

Practical Cryptographic Systems

Protocols

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Review

- Last time:
 - Protocols (TLS intro, problems in SSLv2)
- Today:
 - More TLS, attacks on SSL/TLS historically, TLS1.3!
 - Next: Signal protocol and forward secrecy

Logistics stuff

- Midterm at end of month
- Project proposal due today!
- Do the reading! We will be including more details on next assignment
- A2 MONDAY (we hope)

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ALPACA – the wacky TLS security vulnerability with a funky name

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ALPACA Attack

News?

A huge security hole

XSS is a huge web security hole, because the reflected script can access data such as login cookies specific to the site you're currently visiting, and thereby steal your login, raid your shopping cart, or otherwise poke its nose into your online business.

Email servers, on the other hand, don't generally deal with JavaScript, and their replies are supposed to make sense to email sending applications, so there's a chance that aiming a browser at a mail server and sending a carefully crafted but fake web request...

...might cause the email server to produce, in amongst its output, an error message that **hasn't gone through the same scrupulous anti-XSS checking that would happen in a web server.**

You're probably once again thinking, "*So what? If the email server sends back some rogue, reflected JavaScript, what harm would that do? There aren't any session cookies, shopping carts or other private web data associated with the email server, so an attacker would get nowhere.*"

Except for one thing: the browser **thinks it's connected to the real web server**, and it made that decision because it was presented with a TLS certificate that would have been valid for the web server, if indeed that's where it had ended up.

Therefore the rogue script reflected by the well-meaning email server **would be able to read out the browser cookies and web data associated with the web server**, even though the browser didn't

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DHS UNVEils ROADMAP FOR POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY TRANSITION; SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS QUOTED

Carol Collins | October 5, 2021 | News, Technology, Wash100



Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary DHS

The Department of Homeland Security has released a guidance to assist organizations in securing their data and systems and mitigating risks and in preparing for the transition to post-quantum cryptography.

The roadmap was developed in collaboration with the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and was meant to offer guidance on the identification, prioritization and protection of susceptible data and algorithms, DHS said Monday.

Alejandro Mayorkas, secretary of DHS and 2021 Wash100 Award recipient, noted that as quantum computing emerges as a scientific breakthrough, it also poses new risks to data privacy and cybersecurity.

One of the roadmap's recommendations is to instruct chief information officers to expand their engagement with standards developing institutions to gain information on the latest developments and changes in protocols.

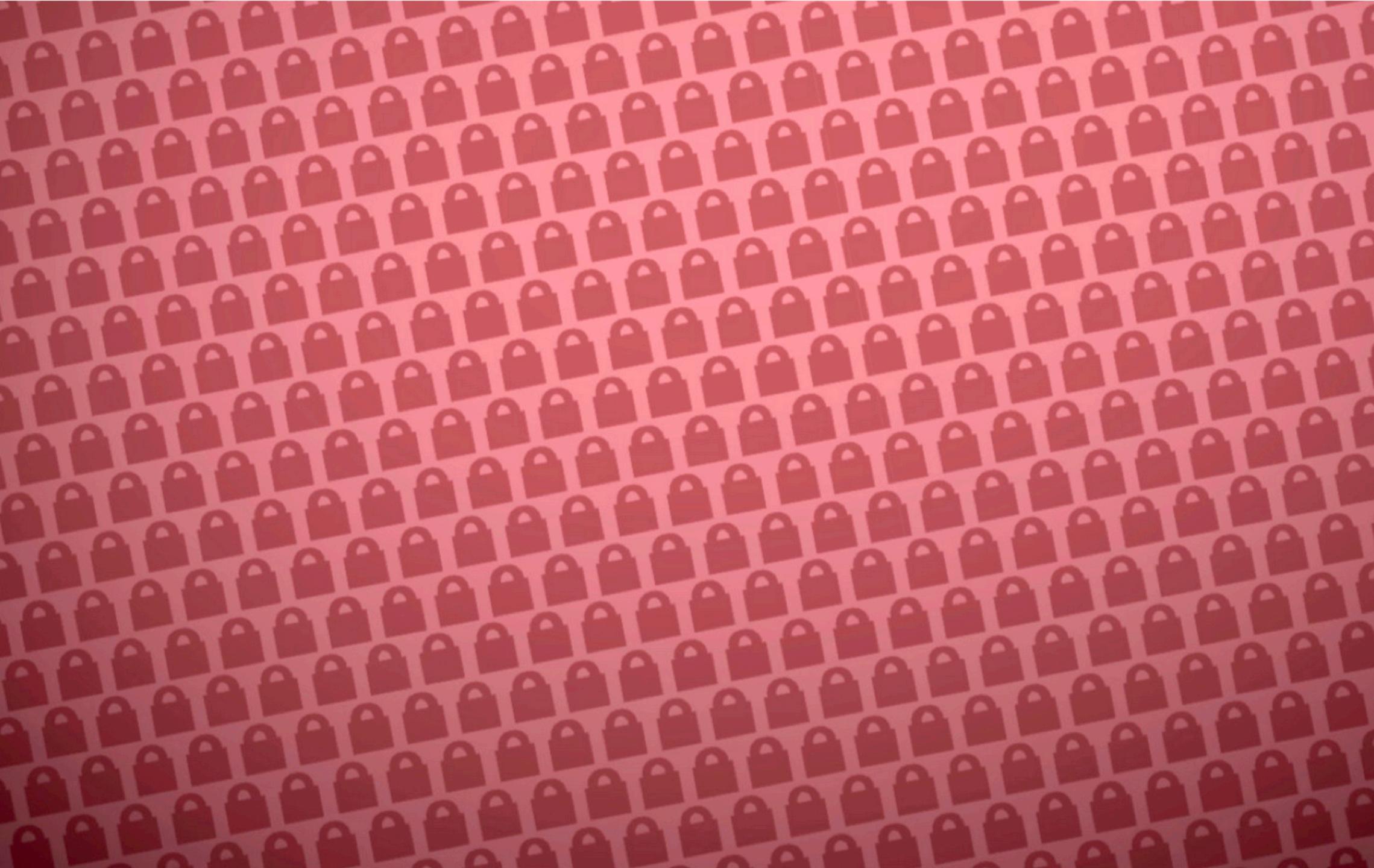
The guidance also suggested the creation of an inventory for the most sensitive and critical data needed to be secured for prolonged periods of time.

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Duality nabs \$30M for its privacy-focused data collaboration tools, built using homomorphic encryption

Ingrid Lunden @ingridlunden 7:04 AM EDT • October 5, 2021

 Comment



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 (\$000bn / \$000) Banking, etc.



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Today

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

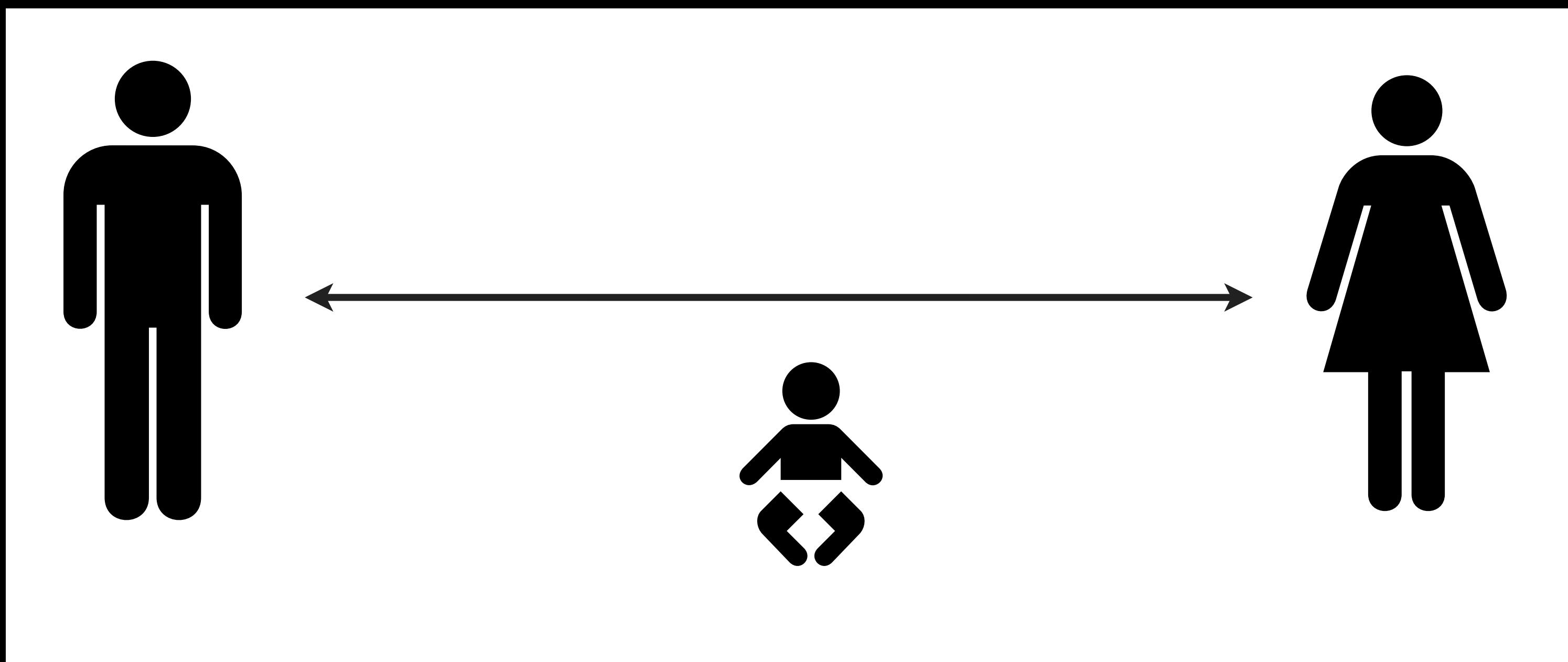
Protocols (definition)

- 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”

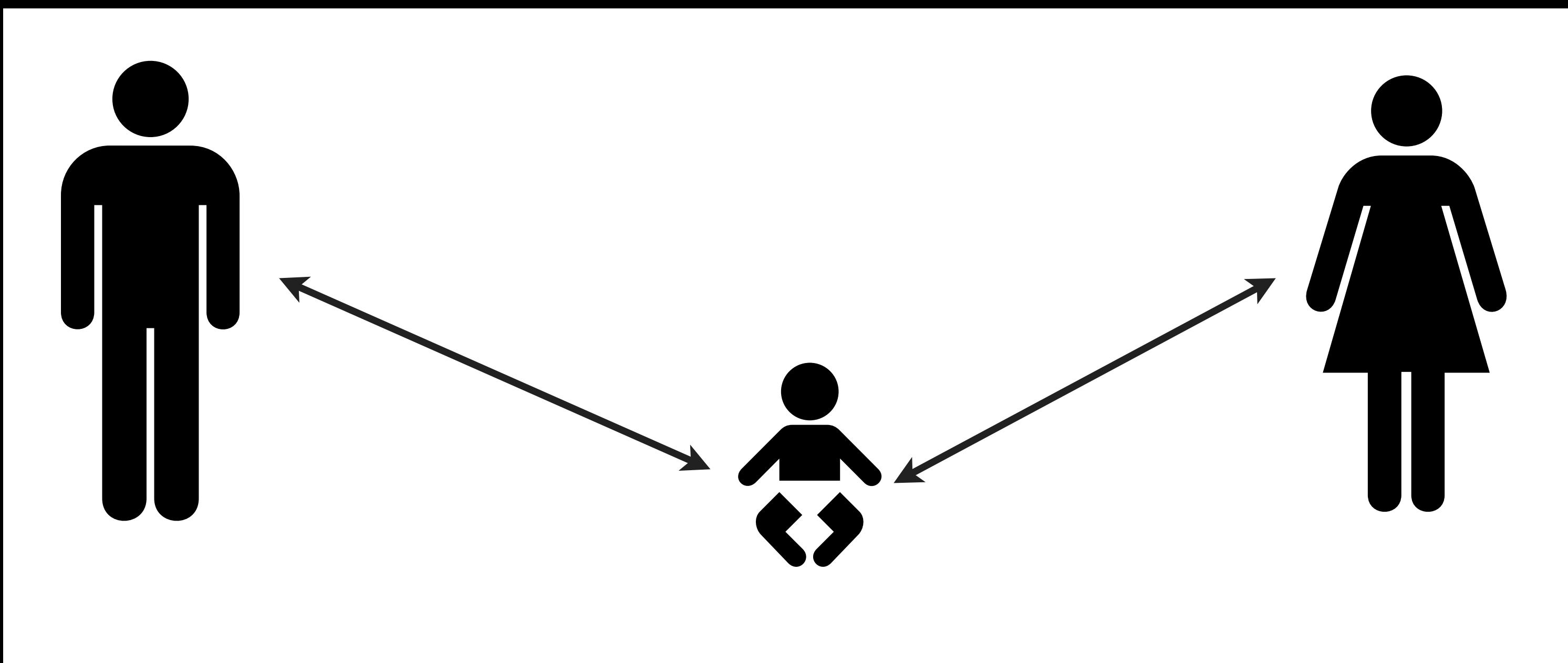
Why not just use primitives?

- 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

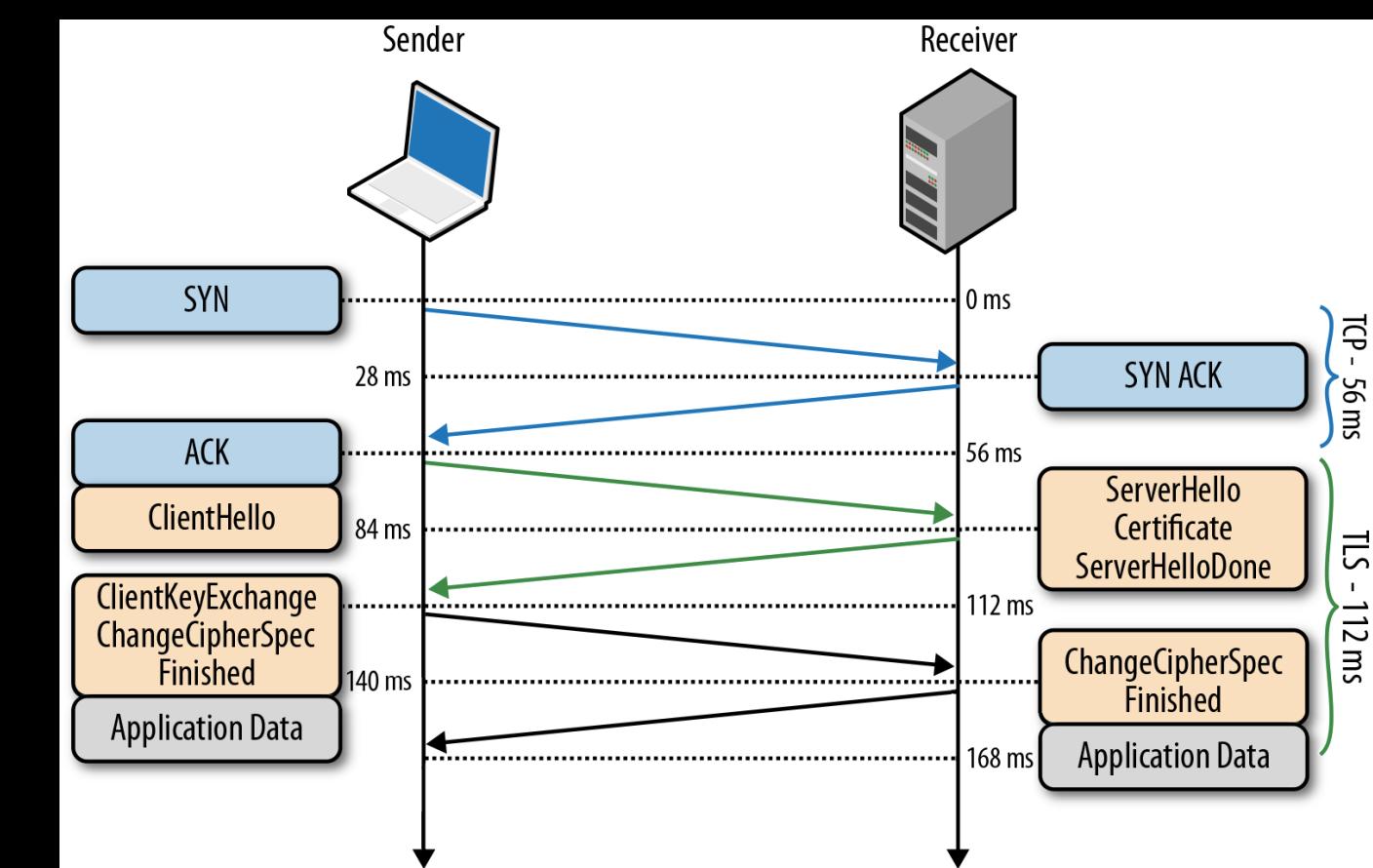


Threat Model



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, 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)**

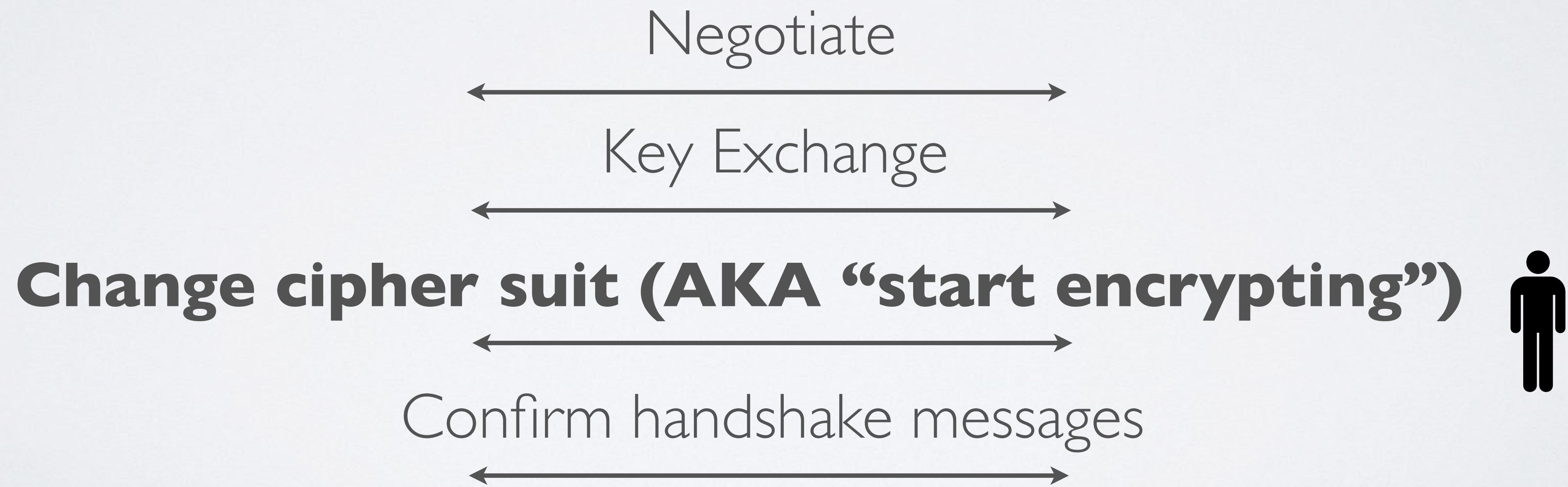
Attacks on SSL2

- 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 → 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]
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5.  C → M : {m}k
5'. M → 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?

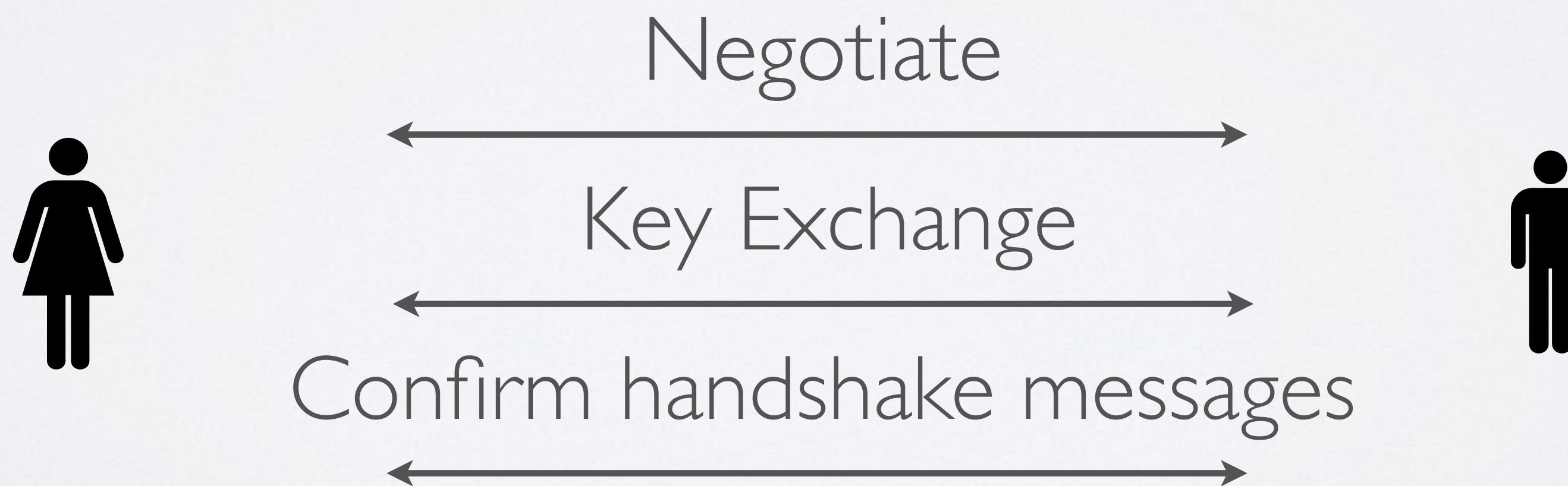
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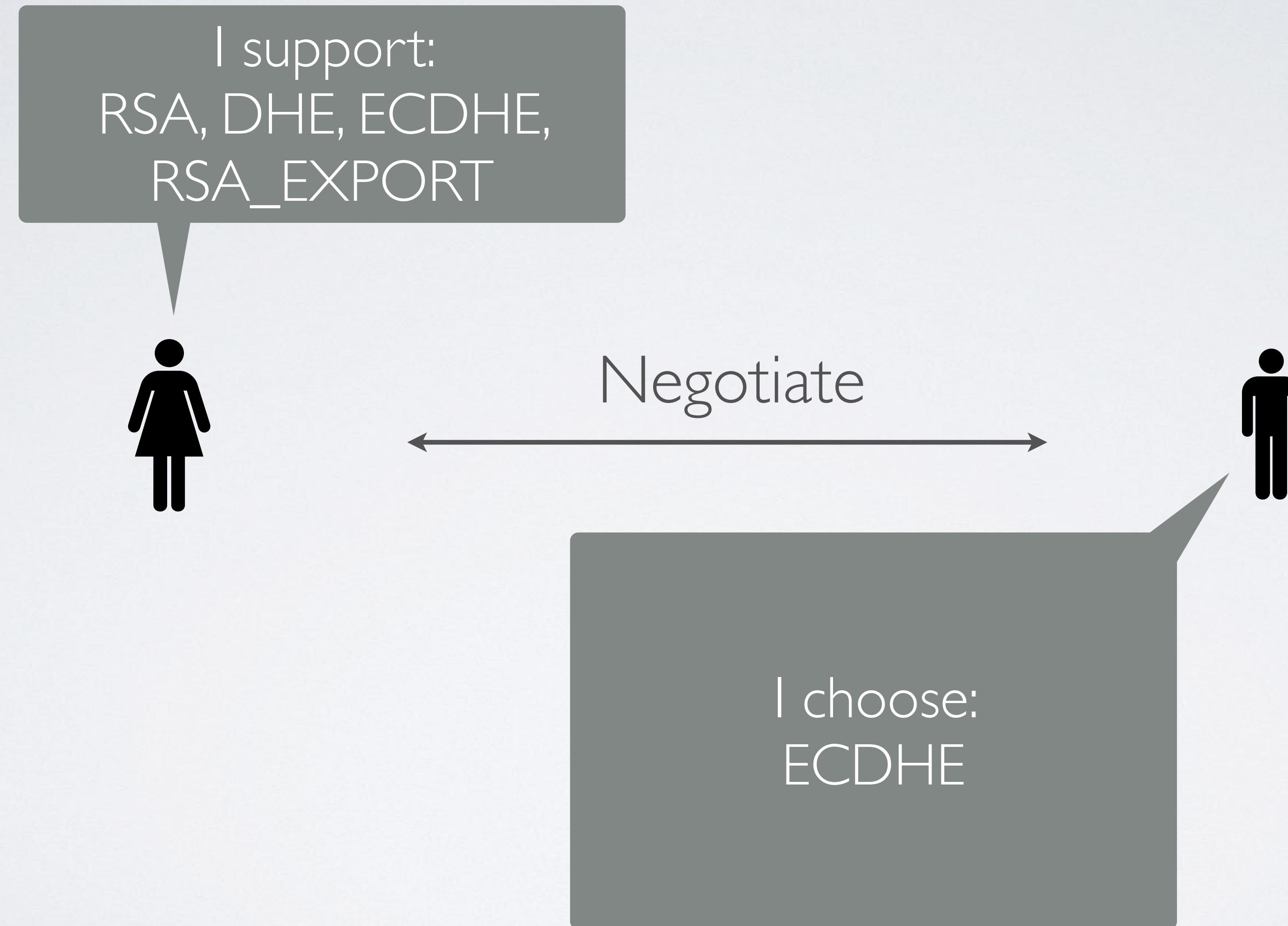
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        case dh_anon:
            ServerDHParams params;
        case dhe_dss:
        case dhe_rsa:
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                opaque client_random[32];
                opaque server_random[32];
                ServerDHParams params;
            } signed_params;
        case rsa:
        case dh_dss:
        case dh_rsa:
            struct {} ;
            /* message is omitted for rsa, dh_dss, and dh_rsa */
            /* may be extended, e.g., for ECDH -- see [TLSECC] */
    };
} ServerKeyExchange;
```

Downgrade attacks!

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



Ciphersuite Negotiation



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I support:
RSA, DHE, ECDHE,
RSA_EXPORT



Key exchange



I choose:
ECDHE

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Confirm handshake messages

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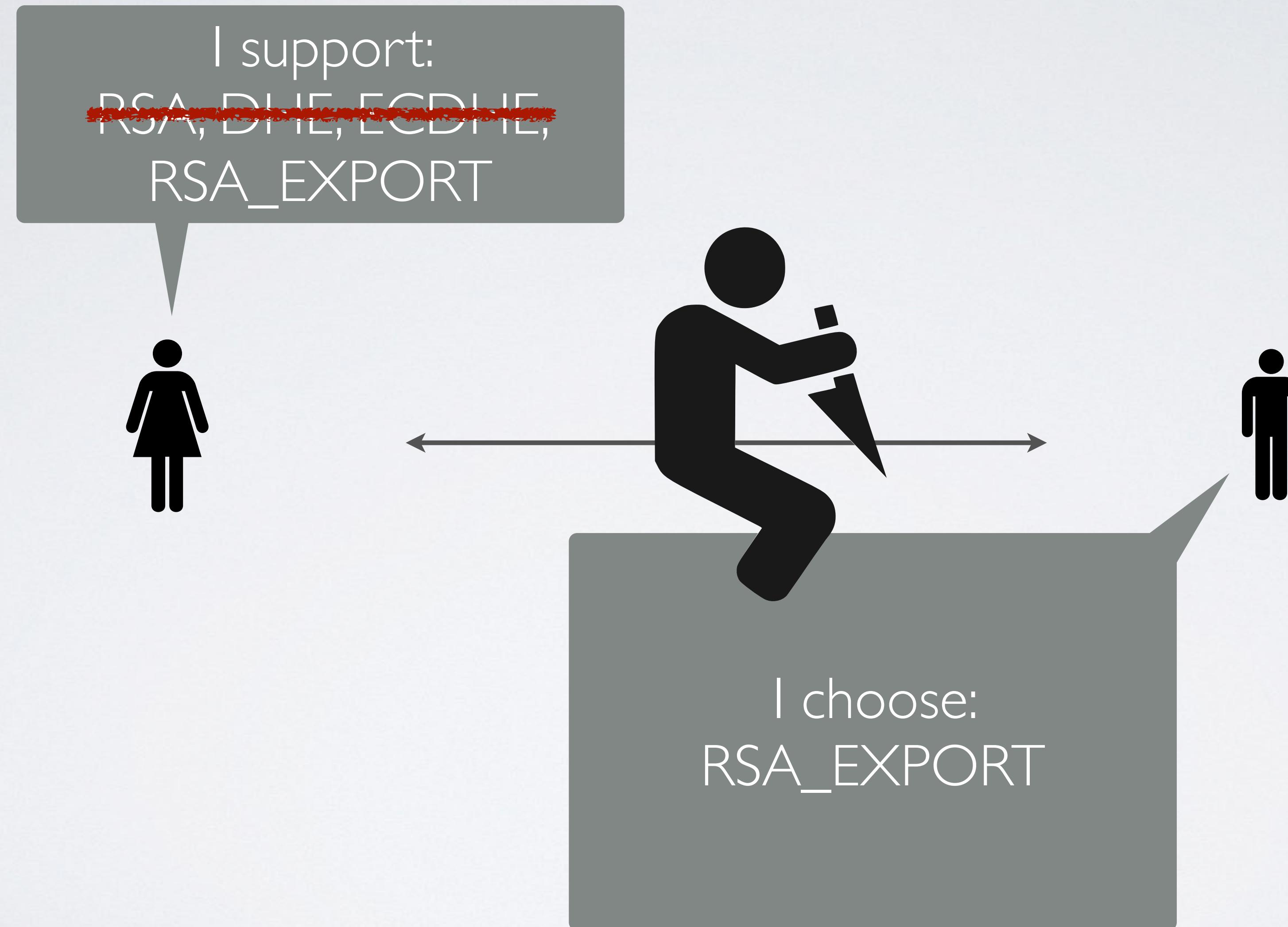
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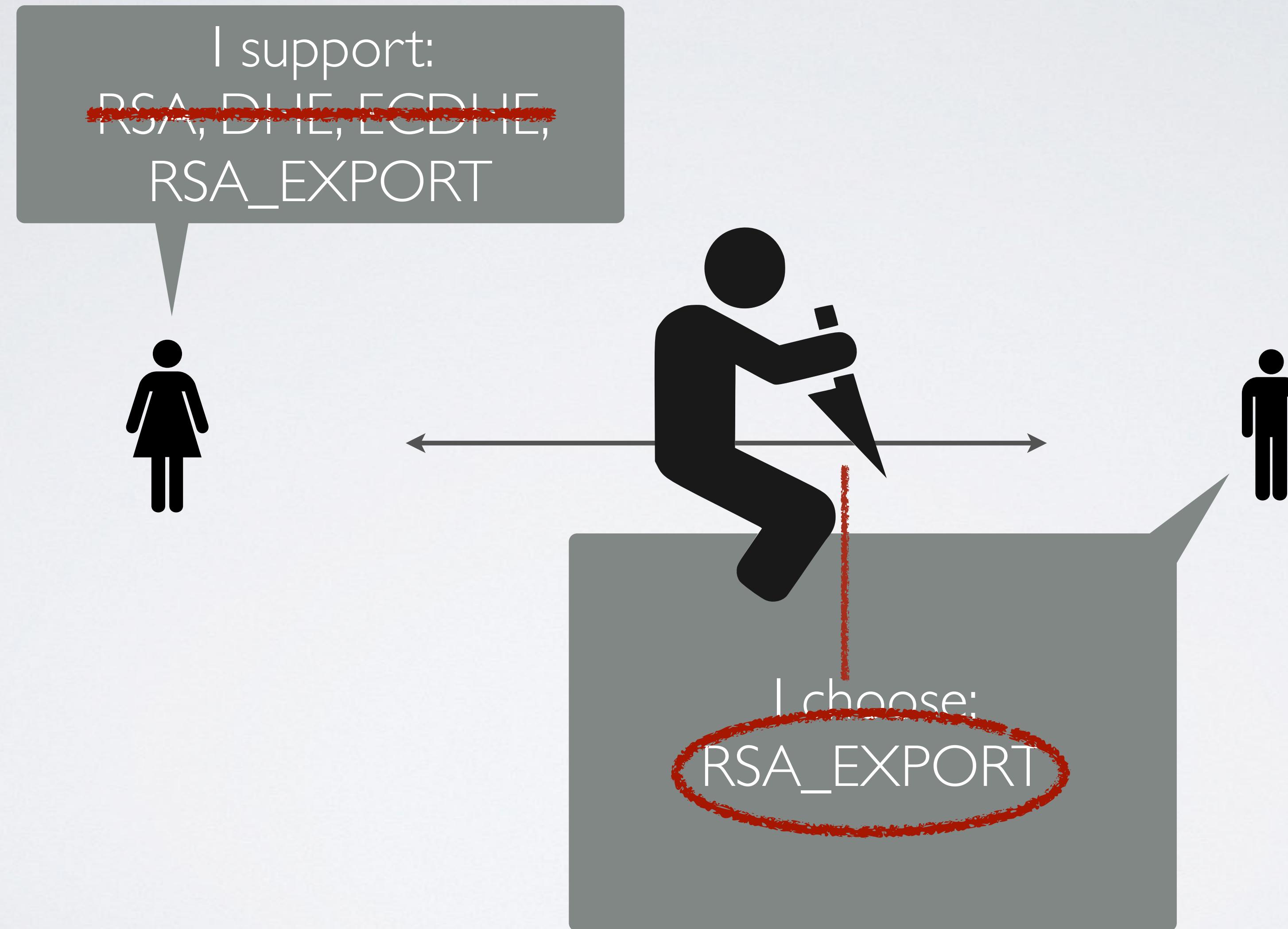
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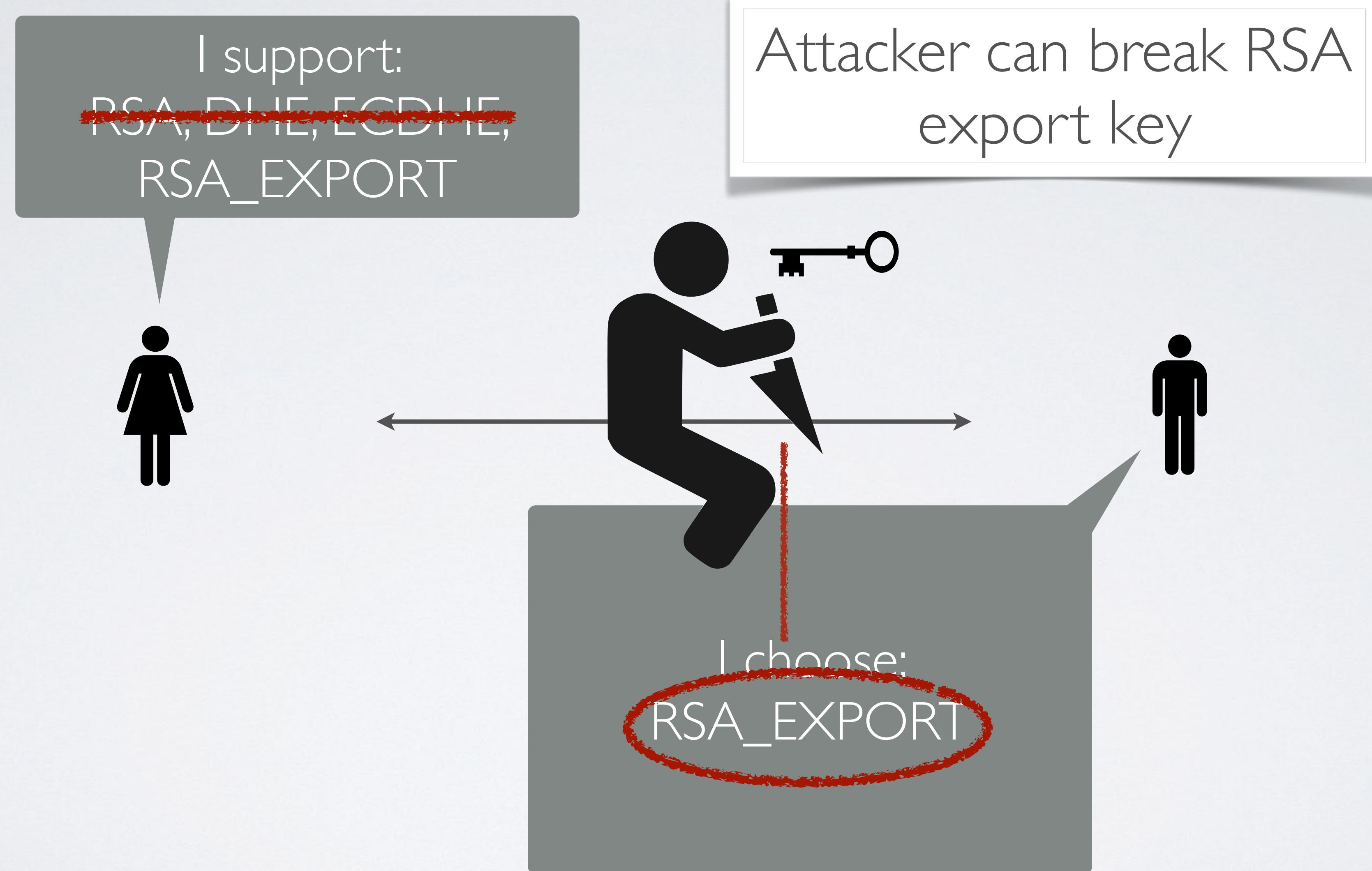
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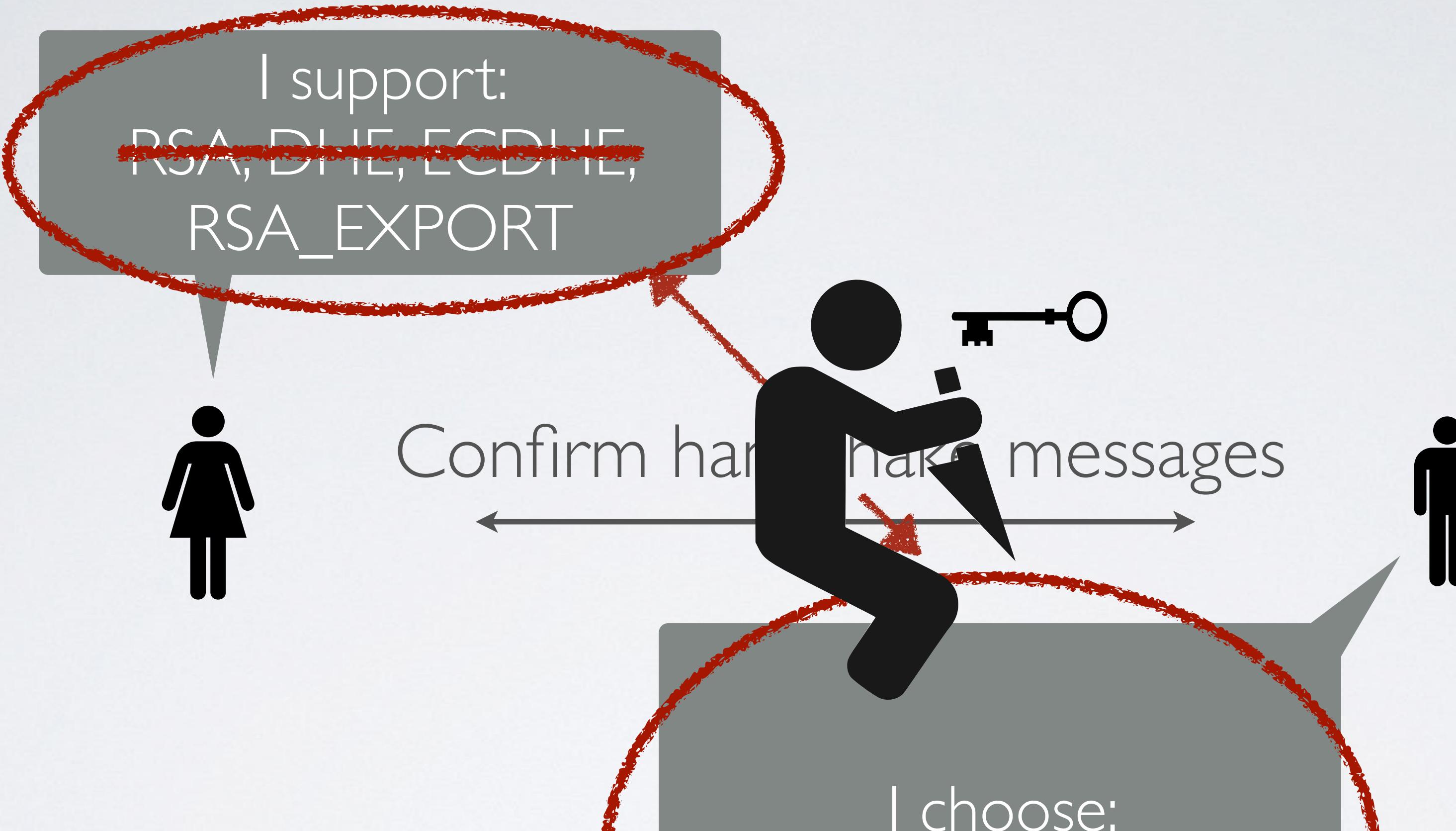
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export suites!

MITM Negotiation

I support:

RSA_EXPORT

Solution:

Modern clients won't offer broken cipher suites
like RSA_EXPORT

(unless they're wget or curl!)

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I choose:

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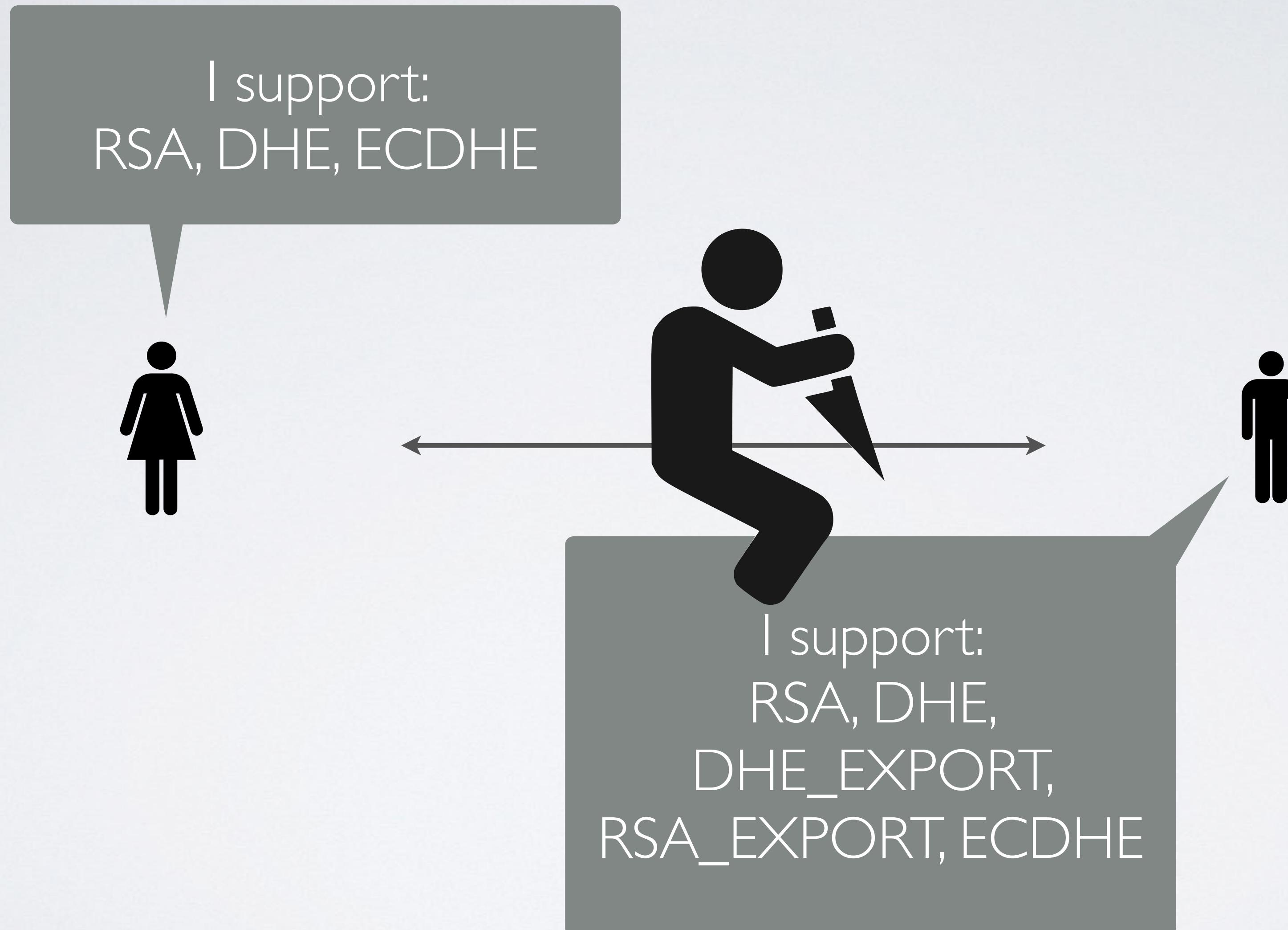
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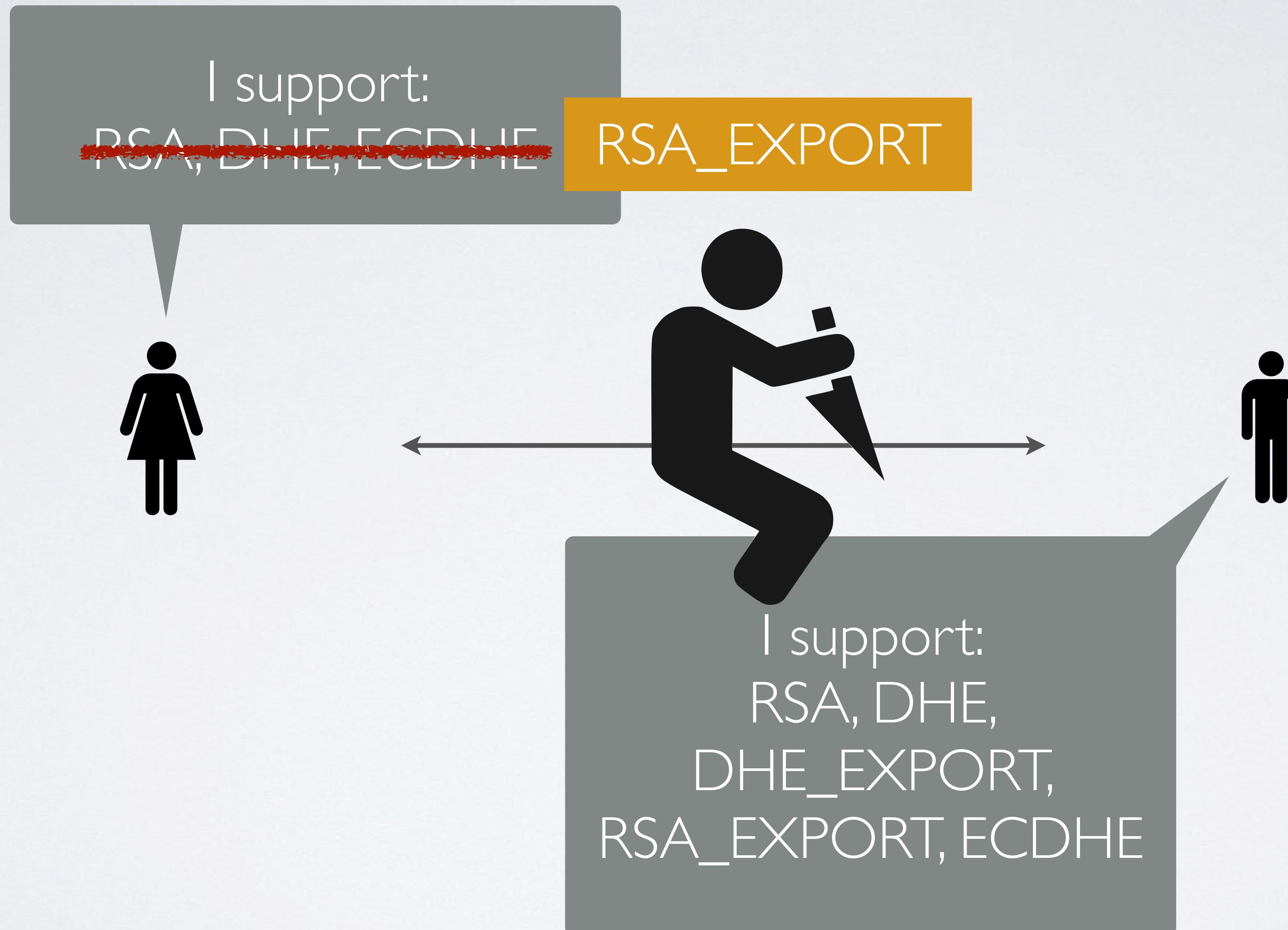
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- Let **A** be the set of KA protocols supported by Client
Let **B** be the set of KA protocols supported by Server
- If each KA protocol in $A \cap B$ is a secure KA protocol, is the TLS handshake secure?

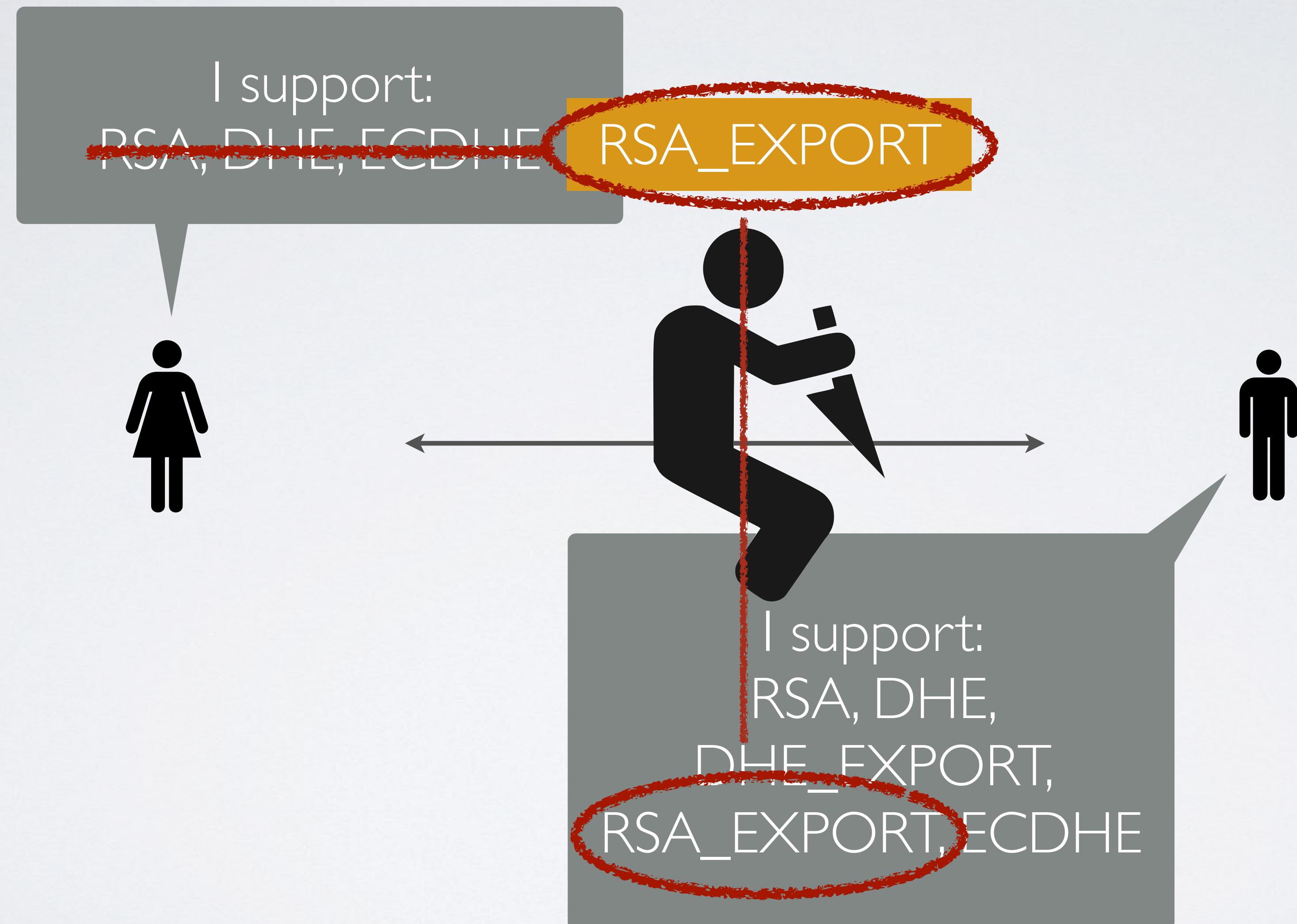
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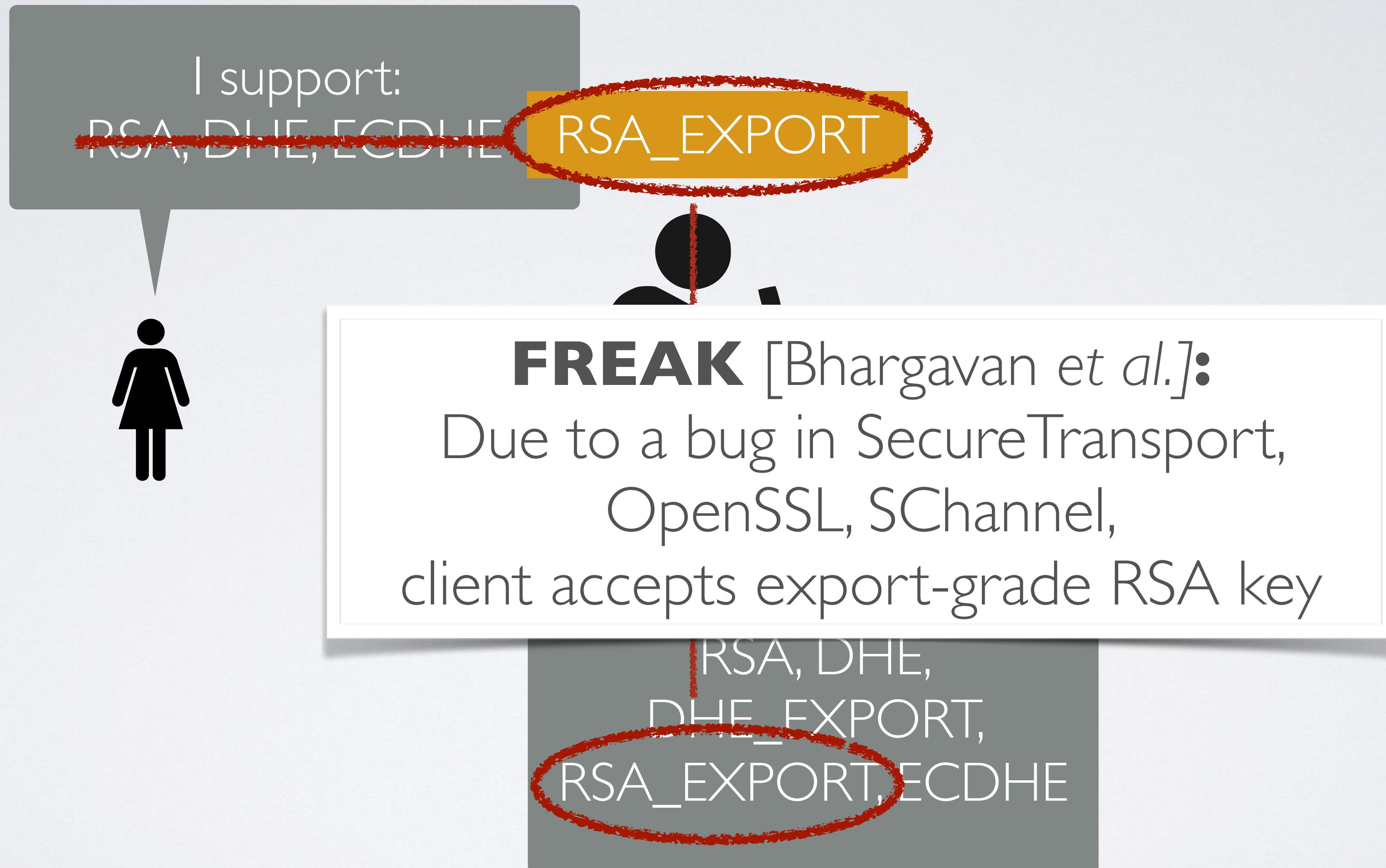
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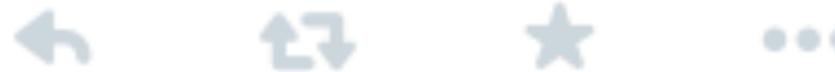




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 Follow

@matthew_d_green I am still amazed how three *independent* TLS implementations have the exact same bug.



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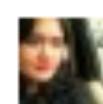
Solution: Fix implementations

Patch OpenSSL, SecureTransport, SChannel
so they will recognize an RSA export key
exchange message, barf

(patches rolled out March 2015)

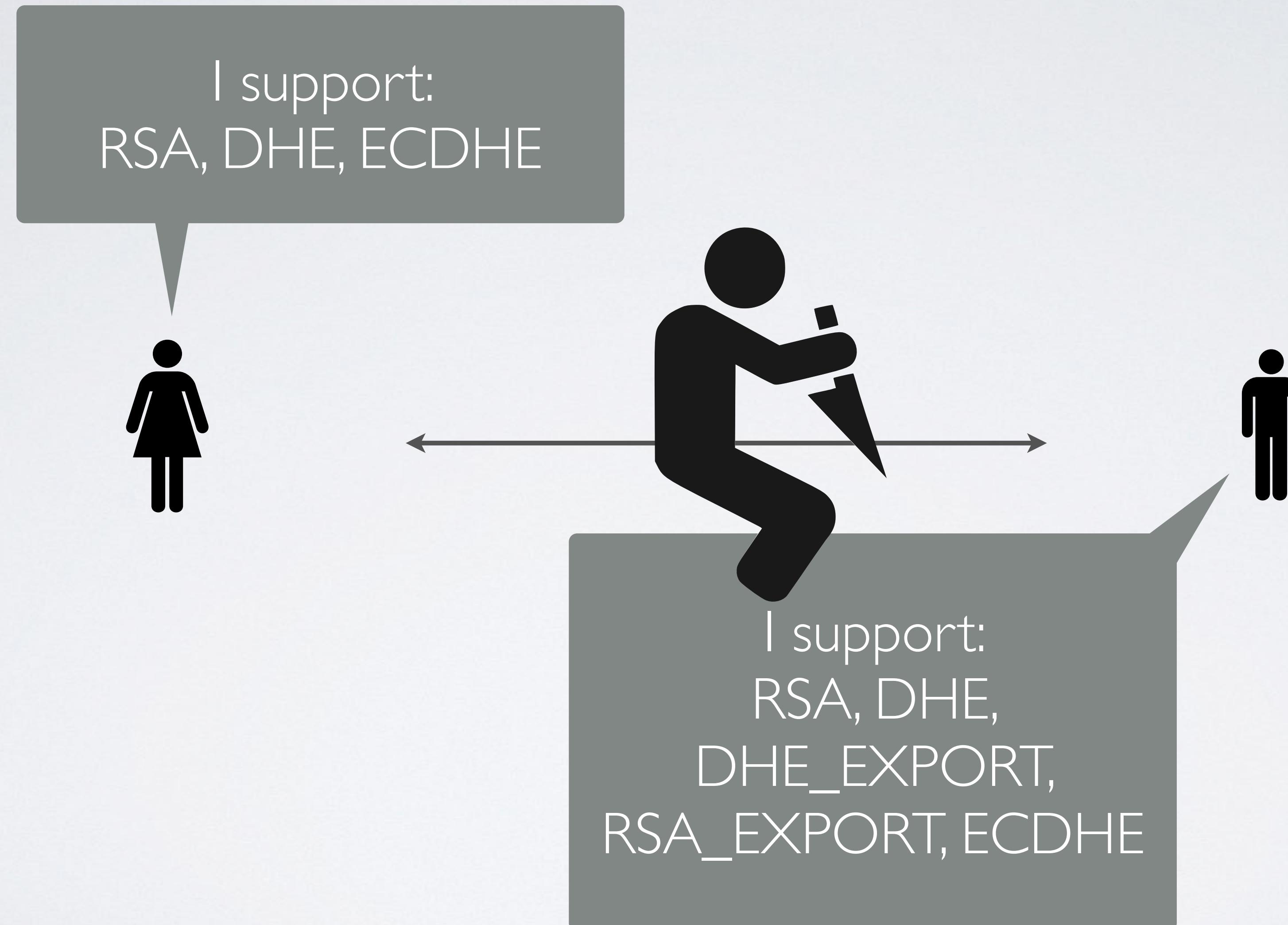
RSA DHF

**Apple issues security patches to protect
devices from the FREAK bug**



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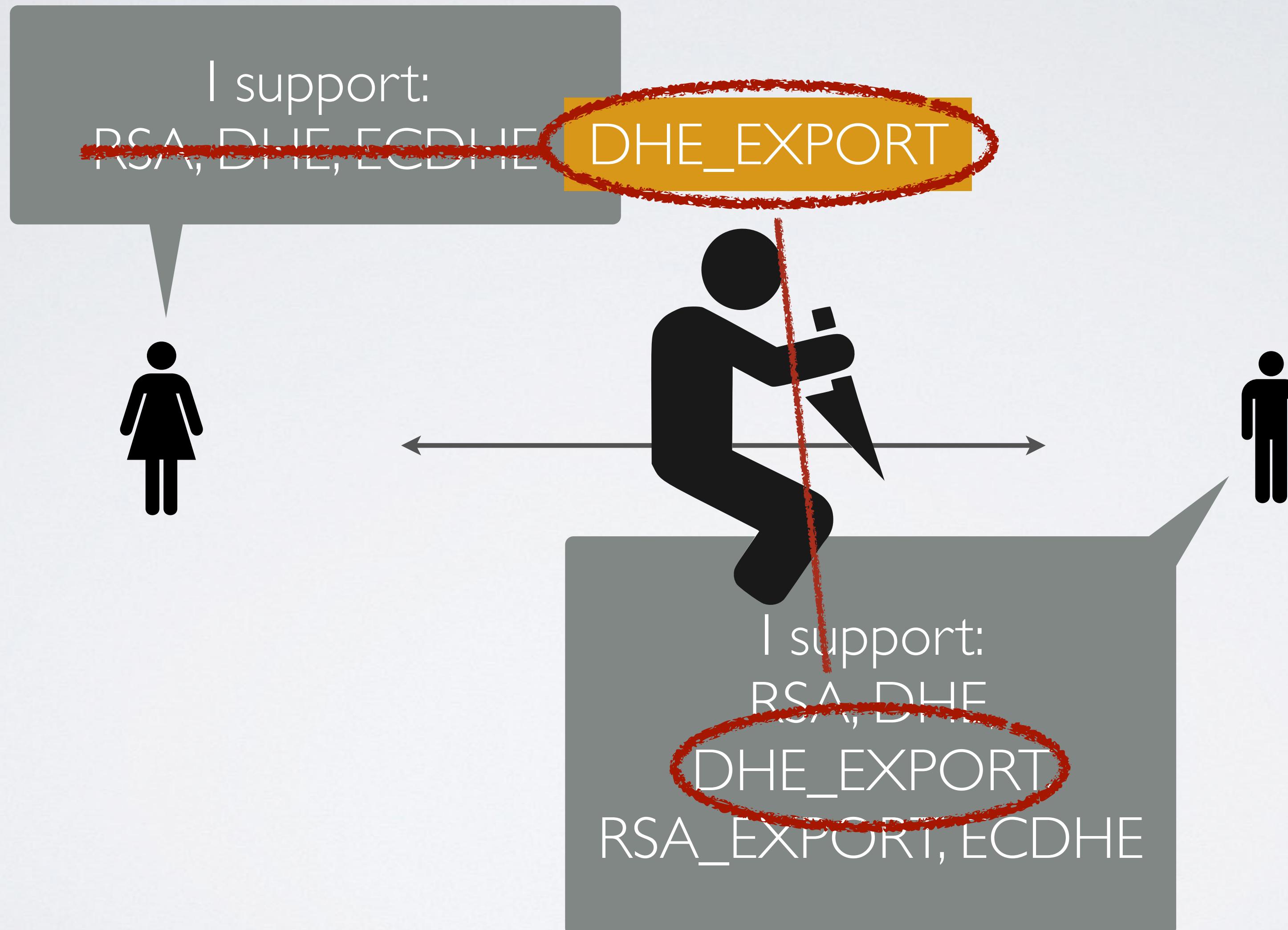
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**The community made terrible
assumptions and didn't ask us what
we thought of them. Then they got
mired in backwards compatibility
issues and only responded to attacks.**

Exploiting Logjam

(Joint work: Adrian, Bhargavan, Durumeric, Gaudry, Green, Halderman, Heninger, Springall, Thomé, Valenta, VanderSloot, Wustrow, Zanella-Beguelin, Zimmermann) *in* 'CCS 2015

Exploiting Logjam

- To exploit the downgrade attack, requires solving a 512-bit DL in real time
- Initially this seems challenging, but NFS algorithm can be heavily optimized for pre-computation using only prime (p)
- “Oversieving” increases cost of sieving and storage, but reduces cost of linear algebra step & final “descent”

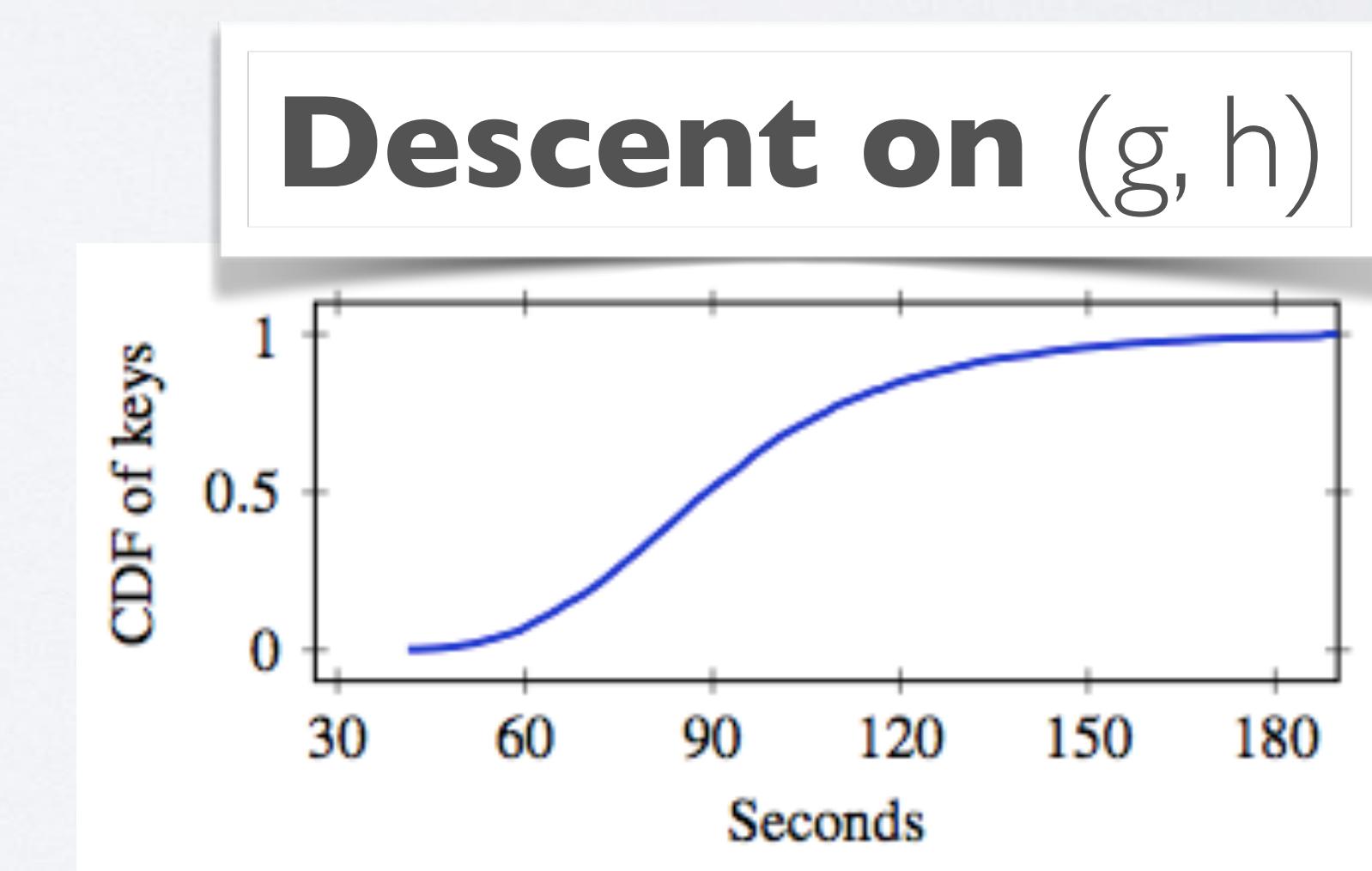
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Sieving/Linear Alg:
1 week (wall clock) for each p



Exploiting Logjam

Accelerated
Decryption
content

CA Services
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Short term (hack) solution:

Fix OpenSSL, SecureTransport, SChannel
so they refuse DHE keys <768 bits

patched in NSS, SChannel, BoringSSL, LibreSSL,
SecureTransport

(Took months to accomplish this, since it breaks
~1% of the Internet to make this fix)

DHE_EXPORT
RSA_EXPORT, ECDHE



Server has a weak, ephemeral Diffie-Hellman public key

ERR_SSL_WEAK_SERVER_EPHEMERAL_DH_KEY

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This error can occur when connecting to a secure (HTTPS) server. It means that the server is trying to set up a secure connection but, due to a disastrous misconfiguration, the connection wouldn't be secure at all!

In this case, the server needs to be fixed. Google Chrome won't use insecure connections in order to protect your privacy.

[Learn more](#) about this problem.

Long(er) term solutions:

Eliminate 1024-bit DHE (but Java).

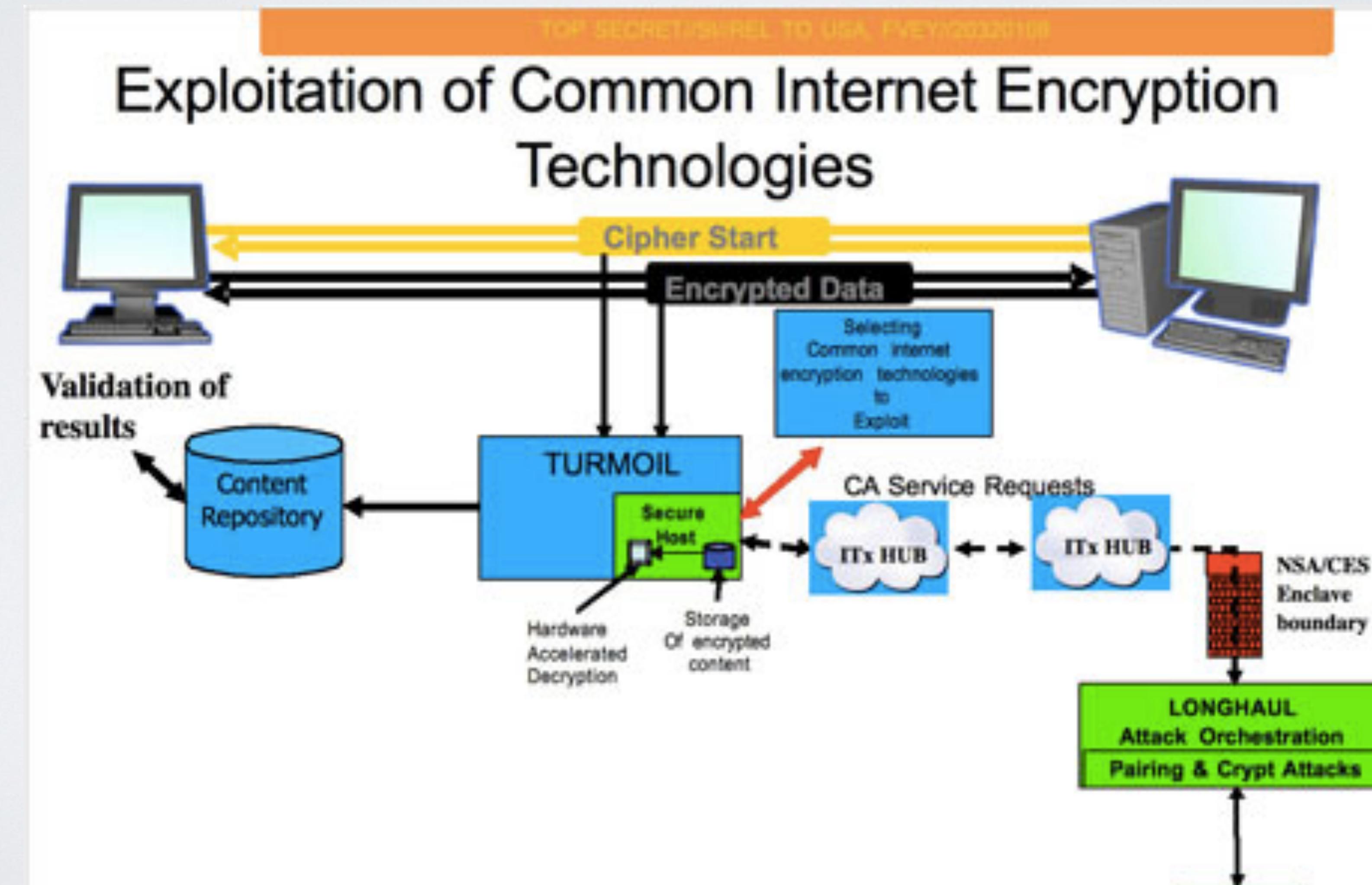
Stop using common DHE primes.

Use EU-CMA signatures to validate the protocol transcript. Then you can achieve the $A \cap B$ security the TLS designers originally set out to achieve.

**(TLS 1.3 adds such a message,
provisionally.)**

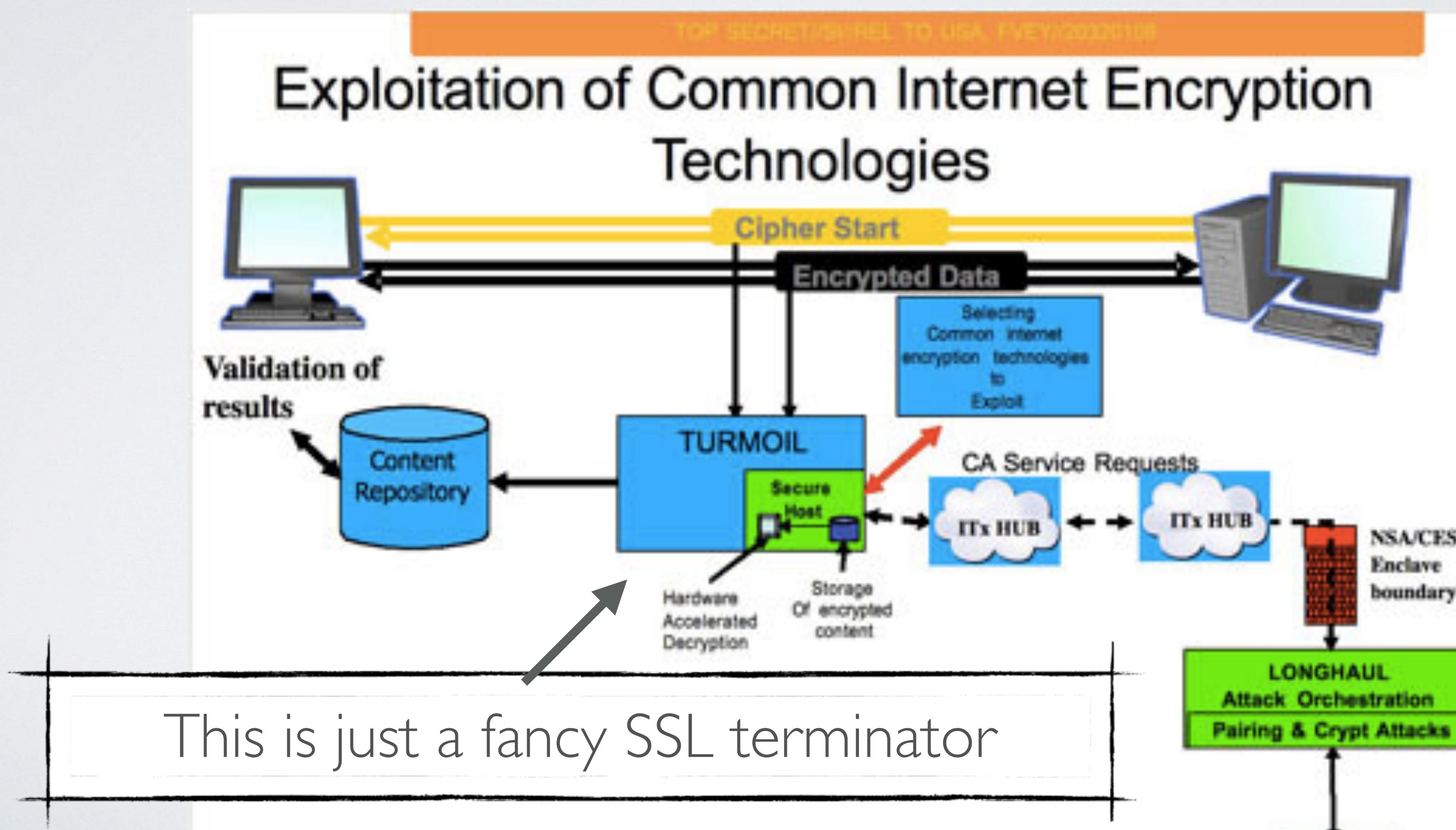
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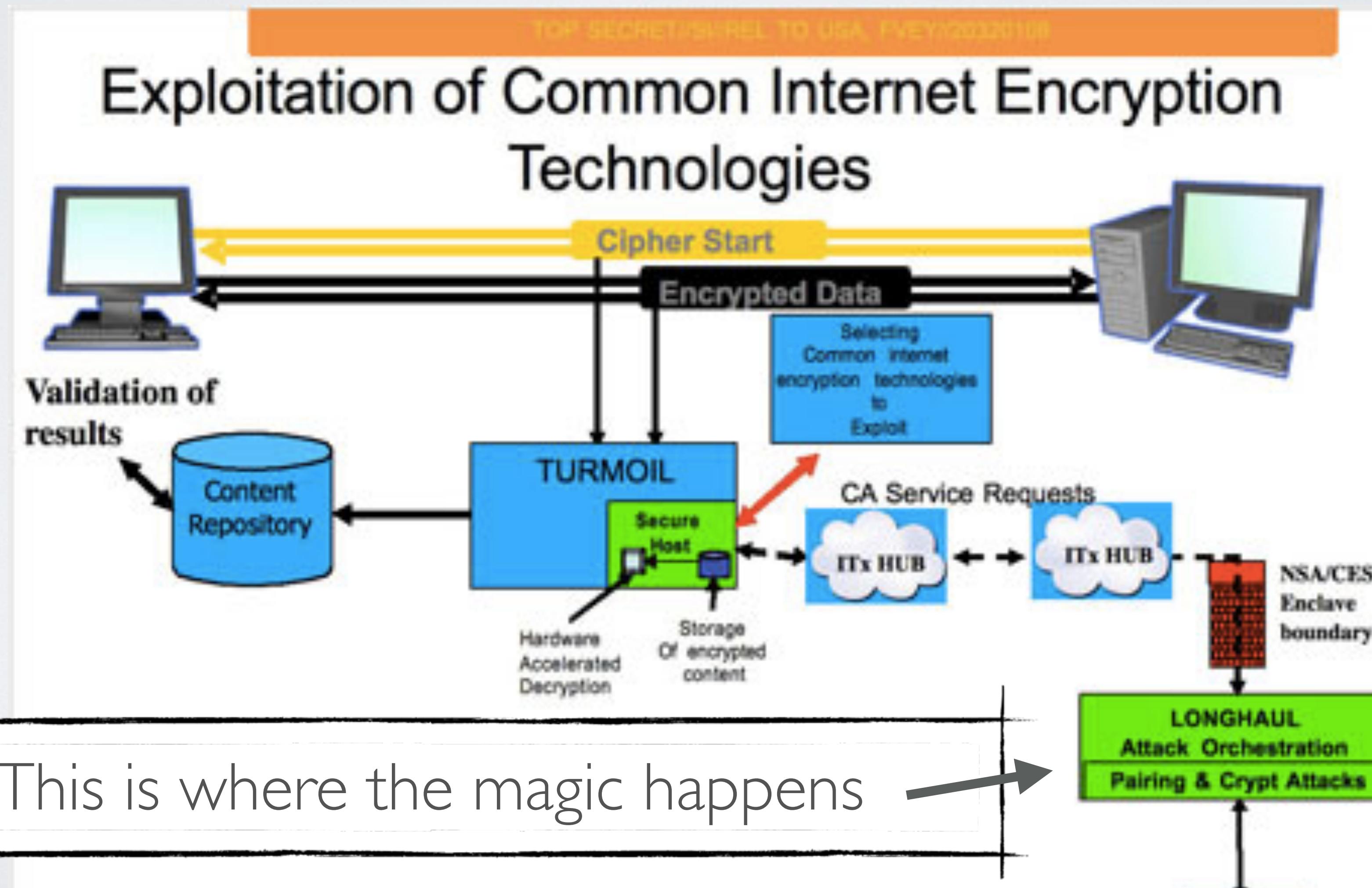
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Hypothesis I: **LONGHAUL** is a database of stolen RSA secret keys

- This works well, but it's boring
- Easy to solve: switch to PFS cipher suites (DHE/ECDHE)

RSA Exploitation Steps

- Is it the key exchange RSA? (server hello)
 - If so, is the modulus match a known private key? (server certificate)
 - If so, is there 2-sided collect?
 - If so, do we have:
 - Client Hello
 - Server Hello
 - Client Key Exchange

DECRYPTION!



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Happy Dance!!



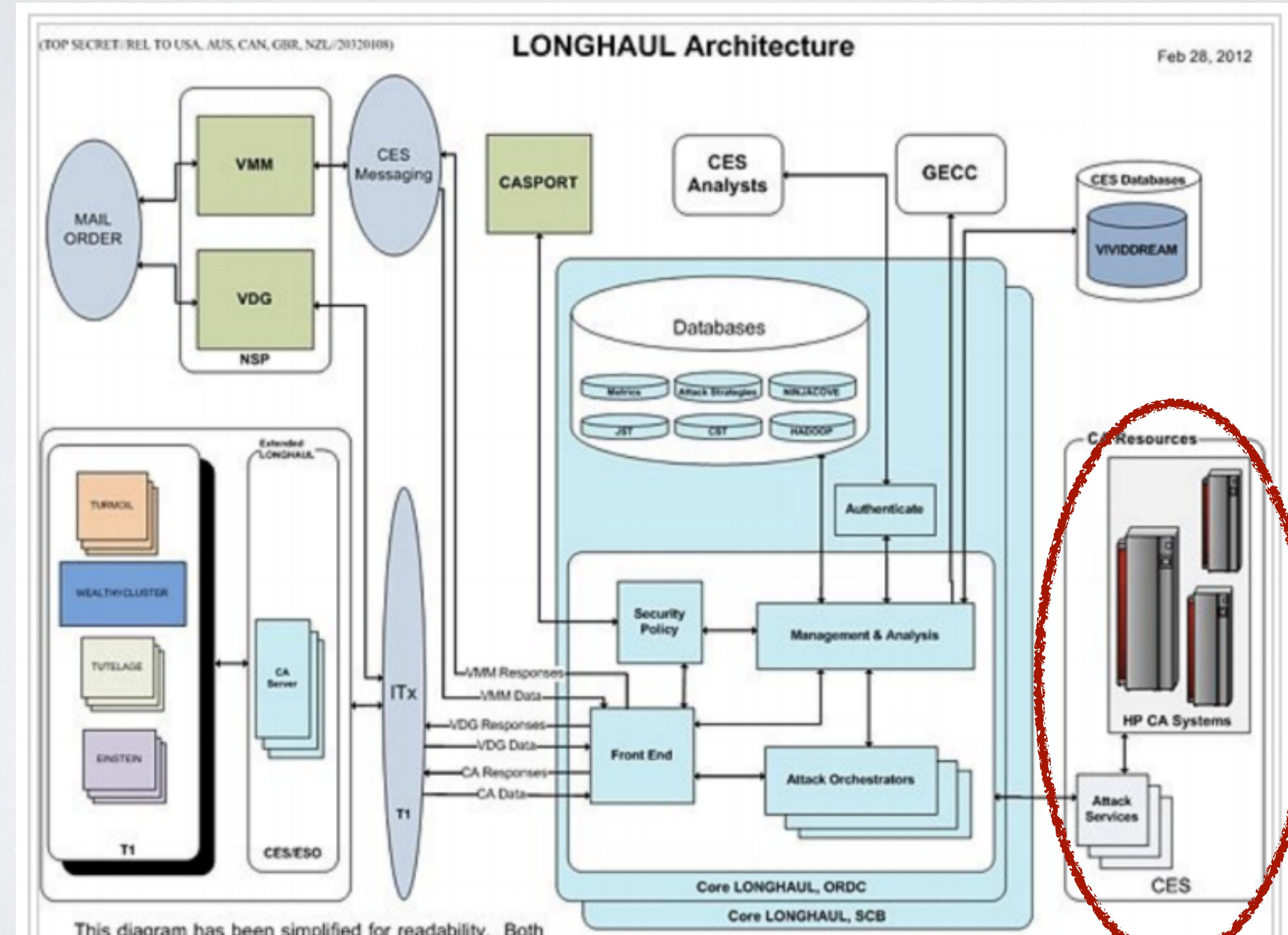
Problem

- LONGHAUL also purports to decrypt IPSec/IKE
 - IKE does not use RSA
 - It uses Diffie-Hellman for each connection.

The slide features the NSA/CSS seal on the left and a "Target Pursuit" logo on the right. At the top center, it says "TOP SECRET//COMINT//REL USA, AUS, CAN, GBR, NZL". The main title "Type 1: IPSec" is displayed prominently in the center. The content area contains a bulleted list of characteristics of Type 1: IPSec.

- IPSec: IP Security
- Complete paired IKE
 - Common UDP ports: 500 and 4500
- Pre-Shared Key (PSK)
 - Router configuration (good source for PSKs)
- Encrypted Payload (ESP or AH)
 - Next Protocol 50 or 51

What is LONGHAUL?



The breakthrough was enormous, says the former official, and soon afterward the agency pulled the shade down tight on the project, even within the intelligence community and Congress. “Only the chairman and vice chairman and the two staff directors of each intelligence committee were told about it,” he says. The reason? “They were thinking that this computing breakthrough was going to give them the ability to crack current public encryption.”

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Hypothesis 2: The NSA is breaking 1024-bit DHE

- This sounds completely insane
- Maybe it's not

Breaking DHE at scale

- Breaking DHE == solving the Discrete Logarithm problem
 - In theory, this is too expensive for keys ≥ 768 bits
 - However there is a wrinkle...



Breaking DHE at scale

- A large percentage of Apache/Java/ISS servers use *fixed, hardcoded parameters for DHE*
- IPSec/IKE is even worse: nearly 50% of servers will choose Oakley groups 1 and 2 (768/1024) - generated in 1998
- NFS is heavily optimized for pre-computation using only the primes
- **With specific pre-computation (\$10s-100s of Million/1 year?)
an attacker might be able to break 30-50% of DHE connections with academic levels of computing**
- Approximately 30 core days for final descent



**IT'S NOT AS HARD
AS IT LOOKS**

How do we fix this?

- Eliminate 1024-bit DH
 - This is challenging in TLS, since many machines (Java 7) crash on longer parameter lengths
 - D. Gillmor; new extension to negotiate FF-DHE
- Eliminate DHE altogether
 - Move to ECDHE, which is currently not 100% supported
 - Downgrade to RSA (!)
- Eliminate common primes

Why aren't we fixing this?

Why aren't we fixing this?

 **Adrienne Porter Felt**  
@__apf__

Large chunks of the internet have rotted with age. They aren't updated or updateable. Wtf do we do?

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Key Exchange Rollback



I'd like to use RSA

I'd like to use DH

DH Parameters (p, g, g^a)

RSA Encrypt: $k^g \text{ mod } p$

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



Normal RSA parameters:
(N, e)

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

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

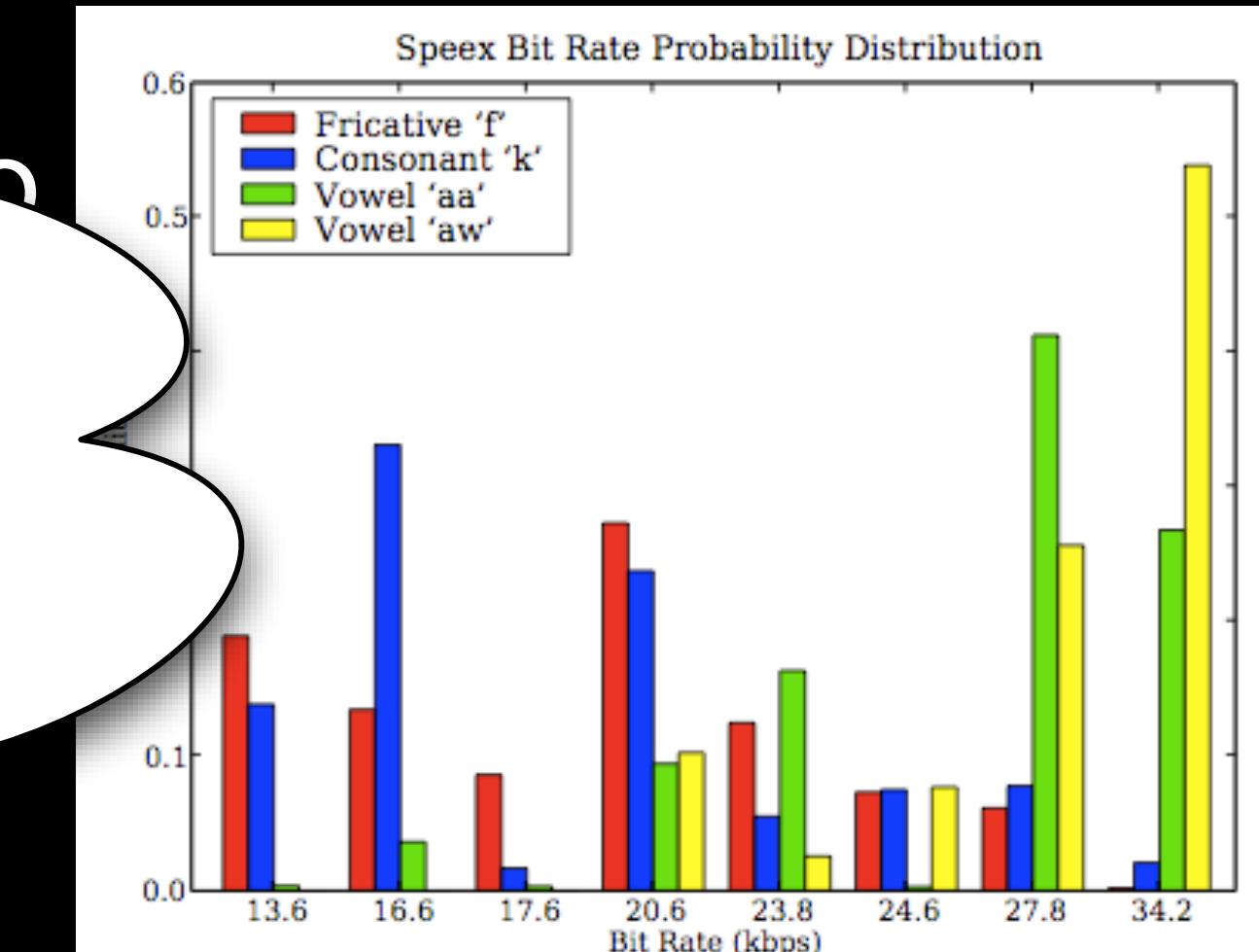
- Example:
 - First HTTP request typically looks like:

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

Traffic Analysis++

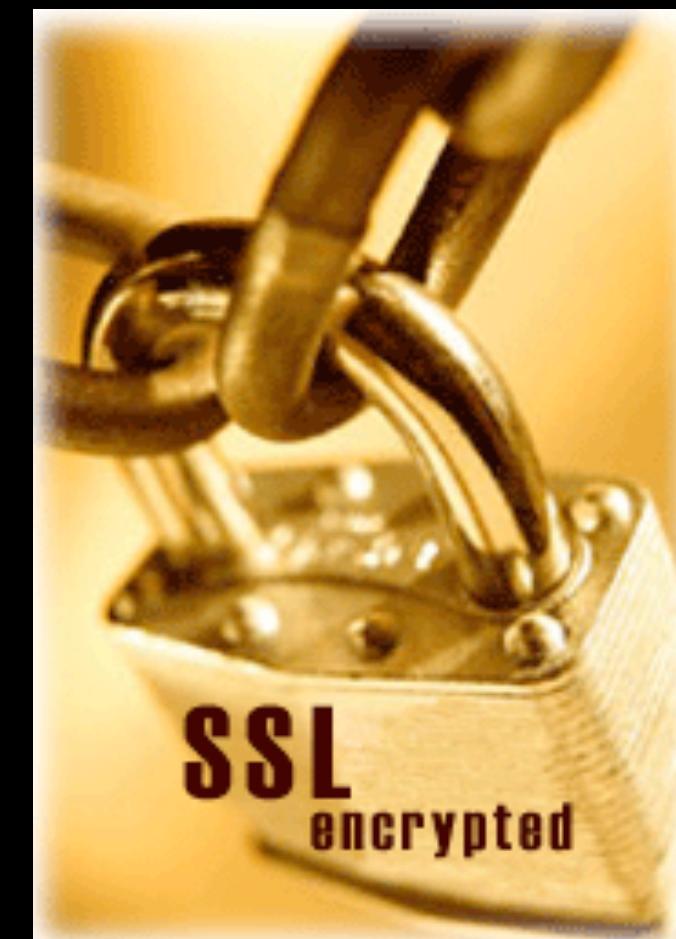
- Digression: The case of encrypted VoIP
 - Some VoIP protocols use VBR encoding, size of data packets depends on signal
 - Also include “silence suppression” (VAD)
- Therefore, total traffic is correlated to the contents of the conversation

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: americanexpress.com



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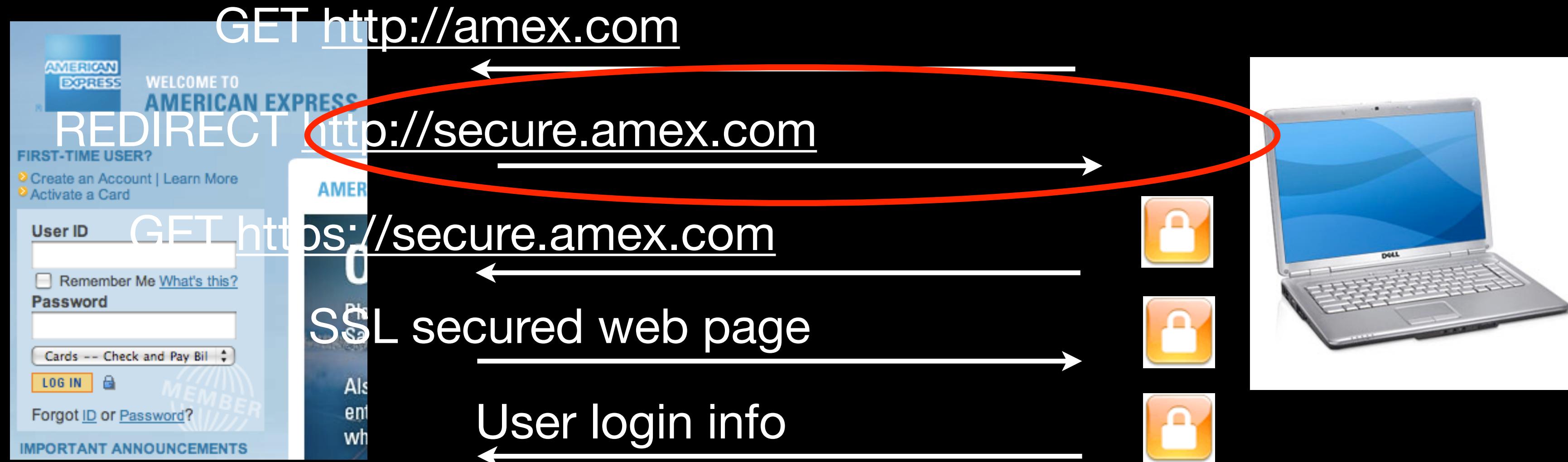
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Red arrows point from the text "Login page: https" to the URL in the browser bar and the lock icon in the top right corner of the browser window.

HTTP->HTTPS

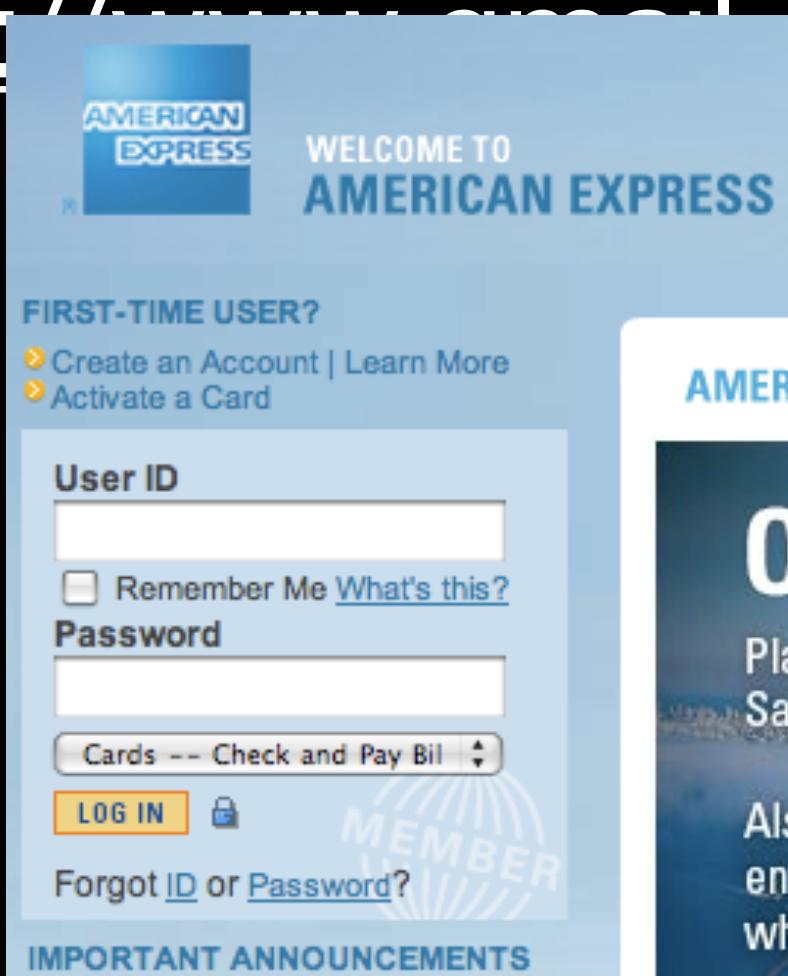
- If you can intercept the user's connection:
 - Don't redirect, or:
 - Redirect to malicious site, unsecured (<http://>)



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.americanexpress.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



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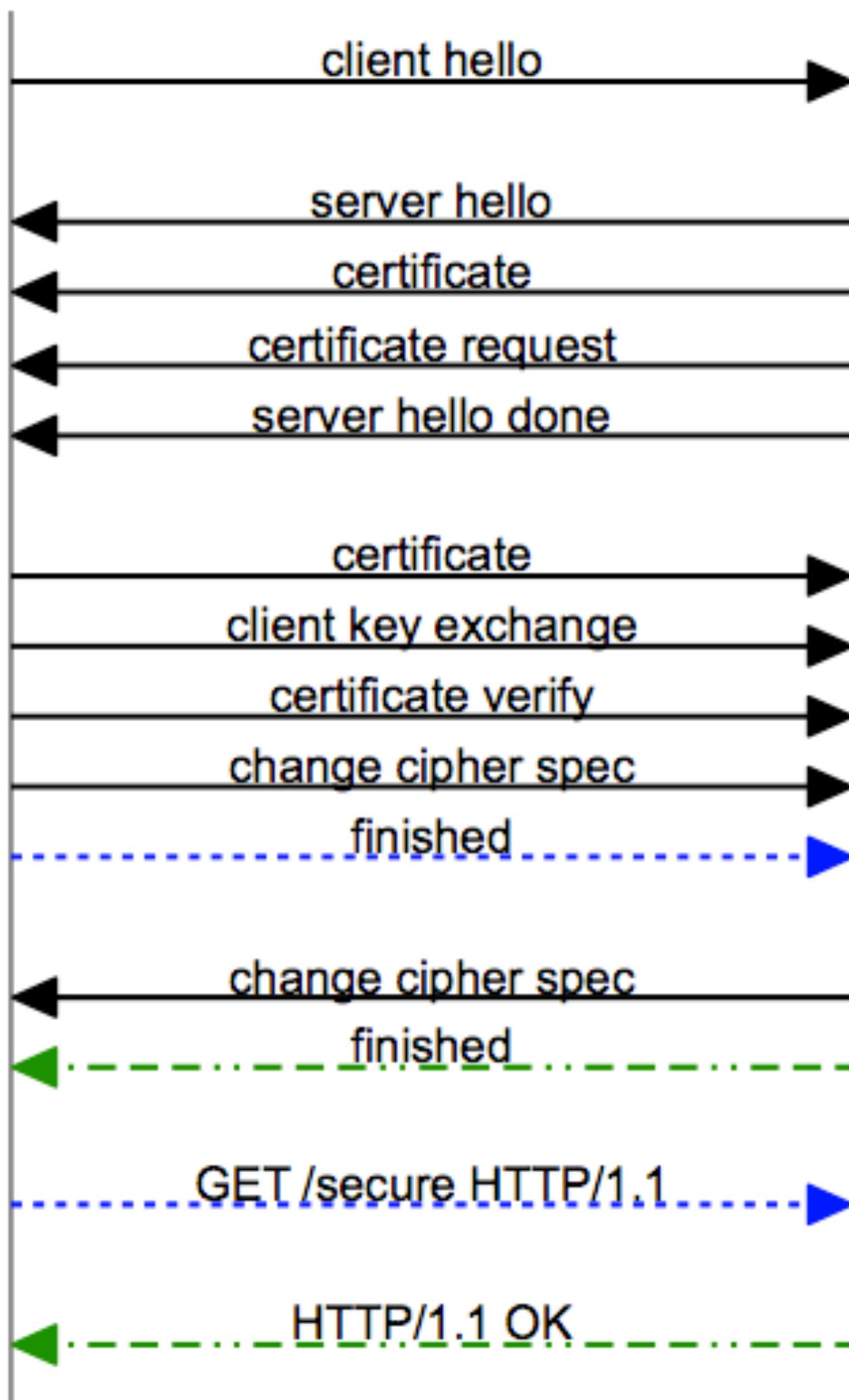
Injecting Prefixes

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

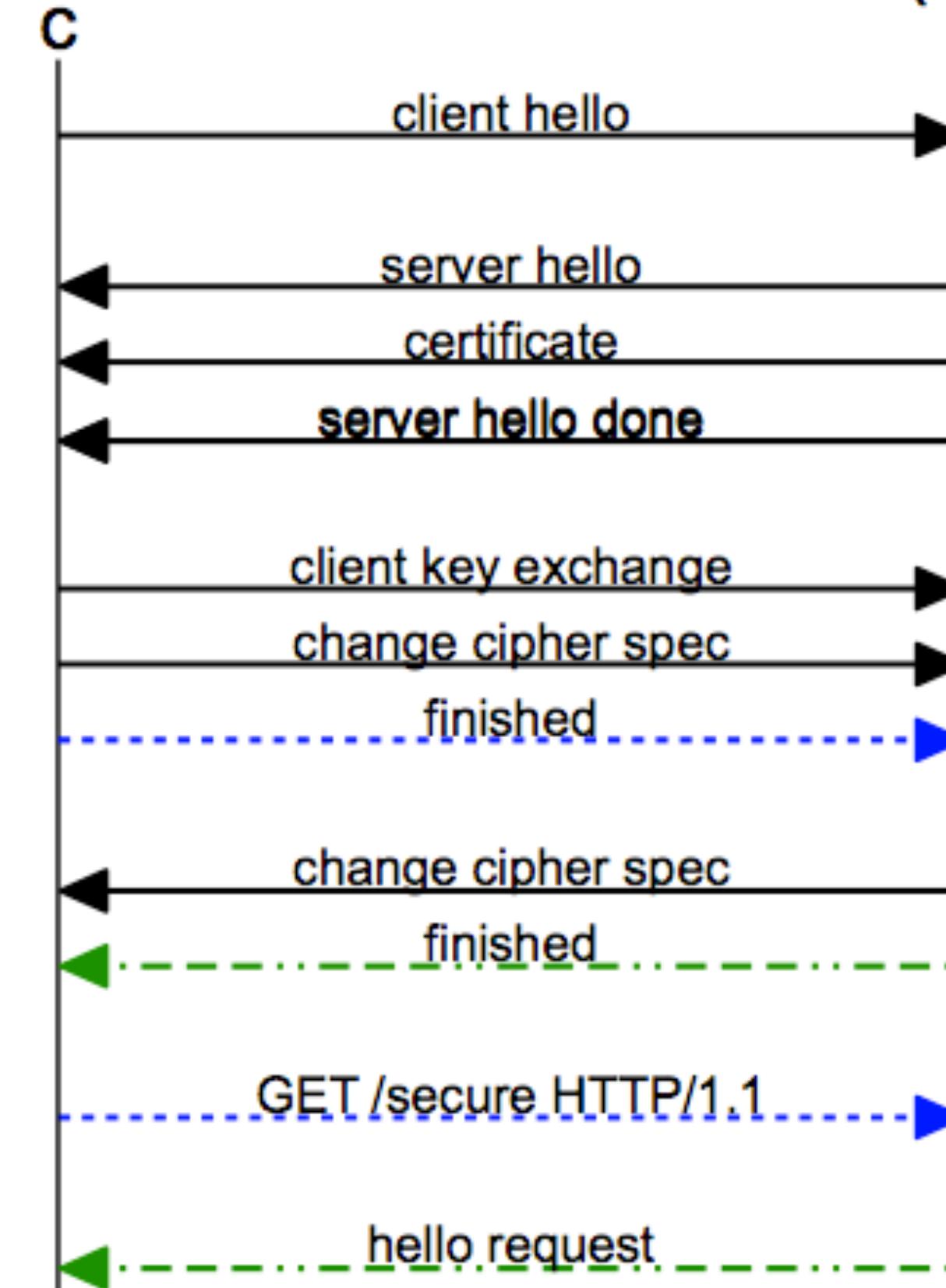
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GET /highsecurity/index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Connection: keep-alive
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- This may require an on-the-fly TLS re-negotiation

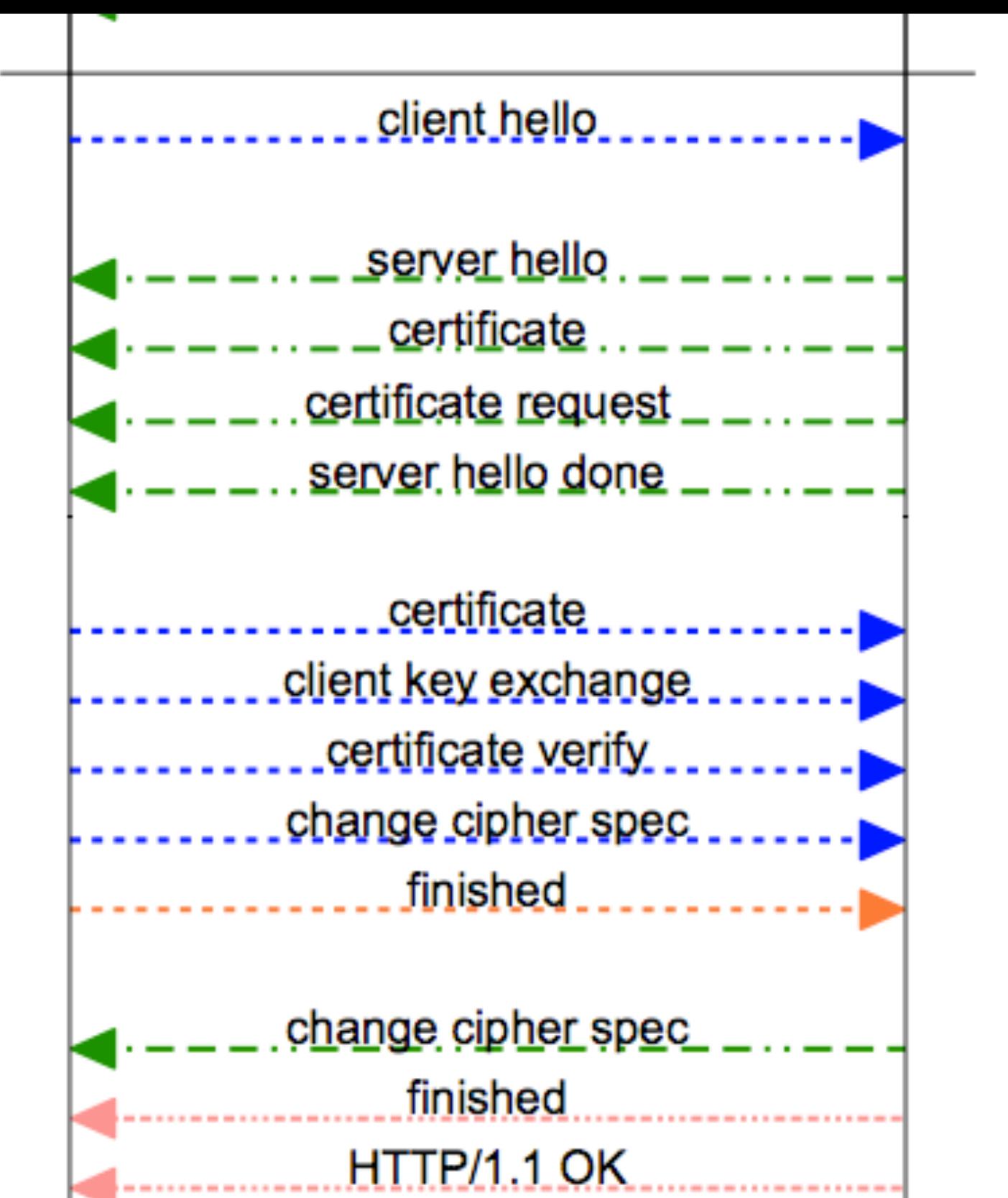
TLS handshake with client cert (ideal)

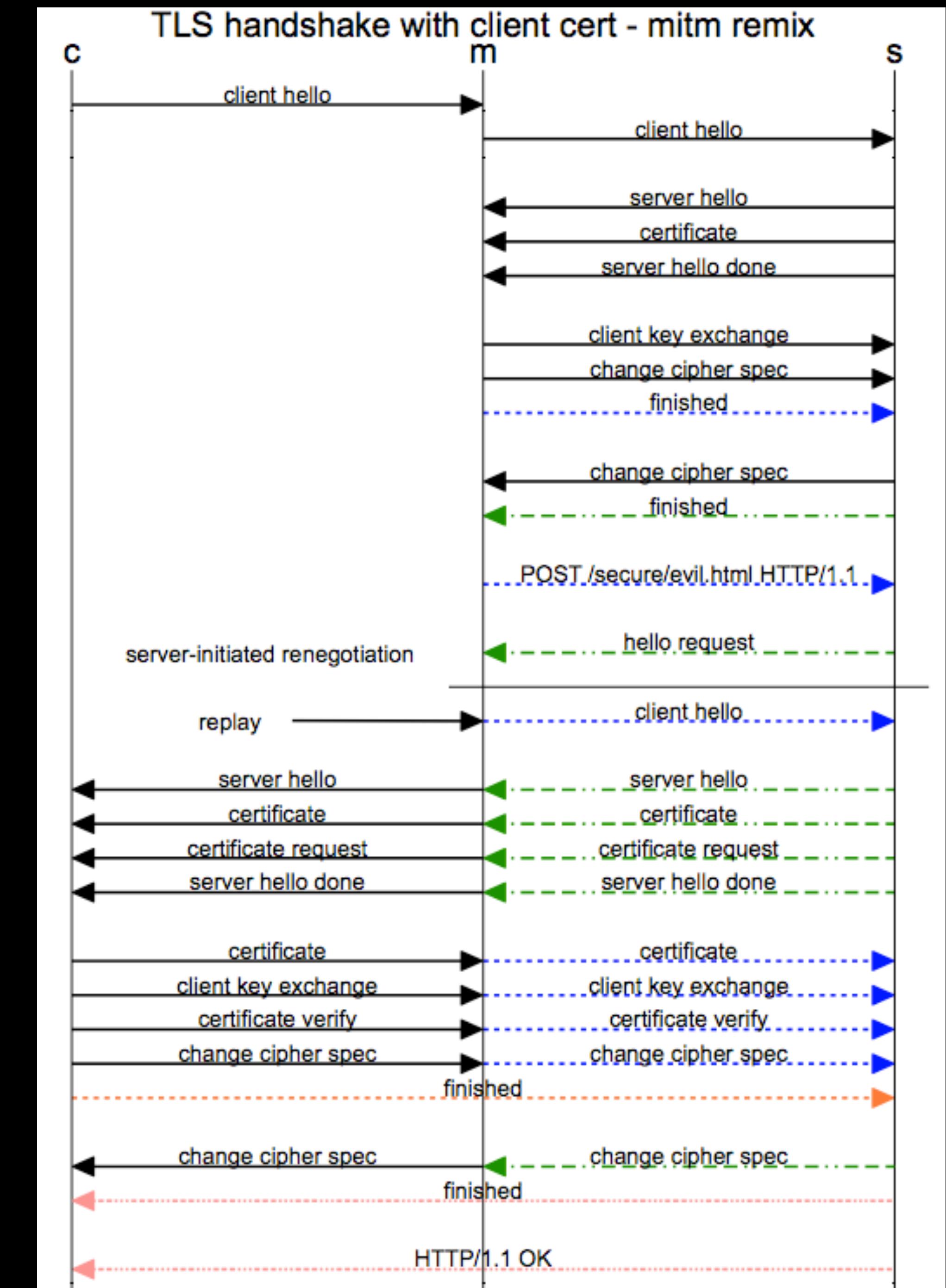


TLS handshake with client cert (typical)



server-initiated
renegotiation





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:

$RS, RAND_F$

$SRES$

In common mode,
only the handset is
authenticated!

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



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

$SRES == XRES?$

DECT Attack

- Step 2: Authentication

- Two



commanded one:

$RS, RAND_F$

$SRES$

Switch to Encrypted Mode?

Nope.



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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

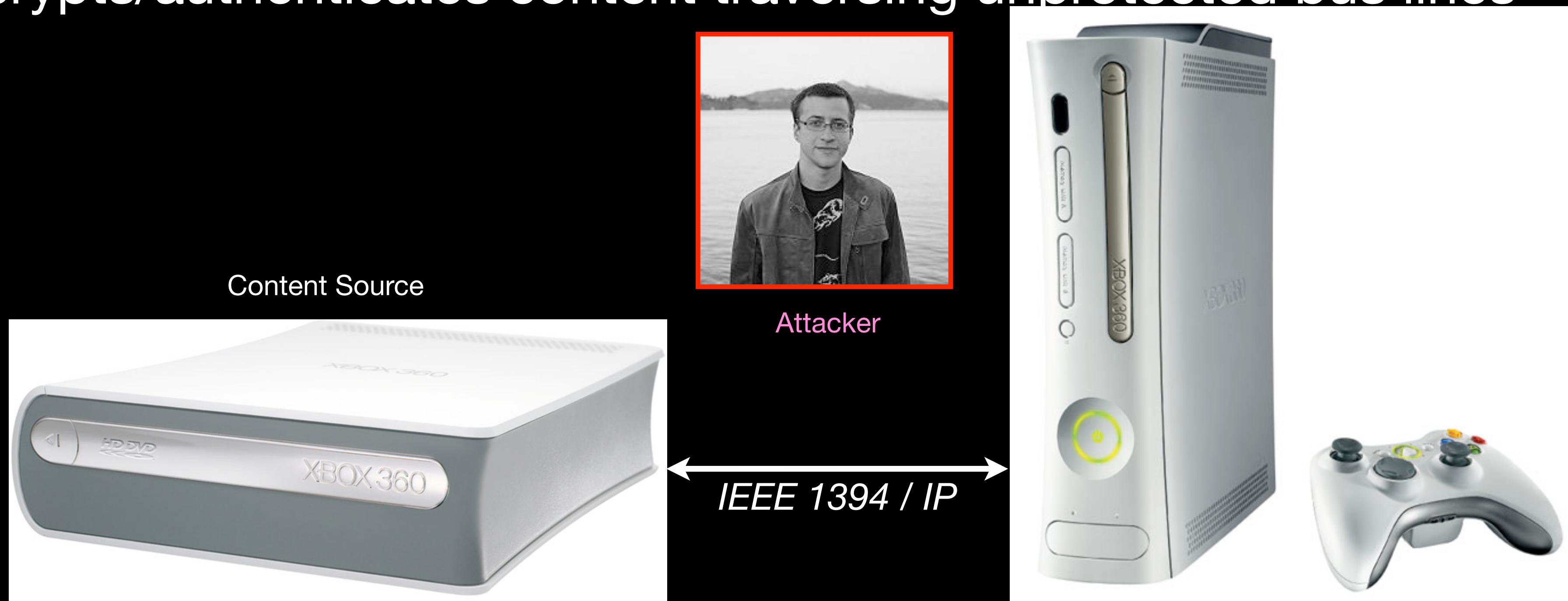
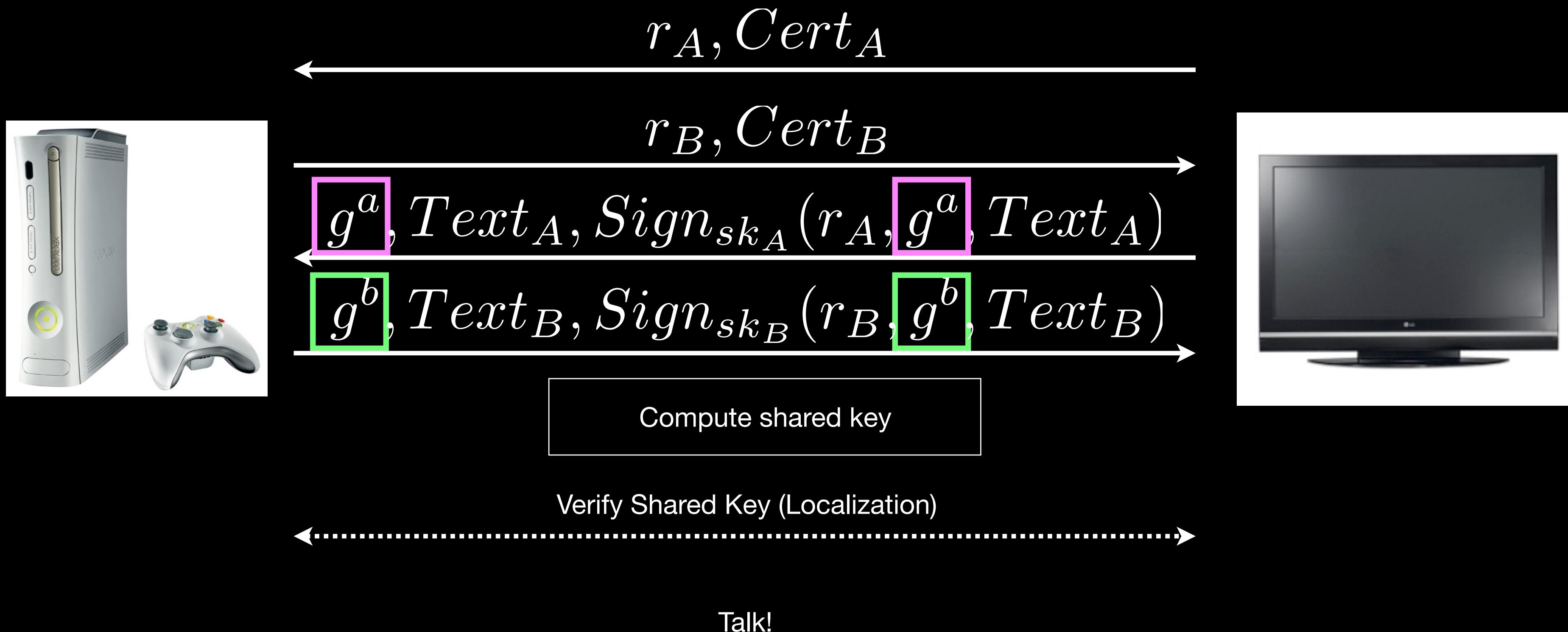


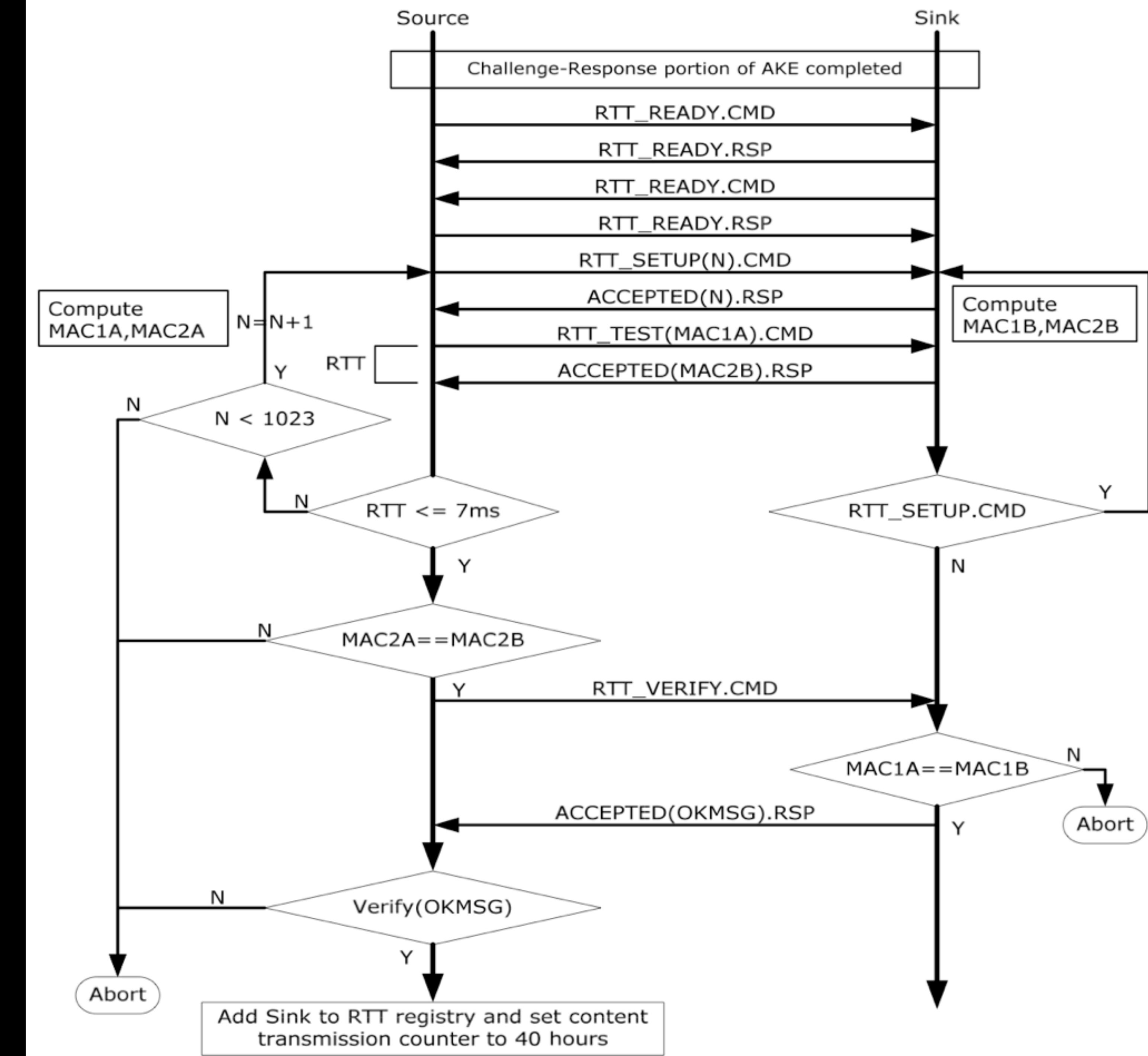
Image of "DVD Jon" Johansen from <http://nanocr.eu/picture.php>, used under a Creative Commons license. Xbox product photos by Microsoft.

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?

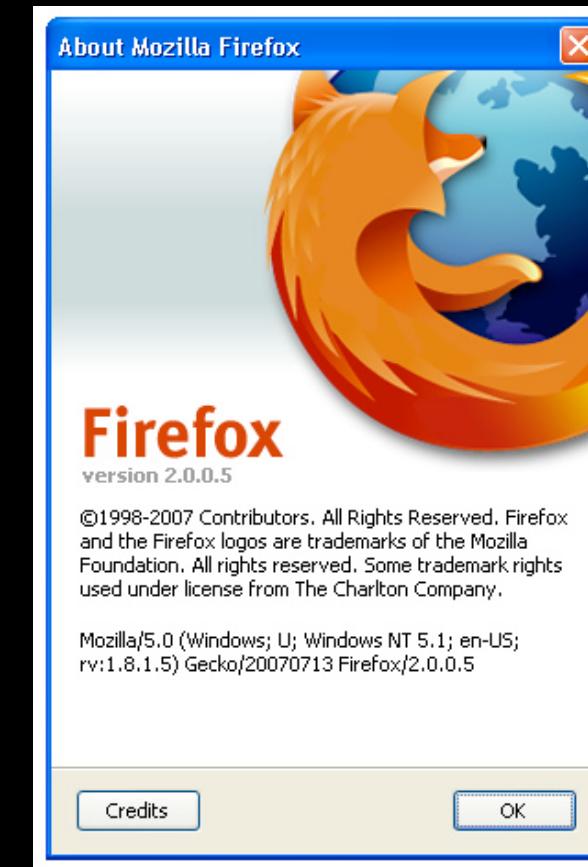
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Ciphersuite Rollback

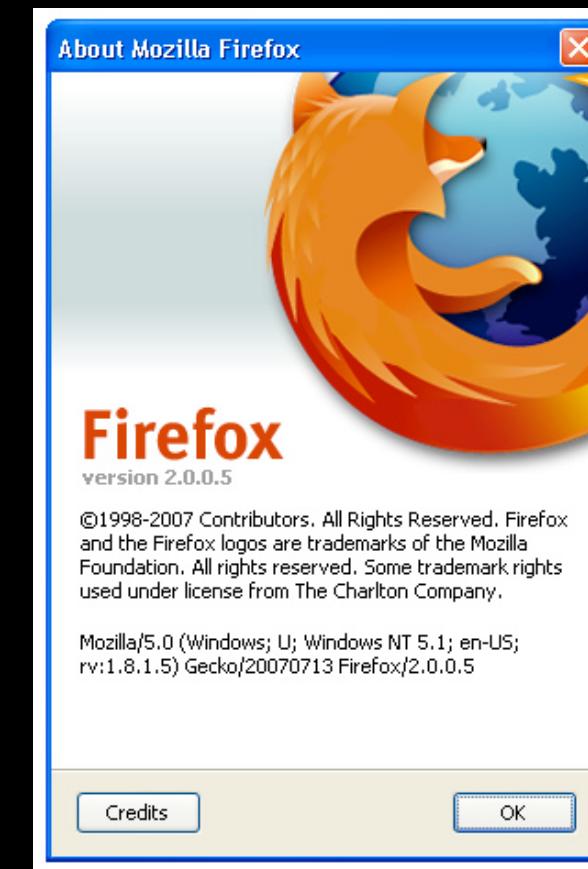
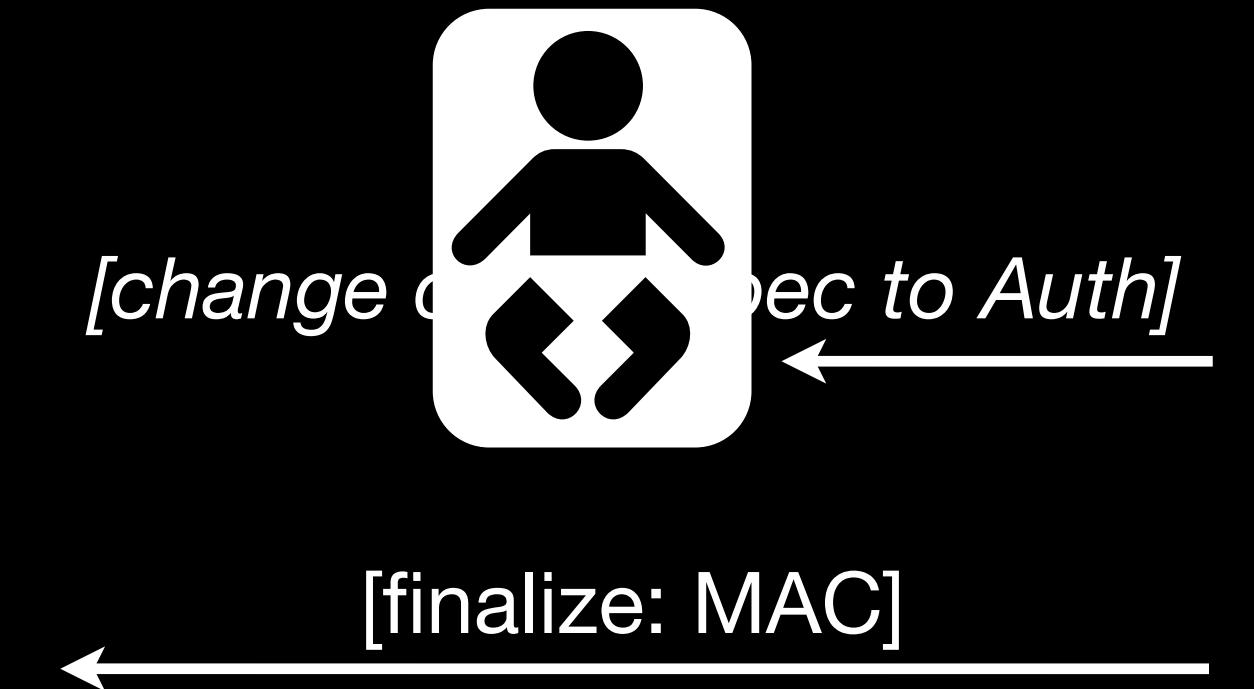


[change cipher spec to Auth]

[finalize: MAC]

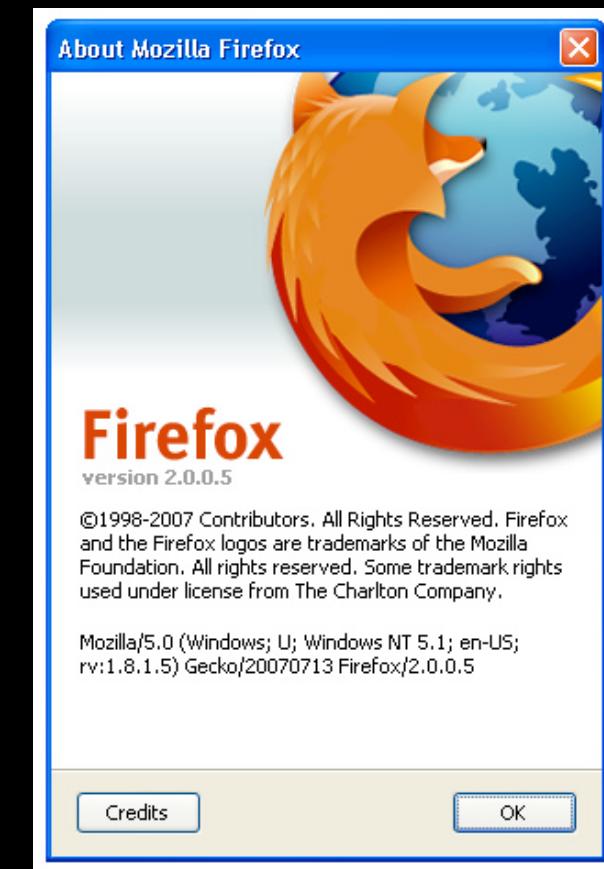


Ciphersuite Rollback



Ciphersuite Rollback

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



Server thinks encryption is disabled, but gets an encrypted MAC