

601.445/645: Practical Cryptographic Systems Protocols

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Review

- **Last time:**
 - **Finished up (most) primitives**
 - **Digital signatures**
- **Today:**
 - **Protocols!**

Housekeeping

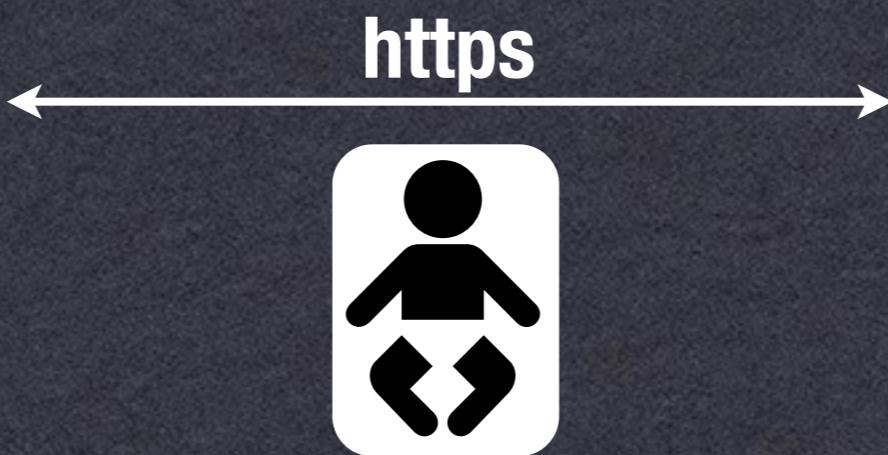
- **Weekly Hw #2 Due Tomorrow**
- **Project proposals due this Wednesday!**
- **Don't forget about the readings**

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”

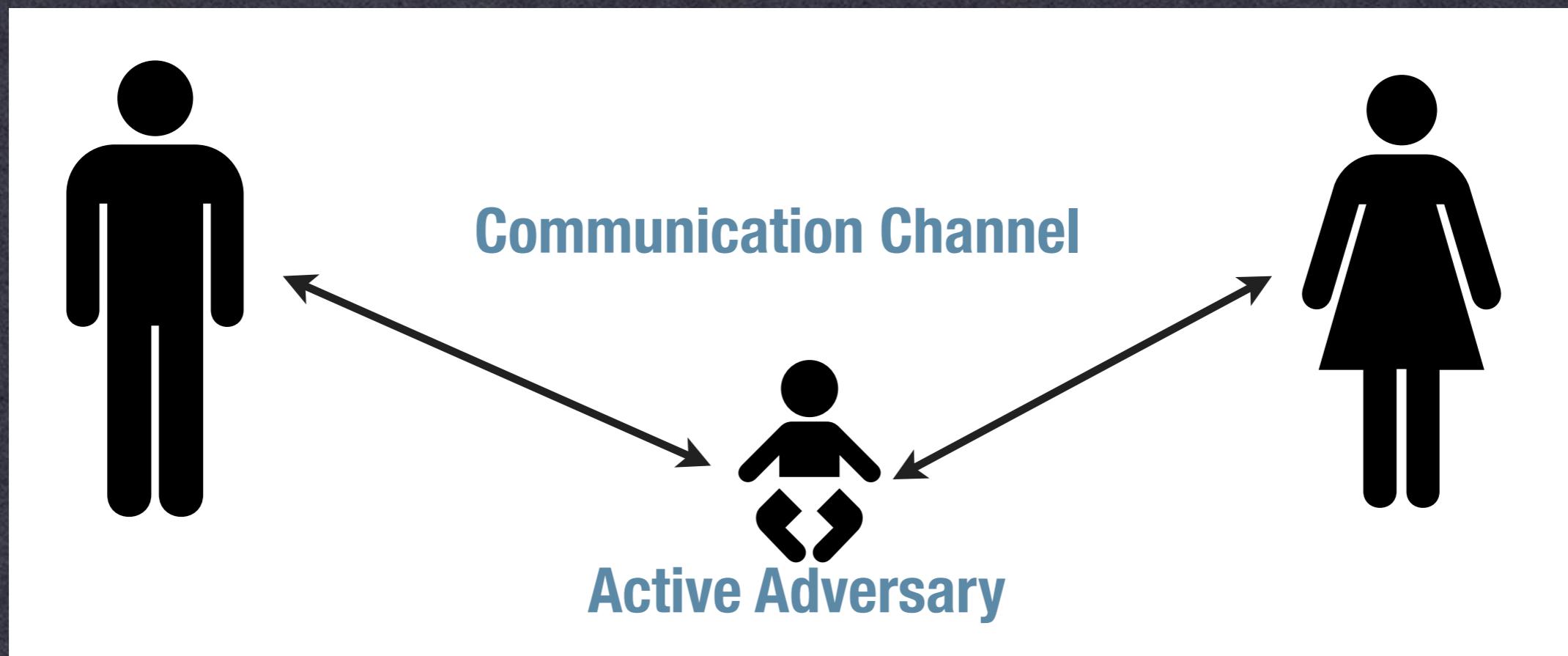
Why not just use primitives?

- 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

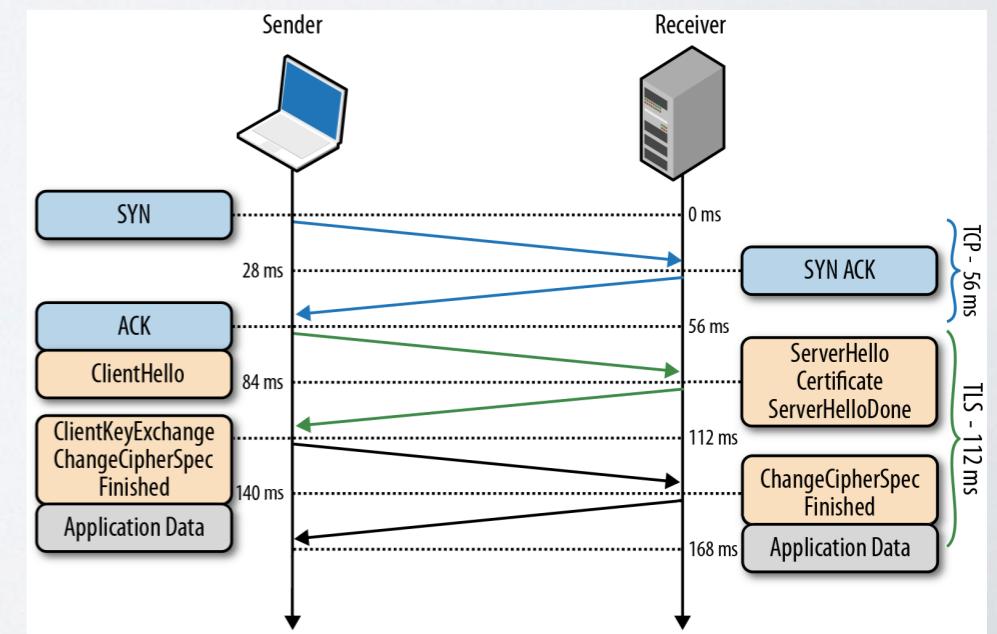


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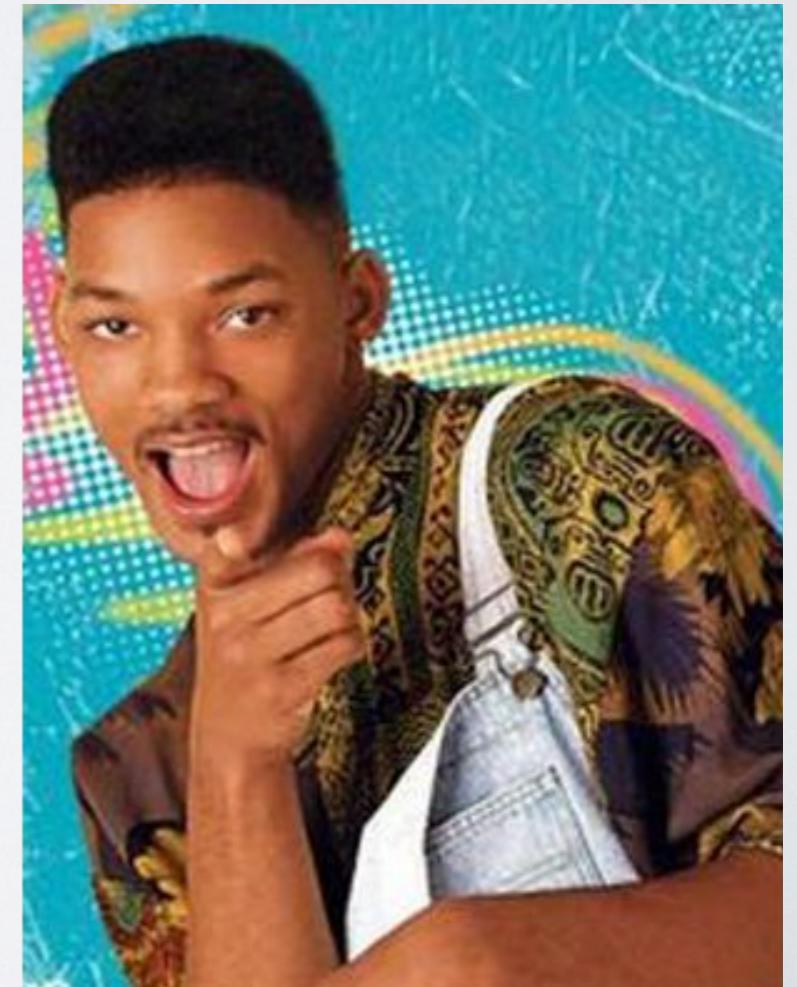
SSL/TLS

- **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, TLS 1.0/1.1/1.2)
- 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



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 Follow

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.

Why these problems?

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

Quite a bit

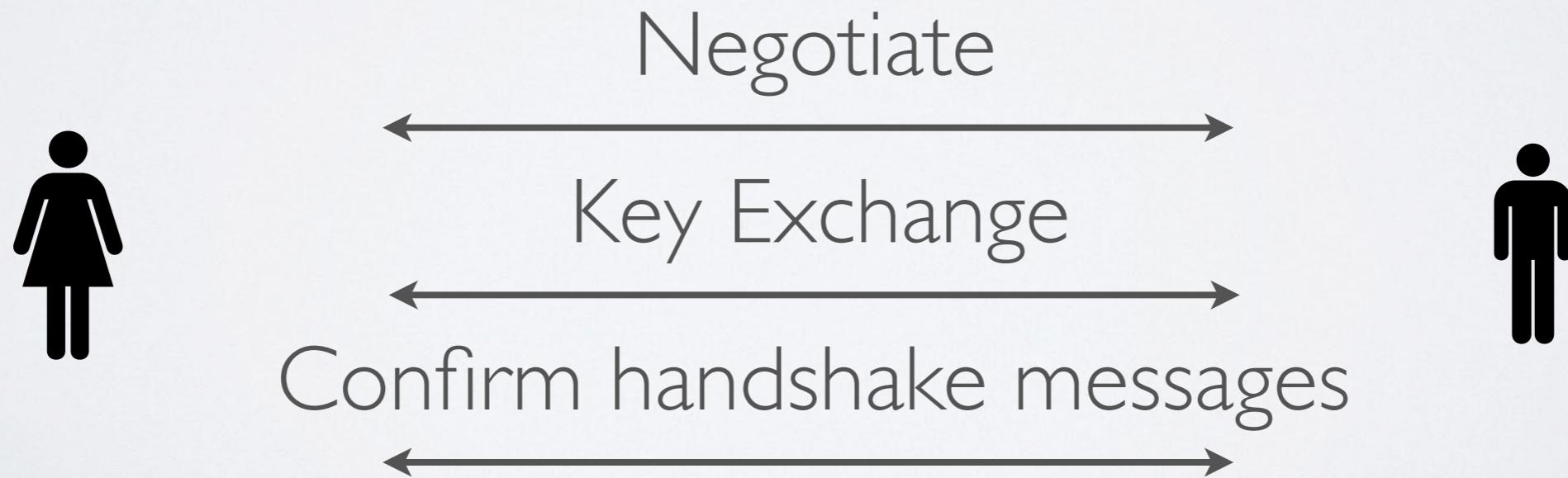
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- **Export grade encryption**

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



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



SSL/TLS

- Negotiation:



I choose TLS 1.0
I choose ciphersuite X.

1. Negotiate peer capabilities

2. E

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



SSL/TLS

- Session key establishment
 - Various options
 - Common approach: RSA based



$$C = \text{RSA-ENC}_{pk}(\text{seed}_3)$$

1. Negotiate peer capabilities
2. Exchange certificates
3. Session key establishment

$$\text{seed}_3 = \text{RSA-DEC}(sk, C)$$
$$k_s = H(\text{seed}_1 \parallel \text{seed}_2 \parallel \text{seed}_3)$$

1. Secure communication
2. Session expiration

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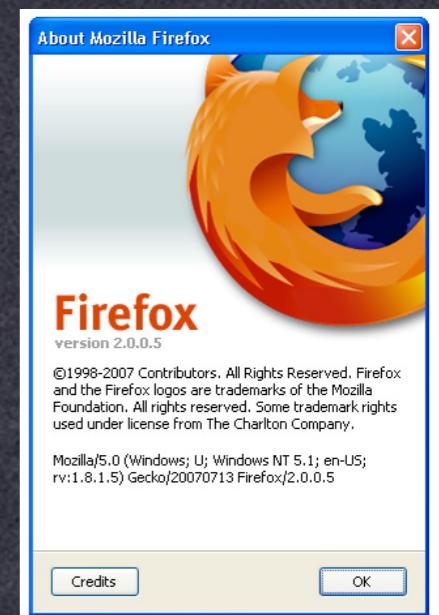


SSL/TLS

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



- ← → Communicate under k_s
1. Negotiate peer capabilities
 2. Exchange certificates
 3. Session key establishment
 4. Secure communications
 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



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Attacks on SSL2

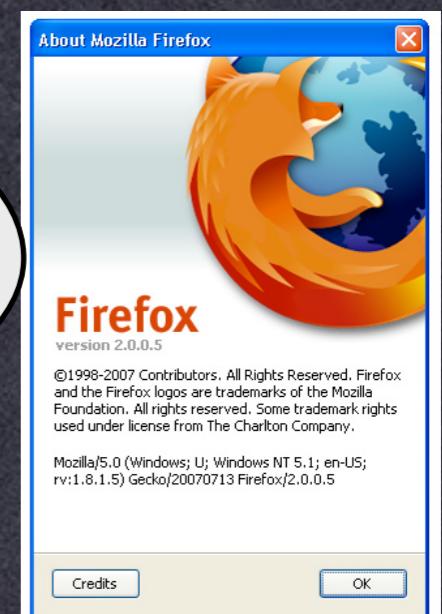
- Many and varied...
- Major vulnerability:
 - Ciphersuite list not authenticated
 - Active attacker could modify the message to specify export-weakened ciphers

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I support ciphersuites
X,Y, Ridiculous.



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

SSL3 Handshake

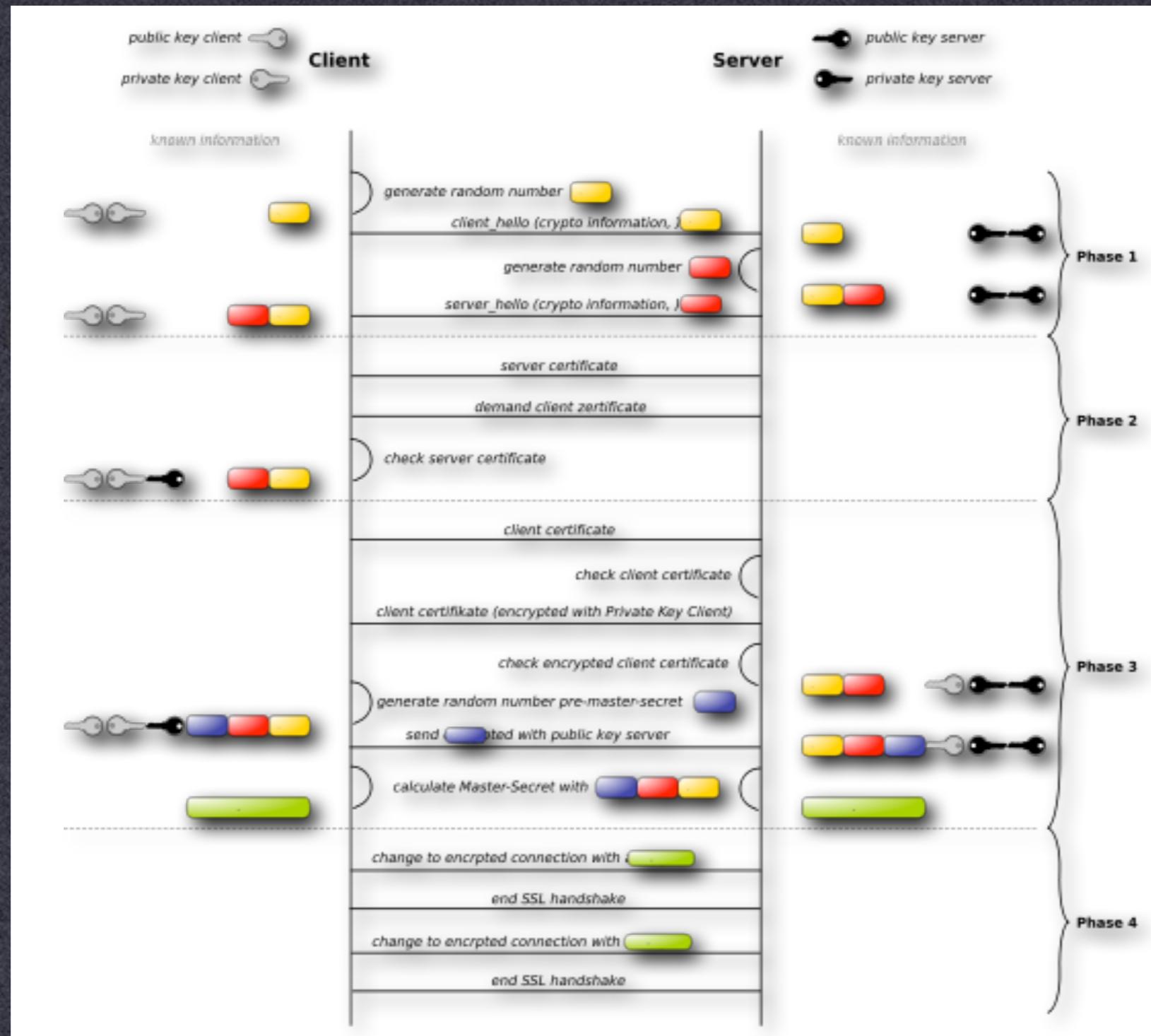


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CCS Rollback

- 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 → S : [change cipher spec]
2. C → S : [finished:] {a}k
3. S → C : [change cipher spec]
4. S → C : [finished:] {a}k
5. C → S : {m}k
...
```

CCS Rollback

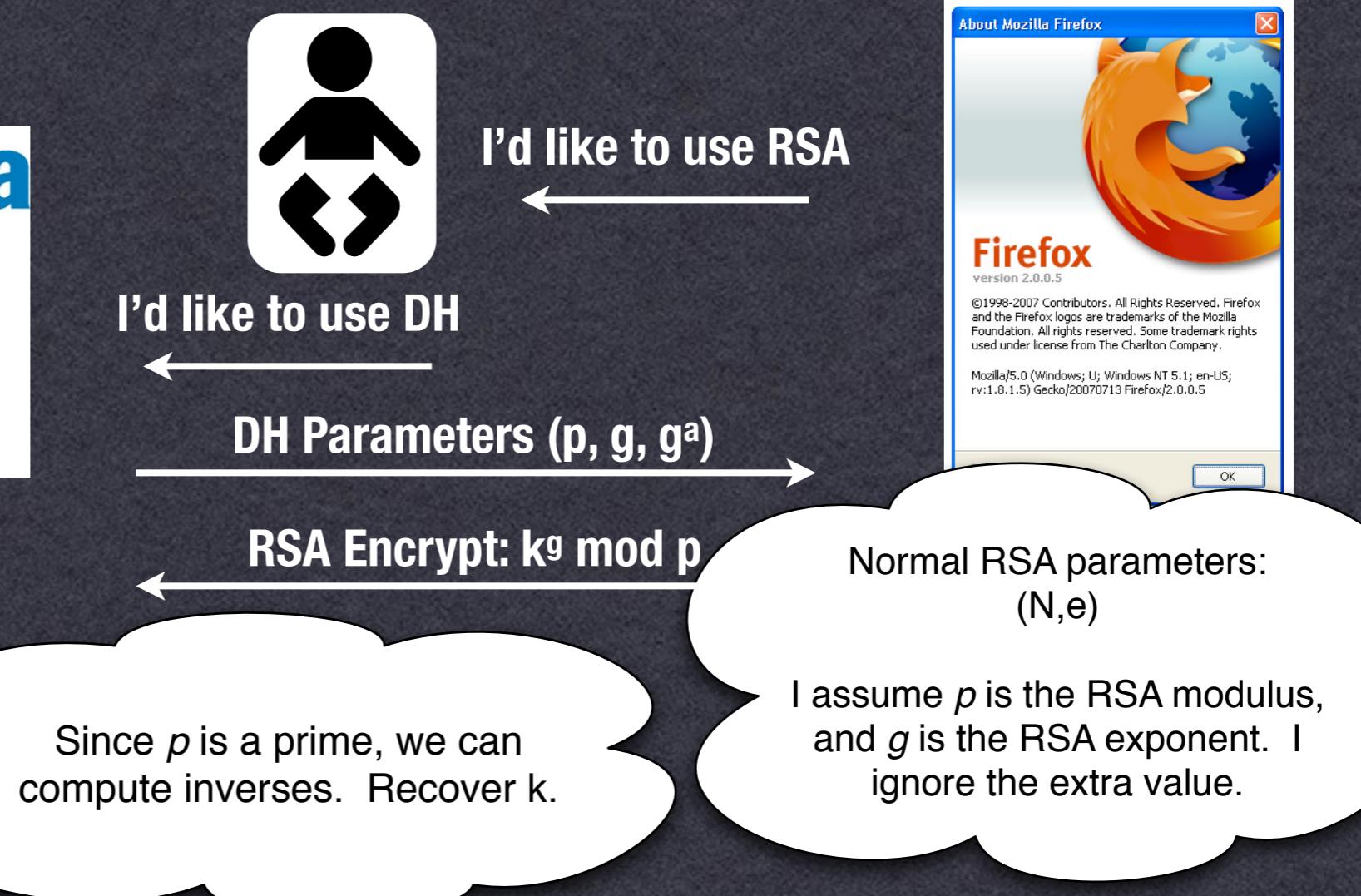
- MITM attack:

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...
1.  C → M : [change cipher spec]
2.  C → M : [finished:] {a}k
2'. M → S : [finished:] a
3.  S → M : [change cipher spec]
4.  S → M : [finished:] {a}k
4'. M → C : [finished:] a
5.  C → M : {m}k
5'. M → S : m
...
...
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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



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:

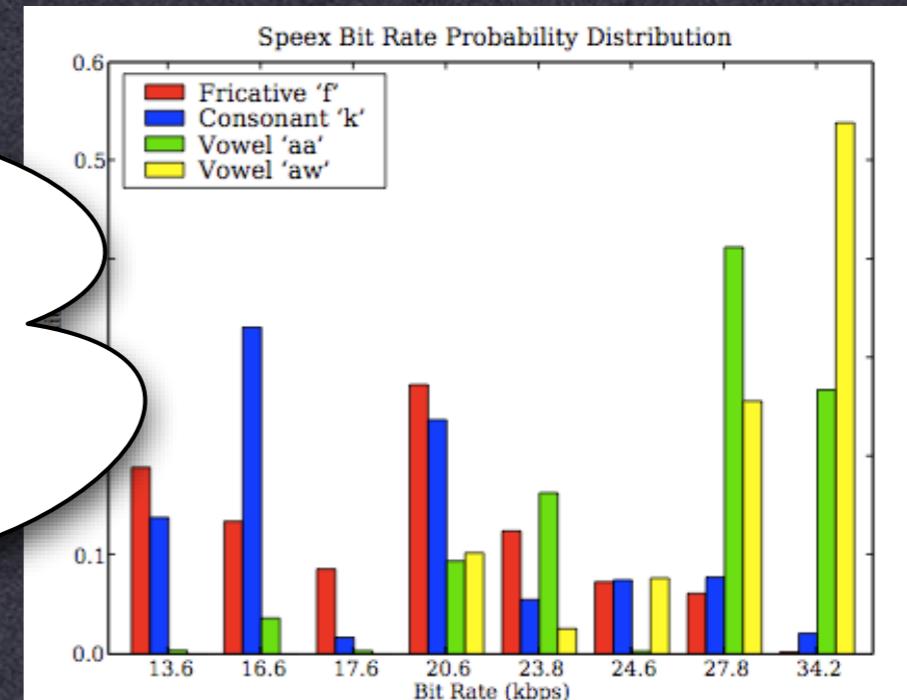
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GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: cnn.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel
Mac OS X 10_5_6; en-us) AppleWebKit/525.27.1
(KHTML, like Gecko) Version/3.2.1 Safari/
525.27.1
```

- From ciphertext length, we may be able to work out URL information

Traffic Analysis++

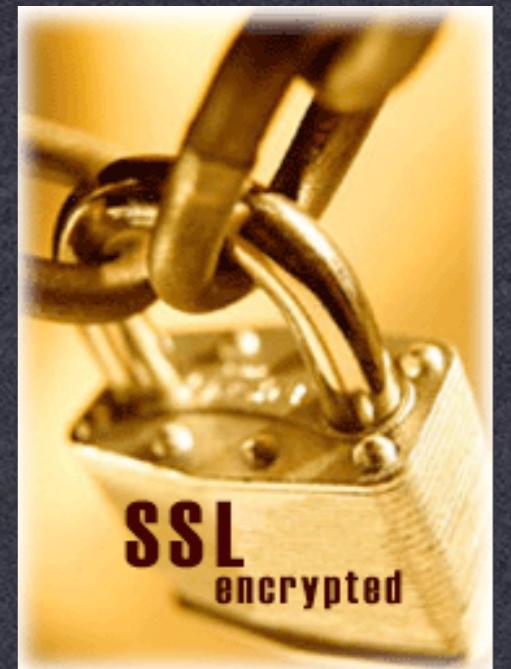
- **Digression: The case of encrypted VoIP**
 - Some VoIP protocols use VBR encoding, size of data packets depends on signal
 - Also include “silence suppression” (VAD)
 - Therefore, total traffic is highly correlated to the contents of the line.

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



SSL Stripping & Pinning

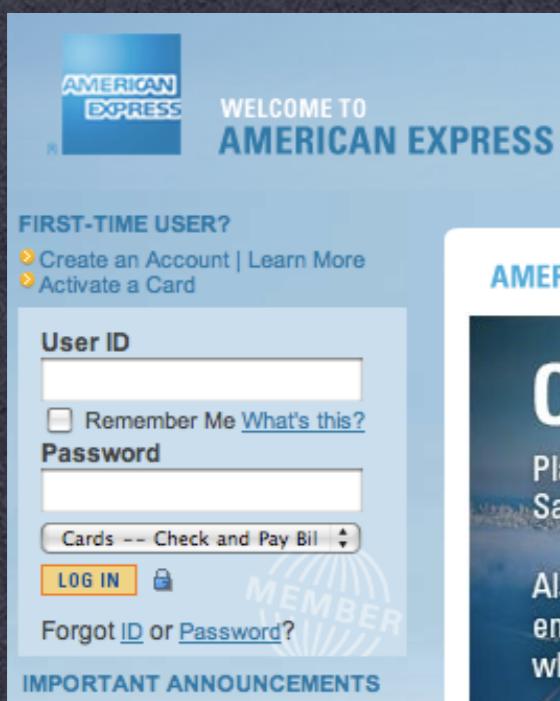
- Moxie Marlinspike: SSLStrip
- Does not break SSL
- Instead: takes advantage of the way SSL is used



HTTP->HTTPS

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

User enters: americanexpress.com



GET http://americanexpress.com



REDIRECT https://americanexpress.com



GET https://americanexpress.com



SSL secured web page



User login info





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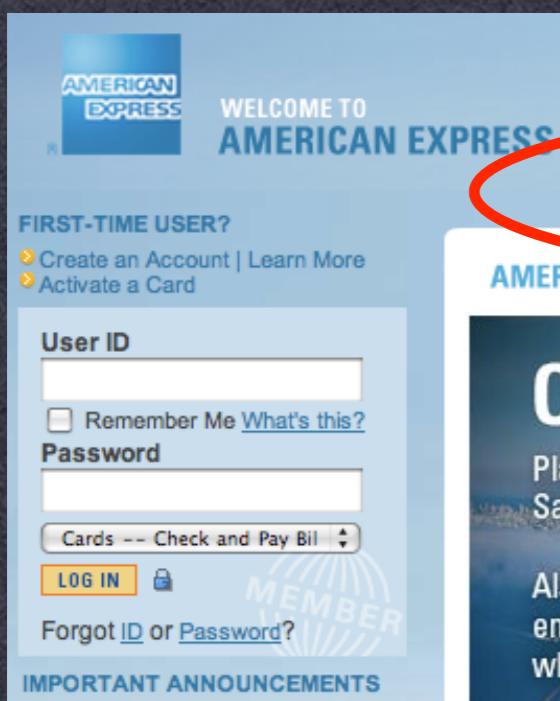
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HTTP->HTTPS

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

User enters: americanexpress.com



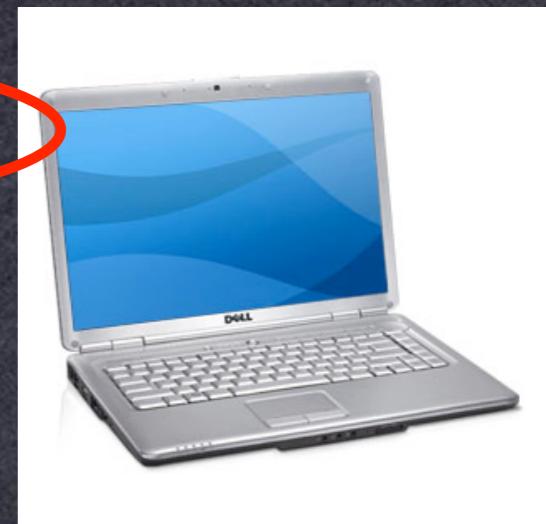
GET http://amex.com

REDIRECT http://secure.amex.com

GET https://secure.amex.com

SSL secured web page

User login info



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.,

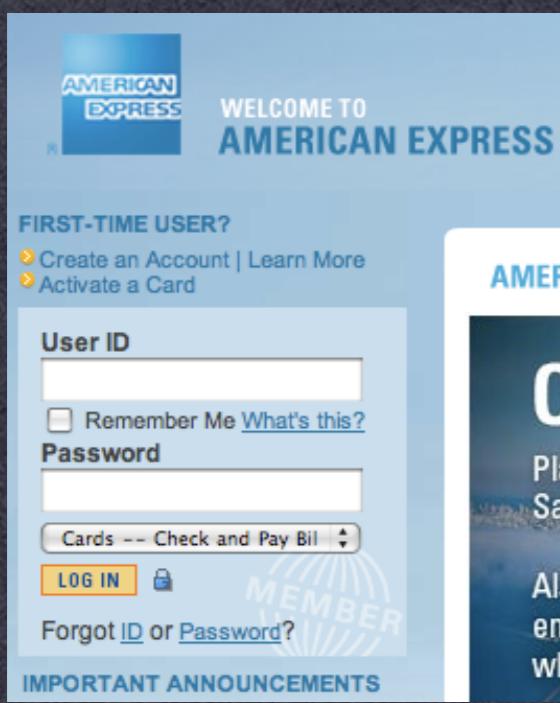
<https://www.gmail.com/accounts/ServiceLogin!f.ijjk.cn>



HTTP->HTTP->HTTPS

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

User enters: americanexpress.com



GET http://americanexpress.com



Unsecured http web page

User login info



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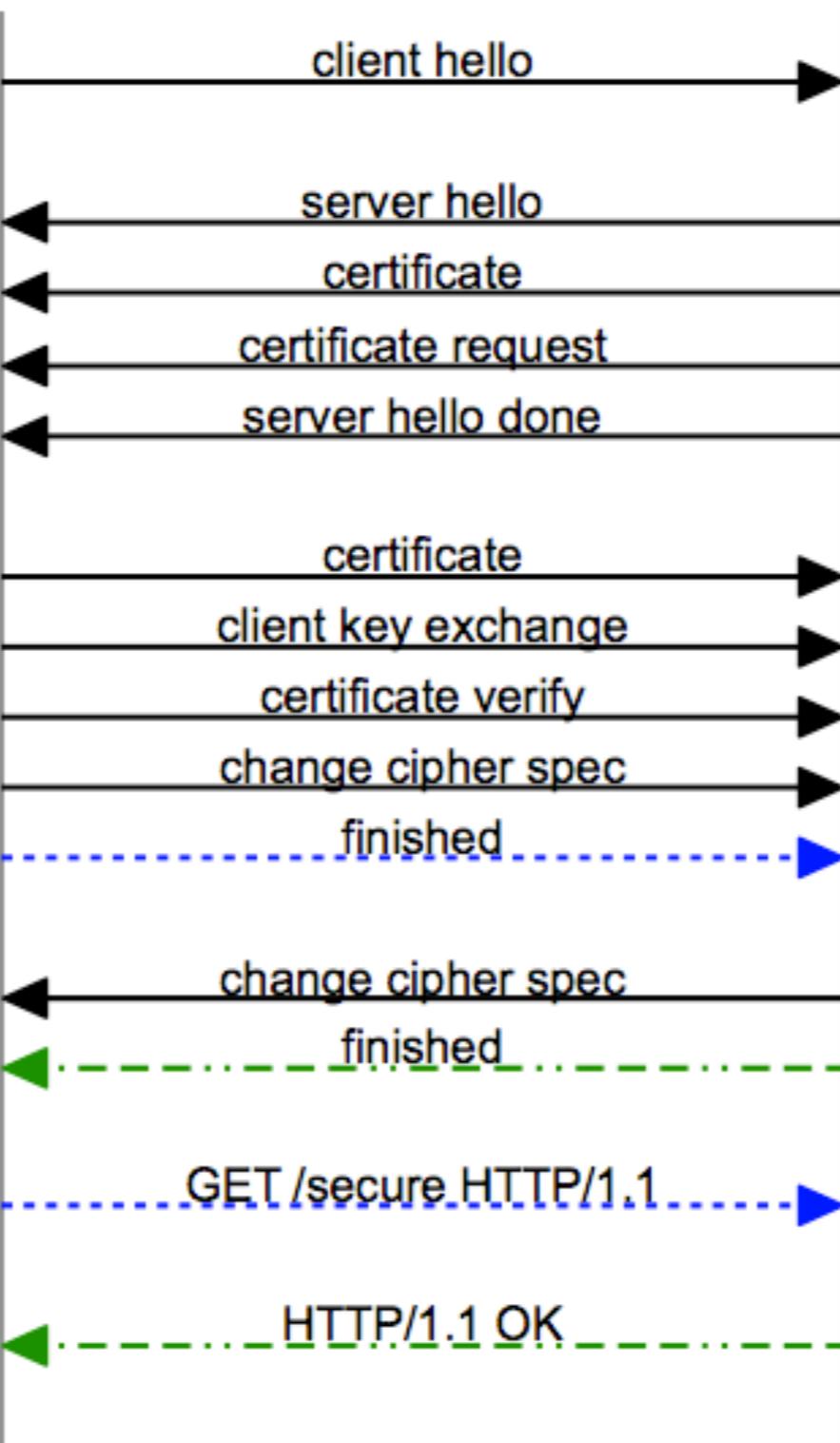
Injecting Prefixes

- Ray, Dispensa, 11/2009:
 - Many web servers require client-side auth, but only for certain resources

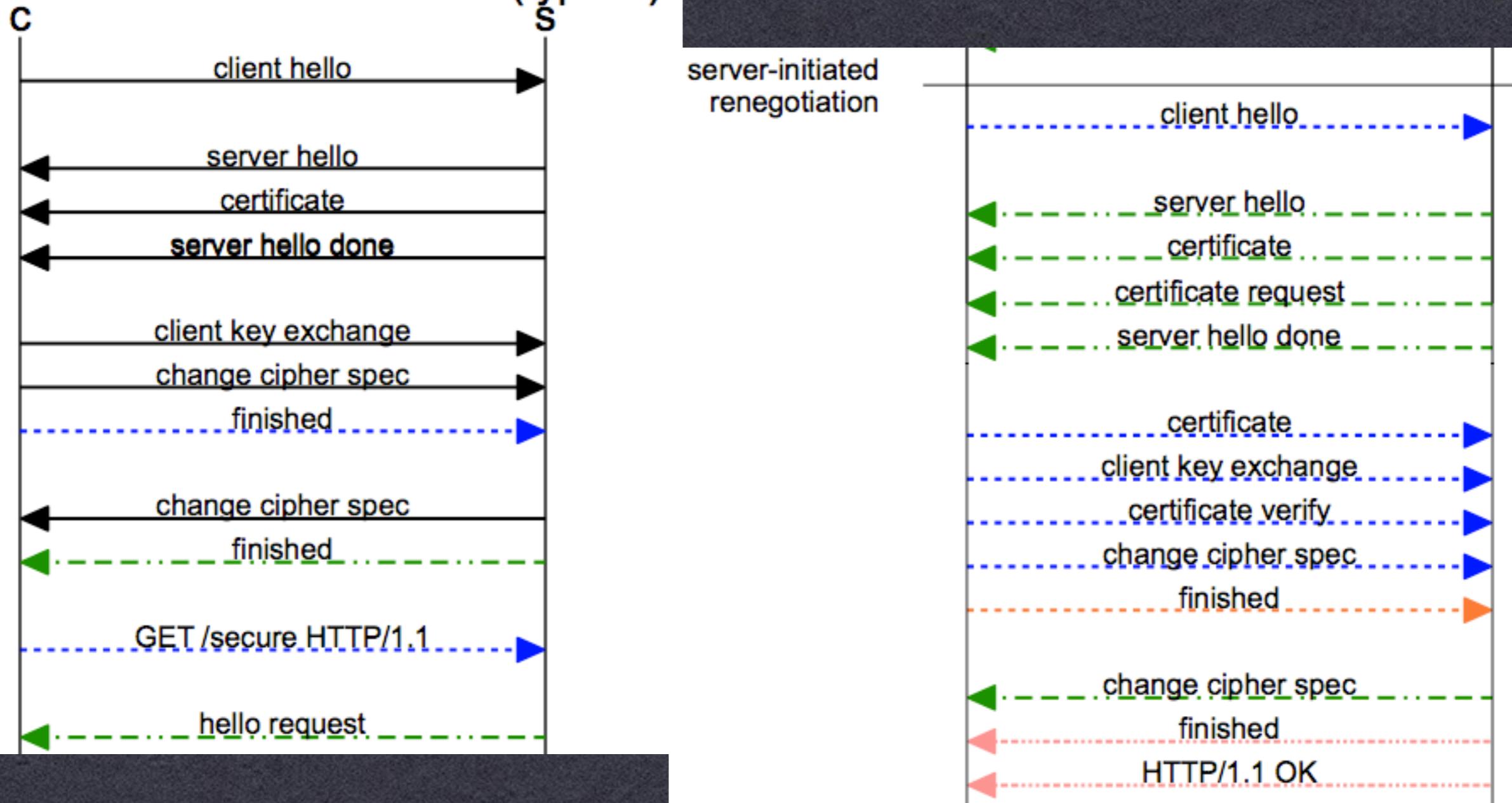
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GET /highsecurity/index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Connection: keep-alive
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- This may require an on-the-fly TLS re-negotiation

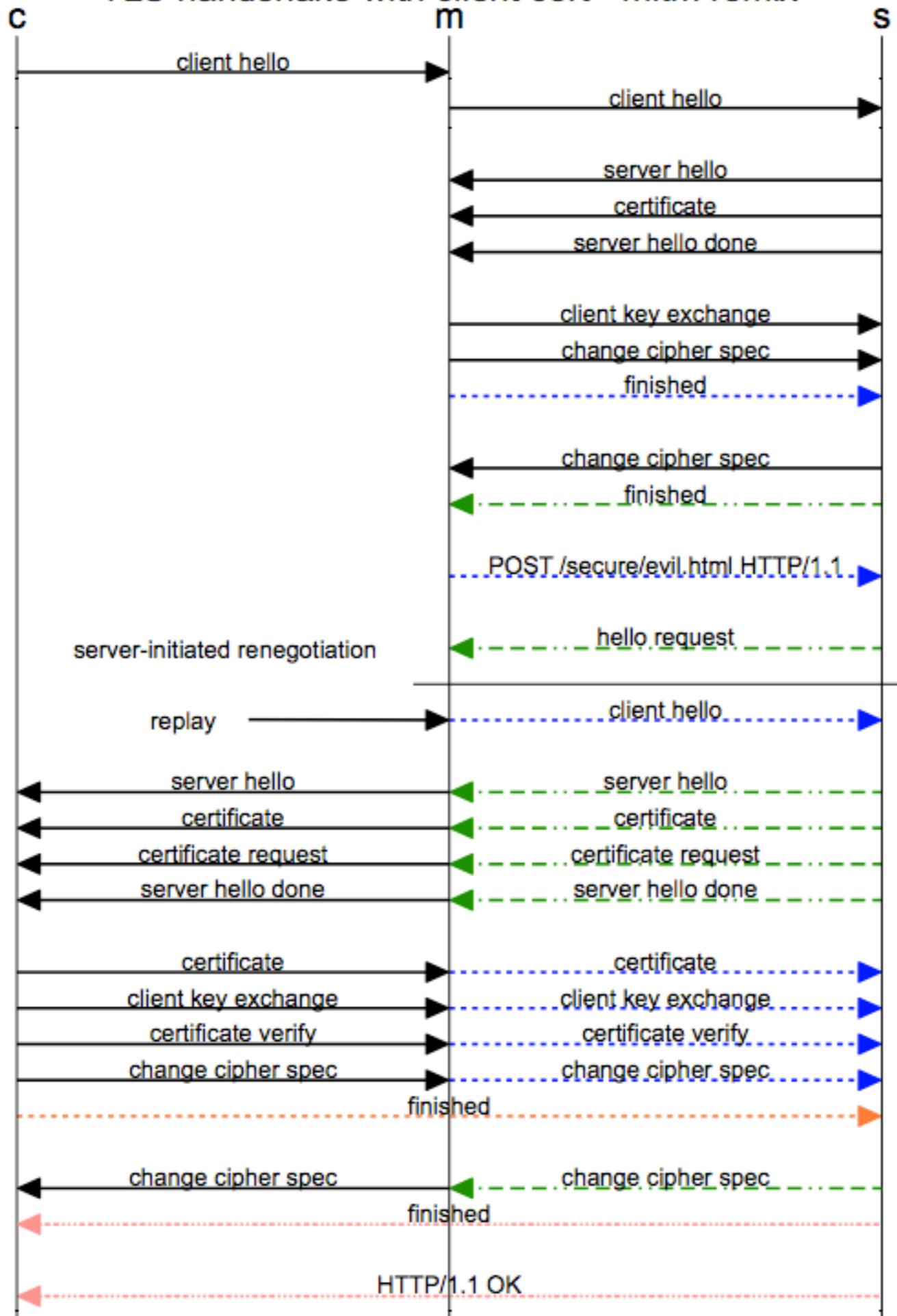
TLS handshake with client cert (ideal)



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 handset (DT)
- 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 handshake

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



DECT

- Step 2: Authentication
 - Two protocols, recommended one:



$AS = A11(UAK, RS)$
 $k, SRES = A12(AS, RAND_F)$

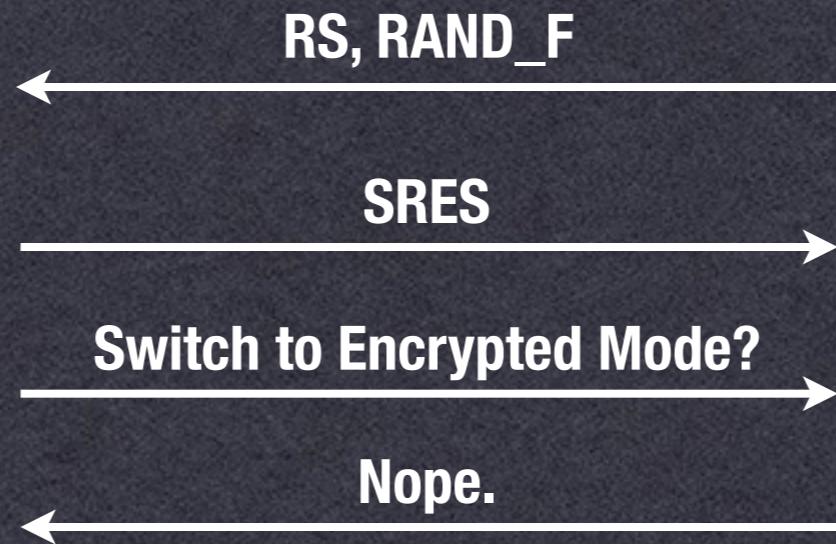


$AS = A11(UAK, RS)$
 $k, XRES = A12(AS, RAND_F)$

SRES == XRES?

DECT Attack

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$SRES == XRES?$

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

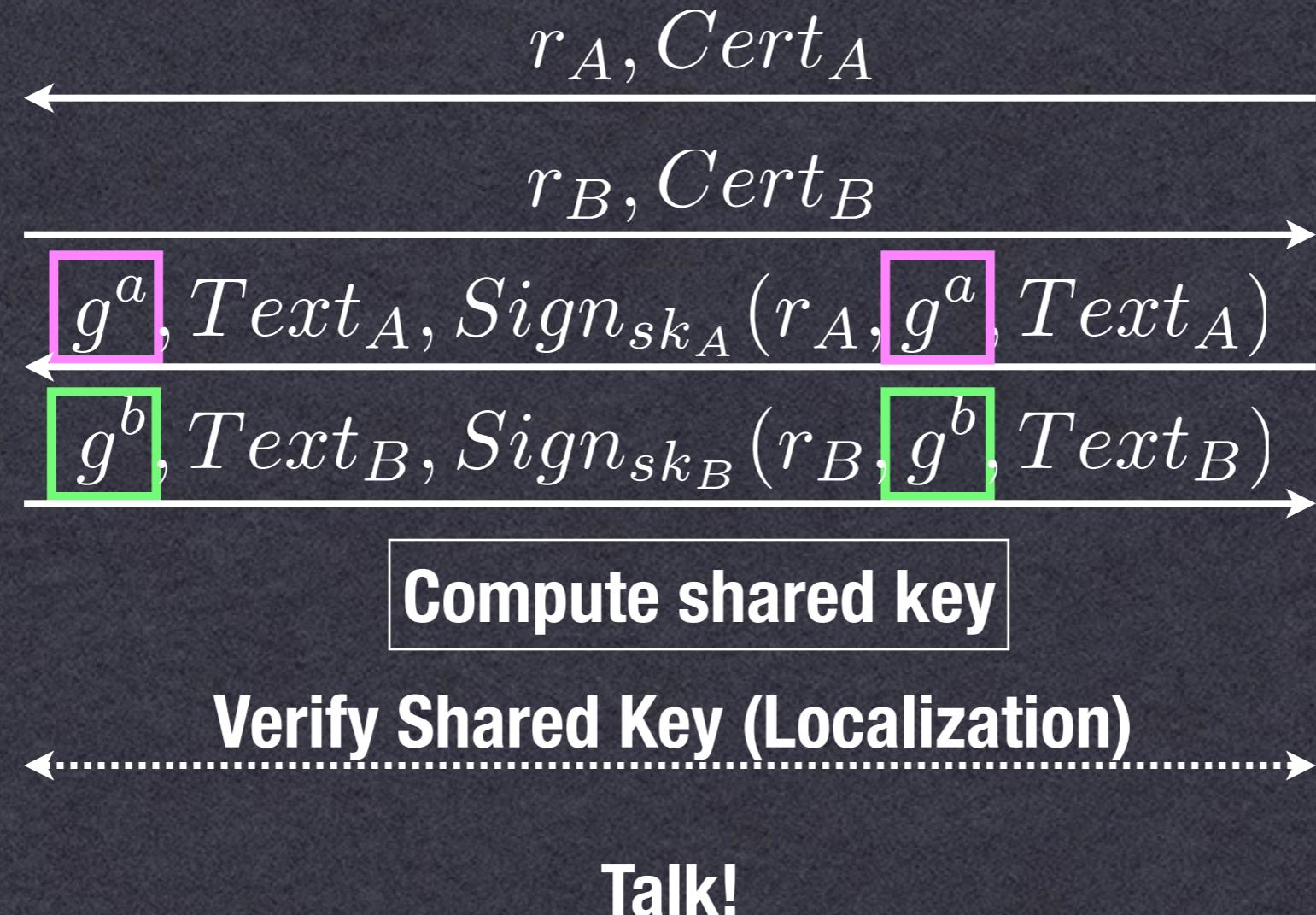
- One layer of protection for HD-DVD/BluRay
 - Encrypts/authenticates content traversing unprotected bus lines

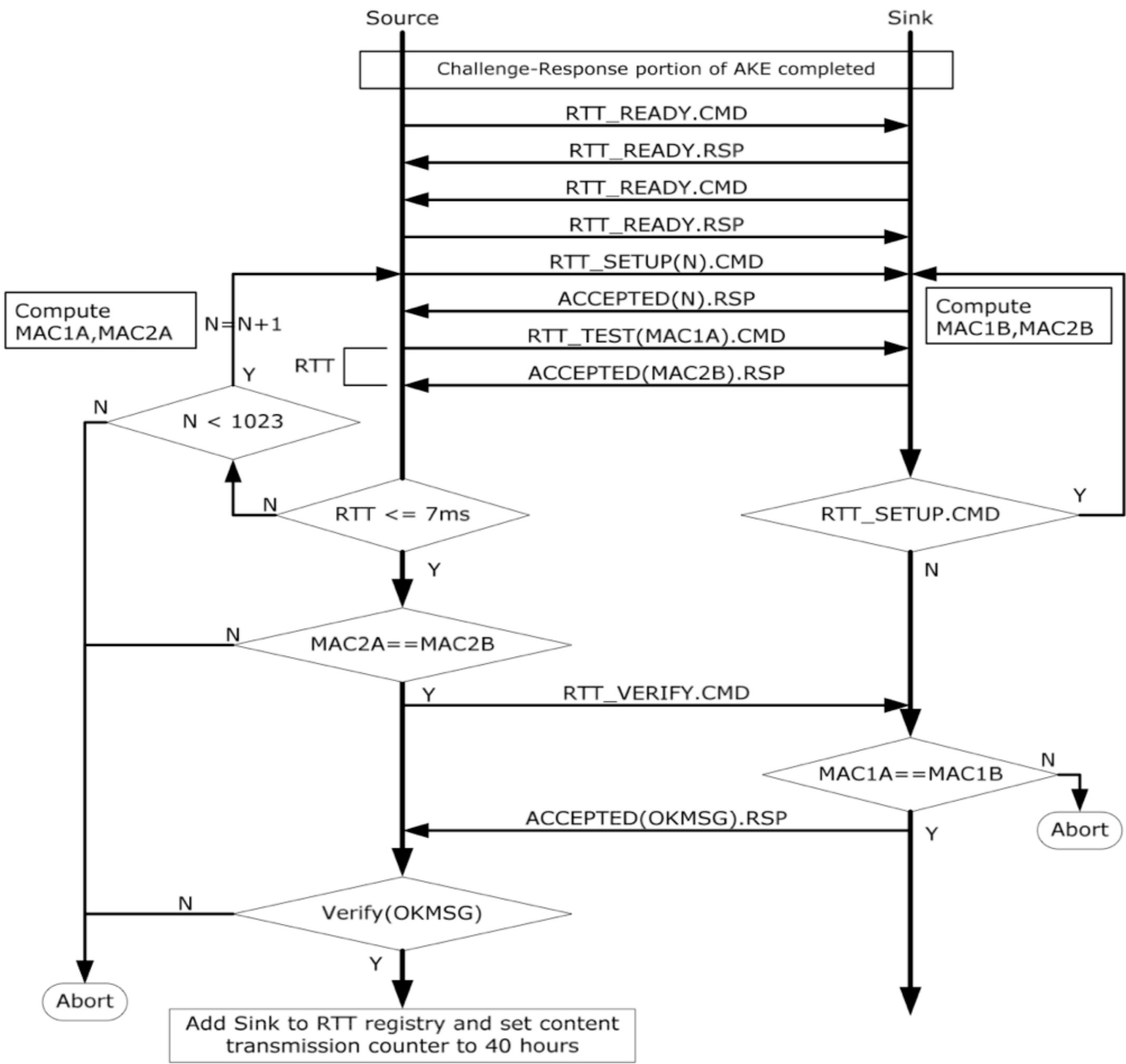


DTCP AKE

- **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

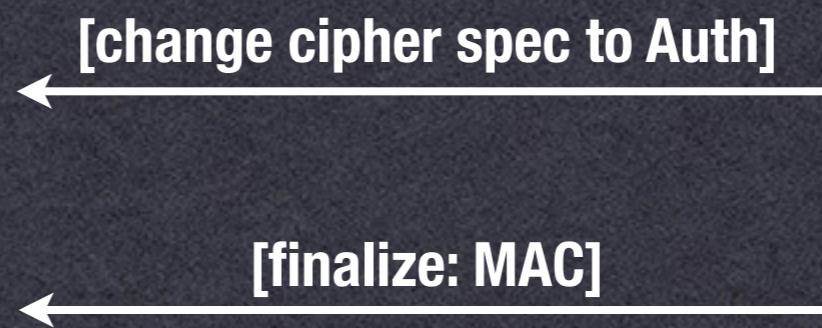
- We've seen standards with problems
 - Usually the cryptanalysis comes after the standard is released, and products in the field
 - Why?

Next Time

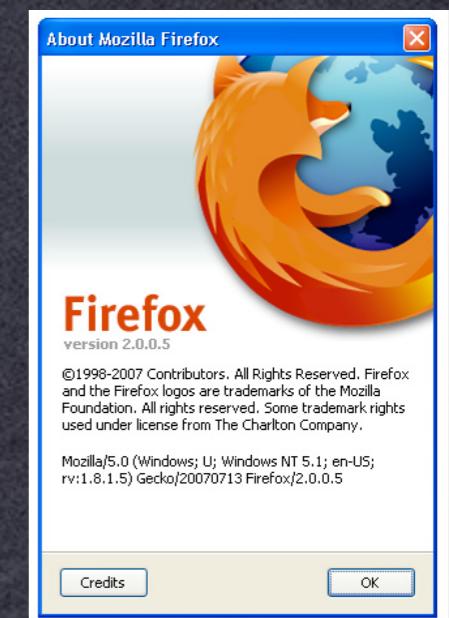
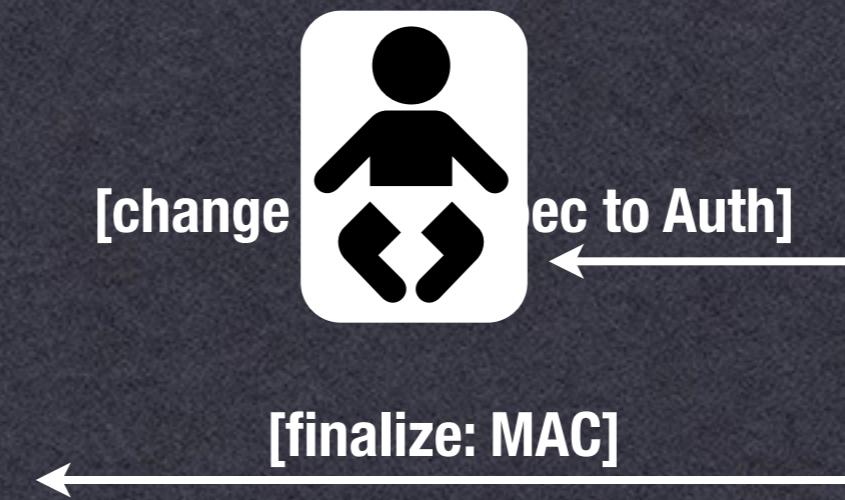
- Next lecture:
 - How do we design secure protocols?

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Ciphersuite Rollback

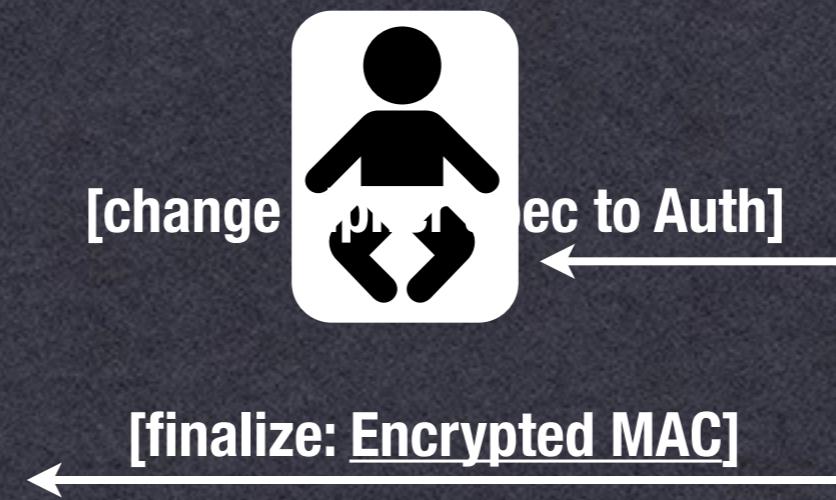


Ciphersuite Rollback



Ciphersuite Rollback

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



Server thinks encryption is disabled, but gets an encrypted MAC