

# Special topics in Logic and Security I

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# A $\pi$ -calculus for protocols: NSPK

For the Needham-Schroeder Public Key Protocol (NSPK):

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the process corresponding to the initiator can be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} P_A(skA, pkB) = & \quad \nu n.out(c, aenc(pair(pk(skA), n), pkB)). \\ & \quad in(c, x). \\ & \quad let z = adec(x, skA) in \\ & \quad if \ fst(z) = n \ then \ out(c, aenc(snd(z), pkB)) \ else \ 0. \end{aligned}$$

## A $\pi$ -calculus for protocols: NSPK [1]

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the process corresponding to the responder can be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(skB) = & \quad in(c, x). \\ & \quad let \ pkA = fst(adec(x, skB)) \ in \\ & \quad let \ y = snd(adec(x, skB)) \ in \\ & \quad \nu m.out(c, aenc(pair(y, m), pkA)). \\ & \quad in(c, z). \\ & \quad if \ adec(z, skB) = m \ then \ 0. \end{aligned}$$

# A $\pi$ -calculus for protocols: NSPK [1]

- a process for each role:

$$P_A(\text{sk}A, \text{pk}B) = \nu n. \text{out}(c, \text{aenc}(\text{pair}(\text{pk}(\text{sk}A), n), \text{pk}B)). \\ \text{in}(c, x). \\ \quad \text{let } z = \text{adec}(x, \text{sk}A) \text{ in} \\ \quad \quad \text{if } \text{fst}(z) = n \text{ then } \text{out}(c, \text{aenc}(\text{snd}(z), \text{pk}B)) \text{ else } 0.$$

$$P_B(\text{sk}B) = \text{in}(c, x). \\ \quad \text{let } \text{pk}A = \text{fst}(\text{adec}(x, \text{sk}B)) \text{ in} \\ \quad \quad \text{let } y = \text{snd}(\text{adec}(x, \text{sk}B)) \text{ in} \\ \quad \quad \nu m. \text{out}(c, \text{aenc}(\text{pair}(y, m), \text{pk}A)). \\ \quad \text{in}(c, z). \\ \quad \text{if } \text{adec}(z, \text{sk}B) = m \text{ then } 0.$$

- a process that brings them together:

$$P_{NSPK} = \nu \text{sk}A. \nu \text{sk}B. \\ \quad \text{let } \text{pk}A = \text{pk}(\text{sk}A) \text{ in} \\ \quad \quad \text{let } \text{pk}B = \text{pk}(\text{sk}B) \text{ in} \\ \quad \quad \text{out}(c, \text{pk}A). \text{out}(c, \text{pk}B). \\ \quad (!P_A(\text{sk}A, \text{pk}B)) \mid (!P_B(\text{sk}B, \text{pk}A))$$

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

```
free c: channel.
```

```
(* Public key encryption *)
```

```
type pkey.
```

```
type skey.
```

```
fun pk(skey): pkey.
```

```
fun aenc(bitstring, pkey): bitstring.
```

```
reduc forall x: bitstring, y: skey;
```

```
          adec(aenc(x, pk(y)),y) = x.
```

```
(* Signatures *)
```

```
type spkey.
```

```
type sskey.
```

```
fun spk(sskey): spkey.
```

```
fun sign(bitstring, sskey): bitstring.
```

```
reduc forall x: bitstring, y: sskey; getmess(sign(x,y)) = x.
```

```
reduc forall x: bitstring, y: sskey; checksign(sign(x,y), spk(y)) =
```

# ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

- $\pi$ -calculus

$$P_A(\text{skA}, \text{pkB}) = \nu n_a. \text{out}(c, \text{aenc}(\text{pair}(\text{pk}(\text{skA}), n_a), \text{pkB})) . \\ \text{in}(c, x) . \\ \text{let } z = \text{adec}(x, \text{skA}) \text{ in} \\ \text{if } \text{fst}(z) = n_a \text{ then } \text{out}(c, \text{aenc}(\text{snd}(z), \text{pkB})) \text{ else } 0.$$

- Proverif: typed  $\pi$ -calculus

```
let processA(pkB: pkey, skA: skey) =
  in(c, pkX: pkey);
  new Na: bitstring;
  out(c, aenc((Na, pk(skA)), pkX));
  in(c, m: bitstring);
  let (=Na, NX: bitstring) = adec(m, skA) in
  out(c, aenc(NX, pkX)).
```

# ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

- $\pi$ -calculus

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(\textit{skB}) = & \quad \textit{in}(c, x). \\ & \quad \textit{let } \textit{pkA} = \textit{fst}(\textit{adec}(x, \textit{skB})) \textit{ in} \\ & \quad \textit{let } y = \textit{snd}(\textit{adec}(x, \textit{skB})) \textit{ in} \\ & \quad \nu n_b.\textit{out}(c, \textit{aenc}(\textit{pair}(y, n_b), \textit{pkA})). \\ & \quad \textit{in}(c, z). \\ & \quad \textit{if } \textit{adec}(z, \textit{skB}) = n_b \textit{ then } 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Proverif: typed  $\pi$ -calculus

```
let processB(pkA: pkey, skB: skey) =
  in(c, m: bitstring);
  let (NY: bitstring, pkY: pkey) = adec(m, skB) in
  new Nb: bitstring;
  out(c, aenc((NY, Nb), pkY));
  in(c, m3: bitstring);
  if Nb = adec(m3, skB) then 0.
```

# ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

- $\pi$ -calculus

$$P_{NSPK} = \nu skA. \nu skB.$$
$$\quad let\; pkA = pk(skA)\; in$$
$$\quad let\; pkB = pk(skB)\; in$$
$$\quad out(c, pkA).out(c, pkB).$$
$$\quad (!P_A(skA, pkB)) \mid (!P_B(skB, pkA))$$

- Proverif: typed  $\pi$ -calculus

```
process
new skA: skey; let pkA = pk(skA) in out(c, pkA);
new skB: skey; let pkB = pk(skB) in out(c, pkB);
( (!processA(pkB, skA)) \mid (!processB(pkA, skB)) )
```

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

```
let processA(pkB: pkey, skA: skey) =
  in(c, pkX: pkey);
  new Na: bitstring; out(c, aenc((Na, pk(skA)), pkX));
  in(c, m: bitstring);
  let (=Na, NX: bitstring) = adec(m, skA) in
  out(c, aenc(NX, pkX)).  
  
let processB(pkA: pkey, skB: skey) =
  in(c, m: bitstring);
  let (NY: bitstring, pkY: pkey) = adec(m, skB) in
  new Nb: bitstring; out(c, aenc((NY, Nb), pkY));
  in(c, m3: bitstring);
  if Nb = adec(m3, skB) then 0.  
  
process
  new skA: skey; let pkA = pk(skA) in out(c, pkA);
  new skB: skey; let pkB = pk(skB) in out(c, pkB);
  (!processA(pkB, skA)) | (!processB(pkA, skB))
```

## ProVerif - security properties

- **Secrecy.** For the NSPK protocol we want to investigate if the nonces generated by A and B are available to an attacker. Recall that "the standard secrecy queries of ProVerif deal with the secrecy of private free names." [2] private free secret.

```
query attacker:secret.
```

Since in this case, the nonces are represented as new names ( $Na$  and  $Nb$ ) or as variables ( $NX$  and  $NY$ ) we use "the following general technique: instead of directly testing the secrecy of the nonces, we use them as session keys in order to encrypt some free name and test the secrecy of that free name." [2]

```
(* Shared key encryption *)
fun senc(bitstring,bitstring): bitstring.
reduc forall x: bitstring, y: bitstring; sdec(senc(x,y),y) = x.

(* Secrecy queries *)
free secretANa, secretANb, secretBNa, secretBNb: bitstring [private].  
  
query attacker(secretANa);
      attacker(secretANb);
      attacker(secretBNa);
      attacker(secretBNb).
```

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

```
let processA(pkB: pkey, skA: skey) =  
    in(c, pkX: pkey);  
    new Na: bitstring; out(c, aenc((Na, pk(skA)), pkX));  
    in(c, m: bitstring);  
    let (=Na, NX: bitstring) = adec(m, skA) in  
    out(c, aenc(NX, pkX));  
    if pkX = pkB then  
        event endAparam(pk(skA));  
        out(c, senc(secretANa, Na));  
        out(c, senc(secretANb, NX)).
```

"in the process for Alice, we output  $senc(secretANa, Na)$  and we test the secrecy of  $secretANa$ :  $secretANa$  is secret if and only if the nonce  $Na$  that Alice has is secret. Similarly, we output  $senc(secretANb, NX)$  and we test the secrecy of  $secretANb$ :  $secretANb$  is secret if and only if  $NX$  (that is, the nonce  $Nb$  that Alice has) is secret." [2]

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

```
let processB(pkA: pkey, skB: skey) =  
    in(c, m: bitstring);  
    let (NY: bitstring, pkY: pkey) = adec(m, skB) in  
    event beginAparam(pkY);  
    new Nb: bitstring;  
        out(c, aenc((NY, Nb), pkY));  
    in(c, m3: bitstring);  
    if Nb = adec(m3, skB) then  
        if pkY = pkA then  
            event endBparam(pk(skB));  
            out(c, senc(secretBNA, NY));  
            out(c, senc(secretBNb, Nb)).
```

"Observe that the use of four names secretANa, secretANb, secretBNA, secretBNb for secrecy queries allows us to analyze the precise point of failure; that is, we can study secrecy for Alice and secrecy for Bob. Moreover, we can analyze both nonces Na and Nb independently for each of Alice and Bob." [2]

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

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Verification summary:

Query not attacker(secretANa[]) is true.

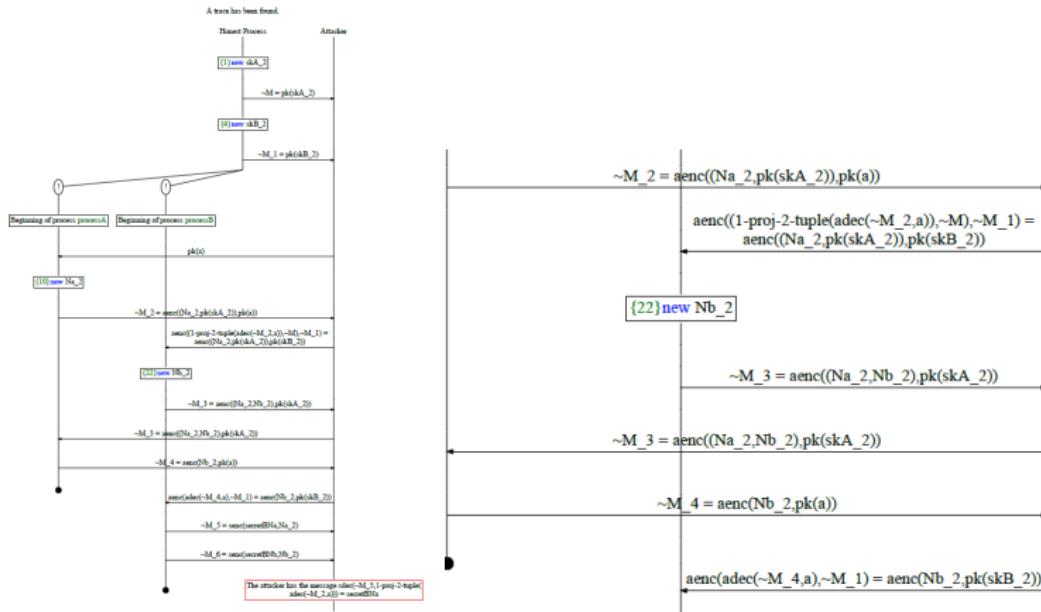
Query not attacker(secretANb[]) is true.

Query not attacker(secretBNa[]) is false.

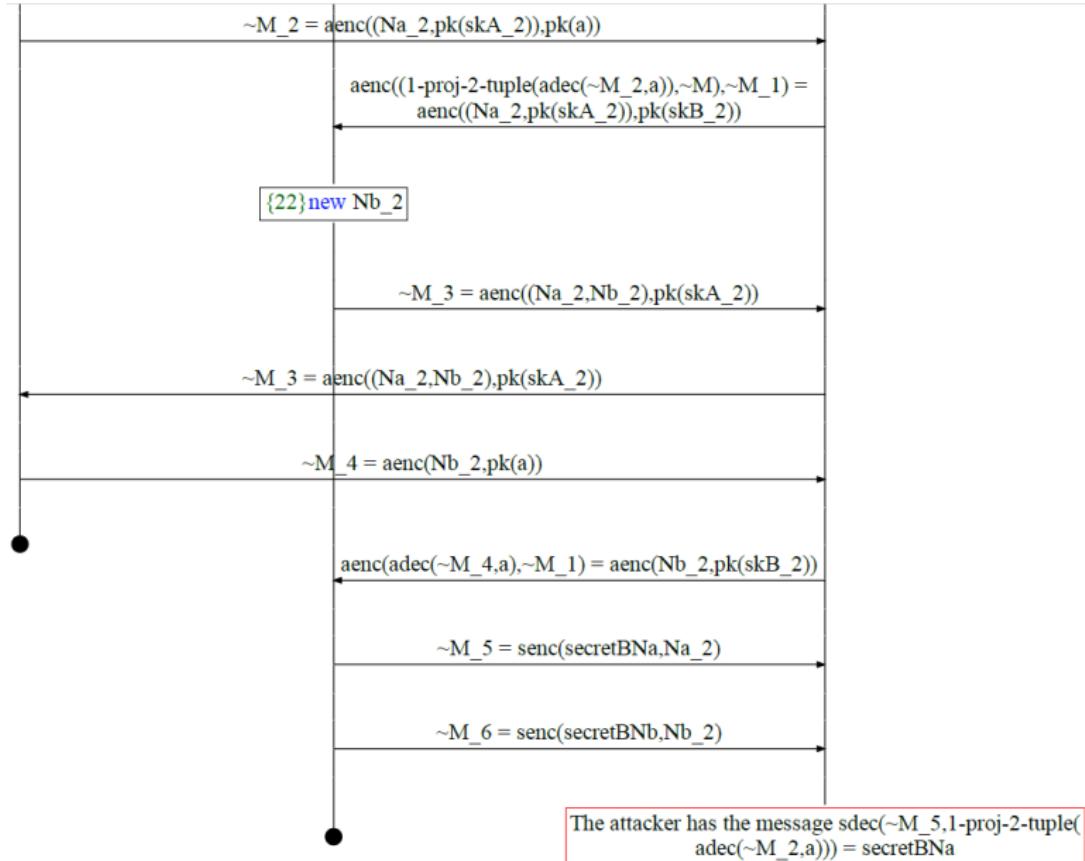
Query not attacker(secretBNb[]) is false.

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# Proverif - MiM attack



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## ProVerif: security properties

- **Authentication as correspondence.** The protocol is annotated with *events* and authentication is defined using correspondence assertions:
  - event `beginAparam(pkey)` means that Bob believes that Alice initiated a run of the protocol with him,
  - event `endAparam(pkey)` means that Alice believes she has successfully completed the protocol with Bob,
  - event `beginBparam(pkey)` means that Alice initiate the protocol with Bob,
  - event `endBparam(pkey)` means that Bob believes that he has completed the protocol with Alice.

## Proverif: events

- The relations between events are defined using correspondence assertions of the type:

query  $\text{ev}:e(t_1, \dots, t_n) ==> \text{ev}:e'(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ .

which means that *if the event e has been executed then the event e' has been previously executed.*

"the event that occurs before the arrow  $==>$  can be placed at the end of the protocol, but the event that occurs after the arrow  $==>$  must be followed by at least one message output. Otherwise, the whole protocol can be executed without executing the latter event, so the correspondence certainly does not hold.

One can also note that moving an event that occurs before the arrow  $==>$  towards the beginning of the protocol strengthens the correspondence property, and moving an event that occurs after the arrow  $==>$  towards the end of the protocol also strengthens the correspondence property. Adding arguments to the events strengthens the correspondence property as well." [2]

## ProVerif: security properties

```
(* Shared key encryption *)
fun senc(bitstring,bitstring): bitstring.
reduc forall x: bitstring, y: bitstring; sdec(senc(x,y),y) = x.

(* Authentication queries *)
event beginBparam(pkey).
event endBparam(pkey).
event beginAparam(pkey).
event endAparam(pkey).

query x: pkey; event(endBparam(x)) ==> event(beginBparam(x)).
query x: pkey; event(endAparam(x)) ==> event(beginAparam(x)).

(* Secrecy queries *)
free secretANa, secretANb, secretBNa, secretBNb: bitstring [private]
query attacker(secretANa);
    attacker(secretANb);
    attacker(secretBNa);
    attacker(secretBNb).
```

## ProVerif: NSPK security properties

```
let processA(pkB: pkey, skA: skey) =  
    in(c, pkX: pkey);  
    event beginBparam(pkX);  
    new Na: bitstring;  
    out(c, aenc((Na, pk(skA)), pkX));  
    in(c, m: bitstring);  
    let (=Na, NX: bitstring) = adec(m, skA) in  
    out(c, aenc(NX, pkX));  
    if pkX = pkB then  
        event endAparam(pk(skA));  
        out(c, senc(secretANa, Na));  
        out(c, senc(secretANb, NX)).
```

## ProVerif: NSPK security properties

```
let processB(pkA: pkey, skB: skey) =  
    in(c, m: bitstring);  
    let (NY: bitstring, pkY: pkey) = adec(m, skB) in  
        event beginAparam(pkY);  
        new Nb: bitstring;  
        out(c, aenc((NY, Nb), pkY));  
        in(c, m3: bitstring);  
        if Nb = adec(m3, skB) then  
            if pkY = pkA then  
                event endBparam(pk(skB));  
                out(c, senc(secretBNA, NY));  
                out(c, senc(secretBNb, Nb)).
```

## ProVerif: typed $\pi$ -calculus for NSPK

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Verification summary:

Query inj-event(endBparam(x)) ==> inj-event(beginBparam(x)) is false.

Query inj-event(endAparam(x))==>inj-event(beginAparam(x)) is true.

Query not attacker(secretANa[]) is true.

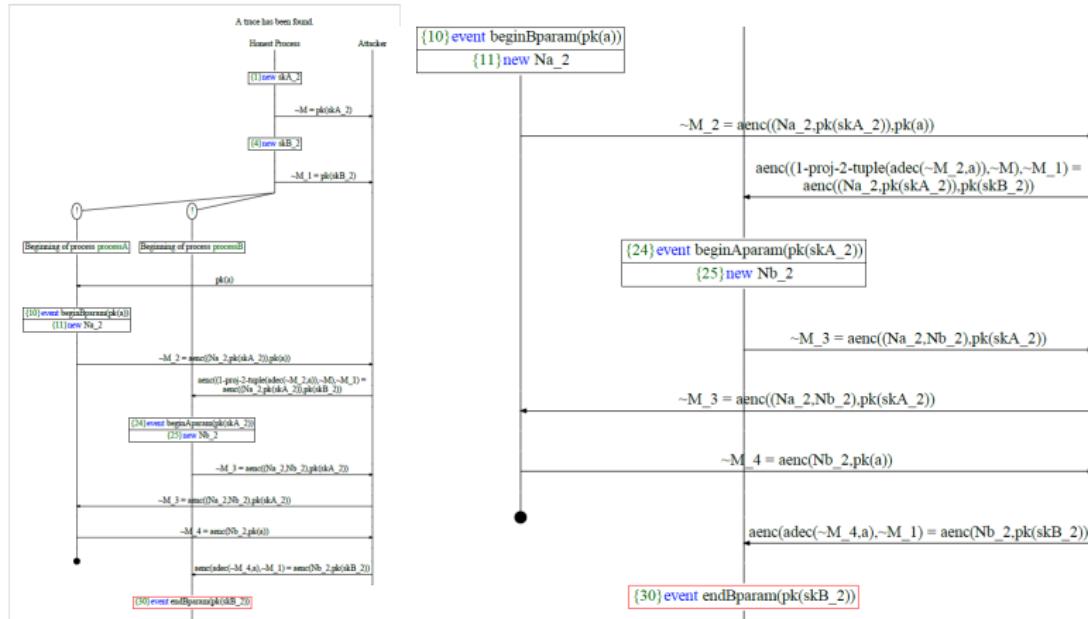
Query not attacker(secretANb[]) is true.

Query not attacker(secretBNa[]) is false.

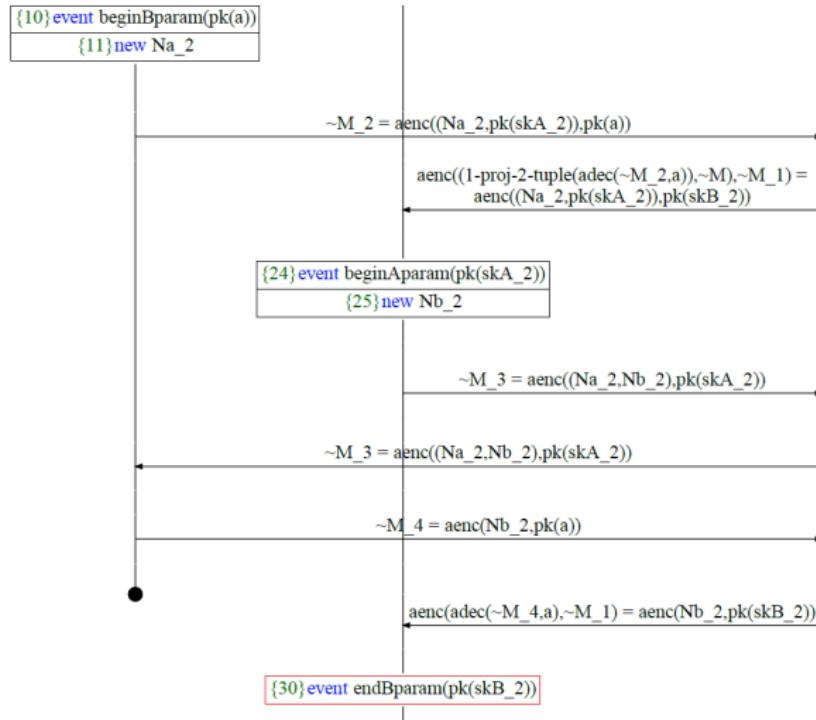
Query not attacker(secretBNb[]) is false.

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{10} event beginBparam(pk(a)) {30} event endBparam(pk(skB\_2))

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