

# Symbolic verification of cryptographic protocols

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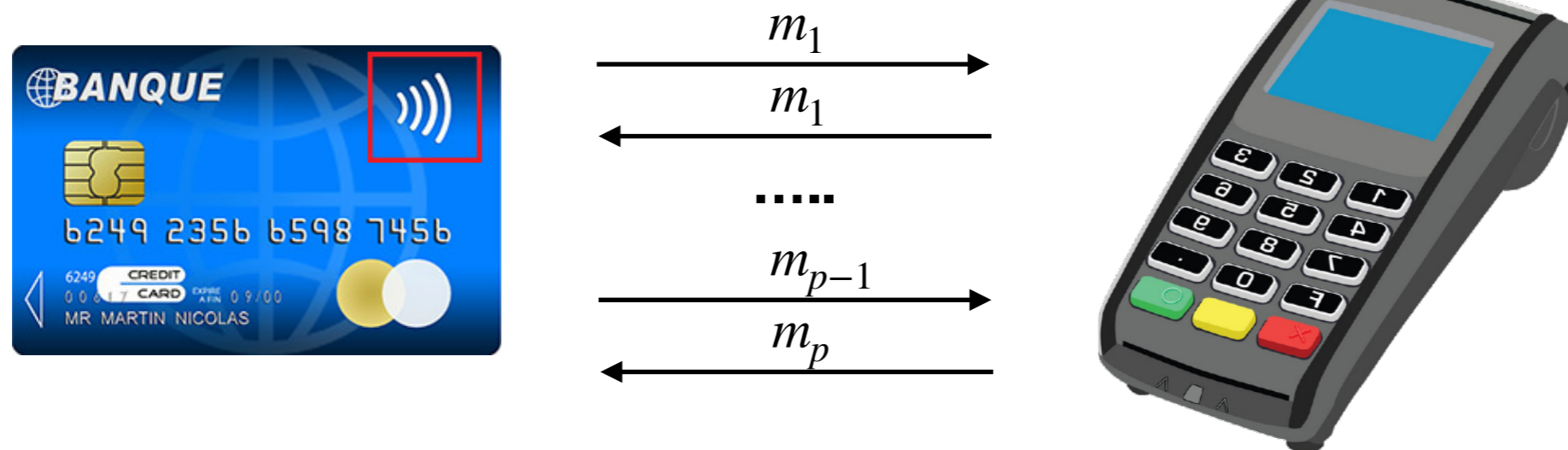
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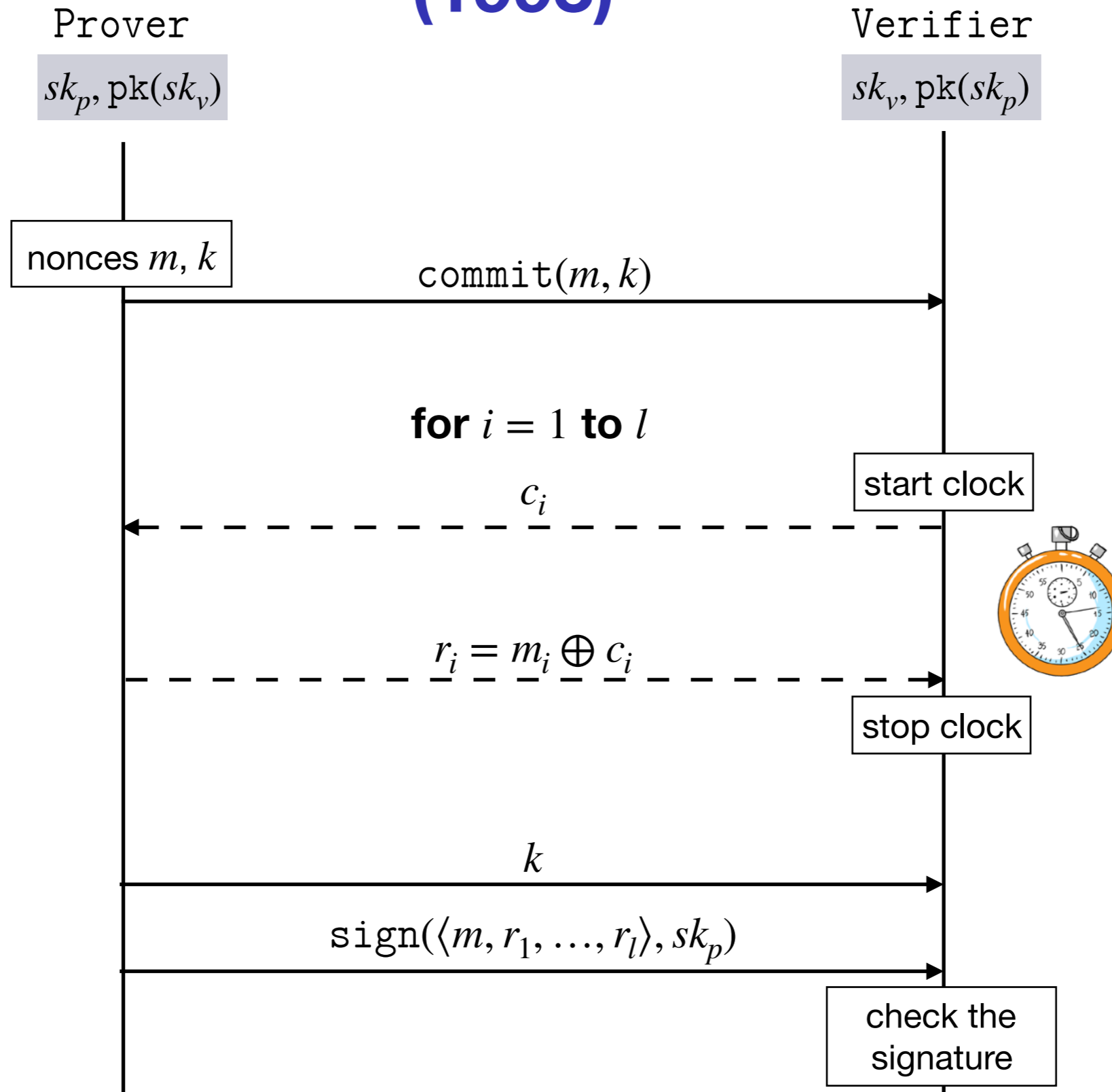


# Distance bounding protocols



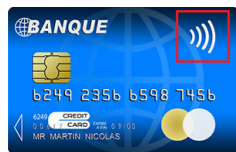
The payment reader must **authenticate**  
**AND**  
**verify the proximity** of the card.

# Brands and Chaum (1993)



# Two attack scenarios

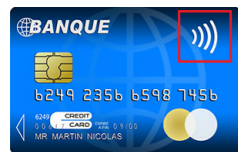
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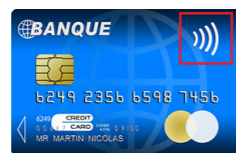
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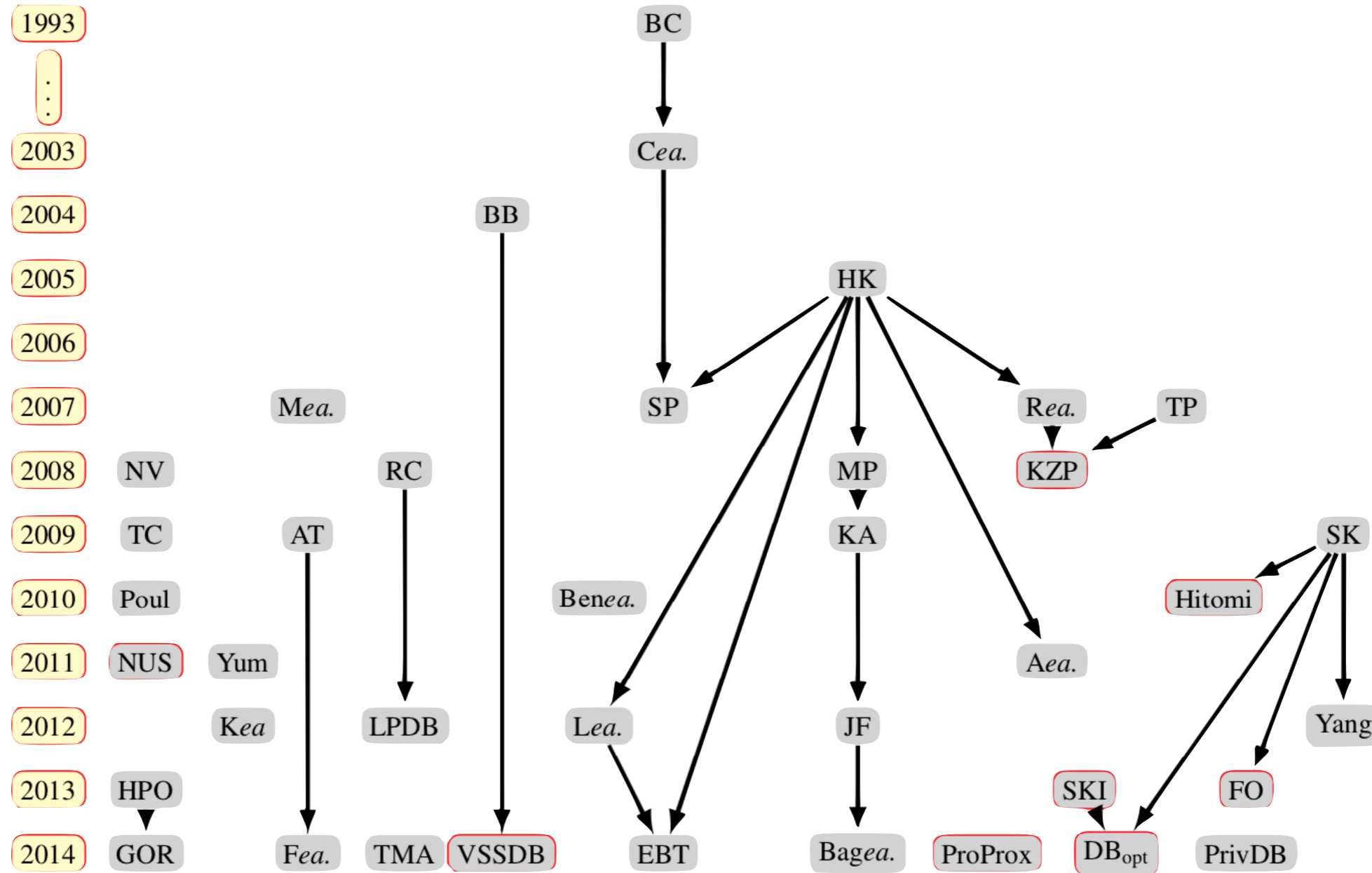
## Distance fraud (or distance hijacking)



An attacker tries to **abuse honest provers** to be authenticated by a remote verifier.

# Survey of DB protocols

Brelurut *et al.* [FPS'15]



From 2003 to 2018: 40+ protocols proposed

# Two major families of models...

... with some **advantages** and some **drawbacks**.

## Computational models

- + messages are bitstrings, a general and powerful attacker
- tedious proofs by hand and very error-prone



## Symbolic models

- few abstractions (messages, attacker...)
- + automatic procedures and existing tools



Some results make a link between these two models  
[Abadi & Rogaway, 2000]

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# Overview of symbolic models

## Symbolic models:

- (i) Messages: abstracted with terms (e.g.  $\text{enc}(\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle, k)$ )
- (ii) Protocols: specific logics, **process algebra**, multiset rewriting rules
- (iii) Properties: **trace property** or equivalence property

# Scyther



# ProVerif

# Term algebra



**Messages:** terms built over a set of **names**  $\mathcal{N}$  and a **signature**  $\Sigma$  given an **equational theory**  $E$ .

## Example

- ▶ Names:  $\mathcal{N} = \{a, n, k\}$
- ▶ Signature:  $\Sigma = \{\text{senc}, \text{sdec}, \text{sign}, \text{check\_sign}, \text{pk}, \text{pair}, \text{proj}_1, \text{proj}_2, \oplus\}$

$$\text{proj}_1(\text{pair}(x, y)) = x$$

$$\text{proj}_2(\text{pair}(x, y)) = y$$

$$\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(x, y), y) = x$$

$$\text{check\_sign}(\text{sign}(x, k), \text{pk}(k)) = x$$

$$x \oplus 0 = x$$

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$$x \oplus y = y \oplus x$$

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z)$$

For example:  $\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(n \oplus 0), k), k) =_E n$

# Process algebra

The role of an agent is described by a process following the grammar:

$P$	$:=$	$0$	null process
		$\text{new } n . P$	name restriction
		$\text{let } x = u \text{ in } P$	declaration
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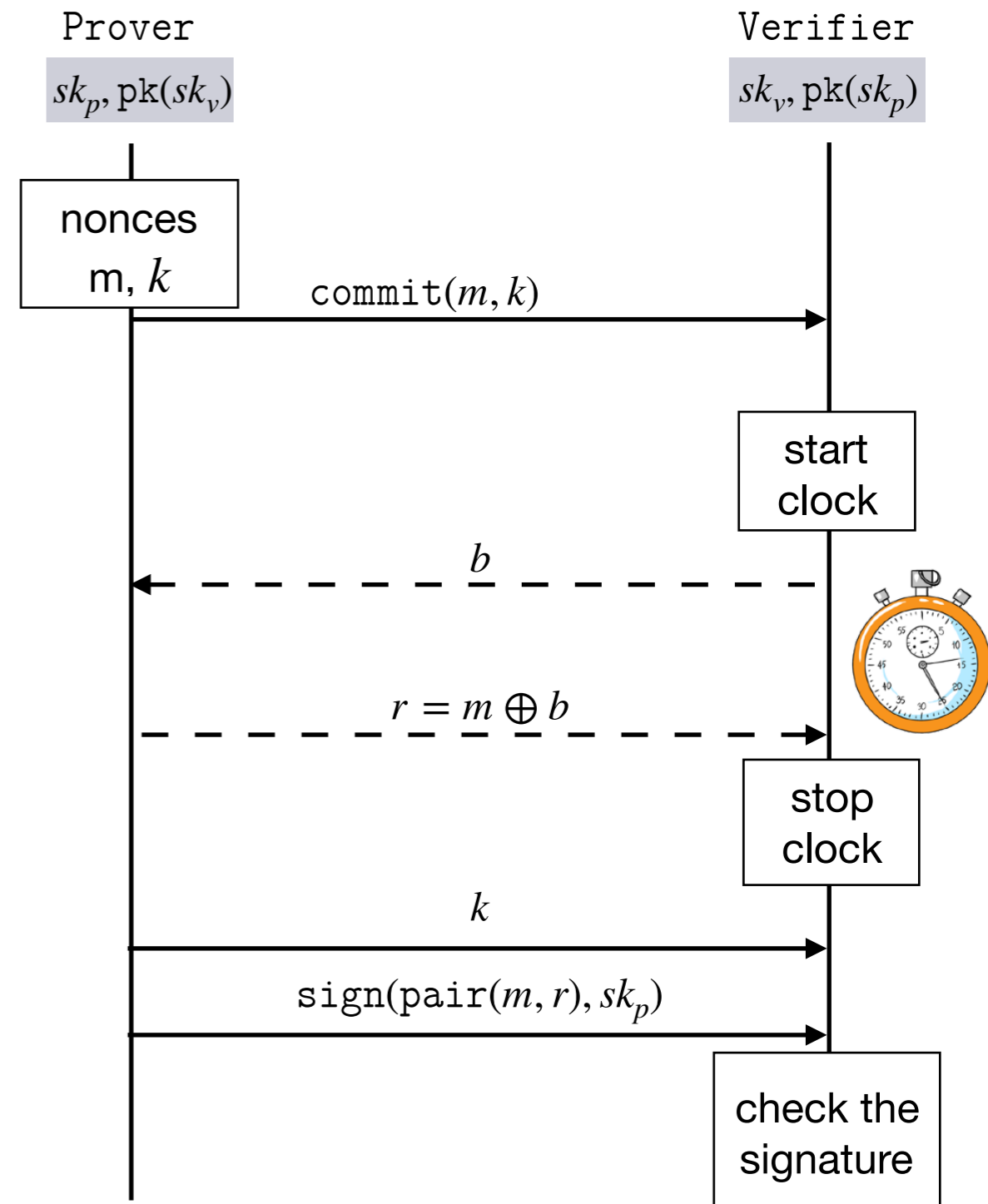
## Distance-bounding protocol

A distance-bounding protocol is a pair of roles  $(V, P)$  representing the verifier and the prover roles.

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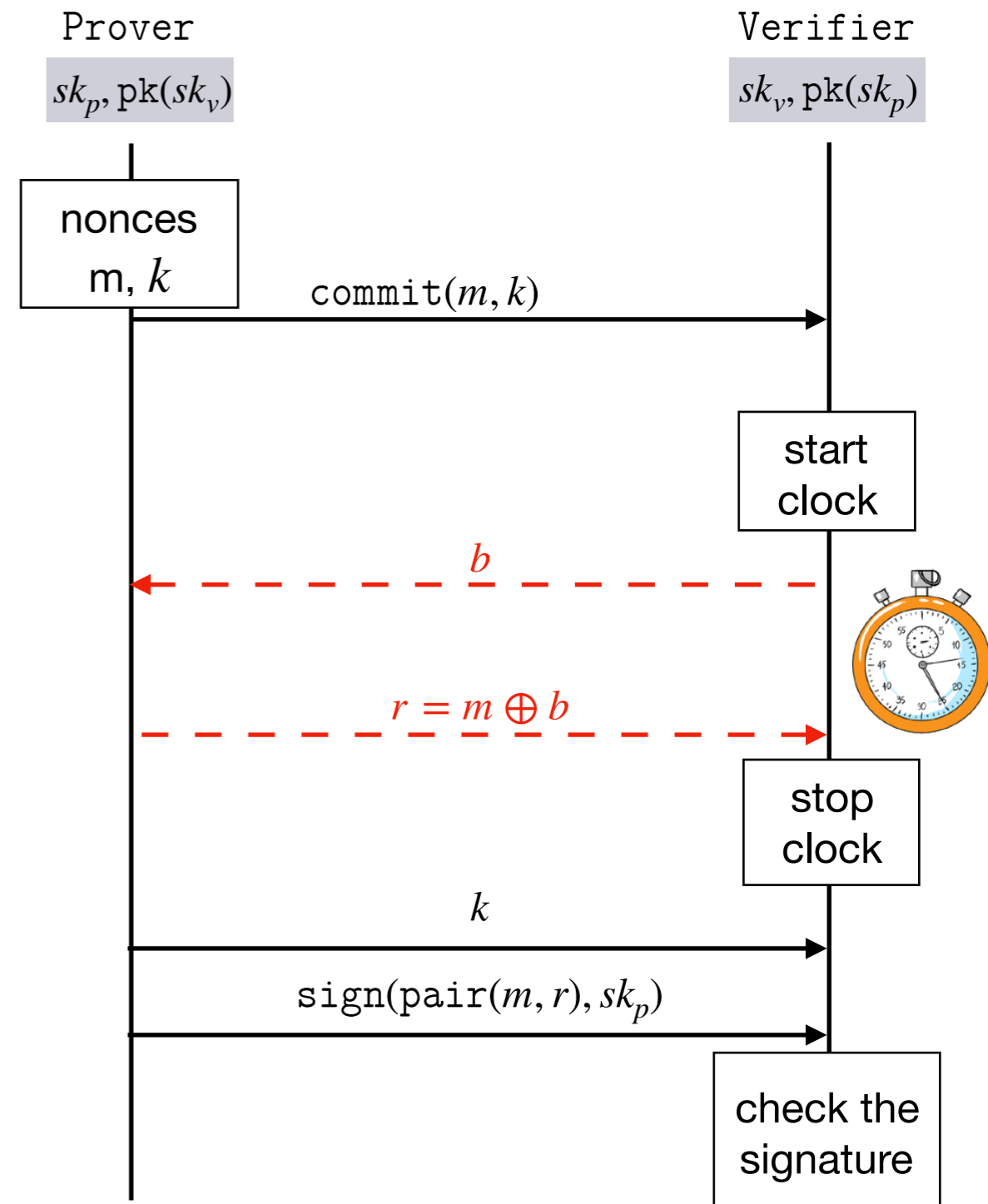
V(sk_v, pk_p) :=
  in(y_c).new b.
  reset.out(b).in^{<2 \times t_0}(y_0).
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  let y_m = open(y_c, y_k) in
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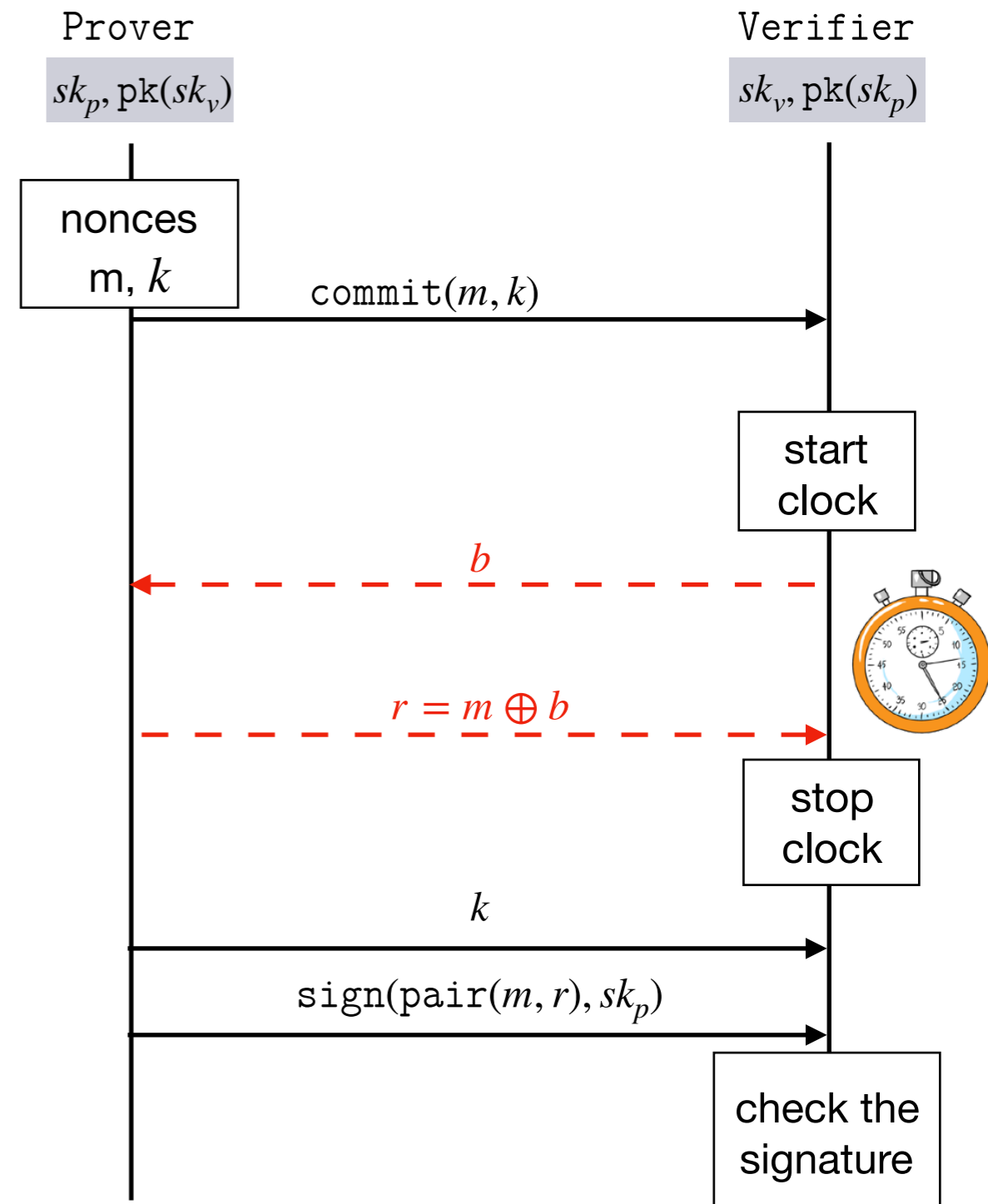




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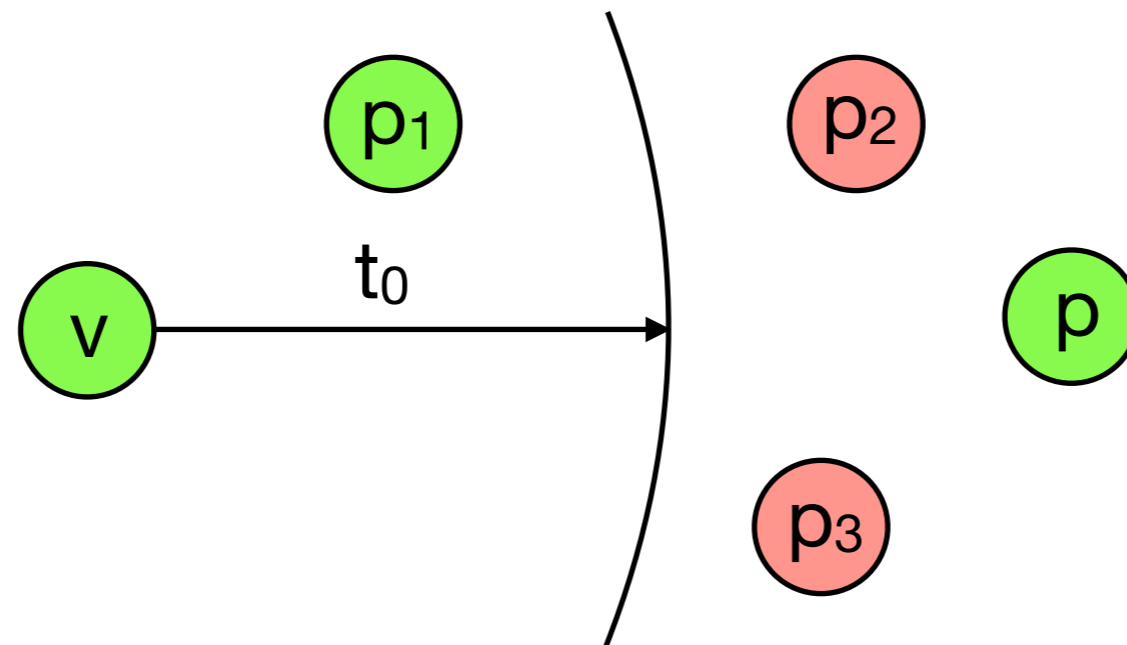
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$P(sk_p, pk_v) :=$   
 new  $m$ .new  $k$ .  
 out(commit( $m, k$ )).  
 in( $y_b$ ).  
 out( $m \oplus y_b$ ).  
 out( $k$ ).out(sign(pair( $m, m \oplus y_b$ ),  $sk_p$ )).  
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# Topology

A **topology** is a tuple  $\mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{A}, \text{Loc}, \mathcal{M}, v, p)$ .



We define  $\text{Dist}_{\mathcal{T}}(a, b) = \frac{\|\text{Loc}(a) - \text{Loc}(b)\|}{c}$

# Configuration and semantics

A **configuration** is a tuple  $(\mathcal{P}; \Phi; t)$  where:

- ▶  $\mathcal{P}$  is a multiset of  $[P]_a^{t_a}$  with  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $t_a \in \mathcal{R}_+$
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**TIME**  $(\mathcal{P}; \Phi; t) \longrightarrow_{\mathcal{T}_0} (\mathcal{P}'; \Phi; t')$

- ▶  $t' > t$
- ▶  $\mathcal{P}' = \{[P]_a^{t_a + (t' - t)} \mid [P]_a^{t_a} \in \mathcal{P}\}$

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**OUT**  $([\text{out}(u) . P]_a^{t_a} \uplus \mathcal{P}; \Phi; t) \xrightarrow{a, \text{out}(u)}_{\mathcal{T}_0} ([P]_a^{t_a} \uplus \mathcal{P}; \Phi'; t)$   
 with  $\Phi' = \Phi \cup \{w \xrightarrow{a, t} u\}$

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$$\text{IN} \quad ([\text{in}^*(x).P]_a^{t_a} \uplus \mathcal{P}; \Phi; t) \xrightarrow{a, \text{in}^*(u)}_{\mathcal{T}_0} ([P\{x \mapsto u\}]_a^{t_a} \uplus \mathcal{P}; \Phi; t)$$

if  $u$  is deducible from  $\Phi$

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if  $\exists b \in \mathcal{A}, t_b \in \mathcal{R}_+$  such that  $t_b \leq t - \text{Dist}_{\mathcal{T}_0}(b, a)$  and:

- ▶ if  $b \notin \mathcal{M}$  then  $u \in \text{img}([ \Phi ]_b^{t_b})$
- ▶ if  $b \in \mathcal{M}$  then  $u$  is deducible from  $\bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{A}} [ \Phi ]_c^{t_b - \text{Dist}_{\mathcal{T}_0}(c, b)}$

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NEW, LET, RESET...



# Example

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V := in(yc).new b .
    reset.out(b).in<2×t0(y0) .
    in(yk).in(ysign) .
    let ym = open(yc, yk) in
    let ymsg = check_sign(ysign, pk(skp)) in
    if pair(ym, ym ⊕ b) = ymsg then
    if b ⊕ ym = y0 then
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    out(commit(m, k)) .
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P1 :=          new k .
    out(commit(m', k)) .
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    out(m' ⊕ yb) .
    out(k) .
    out(sign(pair(m', m' ⊕ yb), skp)) .
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  0

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& \longrightarrow_{\mathcal{T}} \dots \longrightarrow_{\mathcal{T}} ([0]_v^{2t_1} \uplus [0]_p^{3t_1} ; \Phi_4; 3t_1)
\end{aligned}$$

With  $\Phi_1 = \{w_1 \xrightarrow{p,0} \text{commit}(m', k')\}$  and

$$\Phi_4 = \Phi_1 \cup \{w_2 \xrightarrow{v,t_1} b'; w_3 \xrightarrow{p,t_2} m' \oplus b'; w_4 \xrightarrow{p,t_2} k'; w_5 \xrightarrow{p,t_2} \text{sign}(\dots)\}$$



# Mafia fraud resistance

[FSTTCS'18]

**Mafia fraud resistance:** A verifier never authenticates a far-away prover, even considering attackers located in-between.

**Topologies:** we denote by  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{MF}}$  the set of topologies  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \text{Loc}_0, \mathcal{M}_0, v_0, p_0)$  such that

$$\text{Dist}_{\mathcal{T}}(v_0, p_0) = \frac{\|\text{Loc}_0(v_0) - \text{Loc}_0(p_0)\|}{c} > t_{\text{prox}}$$

## Mafia fraud resistance

A distance-bounding protocol  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{prox}}$  is mafia fraud resistant if **for all topology**  $\mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{MF}}$ , there is no initial configuration  $(\mathcal{P}_0; \Phi_0; t_0)$  such that:

$$(\mathcal{P}_0; \Phi_0 \cup \Phi_{\text{sd}}; t_0) \xrightarrow{tr} \mathcal{T} (\lfloor \text{end}(v_0, p_0) \rfloor_{v_0}^{t_v} \uplus \mathcal{P}; \Phi; t)$$

# Distance fraud resistance

[FSTTCS'18]

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But efficient automatic tools exist:



**ProVerif**



Some success stories:



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## How to overcome this issue?

1. develop a **new procedure** and implement it in a new tool
2. establish theoretical results to **get rid of topologies and time**  
e.g. reduce the number of topologies or prove causality results

# Mafia fraud / Distance fraud: one topology is enough

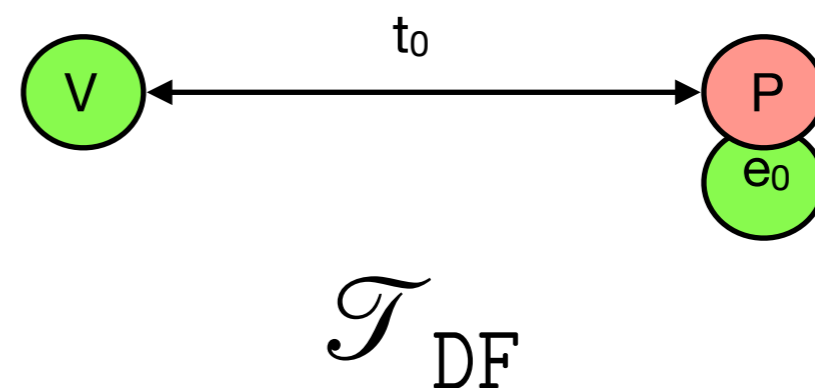
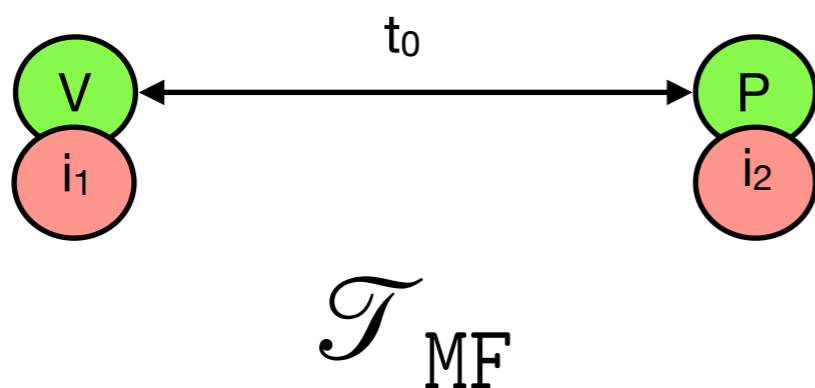
## Theorem: one topology is enough

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{prox}}$  be an executable distance-bounding protocol.

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with  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{\text{MF}}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{DF}}$ ).





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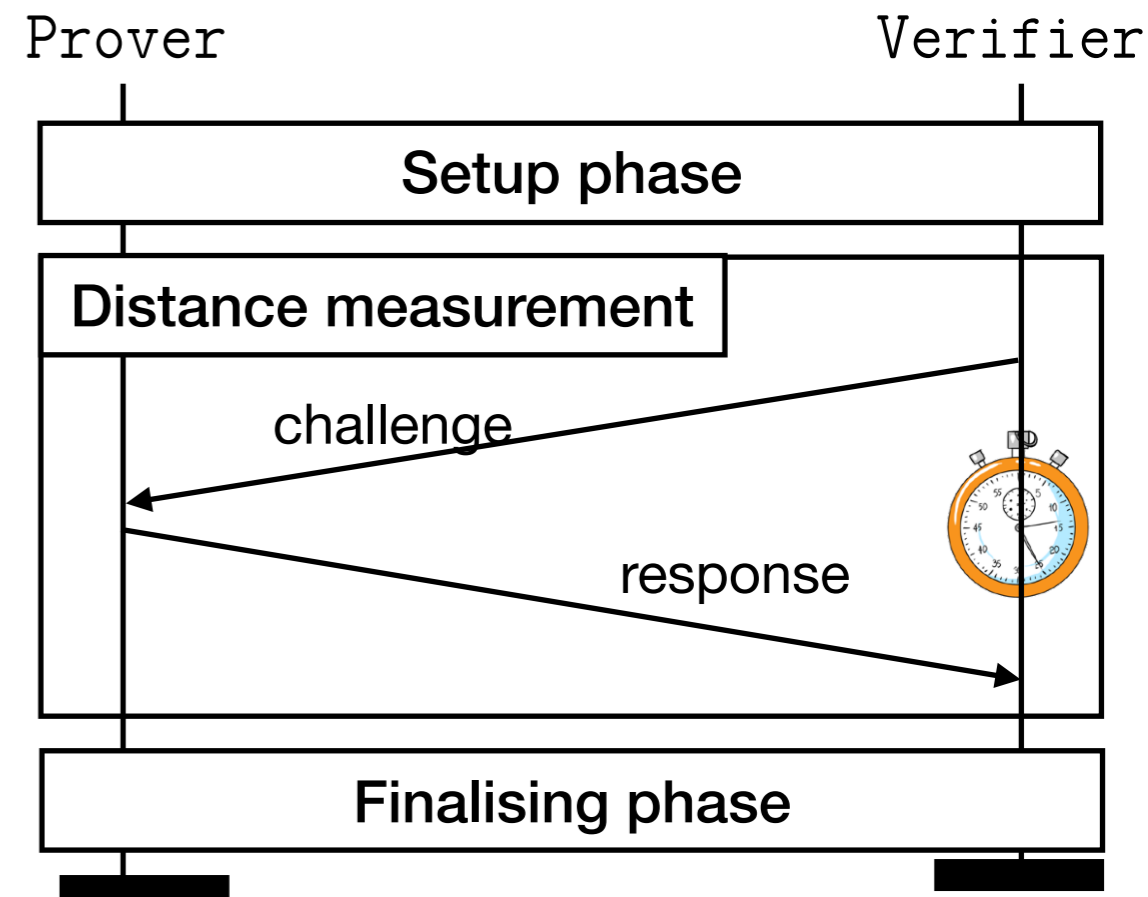
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In **[FSTTCS'18]** proved that we can use the notion of phases available in the ProVerif tool to encode the reduced topologies.

## Idea of the encoding

Use the notion of phases available in ProVerif

- ➔ *Phase 0* → *setup phase*
- ➔ *Phase 1* → *distance measurement*
- ➔ *Phase 2* → *finalising phase*



## Case studies

Protocols	Mafia fraud resistance	Distance fraud resistance	Terrorist fraud resistance
Hancke and Kuhn	✓	✓	✗
Brands and Chaum	✓	✗	✗
Swiss-Knife	✓	✓	✓
SKI	✓	✓	✓
TREAD-Asymmetric	✗	✗	✓
TREAD-Asymmetric <i>fixed</i>	✓	✗	✓
TREAD-Symmetric	✓	✗	✓
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Munilla <i>et al.</i>	✓	✓	✗
MAD	✓	✗	✗
PaySafe	✓	✗	✗
NXP	✓	✗	✗

(✗: attack found, ✓: proved secure)  
 (we never obtained false attacks or non-termination)

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**Ongoing and future works:**

- analyse new classes of protocols (e.g. DB protocols, stateful protocols...)
- verify new security properties (proximity, unlinkability...)
- model new primitives (homomorphic encryption, XOR...)
- ...