



# KEY EXCHANGE & MORE IN PROVERIF

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# Symbolic (Dolev-Yao) models

The attacker can...



Read / Write



Intercept

But they cannot...



Break cryptography



Use side channels

Created in the 80' but we have come a long way!

## Success stories (not exhaustif)



TLS 1.3 with Encrypted Client Hello



CHVote



Swiss Post



Wireguard



5G-AKA



Signal



ZCash



Certificate Transparency



Belenios



Noise Framework



EMV

# Existing models

Computation model

Symbolic model

Real algorithms  
(or as close as it gets)

Function symbols  
(assumed "almost" perfect)

Bitstring

MESSAGES

Terms

PPT

ATTACKER

Idealized

Difficult and  
by hand or with proof assistants

PROOFS

« Easier » and mechanized

Strong

SECURITY GUARANTEES

Limited to the abstraction  
of the model

# Symbolic terms

Nonces:  $a, b, c, \dots$

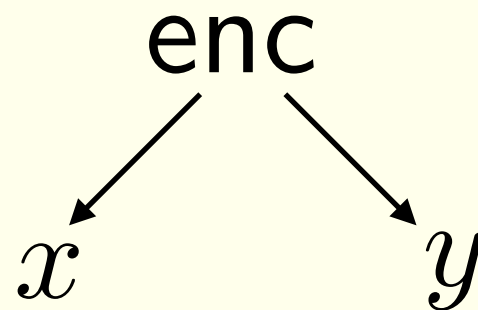
atomic elements (keys, random numbers, ...)

Variables:  $x, y, z, \dots$

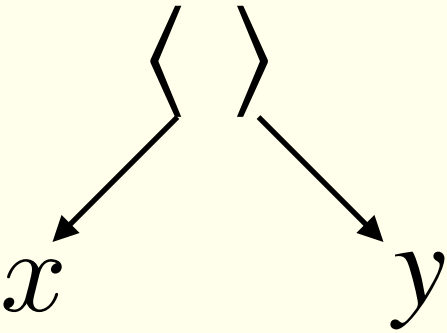
Functions symbols with their arity:  $\text{enc}/2, \text{dec}/2, \oplus/2, \langle \rangle/2, \text{proj}_1/1, \text{proj}_2/1, \dots$

Abstract functions

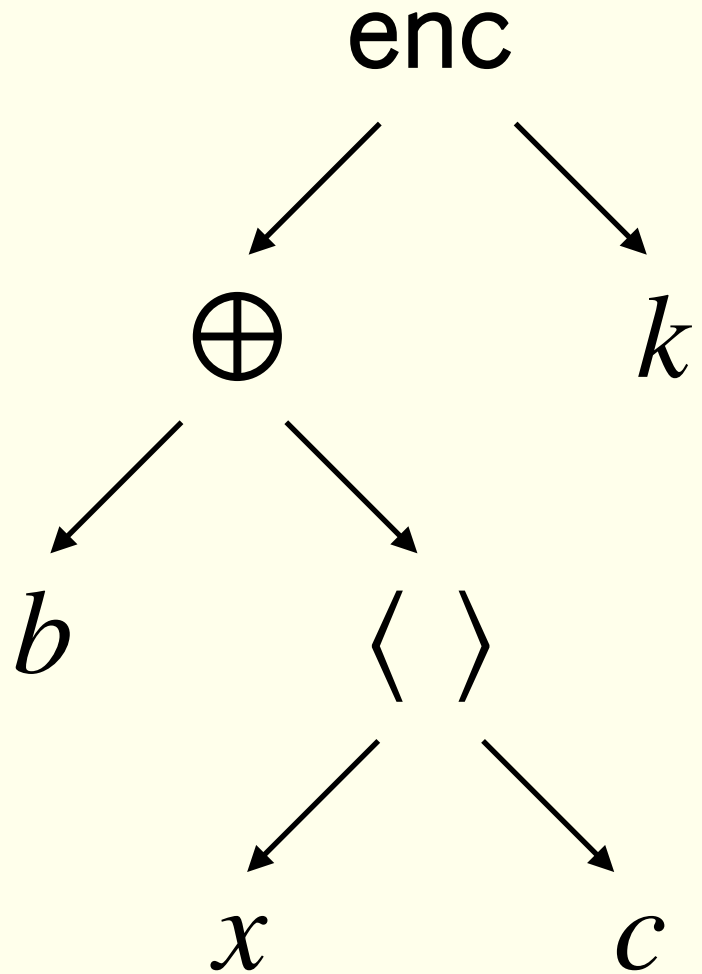
$\text{enc}(x, y)$



$\langle x, y \rangle$



$\text{enc}(b \oplus \langle x, c \rangle, k)$

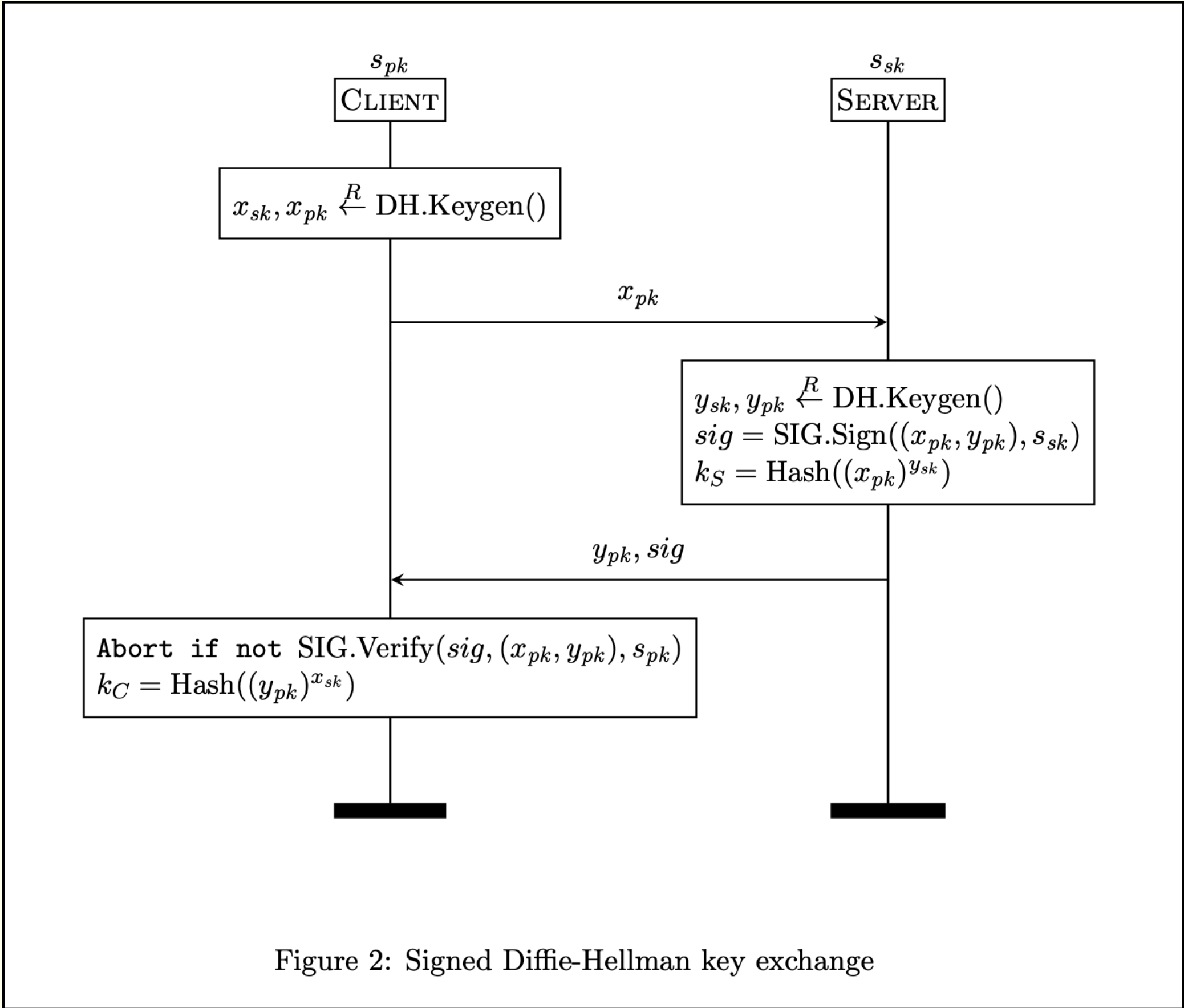


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# MODELLING A PROTOCOL AND ITS SECURITY PROPERTIES IN PROVERIF

# SignedDH

How do we translate an Alice-Bob description into something that we can analyse?



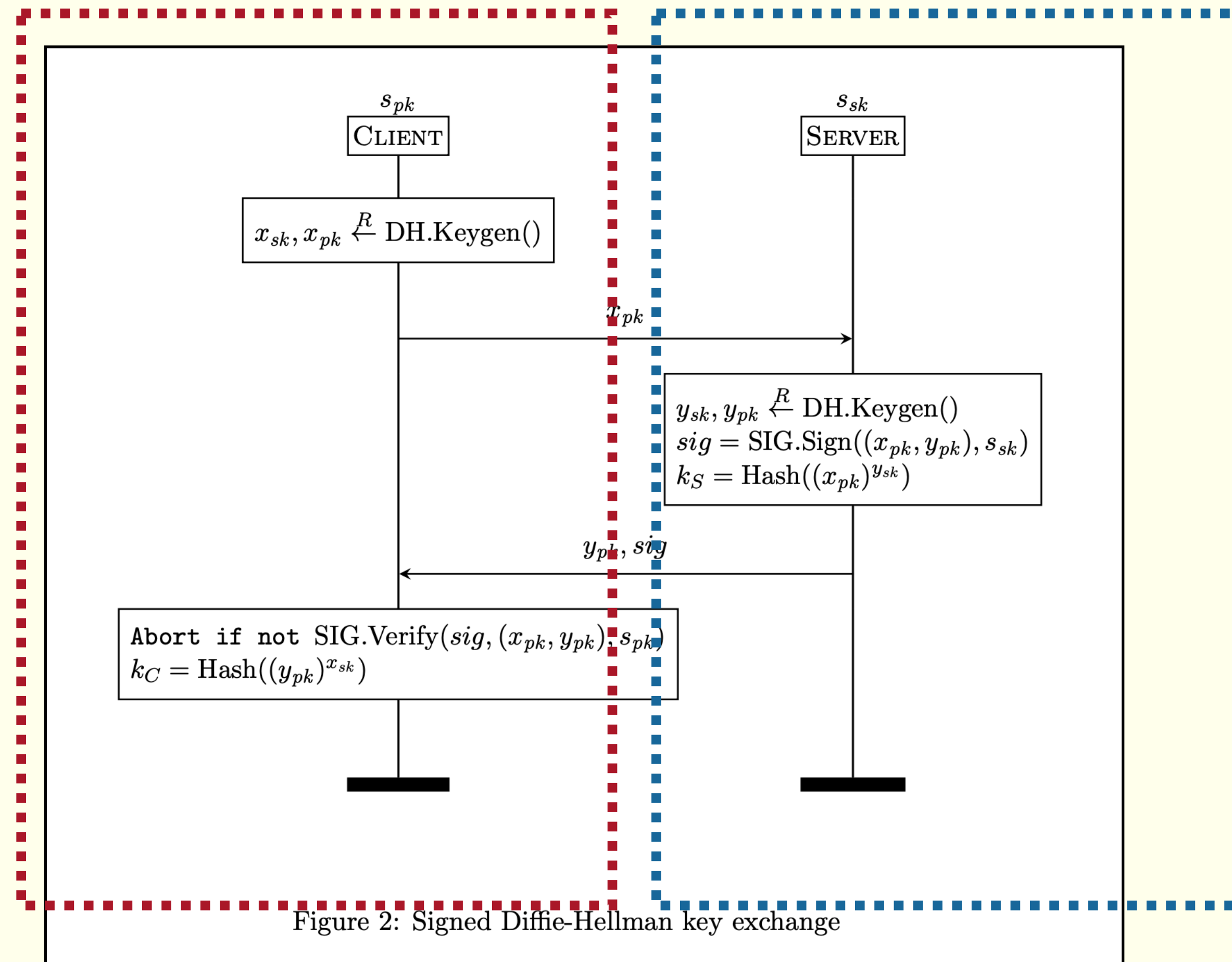
# ProVerif in a nutshell

ProVerif's input can be seen as a small typed programming language adapted to writing the programs executed by the different participants of the protocol.

often called  
processes

One process for  
the client

One process for  
the server



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# ProVerif in a nutshell

What can we do in a process?

Generate random nonces

```
new k:bitstring;  
...
```

Value assignment

```
let sig = SIG_sign((x_pk,y_pk),s_sk) in  
...
```

Test on terms

```
if SIG_verify(sig,(x_pk,y_pk),s_pk) = true  
then  
  ...  
else  
  ...
```



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# ProVerif in a nutshell

What can we do in a process?

Sending over a channel

```
out(c, s_pk);  
...
```

Receiving over a channel

```
in(c, (y_pk:G, sig:bitstring));  
...
```

Raising events

used to described security properties

```
event ServerAccept(s_pk, x_pk, y_pk, k_S);  
...
```

# Declaring cryptographic primitives

Digital signature as described in the specification

- $\text{SIG.Gen} : \emptyset \rightarrow_{\S} \mathcal{SK} \times \mathcal{PK}$  Signing and verification key generation
- $\text{SIG.Sign} : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{SK} \rightarrow_{\S} \mathcal{S}$  Signing procedure
- $\text{SIG.Verify} : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{PK} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  Signature verification

$$\Pr[\text{SIG.Verify}(pk, m, \text{SIG.sign}(sk, m)) = 1] = 1$$

ProVerif has a simple type system

```
type SK. (* Types for secret signing keys *)
type PK. (* Types for public verification keys *)
type S.  (* Types for signature *)
```

We need to link  $pk$  and  $sk$



Declaration of functions

```
fun SIG_pk(SK):PK.
fun SIG_sign(bitstring, SK):S.
```

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Writing the algebraic property with reduction (rewrite) rules.

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fun SIG_verify(S, bitstring, PK): bool
  reduc
    forall m:bitstring, sk:SK; SIG_verify(SIG_sign(m, sk), m, SIG_pk(sk)) = true.
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A bit more precise...

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    forall m:bitstring, sk:SK; SIG_verify(SIG_sign(sk,m),SIG_pk(sk)) = true
    otherwise forall pk:PK, m:bitstring, sig:S; SIG_verify(sig,pk,m) = false.
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What about SIG.Gen?

In the process

```
new sk:SK;  
let pk = SIG_pk(sk) in  
out(c, pk);  
...
```

can become cumbersome and less  
close to the specification

Instead declare a macro function

```
letfun SIG_gen() = new sk:SK; (sk, SIG_pk(sk)).
```

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What about SIG.Gen?

In the process

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let (sk:SK, pk:PK) = SIG_gen() in  
out(c, pk);  
...
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As in the specification

Instead declare a macro function

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(* Digital signature *)

type SK. (* Types for secret signing keys *)
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fun SIG_pk(SK):PK.
fun SIG_sig(bitstring,SK):S.

fun SIG_verify(S,bitstring,PK):bool
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  forall m:bitstring, sk:SK; SIG_verify(SIG_sig(m,sk),m,SIG_pk(sk)) = true
  otherwise forall pk:PK, m:bitstring, sig:S; SIG_verify(sig,m,pk) = false.

letfun SIG_gen() = new sk:SK; (sk,SIG_pk(sk)).

(* Hash function *)

fun Hash(bitstring):bitstring.

(* Diffie-Hellman *)

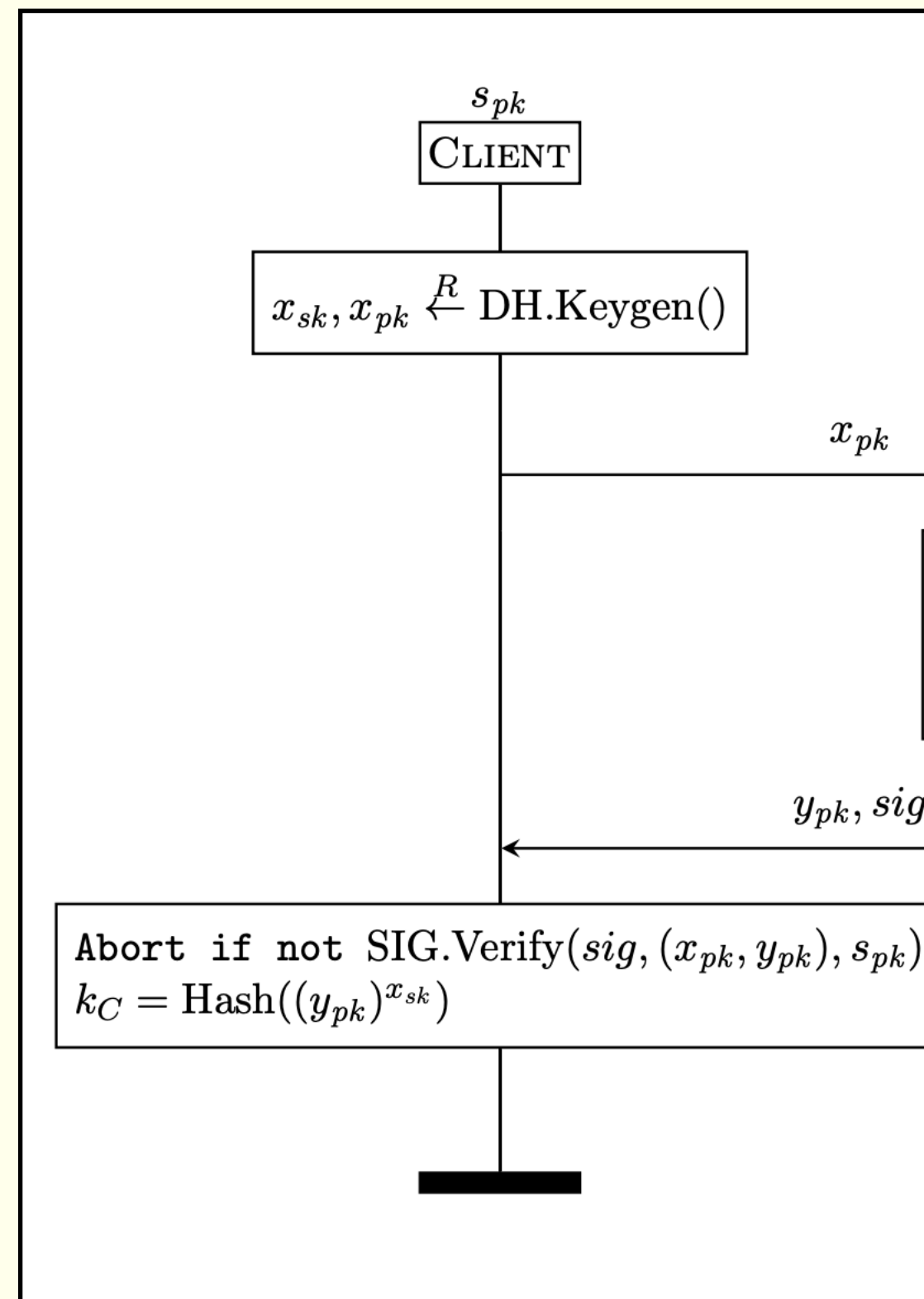
type G. (* Type for the group *)
type Z. (* Type for exponent *)

const g: G.
fun exp(G, Z): G.
equation forall x: Z, y: Z; exp(exp(g, x), y) = exp(exp(g, y), x).

letfun DH_keygen() = new a:Z; (a, exp(g,a)).
```

# SignedDH

## The client



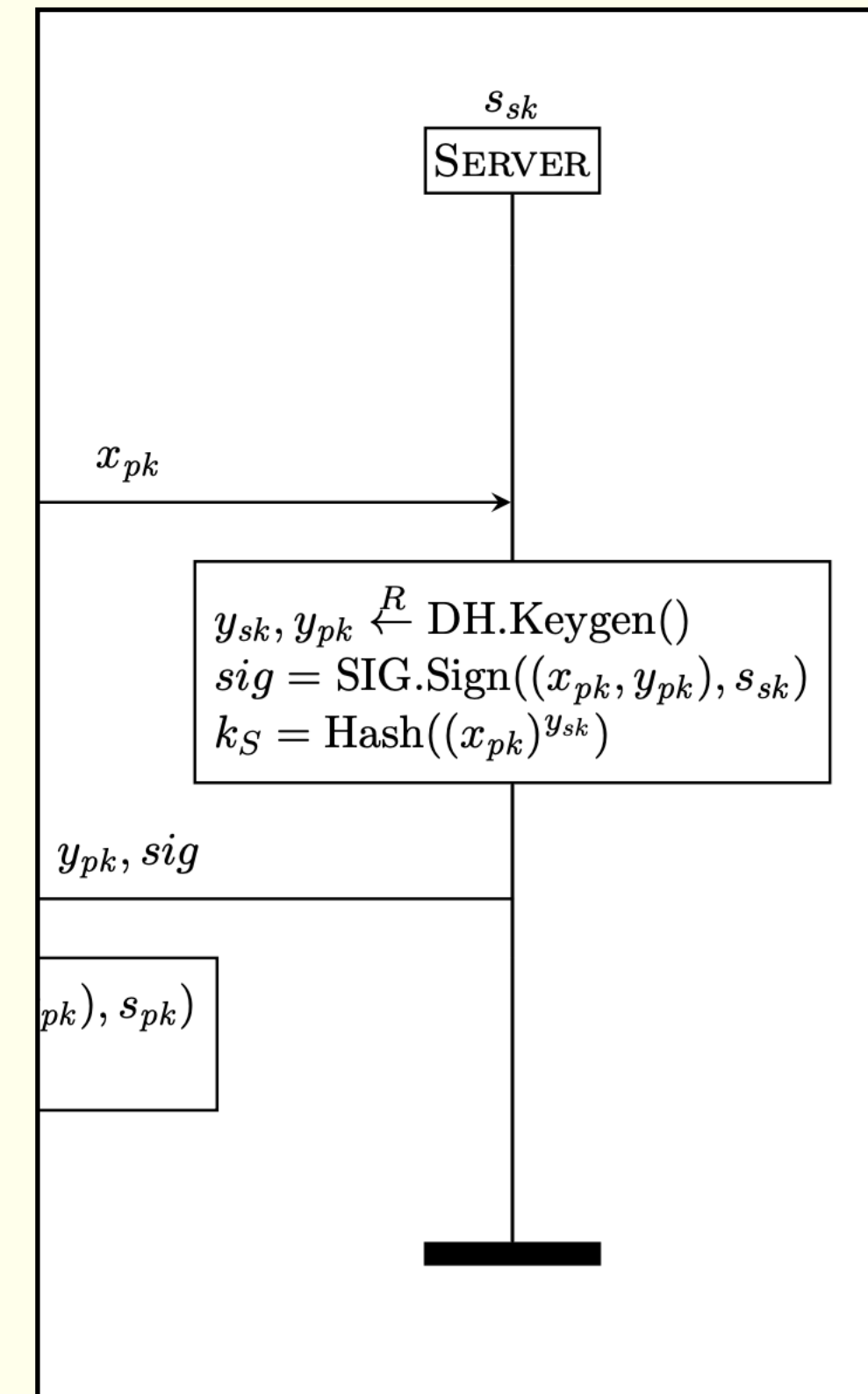
```
let Client(s_pk:PK) =  
  
  (* Send first message *)  
  let (x_sk:Z, x_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in  
  out(c, x_pk);  
  
  (* Receiving second message *)  
  in(c, (y_pk:G, sig:S));  
  if SIG_verify(sig, (x_pk, y_pk), s_pk) then  
  let k_C = Hash(exp(y_pk, x_sk)) in  
  0  
  .
```



# SignedDH

## The server

```
let Server(s_sk:SK) =  
  (* Receiving first message *)  
  in(c, x_pk:G);  
  
  let (y_sk:Z, y_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in  
  let sig = SIG_sign((x_pk, y_pk), s_sk) in  
  let k_S = Hash(exp(x_pk, y_sk)) in  
  
  (* Sending second message *)  
  out(c, (y_pk, sig));  
  0
```



# The scenario / the system under study.

Concurrent processes

P | Q

Unbounded copies

! P

```
process
(
  !
  (* Initialize a new server *)
  let (s_sk:SK,s_pk:PK) = SIG_gen() in
  (* Make public the public key *)
  out(c,s_pk);

  !
  (* Run multiple session of the server *)
  Server(s_sk,s_pk)
) | (
  !
  (* Run multiple session of the client *)
  in(c,s_pk:PK); (* We let the attacker choose the public key *)
  Client(s_pk)
)
```

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# Security properties

## Sanity checks

Checking that the model is executable

## Injective Client-side authentication

Every time an honest client completes a session thinking that it shares a key  $k$  with an honest server with public  $s_{pk}$ , then that server must have completed a distinct session of the protocol with that client and also obtained the shared key  $k$

## Forward secrecy

The attacker cannot learn the session key, even if they compromise the server in the future.

# How to express security properties

## Raising events

```
event HonestClientShare(G).
event HonestSever(PK).

event ServerAccept(PK,G,G,bitstring).
event ClientAccept(PK,G,G,bitstring).
```

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let Client(s_pk:PK) =
  (* Send first message *)
  let (x_sk:Z,x_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in
  out(c, x_pk);

  (* Receiving second message *)
  in(c,(y_pk:G,sig:S));
  if SIG_verify(sig, (x_pk,y_pk), s_pk) then
  let k_C = Hash(exp(y_pk,x_sk)) in
  0
```



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  event HonestClientShare(x_pk);
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  0
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  (* Receiving first message *)
  in(c, x_pk:G);

  let (y_sk:Z,y_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in
  let sig = SIG_sign((x_pk,y_pk),s_sk) in
  let k_S = Hash(exp(x_pk,y_sk)) in

  (* Sending second message *)
  out(c,(y_pk,sig));
  0
```



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```
process
(
  !
  (* Initialize a new server *)
  let (s_sk:SK,s_pk:PK) = SIG_gen() in
  (* Give make public the public key *)
  out(c,s_pk);

  !
  (* Run multiple session of the server *)
  Server(s_sk,s_pk)
) | (
  !
  (* Run multiple session of the client *)
  in(c,s_pk:PK);
  Client(s_pk)
)
```



```
process
(
  !
  (* Initialize a new server *)
  let (s_sk:SK,s_pk:PK) = SIG_gen() in
  event HonestServer(s_pk);
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# How to express security properties

## Key compromission

```
event CompromiseServer(PK).  
event CompromiseClientShare(G).  
event CompromiseServerShare(G).
```

```
...  
(event CompromiseClientShare(x_pk); out(c,x_sk)) | P
```

```
let Client(s_pk:PK) =  
  
  (* Send first message *)  
  let (x_sk:Z,x_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in  
  event HonestClientShare(x_pk);  
  out(c, x_pk);  
  
  (* Receiving second message *)  
  in(c,(y_pk:G,sig:S));  
  if SIG_verify(sig, (x_pk,y_pk), s_pk) then  
  let k_C = Hash(exp(y_pk,x_sk)) in  
  event ClientAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k_C);  
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```



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  out(c, x_pk);  
  (* Key compromission *)  
  (event CompromiseClientShare(x_pk); out(c,x_sk)) |  
  
  (* Receiving second message *)  
  in(c,(y_pk:G,sig:S));  
  if SIG_verify(sig, (x_pk,y_pk), s_pk) then  
  let k_C = Hash(exp(y_pk,x_sk)) in  
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  0
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```

```
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```

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let Server(s_sk:SK) =  
  
  (* Receiving first message *)  
  in(c, x_pk:G);  
  
  let (y_sk:Z,y_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in  
  let sig = SIG_sign((x_pk,y_pk),s_sk) in  
  let k_S = Hash(exp(x_pk,y_sk)) in  
  event ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k_S);  
  
  (* Sending second message *)  
  out(c,(y_pk,sig));  
  0
```



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let Server(s_sk:SK,s_pk:PK) =  
  (* Key compromission *)  
  (event CompromiseServer(s_pk); out(c,s_sk)) |  
  
  (* Receiving first message *)  
  in(c, x_pk:G);  
  
  let (y_sk:Z,y_pk:G) = DH_keygen() in  
  (* Key compromission *)  
  (event CompromiseServerShare(y_pk); out(c,y_sk)) |  
  
  let sig = SIG_sign((x_pk,y_pk),s_sk) in  
  let k_S = Hash(exp(x_pk,y_sk)) in  
  event ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k_S);  
  
  (* Sending second message *)  
  out(c,(y_pk,sig));  
  0.
```



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# Writing the queries

## Correspondence queries

```
query x1,x2,x3:bitstring; F_1(x_1) && ... && F_n(x_2,x_3) ==>  $\phi$ .
```

For all traces of the protocol, for all bitstrings  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ ,  
if  $F_1(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge F_n(x_2, x_3)$  occurs in the trace then  $\phi$  is true

# Writing the queries

## Injective Client-side authentication

Every time an honest client completes a session thinking that it shares a key  $k$  with an honest server with public  $s_{pk}$ , then that server must have completed a distinct session of the protocol with that client and also obtained the shared key  $k$

```
(* Client-side authentication *)
query s_pk:PK, x_pk,y_pk:G, k : bitstring;
  (* if a client accept *)
  inj-event(ClientAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k)) &&
  (* and the s_pk is from an honest server *)
  event(HonestServer(s_pk))

==>
  (* then the server must have completed a distinct corresponding session *)
  inj-event(ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k))
```

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# Writing the queries

## Injective Client-side authentication (with compromising scenarios)

Every time an honest client completes a session thinking that it shares a key  $k$  with an honest server with public  $s_{pk}$ , then that server must have completed a distinct session of the protocol with that client and also obtained the shared key  $k$

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  (* and the s_pk is from an honest server *)
  event(HonestServer(s_pk))

==>
  (* then the server must have completed a distinct corresponding session *)
  inj-event(ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k)) ||
  (* or the server was compromised *)
  event(CompromiseServer(s_pk))
.
```

# Writing the queries

## Forward secrecy

The attacker cannot learn the session key, even if they compromise the server in the future.

```
(* Forward Secrecy, client side *)
query s_pk:PK, x_pk,y_pk:G, k:bitstring, i,j:time;
  (* if a client accept *)
  event(ClientAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k))@i
  &&
  (* and the s_pk is from an honest server *)
  event(HonestServer(s_pk))
  &&
  (* and the attacker knows k *)
  attacker(k)

==>
(* then either the public server was compromised before the client accepted *)
event(CompromiseServer(s_pk))@j && j<i ||
(* or the corresponding client share was compromised *)
event(CompromiseClientShare(x_pk)) ||
(* or the corresponding server share was compromised *)
event(CompromiseServerShare(y_pk))
```

# Writing the queries

## Forward secrecy

The attacker cannot learn the session key, even if they compromise the server in the future.

```
(* Forward Secrecy, server side *)
query s_pk:PK, x_pk,y_pk:G, k : bitstring;
  (* if a server accept *)
  event(ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k))
  &&
  (* and the x_pk is from an honest client *)
  event(HonestClientShare(x_pk))
  &&
  attacker(k)
==>
  (* either the corresponding client share was compromised *)
  event(CompromiseClientShare(x_pk)) ||
  (* or the corresponding server share was compromised *)
  event(CompromiseServerShare(y_pk))
```

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# Writing the queries

## Sanity checks

Checking that the model is executable

```
(* Sanity check, executability. Must be false. *)
query s_pk:pkey, x_pk,y_pk:G, k : bitstring;
  event(ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k)) &&
  event(ClientAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k))
==>
false.
```

or to be sure that it's an uncompromised session

```
(* Sanity check, executability. Must be false. We want a session
to terminate with an honest and uncompromised server. *)
query s_pk:pkey, x_pk,y_pk:G, k : bitstring;
  event(ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k)) &&
  event(ClientAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k))
==>
event(CompromiseServer(s_pk)).
```



**DEMO**

# Demo (The process)

```
Process 0 (that is, the initial process):
(
  {1}!
  {2}new sk: SK;
  {3}let (s_sk: SK,s_pk: PK) = (sk,SIG_pk(sk)) in
  {4}event HonestServer(s_pk);
  {5}out(c, s_pk);
  {6}!
  (
    {7}event CompromiseServer(s_pk);
    {8}out(c, s_sk)
  ) | (
    {9}in(c, x_pk: G);
    {10}new a: Z;
    {11}let (y_sk: Z,y_pk: G) = (a,exp(g,a)) in
    (
      {12}event CompromiseServerShare(y_pk);
      {13}out(c, y_sk)
    ) | (
      {14}let sig: S = SIG_sign((x_pk,y_pk),s_sk) in
      {15}let k_S: bitstring = Hash(exp(x_pk,y_sk)) in
      {16}event ServerAccept(s_pk,x_pk,y_pk,k_S);
      {17}out(c, (y_pk,sig))
    )
  )
) | (
  {18}!
  {19}in(c, s_pk_1: PK);
  {20}new a_1: Z;
  {21}let (x_sk: Z,x_pk_1: G) = (a_1,exp(g,a_1)) in
  {22}event HonestClientShare(x_pk_1);
  {23}out(c, x_pk_1);
  (
    {24}event CompromiseClientShare(x_pk_1);
    {25}out(c, x_sk)
  ) | (
    {26}in(c, (y_pk_1: G,sig_1: S));
    {27}if SIG_verify(sig_1,(x_pk_1,y_pk_1),s_pk_1) then
    {28}let k_C: bitstring = Hash(exp(y_pk_1,x_sk)) in
    {29}event ClientAccept(s_pk_1,x_pk_1,y_pk_1,k_C)
  )
)
)
```



# Demo (The summary)

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Verification summary:

Query `inj-event(ClientAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) && event(HonestServer(s_pk_2)) ==> inj-event(ServerAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k))` is **false**.

Query `inj-event(ClientAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) && event(HonestServer(s_pk_2)) ==> inj-event(ServerAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) || event(CompromiseServer(s_pk_2))` is **true**.

Query `event(ClientAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k))@i && event(HonestServer(s_pk_2)) && attacker(k) ==> (event(CompromiseServer(s_pk_2))@j && i > j) || event(CompromiseClientShare(x_pk_2)) || event(CompromiseServerShare(y_pk_2))` is **true**.

Query `event(ServerAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k))@i && event(HonestClientShare(x_pk_2)) && attacker(k) ==> event(CompromiseClientShare(x_pk_2)) || event(CompromiseServerShare(y_pk_2))` is **true**.

Query `not (event(ServerAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) && event(ClientAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)))` is **false**.

Query `event(ServerAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) && event(ClientAccept(s_pk_2,x_pk_2,y_pk_2,k)) ==> event(CompromiseServer(s_pk_2))` is **false**.  
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# Demo (The attack trace)

A more detailed output of the traces is available with  
set traceDisplay = long.

new sk: SK creating sk\_2 at {2} in copy a\_4

event HonestServer(SIG\_pk(sk\_2)) at {4} in copy a\_4

out(c, ~M) with ~M = SIG\_pk(sk\_2) at {5} in copy a\_4

in(c, ~M) with ~M = SIG\_pk(sk\_2) at {19} in copy a\_5

new a\_1: Z creating a\_6 at {20} in copy a\_5

event HonestClientShare(exp(g,a\_6)) at {22} in copy a\_5

out(c, ~M\_1) with ~M\_1 = exp(g,a\_6) at {23} in copy a\_5

event CompromiseClientShare(exp(g,a\_6)) at {24} in copy a\_5

out(c, ~M\_2) with ~M\_2 = a\_6 at {25} in copy a\_5

in(c, ~M\_1) with ~M\_1 = exp(g,a\_6) at {9} in copy a\_4, a\_7

new a: Z creating a\_8 at {10} in copy a\_4, a\_7

event ServerAccept(SIG\_pk(sk\_2),exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8),Hash(exp(exp(g,a\_6),a\_8))) at {16} in copy a\_4, a\_7 (goal)

out(c, (~M\_3,~M\_4)) with ~M\_3 = exp(g,a\_8), ~M\_4 = SIG\_sign((exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8)),sk\_2) at {17} in copy a\_4, a\_7

event CompromiseServerShare(exp(g,a\_8)) at {12} in copy a\_4, a\_7

out(c, ~M\_5) with ~M\_5 = a\_8 at {13} in copy a\_4, a\_7

in(c, (~M\_3,~M\_4)) with ~M\_3 = exp(g,a\_8), ~M\_4 = SIG\_sign((exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8)),sk\_2) at {26} in copy a\_5

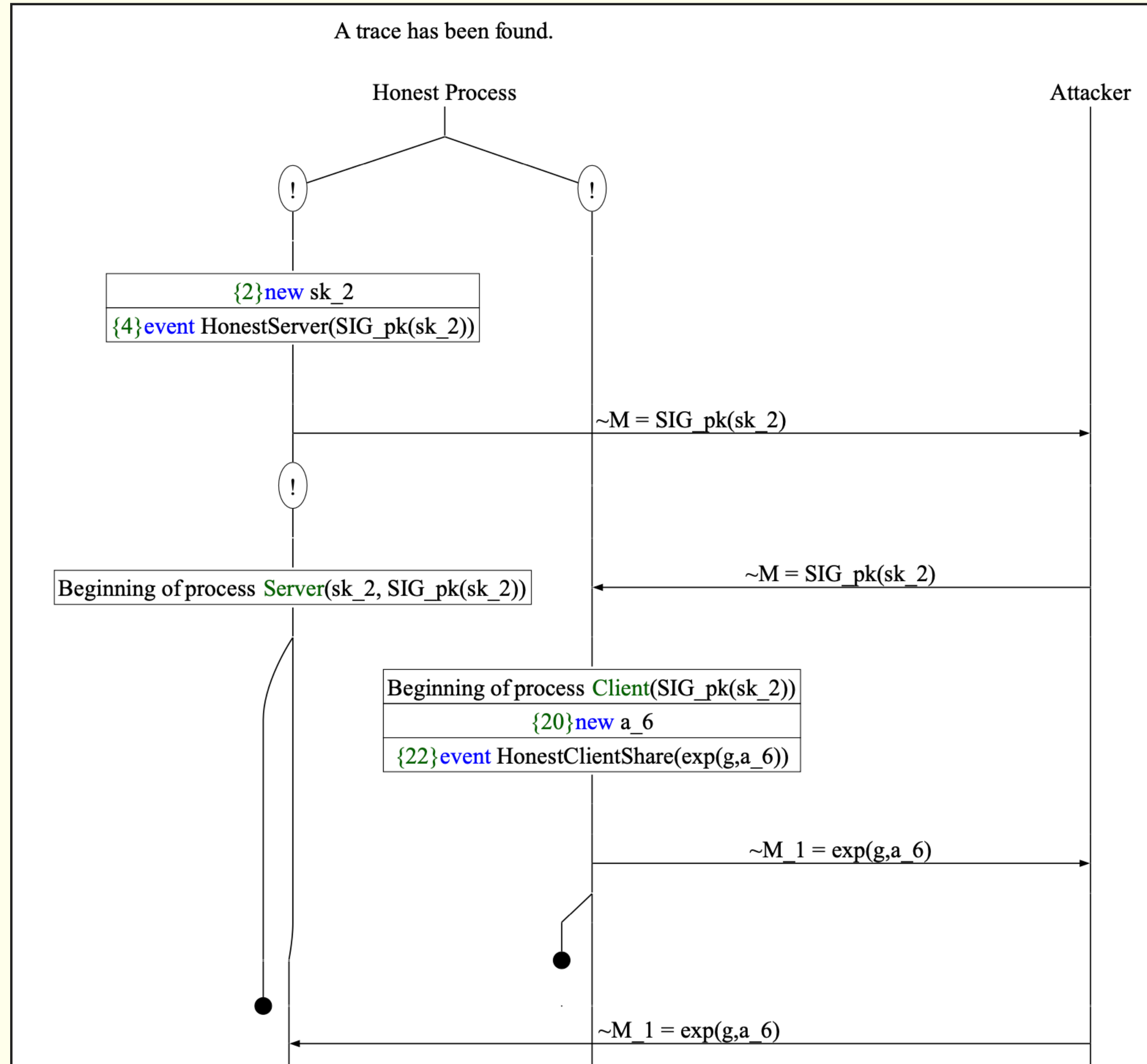
event ClientAccept(SIG\_pk(sk\_2),exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8),Hash(exp(exp(g,a\_8),a\_6))) at {29} in copy a\_5 (goal)

The event ServerAccept(SIG\_pk(sk\_2),exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8),Hash(exp(exp(g,a\_8),a\_6))) is executed at {16} in copy a\_4, a\_7.

The event ClientAccept(SIG\_pk(sk\_2),exp(g,a\_6),exp(g,a\_8),Hash(exp(exp(g,a\_8),a\_6))) is executed at {29} in copy a\_5.

A trace has been found.

# Demo (The attack trace in PDF)



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**WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?**

# Well adapted for large model



We apply the same principle as we seen on SignedDH

- **GENERATE\_DH()**: Returns a new Diffie-Hellman key pair.
- **DH(dh\_pair, dh\_pub)**: Returns the output from the Diffie-Hellman calculation between the private key from the DH key pair *dh\_pair* and the DH public key *dh\_pub*. If the DH function rejects invalid public keys, then this function may raise an exception which terminates processing.
- **KDF\_RK(rk, dh\_out)**: Returns a pair (32-byte root key, 32-byte chain key) as the output of applying a KDF keyed by a 32-byte root key *rk* to a Diffie-Hellman output *dh\_out*.
- **KDF\_CK(ck)**: Returns a pair (32-byte chain key, 32-byte message key) as the output of applying a KDF keyed by a 32-byte chain key *ck* to some constant.
- **ENCRYPT(mk, plaintext, associated\_data)**: Returns an AEAD encryption of *plaintext* with message key *mk* [5]. The *associated\_data* is authenticated but is not included in the ciphertext. Because each message key is only used once, the AEAD nonce may handled in several ways: fixed to a constant; derived from *mk* alongside an independent AEAD encryption key; derived as an additional output from *KDF\_CK()*; or chosen randomly and transmitted.
- **DECRYPT(mk, ciphertext, associated\_data)**: Returns the AEAD decryption of *ciphertext* with message key *mk*. If authentication fails, an exception will be raised that terminates processing.
- **HEADER(dh\_pair, pn, n)**: Creates a new message header containing the DH ratchet public key from the key pair in *dh\_pair*, the previous chain length *pn*, and the message number *n*. The

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(** KDF_RK(rk, dh_out): Returns a pair (32-byte root key, 32-byte chain key) as the output of applying a KDF
keyed by a 32-byte root key rk to a Diffie-Hellman output dh_out.*)

fun kdf_rk_root(root_key, point): root_key.
fun kdf_rk_chain(root_key, point): chain_key.

letfun kdf_rk(rk:root_key, dh_out:point) =
  (kdf_rk_root(rk,dh_out), kdf_rk_chain(rk,dh_out)).

...

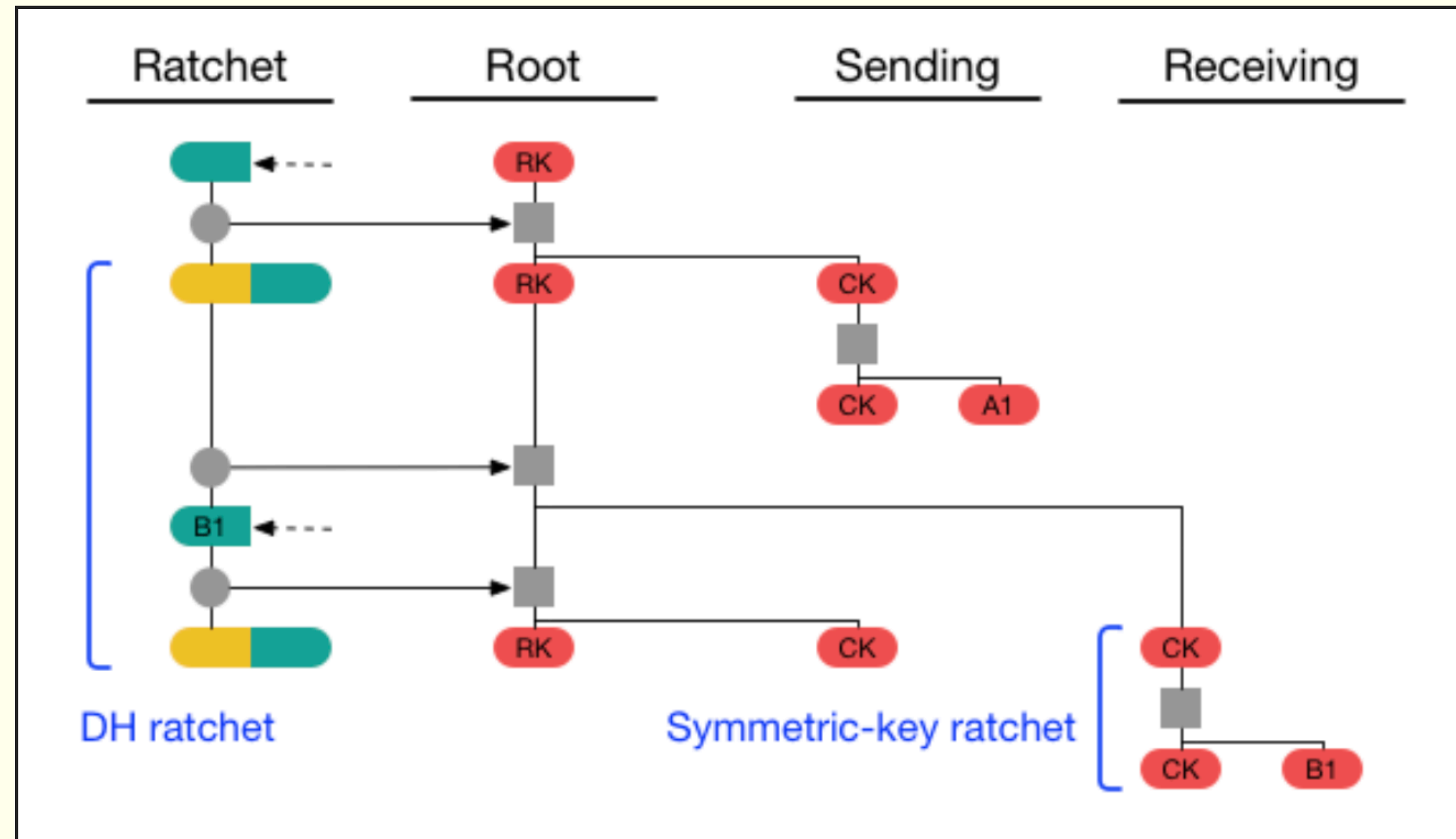
(** ENCRYPT(mk, plaintext, associated_data): Returns an AEAD encryption of plaintext with message key mk [5].*)
letfun encrypt(mk: message_key, plaintext:bitstring, ad: associated_data) =
  aead_enc(mk, encryption_nonce, plaintext, ad)
.

(** DECRYPT(mk, ciphertext, associated_data): Returns the AEAD decryption of ciphertext with message key mk. If
authentication fails, an exception will be raised that terminates processing. *)
letfun decrypt(mk: message_key, ciphertext:bitstring, ad: associated_data) =
  aead_dec(mk, encryption_nonce, ciphertext, ad)
.
```

# Well adapted for large model



We apply the same principle as we seen on SignedDH



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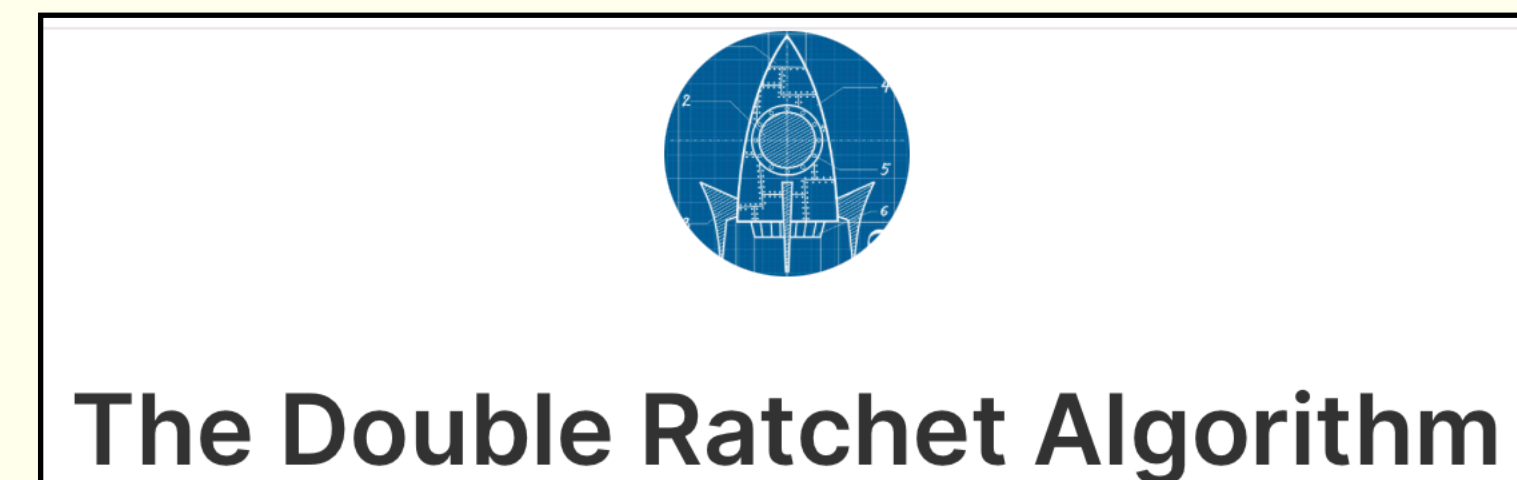
We apply the same principle as we seen on SignedDH

```
def RatchetDecrypt(state, header, ciphertext, AD):
    plaintext = TrySkippedMessageKeys(state, header, ciphertext, AD)
    if plaintext != None:
        return plaintext
    if header.dh != state.DHr:
        SkipMessageKeys(state, header.pn)
        DHRatchet(state, header)
    SkipMessageKeys(state, header.n)
    state.CKr, mk = KDF_CK(state.CKr)
    state.Nr += 1
    return DECRYPT(mk, ciphertext, CONCAT(AD, header))

def TrySkippedMessageKeys(state, header, ciphertext, AD):
    if (header.dh, header.n) in state.MKSKIPPED:
        mk = state.MKSKIPPED[header.dh, header.n]
        del state.MKSKIPPED[header.dh, header.n]
        return DECRYPT(mk, ciphertext, CONCAT(AD, header))
    else:
        return None
```



# Well adapted for large model



We apply the same principle as we seen on SignedDH

```
let BasicDecrypt(sinfo:session_info, hd:header, ciphertext:bitstring,
header_ad:associated_data,cell_value:cell_content) =
  let st_chan = state_chan(sinfo) in
  let Header(headerDH:point, headerPN:nat, headerN:nat) = hd in
  let cell(st,m_idx,r_idx,tr) = cell_value in
  let state(dhs, =headerDH, rk, cks, ckr, ns, =headerN, pn, hks, nhks, hkr, nhkr) = st in

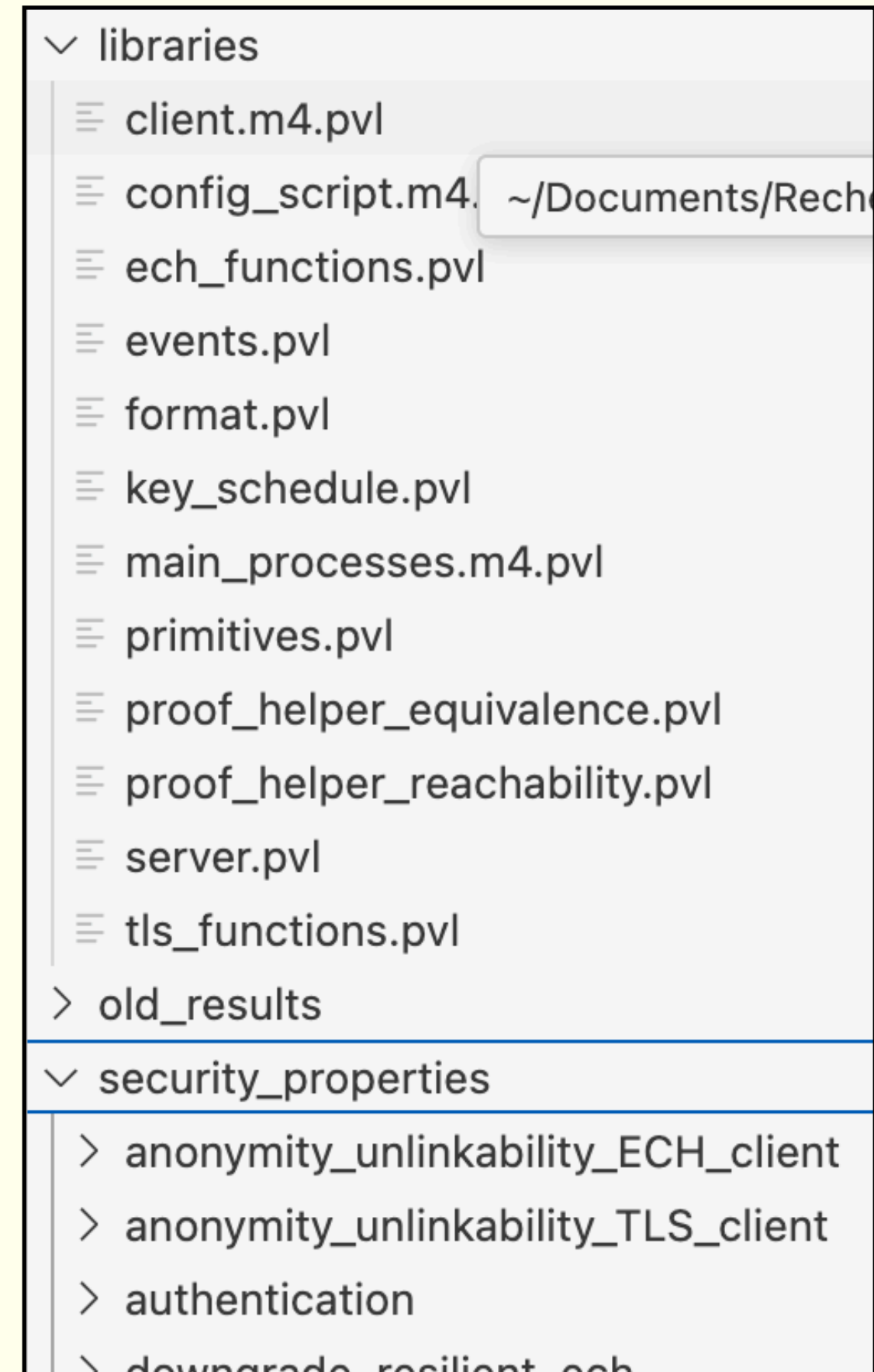
  if ckr <> none_ck then

    let (newCKr:chain_key,mk:message_key) = kdf_ck(ckr) in
    event MessageKey(sinfo,Receiver,headerDH,mk,headerN,r_idx);
    let new_st = state(dhs, headerDH, rk, cks, newCKr, ns, headerN +1, pn, hks, nhks, hkr, nhkr) in

    let plaintext = decrypt(mk, ciphertext, header_ad) in
      event Receive(sinfo, headerDH,headerN,plaintext);
      out(st_chan,cell(new_st,m_idx+1,r_idx,tr+1))
    else
      event AuthFail(sinfo,headerDH,headerN);
      out(st_chan,cell(new_st,m_idx+1,r_idx,tr+1))
```

# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries



# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
- Uses macro

```
(* Existential collisions *)
def NotCollisionResistantHash(t_input,t_output,h) {

  const coll_a:t_input.
  const coll_b:t_input.

  equation h(coll_a) = h(coll_b).
}

def NotMultipleCollisionResistantHash(t_input,t_output,h) {

  fun coll_a(bitstring):t_input.
  fun coll_b(bitstring):t_input.

  equation forall x:bitstring; h(coll_a(x)) = h(coll_b(x)).
}

(* Chosen-prefix collision attacks *)
(* Note: Chosen-prefix collision attack: Given two different prefixes p1 and p2,
find two appendages m1 and m2 such that hash(p1 || m1) = hash(p2 || m2), where ||
denotes the concatenation operation. *)
def ChosenPrefixCollisionAttacks(t_input,t_output,h) {
  fun to_append1(t_input, t_input):t_input.
  fun to_append2(t_input, t_input):t_input.

  fun t_input_OF_bitstring(bitstring): t_input [typeConverter]. (*need to convert
pairs (of type bitstring) into t_input *)

  ...
}
```

# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
- Uses macro

```
- SIG.Gen :  $\emptyset \rightarrow_{\$} SK \times PK$    Signing and verification key generation  
- SIG.Sign :  $\mathcal{M} \times SK \rightarrow_{\$} \mathcal{S}$    Signing procedure  
- SIG.Verify :  $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{M} \times PK \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$    Signature verification
```

```
fun SIG_pk(SK):PK.  
fun SIG_sign(bitstring,SK):S.
```

```
fun SIG_verify(S,bitstring,PK):bool  
reduc  
  forall m:bitstring, sk:SK; SIG_verify(SIG_sign(sk,m),SIG_pk(sk)) = true  
  otherwise forall pk:PK, m:bitstring, sig:S; SIG_verify(sig,pk,m) = false.
```

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```

```
def SignatureRandom(SIG_sign, SIG_verify) {
  type random.
  fun SIG_sign_aux(bitstring, random, SK): S.

  letfun SIG_sign(m: bitstring, sk: SK) =
    new r: random;
    SIG_sign_aux(m, r, sk)
  .

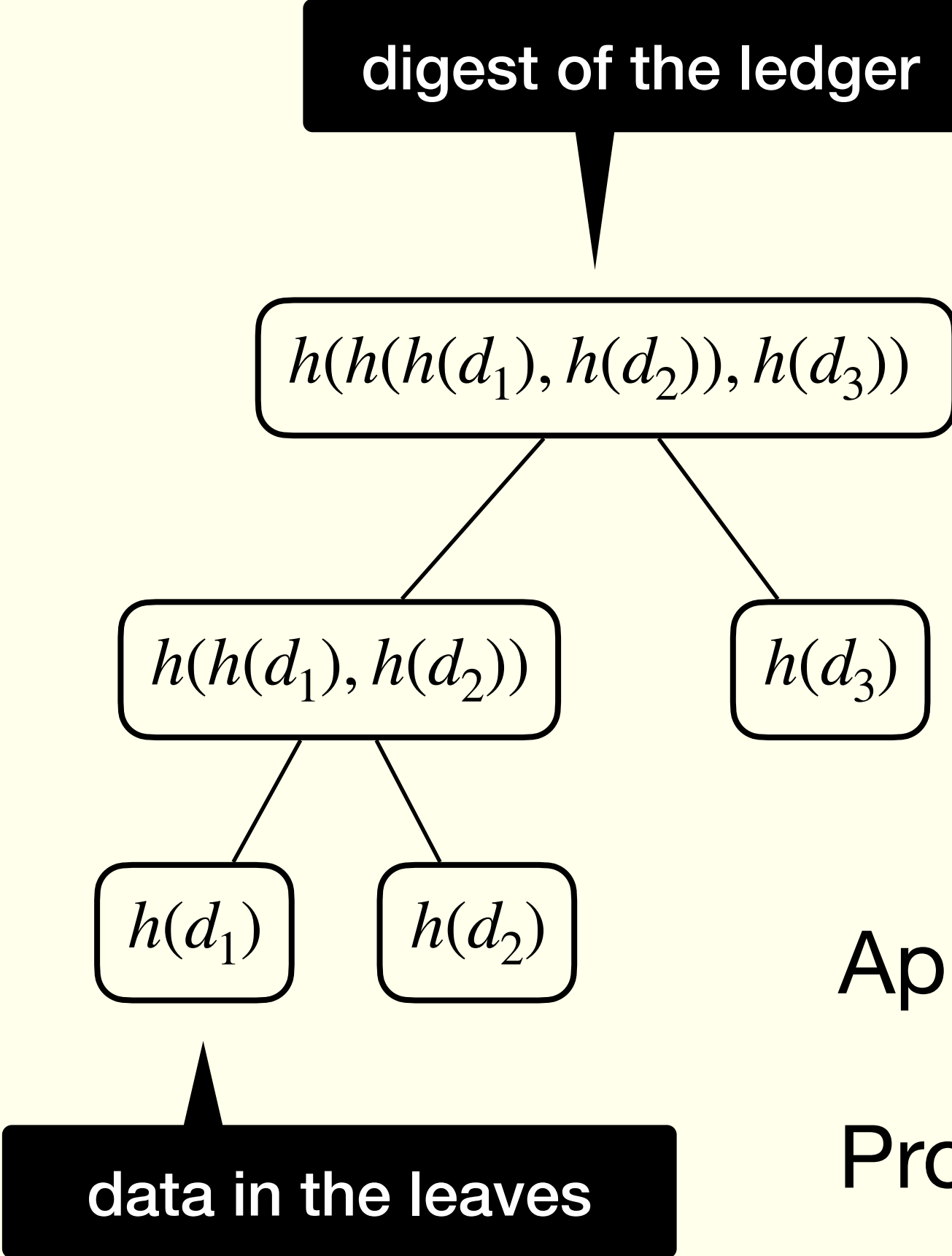
  fun SIG_verify(S, bitstring, PK): bool
  reduc
    forall m: bitstring, r: random, sk: SK; SIG_verify(SIG_sign_aux(m, r, sk), m, SIG_pk(sk)) = true
    otherwise forall pk: PK, m: bitstring, sig: S; SIG_verify(sig, m, pk) = false.
}

expand SignatureRandom(SIG_sign, SIG_verify).
expand SignatureRandom(SIG_sign2, SIG_verify2).
```

# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
- Uses macro
- Complex data structure

Merkel tree



Append only structure

Proof of presence in  $O(\log(n))$

Proof of extension in  $O(\log(n))$

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# Well adapted for large model

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- Complex data structure

```
(* Proof of presence *)
fun PP(list):proof_of_presence [data].

clauses
  forall x:bitstring;
    verify_pp(PP(nil),x,hash(leaf(x)));
  forall pl:list, x:bitstring, d_left,d_right:digest;
    verify_pp(PP(pl),x,d_left) ->
    verify_pp(PP(cons((left,d_right),pl)),x,hash(node(d_left,d_right)));
  forall pl:list, x:bitstring, d_left,d_right:digest;
    verify_pp(PP(pl),x,d_right) ->
    verify_pp(PP(cons((right,d_left),pl)),x,hash(node(d_left,d_right)))
  .
```

# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
- Uses macro
- Complex data structure
- Locking memory cell
- Global Table

Initialisation

```
free cell:channel [private]
let init = out(cell,0).
```

Lock and read

Write and unlock

```
let Q =
  ""
  in(cell,x:nat);
  event A;
  event C;
  out(cell,n);
  ""
```

Communication are synchronous on private channels: If no output available, all processes trying to input are « blocked »



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## Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
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- Lemmas, axioms, restrictions

# Lemmas, axioms, restrictions

Restrictions « restrict » the traces considered in axioms, lemmas and queries.

`query attacker(s).` holds if no trace satisfying `phi_1, ..., phi_n` reveals `s`

```
restriction phi_1.  
...  
restriction phi_n.  
  
axiom aphi_1.  
...  
axiom aphi_m.  
  
lemma lphi_1.  
  
lemma lphi_k.  
  
query attacker(s) ==>  
false.
```

**1** Proverif assumes that the axioms `aphi_1, ..., aphi_n` hold.

**2** Proverif tries to prove in order the lemmas `lphi_1, ..., lphi_k` reusing all axioms and previously proved lemmas

**3** Proverif tries to prove the query `query attacker(s).` reusing all axioms and all lemmas.

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## Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
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- Global Table
- Lemmas, axioms, restrictions
- Proof by induction

```
query pe:proof_of_extension, pp1,pp2:proof_of_presence, d1,d2:digest,  
x:bitstring;  
  verify_pe(pe,d1,d2) && verify_pp(pp1,x,d1) ==> verify_pp(pp2,x,d2)  
  [induction]  
▪
```

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# Well adapted for large model

- Uses libraries
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- Lemmas, axioms, restrictions
- Proof by induction
- Simple arithmetic on natural number
- ...

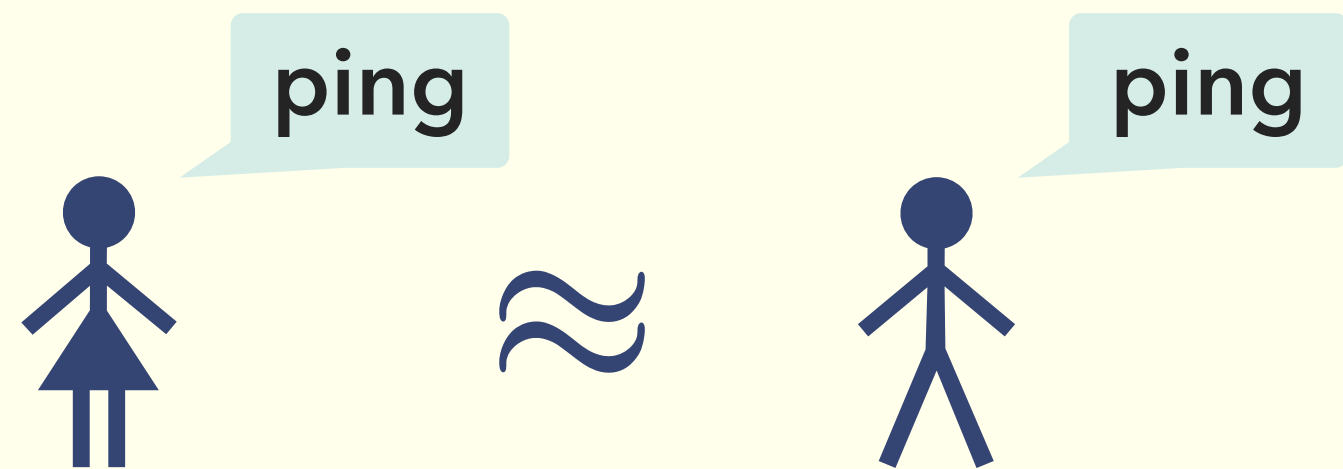
```
let P =  
  in(c,x:bitstring);  
  in(cellP,i:nat);  
  let j = sdec(x,k) in  
  if j > i  
  then  
    event Accept(j);  
    out(cellP,j)  
  else  
    out(cellP,i)
```

▪

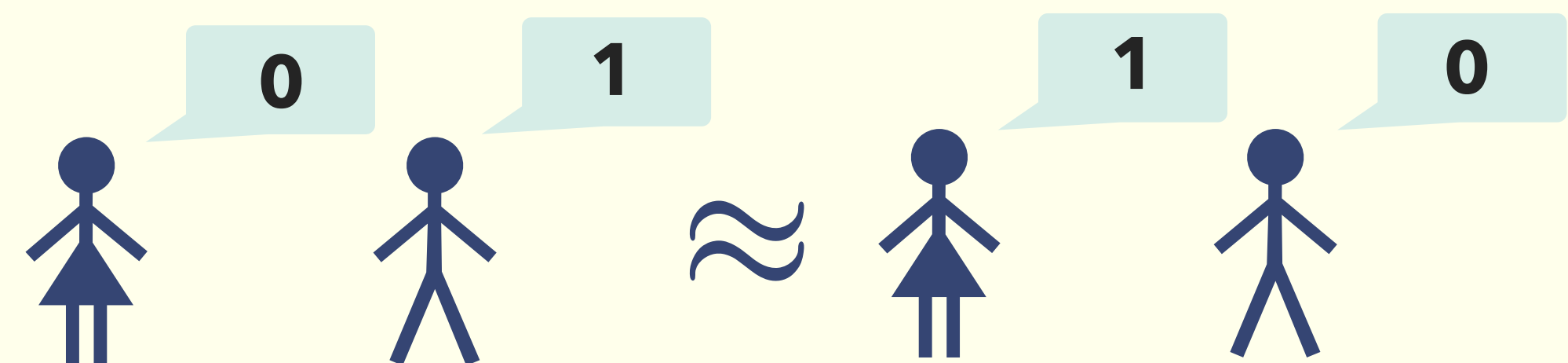
# Equivalence properties

## Indistinguishability

of two situations where the private attribute differs



Anonymity



Vote privacy



Unlinkability

```
let system1 = setup | voter(skA,v1) | voter(skB,v2).
let system2 = setup | voter(skA,v2) | voter(skB,v1).

equivalence system1 system2
```

# ProVerif

Mature

24 years !

Large user base

350+ papers using it

Reachability properties

Equivalence properties but

Fails on many unlinkability case studies



Expressive but

May not terminate  
May yield false attacks specially on  
protocols with mutable states

Efficient but

Can still take hours/days on large  
case studies  
(e.g. Noise Protocol Framework, TLS)

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**WHAT'S NEXT?**

# Heavy memory consumption: TLS with ECH

## Many features

- HelloRetryRequest
- Certificate-based Client Authentication
- Pre-Shared Keys and Tickets
- 0RTT
- Post Handshake Authentication
- Other TLS extensions (e.g. SNI)

## Many security properties

- Server Authentication
- Client Authentication
- Key and Transcript Agreement
- Data Stream Integrity
- Key Uniqueness
- Downgrade Resilience
- Key Secrecy
- Key Indistinguishability
- 1RTT Data Forward Secrecy
- 0RTT Data Secrecy

Status	Reachability		Equivalence		Total	
Verified	358	60%	208	69%	566	63%
Stopped mostly due to OM (200-300GB)	230	39%	87	29%	317	36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>		<b>300</b>		<b>892</b>	

We are limited by the memory capacity of our server

Server Identity Privacy



# Heavy memory consumption: Ongoing prototype

Efficiency

Query	ProVerif 2.05	Prototype	Memory ratio
Key secrecy & Uniqueness	162 GB	6 GB	28.9
Authentication	141 GB	22 GB	6.4
Secrecy & Authenticity	162 GB	2 GB	67.5
Forward secrecy & Stream integrity	46 GB	11 GB	4.2
Post-handshake authentication	61 GB	39 GB	1.6
Key indistinguishability	34 GB	2 GB	18.9

# Limited algebraic properties handled by equational theories

Scope

Currently handled  
equational theories

Not yet handled

Equational theory with Finite Variant property

Linear equational theory

Encryption / Decryption

Digital signature

Limited Exponentiation

$$(g^x)^y = (g^y)^x$$

Some weak hash function

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Associative-Commutative

Homomorphism

Abelian groups

Natural number arithmetic

XOR

Homomorphic encryption

$$(g^x)^y = g^{(y \times x)}$$

$$(g^x) \times (g^y) = g^{(x + y)}$$

Is the tool's output understandable by non-expert?

```
Rule with hypothesis fact 0 selected: mess(cellQ[],i_2)
mess(cellQ[],i_2) -> mess(cellQ[],i_2)
The hypothesis occurs before the conclusion.
1 rules inserted. Base: 1 rules (0 with conclusion selected). Queue: 3 rules.

Rule with hypothesis fact 0 selected: mess(cellQ[],i_2)
is_nat(i_2) && mess(cellQ[],i_2) -> mess(cellQ[],i_2 + 1)
The hypothesis occurs strictly before the conclusion.
2 rules inserted. Base: 2 rules (0 with conclusion selected). Queue: 5 rules.

Rule with conclusion selected:
mess(cellQ[],0)
3 rules inserted. Base: 3 rules (1 with conclusion selected). Queue: 4 rules.

Rule with hypothesis fact 0 selected: attacker(cellQ[])
attacker(cellQ[]) && attacker(i_2) -> mess(cellQ[],i_2)
The 1st, 2nd hypotheses occur before the conclusion.
4 rules inserted. Base: 4 rules (1 with conclusion selected). Queue: 3 rules.

Rule with hypothesis fact 0 selected: mess(cellQ[],i_2)
is_nat(i_2) && mess(cellQ[],i_2) -> mess(cellQ[],i_2 + 2)
The hypothesis occurs strictly before the conclusion.
5 rules inserted. Base: 5 rules (1 with conclusion selected). Queue: 5 rules.

Rule with conclusion selected:
mess(cellQ[],1)
6 rules inserted. Base: 6 rules (2 with conclusion selected). Queue: 4 rules.

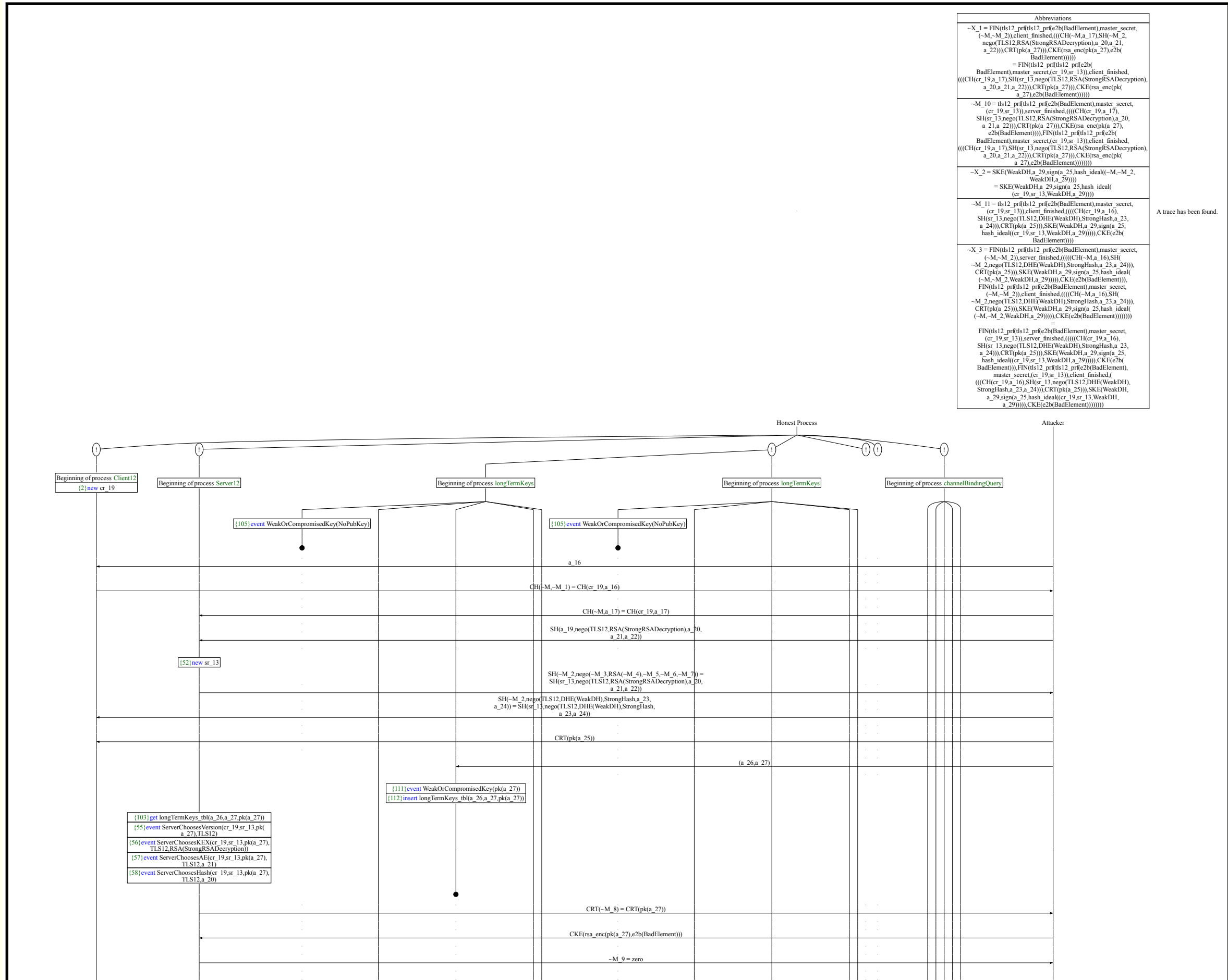
Rule with hypothesis fact 0 selected: attacker(cellQ[])
is_nat(i_2) && attacker(cellQ[]) && attacker(i_2) -> mess(cellQ[],i_2 + 1)
The 1st, 2nd hypotheses occur strictly before the conclusion.
7 rules inserted. Base: 7 rules (2 with conclusion selected). Queue: 3 rules.
```

ProVerif' terminal  
output can be very  
"verbose" and hard to  
follow

# User Interface

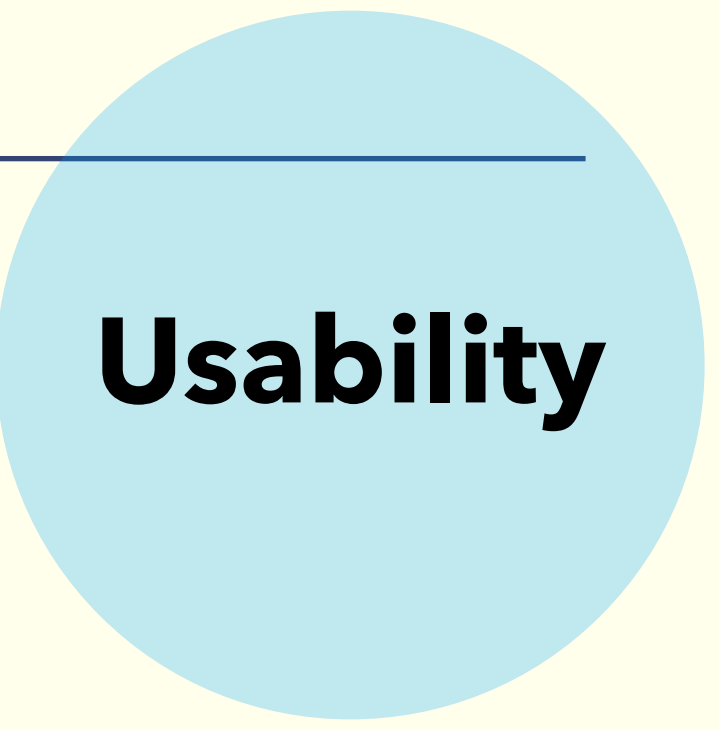
# Usability

Is the tool's output understandable by non-expert?



ProVerif can graphically display the attack on an Alice-Bob graph but it can become messy very quickly

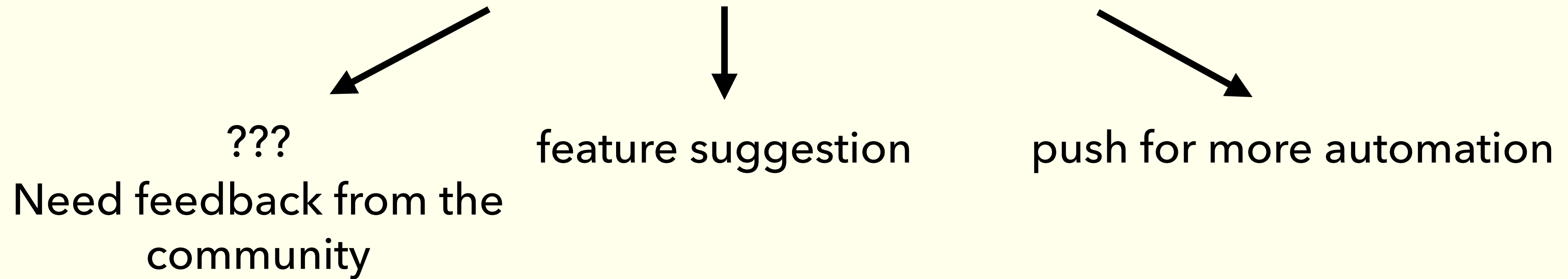
# How to make use of the many features in the tools?



ProVerif have many features that allow to go around non-termination issues even on large industrial case studies...

... but it usually requires to to understand the internal algorithm of the tools

Satisfactory for experts (to a certain degree)  
but what about standard users?



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# Conclusion

**Try it !**

<http://proverif.inria.fr>

**Register to mailing list**

**Feel free to send your models if you reach a dead-end**

**Contact us to discuss and request new features**

**Thank you !**