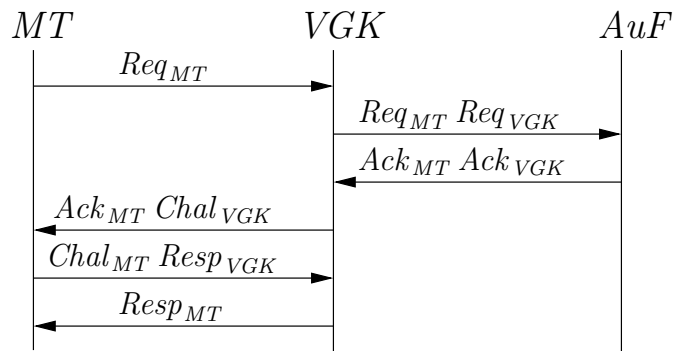
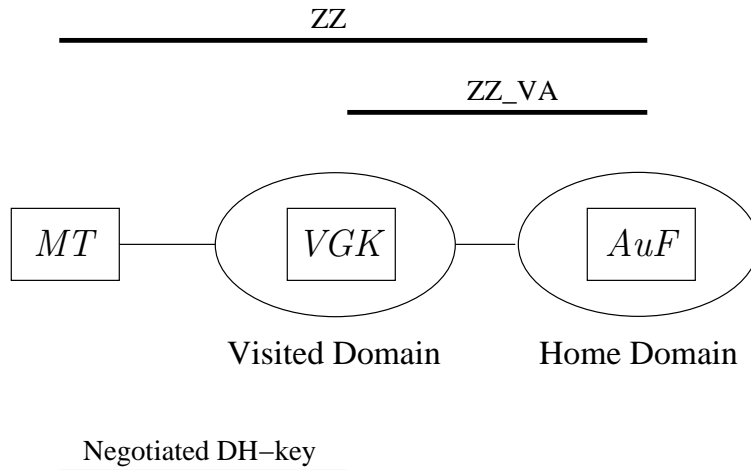


# Methods for Automated Protocol Analysis

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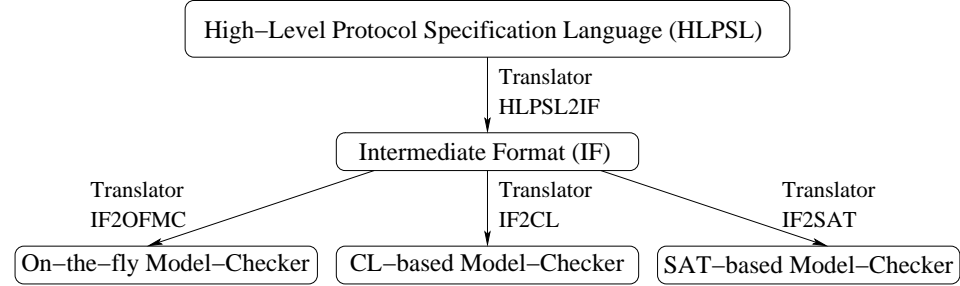
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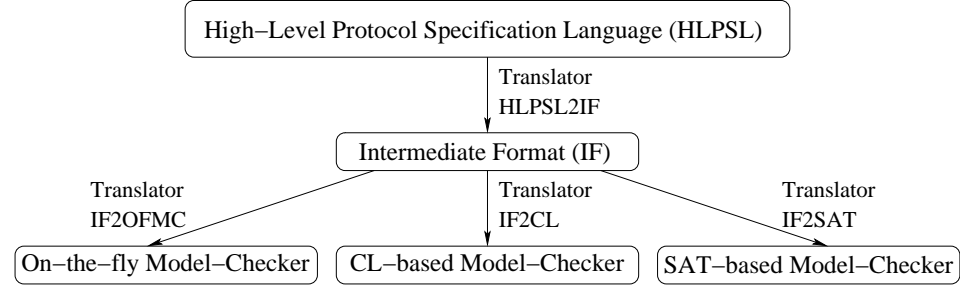
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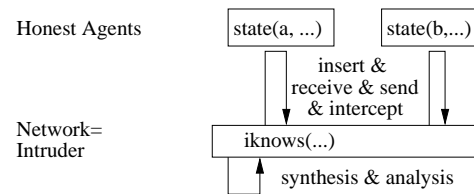


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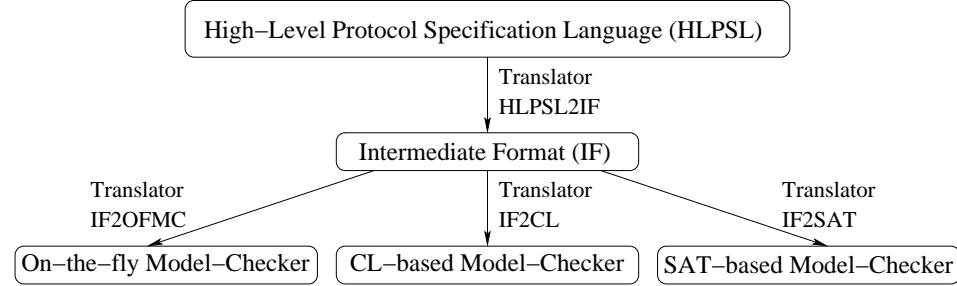


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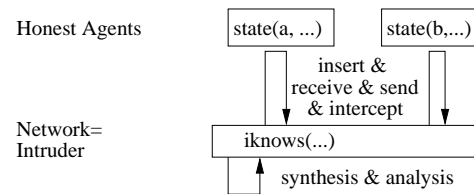


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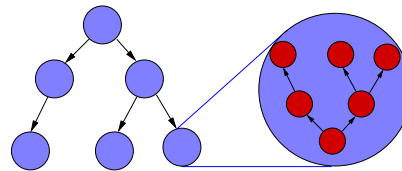
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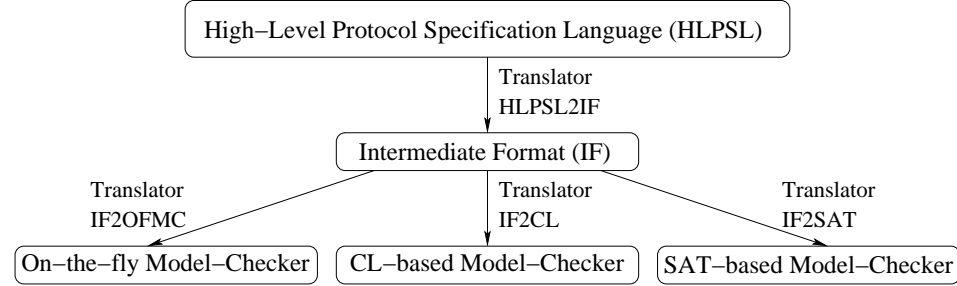
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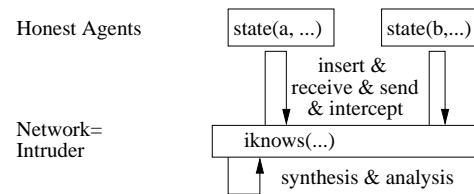
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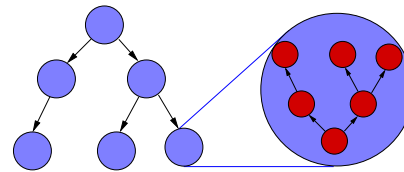
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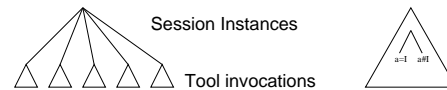


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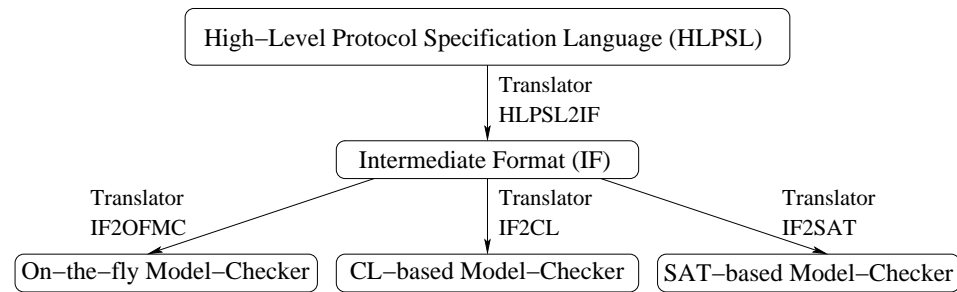
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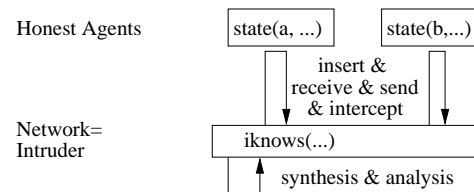


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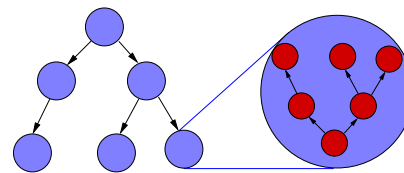
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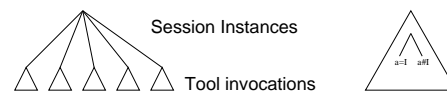
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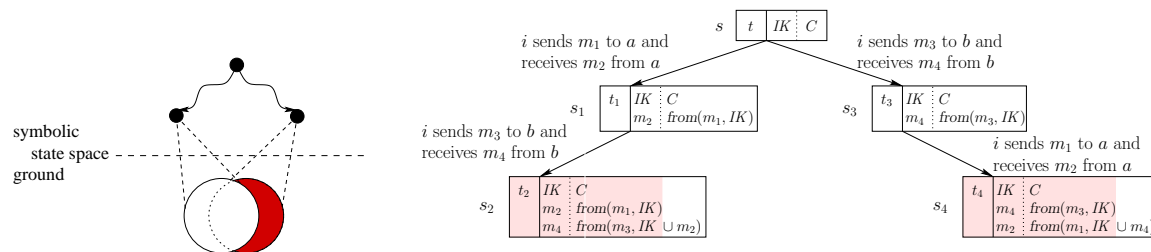
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## IF: Protocol Model

- Protocol modeled as an **transition system**.
  - ▶ States: local states of honest agents and current knowledge of the intruder.
  - ▶ Transitions: actions of the honest agents and the intruder.
- The **Dolev-Yao intruder**:
  - ▶ Controls the entire network.
  - ▶ Perfect cryptography.
  - ▶ Unbounded composition of messages.
- Security properties: attack predicate on states.
- `Prelude.if` file: protocol-independent declarations (operator symbols, algebraic properties, intruder model)

## IF: Messages

- Messages are represented by terms:

- ▶ Countable set of constants,  $a, b, c, \dots$
- ▶ Countable set of variables,  $A, B, C, \dots$
- ▶ Function symbols for (cryptographic) operators:

$\{m\}_k$	asymmetric encryption	crypt/2
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$\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$	concatenation	pair/2
$m^{-1}$	the inverse of a public/private key	inv/1
also: hash functions, key tables, exponentiation, xor, . . .		

- Here: Free algebra assumption:

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = g(s_1, \dots, s_m) \text{ iff } f = g \wedge n = m \wedge t_1 = s_1 \wedge \dots \wedge t_n = s_m$$

- In general not valid, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} m^{-1-1} &= m \\ \langle \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle, m_3 \rangle &= \langle m_1, \langle m_2, m_3 \rangle \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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- The *dot* is associative, commutative, and idempotent:

$$f_1.(f_2.f_3) = (f_1.f_2).f_3 \quad f_1.f_2 = f_2.f_1 \quad f.f = f$$

## IF: Rules

- Example: NSPK/Role Alice:

(*step 1*)     $\text{state}(\text{roleA}, 0, A, B, \text{SID}, K)$   
           $\exists \text{NA} \Rightarrow \text{state}(\text{roleA}, 1, A, B, \text{SID}, K, \text{NA}).$        $\text{msg}(\{\text{NA}, A\}_{K(B)})$

(*step 2*)     $\text{state}(\text{roleA}, 1, A, B, \text{SID}, K, \text{NA}).$        $\text{msg}(\{\text{NA}, \text{NB}\}_{K(A)})$   
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- Asynchronous Communication: sending and receiving messages are atomic events.



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initial state	root node
transition relation	descendants of a node
attack state	attack node

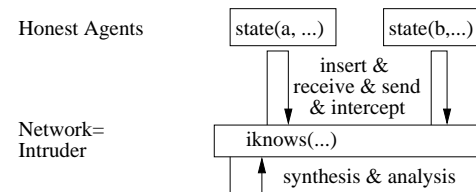
- States are always ground terms.
- The search tree is, in general, infinitely deep.
- Also the tree might have infinite branching.

⇒ Semi-decision procedure for security.

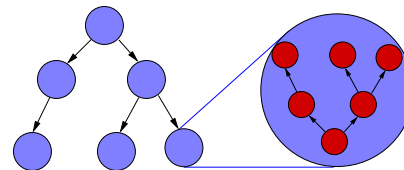
⇒ Use lazy data-structures, e.g. in Haskell: formulate infinite tree; heuristics and attack search as tree-transformers.

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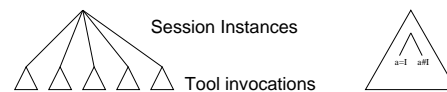


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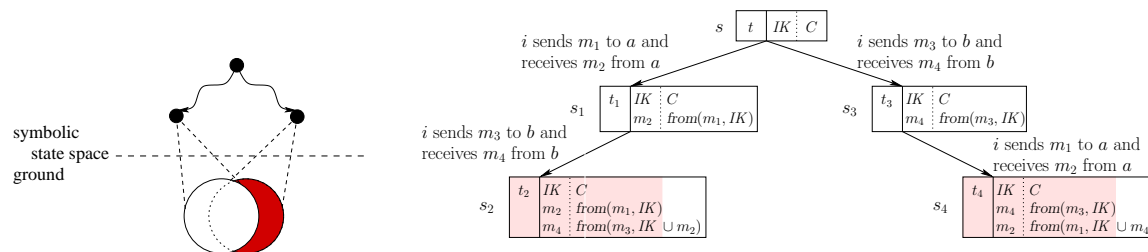


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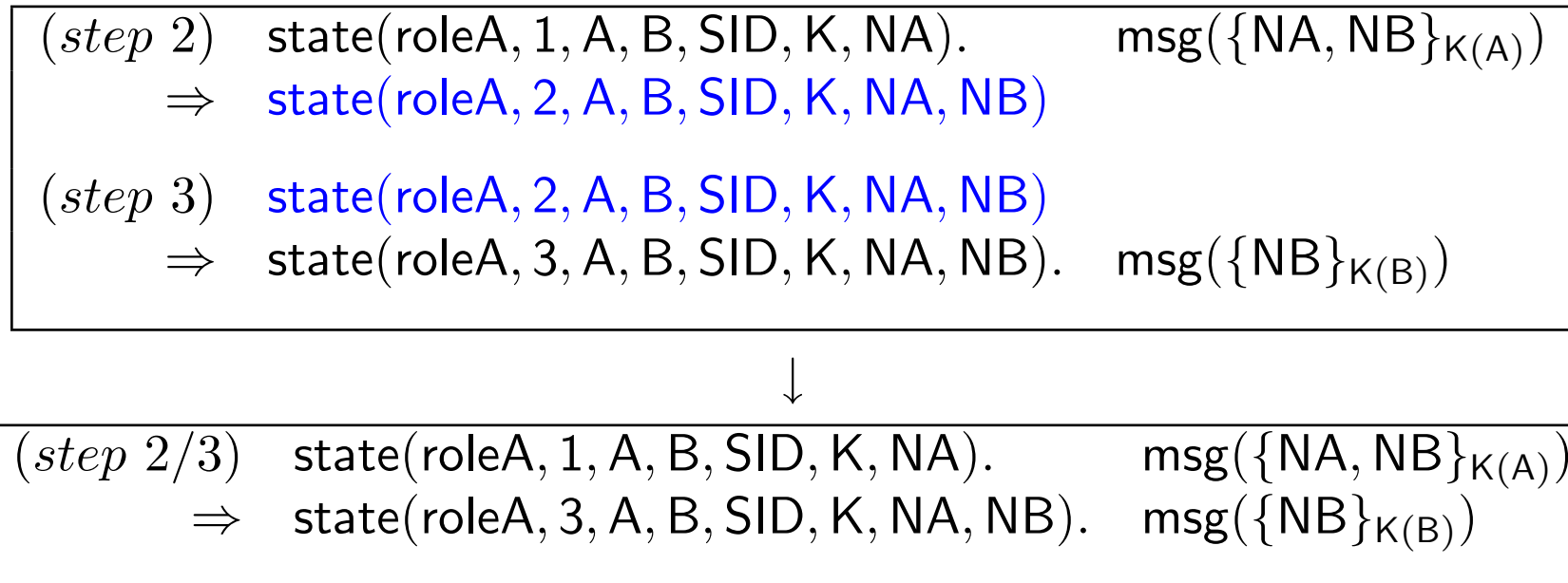


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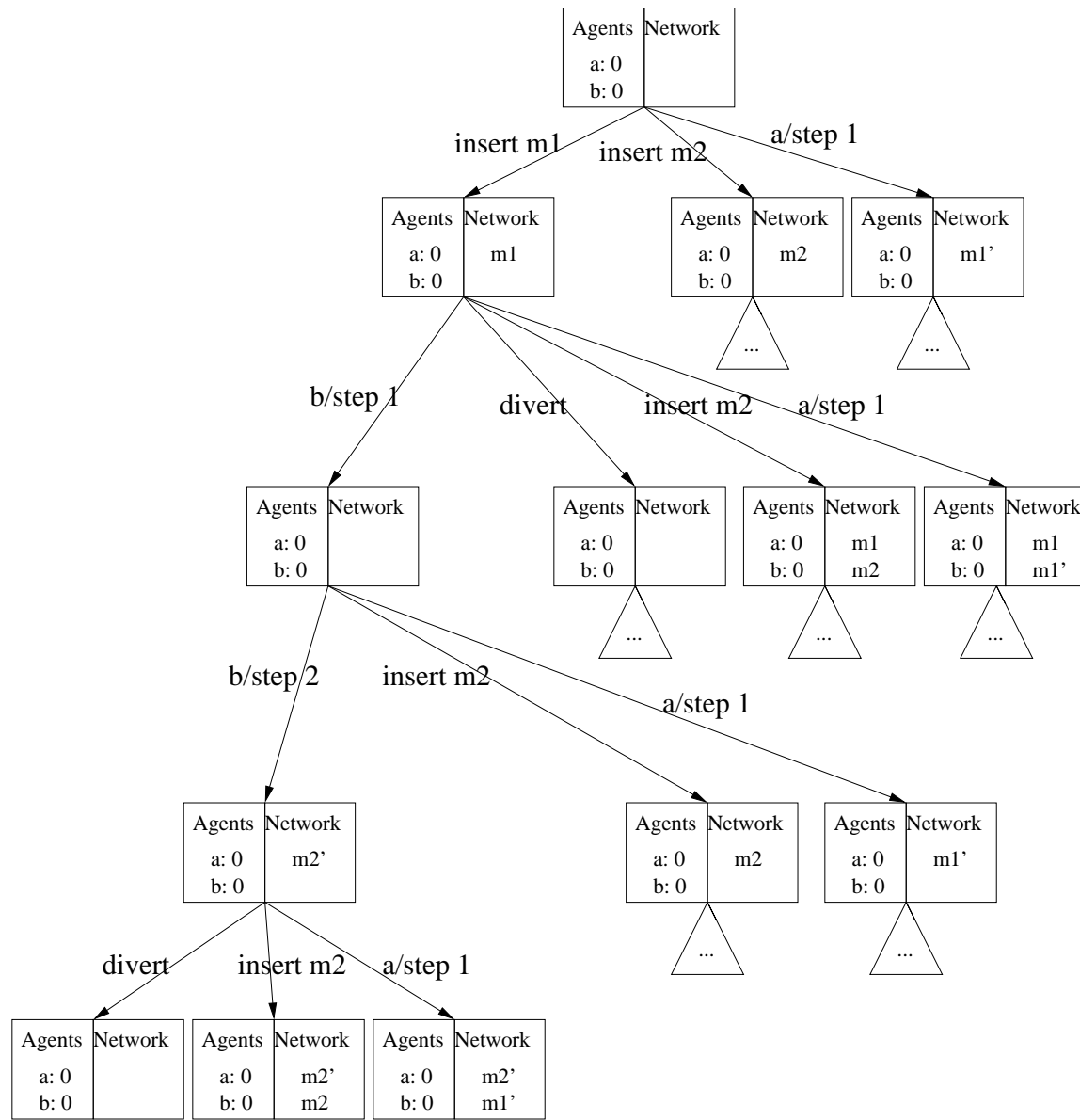
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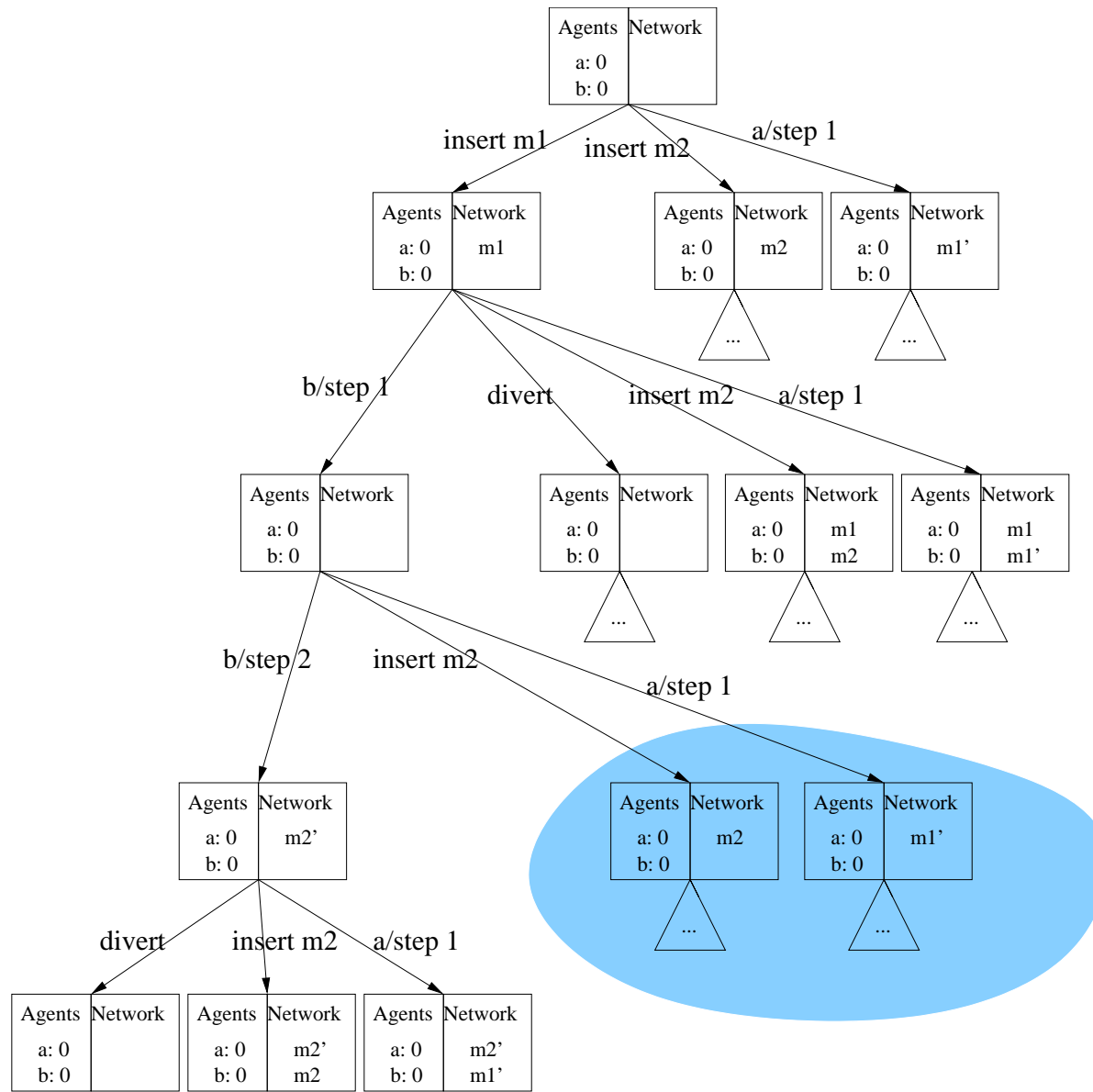
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- Complete: (for standard security properties) this does not exclude any attacks.
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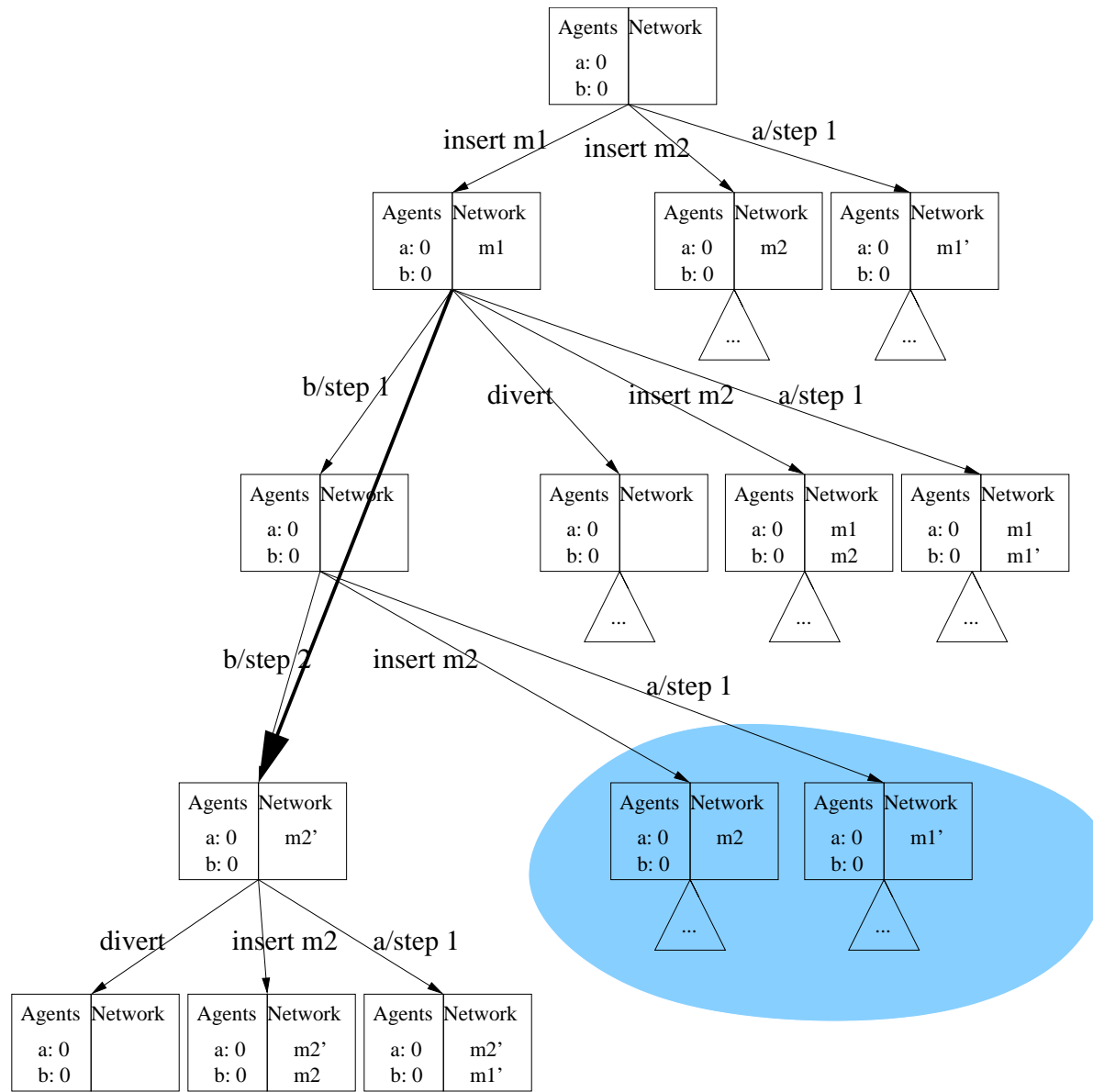




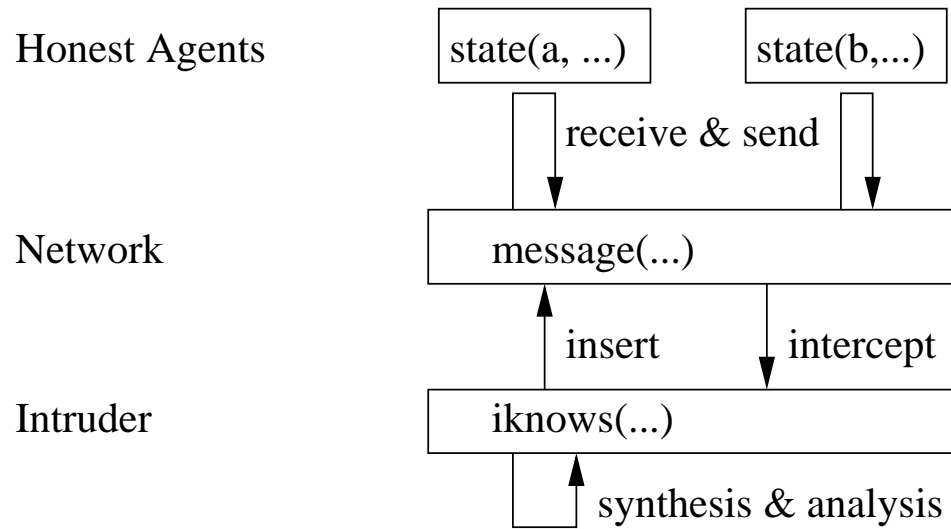
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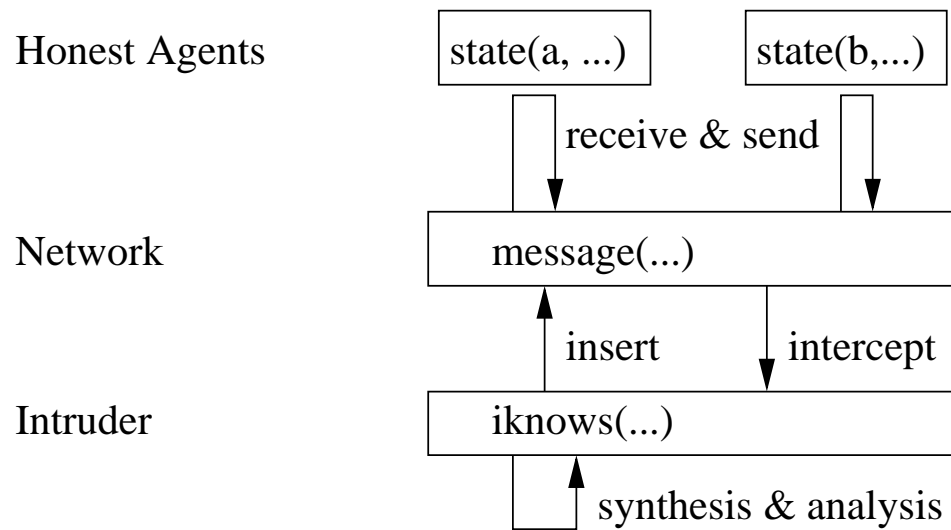
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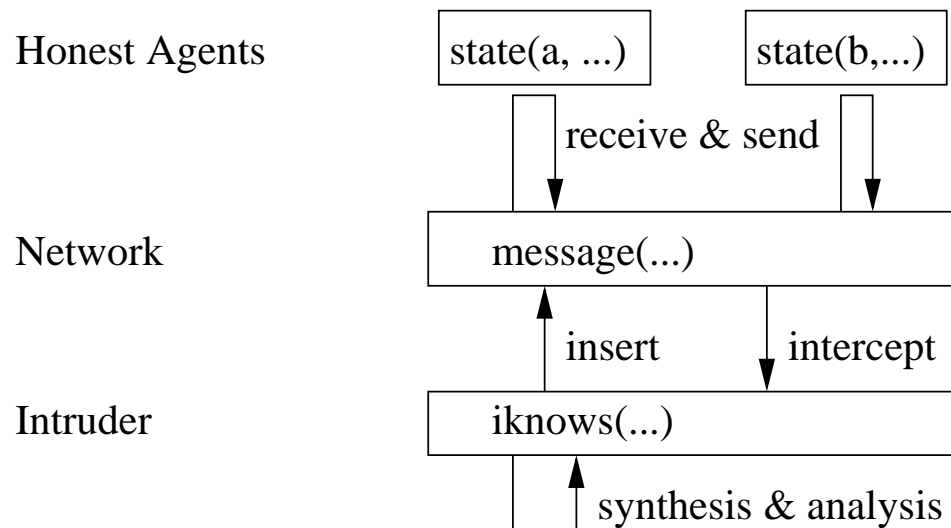


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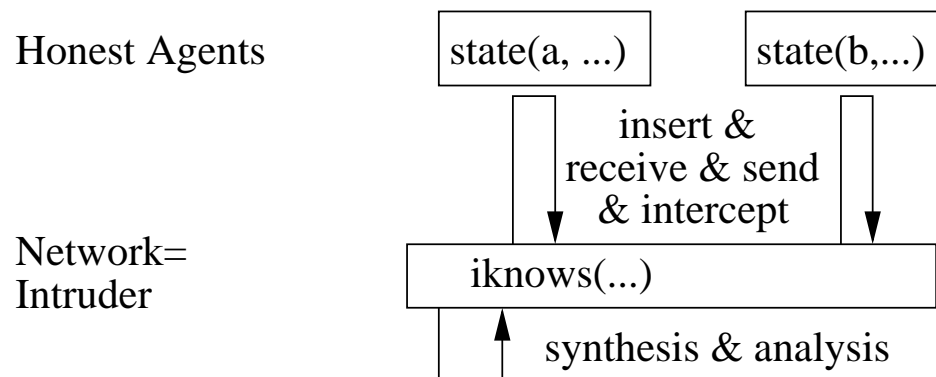


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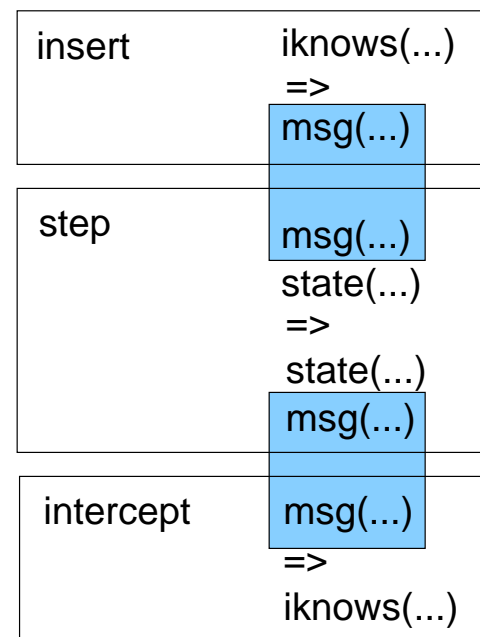
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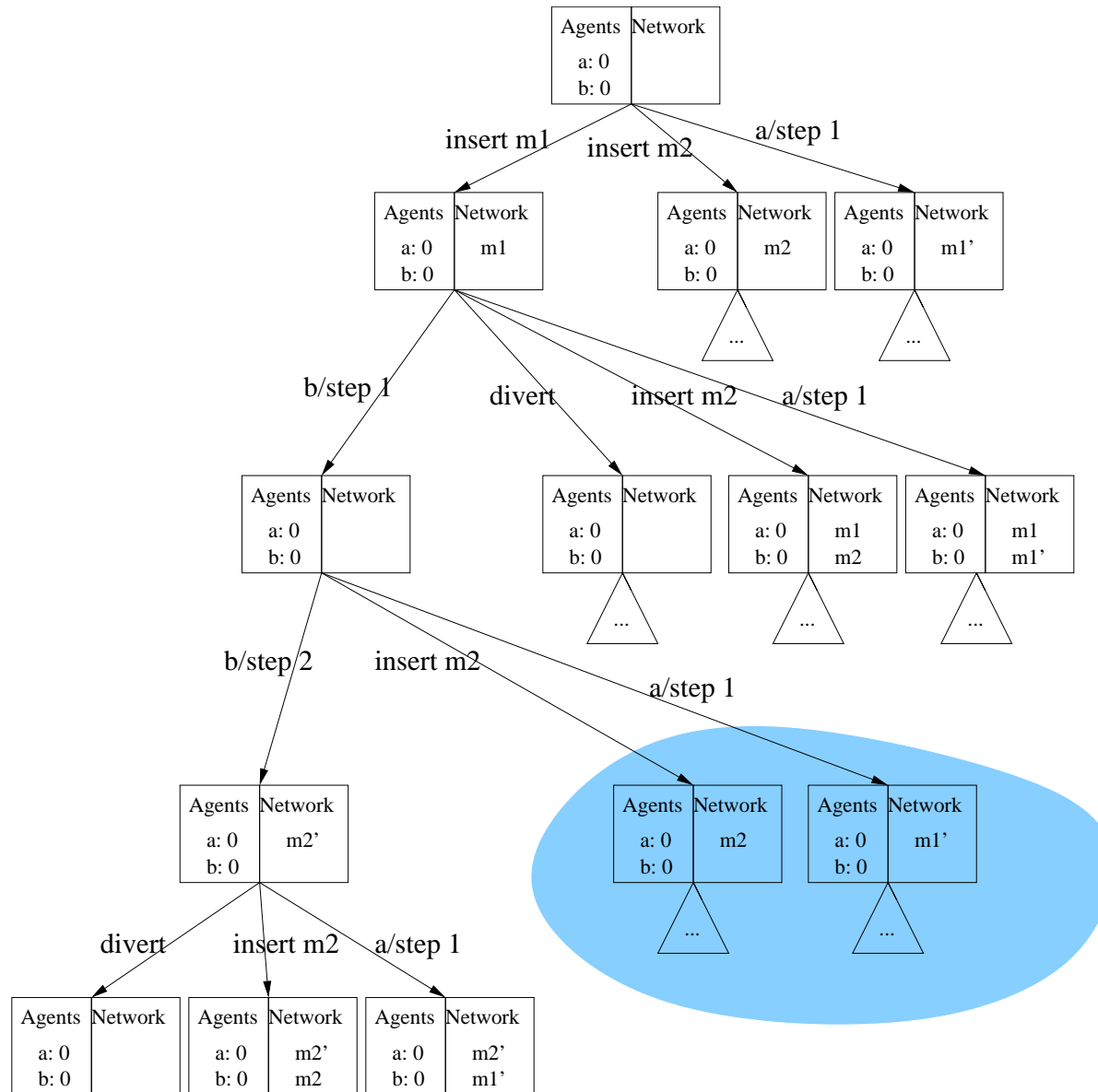
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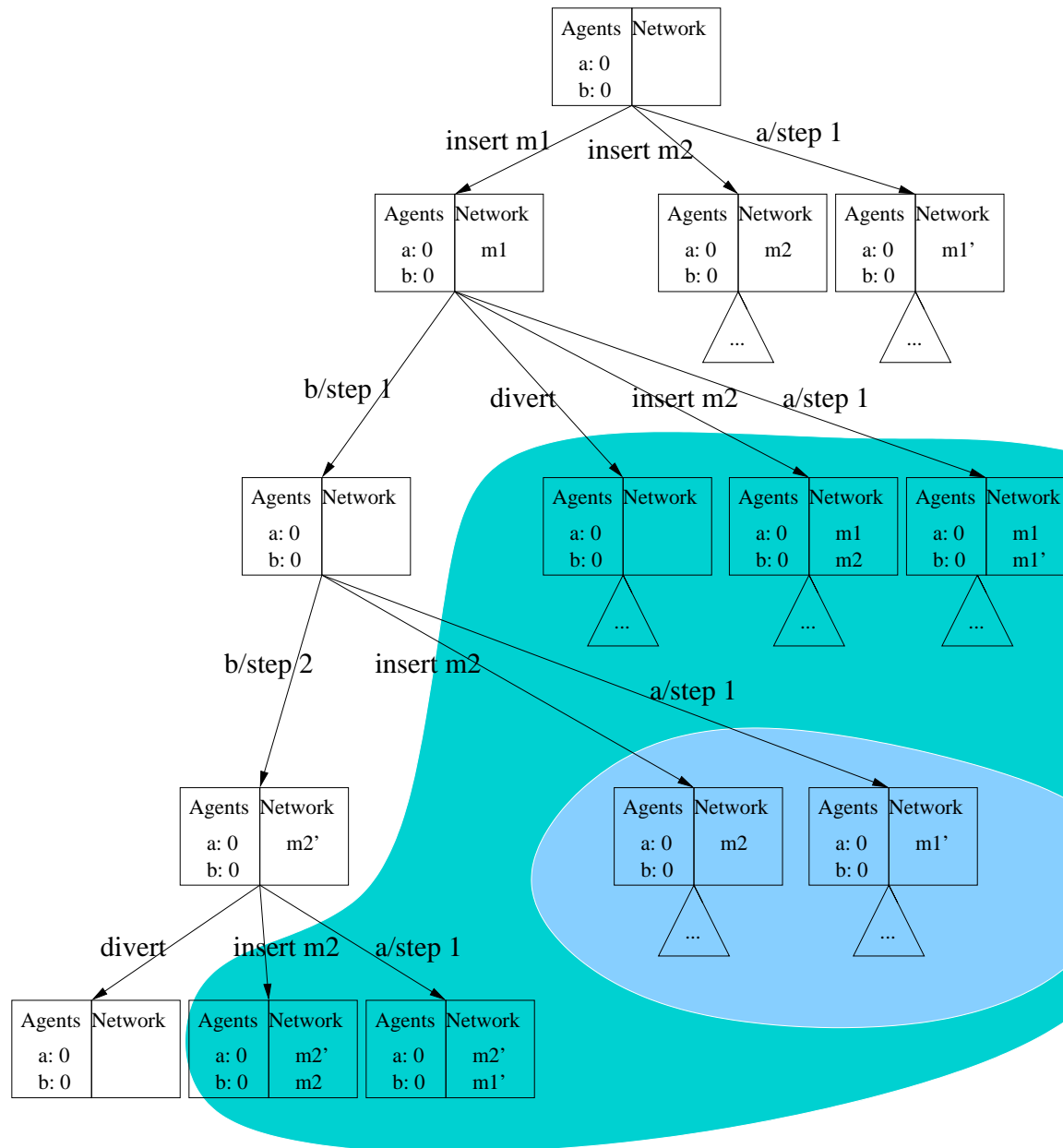


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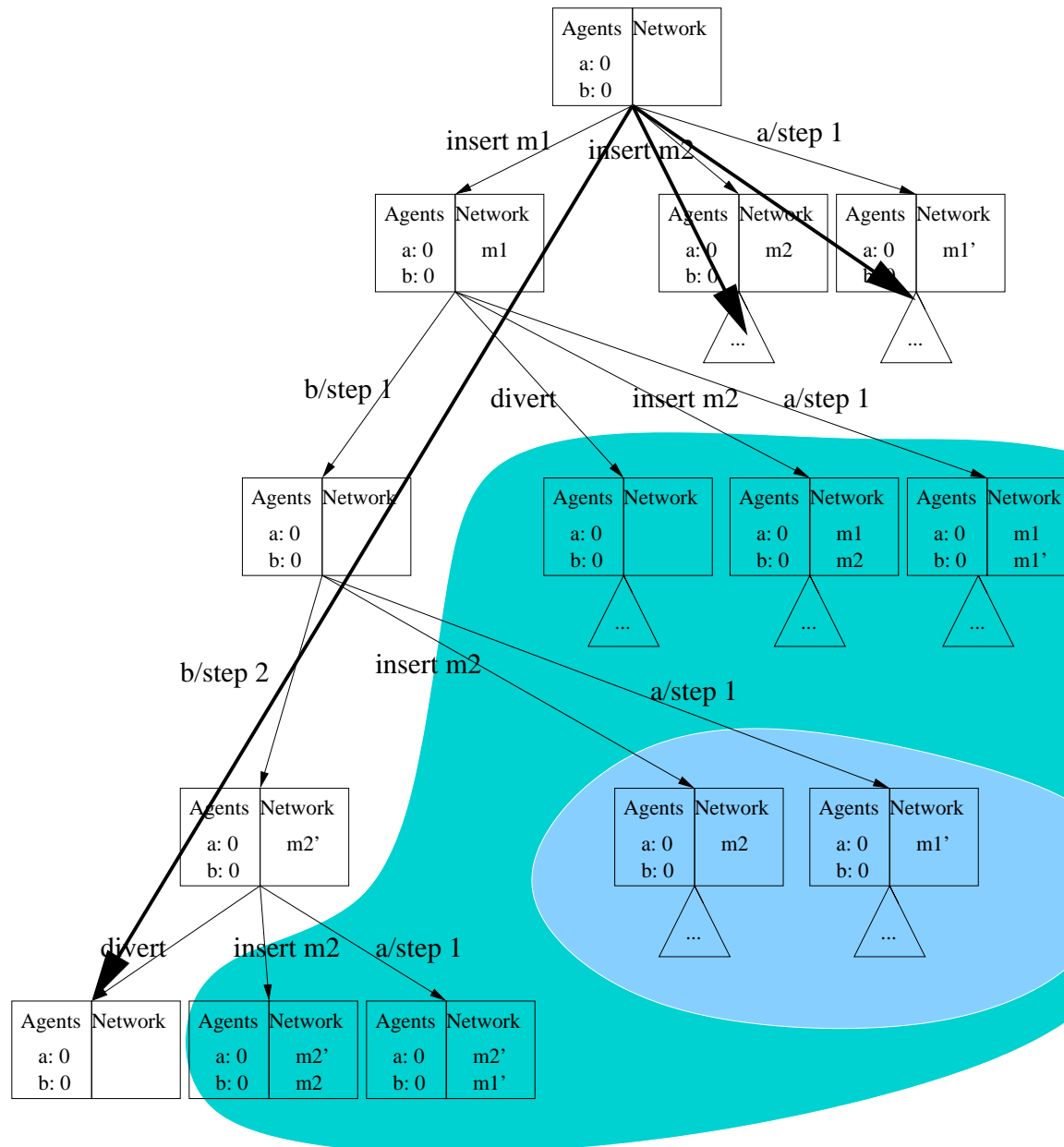
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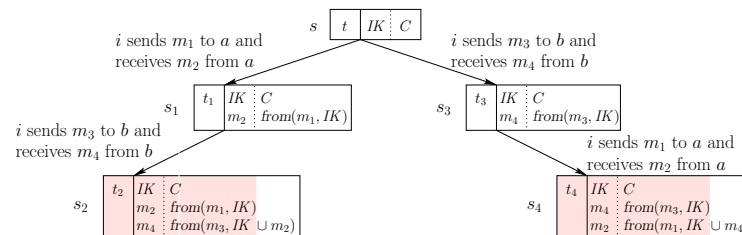
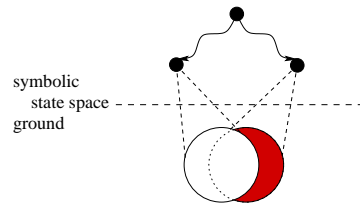
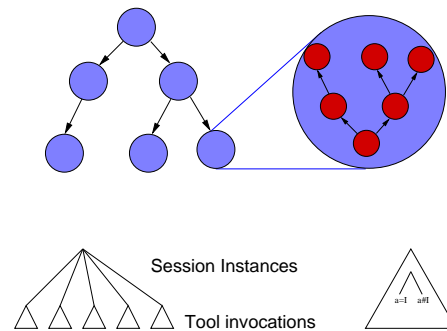
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*from*-constraints are evaluated in a demand-driven way,  
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## Lazy Intruder: An Example

The intruder knows an old message  $\{a, b, n_1, n_2\}_{k(b,s)} \in IK$ , as well as the contained nonces  $n_1, n_2 \in IK$ .

Agent b expects to receive the final message of the protocol:

$$\{a, b, KAB\}_{k(b,s)}, \{n_2\}_{KAB}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{from(\emptyset; IK) ; [KAB \mapsto \langle n_1, n_2 \rangle]}{G_{unif}^l} \\
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## Lazy Intruder: Completeness

- **Theorem.** Satisfiability of (well-formed) *from*-constraints is decidable.

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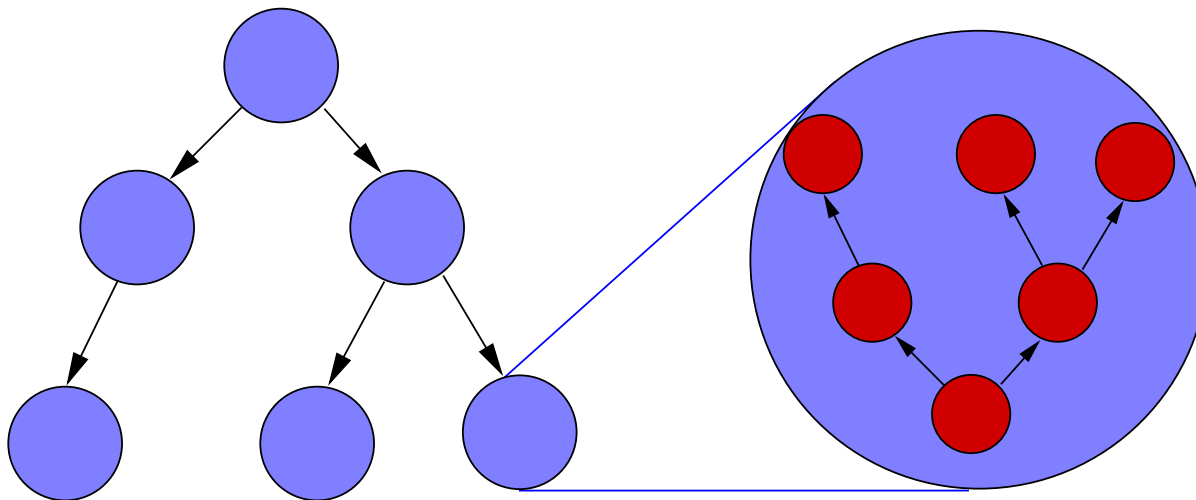
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## Integration: Symbolic Transition System

- **Symbolic state** = term with variables + constraint set
- $\llbracket (t, C) \rrbracket = \{t\sigma \mid \sigma \in \llbracket C \rrbracket\}$  (a set of ground states).
- Two layers of search:

**Layer 1:** search in the symbolic state space

**Layer 2:** constraint reduction



## Lazy Intruder: History

**[Huima 1999]** First paper with the idea. Formalization extremely complex.

**[Amadio & Lugiez 2001]** Much simpler presentation of the idea and proofs.

**[Rusinowitch & Turuani 2001]** The insecurity problem for a bounded number of sessions is NP-complete, even without restriction to atomic keys.

**[Chevalier & Vigneron 2001]** First lazy intruder without the restriction to atomic keys.

**[Millen & Shmatikov 2001]** Similar (independent) approach with non-atomic keys, including formal proofs.

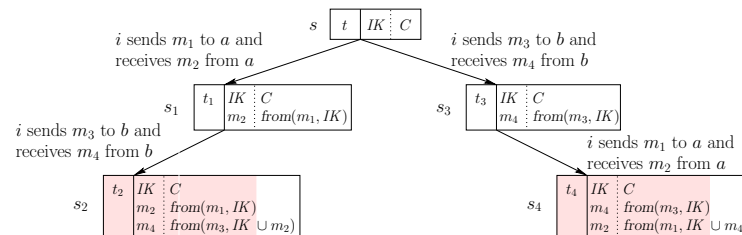
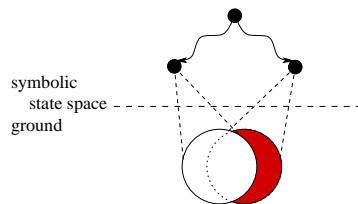
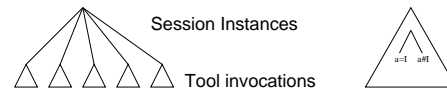
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The approaches get **more powerful** and at the same time **simpler**, for instance . . .



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## Session Instances — The Model

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- Example:  $[A : a, B : b]$   
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means that the initial state contains

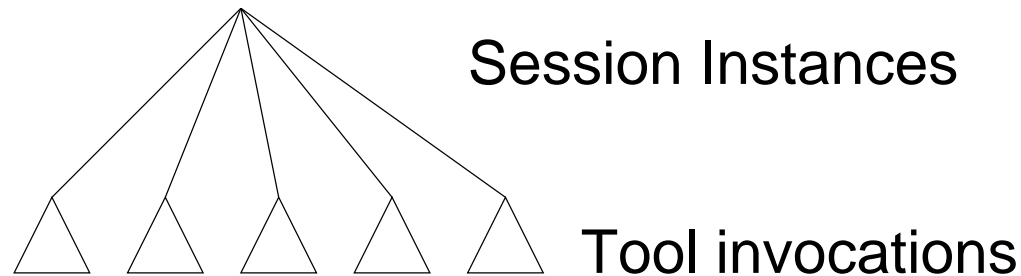
`state(roleA, 0, a, b)`  
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- We also call this a **scenario**.

# Automated Session Generation

- What **scenarios** to examine?
- *Bouallagui et al, 2002*: given a bound  $n$ , generate all instances of  $n$  parallel sessions avoiding redundancies like isomorph instances.
- E.g.  $n = 2$ :

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- Parameter Search:

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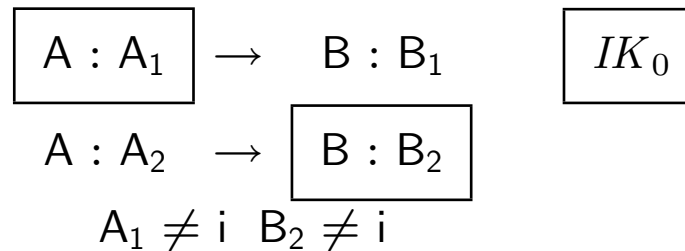
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$$1. \quad A_1 \rightarrow i(B_1) : \{n_1, A_1\}_{k(B_1)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  The intruder can read  $n_1$  iff  $B_1 = i$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Case split  $B_1 = i$  and  $B_1 \neq i$ .

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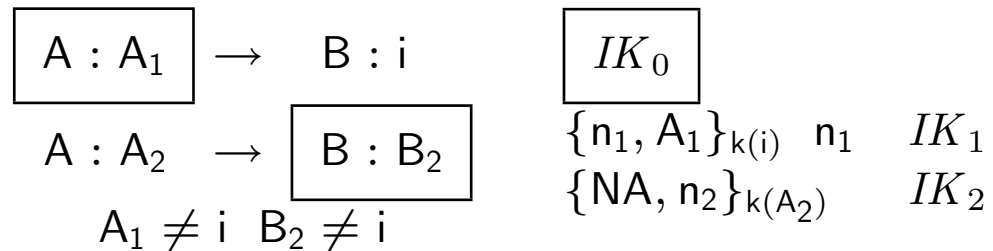
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Again, the intruder can decrypt this message iff he is the intended recipient, i.e. iff  $A_2 = i$ .

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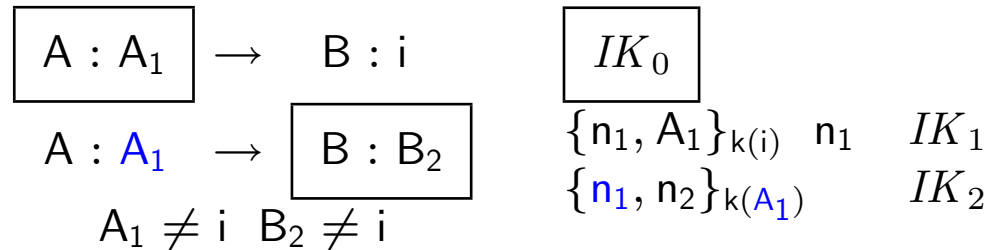
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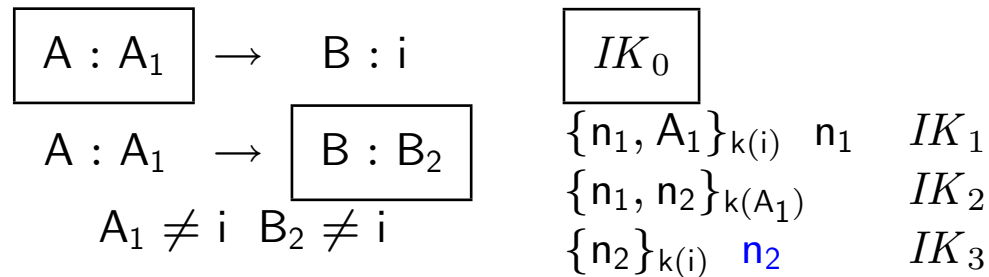
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The answer from  $A_1$  is  $\{n_2\}_{k(i)}$ , so the intruder now knows  $n_2$  and can finish the protocol with  $B_2$ .

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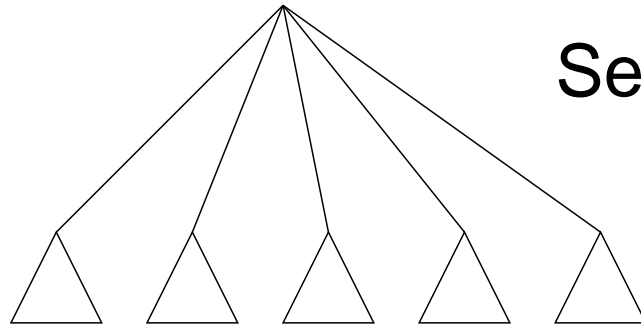
All substitutions for the variables for agent names are substituted either

- with each other (e.g.  $A_1 = A_2$ )
- or with the intruder (e.g.  $B_1 = i$ ).

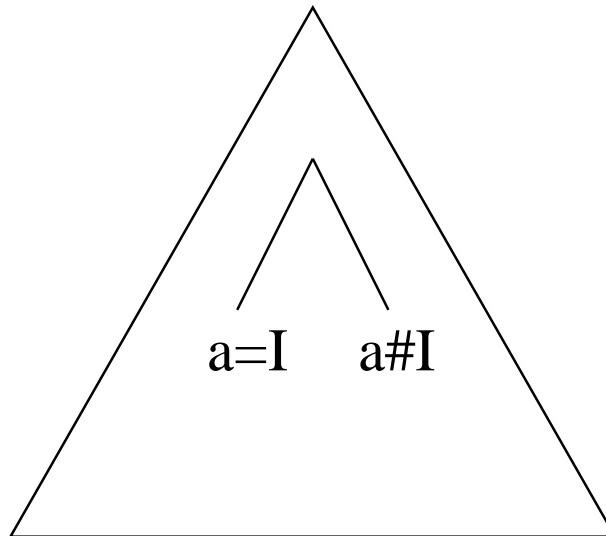
Thus: isn't it sufficient to have only **two** agents, **alice** and **intruder**?

# Intuition

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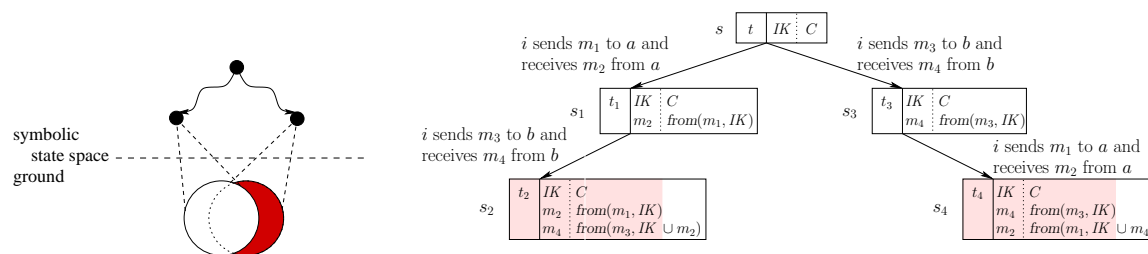


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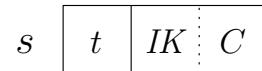
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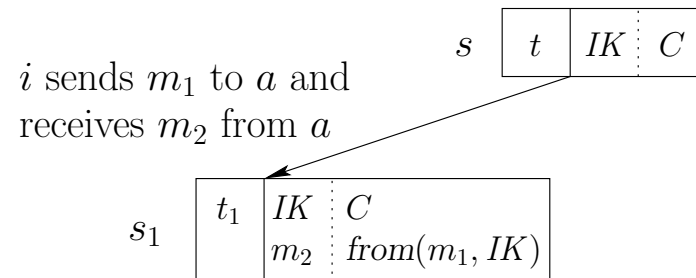
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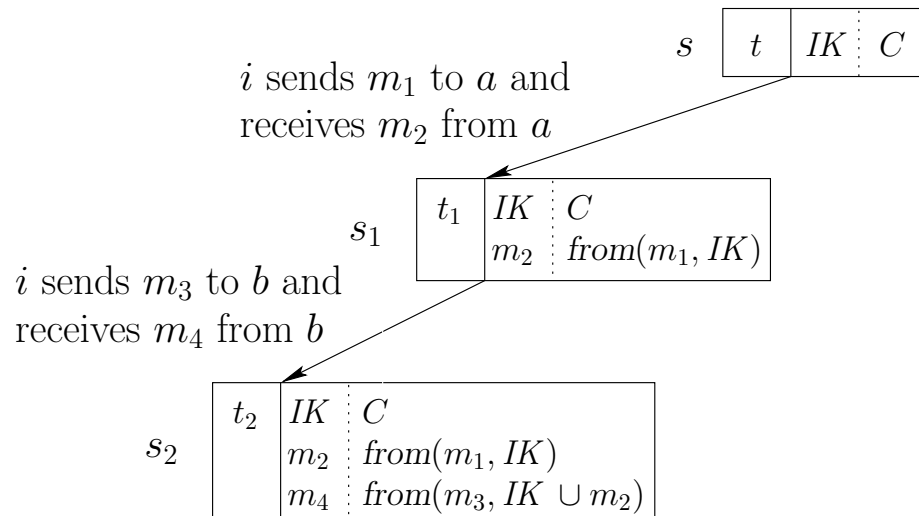
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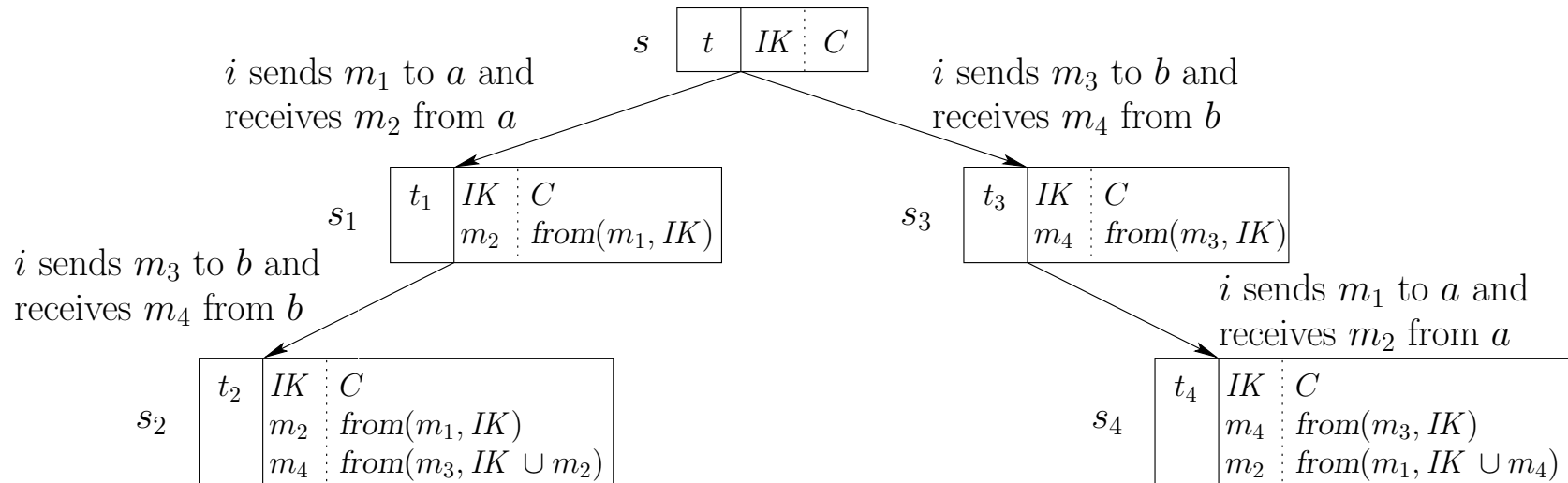
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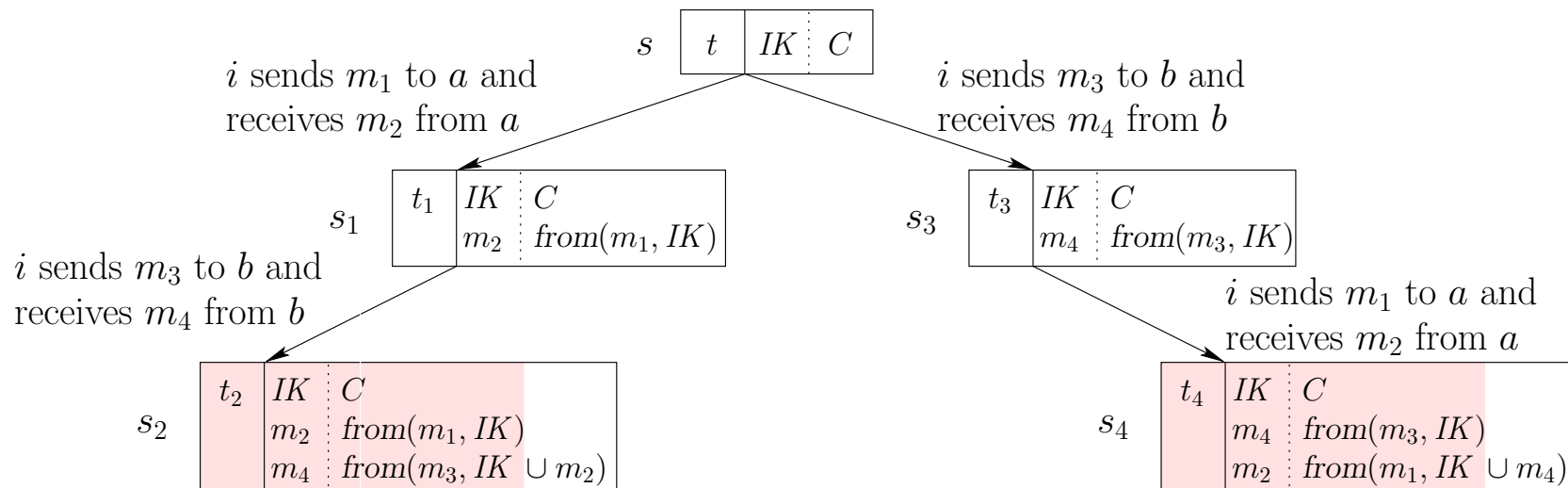
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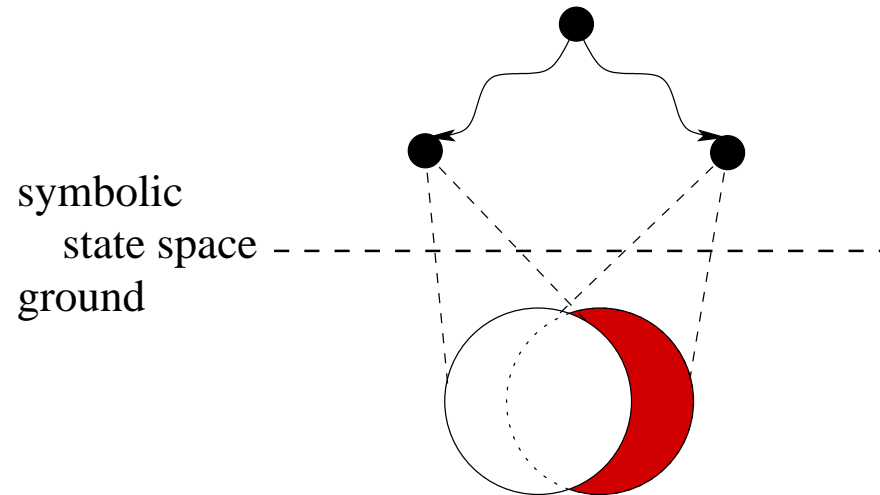
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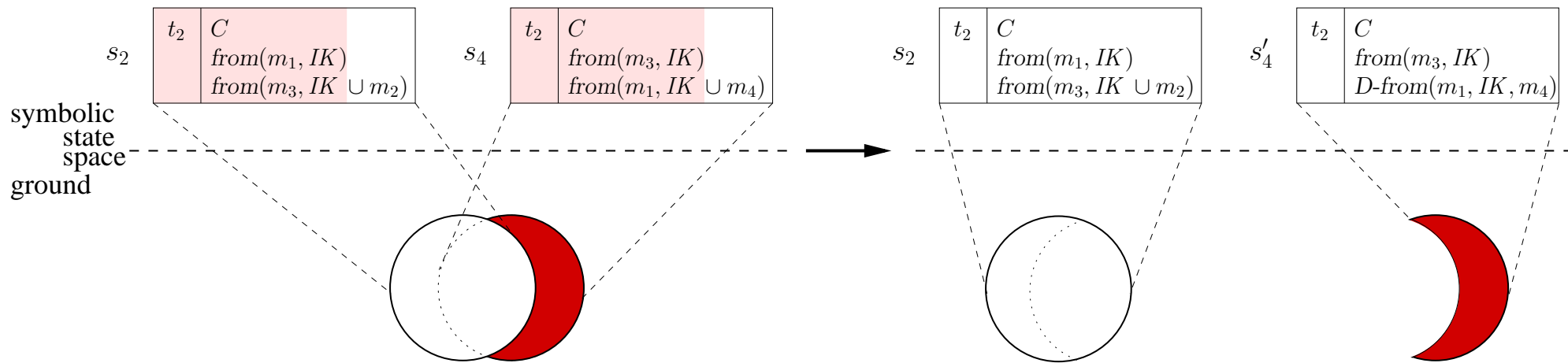
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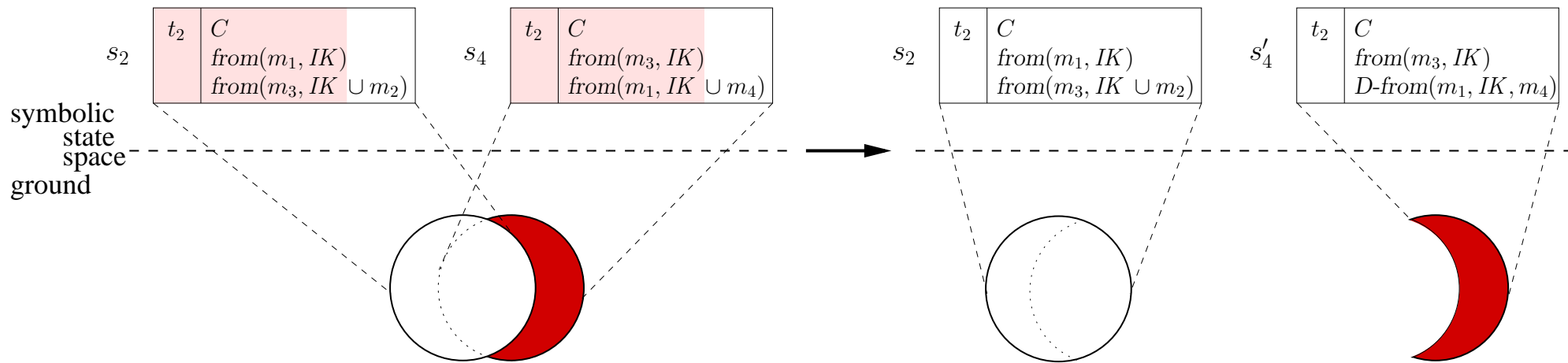


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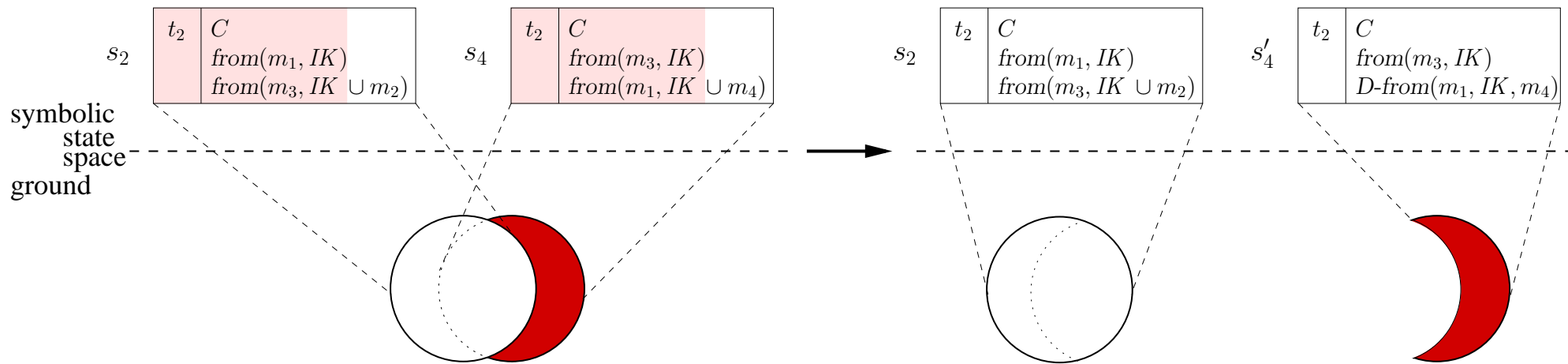
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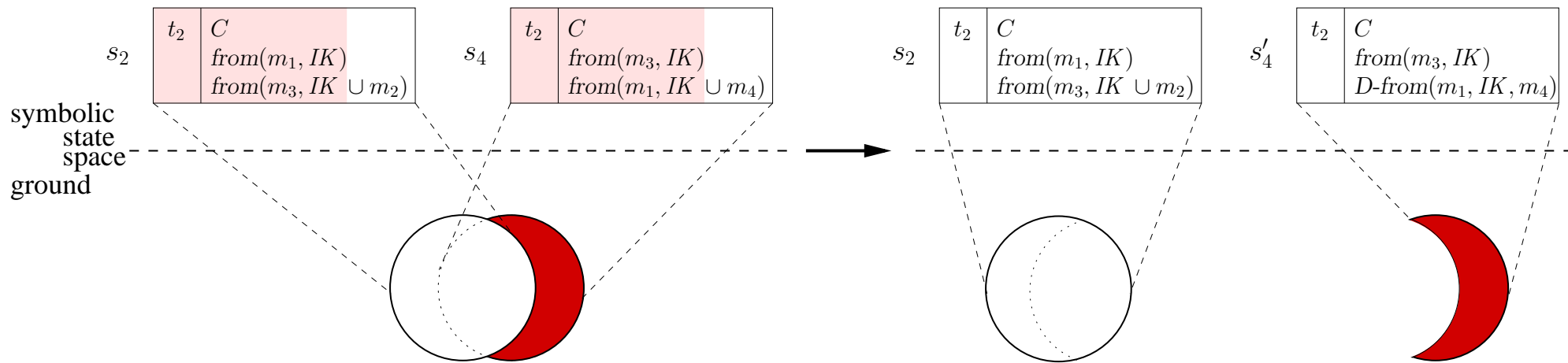
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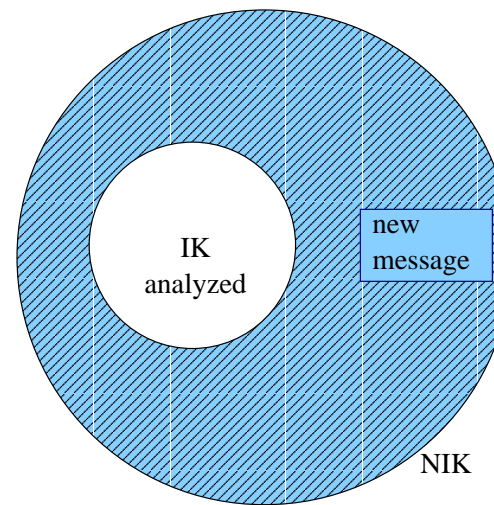
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Analysis: either specialized rules,



analysis of IK and new message

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