

TLS 1.3

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Overview

- Background/Review of TLS
- Some problems with TLS 1.2
- Objectives for TLS 1.3
- What does TLS 1.3 look like?
- Open issues/schedule/etc.

What is Transport Layer Security?

- Probably the Internet's most important security protocol
- Designed over 20 years ago by Netscape for Web transactions
 - Back then, called Secure Sockets Layer
- But used for just about everything you can think of
 - HTTP
 - SSL-VPNs
 - E-mail
 - Voice/video
 - IoT
- Maintained by the Internet Engineering Task Force
 - We're now at version 1.2

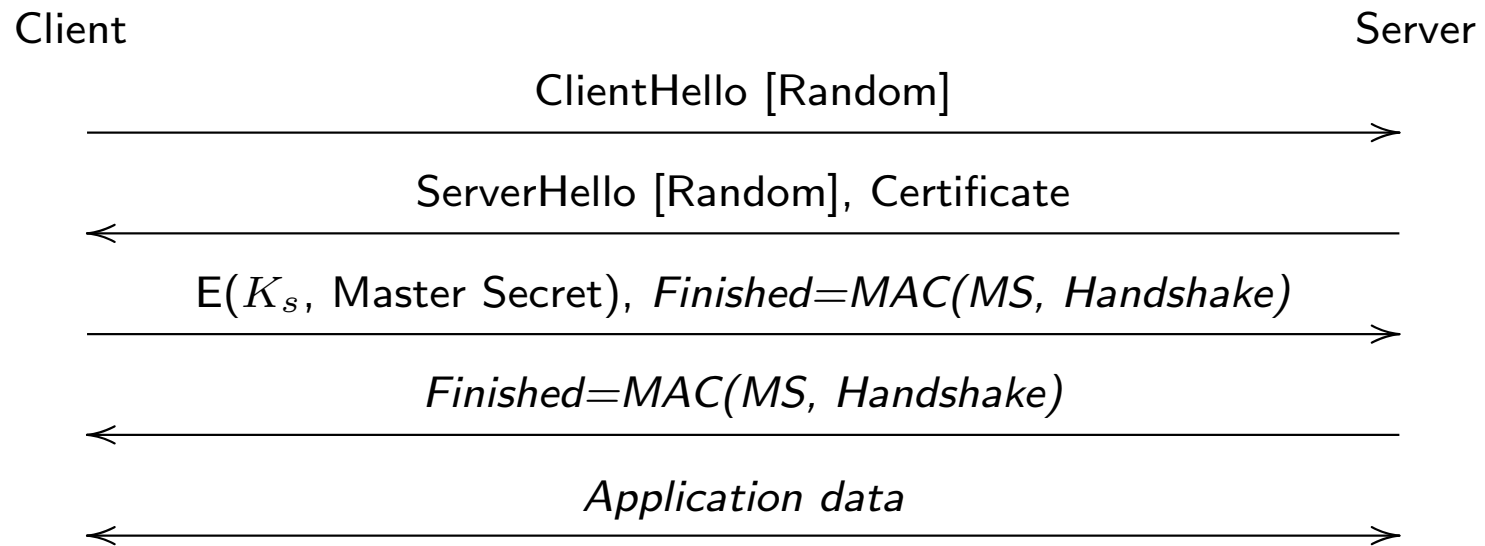
A Secure Channel

- Client connects to a known server (e.g., it has the domain name)
- Server is (almost) always authenticated by TLS
- Client may or may not be authenticated by TLS
 - Often authenticated by the application, e.g., with a password
- After setup, data is encrypted and authenticated
 - Though what “authenticated” means to the server is fuzzy

TLS Structure

- Handshake protocol
 - Establish shared keys (typically using public key cryptography)
 - Negotiate algorithms, modes, parameters
 - Authenticate one or both sides
- Record protocol
 - Carry individual messages
 - Protected under symmetric keys
- This is a common design (SSH, IPsec, etc.)

TLS 1.2: RSA Handshake Skeleton



More on Negotiation

- ClientHello contains more than just random values

```
struct {
    ProtocolVersion client_version;
    Random random;
    SessionID session_id;
    CipherSuite cipher_suites<2..216-2>;
    CompressionMethod compression_methods<1..28-1>;
    select (extensions_present) {
        case false:
            struct {};
        case true:
            Extension extensions<0..216-1>;
    };
} ClientHello;
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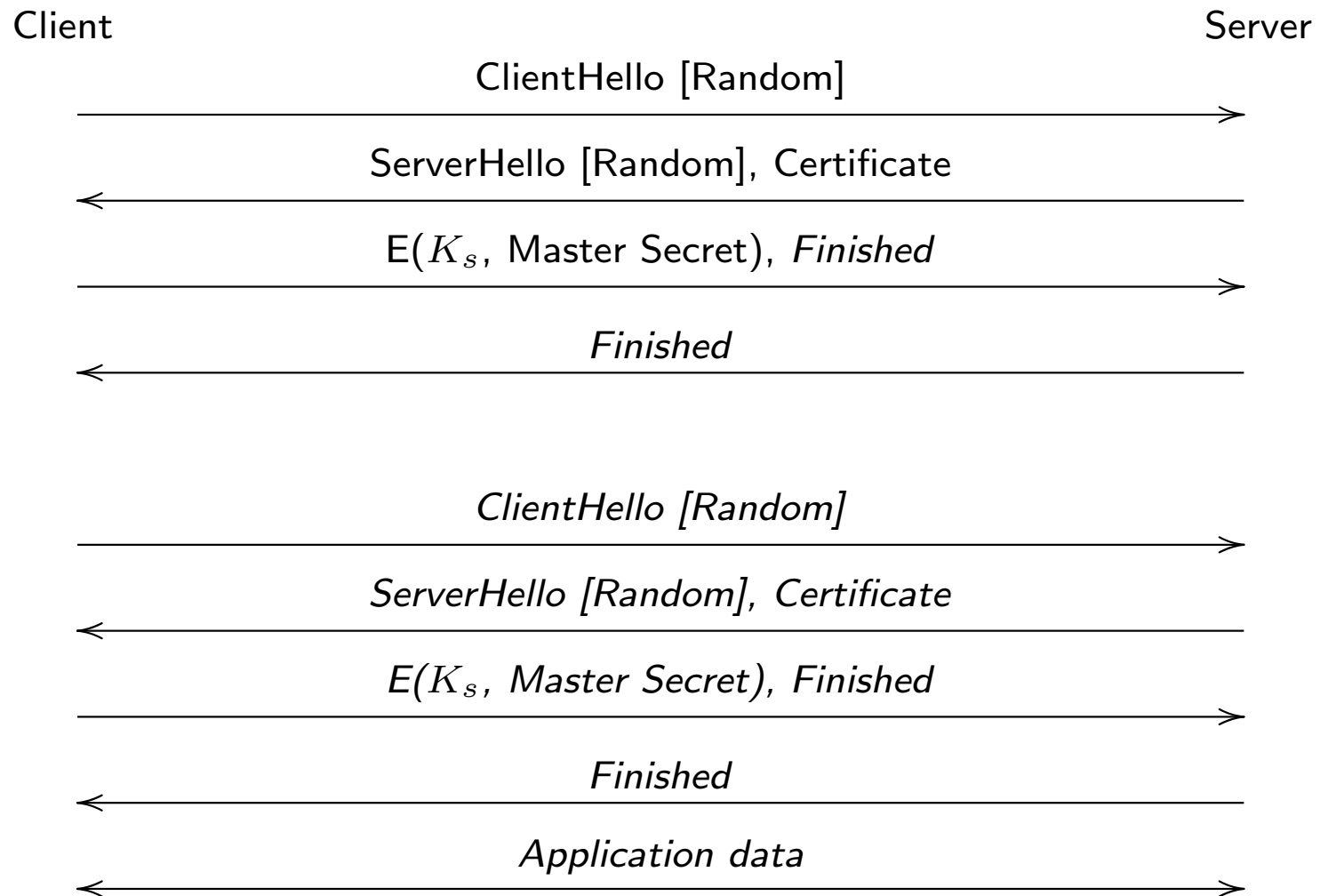
Client Offers, Server Chooses

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struct {
    ProtocolVersion server_version;
    Random random;
    SessionID session_id;
    CipherSuite cipher_suite;
    CompressionMethod compression_method;
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} ServerHello;
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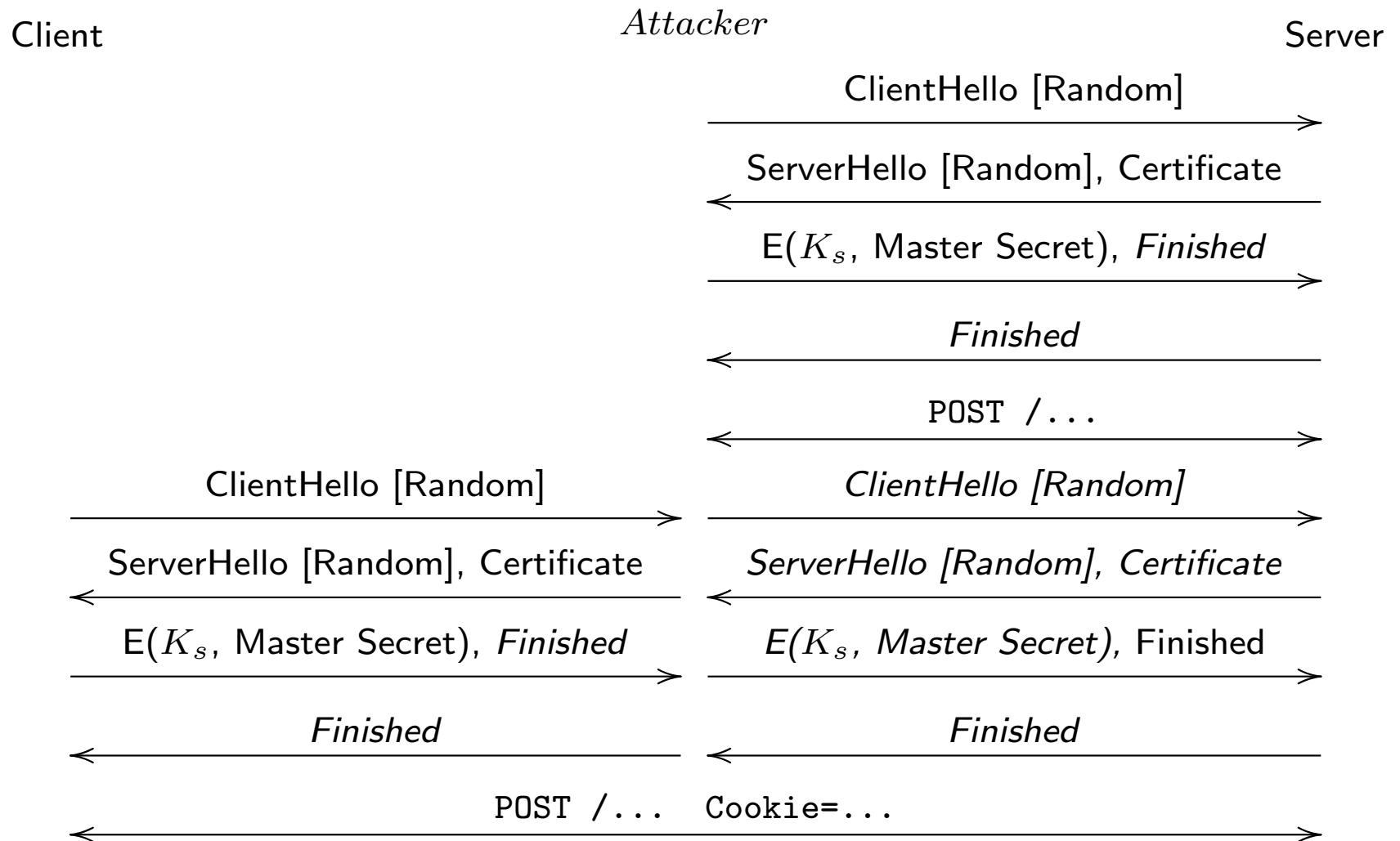

What's in a Cipher Suite?

- Key Exchange (RSA, DHE, ECDHE, PSK, ...)
- Authentication (RSA, DSS, ECDSA, ...)
- Encryption (AES, Camellia, ...)
- MAC (MD5, SHA1, SHA256, ...)

TLS 1.2: Renegotiation



Renegotiation Attack [RRDO10]



Why is this bad?

- Attacker gets to splice their data to the client's
- Example
 - Attacker-controlled request +
 - Client's credentials
- This looks like a renegotiation to server

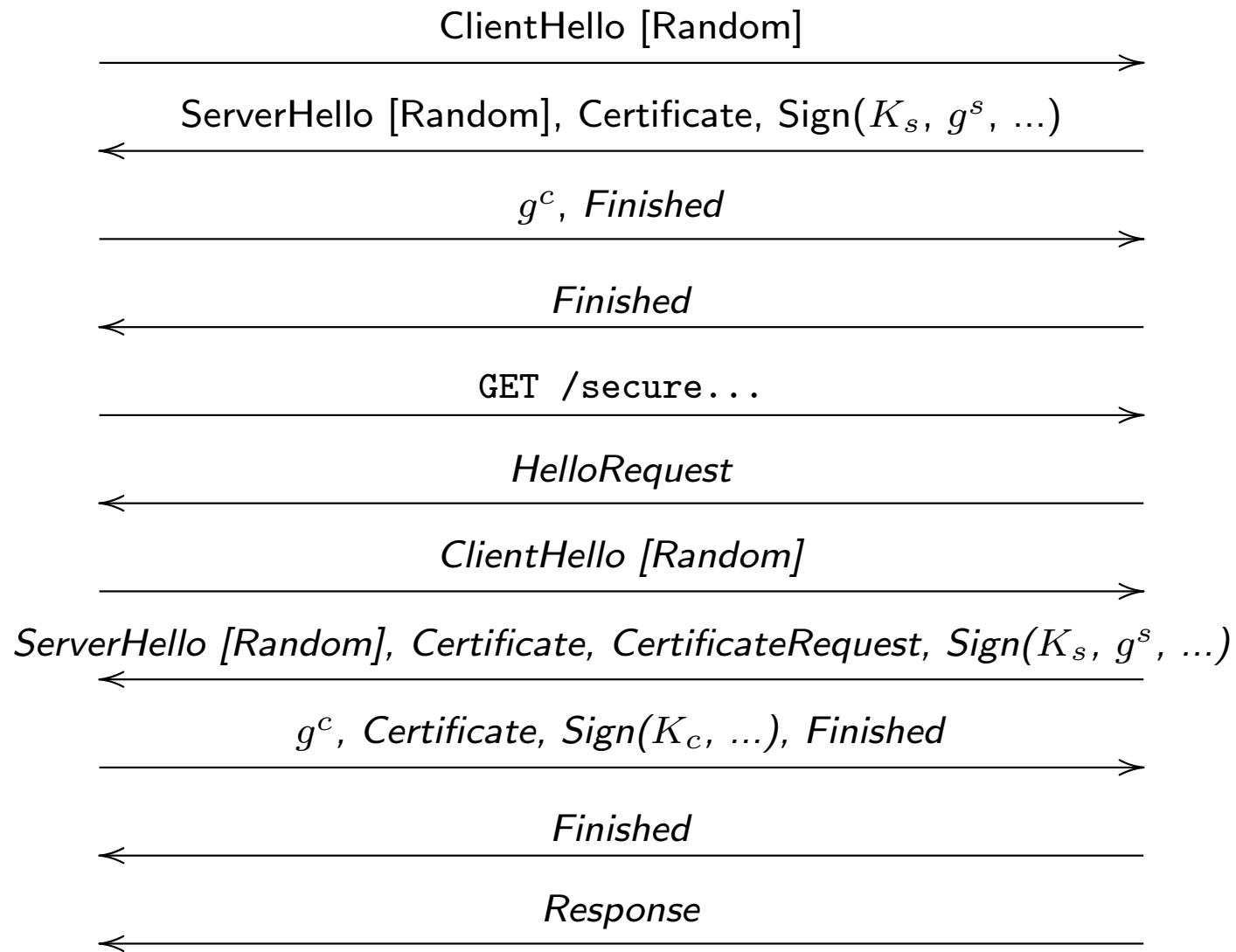
Renegotiation Info Extension [RFC5746]

- New extension in {Client,Server}Hello
 - Client's version contains its last Finished on this connection
 - Server's version contains last pair of Finished from this connection
- If you're not renegotiating with the same person you get a mismatch

Uses for renegotiation (or, why can't we just get rid of it...)

- Conceal the client's certificate
- Post-handshake client authentication
- Refresh the traffic keying material

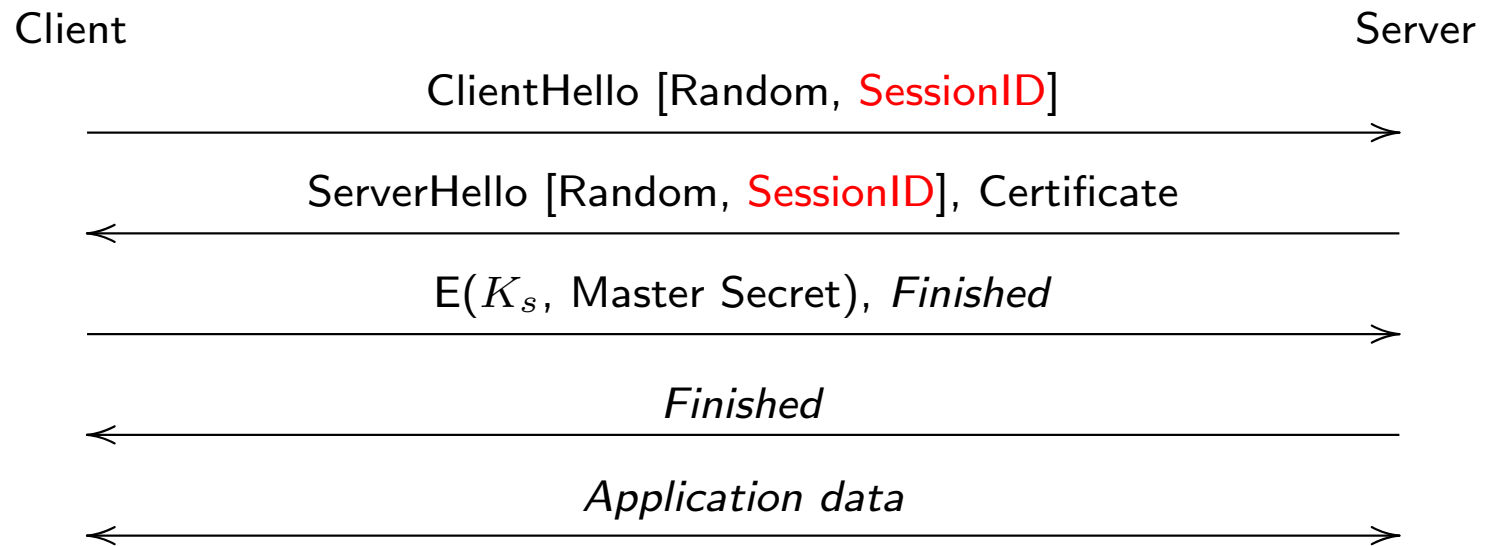
TLS 1.2: Renegotiation for Client Authentication



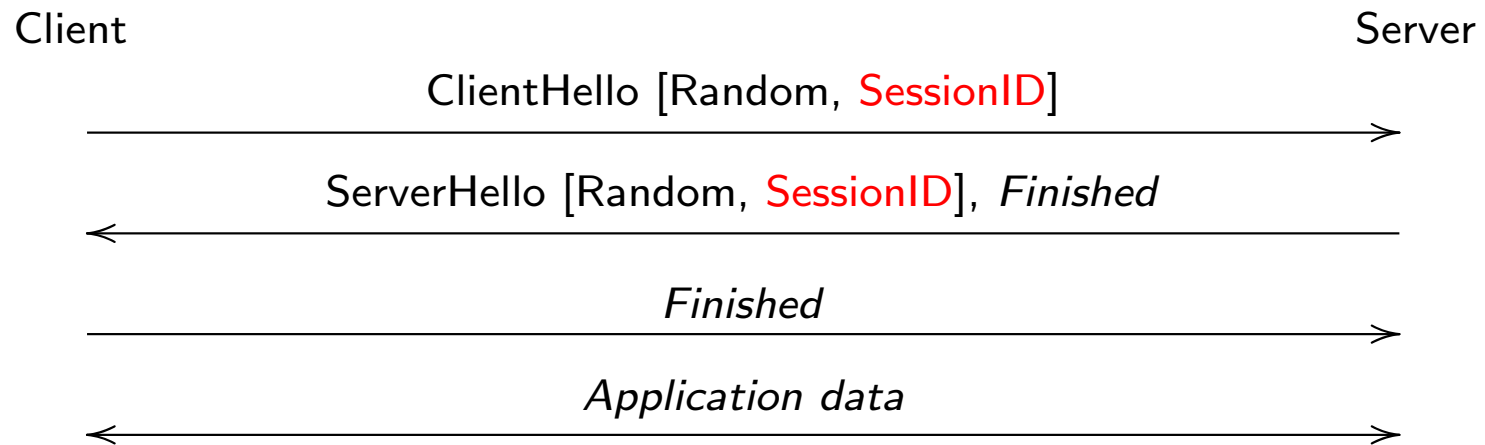
Session Resumption

- “Public key” operations are comparatively expensive
 - They used to be *really* expensive
- Solution: amortize this operation across multiple connections

Session Establishment

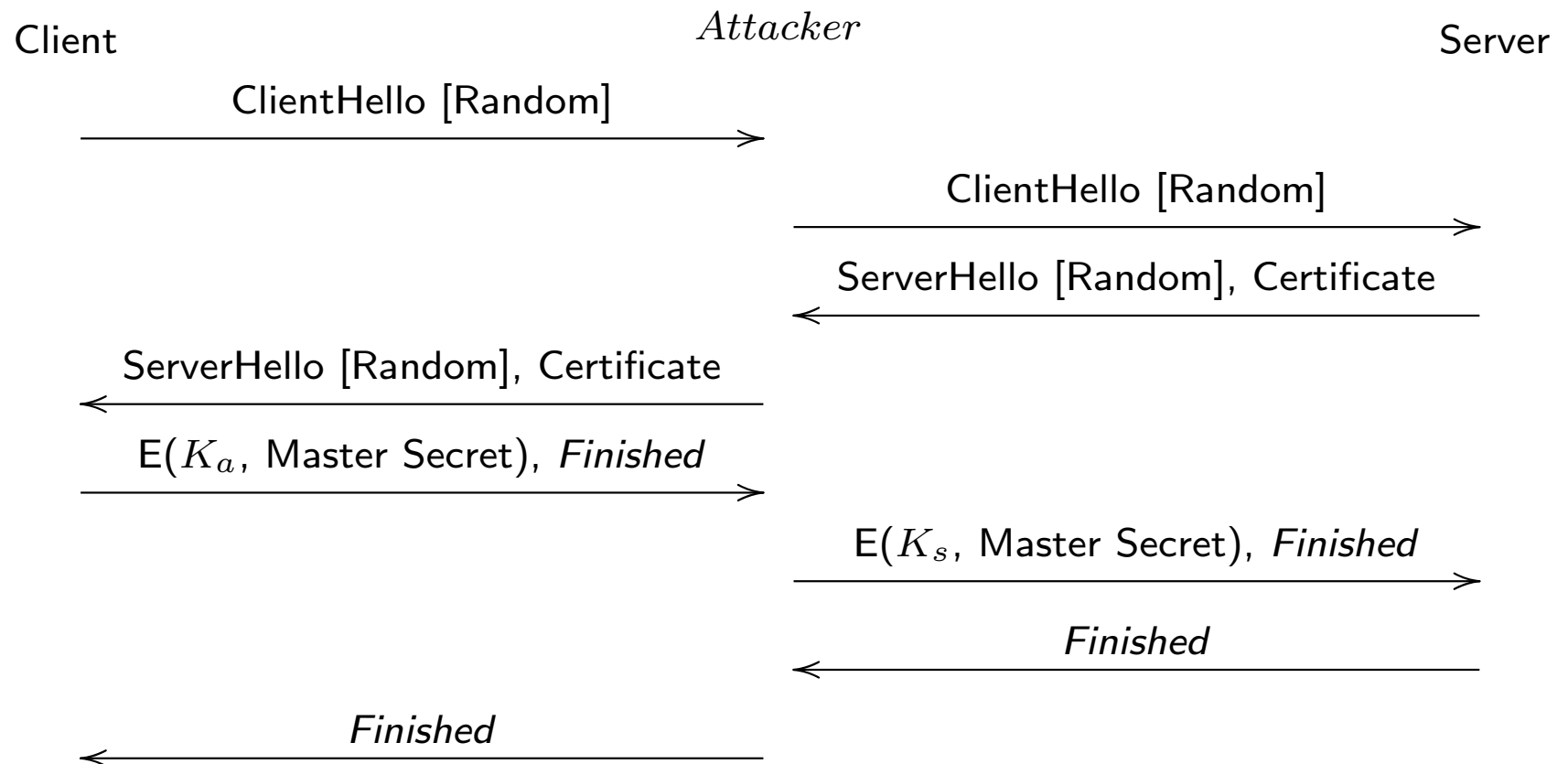


Session Resumption



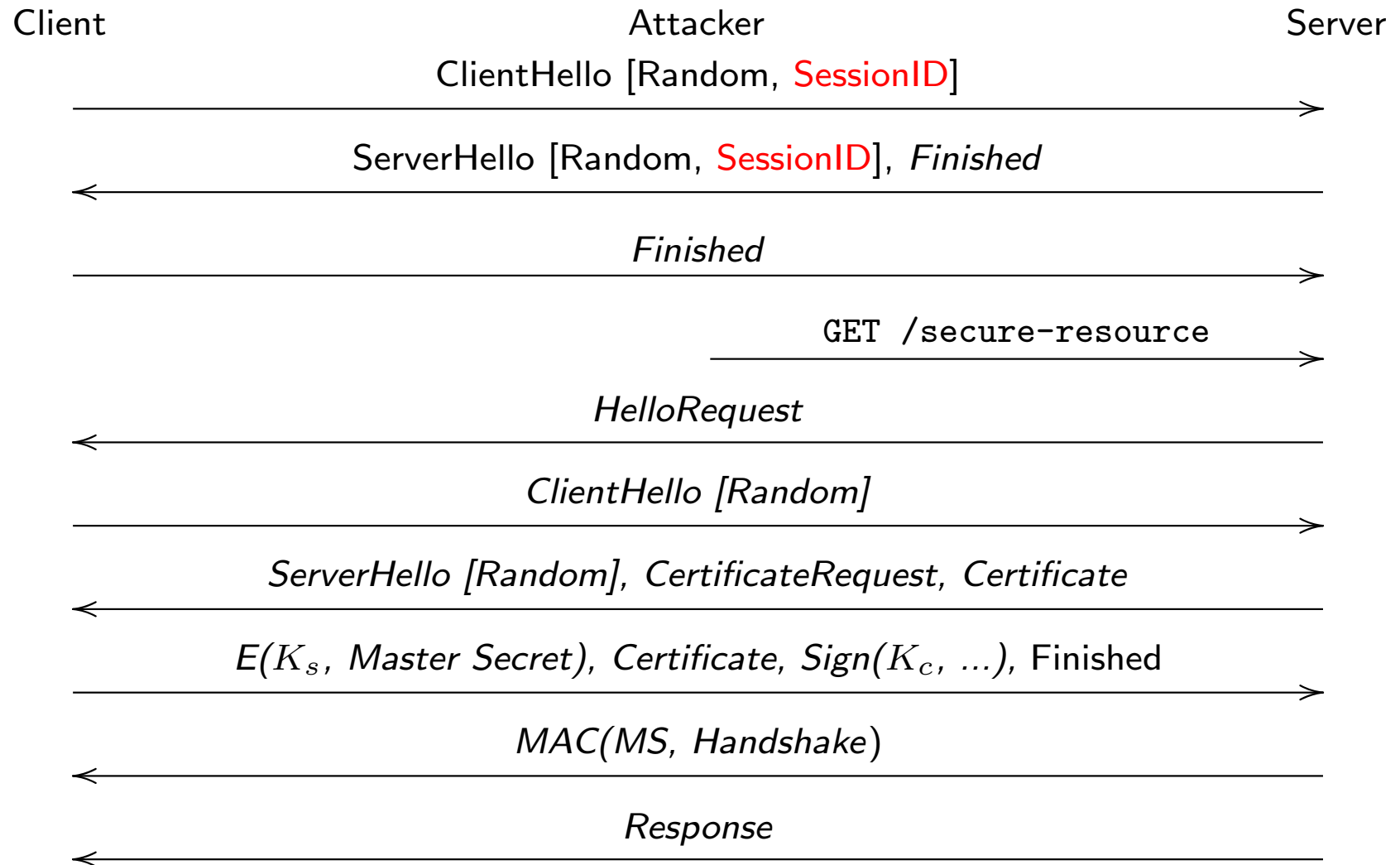
- No new public key operations
- Reuse MS from last handshake

Triple Handshake (I)



- These connections have the same Master Secret
- “Unknown key share” attack

Triple Handshake (II)



What's the impact?

- Resurrection of renegotiation attack
- Attacker controls the request
- Client authenticates it
- Thinks he's authenticating to the attacker
- ... but he's authenticating to the server

Fixing the Triple Handshake (Session Hash)

- The problem is the unknown key share on the first handshake
- Fix is to hash the server certificate into the master secret
- Resumed handshakes inherit this context

TLS 1.3 Objectives

- *Clean up*: Remove unused or unsafe features
- *Security*: Improve security by using modern security analysis techniques
- *Privacy*: Encrypt more of the protocol
- *Performance*: Our target is a 1-RTT handshake for naive clients; 0-RTT handshake for repeat connections
- *Continuity*: Maintain existing important use cases

Removed Features

- Static RSA
- Custom (EC)DHE groups
- Compression
- Renegotiation*
- Non-AEAD ciphers
- Simplified resumption

*Special accommodation for inline client authentication

Removed Feature: Static RSA Key Exchange

- Most SSL servers prefer non-PFS cipher suites [SSL14] (specifically static RSA)
- Obviously suboptimal performance characteristics
- No PFS
- Gone in TLS 1.3
- Important: you can still use RSA certificates
 - But with ECDHE or DHE
 - Using ECDHE minimizes performance hit

Removed Feature: Compression

- Recently published vulnerabilities [DR12]
- Nobody really knows how to use compression safely and generically
 - Sidenote: HTTP2 uses very limited context-specific compression [PR14]
- TLS 1.3 bans compression entirely
 - TLS 1.3 clients **MUST NOT** offer any compression
 - TLS 1.3 servers **MUST** fail if compression is offered

Removed Feature: Non-AEAD Ciphers

- Symmetric ciphers have been under a lot of stress (thanks, Kenny and friends)
 - RC4 [ABP⁺13]
 - AES-CBC [AP13] in MAC-then-Encrypt mode
- TLS 1.3 bans all non-AEAD ciphers
 - Current AEAD ciphers for TLS: AES-GCM, AES-CCM, ARIA-GCM, Camellia-GCM, ChaCha/Poly (coming soon)

Removed Feature: Custom (EC)DHE groups

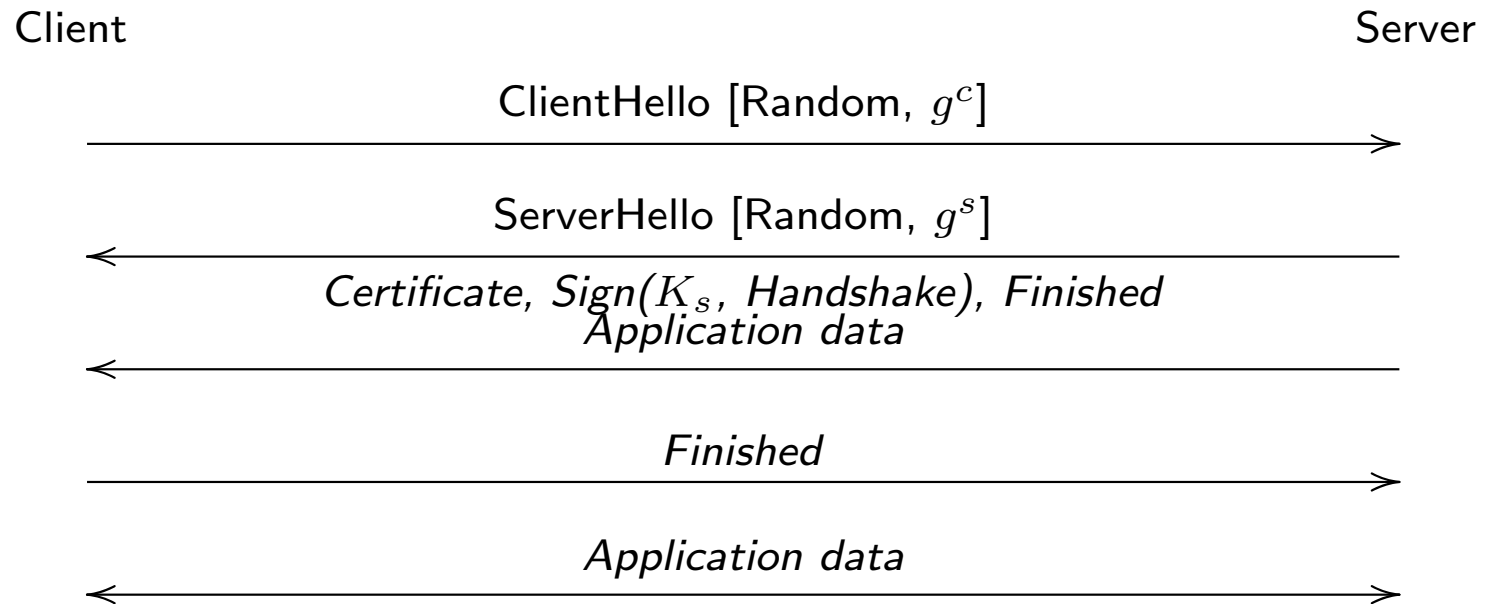
- Previous versions of TLS allowed the server to specify their own DHE group
 - The only way things worked for finite field DHE
 - (Almost unused) option for ECDHE
- This isn't optimal
 - Servers didn't know what size FF group client would accept
 - Hard for client to validate group [BLF⁺14]
- TLS 1.3 only uses predefined groups
 - Existing RFC 4492 [BWBG⁺06] EC groups (+ whatever CFRG comes up with)*
 - New FF groups defined in [Gil14]

*Bonus: removed point format negotiation too

Optimizing Through Optimism

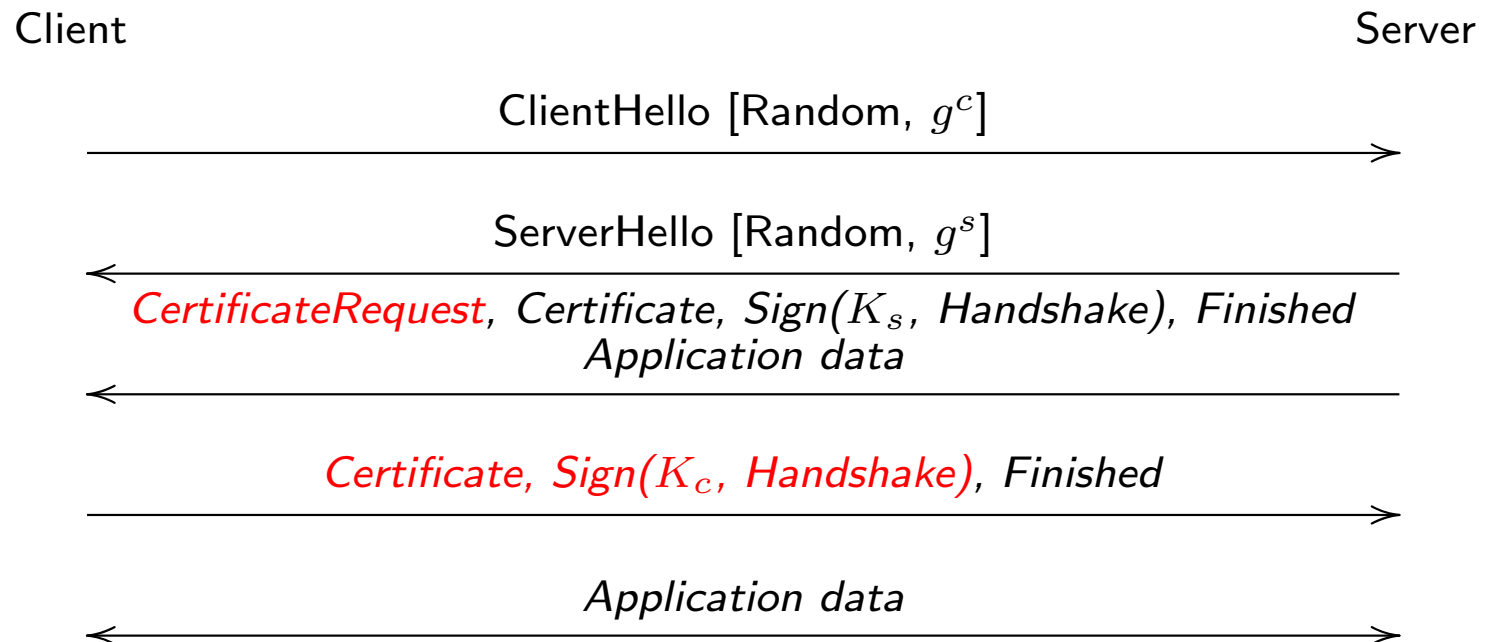
- TLS 1.2 assumed that the client knew nothing
 - First round trip mostly consumed by learning server capabilities
- TLS 1.3 narrows the range of options
 - Only (EC)DHE
 - Limited number of groups
- Client can make a good guess at server's capabilities
 - Pick its favorite groups and send a DH share

TLS 1.3 1-RTT Handshake Skeleton



- Server can write on its first flight
- Client can write on second flight
- Keys derived from handshake transcript through server MAC
- Server certificate is encrypted
 - Only secure against passive attackers

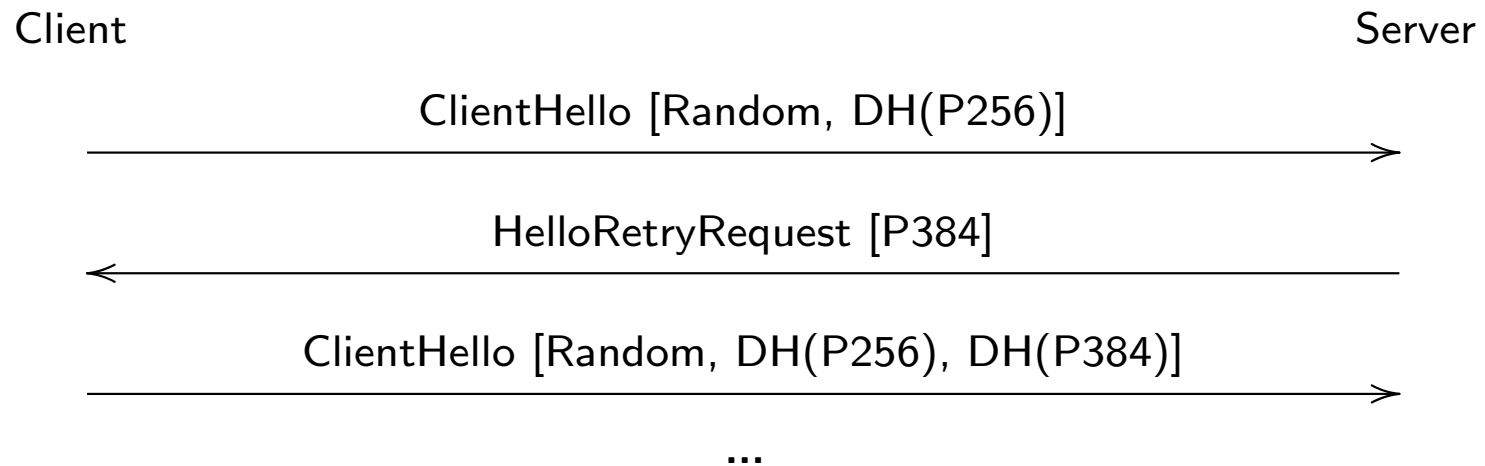
TLS 1.3 1-RTT Handshake w/ Client Authentication Skeleton



- Client certificate is encrypted
- Secure against an active attacker
- Effectively SIGMA [Kra03]

What happens if the client is wrong?

- Client sends some set of groups (P-256)
- Server wants another group (P-384)

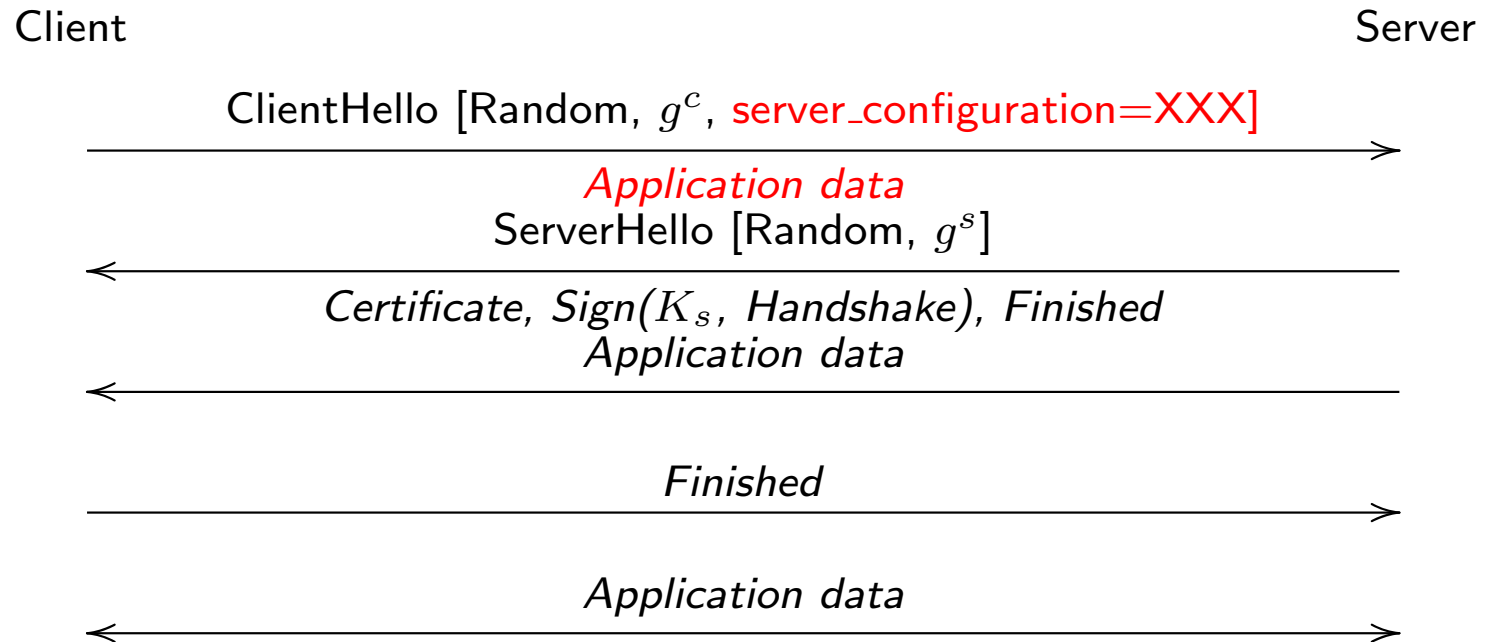


- This shouldn't happen often because there are a small number of groups
 - Client should memorize server's preferences

0-RTT Handshake

- Basic observation: client can cache server's parameters [Lan10]
 - Then send *application data* on its first flight
- Server has to *prime* the client with its configuration in a previous handshake

TLS 1.3 0-RTT Handshake Skeleton



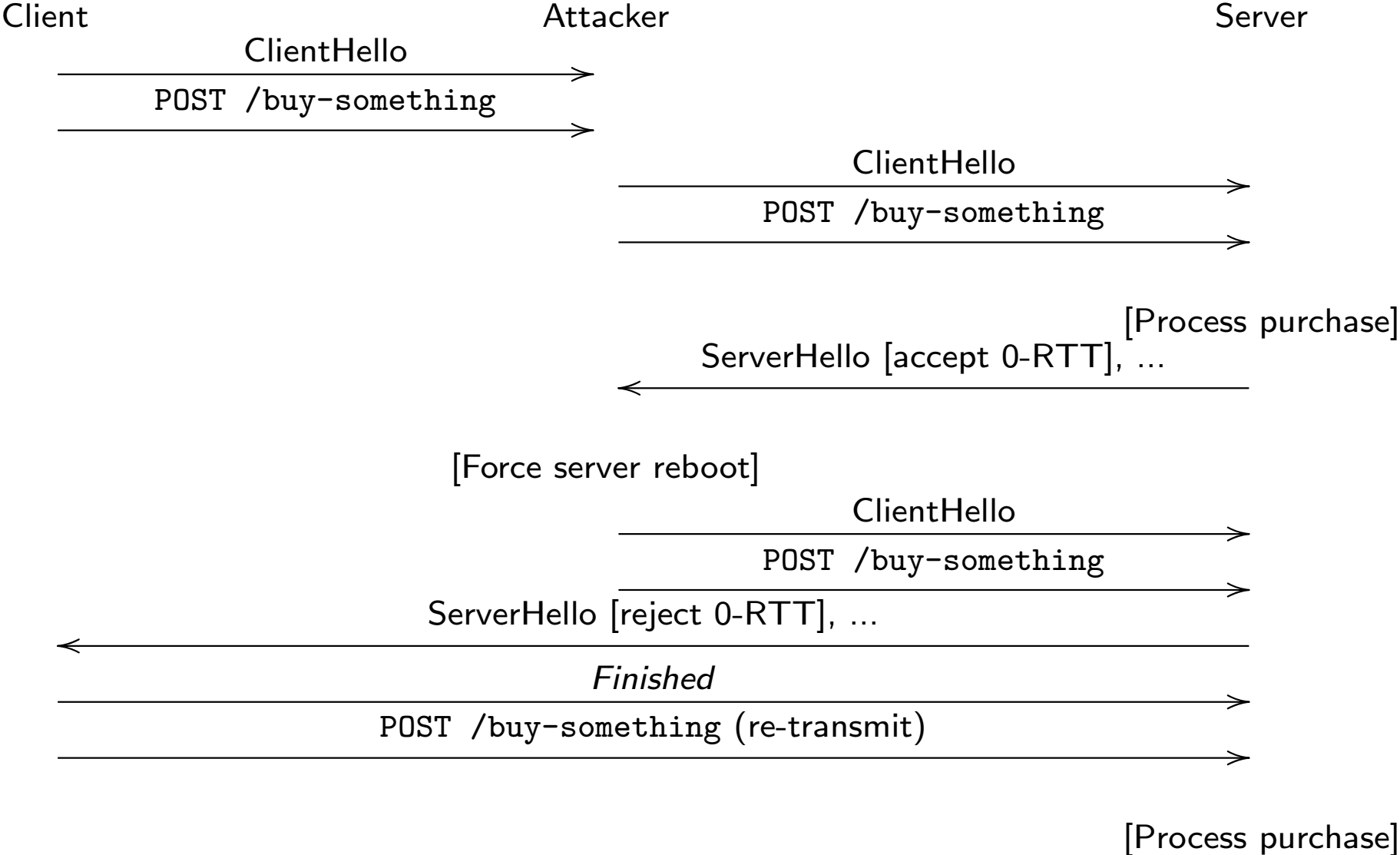
Anti-Replay

- TLS anti-replay is based on each side providing random value
 - Mixed into the keying material
- Not compatible with 0-RTT
 - Client has anti-replay (since they speak first)
 - Server's random isn't incorporated into client's first flight

Anti-Replay (borrowed from Snap Start)

- Server needs to keep a list of client nonces
- Indexed by a server-provided context token
- Client provides a timestamp so server can maintain an anti-replay window

This doesn't work (thanks to DKG)

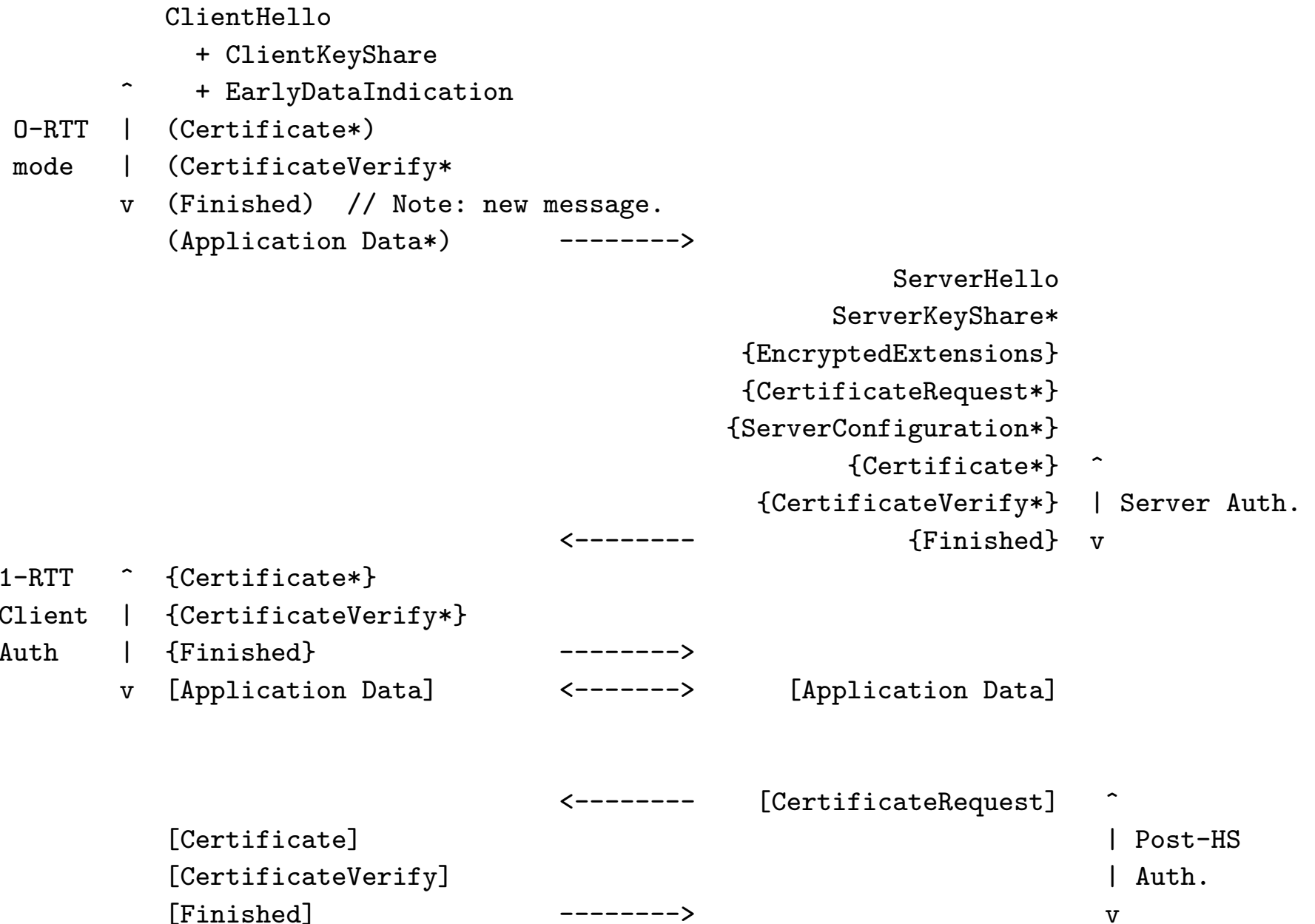


Oops...

- The real problem is multiple data centers
- This is a distributed state problem
 - It's broken in QUIC and Snap Start too
- Resolution: dont even try
 - Only use 0-RTT client data for idempotent requests (GETs)
 - Difficult application integration issue
 - But too big a win not to do
- This can't be on by default
 - And it will need a special API

Pre-Shared Keys and Resumption

- TLS 1.2 already supported a Pre-Shared Key (PSK) mode
 - Used for IoT-type applications
- Two major modes
 - Pure PSK
 - PSK + (EC)DHE
- TLS 1.3 merges PSK and resumption
 - Server provides a key label
 - ... bound to a key derived from the handshake
 - Label can be a “ticket” (encryption of the key)

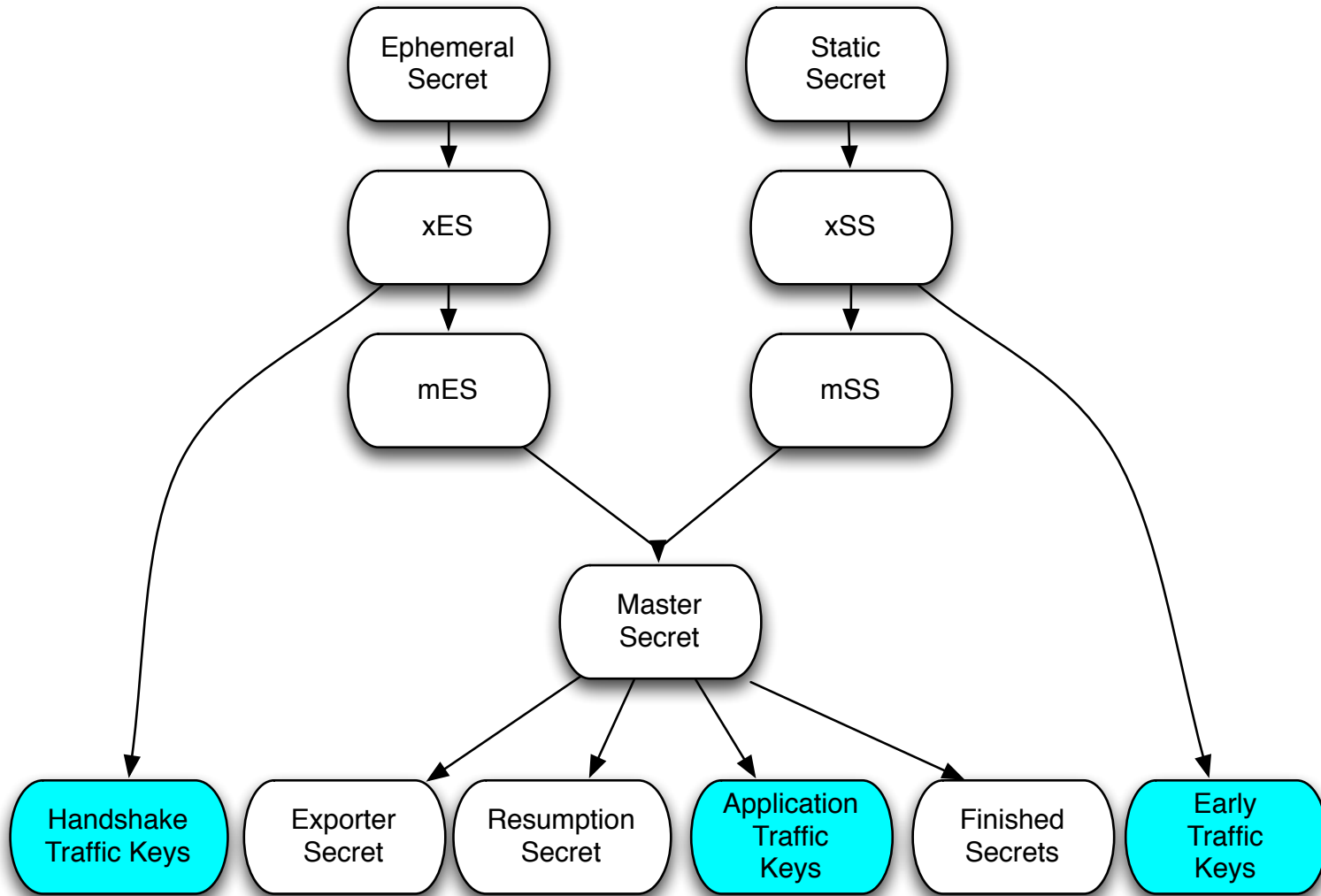


Single Key Derivation and Authentication Logic

- Based on ideas from OPTLS (Krawczyk and Wee)

Key Exchange -----	Static Secret (SS) -----	Ephemeral Secret (ES) -----
(EC)DHE (full handshake)	Client ephemeral w/ server ephemeral	Client ephemeral w/ server ephemeral
(EC)DHE (w/ 0-RTT)	Client ephemeral w/ server static	Client ephemeral w/ server ephemeral
PSK	Pre-Shared Key	Pre-shared key
PSK + (EC)DHE	Pre-Shared Key	Client ephemeral w/ server ephemeral

Key Derivation



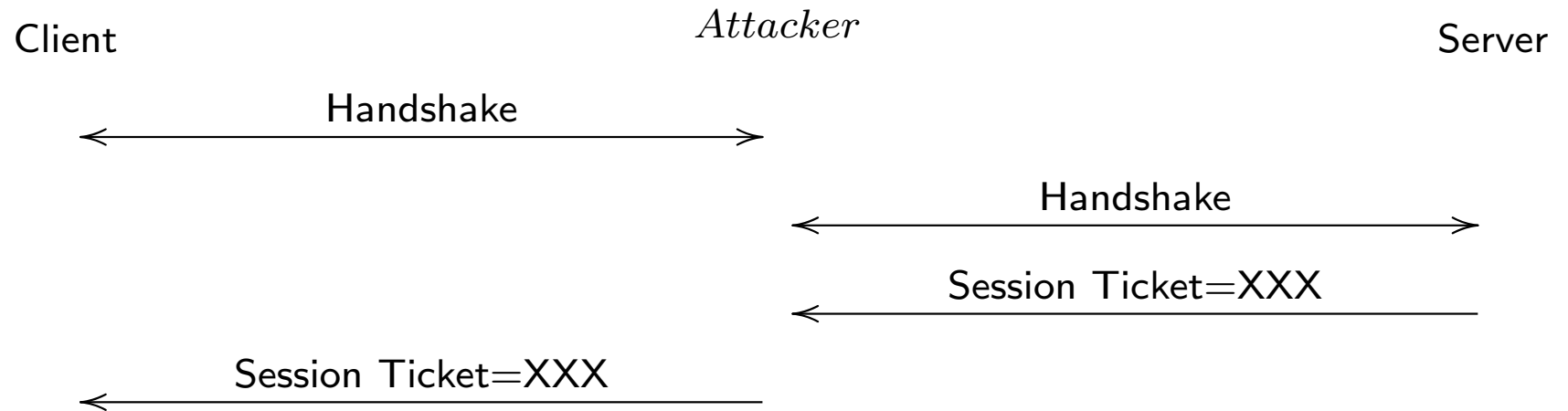
Post-Handshake Client Auth

- We removed renegotiation
 - But that doesn't remove the *need* for post-handshake authentication
- Current plan: server can send CertificateRequest at any time
 - Client responds with “authentication block”
 - * Certificate
 - * Signature over the handshake through server's MAC
 - * MAC over handshake + Certificate + Signature
- This piece is still under development
 - <https://github.com/tlswg/tls13-spec/pull/316>

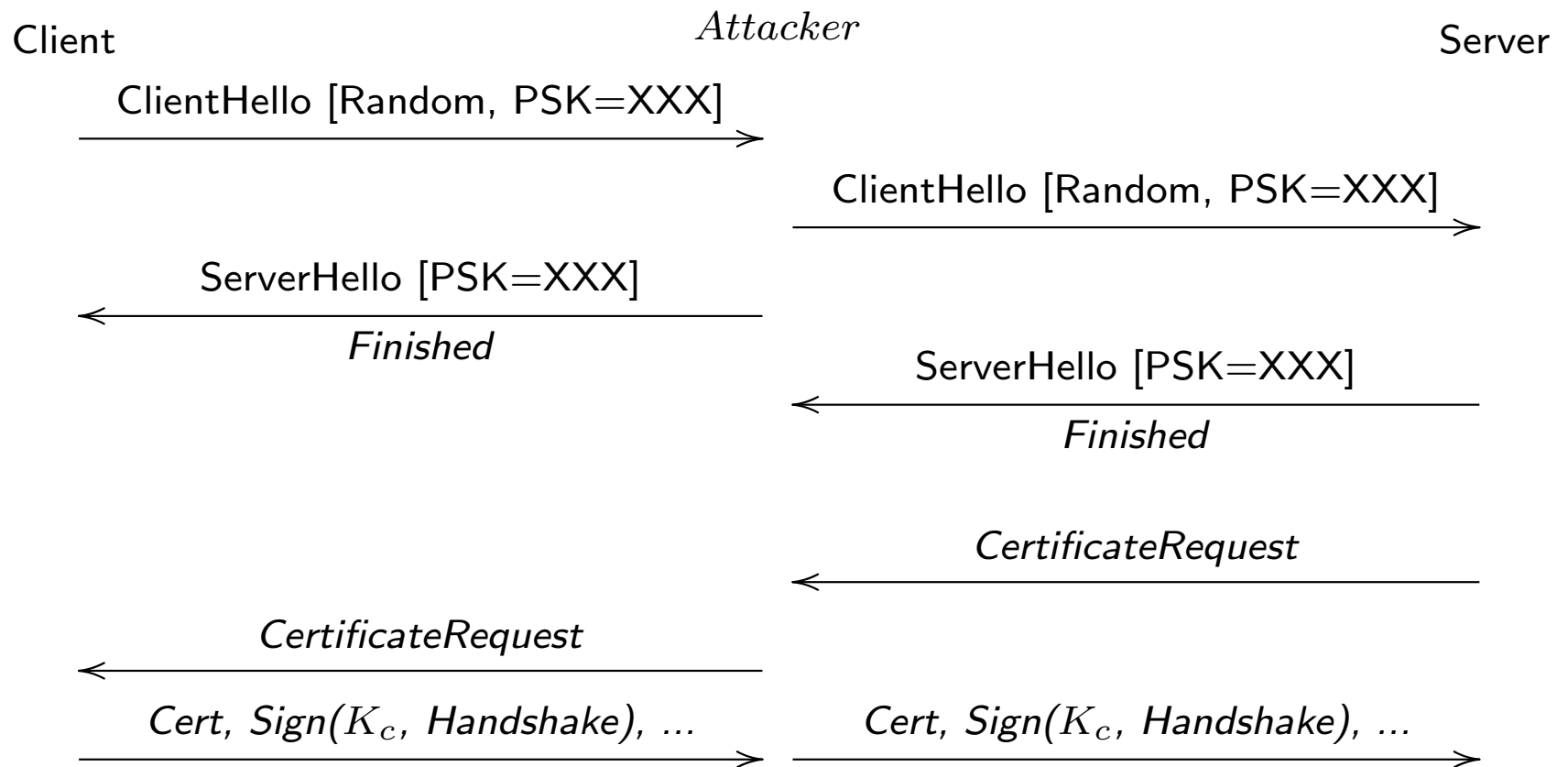
Interactions

- What happens when you combine PSK and post-handshake client auth?
- This is something you want to work
 - Idea is to add client authentication to “resumed” sessions
 - In TLS 1.2, this is done with renegotiation

Attack on Naive Design: Setup [CHvdMS]



Attack on Naive Design: Reconnect



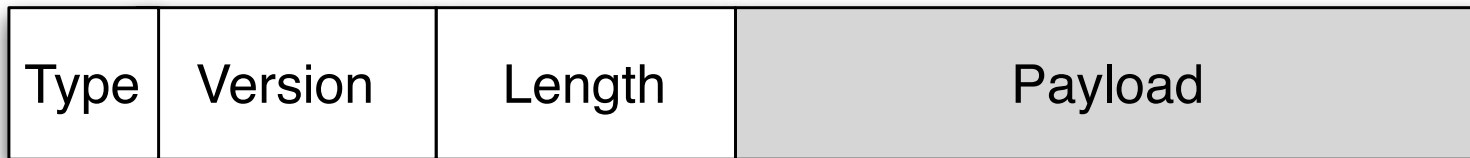
Analysis

- The question is exactly what you sign
- In draft-10, client signed the server cert but not the server MAC
 - Didn't include client auth with PSK
 - ... or post-handshake
- PR#316 includes server's cert and MAC
 - Which transitively includes the server's certificate
 - This reinforces this decision
- This result comes directly from formal analysis with Tamarin
 - This is good news!
 - Big thanks to Cas Cremers, Marko Horvat, Thyla van der Merwe, Sam Scott

Traffic Analysis Defenses

- TLS 1.2 is very susceptible to traffic analysis
 - Content “type” in the clear
 - Packet length has minimal padding
 - * 0-255 bytes in block cipher modes
 - * No padding in stream and AEAD modes
- TLS 1.3 changes
 - Content type is encrypted
 - Arbitrary amounts of padding allowed
 - ... but it’s the application’s job to set padding policy

Packet Format



TLS 1.2 Packet Layout



TLS 1.3 Packet Layout

Server Name Indication

- How do you have multiple domains on the same server?
- Problem: Each domain may have its own certificate
 - How does the server know which one to present?
- Wrong way: each server gets their own IP address
 - Obviously this does not scale
 - But it's what people actually do (thanks Windows XP and Android 2.2)
- Right: ClientHello extension indicating server domain name
 - “Server Name Indication” (SNI)
- SNI is required for TLS 1.3

Open Issue: Encrypted SNI

- SNI leaks the server's identity
 - Even if the server certificate is encrypted!
- would be nice to hide the SNI
 - So `hidden.com` and `innocuous.com` could share a server
 - Important for anti-censorship applications
- WG is still struggling with this
 - General idea is to use the 0-RTT first flight to hide SNI
 - But the details are complicated
 - Looks like we can do this without major changes (and perhaps none)

Current Status

- Currently in draft-10
- Most major issues resolved at IETF Yokohama (two weeks ago)
- Formal models already starting to emerge
- Implementation in NSS (Firefox) by EOY
 - OpenSSL, etc. to follow
- TLS Ready or Not Workshop in February (co-located with ISOC NDSS)
- Expect Last Call in Q1

Following the Work

- IETF TLS Mailing List:
<https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/tls>
- Github repository: <https://github.com/tlswg/tls13-spec>
- Editor's draft: <http://tlswg.github.io/tls13-spec/>

Questions?

Extra Material

Backward Compatibility Problems

1. What do you do if the other side doesn't support RI?
 - Server can refuse to renegotiate
 - Client can only refuse to connect
 - Guess what clients do...
2. Some servers are *extension intolerant*
 - Extensions were defined after SSLv3 was already published
 - Some servers choke on extensions
 - ... badly

Special Signaling Cipher Suites (I)

- OK, so the client can't always send an extension
 - What can it safely send?

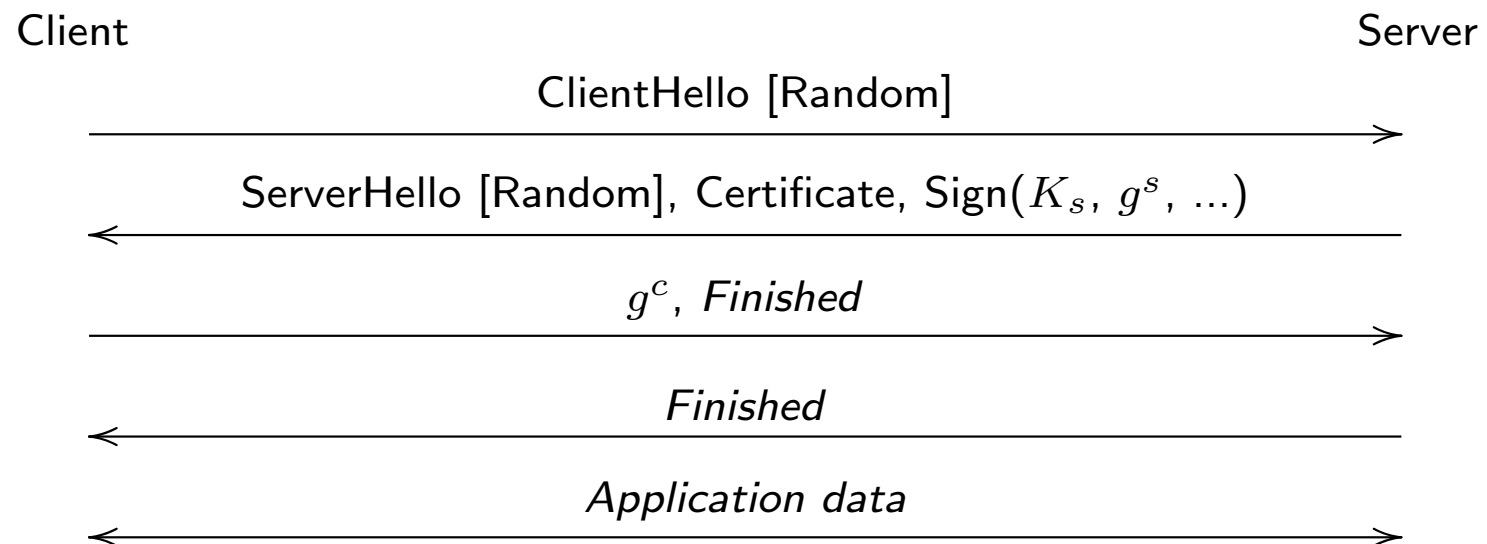
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- OK, so the client can't always send an extension
 - What can it safely send?
 - ... *a cipher suite*

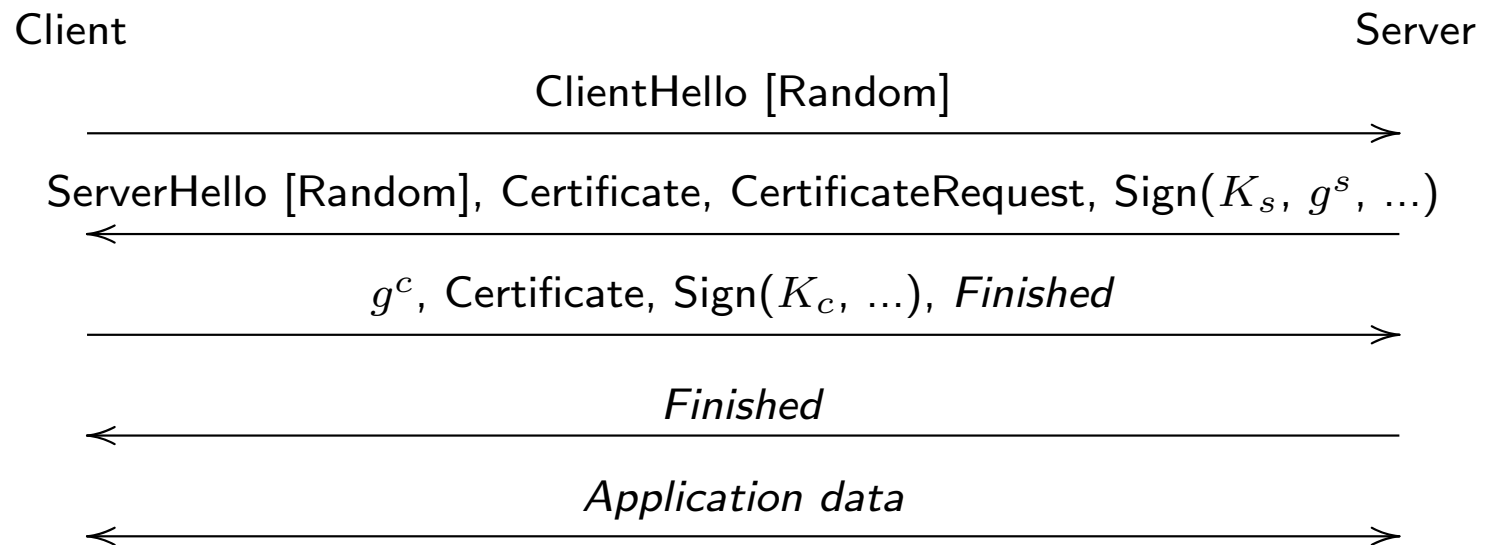
"IANA has added TLS cipher suite number 0x00,0xFF with name
TLS_EMPTY_RENEGOTIATION_INFO_SCSV to the TLS Cipher Suite registry."
– RFC5746

- Cipher suite negotiation code gets exercised regularly
- And got a workout when we added AES
 - So it's mostly safe to send new cipher suites

TLS 1.2: (EC)DHE Skeleton



TLS 1.2: (EC)DHE + Client Authentication



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