

# Integrating Automated and Interactive Protocol Verification

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# Integrating Two Approaches

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Automated protocol verification	Interactive theorem proving
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Goubault-Larrecq:

h1/paradox	Coq
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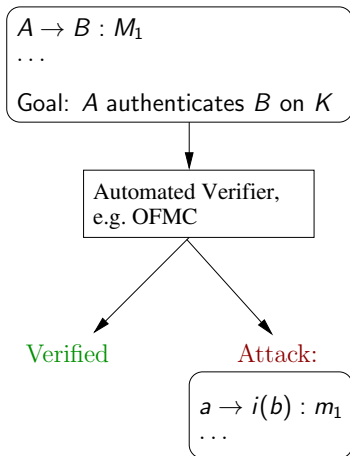
Open-source Fixed-point Model Checker	Isabelle/HOL
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Goal: best of both worlds

Completely automatic	High reliability
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# Automated Protocol Verification

Description of Protocol and Goals



- Fully automated
  - Advanced verification methods
    - ★ Impose subtle requirements on the specification
    - ★ Implementation may well have bugs
- ⇒ How to trust the verifier?

# Interactive Theorem Proving

- **Core (Proof Checker):**  
accepts only correct mathematical proofs for a given statement  
On this level: proofs are completely manual.
- **Proof Assistance:**  
proof strategies for automatically handling large classes of subgoals. Thus **interactive** theorem proving.
- **Programmable:**  
development of customized strategies
- **High reliability:**  
only need to trust the **core**
- Successfully used for verifying protocols, e.g., by Paulson, Bella

## Reference Model (Inductive Model)

- Inductive typed trace-based protocol model, similar to Paulson:

### Example (NSL, role $\mathcal{A}$ )

$$\frac{t \in \mathbb{T} \quad NA \notin \text{used}(t)}{\text{iknows} \{NA, A\}_{\text{pk}(B)} \# \text{state } \mathcal{A} [A, B, NA] \# \text{secret } B \quad NA \# t \in \mathbb{T}}$$

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## Reference Model: The Intruder

Standard Dolev-Yao style intruder, for instance:

$$\frac{t \in \mathbb{T} \quad \text{iknows } \{m\}_k \in [t] \quad \text{iknows } \text{inv}(k) \in [t]}{\text{iknows } m \# t \in \mathbb{T}}$$

Often the intruder restricted to a [typed model](#).

# Reference Model: Goals

## Attack Traces for Secrecy

$$\frac{t \in \mathbb{T} \quad \text{secret } A \quad M \in [t] \quad \text{iknows } M \in [t] \quad \text{honest } A}{\text{attack} \# t \in \mathbb{T}}$$

## Abstractions

- Abstract fresh data into finitely many equivalence classes, for instance:
    - ★  $NA \mapsto \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{A}}(A, B)$
    - ★  $NB \mapsto \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}(B, A)$
  - Consider the set of **reachable events**  $\mathbb{E}$  (not reachable states).
- ⇒ popular FOL Horn-clause modeling style:

### Example

$\mathbb{E}$  is the least set of facts satisfying:

⇒  $\text{iknows } \{\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{A}}(A, B), A\}_{\text{pk}(B)}$

⇒  $\text{state } \mathfrak{A} [A, B, \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{A}}(A, B)]$

⇒  $\text{secret } B \ \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{A}}(A, B)$

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- Use the **finite model finder** h1 or paradox.  
If successful, feed into Coq.

## Our Approach

- The Horn clauses are already an abstract representation.
- Can we work on the level of Paulson's inductive trace model instead?

## Key Ideas

In a **typed model**,

- the fixedpoint  $\mathbb{E}$  of the Horn clauses is **finite**
- and describes an **invariant** over the traces.

OFMC computes a fixedpoint  $\mathbb{E}$  of abstract events.

- If  $\text{attack} \in \mathbb{E}$ , refine abstraction or validate attack.
- If  $\text{attack} \notin \mathbb{E}$ , use fixedpoint for verification in Isabelle.
- **Label fresh nonces in the concrete model with their abstraction.**

### Example

$$t \in \mathbb{T} \quad NA \notin \text{used}(t) \quad \text{label}(NA) = (\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{A}}, A, B)$$

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$$\text{iknows} \{NA, A\}_{\text{pk}(B)} \# \text{state } \mathfrak{A} \quad [A, B, NA] \# \text{secret } B \quad NA \# t \in \mathbb{T}$$

- Note: the label is merely an **annotation**, it does not change the model!

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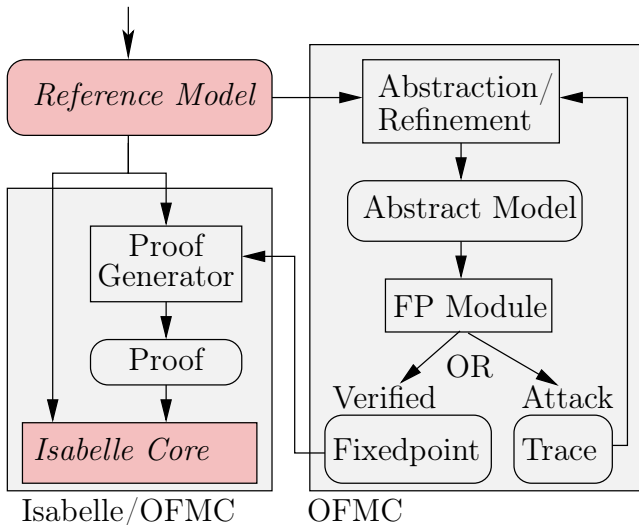
- The **concretization** of  $\mathbb{E}$  is the set of all traces whose abstraction is in  $\mathbb{E}$ :

### Definition (concretization)

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket I \rrbracket &= \{(l, n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \\ \llbracket f \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_n \rrbracket &= \{f \ s_1 \ \dots \ s_n \mid s_i \in \llbracket t_i \rrbracket\} \\ \llbracket \mathbb{E} \rrbracket &= \bigcup_{f \in \mathbb{E}} \llbracket f \rrbracket \\ \mathbb{T}' &= \{e_1 \# \dots \# e_n \mid e_i \in \llbracket \mathbb{E} \rrbracket\} \end{aligned}$$

- Verify in Isabelle:
  - ★ All rules are closed under  $\mathbb{T}'$ , thus  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{T}'$ .
  - ★  $\mathbb{T}'$  does not contain an attack event, thus  $\mathbb{T}$  is safe.
  - ★ ... completely automatically.
- If anything goes wrong, this proof generation simply fails.  
i.e. “we fail to convince Isabelle” in the worst case.

# Architecture



# Experimental Results

Protocol	FP	time [s]	Protocol	FP	time [s]
Andrew Secure RPC	113	1517	ISO three pass mutual	229	21448
Bilateral-Key Exchange	85	7575	NSCK	135	9471
Denning-Sacco	71	2549	NSL	75	117
ISO one pass unilateral	40	33	Non-Reversible Functions	196	21018
ISO two pass unilateral	56	77	TLS (simplified)	172	26982
ISO two pass mutual	104	442	Wide Mouthed Frog	87	1382

# Conclusions and Outlook

- Combinations of the automated and interactive verification seem promising:
  - ★ Fully automated and relatively easy to use
  - ★ High reliability, because one only relies on a small core.
  - ★ May give highest assurance levels of common criteria at relatively low cost.
- Future Plans
  - ★ Improving fixed-point representation to scale better
  - ★ Larger classes of protocols (e.g., algebraic properties)
  - ★ Proof generator based on more specialized routines for efficiency