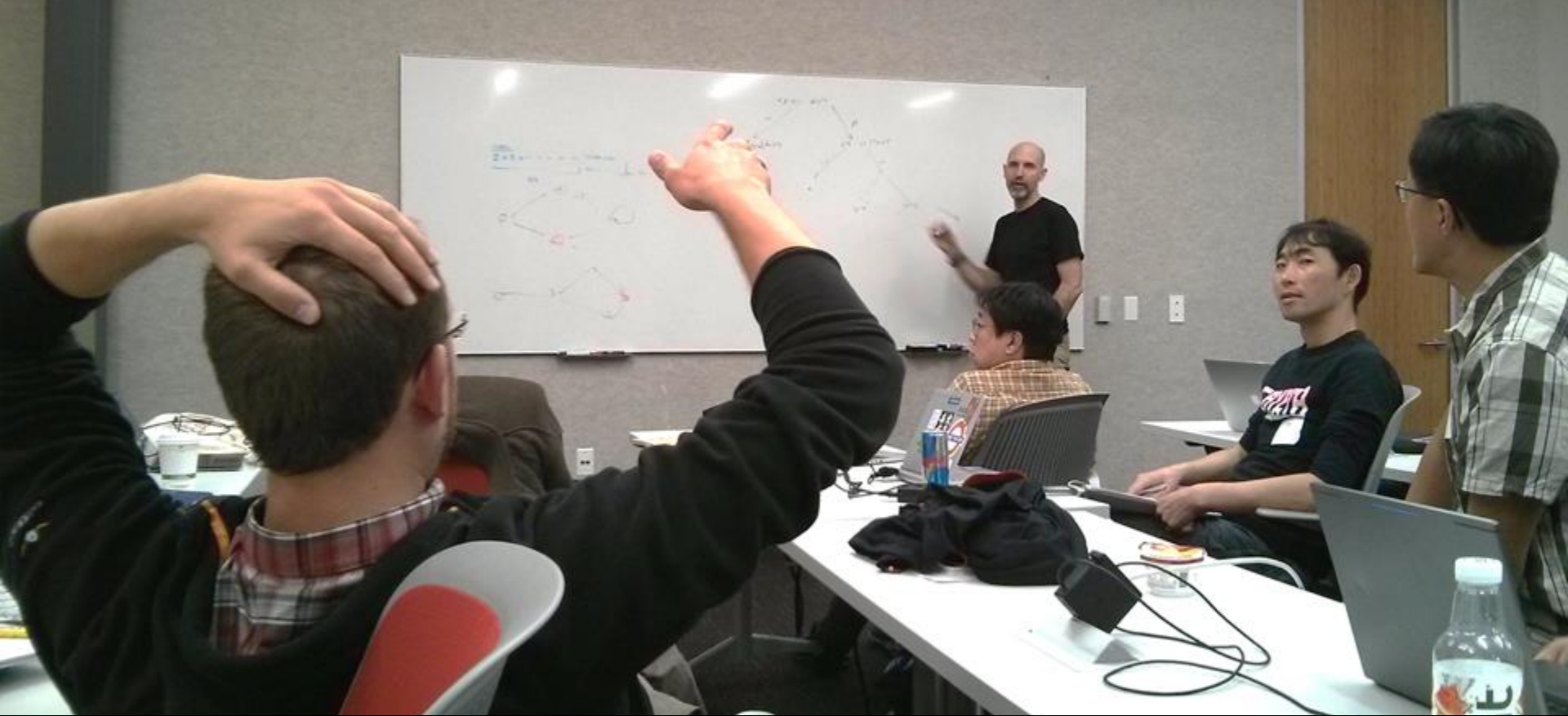


# Formal Analysis of Real-World Security Protocols

*Lecture 10: Security Protocol Standards*





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# This lecture

- Security protocol standards
- IETF TLS 1.3 (Book chapter 19.1)



# **Security Protocol Standards**



# Who creates security protocols?

- **Standardization bodies**
  - **ISO** "International Organization for Standardization"
  - **NIST** "National Institute of Standards and Technology"
  - **IETF** "Internet Engineering Task Force"
  - ...
- **Industry groups**
  - 3GPP "3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP)"  
(Global, standardizes mobile telecommunications technology)
- **Companies/individuals**
  - Secure messengers, door locks, OS vendors, car vendors, ...



# ISO: International Organization for Standardization

*"ISO was founded on 23 February 1947, and (as of July 2024) it has published over 25,000 international standards covering almost all aspects of technology and manufacturing. It has over 800 technical committees (TCs) and subcommittees (SCs) to take care of standards development."* (Source: Wikipedia)



Structure: Member states can propose new standards or modifications to TCSubcommittees responsible for standards

Examples:

- "ISO/IEC 9798: Information technology — Security techniques — Entity authentication"
- ISO/IEC 11770 for key establishment mechanisms.



# NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology

*"Promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life."*

(Source: Wikipedia)



Examples:

- AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
- SHA-2 (SHA256, etc)
- "Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization"





# IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



*"[IETF] has no formal membership roster or requirements and all its participants are volunteers. Their work is usually funded by employers or other sponsors. [...] Anyone can participate by signing up to a working group mailing list, or registering for an IETF meeting."*

(Source: Wikipedia)

3 yearly meetings across the world, 1000-1500 participants.

Next meeting: IETF 122 Bangkok 15 Mar 2025 - 21 Mar 2025

Examples:

- TLS, DNS[SEC], UDP, TCP, IKE, MLS



# IETF standards development



Documents called **RFCs**

"Request For Comments" (historical name)

Discussion on mailing lists

Main decisions taken in physical meetings

- "On Consensus and Humming in the IETF"

(<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7282>)





# IETF TLS 1.3



# TLS: "Transport Layer Security"

- *"Transport Layer Security (TLS) is a **cryptographic protocol designed to provide communications security over a computer network**, such as the Internet. The protocol is widely used in applications such as email, instant messaging, and voice over IP, but its use in securing **HTTPS** remains the most publicly visible."*  
(Source: Wikipedia)
- The most used security protocol globally
  - Approximately 1 billion TLS handshakes per second globally
  - Amazon's AWS alone does about 50 million per second



# Security of TLS over time





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# TLS 1.3 Development

Fall 2018: TLS 1.3

- Led by the IETF
- Editor: Eric Rescorla
- Development: 2014–2018

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8446>

160 pages (but dependent on many related standards)



# TLS 1.3 analysis using Tamarin



Cas  
Cremers



Marko  
Horvat



Sam  
Scott



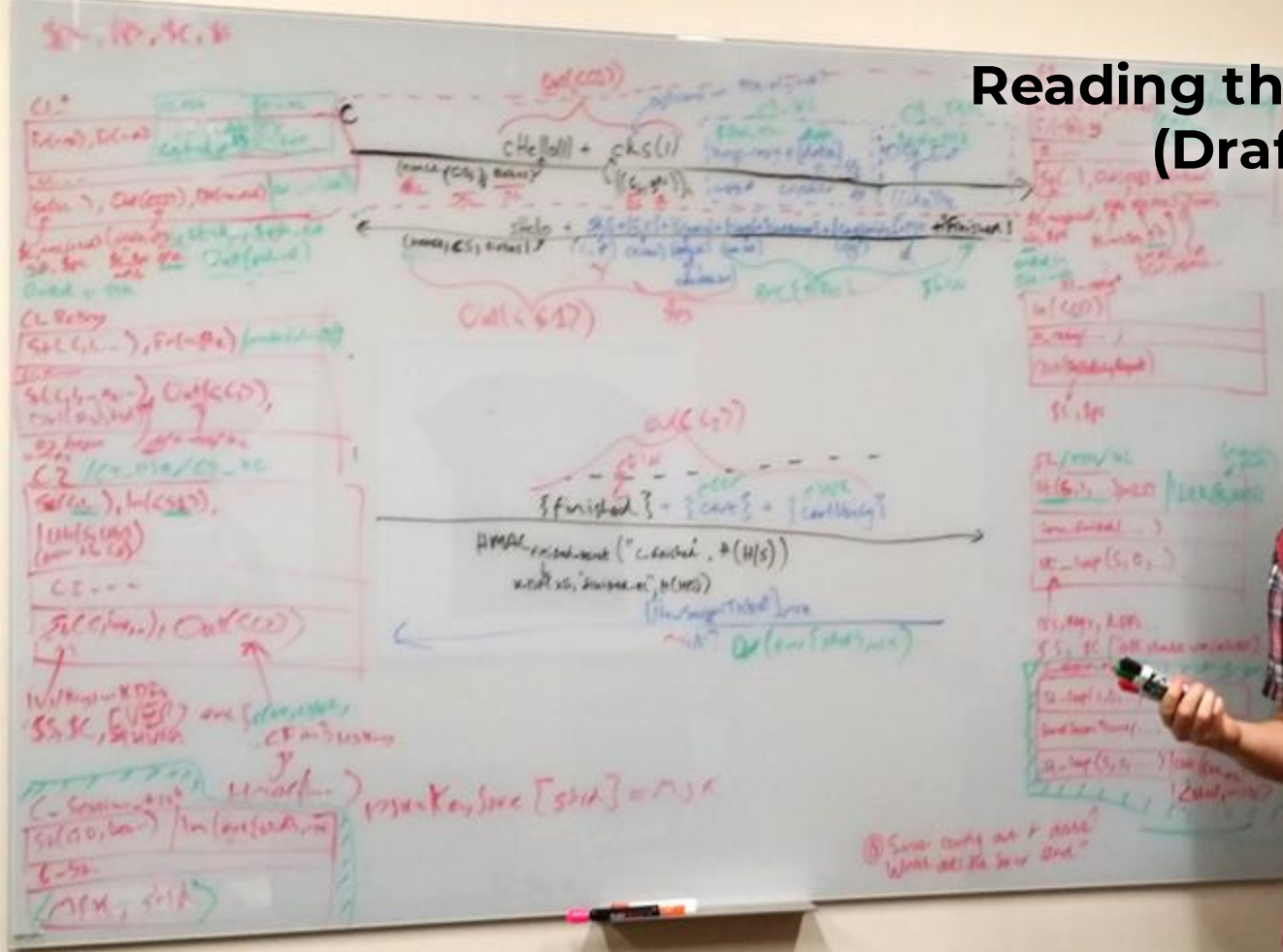
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der Merwe



- 2015 – 2016:  
Built a symbolic model of the TLS 1.3 specification under development at that time (draft 10)
- Goal: verify the core properties of TLS 1.3 as an authenticated key exchange protocol
  - secrecy of session keys
  - unilateral (mutual) authentication

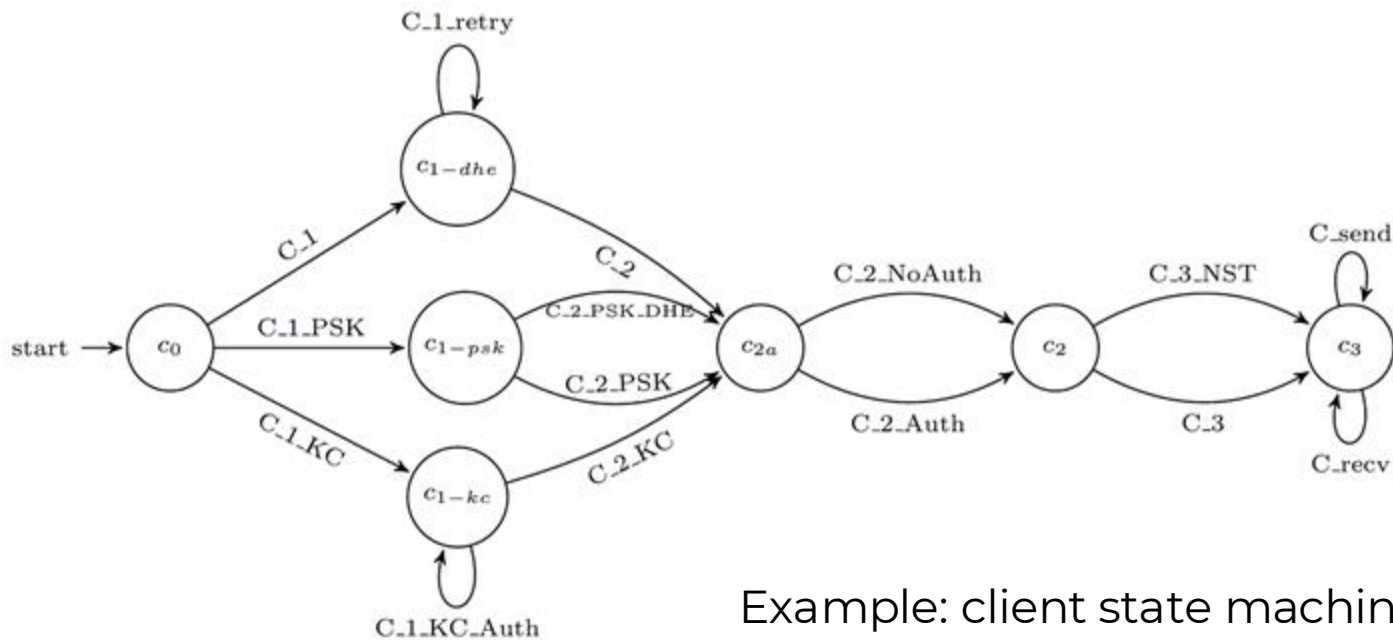


# Reading the Specification (Draft of 160 pages)





# Rules model state machine

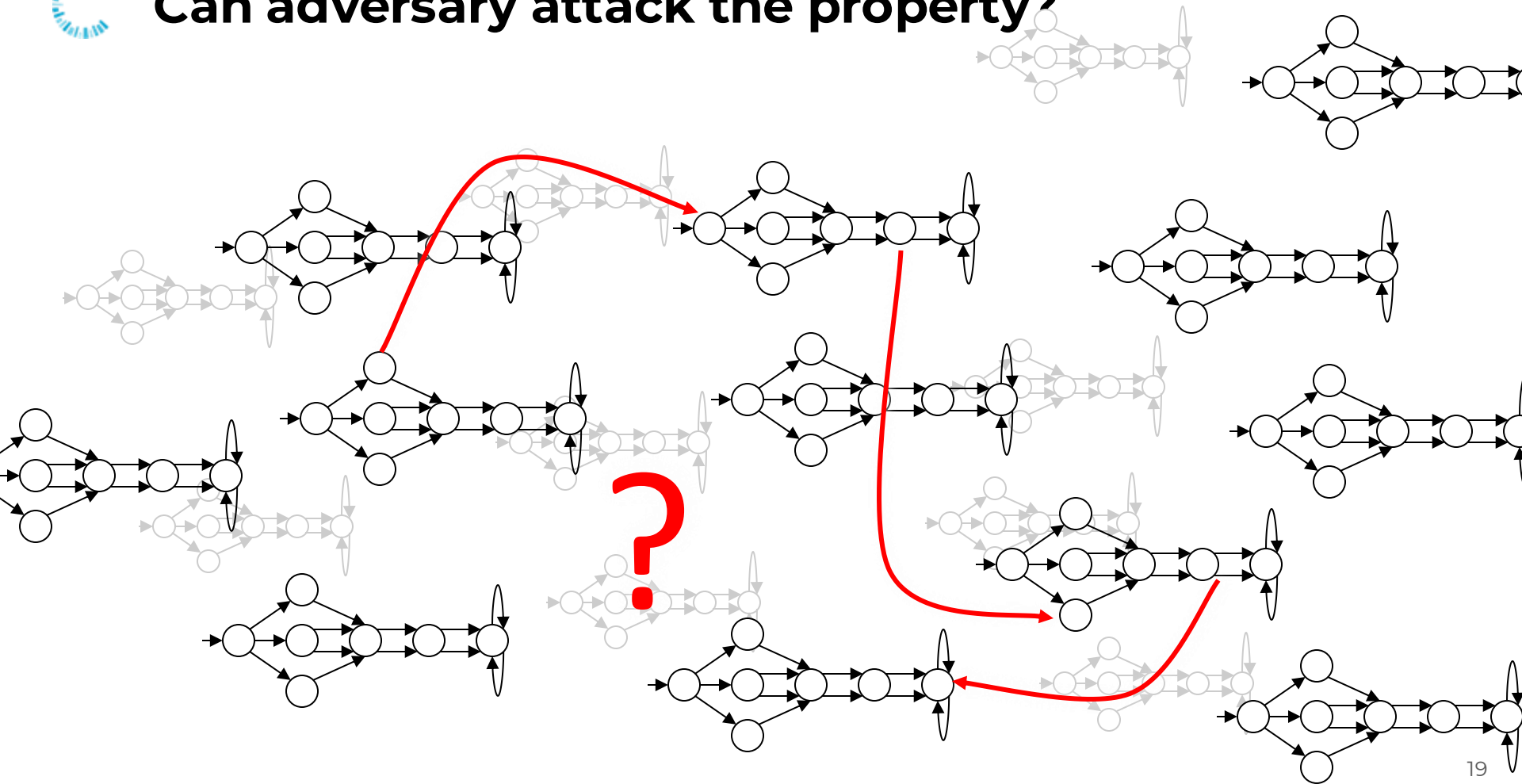


Example: client state machine

Rules correspond to edges



# Can adversary attack the property?





# Results!

We analysed Draft 10, Draft 10+, Draft 21

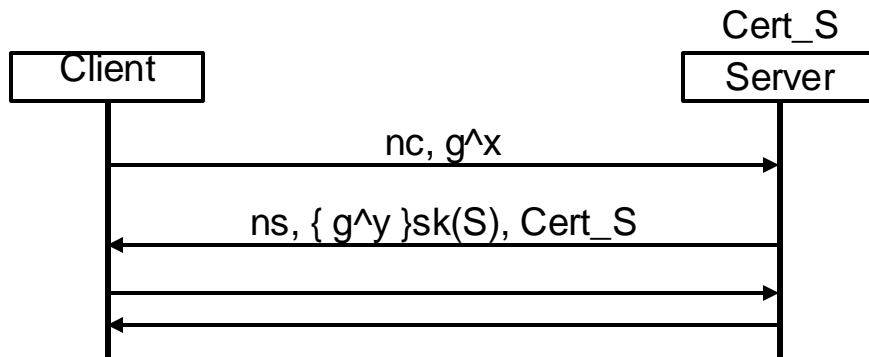
**Proofs** for all main properties on **Draft 10** [CHSM16] and **Draft 21** [CHHSM17] in the symbolic model

During our analysis, around Draft 10:

“let’s introduce *post-handshake client authentication*”

**Tamarin finds an attack** on Draft 10+! [CHHMS16]

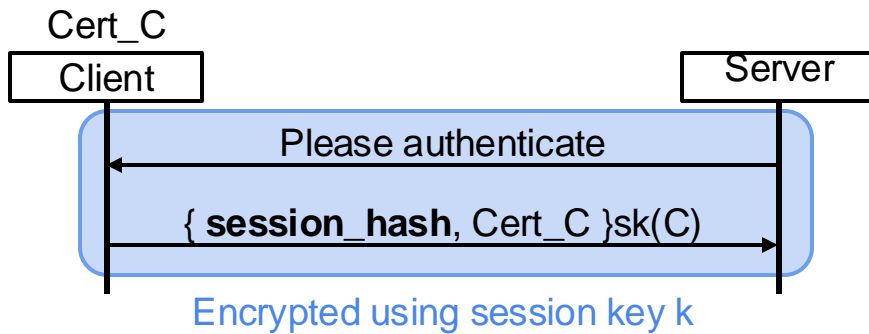
- 18 messages
- 3 modes



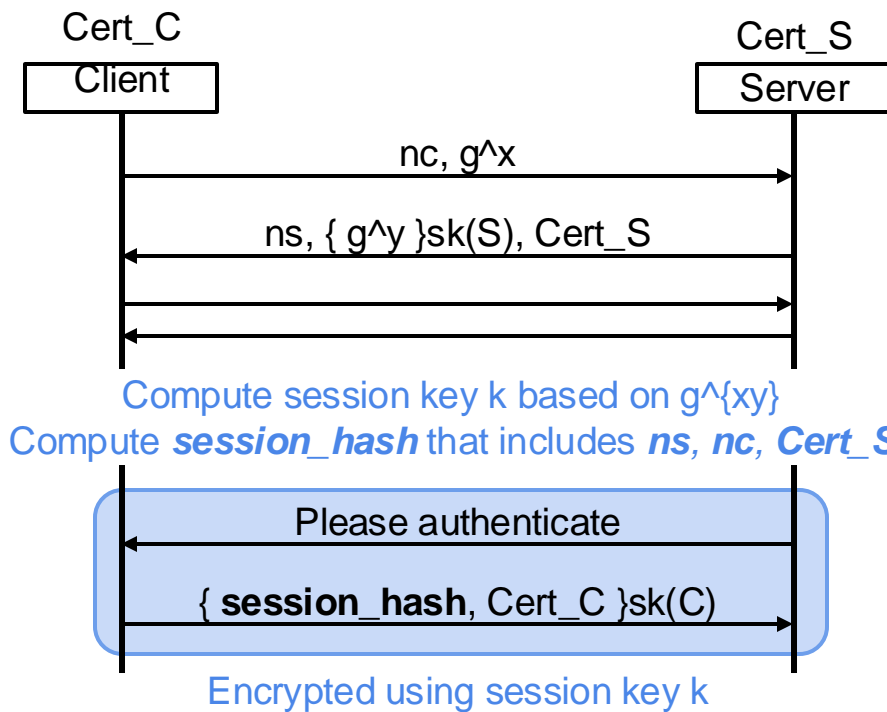
## ECDH Handshake

(unilateral, only mentioning relevant items)

Compute session key  $k$  based on  $g^{\{xy\}}$   
Compute **session\_hash** that includes **ns**, **nc**, **Cert\_S**



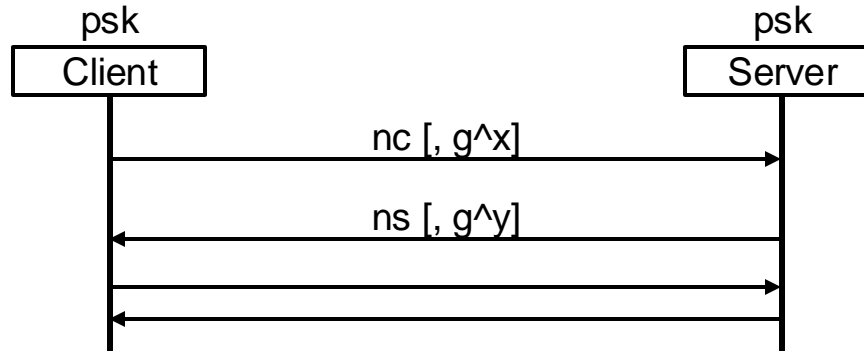
## Post-handshake Client authentication



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**Post-handshake  
Client authentication**

If the intended peers are honest, we now have a mutually authenticated channel:  
both parties are sure they are communicating with the right partner.



## PSK [-DHE]

Compute new session key  $k$  based on  $psk [, g^{\{xy\}}]$   
Compute **session\_hash** that includes **ns**, **nc**



Cert\_A

Adversary

Client Alex

Forum

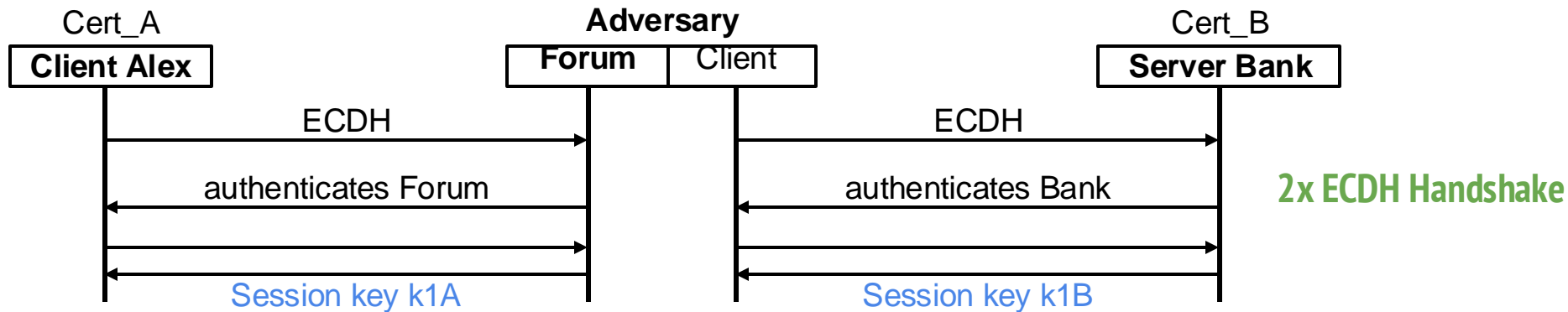
ECDH

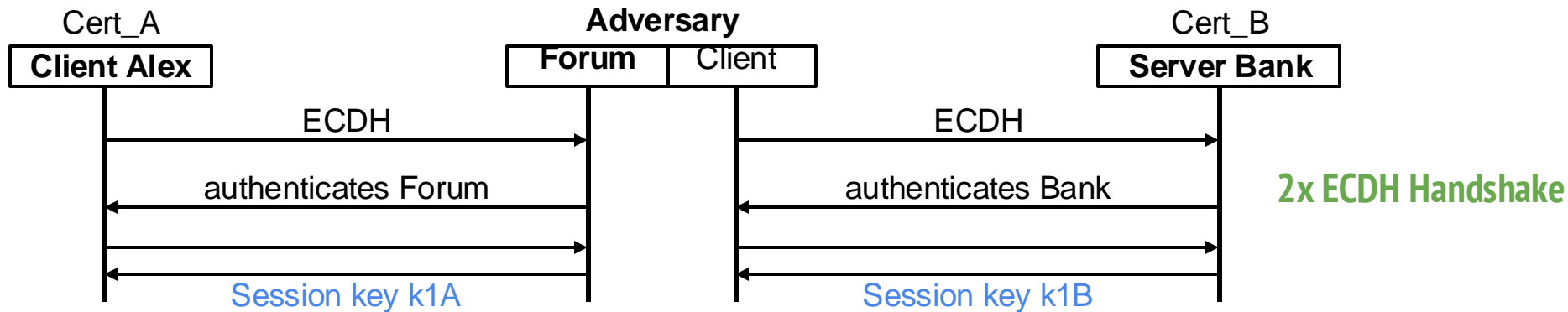
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Session key k1A

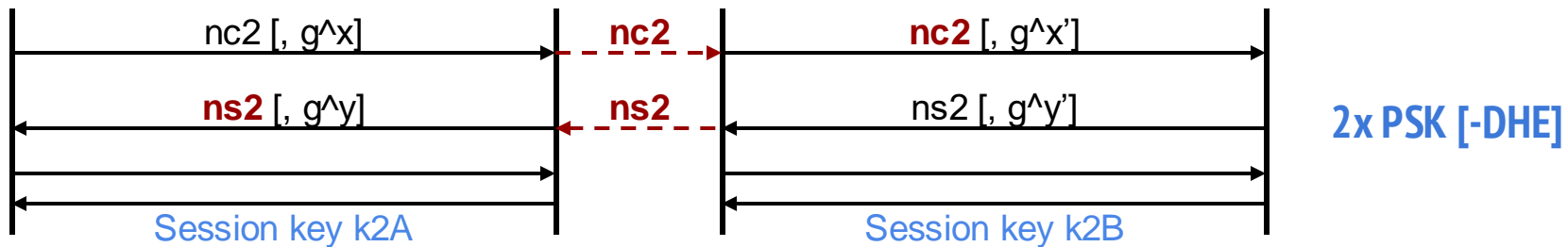
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Attack setup!

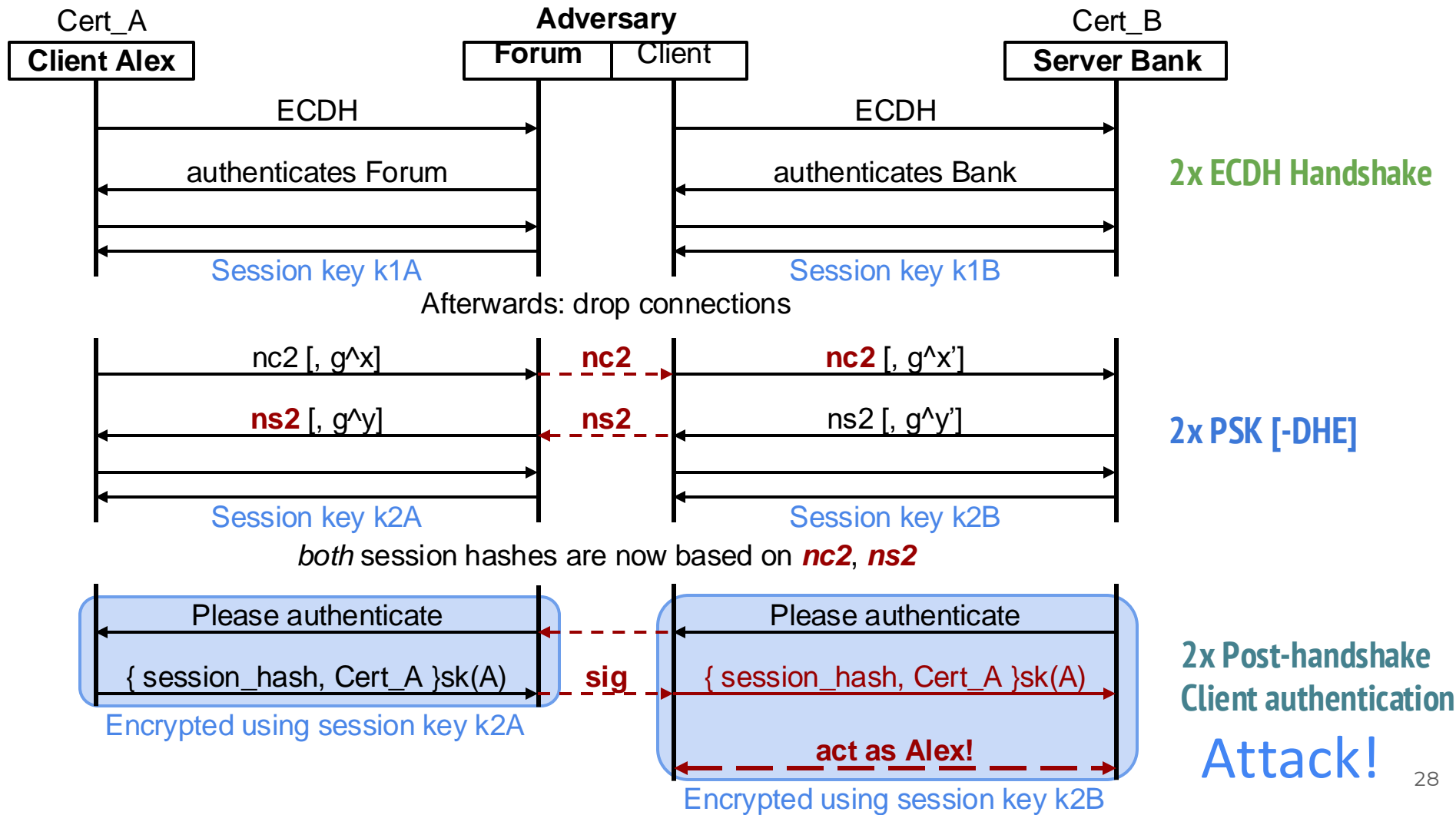




Afterwards: drop connections



both session hashes are now based on  $nc2, ns2$





# Cause and mitigation

- Prime example of an attack that can arise because of the interaction of modes
- No binding between the client signature and session for which it is intended
- Complicated to find
  - requires 18 messages to set up
  - involves 2 handshakes, 2 resumptions, 1 client auth...
- Communicated this to the IETF TLS Working Group...



# Cause and mitigation

<https://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/tls/current/msg18215.html>

Dear all,

We [1] are in the process of performing an automated symbolic analysis of the TLS 1.3 specification draft (revision 10) using the Tamarin prover [2], which is a tool for automated security protocol analysis.

While revision 10 does not yet appear to permit certificate-based client authentication in PSK (and in particular resumption using PSK), we modelled what we believe is the intended functionality. By enabling client authentication either in the initial handshake, or with a post-handshake signature over the handshake hash, our Tamarin analysis finds an attack. The result is a complete breakage of client authentication, as the attacker can impersonate a client when communicating with a server:

Suppose a client Alice performs an initial handshake with Charlie. Charlie, masquerading as Alice, subsequently performs a handshake with Bob. Following a PSK resumption, Bob requests authentication from Charlie (impersonating Alice). Charlie then requests authentication from Alice, and the returned signature



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“The result motivates and confirms the need to modify the handshake hashes to contain the server Finished when we add post-handshake authentication as is done in PR#316, which of course we'll be discussing in Yokohama.”



# Impact

Raised awareness:

- subtle bugs
- complex to find for humans

Benefits of methodology:

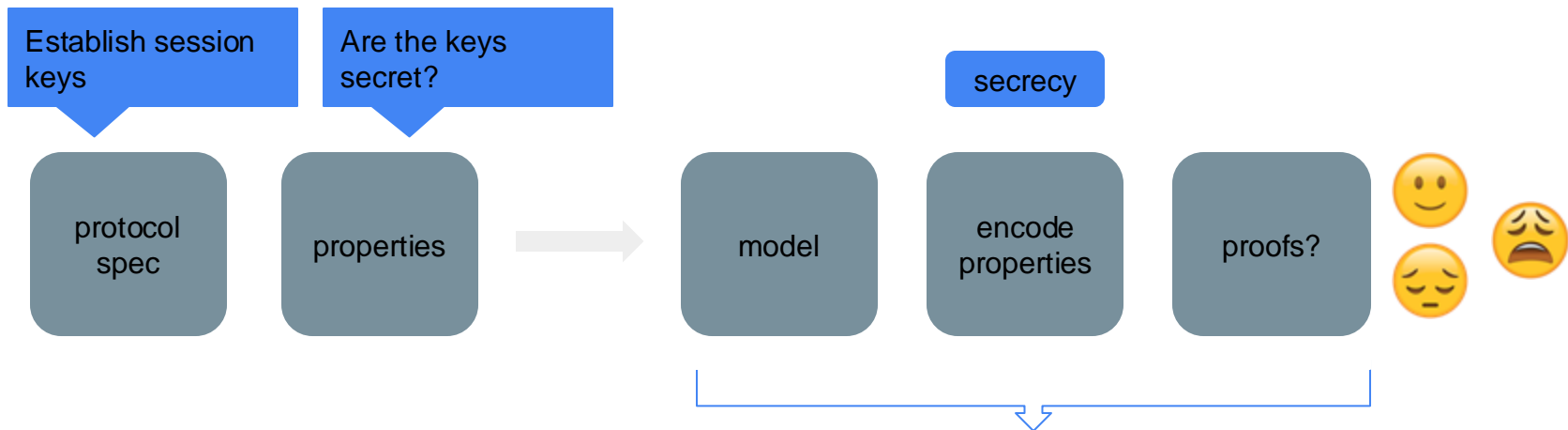
- Provide quicker analysis for proposed designs
- Complements other analysis approaches



# **The finer details**

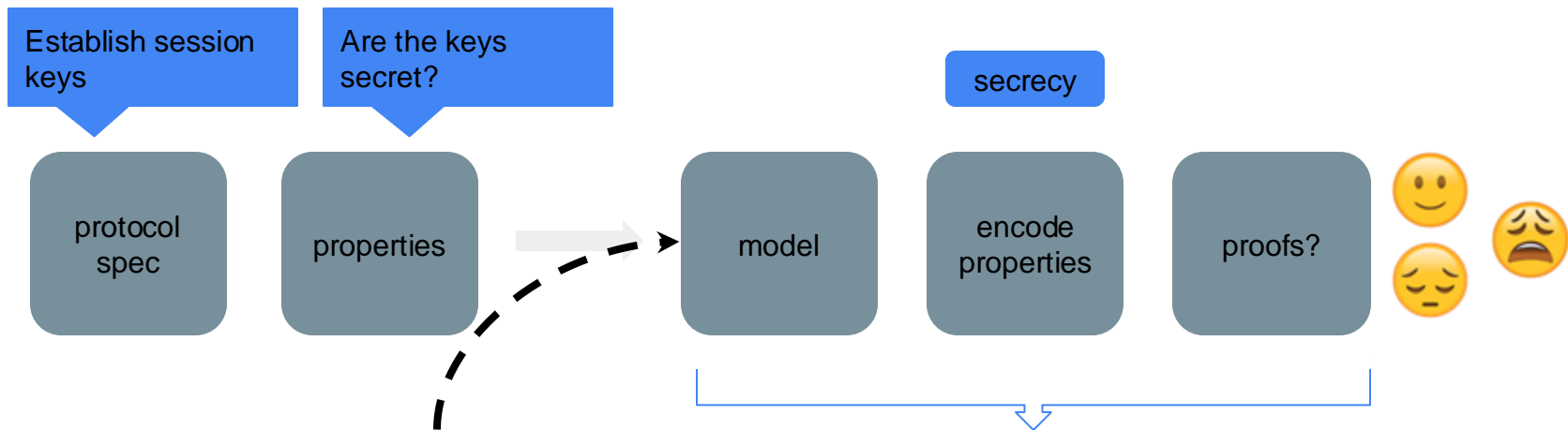


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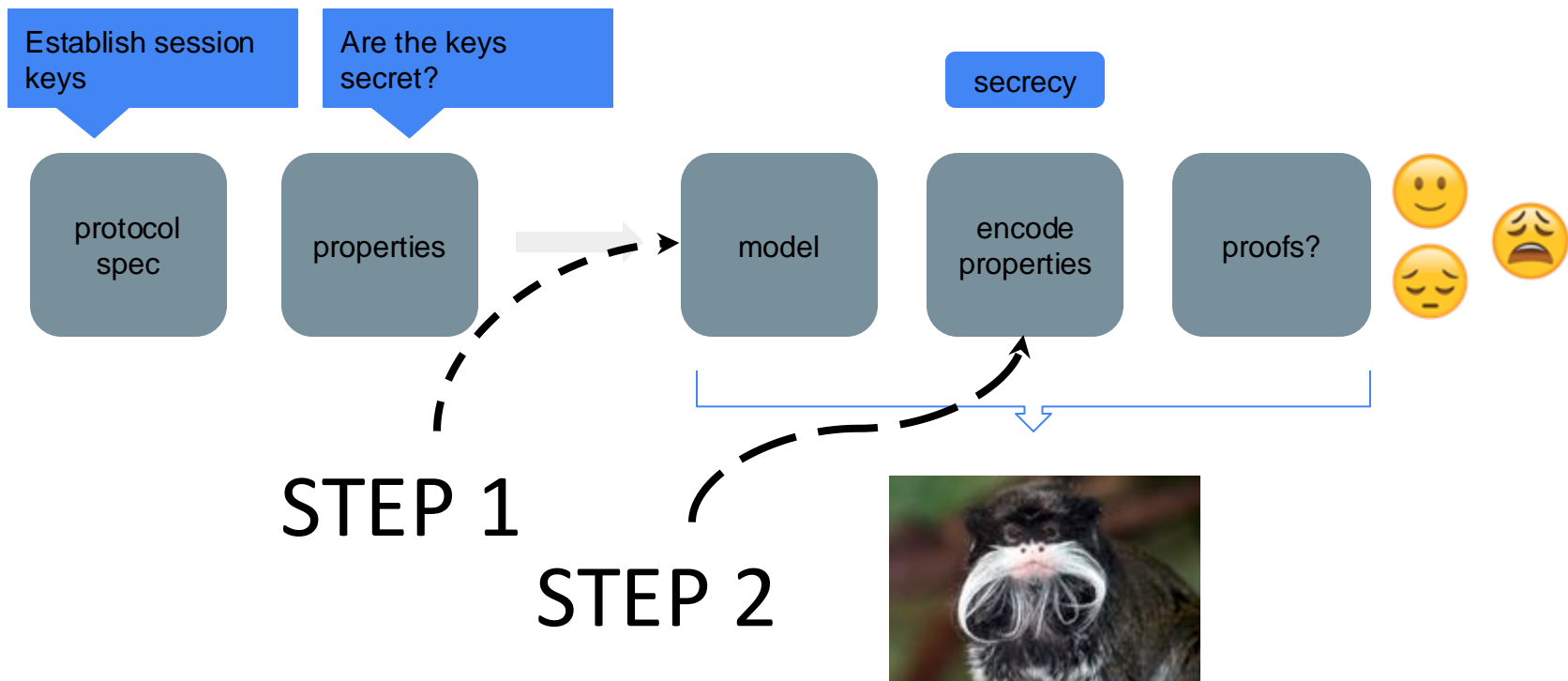


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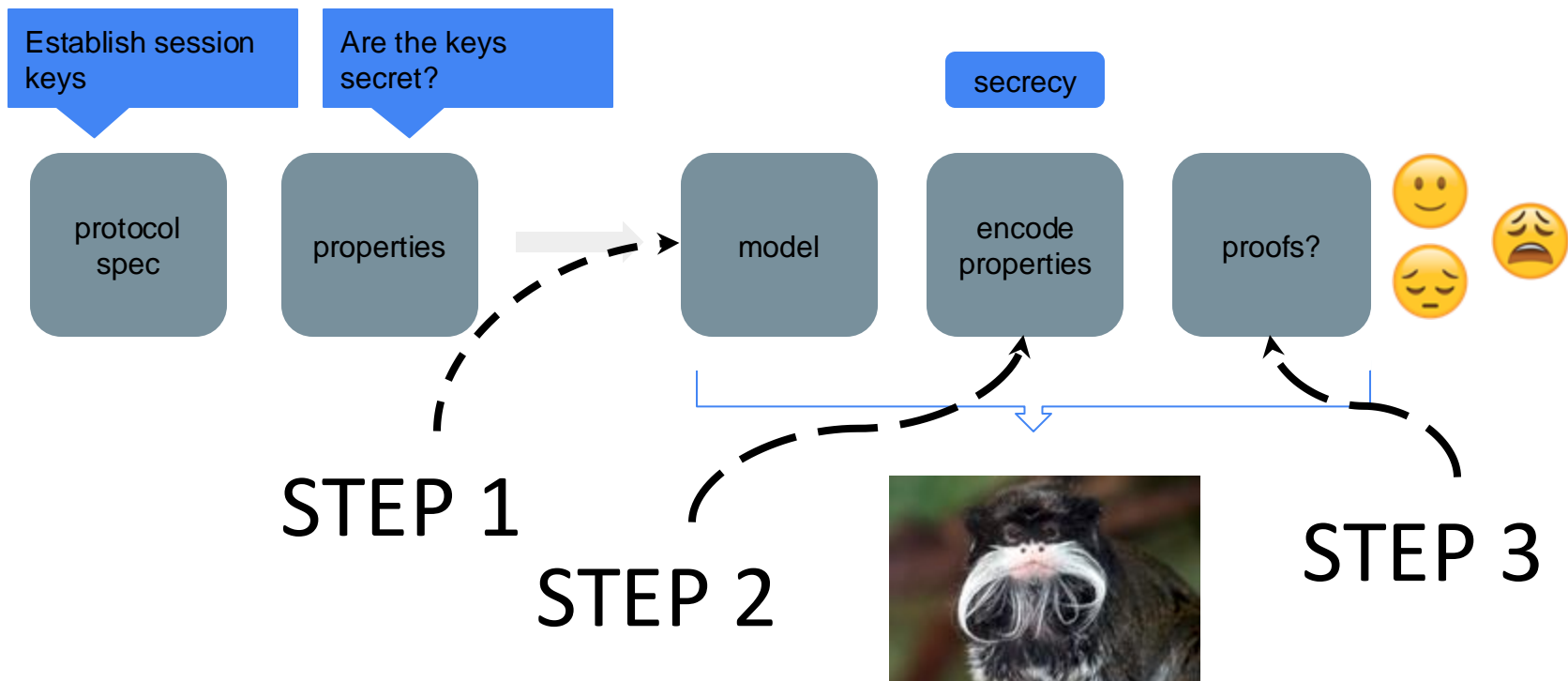


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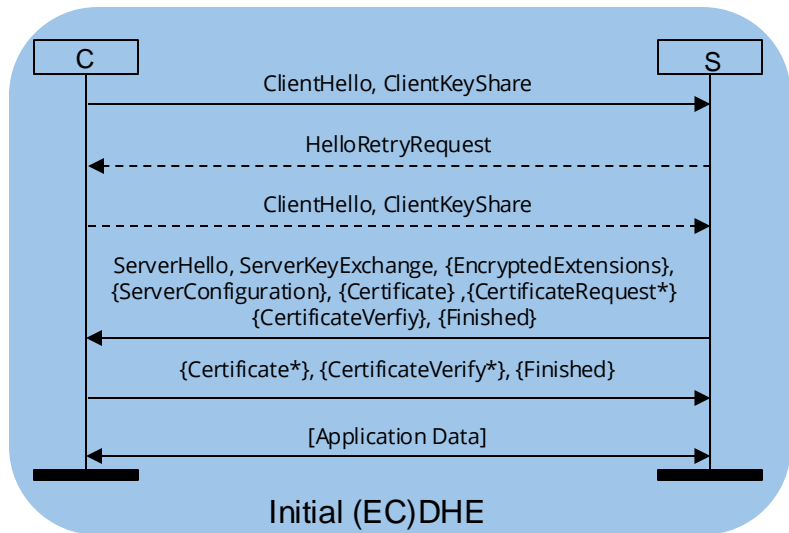




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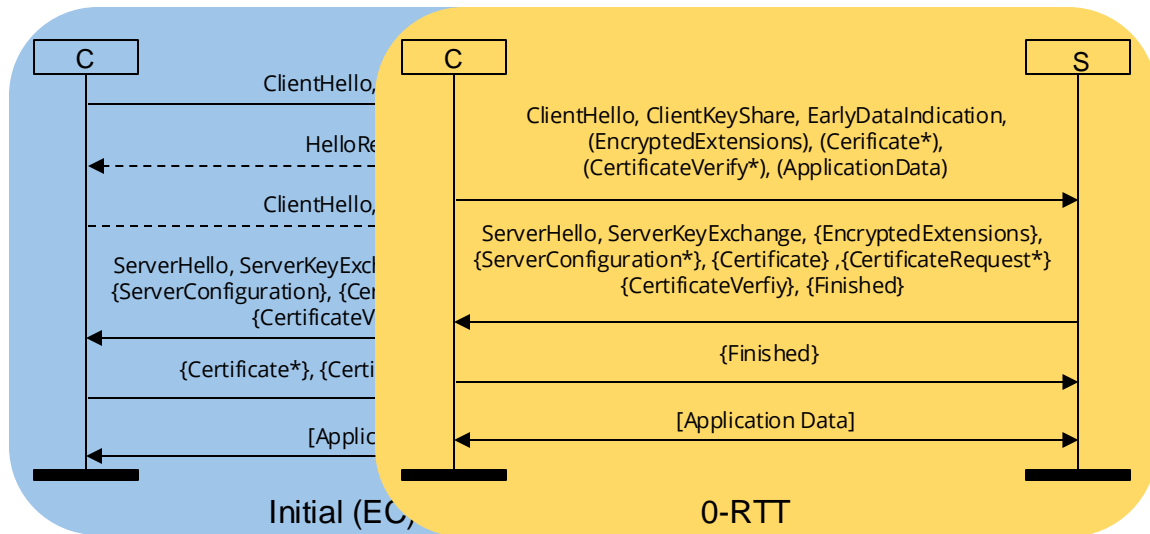


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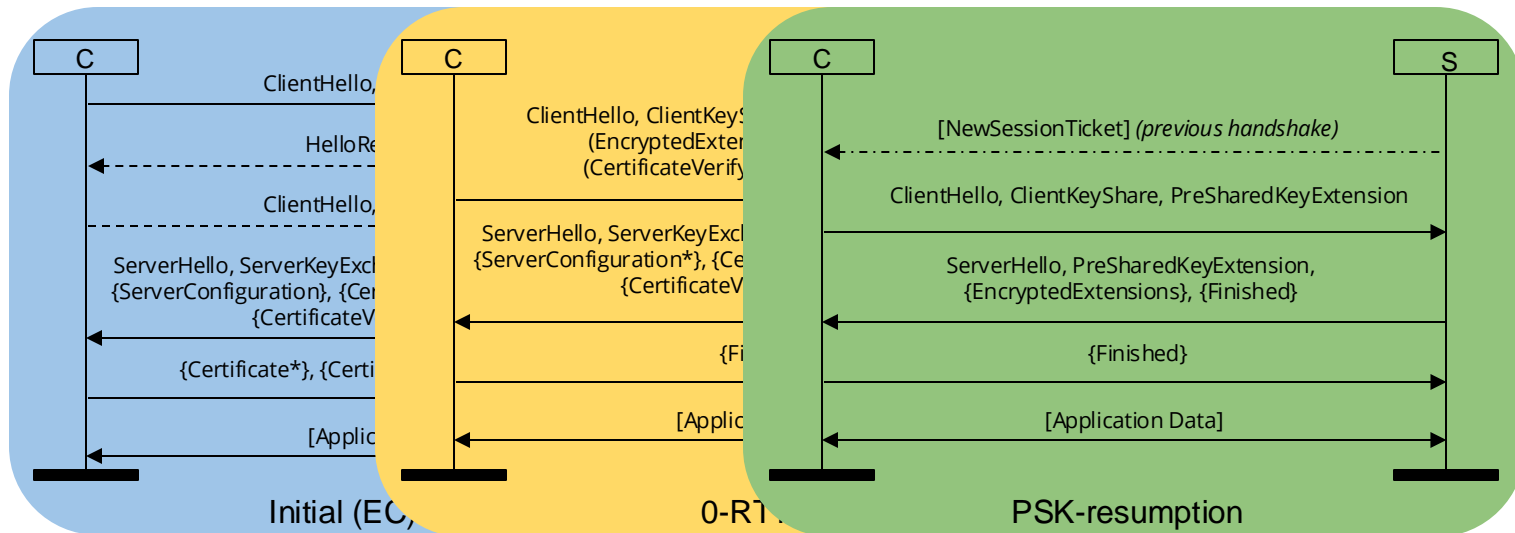
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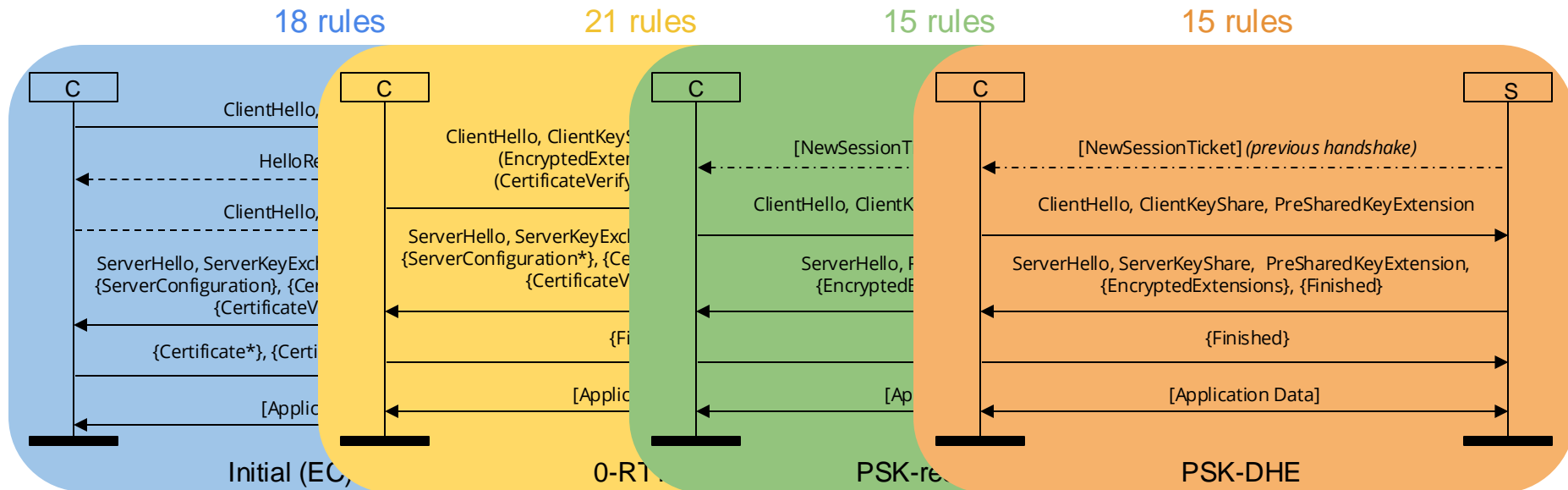
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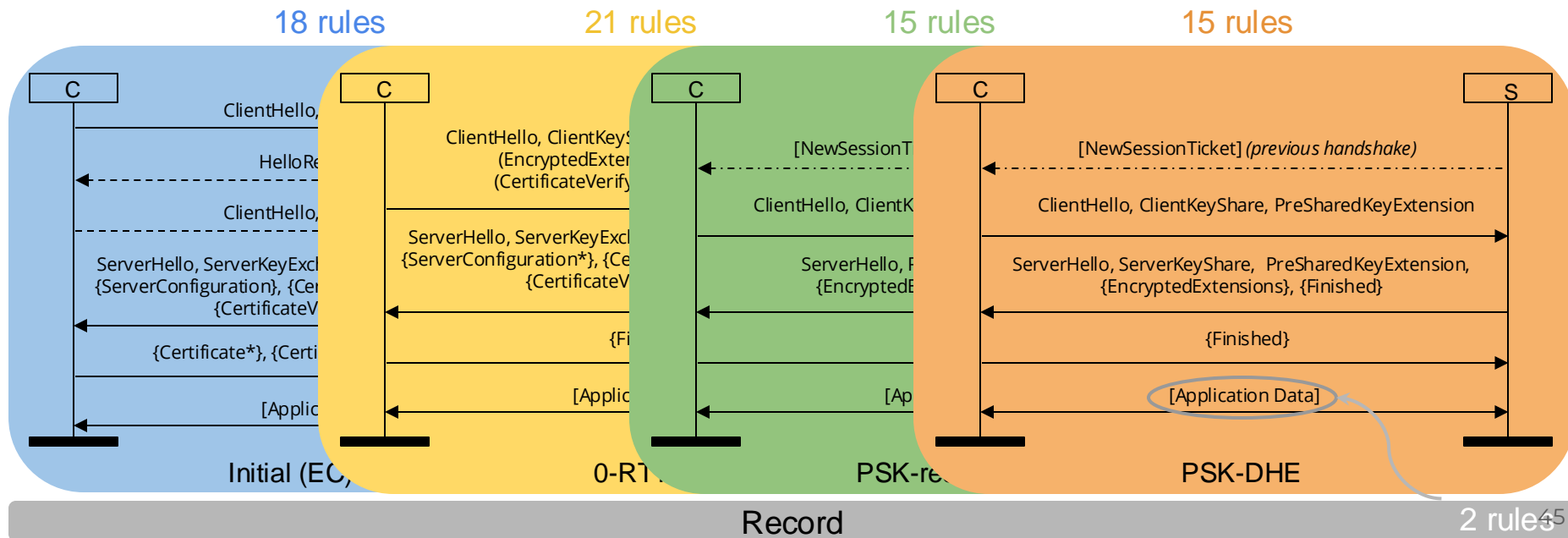
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# Step 1: Client and Server Rules

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rule C_1:
let
    // Default C1 values
    tid = ~nc

    // Client Hello
    C   = $C
    nc  = ~nc
    pc  = $pc
    S   = $S

    // Client Key Share
    ga  = 'g'^~a

    messages = <C1_MSGS>

in
    [ Fr(nc)
      , Fr(~a)
    ]
    --[ C1(tid)
        , Start(tid, C, 'client')
        , Running(C, S, 'client', nc)
        , DH(C, ~a)
    ]->
    [ St_init(C,1, tid, C, nc, pc, S, ~a, messages, 'no_auth')
      , DHExp(C, ~a)
      , Out(<C,C1_MSGS>)
    ]
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premises (LHS)

```
-[ C1(tid)
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]->
```

actions

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conclusions (RHS)



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```

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```

DH built-in

```
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```

```
in
```

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```

```
[ St_init(C,1, tid, C, nc, pc, S, ~a, messages, 'no_auth')
```

Client state created

```
, Out(<C, ~a>)
```

```
, Out(<C,C1_MSGS>)
```

Messages going out to the network

```
]
```





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  ]
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  , Running(C, S, 'client', nc)
  , DH(C, ~a)
  ]->
  [ St_init(C,1, tid, C, nc, pc, S, ~a, m
  , DHExp(C, ~a)
  , Out(<C,C1_MSGS>)
  ]

```

```

rule C_2:
let
  // Default C2 values
  tid = ~nc
  C = $C
  nc = ~nc
  pc = $pc

  // C2 using DHE (Client Key Share)
  ga = 'g'^~a

  .
  .
  .

in
  ( St_init(C,1, tid, C, nc, pc, S, ~a, prev_messages, auth_status)
  , !Pk(S, pk(~ltkS)) // This somehow abstracts the CA verifying the ServerCertificate
  , In(<S,S1_MSGS_1,senc(<S1_MSGS_2,S1_MSGS_3>,ServerFinished)HKEYS>)
  )
--[ C2(tid)
  , C_ACTIONS
  , UsePK(S, pk(~ltkS))

  , RunningNonces(C, S, 'client', <nc, ns>)
  , RunningSecrets(C, S, 'client', <ss, es>)
  , CommitNonces(C, S, 'client', <nc, ns>)
  , CommitSS(C, S, 'client', ss)
  , CommitES(C, S, 'client', es)

```

Client state accepted  
by next client rule

Messages coming in  
From the network

```

rule C_2_NoAuth:
let
  // Default C2 values
  tid = ~nc
  C   = $C
  nc  = ~nc
  pc  = $pc
  S   = $S
  ns  = ~ns
  ps  = $ps

  messages = prev_messages
  hs_hashc = HS_HASH
  client_fin_messages = messages

  // Client Finished
  fs_hash = HS_HASH
  client_fin = hmac(FS, 'client_finished', client_fin_messages)


  hs_messages = messages

  session_hash = HS_HASH

in
  [ St_init(C,2a, INIT_STATE, ss, es, prev_messages, config_hash, auth_status)
  ]
  --[ C2_NoAuth(tid)
    , C_ACTIONS
    , RunningSecrets(C, S, 'client', <ss, es>)
    , RunningTranscript(C, S, 'client', hs_messages)
    , CommitTranscript(C, S, 'client', client_fin_messages)
    , SessionKey(C, S, 'client', <KEYC, 'authenticated'>)
    , SessionKey(C, S, 'client', <KEYS, 'authenticated'>)
  ]->
  [ St_init(C,2, INIT_STATE, ss, es, messages, config_hash, auth_status)
    , Out(<C,senc{ClientFinished}HKEYC>)
  ]

```

SessionKey action logs the session key as computed





## Step 1: Is a Complex Task!

- Modelling a complex protocol is not a simple exercise!
- Large number of rules and macros... necessitated by the specification.



# Step 1: Building the Model

- Modelling a complex protocol in Tamarin is not a simple exercise!
- Large number of rules and macros...

```
define(<!L!>,<!'256'!>)dnl
dnl Definitions of key derivations
dnl In each case, the local method should define hs_hash/session_hash
dnl and also ss and/or es
define(<!xSS!>,<!HKDF('0',ss,'extractedSS',L)!>)dnl
define(<!xES!>,<!HKDF('0',es,'extractedES',L)!>)dnl
define(<!MS!>,<!HKDF(xSS,xES,'master_secret',L)!>)dnl
define(<!FS!>,<!HKDFExpand(xSS,'finished_secret',fs_hash,L)!>)dnl
define(<!RS!>,<!HKDFExpand(MS,'resumption_master_secret',session_hash,L)!>)dnl
dnl
define(<!EDKEYC!>,<!HKDFExpand1(xSS,'early_data_key_expansion',hs_hashc,L)!>)dnl
dnl
define(<!HKEYC!>,<!HKDFExpand1(xES,'handshake_key_expansion',hs_hashc,L)!>)dnl
define(<!HKEYS!>,<!HKDFExpand2(xES,'handshake_key_expansion',hs_hashes,L)!>)dnl
dnl
dnl Application keys should likely differ. 07 draft may "be revised" anyway.
define(<!KEYC!>,<!HKDFExpand1(MS,'application_data_key_expansion',session_hash,L)!>)dnl
define(<!KEYS!>,<!HKDFExpand2(MS,'application_data_key_expansion',session_hash,L)!>)dnl
dnl
dnl Definition of C1 (client's handshake message)
define(<!ClientHello!>,<!nc,pc!>)dnl
define(<!ClientKeyShare!>,<!ga!>)dnl
dnl
dnl Definition of S1_Retry
define(<!HelloRetryRequest!>,<!ps!>)dnl
dnl
dnl Definition of S1
define(<!ServerHello!>,<!ns,ps!>)dnl
define(<!ServerKeyShare!>,<!gb!>)dnl
define(<!ServerFinished!>,<!server_fin!>)dnl
dnl
dnl Additional messages sent in S1
define(<!ServerConfiguration!>,<!Y!>)dnl
define(<!ServerEncryptedExtensions!>,<!$exts!>)dnl
define(<!ServerCertificate!>,<!pk(~ltkS)!>)dnl
define(<!ServerCertificateVerify!>,<!s_signature!>)dnl
define(<!CertificateRequest!>,<!$cert_req!>)dnl
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Key computations

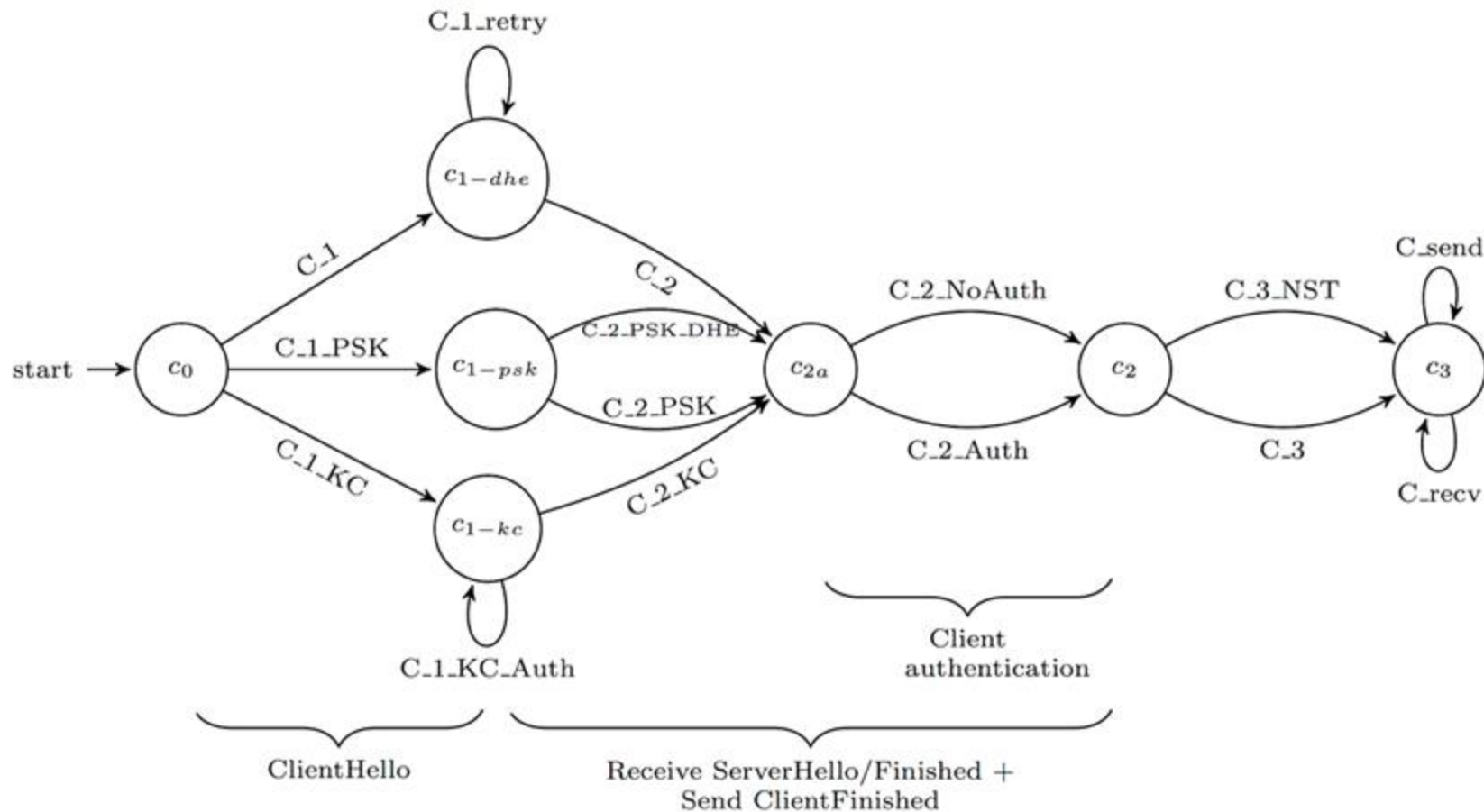
Macros for just 3 of our rules!

Note:

This notation is obsolete.  
Tamarin a much more readable  
macro system now.

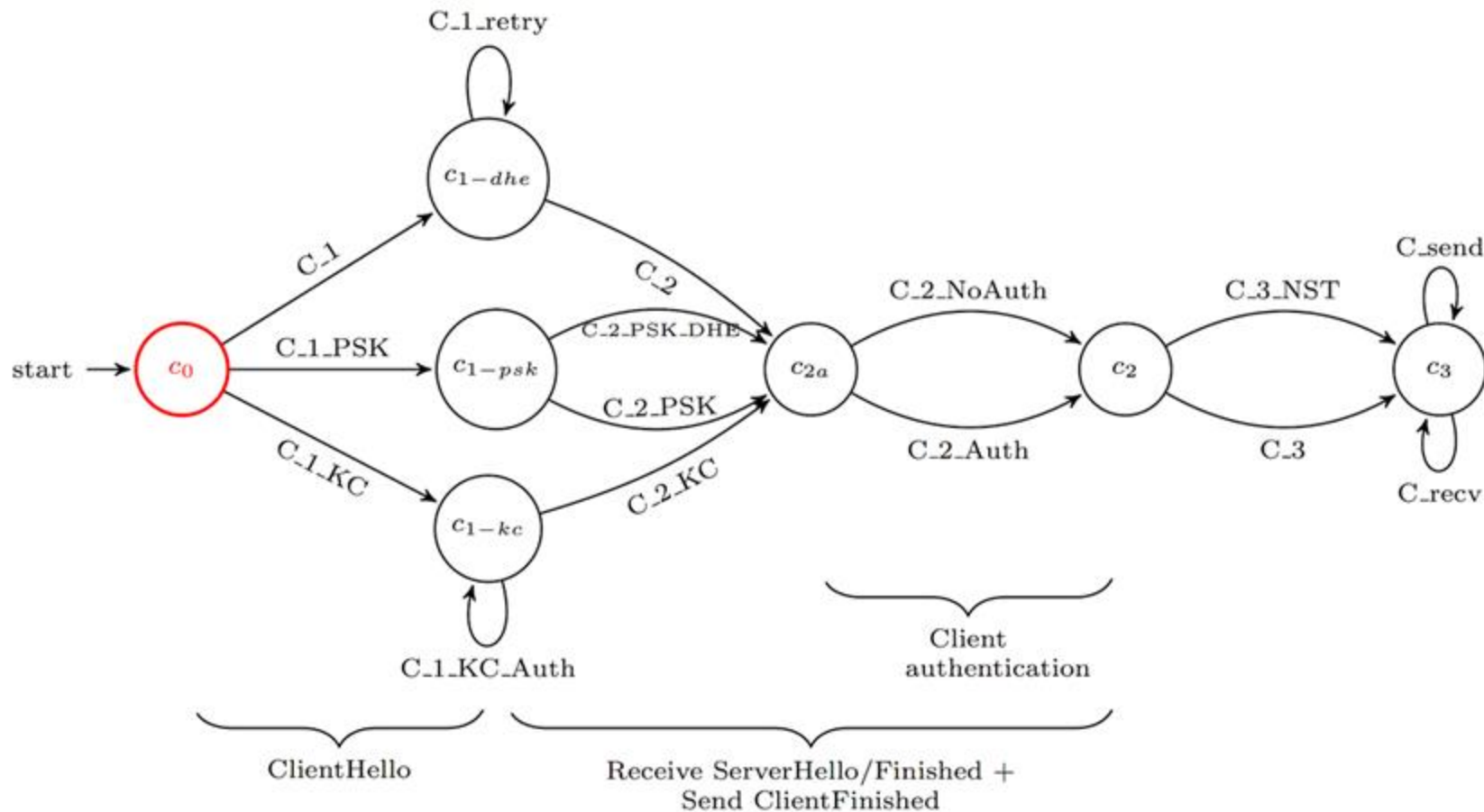


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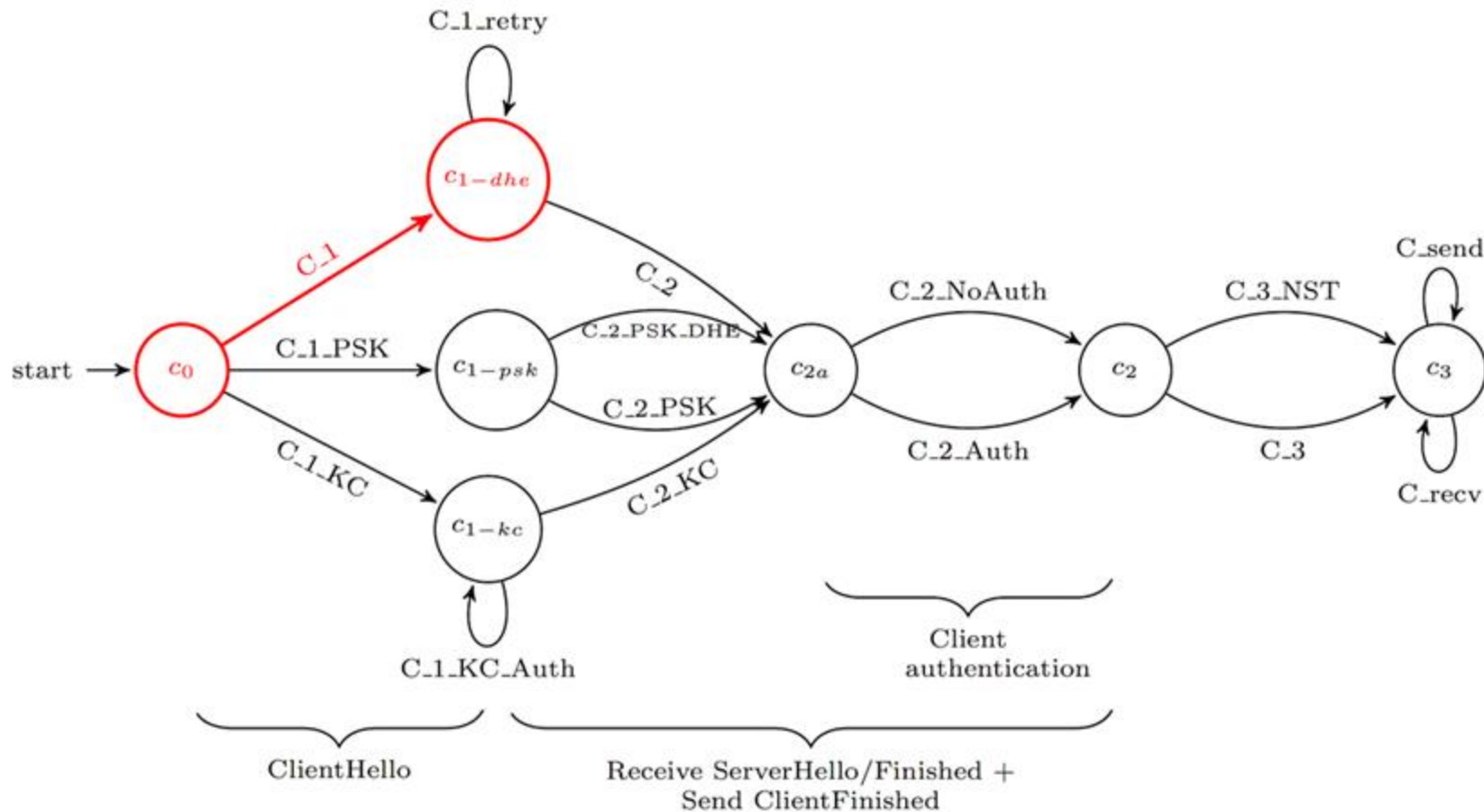


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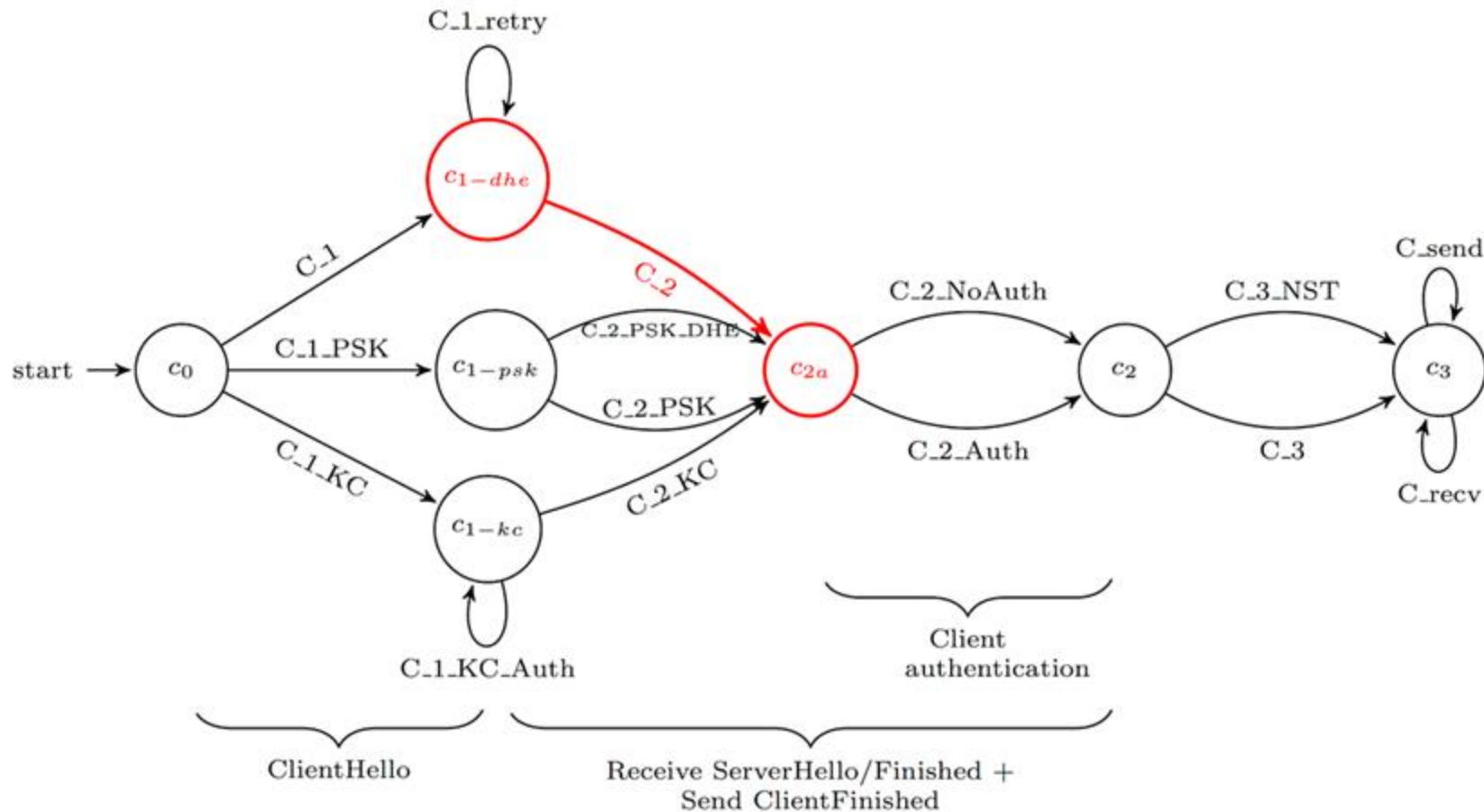


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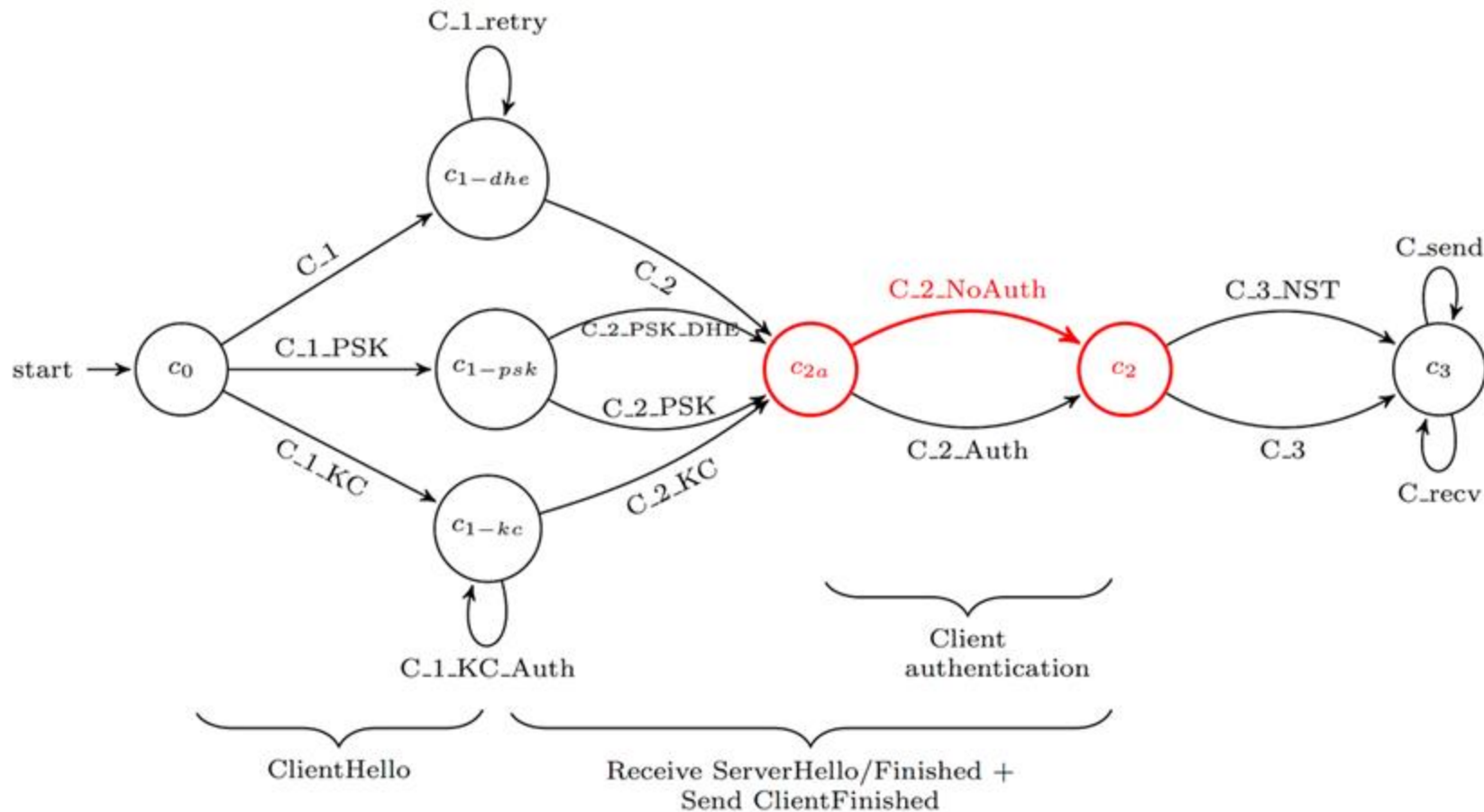
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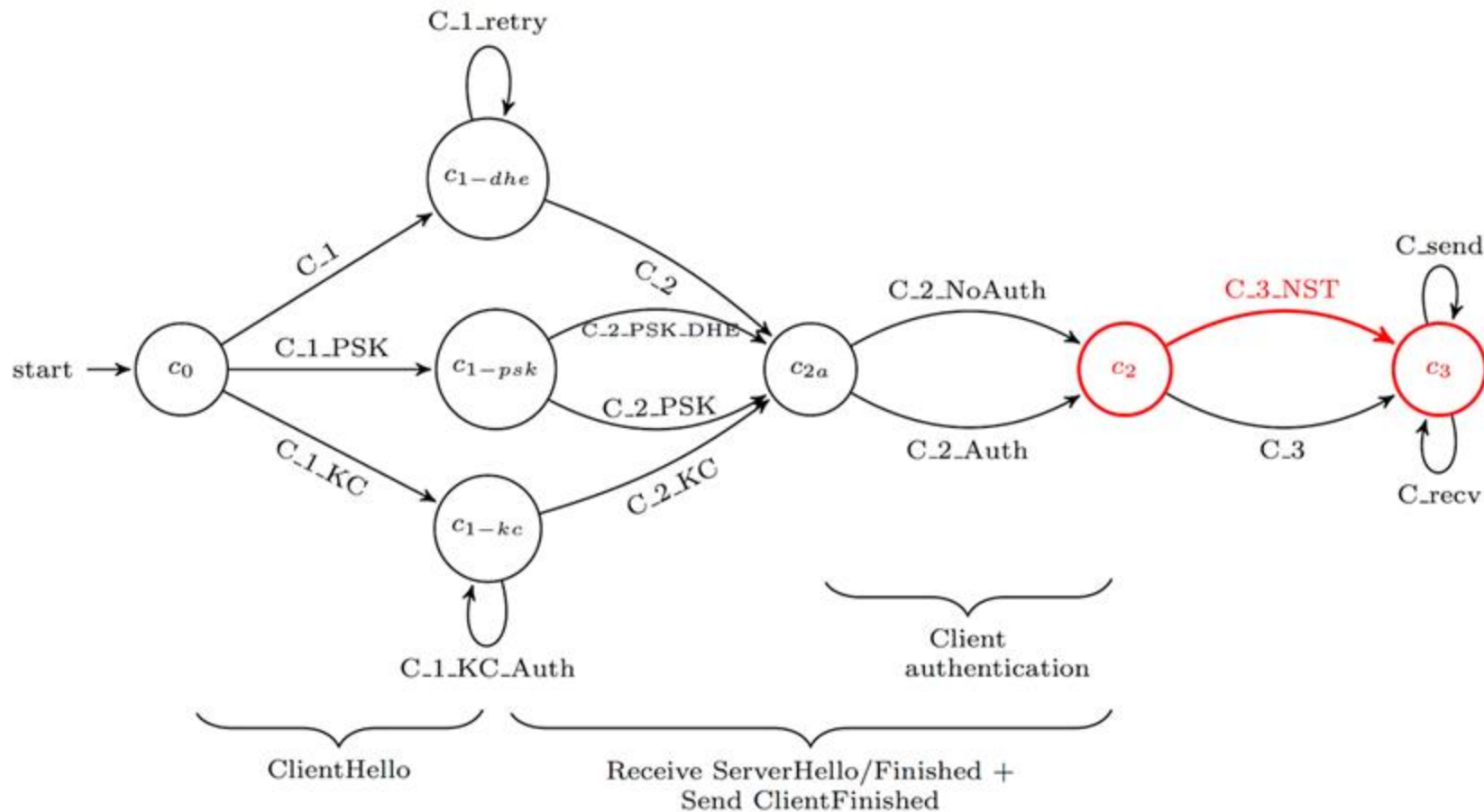


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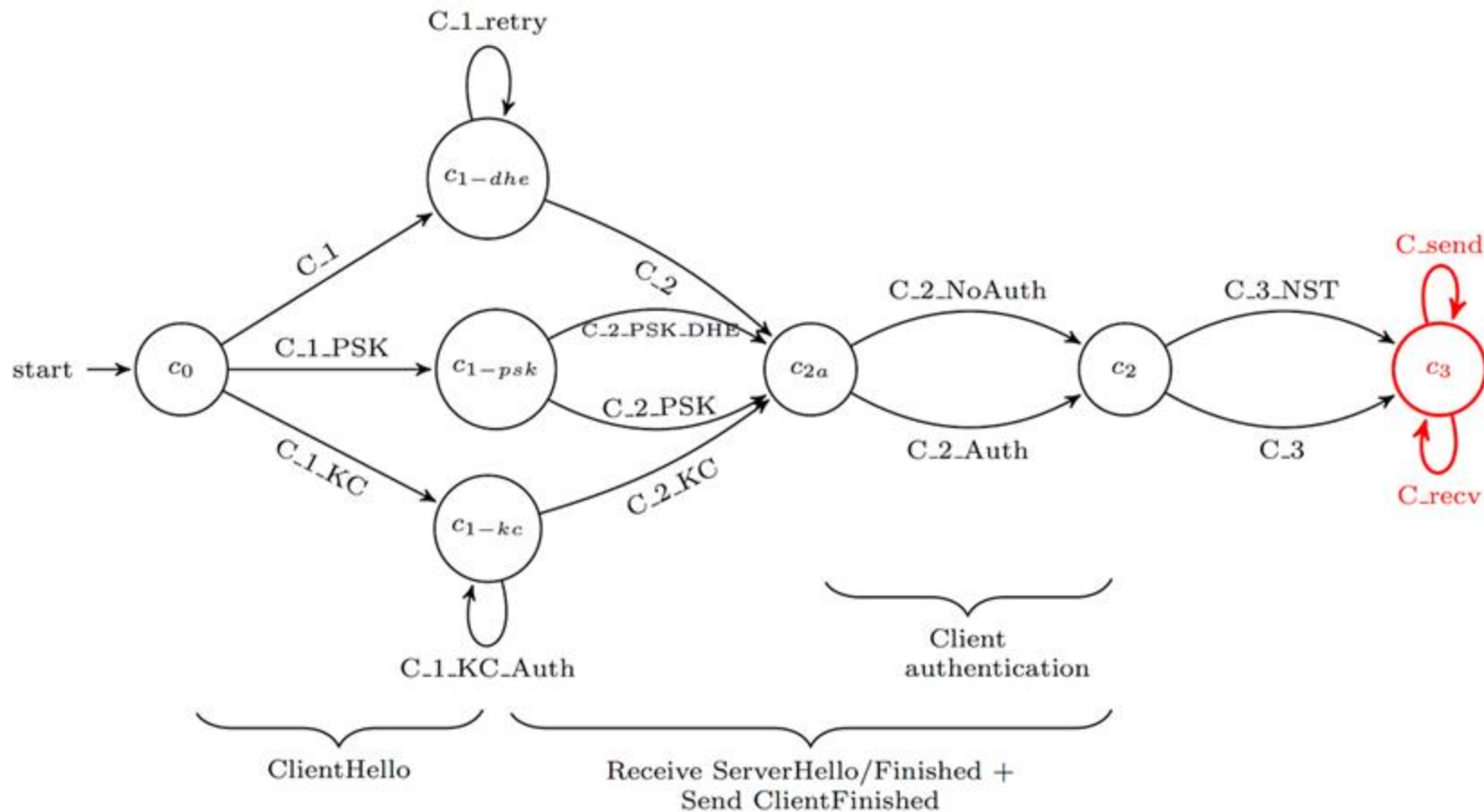


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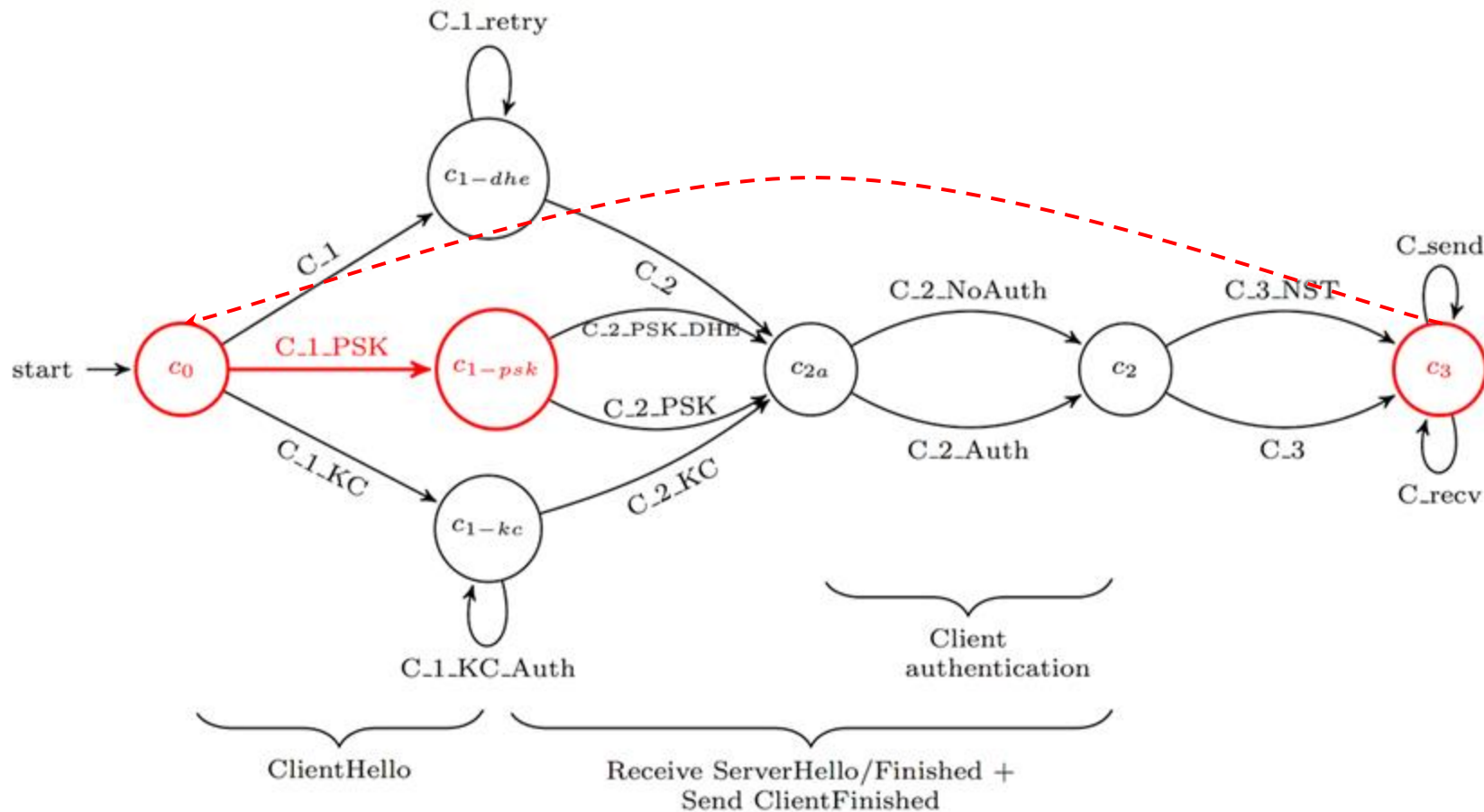


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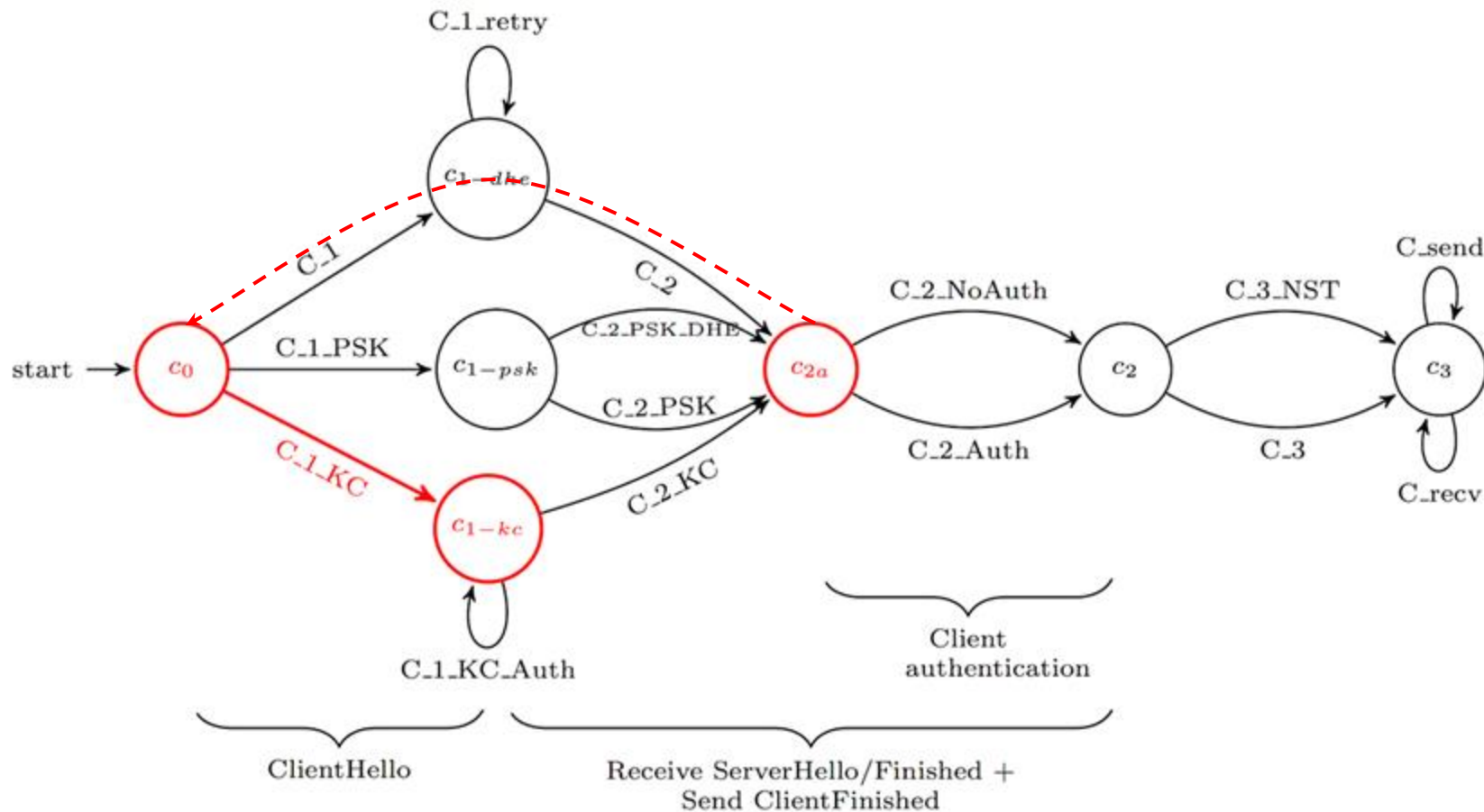


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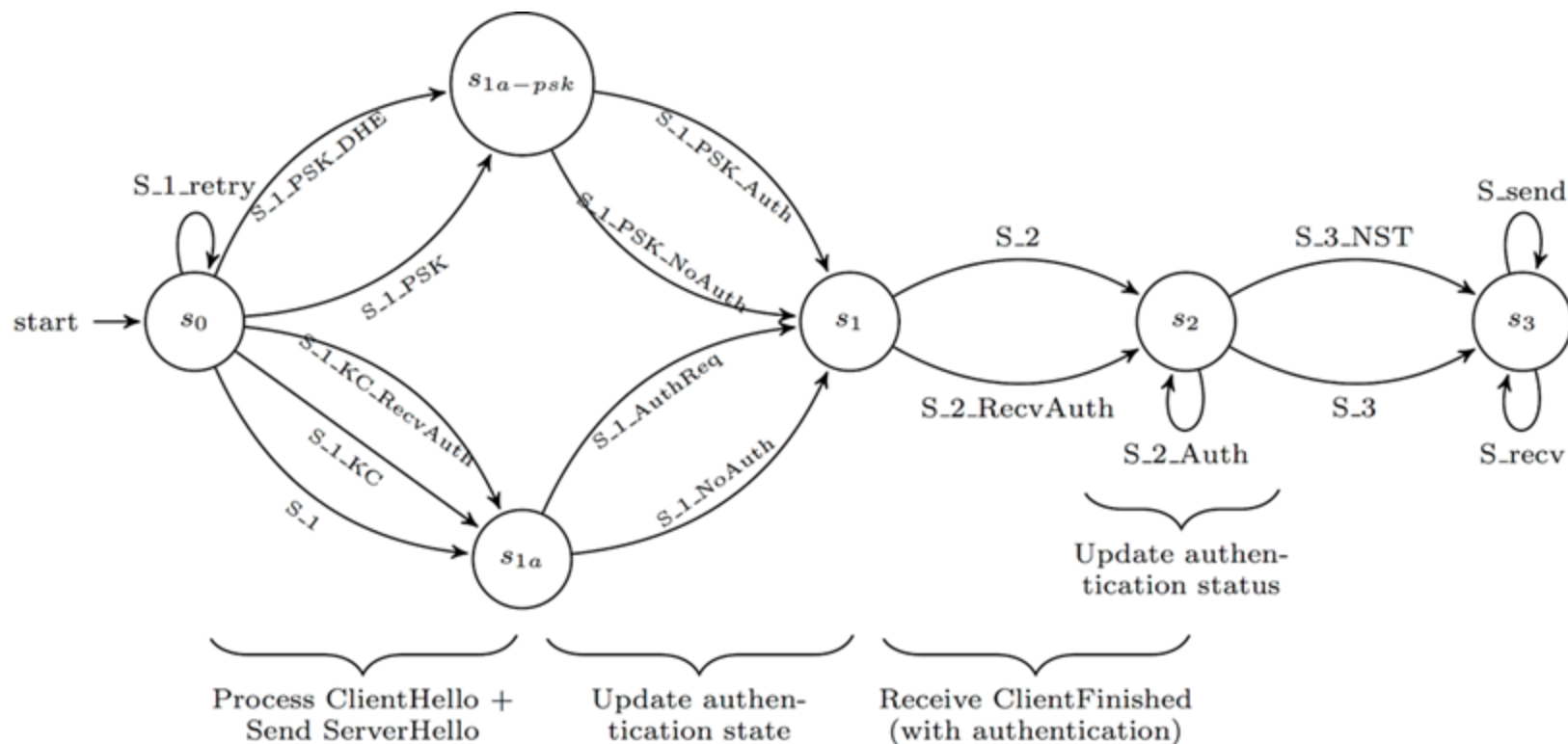


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## Step 1: Adversarial Capabilities

- In addition to what Tamarin includes, we need to capture additional adversarial capabilities - for meaningful security notions

```
/*  
  Reveal Ltk  
  -----  
  
  The adversarial capability to reveal long-term keys of parties.  
  
  Premises:  
    !Ltk($A, ~ltkA) - the long-term key to compromise  
  
  Actions:  
    RevLtk($A) - adversary has revealed the key of $A.  
  
  Conclusions:  
    Out(~ltkA) - provides the adversary with the long-term key  
*/  
rule Reveal_Ltk:  
  [ !Ltk($A, ~ltkA) ] --[ RevLtk($A) ]-> [ Out(~ltkA) ]
```



## Step 2: Encoding Properties

Security Property	Source
Unilateral authentication (server)	D.1.1
Mutual authentication	D.1.1
Confidentiality of ephemeral secret	D.1.1
Confidentiality of static secret	D.1.1
} Confidentiality of session keys	
Perfect forward secrecy	D.1.1.1
Integrity of handshake messages	D.1.3





## Step 2: Encoding Properties

```
secret_session_keys:
  (1) All actor peer role k #i.
  (2) SessionKey(actor, peer, role, <k, authenticated>)@i
  (3) & not ((Ex #r. RevLtk(peer)@r & #r < #i)
            | (Ex #r. RevLtk(actor@r & #r < #i))
  (1) ==> not Ex #j. K(k)@j
```



## Step 2: Encoding Properties

```
secret_session_keys:
  (1) All actor peer role k #i.
  (2) SessionKey(actor, peer, role, <k, authenticated>@i
  (3) & not ((Ex #r. RevLtk(peer)@r & #r < #i)
          | (Ex #r. RevLtk(actor@r & #r < #i))
  (1) ==> not Ex #j. K(k)@j
```

This says...

- for all possible variables on the first line (1),
- if the key  $k$  is accepted at time point  $i$  (2), and
- the adversary has not revealed the long-term keys of the actor or the peer before the key is accepted (3),
- then the adversary cannot derive the key (4).



## Step 2: Encoding Properties

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            | (Ex #r. RevLtk(actor@r & #r < #i))  
  (1) ==> not Ex #j. K(k)@j
```

Aim to show that this holds in possible combinations of client, server and adversary behaviours!



## Step 2: Encoding Properties

Constructed Tamarin encodings for all of the main properties:

Security Property	
Unilateral authentication (server)	entity_authentication mutual_entity_authentication
Mutual authentication	
Confidentiality of ephemeral secret	secret_early_data_keys secret_session_keys (with PFS)
Confidentiality of static secret	
Perfect forward secrecy	
Integrity of handshake messages	transcript_agreement mutual_transcript_agreement



## Step 3: Producing Proofs

- Let's simplify our `secret_session_keys` encoding:

`session_key_established`  $\wedge$   $\neg$  `adversary_performs_reveals`  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\neg$  `adversary_knows_key`

`session_key_established`  $\wedge$   $\neg$  `adversary_performs_reveals`  $\wedge$   
`adversary_knows_key`

- Tamarin looks for a protocol execution that contains `session_key_established` and `adversary_knows_key` but that does not

use `adversary_performs_reveals`  
 $\{ \} = \text{property holds!}$

$\{ \text{counterexample} \} = \text{attack!}$





## Step 3: Producing Proofs

- Tamarin translates the encoding into a constraint system - refines knowledge until it can determine that the encoding holds in all cases, or that a counterexample exists
- Tamarin uses a set of heuristics to determine what to do next
- 'Autoprove' or 'Interactive'
- Let's get interactive...

## Proof scripts

```

lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
  "∀ actor peer role k #i.
    ((SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k,
'authenticated'>
      ) @ #i) ∧
      (¬(∃ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ∧ (#r < #i)))
  ∧
    (∃ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ∧ (#r <
#i)))) ⇒
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
  simplify
  by sorry

```

```

lemma secret_early_data_keys:
  all-traces
  "∀ actor peer k #i.
    ((EarlyDataKey( actor, peer, 'client', k ) @
#i) ∧
    (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
  simplify
  by sorry

```

```

lemma entity_authentication [reuse]:
  all-traces
  "∀ actor peer nonces #i.
    ((CommitNonces( actor, peer, 'client', nonces
) @ #i) ∧
    (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    (∃ #j peer2.
      (RunningNonces( peer, peer2, 'server',
nonces ) @ #j) ∧
      (#j < #i))"
  simplify
  by sorry

```

```

lemma transcript_agreement [reuse]:

```

## Visualization display

**Applicable Proof Methods:** Goals sorted according to the 'smart' heuristic (loop breakers delayed)

1. **solve**( SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k, 'authenticated'> ) @ #i ) // nr. 0

- autoprove** (A. for all solutions)
- autoprove** (B. for all solutions) with proof-depth bound 5

## Constraint system



last: none

## formulas:

∀ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ⇒ ¬(#r < #i)

∀ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ⇒ ¬(#r < #i)

## equations:

subst:

conj:

## lemmas:

∀ A x y #i #j.  
 (GenLtk( A, x ) @ #i) ∧ (GenLtk( A, y ) @ #j) ⇒ #i = #j

∀ actor actor2 psk\_id psk\_id2 peer peer2 rs auth\_status  
 auth\_status2 #i #j.  
 (UsePSK( actor, psk\_id, peer, rs, 'client', auth\_status  
 ) @ #i) ∧

## Proof scripts

```

lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
  "v actor peer role k #i.
    ((SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k,
'authenticated'>
      ) @ #i) ^
      (¬(∃ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ^ (#r < #i)))
  v
    (∃ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ^ (#r <
#i)))) ⇒
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
  simplify
  by sorry

lemma secret_early_data_keys:
  all-traces
  "v actor peer k #i.
    ((EarlyDataKey( actor, peer, 'client', k ) @
#i) ^
    (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
  simplify
  by sorry

lemma entity_authentication [reuse]:
  all-traces
  "v actor peer nonces #i.
    ((CommitNonces( actor, peer, 'client', nonces
) @ #i) ^
    (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    (∃ #j peer2.
      (RunningNonces( peer, peer2, 'server',
nonces ) @ #j) ^
      (#j < #i))"
  simplify
  by sorry

lemma transcript_agreement [reuse]:

```

encoding

## Visualization display

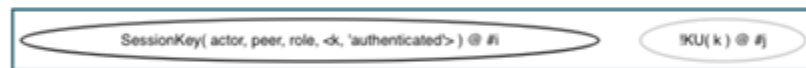
**Applicable Proof Methods:** Goals sorted according to the 'smart' heuristic (loop breakers delayed)

1. `solve( SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k, 'authenticated'> ) @ #i ) // nr. 0`

← proof approaches

- a. `autoprove` (A. for all solutions)
- b. `autoprove` (B. for all solutions) with proof-depth bound 5

## Constraint system



last: none

## formulas:

$$\forall \#r. (\text{RevLtk}(\text{actor}) @ \#r) \Rightarrow \neg(\#r < \#i)$$

$$\forall \#r. (\text{RevLtk}(\text{peer}) @ \#r) \Rightarrow \neg(\#r < \#i)$$

## equations:

subst:

conj:

## lemmas:

$$\forall A \ x \ y \ \#i \ \#j. \\ (\text{GenLtk}(A, x) @ \#i) \wedge (\text{GenLtk}(A, y) @ \#j) \Rightarrow \#i = \#j$$

$$\forall \text{actor} \ \text{actor2} \ \text{psk\_id} \ \text{psk\_id2} \ \text{peer} \ \text{peer2} \ \text{rs} \ \text{auth\_status} \\ \text{auth\_status2} \ \#i \ \#j. \\ (\text{UsePSK}(\text{actor}, \text{psk\_id}, \text{peer}, \text{rs}, \text{'client'}, \text{auth\_status}) @ \#i) \wedge$$

← constraint system



## Proof scripts

```

lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
    "v actor peer role k #i.
      ((SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k,
'authenticated')
      ) @ #i) ^
      (¬((∃ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ^ (#r < #i)))
v
      (∃ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ^ (#r <
#i)))) ⇒
      (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
simplify
solve( SessionKey( actor, peer, role,
      <k, 'authenticated')
      ) @ #i )
  case C_2_Auth_case_1
  by sorry
next
  case C_2_Auth_case_2
  by sorry
next
  case C_2_NoAuth_case_1
  by sorry
next
  case C_2_NoAuth_case_2
  by sorry
next
  case S_2_Auth_case_1
  by sorry
next
  case S_2_Auth_case_2
  by sorry
next
  case S_2_case_1
  by sorry
next
  case S_2_case_2
  by sorry
qed

```

## Visualization display

**Applicable Proof Methods:** Goals sorted according to the 'smart' heuristic (loop breakers delayed)

1. solve( F\_St\_C\_2a\_init( ~nc, \$C, ~nc, \$pc, \$S, ~ns, \$ps, ss, es, prev\_messages, config\_hash, 'no\_auth' ) ▶<sub>0</sub> #i ) // nr. 3 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
2. solve( ILtk( \$C, ~ltkC ) ▶<sub>1</sub> #i ) // nr. 4 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
3. solve( Start( ~nc, \$C, 'client' ) @ #j ) // nr. 8
4. solve( !KU( HKDFExpand1( < HKDF( < HKDF( <'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256' >), HKDF( <'0', es, 'extractedES', '256' >), 'master\_secret', '256' >), 'application\_data\_key\_expansion', h(h( <<prev\_messages, pk(~ltkC)>, sign( <<prev\_messages, pk(~ltkC)>, 'client\_cert\_verify' >, ~ltkC >)), '256' >) ) @ #j.1 ) // nr. 5

- a. **autoprove** (A. for all solutions)
- b. **autoprove** (B. for all solutions) with proof-depth bound 5

## Constraint system

```
Start( -nc, $C, 'client' ) @ #)
```

$$BCU(sa) \otimes R$$
$$IKU(es) \otimes \#s$$

```

IKU( HKDFExpand(
  HKDF( <0, ss, 'extractedSS', 256> ),
  HKDF( <0, es, 'extractedES', 256> ), 'master_secret', 256> ),
  'application_data_key_expansion',
  h(h<<prev_messages, pk<->ikC)>,
  sign(<<prev_messages, pk<->ikC)>, 'client_cert_verify', <->ikC
  >)),
  256> )
) @ #,1

```

```
F_St_C_2a_init [-nc, $C, -nc, $pc, $S, -ns, $ps, ss, es, prev_messages,  
               config_hash, 'no_auth']
```

$$E_{\text{LH}}(SC, -RAC)$$

```

1: C.2 Auth(C2, Auth(-nc, 'SC', 'client'),
Instance(-nc, 'SC', 'client'),
Use(hk($C, -hkC)),
SignData($C, <<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>, 'client_cert_verify'>),
RunningSecrets($C, $$, 'client', <ss, es>),
RunningTranscript($C, $$, 'client',
    <<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>,
    sign(<<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>, 'client_cert_verify'>, -hkC)>
),
CommitTranscript($C, $$, 'client', prev_messages),
SessionKey($C, $$, 'client',
    <
        HKDFExpand1(<
            HKDF(<HKDF(<'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256'>), HKDF(<'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>),
            'master_secret', '256'>),
            'application_data_key_expansion',
            h/h(<<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>,
                sign(<<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>, 'client_cert_verify'>, -hkC)>)),
            '256'>),
            'authenticated'>
        )
    ),
SessionKey($C, $$, 'client',
    <
        HKDFExpand2(<
            HKDF(<HKDF(<'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256'>), HKDF(<'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>),
            'master_secret', '256'>),
            'application_data_key_expansion',
            h/h(<<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>,
                sign(<<prev_messages, pk(-hkC)>, 'client_cert_verify'>, -hkC)>)),
            '256'>),
            'authenticated'>
        )
    )
)

```

```
F_St_C_2 in(-nc,
$C, -nc, $pc, $S,
-ns, $pc, ss, es,
<prev_messages,
pk(-$kC)>,
sign(<
    prev_messages,
    pk(-$kC)
>,
    client_cert_verify
>,
    -$kC)
>,
config_hash,
'auth_sent'
```

```

Out! <$C,
  sendC(pk->tkC),
  sign(<prev_messages, pk->tkC>, 'client_cert_verify', -tkC),
  hmac(<
    HKDFExpand(<HKDF<'0', es, 'extractedSS', 256>,
      'finished_secret',
      h(h(<prev_messages, pk->tkC>,
        sign(<prev_messages, pk->tkC>, 'client_cert_verify',
          -tkC)
        >)),
      256>),
      'client_finished', <prev_messages, pk->tkC>,
      sign(<prev_messages, pk->tkC>, 'client_cert_verify', -tkC)>))
  >,
  HKDFExpand(<HKDF<'0', es, 'extractedES', 256>,
    'handshake_key_expansion', h(h(<prev_messages>)), 256>))
  >

```

Start( ~nc, \$C, 'client' ) @ #j

IKU( ss ) @ #i

IKU( es ) @ #s

```
IKU( HKDFExpand1(
  HKDF( <'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256'>,
    HKDF( <'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>, master_secret, '256'> ),
    application_data_key_expansion,
    h( <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>,
      sign( <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client_cert_verify'>, ~tkC )> ),
    '256'> ) ) @ #j.1
```

```
F_St_C_2a_init( ~nc, $C, ~nc, $pc, $S, ~ns, $ps, ss, es, prev_messages,
  config_hash, 'no_auth' )
}
# : C_2_Auth( ~nc, ~nc )
Instance( ~nc, $C, 'client' ).
UseLtk( $C, ~tkC ).
SignData( $C, <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client_cert_verify' ).
RunningSecret( $C, $S, 'client', <ss, es> ).
RunningTranscript( $C, $S, 'client',
  <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>,
  sign( <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client_cert_verify'>, ~tkC )> ).
CommTranscript( $C, $S, 'client', prev_messages ).
SessionKey( $C, $S, 'client',
  HKDFExpand1(
    HKDF( <'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256'>, HKDF( <'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>,
      master_secret, '256'> ),
      application_data_key_expansion,
      h( <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>,
        sign( <prev_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client_cert_verify'>, ~tkC )> ),
      '256'> ) ) ) )
```

Visualization display

Applicable Proof Methods: Goals sorted according to the 'smallest' (delayed)

1. solve( F\_St\_C\_2a\_init( ~nc, \$C, ~nc, \$pc, \$S, ~ns, \$ps, ss, es, prev\_messages, config\_hash, 'no\_auth' ) ) // nr. 3 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
2. solve( !Ltk( \$C, ~tkC ) ) // nr. 4 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
3. solve( Start( ~nc, \$C, 'client' ) @ #j ) // nr. 8
4. solve( IKU( HKDFExpand2( <
 HKDF( <'0', ss, 'extractedSS', '256'>,
 HKDF( <'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>,
 master\_secret, '256'> ),
 application\_data\_key\_expansion,
 h( <prev\_messages.pk( ~tkC )>,
 sign( <prev\_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client\_cert\_verify'>, ~tkC )> ),
 '256'> ) ) ) ) )

Solve for this..

Visualization display

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 sign( <prev\_messages.pk( ~tkC )>, 'client\_cert\_verify'>, ~tkC )> ),
 '256'> ) ) ) ) )

## Proof scripts

```

lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
    "v actor peer role k #i.
      ((SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k,
'authenticated'>
          ) @ #i) ^
      (~((∃ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ^ (#r < #i)))
v
      (∃ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ^ (#r <
#i)))) ⇒
      (~(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j))"
simplify
solve( SessionKey( actor, peer, role,
      <k, 'authenticated'>
          ) @ #i )
  case C_2_Auth_case_1
  solve( F_St_C_2a_init( ~nc, $C, ~nc, $pc, $S, ~ns,
$ps, ss, es,
      prev_messages, config_hash,
'no_auth'
          ) @ #i )
  case C_2_KC
  by contradiction /* from formulas */
next
  case C_2_case_1
  by contradiction /* from formulas */
next
  case C_2_case_2
  by contradiction /* from formulas */
qed
next
  case C_2_Auth_case_2
  by sorry
next
  case C_2_NoAuth_case_1
  by sorry
next
  case C_2_NoAuth_case_2
  by sorry

```

## Visualization display

**Applicable Proof Methods:** Goals sorted according to the 'smart' heuristic (loop breakers delayed)

1. solve( F\_St\_C\_2a\_init( ~nc, \$C, ~nc, \$pc, \$S, ~ns, \$ps, ss, es, prev\_messages, config\_hash, 'no\_auth' ) @ #i ) // nr. 3 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
2. solve( !Ltk( \$C, ~ltkC ) @ #i ) // nr. 4 (from rule C\_2\_Auth)
3. solve( Start( ~nc, \$C, 'client' ) @ #j ) // nr. 8
4. solve( !KU( HKDFExpand2( <
 HKDF( <
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 >,
 HKDF( <'0', es, 'extractedES', '256'>,
 >,
 'master\_secret', '256'>),
 'application\_data\_key\_expansion',
 h(h( <<prev\_messages, pk(~ltkC)>,
 sign( <<prev\_messages, pk(~ltkC)>,
 'client\_cert\_verify'>,
 ~ltkC )
 >)),
 '256'> )
 ) @ #j.1 ) // nr. 5

- a. **autoprove** (A. for all solutions)
- b. **autoprove** (B. for all solutions) with proof-depth bound 5

## Constraint system

### Visualization display

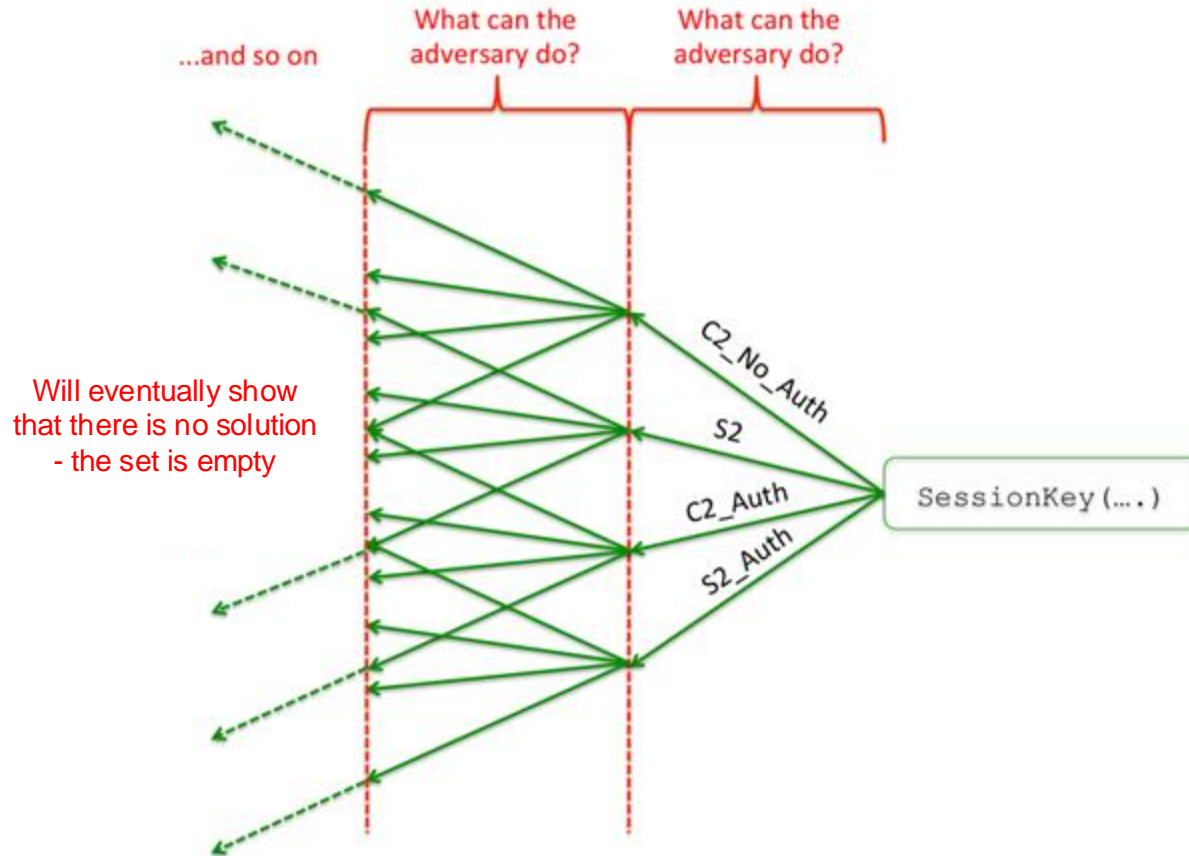
```

v actor actor2 psk_id psk_id2 peer peer2 rs auth_status
auth_status2 #i #j.
(UsePSK( actor, psk_id, peer, rs, 'client', auth_status
) @ #i) ^
(UsePSK( actor2, psk_id2, peer2, rs, 'server', auth_status2
) @ #i)

```



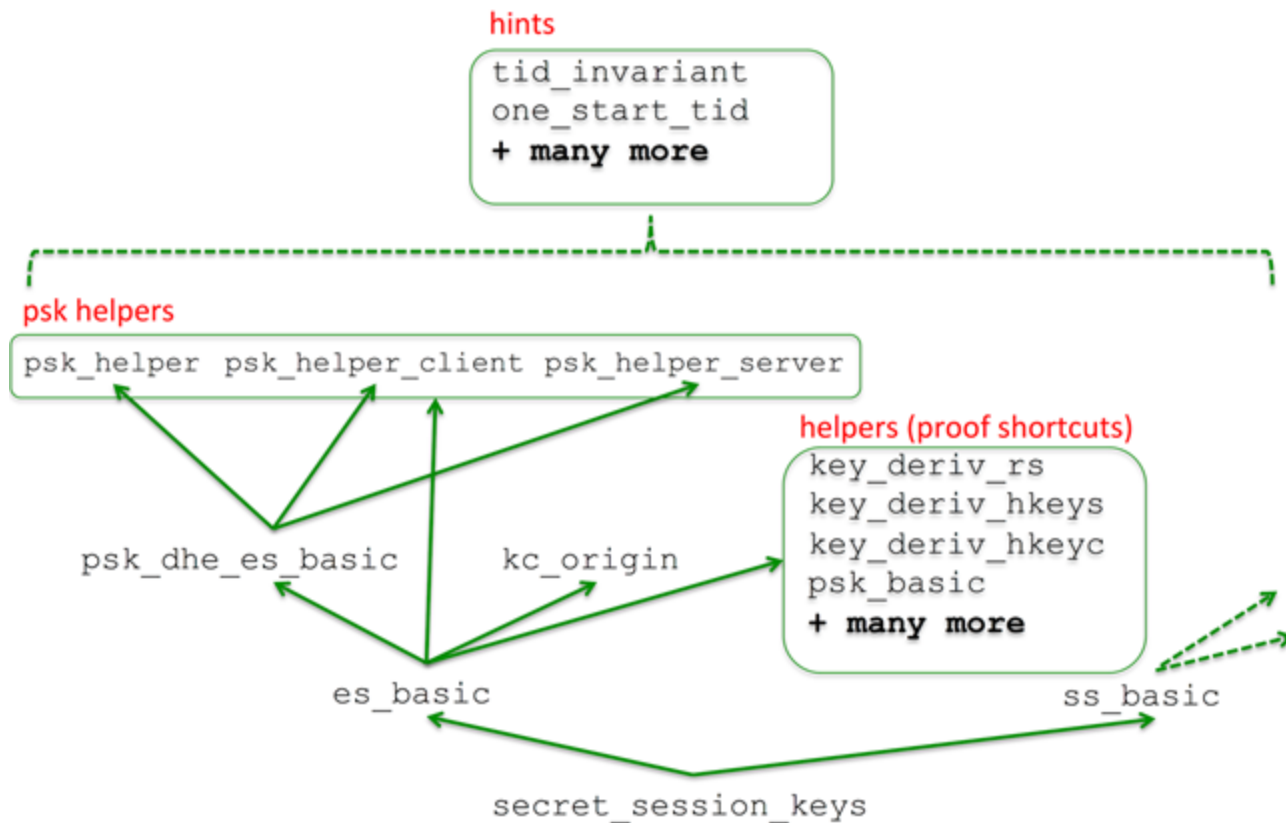
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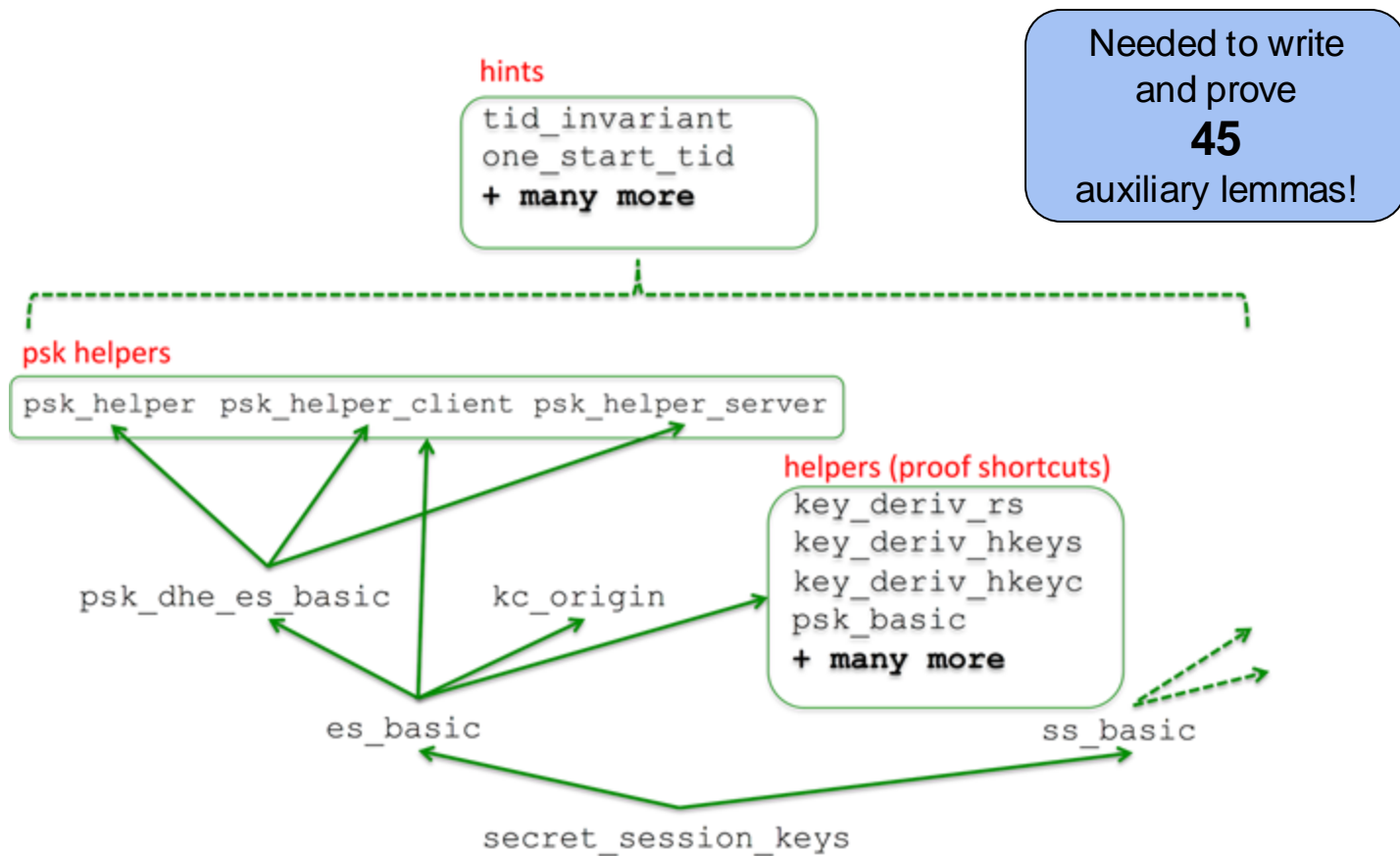


## Step 3: Producing Proofs





## Step 3: Producing Proofs







## Step 3: Producing Proofs

```
lemma secret_session_keys:  
  all-traces  
  "∀ actor peer role k #i.  
    ((SessionKey( actor, peer, role, <k,  
    'authenticated'>  
      ) @ #i) ∧  
    (¬((∃ #r. (RevLtk( peer ) @ #r) ∧ (#r < #i))  
  ∨  
    (∃ #r. (RevLtk( actor ) @ #r) ∧ (#r <  
#i)))))) ⇒  
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j)))"
```



## Step 3: Producing Proofs

```
lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
  "∀ lemma entity_authentication [reuse]: + mutual
    all-traces
    'auth "∀ actor peer nonces #i.
      ((CommitNonces( actor, peer, 'client', nonces
    v ) @ #i) ∧
      (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    #i))) (∃ #j peer2.
      (RunningNonces( peer, peer2, 'server',
    nonces ) @ #j) ∧
      (#j < #i)))"
```



## Step 3: Producing Proofs

```

lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
  "∀ lemma entity_authentication [reuse]:
    all-traces
    'auth "∀ lemma transcript_agreement [reuse]: + mutual
      all-traces
      ) @ # "∀ actor peer transcript #i.
      ((CommitTranscript( actor, peer, 'client',
      transcript
      #i)))
      ) @ #i) ∧
      (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
      nonce: (∃ #j peer2.
      (RunningTranscript( peer, peer2, 'server',
      transcript
      ) @ #j) ∧
      (#j < #i))"
  
```



## Step 3: Producing Proofs

```
lemma secret_session_keys:
  all-traces
  "∀ lemma entity_authentication [reuse]:
    all-traces
    'auth "∀ lemma transcript_agreement [reuse]:
      all-traces
      ) @ # "∀ actor peer transcript #i.
        ((CommitTranscript( actor, peer, 'client',
        transcript
        #i)))
        ) @ #i) ∧
  nonce: lemma secret_early_data_keys:
    all-traces
    "∀ actor peer k #i.
  transc ((EarlyDataKey( actor, peer, 'client', k ) @
    #i) ∧
    (¬(∃ #r. RevLtk( peer ) @ #r))) ⇒
    (¬(∃ #j. !KU( k ) @ #j)))"
```



# **Draft 10 + next mechanism**



# Finding An Attack

- You've seen the message flows of the attack
- BUT how did we find it?!

**2x ECDH Handshake**

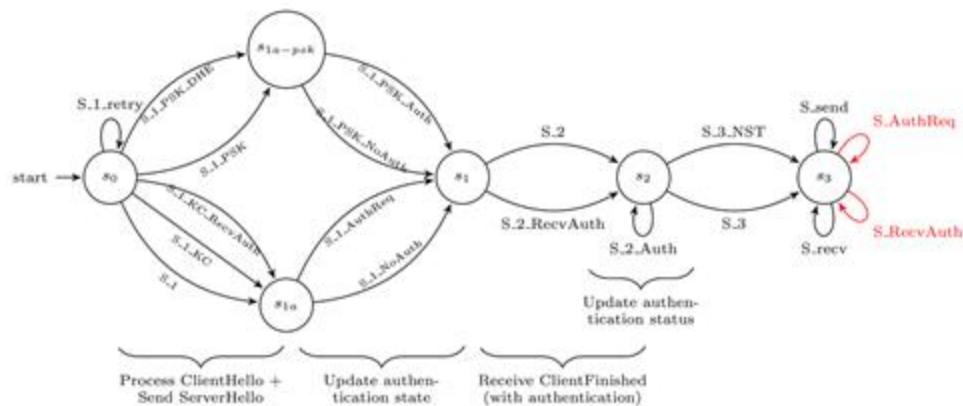
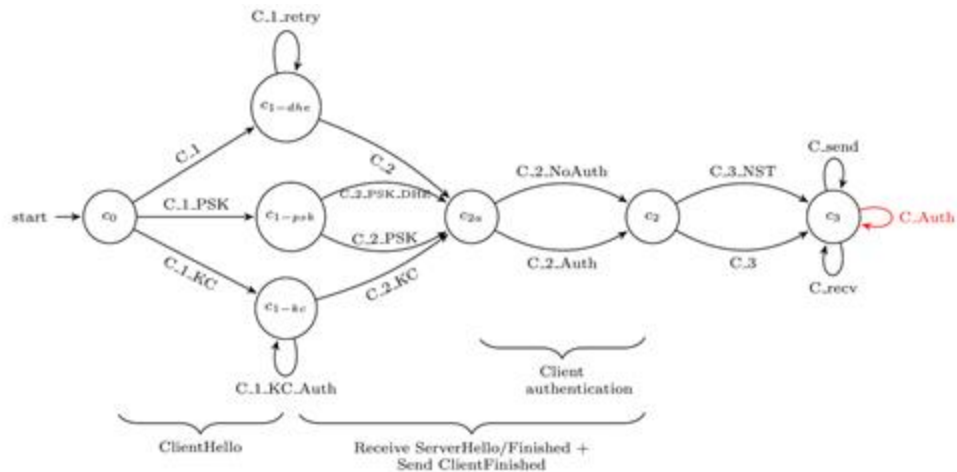
**2x PSK [-DHE]**

**2x Post-handshake  
Client authentication**

**Attack!**

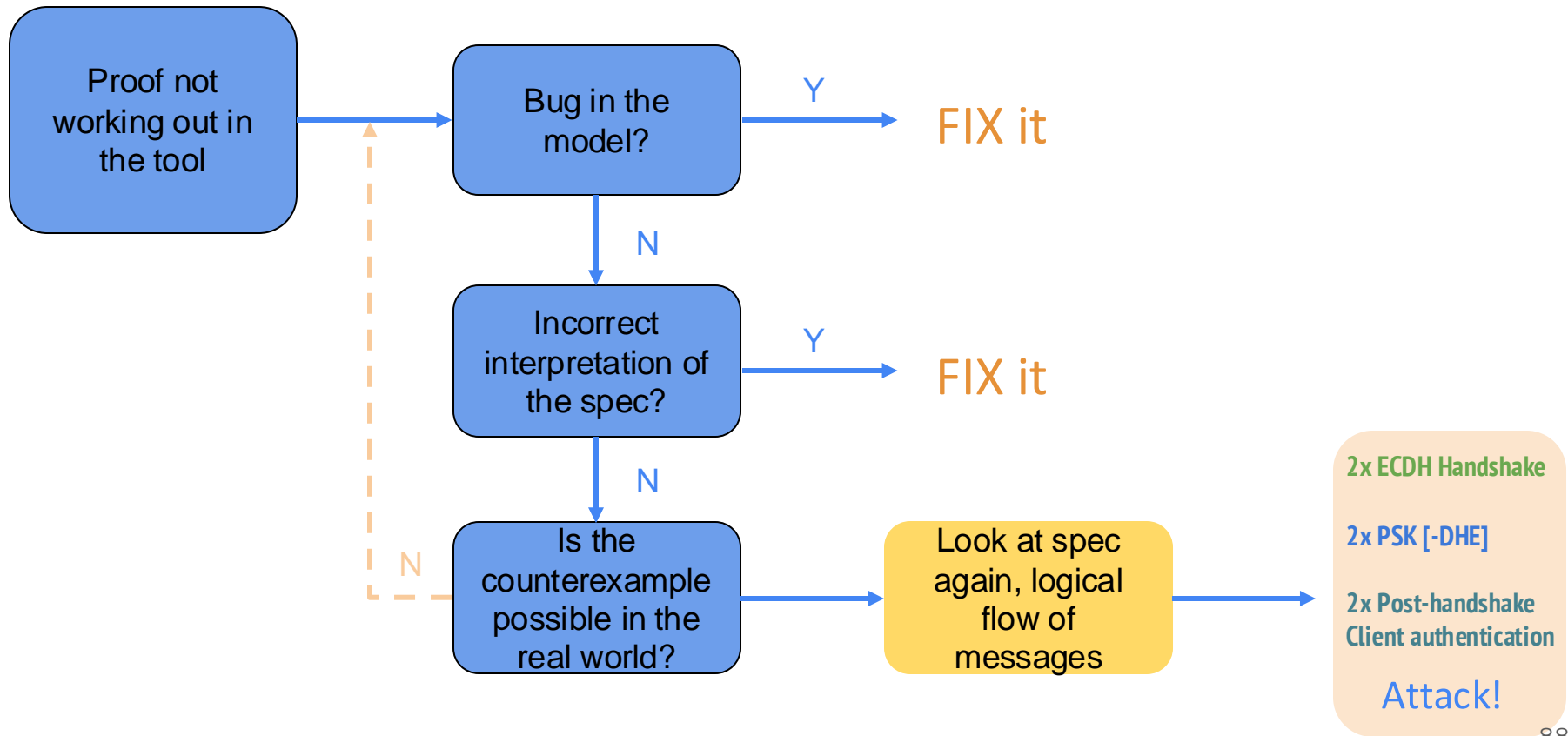


# Finding An Attack





# Finding An Attack







# Draft 21



## Step 1: Building the Model

- TLS 1.3 has been a rapidly moving target
- Draft 21 - a completely new protocol!
- We modelled draft 21 in a far more granular fashion than draft 18
  - higher transparency - good for us, also good for everyone else!

# TLS 1.3 Protocol Overview

---snip---

TLS supports three basic key exchange modes:

- (EC)DHE (Diffie-Hellman both the finite field and elliptic curve varieties),
- PSK-only, and
- PSK with (EC)DHE

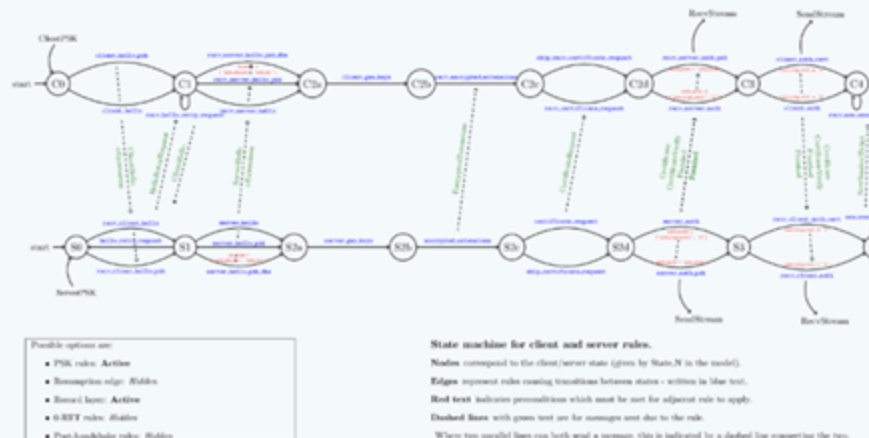
below shows the basic full TLS handshake:



+ Indicates noteworthy extensions sent in the previously noted message.

## Tamarin model

We model the different phases, options and message flights through a series of rule invocations. The basic full handshake is captured by this state machine diagram:

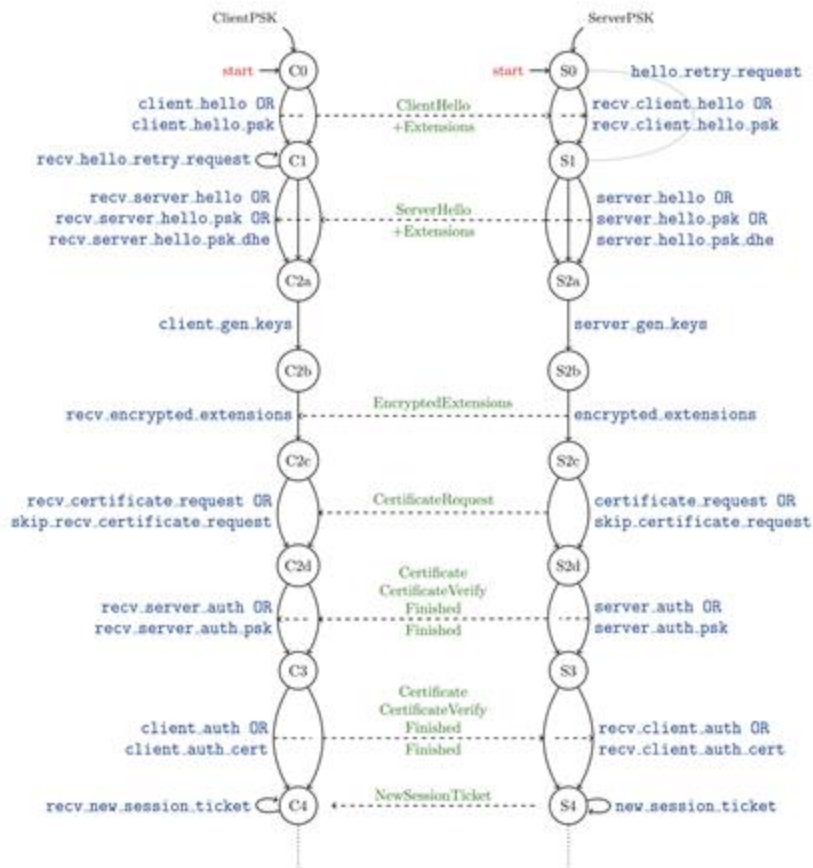


For example, we see that a PSK-only handshake is captured through the invocation of the rules `client_hello` → `recv_client_hello_psk` → `server_hello_psk` → ... for the PSK-DHE handshake, the rule `server_hello_psk_dhe` would be used instead.

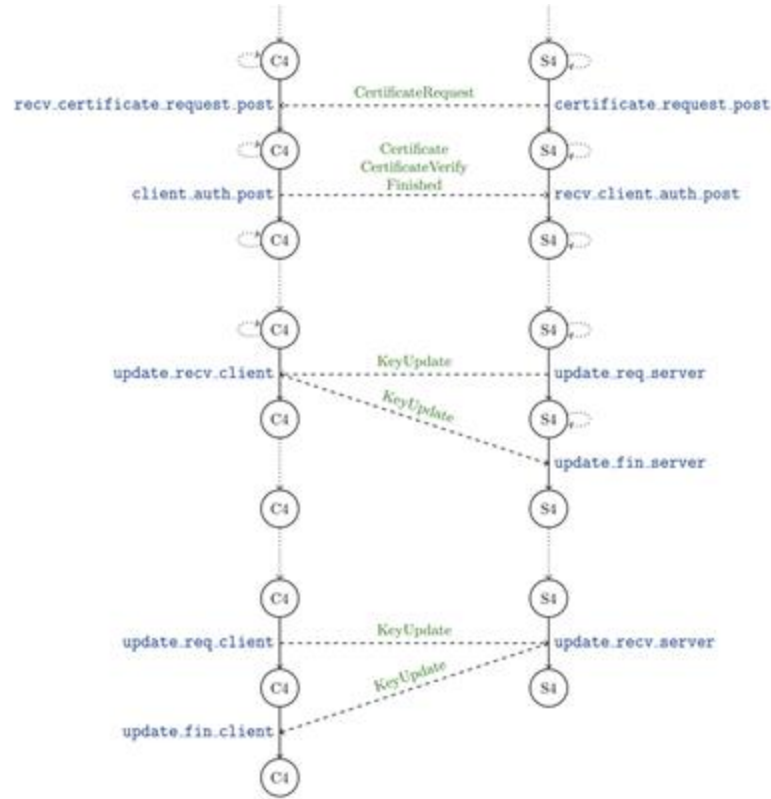
We associate with each handshake message (i.e. not necessarily each flight) a distinct rule, to help separate concerns.



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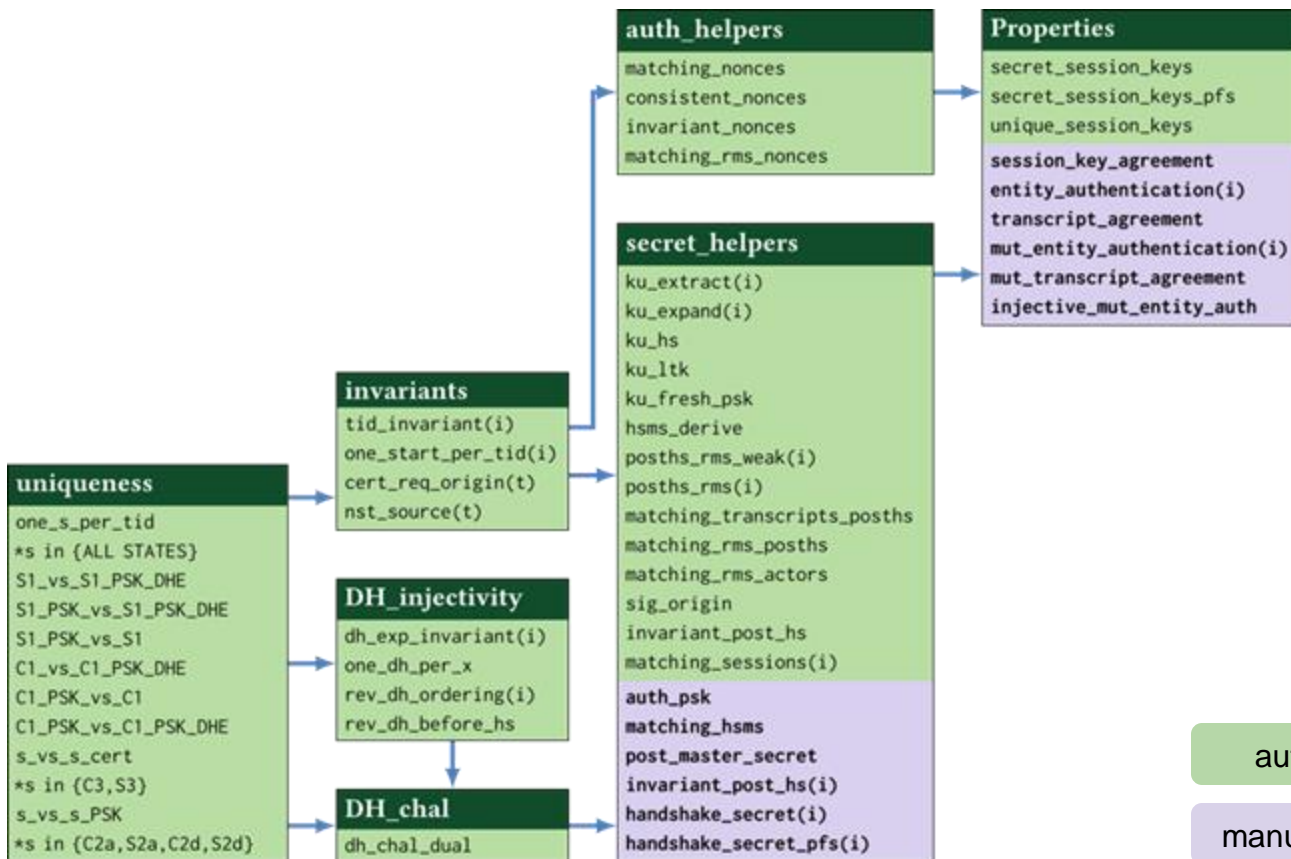


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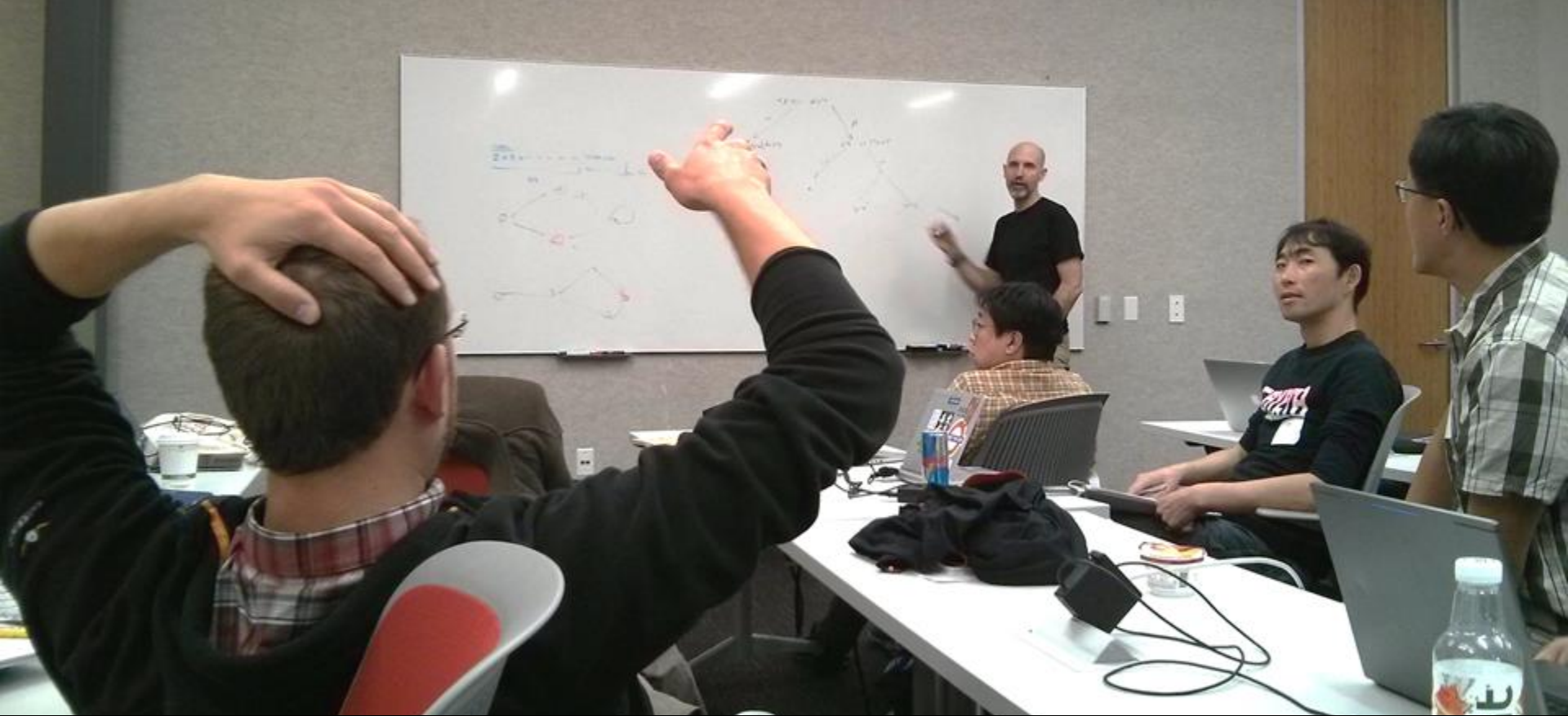


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*By now, this could really need an update with new Tamarin techniques!*



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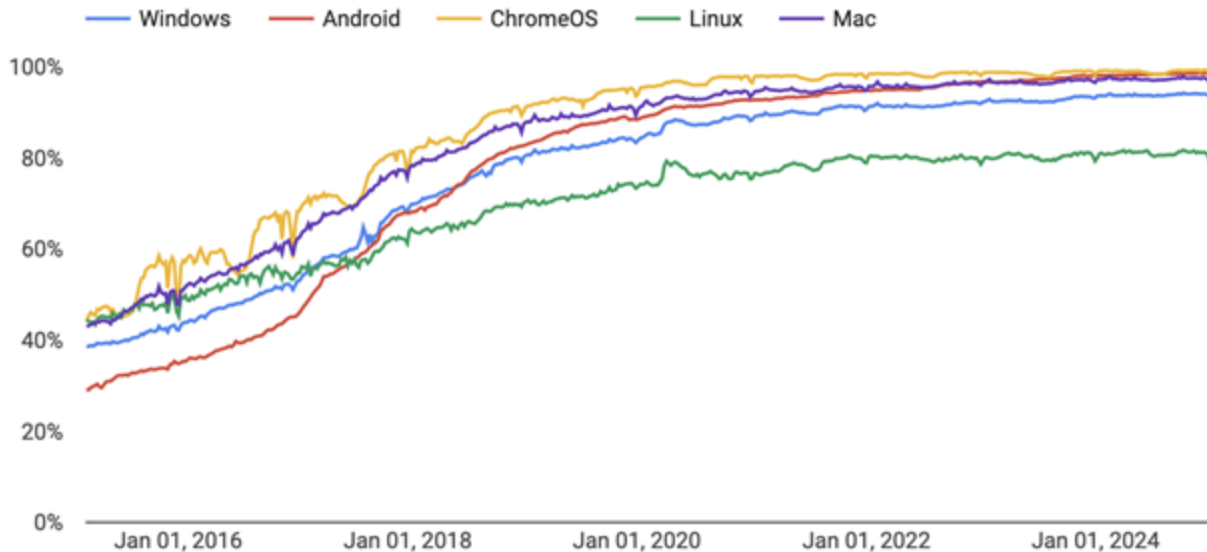
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# HTTP vs HTTPS over time (2016–2024)

Percentage of pages loaded over HTTPS in Chrome by platform



Source: Google Transparency Report ( <https://transparencyreport.google.com/https/overview> )



# The future

- Then:
  - IETF members were unsure if formal methods could yield benefits
  - TLS analysis was a substantial breakthrough for formal protocol analysis at the time
  - Caught critical potential flaw in TLS 1.3's development
- Now:
  - IETF now highly appreciates formal analysis, and would like to make it a requirement, but technology isn't there yet.
  - Our Tamarin analysis was done in 2015-2016. In 2024, Tamarin has many more advanced features. Open questions:
    - Could we re-do TLS 1.3 in a much nicer model?
    - Could we get to a point where proof is much more automated, and if we adapt it, to check?
    - (we didn't have time for this now)



# Next lecture

The future of automated protocol analysis?

- Relation to cryptography
  - More detailed models of cryptographic primitives?
- Scaling analysis to larger systems



# Reading material

**Recommended reading:** [Bas+24, Ch. 19 & Ch. 16, Pat+]

If you are interested in our scientific papers related to TLS 1.3:

<https://tls13tamarin.github.io/TLS13Tamarin/>

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