# Topics in Concurrency

Lecture 11 + Lecture 12

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### The NSL protocol in SPL

The initiator initiator of the protocol is parameterized by the identity of the initiator and their intended participant:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathit{Init}(\mathsf{A},\mathsf{B}) & \equiv & \mathsf{out}\,\mathsf{new}\,x\,\,\{x,\mathsf{A}\}_{\mathit{Pub}(\mathsf{B})}.\\ & & \mathsf{in}\,\,\{x,y,B\}_{\mathit{Pub}(\mathsf{A})}.\\ & & \mathsf{out}\,\{y\}_{\mathit{Pub}(\mathsf{B})} \end{array}$$

The responder:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Resp}(\mathsf{B}) &\equiv & \text{in } \{x,Z\}_{\textit{Pub}(\mathsf{B})}. \\ & \text{out new } y \ \{x,y,\mathsf{B}\}_{\textit{Pub}(Z)}. \\ & \text{in } \{y\}_{\textit{Pub}(\mathsf{B})} \end{aligned}$$

#### Dolev-Yao assumptions

We can program various forms of attacker process. Viewing messages as persisting once output to the network, they output new messages built from existing ones.

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\begin{array}{lll} \mathit{Spy}_1 & \equiv & \text{in } \psi_1. \text{in } \psi_2. \, \text{out} \, (\psi_1, \psi_2) \\ \mathit{Spy}_2 & \equiv & \text{in } (\psi_1, \psi_2). \, \text{out} \, \psi_1. \, \text{out} \, \psi_2 \\ \mathit{Spy}_3 & \equiv & \text{in } X. \text{in } \psi. \, \text{out} \, \{\psi\}_{Pub(X)} \\ \mathit{Spy}_4 & \equiv & \text{in } Priv(X). \text{in } \{\psi\}_{Pub(X)}. \, \text{out} \, \psi \\ \\ \mathit{Spy} & \equiv & \parallel_{i \in \{1,2,3,4\}} \, \mathit{Spy}_i \end{array}
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### The NSL system [p91]

We reason about concurrent runs of the protocol in parallel with  $\omega$ -copies of the attacker.

Messages from one run of the protocol can be used by the attacker against another run of the protocol.

$$NSL \equiv \prod_{i \in \{resp, init, spy\}} P_i$$

## Operational semantics [p92]

A configuration is a tuple

$$\langle p, s, t \rangle$$

- p is a closed process term
- s is a finite subset of names: the names already in use
- t is a subset of closed messages: the messages that have been output to the network
- Proper configurations:
  - $\bigcirc$  names $(p) \subseteq s$
  - 2  $A \in s$  for every agent identifier A
- Transitions are labelled with actions

$$\alpha :: = \text{out new } \vec{n} M \mid \text{in } M \mid i : \alpha$$

## Operational semantics [p92]

• Output: if  $\vec{n}$  all distinct and not in s

$$\langle \text{out new } \vec{x} \mid M.p, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{out new } \vec{n} \mid M[\vec{n}/\vec{x}]} \langle p[\vec{n}/\vec{x}], s \cup \{\vec{n}\}, t \cup \{M[\vec{n}/\vec{x}]\} \rangle$$

• Input: if  $M[\vec{n}/\vec{x}][\vec{N}/\vec{\psi}] \in t$ 

$$\langle \text{in pat } \vec{x}, \vec{\psi} | \textit{M.p, s, t} \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{in } \textit{M}[\vec{n}/\vec{x}][\vec{N}/\vec{\psi}]} \langle \textit{p}[\vec{n}/\vec{x}][\vec{N}/\vec{\psi}], \textit{s, t} \rangle$$

Parallel:

$$\frac{\langle p_j, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle p'_j, s', t' \rangle \quad j \in I}{\langle \|_{i \in I} \ p_i, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{j:\alpha} \langle \|_{i \in I} \ p'_i, s', t' \rangle}$$

where  $p'_i = p_i$  for  $j \neq i$ 

#### Reasoning from the transition semantics

#### Secrecy of the responder's nonce:

Suppose Priv(A) and Priv(B) do not occur as the contents of any message in  $t_0$ . For all runs

$$\langle NSL, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \dots \langle p_{r-1}, s_{r-1}, t_{r-1} \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha_r} \dots$$

where  $\langle \mathit{NSL}, s_0, t_0 \rangle$  is proper, if  $\alpha_r$  has the form  $\mathit{resp} : B : j : \mathsf{out} \ \mathsf{new} \ n \ \{m, n, \mathsf{B}\}_{\mathit{Pub}(A)}$ , then  $n \not\in t_I$  for any  $I \in \omega$ .

Proof idea: strengthen hypothesis, prove by induction / assume earliest violation.

The model obscures the key reasoning technique: that a violation must be by an event that causally depends (either through input/output or control) on an earlier event that violates the invariant.

→ a Petri net semantics for SPL

## Petri net semantics of SPL [p93]

A net with persistent conditions representing all of SPL (not just particular processes at first).

Conditions viewed as being: control, network and name

• Control conditions form a set C of capacity-1 conditions

$$b ::=$$
out new  $\vec{x} \ M.p \mid$ in pat  $\vec{x}, \vec{\psi} \ M.p \mid i : b$ 

the control state of each thread

Network conditions: form a set O of persistent conditions

$$\mathbf{O} = \{ \mathsf{closed} \; \mathsf{messages} \}$$

the messages already output

Name conditions: form a set S of capacity-1 conditions

$$S = Names$$

the names in use

## Control conditions [p93]

For a process p, the subset of control conditions

is called its initial conditions.

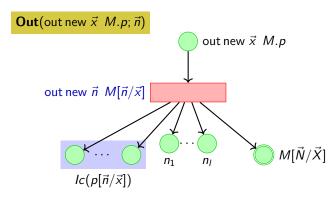
$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathit{Ic}(\mathsf{out}\,\mathsf{new}\,\vec{x}\,\,\mathit{M.p}) &=& \{\mathsf{out}\,\mathsf{new}\,\vec{x}\,\,\mathit{M.p}\} \\ \mathit{Ic}(\mathsf{in}\,\mathsf{pat}\,\vec{x},\vec{\psi}\,\mathit{M.p}) &=& \{\mathsf{in}\,\mathsf{pat}\,\vec{x},\vec{\psi}\,\mathit{M.p}\} \\ \mathit{Ic}(\prod\limits_{i\in I}p_i) &=& \bigcup\limits_{i\in I}i:\mathit{Ic}(p) \end{array}$$

where  $i : C = \{i : b \mid b \in C\}$  for  $C \subseteq \mathbf{C}$ .

### The events of SPL: output [p94]

The set **Events** includes:

if out new  $\vec{x}$  M.p is a closed term and  $\vec{n} = n_1, \dots, n_l$  are distinct names to match  $\vec{x} = x_1, \dots, x_l$ 



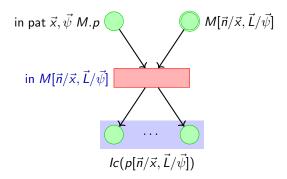
Events are labelled with an action.

### The events of SPL: input [p95]

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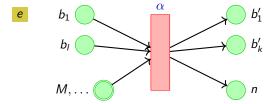
if in pat  $\vec{x}, \vec{\psi}$  M.p is a closed term and  $\vec{n} = n_1, \ldots, n_l$  are names to match  $\vec{x} = x_1, \ldots, x_l$  and  $\vec{L} = L_1, \ldots, L_k$  are messages to match  $\vec{\psi} = \psi_1, \ldots, \psi_k$ 

In(in pat  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{\psi}$  M.p;  $\vec{n}$ ,  $\vec{L}$ )

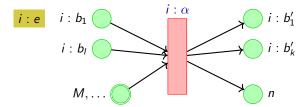


## The events of SPL: tags [p95]

If e.g. there is an event



then there is an event



### Induction on size [p91]

A well-founded relation representing the size of terms:

- $p[\vec{n}/\vec{x}] \prec \text{out new } \vec{x} \ M.p$  for any substitution  $\vec{n}/\vec{x}$
- $p[\vec{n}/\vec{x}][\vec{L}/\vec{\psi}] \prec$  in pat  $\vec{x}, \vec{\psi}$  M.p for any substitution of names  $\vec{n}/\vec{x}$  and closed messages  $\vec{L}/\vec{\psi}$
- $p_j \prec ||_{i \in I} p_i$  for any  $j \in I$

#### Proposition

The relation  $\prec$  is well-founded.

Reason: if  $p \prec q$  then p has fewer instances of  $\parallel$  and prefixing . .

## Correspondence [p95]

Let act(e) be the action label on any event.

#### **Theorem**

If

$$\langle p, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle p', s', t' \rangle$$

then

$$lc(p) \cup s \cup t \xrightarrow{e} lc(p') \cup s' \cup t'$$

for some event e such that  $act(e) = \alpha$ 

4 If

$$lc(p) \cup s \cup t \xrightarrow{e} \mathcal{M}'$$

then there exists a closed process p' and sets  $s' \subseteq S$  and  $t' \subseteq O$  such that

$$\langle p, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{act(e)} \langle p', s', t' \rangle$$

and  $\mathcal{M}' = Ic(p') \cup s' \cup t'$ .

Proof: induction (on size, though structural induction works here)

- We now write  $\langle p, s, t \rangle \xrightarrow{e} \langle p', s', t' \rangle$  to mean  $lc(p) \cup s \cup t \xrightarrow{e} lc(p') \cup s' \cup t'$
- We also implicitly assume that the initial marking is proper, from which it follows that every marking encountered will be proper (Lemma 7.8)

#### Proposition (Well-foundedness)

Given a property  ${\cal P}$  on configurations, if a run

$$\langle p_0, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

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Write  $Fresh(n_i, e)$  if e is an event that generates the new name  $n_i$ . That is, if  $act(e) = \text{out new } \vec{n} \ M$  and  $n_i$  is in  $\vec{n}$ .

#### Proposition (Freshness)

Within a run

$$\langle p_0, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

the following properties hold:

- if  $n \in s_i$  then either  $n \in s_0$  or there is a previous event  $e_j$  such that  $Fresh(n, e_j)$
- **②** For any name n, there is at most one event event  $e_j$  such that  $Fresh(n, e_j)$
- **1** If Fresh $(n, e_i)$  then for all j < i the name n does not appear in  $\langle p_j, s_j, t_j \rangle$ .

#### Proposition (Control precedence)

Within a run

$$\langle p_0, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

if  $b \in {}^c e_i$  then either  $b \in \mathit{lc}(p_0)$  or there is an earlier event  $e_j$  with j < i such that  $b \in e_j{}^c$ .

#### Proposition (Output-input precedence)

Within a run

$$\langle p_0, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

if  $M \in {}^oe_i$  then either  $M \in t_o$  or there is an earlier event  $e_j$  with j < i such that  $M \in e_i{}^o$ .

## The events of processes [p98/99]

- The net constructed represents the behaviour of all possible processes.
- Given a particular process term p, can restrict to events that might occur if the initial marking of control conditions is lc(p):

$$Ev(\text{out new } \vec{x} | M.p) = \{ \mathbf{Out}(\text{out new } \vec{x} | M.p; \vec{n}) \mid \vec{n} \text{ distinct names} \}$$

$$\cup \bigcup \{ Ev(p[\vec{n}/\vec{x}]) \mid \vec{n} \text{ distinct names} \}$$

$$Ev(\text{in pat } \vec{x}, \vec{\psi} \ \textit{M.p}) = \{ In(\text{in pat } \vec{x}, \vec{\psi} \ \textit{M.p}; \vec{n}, \vec{L}) \mid \vec{n} \text{ names } \textit{L} \text{ distinct} \}$$

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$$Ev\left(\prod_{i\in I}p_i\right) = \bigcup\{i: e\mid i\in I \& e\in Ev(p_i)\}$$

 Useful in proving invariance properties, by analysing the form of event possible in the net for a given process term.

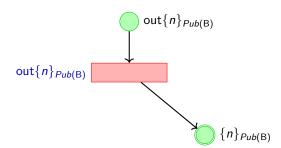
# The events of NSL [p100]: Initiator events

(Omitting tags!) Out(Init(A, B); m)Init(A, B) out new  $m \{m, A\}_{Pub(B)}$  $\{m,A\}_{Pub(B)}$ m in  $\{m, y, B\}_{Pub(A)}$ . out $\{y\}_{Pub(B)}$ 

#### In(in $\{m, y, B\}_{Pub(A)}$ . out $\{y\}_{Pub(B)}$

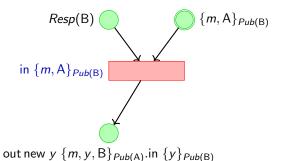
in 
$$\{m, y, B\}_{Pub(A)}$$
. out $\{y\}_{Pub(B)}$   $\{m, n, B\}_{Pub(A)}$  out $\{n\}_{Pub(B)}$ 

# $Out(out\{n\}_{Pub(B)})$

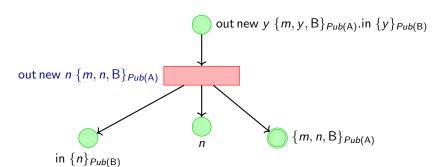


### The events of NSL [p101]: Responder events

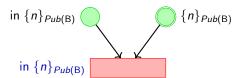
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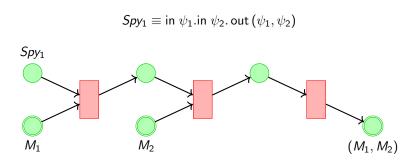
#### **Out**(out new $y \{m, y, B\}_{Pub(A)}$ .in $\{y\}_{Pub(B)}$ ; n)



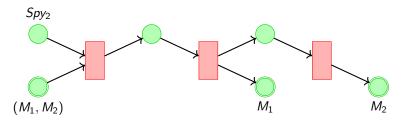
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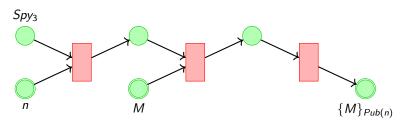
# The events of NSL [p101]: Attacker events



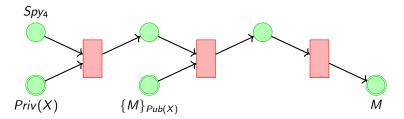
#### $\mathit{Spy}_2 \equiv \mathsf{in}\; (\psi_1, \psi_2).\,\mathsf{out}\, \psi_1.\,\mathsf{out}\, \psi_2$



## $\mathit{Spy}_3 \equiv \mathsf{in}\ X.\mathsf{in}\ \psi.\mathsf{out}\ \{\psi\}_{\mathit{Pub}(X)}$



### $\mathit{Spy}_4 \equiv \mathsf{in}\; \mathit{Priv}(X).\mathsf{in}\; \{\psi\}_{\mathit{Pub}(X)}.\,\mathsf{out}\, \psi$



# Secrecy of private keys [p103]

The submessage relation is the least transitive relation on messages such that

$$\begin{array}{ll} M \sqsubset M \\ M \sqsubset N & \Longrightarrow & M \sqsubset (N,N') \& M \sqsubset (N',N) \\ M \sqsubset N & \Longrightarrow & M \sqsubset \{N\}_k \end{array}$$

Write  $M \sqsubset t$  iff  $\exists N \in t.M \sqsubset N$ .

#### Lemma

Consider a run

$$\langle \textit{NSL}, \textit{s}_0, \textit{t}_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\textit{e}_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{\textit{e}_r} \langle \textit{p}_r, \textit{s}_r, \textit{t}_r \rangle \xrightarrow{\textit{e}_{r+1}} \cdots$$

and agent  $A_0$ . If  $Priv(A_0) \not\sqsubset t_0$  then  $Priv(A_0) \not\sqsubset t_1$  for any stage 1.

## Secrecy of responder's nonce [p104]

#### **Theorem**

Consider a run

$$\langle NSL, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

Suppose there is e<sub>r</sub> with

$$act(e_r) = resp : B_0 : j_0 : out new n_0 \{m_0, n_0, B_0\}_{Pub(A_0)}$$

where  $j_0$  is an index. If  $Priv(A_0) \not\sqsubset t_0$  and  $Priv(B_0) \not\sqsubset t_0$  then at all stages  $n_0 \not\in t_1$ .

Prove a stronger invariant: For any stage I

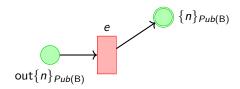
for all messages  $M \in t_I$ , if  $n_0 \sqsubset M$  then either  $\{m_0, n_0, \mathsf{B}_0\}_{Pub(\mathsf{A}_0)} \sqsubset M$  or  $\{n_0\}_{Pub(\mathsf{B}_0)} \sqsubset M$ .

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$$M \in t_l$$
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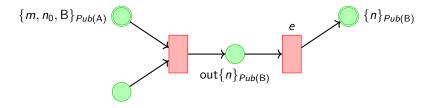
- We have Fresh(e<sub>r</sub>, n) and therefore, by freshness, the initial configuration satisfies the invariant
- Suppose for contradiction that there is a configuration that violates the invariant. By well-foundedness, there is an earliest such configuration
- Consider the event e that causes the violation:  $\exists M \in e^{\bullet}$  satisfying  $n_0 \sqsubset M$  but neither  $\{m_0, n_0, \mathsf{B}_0\}_{Pub(\mathsf{A}_0)} \sqsubset M$  nor  $\{n_0\}_{Pub(\mathsf{B}_0)}$
- e must be the earliest event with such a postcondition
- Consider the possible forms of *e* in *NSL*: cannot be indexed input

Case:  $e = init : (A, B) : i : \mathbf{Out}(\mathsf{out}\{n\}_{Pub(B)})$  for some index i and pair of agents A, B.



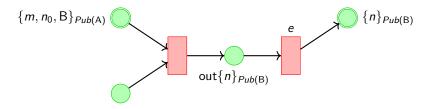
Event violates invariant, so  $n = n_0$  and  $B \neq B_0$ 

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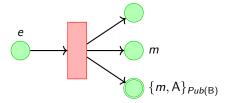


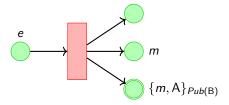
By control precedence, there is an earlier event in the run that marks its pre-control condition which must be of the form shown.

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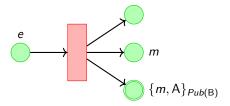


By output-input precedence, there is an earlier event that marks the condition  $\{m, n_0, B\}_{Pub(A)}$ . Since  $B \neq B_0$ , this also violates the invariant, contradicting e being the earliest event in the run to do so.

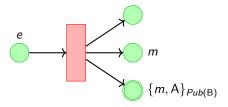




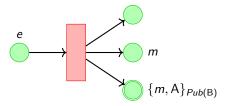
e violates the invariant, so either  $m = n_0$  or  $A = n_0$ .



Suppose  $m = n_0$ .  $e \neq e_r$  since e is an initiator event and  $e_r$  is a responder event.  $Fresh(n_0, e)$  and  $Fresh(n_0, e_r)$ , contradicting the freshness lemma.



Suppose  $A = n_0$ . Then  $n_0$  is an agent identifier and therefore  $n_0 \in s_0$ , again contradicting freshness.



+ other cases for the responder and attacker processes

## Authentication for the responder

#### **Theorem**

Consider a run

$$\langle NSL, s_0, t_0 \rangle \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_r} \langle p_r, s_r, t_r \rangle \xrightarrow{e_{r+1}} \cdots$$

If it contains events  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  and  $b_3$  with

and  $Priv(A_0) \not\sqsubset t_0$  then the run contains events  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  with  $a_3 \longrightarrow b_3$  where, for some index j

$$b_1$$
  $b_2$   $b_3$ 

Draw  $e \longrightarrow e'$  if e precedes e' in the run

$$b_1 \longrightarrow b_2 \longrightarrow b_3$$

Control precedence

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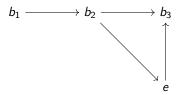
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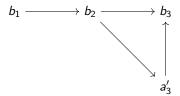
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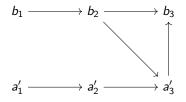
The only kind of event that can break the invariant

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is an initiator event

$$act(a'_3) = init : (A, B_0) : j : out\{n_0\}_{Pub(B_0)}$$

using secrecy of Priv(A<sub>0</sub>)



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$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$$

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  $Q$  holds immediately before  $a_2'$ , so  $A = A_0$  and  $m = m_0$