



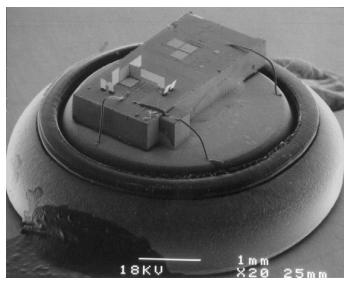
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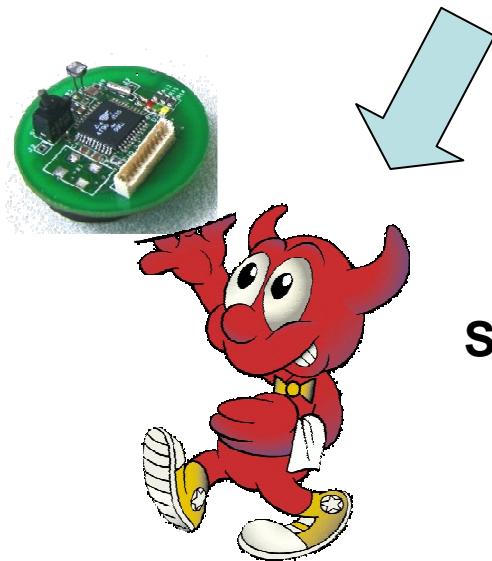
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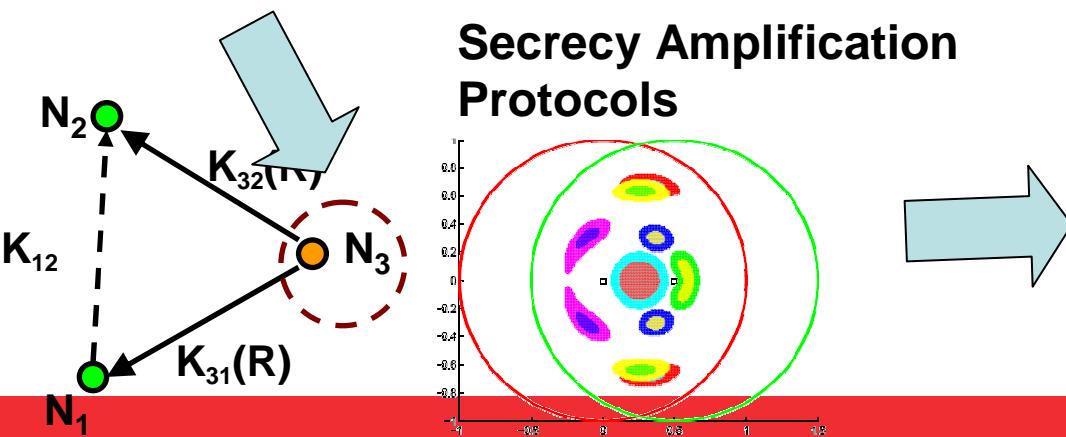
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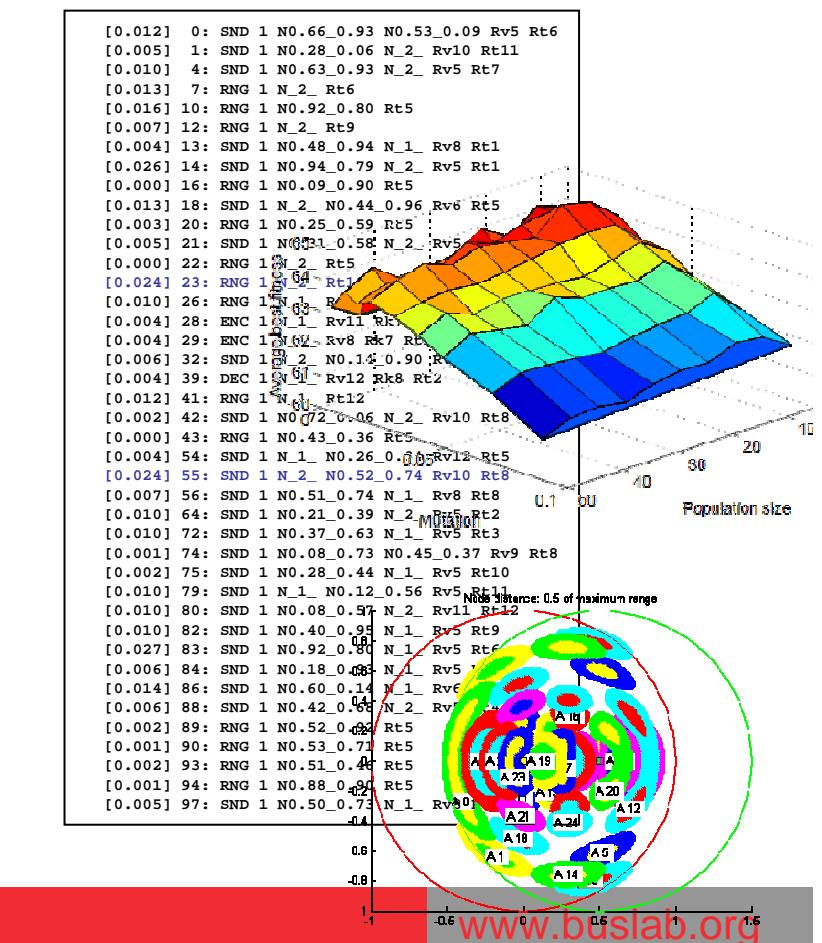
Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)



Security in WSN



Secrecy Amplification Protocols





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A wireless sensor network (

autonomous sensors to monitor physical or environmental conditions such as temperature, ...

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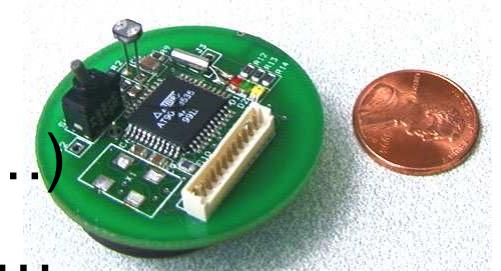
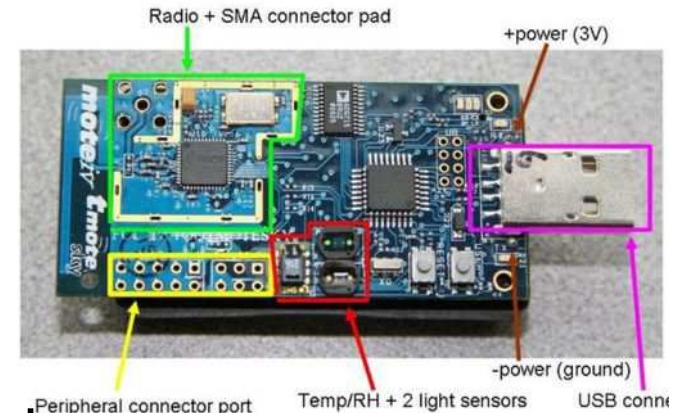
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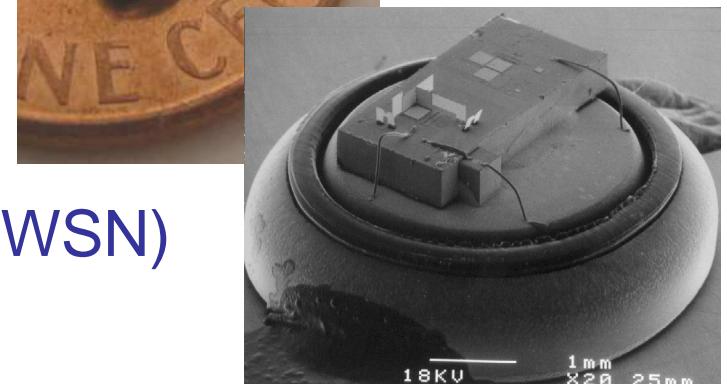
The study of **wireless sensor networks** is challenging in that it requires

Wireless Sensor Node

- Basic technology
 - 8 bit CPU, ~1 kB RAM, ~ 10^2 kB flash
 - short range radio, battery powered
 - condition sensor (temperature, pressure...)
 - xBow MicaZ, TelosB, Philips smart node...

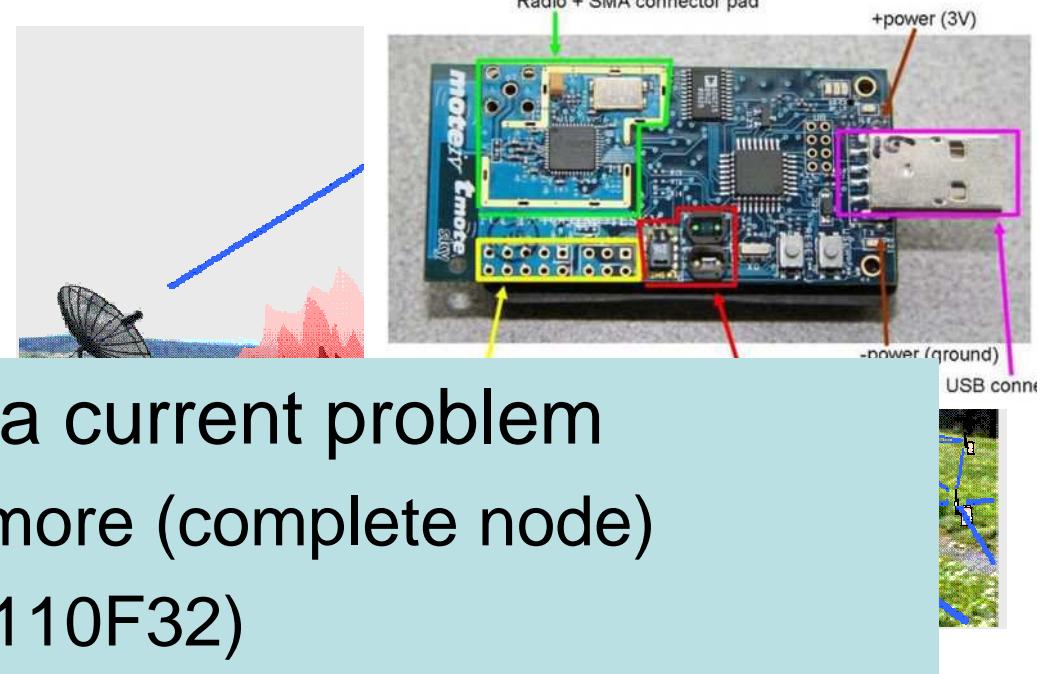


- Putting pieces together...
 - battery-powered small MCU
 - + efficient radio module
 - + environmental sensor
 - => Wireless Sensor Network (WSN)



Ideal in 2000:

WSN is highly distributed network with high number of low-cost sensor nodes powered by battery connected via multi-hop communication with base station

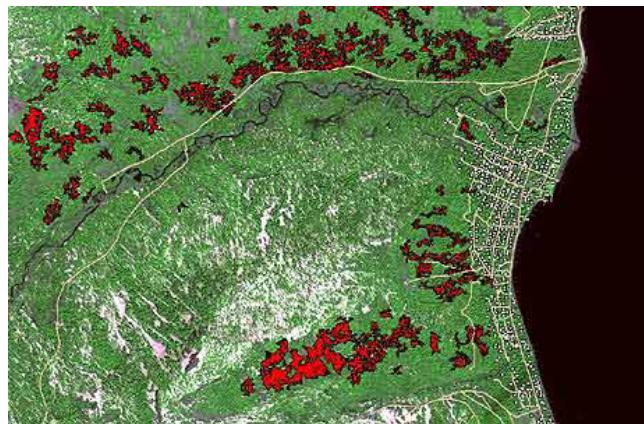


- The price of node is a current problem
 - currently ~100\$ or more (complete node)
 - (but 3.35 \$ for CC1110F32)

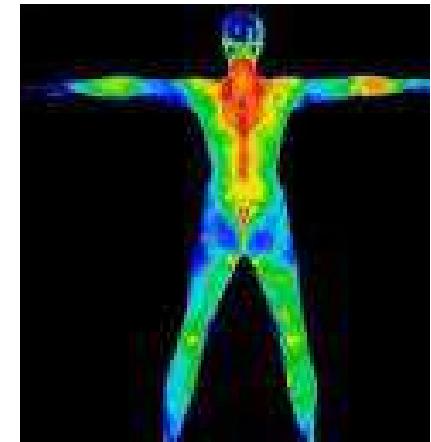
Do we have useful application for WSN?



Traffic control



Remote fire detection



Medical information



Combat field control

**We (will) have exciting technology.
Why/What security measures should be used?**

Where do we need security in WSN?

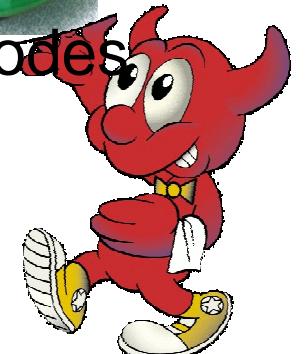
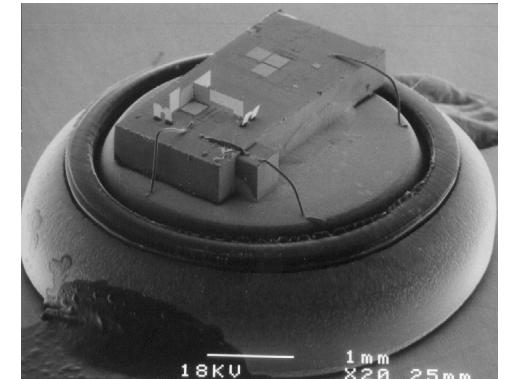
- Sensitive data are often sensed/processed
 - military application
 - medical information, location data (privacy)
- Commercially viable information
 - information for sale – cost for owner of the network
 - know-how - agriculture monitoring
- Protection against vandalism
- Early stage of WSN allows to build security in rather than as late patch
 - as is the case with Internet today

**We will limit ourselves to
key establishment protocols**

**Why not to use existing
cryptographic solutions?**

Some differences from standard networks

- Running on battery (limited resource)
 - days for personal network
 - years for large scale monitoring network
 - especially communication is energy-expensive
- Relatively limited computation power
 - powerful CPU possible, but energy demanding
- Nodes can be captured by an attacker
 - all secrets can be extracted from unprotected nodes
 - and returned back as malicious node

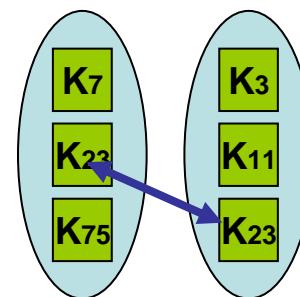


Many ways how to establish keys

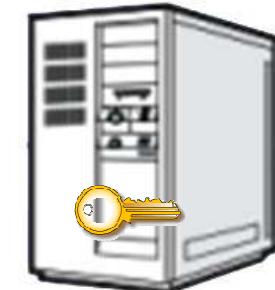
Asymmetric
cryptography



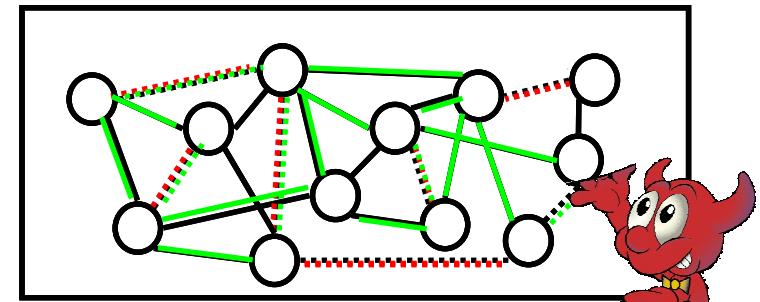
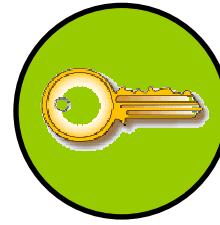
Probabilistic
pre-distribution



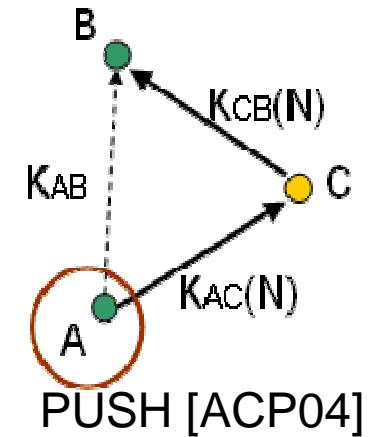
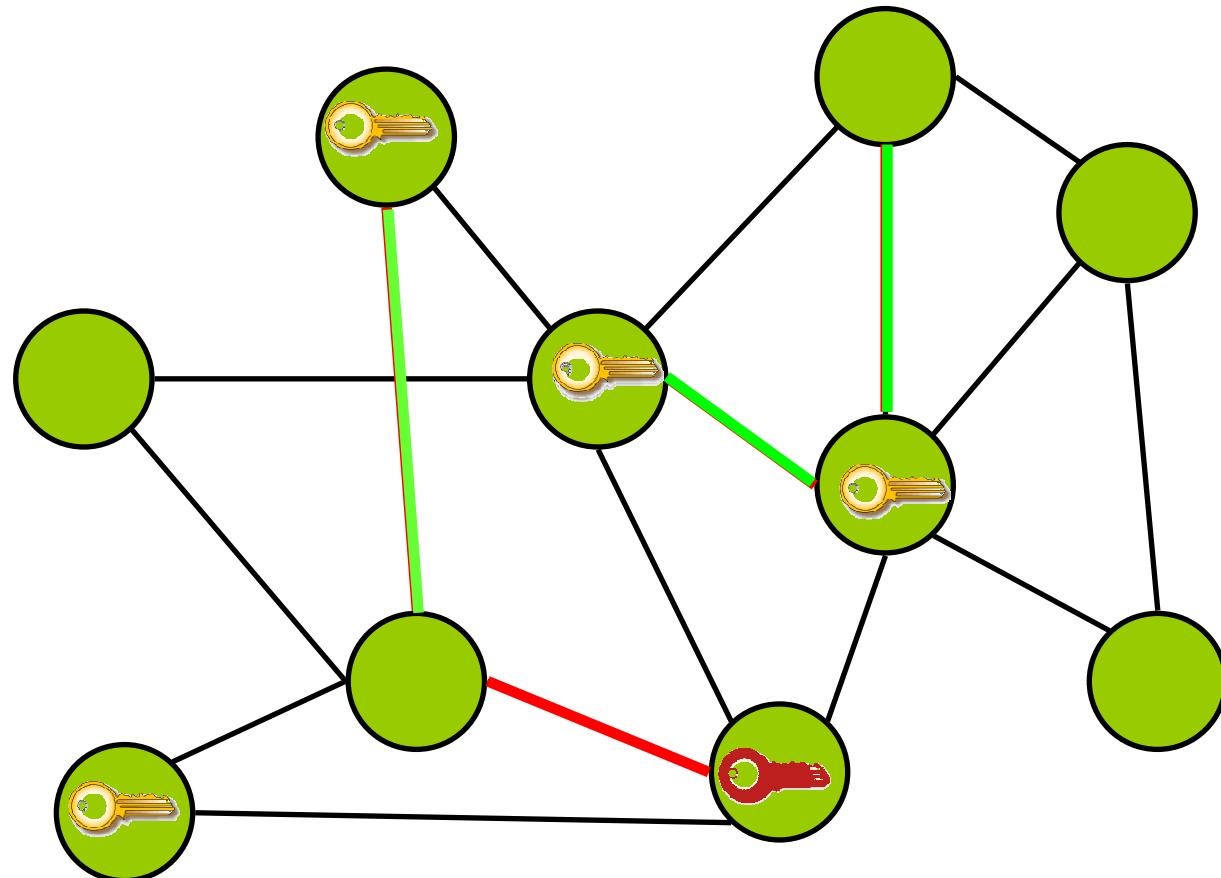
Trusted party



Master key,
pairwise keys

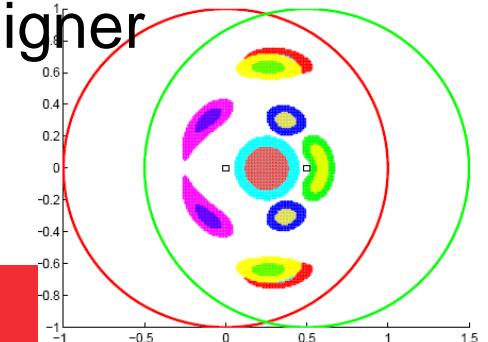
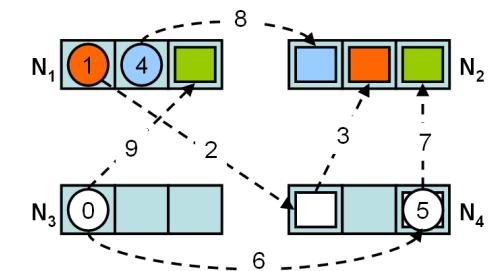
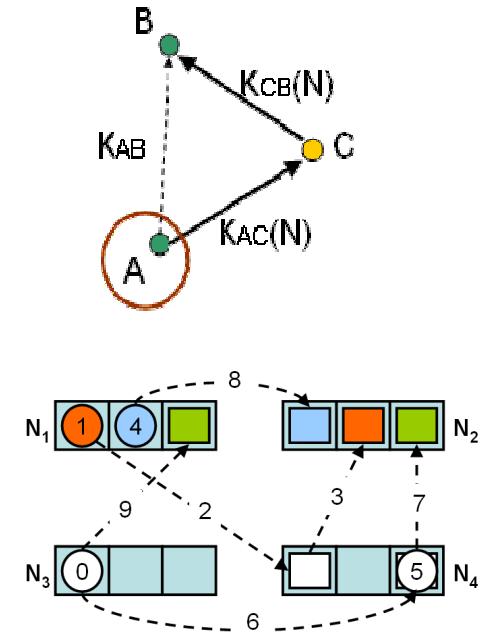


Secrecy amplification protocols

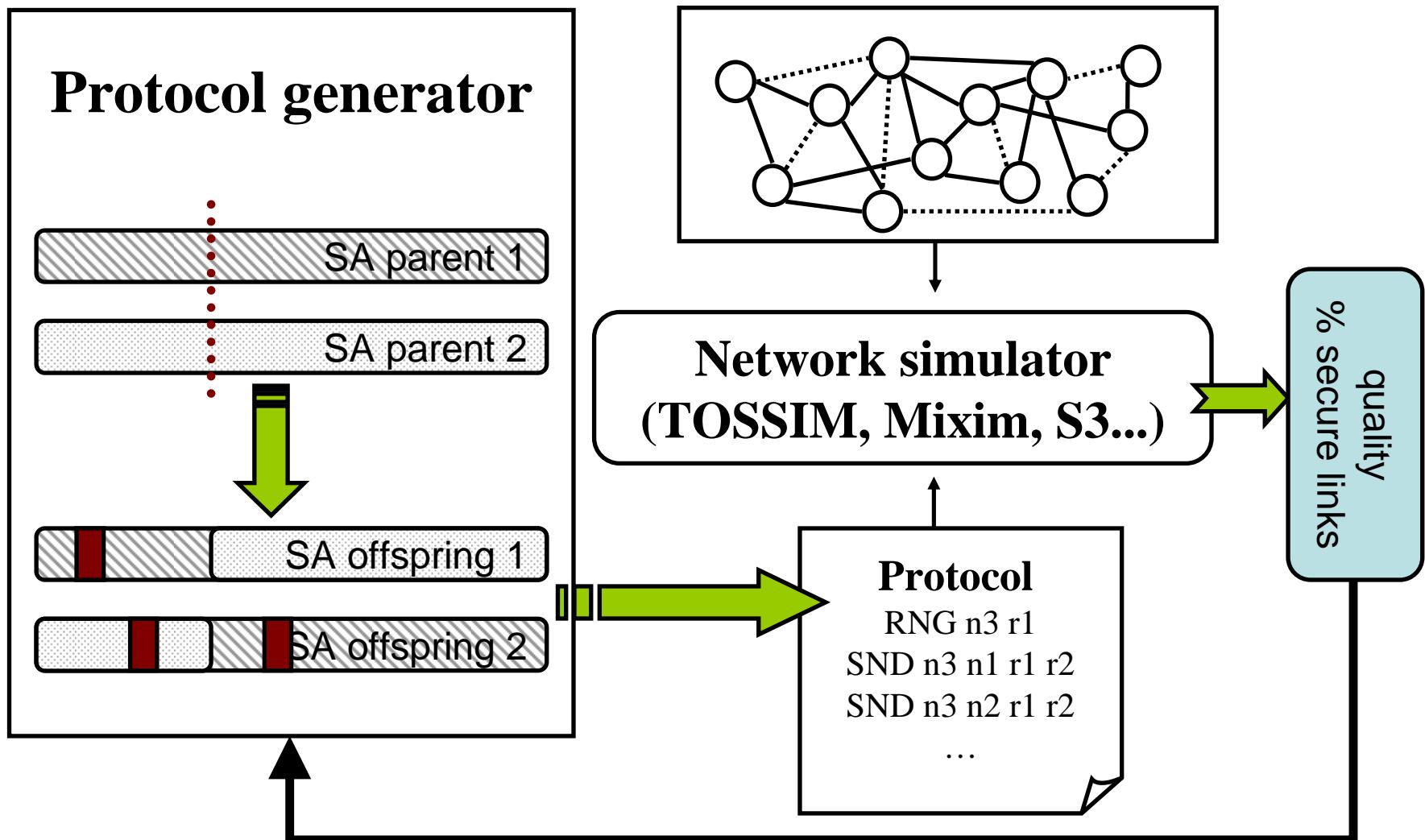


Published secrecy amplification protocols

- Node-oriented protocols
 - PUSH [ACP04], 2004, manually
 - PULL [CS05], 2005, manually
 - COMODITY [KKLK05], 2005, manually
 - NOEA [SSM09], 2009, automatically
 - all published reinvented + better found
 - Problem: very message expensive
- Group-oriented protocols
 - less messages achieved by different protocol design
 - but far more complicated for protocol designer
 - GOEA [SSM09], 2009, automatically

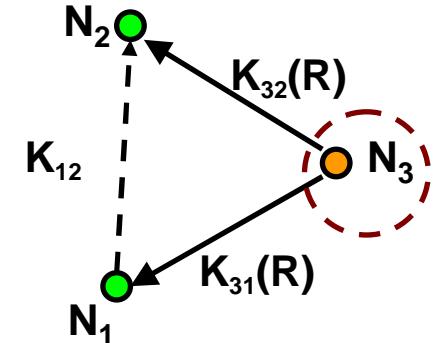


Automatic protocol generation (APG)



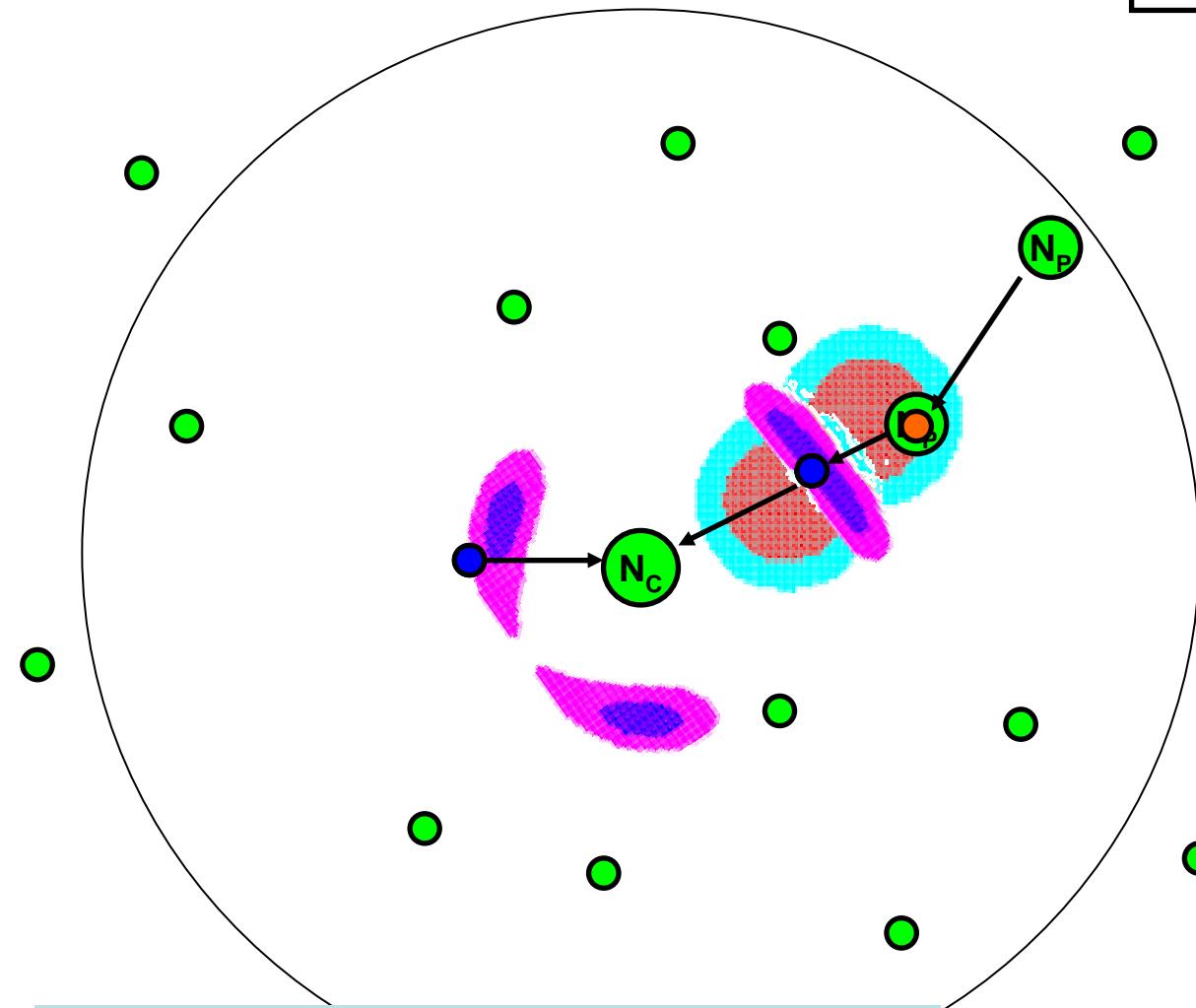
Elementary instructions

- Node (N) modeled as a simple machine with limited number of memory registers (R)
 - usually around 10-20
- Protocol with fixed number of elementary instruction
 - RNG $N_a R_i$ *generate new key*
 - ENCRYPT $N_a R_i R_j R_k$ *encrypt value with key*
 - DECRYPT $N_a R_i R_j R_k$ *decrypt value with key*
 - SEND $N_a N_b R_i R_j$ *send value between nodes*
 - COMBINE $N_a R_i R_j R_k$ *combination of two values*
 - NOP, on/off switch *no operation*
- Example PULL [CS05]:
 - RNG $N_3 R_1$; SND $N_3 N_1 R_1 R_1$; SND $N_3 N_2 R_1 R_1$;



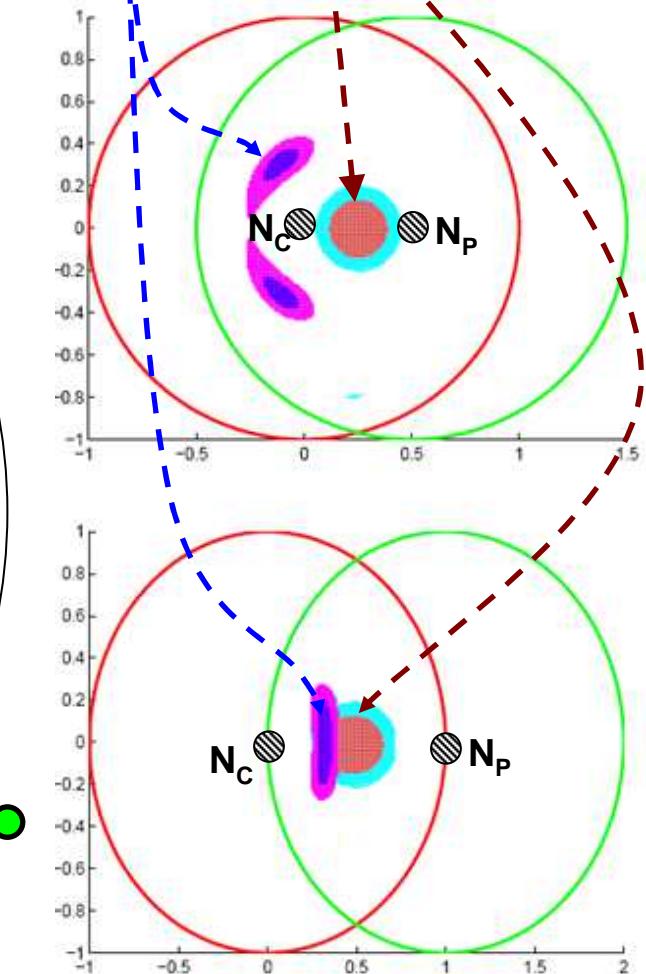
$$\min[(N_{p_1} - |N_C - N_x|)^2 + (N_{p_2} - |N_P - N_x|)^2]$$

Group-oriented protocol



Total protocols runs: 11, ~100 messages

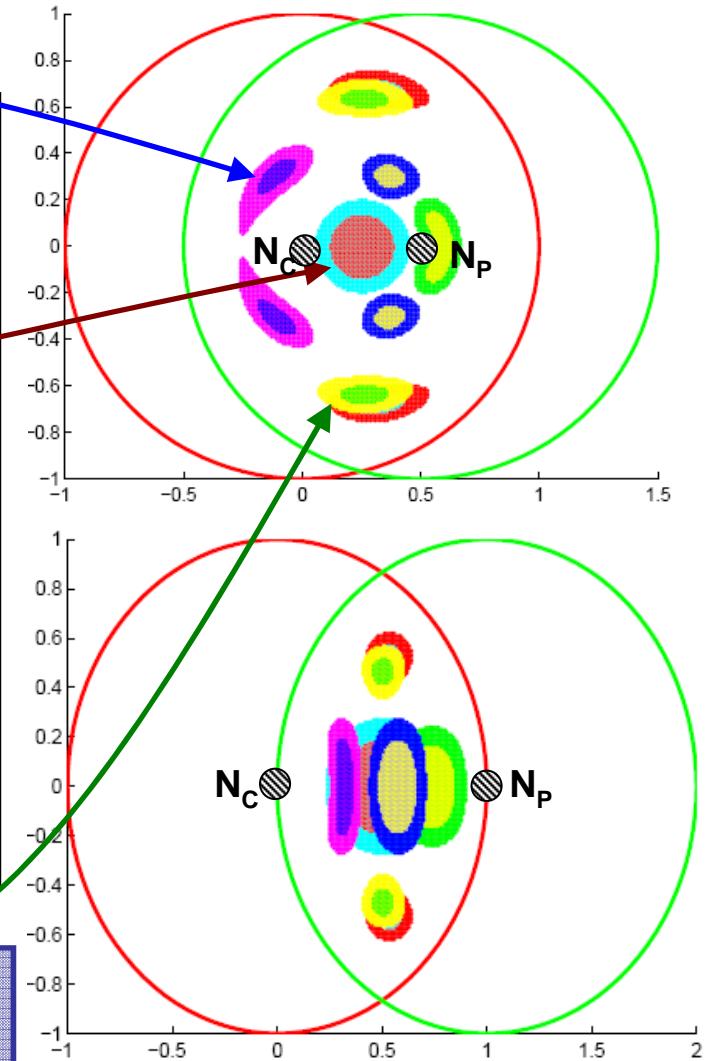
RNG	N_P	Rt11
SND	N_P	N0.00 0.00 Rv11 Rt12
SND	N0.35 0.67	N_C Rv12 Rt2



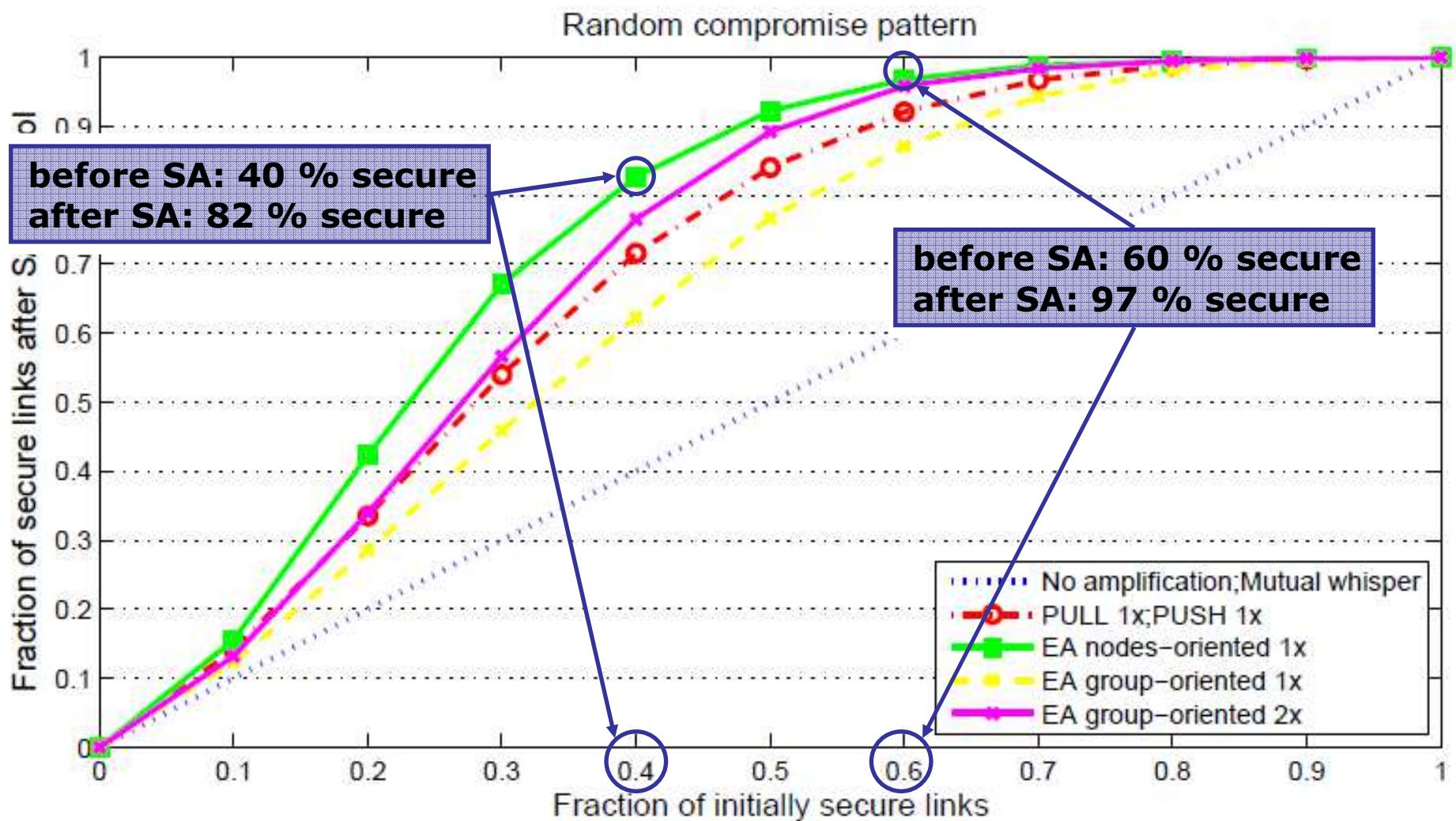
Results found – group-oriented [SSM09]

(0.070) 00: SND N0.33 0.68 N _P Rv6 Rt8	
(0.070) 01: SND N0.35 0.67 N _C Rv6 Rt2	
(0.334) 02: RNG N _P Rt11	
(0.010) 03: SND N0.59 0.11 N _P Rv7 Rt3	
(0.007) 04: SND N _P N0.75 0.70 Rv6 Rt1	
(0.334) 05: SND N _P N0.01 0.00 Rv11 Rt12	
(0.003) 06: SND N0.01 0.00 N _C Rv1 Rt5	
(0.334) 07: SND N0.01 0.00 N _C Rv12 Rt6	
(0.014) 08: RNG N0.03 0.00 Rt1	
(0.014) 09: SND N0.48 0.33 N _P Rv1 Rt7	
(0.077) 10: RNG N0.01 0.00 Rt6	
(0.017) 11: SND N0.69 0.68 N _C Rv1 Rt7	

12 instructions, 6 different areas for nodes



How well is secrecy amplification working?

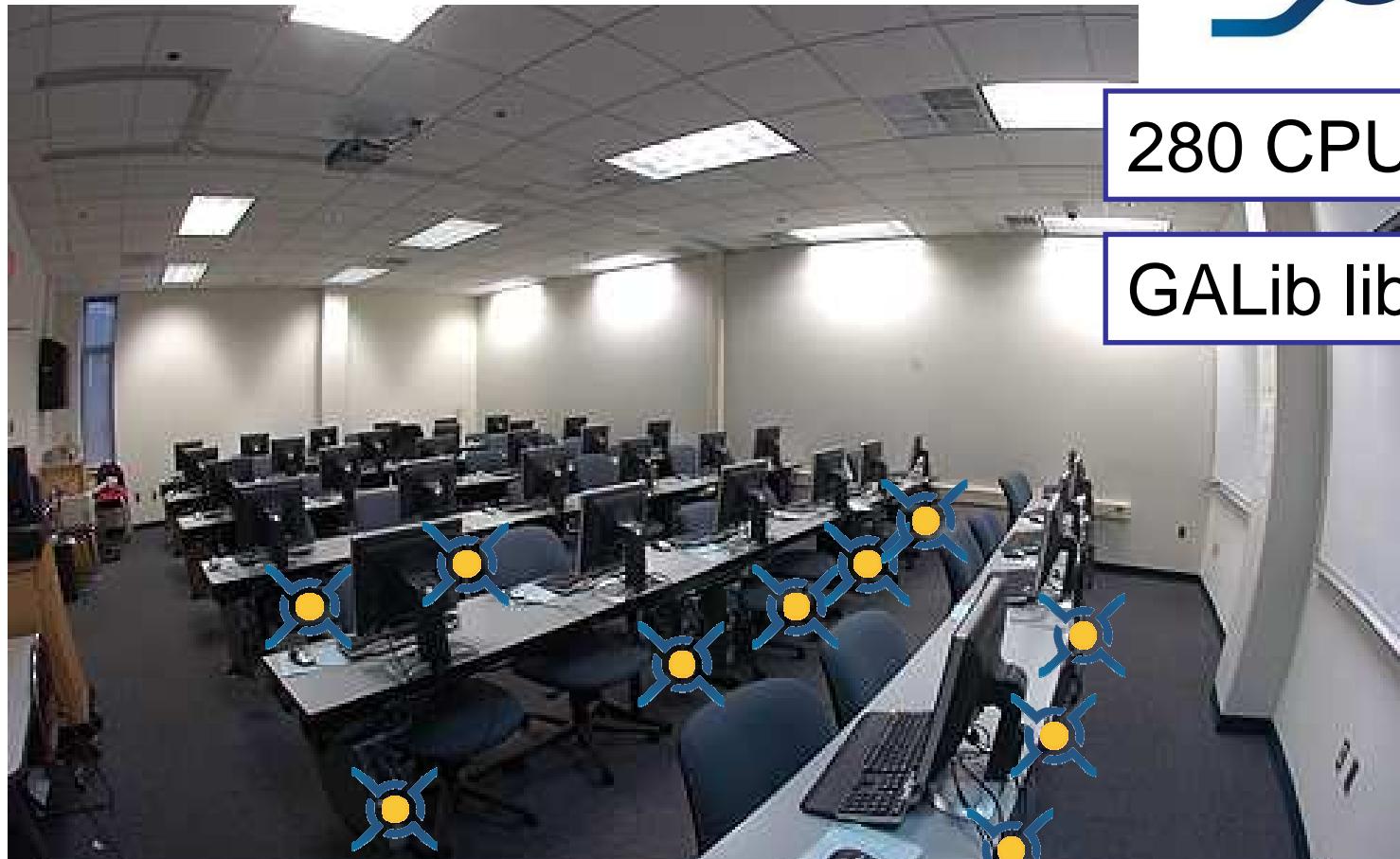


How evolutionary algorithms behave on such a problem?

What can we search/optimize for?

- Instructions and protocol length
- Number of nodes involved
- Geographic identification of parties
- Number of memory slots used
- Repetitions of subparts or whole protocol

Used framework



280 CPUs @ 3GHz

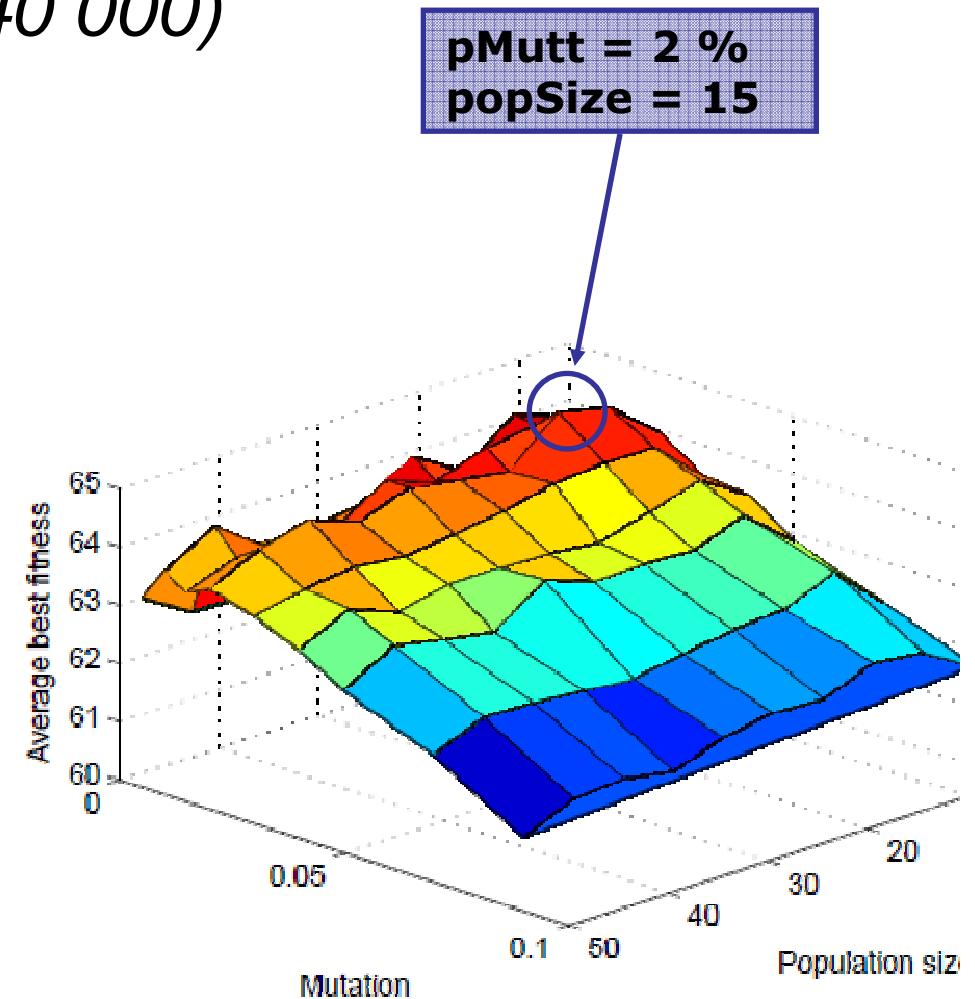
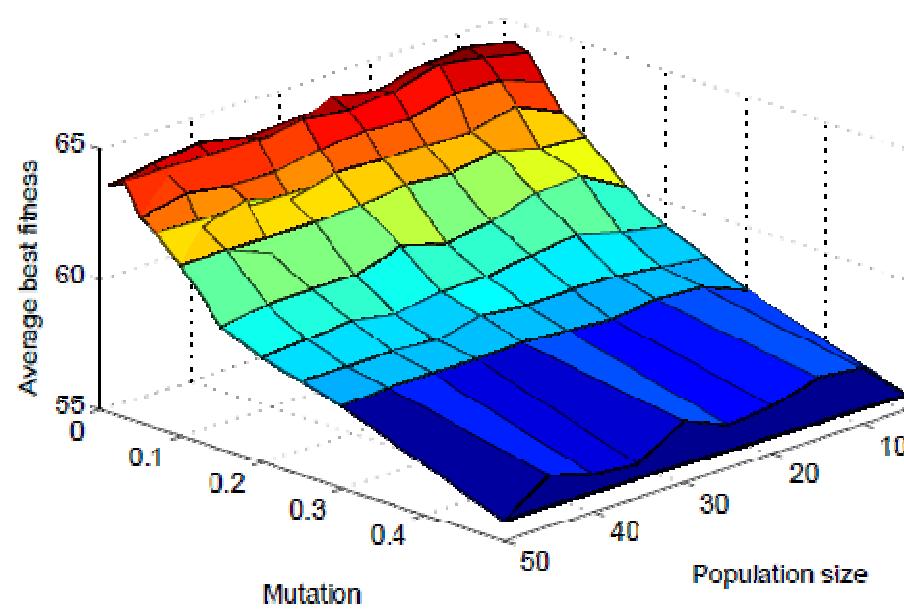
GALib library

Sensor Security Simulator – task optimized simulator

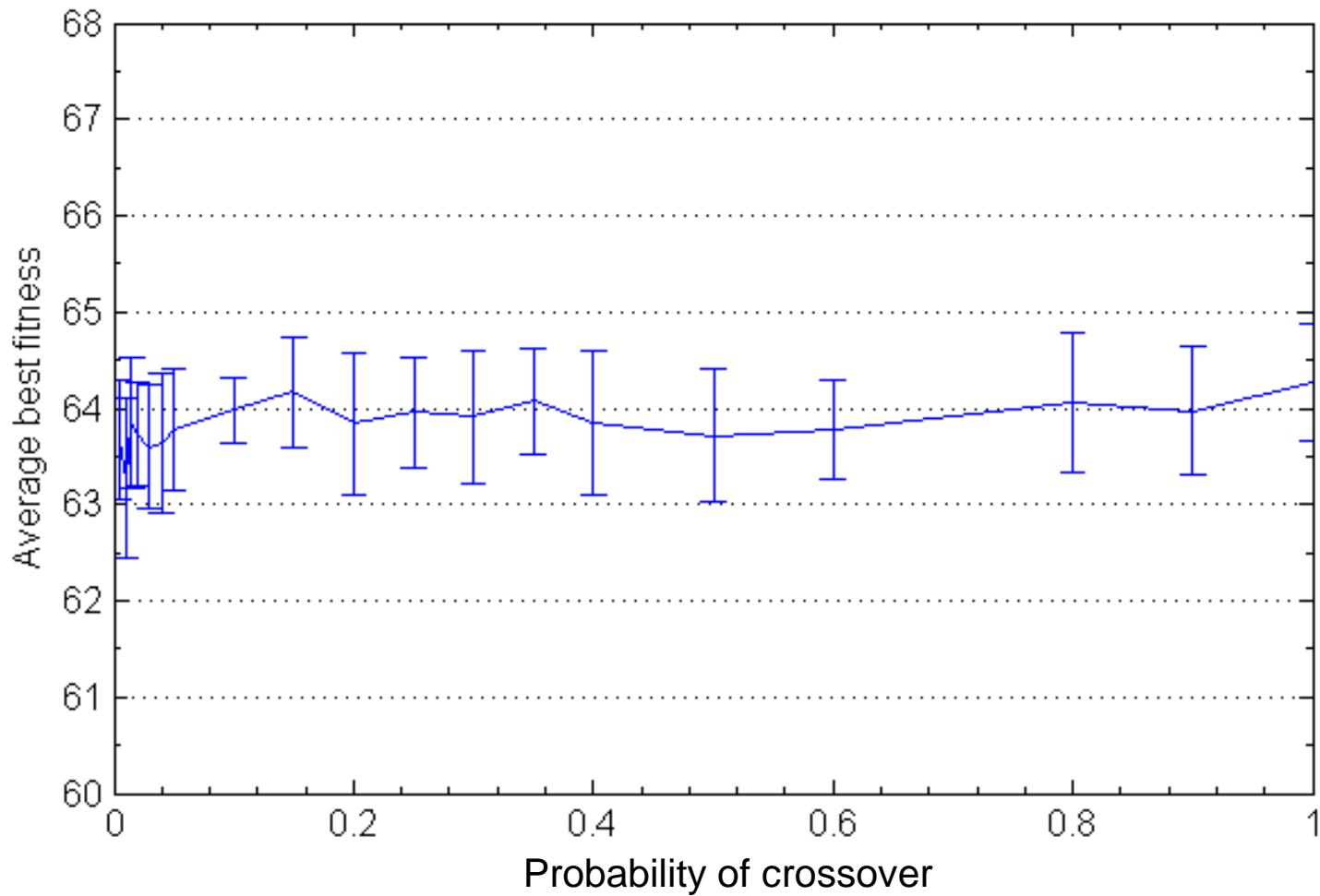
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Optimal pop size, mutation probability

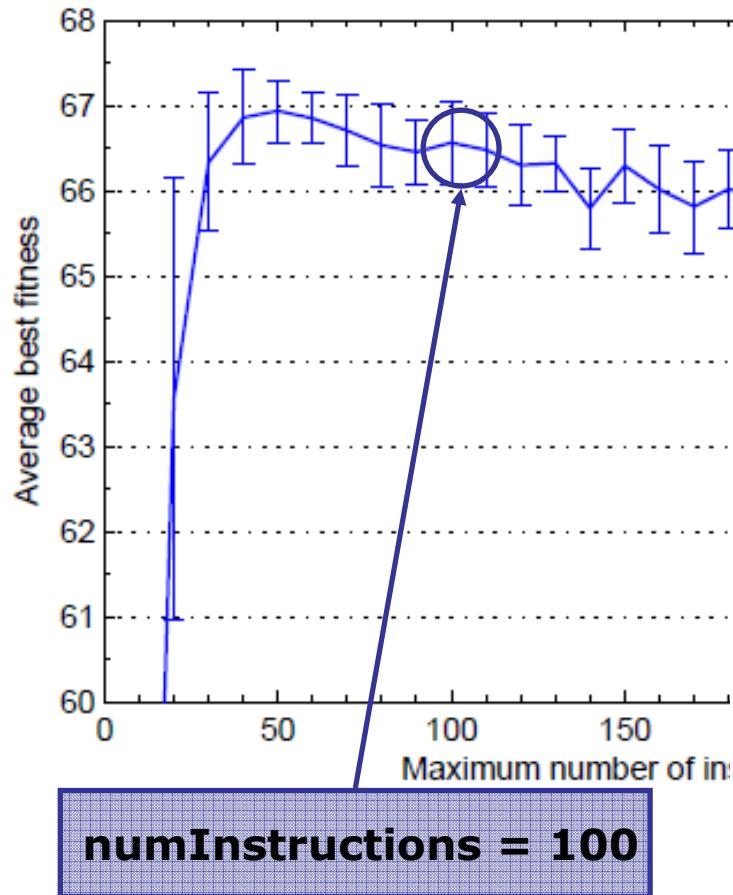
- ($\text{popSize} * \text{numGen} = 40\ 000$)



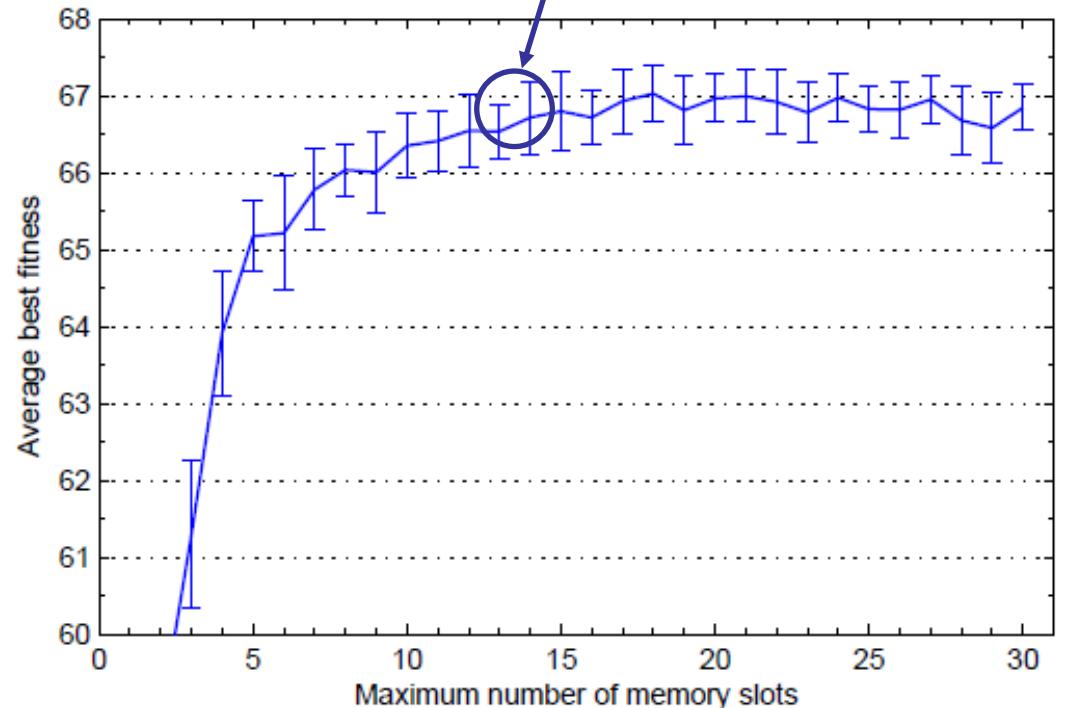
Crossover (no significant impact)



Number of instructions/memory slots

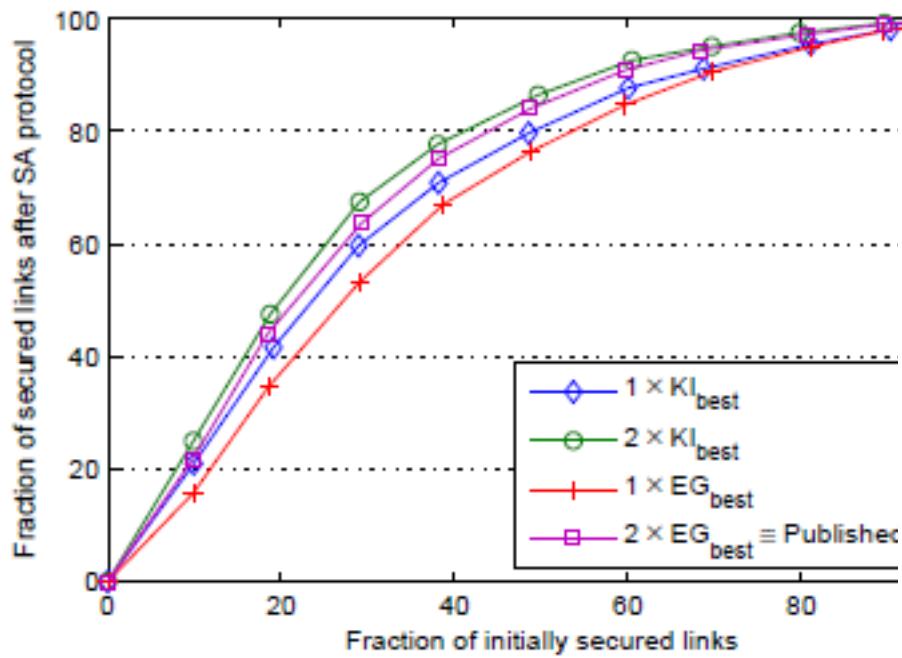


● $(\text{numIns} * \text{numGen})$



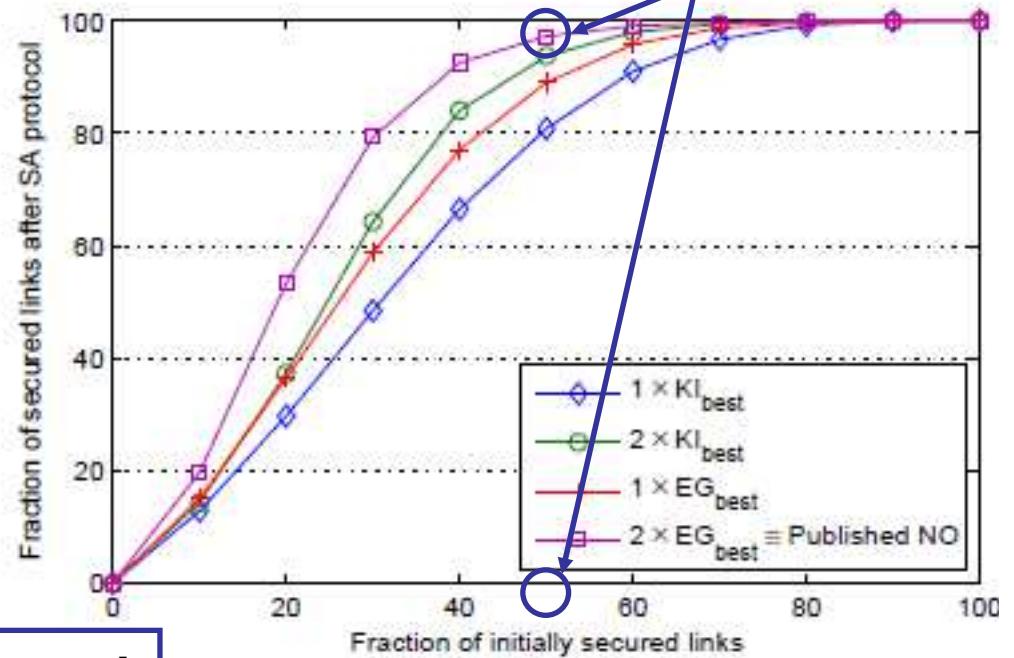
Long running experiments

- For two different compromise patterns KI & EG
- Best after 330641 (KI) & 165365 (EG) generations



(a) KI compromise pattern

before SA: 50 % secure
after SA: 98 % secure



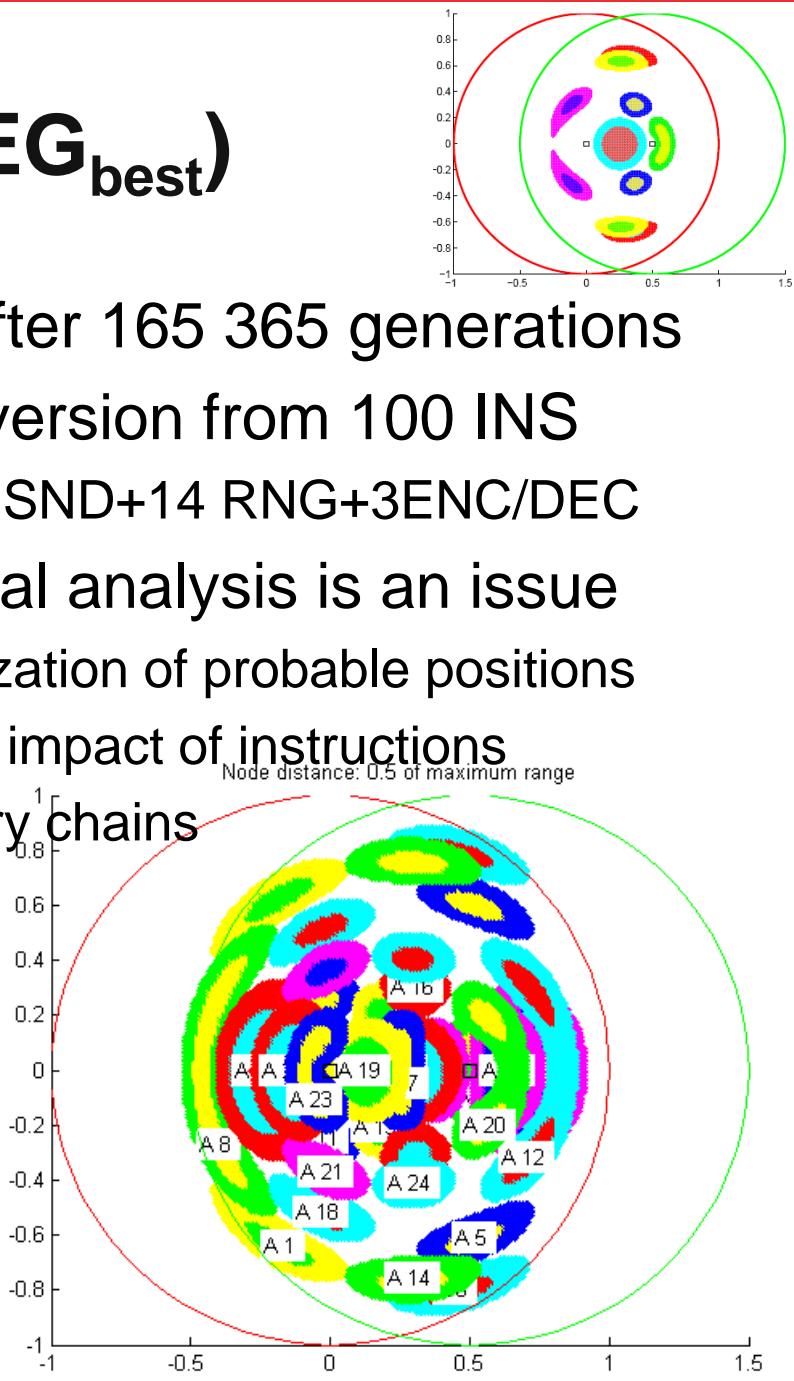
(b) EG compromise pattern

group oriented == node oriented
but only 1/20 messages used

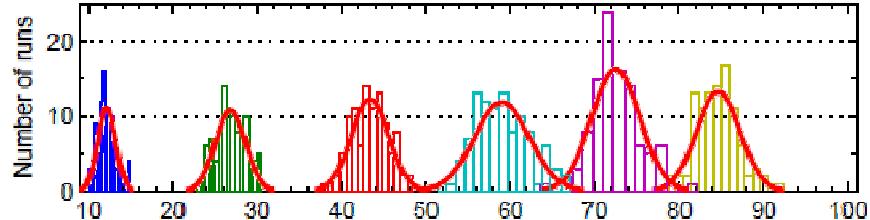
New protocol(s) found (EG_{best})

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[0.012] 0: SND 1 N0.66_0.93 N0.53_0.09 Rv5 Rt6
[0.005] 1: SND 1 N0.28_0.06 N_2_ Rv10 Rt11
[0.010] 4: SND 1 N0.63_0.93 N_2_ Rv5 Rt7
[0.013] 7: RNG 1 N_2_ Rt6
[0.016] 10: RNG 1 N0.92_0.80 Rt5
[0.007] 12: RNG 1 N_2_ Rt9
[0.004] 13: SND 1 N0.48_0.94 N_1_ Rv8 Rt1
[0.026] 14: SND 1 N0.94_0.79 N_2_ Rv5 Rt1
[0.000] 16: RNG 1 N0.09_0.90 Rt5
[0.013] 18: SND 1 N_2_ N0.44_0.96 Rv6 Rt5
[0.003] 20: RNG 1 N0.25_0.59 Rt5
[0.005] 21: SND 1 N0.31_0.58 N_2_ Rv5 Rt3
[0.000] 22: RNG 1 N_2_ Rt5
[0.024] 23: RNG 1 N_2_ Rt10
[0.010] 26: RNG 1 N_1_ Rt5
[0.004] 28: ENC 1 N_1_ Rv11 Rk7 Rt8
[0.004] 29: ENC 1 N_1_ Rv8 Rk7 Rt12
[0.006] 32: SND 1 N_2_ N0.14_0.90 Rv9 Rt5
[0.004] 39: DEC 1 N_1_ Rv12 Rk8 Rt2
[0.012] 41: RNG 1 N_1_ Rt12
[0.002] 42: SND 1 N0.72_0.06 N_2_ Rv10 Rt8
[0.000] 43: RNG 1 N0.43_0.36 Rt5
[0.004] 54: SND 1 N_1_ N0.26_0.34 Rv12 Rt5
[0.024] 55: SND 1 N_2_ N0.52_0.74 Rv10 Rt8
[0.007] 56: SND 1 N0.51_0.74 N_1_ Rv8 Rt8
[0.010] 64: SND 1 N0.21_0.39 N_2_ Rv5 Rt2
[0.010] 72: SND 1 N0.37_0.63 N_1_ Rv5 Rt3
[0.001] 74: SND 1 N0.08_0.73 N0.45_0.37 Rv9 Rt8
[0.002] 75: SND 1 N0.28_0.44 N_1_ Rv5 Rt10
[0.010] 79: SND 1 N_1_ N0.12_0.56 Rv5 Rt11
[0.010] 80: SND 1 N0.08_0.57 N_2_ Rv11 Rt12
[0.010] 82: SND 1 N0.40_0.95 N_1_ Rv5 Rt9
[0.027] 83: SND 1 N0.92_0.80 N_1_ Rv5 Rt6
[0.006] 84: SND 1 N0.18_0.93 N_1_ Rv5 Rt4
[0.014] 86: SND 1 N0.60_0.14 N_1_ Rv6 Rt11
[0.006] 88: SND 1 N0.42_0.68 N_2_ Rv5 Rt4
[0.002] 89: RNG 1 N0.52_0.92 Rt5
[0.001] 90: RNG 1 N0.53_0.71 Rt5
[0.002] 93: RNG 1 N0.51_0.46 Rt5
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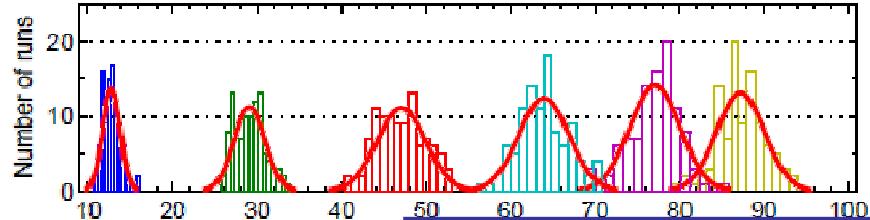
- Found after 165 365 generations
- Pruned version from 100 INS
 - 41=24 SND+14 RNG+3ENC/DEC
- Functional analysis is an issue
 - visualization of probable positions
 - fitness impact of instructions
 - memory chains



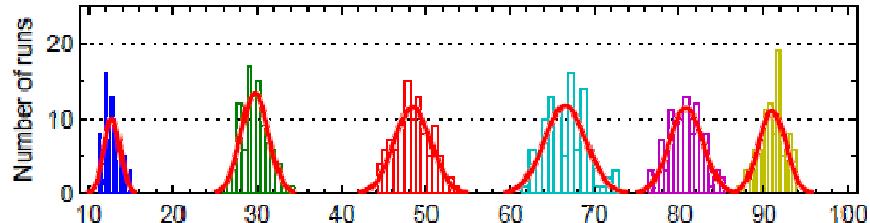
Robustness of discovered protocols



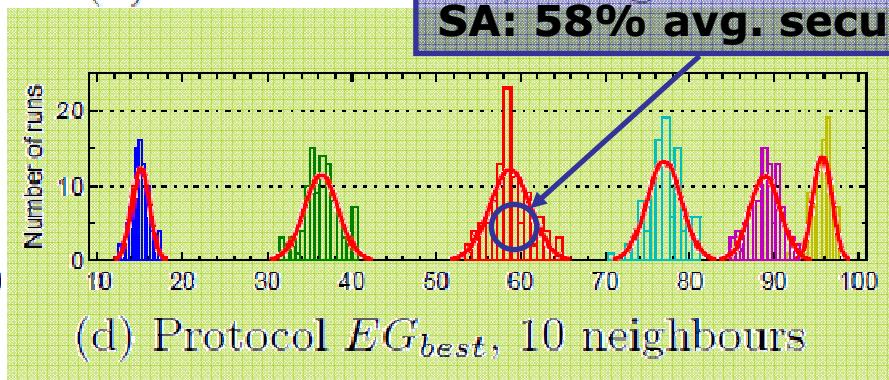
(a) Protocol KI_{best} , 5 neighbours



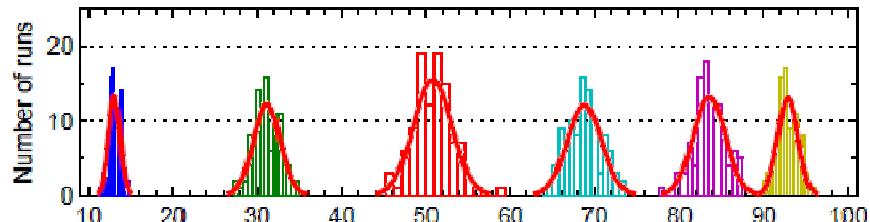
(b) Protocol EG_{best} , 5 neighbours
SA: 58% avg. secure



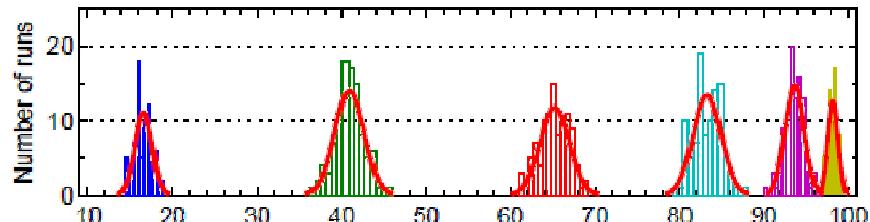
(c) Protocol KI_{best} , 10 neighbours



(d) Protocol EG_{best} , 10 neighbours



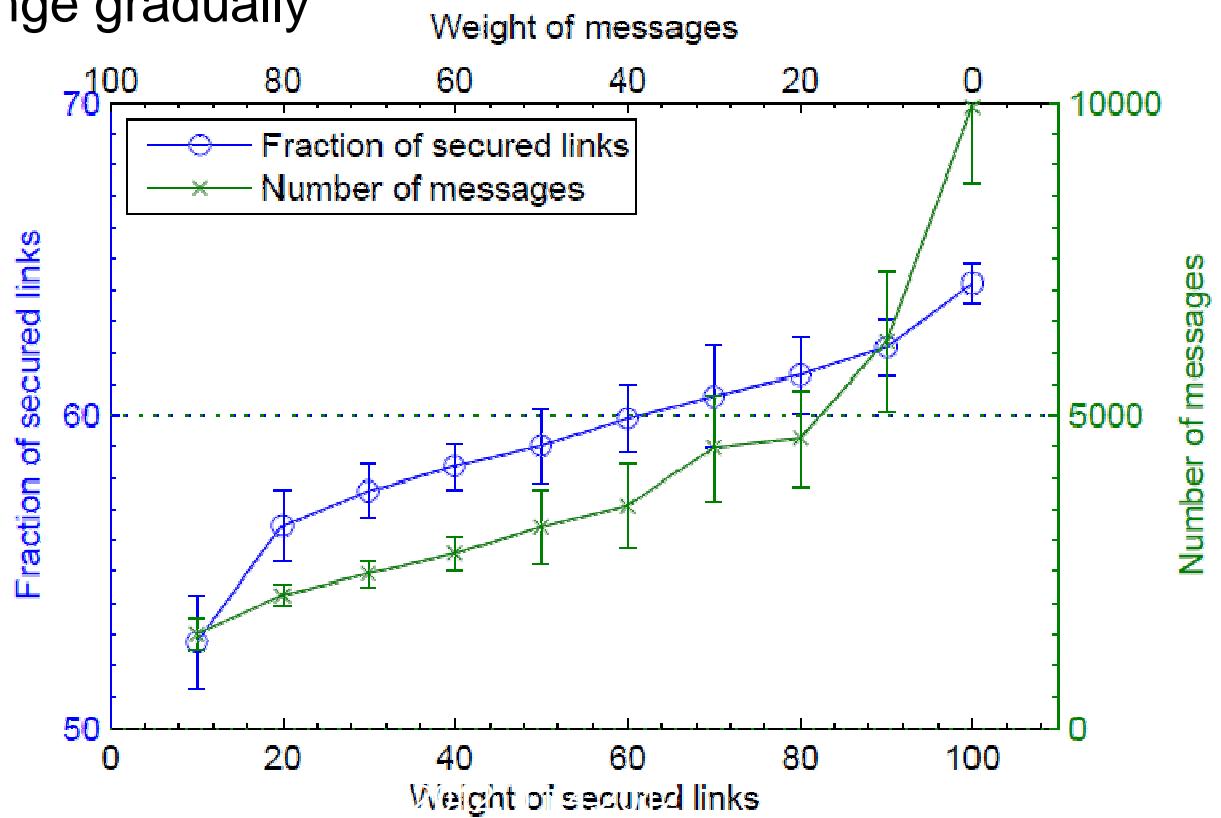
(e) Protocol KI_{best} , 15 neighbours



(f) Protocol EG_{best} , 15 neighbours

Multi-criteria optimization

- Fitness = #secure_links & #messages_transmitted
- Weighted fitness construction
 - 90:10 weights “optimal”
 - 20-80 range change gradually



Summary

- Secrecy amplification protocols significantly increase security of partially compromised networks
 - new protocols constructed from simple instructions
 - automated search based on LGP used
- Detailed examination of LGP settings
- New and better group-oriented protocols found
 - outperforms node-oriented with only about 1/20 messages
 - turning 50% compromised network into 98% secured

Thank you for your attention!

Questions ?

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