbol  $\xi$  and is scanned by the machine  $M$  in state  $q$  is also encoded by a term encrypted with the key  $K$ :

$$E_K(\langle t_1, \langle q, \xi \rangle, 0, t_2 \rangle)$$

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The nonces  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  are used as “timestamps” and to specify the adjacency of cells.

## Initial Configuration

$$\langle E_K(\langle t_0, \$, 0, t_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_1, \langle q_1, B \rangle, 0, t_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_2, B, 1, t_3 \rangle) \rangle$$

# Encoding Turing Machines

## Encoding Machine's Actions

**Alice's Role** – Alice is the initiator and her initial state is:

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Alice updates all nonces  $t_i$  to  $t'_i$ , and sends the following updated message to Bob:

$$\langle E_K(\langle t'_0, \$, 0, t'_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_1, \langle q, B \rangle, 0, t'_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_2, B, 1, t'_3 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_4, B, 1, t'_5 \rangle) \rangle$$

Alice waits a response from Bob of the form:

$$\langle E_K(\langle t_0, \alpha_0, 0, t_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle \tilde{t}_1, \alpha_1, 0, \tilde{t}_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_2, \alpha_2, e_2, t_3 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_4, B, 1, t_5 \rangle) \rangle$$

Alice checks whether  $t_1 = \tilde{t}_1$  and  $\tilde{t}_2 = t_2$ .

Moreover, if  $\alpha_i$  is of the form  $\langle q_0, \xi \rangle$  then, she releases the secret.

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**Bob's Role** – Bob **transforms** a message received with the help of an instruction from the given Turing machine. **He expects a message of the form:**

$$\langle E_K(\langle t_0, \xi_0, 0, t_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle \tilde{t}_1, \langle q, \xi \rangle, 0, \tilde{t}_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_2, \xi_2, e_2, t_3 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_4, B, 1, t_5 \rangle) \rangle$$

If  $t_1 = \tilde{t}_1$  and  $\tilde{t}_2 = t_2$ , then he performs one of the following three actions:

**1) Extends the tape** – if  $e_2 = 1$  Bob **updates nonces**  $t_i$  to  $t'_i$ , and sends the following updated message to Alice, which provides the chain of **four cells with an updated last cell**:

$$\langle E_K(\langle t_0, \xi_0, 0, t'_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_1, \langle q, \xi \rangle, 0, t'_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_2, \xi_2, 0, t'_3 \rangle), E_K(\langle t'_3, B, 1, t'_4 \rangle) \rangle$$

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Notice that **by eavesdropping**, Mallory can collect messages of the form:

$$E_K(\langle t_1, \alpha_1, e_1, t_2 \rangle)$$

## Attack

- **For the first run**, Mallory intercepts the **initial message** from Alice, stores it, and resends it to Bob. While Bob responds, Mallory **intercepts the message from Bob**, stores it, and **resends** it to Alice.
- **For each of the next runs**, Mallory intercepts the initial message from Alice. Taking **non-deterministically** messages stored in his memory and composing the following message below, Mallory sends it to Bob:

$$\langle E_K(\langle t_0, \alpha_0, 0, t_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle \tilde{t}_1, \alpha_1, 0, \tilde{t}_2 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_2, \alpha_2, e_2, t_3 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_4, B, 1, t_5 \rangle) \rangle$$

- If Bob accepts this message and responds with a transformed one as described in the protocol, then Mallory **intercepts this new message from Bob**, stores it, and resends it to Alice.

# Man-in-the-Middle-Attack by the Intruder (Mallory)

**Lemma:** Suppose that a term of the form below appears in the intruder memory by active eavesdropping.

$$E_K(\langle t, \langle q, \xi \rangle, 0, t' \rangle)$$

Then there is a **unique sequence of nonces**  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{n+2}$  and a **chain of terms** from the adversary's memory:

$$E_K(\langle t_0, \$, 0, t_1 \rangle), E_K(\langle t_1, x_1, 0, t_2 \rangle), \dots, E_K(\langle t_{j-1}, x_{j-1}, 0, t_j \rangle), \\ E_K(\langle t_j, \langle q, x_j \rangle, 0, t_{j+1} \rangle), E_K(\langle t_{j+1}, x_{j+1}, 0, t_{j+2} \rangle), \dots, E_K(\langle t_n, x_n, 0, t_{n+1} \rangle), \\ E_K(\langle t_{n+1}, B, 1, t_{n+2} \rangle)$$

such that

$$t_j = t, \quad x_j = \xi, \quad \text{and} \quad t_{j+1} = t'$$

and  $M$  leads from the empty initial configuration to the configuration where the string  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_j \dots x_n$  is written in cells  $1, \dots, n$  on the tape, where the  $j$ -th cell is scanned by  $M$  in state  $q$ .

**Theorem:** There is a Dolev-Yao attack on the above protocol if and only if the machine  $M$  terminates on the empty input.

# Bounded Memory Adversaries cannot approximate the Standard Dolev-Yao

**Theorem:** Whatever a total recursive function  $h$  we take, we can construct a recursive sequence of bounded memory protocols  $Q_n$  so that

- For any  $n$ , there is a Dolev-Yao attack on the bounded memory protocol  $Q_n$ ;
- However, for any  $n$  starting from some  $n_0$ , any Dolev-Yao adversary the size of whose **memory is bounded** by  $h(n)$  is **not capable of detecting** an attack on the bounded memory protocol  $Q_n$ .

# Comparison with Related Work

	Bound on the size of facts	Bound on the number of protocol sessions	Bound on the number of nonces	Bound on the number of parallel protocol sessions	Bounded Memory Intruder	Protocol Theories Only
<b>PSPACE-complete [Kanovich et al]</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>DEXPTIME-complete [Durgin et al]</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
<b>NP-complete [Amadio and Lugiez]</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>NP-complete for Progressing [new]</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

# Conclusions

- Balanced systems provide an **intuitive restriction** to the memory capabilities of agents: each agent can store at any moment a bounded number of facts of bounded size;
- We provide a **formalization for notion of freshness** for balanced systems with balanced actions that can create fresh values: a nonce uses the space previously used by the updated value;
- We prove that in such systems the planning problem is **PSPACE-complete**;
- Returning to protocol security, we show that known protocol anomalies can **also occur** when the intruder has bounded memory and that the secrecy becomes **PSPACE-complete**;
- We showed that it **is not possible to infer a computable upper bound** on the Dolev-Yao's memory from the memory bound of protocols, confirming thus the hardness of protocol verification. This was done by a novel undecidability proof for the secrecy problem;
- We proposed a novel definition of **Progressing Collaborative Systems** for systems that may create fresh values;
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- We showed that the reachability problem for balanced Progressing Collaborative Systems that can create fresh values is **NP-complete**.

## Future work

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- How to include Real Time into our model, and in particular find decidable fragments for the reachability problem. Many distance bounding protocols mention real time and are of great interest to protocol security community.
- Can our complexity results help the design of protocol verification tools? We are currently using Maude.
- Enrich our intruder model to include **new parameters**, such as the number of active concurrent protocol sessions, to provide **richer quantitative measures** of security of a protocol;
- Investigate ways to lift the assumption that the size of facts is bounded;

# Agenda

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- Local State Transition Systems
- Fresh Values
- Bounded Memory Adversary
- **Timed Collaborative Systems**

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# Timed Collaborative Systems

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- Deviations from procedures and violations of regulations **should be avoided** as they may compromise both the collected data and more importantly the health of subjects
- CIs are rigorously monitored by government inspectors
- Violations may also imply **heavy penalties**, both financial as well as of bad Public Relations
- Health Institutions with record of deviations may be **punished by the market** and not being hired for carrying out future CIs.

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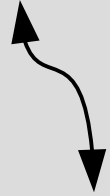
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- Timestamps are also used in protocols.

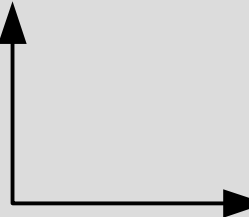
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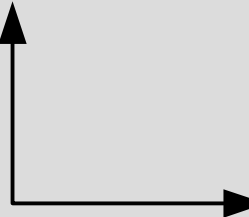
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- Often one needs to take **different actions** according to the outcome of an event:
  - E.g., in clinical trials: If the test result is **bad**, then repeat the Urine test.

## Branching Actions vs Non-Branching Actions

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It is not yet clear whether one should use a system with **internal or external non-determinism**. While branching plans **provide more information**, they take **longer** to compute. On the other hand, non-branching plans are **faster** to compute, but one might need to often **re-compute** a new plan according to the actual outcome of an action.

In our Clinical Investigations scenario, it seems more suitable to use an **hybrid** approach. We compute branching plans in a lazy fashion. We compute plans for all branches that are **equally probable**, e.g., for Urine test, and compute plans for events that are **not that probable on demand**, e.g., serious and unexpected problems.

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regulatory agency is not informed **within 15 days** an unexpected event is detected:

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Time constraints  $\{T_2 > T_1 + 15\}$

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### Some assumptions:

- Discrete time, e.g., natural numbers (TLSTSeS with **dense domains** is an on going research).
- Time constraints are arithmetic comparisons of the form:

$$T_1 \circ T_2 + D, \text{ where } \circ \in \{<, \leq, =, \geq, >\}$$

where  $D$  is a **natural number** and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are time variables.

That is, time constraints **are relative** – that is they are invariant with respect to time translation  $t \rightarrow t+t_0$ .

- Actions are balanced.
- The timestamps of **created facts** in an action at a moment  $T$  are of the form:

$T + D$ , where  $D$  is non-negative integer.

# Summary of Results for Timed Collaborative Systems

## Plan Compliance Problem

Balanced Actions	Non-Branching	PSPACE-complete (new)
	Possibly Branching	EXPTIME-complete (new)
Actions not necessarily balanced		Undecidable

We also show that the **progressing plan compliance** problem is **NP-complete** when actions are balanced and non-branching and when there is a bound on the number of nonces and on time.

The results above marked with **new** are novel and do not appear in [IHI'12].

# Handling the unboundedness of time

## Challenge

- Overcome the fact that the domain of timestamps is **unbounded**.

Example: A plan where the global time advances eagerly.

$$\text{Time@0}, W \xrightarrow{\text{clock}} \text{Time@1}, W \xrightarrow{\text{clock}} \text{Time@2}, W \xrightarrow{\text{clock}} \cdots$$

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Canonical form called  $\delta$ -representation:

$$\langle R, 1, P, \infty, Time, 1, Q, 2, S \rangle$$

## Equivalent Configurations and Relative Time Constraints

**Lemma:** Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be two equivalent configurations and let  $C$  be a relative time constraint.  $S$  satisfies  $C$  if and only if  $S'$  satisfies  $C$ .

Hence if an action is applicable on the configuration  $S$  it will also be applicable on the configuration  $S'$ . Moreover if  $S$  is a goal (respectively, critical) configuration, then  $S'$  is also a goal (respectively, critical) configuration.

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Assume  $D_{max} = 3$  and the following configurations that are **not future bounded**:

Equivalent:       $\{\text{Time}@0, P@5\}$        $\{\text{Time}@0, P@4\}$



Not Equivalent:       $\{\text{Time}@1, P@5\}$        $\{\text{Time}@1, P@4\}$

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**Lemma:** Actions preserve future boundedness of configurations.

This is because of the following condition on actions:

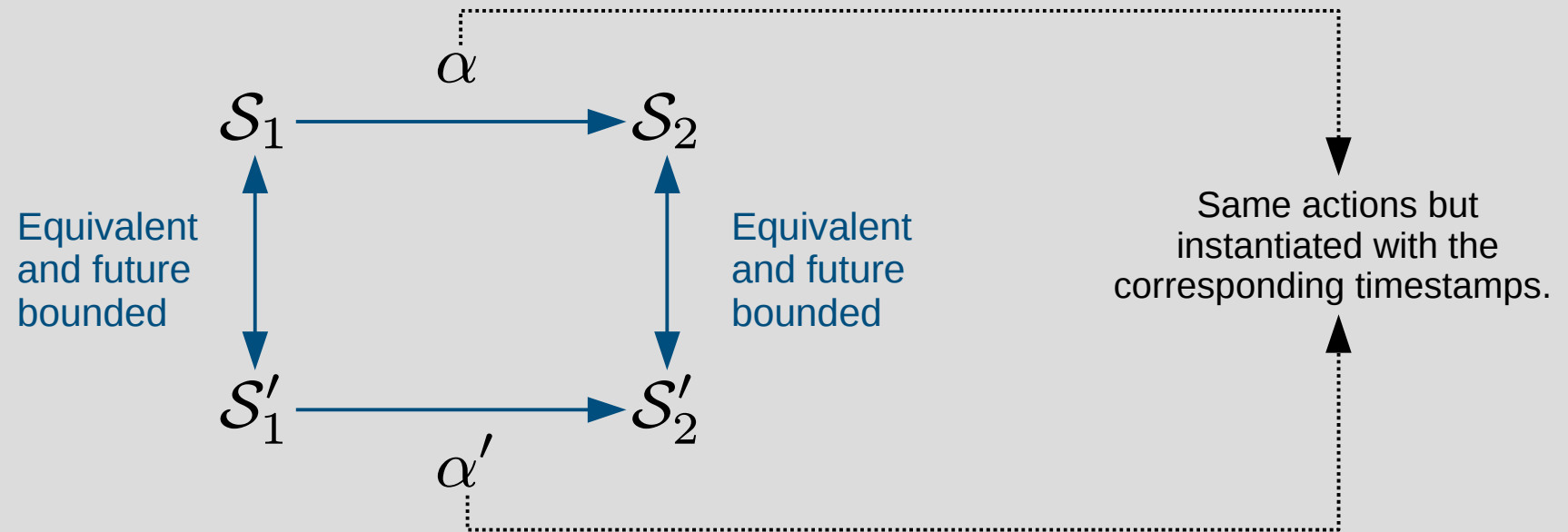
- The timestamps of **created facts** in an action at a moment  $T$  are of the form  $T + D$ , where  $D$  is non-negative integer.

## Actions preserve equivalences

**Theorem:** For any given Timed Local State Transition System (TLSTS)  $T$ , the equivalence relation among configurations defined above is well-defined with respect to the actions of the system (including time advances) and goal and critical configurations. Any plan starting from a future bounded configuration can be conceived as a plan over its  $\delta$ -representations.

# Proof Sketch

## Simulation Argument



## Balanced Actions

**Corollary:** For Timed Local State Transition Systems (TLSTS) with balanced actions, we only need to consider the plan compliance problem with a **bounded number** of  $\delta$ -representations with respect to the number of facts in the future bounded initial configuration, the upper bound on the size of facts and the upper bound,  $D_{\max}$ , of the numbers appearing in the theory.

# Summary of Results for Timed Collaborative Systems

## Plan Compliance Problem

Balanced Actions	Non-Branching	PSPACE-complete (new)
	Possibly Branching	EXPTIME-complete (new)
Actions not necessarily balanced		Undecidable

We also show that the **progressing plan compliance** problem is **NP-complete** when actions are balanced and non-branching and when there is a bound on the number of nonces and on time.

The results above marked with **new** are novel and do not appear in [IHI'12].

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# Still in the beginning and there are many challenges ahead.

## **Mathematical models**

- Computational complexity for the plan generation problem

## **Tool Development**

- Ways to translate protocols into our mathematical formalism
- Investigate adequate human computer interfaces

## **Data Management**

- Formally show that privacy policies are not violated
- Facilitate the statistical analysis of data by building bridges to existing tools

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# Two-phase intruder theory

I/O Rules:

$$\text{REC} : N_S(x)R(*) \rightarrow D(x)P(*)$$

$$\text{SND} : C(x)P(*) \rightarrow N_R(x)R(*)$$

Decomposition Rules:

$$\text{DCMP} : D(\langle x, y \rangle)R(*) \rightarrow D(x)D(y)$$

$$\text{LRNEK} : D(k_e) \rightarrow M_{ek}(k_e)$$

$$\text{LRNDK} : D(k_d) \rightarrow M_{dk}(k_d)$$

$$\text{LRNK} : D(k_e) \rightarrow M_k(k)$$

$$\text{LRNN} : D(n) \rightarrow M_n(n)$$

$$\text{LRNG} : D(G) \rightarrow M_g(G)$$

$$\text{LRNT} : D(t) \rightarrow M_t(t)$$

$$\text{LRNL} : D(l) \rightarrow M_l(L)$$

$$\text{LRNP} : D(x) \rightarrow M_p(x)$$

$$\text{LRNM} : D(m) \rightarrow M_m(m)$$

$$\text{DEC} : M_{dk}(k_d)KP(k_e, k_d)D(\text{enc}(k_e, x))R(*) \rightarrow M_{dk}(k_d)KP(k_e, k_d)D(x)M_c(\text{enc}(k_e, x))$$

$$\text{LRNA} : D(\text{enc}(k_e, x))R(*) \rightarrow M_c(\text{enc}(k_e, x))A(\text{enc}(k_e, x))$$

$$\text{DECA} : M_{dkn}(k_d)KP(k_e, k_d)A(\text{enc}(k_e, x)) \rightarrow M_{dk}(k_d)KP(k_e, k_d)D(x)$$

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$$\text{DECAS} : M_k(k)A(\text{enc}(k, x)) \rightarrow M_k(k)D(x)$$

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$$\text{USEL} : M_l(L)R(*) \rightarrow M_l(L) C(L)$$

$$\text{USEM} : M_m(m)R(*) \rightarrow M_m(m) C(m)$$

$$\text{USEP} : M_p(x)R(*) \rightarrow M_p(x) C(x)$$

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$$\text{SIG} : M_{dk}(k_d)C(x) \rightarrow M_{dk}(k_d)C(\text{enc}(k_d, x))$$

$$\text{GEN} : R(*) \rightarrow \exists n.M_n(n)$$

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# Memory Maintenance

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## Example anomaly: Lowe anomaly

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Alice sends her nonce,  $n_a$  to Bob.

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The intruder intercepts Alice's message.

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The intruder creates its own nonce,  $n$ , and sends it to Bob.

→  $A_1(n_a)N_1(n)B_0()M(n_a)M(n)R(*)R(*)R(*)$

Bob creates a new nonce,  $n_b$  and sends it together with the intruder's nonce.

→  $B_1(n, n_b)N_2(n, n_b)A_1(n_a)M(n_a)M(n)R(*)R(*)R(*)$

The intruder intercepts Bob's message.

→  $A_1(n_a)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(\langle n, n_b \rangle)R(*)R(*)R(*)$

The intruder decomposes Bob's message.

→  $A_1(n_a)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)R(*)R(*)$

The intruder composes a new message with Alice's nonce.

→  $A_1(n_a)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)M(n_a)M(n_b)$

→  $A_1(n_a)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)M(\langle n_a, n_b \rangle)R(*)$

The intruder sends this message to Alice.

→  $A_1(n_a)N_2(n_a, n_b)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)R(*)$

Alice checks that the message contains indeed her nonce,  $n_a$ , and sends back  $n_b$ .

→  $A_2(n_a, n_b)N_3(n_b)B_1(n, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)R(*)$

End of anomaly, Bob receives Alice's message and the protocol is completed.

→  $B_2(n, n_b)A_2(n_a, n_b)M(n_a)M(n)M(n)M(n_b)R(*)R(*)$

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More explicit treatment: add a new context to sequents

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However, there is no *a priori* bound on the number of nonces created in a proof/plan. Therefore there is **no *a priori* bound on the size** of the signature and hence no bound on the size of a sequent/configuration.

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## Examples of progressing systems:

- Medical test scenario: once a blood sample is taken one does not repeat this task again.
- Other administrative tasks: grant proposal, etc.
- Security protocols normally also have a progressing behavior.

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Balanced actions in general:

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## Discussion on Related Work

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DEXPTIME-complete [Durgin *etal* 2004 ] – They allow un-balanced actions and assume a bound on the number of nonces created in a run as well as a bound on the size of facts. Intruder has unbounded memory. Traces can have an unbounded number of protocol sessions, but a bounded number of nonces.

NP-complete [Rusinowitch & Turuani 2003] – They allow un-balanced actions and assume a bound on the number of protocol sessions in a trace. No bound on the size of facts is assumed. Captures protocols whose keys are not necessarily atomic. Intruder has unbounded memory. However, traces can contain only a bounded number of protocol sessions and a bounded number of nonces.