

Current Status of the TESLA

Drafts:

Draft-ietf-msec-tesla-intro-01

Draft-ietf-msec-tesla-spec-00

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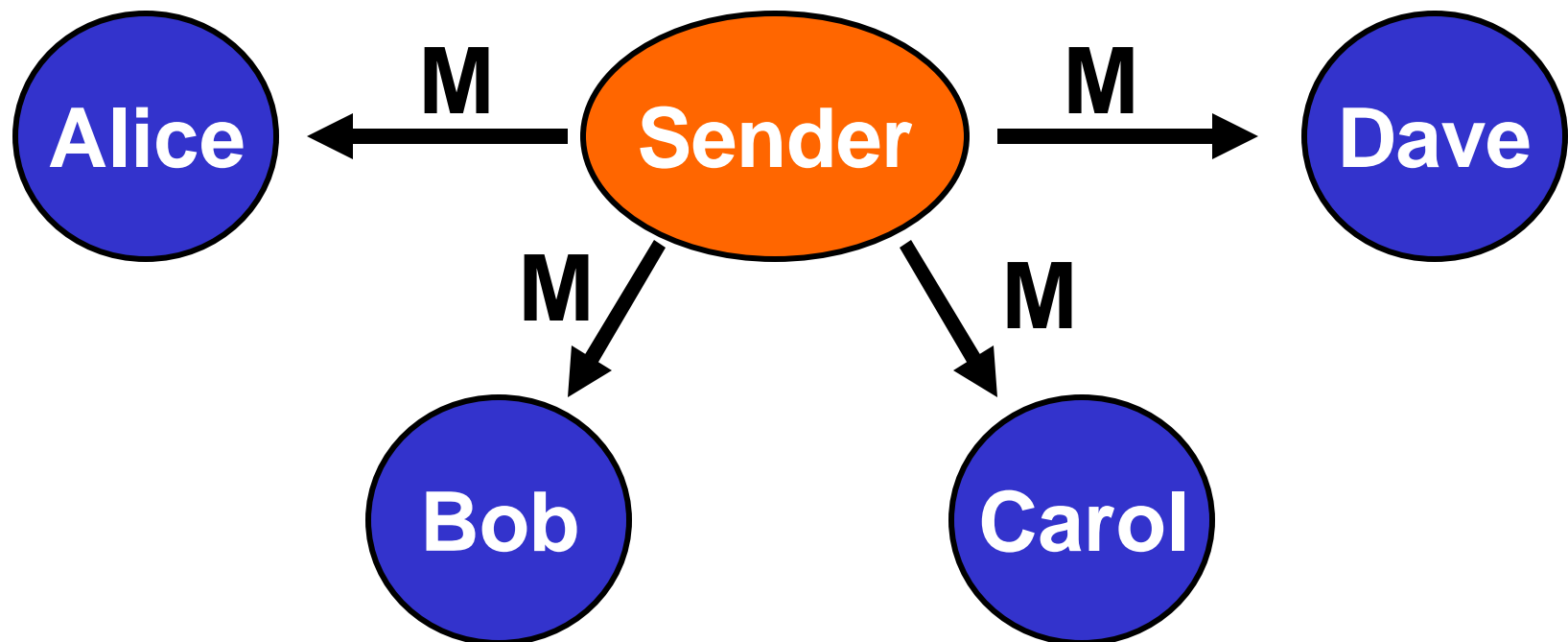
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Outline

- **Review basic TESLA protocol**
- **Outline of the current drafts**
- **Recent updates**
- **Next steps**

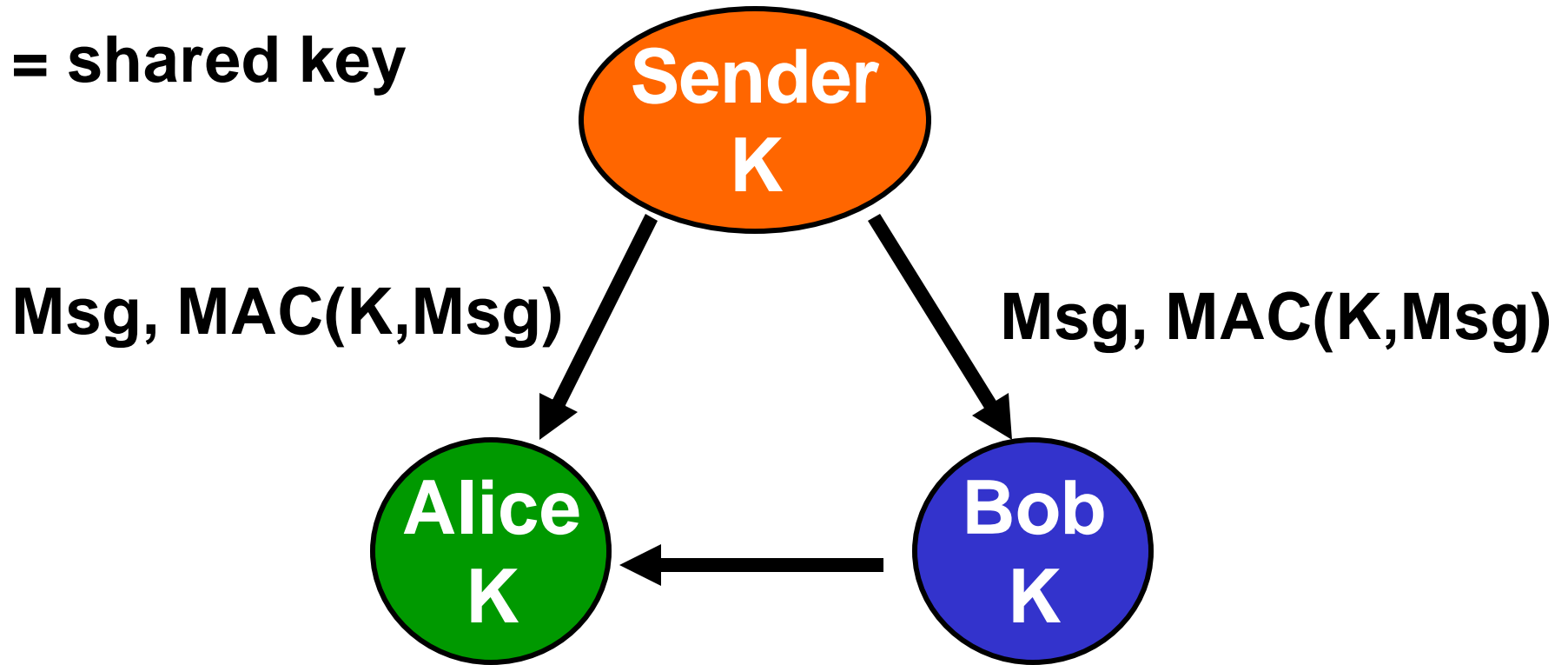
Broadcast Authentication

- Broadcasts data over wireless network
- Packet injection usually easy
- Receivers should be able to verify data origin



Authentication Needs Asymmetry

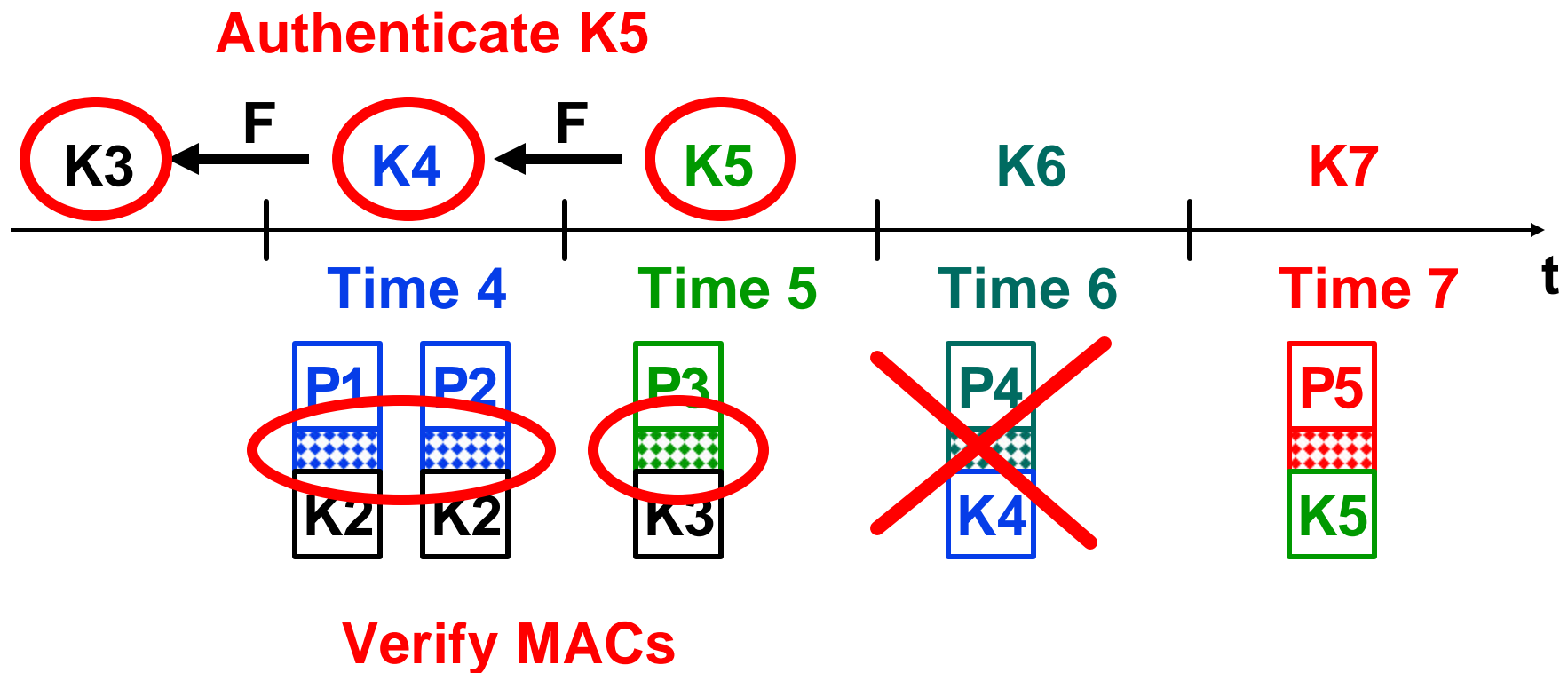
K = shared key



Forged Msg, MAC(K, Forged Msg)

**MAC: Message Authentication Code
(authentication tag)**

Basic TESLA Protocol

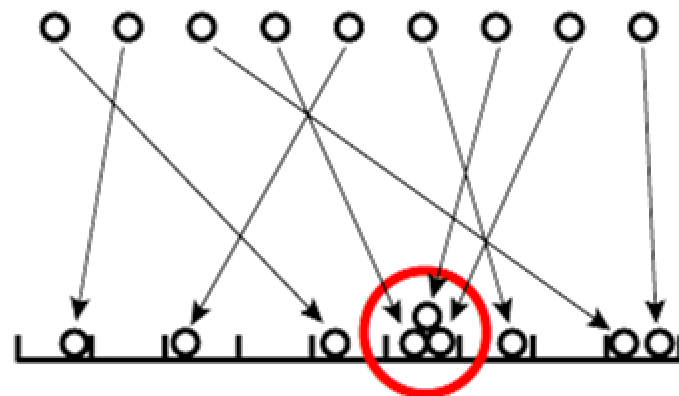


TESLA Features

- **Low overhead**
 - **Communication (~ 20 bytes)**
 - **Computation (~ 1 MAC computation / packet)**
- **Perfect robustness to packet loss**
- **Independent of number of receivers**
- **Delayed authentication (can be mitigated)**

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Outline of Current Drafts

- **Draft-ietf-msec-tesla-intro-01**
 - **Basic description/introduction to TESLA**
 - **For Informational RFC**
 - **<http://www.securemulticast.org/draft-ietf-msec-tesla-intro-01.txt>**

- **Draft-ietf-msec-tesla-spec-00**
 - **Plan: TESLA within ESP/MESP**
 - **For Standards Track RFC**
 - **<http://www.securemulticast.org/draft-ietf-msec-tesla-spec-00.txt>**

Draft-ietf-msec-tesla-intro-01

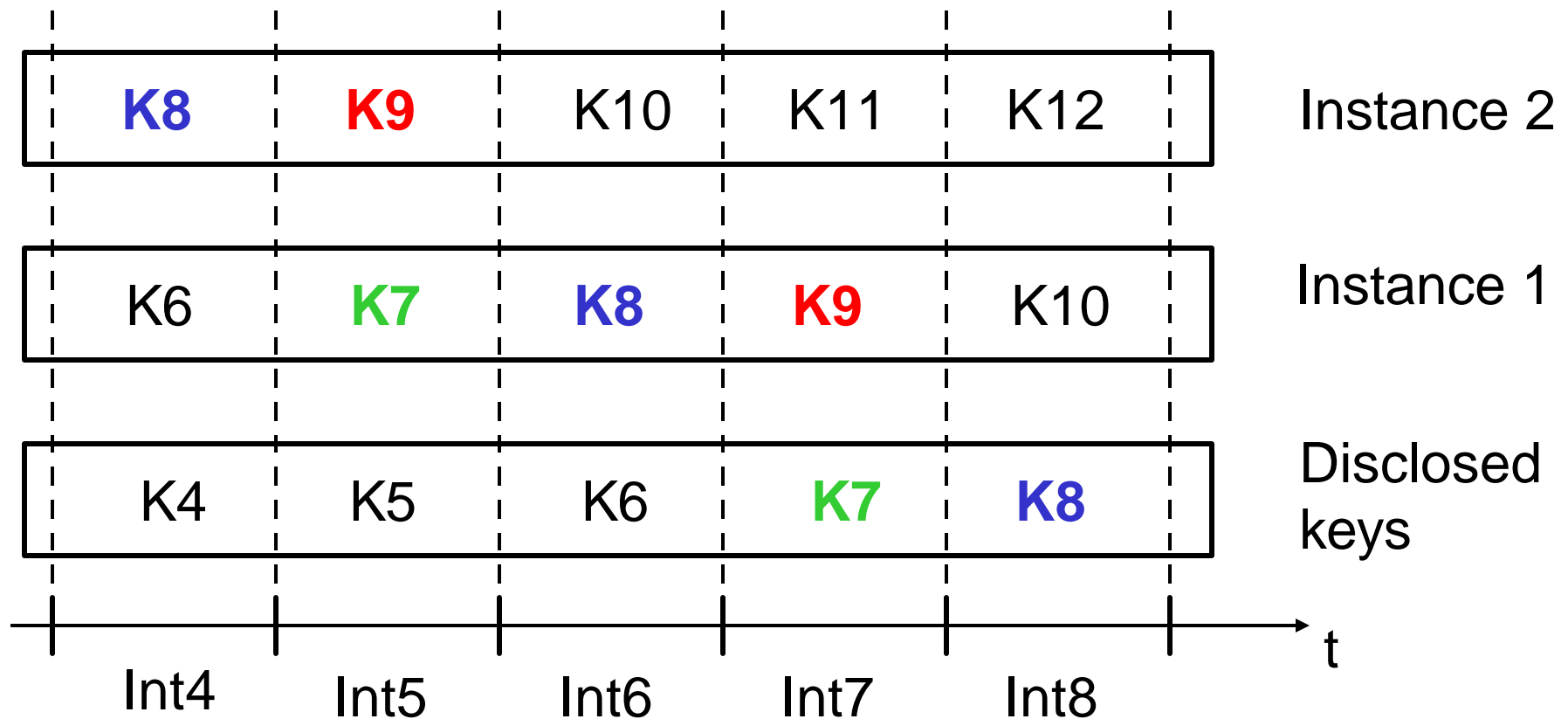
- **General overview of the TESLA authentication protocol**
- **Add**
 - **Immediate authentication**
 - **Concurrent TESLA instances**
- **Last call before next IETF**
- **Comments welcome!**

Immediate Authentication

- **Reasons for stand alone draft**
 - **Complex issues**
 - **Independent of TESLA, can be used with other authentication/signature schemes as well**
 - **Planned enhancements we're currently working on**

Concurrent TESLA Instances

- Multiple TESLA instances share same key chain
- Only 10 bytes overhead for additional instance



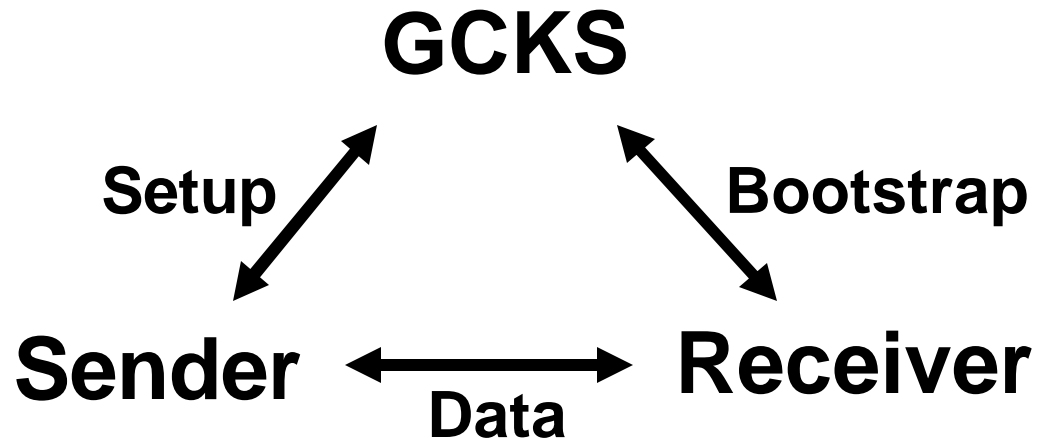
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- **Current technical draft**
 - **Specifies TESLA field format**
 - **Format of bootstrap messages**
- **Future directions**
 - **TESLA within ESP/MESP**
 - **Changing key chains**
 - **Concurrent TESLA instances**
 - **Bootstrap TESLA parameters with GDOI / GSAKMP / MIKEY**
 - **For Standards Track RFC**

TESLA Bootstrapping

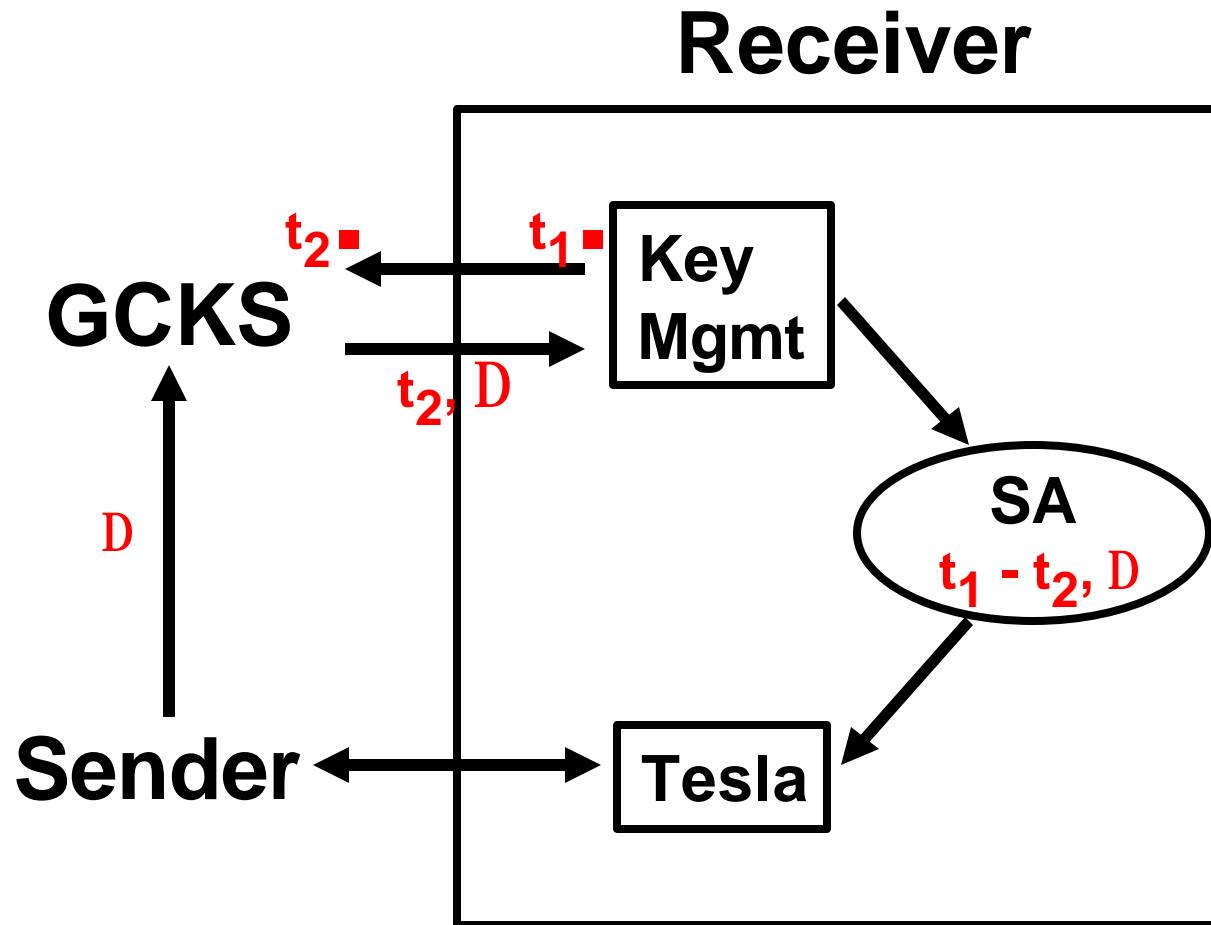
- **Required parameters**
 - **Loose time synchronization**
i.e., upper bound on sender's clock
 - **Time interval information**
 - Id of time interval (e.g., j)
 - Start time of time interval (T_j)
 - Time interval duration
 - **Key disclosure interval**
 - **Authentic key chain value (K_j)**
- **Bootstrapped with key management protocol: GDOI / GSAKMP / MIKEY**

Indirect Time Synchronization via Key Management Protocol



- **Time synchronization issues**
 - Receiver needs upper bound on Sender time
 - Bootstrapping time through GCKS
 - GCKS has upper bound of time synchronization error
 - Receiver adds time synchronization errors

Receiver Diagram



Upper bound on sender's time: $t_S < t_R - t_1 + t_2 + D$

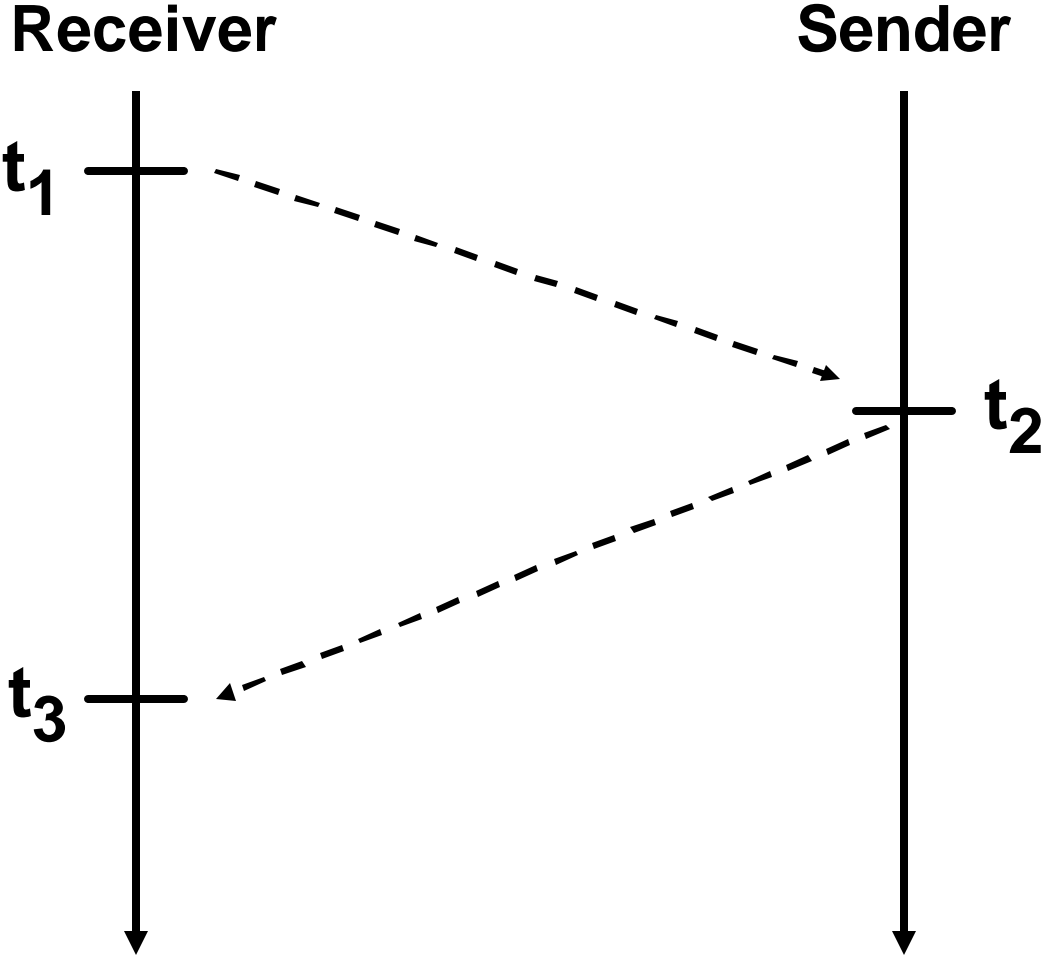
Recent Progress

- **New additions to TESLA family**
 - Mia Canetti
 - Bram Whillock
- **Reference TESLA implementation by Bram Whillock**
 - <http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~adrian/tesla.html>

Next Steps

- **Need team for second implementation**
- **<http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~adrian/tesla.html>**
- **Integrate with ESP/MESP**
- **Bootstrap TESLA parameters with GDOI / GSAKMP / MIKEY**

Upper Bound on Sender's Time



Upper bound on sender's time: $t_S < t_R - t_1 + t_2$