

# Cryptographic protocols

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Grading: Home exercises and exam in January.

# Overall topic of this course

- Cryptology I was mostly about primitives.
  - ◆ (A)symmetric encryption, signatures, MACs, hash functions, etc.
- To achieve the security goals of systems, several of them have to be used together.
- This gives us protocols.
- It's quite easy to use the primitives in the wrong way.
- This makes the protocols insecure, although the primitives themselves might have been secure.
  - ◆ Primitive  $\equiv$  a lock
  - ◆ Protocol  $\equiv$  how you use that lock

## Example 0

- Alice and Bob want to set up a private channel between themselves.
- They know each other's public keys  $K_A$  and  $K_B$ .
- Alice generates a new key  $K_{AB}$  of some symmetric encryption system.
- Alice sends  $K_{AB}$  to  $B$ , encrypted with  $K_B$ .

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{[K_{AB}]\}_{K_B}$$

- Bob decrypts and learns  $K_{AB}$ .
- Alice and Bob use  $K_{AB}$  to encrypt messages between each other.
  - ◆ Assume it also provides integrity.

# Immediate questions

- Who sent the key to Bob?

  - ◆ Alice did...

- Include Alice's name in the message:

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{[A, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B}$$

- Although that does not prove anything... **Why?**

# Immediate questions

- When was it sent?
  - ◆ consider **replay attacks**.
  - ◆ The adversary may somehow know the old session keys.
- Include a **timestamp** to the message:

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{[A, T, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B}$$

- $B$  must check that  $T$  is not far off.
- How do  $A$  and  $B$  synchronize their clocks?
- What if the attacker takes over  $B$ 's NTP server?

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- $B$  has to **store all  $N$ -s** it receives... What if his hard drive fails?
- The attacker may
  1. not deliver the message  $\{ \{ A, N, K_{AB} \} \}_{K_B}$ ;
  2. wait until it learns  $K_{AB}$ ;
  3. deliver  $\{ \{ A, N, K_{AB} \} \}_{K_B}$ .

# Liveness of $A$

- $B$  needs to know that  $A$  sent that message **recently**.
- $B$  must answer to  $A$  and then  $A$  must answer to  $B$ .

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{ \{ A, N, K_{AB} \} \}_{K_B}$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : \{ \{ ??? \} \}_{K_A}$$

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# Liveness of $A$

- 2nd and 3rd message have to mention  $N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A \longrightarrow B &: \{[A, N, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B} \\ B \longrightarrow A &: \{[N]\}_{K_A} \\ A \longrightarrow B &: \{[N]\}_{K_B} \end{aligned}$$

- $A$  must verify that it sent  $N$  recently.
- $B$  must do the same verification after 3rd message.
- What replay possibilities are there?

# Liveness of $A$

- $B$  needs a nonce, too.

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Now Bob thinks that he shares the key  $K_{AC}$  with Alice, but Charlie also knows that key.

# A possible fix

- $B$ 's answer must contain his name:

$$\begin{aligned} A \longrightarrow B &: \{[A, N_A, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B} \\ B \longrightarrow A &: \{[N_A, N_B, B]\}_{K_A} \\ A \longrightarrow B &: \{[N_A, N_B]\}_{K_B} \end{aligned}$$

- Is this protocol secure? Maybe...
- Are all its parts necessary?
  - ◆ Do we need all components of all messages?
  - ◆ Does everything have to be under encryption?

Probably not.

# More fundamental questions

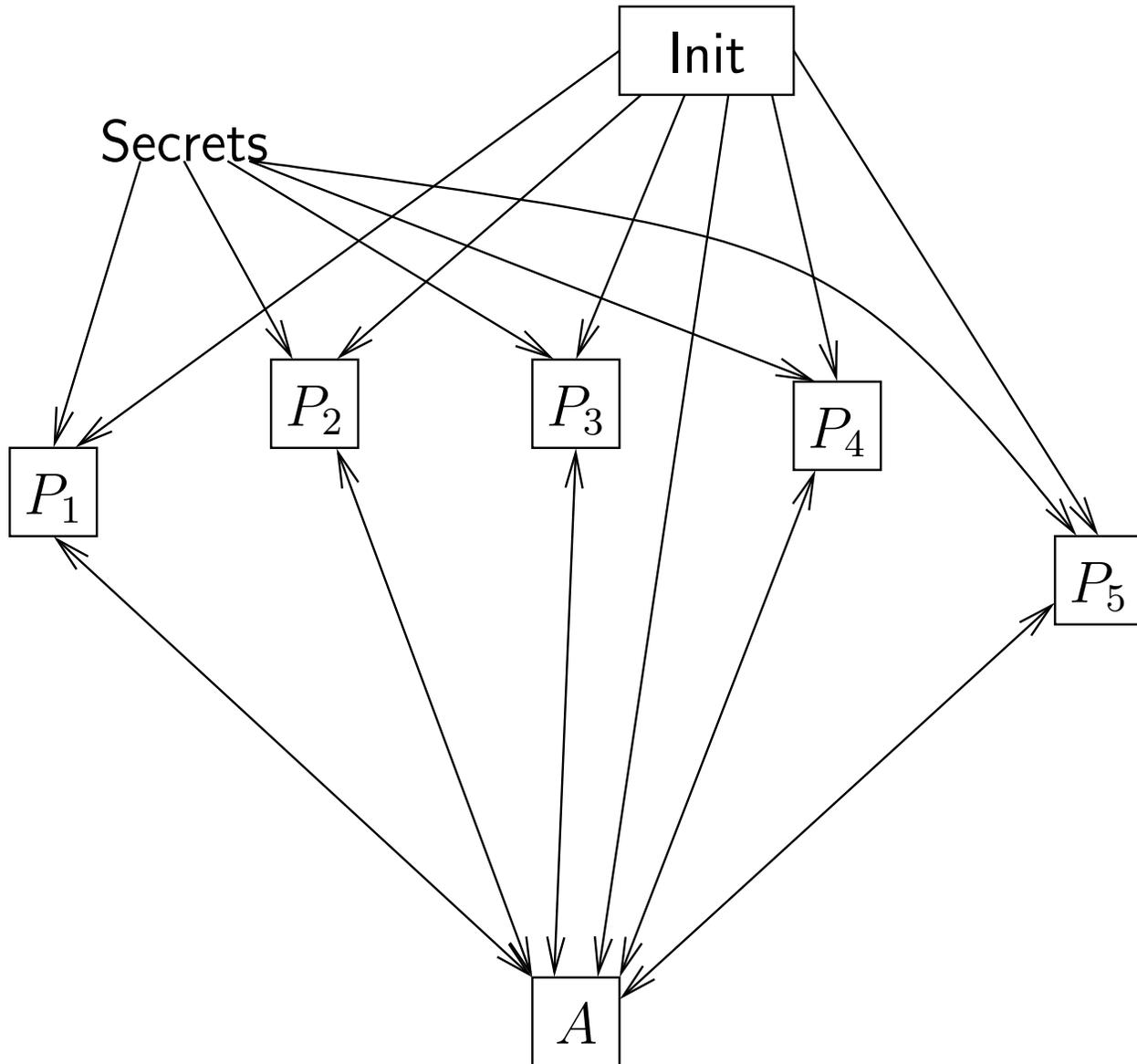
- What is the security property?
- What did this  $A \longrightarrow B : M$  actually mean? Or:
- What is the execution model?
  - ◆ What data and control structures do the parties use?
  - ◆ How are the messages relayed?
  - ◆ How are the parties scheduled?
  - ◆ Where is the adversary?
    - How are the parties corrupted and the keys leaked?

We do not need answers to all of these questions as long as we are just showing attacks against protocols.

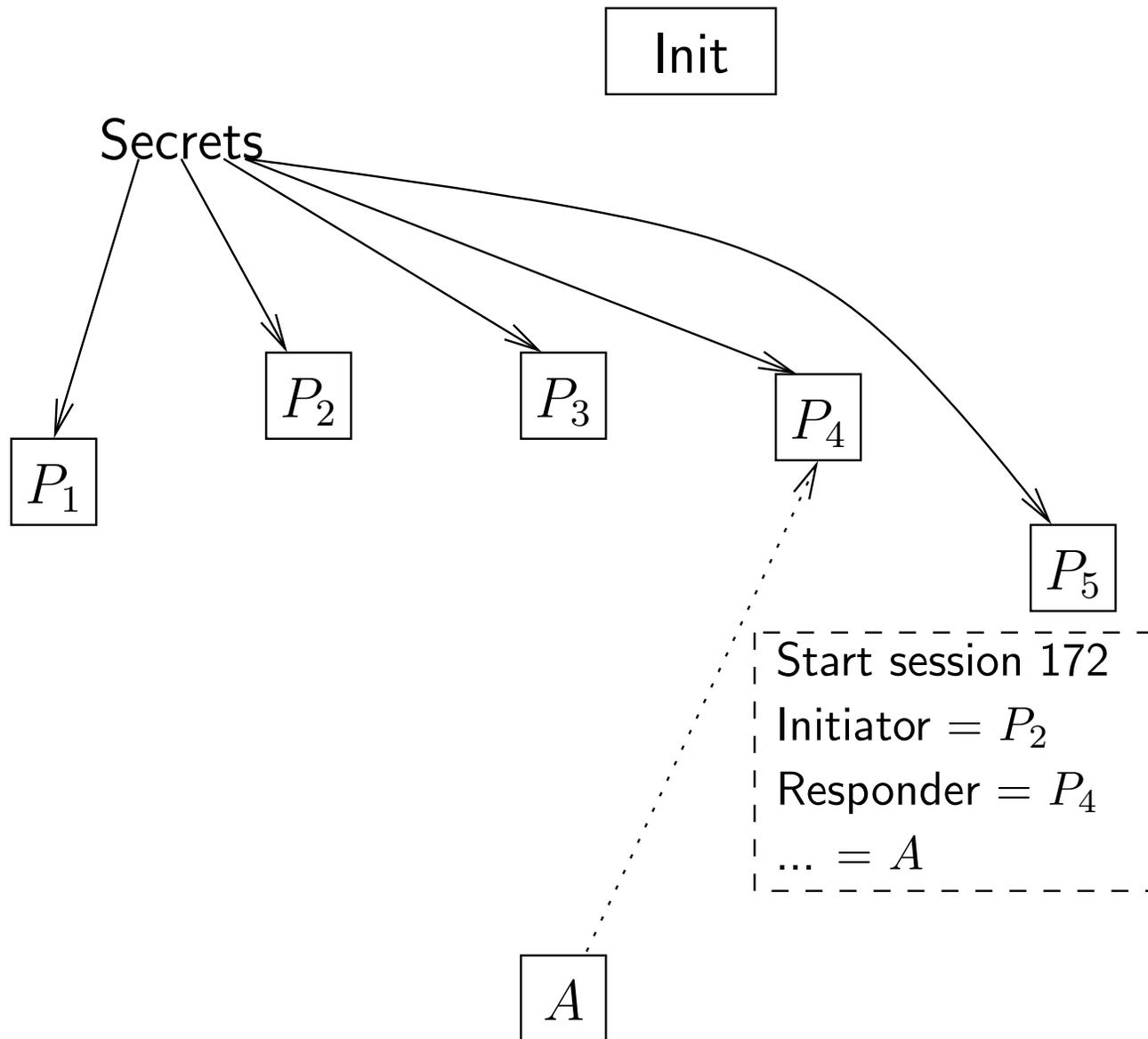
# Formally

- Each party is an implementation of some interface. It has methods for
  - ◆ starting a session;
  - ◆ receiving a message and producing an answer;
  - ◆ maybe something more.
- The adversary has a method “run” that takes all participants as its arguments.
  - ◆ More generally: there is an environment with a method “run” that takes both the participants and the adversary as arguments.
  - ◆ The implementation of this environment is fixed. This defines the scheduling and the relaying of messages.

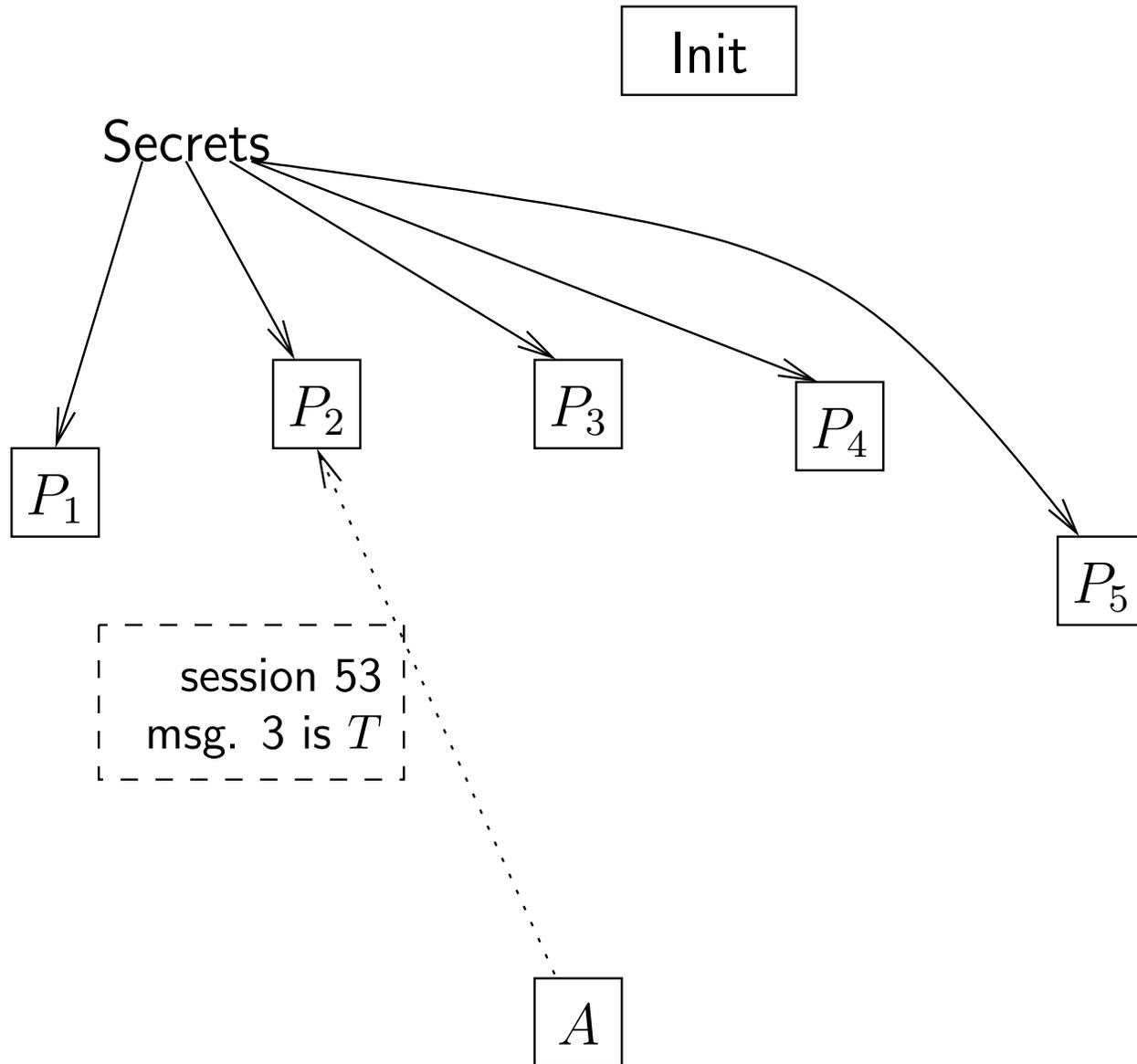
# Setup of parties



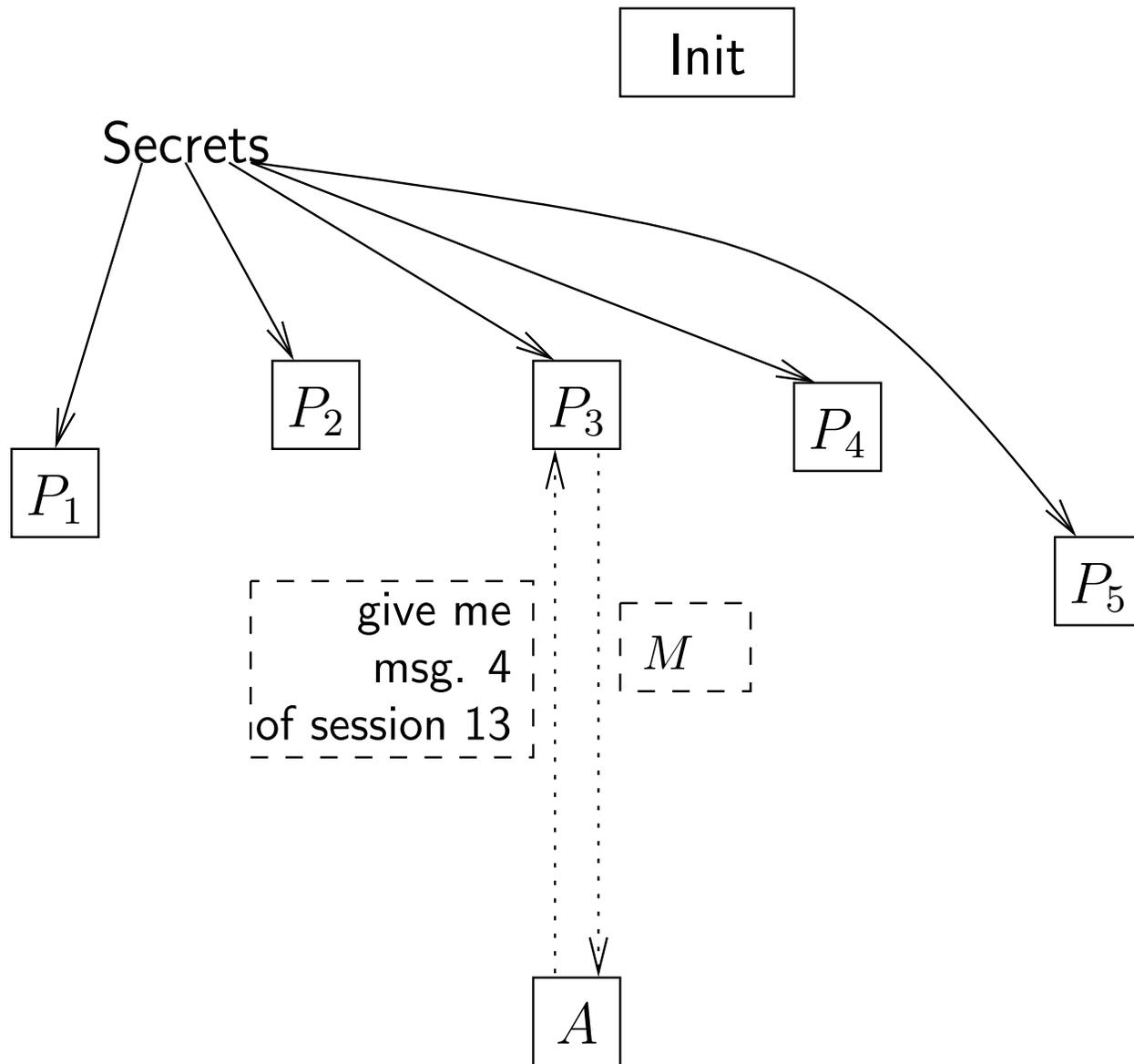
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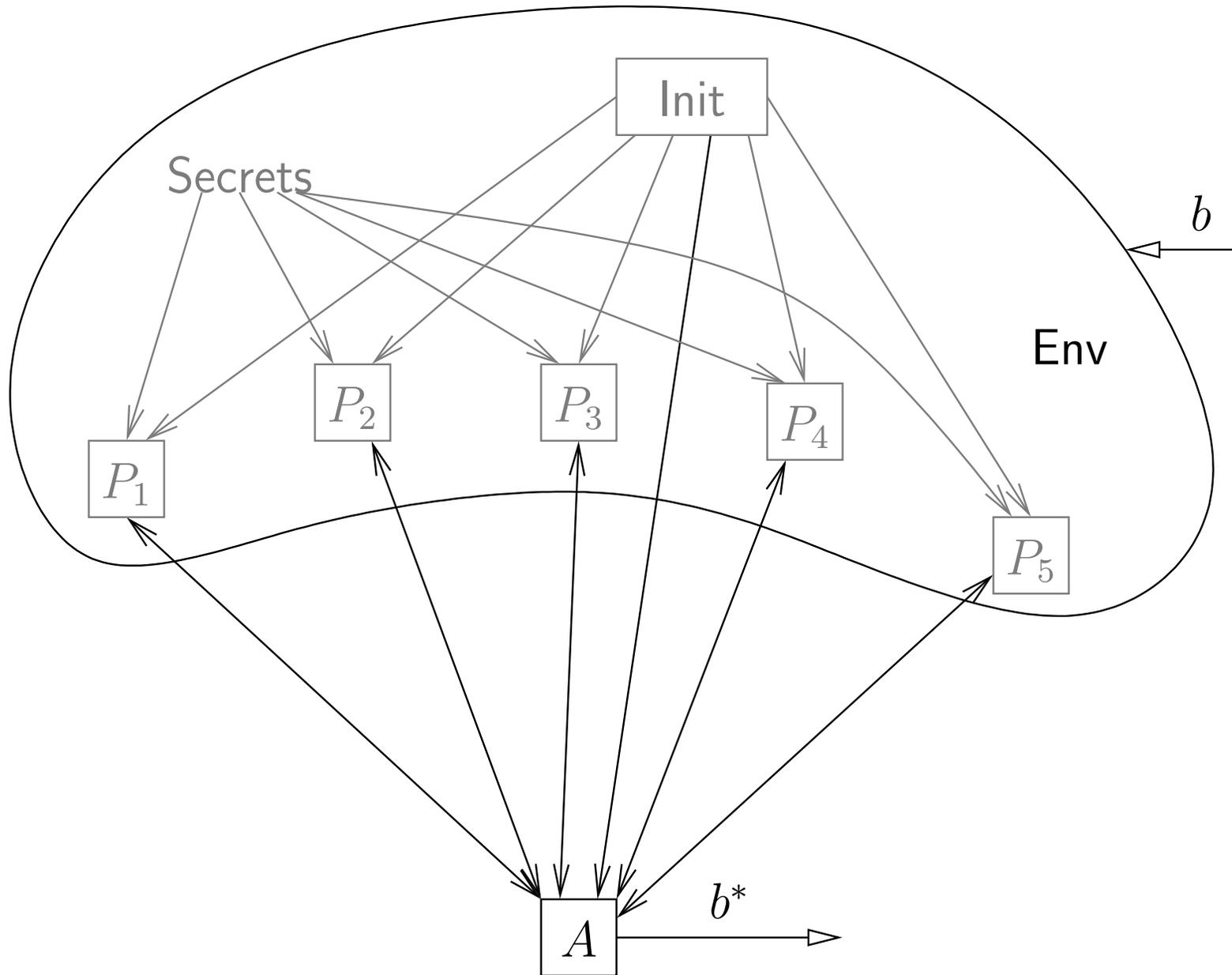
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# Environment defining the secrecy of something



- Such analysis may be hard...
  - ◆ but we'll be rewarded with rigorous security proofs.
- But, intuitively, what are the things that an adversary may do?

# The adversary can...

- Capture messages sent by one party to another.
  - ◆ Learn the intended sender and recipient.
- Send a message it has constructed to any party.
  - ◆ ...faking the sender.
- Generate new keys, nonces, ...
- Construct new messages from the ones its has.
  - ◆ Only applying “legitimate” constructors.
  - ◆ Because everything else will be weeded out by other parties...
- Decompose tuples. Decrypt if it knows the key.

# The adversary cannot...

The adversary cannot do things like:

- Learn anything about  $M$  from  $\{M\}_K$ .
- Transform  $\{M_1\}_K, \dots, \{M_n\}_K$  to  $\{M'\}_K$  for  $M'$  related to  $M_1, \dots, M_n$ , not knowing the key  $K$ .
- ... or construct any  $\{M\}_K$  without knowing  $K$  at all.

Hence the encryption must provide message integrity, too.

- Such encryption is often called **perfect**.
- In the next few lectures we make the **perfect cryptography assumption** (also called the *Dolev-Yao model*).

# Contents of this course

- Analysis of protocols in the perfect cryptography model ( $\approx 3$  weeks)
- General secure multiparty computation ( $\approx 3$  weeks)
- Universal composability ( $\approx 2$  weeks)

# Modeling computation / communication

- There are many calculi for modeling parallel / distributed processes
  - ◆ CCS, CSP, join-calculus,...
- $\pi$ -calculus was preferred by security researchers
  - ◆ Because of the **new**-operation in it
    - Used for **channel** creation
- $\pi$ -calculus begat **spi-calculus** and applied pi-calculus
  - ◆ **new** used also for generating keys, nonces,...

calculus  $\equiv$  programming language and its semantics

# $\pi$ -calculus

- Let us have

- ◆ a countable set of **names**:  $m, n, k, l, a, b, c, \dots$
- ◆ a countable set of **variables**:  $x, y, z, w, \dots$

- **Messages**  $M, N, K, L, \dots$  are either names or variables.

- **Processes**  $P, Q, R, \dots$  are one of

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| $0$                               | (stopped process)   |
| $\overline{N}\langle M \rangle.P$ | (send $M$ over channel $N$ , then do $P$ )                  |
| $N(x).P$                          | (receive message from channel $N$ , store in $x$ , do $P$ ) |
| $P \mid Q$                        | (do $P$ and $Q$ in parallel)                                |
| $!P$                              | (intuitively same as $P \mid P \mid P \mid \dots$ )         |
| $(\nu m)P$                        | (generate new name $m$ , continue with $P$ )                |
| $[M = N].P$                       | (if $M$ equals $N$ then do $P$ )                            |

# Examples

- $\bar{c}\langle m \rangle.0$  sends message  $m$  on channel  $c$
- $c(x).\bar{d}\langle x \rangle.0$  receives a message on channel  $c$  and forwards it on channel  $d$
- $(\nu m)\bar{c}\langle m \rangle.0$  generates a new name and sends it on channel  $c$
- $(\nu c)((\nu m)\bar{c}\langle m \rangle \mid c(x).\bar{d}\langle x \rangle)$  causes a newly generated name to be sent on channel  $d$
- $(\nu c)((\nu m)\bar{c}\langle m \rangle \mid c(x).\bar{d}_1\langle x \rangle \mid c(x).\bar{d}_2\langle x \rangle)$  causes a newly generated name to be sent either on channel  $d_1$  or channel  $d_2$

# Free and bound (occurrences of) names and variables

- An occurrence can be **free**, a **binder** or **bound** to a previous binder.
- In processes:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 0 & \overline{N}\langle M \rangle.P & N(x).P_{x \rightarrow x} & P \mid Q \\
 !P & (\nu m)P_{m \rightarrow m} & [M = N].P & 
 \end{array}$$

- $P$  and  $Q$  are **structurally congruent**,  $P \equiv Q$ , if they differ only by renaming of bound variables and names:
  - ◆ **No captures!**  $c(x).c(y).\bar{x}\langle m \rangle.\bar{y}\langle n \rangle \not\equiv c(y).c(y).\bar{y}\langle m \rangle.\bar{y}\langle n \rangle$ .
    - But  $c(x).\bar{x}\langle m \rangle.c(y).\bar{y}\langle n \rangle \equiv c(y).\bar{y}\langle m \rangle.c(y).\bar{y}\langle n \rangle$ .
- Let  $P\{M_1, \dots, M_n / u_1, \dots, u_n\}$  denote the simultaneous substitution of variables/names  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  with messages  $M_1, \dots, M_n$ .
  - ◆ **No captures!** Rename bound variables in  $P$  as needed.

# Structural congruence

- $P \equiv Q$ , if they differ only by renaming of bound variables and names
- $P \mid Q \equiv Q \mid P$ ,  $(P \mid Q) \mid R \equiv P \mid (Q \mid R)$ ,  $P \mid 0 \equiv P$
- $!P \equiv P \mid !P$
- $(\nu m)(\nu n)P \equiv (\nu n)(\nu m)P$ ,  $(\nu m)\mathbf{0} \equiv \mathbf{0}$
- $P \mid (\nu m)Q \equiv (\nu m)(P \mid Q)$  if  $n$  not free in  $P$
- **Congruence!** If  $P \equiv Q$  then  $R[P] \equiv R[Q]$

# Operational semantics

- ... is defined by the **step relation**  $\rightarrow \subseteq Proc \times Proc$ .
  - ◆  $Proc$  — the set of all processes.
- $\overline{N}\langle M \rangle.P \mid N(x).Q \rightarrow P \mid Q\{M/x\}$
- $[M = M].P \rightarrow P$
- If  $P \equiv P' \rightarrow Q' \equiv Q$  then  $P \rightarrow Q$
- If  $P \rightarrow Q$  then  $P \mid R \rightarrow Q \mid R$  and  $(\nu m)P \rightarrow (\nu m)Q$
- **Not a congruence!**

# Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nu c)((\nu m)\bar{c}\langle m \rangle \mid c(x).\bar{d}\langle x \rangle) \\ \equiv & (\nu c)(\nu m)(\bar{c}\langle m \rangle \mid c(x).\bar{d}\langle x \rangle) \\ \rightarrow & (\nu c)(\nu m)(\mathbf{0} \mid \bar{d}\langle m \rangle) \\ \equiv & (\nu m)(\nu c)(\mathbf{0} \mid \bar{d}\langle m \rangle) \\ \equiv & (\nu m)((\nu c)\mathbf{0} \mid \bar{d}\langle m \rangle) \\ \equiv & (\nu m)(\mathbf{0} \mid \bar{d}\langle m \rangle) \\ \equiv & (\nu m)\bar{d}\langle m \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# spi-calculus

- ...enriches the structure of **messages**
- ...introduces operations to analyze (take apart) messages
- Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite set of **term constructors**
  - ◆ pairing, encryption, signing, hashing, etc.
- Let  $\text{ar} : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  give the **arity** of each constructor.
- A **message** is one of
  - ◆ variable
  - ◆ name
  - ◆  $f(M_1, \dots, M_{\text{ar}(f)})$ , where  $f \in \Sigma$ .

# For now, let the constructors be

- $\text{pk}(K)$  gives the public key corresponding to secret decryption / signing key  $K$ .
- $(M_1, \dots, M_n)$  is the tuple of the messages  $M_1, \dots, M_n$ .
- $\{M\}_K, \{M\}_{K_p}, \{\{M\}\}_{K_s}$  are the symmetric, asymmetric encryption and signatures.
  - ◆ If we model randomized primitives then there is the third argument, too — the random coins.
- $h(M)$  is the digest of  $M$ .

A party can apply a constructor if it knows all of its arguments.

# Destructors

- Besides  $\Sigma$  and  $ar$  we are given a set of **message destructors**. They have
  - ◆ A name  $g$  and arity  $ar(g)$ , e.g.  $dec / 2$
  - ◆ Arguments, e.g.  $x_{key}, \{x_M\}_{x_{key}}$
  - ◆ **One or more** possible results, e.g.  $x_M$
  
- Denote  $g(M_1, \dots, M_{ar(g)}) \rightarrow M$ 
  - ◆ No names in  $M_1, \dots, M_{ar(g)}, M$ .
  
- More examples:
  - ◆  $\pi_i^n((x_1, \dots, x_n)) \rightarrow x_i$
  - ◆  $vfy(pk(x_{key}), x_M, \{x_M\}_{x_{key}}) \rightarrow true$ 
    - $true \in \Sigma$ .  $ar(true) = 0$

# Applying destructors

- A process can also be

$$[x := g(M_1, \dots, M_k)].P \quad (\text{binds } x \text{ in } P)$$

- The step relation is extended by

$$[x := g(M_1\sigma, \dots, M_k\sigma)].P \rightarrow P\{M\sigma/x\} \quad \text{where}$$

- ◆  $g(M_1, \dots, M_k) \rightarrow M$
- ◆  $\sigma$  is a substitution from variables in  $M_1, \dots, M_k, M$  to messages.

A protocol consists of

- The initialization of common variables;
  - ◆ Mainly long-term keys
- The parallel composition of all parties.

The protocol is executed in parallel with the adversary.

- The adversary can be any process

# Our example

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{[A, N_A, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B}$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : \{[N_A, N_B, B]\}_{K_A}$$

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# Names $\cong$ public keys

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{[K_A, N_A, K_{AB}]\}_{K_B}$$

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# Alice's process (single session)

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow B : \{ \{ K_A, N_A, K_{AB} \} \}_{K_B} \\ B &\longrightarrow A : \{ \{ N_A, N_B, K_B \} \}_{K_A} \\ A &\longrightarrow B : \{ \{ N_A, N_B \} \}_{K_B} \end{aligned}$$

$P_A(SK_A, K_B)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &(\nu n_A)(\nu k_{AB}). \bar{c} \langle \{ \{ \text{pk}(SK_A), n_A, k_{AB} \} \}_{K_B} \rangle. \\ &c(y_2). [z_2 := \text{dec}(SK_A, y_2)]. \\ &[x_{NA} := \pi_1^3(z_2)]. [x_{NB} := \pi_2^3(z_2)]. [x_{KB} := \pi_3^3(z_2)]. \\ &[n_A = x_{NA}]. [x_{KB} = K_B]. \bar{c} \langle \{ \{ n_A, x_{NB} \} \}_{K_B} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- $SK_A$  is the decryption key of party A.  $K_B$  is the public key of B.
- $c$  is the public channel ([Internet](#))

## Bob's process (single session)

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow B : \{ \{ K_A, N_A, K_{AB} \} \}_{K_B} \\ B &\longrightarrow A : \{ \{ N_A, N_B, K_B \} \}_{K_A} \\ A &\longrightarrow B : \{ \{ N_A, N_B \} \}_{K_B} \end{aligned}$$

$P_B(SK_B, K_A)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &c(y_1).[z_1 := dec(SK_B, y_1)]. \\ &[x_{KA} := \pi_1^3(z_1)].[x_{NA} := \pi_2^3(z_1)].[x_{KAB} := \pi_3^3(z_1)]. \\ &[x_{KA} = K_A].(\nu n_B).\bar{c}\langle \{ \{ x_{NA}, n_B, pk(SK_B) \} \}_{K_A} \rangle. \\ &c(y_3)[z_3 := dec(SK_B, y_3)]. \\ &[x_{NA2} := \pi_1^2(z_3)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^2(z_3)].[x_{NA2} = x_{NA}].[x_{NB} = n_B] \end{aligned}$$

$SK_B$  is the decryption key of party B.

# Whole protocol

(Alice as initiator, Bob as responder)

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nu sk_A)(\nu sk_B). \\ & ( \\ & \quad !(c(x_K).P_A(sk_A, x_K)) \mid \\ & \quad !(c(x_K).P_B(sk_B, x_K)) \mid \\ & \quad \bar{c}\langle pk(sk_A) \rangle \mid \bar{c}\langle pk(sk_B) \rangle \\ & ) \end{aligned}$$

...and this is executed in parallel with the adversary.

**Exercise.** How to express that both Alice and Bob can serve as both initiator and responder?

## Security properties:

- Secrecy of something — this thing cannot become the value of some variable in the adversarial process.
  - ◆ Generally a weaker property than “the adversary cannot distinguish which one of two fixed values this thing has”.
  - ◆ Justified by the perfection of the cryptographic primitives.
- Authenticity — a certain situation cannot happen...
  - ◆ *B* **thinks** it shares  $K_{AB}$  with *A*, but *A* **thinks** that  $K_{AB}$  is for a different purpose...

# Alice thinks...

$P_A(SK_A, K_B)$  is

$(\nu n_A)(\nu k_{AB}).$

. o O (start session with  $K_B$  using  $(n_A, k_{AB})$ )

$\bar{c}\langle\{\{\text{pk}(SK_A), n_A, k_{AB}\}\}_{K_B}\rangle.$

$c(y_2).[z_2 := \text{dec}(SK_A, y_2)].$

$[x_{NA} := \pi_1^3(z_2)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^3(z_2)].[x_{KB} := \pi_3^3(z_2)].$

$[n_A = x_{NA}].[x_{KB} = K_B].$

. o O (end session with  $K_B$  using  $(n_A, x_{NB}, k_{AB})$ )

$\bar{c}\langle\{\{n_A, x_{NB}\}\}_{K_B}\rangle$

# Bob thinks...

$P_B(SK_B, K_A)$  is

$c(y_1).[z_1 := dec(SK_B, y_1)].$

$[x_{KA} := \pi_1^3(z_1)].[x_{NA} := \pi_2^3(z_1)].[x_{KAB} := \pi_3^3(z_1)].$

$[x_{KA} = K_A].(\nu n_B).$

. o O (start session with  $K_A$  using  $(x_{NA}, n_B, x_{KAB})$ )

$\bar{c}\langle \{[x_{NA}, n_B, pk(SK_B)]\}_{K_A} \rangle.$

$c(y_3)[z_3 := dec(SK_B, y_3)].$

$[x_{NA2} := \pi_1^2(z_3)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^2(z_3)].[x_{NA2} = x_{NA}].[x_{NB} = n_B].$

. o O (end session with  $K_A$  using  $(x_{NA}, n_B, x_{KAB})$ )

# Authentication property

If B ended session with  $\text{pk}(sk_A)$  using  $(n_1, n_2, k)$  then A ended session with  $\text{pk}(sk_B)$  using  $(n_1, n_2, k)$ .

If A ended session with  $\text{pk}(sk_B)$  using  $(n_1, n_2, k)$  then B started session with  $\text{pk}(sk_A)$  using  $(n_1, n_2, k)$ .

... and for different red thoughts correspond different green thoughts.

# Scheduling

- Scheduling of protocols — **non-deterministic**.
- We get a **set** of protocol traces, not a probability distribution over them.
- Justification — both secrecy and authentication properties are specified by valid protocol traces.
- In our actual arguments we just assume that everything that may go wrong goes wrong.
  - ◆ **Most secure** computer — the one that is switched off
  - ◆ **Most functional** computer — the attacker

# Arguing about the protocol

(A1) B ended session  $i$  with  $K_A[i]$ .

(A2)  $K_A[i] = \text{pk}(sk_A)$ .

(1)  $m_3[i]$ , which came from outside, contained the value of  $N_B[i]$ .

(2)  $n_B[i]$  left the scope of the current session only inside the second message  $M_2[i]$ .

(3)  $M_2[i]$  was encrypted with  $K_A[i] = \text{pk}(sk_A)$ . Only someone who knows  $sk_A$  is able to decrypt it.

(4)  $sk_A$  is used only to get the corresponding public key, and to decrypt. Hence the adversary cannot know  $sk_A$ .

# Arguing about the protocol

(5) A had a session  $j$  where she decrypted  $M_2[i] = y_2[j]$ . Hence

- ◆  $x_{NA}[j] = x_{NA}[i]$ ,  $x_{NB}[j] = n_B[i]$ ,  $x_{KB}[j] = \text{pk}(sk_B)$ .
- ◆ Maybe there were several such sessions  $j$ .

(6)  $x_{NB}[j]$  left the scope of the session  $j$  only inside the third message  $M_3[j]$ .

- ◆  $K_B[j] = x_{KB}[j] = \text{pk}(sk_B)$ ,  $n_A[j] = x_{NA}[j] = x_{NA}[i]$ .
- ◆ A ended session  $j$  with  $K_B[j]$ .

■ We still have to show that

- ◆  $k_{AB}[j] = x_{KAB}[i]$
- ◆ There is no  $i' \neq i$ , such that B ended session  $i'$  with  $\text{pk}(sk_A)$  using  $(x_{NA}[i], n_B[i], x_{KAB}[i])$ .

■ Easy —  $n_B[i'] \neq n_B[i]$ .

# Arguing about the protocol

(7)  $x_{KAB}[i]$  is defined together with  $x_{NA}[i]$  which equals  $n_A[j]$ .

Can the adversary construct a message of the form

$$\{[\text{pk}(sk_A), x_{NA}[i], K']\}_{\text{pk}(sk_B)} \text{ with } K' \neq x_{KAB}[j] ?$$

(8)  $n_A[j]$  is sent out in messages  $M_1[j]$  and  $M_3[j]$ . They are encrypted with  $\text{pk}(sk_B)$ .

(9) The adversary does not know  $sk_B$ .

(10) B does not accept the message  $M_3[j]$  as the first message from A.

(11) If B accepts  $M_1[j]$  in some session  $k$ , then  $K_A[k] = \text{pk}(sk_A)$ . Hence the adversary cannot decrypt  $M_2[k]$ .

The adversary cannot learn  $x_{NA}[i]$ .

# Arguing about the protocol

- The adversary cannot learn  $x_{NA}[i] = n_A[j]$  and there is only a single first message containing it constructed by A.
- This message contains the key  $k_{AB}[j]$ .
- Injective agreement would still hold if A's belief about ending a session had not contained  $x_{NB}$ .
- The other property is proved similarly.
- Secrecy of  $k_{AB}$  is shown similarly to the secrecy of  $n_A$ .

# Correspondence properties

- Authentication properties can be specified using **correspondence properties**.
- Introduce steps **begin**( $M$ ) and **end**( $M$ ) to the calculus.
- These statements do nothing but appear in the trace of the protocol.
  - ◆ **begin**( $M$ ). $P \rightarrow P$
  - ◆ **end**( $M$ ). $P \rightarrow P$
- A protocol has **agreement** if every **end**( $M$ ) in a trace is preceded by **begin**( $M$ ).
- A protocol has **injective agreement** if it satisfies agreement and one can find a different **begin** corresponding to each **end**.

$P_A(SK_A, K_B)$  is

$(\nu n_A)(\nu k_{AB}).$   
.  
o O (start session with  $K_B$  using  $(n_A, k_{AB})$ )  
 $\bar{c}\langle \{[\text{pk}(SK_A), n_A, k_{AB}]\}_{K_B}\rangle.$   
 $c(y_2).[z_2 := \text{dec}(SK_A, y_2)].$   
 $[x_{NA} := \pi_1^3(z_2)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^3(z_2)].[x_{KB} := \pi_3^3(z_2)].$   
 $[n_A = x_{NA}].[x_{KB} = K_B].$   
.  
o O (end session with  $K_B$  using  $(n_A, x_{NB}, k_{AB})$ )  
 $\bar{c}\langle \{[n_A, x_{NB}]\}_{K_B}\rangle$

$P_A(SK_A, K_B)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nu n_A)(\nu k_{AB}). \\ & \bar{c}\langle \{ \{ \text{pk}(SK_A), n_A, k_{AB} \}_{K_B} \} \rangle. \\ & c(y_2).[z_2 := \text{dec}(SK_A, y_2)]. \\ & [x_{NA} := \pi_1^3(z_2)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^3(z_2)].[x_{KB} := \pi_3^3(z_2)]. \\ & [n_A = x_{NA}].[x_{KB} = K_B]. \\ & \text{end}(\text{"startB"}, n_A, x_{NB}, k_{AB}).\text{begin}(\text{"endB"}, n_A, x_{NB}, k_{AB}). \\ & \bar{c}\langle \{ \{ n_A, x_{NB} \}_{K_B} \} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$P_B(SK_B, K_A)$  is

$c(y_1).[z_1 := dec(SK_B, y_1)].$

$[x_{KA} := \pi_1^3(z_1)].[x_{NA} := \pi_2^3(z_1)].[x_{KAB} := \pi_3^3(z_1)].$

$[x_{KA} = K_A].(\nu n_B).$

. o O (start session with  $K_A$  using  $(x_{NA}, n_B, x_{KAB})$ )

$\bar{c}\langle \{[x_{NA}, n_B, pk(SK_B)]\}_{K_A} \rangle.$

$c(y_3)[z_3 := dec(SK_B, y_3)].$

$[x_{NA2} := \pi_1^2(z_3)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^2(z_3)].[x_{NA2} = x_{NA}].[x_{NB} = n_B].$

. o O (end session with  $K_A$  using  $(x_{NA}, n_B, x_{KAB})$ )

$P_B(SK_B, K_A)$  is

$c(y_1).[z_1 := dec(SK_B, y_1)].$   
 $[x_{KA} := \pi_1^3(z_1)].[x_{NA} := \pi_2^3(z_1)].[x_{KAB} := \pi_3^3(z_1)].$   
 $[x_{KA} = K_A].(\nu n_B).$   
**begin**(“startB”,  $x_{NA}, n_B, x_{KAB}$ ).  
 $\bar{c}\langle \{[x_{NA}, n_B, pk(SK_B)]\}_{K_A} \rangle.$   
 $c(y_3)[z_3 := dec(SK_B, y_3)].$   
 $[x_{NA2} := \pi_1^2(z_3)].[x_{NB} := \pi_2^2(z_3)].[x_{NA2} = x_{NA}].[x_{NB} = n_B].$   
**end**(“endB”,  $x_{NA}, n_B, k_{AB}$ )

Key-establishment protocols are just one case where authentication is necessary.

In pure authentication protocols ([entity authentication](#)) two parties have established a connection. Party A wants to check that the other one is who A thinks it is.

- In a connectionless model of communication, entity authentication is used to check the liveness of the other party.

Mutual authentication — both parties check each other's liveness.

Basic tool for one-way entity authentication: challenge-response mechanism.

- $A$  sends a new nonce to  $B$ .
- $B$  transforms that nonce in a way that only  $B$  (or  $A$ ) could do and sends back the result.
- $A$  checks the result.

Let  $Cert_X$  be the certificate of the verification key  $pk(K_X)$  of the party  $X$ .  
Alice checking Bob's liveness:

$$A \longrightarrow B : N_A$$
$$B \longrightarrow A : Cert_B, N_A, N_B, A, \left[ \{ N_A, N_B, A \} \right]_{pk(K_B)}$$

$N_B$  is used to not let Alice completely control what is signed by Bob (otherwise  $K_B$  cannot be used for anything else).

(ISO Public Key Two-Pass Unilateral Authentication Protocol)

**Exercise.** Where do **begin** and **end** go?

Mutual authentication — two unilateral authentications:

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : N_{A1}$
2.  $B \longrightarrow A : Cert_B, N_{A1}, N_B, A, \{ \{ N_{A1}, N_B, A \} \}_{pk(K_B)}$
3.  $A \longrightarrow B : Cert_A, N_B, N_{A2}, B, \{ \{ N_B, N_{A2}, B \} \}_{pk(K_A)}$

A draft version of ISO Public Key Three-Pass Mutual Authentication Protocol.

- Simply two instances of the protocol on previous slide.
- Insecure.

1.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B \quad : N_{A1}$
2.  $B \longrightarrow C(A) : Cert_B, N_{A1}, N_B, A, [\{N_{A1}, N_B, A\}]_{pk(K_B)}$
- 1'.  $C(B) \longrightarrow A \quad : N_B$
- 2'.  $A \longrightarrow C(B) : Cert_A, N_B, N_{A2}, B, [\{N_B, N_{A2}, B\}]_{pk(K_A)}$
3.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B \quad : Cert_A, N_B, N_{A2}, B, [\{N_B, N_{A2}, B\}]_{pk(K_A)}$

$B$  thinks he has been the responder in a protocol session with  $A$ .  $A$  does not think that she has initiated a session with  $B$ .

A variant with no such attacks:

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : N_A$
2.  $B \longrightarrow A : Cert_B, N_A, N_B, A, \{ \{ N_A, N_B, A \} \}_{pk(K_B)}$
3.  $A \longrightarrow B : Cert_A, N_B, N_A, B, \{ \{ N_B, N_A, B \} \}_{pk(K_A)}$

But here  $B$  has a lot of control over the message signed by  $A$ .

**Exercise.** What if  $A$  and  $B$  were not under signature in messages 2 and 3?

1.  $A \longrightarrow C \quad : N_A$
- 1'.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B \quad : N_A$
- 2'.  $B \longrightarrow C(A) : Cert_B, N_A, N_B, A, \{\{N_A, N_B\}\}_{pk(K_B)}$
2.  $C \longrightarrow A \quad : Cert_C, N_A, N_B, A, \{\{N_A, N_B\}\}_{pk(K_C)}$
3.  $A \longrightarrow C \quad : Cert_A, N_B, N_A, C, \{\{N_B, N_A\}\}_{pk(K_A)}$
- 3'.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B \quad : Cert_A, N_B, N_A, B, \{\{N_B, N_A\}\}_{pk(K_A)}$

$B$  thinks he was the responder in a session initiated by  $A$ .  $A$  does not think she had initiated a session with  $B$ .

Entity authentication can be done using one-time passwords:  
 $A$  and  $B$  have agreed on a code-book  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ .

1.  $A$  generates  $r \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , sends it to  $B$ .
2.  $B$  responds with  $f(r)$ .
3.  $A$  checks that it indeed received  $f(r)$ .

Care has to be taken to not repeat the challenge  $r$ .

Lamport's one-time password scheme:

Initialization:  $B$  chooses a password  $pw$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Sends  $(B, h^n(pw), n)$  to  $A$  over an authenticated channel.

- $B$  puts  $n_B := n$ .
- $A$  puts  $pw' := h^n(pw)$ .

One round:

1.  $A$  sends a notice to  $B$ .
2.  $B$  computes  $r := h^{n_B-1}(pw)$ , decrements  $n_B$  and sends  $r$  to  $A$ .
3.  $A$  checks that  $h(r) = pw'$  and puts  $pw' := r$ .

This works as long as  $A$  and  $B$  are synchronized. Resynchronization again requires authentic channels.

S/KEY one-time password scheme:

Initialization:  $B$  chooses a password  $pw$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Sends  $(B, h^n(pw), n)$  to  $A$  over an authenticated channel.

- $A$  puts  $n_A := n$ .
- $A$  puts  $pw' := h^n(pw)$ .

One round:

1.  $A$  sends the notice  $n := n_A$  to  $B$ .
2.  $B$  computes  $r := h^{n-1}(pw)$  and sends  $r$  to  $A$ .
3.  $A$  checks that  $h(r) = pw'$ , puts  $pw' := r$  and  $n_A := n - 1$ .

Insecure. **Exercise.** Attack it.

We have seen Diffie-Hellman key exchange:

Let  $G$  be a group with hard Diffie-Hellman problem. Let  $g$  generate  $G$ . Let  $m = |G|$ .

1.  $A$  chooses a random  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ , sends  $x = g^a$  to  $B$ .
2.  $B$  chooses a random  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ , sends  $y = g^b$  to  $A$ .
3.  $A$  computes  $K = y^a$ .  $B$  computes  $K = x^b$ .
4.  $K$  is used as a common secret. ( $h(K)$  may be a symmetric key)

This protocol needs authentication, too.

Station-to-station protocol:

$$\begin{aligned} A &\longrightarrow B : g^{N_A} \\ B &\longrightarrow A : g^{N_B}, \text{Cert}_B, \{ \{ \{ g^{N_B}, g^{N_A} \} \}_{K_B} \}_{g^{N_A N_B}} \\ A &\longrightarrow B : \text{Cert}_A, \{ \{ \{ g^{N_A}, g^{N_B} \} \}_{K_A} \}_{g^{N_A N_B}} \end{aligned}$$

Proposed by Diffie et al.

Aimed to have several security properties:

- Mutual entity authentication.
- Key agreement.
  - ◆ No third party knows the key.
- Key confirmation.
  - ◆ The other party knows the key.
- Perfect forward secrecy.

It does not quite achieve mutual authentication:

1.  $A \longrightarrow C(B) : g^{N_A}$
- 1'.  $C \longrightarrow B : g^{N_A}$
- 2'.  $B \longrightarrow C : g^{N_B}, Cert_B, \{ \{ \{ g^{N_B}, g^{N_A} \} \}_{K_B} \}_{g^{N_A N_B}}$
2.  $C(B) \longrightarrow A : g^{N_B}, Cert_B, \{ \{ \{ g^{N_B}, g^{N_A} \} \}_{K_B} \}_{g^{N_A N_B}}$
3.  $A \longrightarrow C(B) : Cert_A, \{ \{ \{ g^{N_A}, g^{N_B} \} \}_{K_A} \}_{g^{N_A N_B}}$

At this point  $A$  thinks she was the initiator in a session with  $B$ . But  $B$  does not think he was a responder in a session with  $A$ .

The secrecy of  $g^{N_A N_B}$  is not violated.

Identities of parties inside the signed messages would have helped.

Neumann-Stubblebine key exchange protocol.

A TTP  $T$  generates a new key for  $A$  and  $B$ .

Let  $K_{XT}$  be the (long-term) symmetric key shared by  $X$  and  $T$ .

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : A, N_A$
2.  $B \longrightarrow T : B, N_B, \{A, N_A, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}$
3.  $T \longrightarrow A : N_B, \{B, N_A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{AT}}, \{A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}$
4.  $A \longrightarrow B : \{A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}, \{N_B\}_{K_{AB}}$

$T_B$  is a timestamp.

A similarity:

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : A, N_A$
2.  $B \longrightarrow T : B, N_B, \{A, N_A, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}$
3.  $T \longrightarrow A : N_B, \{B, N_A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{AT}}, \{A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}$
4.  $A \longrightarrow B : \{A, K_{AB}, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}, \{N_B\}_{K_{AB}}$

Attack through a type flaw:

1.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B : A, N_A$
2.  $B \longrightarrow C(T) : B, N_B, \{A, N_A, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}$
4.  $C(A) \longrightarrow B : \{A, N_A, T_B\}_{K_{BT}}, \{N_B\}_{N_A}$

where  $N_A \in \mathbf{Keys}_{\text{sym}} \cap \mathbf{Nonce}$ .

$B$  thinks he has agreed on key  $K_A$  with  $A$ .  $A$  has no idea.

Otway-Rees key exchange protocol:

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : N, A, B, \{N_A, N, A, B\}_{K_{AT}}$
2.  $B \longrightarrow T : N, A, B, \{N_A, N, A, B\}_{K_{AT}}, \{N_B, N, A, B\}_{K_{BT}}$
3.  $T \longrightarrow B : \{N_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_{AT}}, \{N_B, K_{AB}\}_{K_{BT}}$
4.  $B \longrightarrow A : \{N_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_{AT}}$

Possible type confusion:

1.  $A \longrightarrow B : N, A, B, \{N_A, N, A, B\}_{K_{AT}}$
2.  $B \longrightarrow T : N, A, B, \{N_A, N, A, B\}_{K_{AT}}, \{N_B, N, A, B\}_{K_{BT}}$
3.  $T \longrightarrow B : \{N_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_{AT}}, \{N_B, K_{AB}\}_{K_{BT}}$
4.  $B \longrightarrow A : \{N_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_{AT}}$

The triple  $(N, A, B)$  masquerading as a key may be from some old session.

Further reading:

Chapter 12.1–12.6 and 12.9 of

*Menezes, van Oorschot, Vanstone.*  
Handbook of Applied Cryptography.

(available on-line)