

# Foundations for Cryptographic Reductions in CCSA Logics

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## Context: Cryptographic reductions

- Cryptographic protocols are critical parts of communication systems.  
⇒ **verification** provides strong security guarantees.
- Security proofs of protocols rely on **cryptographic reductions**.

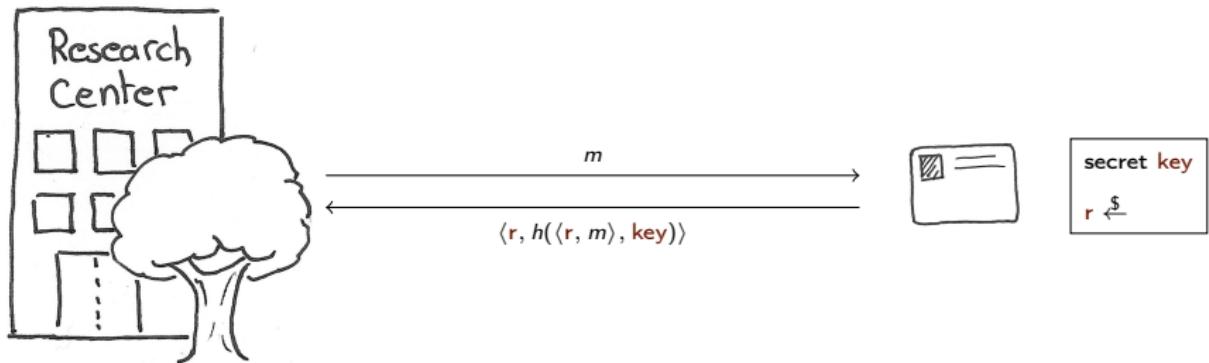
$\mathcal{A}$  breaches security of protocol

⇒**reduction**

$\mathcal{B}$  breaches security of primitive.

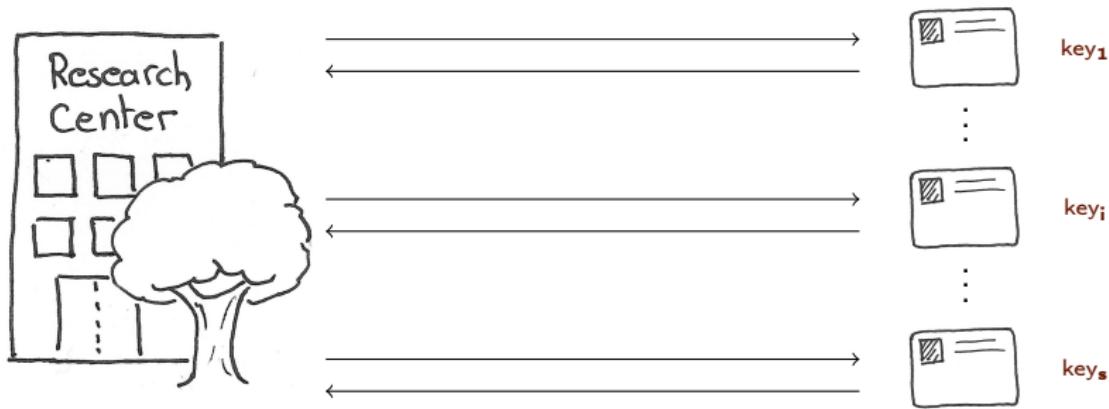
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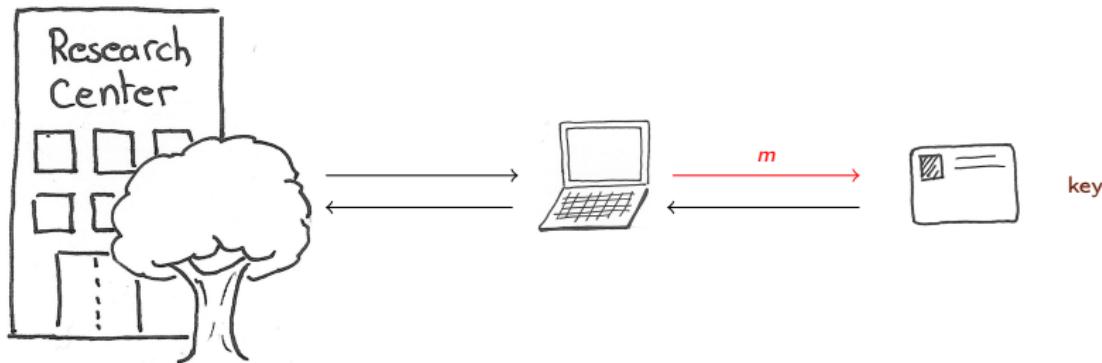
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*Key secrecy:* Attackers cannot learn anything about the keys

Attacker's point of view:

$$\dots, \langle \mathbf{r}, h(\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{m} \rangle, \text{key}) \rangle, \dots$$

$\sim$

$$\dots, \langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' \rangle, \dots$$

## Context: cryptographic games

A pseudo-random function is a function that “seems” random.

### Game $G_{\#(\text{Left}, \text{Right})}$

```
oracle Init := {k  $\leftarrow$  $; log := []}  
oracle Hash(x) := {  
    r  $\leftarrow$  $  
    if (x  $\notin$  log) {  
        log := x :: log  
        return  $\boxed{\#(h(x, k), r)}$   
    }  
}
```

### Assumption: PRF

No polynomial-time adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  can distinguish  $G_{\text{Left}}$  from  $G_{\text{Right}}$ .

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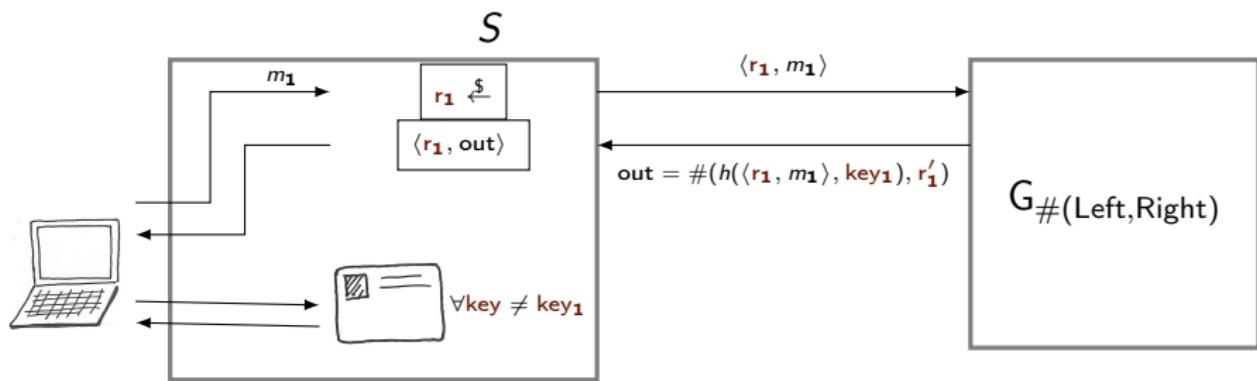
$\vdots$

$\langle \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1 \rangle, \langle \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_2 \rangle, \dots$

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$$\langle \mathbf{r}_1, h(\langle \mathbf{r}_1, m_1 \rangle, \mathbf{key}_1) \rangle, \dots \sim \langle \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1 \rangle, \dots$$

Build a simulator  $S$  such that:



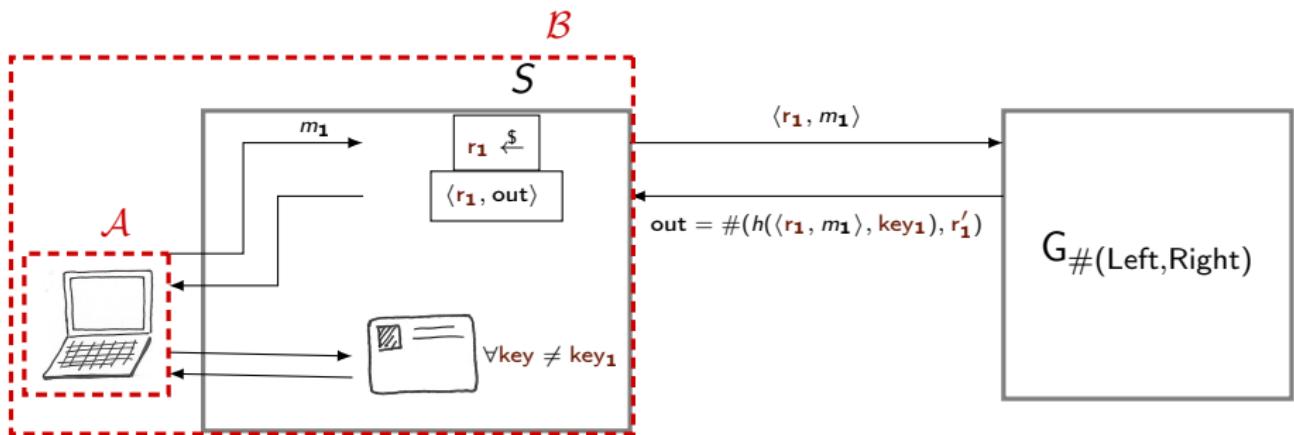
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$\mathcal{A}$  against  $\langle r_1, h(\langle r_1, m_1 \rangle, \text{key}_1) \rangle, \dots \sim \langle r_1, r'_1 \rangle, \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  reduction

$\mathcal{B}$  against PRF assumption

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# Problem

Squirrel Prover:

- interactive proof assistant;
- relies on the CCSA logic;
- allows for proof mechanization.



Cryptographic assumptions in Squirrel:

reasoning rules (tactics) for specific games (e.g. PRF, CCA1).

Problems:

- manually design and prove each new rule;
- implement each new rule in the tool.

⇒ out-of-reach for standard users and error prone.

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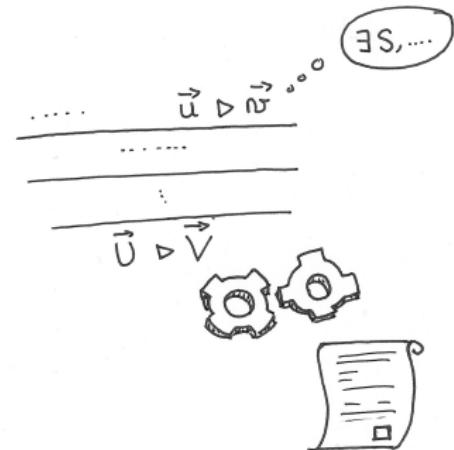
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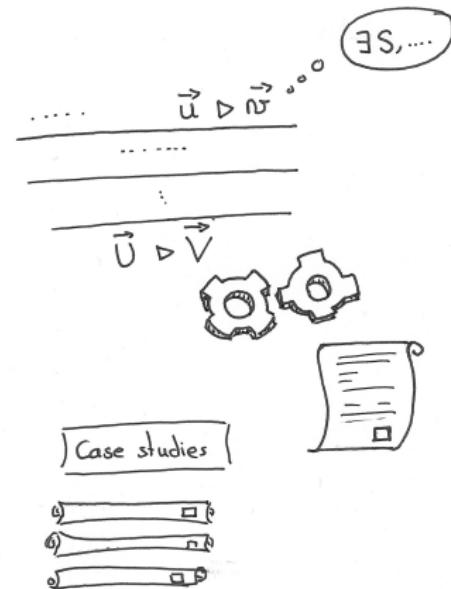
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- Validation through case studies.



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Compute  $h(\langle \mathbf{r}, m \rangle, \mathbf{key})$  from  $\langle \mathbf{r}, m \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{key}$ ?

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{S}() := (x_{pair}, x_{key}) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_1(); \\ \quad \quad \quad \hbox{---} \\ \quad \quad \quad x_{res} \leftarrow h(x_{pair}, x_{key}) \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \_ \triangleright \langle \mathbf{r}, m \rangle, \mathbf{key} \quad \text{poly-time}(h)}{\vdash \_ \triangleright h(\langle \mathbf{r}, m \rangle, \mathbf{key})}$$

## Bi-deduction predicate: handling randomness

Different sources of randomness:

- $\text{key}_1 \rightarrow \text{game}$
- $\text{r}_1 \rightarrow \text{simulator}$

$$\overline{(\text{r}_1, \text{T}_S) \vdash \_ \triangleright \text{r}_1}$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\_) := x_{r_1} \xleftarrow{\$}$$

**Constraint system:**  
associates samplings to their tag

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**Pre and post conditions**  
on game's memory

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$$\frac{\mathcal{C}, \{\varphi_{\mathbf{init}}\}\{\psi\} \vdash \emptyset \triangleright \#(\vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_1)}{\vec{v}_0 \sim \vec{v}_1}$$

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# Proof system overview

- Weakening rules
- Composing rules (loops, sequences)
- ...

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Figure 6: Selected set of rules.

# Automation

Heuristic proof search:

- goal-directed;
- constraint directed;
- greedily applies oracle calls.

Case studies:

Protocol	Hypotheses	Property
Basic Hash	EUF-MAC and PRF	Unlinkability
Hash Lock	PRF	Strong secrecy
Private Authentication	$CCA_{\$}$ <b>NEW</b>	Anonymity
NSL (partial)	$CCA2$ <b>NEW</b>	Strong secrecy

# Conclusion

What we have done:

- Formal framework linking games, simulators, and the logic.
- Bi-deduction judgment to build simulators interacting with games.
- Proof system for bi-deduction.
- Implementation of proof-search algorithm.

On going and future work:

- Improve the proof-search heuristic (ongoing).
- “Stress test” on larger protocol (ongoing).
- Apply to other frameworks (e.g. EasyCrypt).

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