

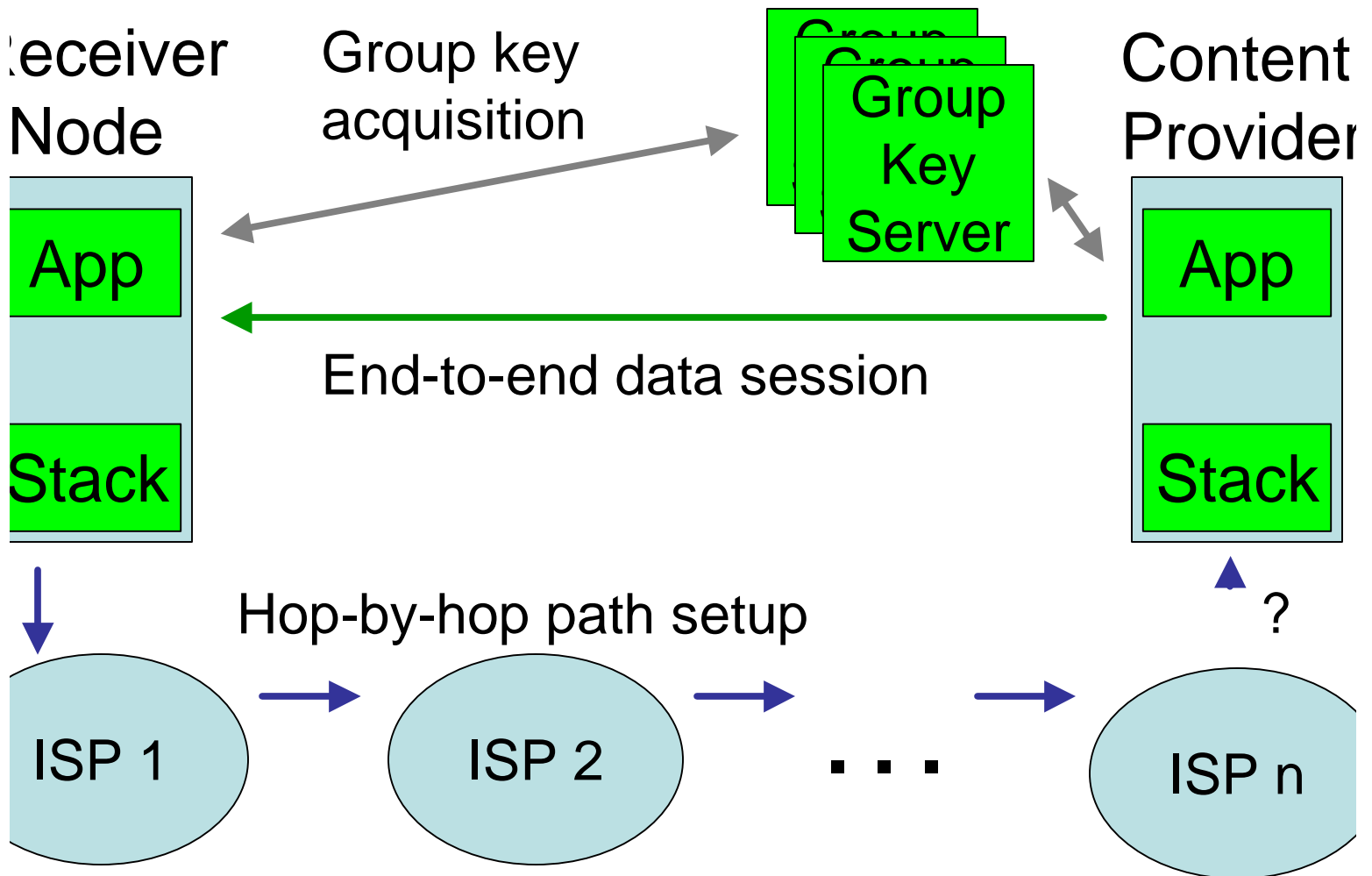
Non-IGMP-specific security

or “Why not to do security at the IGMP level”

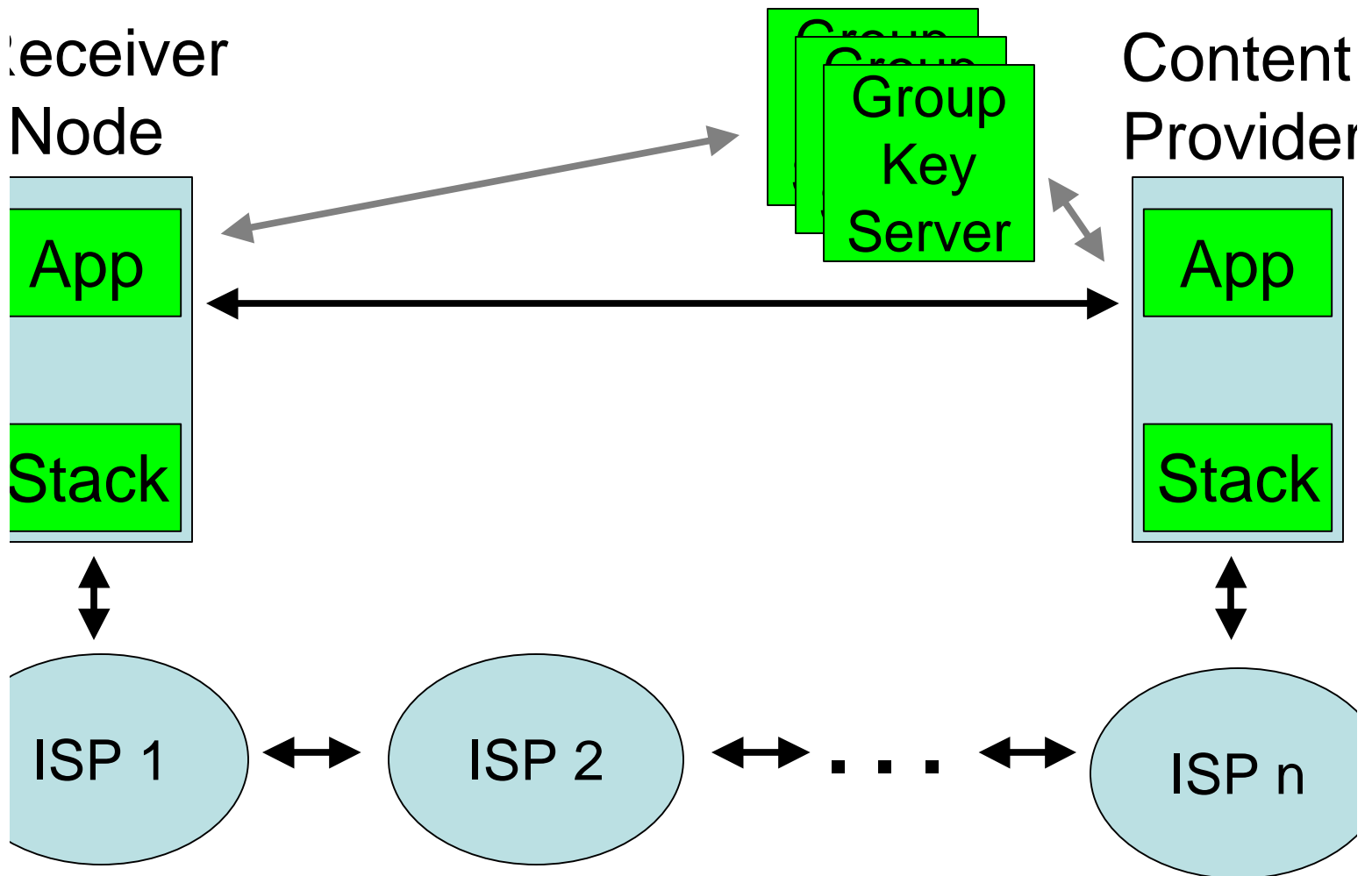
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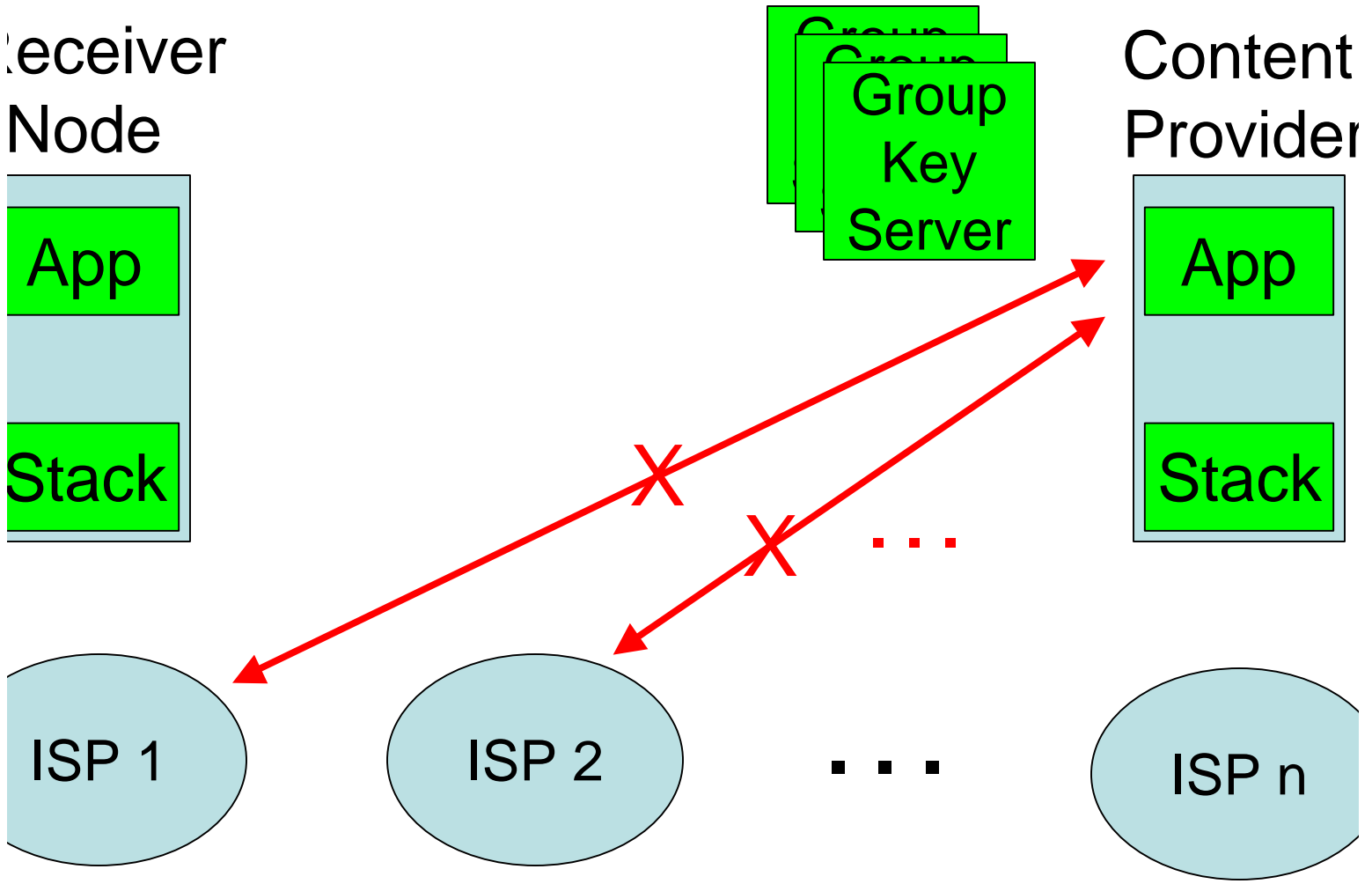
General Internet Case



Reasonable Security Relationships



NOT reasonable in general



Observations

In general, there is no security relationship between receiver's ISP/network and a content provider

If the content provider and receiver are connected to the same ISP/network, there may be a security relationship

Both problems are interesting

If you solve #1, you also solve #2

General case needs

ISP/network needs to be able to

- Do accounting per client (port flat rate, per time, per amount of data, whatever)
- Use ACLs (ingress filtering, whatever)

Content provider needs to be able to

- Control who can view content

These are not multicast-specific.

A solution that matches security relationships

Receiver-edge IP/Link layer:

- ACLs placed on ports based on customer-provider relationship at “connect” time
- Hop-by-hop messages on LANs secured with same relationship
- Port ACLs may change over time based on ISP/network policy/protocol/whatever

A solution (cont.)

End-to-end app layer:

- Per-group security/keys done between apps and group key server(s)
- Data can be encrypted in general Internet case
 - If it's not, then it's no different from LAN case where other receivers benefit from a legit one

Protecting bandwidth

General case

- Can just charge requesters
- Same problem occurs with unicast datagram and this is not protected today

When receiver and content provider are on same network

- Content authorizer (e.g. group key server) can cause port ACL to be updated

Summary

Solutions need to match practical security relationships

Group-specific security in IGMP is not reasonable in general

Other solutions exist which appear to meet the goals

In the special case, other solutions can do everything IGMP group security does

Conclusion: don't do IGMP group security