

Partial Order Reduction for Security Protocols

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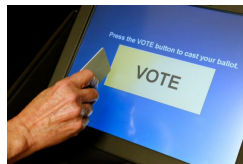
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Our Contribution

Partial Order Reduction techniques:

- ▶ adequate with respect to **specificities** of this **setting**
- ▶ work for reachability **and trace equivalence**
- ▶ very **effective** in practice (implem + bench)

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- ▶ **recipes** are terms built using handles

$$\textit{e.g.}, R = \text{dec}(w_1, w_2) \quad m =_E R\Phi$$

intuition: **how** the environment builds messages from its knowledge

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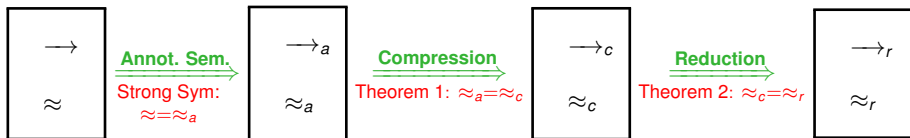
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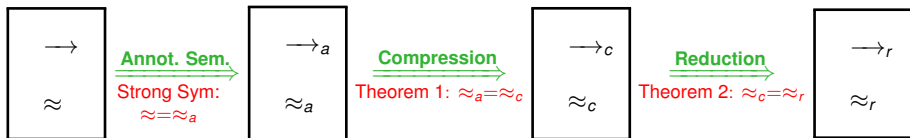


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A is *action-deterministic* if: two actions **in parallel** must be \neq

Attacker knows to/from whom he is sending/receiving messages.

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Strong Symmetry Lemma

- ▶ mismatch on labels \rightsquigarrow systematically used to show $\not\approx$
- ▶ for action-deterministic, $(\approx + \text{labels})$ **coincides** with \approx

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Equivalence:

Theorem: $\approx_c = \approx$

Let A and B be two action-deterministic configurations.

$A \approx B$ if, and, only if, $A \approx_c B$.

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Lemma

If $A \xrightarrow{t}_c A'$. Then $A \xrightarrow{t'}_c A'$ for any $t' \equiv_{\Phi(A')} t$.

Goal: explore one trace per equivalence class.

Reduced semantics

We assume an arbitrary order \prec over blocks **priority order**.

Semantics (informal)

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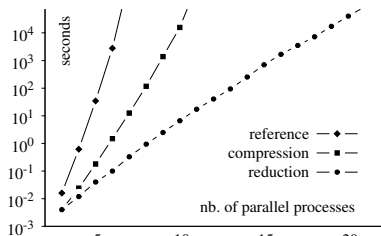
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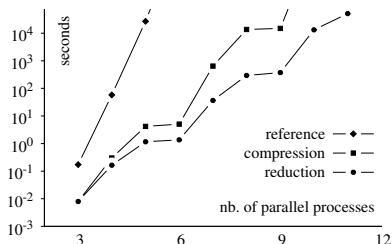
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Toy example



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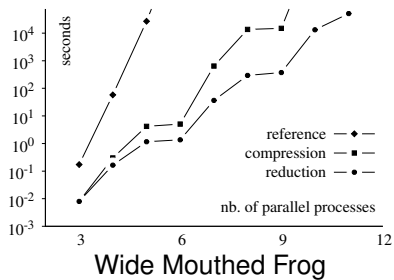
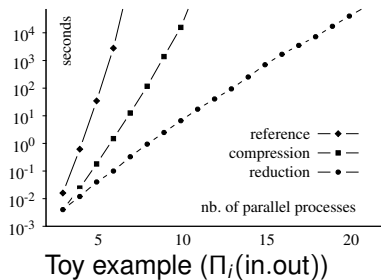
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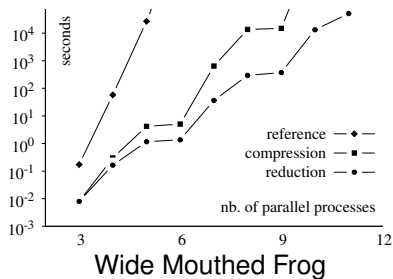
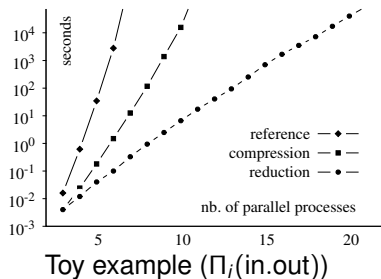
A block b is *available* after tr , denoted $\text{tr} \times b$, if:

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Needham Schroeder (3-party)	4	6	7
Private Authentication (2-party)	4	7	7
E-Passport PA (2-party)	4	7	9
Denning-Sacco (3-party)	5	9	10
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