

The Ratchet Race

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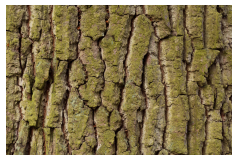
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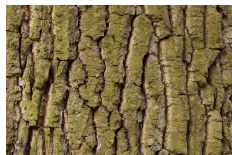
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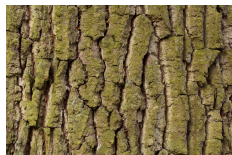
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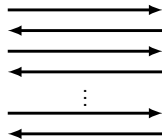
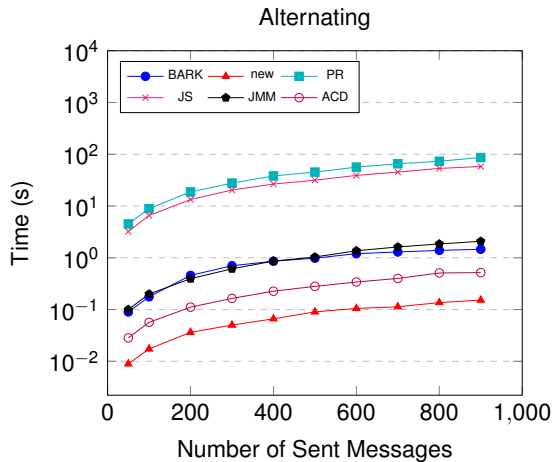
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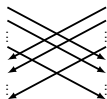
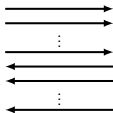
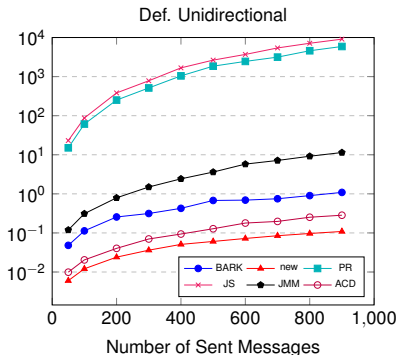
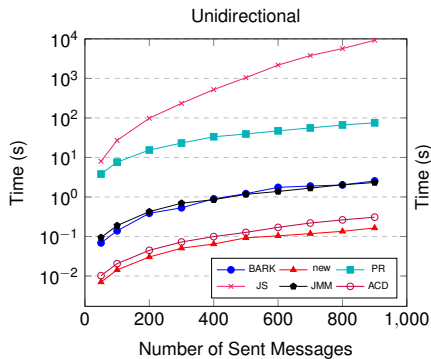
Our New Protocol

- generic composition of two protocols
- typically:
 - ratchet protocol + symmetric-crypto protocol
 - (we don't want to ratchet too often)
- \approx “double ratchet” (ACD/Signal)
 - ACD ratchets when the direction of communication changes
 - our protocol ratchets at any message **“on demand”**

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to be continued...

References

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- new protocol: on eprint soon
- implementations:

`https://github.com/qantik/ratched`