

# Verification of security protocols: from confidentiality to privacy

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Of security Protocols

with an Application To contactless Systems

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# Cryptographic protocols everywhere !



→ they aim at **securing** communications over public networks

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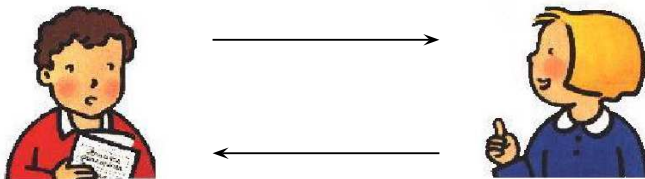
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- ▶ **Anonymity**: Is an attacker able to learn something about the identity of the participants who are communicating?
- ▶ **Non-repudiation**: **Alice** sends a message to **Bob**. **Alice** cannot later deny having sent this message. **Bob** cannot deny having received the message.
- ▶ ...

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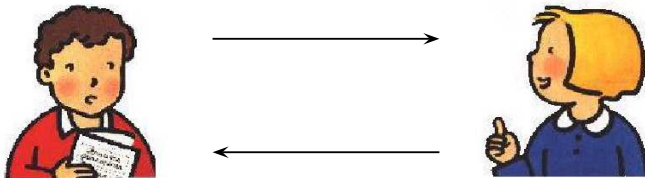
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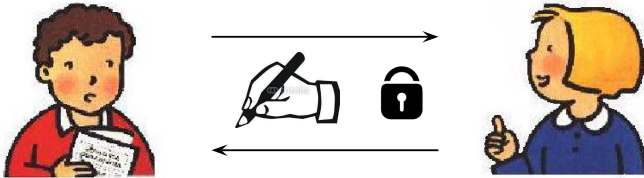
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**Cryptographic:** make use of cryptographic primitives

**Examples:** symmetric encryption, asymmetric encryption, signature, hashes, ...



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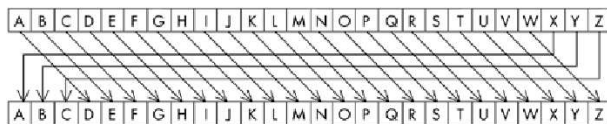


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**Example:** This might be as simple as shifting each letter by a number of places in the alphabet (e.g. Caesar cipher)



**Today:** DES (1977), AES (2000)

# A famous example

## Enigma machine (1918-1945)

- ▶ electro-mechanical rotor cipher machines used by the German to encrypt during World War II
- ▶ permutations and substitutions



## A bit of history

- ▶ 1918: invention of the Enigma machine
- ▶ 1940: Battle of the Atlantic during which Alan Turing's Bombe was used to test Enigma settings.

→ Everything about the breaking of the Enigma cipher systems remained secret until the mid-1970s.

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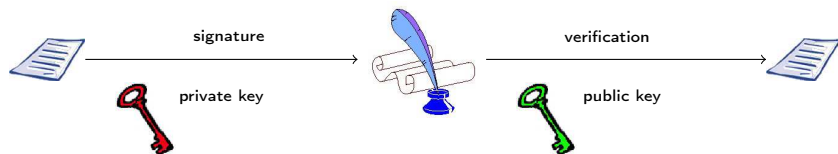
—→ their security relies on well-known **mathematical problems** (e.g. factorizing large numbers, computing discrete logarithms)

Today: those systems are still in use

**Turing Award 2016**

# What is a signature scheme?

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## Example:

The RSA cryptosystem (in fact, most public key cryptosystems) can be used as a signature scheme.



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→ A traceability attack on the BAC protocol (2010)



### Security

## Defects in e-passports allow real-time tracking

This threat brought to you by RFID

The register - Jan. 2010

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→ now, the number that is used is made of **232** digits

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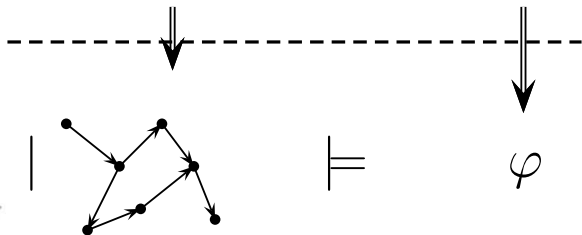
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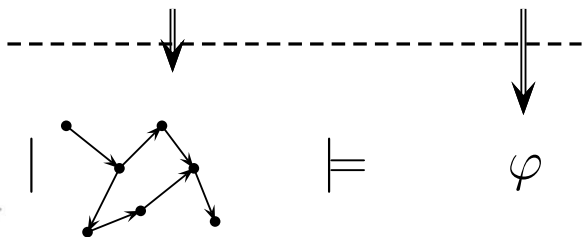
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## Outline of the this talk

1. Modelling protocols, security properties, and the attacker
2. Designing verification algorithms

## Part I

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→ Abadi & Rogaway 2000



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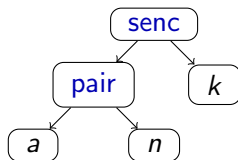
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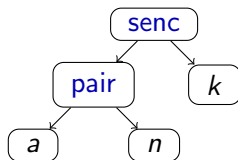
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The term algebra is equipped with an **equational theory**  $E$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{sdec}(\text{senc}(x, y), y) = x & \text{proj}_1(\text{pair}(x, y)) = x \\ \text{proj}_2(\text{pair}(x, y)) = y & \end{array}$$

**Example:**  $\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(s, k), k) =_E s$ .

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closed by

- ▶ **structural equivalence** ( $\equiv$ ):

$$P \mid Q \equiv Q \mid P, \quad P \mid 0 \equiv P, \quad \dots$$

- ▶ application of **evaluation contexts**:

$$\frac{P \rightarrow P'}{\text{new } n. P \rightarrow \text{new } n. P'} \quad \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P \mid Q \rightarrow P' \mid Q}$$

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The two terms involved in a normal execution are:

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→ this derivation represents a **normal execution** between two **honest** participants



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Some difficulties:

- ▶ we have to consider **all** the possible executions in presence of an **arbitrary adversary** (modelled as a process)
- ▶ we have to consider **realistic** initial configurations
  - ▶ an **unbounded** number of agents,
  - ▶ replications to model an **unbounded** number of sessions,
  - ▶ reveal public keys and private keys to model **dishonest** agents,
  - ▶ **honest** agents may initiate a session with a **dishonest** agent, ...

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For **all processes**  $A$  such that  $A \mid P \rightarrow^* Q$ , we have that  $Q$  is not of the form  $C[\text{out}(c, s).Q']$  with  $c$  public.

Some difficulties:

- ▶ we have to consider **all** the possible executions in presence of an **arbitrary adversary** (modelled as a process)
- ▶ we have to consider **realistic** initial configurations
  - ▶ an **unbounded** number of agents,
  - ▶ replications to model an **unbounded** number of sessions,
  - ▶ reveal public keys and private keys to model **dishonest** agents,
  - ▶ **honest** agents may initiate a session with a **dishonest** agent, ...

→ Going back to the Denning Sacco protocol

## Part II

Designing verification algorithms  
confidentiality, authentication

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[Rusinowitch & Turuani, 01; Millen & Shmatikov, 01]

- ▶ result extended to deal with various cryptographic primitives.

→ automatic tools, e.g. AVISPA platform [Armando *et al.*, 05]

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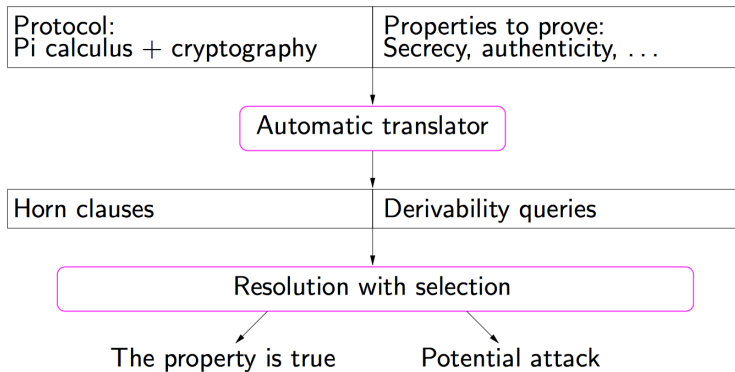
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- ▶ the tool can say “can not be proved”;
- ▶ termination is not guaranteed



# How does ProVerif work?



▶ Skip details

# Some vocabulary

## First order logic

**Atoms**  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  where  $t_i$  are terms,  $P$  is a predicate

**Literals**  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  or  $\neg P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

**closed under**  $\vee, \wedge, \neg, \exists, \forall$

**Clauses:** Only universal quantifiers

**Horn Clauses:** at most one positive literal (where  $A_i, B$  are atoms.)

$$\forall \tilde{x}. A_1, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow B$$

# Modelling the attacker using Horn clauses



## Public key encryption

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**Contradiction** with  $\neg att(s)$ !

→ This set of clauses is **not** satisfiable.

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Resolution is *sound and refutationally complete*, i.e. a set of Horn clauses  $C$  is *not* satisfiable if and only if  $\square$  (the empty clause) can be obtained from  $C$  by using the resolution rule.

## Exercises

Consider the Horn clauses given on the previous slides to model the Denning Sacco protocol.

### Exercise

Exhibit an infinite derivation (using resolution).

### Exercise

Apply resolution to derive the empty clause.

# ProVerif

ProVerif implements a **resolution strategy** well-adapted to protocols.

Approximation of the translation in Horn clauses:

- ▶ the **freshness** of nonces is partially modeled;
- ▶ the **number of times** a message appears is ignored, only the fact that it has appeared is taken into account;
- ▶ the **state** of the principals is not fully modeled.

→ These approximations are keys for an **efficient** verification.

## Experimental results

→ ProVerif works well in practice.

Protocol	Result	ms
Needham-Schroeder shared key	Attack	52
Needham-Schroeder shared key corrected	Secure	109
Denning-Sacco	Attack	6
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Otway-Rees	Secure	10
Otway-Rees, variant of Paulson98	Attack	12
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Pentium III, 1 GHz.

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## Challenge (2/2)

An attack has been found 17 years after  
the publication of this protocol !

Man in the middle attack due to G. Lowe 1995

- ▶ involving 2 sessions in parallel,
- ▶ an honest agent has to initiate a session with C.

Fixed version of the protocol

$$\begin{aligned} A \rightarrow B & : \{A, N_a\}_{\text{pub}(B)} \\ B \rightarrow A & : \{N_a, N_b, B\}_{\text{pub}(A)} \\ A \rightarrow B & : \{N_b\}_{\text{pub}(B)} \end{aligned}$$

→ the responder's identity has been added to the second message

# Security protocols everywhere !



It becomes more and more important to protect our privacy.



# Electronic passport

An e-passport is a passport with an **RFID tag** embedded in it.



The **RFID tag** stores:

- ▶ the information printed on your passport;
- ▶ a JPEG copy of your picture;
- ▶ ...


The Basic Access Control (BAC) protocol is a key establishment protocol that has been designed to **protect our personal data**, and to ensure **unlinkability**.

**Unlinkability** aims to ensure *that a user may make multiple uses of a service or resource without others being able to link these uses together.*

[ISO/IEC standard 15408]

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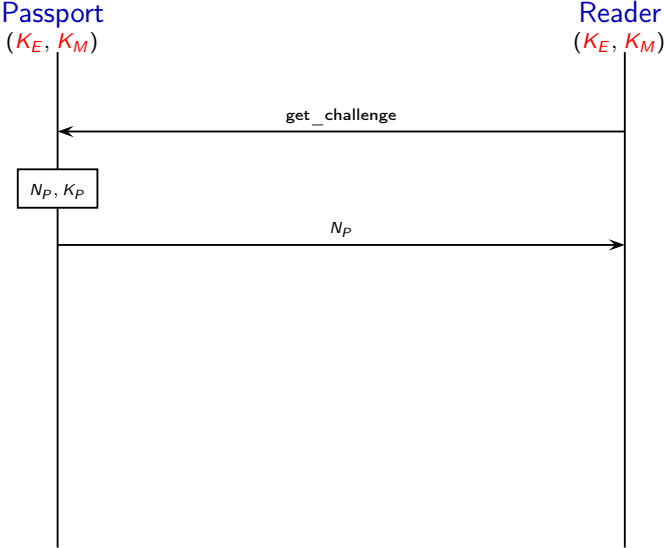
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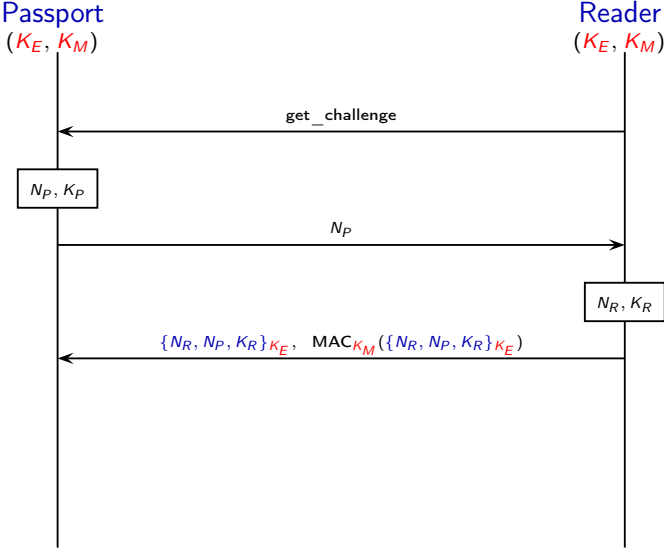
← get\_challenge

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sequenceDiagram
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    Reader->>Passport: get_challenge
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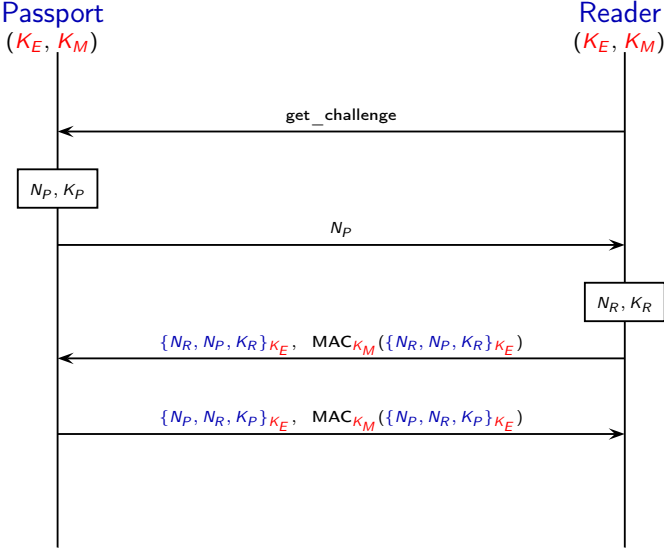
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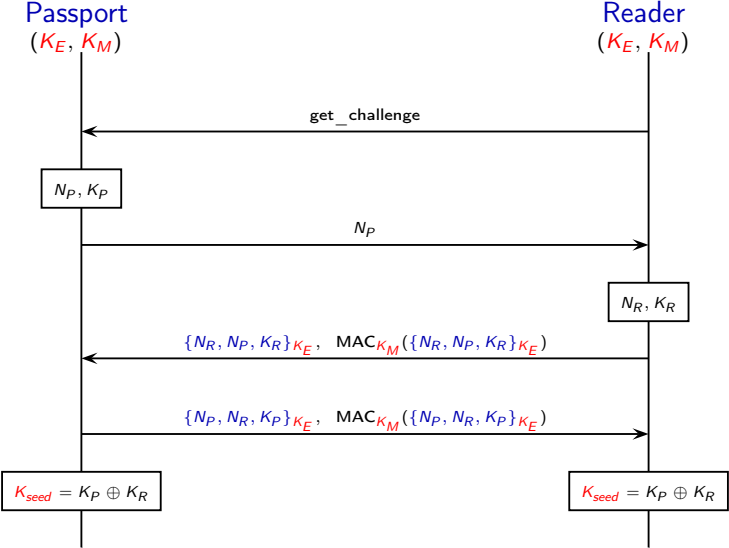


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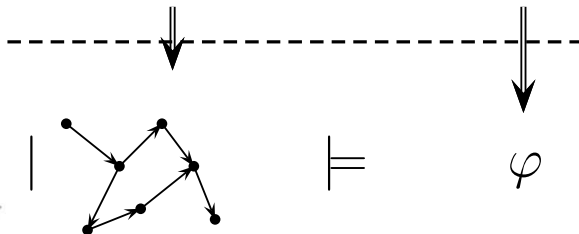
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## A brief recap

Does the **protocol** *satisfy* a **security property**?

Modelling



How can we check privacy-type security properties?

## Part I

Modelling protocols, **security properties**  
and the attacker

# Messages as terms (on an example)

Nonces  $n_r$ ,  $n_p$ , and keys  $k_r$ ,  $k_p$ ,  $k_e$ ,  $k_m$  are modelled using **names**



Cryptographic primitives are modelled using **function symbols**

- ▶ encryption/decryption:  $\text{senc}/2$ ,  $\text{sdec}/2$
- ▶ concatenation/projections:  $\langle , \rangle/2$ ,  $\text{proj}_1/1$ ,  $\text{proj}_2/1$
- ▶ mac construction:  $\text{mac}/2$

Properties of the primitives are modelled using an **equational theory**.

$$\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(x, y), y) = x, \quad \text{proj}_1(\langle x, y \rangle) = x, \quad \text{proj}_2(\langle x, y \rangle) = y.$$

## Protocols as processes (on an example)

$$\begin{aligned} P &\rightarrow R : N_P \\ R &\rightarrow P : \{N_R, N_P, K_R\}_{K_E}, \text{MAC}_{K_M}(\{N_R, N_P, K_R\}_{K_E}) \\ P &\rightarrow R : \{N_P, N_R, K_P\}_{K_E}, \text{MAC}_{K_M}(\{N_P, N_R, K_P\}_{K_E}) \end{aligned}$$

### Modelling Passport's role

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{BAC}}(k_E, k_M) &= \text{new } n_P. \text{new } k_P. \text{out}(n_P). \text{in}(\langle z_E, z_M \rangle). \\ &\quad \text{if } z_M = \text{mac}(z_E, k_M) \text{ then if } n_P = \text{proj}_1(\text{proj}_2(\text{sdec}(z_E, k_E))) \\ &\quad \quad \quad \text{then out}(\langle m, \text{mac}(m, k_M) \rangle) \\ &\quad \quad \quad \text{else } 0 \\ &\quad \text{else } 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $m = \text{senc}(\langle n_P, \langle \text{proj}_1(z_E), k_P \rangle \rangle, k_E)$ .

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More formally,

$$!new\ ke.new\ km.(!P_{BAC} \mid !R_{BAC}) \stackrel{?}{\approx} !new\ ke.new\ km.(P_{BAC} \mid !R_{BAC})$$

many sessions  
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only one session  
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(we still have to formalize the notion of equivalence)

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# Some other equivalence-based security properties

The notion of **testing equivalence** can be used to express:

## Vote privacy

the fact that a particular voted in a particular way is not revealed to anyone



## Strong secrecy

the fact that an adversary cannot see any difference when the value of the secret changes

→ stronger than the notion of secrecy as non-deducibility.



## Guessing attack

the fact that an adversary can not learn the value of passwords even if he knows that they have been chosen in a particular dictionary.

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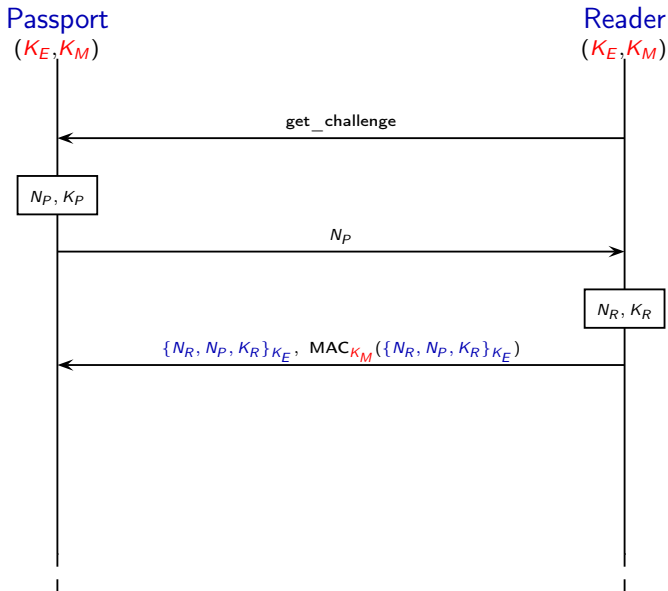
Some important results:

- ▶ A **decision procedure** implemented in the tool Apte:  
non-trivial else branches, private channels, and  
non-deterministic choice, a fixed set of primitives  
[Cheval, Comon & D., 11]
- ▶ A procedure implemented in the tool Akiss:  
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[Chadha et al, 12]

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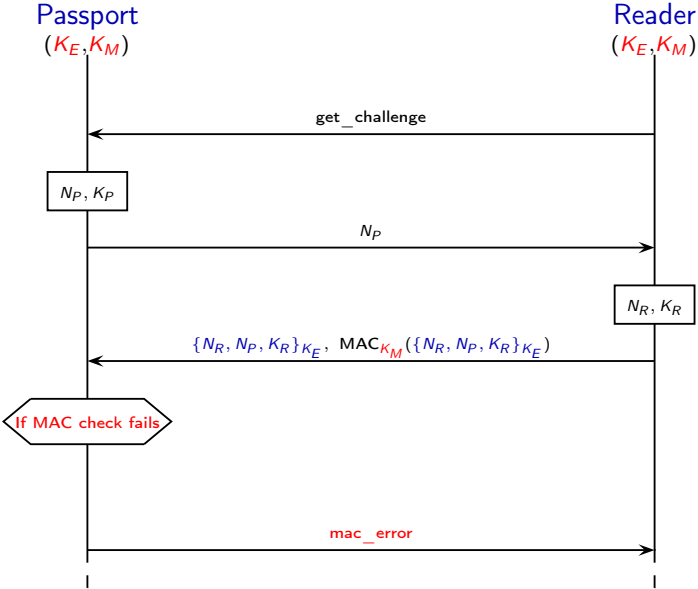
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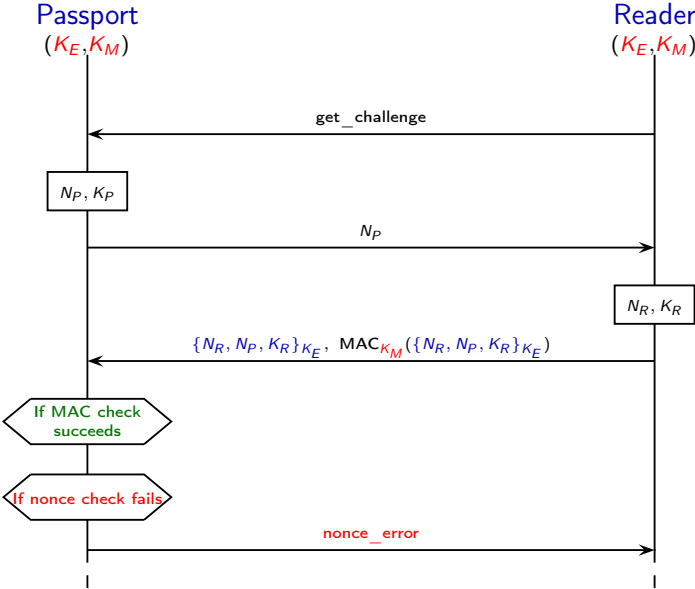
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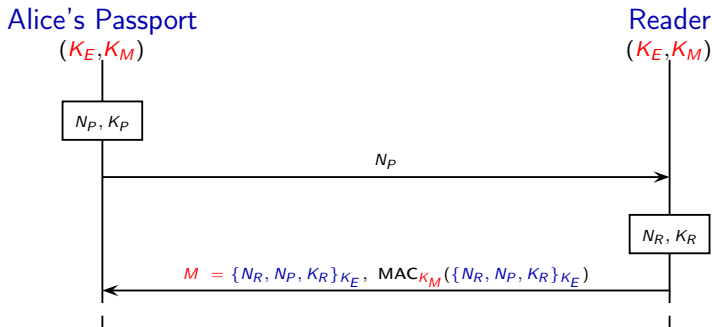
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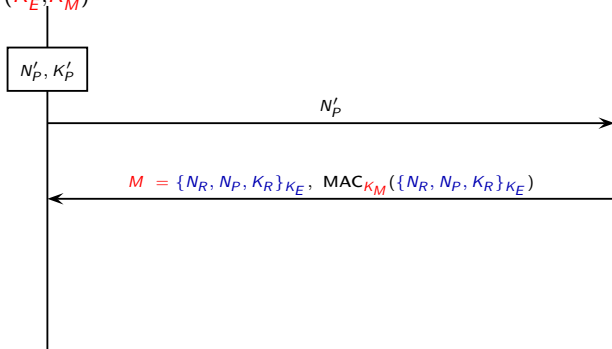
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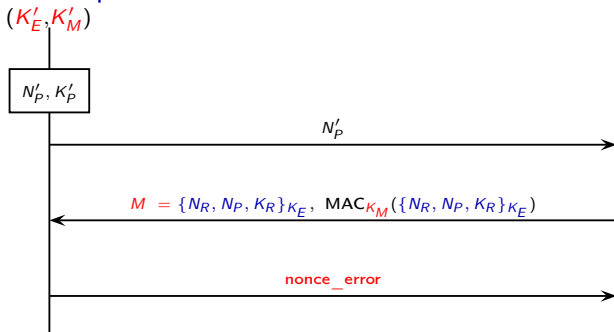
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- ▶ **undecidable** in general even for some fragment for which confidentiality is decidable [Chrétien, Cortier & D., 13]
- ▶ some recent **decidability results** for some restricted fragment e.g. tagged protocols, no nonces, a particular set of primitives ... [Chrétien, Cortier & D., Icalp'13, Concur'14, CSF'15]
- ▶ some existing verification tools: **ProVerif**, Tamarin, ... for analysing the notion of diff-equivalence (**stronger than testing equivalence**) [Blanchet, Abadi & Fournet, 05] [Basin, Dreier & Sasse, 15]

None of these results is suitable to analyse vote-privacy, or unlinkability of the BAC protocol.

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**Unlinkability** a user may make multiple uses of a resource without other being able to link these uses together.

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- ▶ our conditions can be checked automatically using **existing tools**, and we provide tool support for that.
- ▶ **new proofs** and **attacks** on several RFID protocols.

→ first results published at **Security & Privacy** in **2016** extended since to deal with a larger class of processes



## UKANO extension (2/2) – summary of our case studies

Protocol	FO	WA	unlinkability
Feldhofer	✓	✓	safe
Feldhofer variant (with !)	✓	✗	attack
Hash-Lock	✓	✓	safe
LAK (stateless)	–	✗	attack
Fixed LAK	✓	✓	safe
<b>BAC</b>	✓	✓	safe
BAC/PA/AA	✓	✓	safe
PACE (faillible dec)	–	✗	attack
PACE (as in [Bender et al, 09])	–	✗	attack
PACE	–	✗	attack
PACE with tags	✓	✓	safe
DAA sign	✓	✓	safe
DAA join	✓	✓	safe
abcdh (irma)	✓	✓	safe

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It is important to ensure that  
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- ▶ relatively **small** protocols;
- ▶ protocols that rely on **standard cryptographic primitives**.

## Limitations of the symbolic approach

1. the algebraic properties of the primitives are **abstracted away**  
→ no guarantee if the protocol relies on an encryption that satisfies some additional properties (e.g. RSA, ElGamal)
2. only the specification is analysed and **not the implementation**  
→ most of the passports are actually linkable by a careful analysis of time or message length.

<http://www.loria.fr/~glondu/epassport/attaque-tailles.html>

3. when considering a bounded number of sessions, not all scenarios are checked  
→ no guarantee if the protocol is used **one more time** !

## It remains a lot to do

- ▶ formal definitions of some **subtle security properties**  
→ receipt-freeness, coercion-resistance in e-voting
- ▶ algorithms (and tools!) for checking automatically trace equivalence for **various cryptographic primitives**;  
→ homomorphic encryption used in e-voting, exclusive-or used in RFID protocols
- ▶ more **composition results**  
→ Could we derive some security guarantees of the whole e-passport application from the analysis performed on each subprotocol?
- ▶ develop more fine-grained models (and tools) to take into account **side channel attacks**  
→ e.g. timing attacks

Questions ?