Verification of security protocols: from confidentiality to privacy

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- 12 academic departments: mathematics, computer science, chemistry, social sciences, ...
- 13 research laboratories

### Laboratoire Spécification & Vérification

#### Verification of critical software and systems

Goal: develop the mathematical and algorithmic foundations to the development of tools for automatically proving correctness and detecting flaws.

Applications: computerized systems, databases, security protocols



#### LSV in figures

- Founded in 1997
- Around 25 permanents + 15 PhD students
- 5 research teams

### Security of Information Systems

• 4 permanents: David Baelde, H. Comon-Lundh, S. Delaune, et J. Goubault-Larrecq.



- 1 engineer + 1 postdoc
- 3 phd students

# Cryptographic protocols everywhere !



Goal: they aim at securing communications over public/insecure networks

### Some security properties

- Secrecy: May an intruder learn some secret message between two honest participants?
- Authentication: Is the agent Alice really talking to Bob?
- 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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Cryptographic: make use of cryptographic primitives Examples: symmetric encryption, asymmetric encryption, signature, hashes, ...



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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)

### Enigma machine (1918-1945)

- electro-mechanical rotor cipher machines used by the German to encrypt during Wold 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.

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





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Examples:

- 1976: first system published by W. Diffie, and M. Hellman,
- 1977: RSA system published by R. Rivest, A. Shamir, and L. Adleman.
- $\rightarrow$  their security relies on well-known mathematical problems (*e.g.* factorizing large numbers, computing discrete logarithms)

Today: those systems are still in use

### 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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 $\longrightarrow$  Version 1 is still vulnerable to the aforementioned attack.

### What about protocols used in real life ?



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Step 2: breaking encryption via factorisation of the following (96 digits) number: 213598703592091008239502270499962879705109534182 6417406442524165008583957746445088405009430865999

 $\longrightarrow$  now, the number that is used is made of 232 digits

# **HTTPS** connections



Lots of bugs and attacks, with fixes every month

### FREAK attack discovered by Baraghavan et al (Feb. 2015)

- a logical flaw that allows a man in the middle attacker to downgrade connections from 'strong' RSA to 'export-grade' RSA;
- **2** breaking encryption via factorisation of such a key can be easily done.

 $\longrightarrow$  'export-grade' were introduced under the pressure of US governments agencies to ensure that they would be able to decrypt all foreign encrypted communication.

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#### Two main tasks

- Modelling cryptographic protocols and their security properties
- Oesigning verification algorithms

Modelling messages and Deciding knowledge (in a simple setting)

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- may read every message sent on the network,
- may intercept and send new messages according to its deduction capabilities.
  - $\longrightarrow$  only symbolic manipulations on terms.



### Messages as terms

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They are built over a signature  $\mathcal{F}$ , and an infinite set of names  $\mathcal{N}$ .

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• Names are used to model atomic data

 $\longrightarrow$  e.g. keys, nonces, agent names, . . .

• Function symbols are used to model cryptographic primitives  $\rightarrow e.g.$  encryption, signature, ...

# A typical signature

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These messages can be modelled as follows:

 $\bigcirc$  senc(s, k)

## Symbolic manipulation on terms

He may build new messages following deduction rules



### Pairing

### Symmetric encryption

| <u>x y</u>             | $\langle x, y \rangle  \langle x, y \rangle$ | <u></u> X | y ser         | $\operatorname{nc}(x,y)  y$ |
|------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| $\langle x, y \rangle$ | x y  | senc(x    | (, <b>y</b> ) | X                           |
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### Algorithm

- Saturation of T with terms in St(T ∪ {u}) that are deducible in one step;
- 2) if u is in the saturated set then return Yes else return No.

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Completeness If the term u is deducible from T, then the algorithm returns Yes. Otherwise, it returns No.

 $\longrightarrow$  this relies on a locality property

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### $\longrightarrow$ this is left as an exercise

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In order to decide whether a term u is deducible from a set of terms T, we propose the following algorithm:

- Starting from T, apply as much as possible the decryption and the projection rules This leads to a set of terms called Decomposition(T).
- Check whether u can be obtained by applying the composition rules on top of terms in Decomposition(T).
- In case of success, the algorithm returns Yes. Otherwise, it returns No.

#### Questions

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Homomorphic encryption:

$$sdec(senc(x, y), y) = x$$
  
 $proj_1(\langle x, y \rangle) = x$ 

$$\operatorname{proj}_2(\langle x, y \rangle) = y$$

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Example: Let  $E := \operatorname{sdec}(\operatorname{secc}(x, y), y) = x$  and  $T = \{\operatorname{senc}(\operatorname{secret}, k), k\}$ . We have that  $T \vdash \operatorname{secret}$ .

$$\frac{\frac{\text{senc}(\text{secret}, k) \quad k}{\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(\text{secret}, k), k)}}{\frac{\text{sdec} \in \mathcal{F}}{\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(x, y), y) = x}}$$

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The deduction problem can be reduced to the problem of solving systems of linear equations over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

# Deduction is not always sufficient



 $\rightarrow$  The intruder knows the values yes and no !

#### The real question

Is the intruder able to tell whether Alice sends yes or no?

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Example: Consider the frames:

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# Existing decidability/complexity results and tools

| Theory E               | Deduction                         | Static Equivalence |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| subterm convergent     | PTIME                             |                    |
| blind sign., addition, | decidable                         |                    |
| homo. encryption       | [Abadi & Cortier, TCS'06]         |                    |
| ACU                    | NP-complete                       | PTIME              |
| Exclusive Or           | PTIME                             | PTIME              |
| Abelian Group          |                                   |                    |
| ACUNh/AGh              | PTIME                             | decidable          |
|                        | [D., IPL'05;Cortier & D., JAR'12] |                    |

 $\label{eq:action} \longrightarrow \mbox{A combination result for disjoint theories} \qquad [Cortier \& D., JAR'12] \\ \longrightarrow \mbox{Automatic tools for checking static equivalence: YAPA M. Baudet} \\ (2006); KISS S. Ciobaca (2010); and FAST B. Conchinha (2011) \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Modelling protocols and security properties

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### Some advantages:

- allows us to model cryptographic primitives
- both reachability and equivalence-based specification of properties

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→ this simply models a normal execution between two honest participants S. Delaune (LSV) Verification of security protocols 25th August 2015 49 / 60

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- we have to consider realistic initial configurations
  - $\longrightarrow$  replications to model an unbounded number of sessions,
  - $\longrightarrow$  reveal public keys and private keys to model dishonest agents,
  - $\longrightarrow P_A/P_B$  may play with other (and perhaps) dishonest agents, ...

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Exercise: Exhibit the process A (the behaviour of the attacker) that witnesses the aforementioned attack.

This can be expressed as a correspondence property:

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Enriched syntax for processes:

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Authentication properties with agreement on some values:

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- result extended to deal with various cryptographic primitives.
- $\rightarrow$  various automatic tools, e.g. AVISPA platform [Armando *et al.*, 05] More details about this tomorrow !

Would you be able to find the attack on the well-known Needham-Schroeder protocol?

$$\begin{array}{ll} A \rightarrow B : & \{A, N_a\}_{\mathsf{pub}(B)} \\ B \rightarrow A : & \{N_a, N_b\}_{\mathsf{pub}(A)} \\ A \rightarrow B : & \{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pub}(B)} \end{array}$$



To help you:

http://www.lsv.ens-cachan.fr/~delaune/VTSA/proverif.pdf

# Questions ?

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# Undecidability proof

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### No miracle

Termination is not guaranteed and sometimes the tool is not able to conclude.

 $\longrightarrow$  still, 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   |
| Denning-Sacco corrected                | Secure | 7   |
| Otway-Rees                             | Secure | 10  |
| Otway-Rees, variant of Paulson98       | Attack | 12  |
| Yahalom                                | Secure | 10  |
| Simpler Yahalom                        | Secure | 11  |
| Main mode of Skeme                     | Secure | 23  |

#### Pentium III, 1 GHz.