

# Flexible and Robust Key Rollover in DNSSEC

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A bouillabaisse or some other stew?

**WHAT IS FOR DINNER?**

# Ingredients of This Presentation

- DNS: My data is controlled by me. I can change it to whatever I want *whenever* I want.
- TTL: I *promise* this data is useable for the next *N* seconds.
- DNSSEC: Replace a bit of freedom with security.

# Degraded Trust

- I lost trust in key X,  
let me switch it for key Y.
- Keys need to be rolled, in such a way that  
chain of trust is not broken.
- Recipes for rolling are documented.

# Example Roll

Roll from ZSK A to ZSK B:

1. Publish  $DNSKEY_B$
2. Wait  $TTL(DNSKEY)$
3. Switch  $RRSIG_A$  for  $RRSIG_B$
4. Wait  $TTL(RRSIG)$
5. Remove  $DNSKEY_A$
6. Wait  $TTL(DNSKEY)$

# THE RECIPE

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- Question  
**Give me the recipe for rolling a key.**
- Answer  
KSK, ZSK, CSK.

# Another Recipe

- Question  
**I need to change algorithm as well.**
- Answer  
KSK, ZSK, CSK, Algorithm KSK, Algorithm ZSK, Algorithm CSK.



# And Another Recipe

- Question

**How about switching between split key and single key?**

- Answer

KSK, ZSK, CSK, Algorithm KSK, Algorithm ZSK, Algorithm CSK, Split to single, Single to split, Algorithm Split to single, Algorithm single to split.

# And Another ...

- Question  
**I'd like to minimize parent interactions.**
- Answer  
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# And Another ...

- Question

**Or minimize the DNSKEY set.**

- Answer

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**Or minimize the signatures.**

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# And Another ...

- Question

**Or two of those at the same time!**

- Answer

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# And Another ...

- Question

**What can we do in case of an emergency?**

- Answer

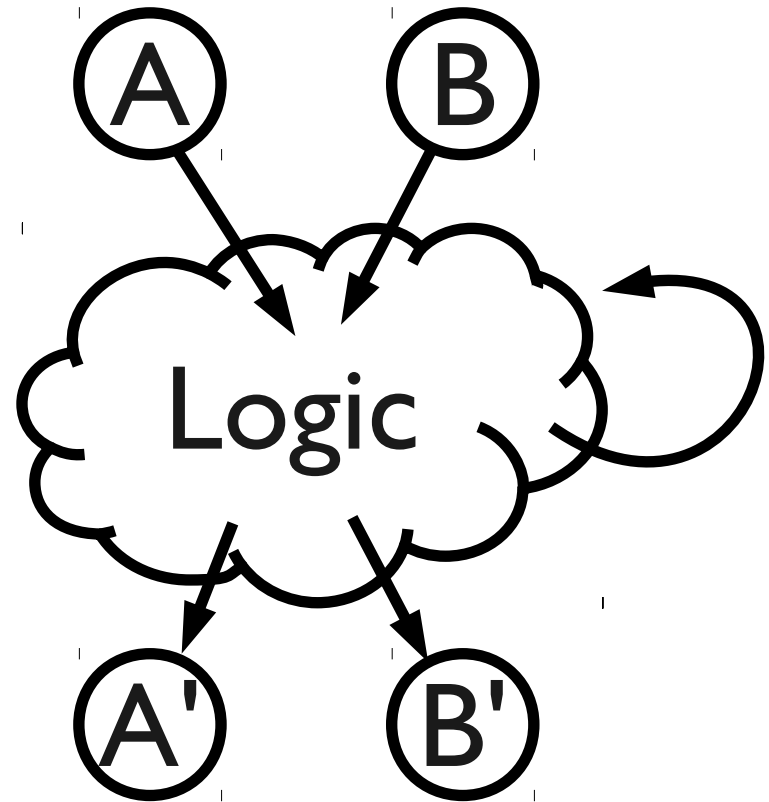
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**Right. I'll just implement these two.**

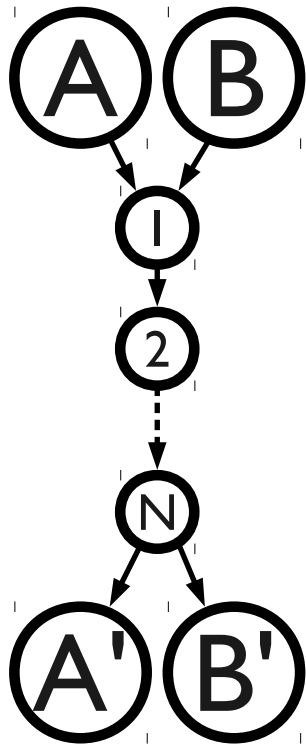
KSK, ZSK.

# COOKING 101



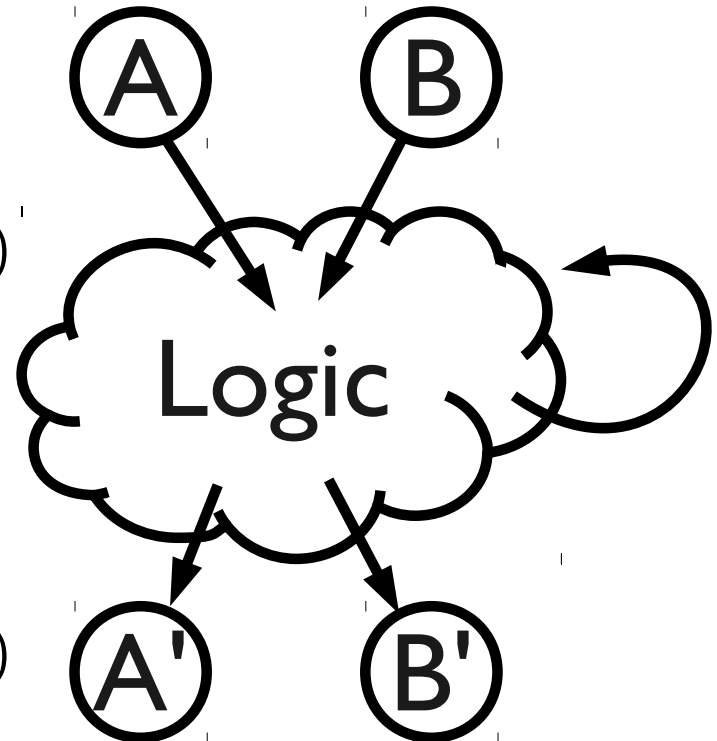


# ZSK Prepublication Rollover



Recipe:

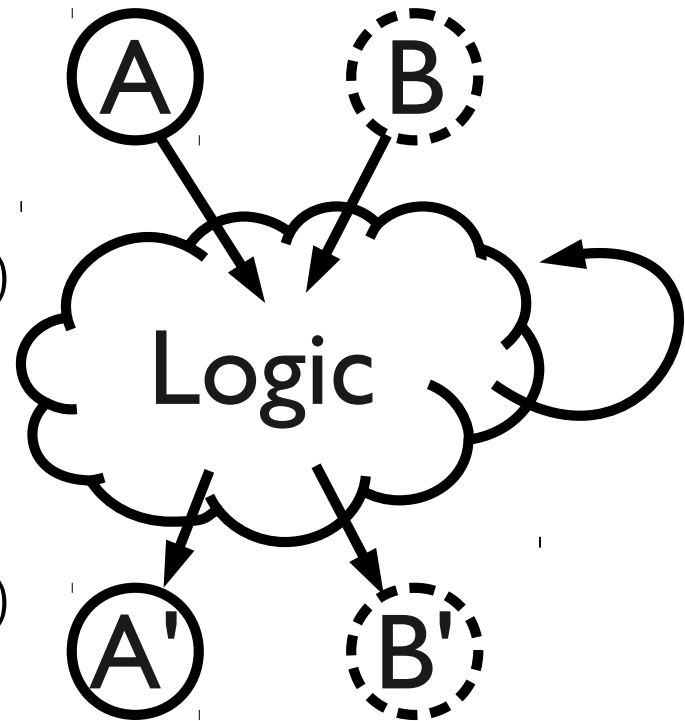
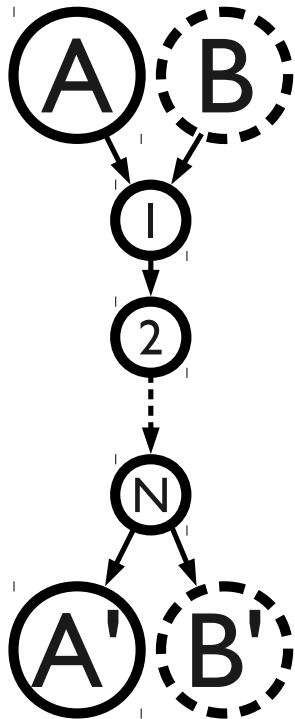
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# CSK Algorithm Rollover

Recipe:

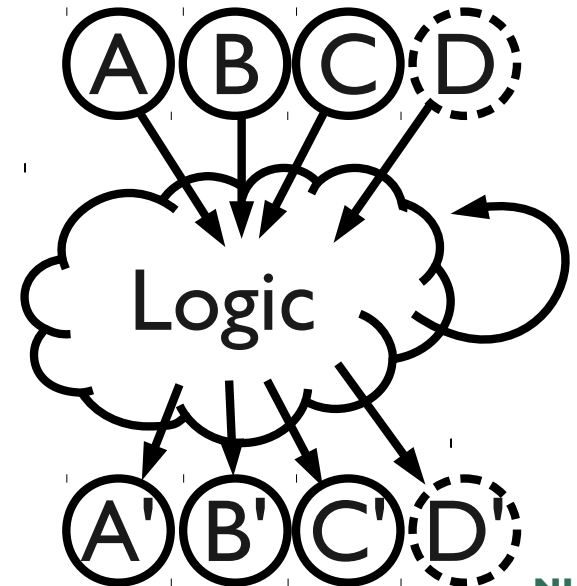
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3. Publish  $DNSKEY_B$
4. Wait  $TTL(DNSKEY)$
5. Switch  $DS_A$  for  $DS_B$
6. Wait  $TTL(DS)$
7. Remove  $DNSKEY_A$
8. Wait  $TTL(DNSKEY)$
9. Remove  $RRSIG_A$
10. Wait  $TTL(RRSIG)$



**KSK+ZSK to CSK of different algorithm while minimizing published DS and RRSIG records and breaking up an earlier rollover -rollover.**

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A dataflow-oriented approach

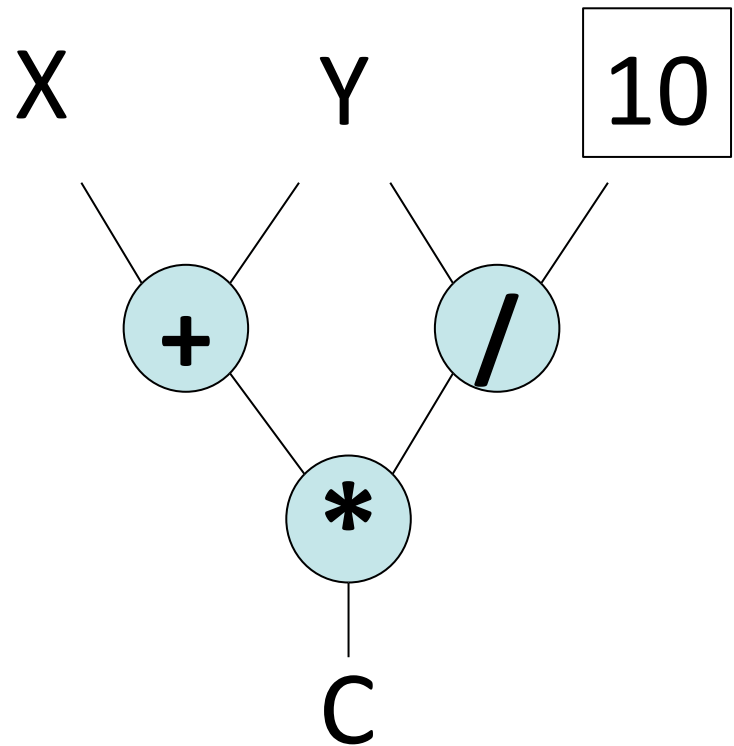
# **ROLLOVER CENTRISM VS. KEY CENTRISM**

# The Dataflow Model

$A := X + Y$

$B := Y / 10$

$C := A * B$

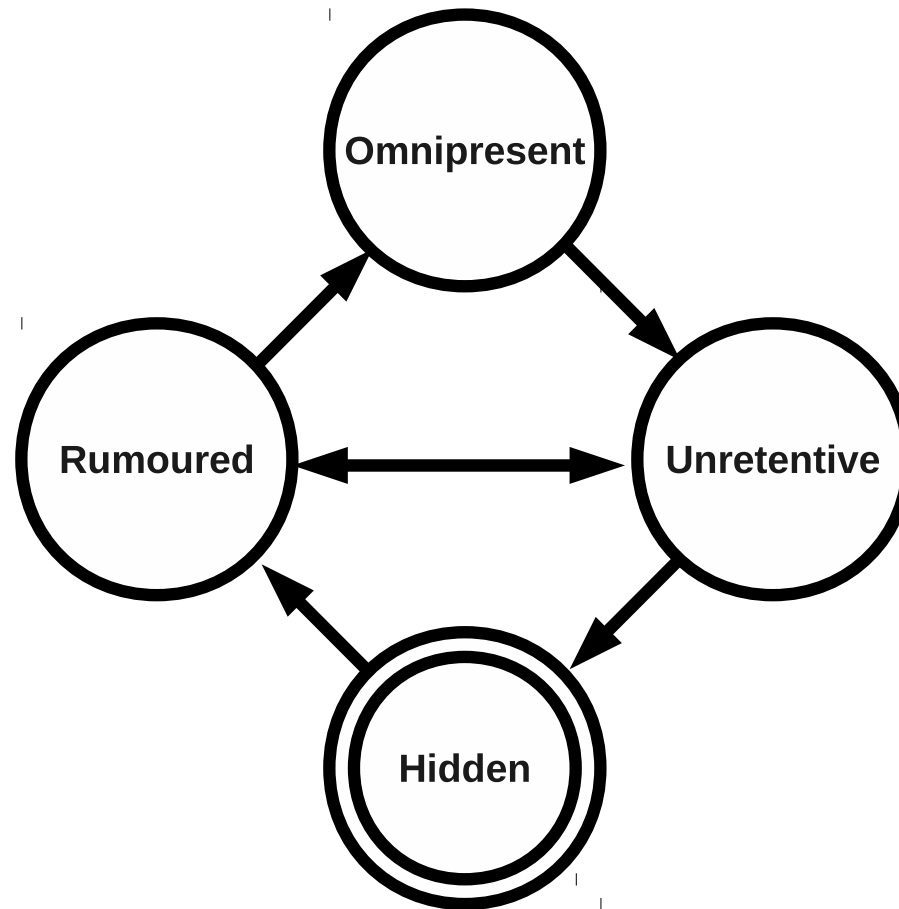


- Dataflow as a coordination language, like Linda [Gelernter and Carriero 1992]

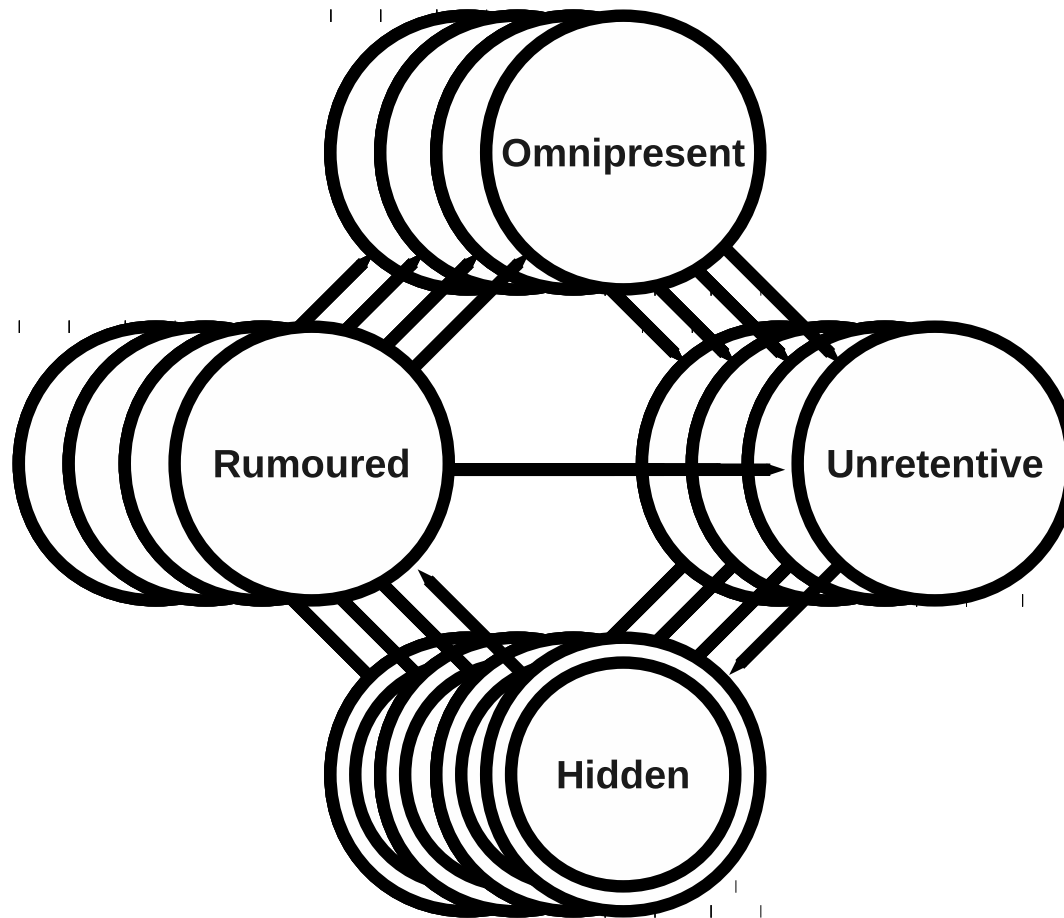
# The Key Rollover Stew Recipe

- Define a set of valid key states
- Specify conditions whether a transition results in a valid key state
- Give goals that have to be realized in the rollover of a key
- Let the machinery find the shortest safe path towards a desired state.

# The Key Rollover State Machine

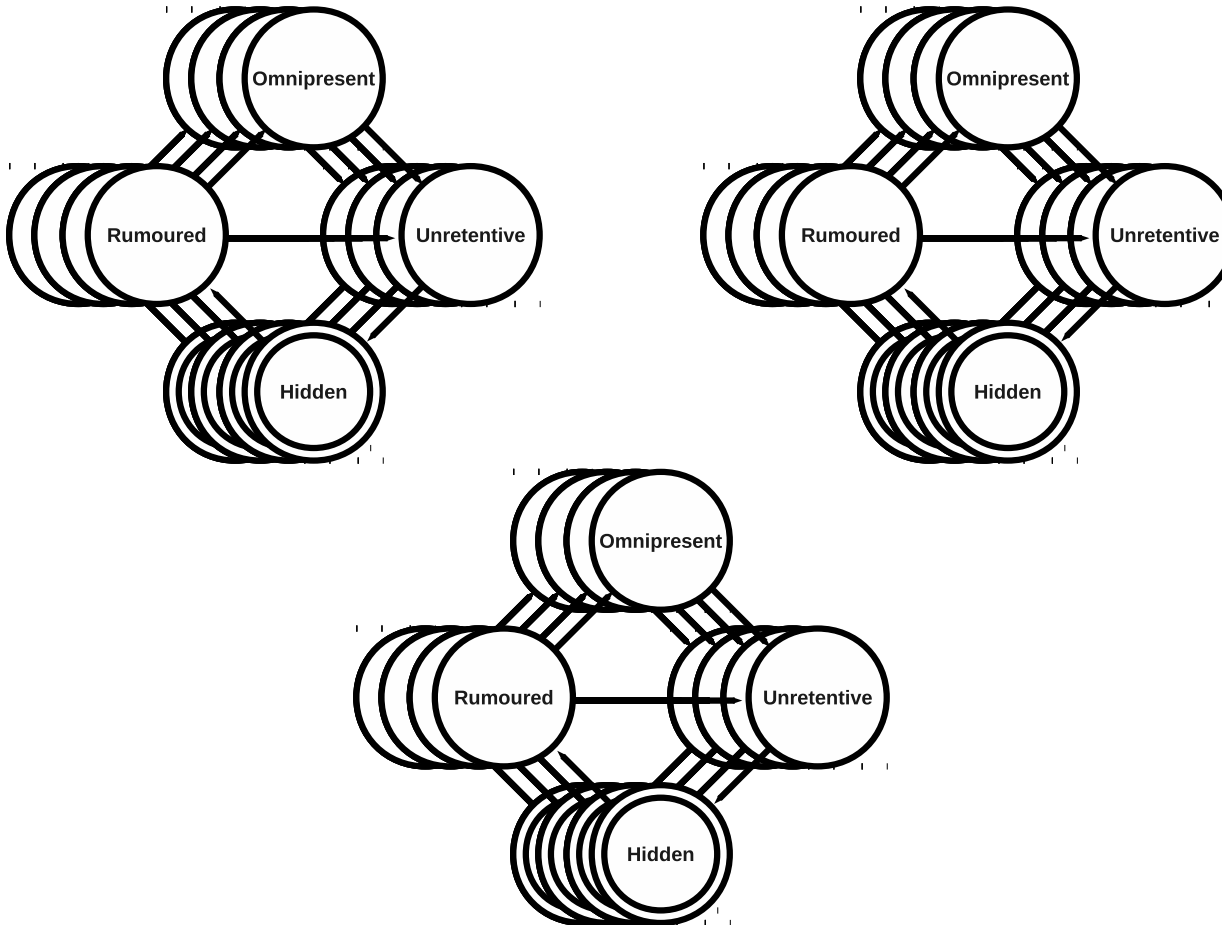


# DS, DNSKEY, RRSIG DNSKEY, and RRSIG RR Separated





# Generalized Model for DNSSEC Key Rollover



# Formalize Validity of a Zone

*rule1(x) :*

$$\exists y \in K (D_y^{\uparrow+}) \quad (1a)$$

*rule2(x) :*

$$\exists y \in X (D_y^+ K_y^+ R_y^+) \quad \vee \quad (1b)$$

$$\exists y, z \in X (D_y^{\uparrow} K_y^+ R_y^+ D_z^{\downarrow} K_z^+ R_z^+ \wedge y \succ^D z) \quad \vee \quad (1c)$$

$$\exists y, z \in X (D_y^+ K_y^{\uparrow+} R_y^{\uparrow} D_z^+ K_z^{\downarrow} R_z^{\downarrow-} \wedge y \succ^K z) \quad \vee \quad (1d)$$

$$\forall y \in X (D_y^- \vee \exists z \in X (K_z^+ R_z^+ (D_y = D_z))) \quad (1e)$$

*rule3(x) :*

$$\exists y \in X (K_y^+ S_y^+) \quad \vee \quad (1f)$$

$$\exists y, z \in X (K_y^{\uparrow} S_y^+ K_z^{\downarrow} S_z^+ \wedge y \succ^K z) \quad \vee \quad (1g)$$

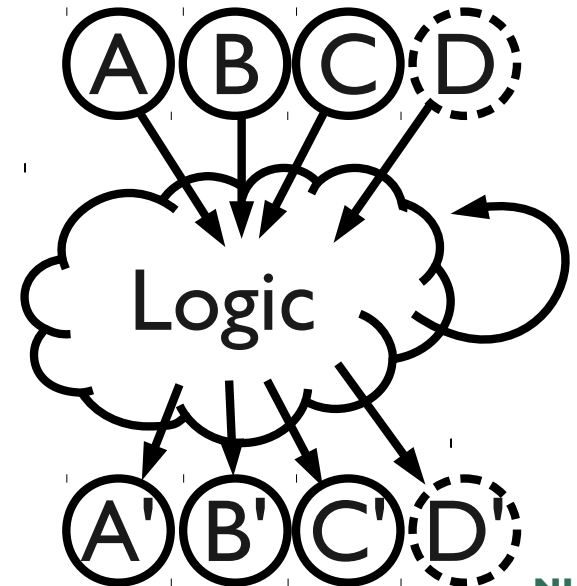
$$\exists y, z \in X (K_y^+ S_y^{\uparrow} K_z^+ S_z^{\downarrow} \wedge y \succ^S z) \quad \vee \quad (1h)$$

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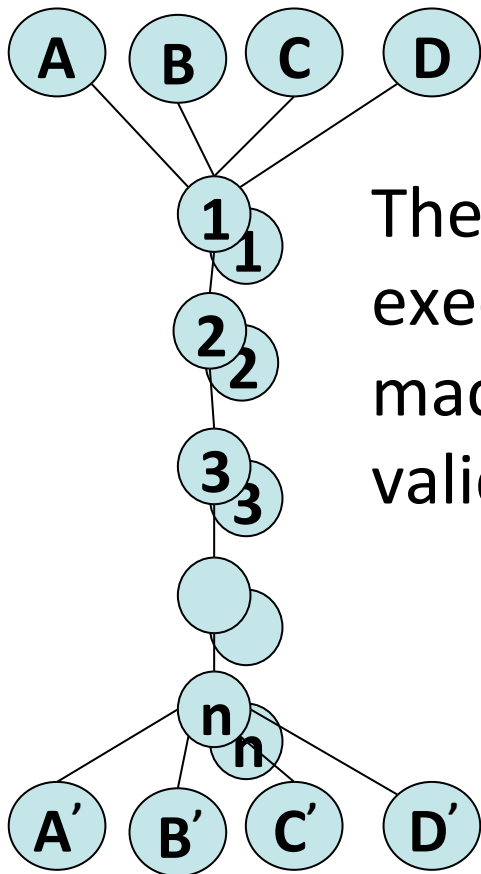
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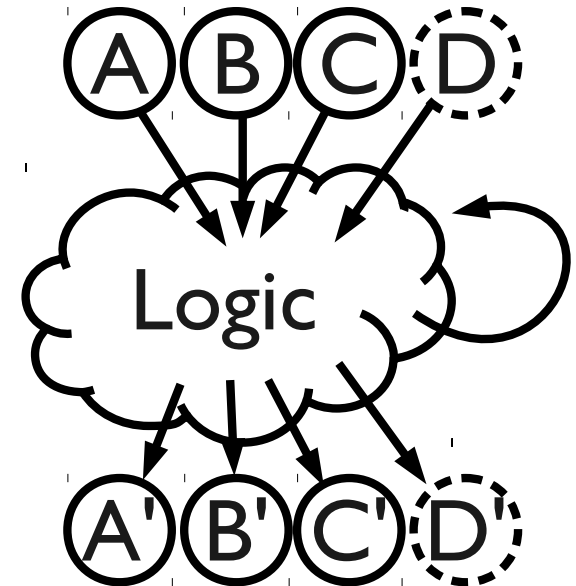
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# Dataflow-Driven State Machine Model



The dataflow-driven execution of the state machines generates a valid key rollover path



# Concluding Remarks

- Prototype generates valid key rollover paths
- The key centric rollover mechanism will be part of OpenDNSSEC (Enforcer in OpenDNSSEC 2.0)
- ZKS, KSK, CSK, algorithm rollover supported
- Ability to switch between ongoing rollovers: emergency key rollover