

A Coordination-based Methodology for Security Protocol Verification

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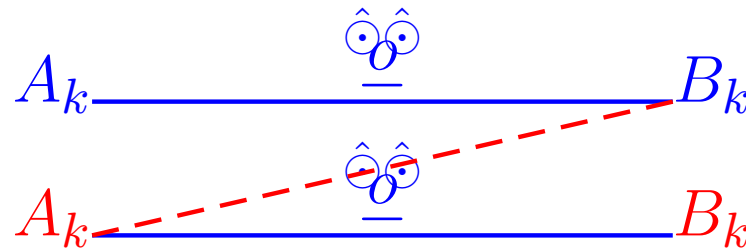
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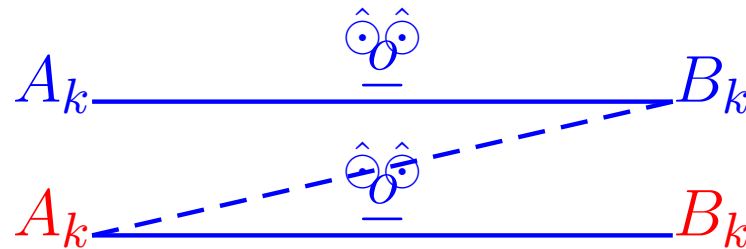
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formal methodologies and automated tools may help

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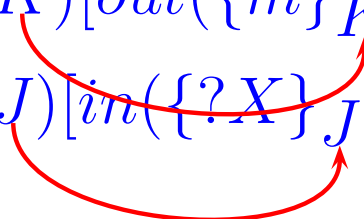
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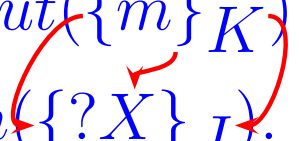


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security by means of communication matching

Multi-session protocol runs

Principal instances

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= (K_1)[out(\{m_1\}_{K_1}). \dots] \\ B_2 &= (J_2)[in(\{?X_2\}_{J_2}). \dots] \end{aligned}$$

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Mappings

$$\gamma = \{K_1 \rightarrow k, J_1 \rightarrow k\}$$

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Contexts

$$join(A_1, B_2, \gamma, \emptyset) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A_1 &= [out(\{m_1\}_k). \dots] \\ B_2 &= [in(\{?X_2\}_k). \dots] \end{array} \right\}$$

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(e.g. $\chi = x_1 \rightarrow x_1(\kappa^{27})$, $\kappa = \{m_2, \{x_2(\kappa^{25})\}_k, \dots\}$)

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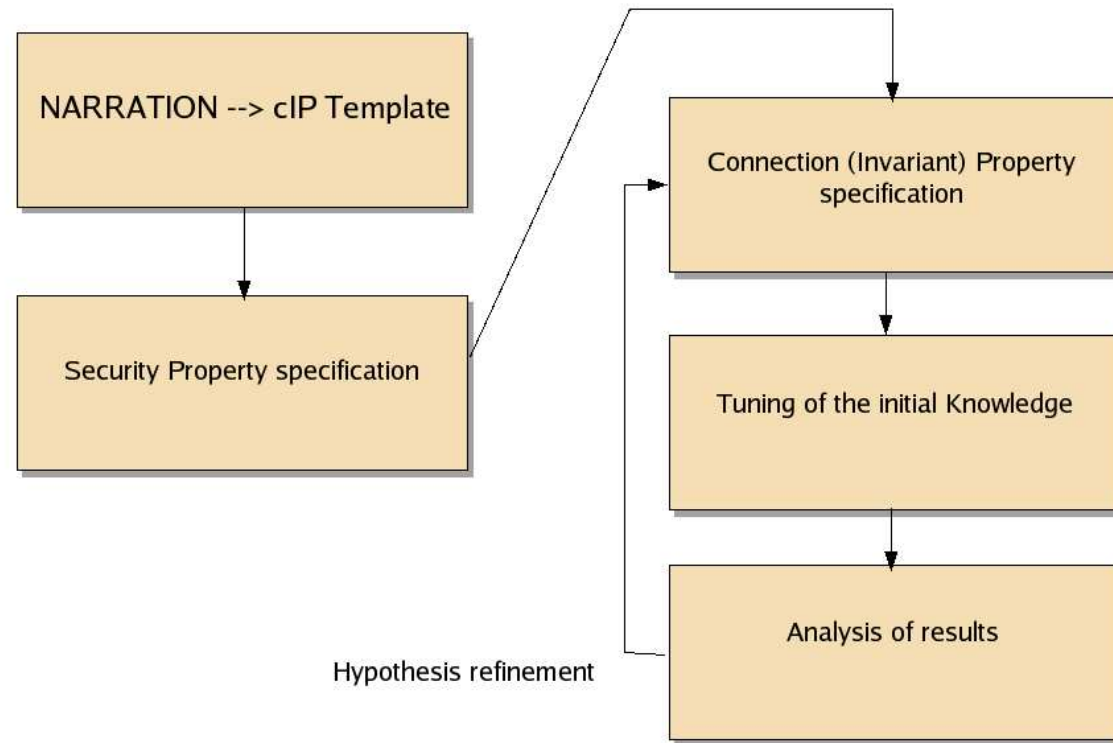
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Our verification methodology

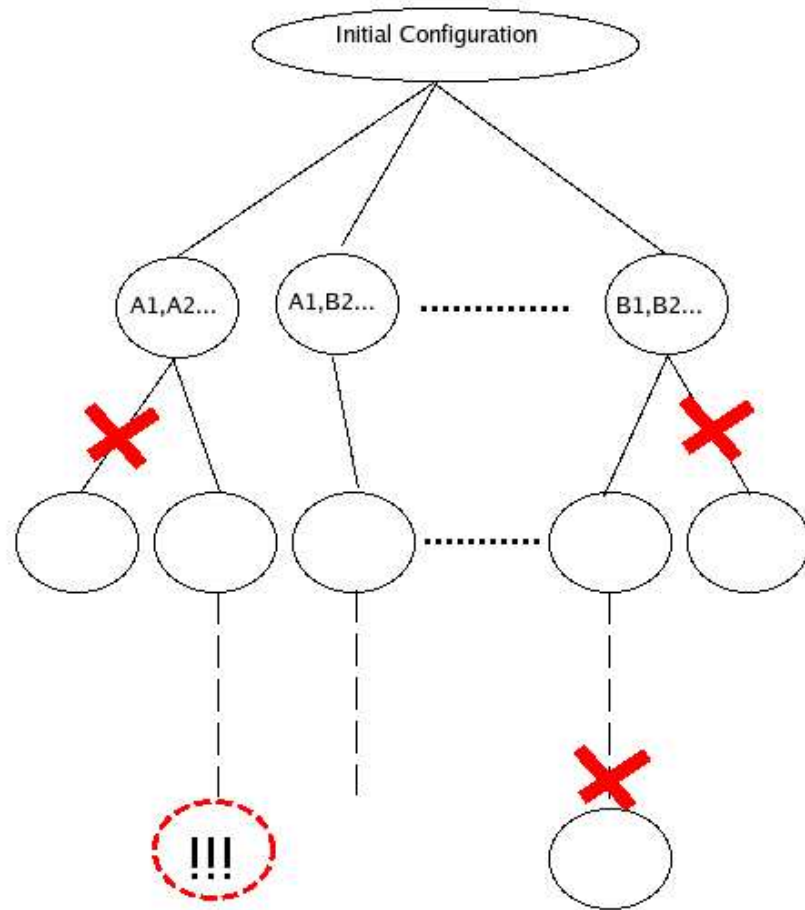
Methodology

1. Protocol formalisation:
cIP calculus and $\mathcal{PL}$
2. Initial secret sharing:
a $\mathcal{PL}$ connection formula
3. Intruder knowledge definition
4. Automatic verification phase:
 $\mathcal{ASPASyA}$

Possible iteration of 2, 3 and 4.



The Algorithm



Initialization of the intruder knowledge

Joinining Principals

Formula normalisation

Open variables connection

Invariant pruning

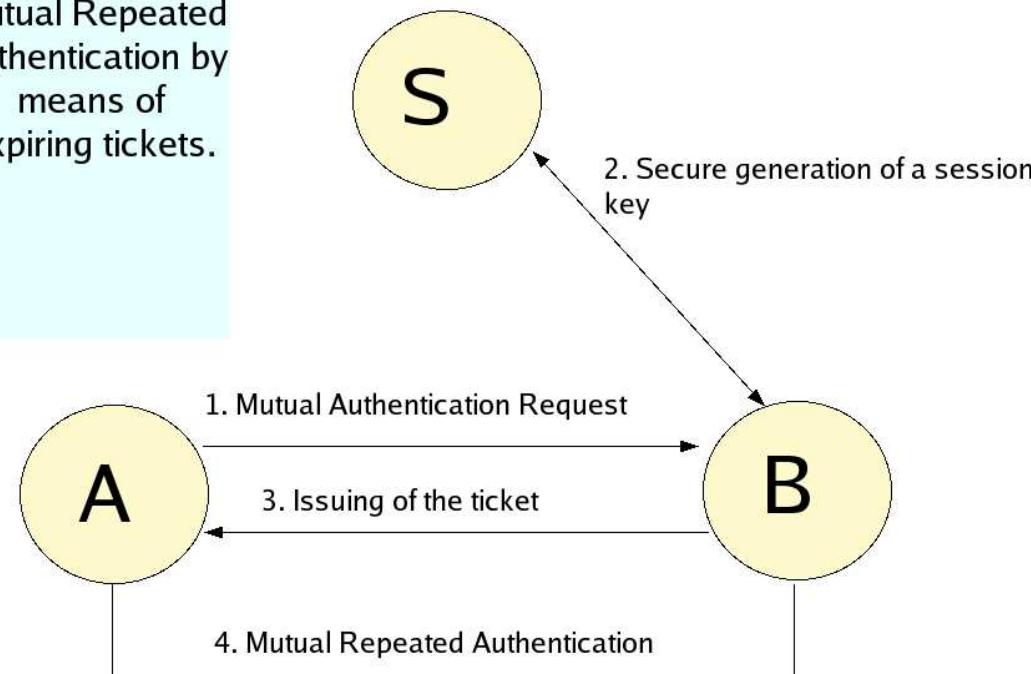
Security property check

Invariant check

Intruder rebuilding

KSL: A. Kehne, L. Schonwalder, H. Langendorfer

Mutual Repeated
Authentication by
means of
expiring tickets.



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- (2) $B \rightarrow S : na, A, nb, B$
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- (4) $B \rightarrow A : \{na, B, kab\}_{kas}, \{Tb, A, kab\}_{kbb}, nc, \{na\}_{kab}$
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- $\{ \{B_2, A_3, sk_{B_2}\}_{tk_{B_2}}, \{B_1, A_3, sk_{B_1}\}_{tk_{B_1}} \}$

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Discussion

- Known attack (within known scenario)
- Connection formula + κ for “reconstructing” initial hypothesis
- Attack due to a not expected condition (quite unlucky duplication of the same session key),
to foresee all the desired conditions is known to be difficult
- A new run with a “more precise” connection formula allow us to tune analysis, by cutting-off this condition

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Attack report for the fi rst phase of KSL

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$true, \bar{\kappa}_0$	104	0.85	0	3878	1.89	8	130870	2:27	16
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Attack report for KSL repeated authentication part

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	Number of states			Times		
Protocol	$\mathcal{ASPASyA}$	TRUST	STA	$\mathcal{ASPASyA}$	TRUST	STA
NS (2 instances)	55	328	24	0.7	0.06	0.07
KSL (2 instances)	39	135	33	0.8	0.04	0.04
KSL (4 instances)	21742	69875	-	43	1.8	-

Comparing $\mathcal{ASPASyA}$

A different approach

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[a!=b] ; [a!=Id0]

write <a,b>

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fresh na

write Ep(<na,a>,kb)

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 - extending expressiveness (e.g. time)
 - improving efficiency (formulas as heuristic for state exploration)
 - better understanding (other) properties and logic
 - extending the approach to verification of open system:
e.g. connection conditions imply behavioural properties
(not to allow a given sharing of keys entails safety)

Some close approaches

- Mur ϕ [MMS97] is a very early model checker for security protocols. Security properties and open systems in [MART03]
 - no open variables
 - non-symbolic
 - wrt [MART03] join is a coordination mechanism
- STA [BB02] & TRUST [VAN02] symbolically check security properties on protocols describes as “spi”-like processes
 - ad-hoc logic (i.e., correspondence assertions)
 - in TRUST properties hard-wired in protocols
 - no support for multiple sessions
- Similar languages/different analysis techniques: [CW01] & [BDNN00(A)]
 - in [CW01] for defining events which also relates PN to strand spaces
 - in [BDNN00(A)] for reducing complexity of static analysis

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Thank you