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Secrecy and Group Creation

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Abstract

We add an operation of group creation to the typed pi-calculus, where a group is a type for channels. Creation of fresh groups has the effect of statically preventing certain communications, and can block the accidental or malicious leakage of secrets. We adapt a notion of secrecy introduced by Abadi, and prove a preservation of secrecy property. When applied to the ambient calculus, the same notion of group creation can be used to create and preserve shared secrets among mobile agents.