

## TLS Handshake Protocol

**up to TLSv1.2!!!**  
**TLSv1.3 differs, more later**

# Handshake: when

## → Initial negotiation and exchange of parameters

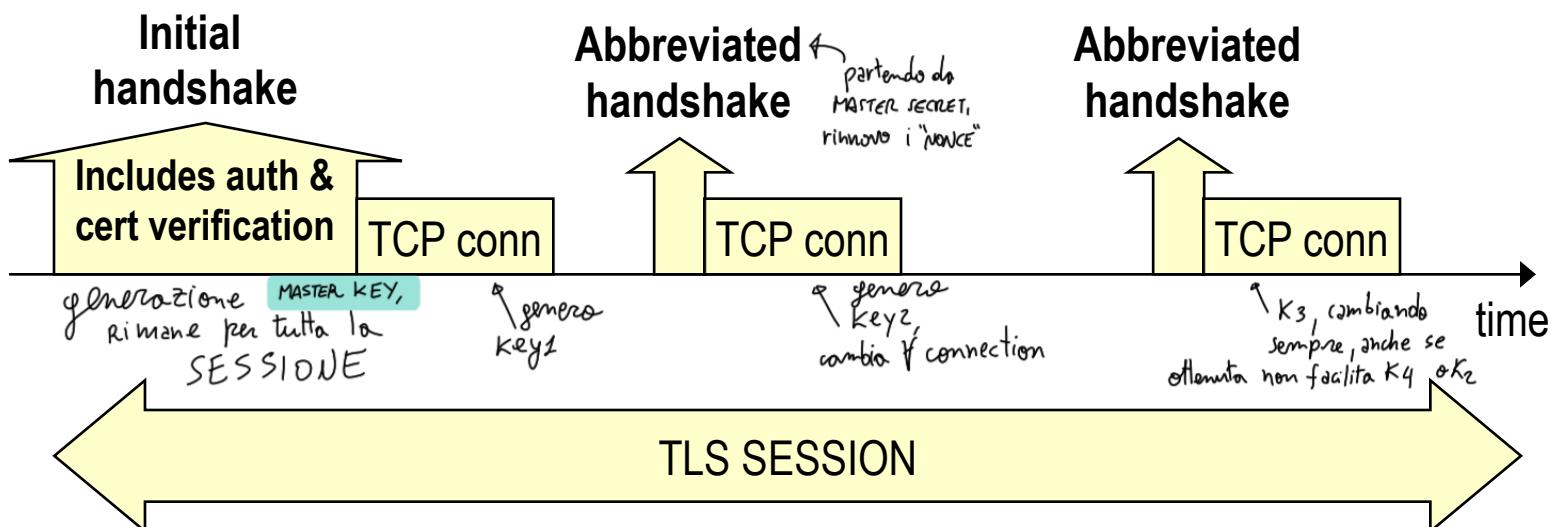
- (attaccabile) ↗ ➔ agree on algorithms
- ⇒ (mutually) authenticate ( o single-side, dipende)
- ⇒ exchange random values (nonces)
- ⇒ Exchange secrets or information to compute secrets
- Importante dividere algoritmo da protocollo !  
non deve avere sig. hardcoded

## → session resumption

- ⇒ Re-keying ("refresh" secrets)

→ vorrei condividere segreti per instaurare connessioni sepele, cioè introduce PUBLIC KEY

NB: telefoni hanno public key solo dal 5g, con chiave nella SIM.



# Handshake: goals

## → Secure negotiation of shared secrets

→ Via Asymmetric cryptography

⇒ Never transmitted in clear text;

⇒ derived from crypto parameters exchanged

## → Optional authentication

⇒ for both client and/or server

→ in practice always required for server

⇒ Robust to MITM attacks

## → Reliable Negotiation:

(Potei negoziare un qualcosa  
di broken)

⇒ Attacker cannot tamper communication and affect/alter the negotiation outcome without being detected by the involved C&S parties

→ Fundamental: negotiation amenable to downgrade attacks!!

↳ vedremo un trick essenziale per  
non avere problemi

- decidere asymmetric encrypt  
(tanti meccanismi, tante varianti)
- quale simmetric encryption?  
(fino a TLS 1.2 dove sceglievo  
separati "encrypt" e "mac")
- quale HMAC integrity algorithm?  
(cioè quale hash in HMAC?)

esempio Wireshark:

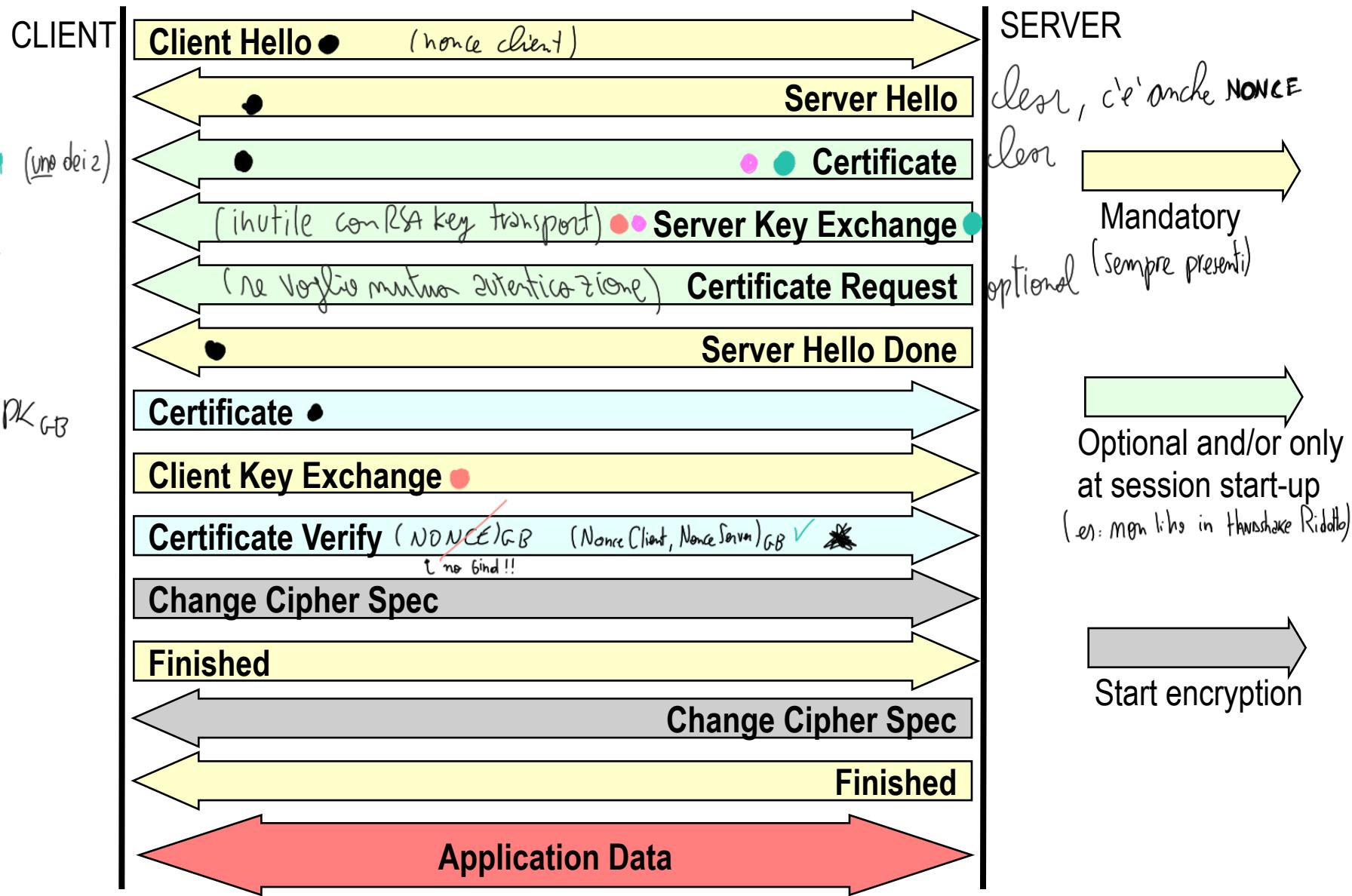
TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_CBC\_SHA

asimmetrico  
(handshake)

simmetrico

hash function HMAC

# Handshake Messages



invece di estrarre SOLO il nonce,  
 prendo tutto e lo ripeto, stavolta  
 integrity protected msg, così ho  
 authentication e downgrade protection!

Ancora meglio log (ClientHello, ServerHello, ..., Client Key Exchange) e mando  
 come Certificate Verify, proteggo la sessione (ordine msg ok!) e mando solo il tag.

Il server, per via TCP, vede tutta la sessione e ricompila tutto il LOG, confrontandolo.

Certificate Verify prova chi è chi, ma protegge contro downgrade ed altro! (NEGOZIAZIONE PROTETTA)  
 PROBLEMA: molti msg opzionali!!

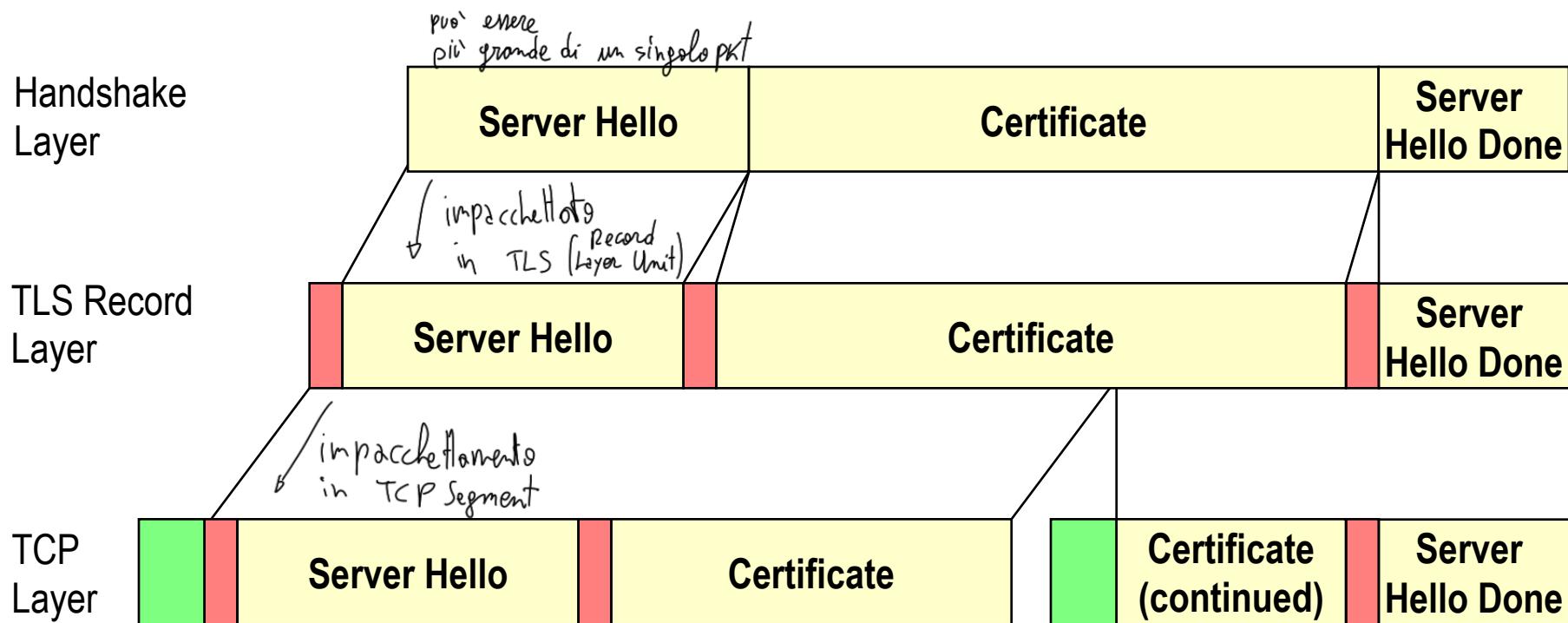
RSA non obbligato proteggere fino a Client Key Exchange

in Finished-client faccio  $H(\text{Log fino Change Cipher Spec lato client})$ , proteggo ciò che ho negoziato  
 in Finished-server faccio  $H_{\text{MAC}} \& \text{AES-ECB}$  (fino "finished" lato server)

se rigassi posso  
→ ricambio dati

DIMOSTRA che TLS with encryption only IS broken! (no encryption)  
 Posso creare msg che rompe handshake?

# TCP segmentation (example)



- Simplified example: server responds to client hello with certificate only
- Arbitrary correspondence between TLS Records and TCP segments (TLS records fragmented into TCP segments)
  - ⇒ Obvious! Do you remember TCP? ☺

# Handshake message format

→ **Incapsulated in TLS Record**

→ **Handshake types:**

- hello\_request(0), client\_hello(1), server\_hello(2),
- certificate(11), server\_key\_exchange (12),
- certificate\_request(13), server\_hello\_done(14),
- certificate\_verify(15), client\_key\_exchange(16),
- finished(20)

• Non avendo ancora la chiave, non ho ancora protezione.

Server/Client Hello?  
Certificate? ognuno lo calcola come vuole

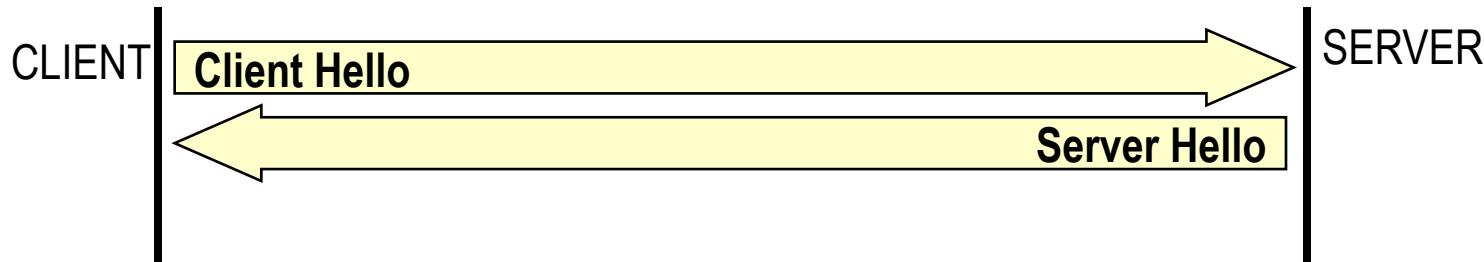
Handshake type	Length of remaining message 3 bytes	Depends on handshake msg
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Protocol:  
Handshake

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Content type=0x16	Major version	Minor version	Length of fragment 2 bytes	payload
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# Handshake phase 1



## → General goal:

⇒ Create TLS/SSL connection between client and server

## → Detailed goals

⇒ Agree on TLS/SSL version

⇒ Define session ID

⇒ Exchange nonces

    → timestamp + random values used to, e.g., generate keys

⇒ Agree on cipher algorithms *(ho una lista di cipher, dal minimo al max, se volessi uno non presente ⇒ non mi connetto)*

⇒ Agree on compression algorithm

non si tratta di una  
semplice "introduzione", bensì  
di una negoziazione di parametri.

# Client Hello

- First message, sent in plain text
- Incapsulated in 5 bytes TLS Record
- Content:

- ⇒ Handshake Type (1 byte), Length (3 bytes), Version (2 bytes)
  - Type 01 for Client Hello
  - Version: 0300 for SSLv3, 0301 for TLS
- ⇒ 32 bytes Random (4 bytes Timestamp + 28 bytes random)
  - First 4 bytes in standard UNIX 32-bit format
    - » Seconds since the midnight starting Jan 1, 1970, GMT
- ⇒ (Session ID length, session ID)
  - 1+32 bytes – either empty or previous session ID
    - » Previous session ID = resumed session state
- ⇒ (Cipher Suites length, Cipher suites)
  - 2+Nx2 bytes, in order of client preference
- ⇒ (Compression length, compression algorithm)
  - 1+1 byte (in all cases, today: compression algo = 00 = null)

# Cipher suites

PUBLIC-KEY  
ALGORITHM      SYMMETRIC  
ALGORITHM      HASH  
ALGORITHM

TLS\_AAAAAAAA\_WITH\_BBBBBBBB\_CCCCCCCC

TLS\_NULL\_WITH\_NULL\_NULL

TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_NULL\_MD5  
TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_NULL\_SHA

TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_RC4\_128\_MD5  
TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC2\_CBC\_40\_MD5  
TLS\_RSA\_WITH\_3DES\_EDE\_CBC\_SHA

TLS\_DH\_DSS\_WITH\_3DES\_EDE\_CBC\_SHA  
TLS\_DH\_RSA\_WITH DES\_CBC\_SHA

TLS\_DHE\_DSS\_WITH DES\_CBC\_SHA  
TLS\_DHE\_RSA\_WITH\_3DES\_EDE\_CBC\_SHA

TLS\_DH\_anon\_WITH\_RC4\_128\_MD5

INITIAL (NULL) CIPHER SUITE (solo per compressione)  
(ora disabilitata)

- NON posso negoziare encryption senza integrity (cioè MAC) (principalmente per sicurezza...)
- posso fare il contrario! (solo integrità)

JUST A FEW EXAMPLES  
(FULL LIST IN RFC)

Note: arbitrary combination not possible: must choose from a (small) list of combinations

# **Server Hello**

→ In reply to Client Hello, sent in plain text

→ Content:

⇒ Handshake Type (1 byte), Length (3 bytes)

→ Type = 02 for Server Hello)

⇒ Version

→ Highest supported by both Client and Server

⇒ 32 bytes Random (4 bytes Timestamp + 28 bytes random)

→ Different random value than Client Hello

⇒ (Session ID length, session ID)

→ If Client session ID=0, then generate session ID

→ Otherwise, if resumed session ID OK also for Server, use it;

→ Otherwise generate new one

⇒ Cipher Suite, 2 bytes

→ Selected from client list (usually best one, but no obligation)

⇒ Compression algo, 1 byte

→ Selected from Client list

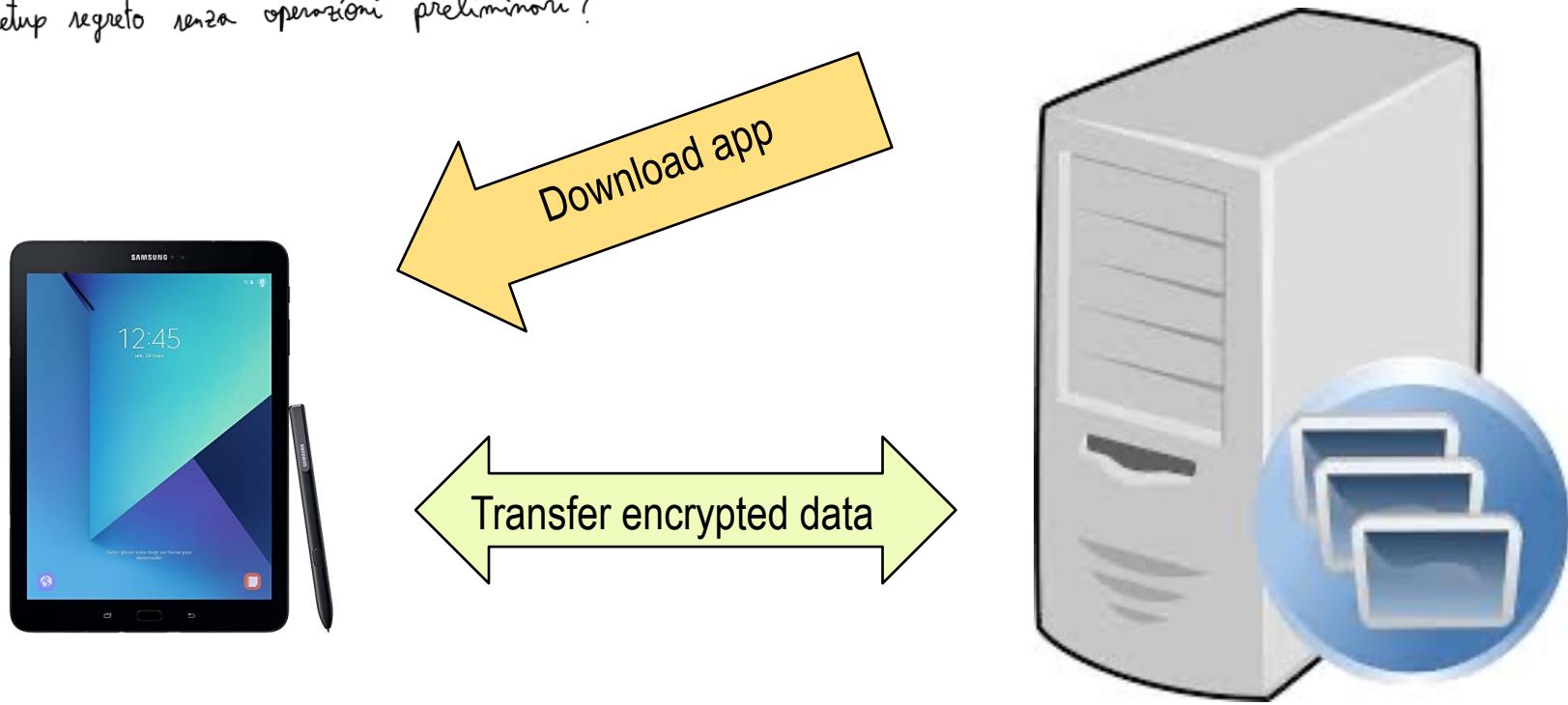
# **Interlude: how public key cryptography is used in TLS**

**(basic idea, details later on)**

Come fore setup shared secret?

# Problems solved by asymmetric Encryption: a typical example

• Come fare setup regalo senza operazioni preliminari?



How to transfer and store symmetric key?

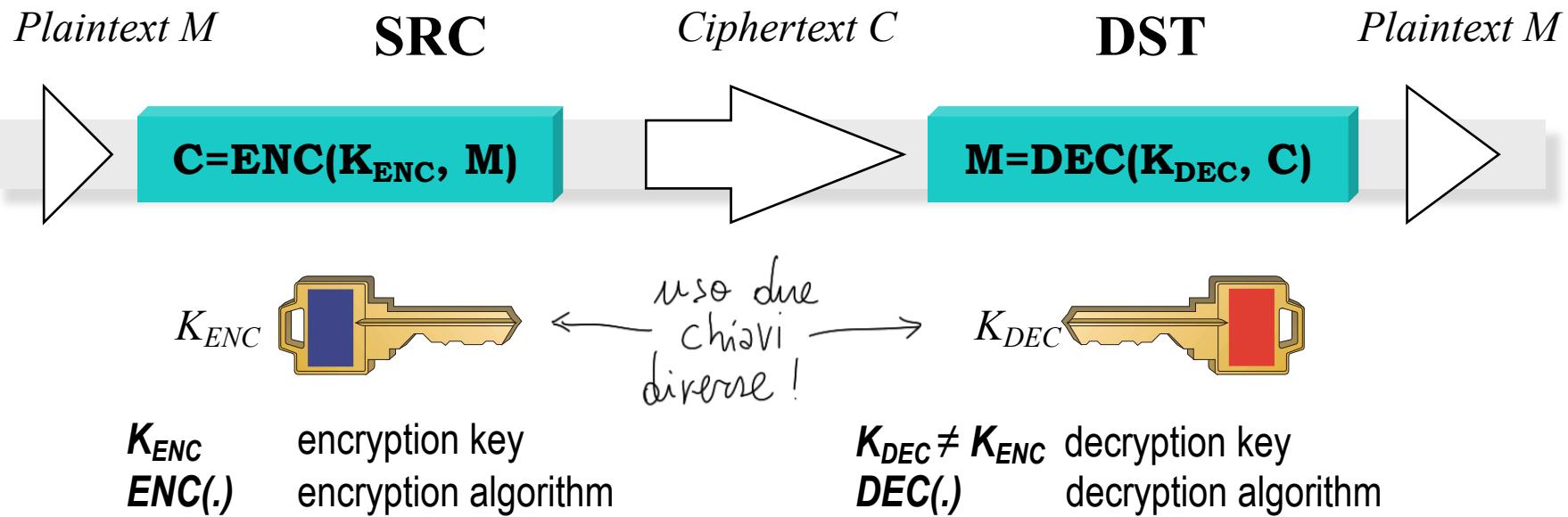
- In the code? Not nearly a good idea!!!

- But then, how to? Usa public key encryption per trasmettere la chiave che serve per symmetric encryption

*Note the difference with cellular → key in the SIM*

# Asymmetric cryptography

M      plaintext  
C      ciphertext



*Encryption and decryption keys are obviously linked...  
But CANNOT be determined from each other  
(unless you know 'more')*

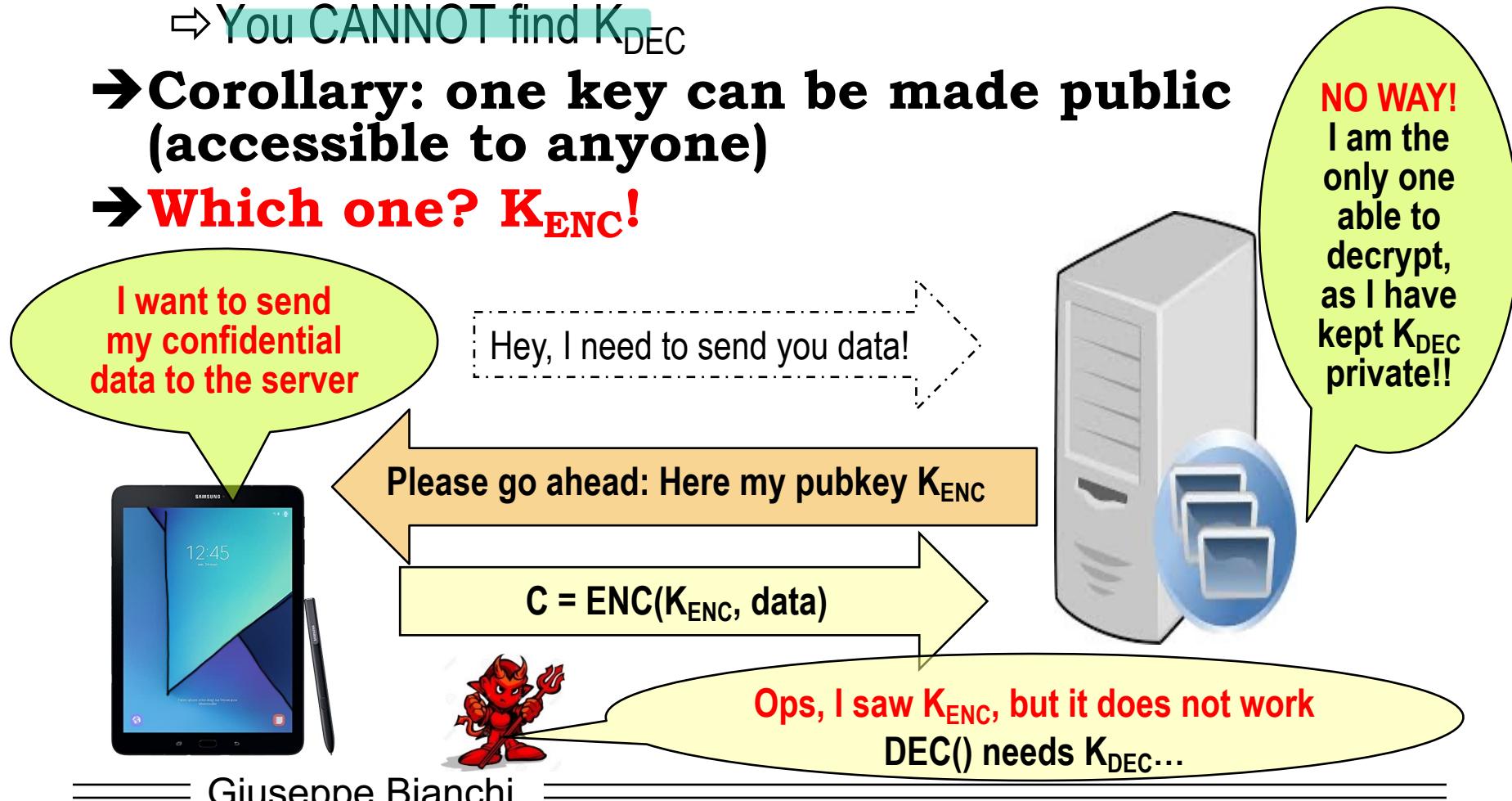
# How to encrypt data? Public and private key!

→ Asymmetric key property:

- ⇒ If you know  $K_{ENC}$  ...
- ⇒ You CANNOT find  $K_{DEC}$

→ Corollary: one key can be made public  
(accessible to anyone)

→ Which one?  $K_{ENC}$ !



# Asymmetric vs Symmetric?

→ They do address **DIFFERENT** problems

⇒ Would be wrong to say that one is superior than the other!

→ **BOTH** can be (in)secure

⇒ Depends on algorithms (RSA, El Gamal, etc)

⇒ Depends on key sizes

→ Asymmetric is certainly more flexible...

⇒ No need to preshare keys – more later

⇒ But you need also more complex protocols!

(pesante!)

→ But asymmetric is computationally heavier than symmetric

⇒ 4-5 orders of magnitude slower! Harder to accelerate

(Hybrid Encryption)

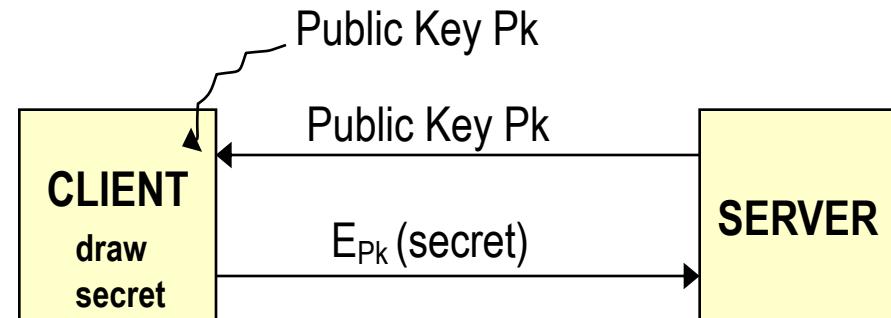


**Take-home:** use asymmetric crypto to exchange (or setup) a shared key and THEN transfer massive data using symmetric encryption

# Actually, TWO basic approaches to key management (both possible until TLS1.2)

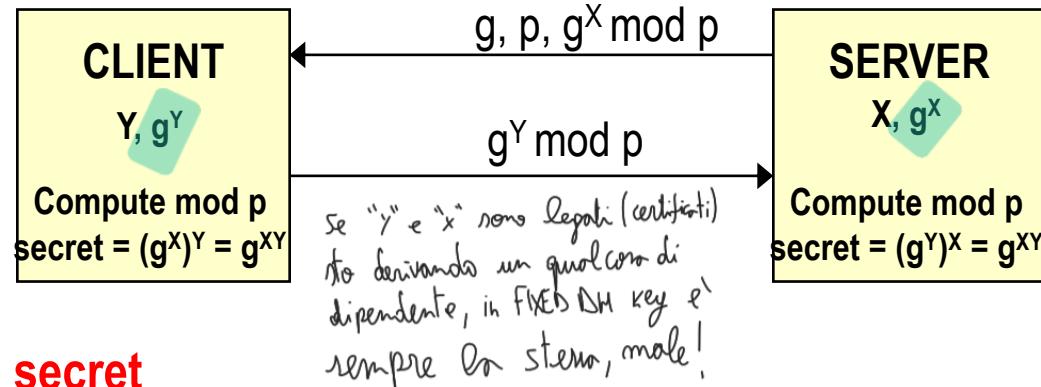
## → 1. Key transport (e.g., RSA)

- ⇒ Server sends Public Key
- ⇒ Client draws random secret (new secret)
- ⇒ Which is encrypted using server Pk
- ⇒ And transported to the server
- ⇒ Both peers now have the same secret



## → 2. Key agreement (e.g., DH)

- ⇒ Parties independently generate a private and a public quantity ( $PK, SK$ )
- ⇒ Then exchange ONLY the public quantity
- ⇒ This, combined with the other party's private part, permits both of them to compute a SAME SECRET
- ⇒ Both peers now have the same secret



Per negoziazione sicura comunico prima in chiaro, e poi ripeto in canale sicuro.

**BID DOWN ATTACKS:** tra  e  possono comunicare "capabilities" in chiaro, anche l'uso della batteria.  
Essendo in chiaro e pre-autenticazione, un MITM può togliere il "risparmio energetico" (battery drain attack) e far scaricare il telefono.  
Neanche nel 5G è stato risolto. Se rimanda le capabilities, posso bloccare tale attacco!

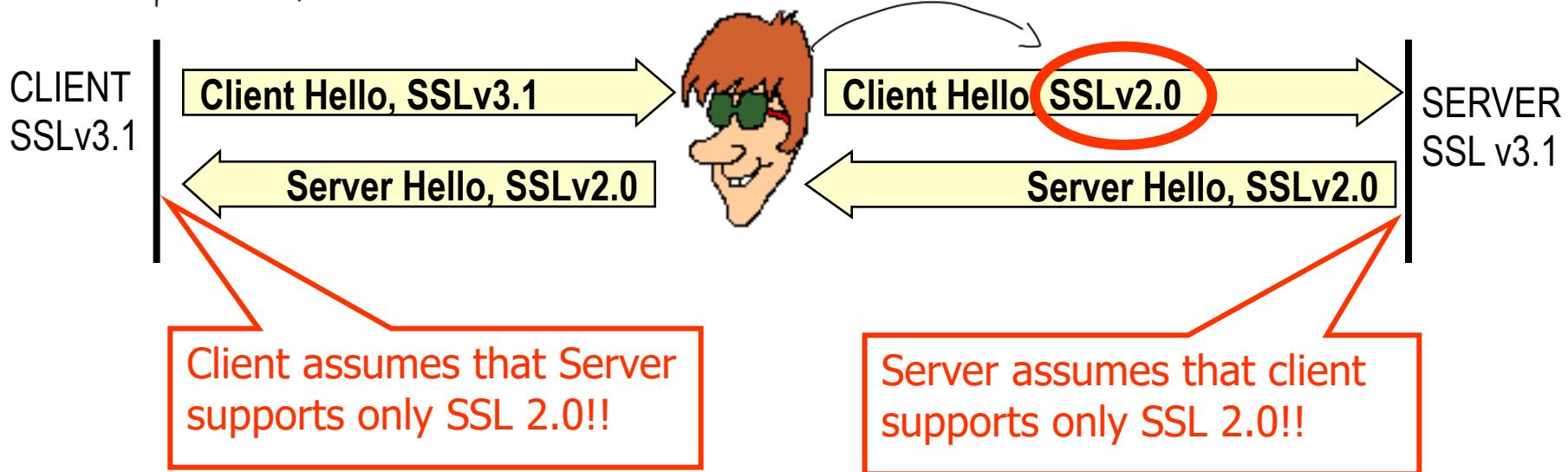
## Back to TLS handshake...

→ solo per lo versione

# Version Downgrade attack

all'inizio msg  
non criptati, no protezione

MITM – doesn't break SSL3.x, but knows very well how to break SSL2.0 (40 bit encryption only)

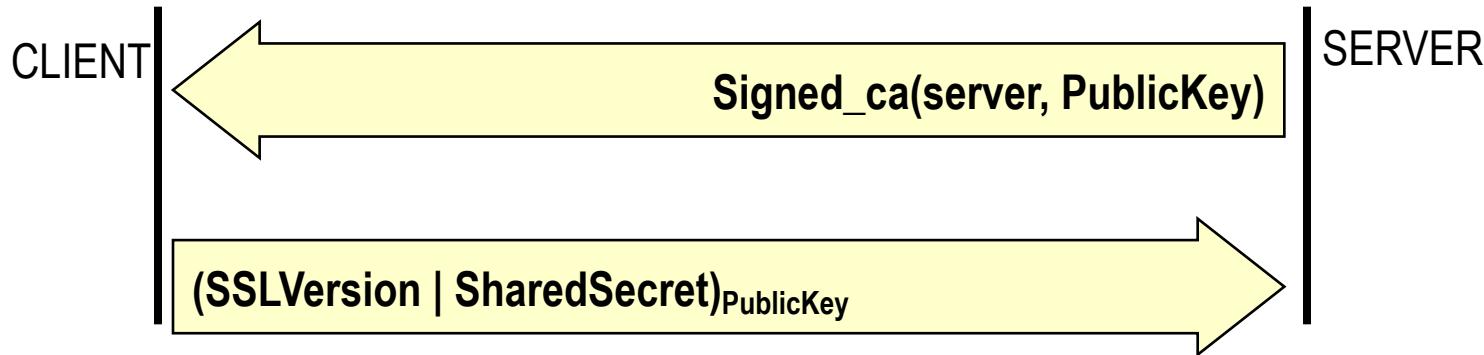


## → Downgrade attacks on cipher suites, too

⇒ MITM: remove “strong” cipher suites, and leave in Client Hello only the ones he knows he can break!

Since hello message authentication not viable at the moment (not yet a shared secret available), verification must be necessarily delayed to a subsequent phase...

# **Handshake phase 2 & 3 (schematic, RSA case)**



## **→ Phase 2:**

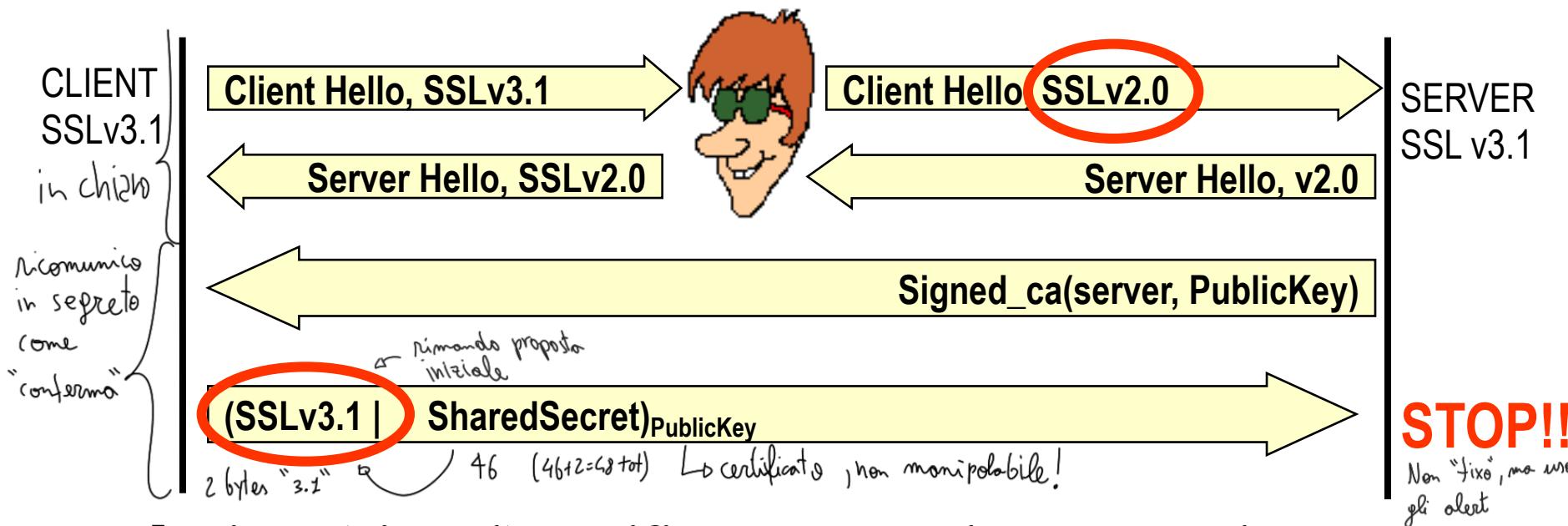
- ⇒ Server sends authentication information (certificate)
- ⇒ Along with Public Key (in certificate or in extra msg)

## **→ Phase 3:**

- ⇒ Client generates a Shared Secret
  - Length depends on agreed cipher suite (RSA = 46 bytes)
- ⇒ And transmits it to Server, encrypted with Public Key
  - Native SSL version included to early combat downgrade attacks

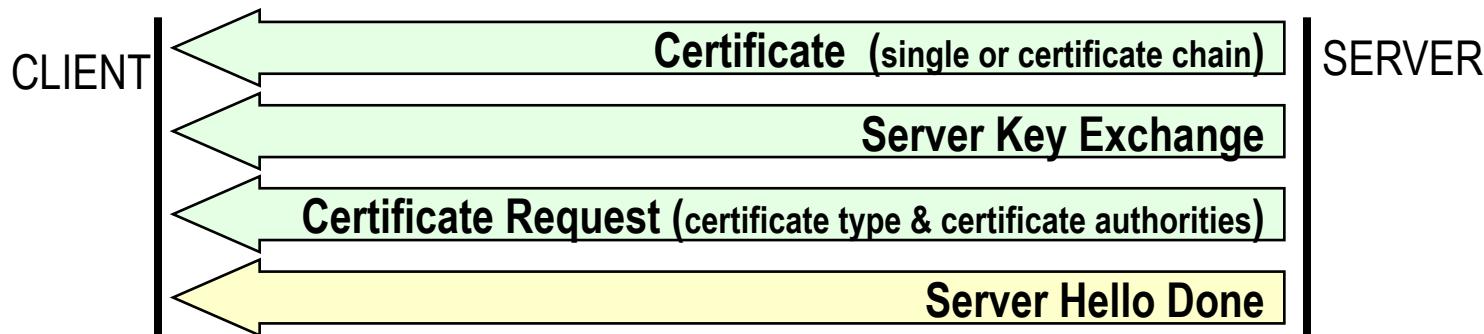
# Against downgrade attack

Con RSA key-transport



- Since (signed) certificate cannot be tampered...
- ... and since MITM cannot decrypt SharedSecret
  - ⇒ and must act as pass-through
- Downgrade attack on SSL version easily discovered!
  - ⇒ Encrypted SSL version is the one initially proposed, NOT the one negotiated in server hello, of course

# Handshake Phase 2 details



## → Certificate

- ⇒ typically a certificate chain

## → Server Key exchange

- ⇒ When certificate not issued (no server authentication required – UNSAFE!!)
- ⇒ When certificate key is for signature only (not for encryption)
- ⇒ When certificate key cannot be used for legal reasons
  - E.g. RSA key larger than 512 bits may not be used for encryption outside US, but only for signature
  - Larger RSA key encoded in certificates may be used to sign shorter, temporary, RSA key

- ⇒ When Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman used

## → Certificate request

- ⇒ Requires client authentication (asks for an acceptable certificate)

## → Server Hello Done

- ⇒ empty message

# **Example: Diffie-Hellman / 1**

## **→ Review of DH**

- ⇒ Server transmits public value  $g^X \text{ mod } p$
- ⇒ Client replies with public value  $g^Y \text{ mod } p$
- ⇒ Both compute shared key as  
    →  $K = (g^Y)^X \text{ mod } p = (g^X)^Y \text{ mod } p$

## **→ Three basic approaches (see next slide):**

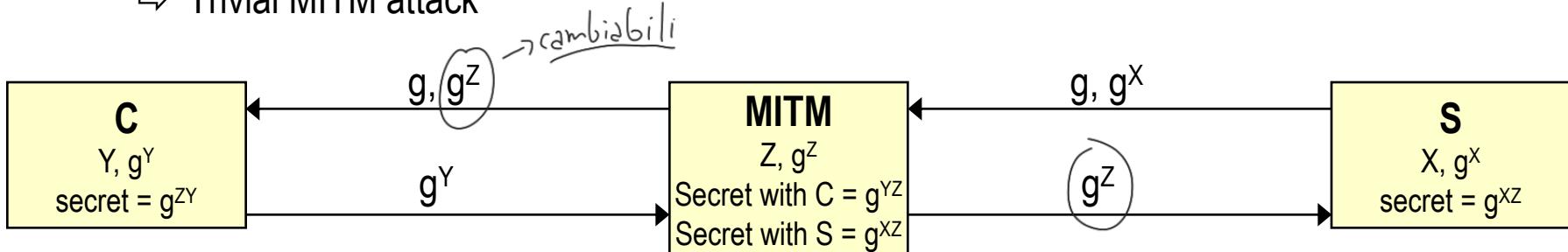
- Anonymous
- Fixed
- Ephemeral
- ⇒ Depends on whether X and Y values are pre-assigned or dynamically generated and/or signed
- ⇒ Anon & Ephemeral DH transmitted in ServerKeyExchange

# Example: Diffie-Hellman /2

## DH variants

### → “Anonymous” (basic) Diffie-Hellman (Vanilla)

- ⇒ X, Y generated on the fly and NOT authenticated end-points
- ⇒ Trivial MITM attack



### → (Fixed) Diffie-Hellman

- ⇒ DH “public” parameters  $g^X$  and  $g^Y$  are static and signed by a certification authority
- ⇒ No MITM anymore
- ⇒ But they are long-lived → brute-force attacks  
*(key sempre uguale se mi collego a stessa rete)*

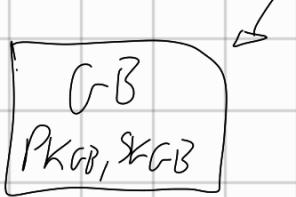
Posso avere i pregi  
di entrambi? Senza CA-authority?

Ephemeral DH exchange

### → Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman

- ⇒ DH parameters can vary
- ⇒ But unlike anonymous DH, they are SIGNED by the party
- ⇒ Hence parties must have an RSA or DSS secret key for signature purposes
  - Hence, why don't just use RSA key transport?  
(we are here neglecting IPR/legal issues, of course ☺)

## DHE - ephemeral



CA(G-B, PK<sub>G-B</sub>)

(G-B, PK<sub>G-B</sub>)

non cambia nel tempo!  
uso per signature

(Giuseppe, f<sup>y</sup>)  
↑ SK<sub>G-B</sub>  
DH well.

customer

G-B → certificate → (G-B, PK<sub>G-B</sub>)<sub>CA</sub> (una volta e basta)

Key exchange → (G-B, f<sup>x</sup>)<sub>G-B</sub> disabilità MITM  
(G-B autorizzato da CA)

può combinare x con x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, x<sub>3</sub>...

quando voglio, perché sono autorizzato  
da CA, e quanto lo autorizzo io.

ECDHE-ECDSA è standard-de facto

(prima delle curve ellittiche)

# Example: Diffie-Hellman /3

ServerKeyExchange message format:

Content type=0x14	Major version=3	Minor version=1	Length of fragment 2 bytes = nn	TLS Record Header (5 bytes) 0x14 = Handshake protocol
Handshake type=0x0c	Length 3 bytes = nn-4		Handshake Header (4 bytes); 0x0c=ServerKeyEx	
DH p length 2 bytes	P = parameter, combiabile	DH p value ***	P	DH parameters (variable length)
DH g length 2 bytes		DH g value ***	g	
DH Ys length 2 bytes		DH Ys value ***	g X	
Signature RSA → 16 MD5 + 20 SHA-1 DSA → 20 SHA-1 only		Signature size and hash used depends on signature type (RSA or DSA). Note: RSA uses BOTH MD5 and SHA-1		

Client replies with DH public value Ys only (p and g are already known by the Server ☺)

Curveball attack: signature protegge ' $p$ ' e ' $\hat{y}$ '?

Dati certificate  
 $\hat{y}, P$  e  $(\overbrace{\text{Giuseppe}, \quad 314218}^{\text{certificate}})$ , cambio  $\hat{y}/P$  con  $\hat{y}', P'$ :  $\hat{y}'^{x \text{ mod } p} = 314218$  allora  $x \equiv 1$ ,  
 $\hat{y}'^{x \text{ mod } p}$  (io vedo solo il valore) NON TUTTI i browser vedono binding  $\hat{y}, P, \hat{y}'^{x \text{ mod } p}$   
quindi non si controlla che la curva usata  $\equiv$  curva segnata con TLS.

## Interlude: Entity authentication with asymmetric crypto

informal sketch, tricky details in Menezes, chapter 10.2

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# Entity Authentication in a pubkey setting

## →WRONG:

- ⇒ Show your certificate
- ⇒ Why? ☺

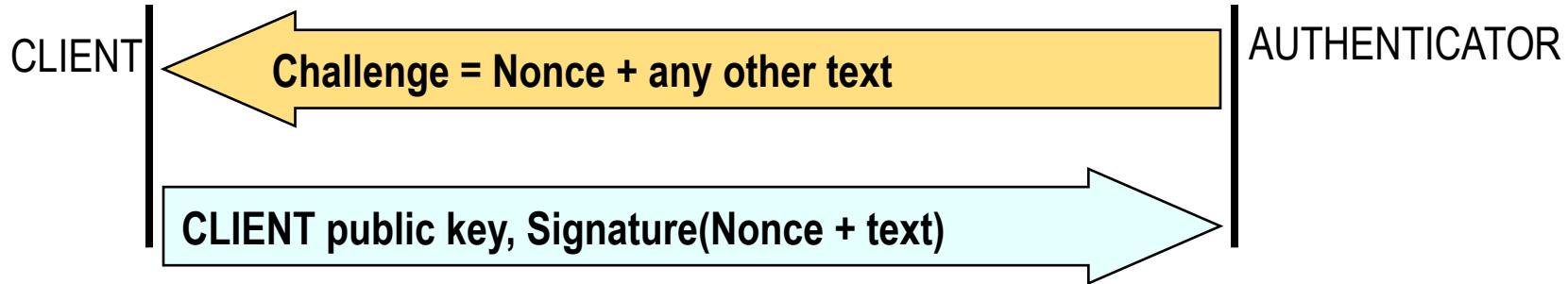
## →RIGHT:

- ⇒ Prove you know the private key associated to your public key

## →How to prove such knowledge?

# 1) Use digital signature

skip  
(vieste)

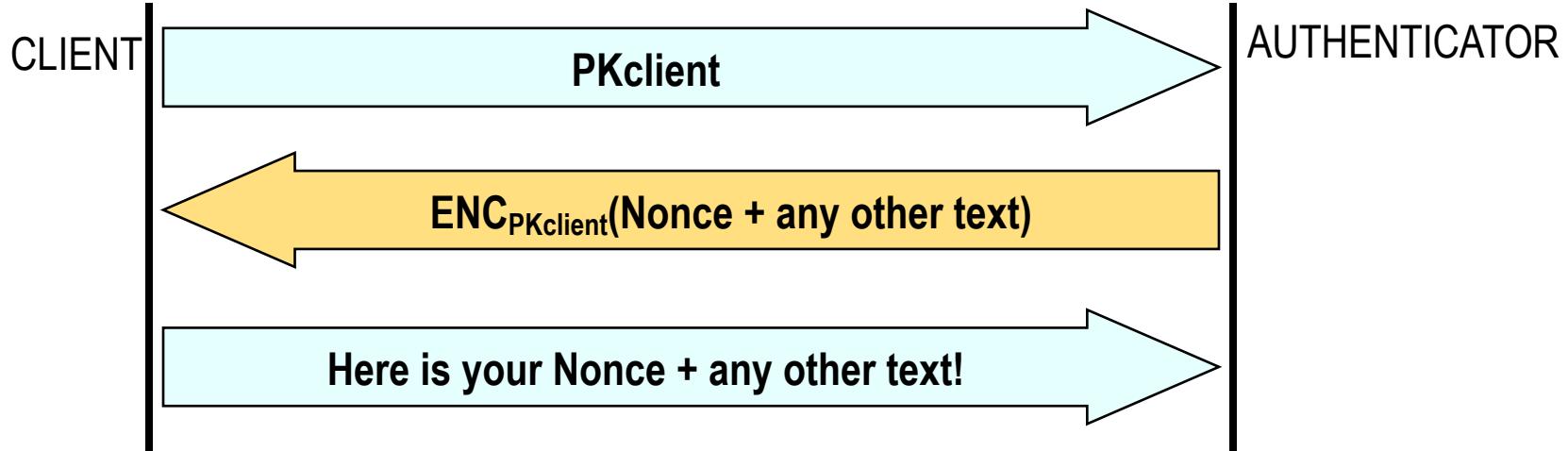


## → Rationale:

- ⇒ I can sign only if I own the private key corresponding to a given public key
- ⇒ of course, pubkey must be bound to client identity → certificate

## 2) Use encryption (prove you can decrypt!)

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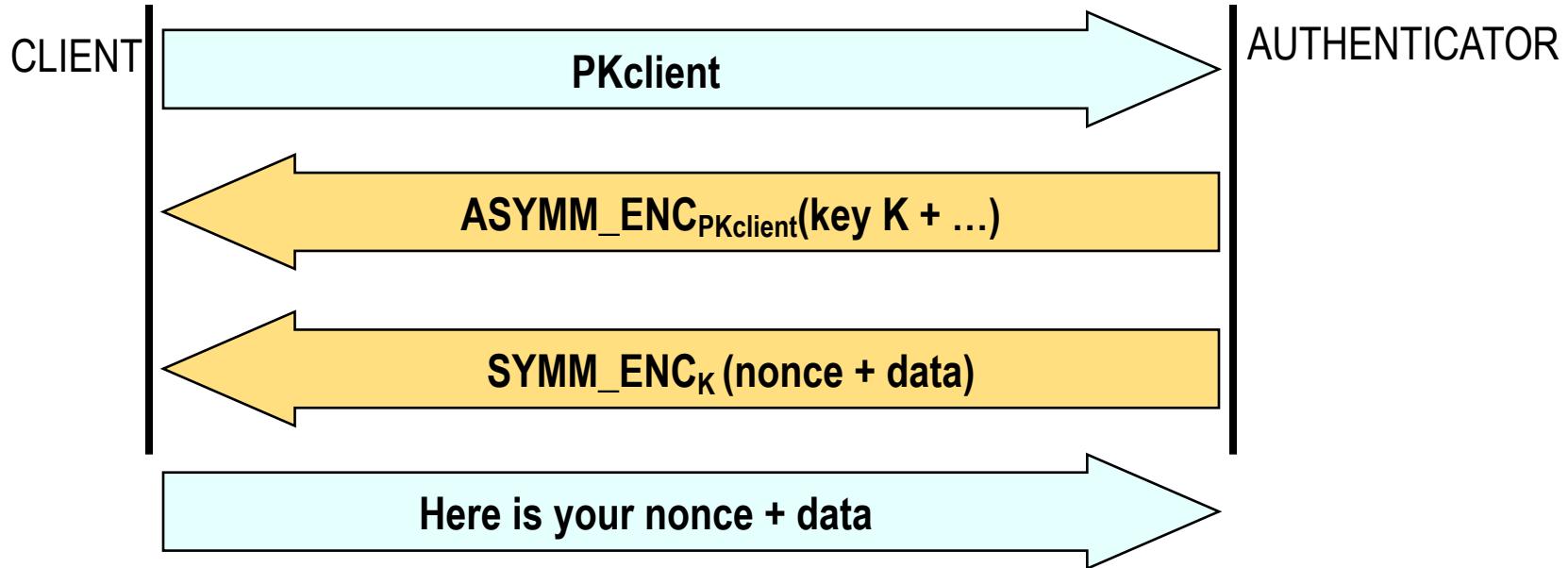


### → Rationale:

- ⇒ I can decrypt only if I own the private key corresponding to **the public key you used to encrypt!**
- ⇒ Same as before: pubkey = certificate

# 2bis) prove knowledge of transferred key

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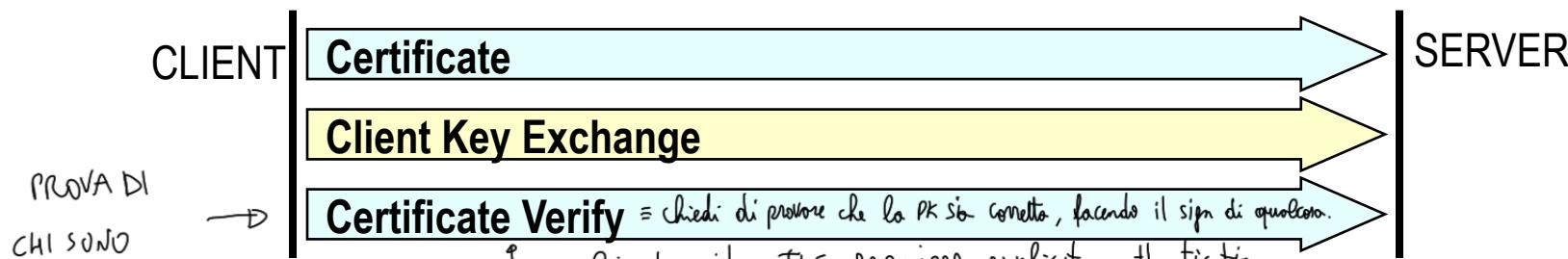
# **Back to TLS!**

## **Entity authentication with asymmetric crypto**

TLS, client side, richiede esplicita authentication (diverso rispetto server side)

## Handshake Phase 3 details

Come fa client a dimostrare che è lui? Se mostra certificato non va bene (reply attack)



### → Certificate:

⇒ Client certificate if requested

Data ( $G_B, P_{K_G}$ )

- 1) invio msg a  $G_B$  con  $P_{K_G}$  e  $G_B$  decipto.
- 2)  $G_B$  sign qualcosa.

### → Client Key exchange

⇒ Transmit encrypted symmetric (premaster) key or information to generate secret key at server side (e.g. Diffie-Hellman Ys)

### → Certificate Verify

⇒ Signature of "something" known at both client and server

→ ALL the messages exchanged up to now

» Which is not only known, but also useful! Allows to detect at an early stage (more later on this) tampering attacks (e.g. cipher suite downgrade)

⇒ To prove Client KNOWS the private key behind the certificate

→ Otherwise I could authenticate by simply copying a certificate 😊

# **A (smart) detail on certificate verify**

**→Q: Why Certificate Verify does not immediately follows certificate?**

**→A: to include connection specific crypto parameters into signature!**

→client & server random values

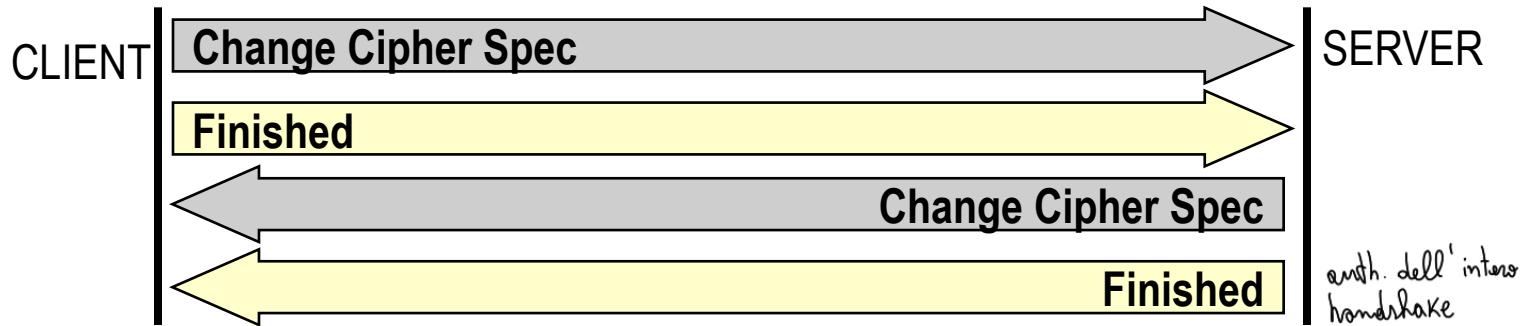
→Explicit inclusion of master secret in SSLv3.0

- » Since master secret can be computed only after the ClientKeyExchange message, Certificate Verify follows ClientKeyExchange

- » Although this was abandoned in TLS1.x, but certificate verify still left as late as possible and hence after ClientKeyExchange

# Phase 4

obbligatoria



## → Phase 4 has two fundamental goals

- ⇒ Switch to the new security connection state
- ⇒ Hence authentication and encryption based on keys computed with the exchanged security parameters
- ⇒ Immediately applied to finished message
  - » First check that everything went OK! If Client and(orserver cannot decrypt finished message, something has gone wrong!
  - ⇒ Authenticate all the previous handshake messages
    - Finished = ~~digital signature~~<sup>hash</sup> of all the previous handshake messages as transmitted and received by the peer up to now
    - To avoid MITM tampering

## → Server authentication? Here as well!!!

# What if negotiation = encrypt but no auth?

→ GAME OVER!

→ Why? ☺

my list

AES-GCM	(encryption only)
STREAM-NUL	

da HandShake msg, modifica SOLO ClientHello e negozi stream cipher.

Finished Client:  $H(LOR) \oplus \text{Keystream}$ , server fa  $H(LOR')$

Finished Server:  $H(LOR) \oplus \text{Keystream}$ . Senza integrity ROMPO TUTTO (*forbidden*), senza pomo fare downgrade attack.

Negoziazione attaccabile.

# Change Cipher Spec

- Defined as a separate protocol (!)
- Only one message:
  - ⇒ 1 single byte
  - ⇒ Fixed content: constant value = 01 (!!!)



Change cipher spec  
protocol

Content type=0x14	Major version	Minor version	Length of fragment 0x0001	payload
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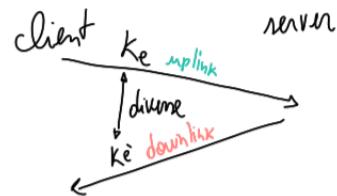
TLS Record Header

Why a separate protocol, and not part of the Handshake?

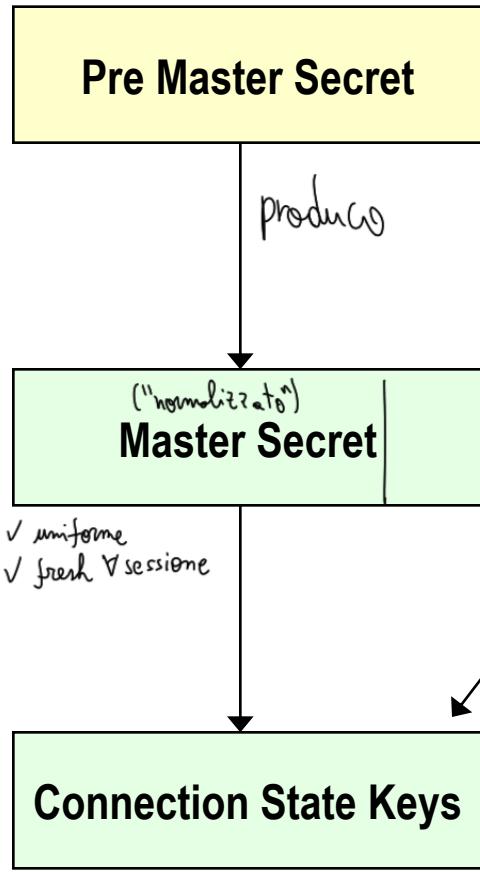
Wise choice! TLS specification allows aggregation of multiple messages of a SAME upper layer protocol into single TLS Record. How this possible with a Change Cipher Spec? (TLS Record is either ALL encrypted, or NOT encrypted)

# TLS Key Computation

- Con RSA key transport , key relazionata da user ;
- Con DH  $g^{xy}$  non è egualmente distribuita ( mod 89  $\rightarrow$  non avrò mai 90,91... )
- operazioni extra: key computation



# Secret hierarchy



Exchanged (RSA) or computed (DH) during handshake

- could be always the same value for same C-S pair (e.g., in the case of fixed DH)

randomize, nel caso DH fone statico

Master Secret computed from:

- Pre master
  - random values from C & S
  - timestamps from C & S
- Recomputed at session resumption

Up to 6 keys:

- encryption keys (write/read = C/S)
  - authentication keys (write/read = C/S)
  - initialization vector if needed (write/read)
- Recomputed at session resumption

# **Abbreviated handshake (3-way) (session resumption)**

→ Used to re-generate key material

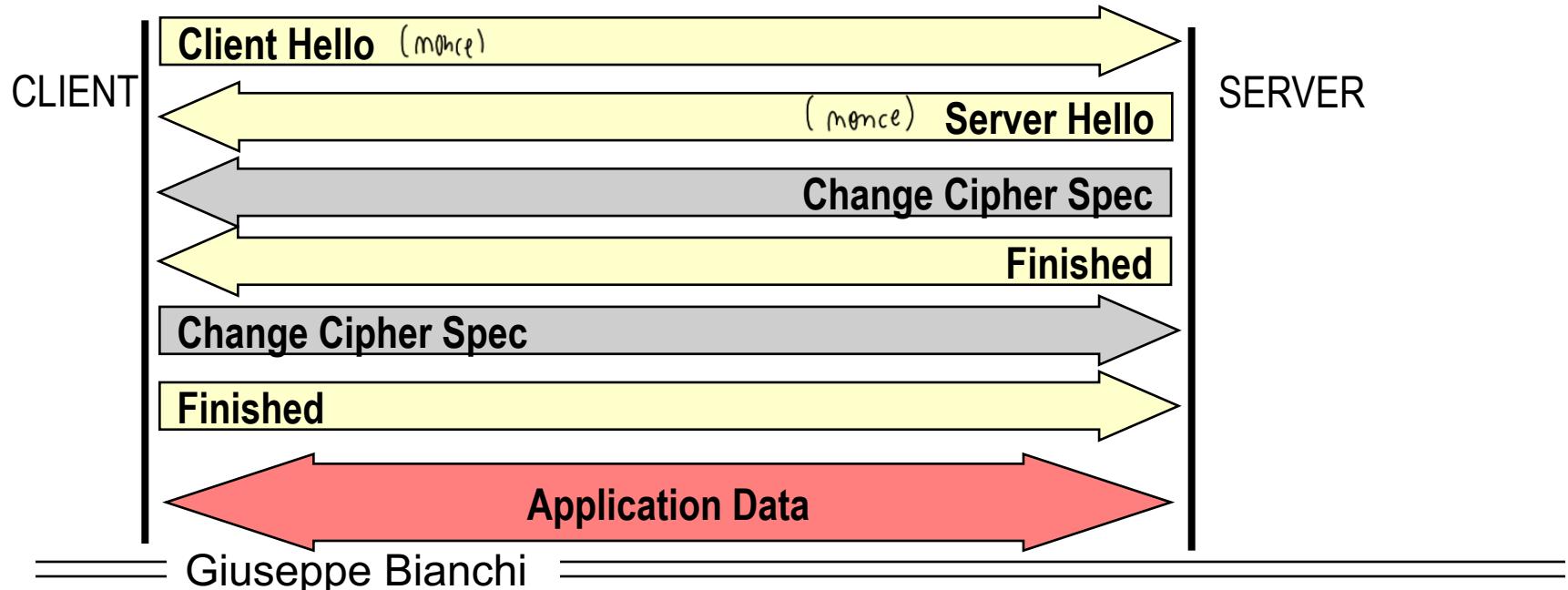
    ⇒ For new connection

→ Avoids to reauthenticate peers

    ⇒ Done at start of session only

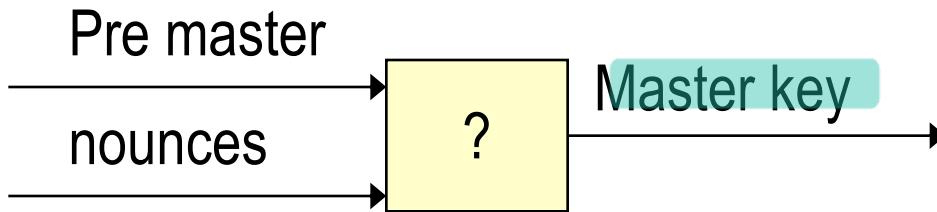
→ Avoid to re-exchange pre-master-secret

→ Exchange new TS+random values



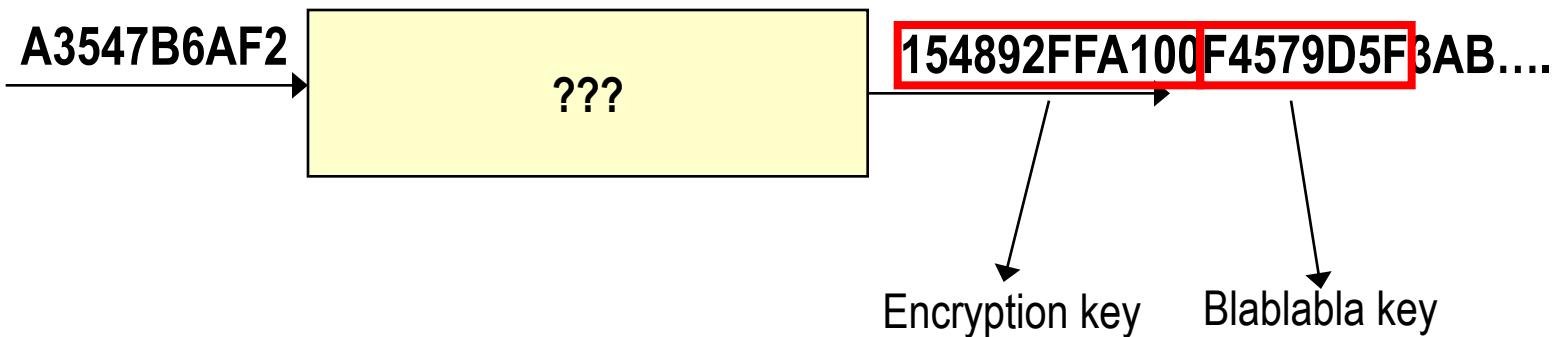
# Initial keying, re-keying: Extract-then-expand

- 1) “Extract”: Add randomness in key generation



→ fornire in output: Session keys

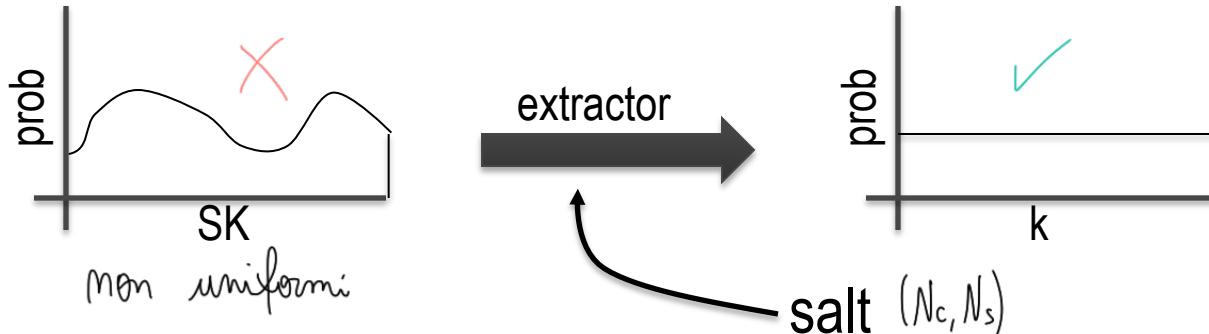
- 2) “Expand” initially limited secret to the needed amount of crypto material



# Extract-then-Expand paradigm

Step 1: extract pseudo-random key  $k$  from source key  $\text{SK}$

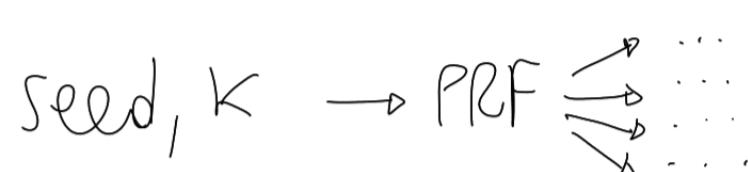
(Key iniziale,  $y^{xy}$  o SecretKey, generate by client  
non totally random)



salt: a fixed non-secret string chosen at random

step 2: expand  $k$  by using it as a PRF key

(Pseudo Random Function)



# Why extract?

→ **Constructions rely on the assumption that key k is random**

⇒ Random = uniform distribution!

→ **What if this is not true?**

⇒ Biases from HW random generator

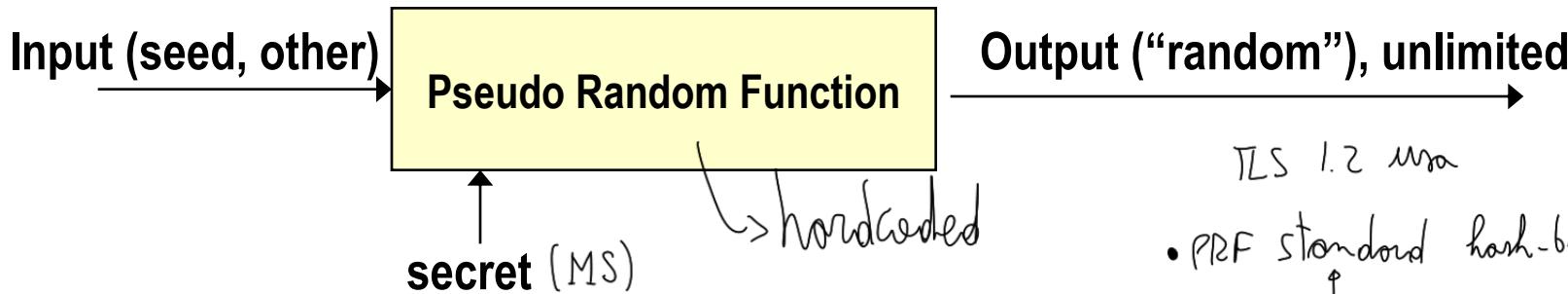
⇒ Fixed DH exchange (!)

→ **Extract:**

⇒ guarantees random master key

⇒ “salts” it with nonces

# Basic building block: PRF



→ Fundamental “brick”:  
⇒ GOOD (and possibly fast!) PRF

→ PRFs in TLS

- ⇒ SSL 3.0: not fully satisfactory PRF *(broken)*
- ⇒ TLS 1.0 and 1.1: good PRF but... hard-coded!
  - Construction used MD5 and SHA-1 (now weak)
  - *(unlike IPsec) TLS forgot that “good” in crypto is not forever....*
- ⇒ **TLS 1.2: negotiable PRF (at last 😊)**
  - default one based on SHA-256

TLS 1.2 uses

- PRF standard hash-based

hash negotiable (default  $H = \text{SHA-256}$ )  
⇒ allows “cipher suites” slide to choose anche di negotiable PRF  
“TLS\_NEH\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384  
PRF

(non studiare)

# PRF from a 1-way hash: Expansion function $P_{\text{hash}}$

( $\leq$  TLS 1.2)

→  $A_0 = \text{seed} = \text{salt}$

msg

Key è Key HMAC.

→  $A_1 = \text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_0)$

K ↗

creo catena HMAC

→  $A_2 = \text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_1)$

Same secret used in all HMACs  
Hash = chosen hash function

→  $A_3 = \text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_2)$

→ ...

$\text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_1   \text{seed})$	$\text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_2   \text{seed})$	$\text{HMAC}_{\text{hash}}(A_3   \text{seed})$	.....
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→  $P_{\text{hash}}$  function of:

- ⇒ Chosen hash function
- ⇒ Secret
- ⇒ seed

→  $P_{\text{hash}}$  size: any (unlike HMAC size)

Pomo avere as len, per via della catena.  
Ai crittografi non piacciono le catene, non ho security properties.  
→ si parla a HKDF. Questo non è stato dimostrato  
che sia rotto, ma il creatore di HMAC suppone di sì!

# PRF until TLS 1.1: hard coded!

## → Employs two hash algorithms

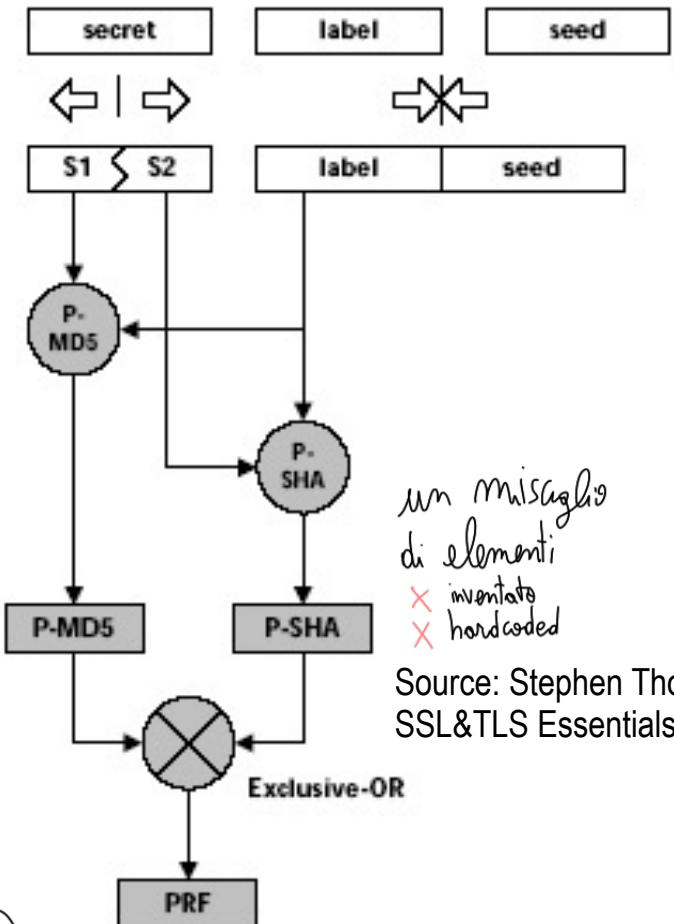
- ⇒ Idea: combine both MD5 and SHA-1
- ⇒ Greater robustness! Must break both...
- Indeed ☺

## → Input:

- ⇒ Desired length
- ⇒ Secret
  - Assume even size,  
split it in two parts ( $S_1, S_2$ )
- ⇒ Seed
- ⇒ Label (an ascii string)

## → $\text{PRF}(\text{scrt}, \text{lbl}, \text{sd}) = \text{P}_{\text{MD5}}(\text{lbl} \mid \text{sd}) \text{ XOR } \text{P}_{\text{SHA-1}}(\text{lbl} \mid \text{sd})$

- ⇒ MD5 uses  $S_1$  as secret
- ⇒ SHA-1 uses  $S_2$  as secret



# **TLS 1.2: PRF from P<sub>hash</sub>**

$$\text{PRF}(\text{secret}, \text{label}, \text{seed}) = P_{\text{hash}}(\text{label} \mid \text{seed})$$

## **→ TLS 1.2:**

- ⇒ Default: this construction with SHA-256
  - 32 bytes hash
- ⇒ But also negotiable PRF
  - Hence possibly very different and not based on HMAC

## **→ Example: Master secret generation**

- ⇒ Inputs:
  - Secret = Pre-master-secret
  - Seed = Nonces (client-random & server-random)
- ⇒ Further input:
  - Label = string “master secret”
- ⇒ Computation: first 48 bytes of:
  - PRF(pre-master-secret, “master secret”, Client-Random | Server-Random)

# **Key generation**

## **→ Master secret [48 bytes]:**

⇒ PRF(pre-master-secret, “master secret”, Client-Random | Server-Random)

## **→ Key Block [size depends on cipher suites]:**

⇒ PRF(master-secret, “key expansion”, Server-Random | Client-Random)

## **→ Individual keys:**

⇒ Partition key block into up to 6 fields in the following order:

⇒ Client MAC, Server MAC, Client Key, Server Key, Client IV, Server IV

**PRF used also in computation of finished message instead of “normal” MD5 or SHA-1 Hash. E.g. For client finished message:**

PRF(master-secret, “client finished”, MD5(all handshake msg) | SHA-1(all handshake msg)) [12 bytes]

# PRF in TLSv1.3: HKDF

↳ correct construction

## → HMAC-based Key Derivation Function ( $\ell^1$ counter mode)

- ⇒ H. Krawczyk 2010, provably secure
- ⇒ New name: KDF → precisely states what this tool is used for
- ⇒ Standardized: RFC 5869
- ⇒ Included in newer TLS version ( $1.3 \geq$ )

- Start from master key K (extracted from HMAC)
- use context string (e.g. TLS' label | nonces) to distinguish (eventual) multiple usage of K

