

# **601.445/645: Practical Cryptographic Systems**

**Protocols**

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# Review

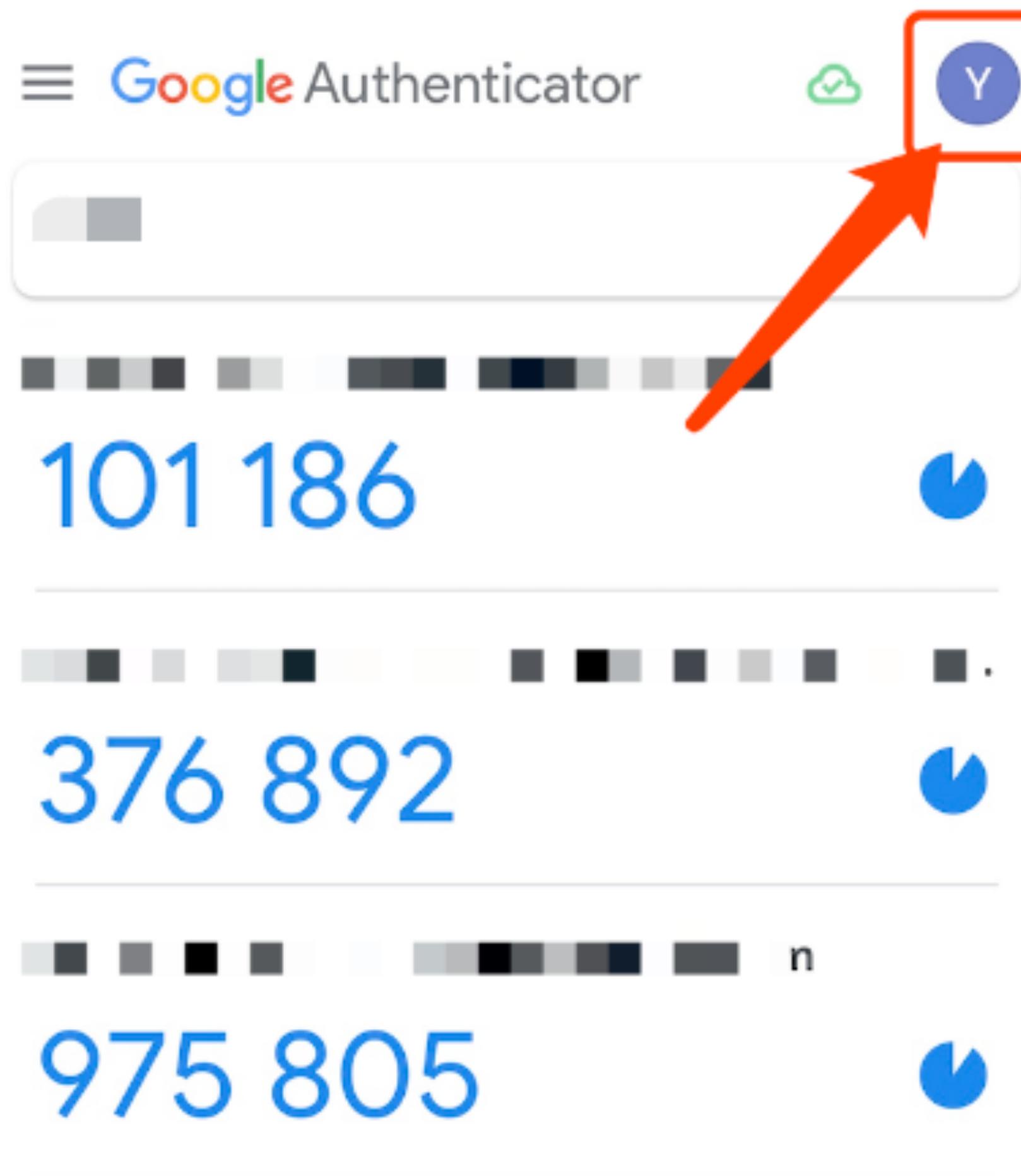
- Last time:
  - Finished up (most) primitives
  - Digital signatures
  - Almost there
- Today:
  - Finishing that stuff up
  - Protocols!

# Reading and Midterm

- Midterm is on 3/10
- Do the reading, please
  - 20 years of attacks on RSA
  - Imperfect Forward Secrecy
  - Lucky13
  - Mining Ps and Qs (among others)

# **News?**

# News?



# New assignment

- Some ingredients:
  - Static DH oracles
  - Subgroups of a cyclic groups  
(generators of subgroups)
  - Algorithms for computing the discrete logarithm
  - CRT

# Static DH oracles

- Let  $a$  be a secret value
  - A “static” DH oracle is one that takes in a group element  $h$  and returns  $h^a \bmod p$ .
  - When do we get these in real life?
  - What’s the impact?

# Subgroups

- For every finite cyclic group of order  $n$ :
  - For every divisor of  $n$ , there exists one subgroup of that order
  - These subgroups have generators
- What happens when the group order  $n$  has many divisors?

# CRT (Sunzi's theorem)

- Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N$  be divisors of a modulus  $N$
- Then for some integer  $0 \leq X < N$ , given the integers:
  - $a_1 = (X \bmod p_1)$
  - $a_2 = (X \bmod p_2)$
  - ...
  - $a_N = (X \bmod p_N)$
- There exists an algorithm that can solve for  $X$

# CRT (algorithm)

- For  $i = 1$  to  $n$ :
  - Compute  $y_i = \frac{N}{p_i}$
  - Compute  $z_i \equiv y_i^{-1} \text{ mod } p_i$      $\leftarrow$  extended Euclidian algorithm
  - Compute  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i z_i$

# Digital Signatures (again)

- Hash-based signatures

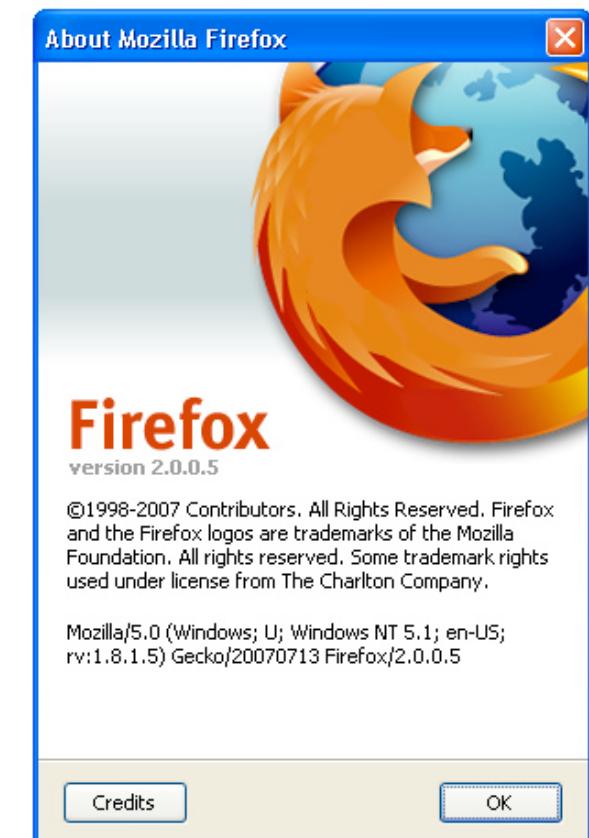
# SSL/TLS

- Transport-layer security protocol
  - Often used to secure reliable protocols (TCP)
  - Does not require pre-shared keys
  - Most common usage: https
- E-commerce (\$200bn/2008), Banking, etc.

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# Today

- Protocols
  - What is a protocol?
  - What is SSL/TLS?

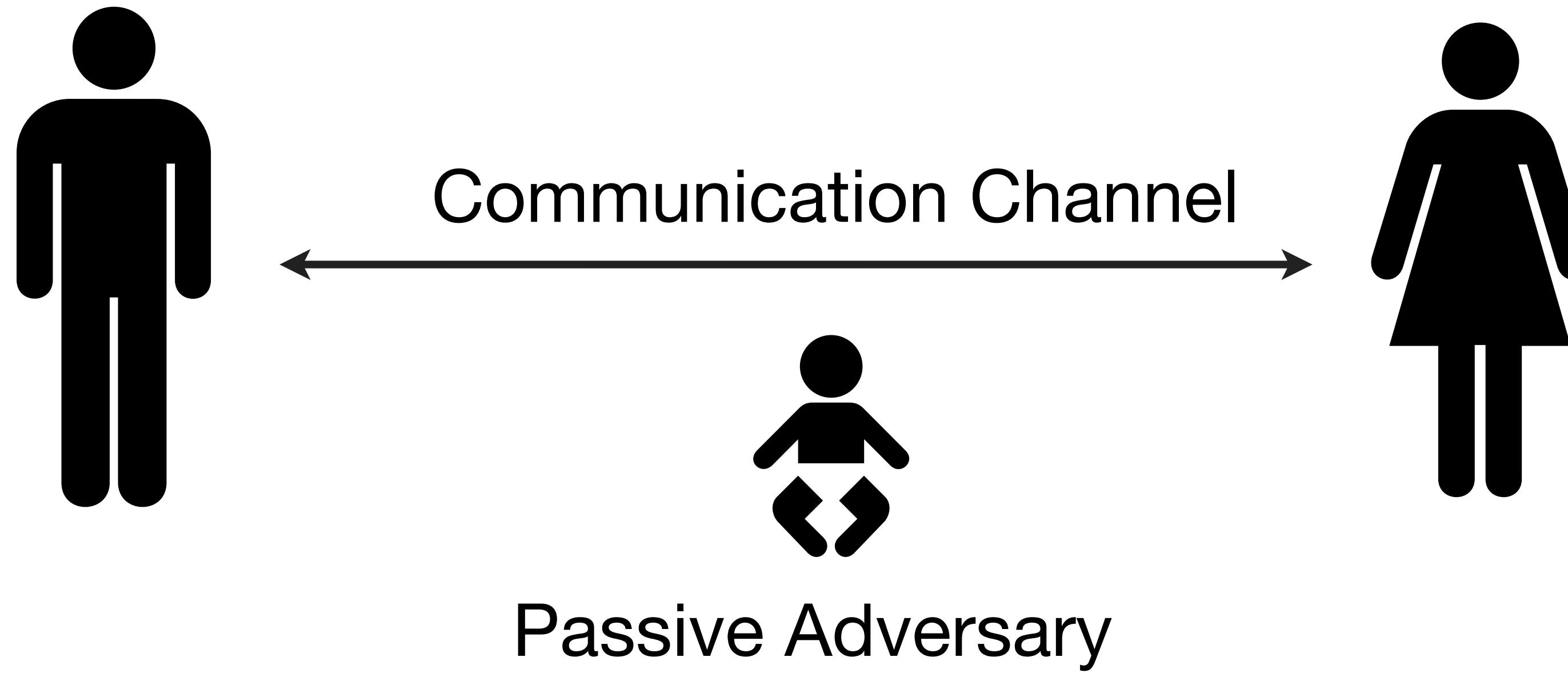
# Protocols (definition)

- Definition
  - “A set of rules or procedures for transmitting data between electronic devices, such as computers”
  - “A security protocol (cryptographic protocol or encryption protocol) is an abstract or concrete protocol that performs a security-related function and applies cryptographic methods”

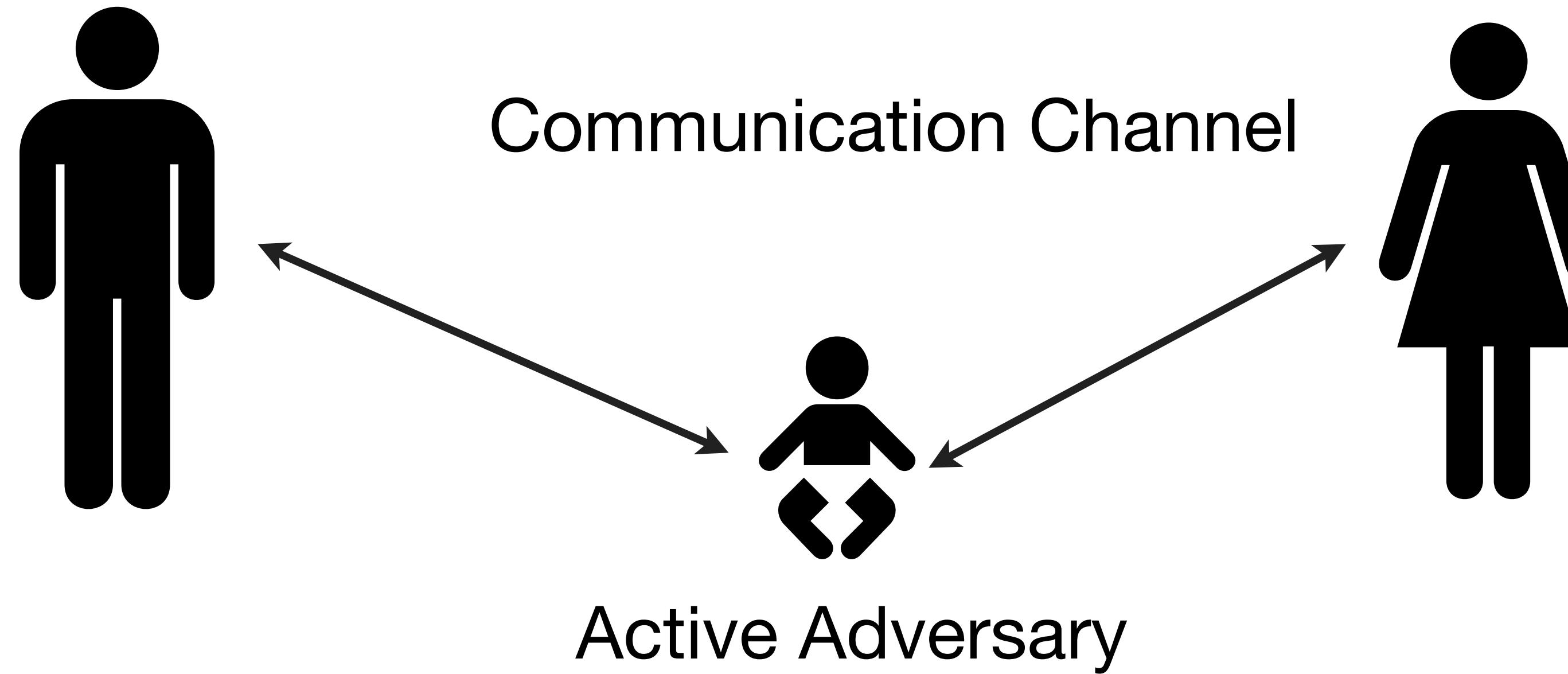
# Why not just use primitives?

- A primitive (algorithm) can sometimes be a “protocol”
- But generally there’s more to a protocol
- E.g., TLS:
  - Negotiation (what version are you running?)
  - Authentication (who are you?)
  - Key exchange (let’s get a shared key)
  - Authenticated Encryption (let’s exchange data)

# Threat Model

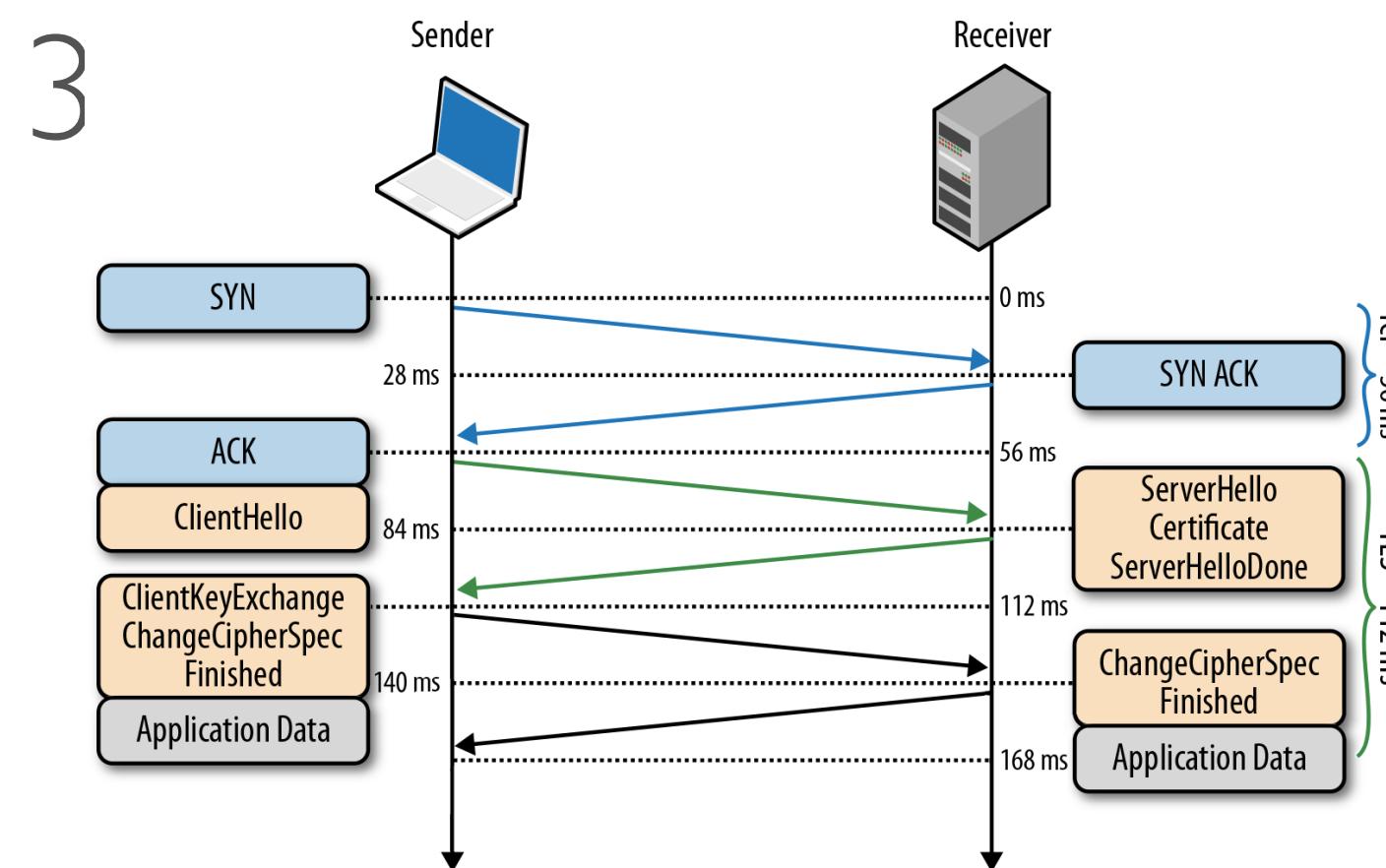


# Threat Model



# SSL/TLS

- Most important security protocol on the Internet
- Allows secure connections between clients & servers
- Current version: TLS 1.3 (RFC 8446)
  - (But browsers still support SSL 3)
  - Not just web browsing!



# A brief history

- **SSLv1 born at Netscape. Never released. (~1994)**
- **SSLv2 released one year later**
- **SSLv3 (1996)**
- **TLS 1.0 (1998)**
  - Still widely deployed
- **TLS 1.1 (2006)**
- **TLS 1.2 (2008)**

# How secure is TLS?

- **Many active attacks and implementation vulnerabilities**
  - Heartbleed, Lucky13, FREAK, CRIME, BEAST, RC4

A screenshot of a Twitter post from user @JZdziarski. The post features a profile picture of a cartoon character with a bomb on its head. The text reads: "As tomorrow is April 1, today marks the last day of useful e-commerce before SSL breaks again on Thursday. Hope you made the most of it." A "Follow" button is visible to the right of the author's name.

Jonathan Zdziarski  
@JZdziarski

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# Why these problems?

- Many problems result from TLS's use of “*pre-historic cryptography*” (- Eric Rescorla)
  - Export grade encryption
  - RSA-PKCS#1v1.5 encryption padding
  - RC4
  - DH parameter generation
  - Horrifying backwards compatibility requirements

# Quite a bit

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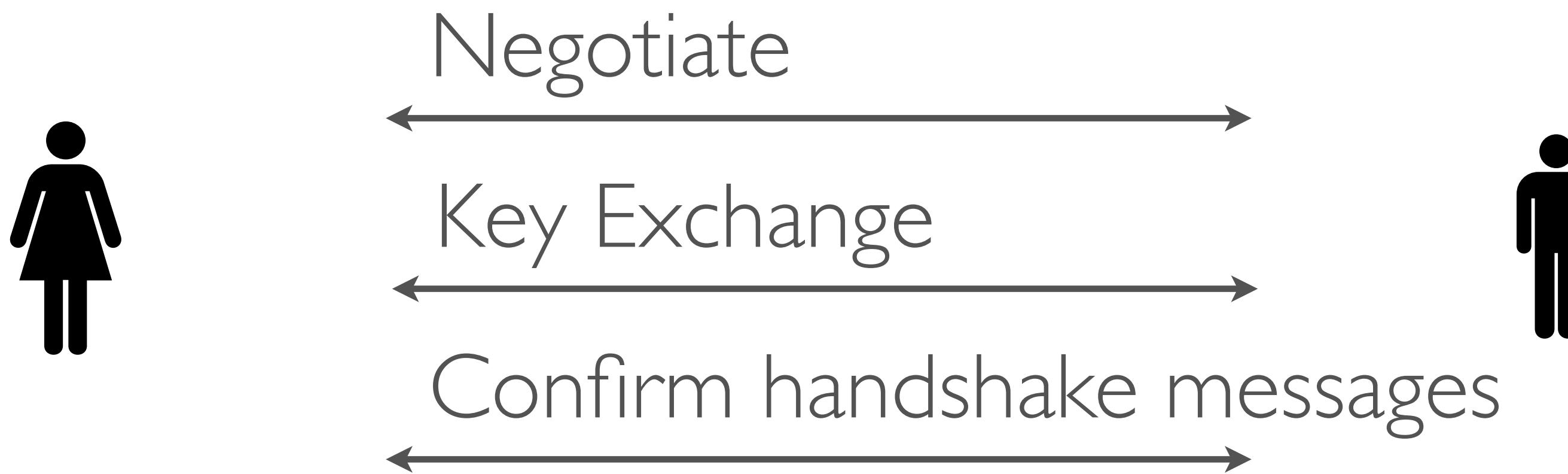
- Export
- RSA-P
- RC4
- DH par
- Horrify

**1995-~2000 (and onward)**

Weakened “ciphersuites” with limited security  
(e.g., 512-bit DH/RSA, 40-bit RC4)

# TLS Negotiation

Each TLS handshake begins with a cipher suite negotiation that determines which key agreement protocol (etc.) will be used.



# SSL/TLS

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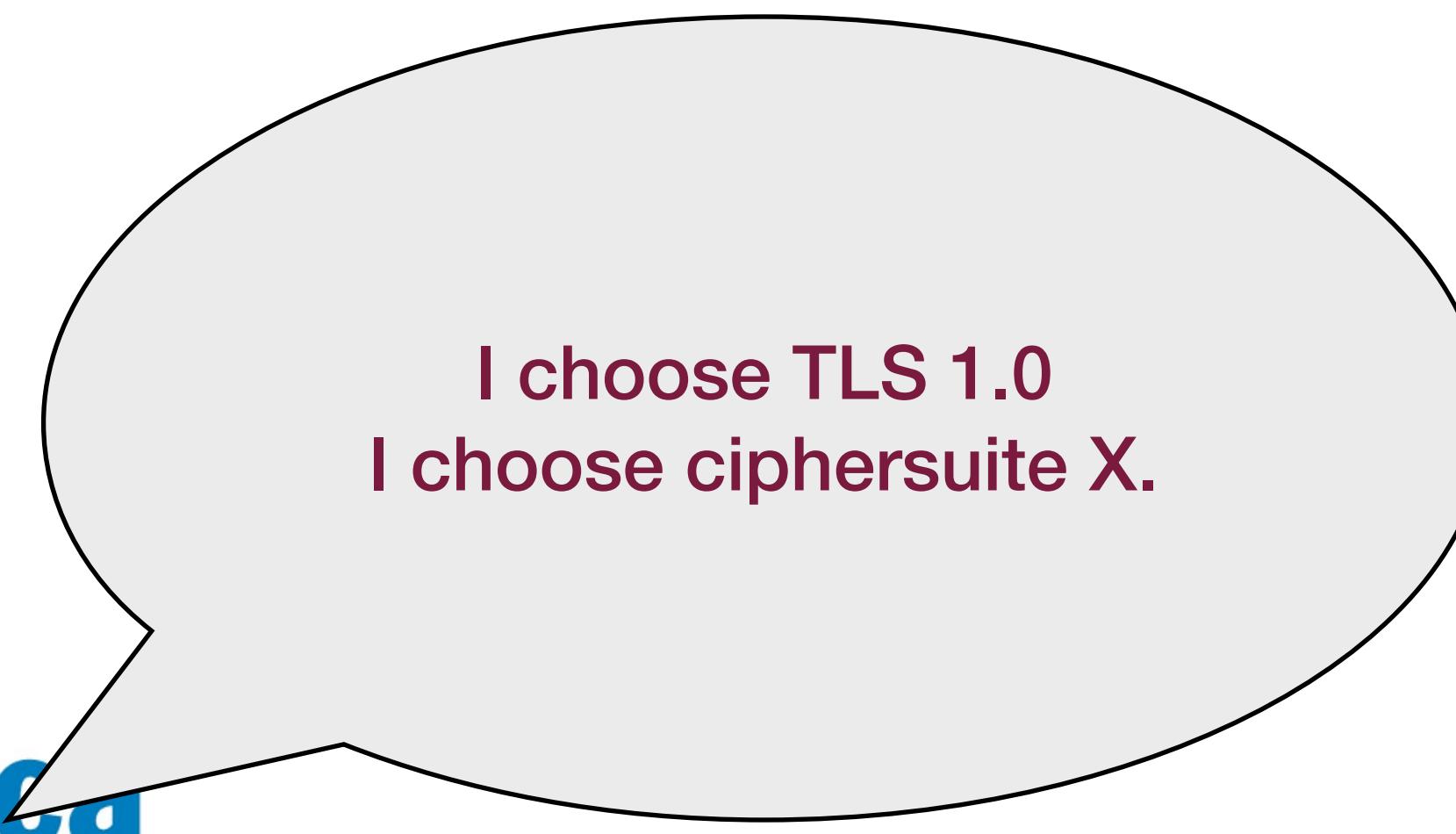
- Negotiation:

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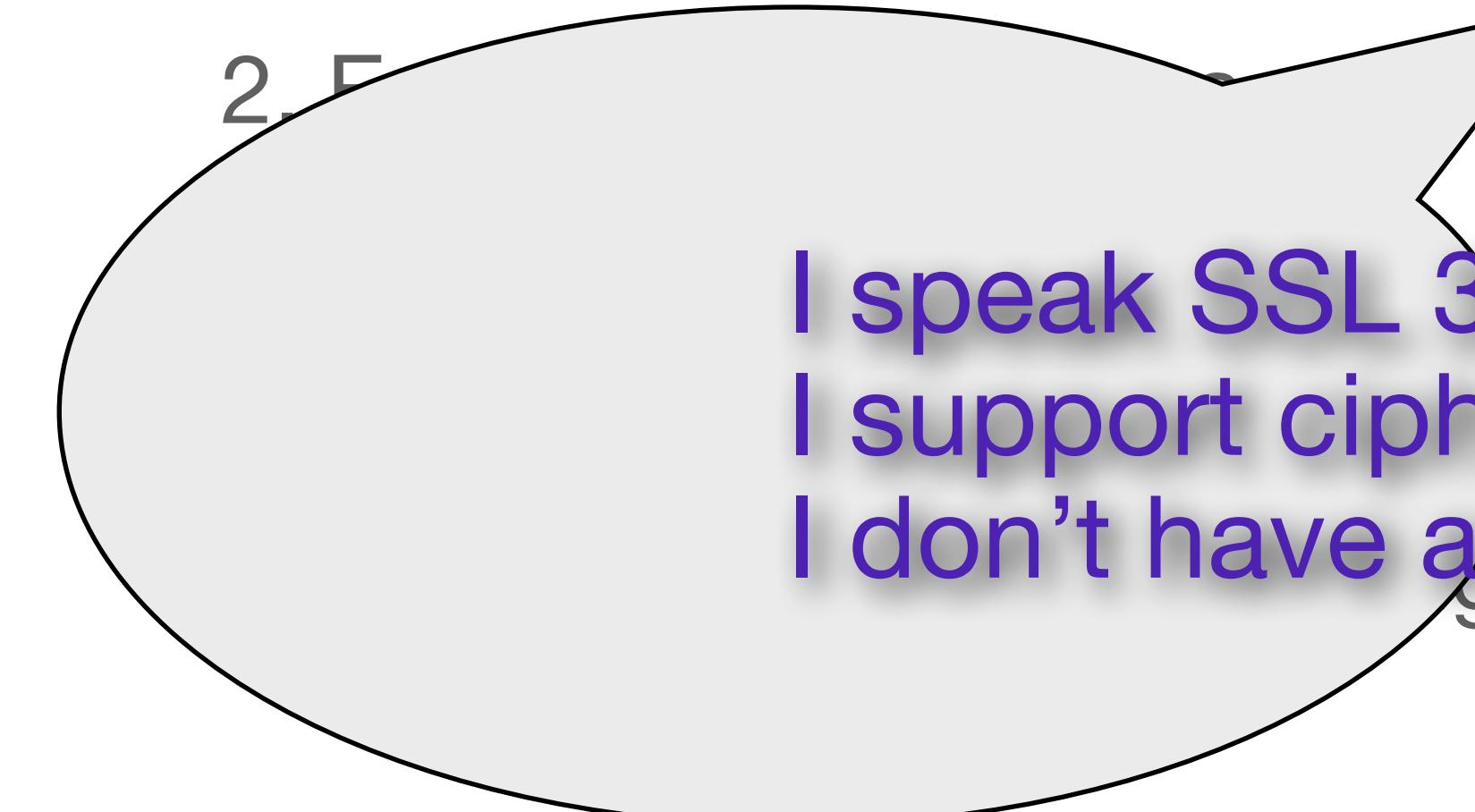


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I choose TLS 1.0  
I choose ciphersuite X.



I speak SSL 3.0, TLS 1.0.  
I support cipher suites X, Y.  
I don't have a client cert.



# SSL/TLS

- Certificate Exchange

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# SSL/TLS

- Session key establishment

- Various options
- Common approach: RSA based

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$$seed_3 = RSA-DEC(sk, C)$$

$$k_s = H(seed_1 \parallel seed_2 \parallel seed_3)$$

$$C = RSA-ENC_{pk}(seed_3)$$

1. Negotiate peer capabilities

2. Exchange certificates

3. Secure communication

4. Session expiration



$$k_s = H(seed_1 \parallel seed_2 \parallel seed_3)$$

# SSL/TLS

- Secure communication
  - In practice, we derive separate MAC & encryption keys

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1. Negotiate peer capabilities
2. Exchange certificates
3. Session key establishment
5. Session expiration/rekeying



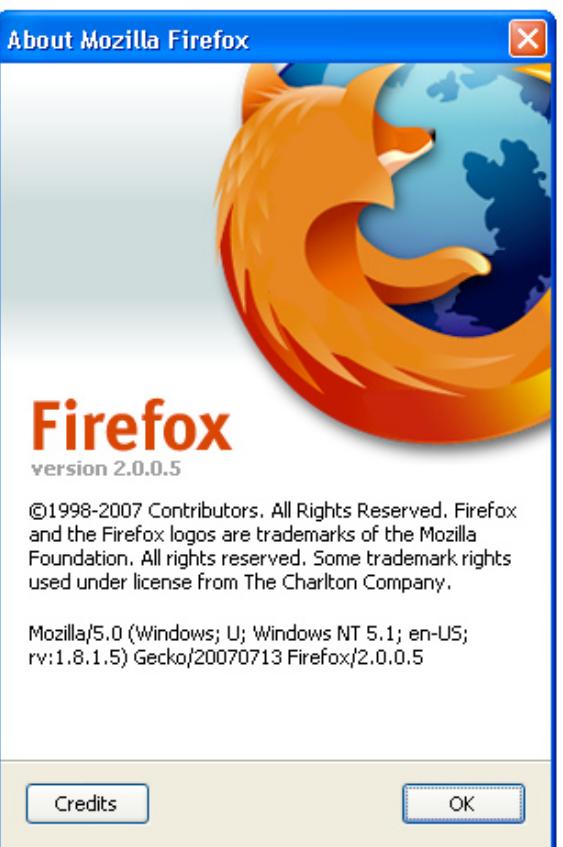
# SSL/TLS

- Key expiration/rekeying
  - Key has a defined lifetime
  - If session drops within that lifetime, we restart:
- This shortcut saves PK operations
  1. Negotiate peer capabilities
  2. Exchange certificates
  3. Session key establishment
  4. Secure communications

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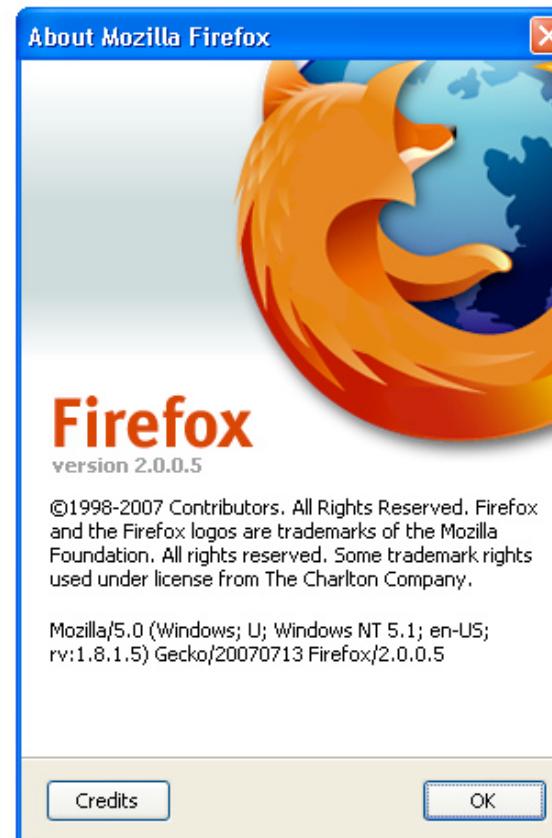
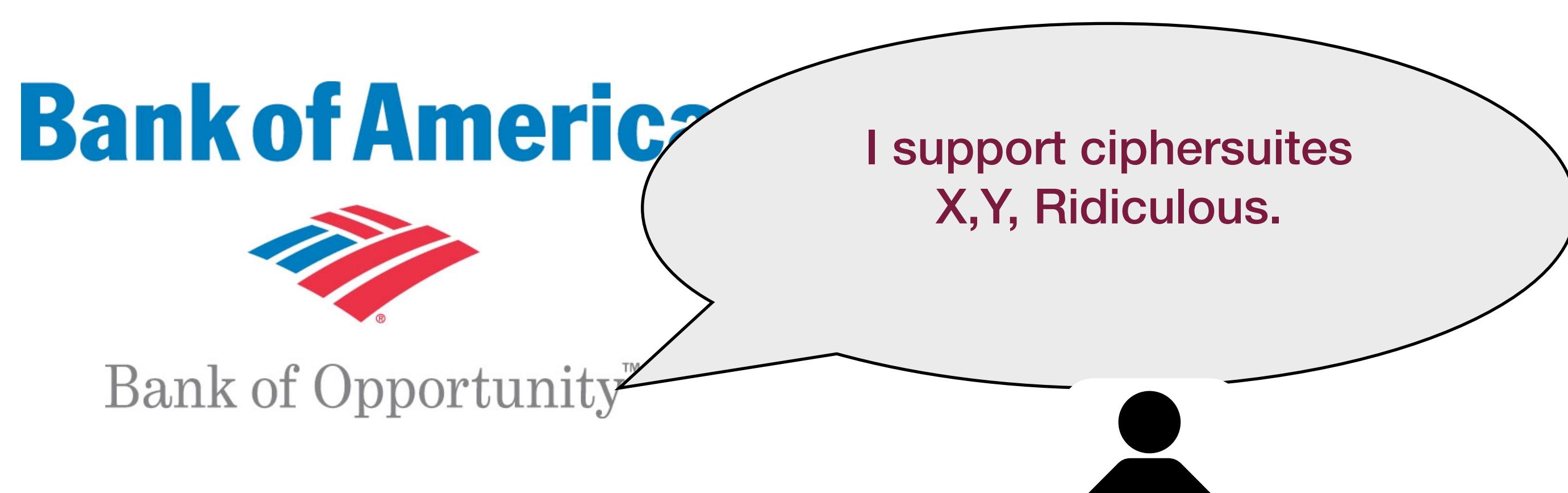


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# Attacks on SSL2

- Many and varied...
- Major vulnerability:
  - Ciphersuite list not authenticated
  - Active attacker could modify the message to specify export-weakened ciphers



# SSL3

- All of the problems with SSL2 fixed!
- Well, not quite:
  - Ciphersuite rollback attack (weaker)
  - Key-exchange algorithm rollback
  - Version rollback
  - (Weak) traffic analysis
  - Also, uses some non-standard primitives

# CCS Rollback

- Most messages sent during client/server handshake are authenticated
  - Final MAC is sent at finish message
  - However, [change cipher spec] message is not included in the MAC
  - Tells the other party to start using encryption/authentication
  - Attacker can modify/drop this message!

# CCS Rollback

- Normal protocol:

...

1.  $C \rightarrow S$  : [change cipher spec]
2.  $C \rightarrow S$  : [finished:]  $\{a\}_k$
3.  $S \rightarrow C$  : [change cipher spec]
4.  $S \rightarrow C$  : [finished:]  $\{a\}_k$
5.  $C \rightarrow S$  :  $\{m\}_k$

...

# CCS Rollback

- MITM attack:

...

1.  $C \rightarrow M$  : [change cipher spec]
2.  $C \rightarrow M$  : [finished:]  $\{a\}_k$
- 2'.  $M \rightarrow S$  : [finished:]  $a$
3.  $S \rightarrow M$  : [change cipher spec]
4.  $S \rightarrow M$  : [finished:]  $\{a\}_k$
- 4'.  $M \rightarrow C$  : [finished:]  $a$
5.  $C \rightarrow M$  :  $\{m\}_k$
- 5'.  $M \rightarrow S$  :  $m$

...

# Key-Exchange Rollback

- SSL3 standard supports two ephemeral key exchange modes:
  - 1. Server publishes ephemeral RSA parameters (signed under its certified signing key)
  - 2. Server publishes ephemeral DH parameters
  - Client may be able to pick which to use
- Why ephemeral key exchange?
- Advantages of Diffie-Hellman? RSA?

# Key Exchange Rollback

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Normal RSA parameters:  
(N,e)

I assume  $p$  is the RSA modulus,  
and  $g$  is the RSA exponent. I  
ignore the extra value.

Since  $p$  is a prime, we can  
compute inverses. Recover  $k$ .

# Version Rollback

- Release of SSL3 didn't make SSL2 browsers go away
  - Servers still accepted SSL2 requests
  - Attacker could modify [client hello] message to specify SSL2
  - Server continues with SSL2 connection, attacker uses SSL2 attacks

# Version Rollback

- Version rollback is a big problem!
  - SSL, SSH, IPSEC...
  - Example: PPTP
- Can disable encryption, force use of a weaker password authentication protocol
  - Example: L2TP
- Better! But many implementations automatically downgrade to PPTP if L2TP connection fails

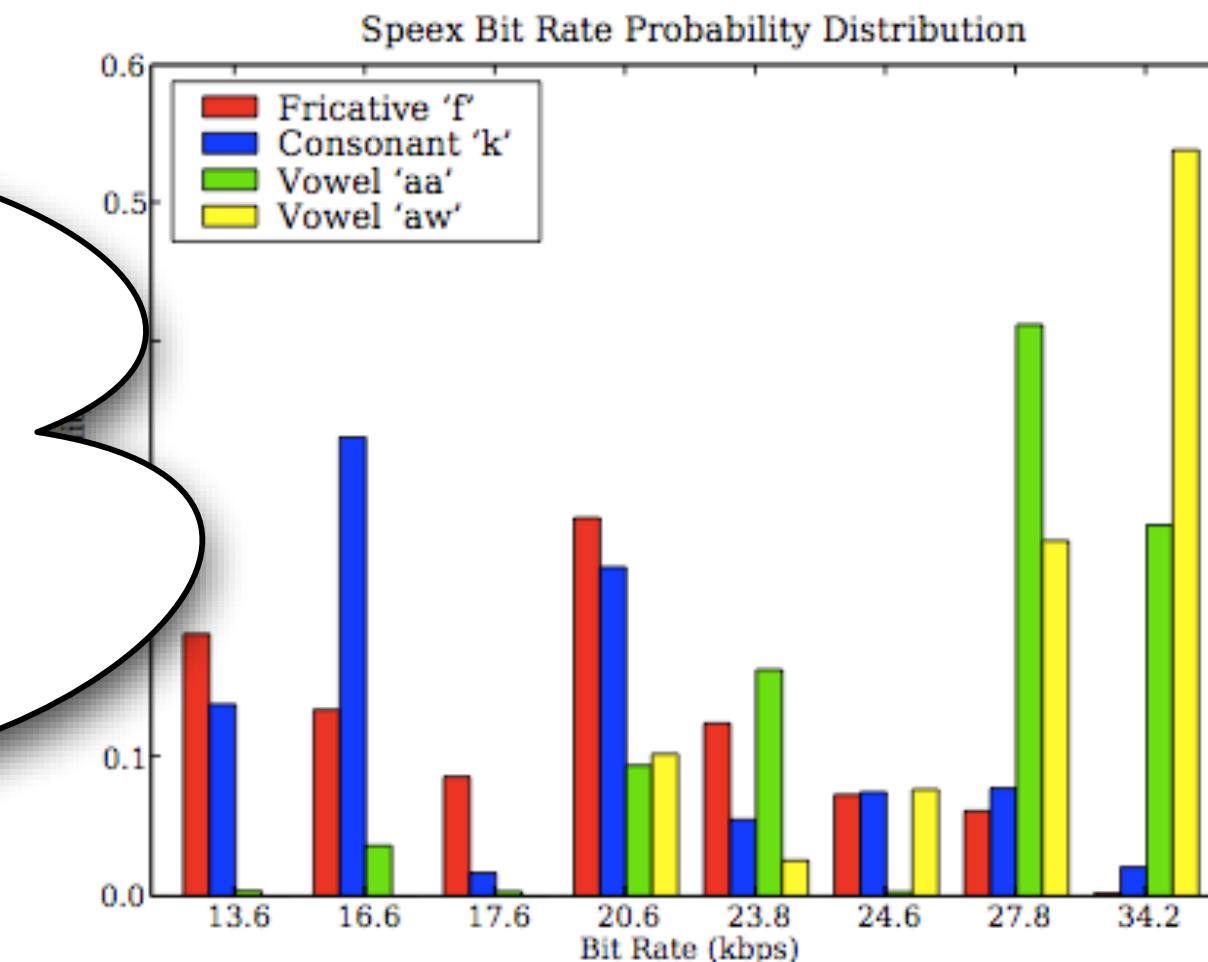
# Traffic Analysis: SSL3

- Example:
  - First HTTP request typically looks like:  
cnn.com
- From ciphertext length, we may be able to work out URL information

# Traffic Analysis++

- Digression: The case of encrypted VoIP
  - Some VoIP protocols use VBR encoding, size of data packets depends on signal
  - Also include “silence suppression” (VAD)
- Therefore, total traffic is related to the contents of

Good news:  
Most VoIP implementations  
don't actually use VBR/  
supression



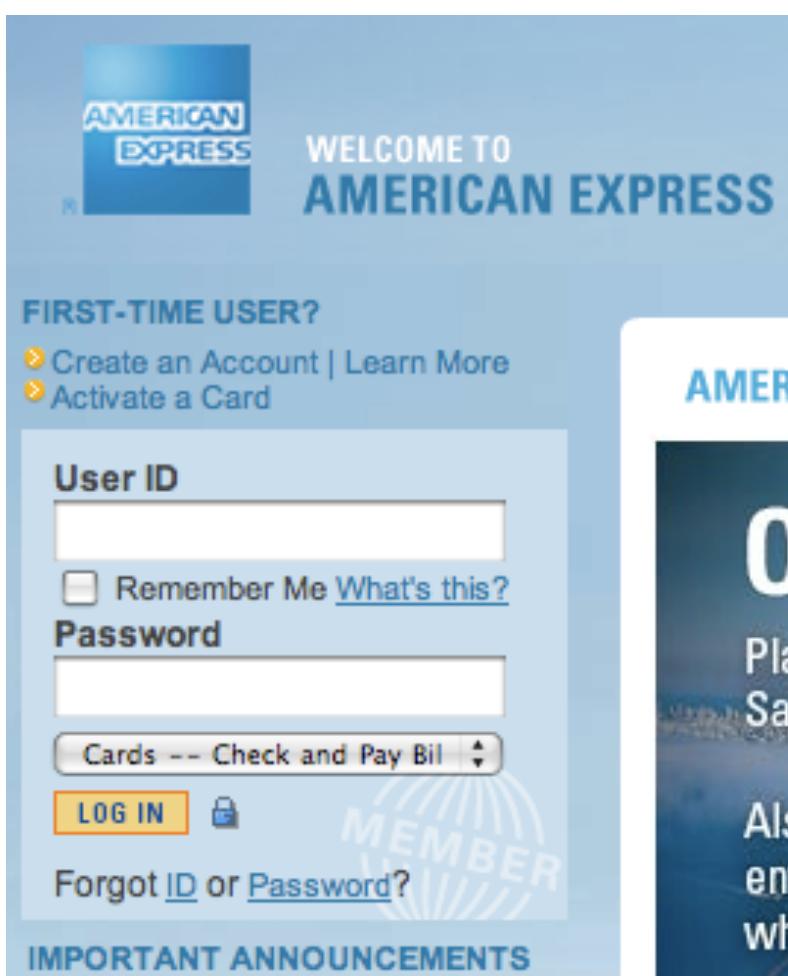
# SSL Stripping & Pinning

- Moxie Marlinspike: SSLStrip
- Does not break SSL
- Instead: takes advantage of the way SSL is used



# HTTP->HTTPS

- Typical Banking Experience:
  - SSL URLs begin with https://
  - But users rarely type the prefix



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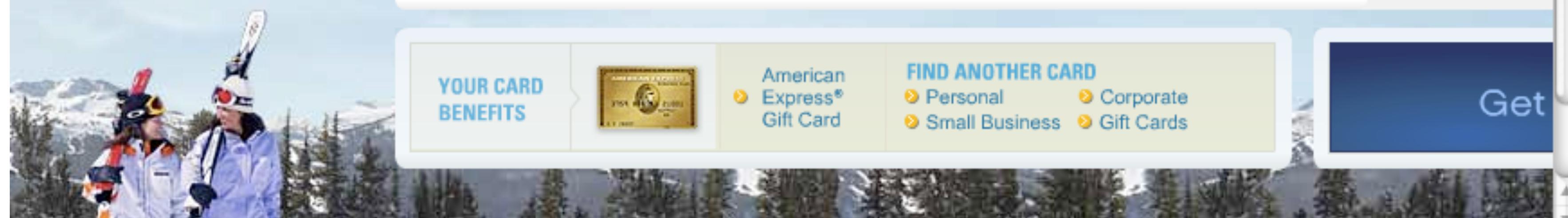
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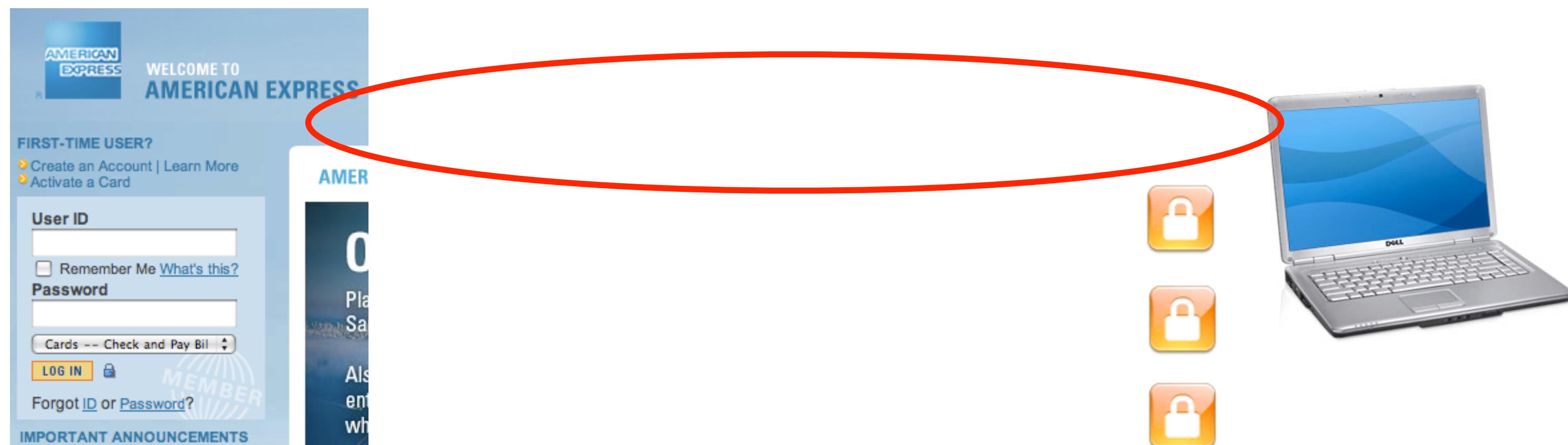
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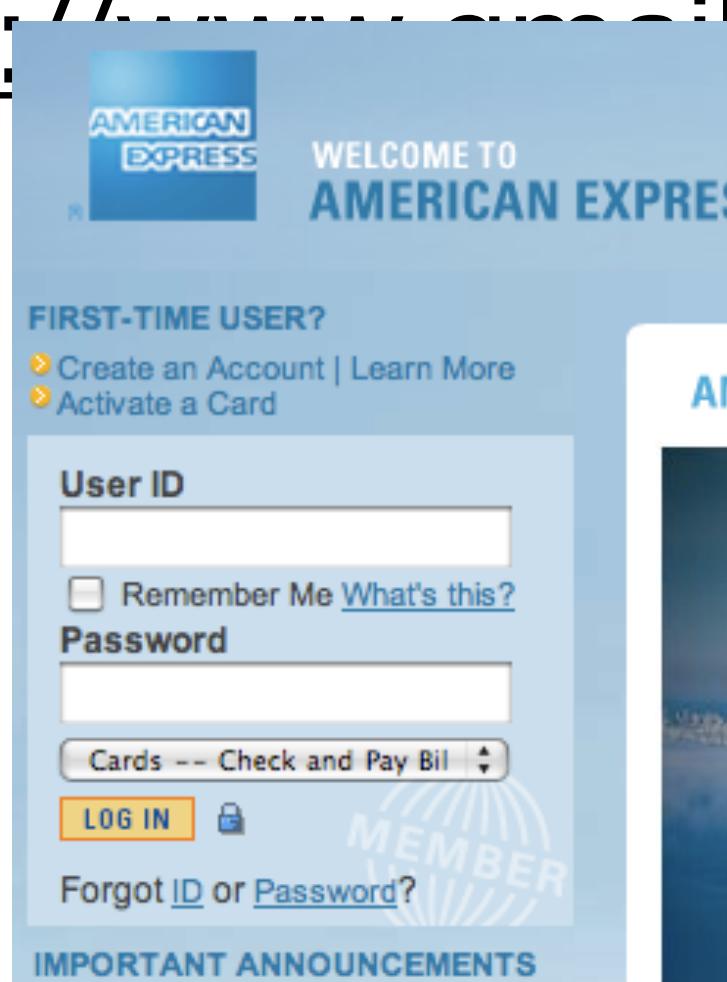
- If you can intercept the user's connection:
  - Don't redirect, or:
  - Redirect to malicious site, unsecured (http)



# HTTP->HTTPS

- If you can intercept the user's connection:
  - Homograph site: paypal.com (with a capital i), or:
  - Use clever IDN tricks e.g.,

https://www.google.com/accounts/ServiceLogin!f.ijjk.cn



# HTTP->HTTP->HTTPS

- It can be worse:
  - Some sites give an http page with a form that submits via https

The screenshot shows the American Express login page. At the top, it says "WELCOME TO AMERICAN EXPRESS". Below that, there's a "FIRST-TIME USER?" section with links to "Create an Account | Learn More" and "Activate a Card". The main login form has "User ID" and "Password" fields. Below the password field is a "Cards -- Check and Pay Bill" dropdown. A "LOG IN" button is present, along with a lock icon indicating secure transmission. At the bottom, there are links for "Forgot ID or Password?" and "IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS". To the right of the main page, a portion of a dark blue sidebar is visible with text like "AMER", "O", "Play Sa", "Als", "ent", and "wh".



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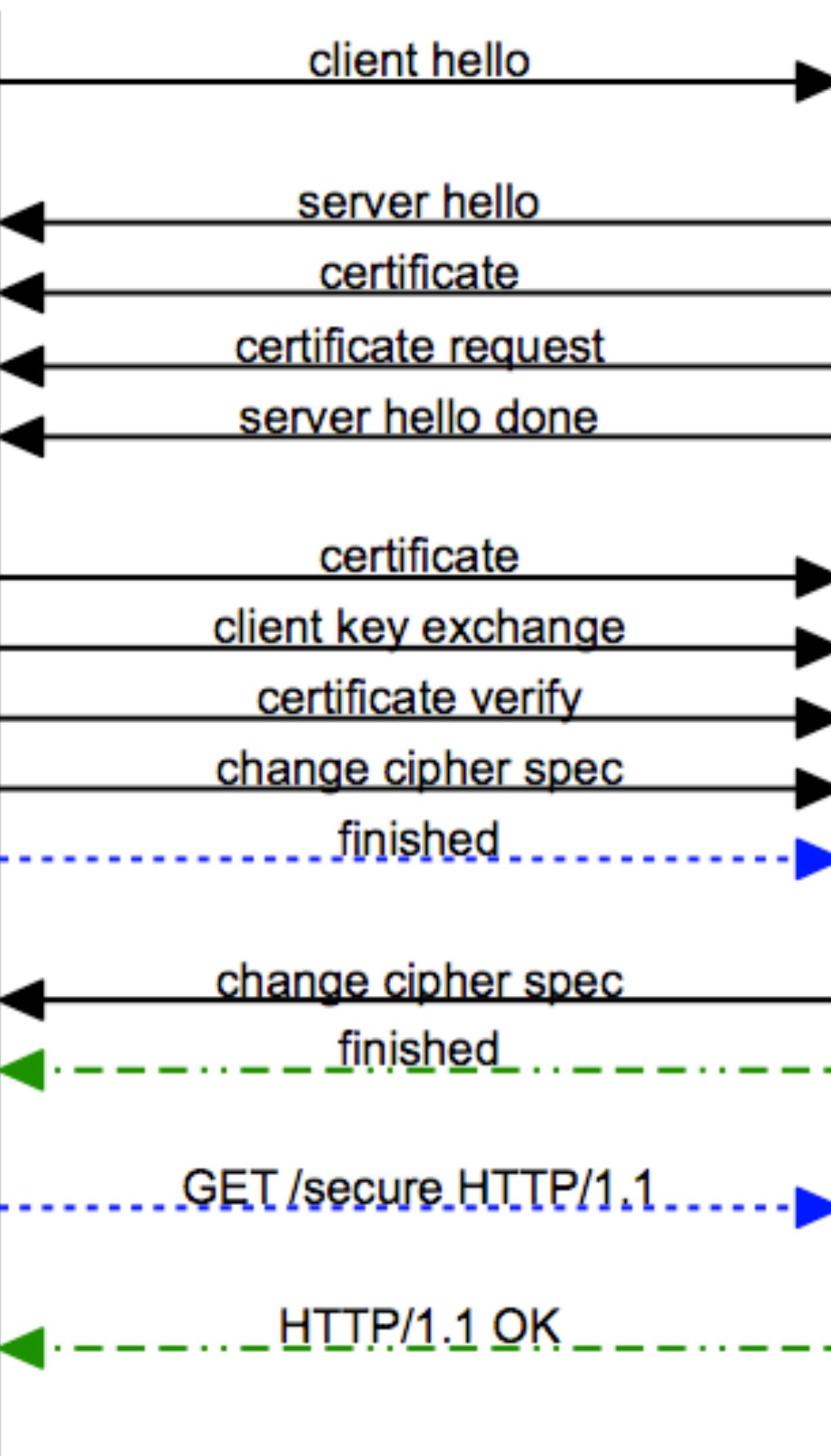
- Ray, Dispensa, 11/2009:

- Many web servers require client-side auth, but only for certain resources

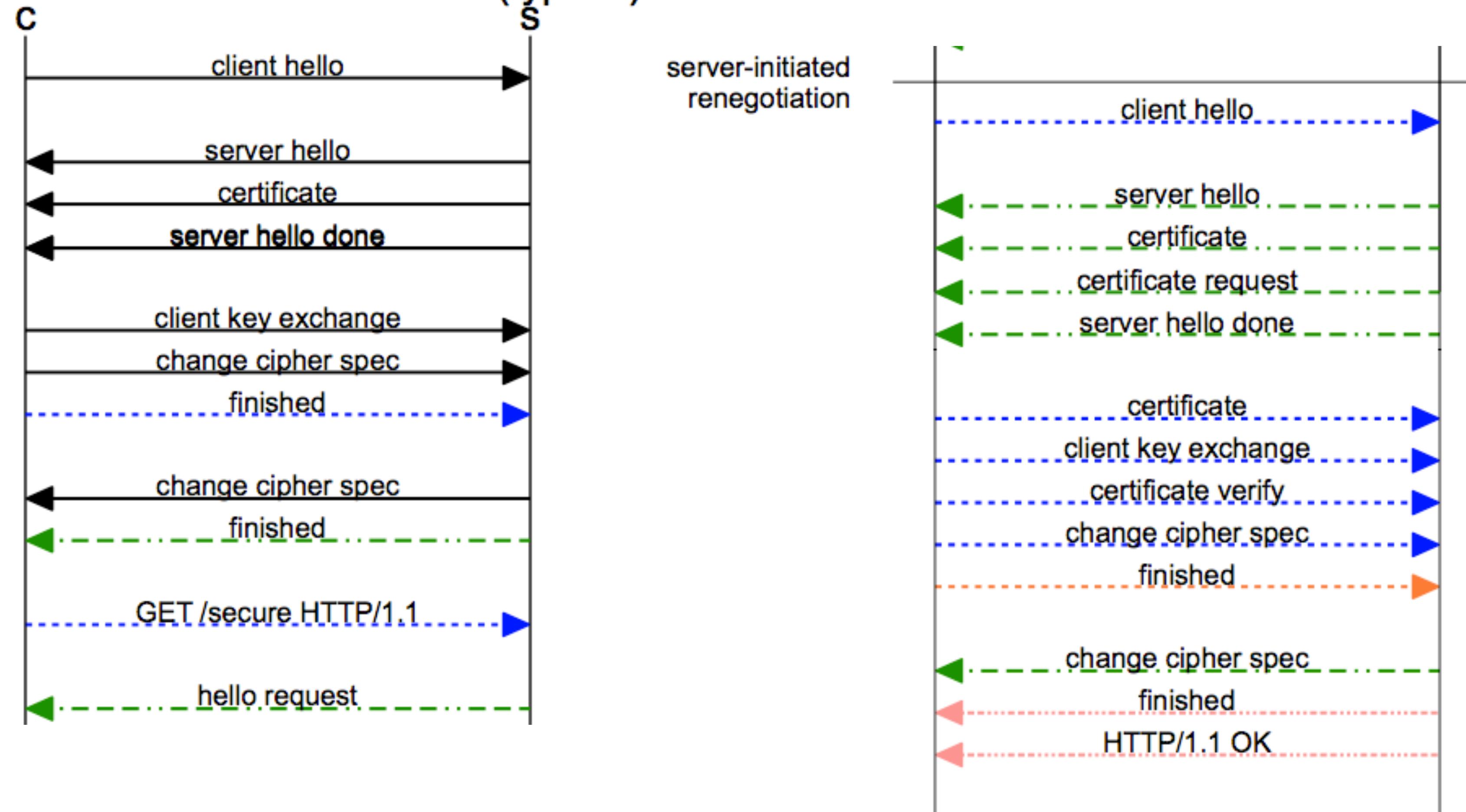
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GET /highsecurity/index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Connection: keep-alive
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- This may require an on-the-fly TLS re-negotiation

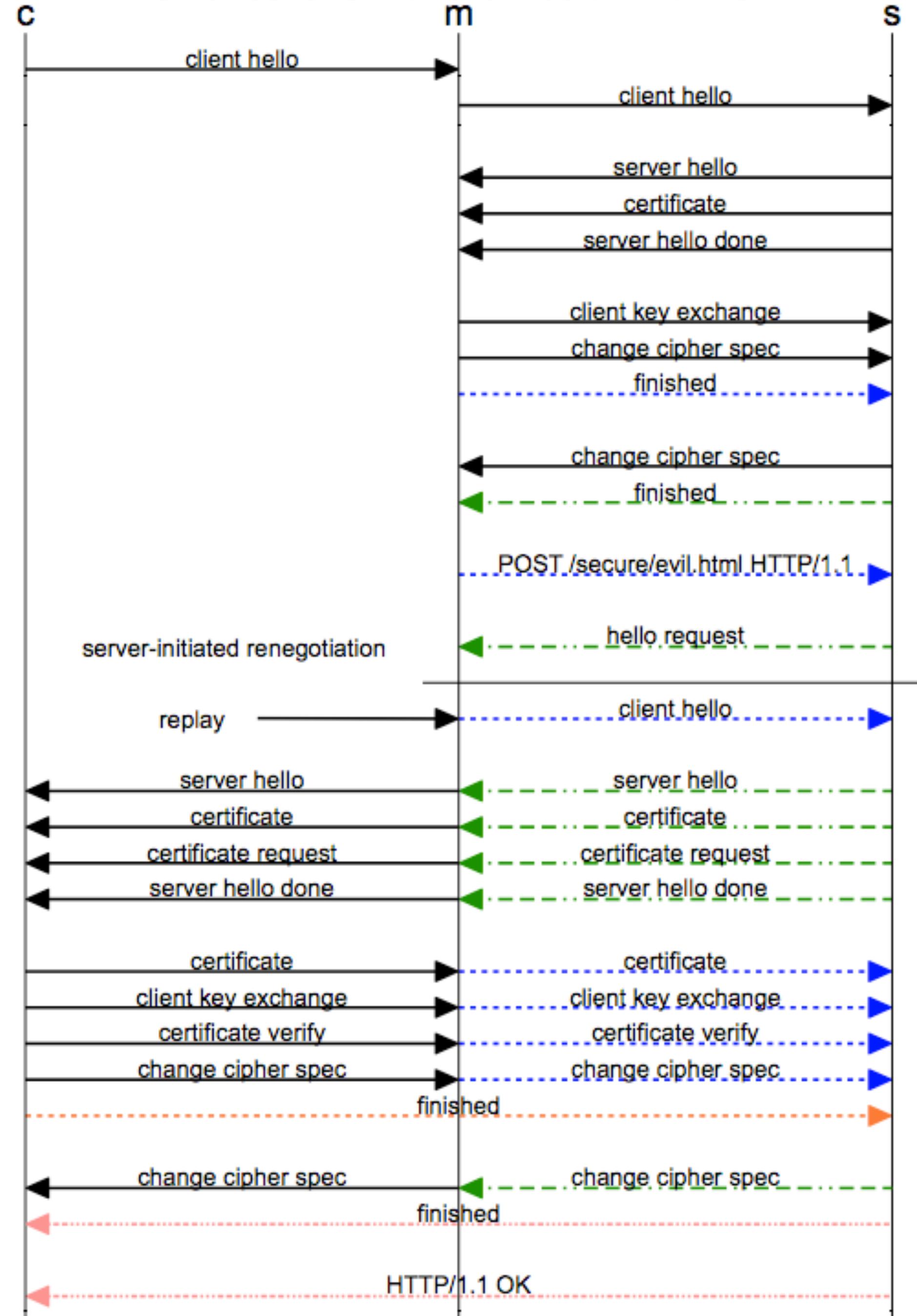
## TLS handshake with client cert (ideal)



## TLS handshake with client cert (typical)



### TLS handshake with client cert - mitm remix



# DECT

- Digital Enhanced Cordless Telephone protocol
  - European standard, now in US
  - Interoperable devices
  - Connects base station (FT) to handsets (PT)
- Tools:
  - DECT Standard Cipher (DSC)
  - DECT Standard Authentication Algorithm (DSAA)



# DECT

- Step 1: Pairing
  - User enters a 4-digit PIN into handset and base
  - Base generates a 64-bit seed, combined with PIN to generate shared key (UAK)
  - Base and handset conduct challenge/response exchange

Total entropy of UAK:  
77.288 bits (64-bit seed + PIN)  
Much less if PRNG is bad!



# DECT

- Step 2: Authentication

- Two



commended one:

In common mode,  
only the handset is  
authenticated!



# DECT Attack

- Step 2: Authentication

- Two



commended one:



# DECT, other

- A11, A12 built from weak cipher
  - Authors show how this cipher can be inverted using some clever attacks
  - Leaves room for attacks  
even if protocol bug fixed
  - Eerily reminiscent of GSM...
- Weak protocols
- Weak homebrew ciphers



# Example: DTCP

- BluRay & HD-DVD Disks
  - Contains “protected” area that can’t be read using normal Drive protocol
  - Embeds secret “Binding Nonce”
  -



# DTCP Protocol

- Digital Transmission Content Protection
  - Runs between Drive and Host
  - Encrypts & Authenticates Communications



# DTCP

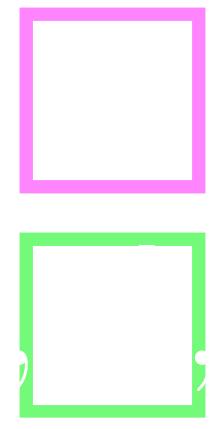
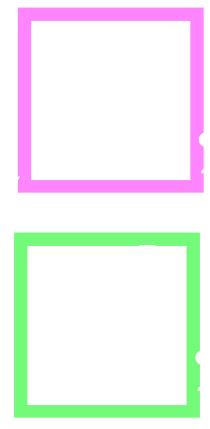
- One layer of protection for HD-DVD/BluRay
  - Encrypts/authenticates content traversing unprotected bus lines

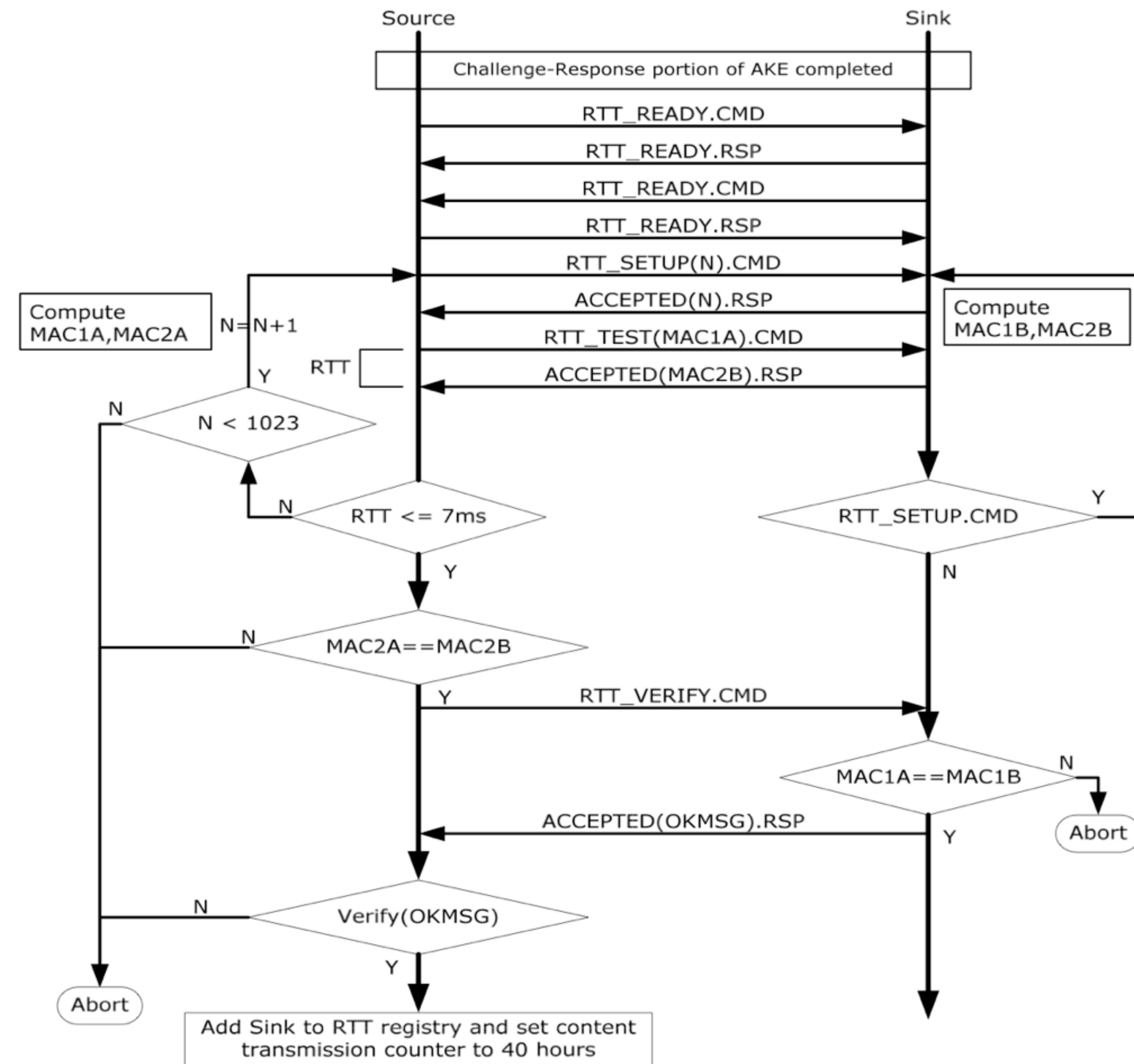


# DTCP AKE

- Authenticated Key Exchange
  - EC Diffie-Hellman Protocol
  - Each device has a certificate & secret key
  - Devices also have a certificate revocation list, to prevent communication with hacked devices

# DTCP AKE (v1.4)





# Other Attacks

- Replay Attacks
  - Attacker replays older messages
  - Can be countered with timestamps, nonces and sequence counters
- Cut & Paste
  - Malleable encryption scheme like CBC
  - Can be countered with MACs
- Reflection
  - If party A sends a message, just bounce it back

# Discussion

- We've seen standards with problems
  - Usually the cryptanalysis comes after the standard is released, and products in the field
  - Why?

# Next Time

- Next lecture:
  - How do we design secure protocols?

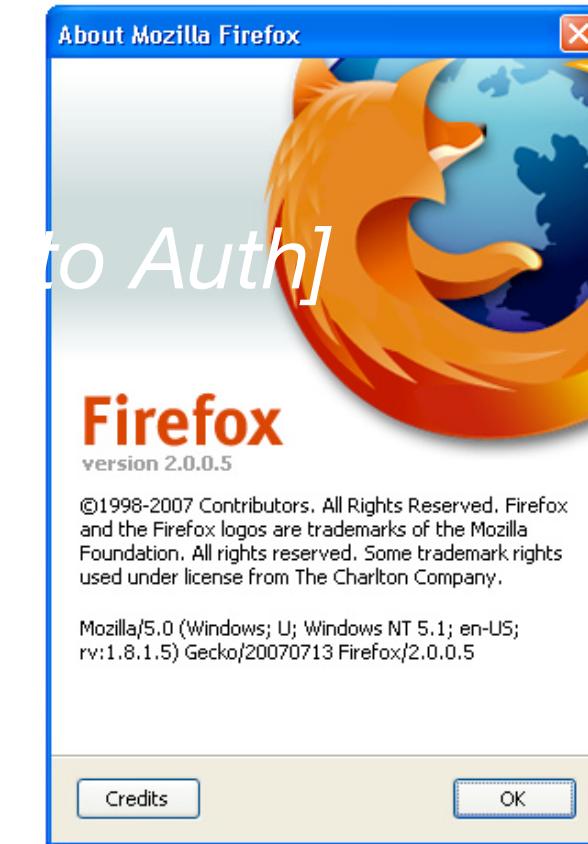
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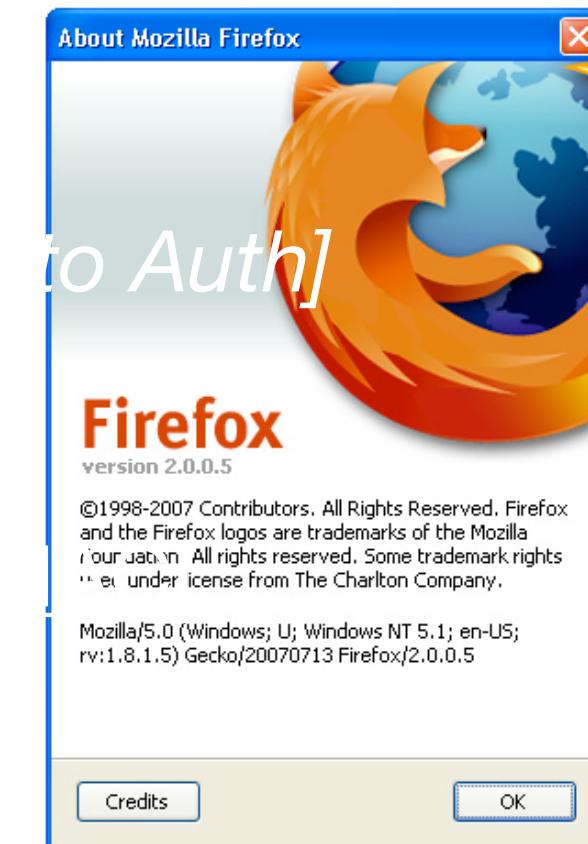
# Ciphersuite Rollback

- Big caveat:
  - Only works when client asks for authentication without encryption

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Server thinks encryption is disabled, but gets an encrypted MAC