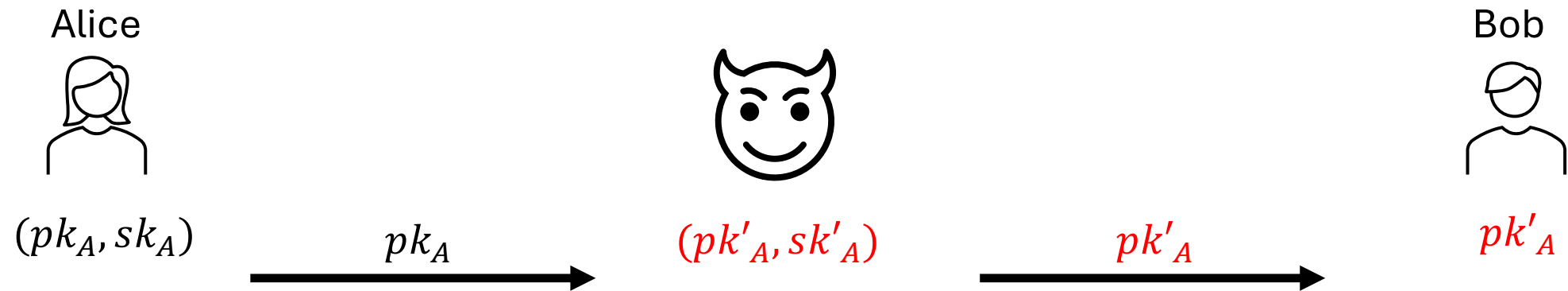


# Cryptography Engineering

- Lecture 3 (Nov 06, 2024)
- Today's notes:
  - Signed Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (SigDH) Protocol
  - TLS handshake and HTTPS protocol
- Today's coding tasks (and homework):
  - Play with HKDF
  - Implement a toy example of TLS handshake

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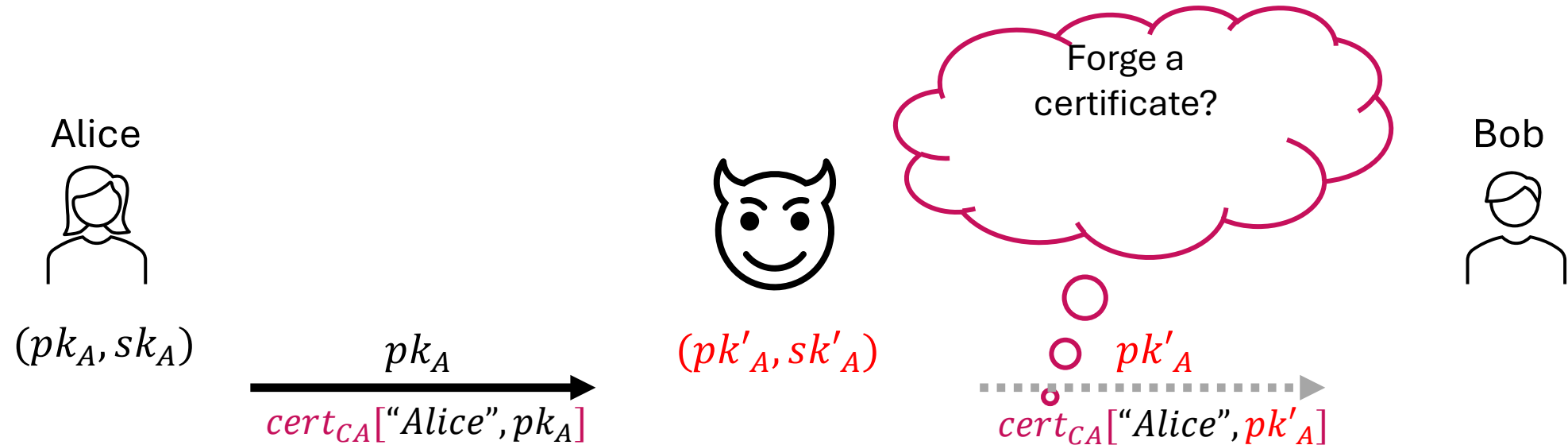
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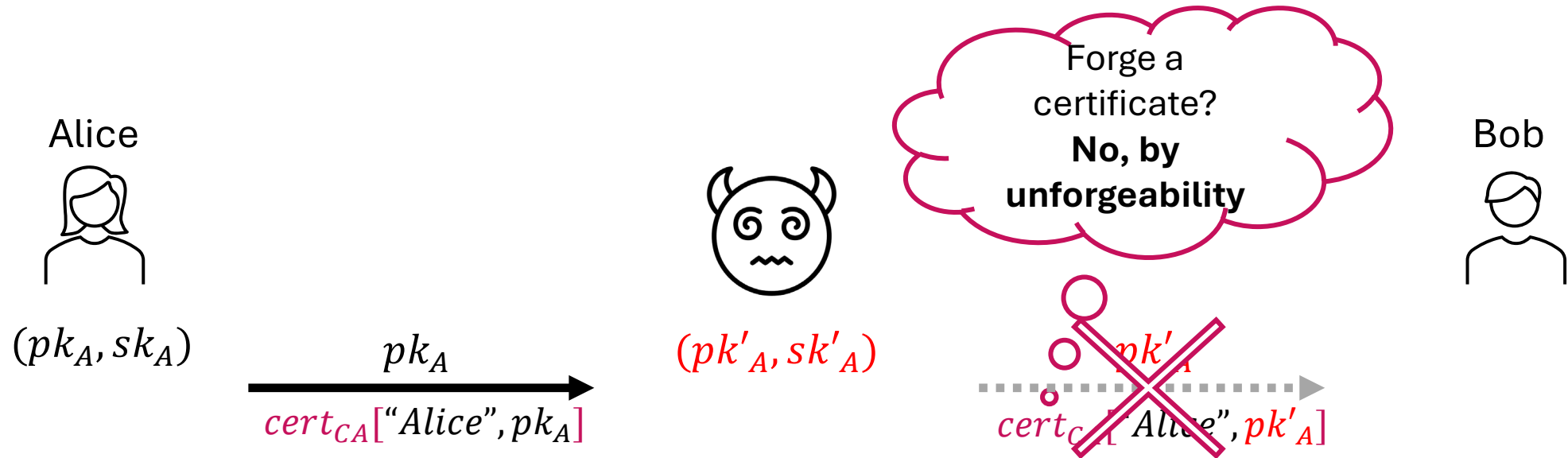
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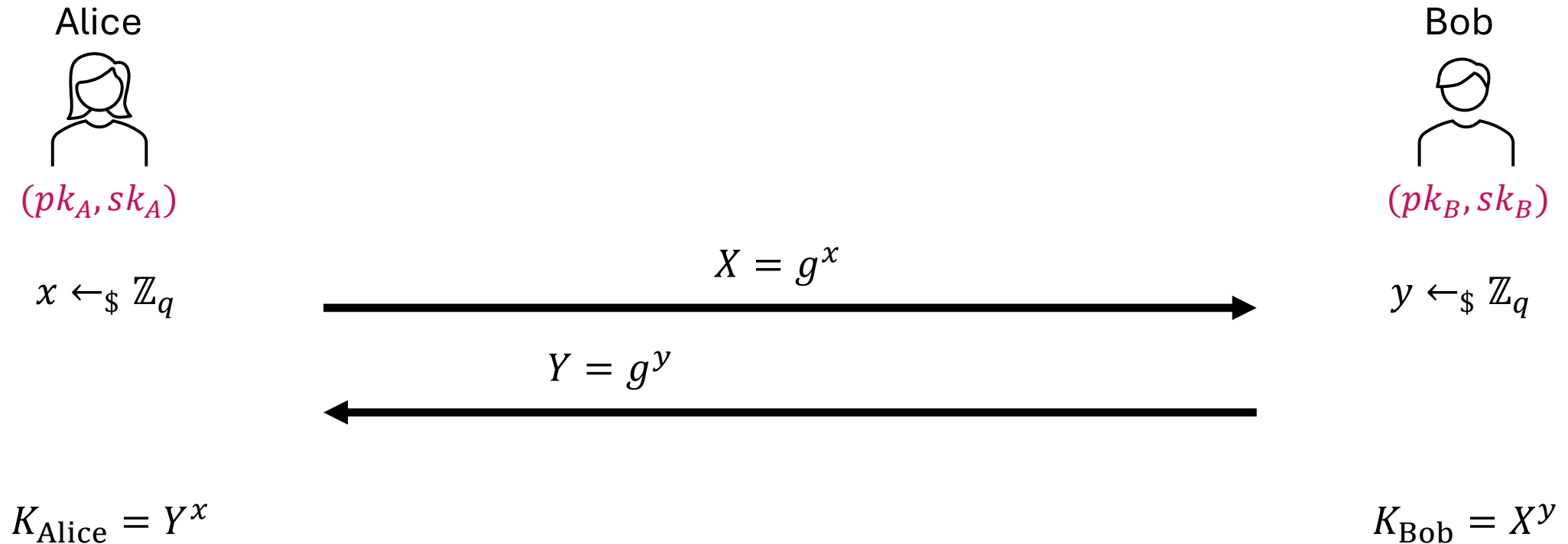
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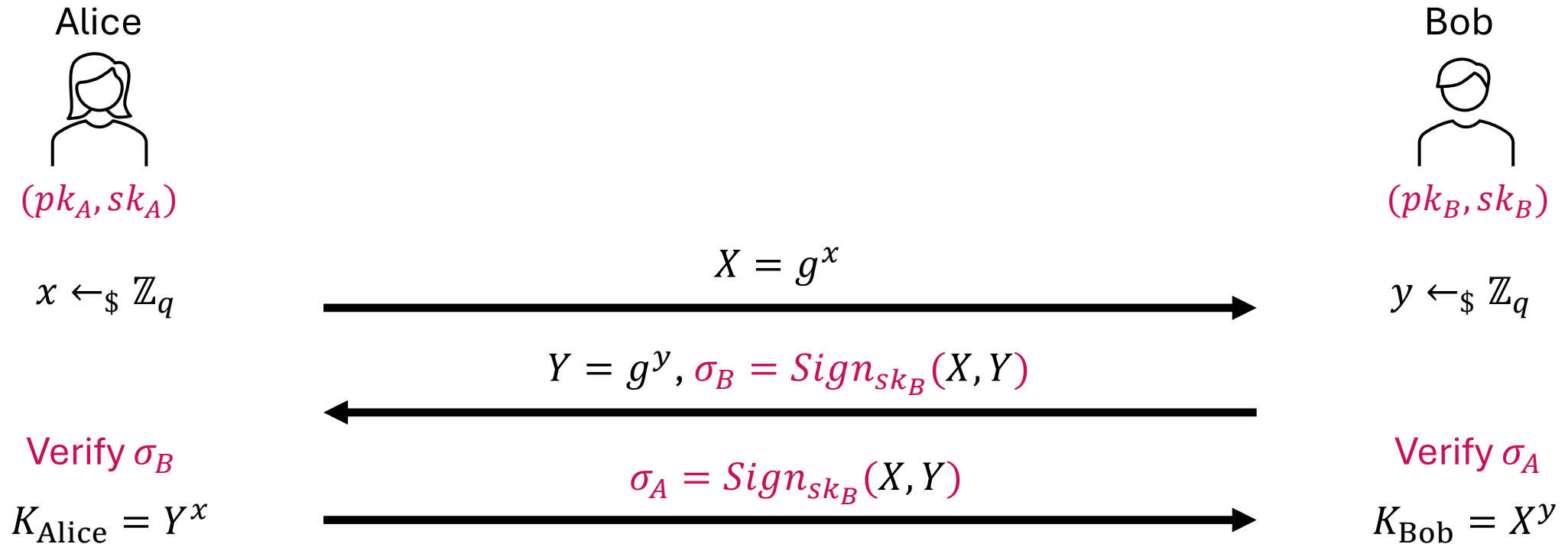
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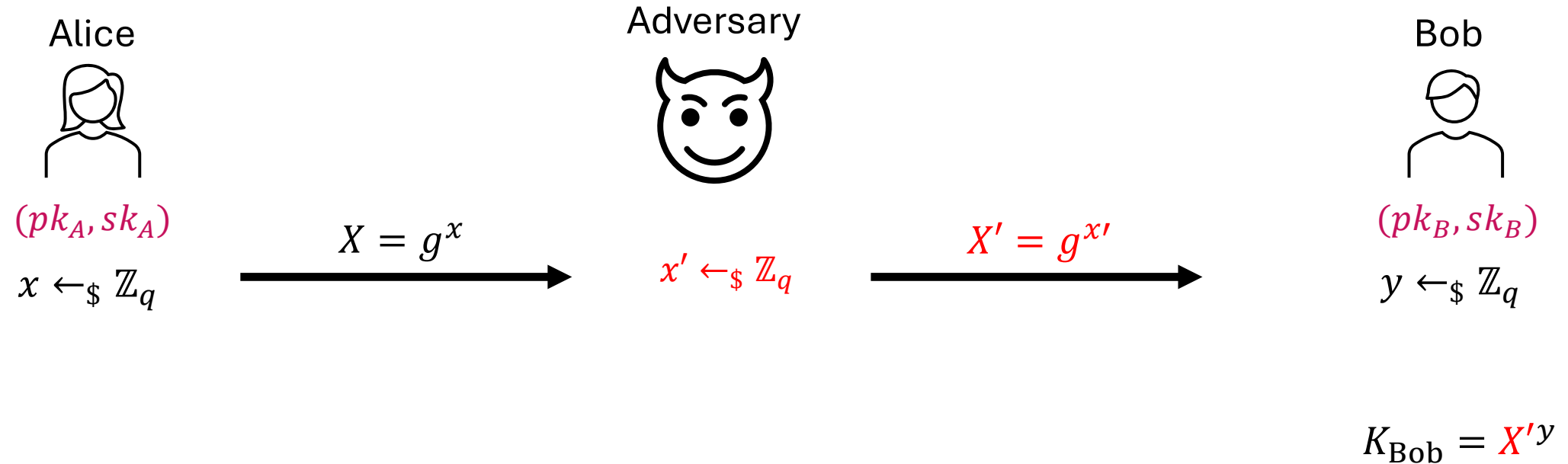
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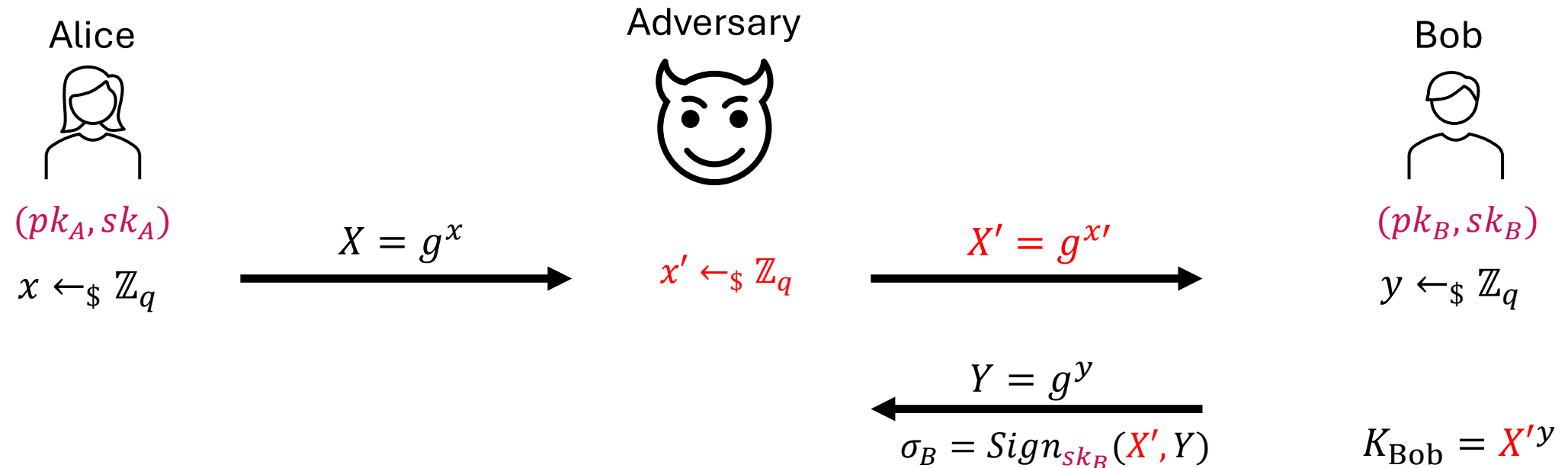
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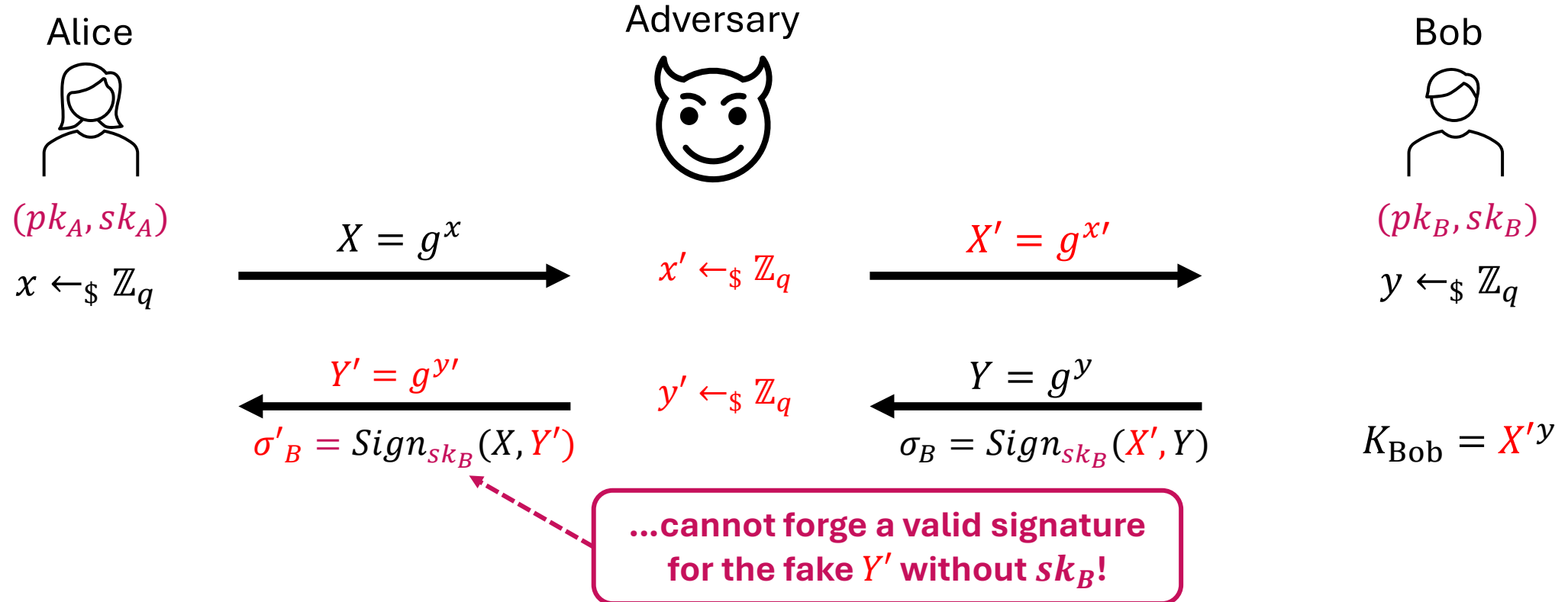
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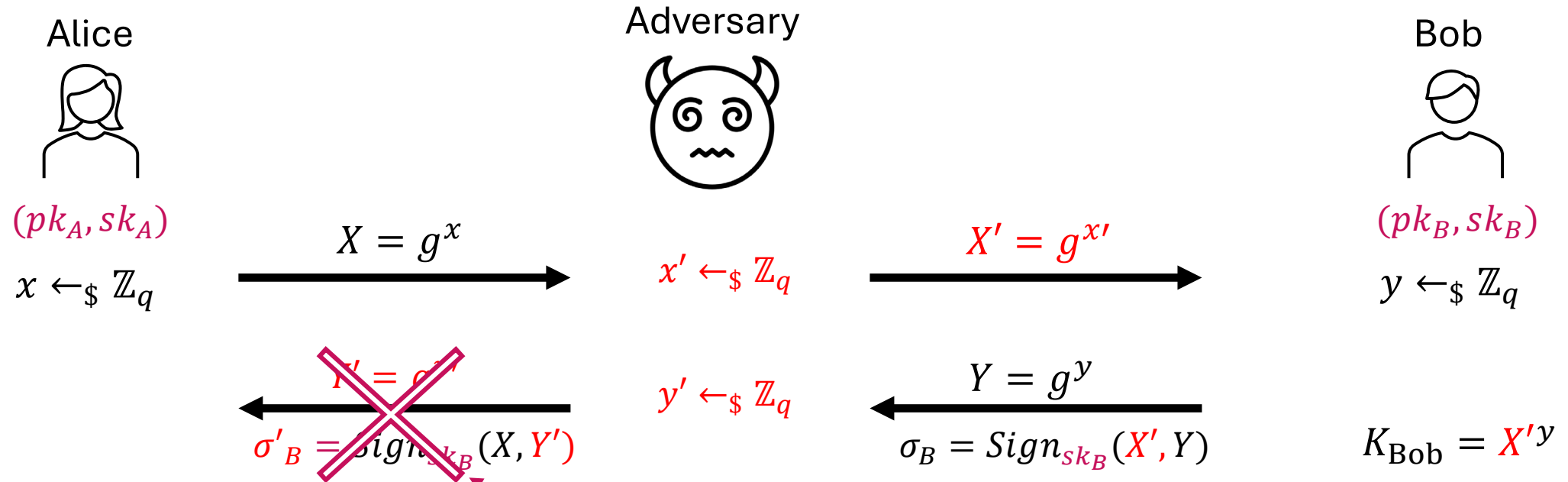
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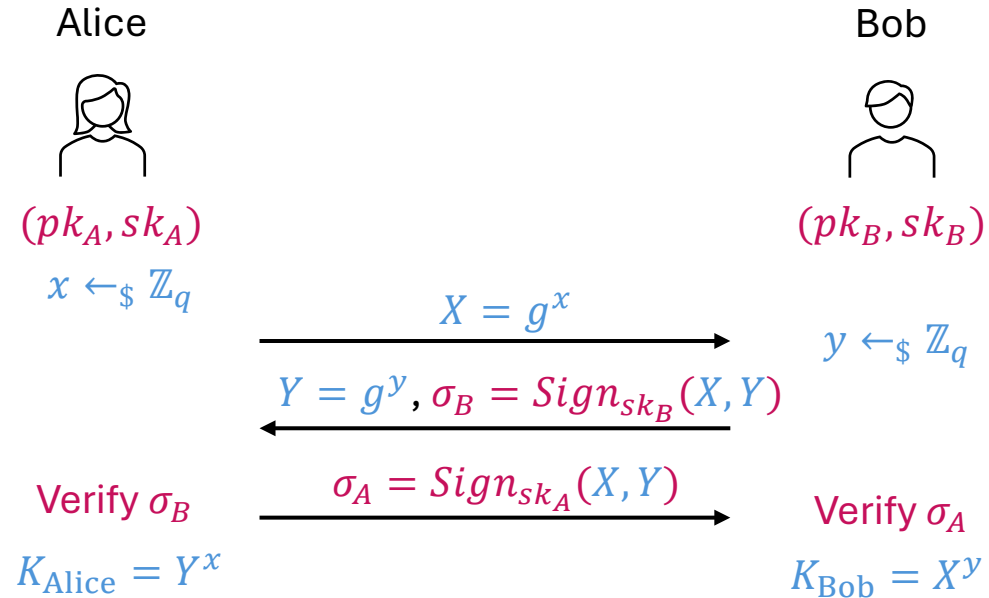
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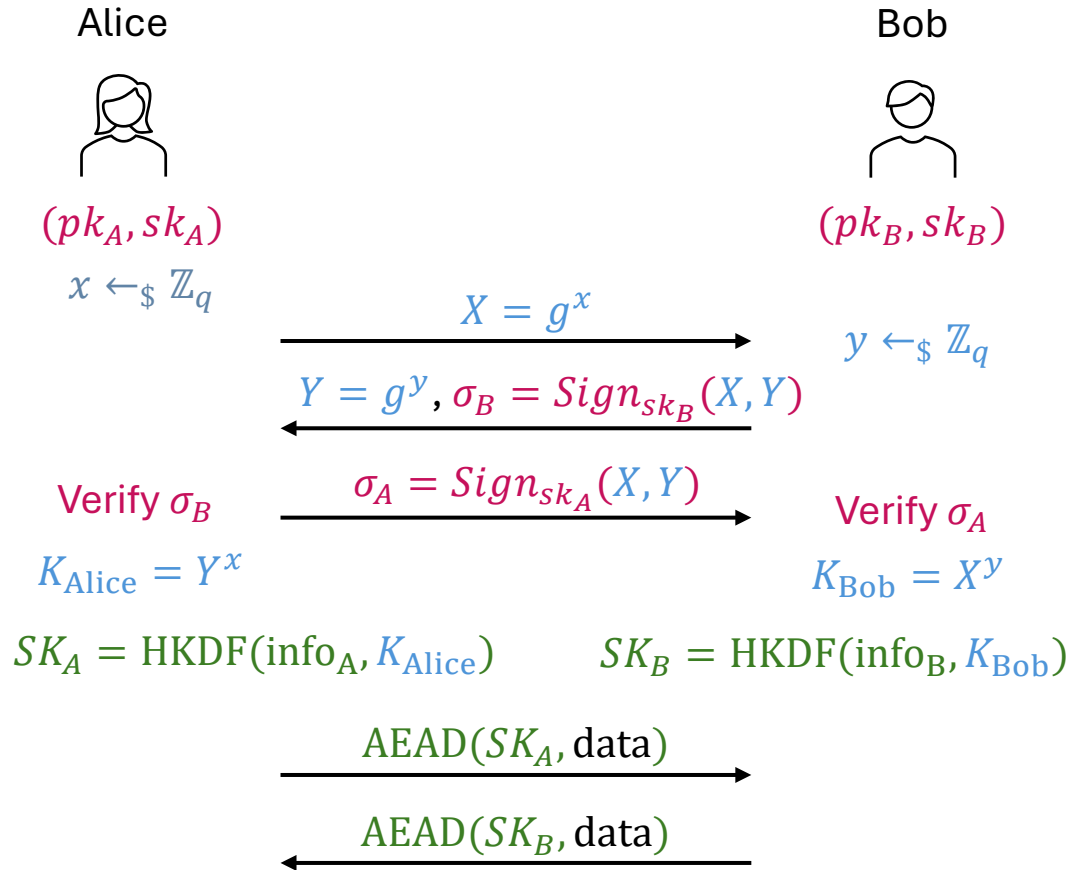
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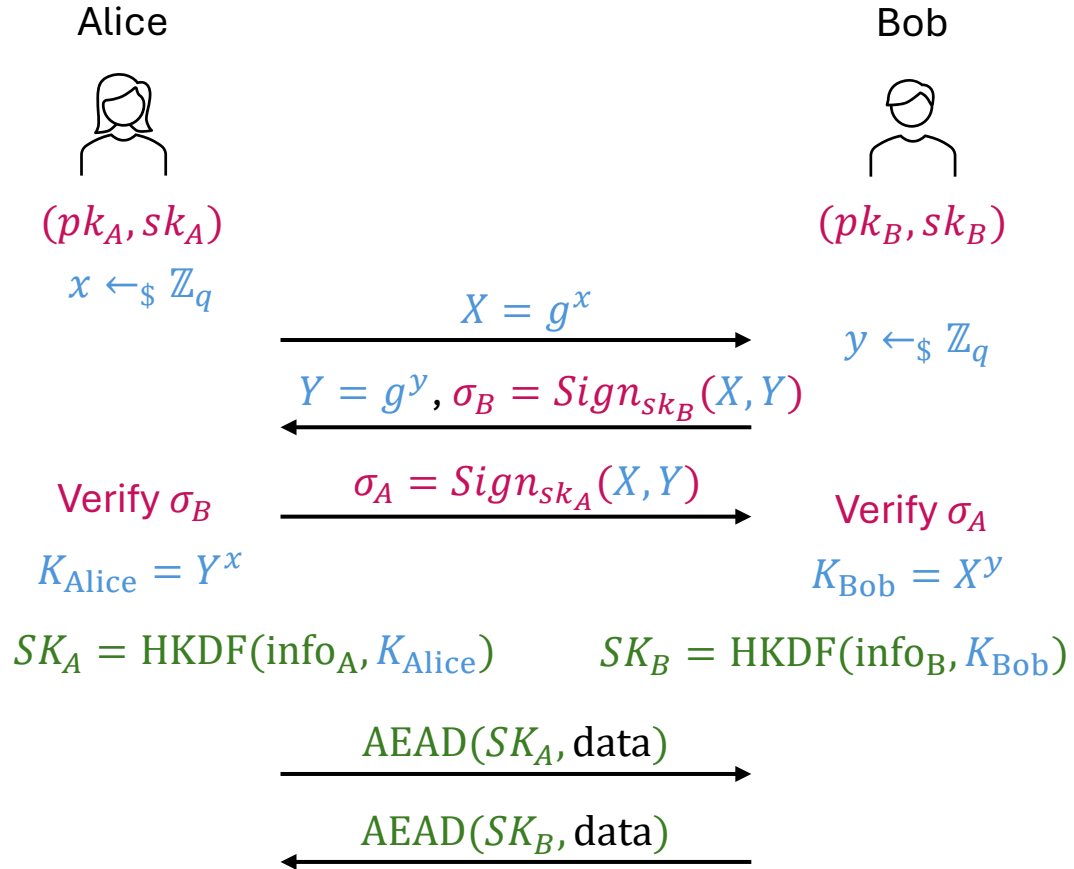
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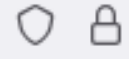
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- Important Application: **TLS handshake protocol**...
  - Note: Cryptographic algorithms “in textbooks” often contrasts with their real-world implementation

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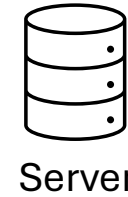
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- In this lecture, we mainly consider **the client-server setting**
  - **Server Authentication Only:** A client normally does not have static public-private key pair and certificates



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- TLS process (simplified):

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SYN

ACK

SYN ACK

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Client Hello + KE

Client Finished

Server Hello + KE

Server Cert+Finished+...

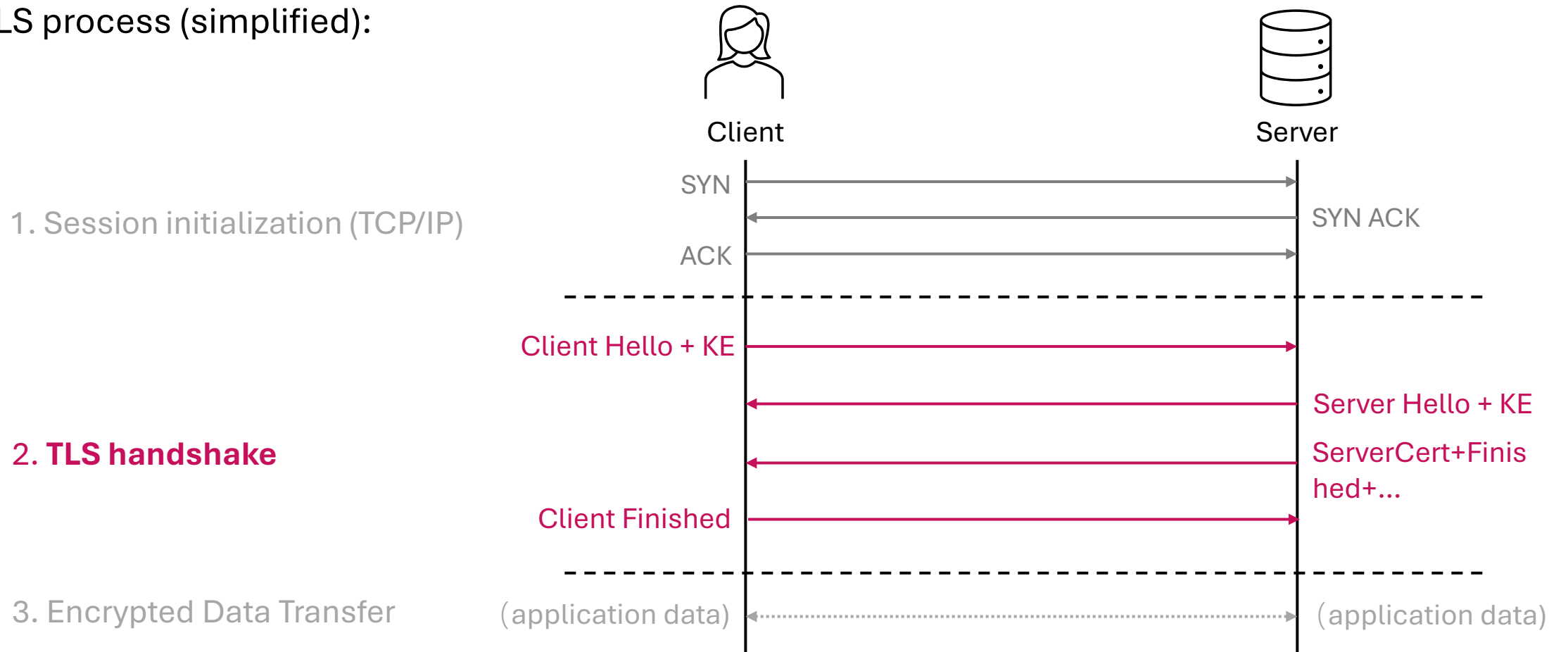
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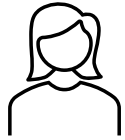
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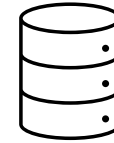


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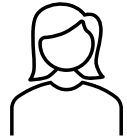


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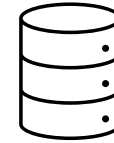
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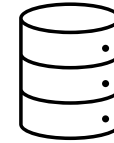
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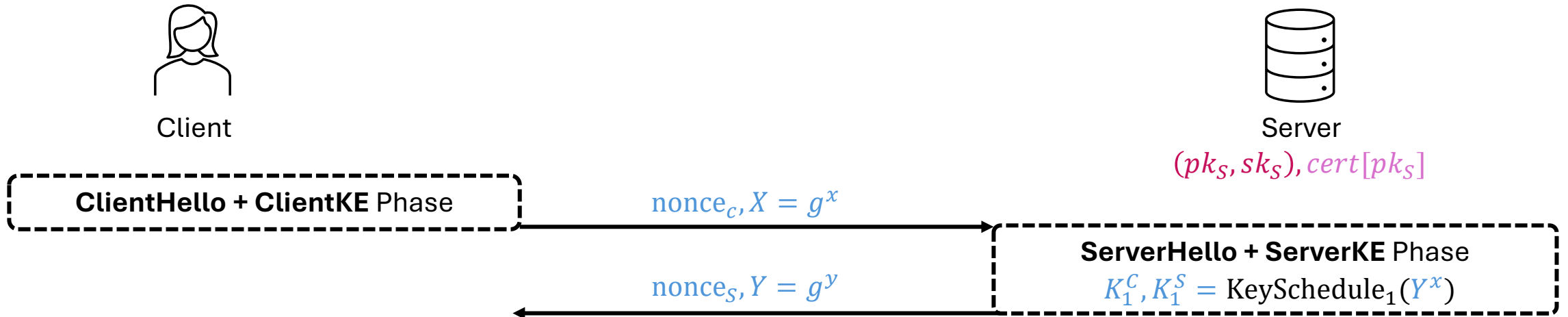
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--- Derive keys (using some very ---  
complicated key schedule algorithm)

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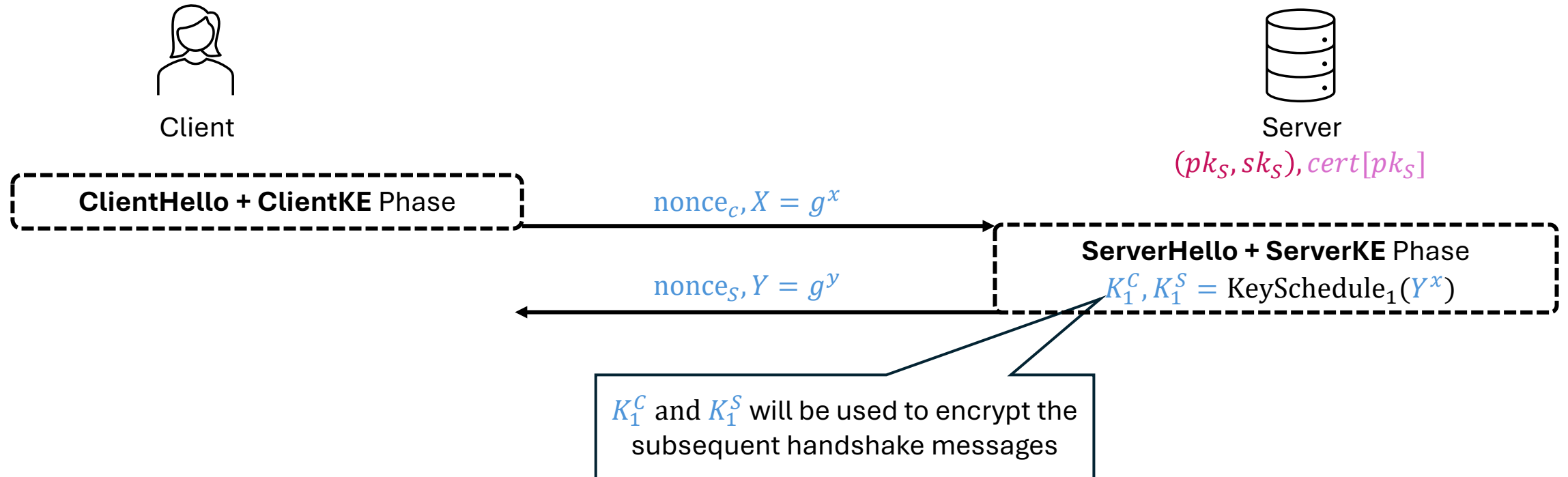
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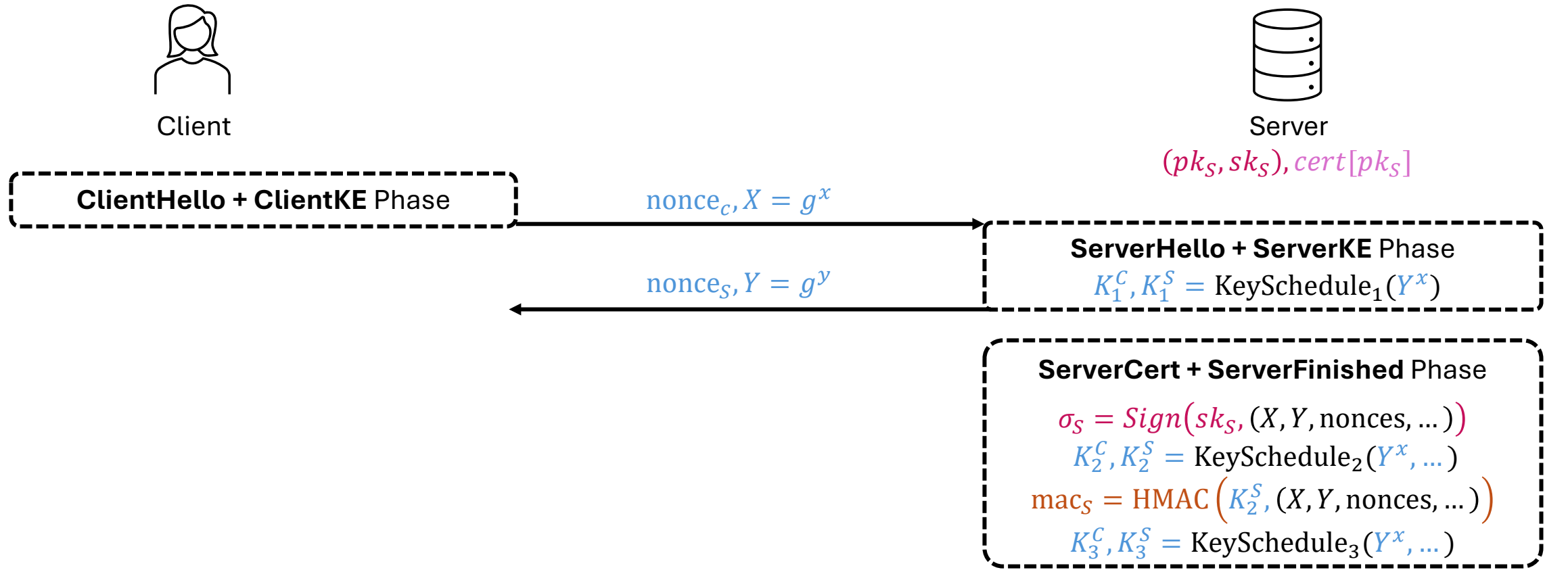
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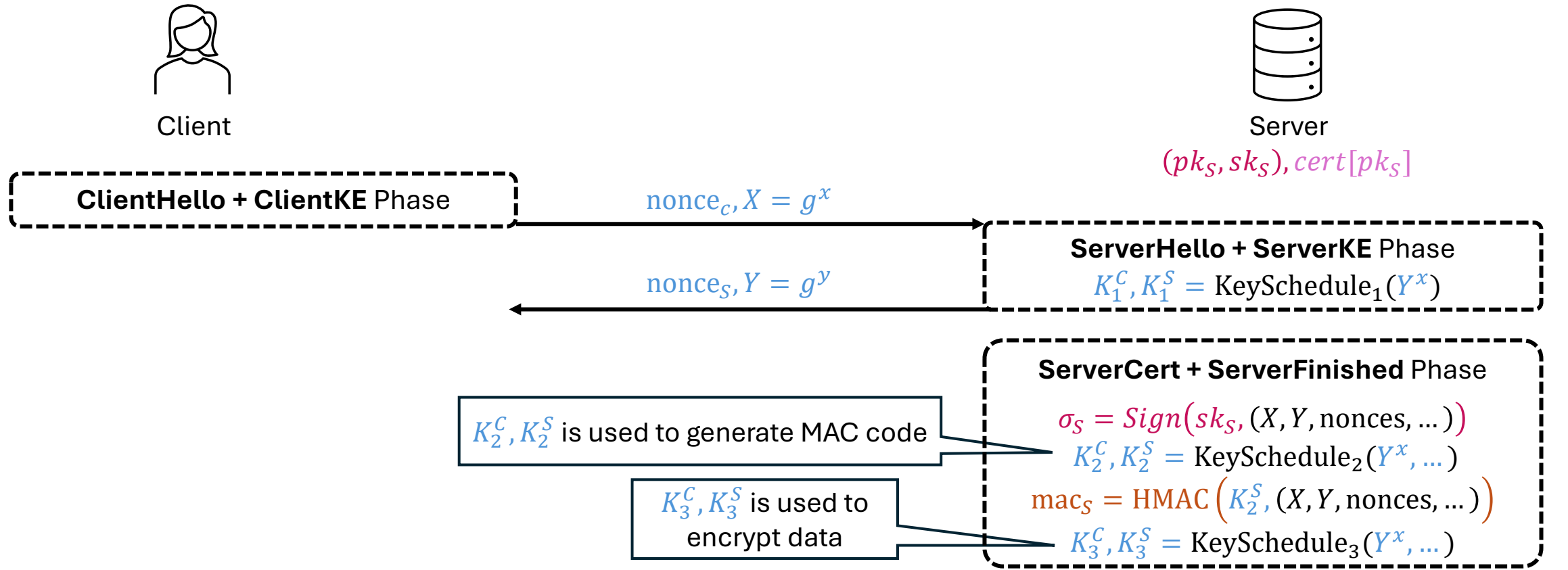
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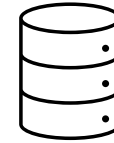


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**ServerCert + ServerFinished Phase**

$\sigma_S = \text{Sign}(sk_S, (X, Y, \text{nonces}, \dots))$

$K_2^C, K_2^S = \text{KeySchedule}_2(Y^x, \dots)$

$mac_S = \text{HMAC}(K_2^S, (X, Y, \text{nonces}, \dots))$

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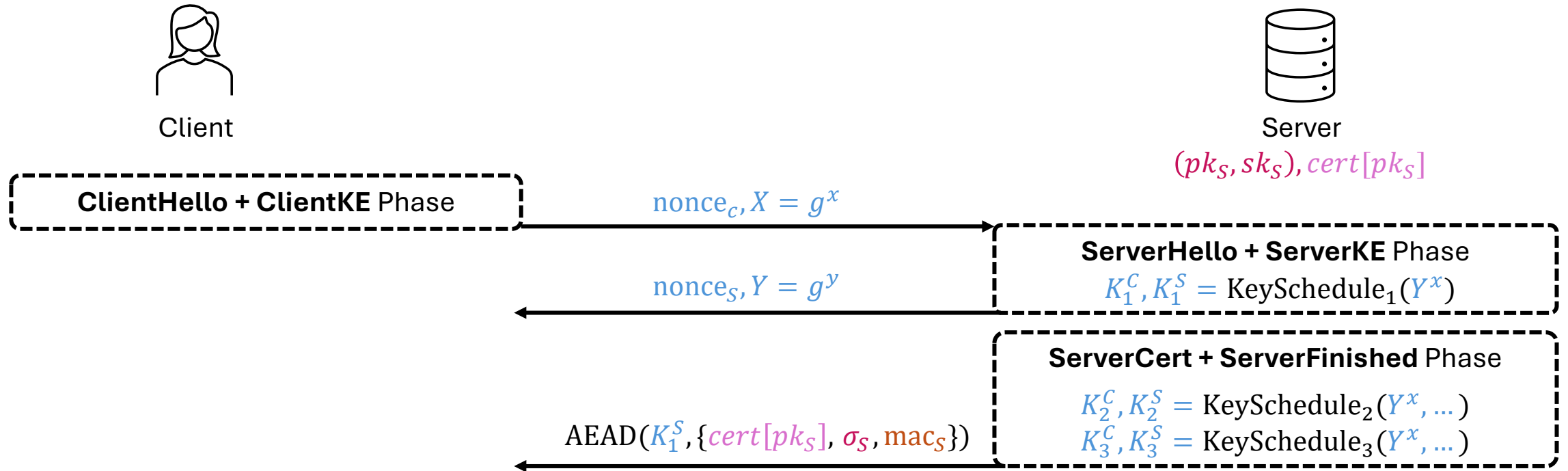
The server uses  $K_2^S$  to generate a **MAC code**

The server uses  $K_1^S$  to encrypt its **certificate, signature, and MAC code**

$\text{AEAD}(K_1^S, \{cert[pk_S], \sigma_S, mac_S\})$

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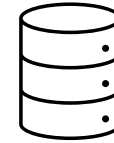


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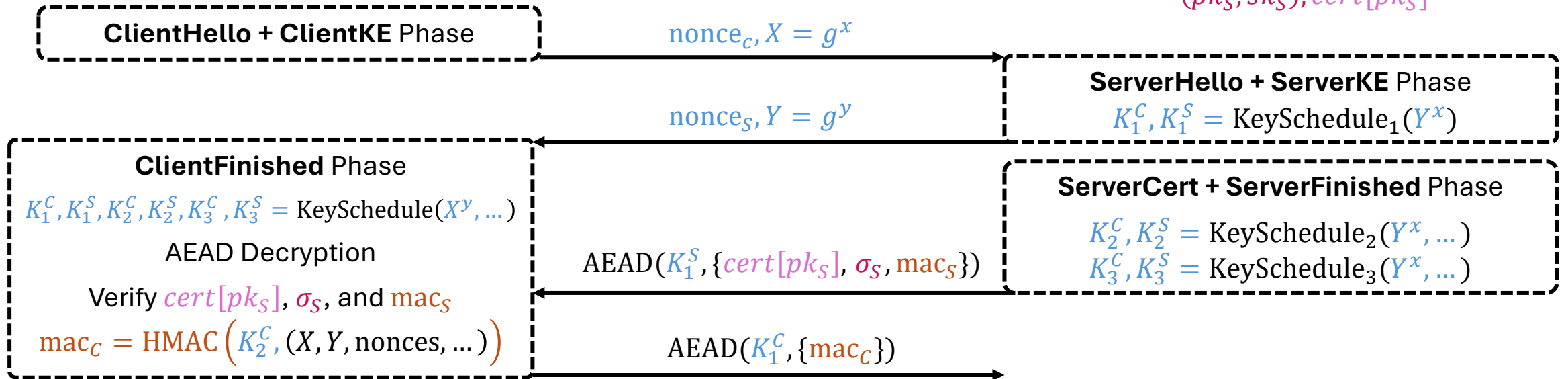


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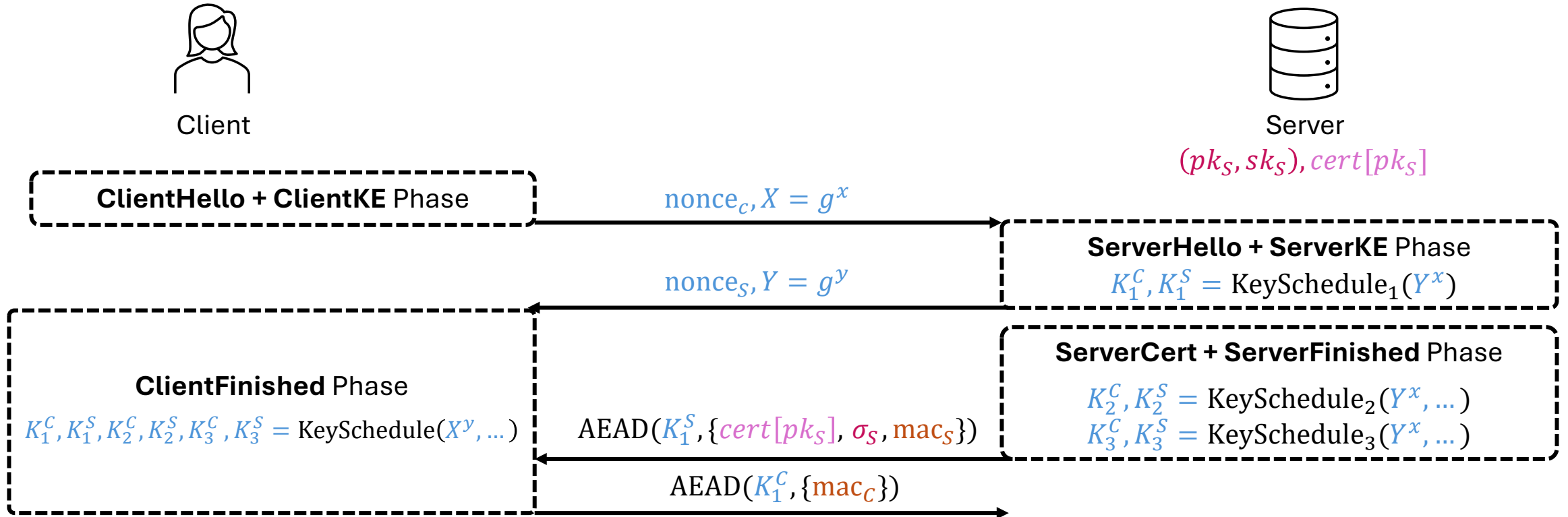
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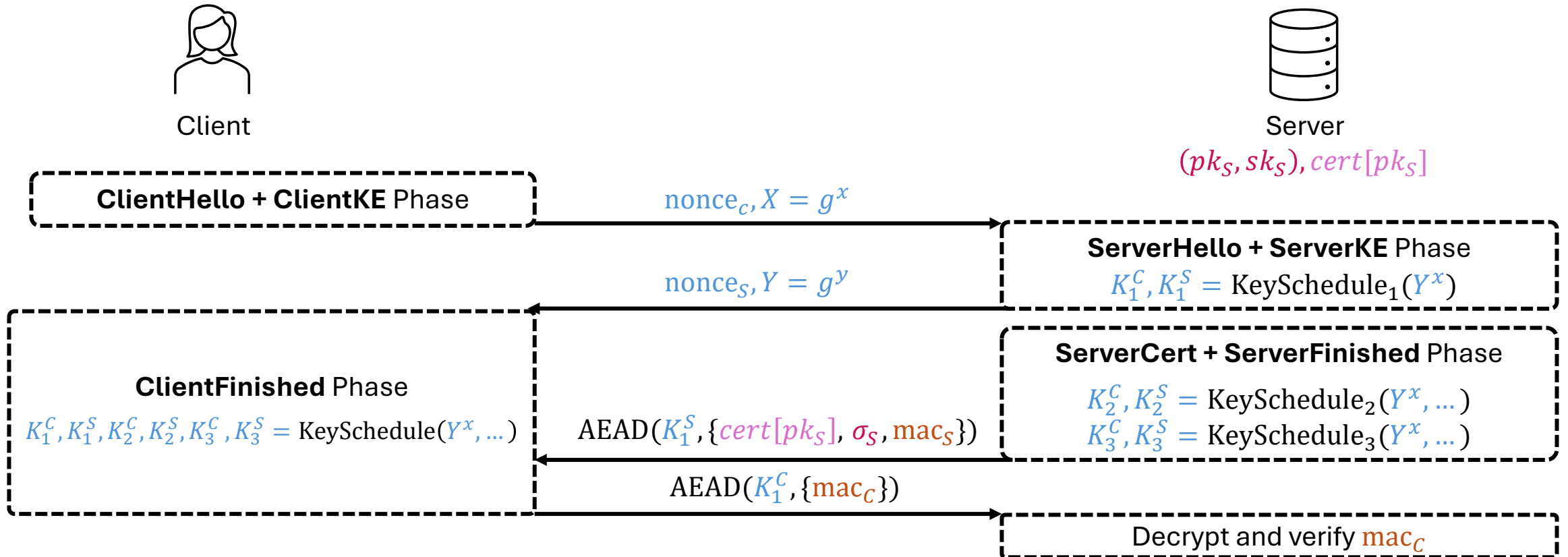
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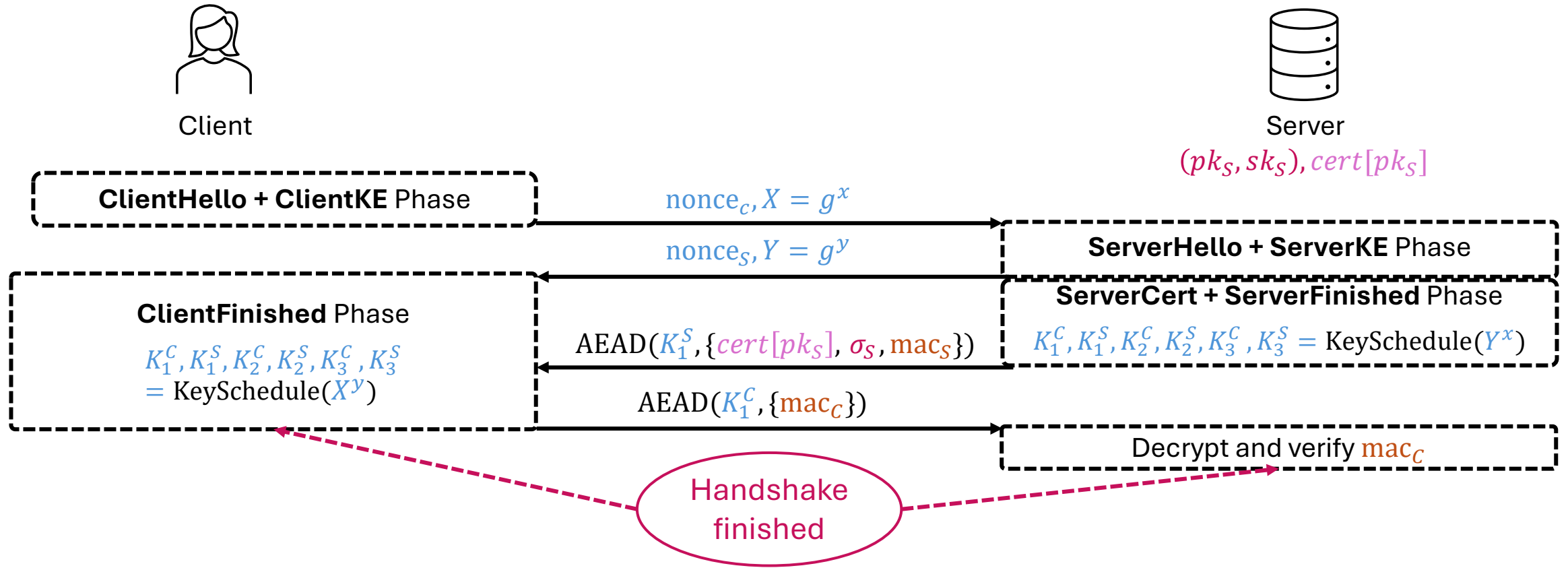
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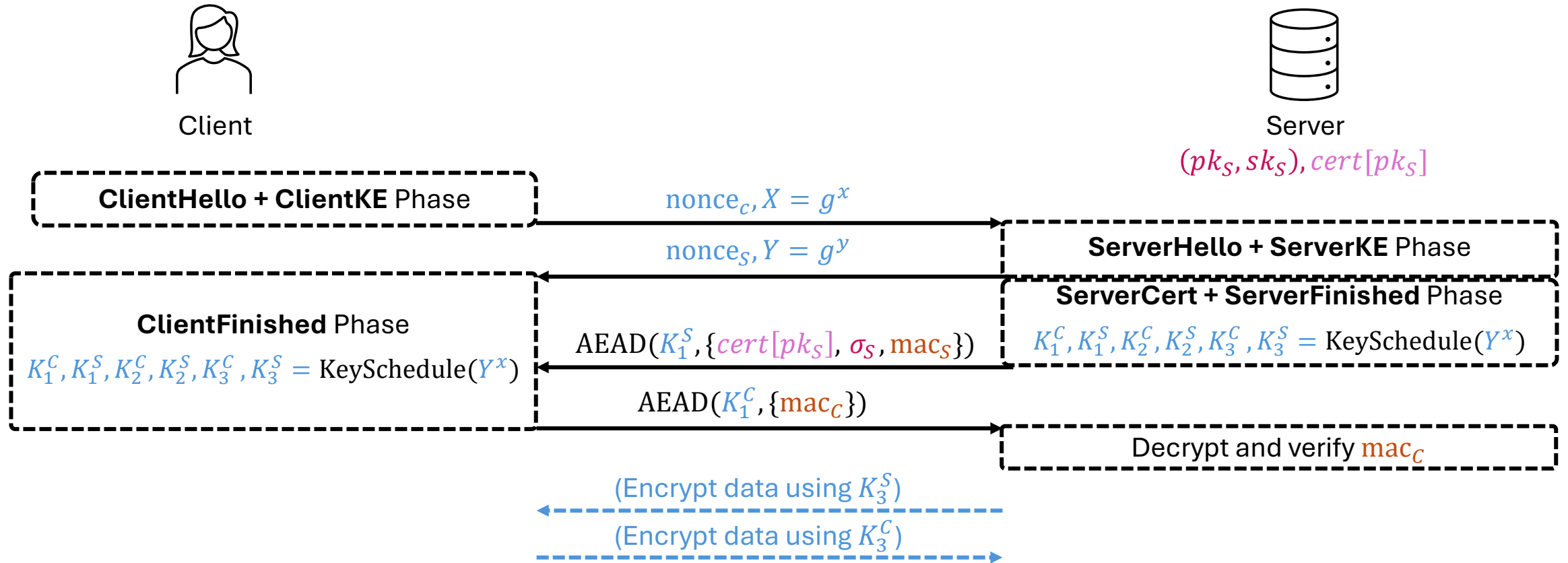
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v.s.

HTTPs



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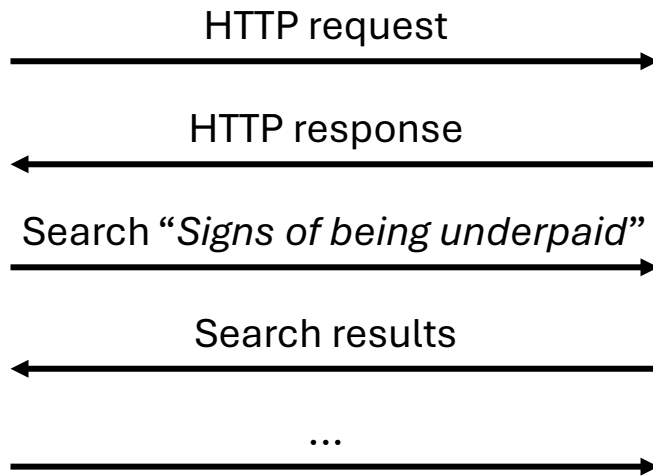
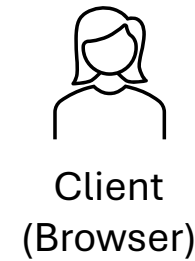
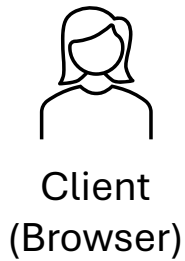
Just an example. You probably cannot access <http://www.google.com> because your browser or Google enforces HTTPs connections.

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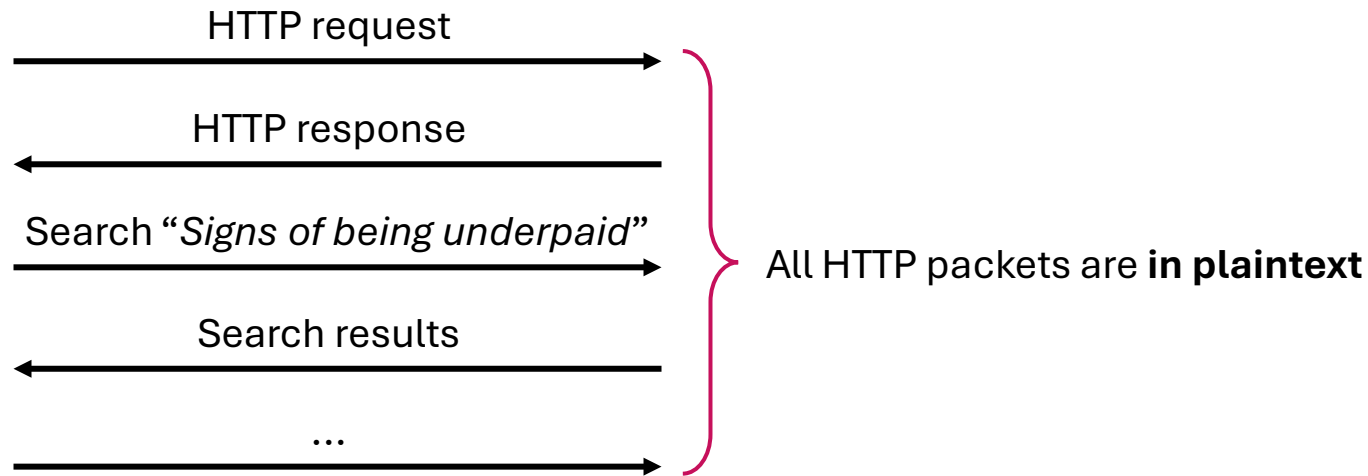
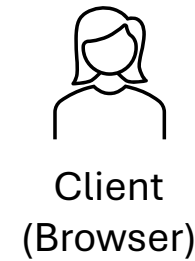
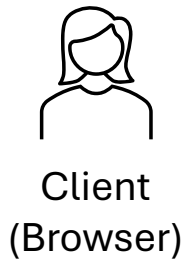


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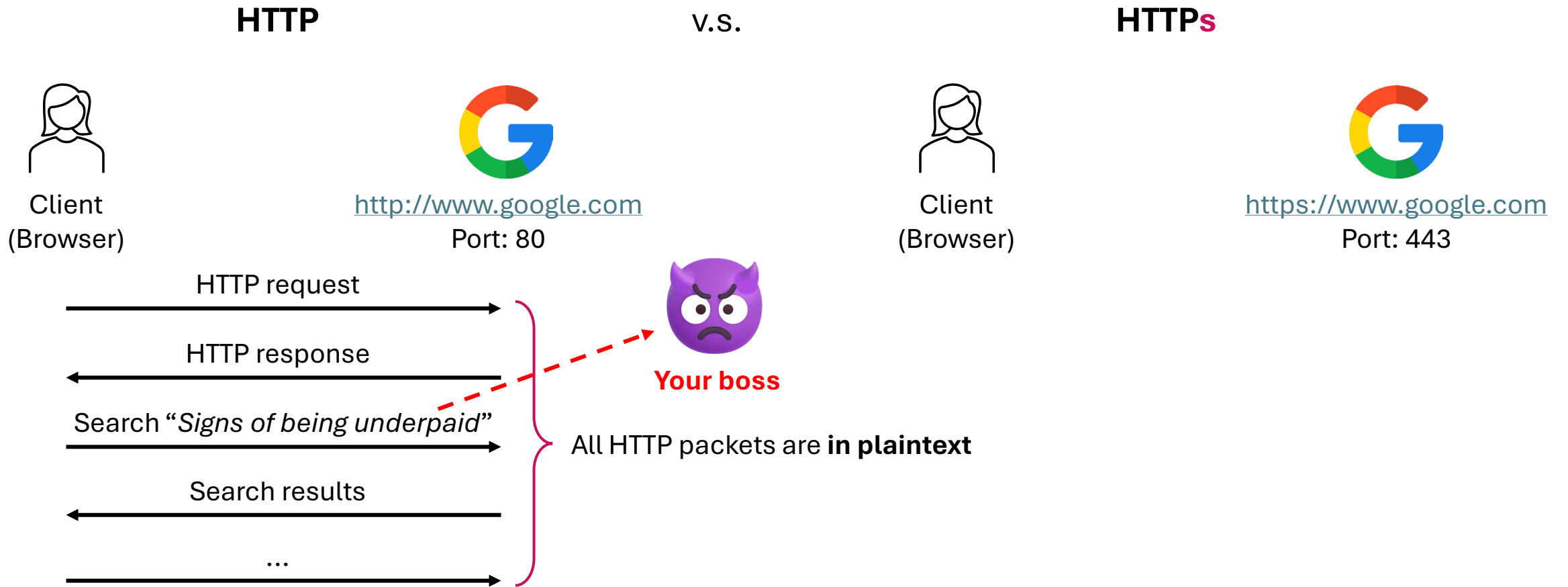
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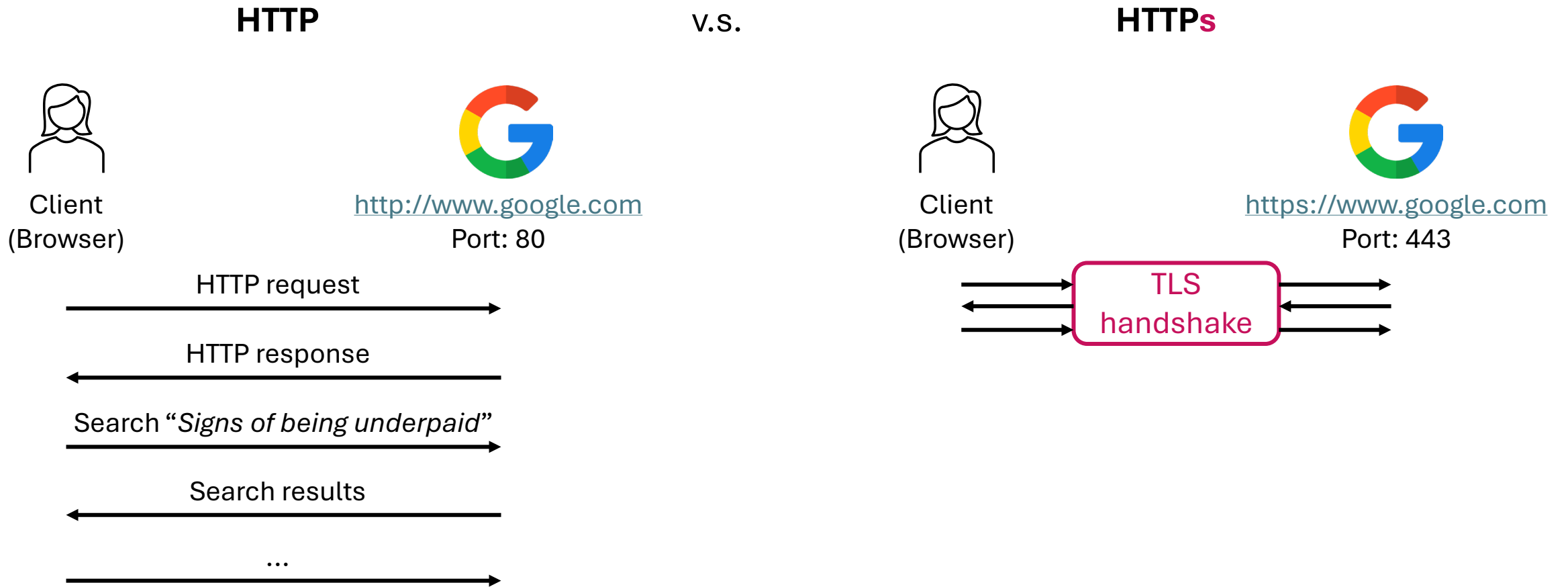
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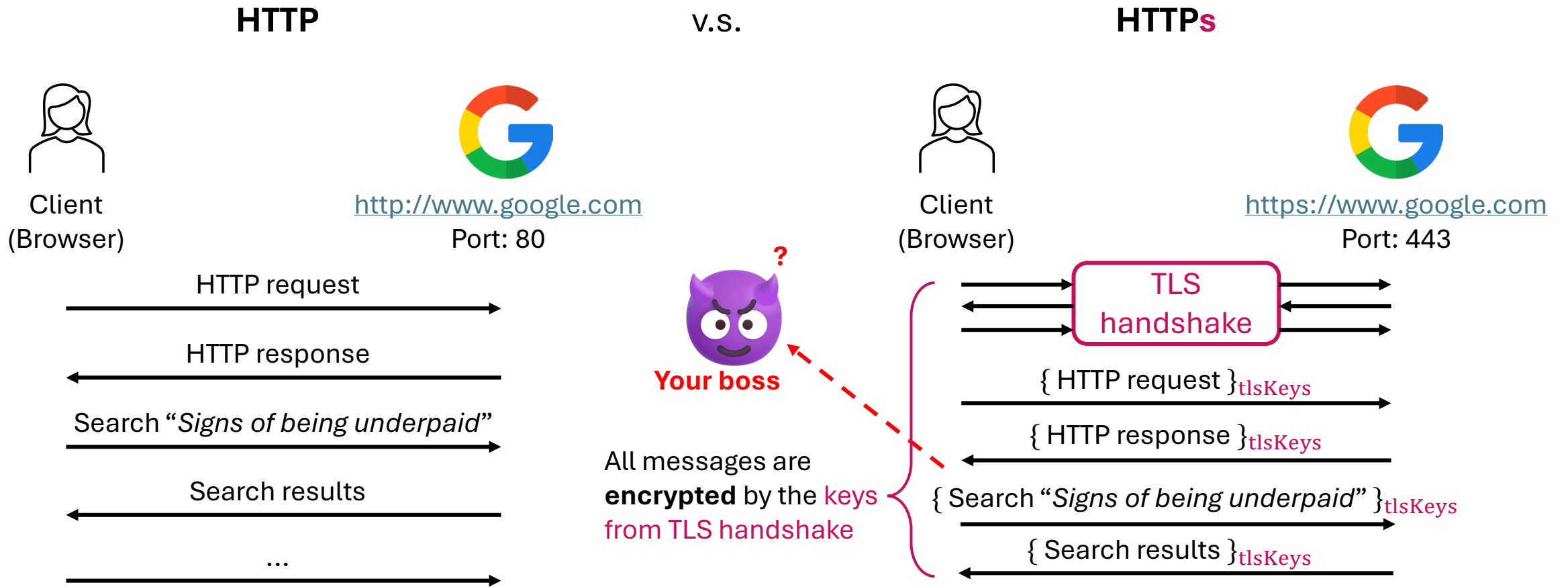
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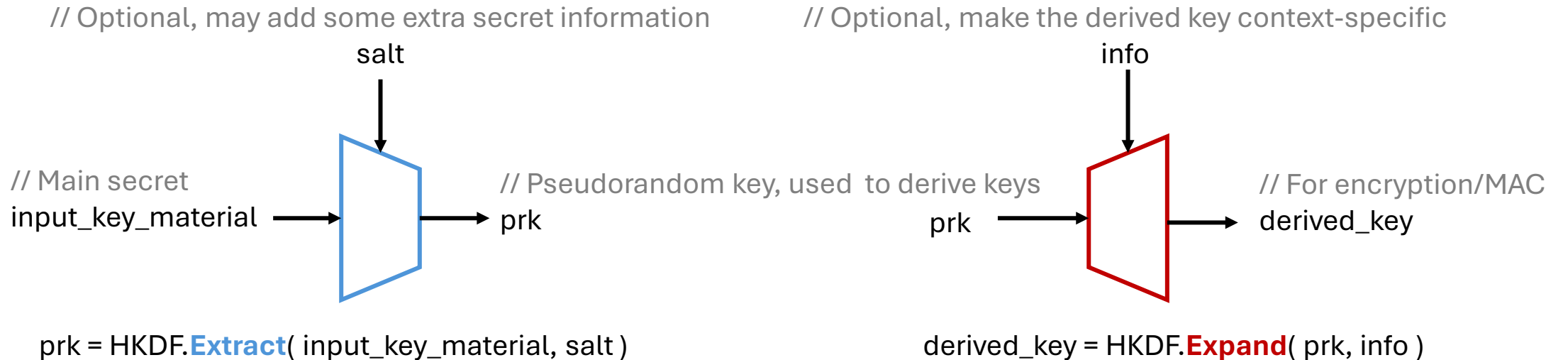


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# Coding Tasks

1. Run the example code “HKDF.py”. Play with it and learn how to derive keys from a secret.





# Homework

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- Implement the tweaked TLS handshake protocol (in the Client-Server setting using sockets)
  - Use the simplified key schedule algorithm:

**KeySchedule<sub>1</sub>**( $g^{xy}$ ):

1. HS = DeriveHS( $g^{xy}$ )
2.  $K_1^C$  = HKDF.Expand(HS, SHA256("ClientKE"))
3.  $K_1^S$  = HKDF.Expand(HS, SHA256("ServerKE"))
4. **return**  $K_1^C, K_1^S$

**DeriveHS**( $g^{xy}$ ):

1. ES = HKDF.Extract(0, 0) // 0 = zeros (bytes) of length 32
2. dES = HKDF.Expand(ES, SHA256("DerivedES"))
3. HS = HKDF.Extract(dES, SHA256( $g^{xy}$ ))
4. **return** HS

**KeySchedule<sub>2</sub>**( $\text{nonce}_C, X, \text{nonce}_S, Y, g^{xy}$ ):

1. HS = DeriveHS( $g^{xy}$ )
2. ClientKC = SHA256( $\text{nonce}_C || X || \text{nonce}_S || Y ||$  "ClientKC") // "||" is the concatenation operation
3. ServerKC = SHA256( $\text{nonce}_C || X || \text{nonce}_S || Y ||$  "ServerKC")
4.  $K_2^C$  = HKDF.Expand(HS, ClientKC)
5.  $K_2^S$  = HKDF.Expand(HS, ServerKC)
6. **return**  $K_2^C, K_2^S$

- ... (next page)

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**KeySchedule<sub>3</sub>**( $\text{nonce}_C, X, \text{nonce}_S, Y, g^{xy}, \sigma, \text{cert}[pk_S], \text{mac}_S$ ):

1. HS = DeriveHS( $g^{xy}$ )
2. dHS = HKDF.Expand(HS, SHA256("DerivedHS"))
3. MS = HKDF.Extract(dHS, 0) // 0 = zeros (bytes) of length 32
2. ClientSKH = SHA256( $\text{nonce}_C \parallel X \parallel \text{nonce}_S \parallel Y \parallel \sigma \parallel \text{cert}[pk_S] \parallel \text{mac}_S \parallel \text{"ClientEncK"}$ )
3. ServerSKH = SHA256( $\text{nonce}_C \parallel X \parallel \text{nonce}_S \parallel Y \parallel \sigma \parallel \text{cert}[pk_S] \parallel \text{mac}_S \parallel \text{"ServerEncK"}$ )
2.  $K_3^C$  = HKDF.Expand(MS, ClientSKH)
3.  $K_3^S$  = HKDF.Expand(MS, ServerSKH)
4. return  $K_3^C, K_3^S$

- **How to compute the signature/MAC code:**

For server:  $\sigma = \text{Sign}(sk_S, \text{SHA256}(\text{nonce}_C \parallel X \parallel \text{nonce}_S \parallel Y \parallel \text{cert}[pk_S]))$  // Use DSA with SHA256 and P256

For server:  $\text{mac}_S = \text{HMAC}(K_2^S, \text{SHA256}(\text{nonce}_C \parallel X \parallel \text{nonce}_S \parallel Y \parallel \sigma \parallel \text{cert}[pk_S] \parallel \text{"ServerMAC"}))$

For client:  $\text{mac}_C = \text{HMAC}(K_2^C, \text{SHA256}(\text{nonce}_C \parallel X \parallel \text{nonce}_S \parallel Y \parallel \sigma \parallel \text{cert}[pk_S] \parallel \text{"ClientMAC"}))$

- **How to verify HMAC:** To verify if **mac** is the *valid* HMAC code of M with respect to the key K,  
Just check:  $\text{mac} =? \text{HMAC}(K, M)$

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- **How to deal with the certificate:**

You may generate a key pair  $(pk_S, sk_S)$  for server and a key pair  $(pk_{CA}, sk_{CA})$  for the CA.

1. “Hardcode” the key pair  $(pk_S, sk_S)$  for server into the program of the server.
2. “Hardcode” the public key  $pk_{CA}$  of CA into the programs of the server and the client.
3. Run a separate Python program to generate  $\sigma_{CA} = \text{Sign}(pk_{CA}, pk_S)$  using ECDSA.
4. “Hardcode”  $(pk_S, \sigma_{CA})$  into the program of the server. And define  $\text{cert}[pk_S] = (pk_S, \sigma_{CA})$
5. When the server send  $\text{cert}[pk_S]$  to the client, the client can use  $pk_{CA}$  to verify it by running:

$\text{ECDSA.Verify}(pk_{CA}, pk_S, \sigma_{CA})$

# Homework

- **Bonus:** Implement the same protocol, but this time use SHA3-512 as the hash function (for HKDF, HMAC, and the key schedule) and P-521 as the elliptic curve for key exchange. This should allow you to derive a key with 512 bits (64 bytes).

# Further Reading

- RFC 8446 - TLS 1.3: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc8446>
- RFC 2818 - HTTP over TLS: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc2818>
- Felix Günther's lecture notes on TLS 1.3: [https://www.felixguenther.info/teaching/2019-tls-seminar/2019-tls-seminar\\_02-21\\_TLS13-intro-MSKE-MKC.pdf](https://www.felixguenther.info/teaching/2019-tls-seminar/2019-tls-seminar_02-21_TLS13-intro-MSKE-MKC.pdf)
- Cryptography analysis of TLS 1.3 handshake: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2020/1044>