

# A Method for Verifying Privacy-Type Properties: The Unbounded Case

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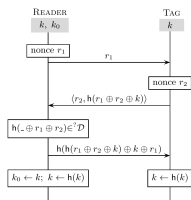


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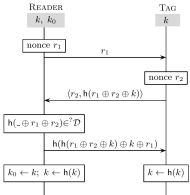


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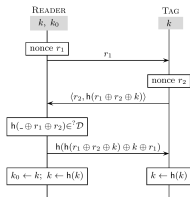
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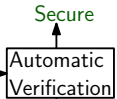
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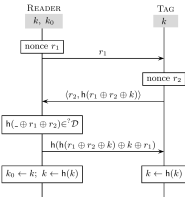
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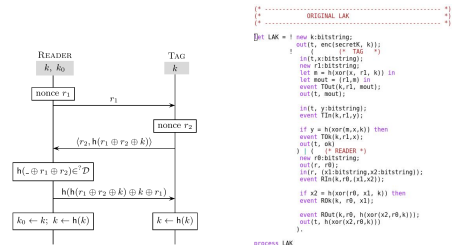
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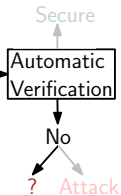


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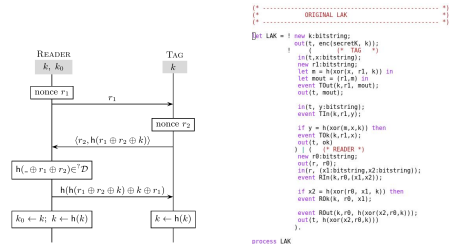


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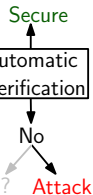
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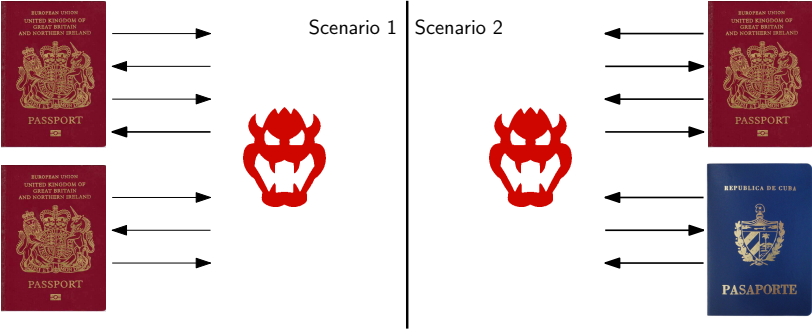
$A \approx B$ , when  $A \sqsubseteq B$  and  $B \sqsubseteq A$ .

- ▶ Intuition of  $A \sqsubseteq B$ :

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(Strong unlinkability [Arapinis, Chothia, Ritter, Ryan CSF'10])

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  - $T$  and  $R$  are parties
  - $\vec{k}$ : **identity names** and  $\vec{n}_T/\vec{n}_R$ : **session names**
  - $fn(T) \subseteq \vec{k} \sqcup \vec{n}_T$  (resp. for  $R$ )

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- ▶ **manual**: long, difficult, and highly error prone
- ▶ **automatic** (only ProVerif/Maude-NPA/Tamarin):
  - rely on too **imprecise approximation** of  $\approx$ : diff-equivalence
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  always **fail** to prove unlinkability

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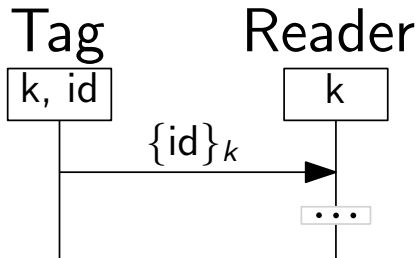
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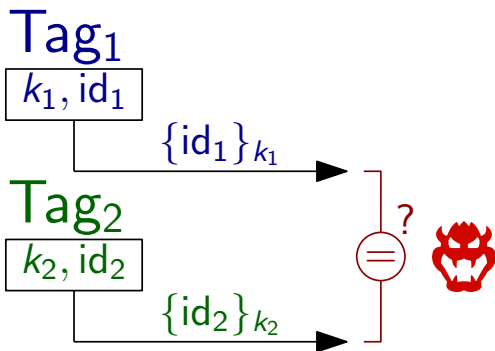
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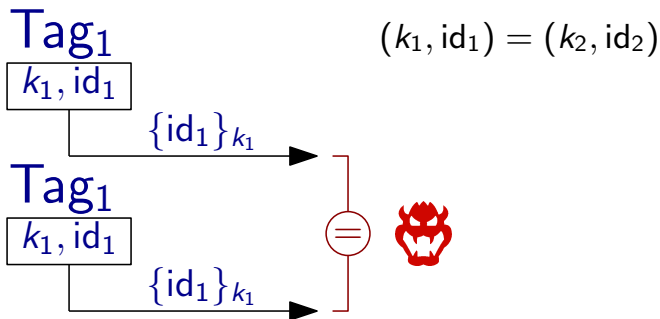




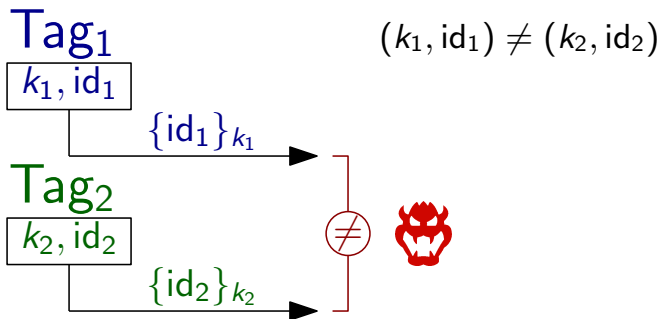
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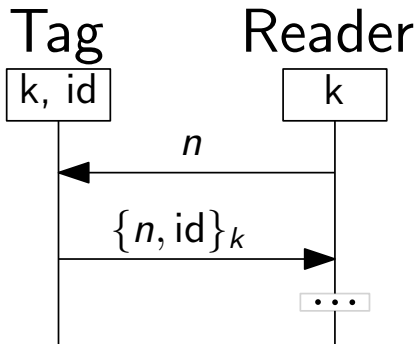
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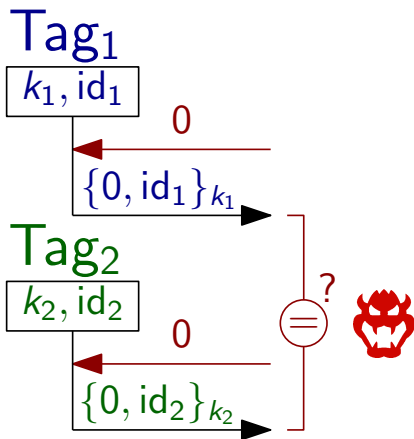
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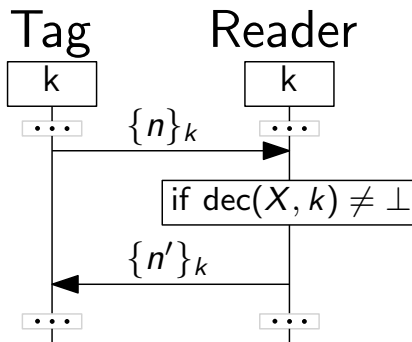
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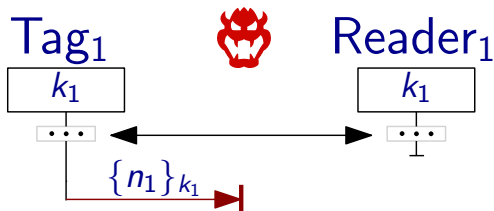
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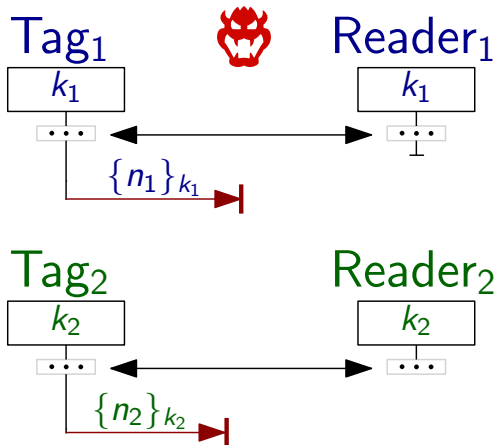
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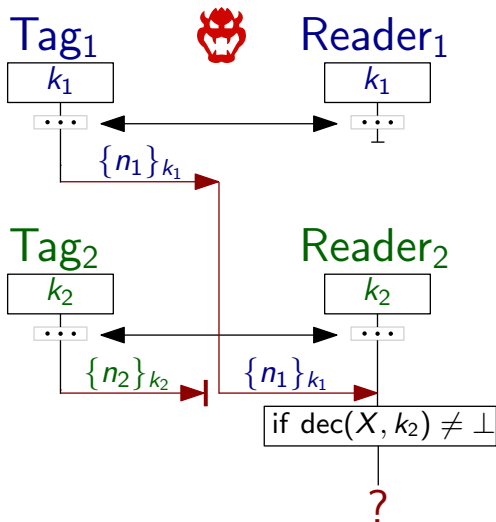
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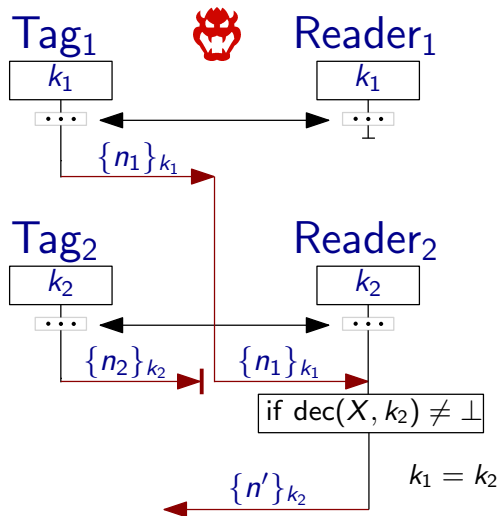
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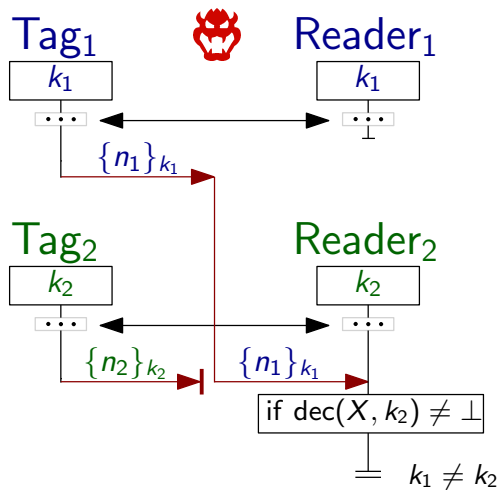
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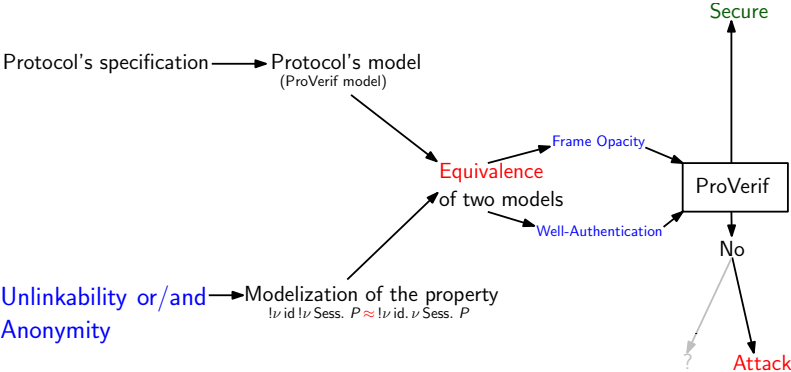
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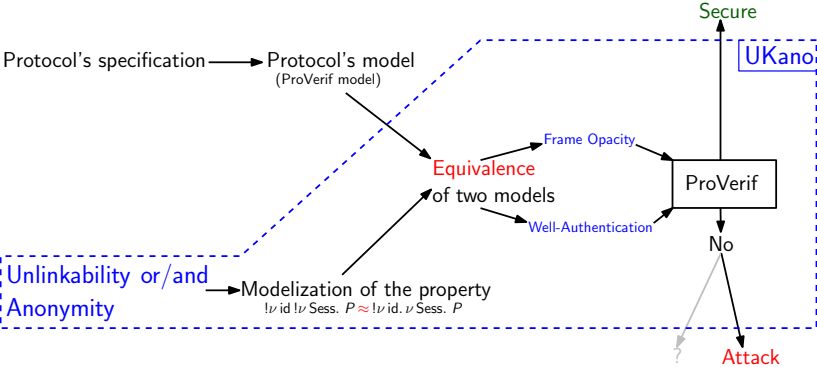
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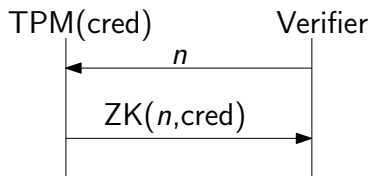


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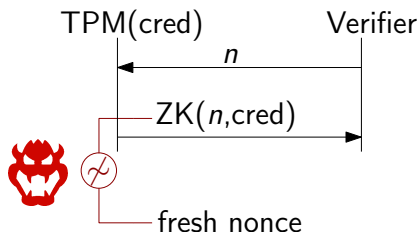
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