A FORMAL FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVACY POLICIES

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OUTLINE

Part I: About privacy policies on Social Network Systems (SNS)

Part II: A very brief summary of other research interests

MOTIVATION

David Sands

Having some beers at the pub

Like · Comment · with Raul Pardo at Chalmers Pub ·

Devdatt and 20 people like this.

Gerardo Schneider Huh? Raul is supposed to be working on the presentation for DSFM...

11 minutes ago · Like · 15

Write a comment ...

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Dave Sands
Here at the pub with Raúl Pardo Jiménez
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You, Devdatt and 10 others like this
Gerardo Schneider Huh? Raúl is supposed to be w… that presentation for the tomorrow's FM meeting…
10 minutes ago · Like · 5
Write a comment…
Update Status
Here at the pub wi…
Raúl Pardo
Gothenburg
This post will compromise Raul's privacy policies!
Checking Raul's privacy policies…
Does it respect Raul's privacy policies?
Check conformance
Block
Dave's Privacy Policies
Privacy Settings and Tools
Who can see my stuff?
Who can contact me?
Who can look me up?
Who can look you up using the email address you provided?
Who can look you up using the phone number you provided?
Do you want other search engines to link to your Timeline?
Edit
My friends can access all the posts on my timeline
Consistent?
Raul's Priva… Policies
Who can see your future posts?
Review all your posts and things you're tagged in
Use Activity Log
Limit the audience for posts you've shared with friends of friends or Public?
Limit Past Posts
Who can send you friend requests?
Whose messages do I want filtered into my Inbox?
Everyone
Nobody can know my location

MOTIVATION

Implicit disclosure of location to a wider audience

Event for Gothenburg Expats · Hosted by [redacted] and 5 others

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22 May at 18:30
about 2 weeks ago

Jerntorgets Brygghus
Järntorget 4, 41304 Gothenburg

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Invited by [redacted]

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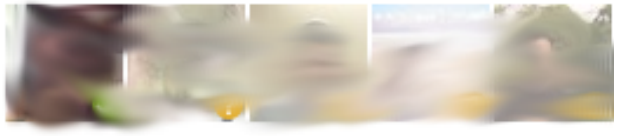
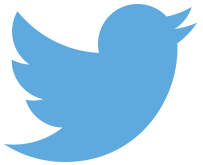


36 went | 59 maybe | 985 invited

PRIVACY POLICIES IN SNS TODAY

- Limited expressivity on what you can write
- Conformance partially supported in many social networks
  - But limited: no analysis of (post) content, side effects of events (tagging, joining an event, etc.)
- Consistency among policies
  - Not supported in general…
  - Even less among multiple SNS



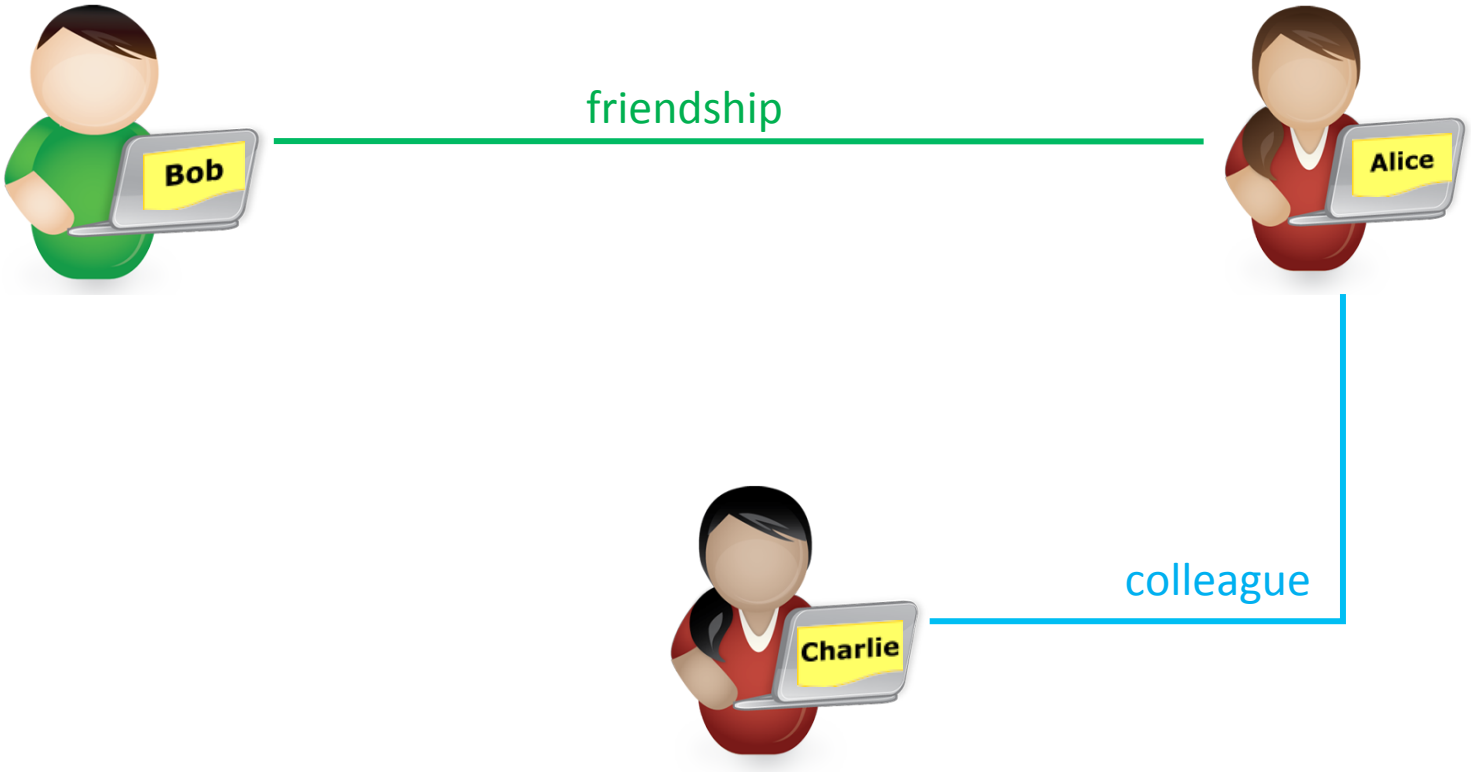
OUR (MID-TERM) GOAL

- Define a privacy policy framework allowing to write rich privacy policies for social networks
  - Beyond current SNS like 
  - Beyond a single SNS

- Means for reasoning about properties of such policies (and the SNS)
  - Model checking, deductive system,…
  - Implicit and explicit knowledge

- Provide enforcement mechanisms

SOCIAL NETWORK GRAPH



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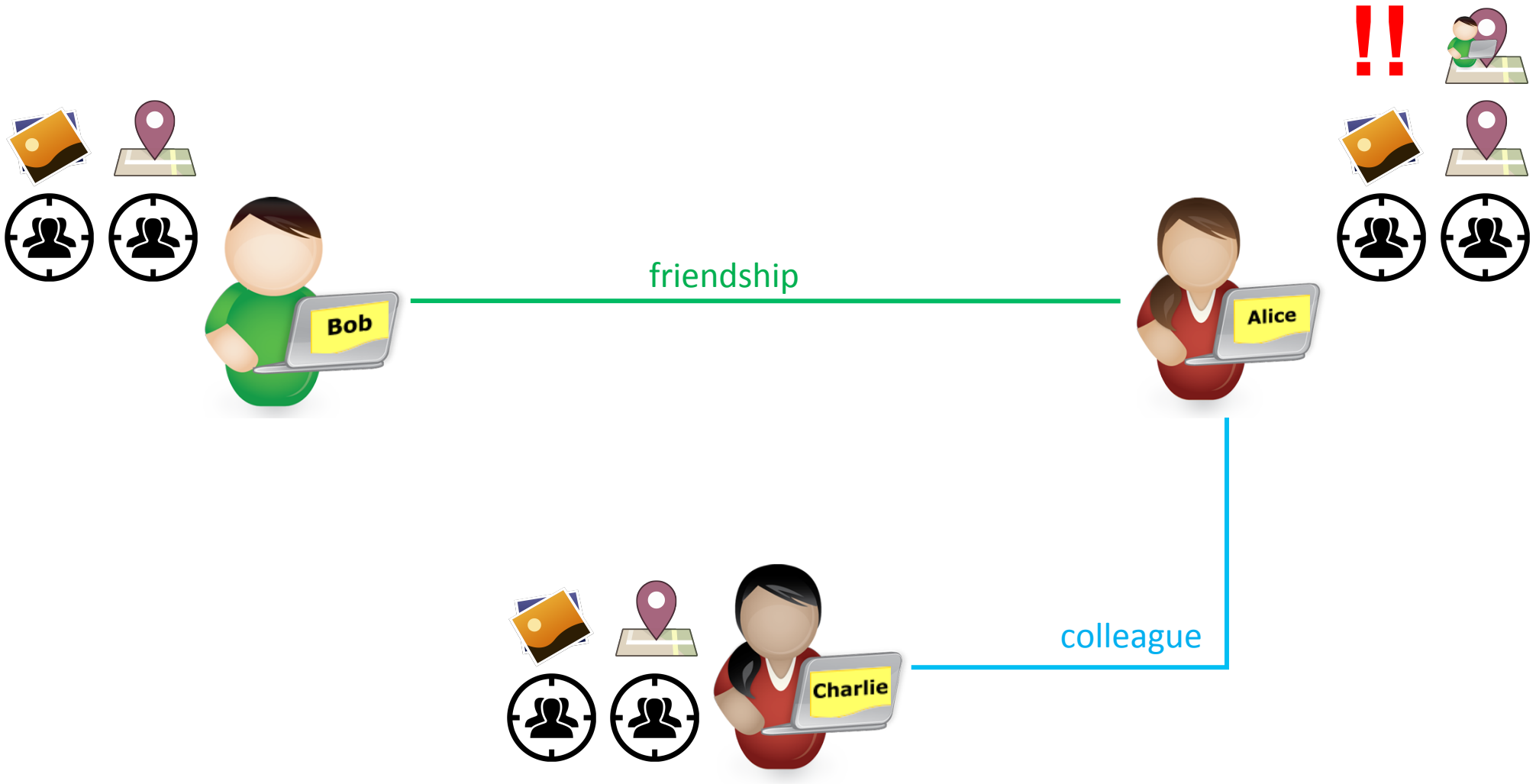

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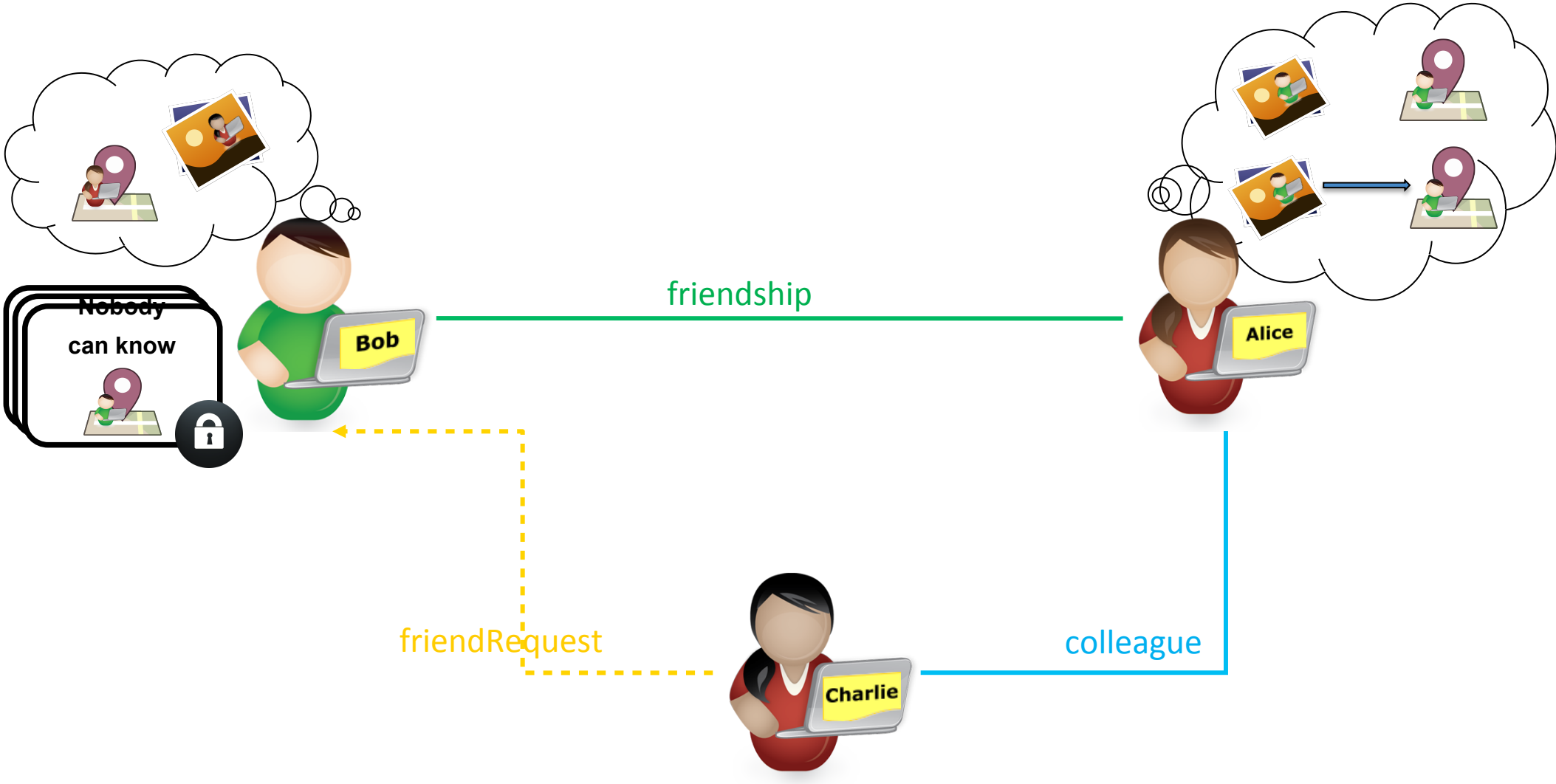
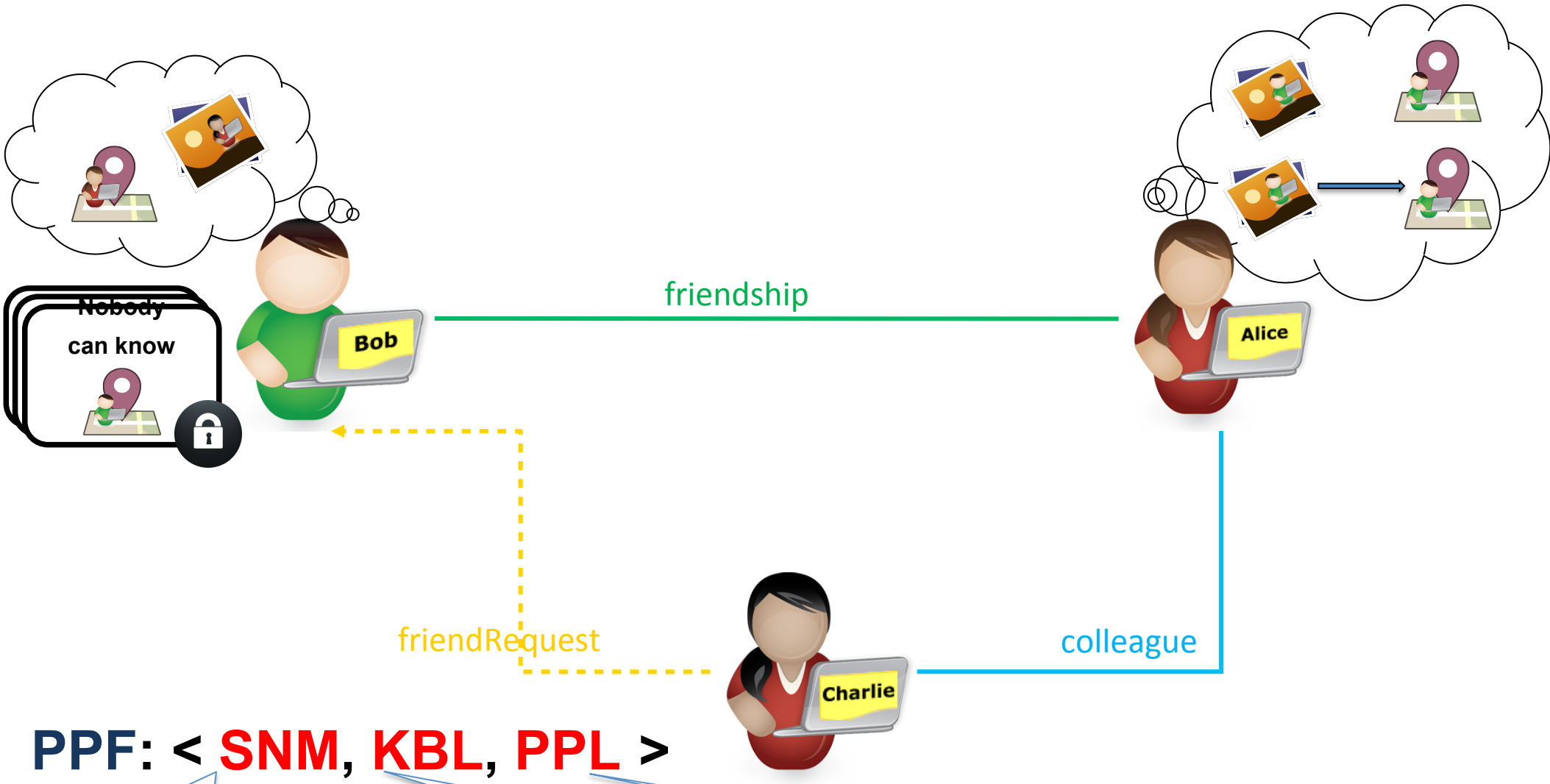


PPF: A FORMAL FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVACY POLICIES ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

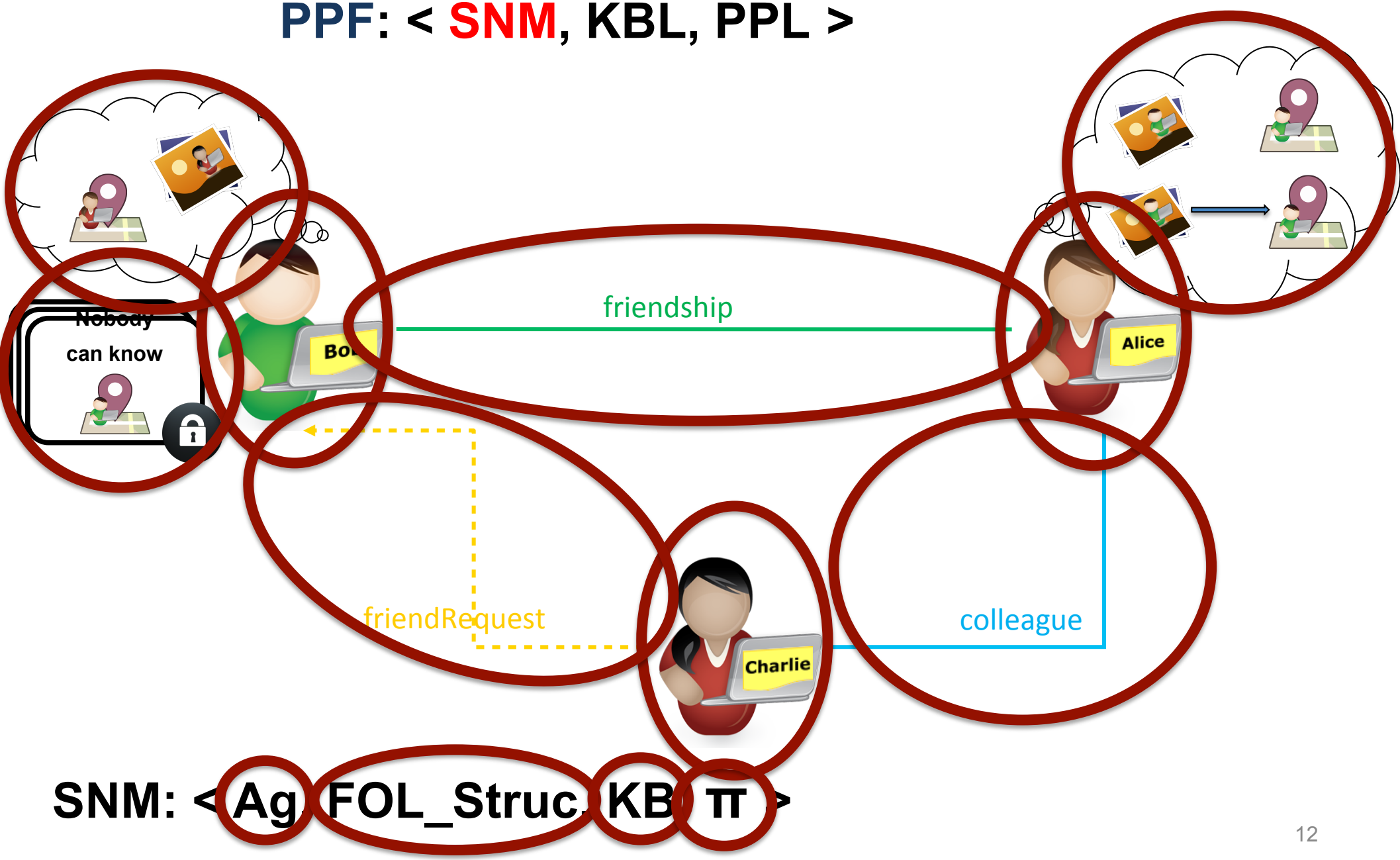


PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >

A Social Network Model | **A Knowledge-Based Logic** | **A Privacy Policy Language**

SNM: SOCIAL NETWORK MODELS

PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >



SNM: < Ag, FOL_Struc, KB, π >

KBL: AN "EPISTEMIC" LOGIC

PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >

"Generic" predicates

Predicates encoding "connections"

Predicates encoding permissions

$$\phi \quad ::= \quad p(\vec{t}) \mid c_m(i,j) \mid a_n(i,j) \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg\phi \mid \forall x.\phi$$
$$\mid K_i\phi \mid E_G\phi \mid S_G\phi \mid D_G\phi \mid C^n_G\phi$$

Agent *i* knows *ϕ*

Everybody in the audience G knows *ϕ*

Somebody in the audience G knows *ϕ*

***ϕ is* distributed knowledge among G**

***ϕ is* common knowledge among G**

KBL SEMANTICS

PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >

$SN, u \models p(\vec{t})$	iff	$p(\vec{t}) \in Cl(KB_u)$
$SN, u \models \neg\phi$	iff	$SN, u \not\models \phi$
$SN, u \models \phi \wedge \psi$	iff	$SN, u \models \phi$ and $SN, u \models \psi$
$SN, u \models \forall x.\phi$	iff	for all $v \in D$, $SN, u \models \phi[v/x]$
$SN, u \models K_i\delta$	iff	$\delta \in Cl(KB_i)$
$SN, u \models c_m(i,j)$	iff	$(i,j) \in C_m$
$SN, u \models a_n(i,j)$	iff	$(i,j) \in A_n$
$SN, u \models S_G\delta$	iff	there exits $i \in G$ such that $SN, i \models K_i\delta$
$SN, u \models E_G\delta$	iff	$SN, i \models K_i\delta$ for all $i \in G$
$SN, u \models C_G^k\phi$	iff	$SN, u \models E_G^n\phi$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, k$
$SN, u \models D_G\delta$	iff	$\delta \in Cl(\bigcup_{i \in G} KB_i)$

TABLE I: $\mathcal{KBL}_{\mathcal{SN}}$ satisfiability relation

PPL: SPECIFYING POLICIES

PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >

Any KBL formula

Policies of agent *i* (defined over a subset of KBL)

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\delta & ::= & \delta \wedge \delta \mid \forall x.\delta \mid [\![\phi \Longrightarrow \neg\alpha]\!]_i \mid [\![\neg\alpha]\!]_i \\
\alpha & ::= & \alpha \wedge \alpha \mid \psi \mid \gamma' \mid \forall x.\alpha \\
\gamma' & ::= & K_i\gamma \mid E_G\gamma \mid S_G\gamma \mid D_G\gamma \mid C^k_G\gamma \\
\gamma & ::= & \gamma \wedge \gamma \mid \neg\gamma \mid p(\vec{t}) \mid \gamma' \mid \psi \mid \forall x.\gamma \\
\psi & ::= & c_m(i,j) \mid a_n(i,j)
\end{array}
$$

PPL CONFORMANCE RELATION

PPF: < SNM, KBL, PPL >

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
SN \models_C \delta_1 \wedge \delta_2 & \text{iff} & SN \models_C \delta_1 \wedge SN \models_C \delta_2 \\
SN \models_C \forall x.\delta & \text{iff} & \text{for all } x \in D,\ SN \models_C \delta[v/x] \\
SN \models_C [\![\neg\alpha]\!]_i & \text{iff} & SN, i \models \neg\alpha \\
SN \models_C [\![\phi \implies \neg\alpha]\!]_i & \text{iff} & SN, i \models \phi \text{ then } SN \models_C [\![\neg\alpha]\!]_i
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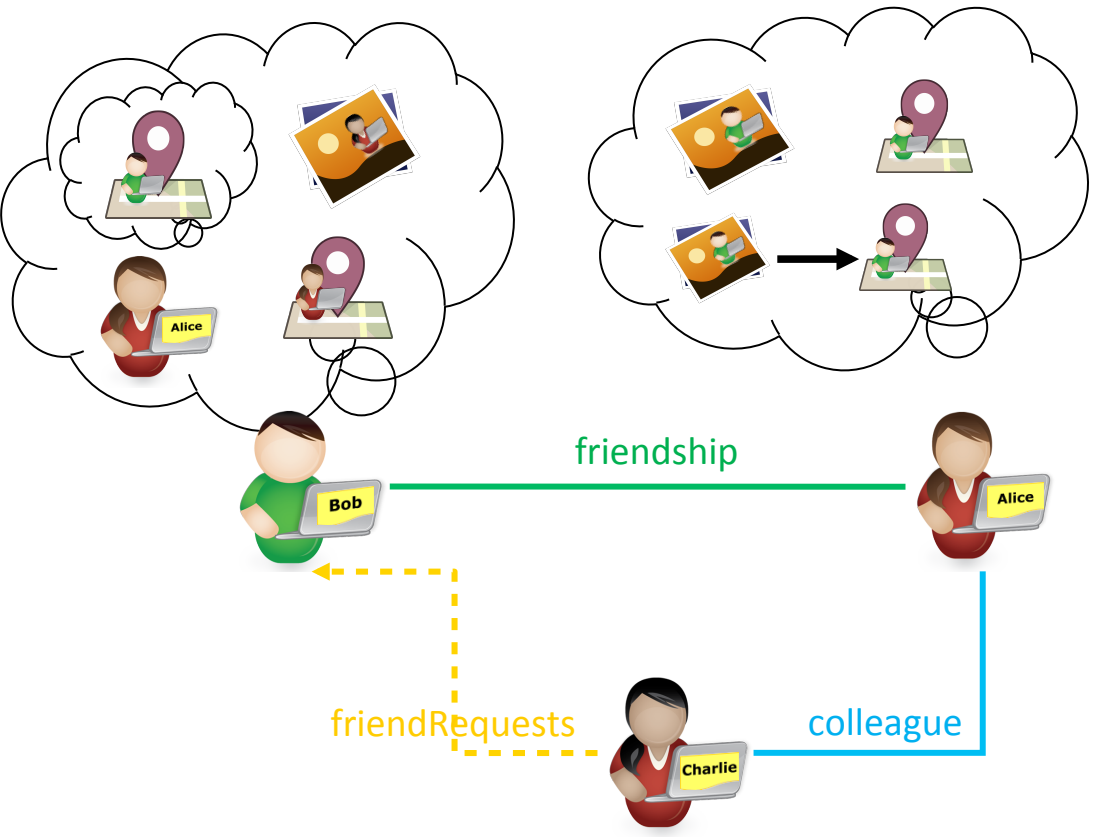
KBL - EXAMPLES



- Bob knows Alice's location

K_{Bob} 

- Bob knows that Alice knows his location

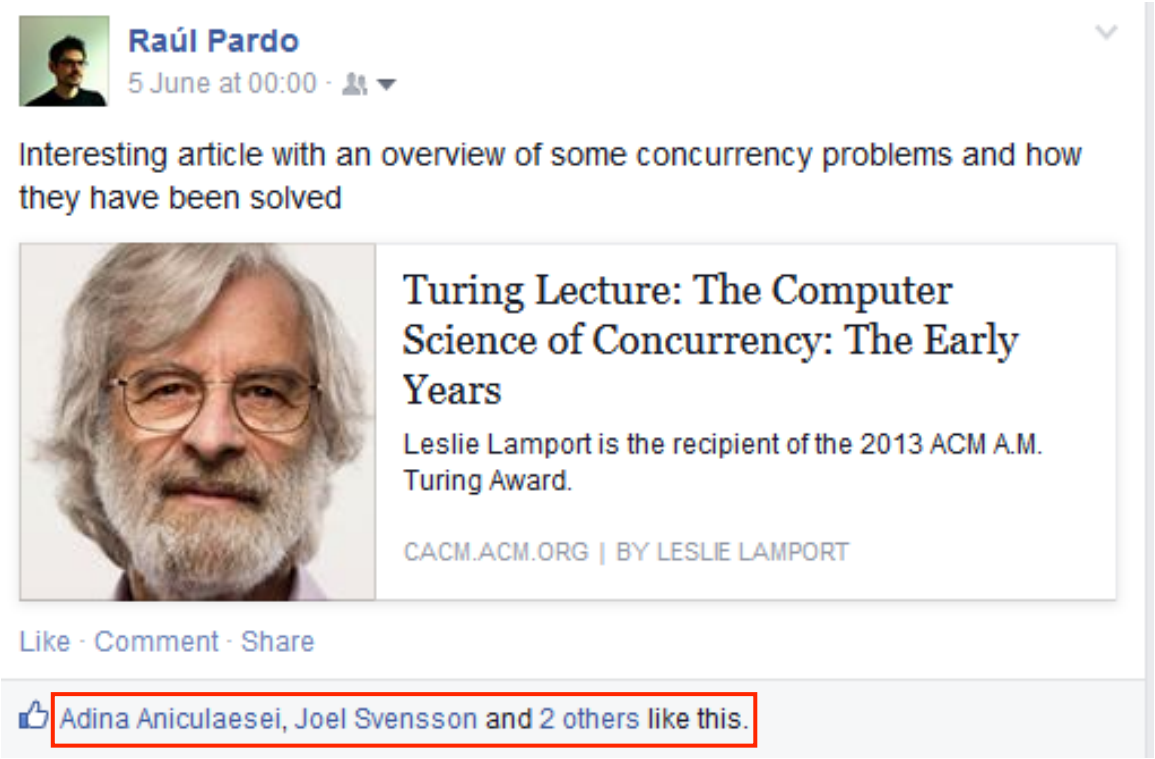
$K_{Bob}\ K_{Alice}$ 

- Alice and Bob know Bob's location

$E_{\{Bob,\ Alice\}}$ 

KBL - EXAMPLES

- If an agent knows a post, she knows who liked it



$$\forall\, x.\, \forall\, u.\, \forall\, i.\, \forall\, \eta \left(K_x\, post(\eta, u) \wedge K_i\, like(i, u, \eta) \Rightarrow K_x\, like(i, u, \eta) \right)$$

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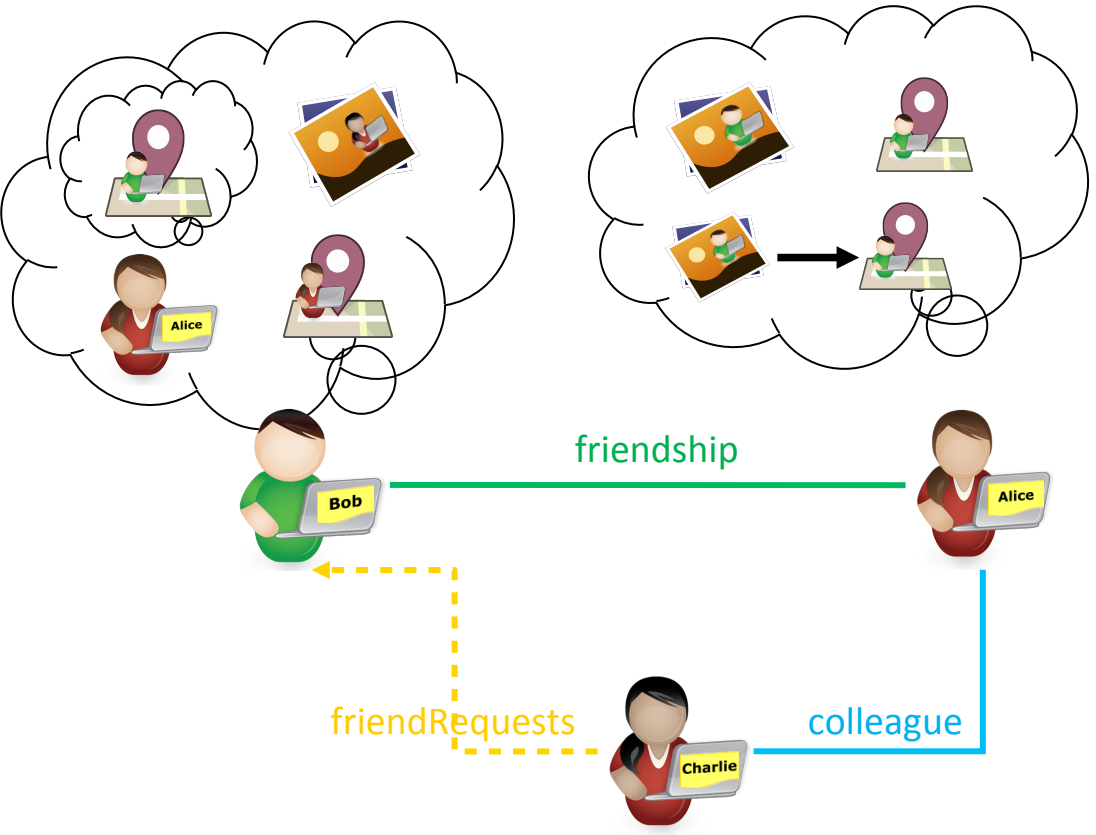

Nobody can know Bob's location (except Bob)

$$[\![\neg \, S_{Ag \setminus \{Bob\}} \; \text{  } \;]\!]_{Bob}$$

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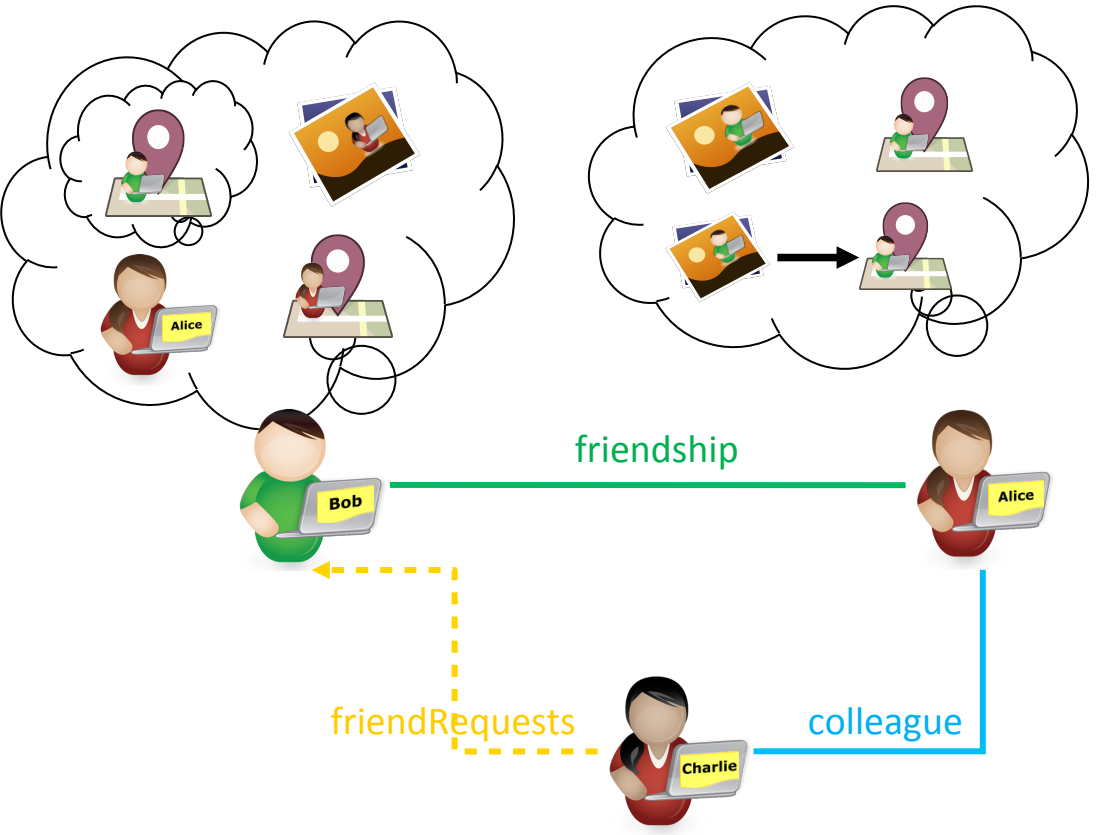

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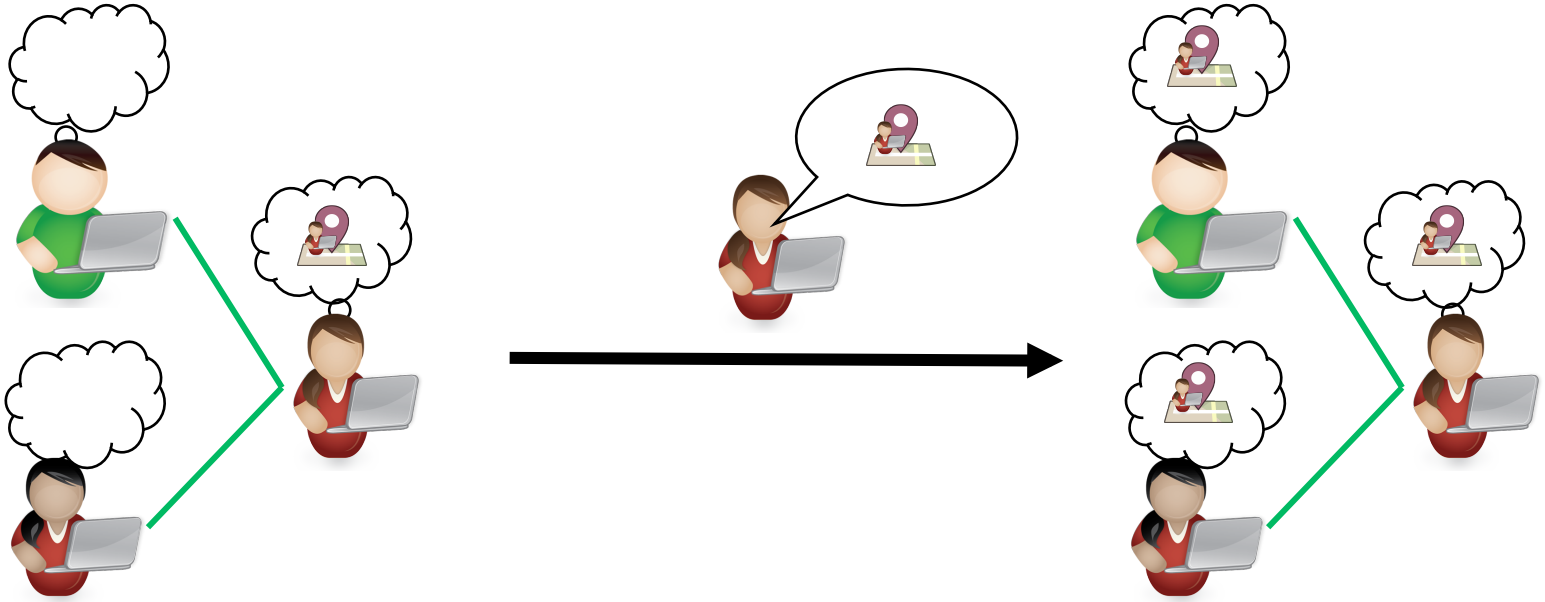
Only people who liked at least one of Bob's posts can join his event:

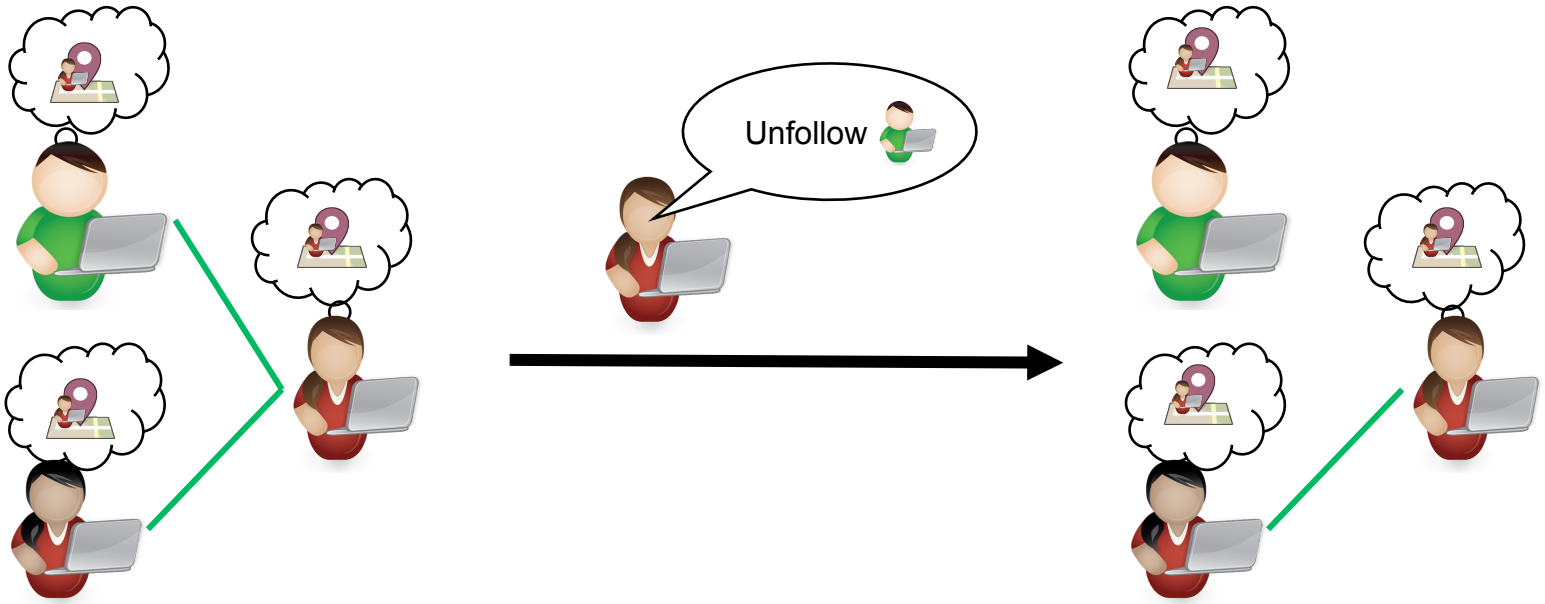
$$\forall i . \forall \eta . [\![\neg K_{Bob} like(i, Bob, \eta) \Rightarrow \neg P_i^{Bob} joinEvent]\!]_{Bob}$$

THAT'S NICE BUT…
SOCIAL NETWORKS EVOLVE

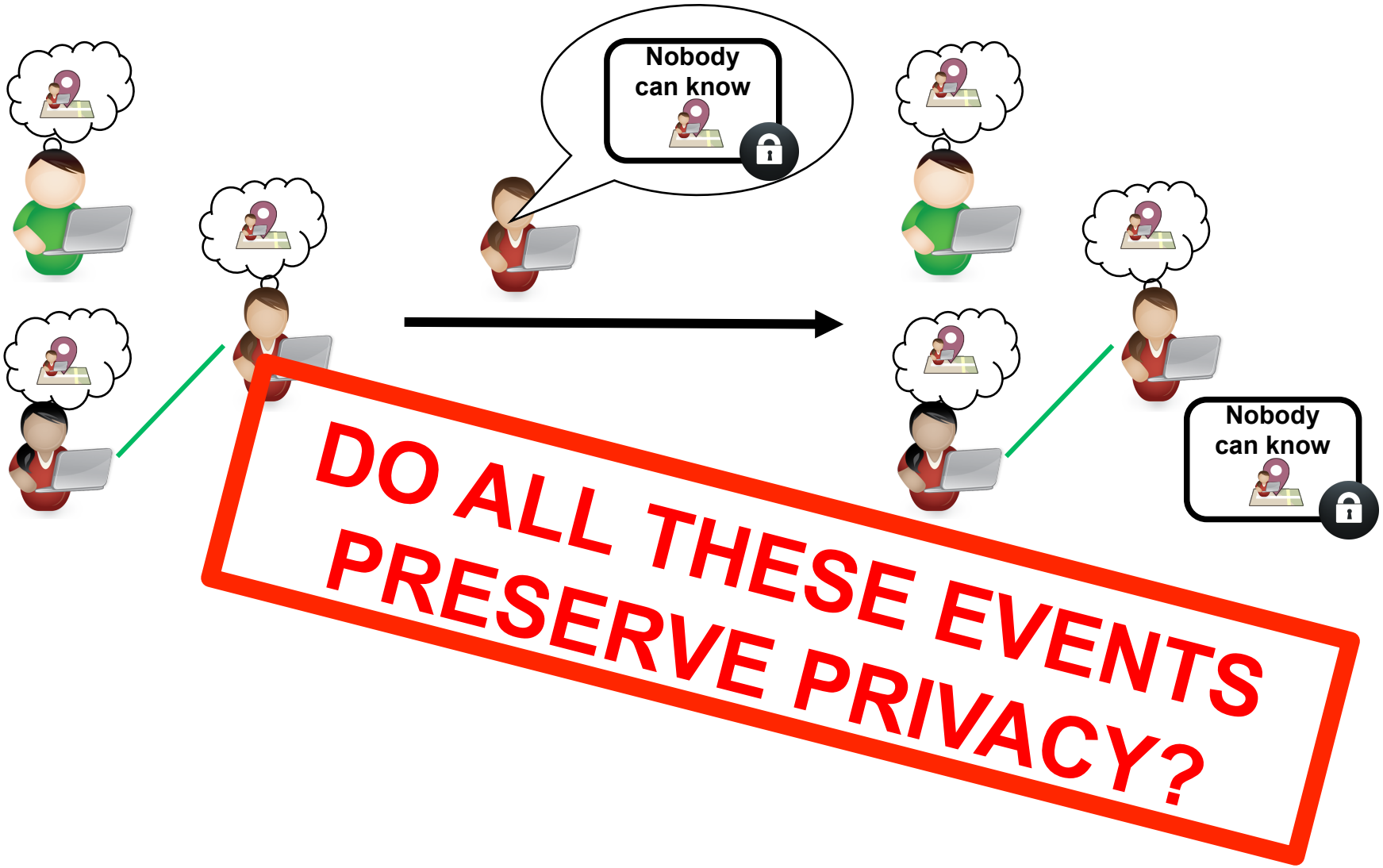
“EPISTEMIC” EVOLUTION



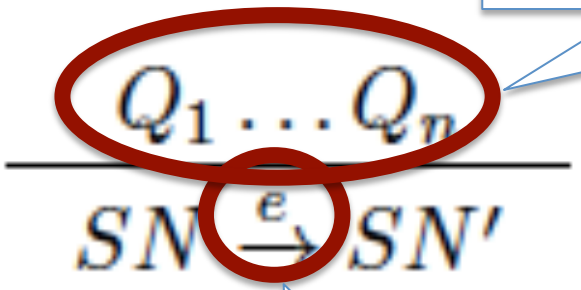
“TOPOLOGICAL” EVOLUTION



“POLICY” EVOLUTION



OPERATIONAL RULES



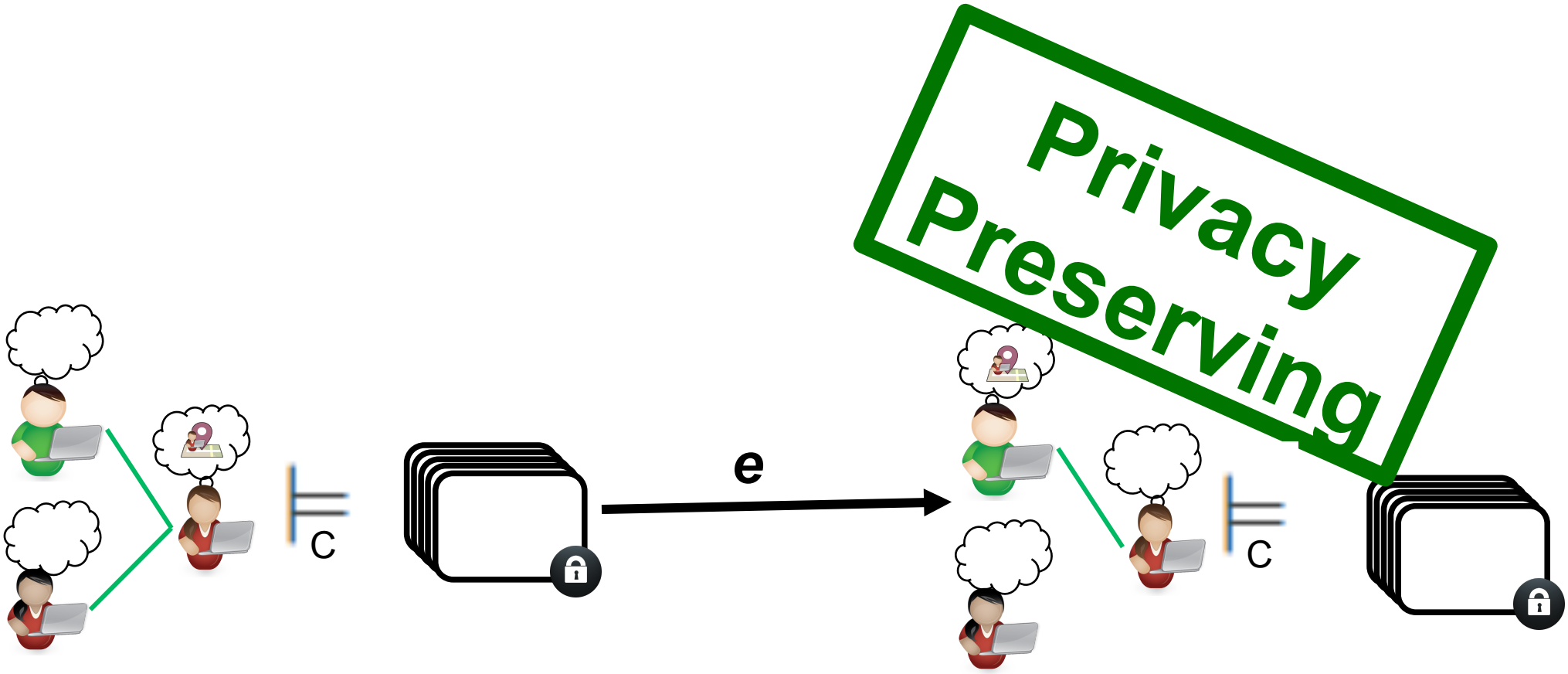
Updated of "primed" variables, auxiliary information, side effects, etc

For any event of the SNS E.g., for Twitter: *follow, unfollow, post*, etc

OPERATIONAL RULES: GENERIC STRUCTURE

We have defined all operational rules for Facebook and Twitter

PRESERVATION OF PRIVACY



THEOREM: and are privacy preserving

SUMMARY

- Formal Privacy Policy Framework (SEFM'14)
  - Social Network Model – SN
  - Knowledge Based Logic – KBL
  - Privacy Policy Language – PPL
  - Formalization of Facebook and Twitter

- Evolution of SNs (under submission)
  - Operational rules
  - Privacy preservation
  - Applied to Facebook and Twitter

ON-GOING AND FUTURE WORK

- Proving relation of the SN Model with standard Kripke semantics for Epistemic Logic
- Implementation: Diaspora*

- Extending the framework with real-time
- Attacker model
- Enforcement mechanisms

Long Term:

- A generic privacy policy framework controlling your device (e.g., smart phone)
- Privacy-preserving contractual agreements

Part II

Other (current) research interests

SPECIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF NORMATIVE TEXTS

Joint work with

John C. Camilleri

Also:

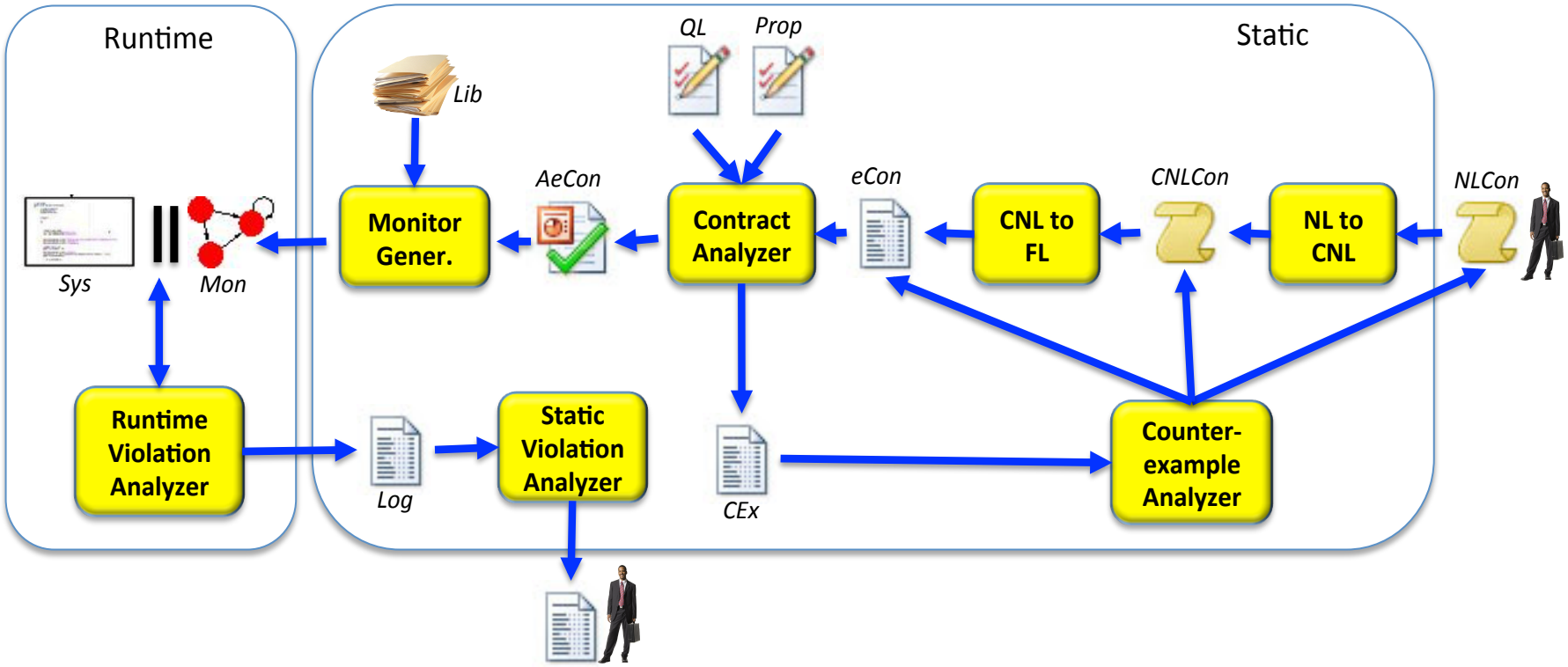
Cristian Prisacariu, Gordon Pace, …

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

- **Formalize** ”contracts” (normative texts)
- Provide (semi) automatic tools for **analysis**

“What happens if the customer skips the payment?”
“What is the shortest service utilization?”
”What are my obligations?”
”Are there obligations without ”reparations”?

THE BIG (PARTIAL) PICTURE...



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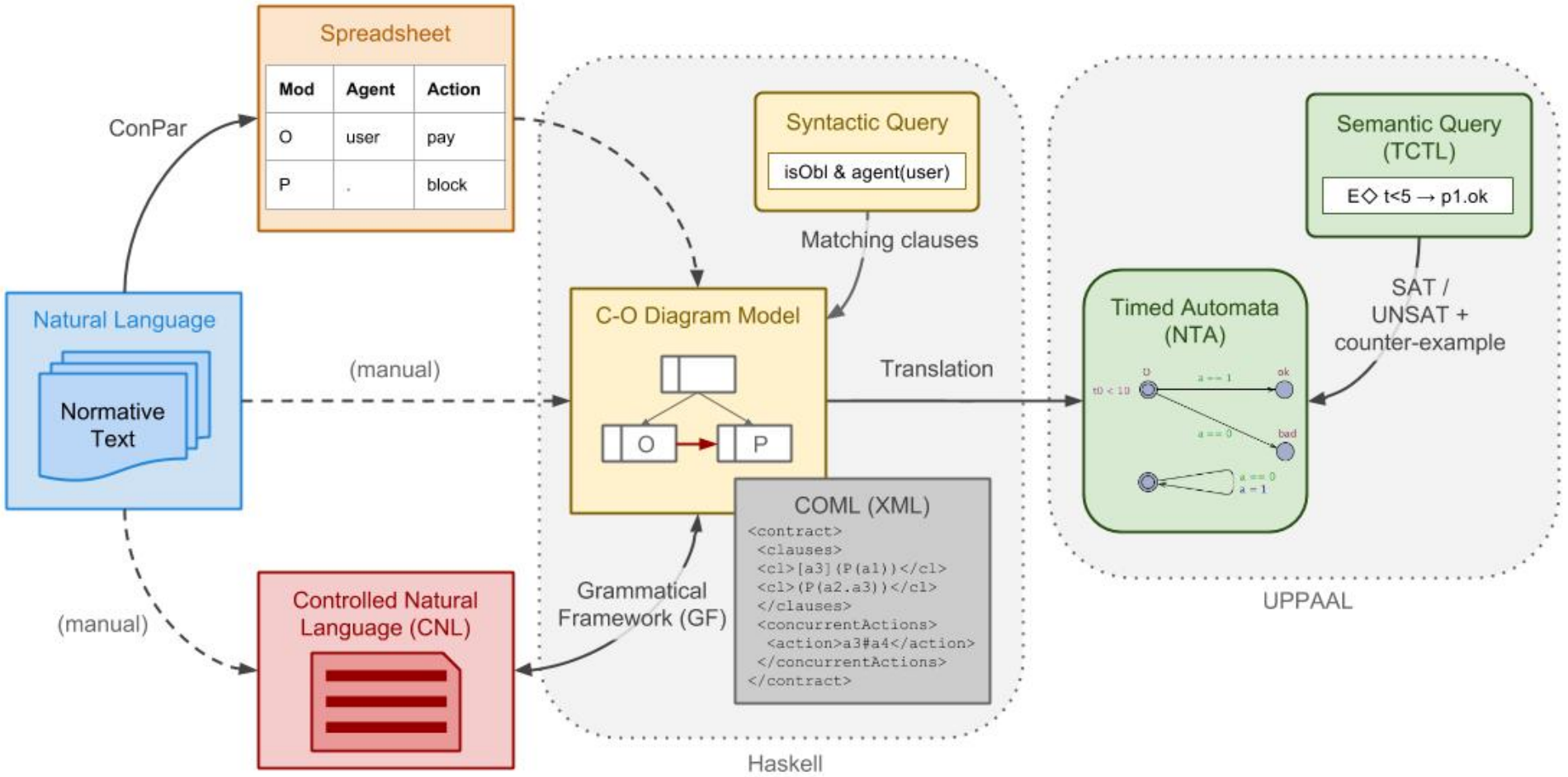

Our work on “contracts”:

FMOODS'07, ATVA'07, ATVA'08, ATVA'09, iFM'09, FESCA'09, WOLLIC'09, ICAIL'09, ICTAC'09, IEEE SCC'10, FMSPLE'10, FLACOS'11, JLAP'12, JLAP’13, IEEE TSE'14, CNL’14

* Thanks to John Camilleri for the picture

COMBINING STATIC AND RUNTIME VERIFICATION

(To verify Data- and Control-Oriented properties)

Joint work with

Wolfgang Ahrendt, Mauricio Chimento and Gordon Pace

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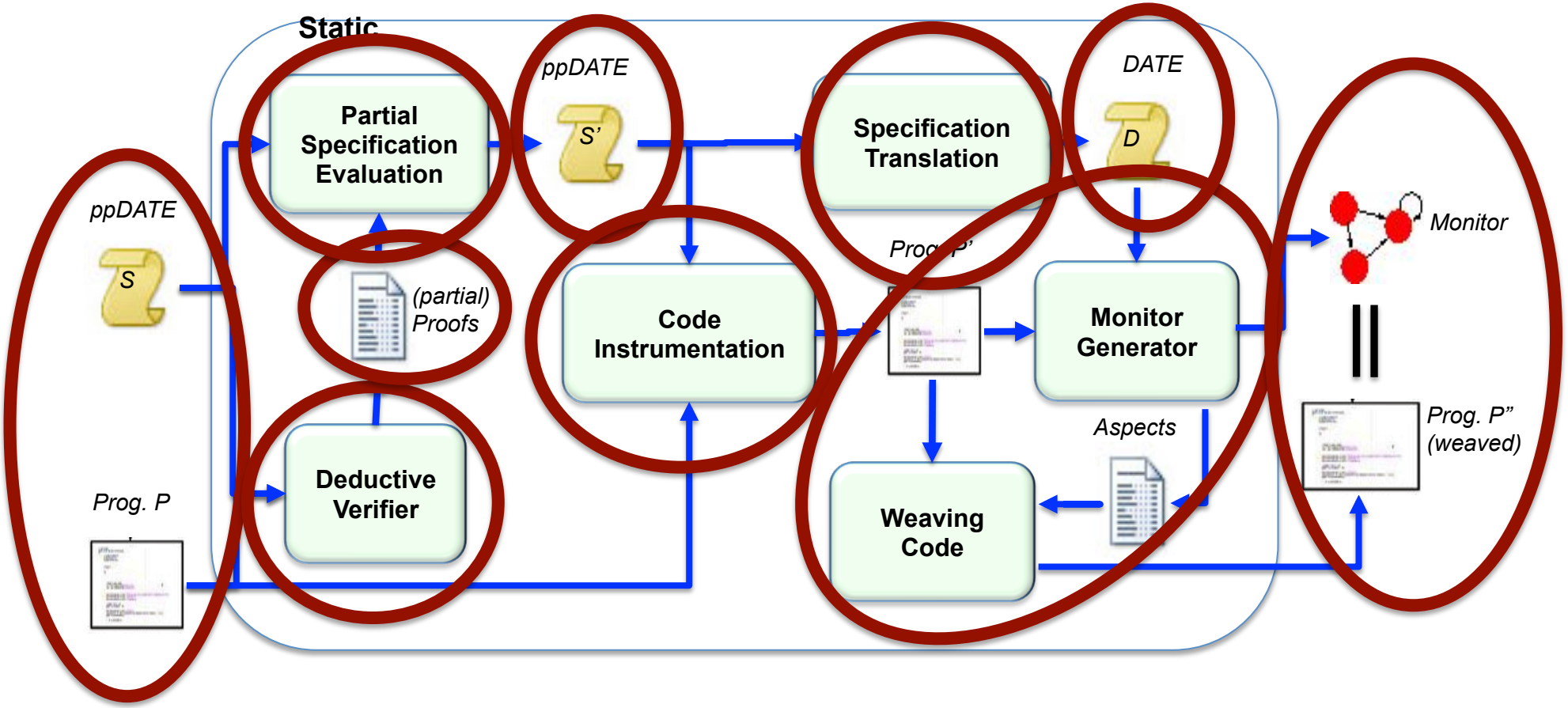
Unified **Sta**tic and **R**untime **V**erification of **O**bject-**Or**iented **S**oftware



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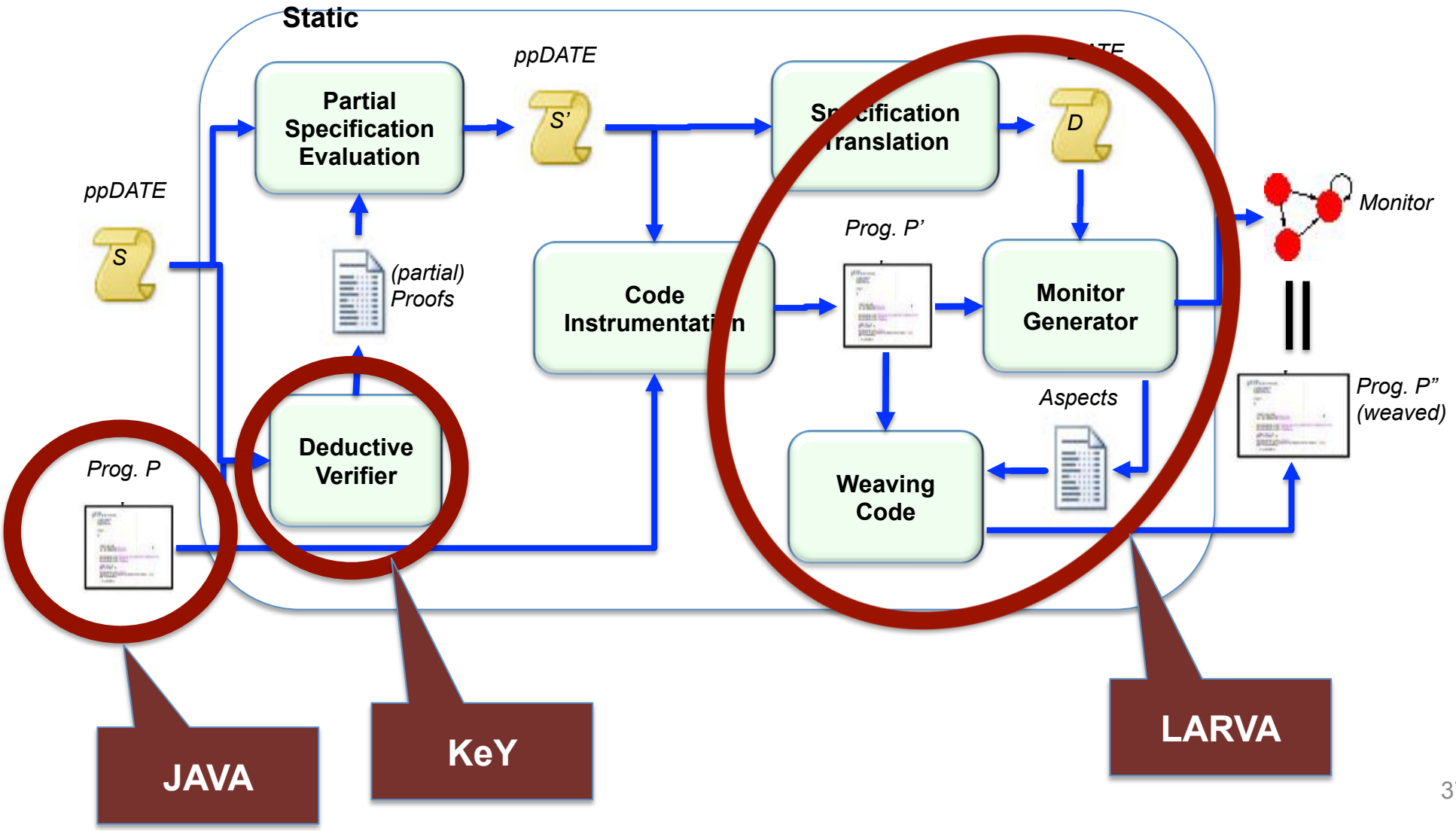

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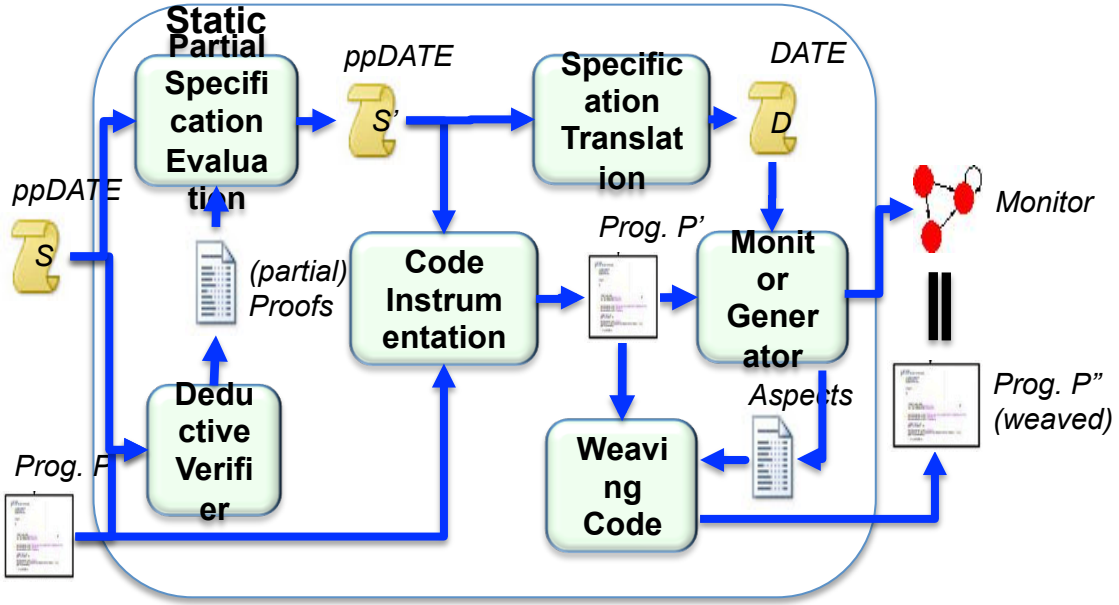
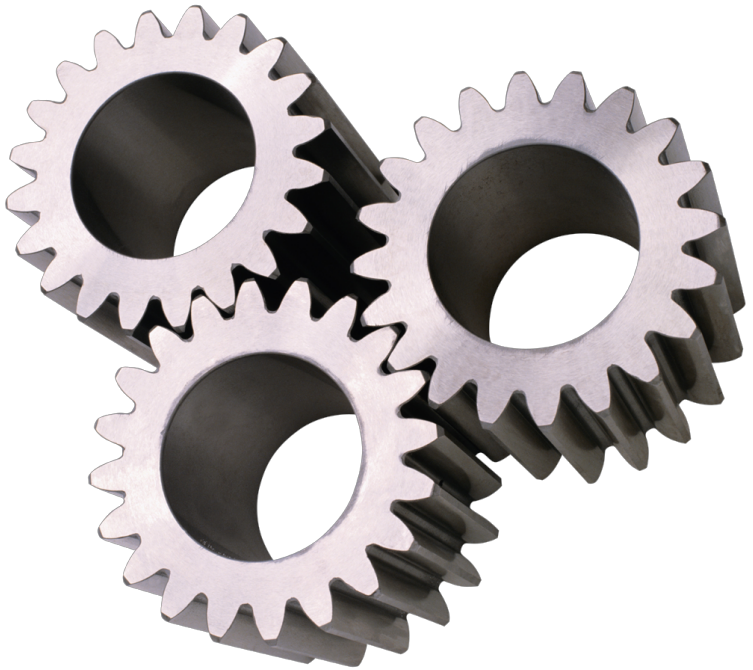


Framework + ppDATE (FM'15)



Automatic Tool (RV'15)

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