

# TLS 1.3

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## Goals for TLS 1.3

*Clean up:* Remove unused or unsafe features

*Improve privacy:* Encrypt more of the handshake

*Improve latency:* Target: 1-RTT handshake for naïve clients;  
0-RTT handshake for repeat connections

*Continuity:* Maintain existing important use cases

# Talk Overview

- Removed features
- Current status
- Remaining work

## 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<sup>+</sup>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<sup>+</sup>14]
- TLS 1.3 only uses predefined groups
  - Existing RFC 4492 [BWBG<sup>+</sup>06] EC groups (+ whatever CFRG comes up with)\*
  - New FF groups defined in [Gil14]

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\*Bonus: removed point format negotiation too

## Removed Feature: Renegotiation

- Previous versions of TLS allowed either side to initiate a new handshake
  - This was always kind of confusing to applications
  - And has been a source of vulnerabilities [RRDO10, BLF<sup>+</sup>14]
- TLS 1.3 simply prohibits renegotiation



# Why did we want renegotiation anyway?

- Connection re-keying
  - Cryptographic exhaustion
  - PFS refresh
- Adding client authentication (or doing private client auth)
- We need to re-add at least some of this.
- For the rest, drop connection and start over

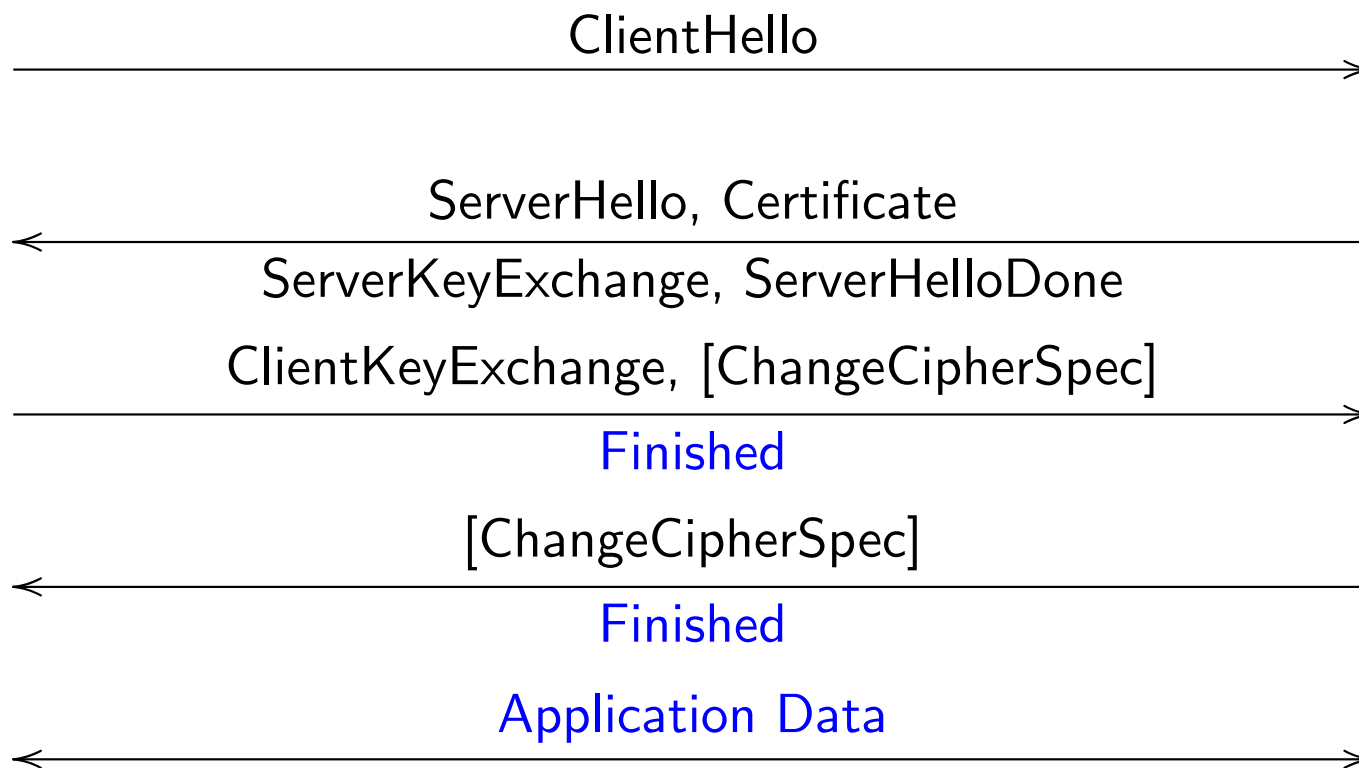
## Features we need to keep

- Client authentication
- Pre-shared keys
- Session resumption (with tickets)
- Extensions (ALPN, DTLS-SRTP, etc.)

# Reminder: TLS 1.2 Handshake (PFS, no client auth)

*Client*

*Server*



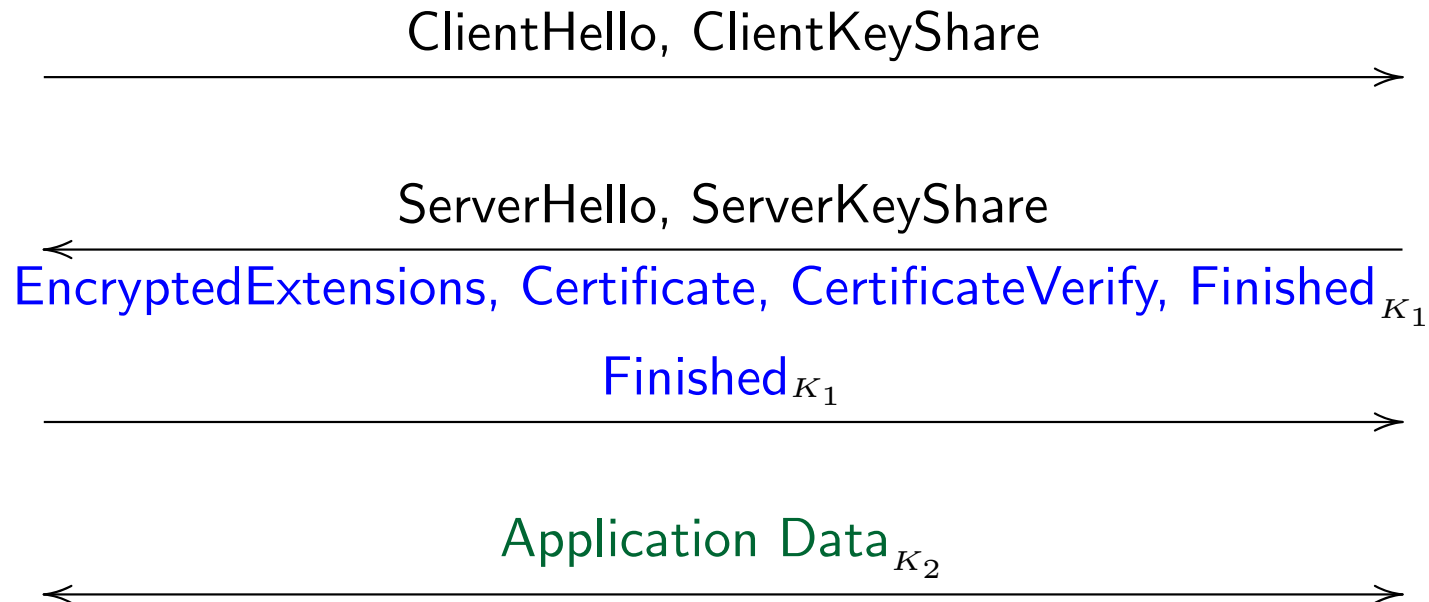
## Basic Idea: Optimistic keying

- Client provides (EC)DHE key shares from expected groups
- Server responds with authenticated ECDHE share
- If client uses an unsupported group, server corrects
- Timing:
  - Server can send data in first flight
  - Client can send data in second flight

# Basic 1-RTT TLS 1.3 Handshake

*Client*

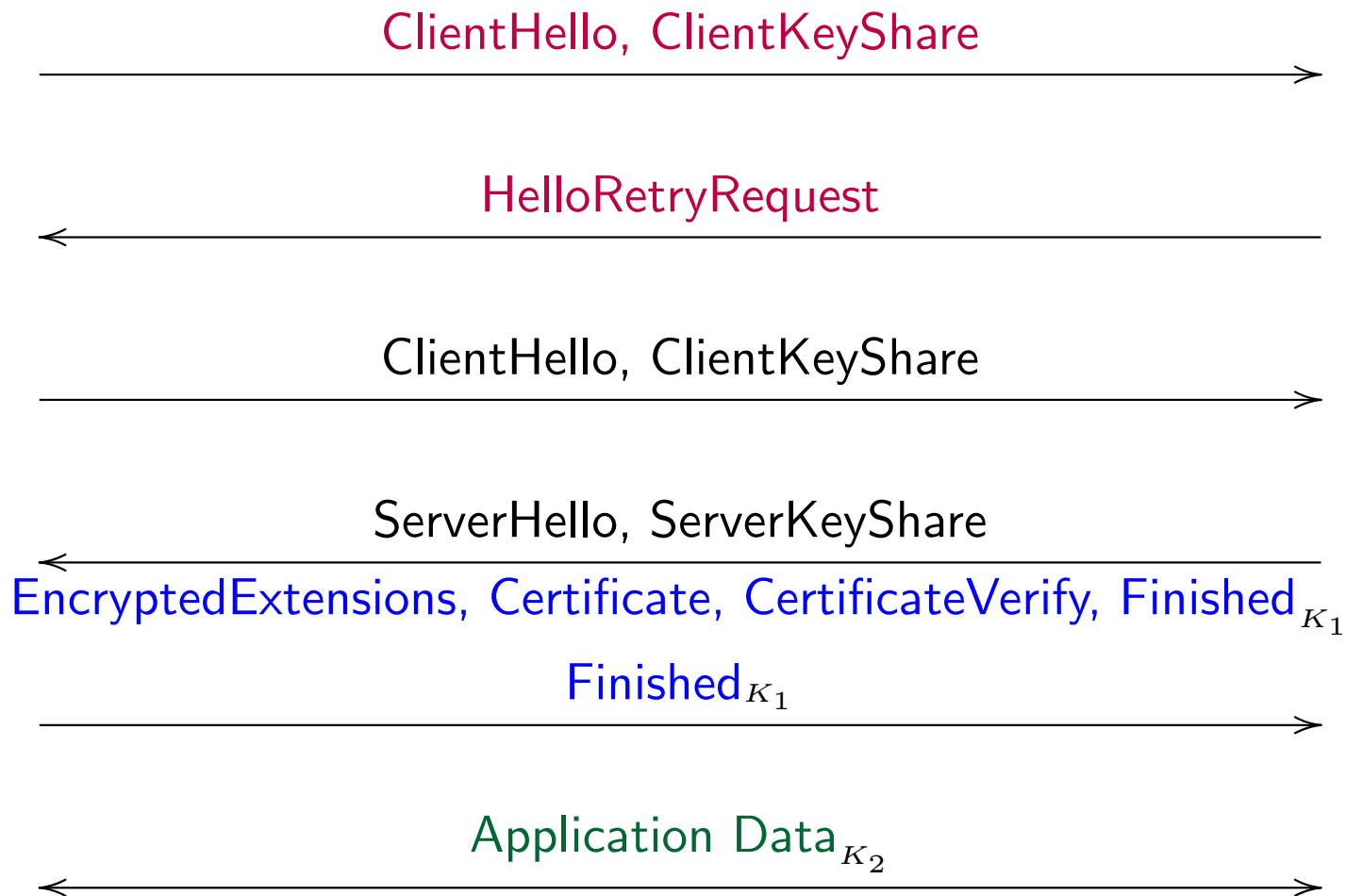
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# What if client uses an unsupported group?

*Client*

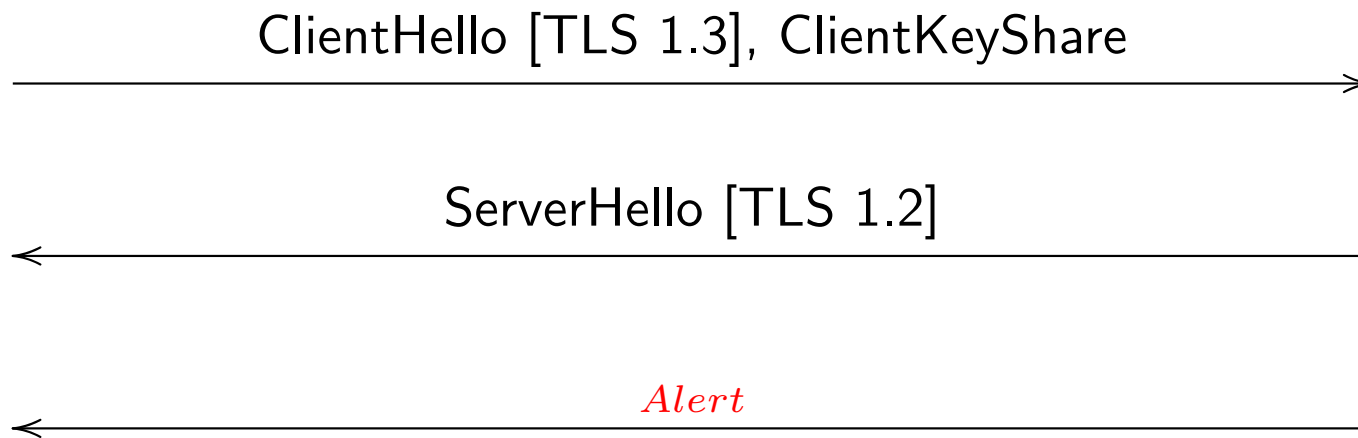
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# Backward Compatibility

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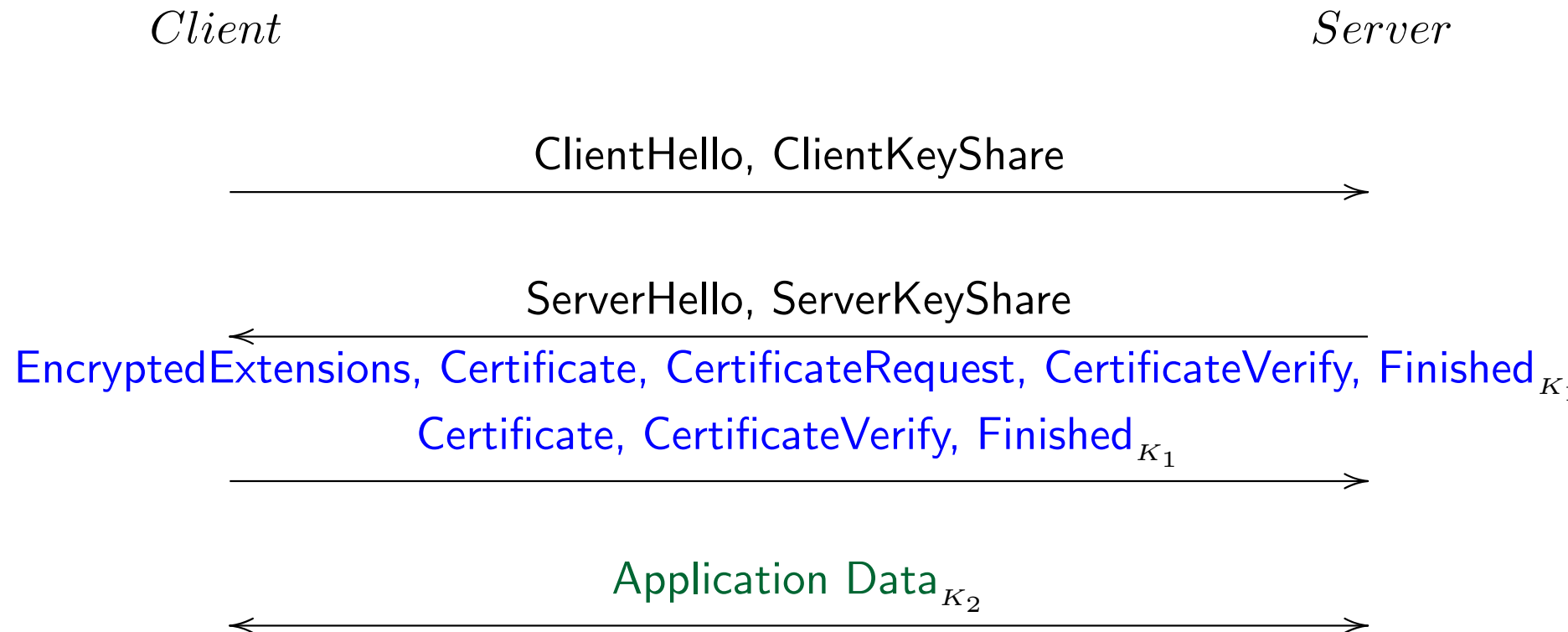


- This means any new messages in first flight need to go in client extensions
  - At least for initial connections
  - Maybe always because of middleboxes
- Also questions about version number negotiation

- Measurements needed here



# Client Authentication



# Session Resumption

- Resumption still works fine
  - ... But we just broke session tickets [SZET08]
  - And why do we have both anyway?
- Tickets are more conceptually general than resumption
  - So let's just do tickets

*Client*

*Server*

ClientHello, ClientKeyShare

ServerHello, ServerKeyShare

EncryptedExtensions, Certificate, CertificateRequest, CertificateVerify, Finished<sub>K<sub>1</sub></sub>

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Tickets need to go here

# What about mid-connection client authentication?

- This was allowed in TLS 1.2 via renegotiation
  - It's gone now
- Should be easy to put it back in technically
- But what are the semantics?
  - Retroactively bless previous messages?
  - Impact on session resumption?
- Largely application, not protocol issues
- Interaction with HTTP [BPT14, Tho14]

# 0-RTT

- In general we understand how to do this [Lan10]
  - Client memorizes server's DHE parameters
  - And sends first application data
  - Server needs to keep track of every client nonce
    - \* Typically scoped by time window and/or a context token
  - Need to fall back if server loses state
- Protocol engineering details need to be worked out
  - How does server indicate readiness to do 0-RTT?
  - How does client indicate use of 0-RTT
  - How is first-flight application data carried?
- This is next on the WG agenda

# Implementations Planned/In-Progress

- NSS
- OpenSSL
- miTLS
- Pike programming language team
- Your name here
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- Planning to start interop testing on -04 (1-RTT) this month

## Advertisement: Interim

- Expect a call for dates on list soon

# Questions?



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