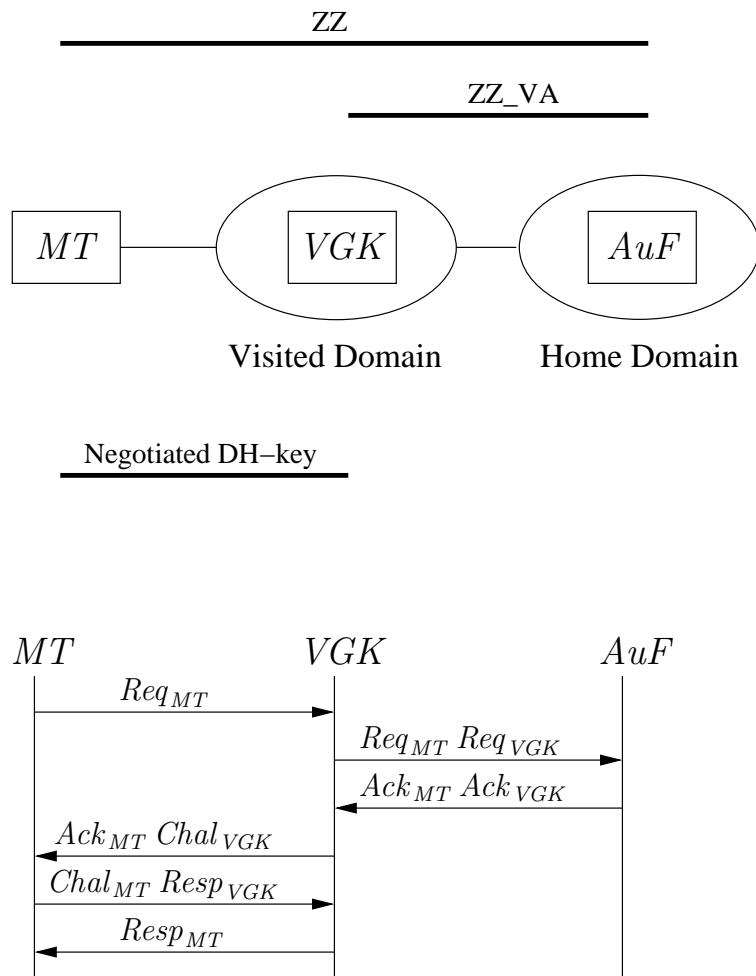


# **Methods for Automated Protocol Analysis**

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## Example: H.530 Protocol



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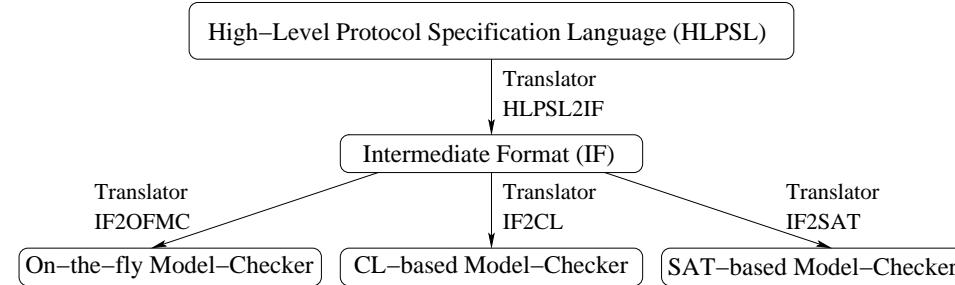
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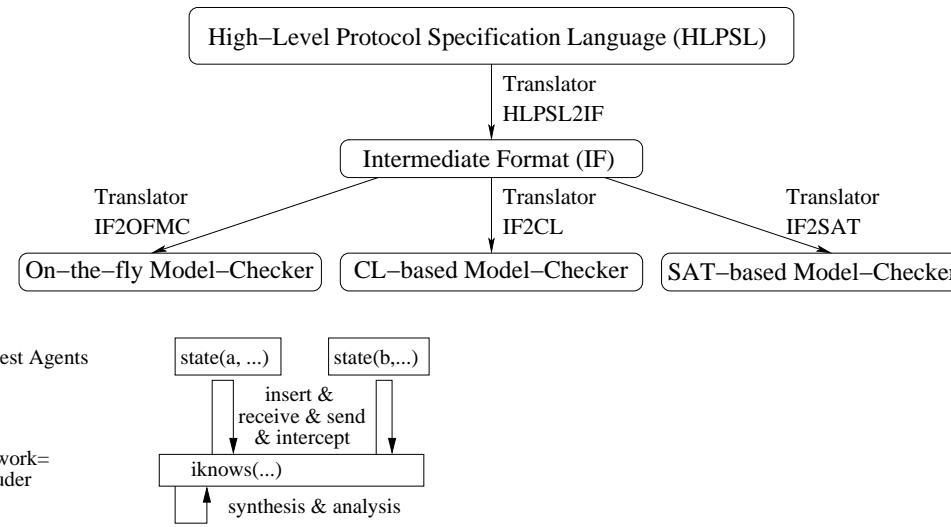
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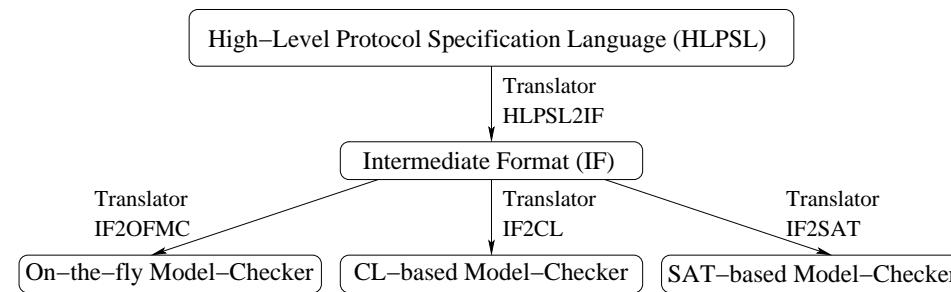


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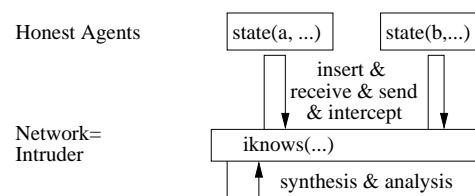
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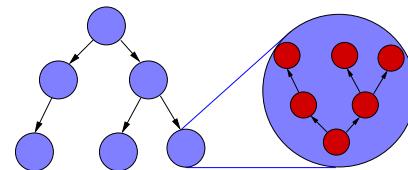
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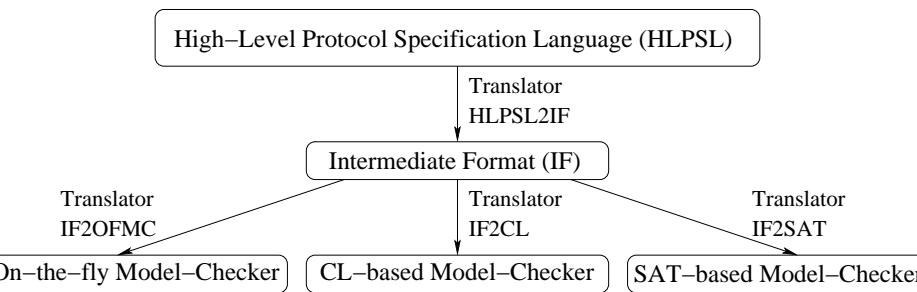


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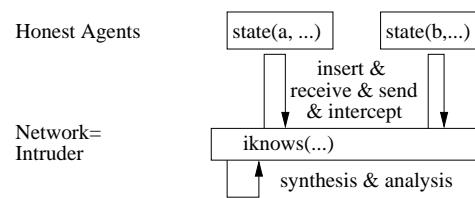


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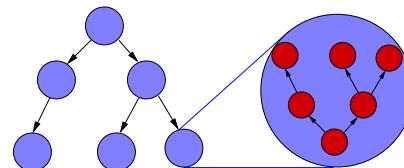
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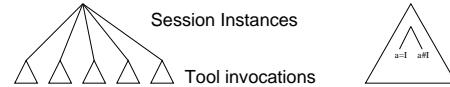
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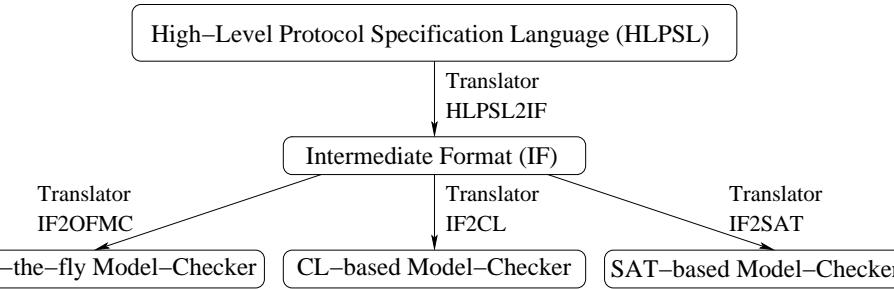


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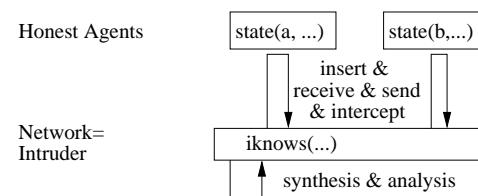


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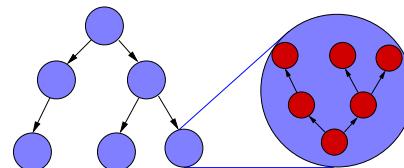
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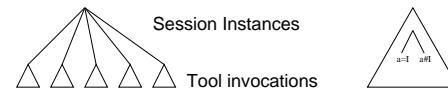
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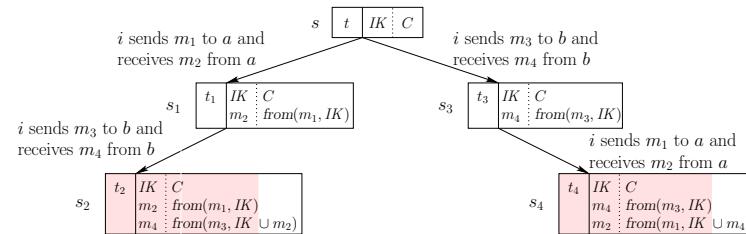
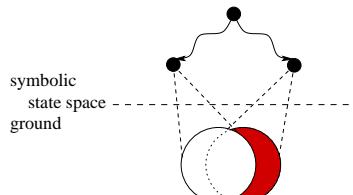


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## IF: Protocol Model

- Protocol modeled as an **transition system**.
  - ▶ States: local states of honest agents and current knowledge of the intruder.
  - ▶ Transitions: actions of the honest agents and the intruder.
- The **Dolev-Yao intruder**:
  - ▶ Controls the entire network.
  - ▶ Perfect cryptography.
  - ▶ Unbounded composition of messages.
- Security properties: attack predicate on states.
- `Prelude.if` file: protocol-independent declarations (operator symbols, algebraic properties, intruder model)

## IF: Messages

- Messages are represented by terms:

- ▶ Countable set of constants,  $a, b, c, \dots$
- ▶ Countable set of variables,  $A, B, C, \dots$
- ▶ Function symbols for (cryptographic) operators:

$\{m\}_k$	asymmetric encryption	crypt/2
$\{m\}_k$	symmetric encryption	scrypt/2
$\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$	concatenation	pair/2
$m^{-1}$	the inverse of a public/private key	inv/1
also: hash functions, key tables, exponentiation, xor, . . .		

- Here: Free algebra assumption:

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_n) = g(s_1, \dots, s_m) \text{ iff } f = g \wedge n = m \wedge t_1 = s_1 \wedge \dots \wedge t_n = s_m$$

- In general not valid, e.g.
- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| $m^{-1}^{-1}$                                  | = | $m$   |
| $\langle\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle, m_3 \rangle$ | = | $\langle m_1, \langle m_2, m_3 \rangle \rangle$ |

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- The *dot* is associative, commutative, and idempotent:
$$f_1.(f_2.f_3) = (f_1.f_2).f_3 \quad f_1.f_2 = f_2.f_1 \quad f.f = f$$

## IF: Rules

- Example: NSPK/Role Alice:

(step 1)	state(roleA, 0, A, B, SID, K) $\exists NA \Rightarrow state(roleA, 1, A, B, SID, K, NA).$	msg( $\{NA, A\}_{K(B)}$ )
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(step 3)	state(roleA, 2, A, B, SID, K, NA, NB) $\Rightarrow state(roleA, 3, A, B, SID, K, NA, NB).$	msg( $\{NB\}_{K(B)}$ )

- Asynchronous Communication: sending and receiving messages are atomic events.

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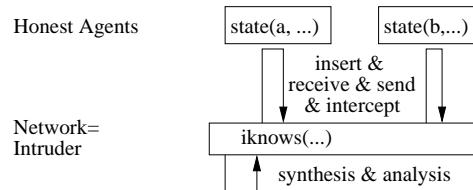
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IF	Search Tree
state	node
initial state	root node
transition relation	descendants of a node
attack state	attack node

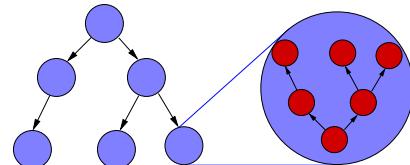
- States are always ground terms.
- The search tree is, in general, infinitely deep.
- Also the tree might have infinite branching.
  - ⇒ Semi-decision procedure for insecurity.
  - ⇒ Use lazy data-structures, e.g. in Haskell: formulate infinite tree; heuristics and attack search as tree-transformers.

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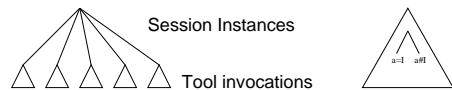
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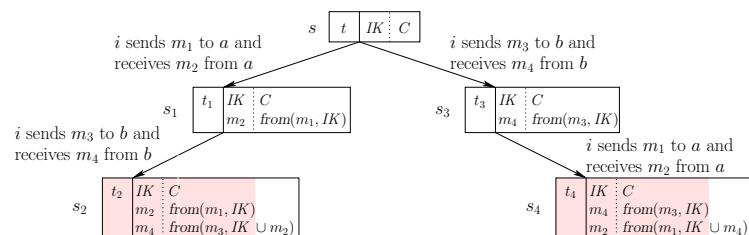
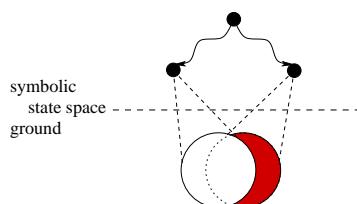


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## Compression: Immediate Reaction

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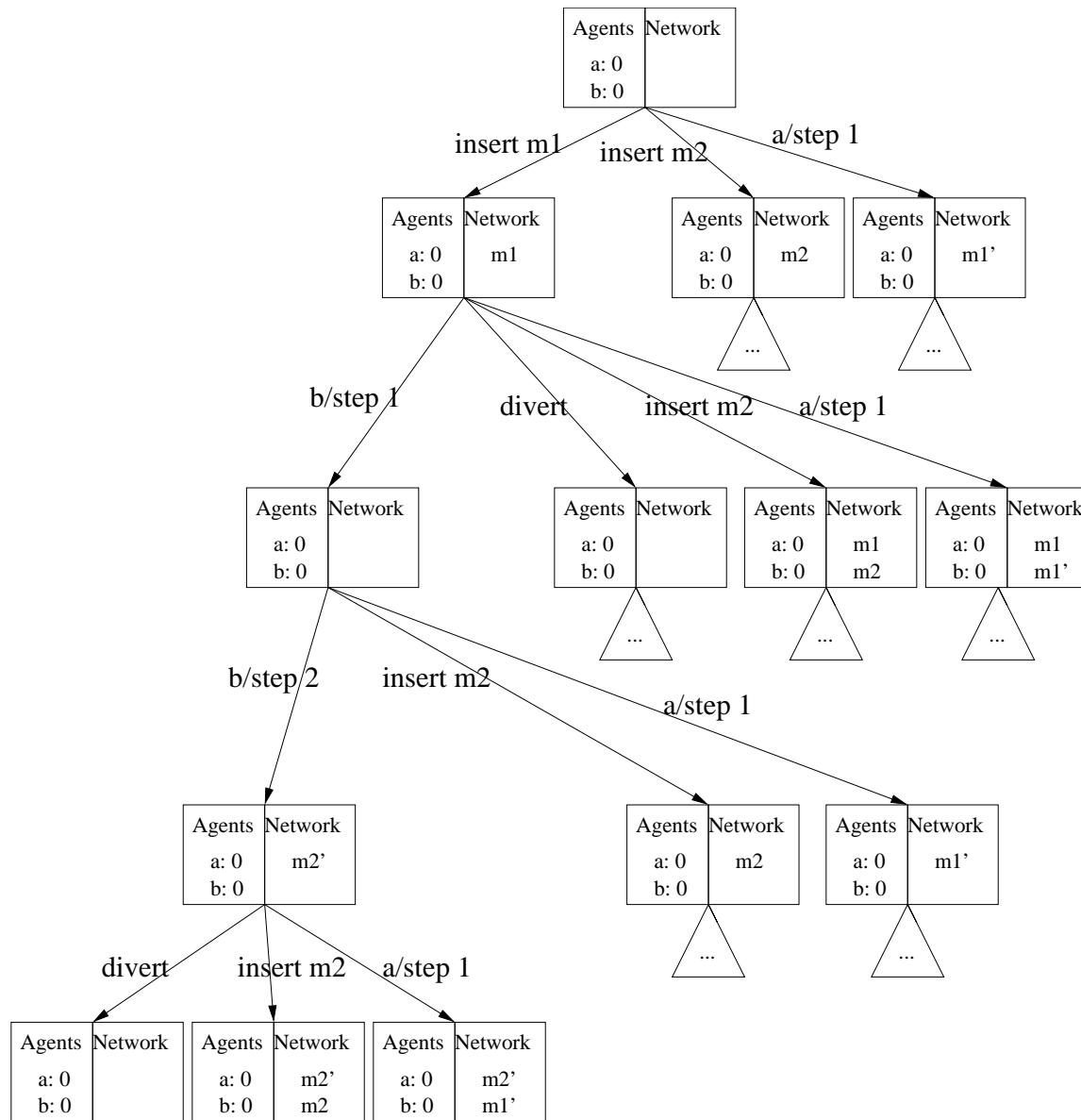
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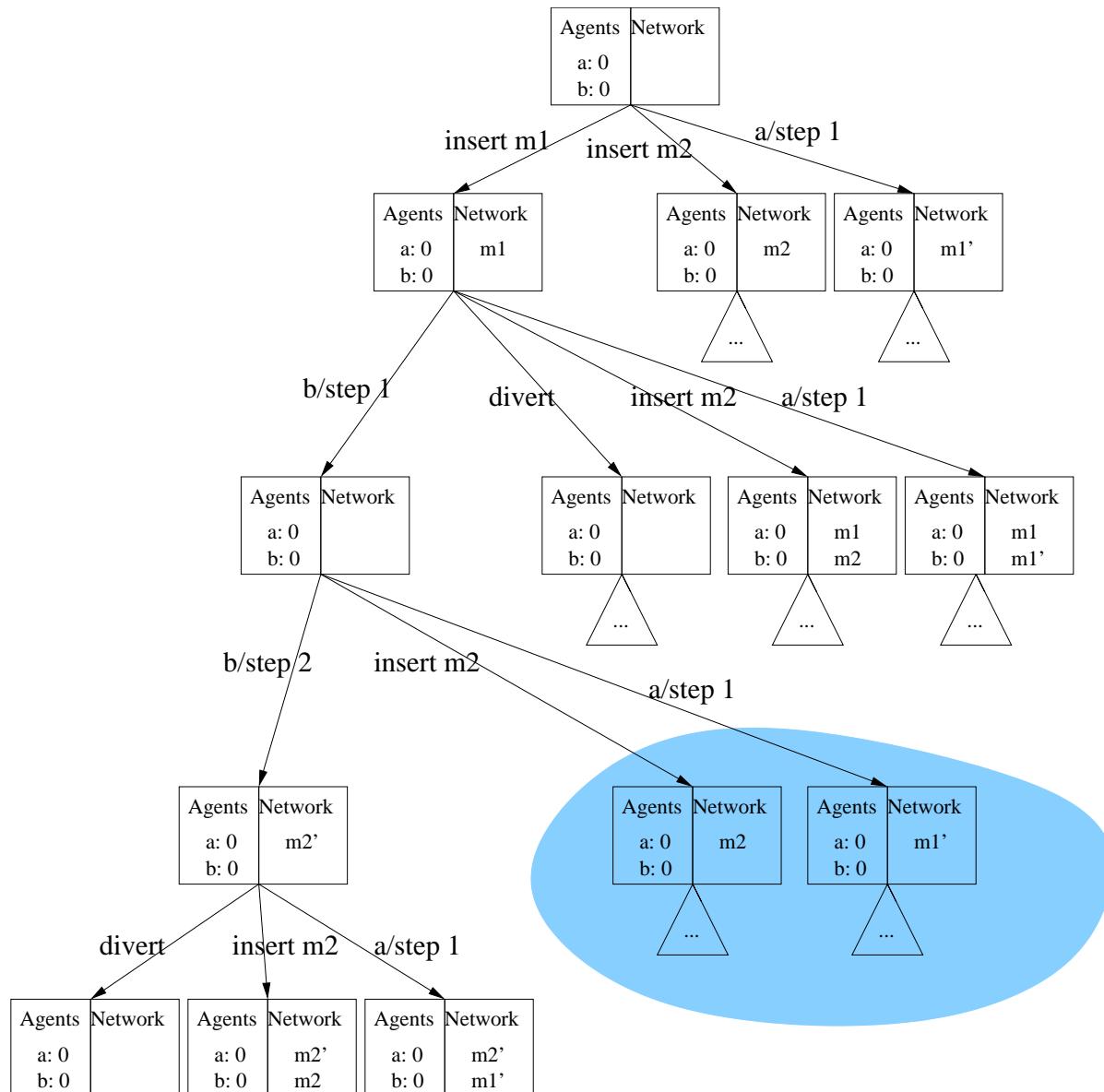
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- Correct: composed rule can be simulated using the uncomposed rules.
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- The compression drastically reduces the search space.

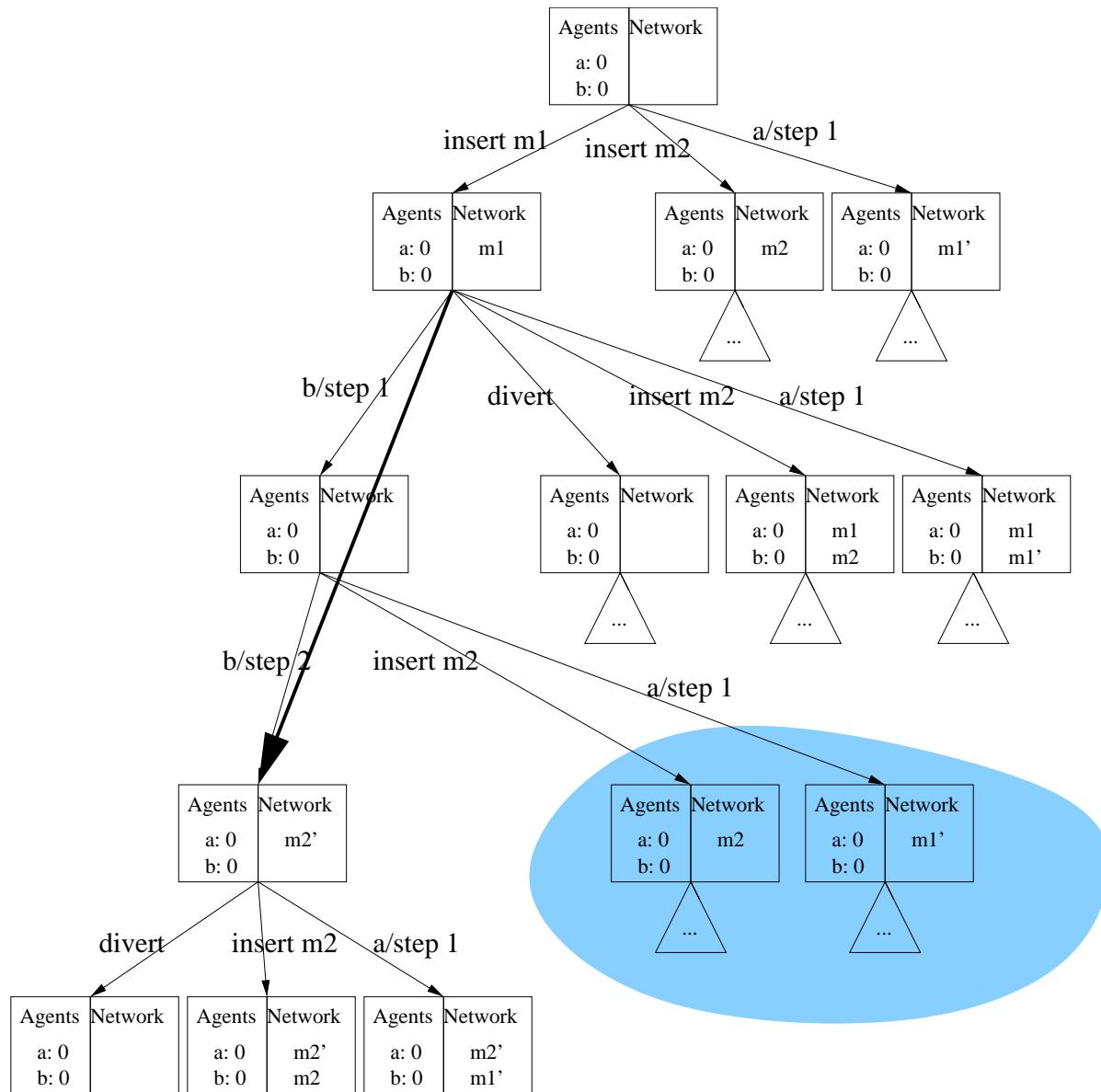
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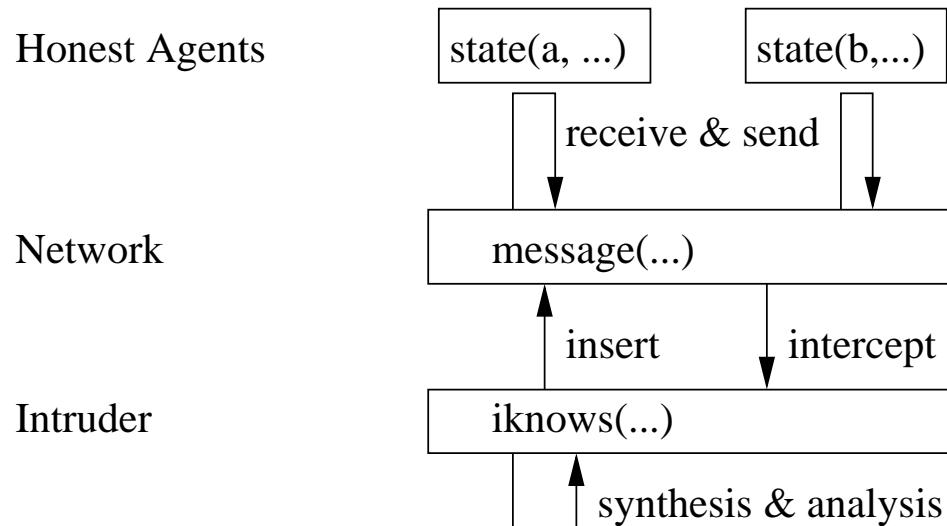
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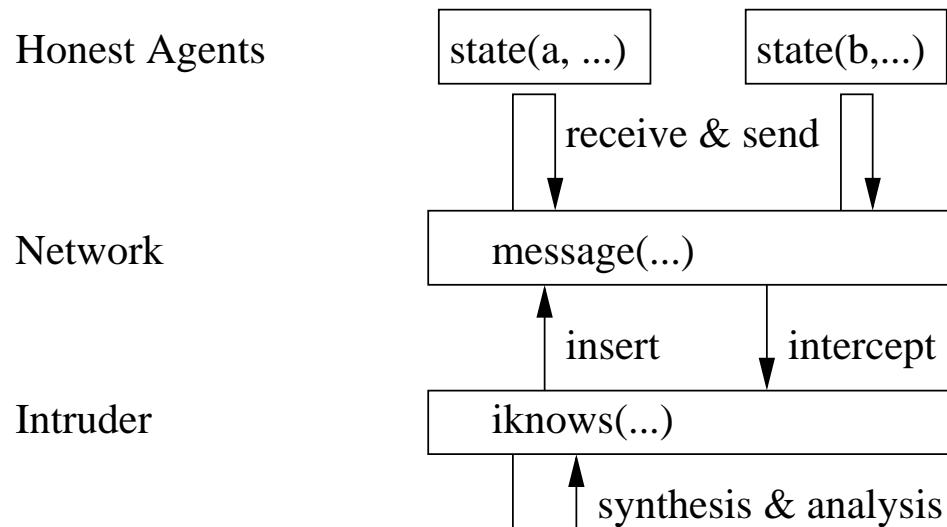
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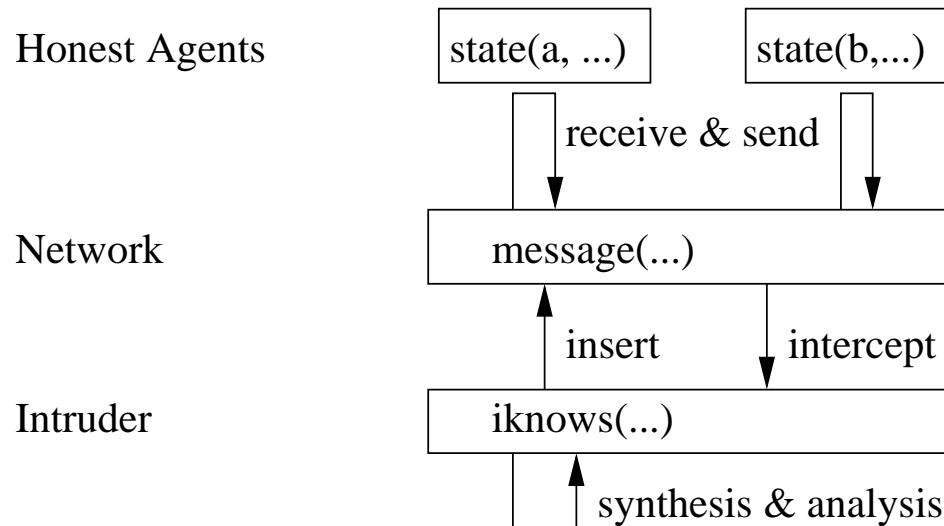


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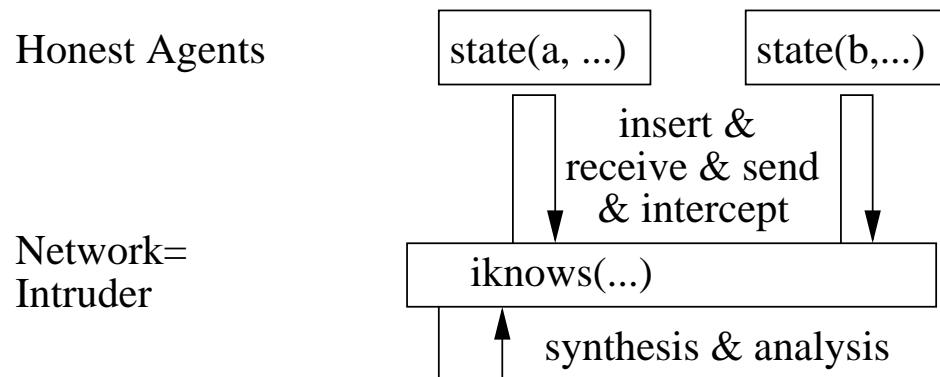


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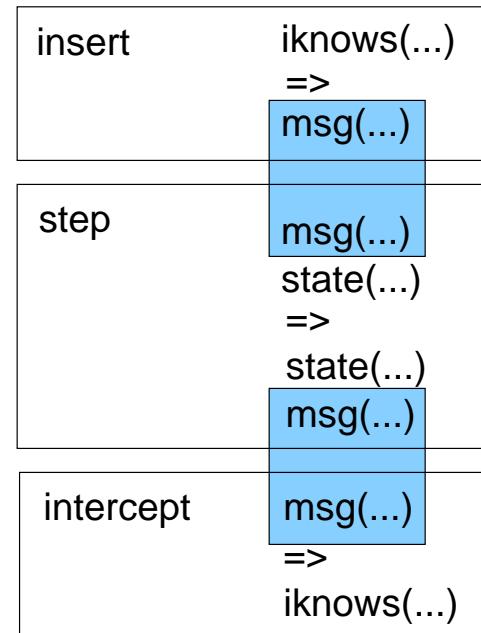
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msg(M)

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msg({NA, NB}<sub>K(A)</sub>)

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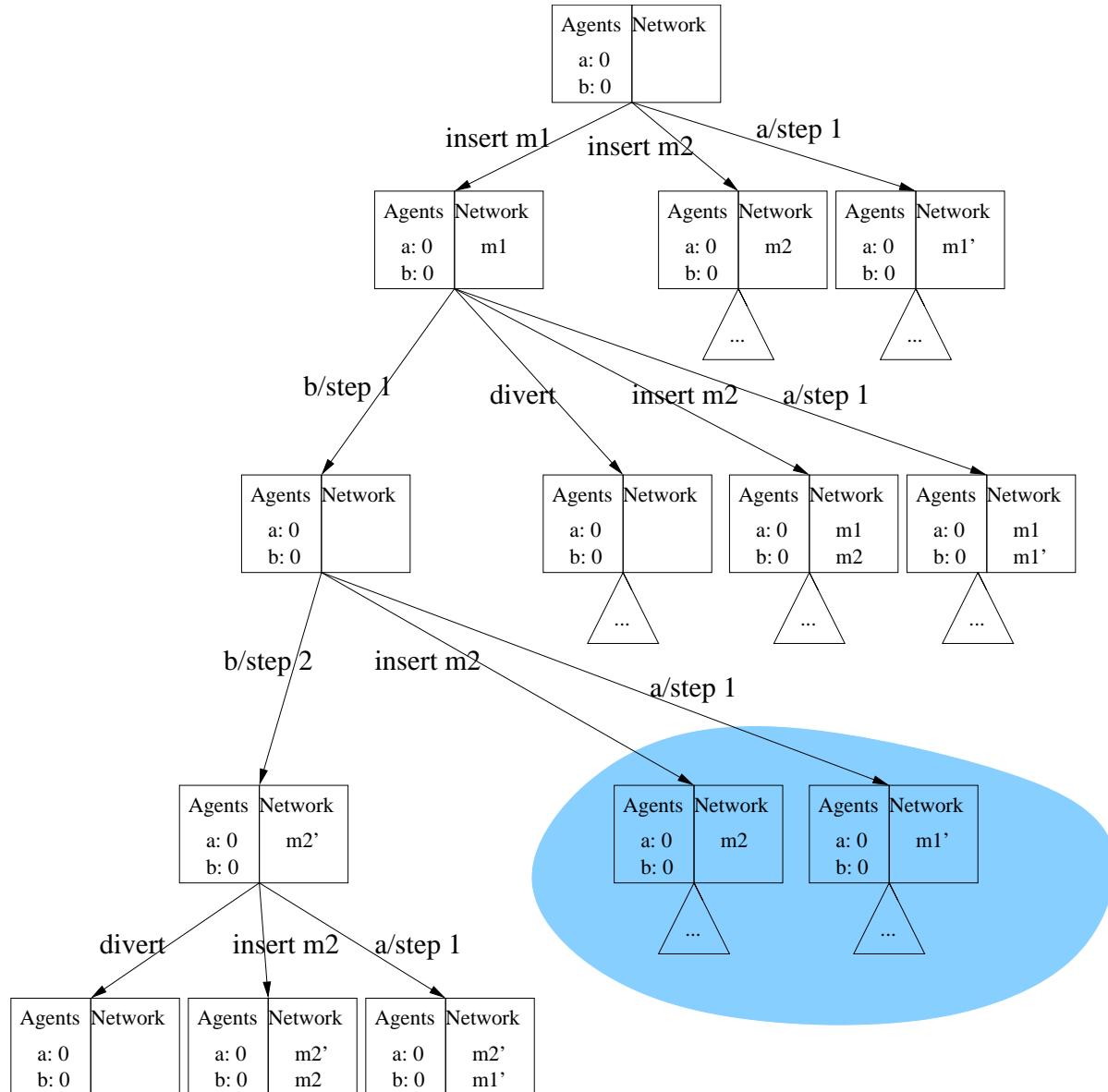
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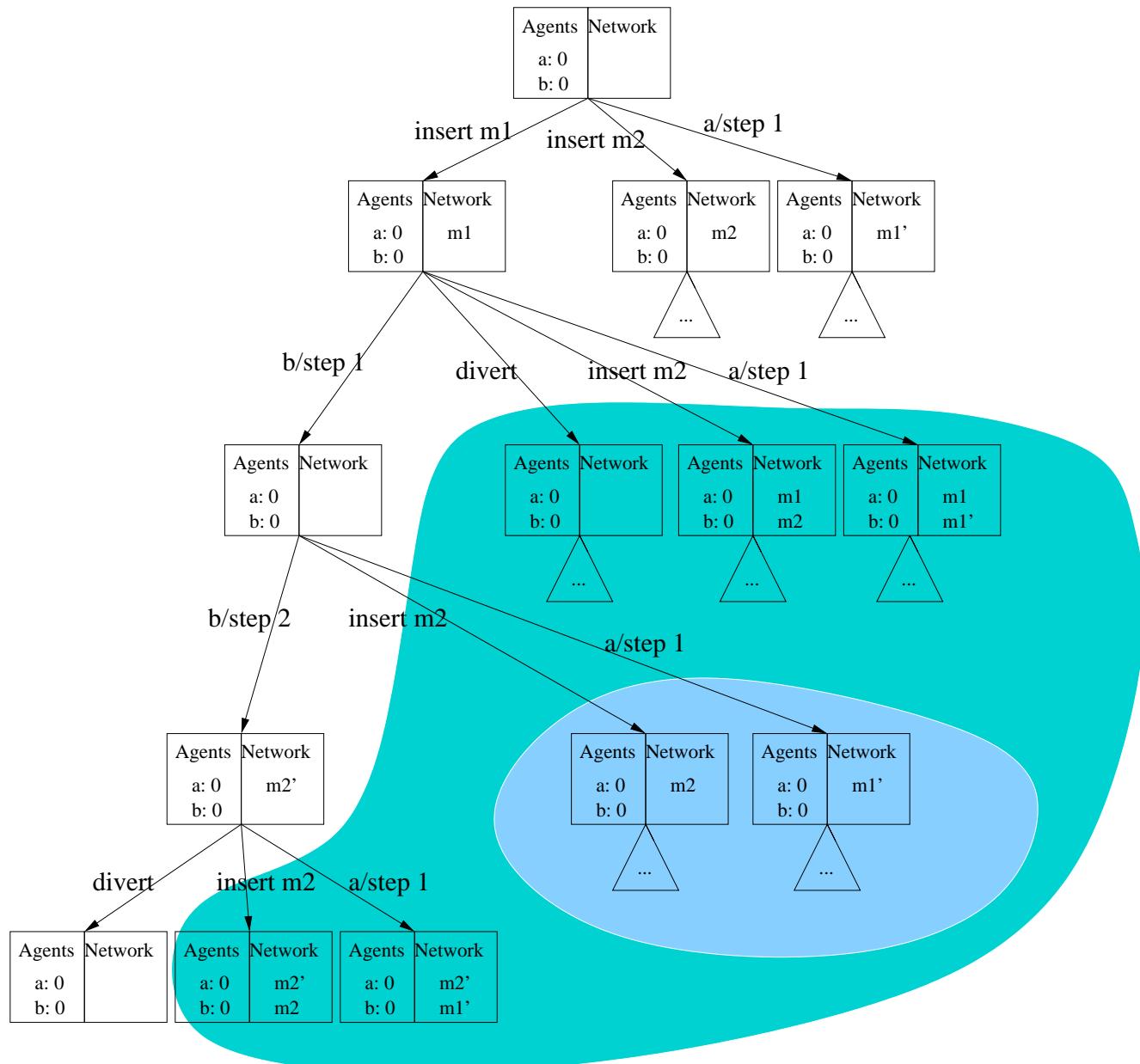
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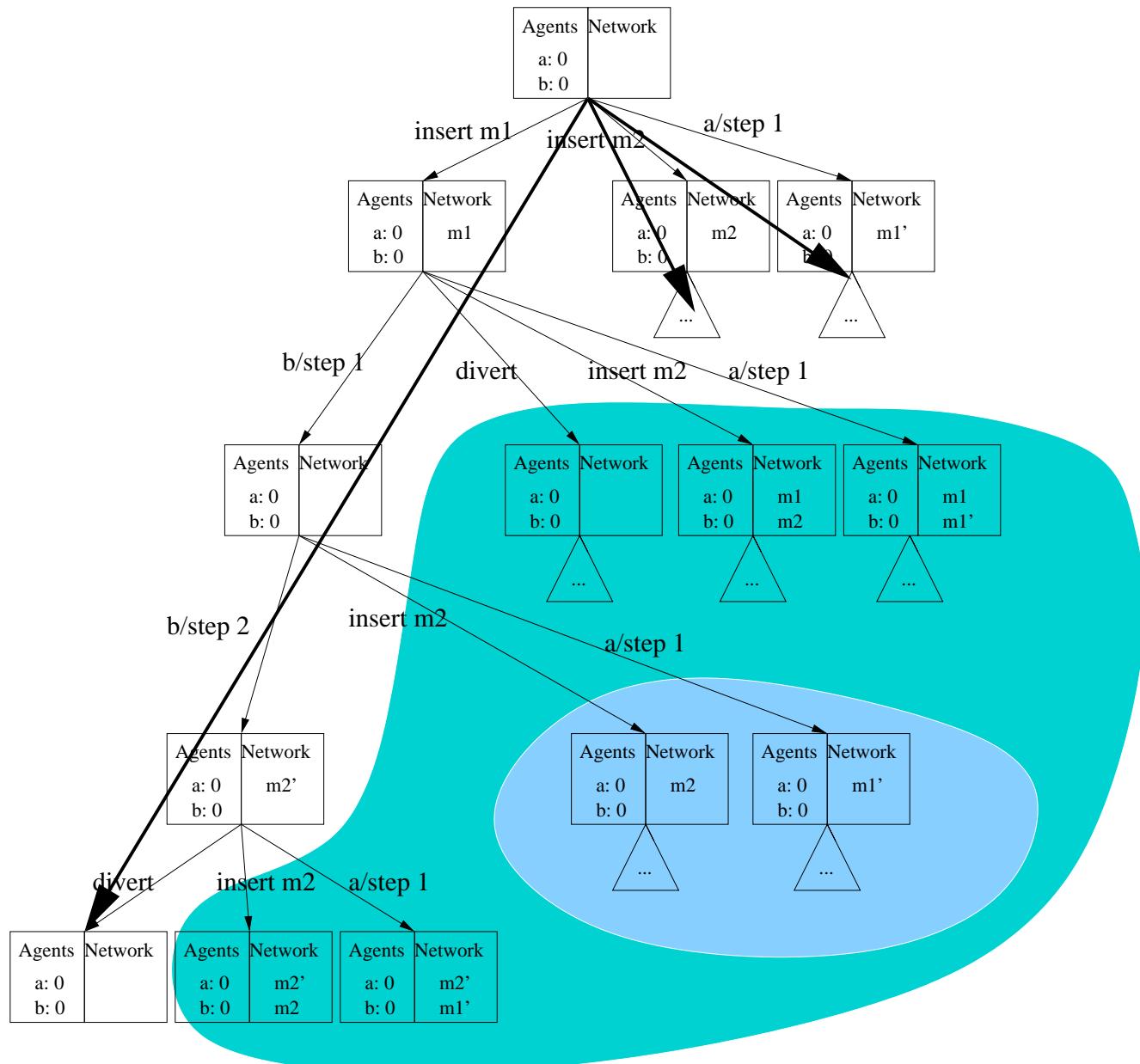
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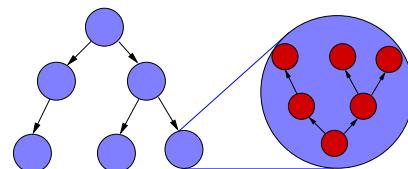


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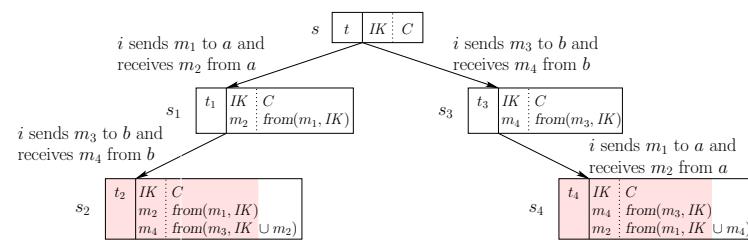
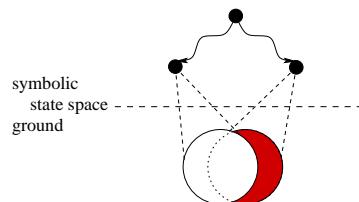
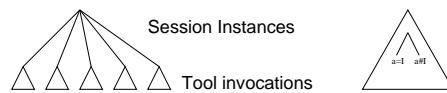


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## Lazy Intruder: An Example

The intruder knows an old message  $\{\{a, b, n_1, n_2\}\}_{k(b,s)} \in IK$ , as well as the contained nonces  $n_1, n_2 \in IK$ .

Agent b expects to receive the final message of the protocol:

$$\{\{a, b, KAB\}\}_{k(b,s)}, \{\{n_2\}\}_{KAB}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{from(\emptyset; IK) ; [KAB \mapsto \langle n_1, n_2 \rangle]} G_{\text{unif}}^l \\
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## Lazy Intruder: Completeness

- **Theorem.** Satisfiability of (well-formed) *from*-constraints is decidable.

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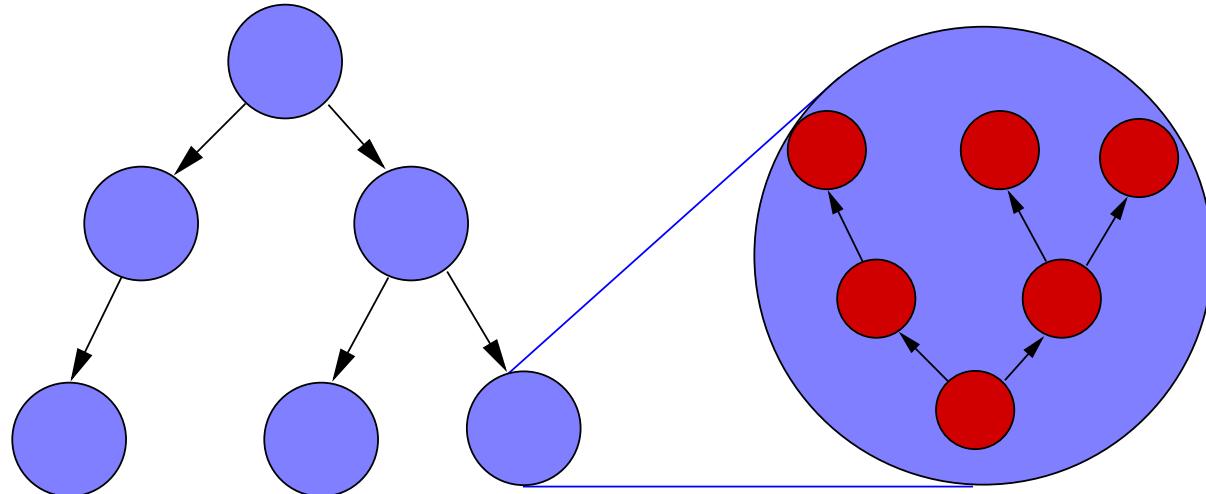
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## Integration: Symbolic Transition System

- **Symbolic state** = term with variables + constraint set
- $\llbracket(t, C)\rrbracket = \{t\sigma \mid \sigma \in \llbracket C\rrbracket\}$  (a set of ground states).
- Two layers of search:

**Layer 1:** search in the symbolic state space

**Layer 2:** constraint reduction



## Lazy Intruder: History

**[Huima 1999]** First paper with the idea. Formalization extremely complex.

**[Amadio & Lugiez 2001]** Much simpler presentation of the idea and proofs.

**[Rusinowitch & Turuani 2001]** The insecurity problem for a bounded number of sessions is NP-complete, even without restriction to atomic keys.

**[Chevalier & Vigneron 2001]** First lazy intruder without the restriction to atomic keys.

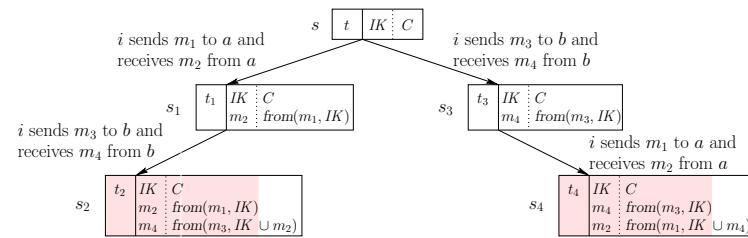
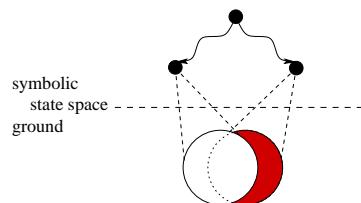
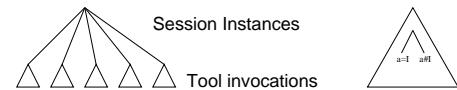
**[Millen & Shmatikov 2001]** Similar (independent) approach with non-atomic keys, including formal proofs.

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The approaches get more powerful and at the same time simpler, for instance . . .

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## Session Instances — The Model

- Session: instantiation of all roles with an agent name.

- Example:  $[A : a, B : b]$   
 $[A : a, B : i]$

means that the initial state contains

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state(roleA, 0, a, b)
state(roleB, 0, b, a)
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- We also call this a **scenario**.

## Automated Session Generation

- What **scenarios** to examine?
- *Bouallagui et al, 2002*: given a bound  $n$ , generate all instances of  $n$  parallel sessions avoiding redundancies like isomorph instances.
- E.g.  $n = 2$ :

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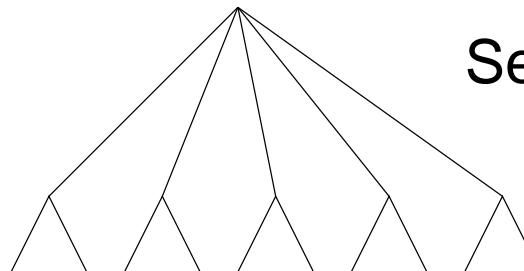
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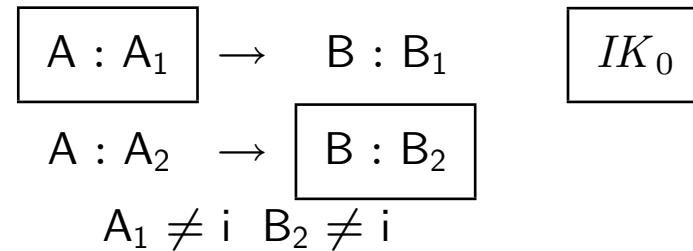
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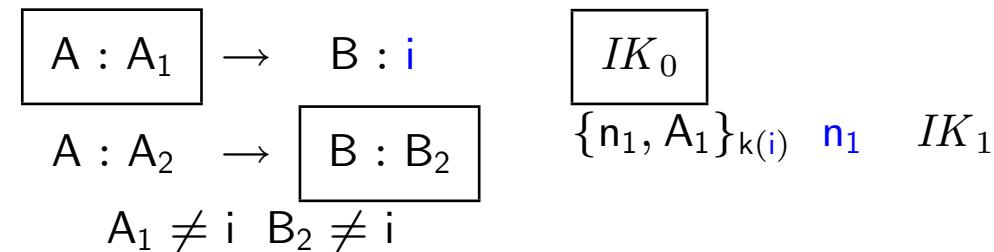
$\Rightarrow$  The intruder can read  $n_1$  iff  $B_1 = i$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Case split  $B_1 = i$  and  $B_1 \neq i$ .

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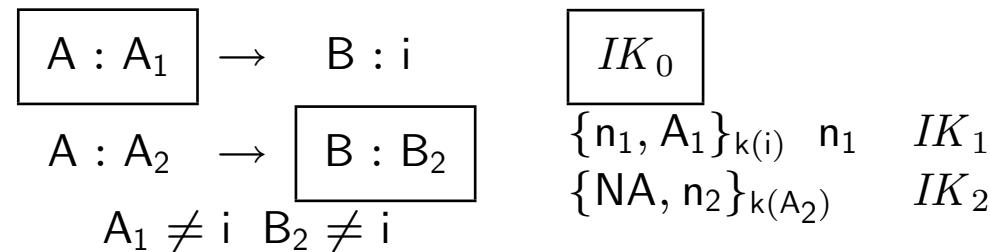
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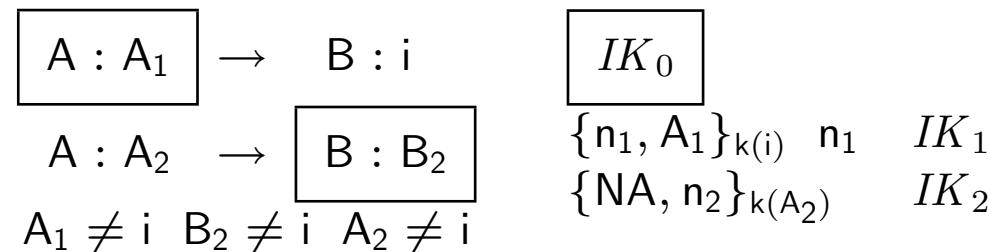
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Again, the intruder can decrypt this message iff he is the intended recipient, i.e. iff  $A_2 = i$ .

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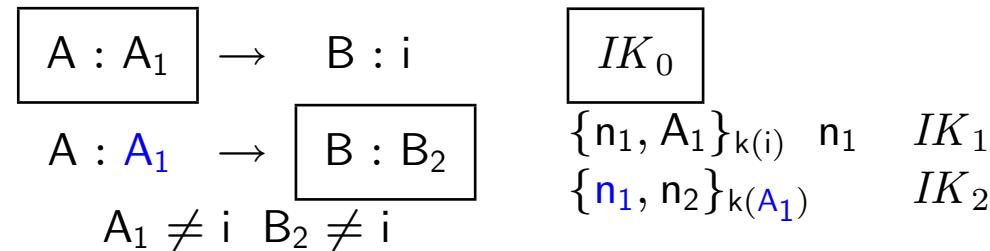
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$$\begin{aligned} \{n_1, NB\}_{k(A_1)} &= \{NA, n_2\}_{k(A_2)} \\ \Rightarrow A_1 &= A_2, n_1 = NA, NB = n_2 \end{aligned}$$

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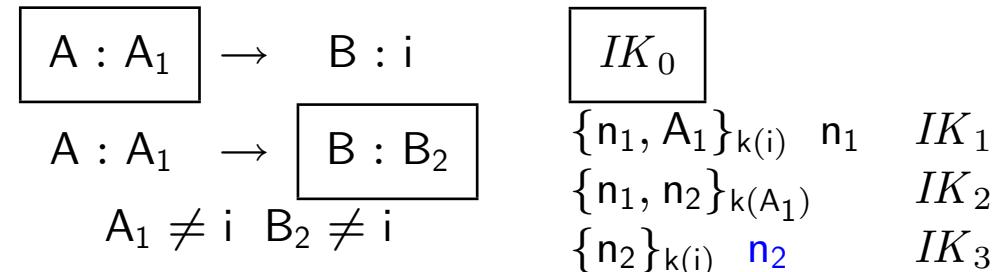
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The answer from  $A_1$  is  $\{n_2\}_{k(i)}$ , so the intruder now knows  $n_2$  and can finish the protocol with  $B_2$ .

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where  $A_1$  and  $B_2$  are arbitrary honest agents.

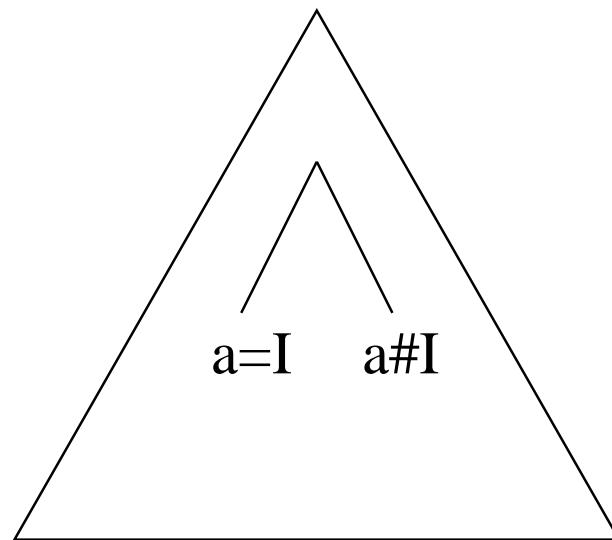
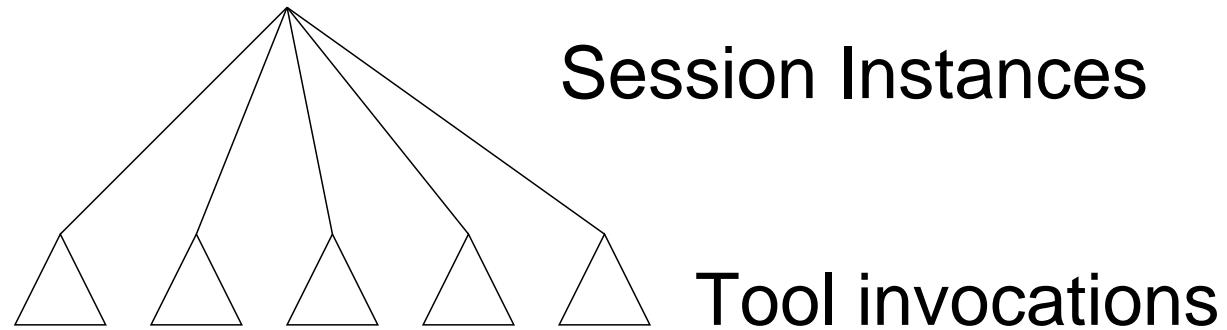
## Two agents are sufficient

All substitutions for the variables for agent names are substituted either

- with each other (e.g.  $A_1 = A_2$ )
- or with the intruder (e.g.  $B_1 = i$ ).

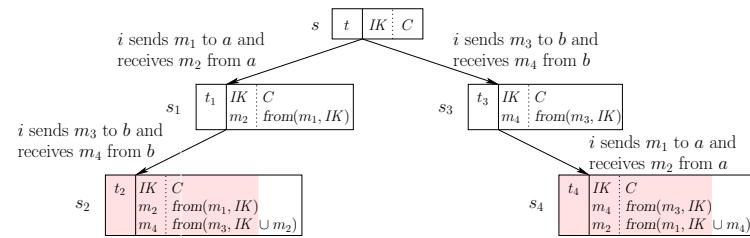
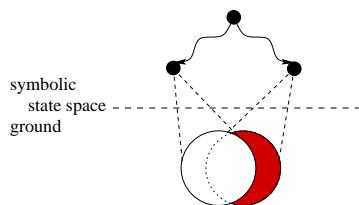
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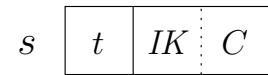
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- Often addressed using Partial-Order Reduction (POR).
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- Constraint Differentiation: general, POR-inspired reduction technique extending the lazy intruder.

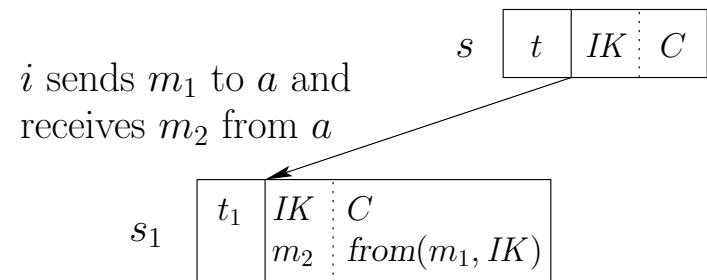
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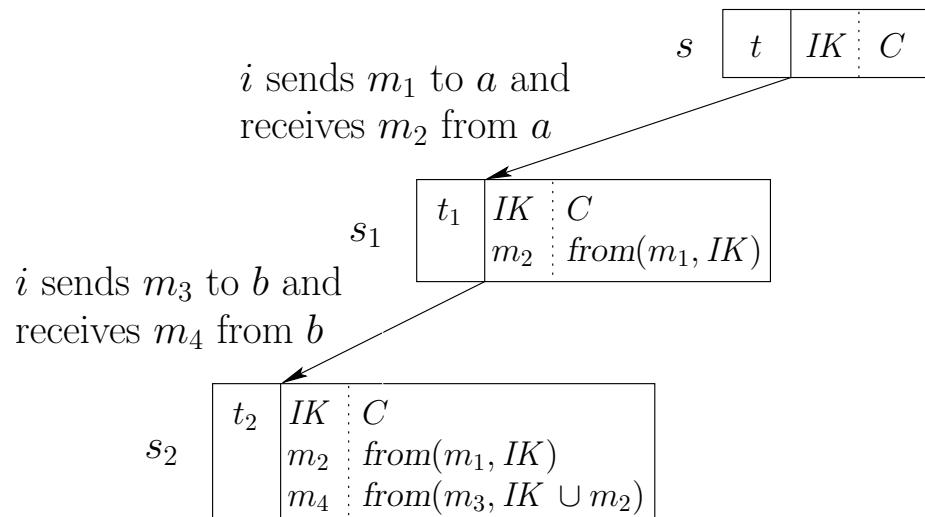
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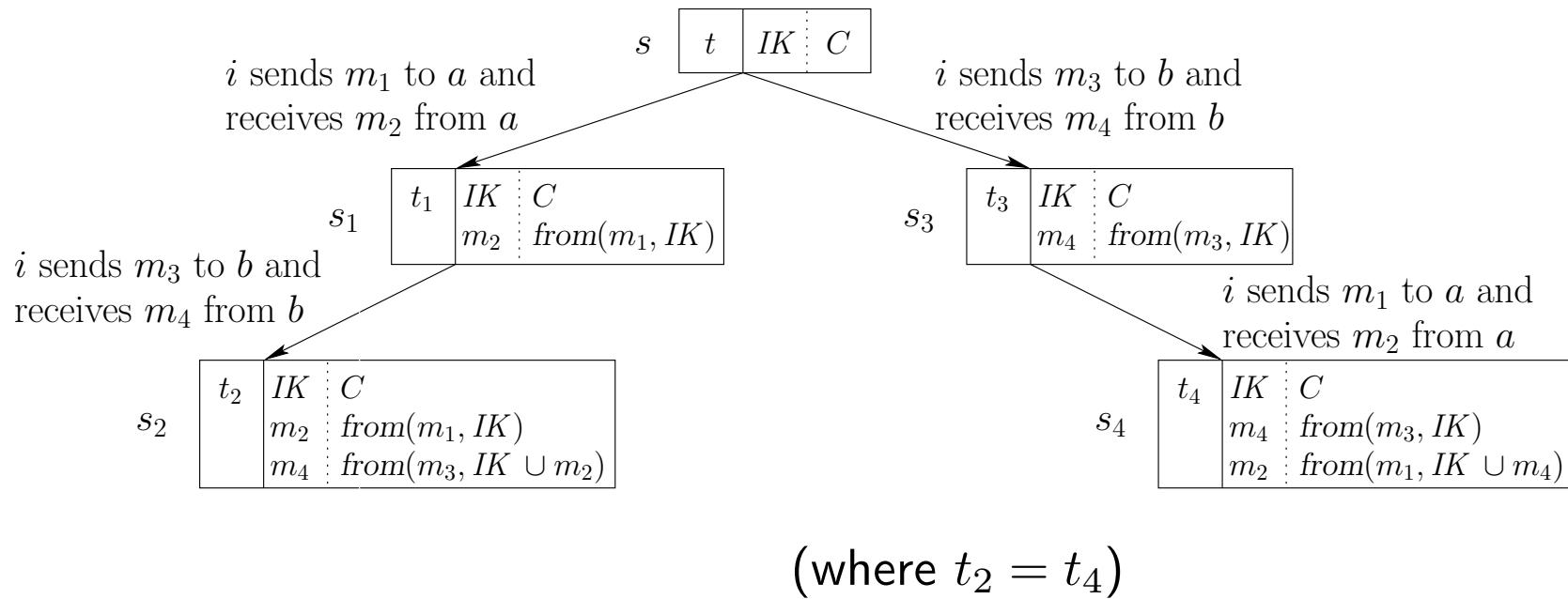
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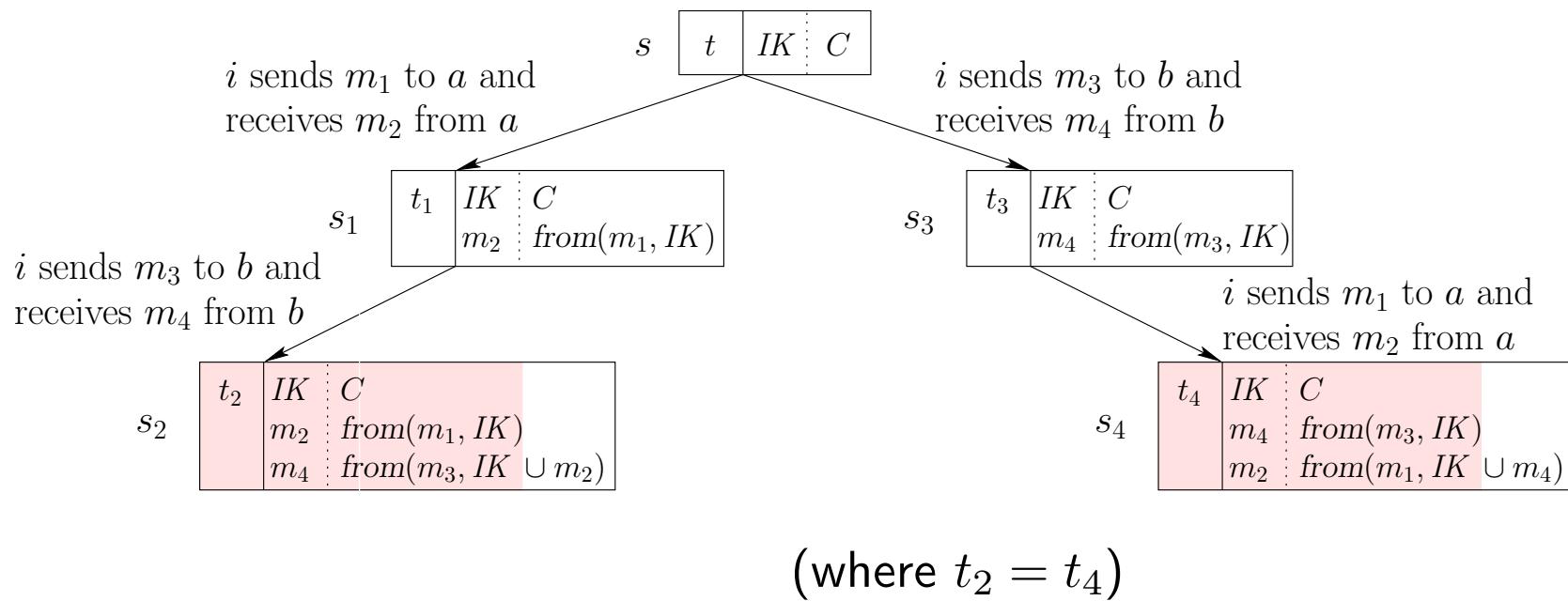
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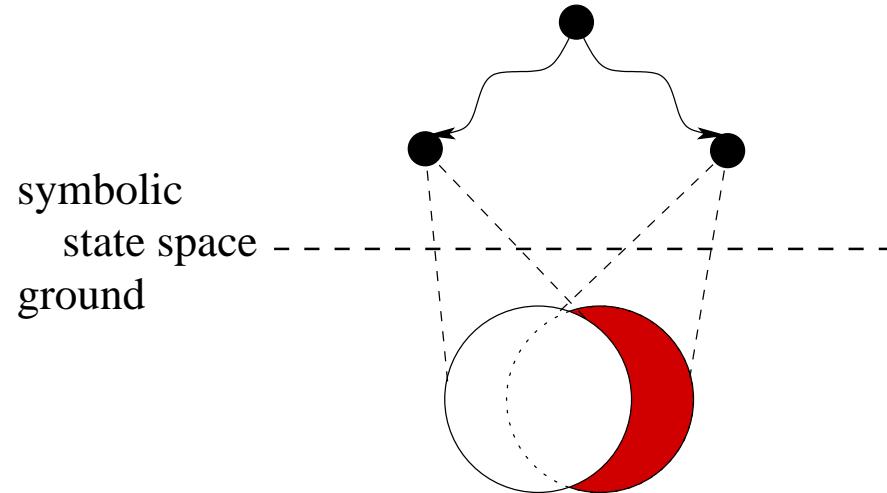
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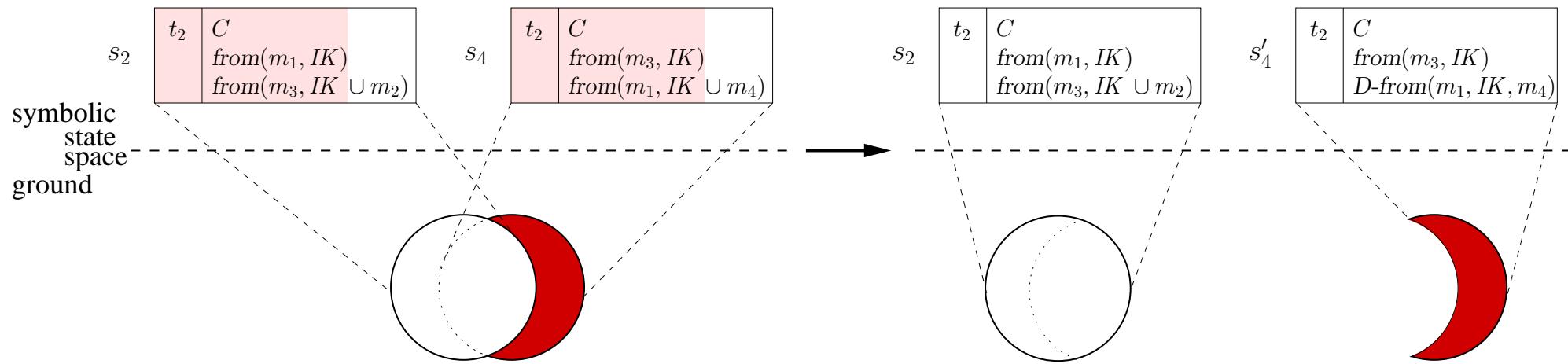
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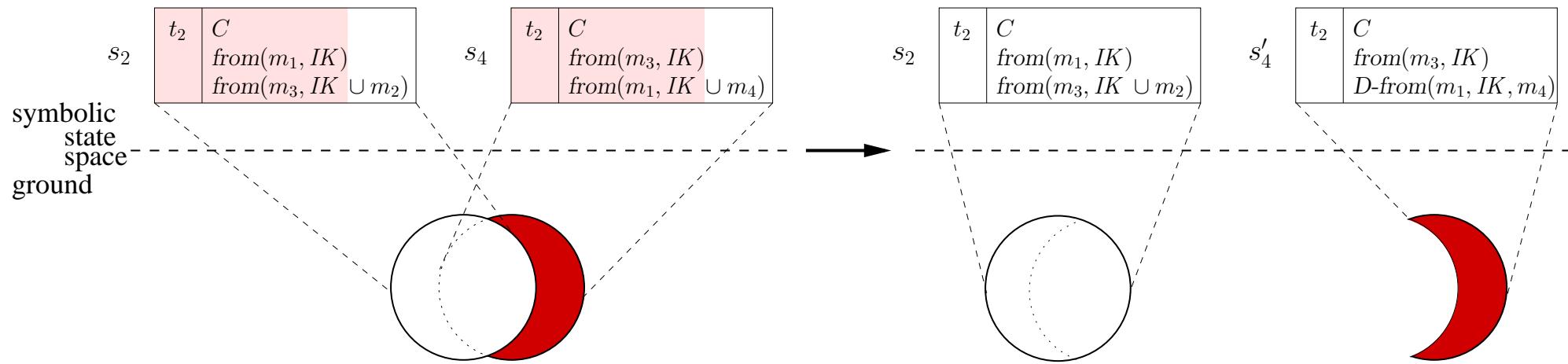
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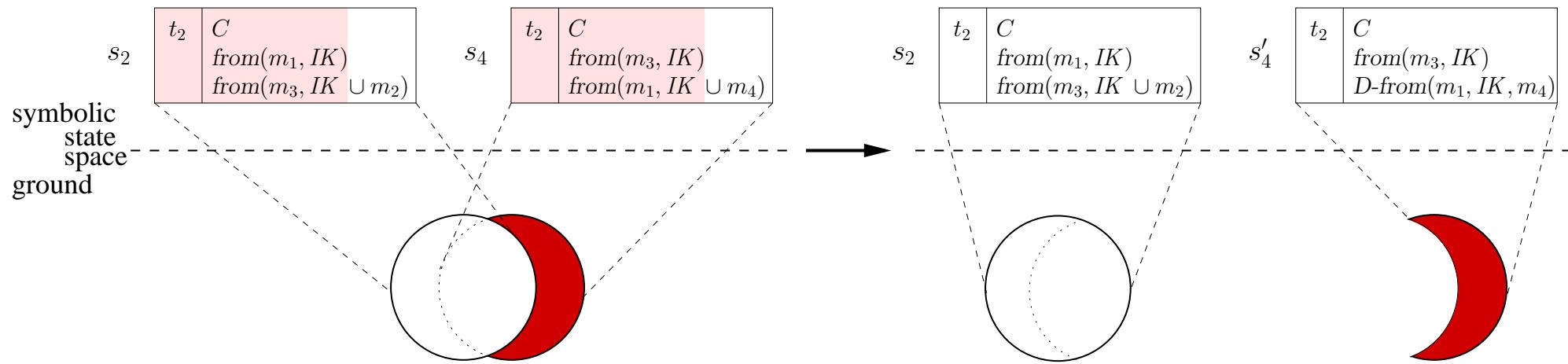
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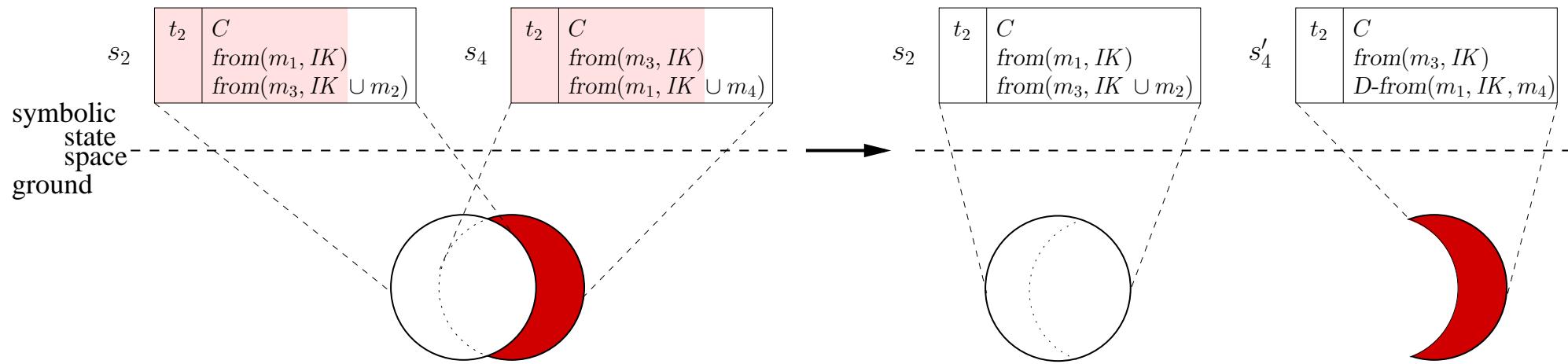
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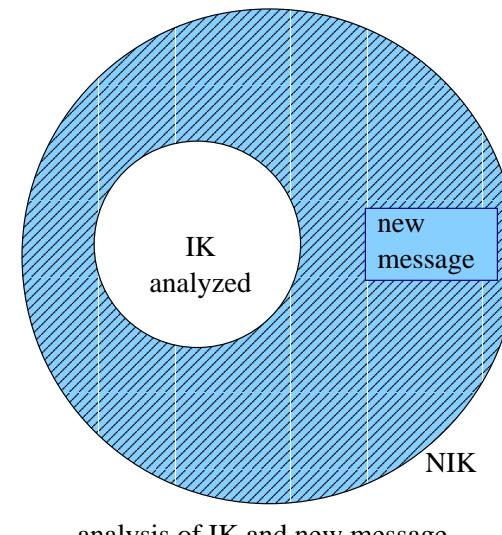
## Constraint Differentiation: Reduction Rules

$$\frac{D\text{-}from(m_1 \cup m_2 \cup M; IK; NIK) \cup C, \sigma}{D\text{-}from(\{m_1\}_{m_2} \cup M; IK; NIK) \cup C, \sigma} G_{\text{scrypt}}^{LD},$$

$$\frac{(D\text{-}from(M; m_2 \cup IK; NIK) \cup C)\tau, \sigma\tau}{D\text{-}from(m_1 \cup M; m_2 \cup IK; NIK) \cup C, \sigma} G_{\text{unif1}}^{LD} \ (\tau = \text{mgu}(m_1, m_2), m_1 \notin \mathcal{V}),$$

$$\frac{(\text{from}(M; m_2 \cup IK \cup NIK) \cup C)\tau, \sigma\tau}{D\text{-}from(m_1 \cup M; IK; m_2 \cup NIK) \cup C, \sigma} G_{\text{unif2}}^{LD} \ (\tau = \text{mgu}(m_1, m_2), m_1 \notin \mathcal{V}),$$

Analysis: either specialized rules,



. . . or by normalization:

## Conclusions

- **Introduction: IF**

Simple, powerful formalism to describe protocols and intruder.

- **Compressions**

We can optimize specifications by compressing rules.

- **The Lazy Intruder**

Efficient representation of the prolific Dolev-Yao intruder.

- **Symbolic Sessions**

Leaving the instantiation problem to the intruder.

- **Constraint Differentiation**

Removing redundancies by “POR for the lazy intruder”.