

Formal Analysis of Security APIs

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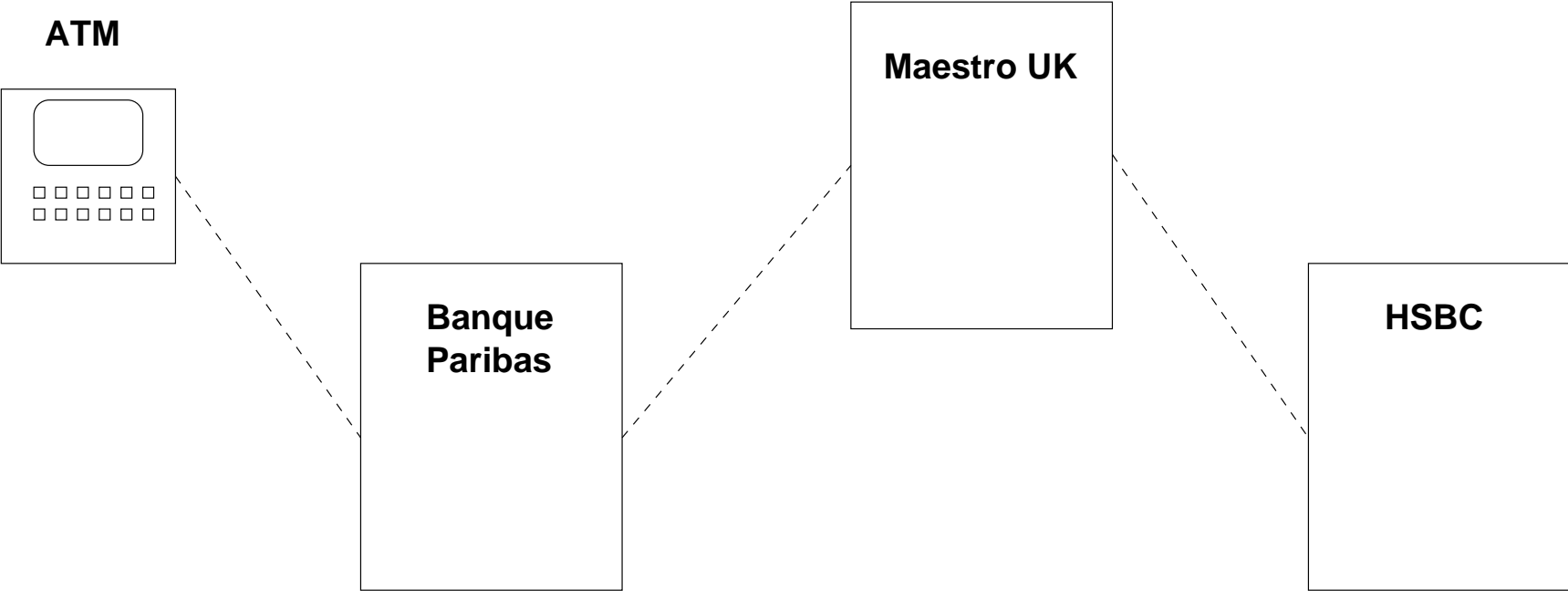
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“What we see now is people going right to the source [..] and stealing the encrypted PIN blocks and using complex ways to un-encrypt the PIN blocks.”

(Quotes from Wired Magazine interview with report author, Bryan Sartin)

Cash Machine Network



HSMs



- Manufacturers include IBM, VISA, nCipher, Thales, Utimaco, HP
- Cost around \$10 000

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$\text{PIN} = \text{IPIN} + \text{Offset (modulo 10 each digit)}$

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If host machine is attacked, PIN should remain secure (ANSI X7.8, ISO 9564 requirement)

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Repeat verification command with Dectab'

Successful verification indicates no 0s in PIN

More dectab attack

To find the 0s, try changing the offset

Attacker set offset	Result from HSM	Knowledge of PIN
0001	Incorrect PIN	????
0010	Incorrect PIN	????
0100	Incorrect PIN	????
1000	Incorrect PIN	????
0011	Incorrect PIN	????
0101	Correct PIN	?0?0

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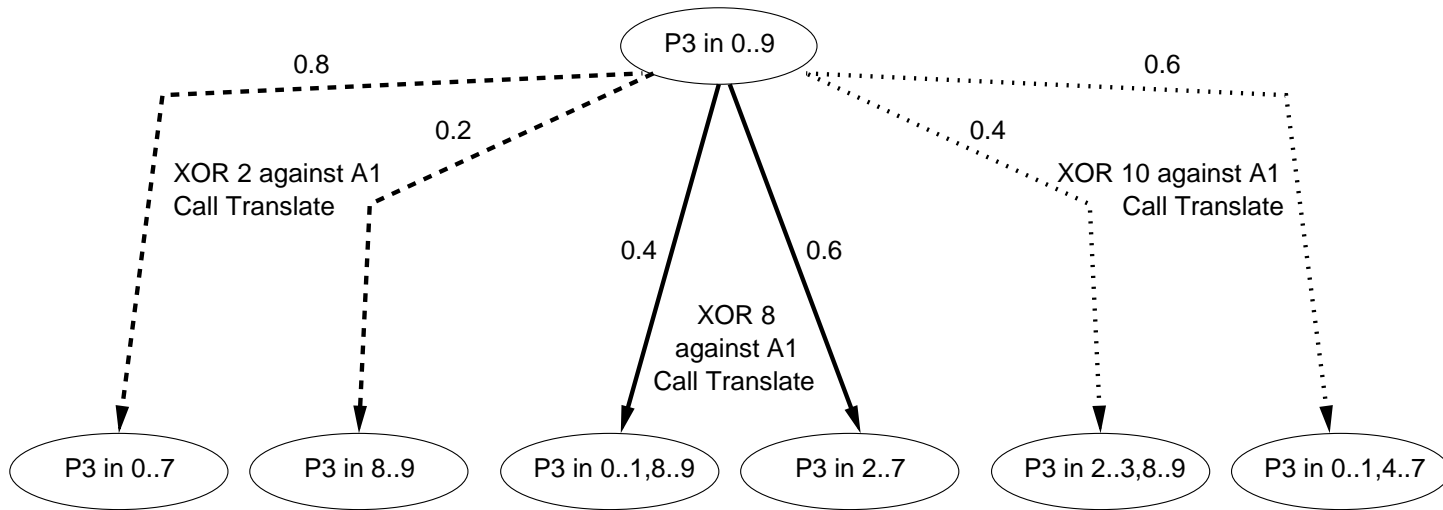
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Attack Trees

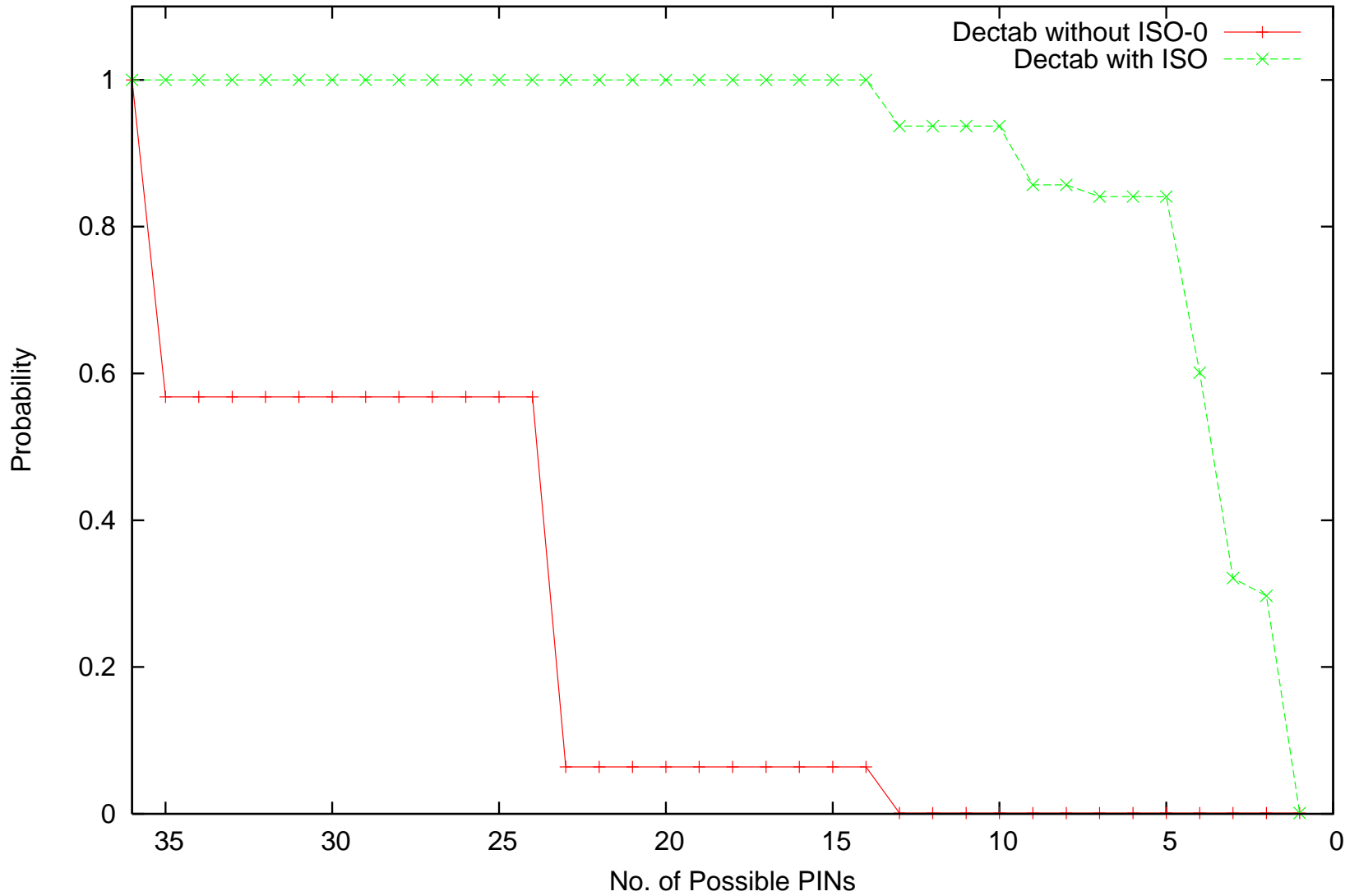


Results from AnaBlock

No.	Attack	$E(Steps)$
(1)	ISO-0 (extended)	13.6
(2)	Dectab	16.145
(3)	Dectab & ISO (restricted)	15.275

No.	Attack	Range: 400	36	24	14	1
(4)	ISO-0 (restricted)	1	0	0	0	0
(5)	Dectab no offset	1	1	0.568	0.064	0.001
(6)	Dectab no offset & ISO-0 (restricted)	1	1	1	1	0.001

Performance of Dectab attack without offset



More PIN Cracking Attacks

- Dectab attacks
- Reformatting attacks
- Check value attack
- Calculate offset attack
- Competing verification algorithms attack

All require attacker to make 'tweaked' queries to HSM

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We introduce cryptographically assured endorsement (ESORICS '09) using MAC, and a 'low cost' version (NordSec '09)

More PIN Processing

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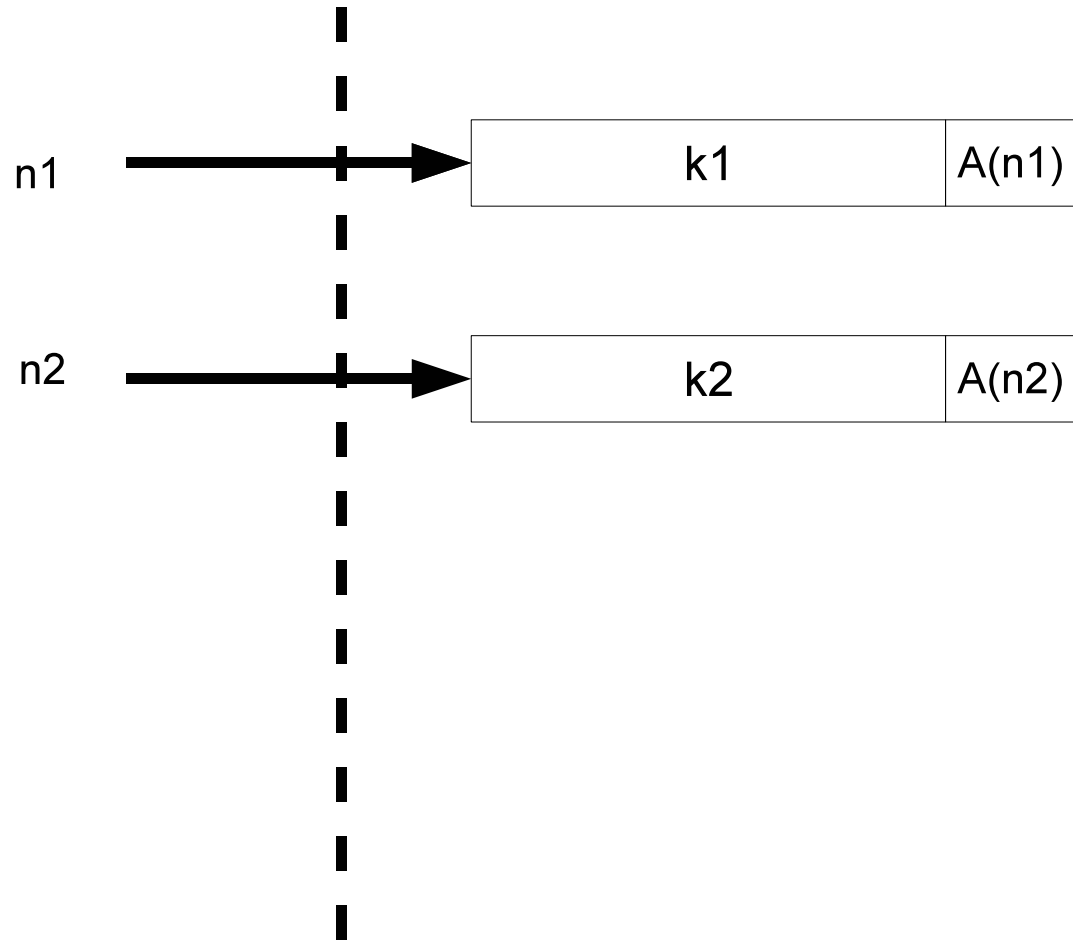
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Key Management - 1

KeyGenerate :

$\xrightarrow{\text{new } n, k}$ $h(n, k); L$

Where $L = \neg\text{extractable}(n), \neg\text{wrap}(n), \neg\text{unwrap}(n),$
 $\neg\text{encrypt}(n), \neg\text{decrypt}(n), \neg\text{sensitive}(n)$

Key Management - 2

Wrap :

$$h(x_1, y_1), h(x_2, y_2); \text{wrap}(x_1), \quad \rightarrow \quad \{y_2\}_{y_1} \\ \text{extract}(x_2)$$

Unwrap :

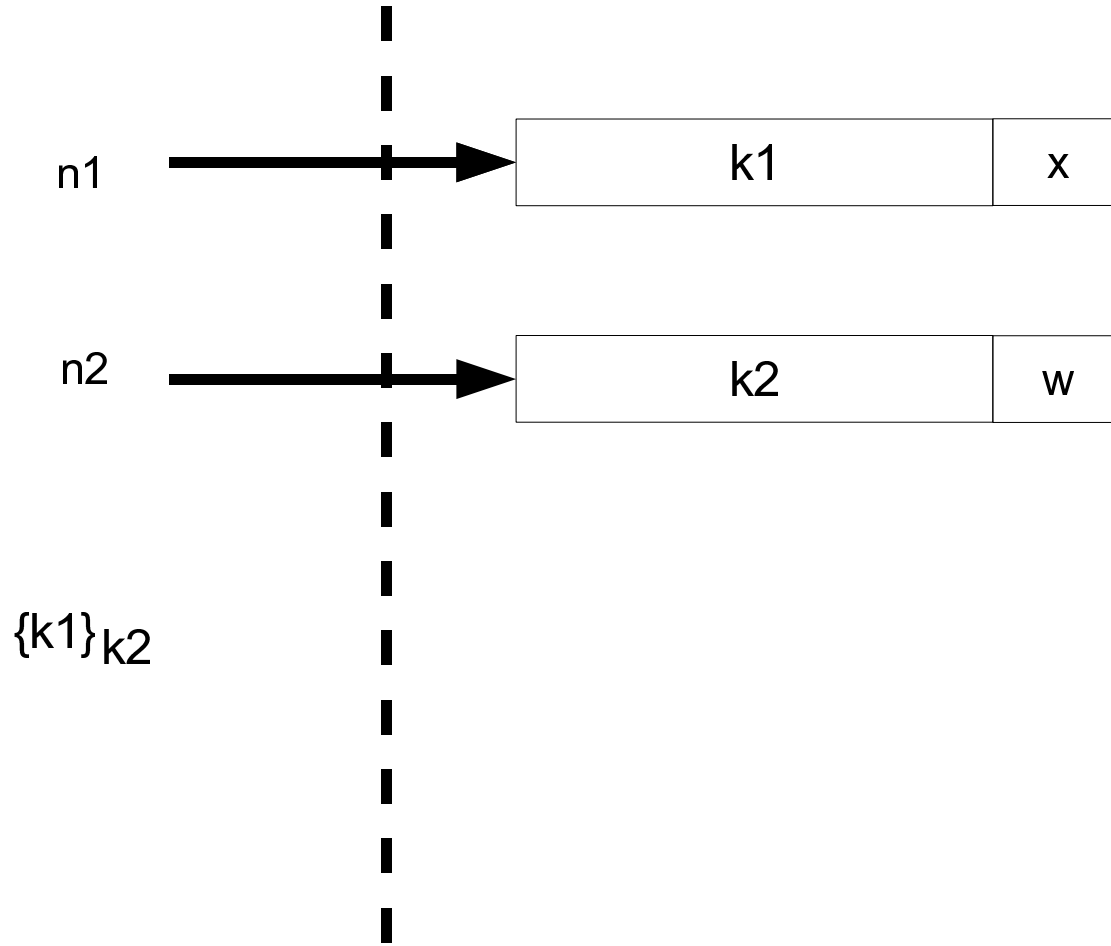
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Key Management - 3

Set_Wrap : $h(x_1, y_1); \neg \text{wrap}(x_1) \rightarrow ; \text{wrap}(x_1)$

Set_Encrypt : $h(x_1, y_1); \neg \text{encrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow ; \text{encrypt}(x_1)$

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UnSet_Wrap : $h(x_1, y_1); \text{wrap}(x_1) \rightarrow ; \neg \text{wrap}(x_1)$

UnSet_Encrypt : $h(x_1, y_1); \text{encrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow ; \neg \text{encrypt}(x_1)$

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Some restrictions, e.g. can't unset sensitive

Key Usage

Encrypt :

$$h(x_1, y_1), y_2; \text{encrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow \{y_2\}_{y_1}$$

Decrypt :

$$h(x_1, y_1), \{y_2\}_{y_1}; \text{decrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow y_2$$

Key Separation Attack (Clulow, 2003)

Intruder knows: $h(n_1, k_1)$, $h(n_2, k_2)$.

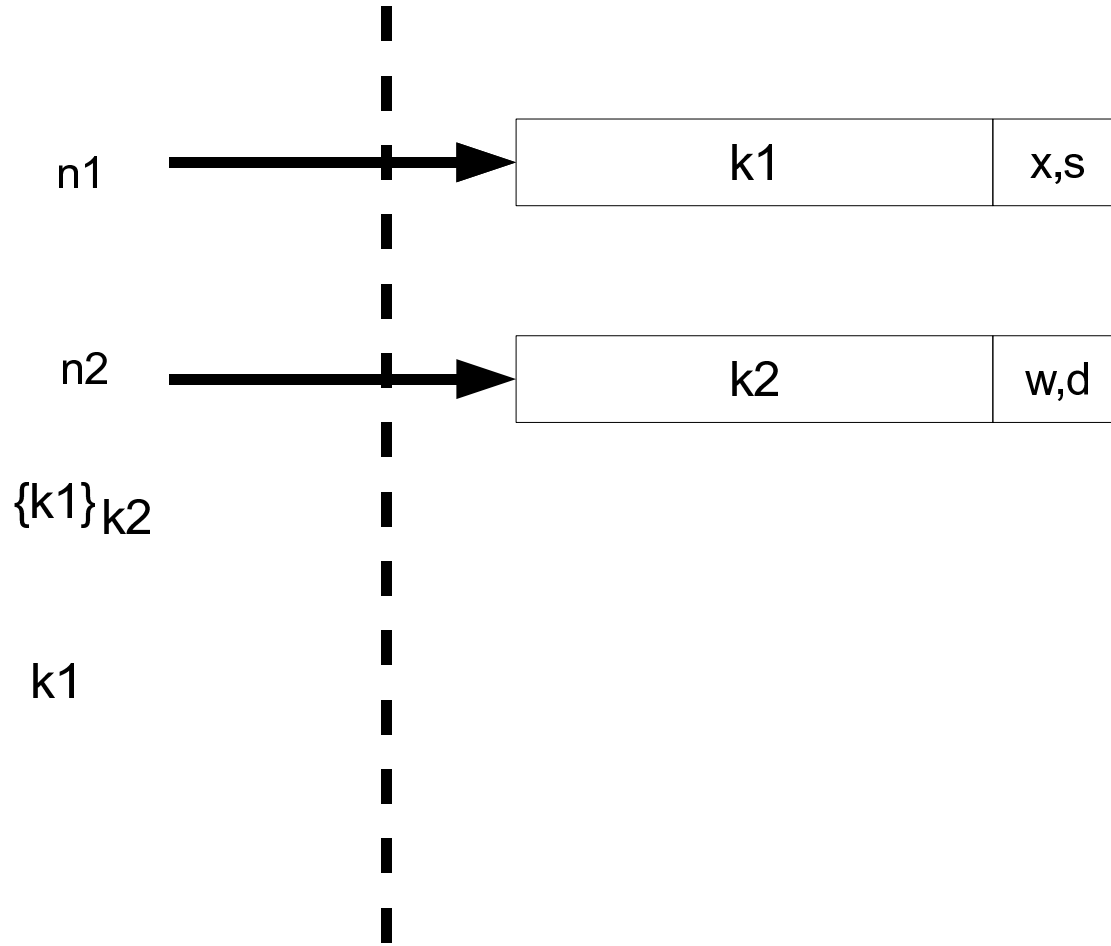
State: $\text{wrap}(n_2)$, $\text{decrypt}(n_2)$, $\text{sensitive}(n_1)$, $\text{extract}(n_1)$

Wrap: $h(n_2, k_2), h(n_1, k_1) \rightarrow \{k_1\}_{k_2}$

Decrypt: $h(n_2, k_2), \{k_1\}_{k_2} \rightarrow k_1$

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Re-import attack (DKS, 08)

Intruder knows: $h(n_1, k_1)$, $h(n_2, k_2)$, k_3

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Set_unwrap: $h(n_1, k_1) \rightarrow ;\text{unwrap}(n_1)$

Unwrap: $h(n_1, k_1), \{k_2\}_{k_1} \xrightarrow{\text{new } n_3} h(n_3, k_2)$

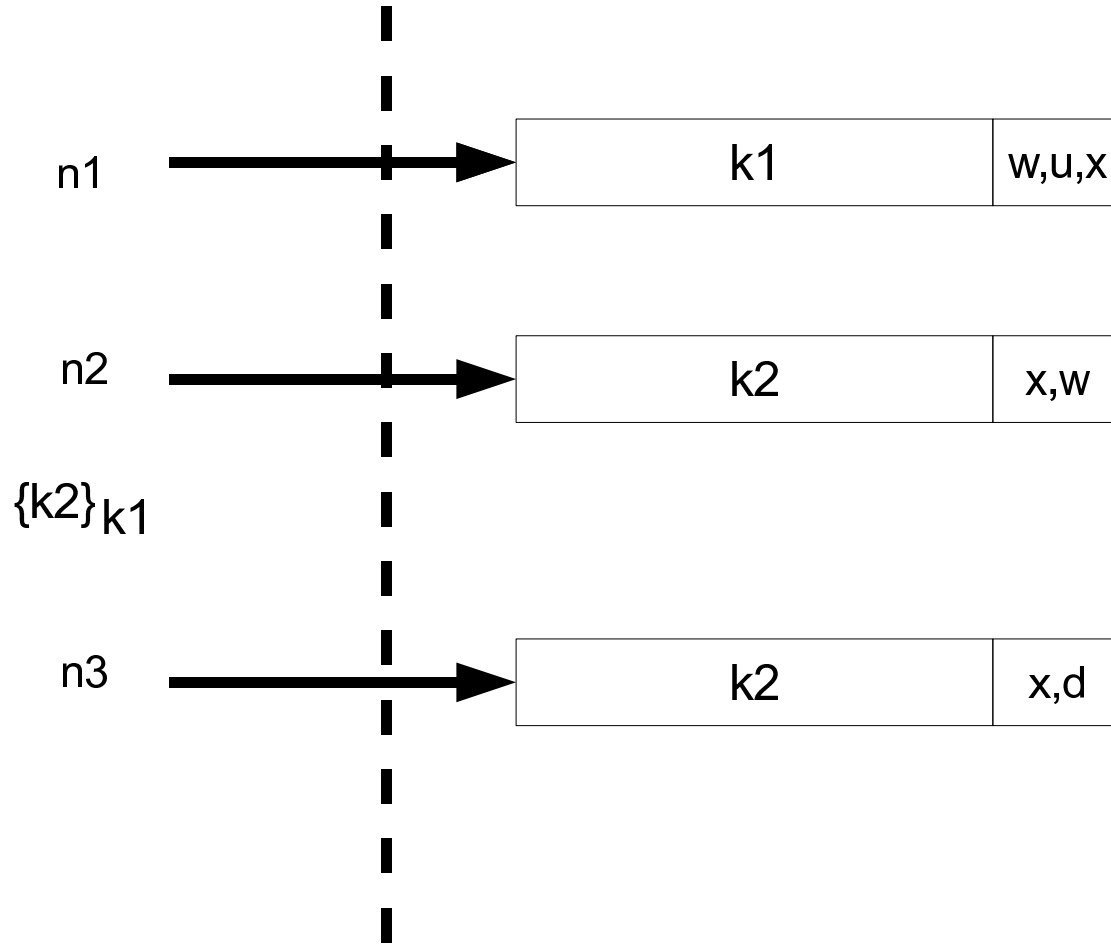
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Wrap :

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Unwrap :

$h(x_2, y_2), \{y_1\}_{y_2}; \text{unwrap}(x_2) \xrightarrow{\text{new } n_1} h(n_1, y_1); L(n_1)$

Encrypt : $h(x_1, y_1), y_2; \text{encrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow \{y_2\}_{y_1}$

Decrypt : $h(x_1, y_1), \{y_2\}_{y_1}; \text{decrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow y_2$

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Set_Attribute_Value : $h(x_1, y_1); A_1(x_1) \rightarrow A_2(x_1)$

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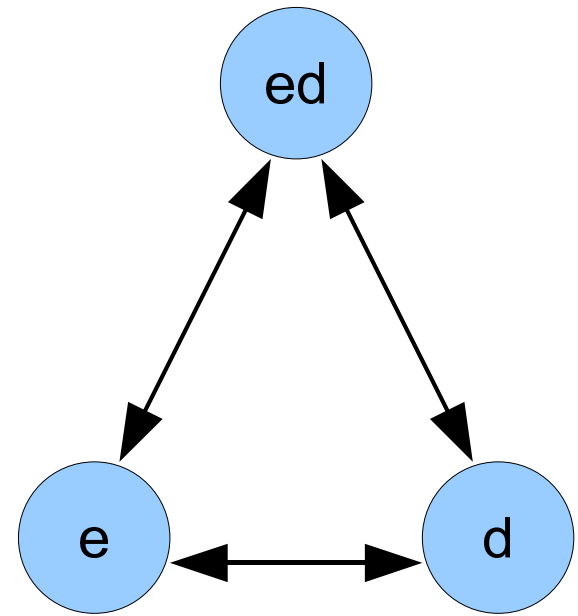
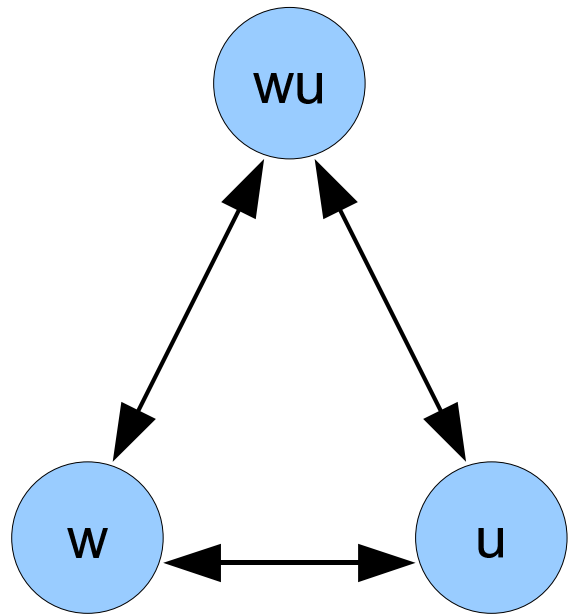
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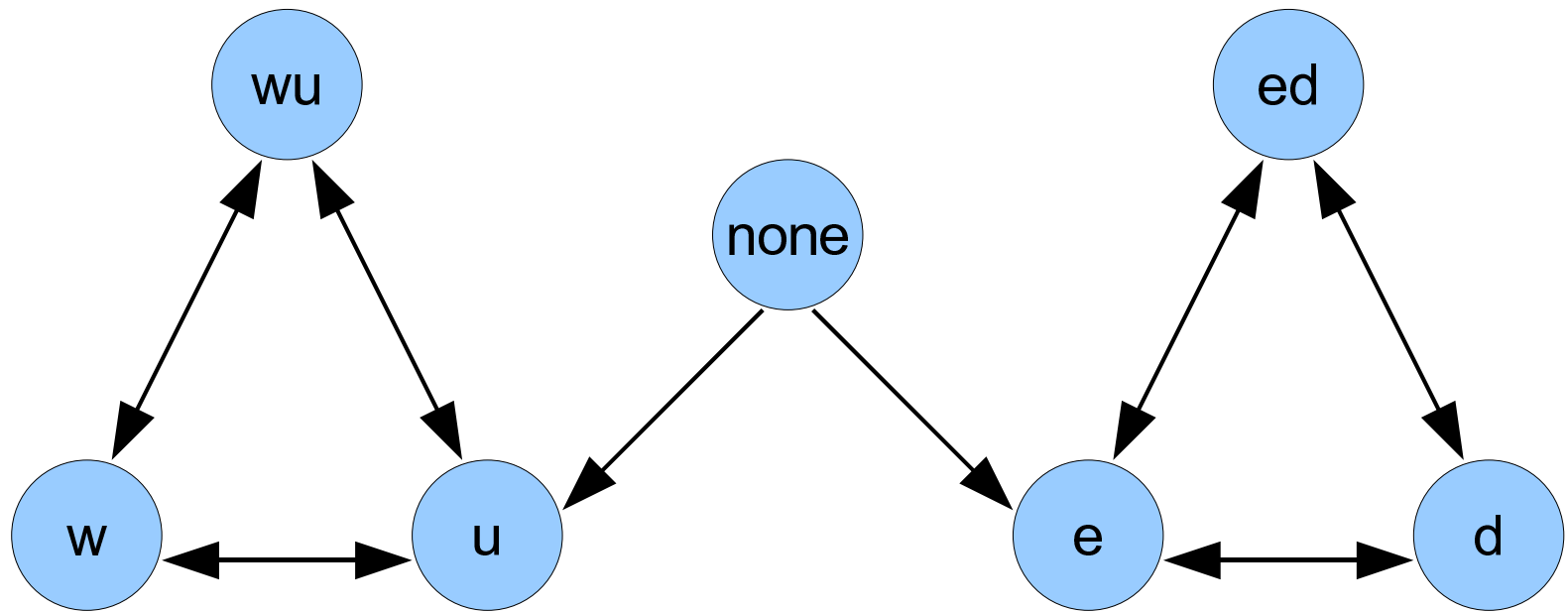
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We insist on complete policies, assuming intruder can always copy keys.





Endpoints

We call the object states of S that are maximal in S with respect to set inclusion *end points* of P .

Theorem: Derivation in API with complete policy iff derivation in API with (static) endpoint policy

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Intruder always starts with his own key

so require $\#ep + 1$ keys and $(\#ep + 1)^2$ handles

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Wrap :

$h(x_1, y_1), h(x_2, y_2); \text{wrap}(x_1), A(x_2) \xrightarrow{\text{new } m_k}$ $\text{enc}(y_2, y_1), \text{enc}(m_k, y_1)$
 $\text{hmac}_{m_k}(y_2, \mathcal{A})$

Unwrap :

$h(x_2, y_2), \text{enc}(y_1, y_2), \text{enc}(x_m, y_2), \xrightarrow{\text{new } n_1}$ $h(n_1, y_1); A(n_1)$
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Decrypt : $h(x_1, y_1), \text{enc}(y_2, y_1); \text{decrypt}(x_1) \rightarrow y_2$

$P = (\{e, d, ed, w, u, wu\}, \rightarrow)$ (where \rightarrow makes the obvious cliques)

Model checking

We use SATMC from the AVISPA project.

Why?

- Can customize sort theory
- Can have protocols with loops
 - recent work by Roberto Carbone to detect fixpoints
- Good performance on previous API experiments

Model checking - 2

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Property 2 If an intruder starts with a known key k_i with handle $h(n_i, k_i)$, and $ed(n_i)$ is true, then he cannot obtain any further known keys.

Attack

Lost session key attack

Initial knowledge: Handles $h(n_1, k_1)$, $h(n_2, k_2)$, and $h(n_i, k_i)$. Key k_i .

Attributes $ed(n_1)$, $wu(n_2)$, $ed(n_i)$.

Trace:

Wrap: (ed) $h(n_2, k_2), h(n_i, k_i) \rightarrow$
 $\{k_i\}_{k_2}, \{k_3\}_{k_2}, \text{hmac}_{k_3}(k_i, ed)$

Unwrap: (wu) $h(n_2, k_2), \{k_i\}_{k_2}, \{k_i\}_{k_2},$
 $\text{hmac}_{k_i}(k_i, wu) \rightarrow h(n_2, k_i)$

Wrap: (ed) $h(n_2, k_i), h(n_1, k_1) \rightarrow$
 $\{k_1\}_{k_i}, \{k_3\}_{k_i}, \text{hmac}_{k_3}(k_1, ed)$

Decrypt: $k_i, \{k_1\}_{k_i} \rightarrow k_1$

Revised API

Wrap :

$$h(x_1, y_1), h(x_2, y_2); \text{wrap}(x_1), A(x_2) \xrightarrow{\text{new } m_k} \begin{array}{l} \text{enc}(y_2, y_1), \text{enc}(m_k, y_1) \\ \text{hmac}_{m_k}(y_2, \mathcal{A}, y_1) \end{array}$$

Unwrap :

$$\begin{array}{l} h(x_2, y_2), \text{enc}(y_1, y_2), \text{enc}(x_m, y_2), \\ \text{hmac}_{x_m}(y_1, \mathcal{A}, y_2); \text{unwrap}(x_2) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{new } n_1} h(n_1, y_1); A(n_1)$$

Property 2 now verified by SATMC

Can also verify attribute policy is enforced

More Key Management APIs

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