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Discussion exercise sheet 3

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Administrative

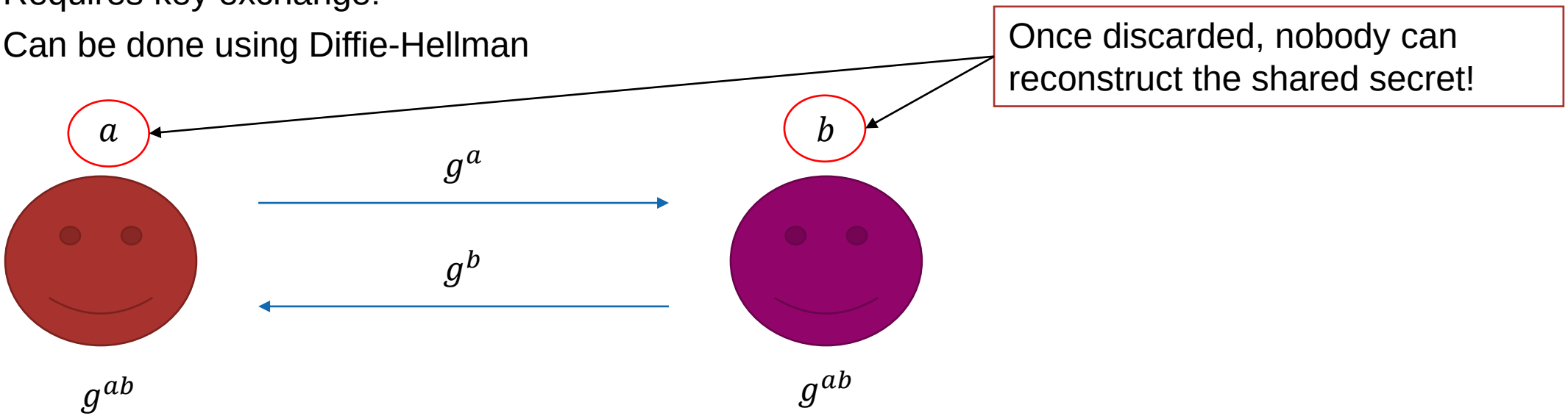
- Hand-in off this exercise sheet was extended until tomorrow, October 9th, 23:59!
- You can leave before we discuss solutions.

- Deadline for Project 1 is November 6th
- There is only one question hour beforehand: October 22nd
- Keep in mind that questions must be posted one day ahead!

No solution spoilers for now!

Question 1

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slide 46, 01b-crypto-refresher: slide 29
- Question: Perfect Forward Secrecy in Messaging
- Background:
  - If a scheme provides forward secrecy, secrecy of data is guaranteed even if the key is compromised in the future.
  - Requires key exchange!
  - Can be done using Diffie-Hellman



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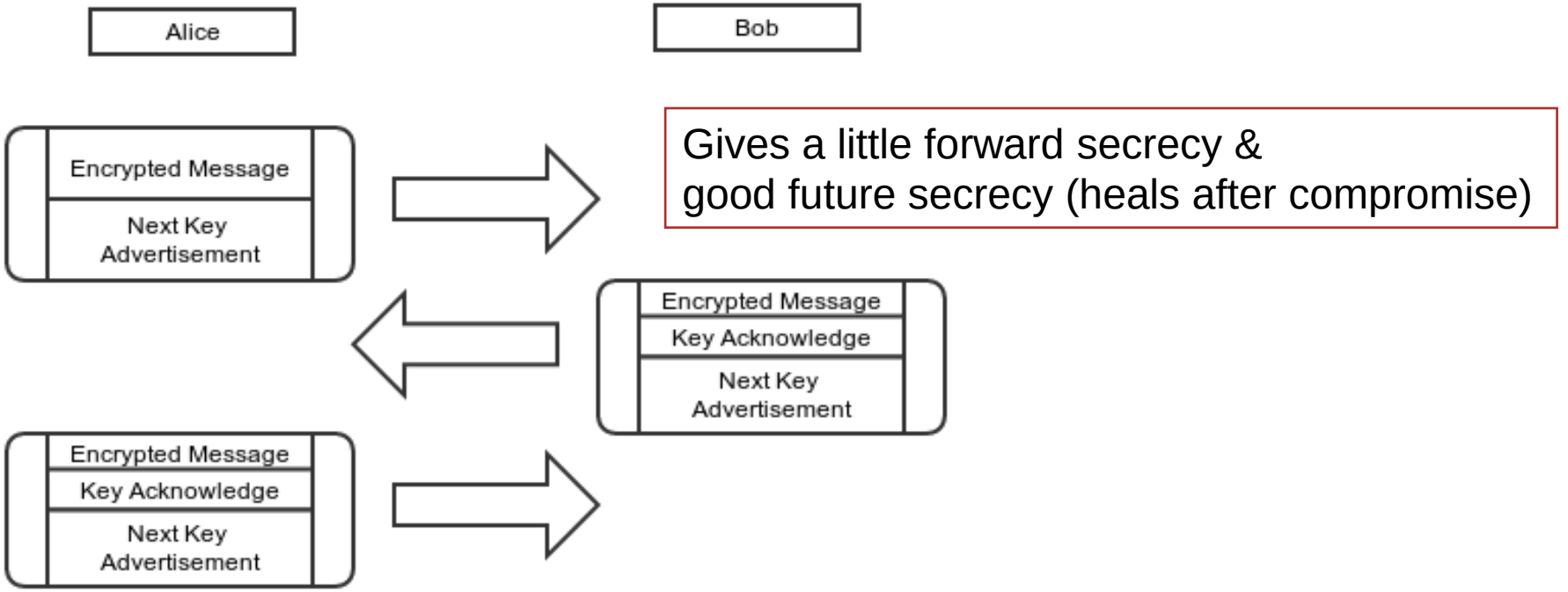

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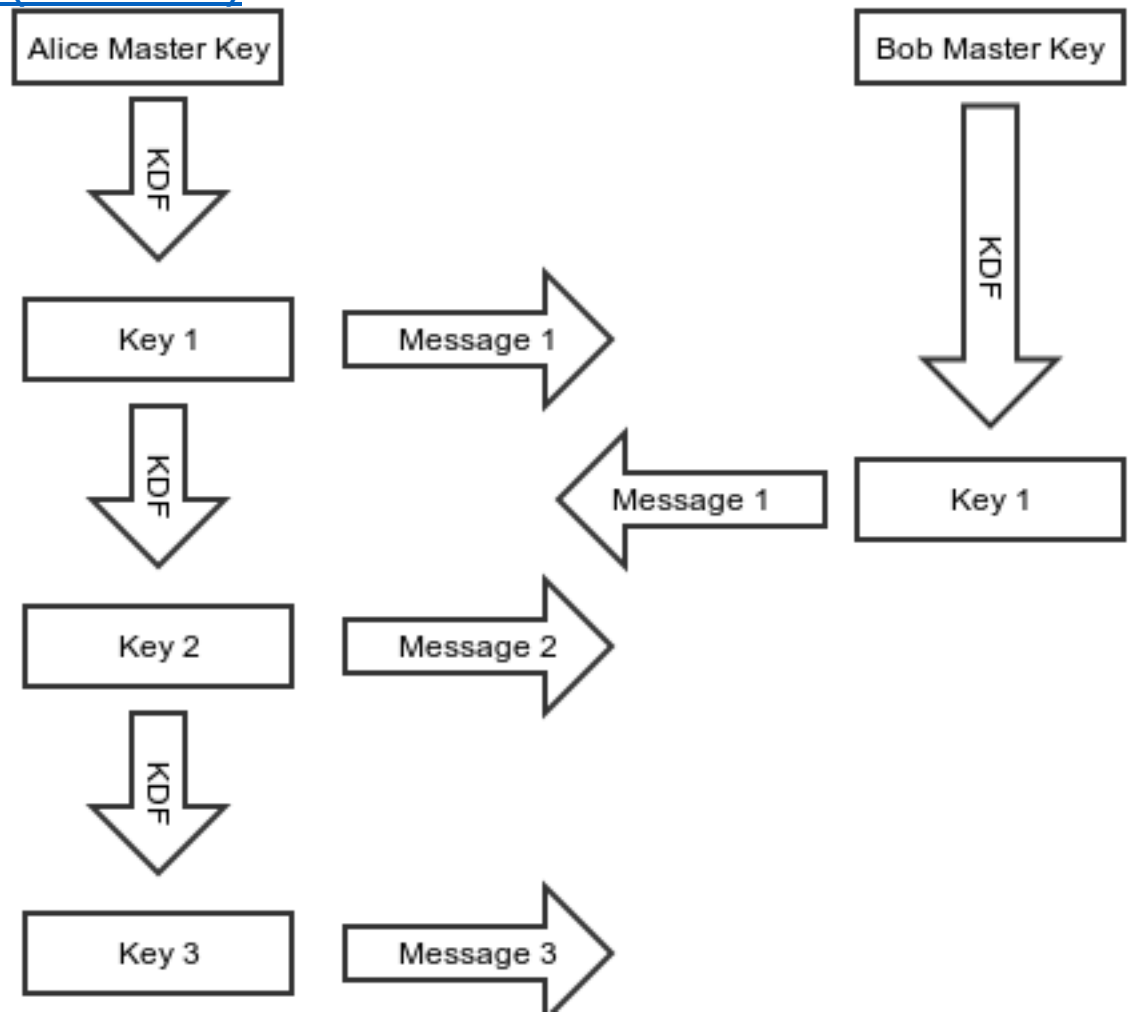
  - (by an earlier competitor called Silent Circle)



Gives perfect forward secrecy

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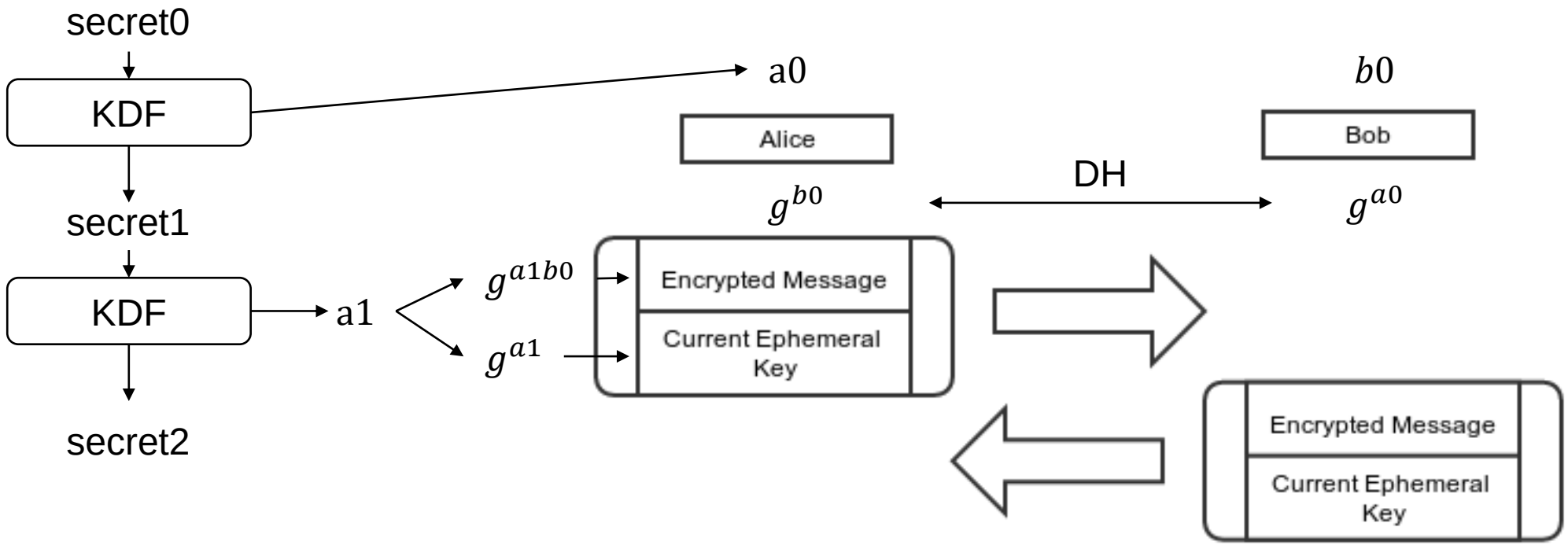
- Signal Protocol: “Double Ratchet”, massively simplified

Forward secrecy & future secrecy



Question 2

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slides 14, 51, https://ciphersuite.info/cs/
- Question: Cipher suites (TLS 1.2)
- Example: TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
- DHE: Ephemeral Diffie-Hellmann
  - Key Exchange, ephemeral means that new DH-values must be used for each connection
- RSA: Rivest Shamir Adleman algorithm (well, usually RSA)
  - Authentication
- CHACHA20_POLY1305: AEAD cipher
  - Encryption & Integrity
- SHA256: SHA2 with 256bits
  - Hash (MAC if necessary)

Question 3

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slides 39 - 56
- Question: TLS 1.3 handshake

- Downgrading allows exploiting vulnerabilities in older versions of TLS/SSL
- What mechanisms are there?
  - Version negotiation
  - ClientFinished & ServerFinished

Question 4

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slides 39 - 56
- Question: Weak Randomness on nonces

- Nonce: Number only used ONCE!
  - What can happen if it is used multiple times?

Spoilers ahead!

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Double Ratchet

WhatsApp

Signal Protocol

Signal Protocol

Skype

Reported to use Signal Protocol

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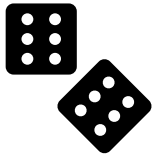
Telegram



Change keys every 100 messages

PGP – Pretty Good Privacy

Basically RSA

WeChat

Not even End-to-End-Encryption

Question 2

Qualitiative overview, check the exercise solution!

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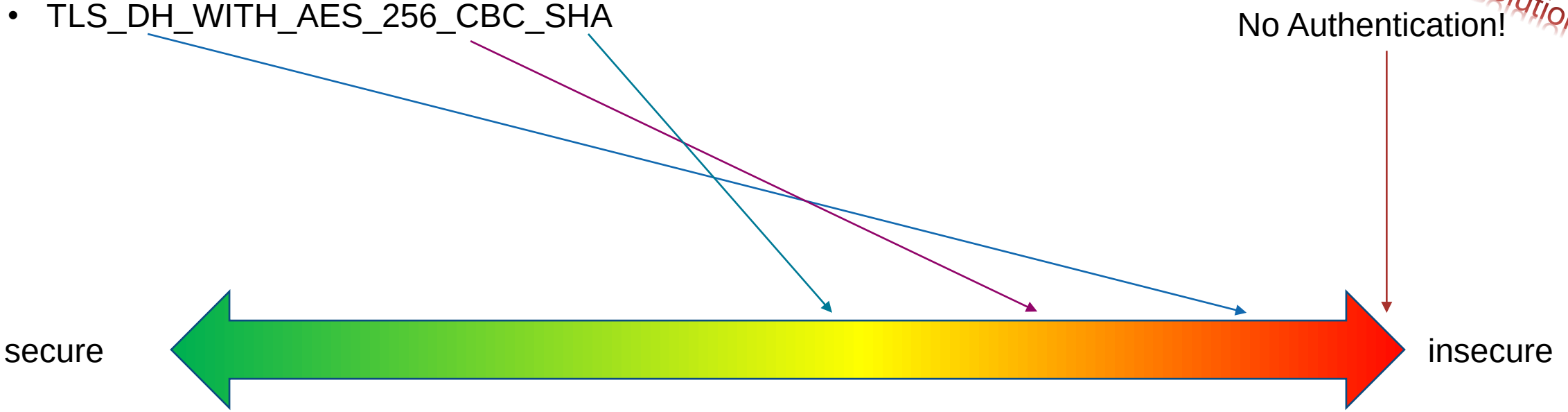
- TLS_DH_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA



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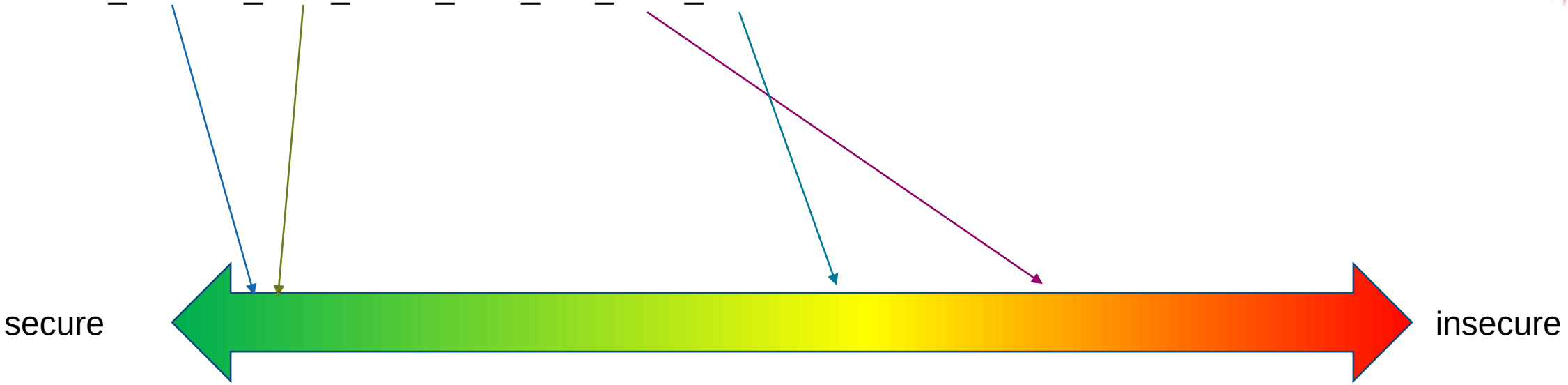
- TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA



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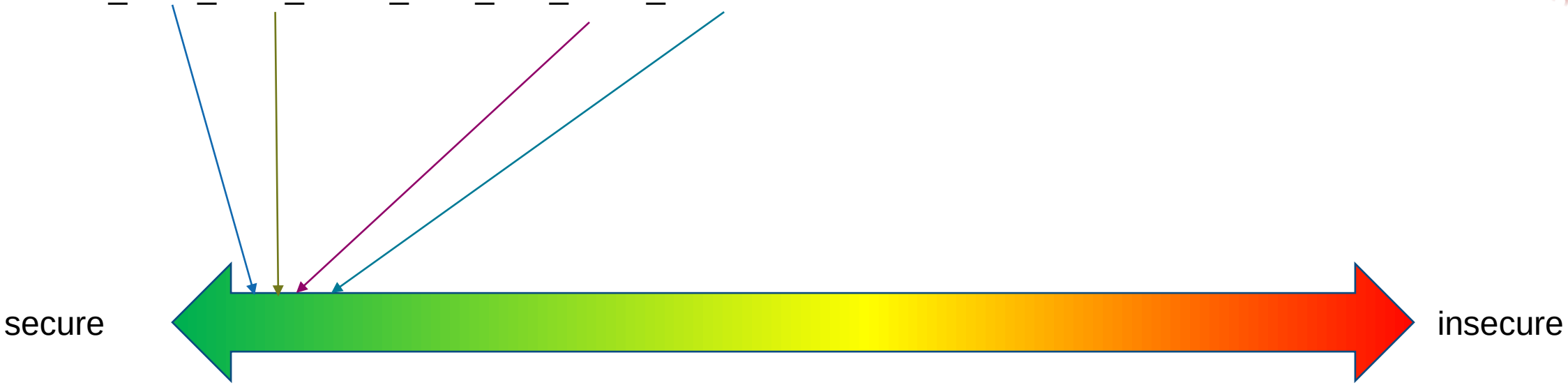

Safe

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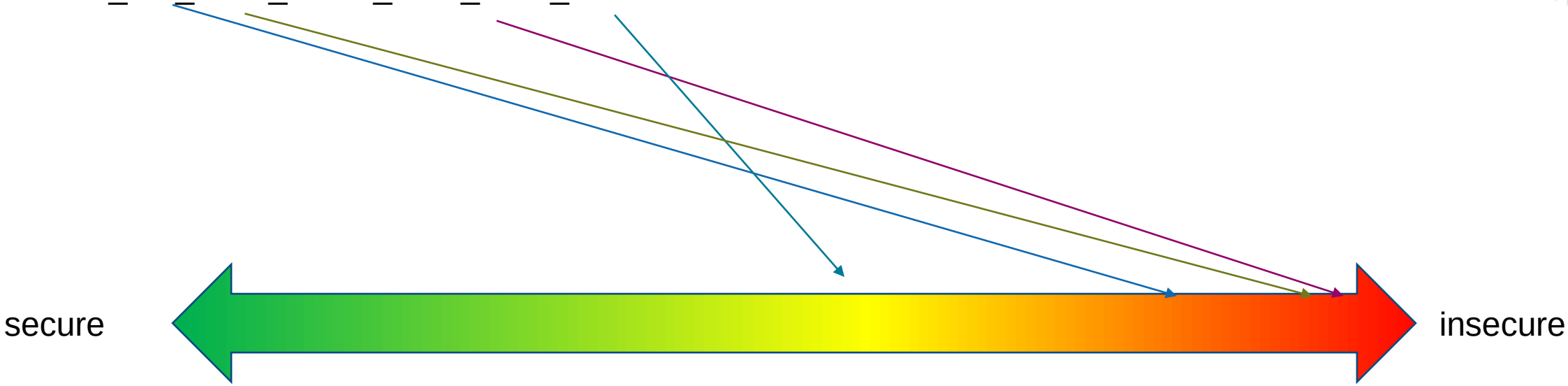

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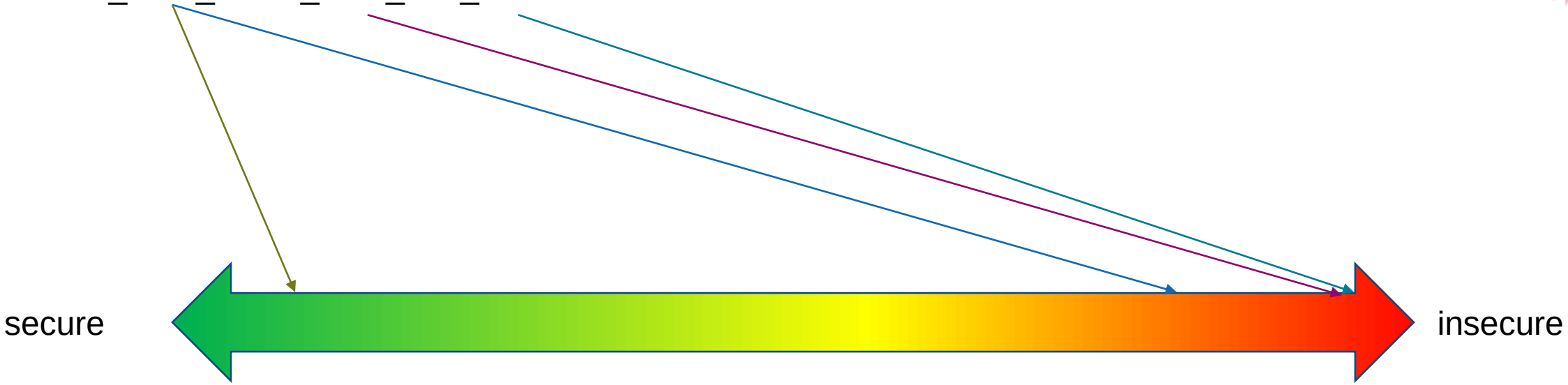

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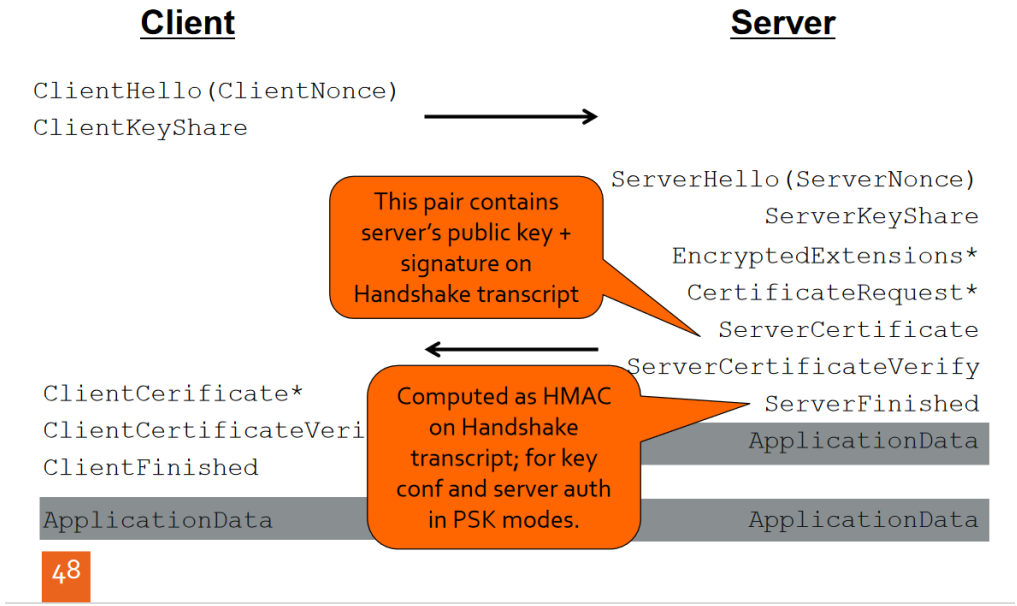
Question 3

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slides 39 - 56
- Question: TLS 1.3 handshake
- Can Drop or Modify Packets. Downgrade possible?
  - No, ServerFinished and ClientFinished guarantee integrity of handshake.
- Are both needed?
  - No, one is enough!
- Fallback mechanism: Restart with lower Version
  - Now downgrade is possible.
- Fundamentally why?
  - Server doesn't know about previous attempts



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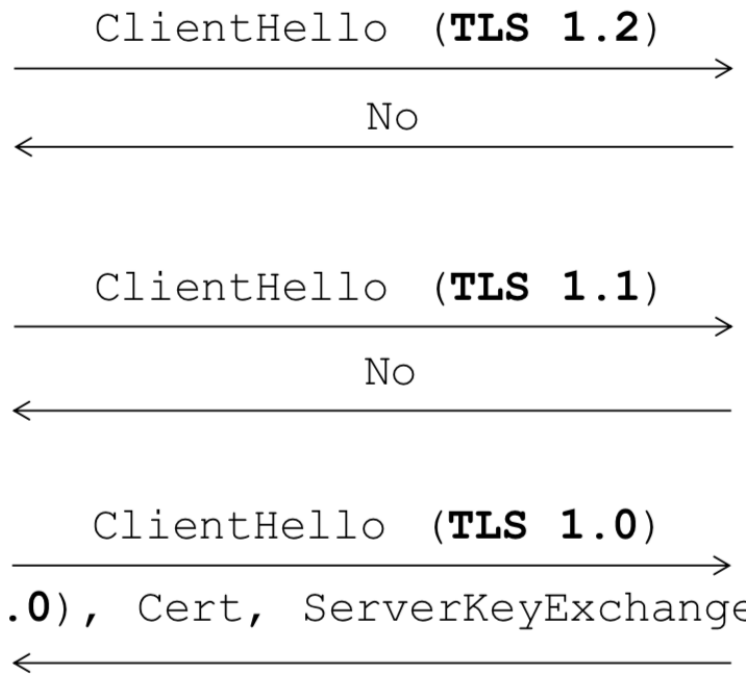
- Better solution to have no downgrade attacks and support legacy servers?
- Attempt #1

- Include a **reason** in the cipher refusal messages of modern servers
- Attacker could just fake these refusal replies

- **Server is still not authenticated!**



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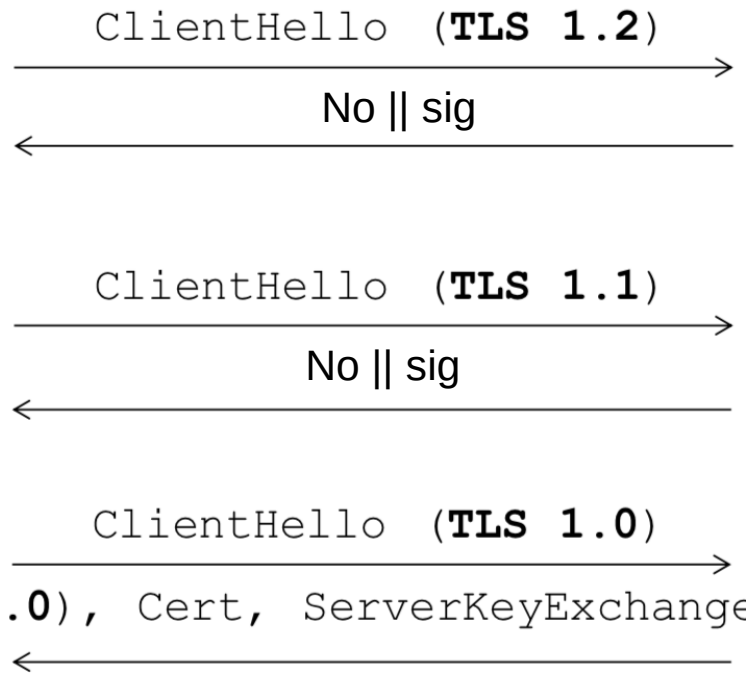
- Attempt #2

- Server **signs negative messages**
- Works partially: the **client needs to support** this.
- Old clients will not work with modern servers
- Fix by **sending a flag**
- **Why not just sending the flag?**



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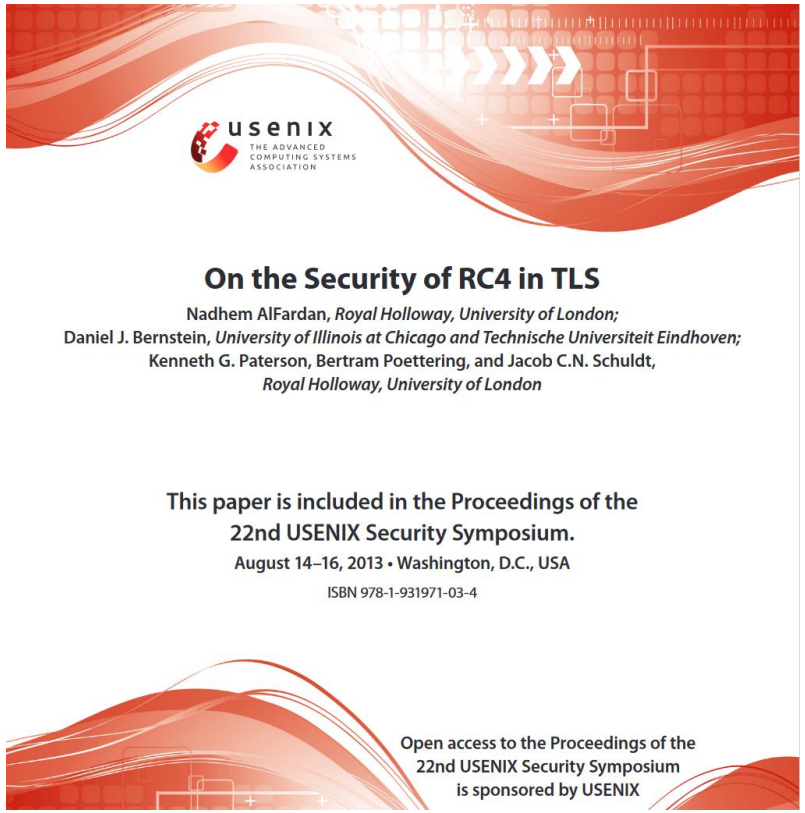
- The IETF solution: RFC 7507

TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV

- New TLS cipher suite pseudo-value
- Signaling Cipher Suite Value
- **Not an actual suite**
- Sent by the client to notify the server of previous connection attempts

Question 3

- Related Material: 03-04-TLS: slide 7
- Question: TLS 1.3 handshake
- Why is downgrade to SSLv3 especially bad?
  - Considered broken.
  - Block ciphers: Padding Oracle Attack
  - Stream cipher (RC4): Statistical attack



RC4 Paper

Keystream Distribution at Position 1

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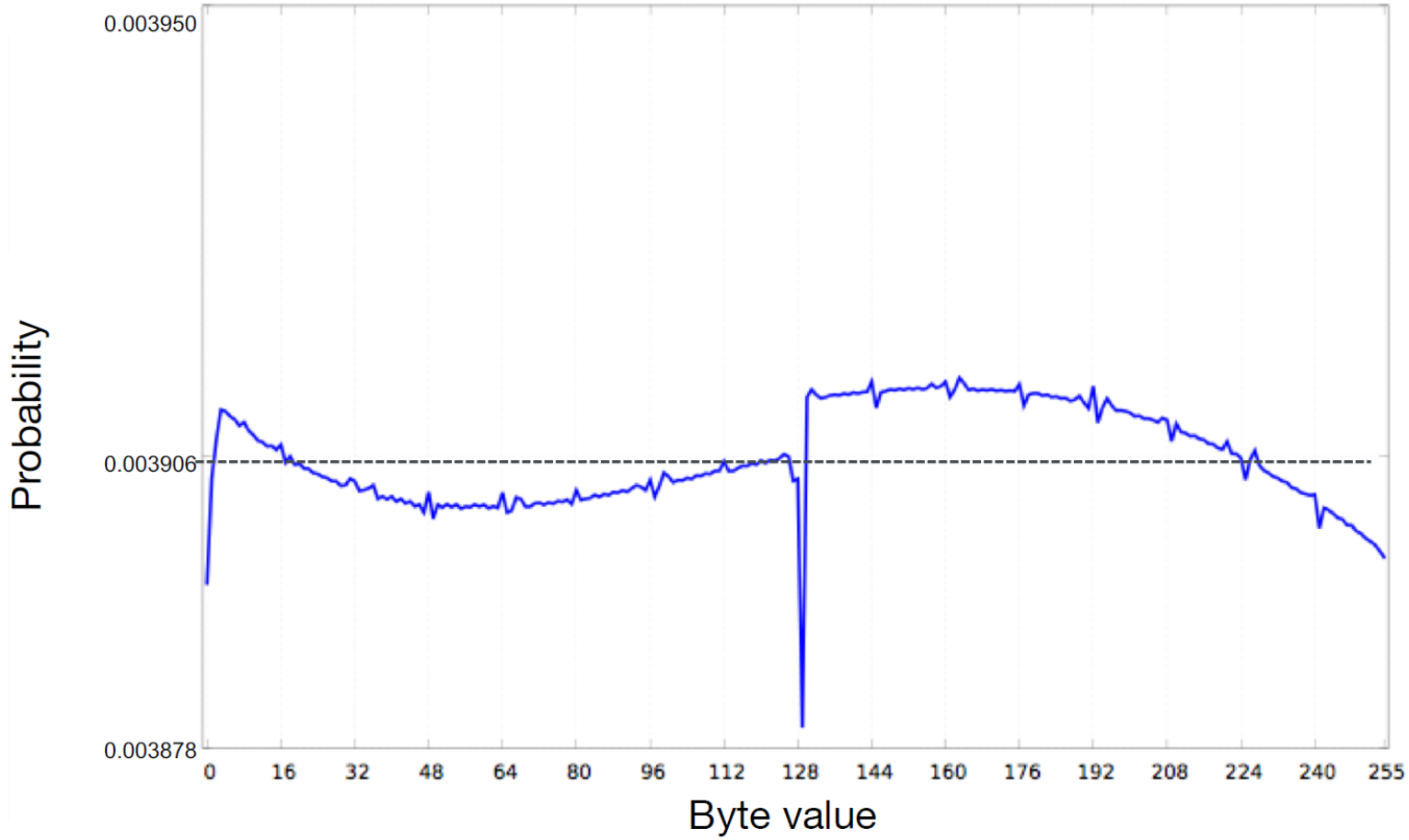

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Keystream Distribution at Position 16

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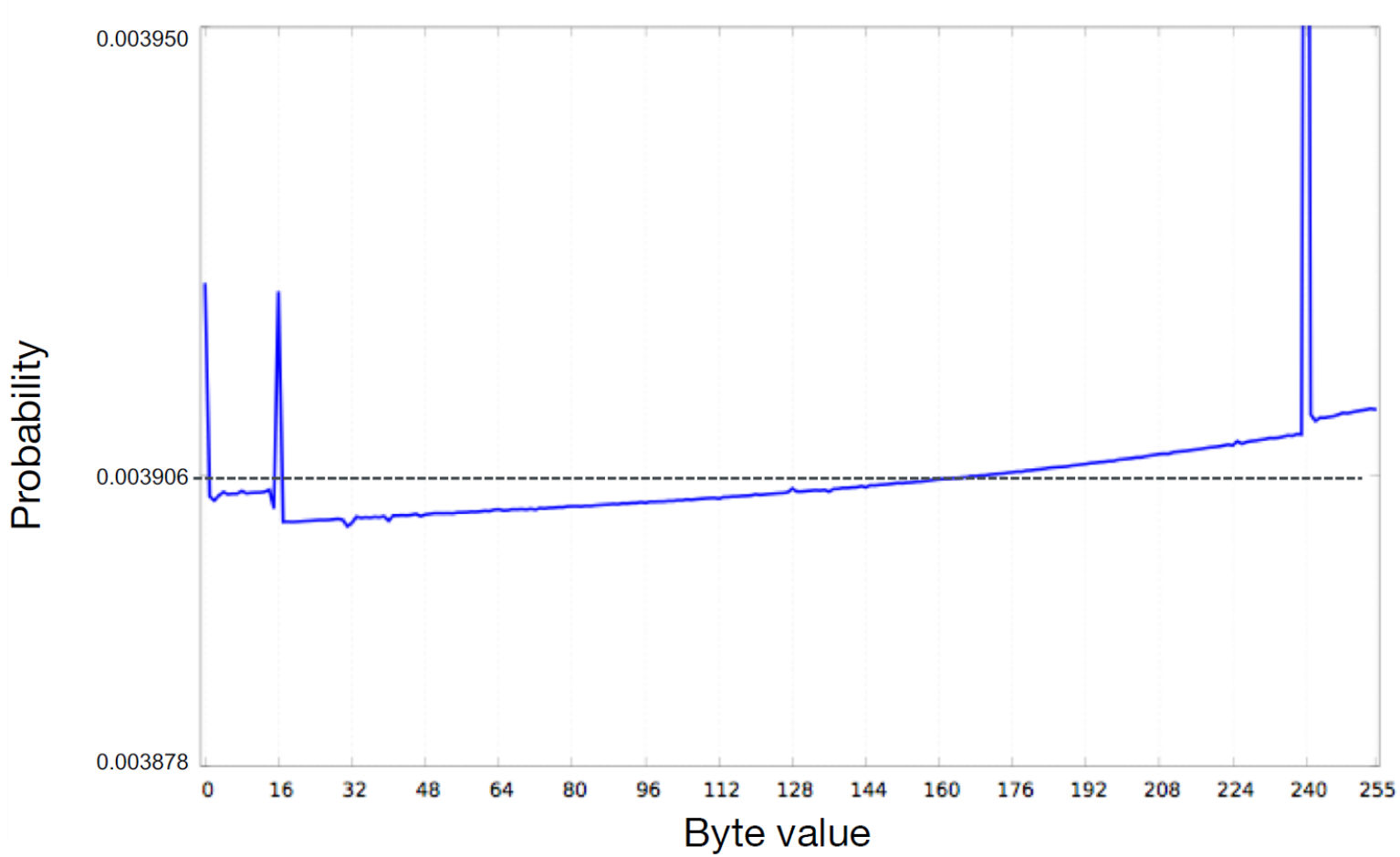

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Question 4

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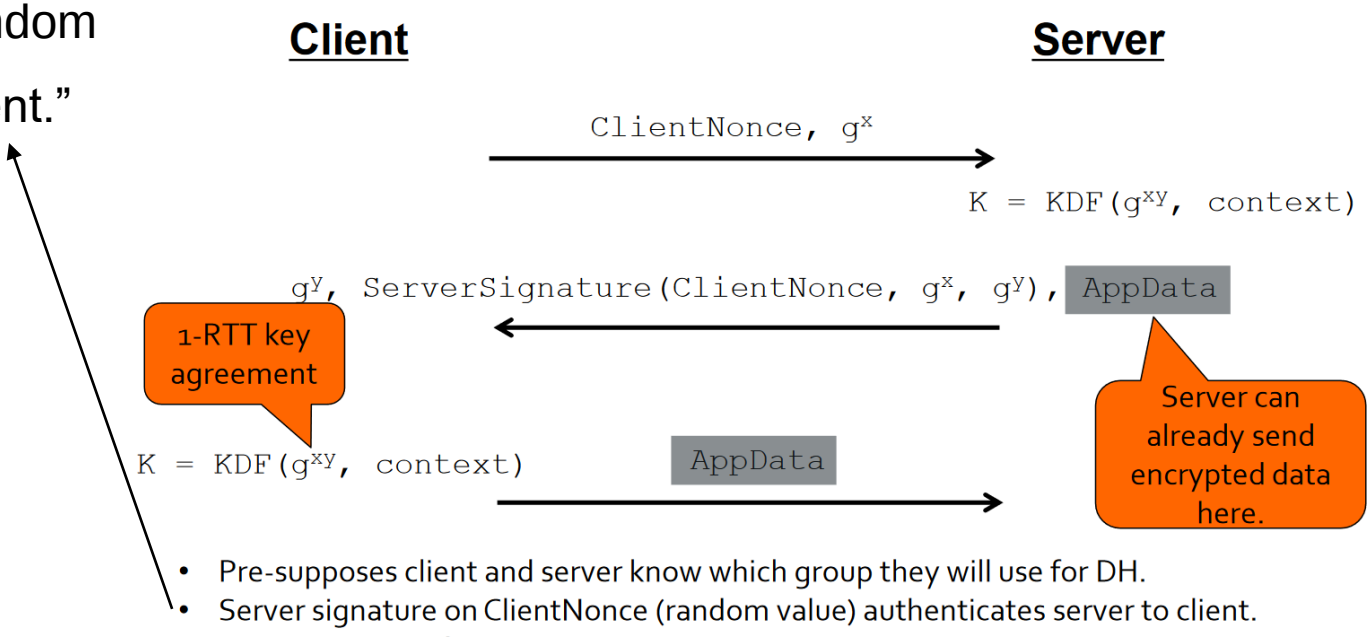
- Replay attack?
  - No, ephemeral DH values!



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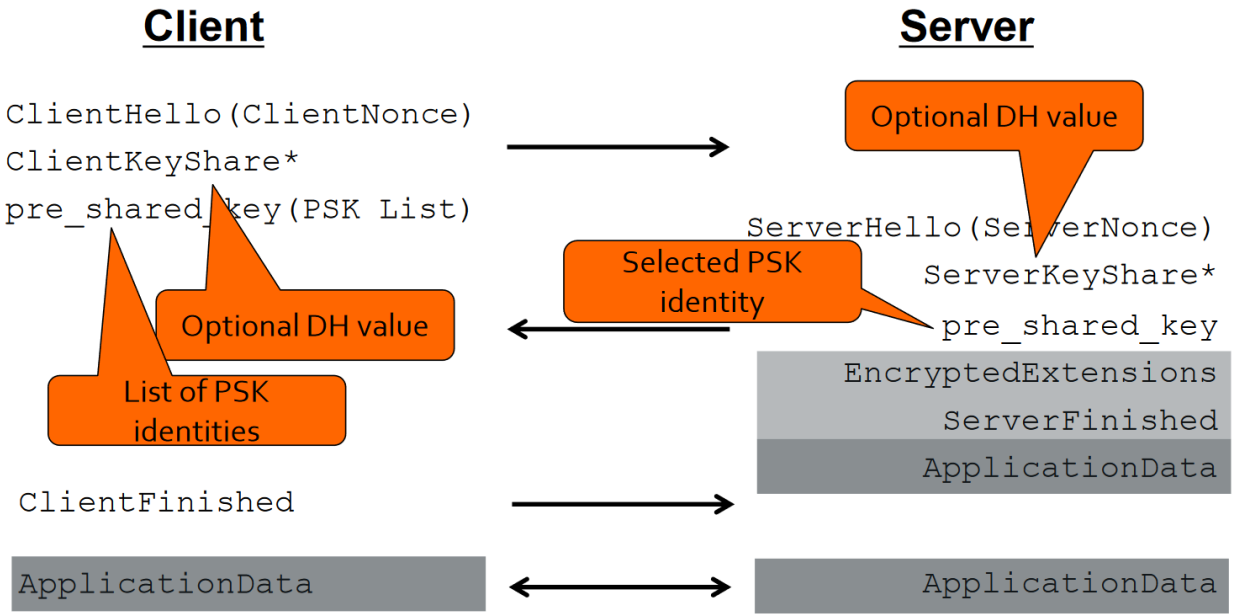
- Replay attack?
  - Potentially, optional DH values!



Your Questions