

## THE WORLD OF TLS

Security, Attacks, TLS 1.3

## HTTPS:// AND FTPS:// AND....

> Have you done any of the following today?

- E-shopping: Amazon, Ebay, Audible, ...
- Checked your Email
- Visited a social networking site: Facebook, Twitter, ...
- Used a secure FTP
- Used Voice over IP
- Used Google
- Used any URL strting with https:// and a green lock

Congratulations, you used TLS/SSL!

# PART 1 ABOUT TLS/SSL

# WHAT TLS DOES

- > Main goal:
  - Confidentiality and Authenticity of communications
  - Privacy of data and services exchanged
    - Your searches on Google, or even the fact that you used Google Search rather than Google mail
  - Guarantees still work if keys are compromised (PFS)
  - Mostly Client (you) ↔ Server (Service Provider)
- > How TLS does this:
  - Key Exchange: yields keys for SEnc and MAC
  - Record layer: use authenticated encryption with keys to secure communication
  - Authentication: usually only server side (eases PKI)

## THE CLIENT-SERVER SCENARIO

## > Online shopping:

- You go to amazon. fr
- You choose what you want to buy
- Put it in your virtual shopping cart
- Log in with your user name and password
- Pay
- Wait for your delivery
- > What actually happens:
  - You type amazon. fr in your browser
  - Your browser negotiates a TLS connection with Amazon
  - You get to the website on https:// for secure browsing
  - You authenticate to amazon on a secure link

## A BIT OF HISTORY

Started out as Secure Socket Layer (SSL)

- Developed by Netscape around 1995
- Main goal: secure communication over the Internet

Changed to Transport Layer Security (TLS) in 1999

- Secure communication over the Internet: https
- ... but also: secure file sharing (ftp), secure emailing etc.
- Heavily standardised
- > Some implementations:
  - OpenSSL
  - BoringSSL, mbedTLS
  - s2n: TLS by Amazon

### BIT OF A BLACK SHEEP

> SSL 1.0: never released (too insecure for release)

> SSL 2.0: released in Feb. 1995

"contained a number of security flaws"

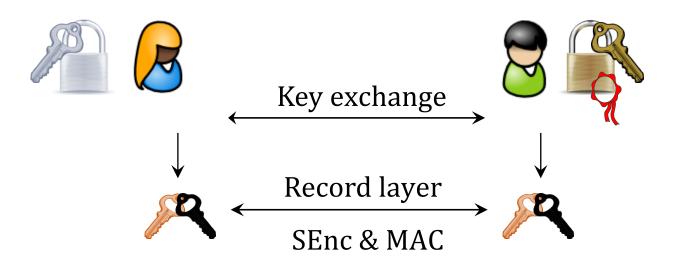
> SSL 3.0: released in 1996, complete re-design from 2.0

TLS 1.0: "no dramatic changes", but "more secure" backward compatible: can relax to SSL 3.0

#### TLS 1.1: some protection against CBC-mode attacks: explicit IV, better padding

TLS 1.2: problems with MD5, more recently RC4 renegotiation, export ciphersuites, implem. faults

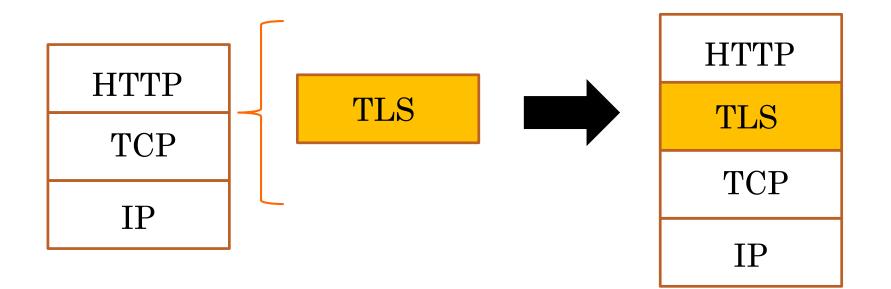
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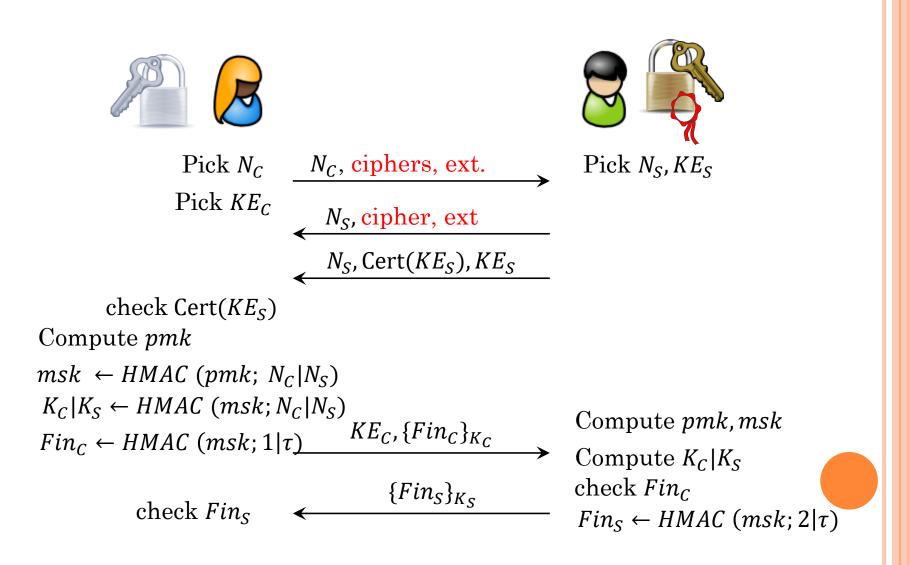
Intuition:

- If keys are "good", they should secure Record layer
- Q1: What is a "good" key?
- Q2: How do we encrypt and authenticate?

# TLS AS A COMMUNICATION LAYER

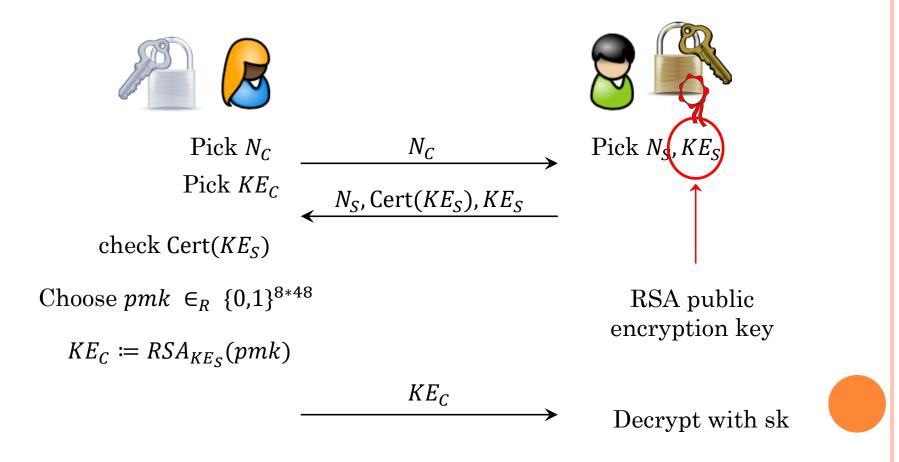


## THE TLS (1.2) HANDSHAKE (AKE)



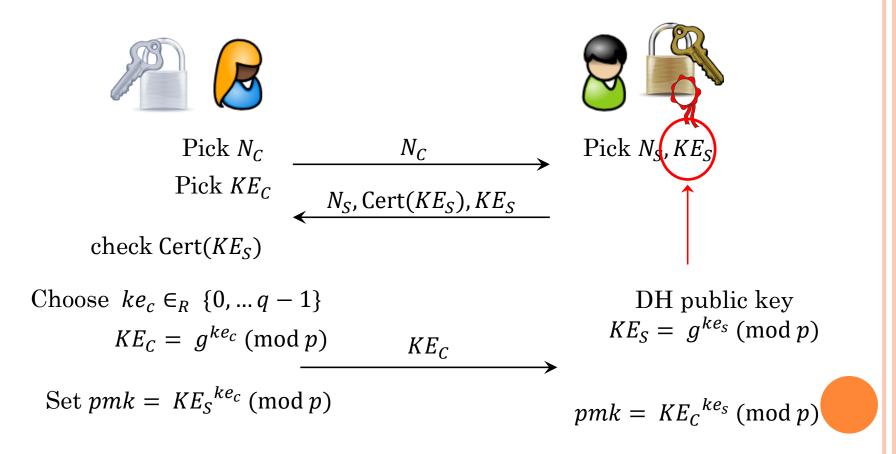
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#### > TLS-RSA (most used):



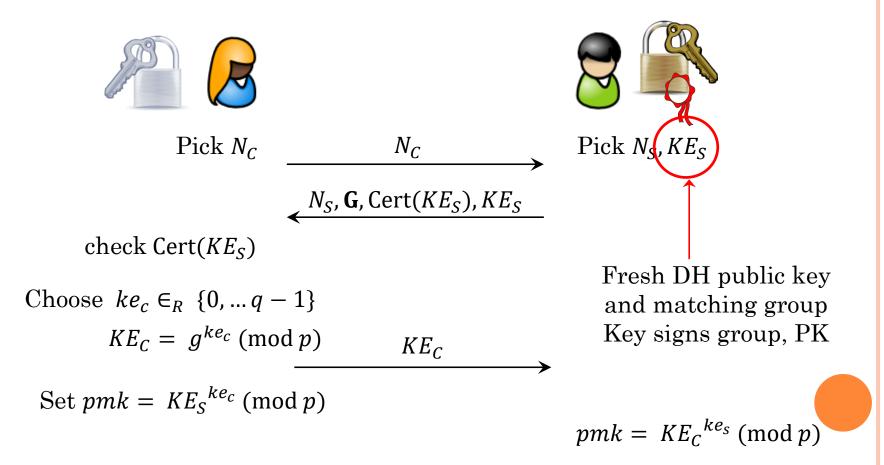
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#### > TLS-DH (second best):



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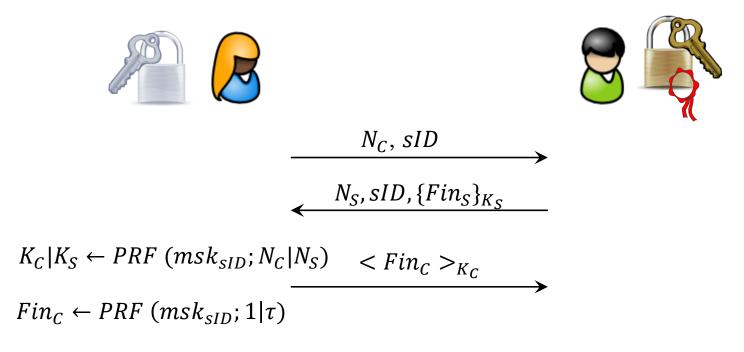
#### > TLS-DHE (ephemeral DH):



## KEY DERIVATION AND RENEGOTIATION

> Runs of TLS are "sessions" and have session IDs

- If client has seen server before, reuse key material (msk)
- Use *sID* instead of  $N_C$  and  $N_S$



# TLS HANDSHAKE SUMMARY

- Session freshness
  - Nonces  $N_C$ ,  $N_S$  involved in key derivation

 $msk \leftarrow PRF (pmk; N_C | N_S)$ 

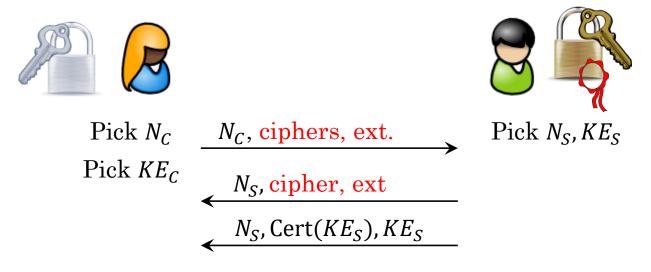
- Prevent replay attacks (that enforce same keys)
- Server authentication
  - Certificate ensures only server shares key with client
  - Unilateral: anyone can exchange keys with server

## Key confirmation

- Finished messages: authenticated encryption with session keys, of a fixed message
- Both parties are sure they computed the same keys
- Forward secrecy : only in DHE mode

### Some problems

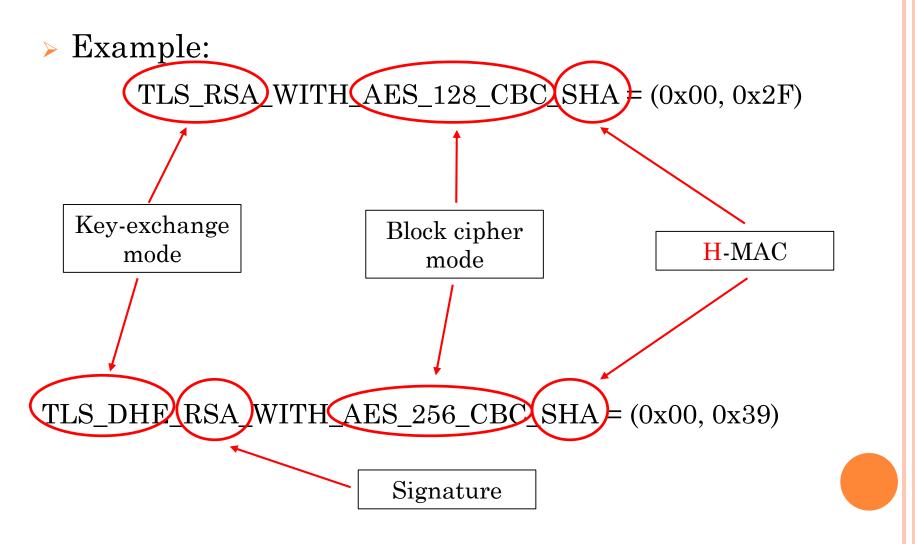
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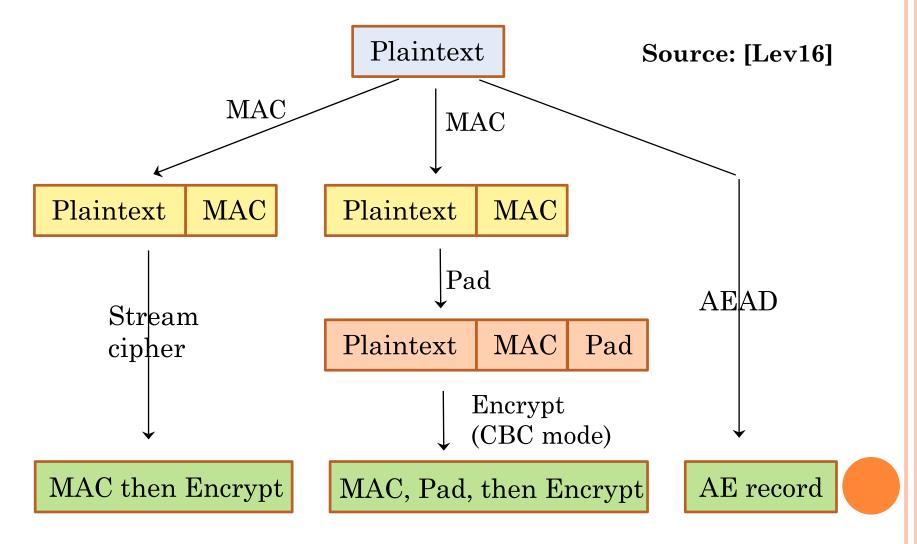
 $K_C | K_S \leftarrow PRF (msk; N_C | N_S)$ 

 Compatibility of ciphers and size not verified (enabling the use of export cipher suites)

### CIPHER SUITES FOR TLS 1.2



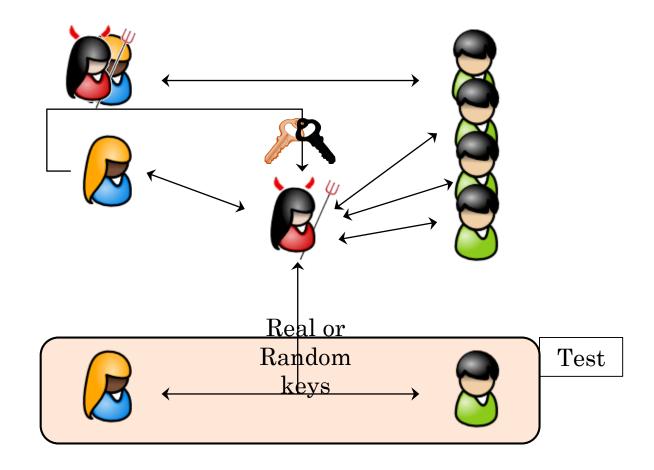
#### RECORD LAYER TREATMENT



## PART 2 PROVABLE SECURITY AND ATTACKS

## WHAT IS A GOOD KEY?

> Bellare-Rogaway security for key exchange [BR93]:



## BR ATTACKERS

## > Active Man-in-the-Middle:

- Can observe communication
- Can instantiate communication with any party, in separate session
- Can reveal session keys
- Can corrupt parties to learn long-term keys
- And yet, Adv. cannot distinguish specific session key from random without revealing/ corrupting

#### Forward secrecy:

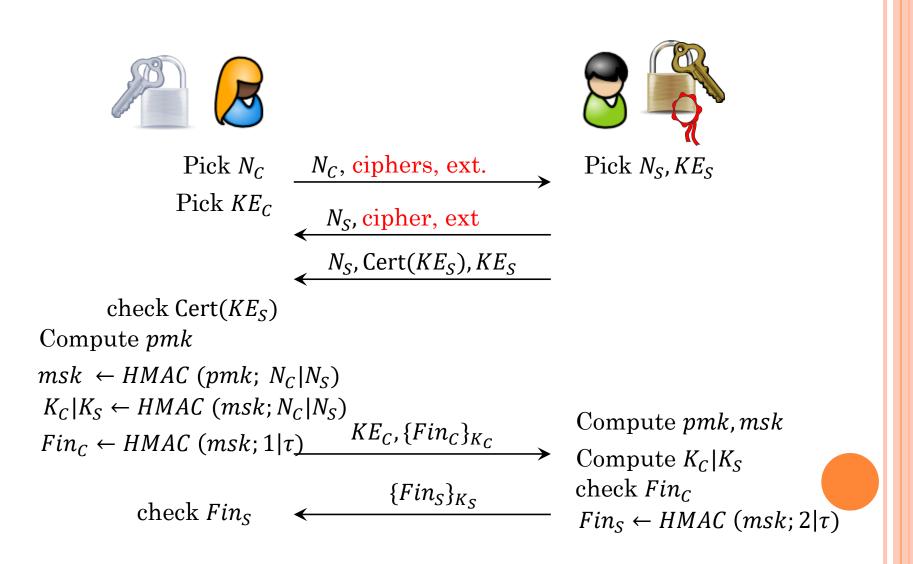
Even past keys of corrupted parties look random

## WHY AKE SECURITY

- > AKE security:
  - Say session key is indistinguishable from random
  - Whatever you use that key for will be as secure as it is if a random key is used
- Secure symmetric encryption:
  - The key is picked at random from a key space, by the Key Generation algorithm
  - The adversary is never given this key
  - IND-CPA security: the adversary cannot learn even one bit of the encrypted plaintext

> However, the guarantee holds only if key looks random

## IS TLS BR-SECURE?



# TLS AND BR SECURITY

- > TLS combines handshake with auth. encryption
- > TLS is not secure because of Finished messages
  - Check Real/Random by simulating Finished messages
  - If the key is confirmed, it's real; else, it's random
- > ACCE security:
  - Introduced by Jager et al. [JKSS, Crypto 2012]
  - 2 guarantees:
    - unilateral or mutual authentication
    - Channel security (the computed key is safe to use with AE)
    - No guarantees for other uses (e.g. for authentication)

# (S)ACCE SECURITY OF TLS

- > Breakthrough in TLS Security
  - Krawczyk, Paterson, Wee (2013): TLS 1.2 is secure
  - Bhargavan et al. (2014): TLS 1.2 is secure even with session resumption and changing ciphersuites
  - Kohlweiss et al. (2014): TLS 1.2 is secure even in composition with other protocols
- Guarantee requires:
  - MSK expansion from  $KE_C$ ,  $KE_S$  is truly random
  - Key expansion function is PRF
  - Gap Diffie-Hellman problem is hard
  - Record-layer primitives are secure

# TLS & FORWARD SECRECY

- Forward secrecy:
  - Adversary watches some sessions, records transcripts
  - Adversary corrupts server to get key
- > TLS-RSA mode:
  - Corruption yields long-term RSA secret-key
  - Adversary can decrypt all past *pmk* encryptions
- > TLS-DH mode:
  - Corruption yields discrete log of static DH share
  - Adversary can calculate past *pmk* values
- > TLS-DHE mode:
  - Corruption yields long-term signature secret key
  - Adversary can sign, but cannot retrieve past DLogs

## **RECORD-LAYER SECURITY**

### > Cipher Suites:

- Chosen by client when sending nonce
- Define: key-exchange, sym. encryption, MAC, PRF
- Choice of block or stream ciphers, hash functions, etc.

#### > Provable security:

- If you have good keys, IND-CPA-secure authenticated encryption, then this creates a secure channel
- Problem 1: we don't really know which cipher suites are IND-CPA secure
- Problem 2: security models feature single-block msgs; real world msgs are multi-block and padded

## PROBLEMS WITH CBC-MODE

- > Why we like CBC mode:
  - Efficient in practice: can decrypt a lot in constant memory and linear time
  - Just as good as ECB for efficiency, better security

Some limits:

- Problems with choice of IV
- CBC-MAC has problems with unforgeability

> More serious: attack by Vaudenay

## VAUDENAY'S ATTACK

#### > Works for specific kind of padding:

- Consider block length b in bytes
- Message *m* that has length (in bytes) not a multiple of *b*
- Pad with n bytes, each equal to n : 1, 22, 333, etc.
- Padded message:  $[x_1, \dots, x_N]$ , each  $x_i$  a full block
- Encrypt:

 $y_1 = C(IV XOR x_i)$ ; and  $y_i = C(y_{i-1} XOR x_i)$ 

#### > Uses error messages as oracles:

- If padding is incorrect, receiving party usually complains
- Change ciphertext *y* and watch if padding still ok

#### BASIC ATTACK

#### First step: find last word of y

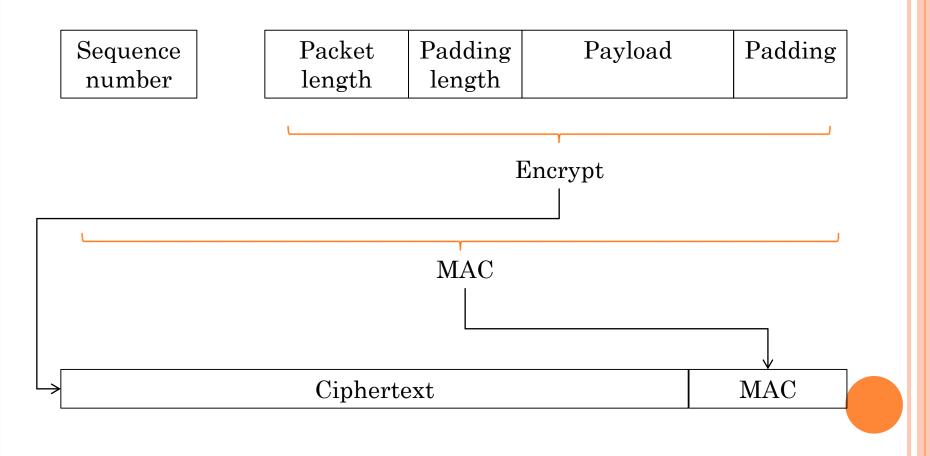
- 1. pick a few random words  $r_1, \ldots, r_b$  and take i = 0
- 2. pick  $r = r_1 \dots r_{b-1} (r_b \oplus i)$
- 3. if  $\mathcal{O}(r|y) = 0$  then increment *i* and go back to the previous step
- 4. replace  $r_b$  by  $r_b \oplus i$
- 5. for n = b down to 2 do
  - (a) take  $r = r_1 \dots r_{b-n} (r_{b-n+1} \oplus 1) r_{b-n+2} \dots r_b$
  - (b) if  $\mathcal{O}(r|y) = 0$  then stop and output  $(r_{b-n+1} \oplus n) \dots (r_b \oplus n)$
- 6. output  $r_b \oplus 1$

## > Why this works:

- If O(r|y) = 1 then padding checks for decrypted ciphertext
- Which means, padding is correct for  $C^{-1}(y) XOR r$
- $\succ$  Repeat to get last block of y , then to get y

## ERRORS THAT KILL (OPENSSH)

#### > Encrypt-then-MAC is bad: Albrecht et al.



## PLAINTEXT RECOVERY

## > Idea:

- Forget about the length being a length field
- Imagine you wanted to decrypt a ciphertext
- Start with one block of this ciphertext (which you want to decrypt), and send it as the first part of a new ciphertext
- Wait and see
- If no termination, then the packet passed the length check
- We learn 14 bits of plaintext
- Repeat this to get 32 bits, then more

### HISTORY OF TLS ATTACKS

 $\succ$  Renegotiation attack vs >SSL 3.0: plaintext injection **Ideal** Patch: kill renegotiation/generate more entropy **Real** Patch: include previous session history > Version rollback attacks: use older, weaker version/cipher **Ideal** Patch: kill backward compatibility/weak ciphers **Real** Patch: ??? (not an important/realistic attack)  $\succ$  BEAST: browser exploits of CBC vulnerabilities **Ideal** Patch: kill CBC mode/ kill < TLS 1.2 **Real** Patch: fixed in TLS 1.1, but even if client has TLS >1.1, weak servers can force it to TLS 1.0. **Extra** Patch: discouraged CBC mode

encouraged RC4...

## MORE ATTACKS ON TLS

#### CRIME/BREACH: exploit compression characteristics

Ideal Patch: kill data compression

**Real** Patch: can kill some compression in TLS/SPDY headers; cannot kill HTTP compression (against BREACH)

#### Timing attacks/Lucky 13: exploit padding problems

Ideal Patch: kill CBC mode

**Real** Patch: encourage RC4 instead of CBC mode TLS 1.2 does offer one good ciphersuite: AES-GCM

#### > POODLE: downgrade to SSL 3.0 and exploit away

Ideal Patch: kill backward compatibility Real Patch: close our eyes and hope it goes away?

## AND EVEN MORE ATTACKS

➢ RC4 attacks: RC4 output biased − NOT pseudorandom

Attack specifics: 2014 – use many encryptions (2<sup>34</sup>) and lots of generated traffic to do something à la BREACH/CRIME (on cookies)

> 2015 – use less encryptions (2<sup>26</sup>) on passwords with100 tries before lockout. Password recovery rate: 50% for pwlength 6 for BasicAuth (Chrome)

Ideal Patch: kill RC4

**Real** Patch: RFC 7465 prohibits RC4 cipher suites.

**Real** Deployment: 30% of SSL/TLS traffic still uses RC4<sup>1</sup> 74.5% of sites allow RC4 negotiation<sup>2</sup> few sites deploy TLS 1.2, which means alternatives are just as bad...

<sup>1</sup> ICSI Certificate Notary project; <sup>2</sup> SSL Pulse

## DOES IT EVER STOP?

> Heartbleed: does not affect SSL/TLS, rather OpenSSL

Attack strategy: read memory of users with problematic versions of OpenSSL, essentially learning their long-term data

Patch: do not use OpenSSL 1.0.1. to 1.0.1f.

 $\succ$  3Shake:  ${S_1}^*$  forces same MSK in  ${S_1}^*$  - A and  ${S_1}^*$  -  $S_2$ 

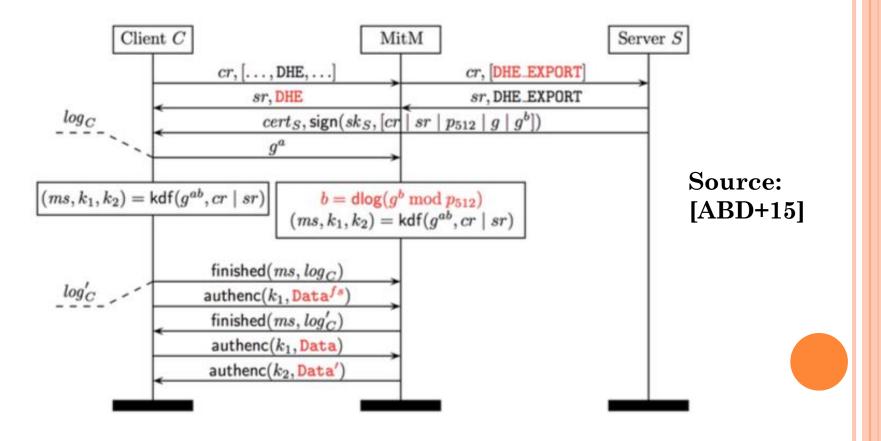
Attack strategy: use same PMK material in two sessions, then use session resumption (no certificates!)
Ideal Patch: kill renegotiation and finite fields; use ECDHE
Real Patch: not really all that much...

FREAK: force connection on weak parameters
 Ideal Patch: kill backward compatibility
 Real Patch: fix OpenSSL, preserve backward compatibility

### A RECENT BUG: LOGJAM

> Export cipher suites: date back to 90s, have small primes

Can break DLog on those groups easily, thus forge connection



# WHY LOGJAM WORKS

### Export ciphers still exist

- Originally for exporting cipher suites outside the US
- No longer really needed, but dormant in implementation
- They look innocuous, like regular DH parameters

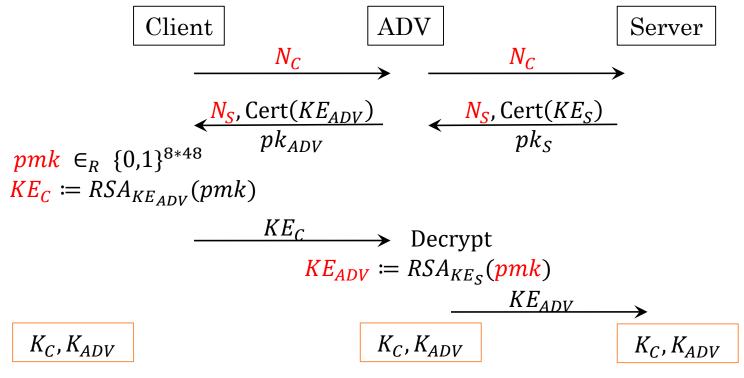
#### Solving DLog on 512-bit fields

- Usually servers use the same primes over and over again: break it once, you will know it next time
- Generally takes longer than usual timeout of sessions...
- ... but we can feed the server nonsense messages to make it wait longer
- Bhargavan et al.: 70 seconds to break DLog

# ANOTHER BUG: 3SHAKE [BDF+14]

#### > What if the attacker is a legitimate server?

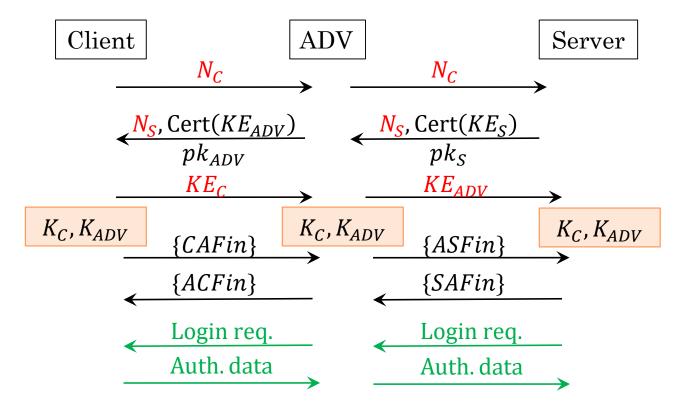
- This server has a legitimate certificate
- Its goal is to see information meant for other servers
- Strategy: first synch. keys, then relay



# ANOTHER BUG: 3SHAKE [BDF+14]

> Now suppose the three parties share keys

- Adv now wants to access C's Amazon's account
- Amazon requires user-name + password



# BUT... WASN'T TLS PROVABLY SECURE?

Security statement equivalent to:

 $\succ$  In the ROM (or with weird assumptions), given:

- A secure certification scheme (PKI)
- A collision-resistant hash function
- A PRF that is indistinguishable from random
- A Strongly-unforgeable HMAC
- Either CBC-mode block cipher that is a super PRP; or a stream cipher with PR output

≻ Then: TLS-RSA, TLS-DH, TLS-DHE secure

How does that fit in with attacks?

# GAP MODEL/REALITY

- De-facto security model:
  - 1 server, perfect protocol implementation:

Rules out 3Shake, Heartbleed, Padding attacks Rules out cookie problems: BREACH/CRIME...

- Does not capture changing ciphersuites/renegotiation Rules out FREAK, renegotiation, version rollback...
- $\succ$  Reductions
  - Assuming CBC-mode block cipher that is a super PRP... ... which is not true for TLS...
  - Assuming stream cipher with PR output...

... DEFINITELY not true for RC 4...

#### **Close the gap or change the protocol**

PART 3 TLS 1.3

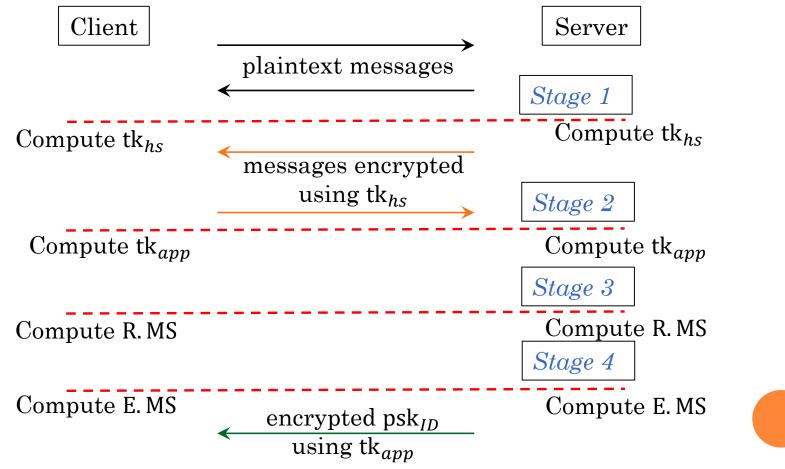
# BASICS OF TLS 1.3

### > TLS 1.3 philosophy:

- Modular protocol design
- Preserves features such as key-confirmation
- ... but guarantees AKE security (is composable)
- Few, good ciphersuites
- As much privacy as Tor (privacy vs. passive attacks)
- Several modes of operation:
  - Full handshake in DHE mode
  - Pre-Shared Key
  - PSK + DHE
  - 0-RTT

# FULL HANDSHAKE STRUCTURE [V13]

Several *stages*, one stage per key:



#### STAGE 1 OF FULL HANDSHAKE

#### Stage 1: handshake keys

Client Server Pick  $N_C$  32-bytes long Pick **G**<sub>1</sub>, **G**<sub>2</sub> ... **G**<sub>n</sub>  $X_1, X_2 ... X_n$ Set  $\mathbf{KE}_{C,i} = (\mathbf{G}_i, g_i^{\chi_i})$  $N_C$ ,  $\mathbf{KE}_{C,1}$  ...  $\mathbf{KE}_{C,n}$ , ext Pick  $N_S$ , pick one  $\mathbf{G}_i$ Pick y, set  $KE_S = g_i^y$  $\bigstar N_S, \mathbf{G}_j, \mathrm{KE}_S, \mathrm{ext}$ Do:  $ES = KE_s^{x_j}$ Do:  $ES = KE_{C,i}^{y}$  $H_1 = H(N_C \dots KE_S, ext)$ xES = HKDF. Ext(0, ES) $tk_{hs} = HKDF. Exp(xES, l_1 | H_1)$ Stage 1

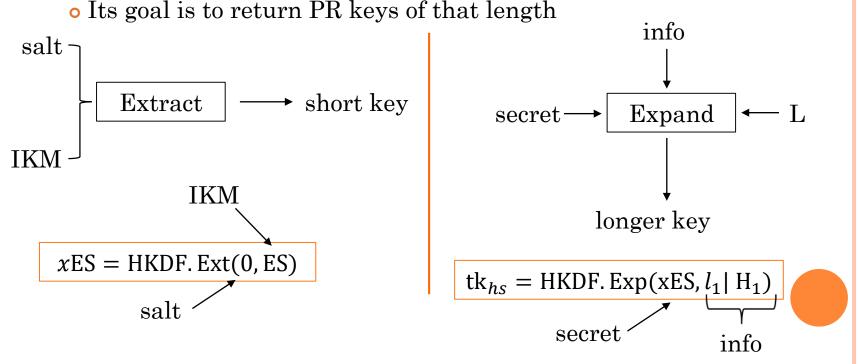
# CLIENT & SERVER HELLO

## ≻ TLS 1.2

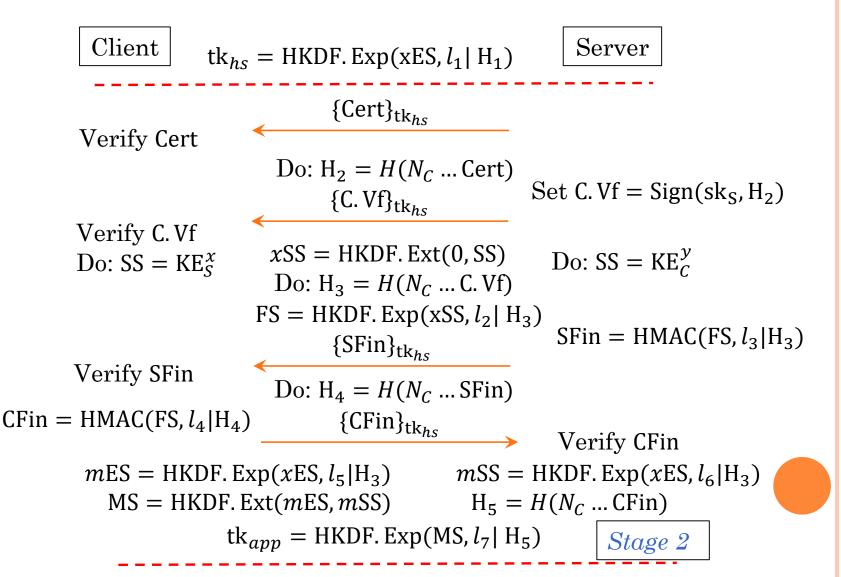
- Client Hello message:
  - Version, random, sID, ciphersuites, compression, extensions
- Server Hello message:
  - Version, random, sID, ciphersuite, compression, extensions
- In TLS-DHE, server chooses (EC)DHE group
- ▶ TLS 1.3
  - Client Hello:
    - Includes list of groups and key-shares for all those groups
  - Server Hello:
    - Chooses one group, generates key share

# THE HKDF FUNCTIONS [RFC 5869]

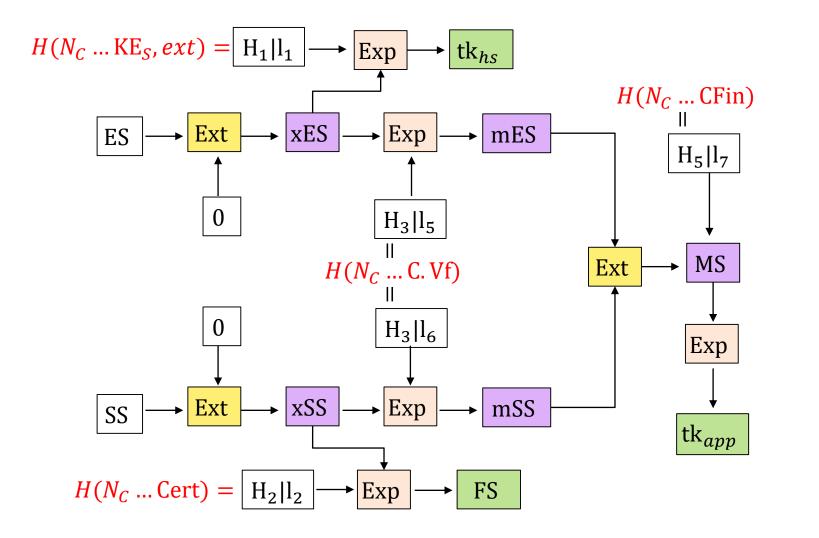
- $\succ$  2 functions:
  - Extract takes a "salt" and an "input key material"
    Its goal is to extract entropy
  - Expand takes a "secret", a context, and a length



#### STAGE 2 OF FULL HANDSHAKE



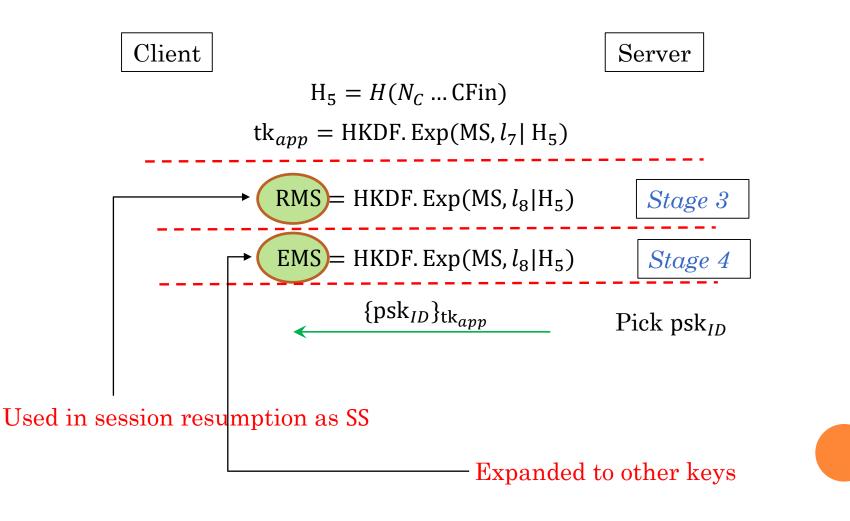
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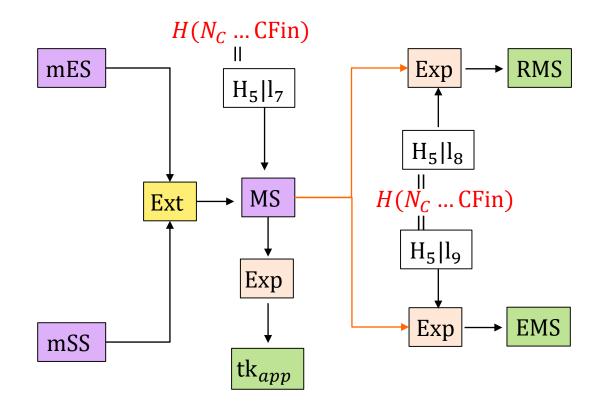
#### ABOUT OUR KEYS

- > Stage 1:  $tk_{hs}$  computed from  $ES = g^{x \cdot y}$  and hello hash
  - but not authenticated by end of Stage 1
- > Stage 2:  $tk_{app}$  computed from  $ES = g^{x \cdot y}$  and SS = ES
  - Step I: authenticate  $tk_{hs}$  -- indirect authentication of ES
  - Step II: obtain FS from SS via *Extract* + *Expand* With a different Hash + label than tk<sub>hs</sub> from ES
     FS, tk<sub>hs</sub> independent, but confirming same secret
  - Step III: obtain *m*ES, *m*SS from *x*ES = *x*SS
    - Hash used in both cases is identical
    - But label is different, making *m*ES, *m*SS independent
  - Step IV: get master secret MS from *m*ES, *m*SS
  - Step V: get tk<sub>app</sub> from MS with yet another hash & label

### STAGES 3 AND 4



## More key scheduling



### **RESUMPTION AND EXPORT SECRETS**

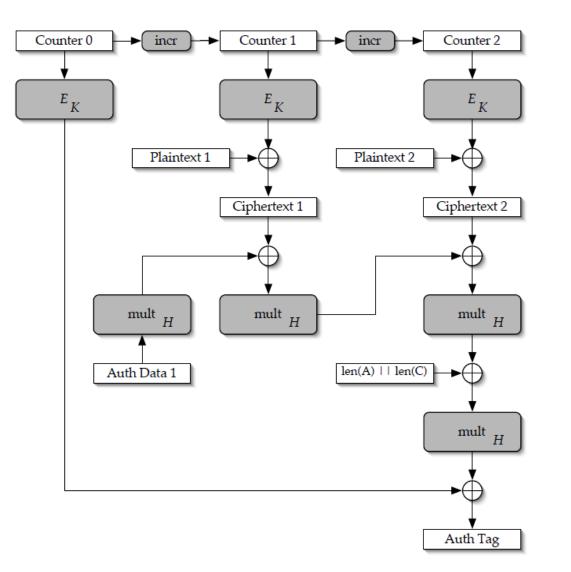
#### > The resumption secret RMS

- Result of expanding MS with new label, session hash
- The RMS is maintained, associated with psk<sub>id</sub>
- If prompted with psk<sub>id</sub>, parties will use RMS as SS
- We will see resumption later
- > The export secret EMS
  - Will be used to yield further (independent) keys
  - Export keys: used for other applications, like:
    - Personal authentication
    - Encryption in different applications

#### **RECORD LAYER PRIMITIVES**

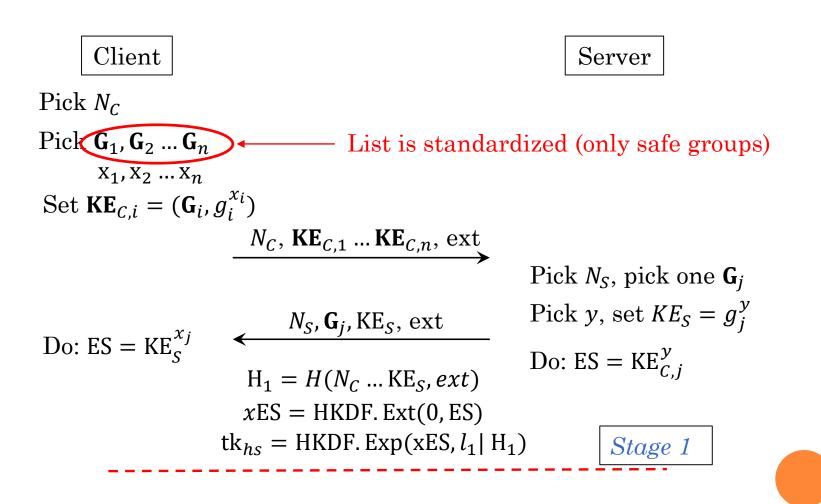
- > One block cipher, one stream cipher only
- > AES GCM (McGrew, Viega)
  - Allows not only encrypt + MAC, but also includes EA
  - Couter-mode encryption
- > ChaCha20-Poly1305
  - ChaCha20: stream cipher based on Salsa20 [Bernstein]
  - Poly1305: AES-based MAC (Nir, Langley, RFC 7539)

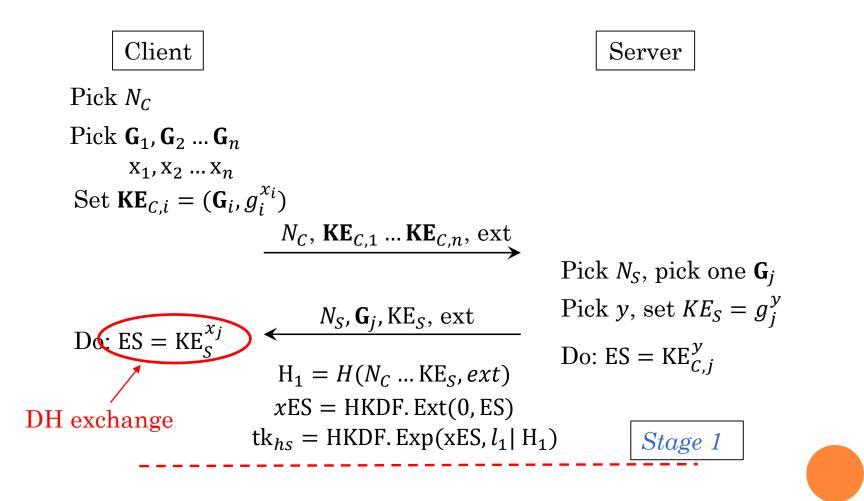
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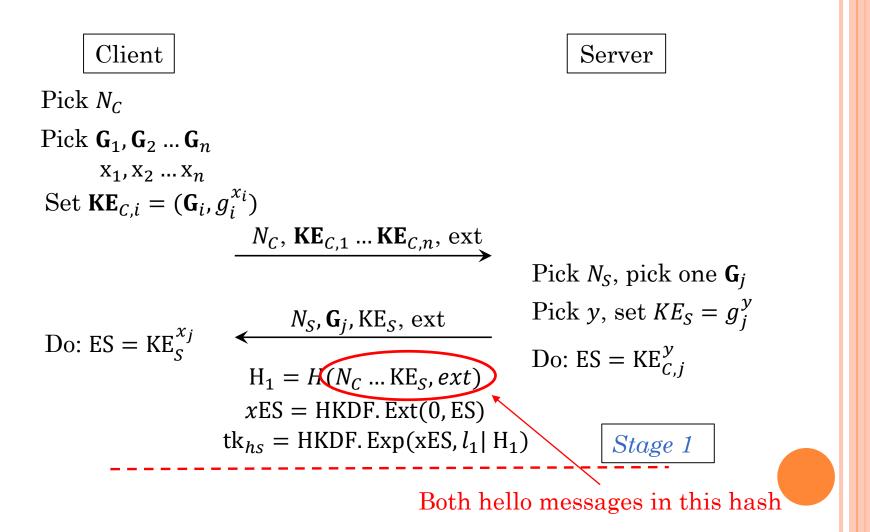


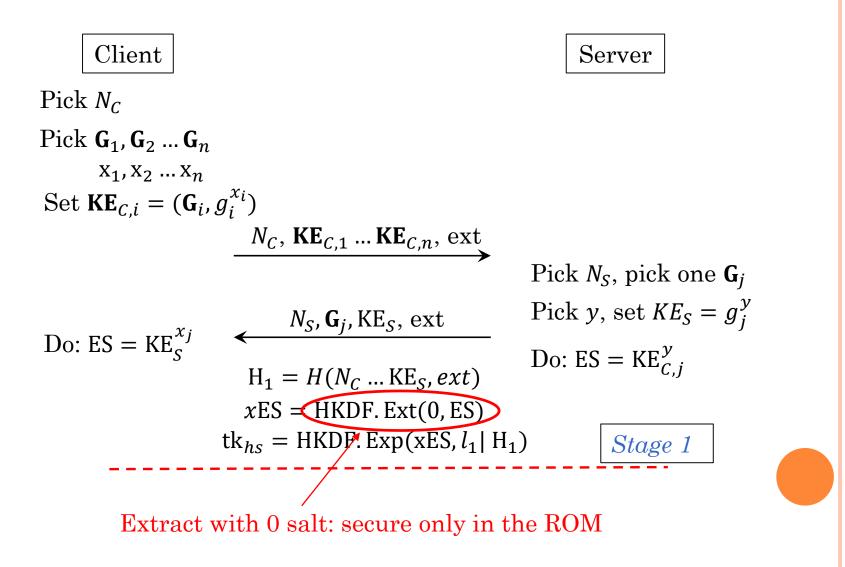
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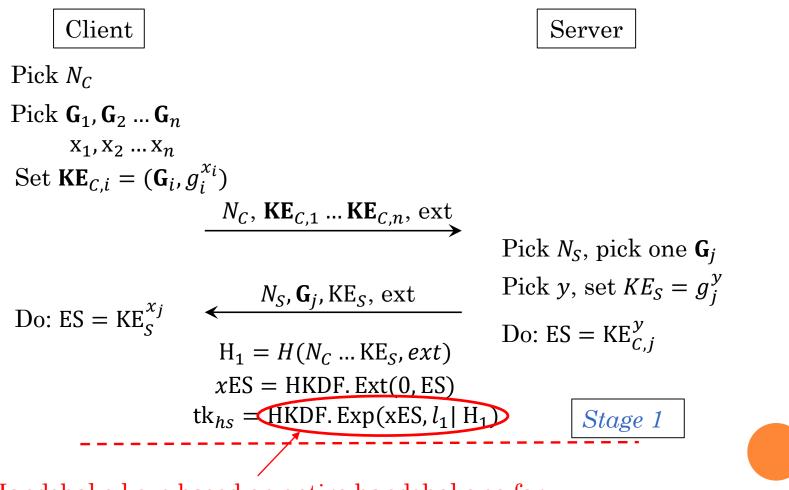
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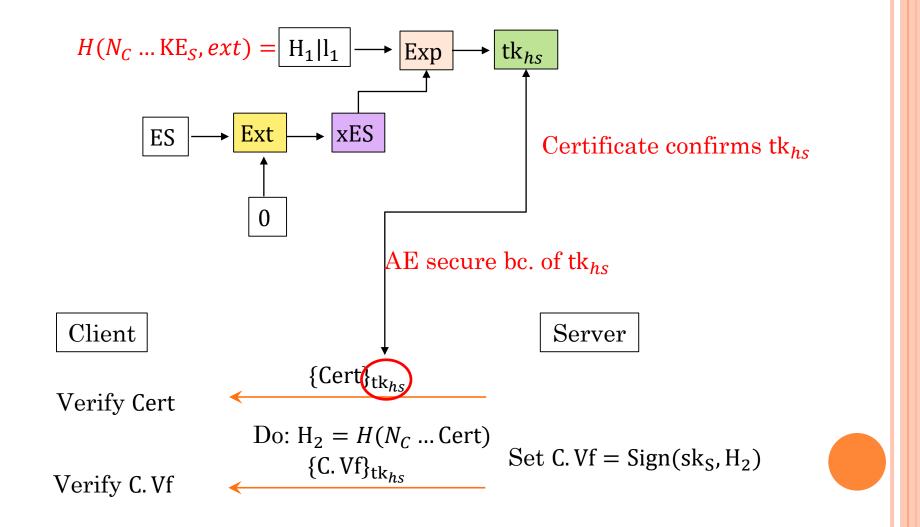




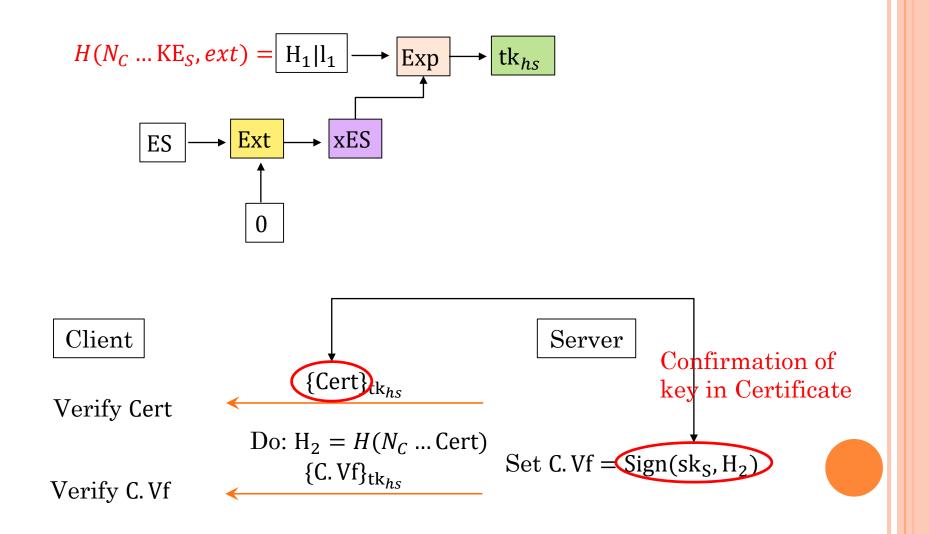


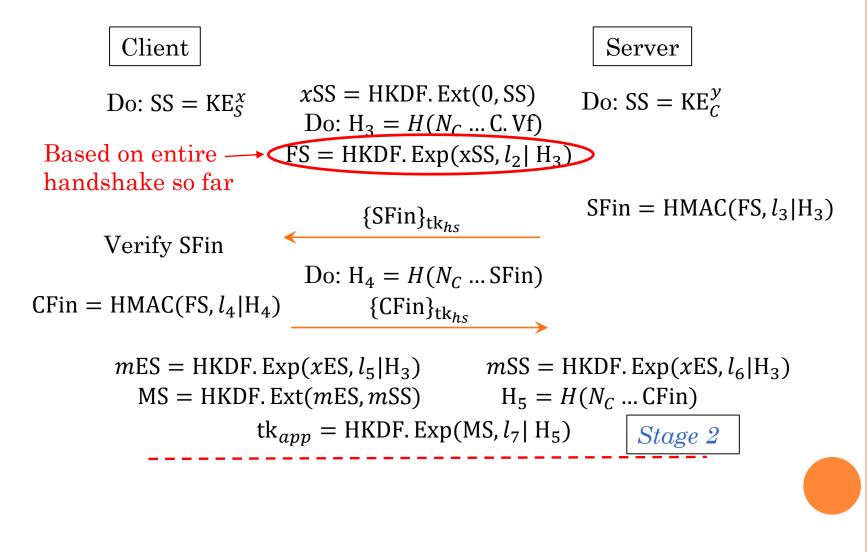


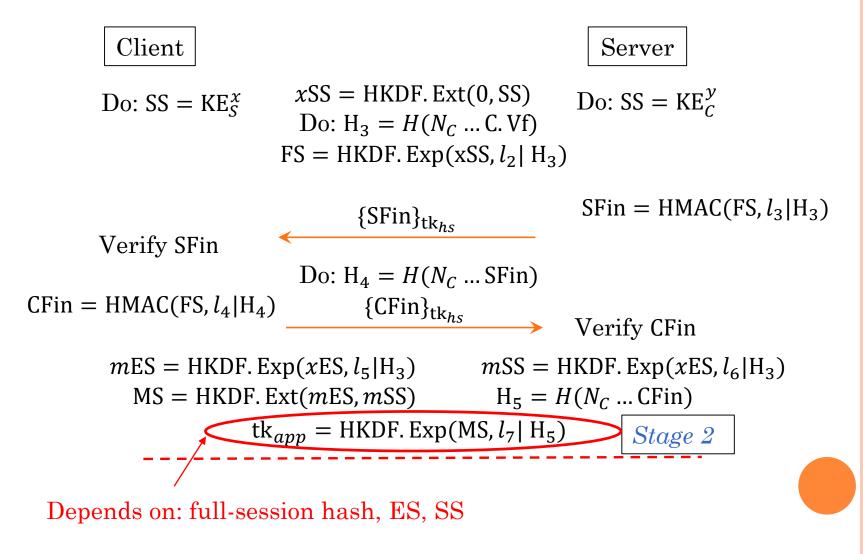
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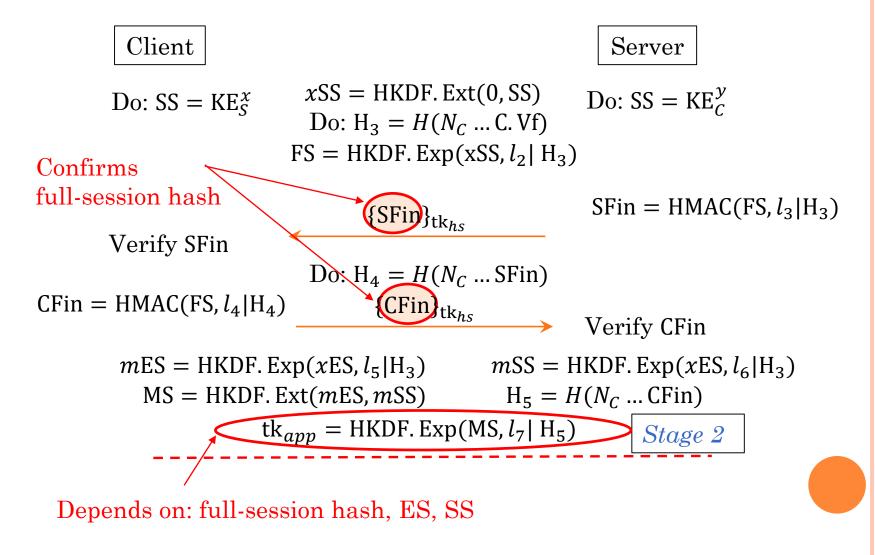


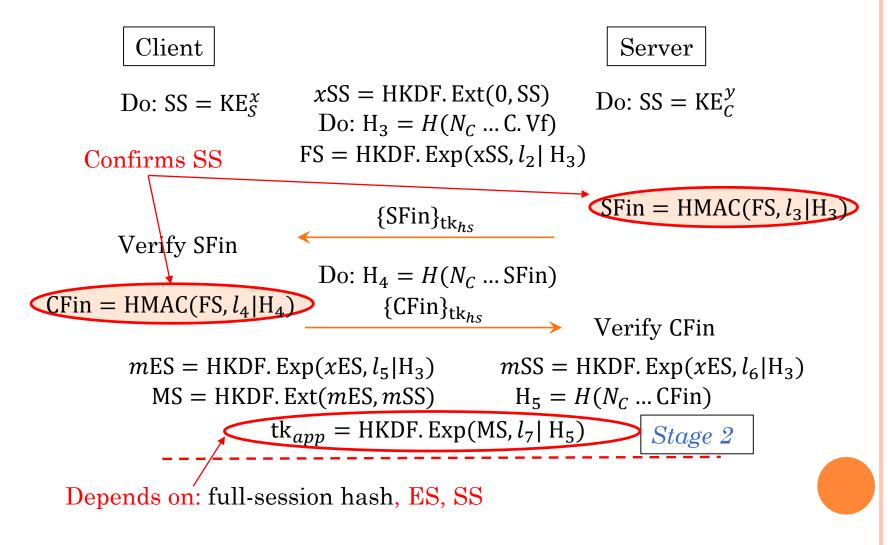


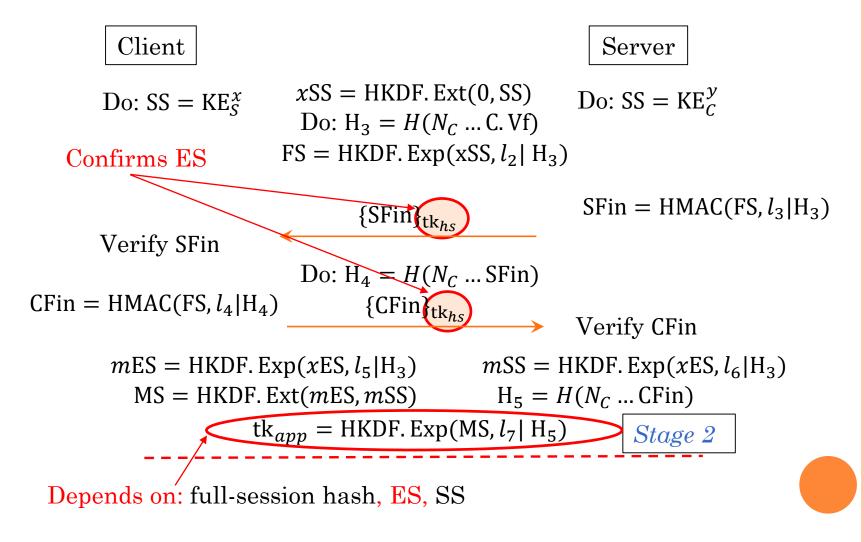




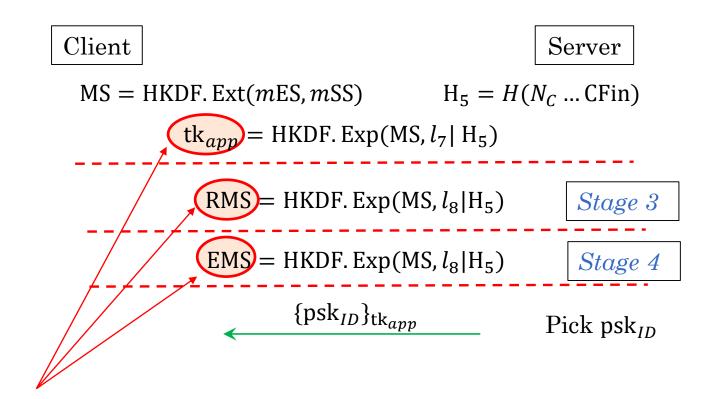






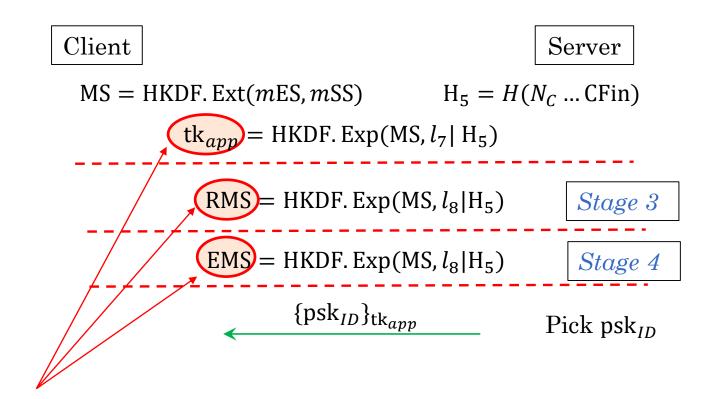


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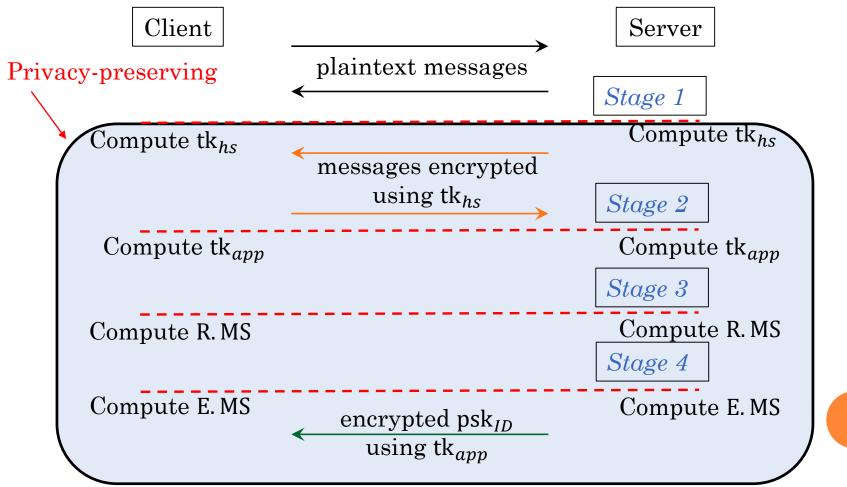
#### STAGES 3 AND 4



Computed from same MS value Independent labels => independent keys Hard to retrieve MS from any of these keys

### PRIVACY PRESERVATION

> Several *stages*, one stage per key:



# PART 5 SESSION RESUMPTION & 0-RTT

### TWO TYPES OF SESSION RESUMPTION

#### Simple Pre-Shared-Key (PSK) mode:

- Client asks for PSK mode
- Server sends a psk<sub>id</sub> value, associated with RMS
- For that handshake: ES = SS = RMS
- Handshakes change a little (include psk<sub>id</sub>)

#### > PSK + DHE mode:

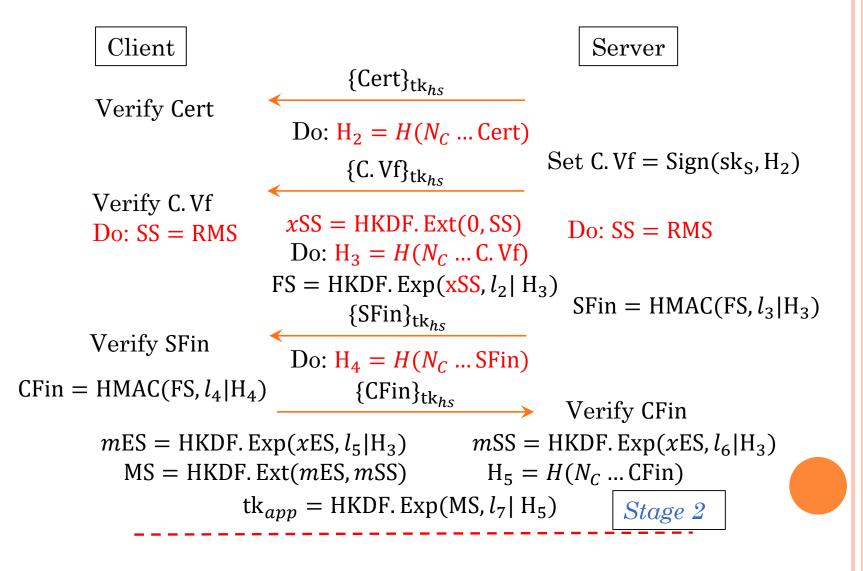
- Start as in PSK mode (sending psk<sub>id</sub>)
- Hybrid mode: also send  $g^x$ ,  $g^y$  (same group as in  $psk_{id}$ )
- ES computed as in full handshake, and SS = RMS

# STAGE 1 OF PSK+DHE

Stage 1: handshake keys

Client Server Pick  $N_C$ Pick **psk**<sub>*id*,1</sub>, ... **psk**<sub>*id*,n</sub>  $X_1, X_2 ... X_n$ Set  $\mathbf{KE}_{C,i} = g_i^{x_i}$  $\xrightarrow{N_{C}, \mathbf{KE}_{C,1} \dots \mathbf{KE}_{C,n}} \mathbf{psk}_{id,1}, \dots \mathbf{psk}_{id,n} \rightarrow$ Pick N<sub>S</sub>, pick psk<sub>id.i</sub> Pick y, set  $KE_S = g_i^y$  $N_S$ , KE<sub>S</sub>, psk<sub>id,j</sub> Do:  $ES = KE_s^{x_j}$ Do:  $ES = KE_{C_i}^{y}$  $H_1 = H(N_C \dots KE_S, psk_{id,i})$ xES = HKDF. Ext(0, ES) $tk_{hs} = HKDF. Exp(xES, l_1 | H_1)$ Stage 1

### STAGE 2 OF PSK + DHE



## VERY FAST HANDSHAKE – 0-RTT

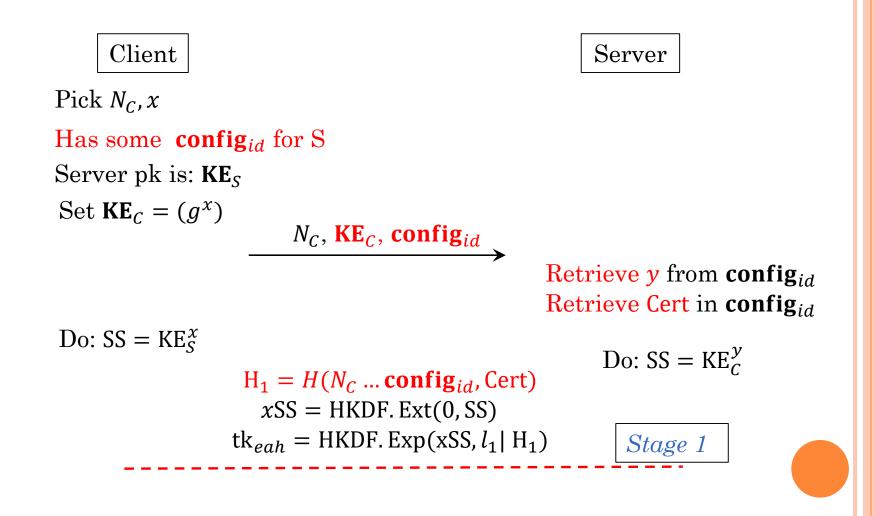
### > Zero Roundtrip time – 0-RTT mode

- Designed so client can encrypt from the first message
- A main characteristic of modern AKE schemes
- Requires knowledge of some public or private value corresponding to a server

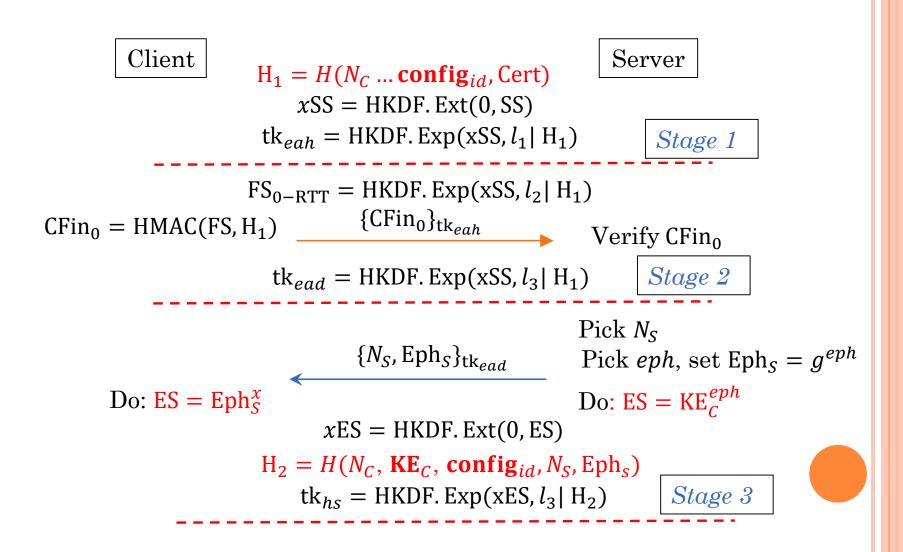
#### > In TLS, 4-stage protocol turns into 6-stage one

- Use pre-shared key to compute early data key
- Use that key to execute the remainder of handshake
- Generate keys as before, including EMS, RMS

# STAGE 1 IN 0-RTT



### STAGE 2 IN 0-RTT MODE

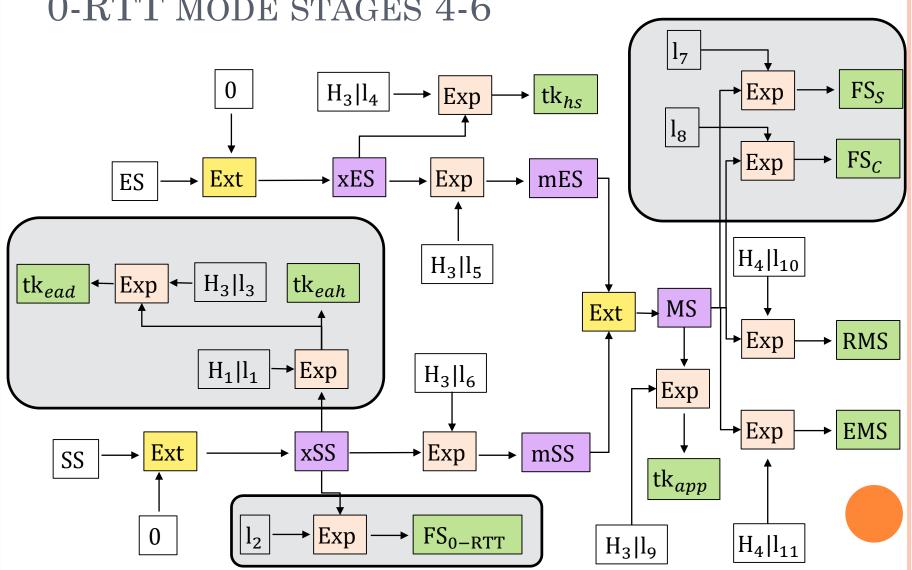


## STAGES 4-6

> Stage 3 ends like stage 1 of full handshake

Some differences:

- One intermediate & one long-term client Finished
- Finished keys for server & client are different
- Some keys take as input just labels, not hashes
- Master secret yields five different keys
- A much more complicated key-scheduling mechanism



#### **0-RTT MODE STAGES 4-6**

# PART 6 SAFELY EXPORTING KEYS

# EXPORT KEYS IN AKE

## > Authenticated Key-Exchange:

- Allow two parties to establish a secure channel
- Output: a set of channel keys, to use for AE
- Can sometimes also provide export keys

#### "Good" export keys:

- Indistinguishable from random
- Do not reveal anything about secret channel keys
- The channel keys do not reveal anything about the export keys
- In short: it is best to have independent export keys

# "TLS-LIKE" PROTOCOLS [BJS16]

- > Recall ACCE security:
  - Mutual authentication (otherwise SACCE)
  - Channel security
- > TLS-like protocols:
  - ACCE-secure authenticated key-exchange
  - Both parties generate randomness at every session
  - During the protocol, both parties compute MS
  - Keys computed as K := KDF(MS, nonces, F(T))
    T is protocol transcript, F is publicly computable

# TLS 1.2 GOOD EXPORT KEYS

- ➢ Given a TLS-like protocol (e.g. TLS 1.2)
  - Nonces:  $N_C$ ,  $N_S$
  - Master secret msk
  - Keys derived as:  $HMAC(msk; N_C|N_S)$
- Consider the following export keys:
  - EK  $\coloneqq$  *PRF*(msk;  $N_C | N_S$ , aux) s.t. EK  $\neq$  *Keys*
- > Then these keys are good export keys
  - The main reason is: MS remains hidden at all times

## EXPORT KEYS FOR TLS 1.3

> Exercise 1:

• Is TLS 1.3 "TLS-like" [BJS16]?

> Exercise 2:

- Assume TLS 1.3 is secure (proofs by DFG+15, FG16), which means tk<sub>app</sub> is indistinguishable from random
- What does this mean for the master secret ?
- What can you say about EMS, RMS