Towards Efficient Route Optimization: Applying Cryptographically Generated Addresses and Credit-Based Authorization

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Overview and discussion on draft-arkko-mipshop-cga-cba-01.txt

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Goals for Improving RO

Authentication

- Make it more secure and faster, but still infrastructure-less

CoA tests

- Avoid their delays by doing them concurrently

Mailing-list discussions and reviews

- Incorporate lessons learned

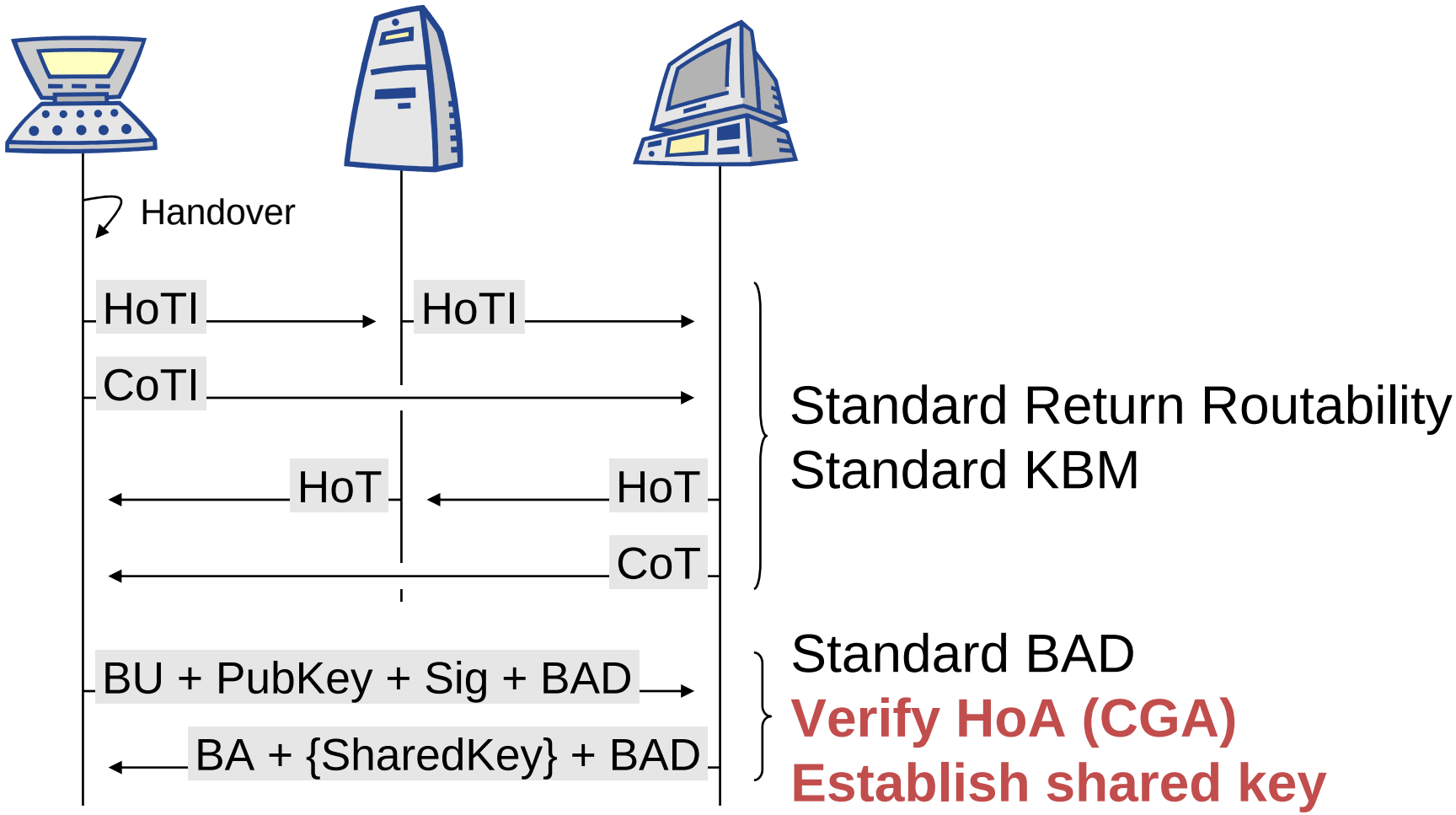
Improved RO Protocol

"Ingredients"

- CGAs for secure, fast, and infrastructure-less authentication
  Originally applied to MIPv6 in draft-haddad-mip6-cga-omipv6-04.txt
- Credit-Based Authorization for concurrent CoA tests
  Originally proposed in draft-vogt-mobopts-credit-based-authorization-00.txt

How the Protocol Bootstraps

The Initial Exchange



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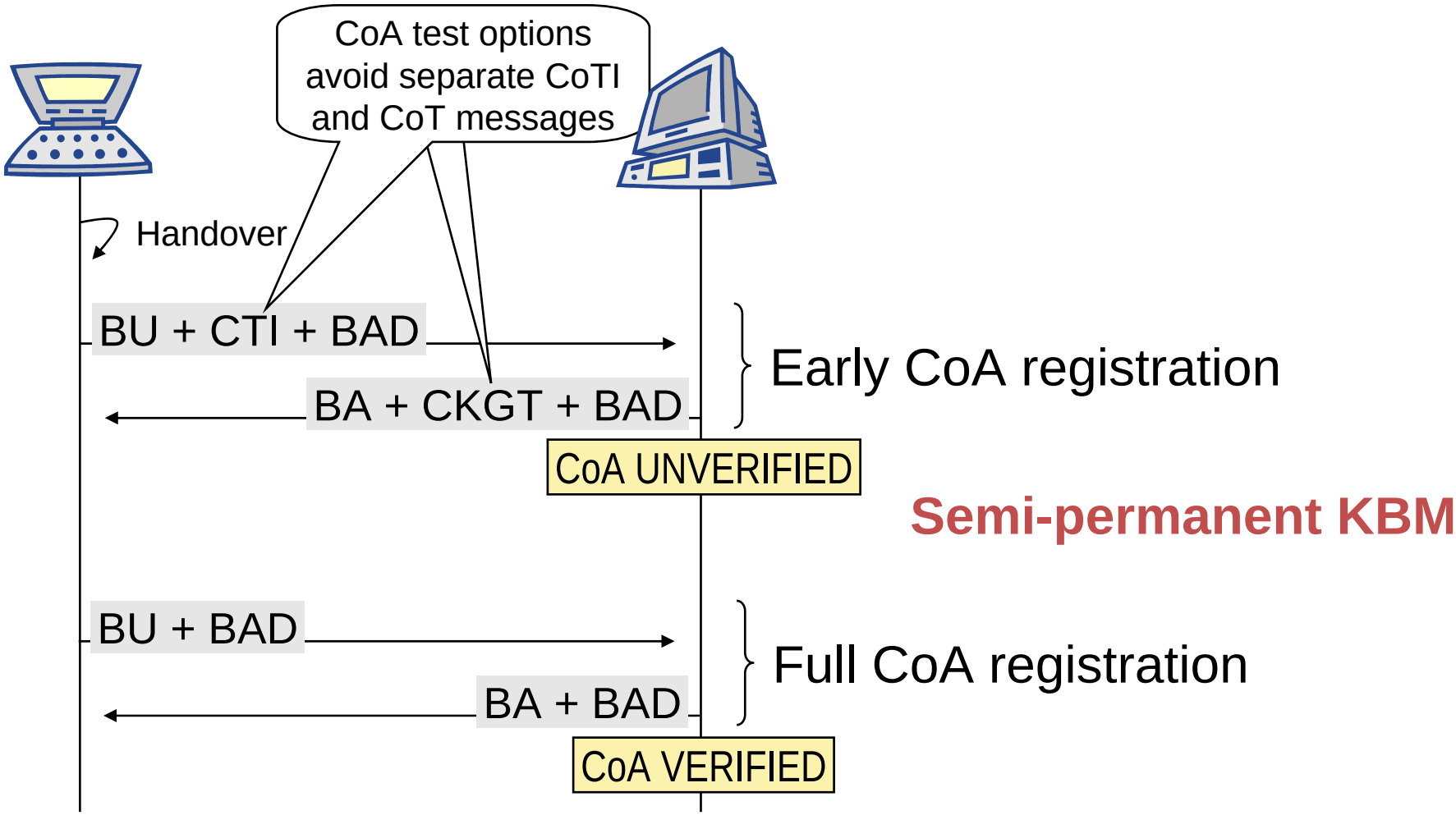
After the initial exchange…

…the peers have established...

- Standard binding-cache entry with extended lifetime (up to 24 hours)
- Extended sequence number (good for a period of 24 hours)
- Semi-permanent security association (valid for up to 24 hours)

How Subsequent Exchanges Look Like



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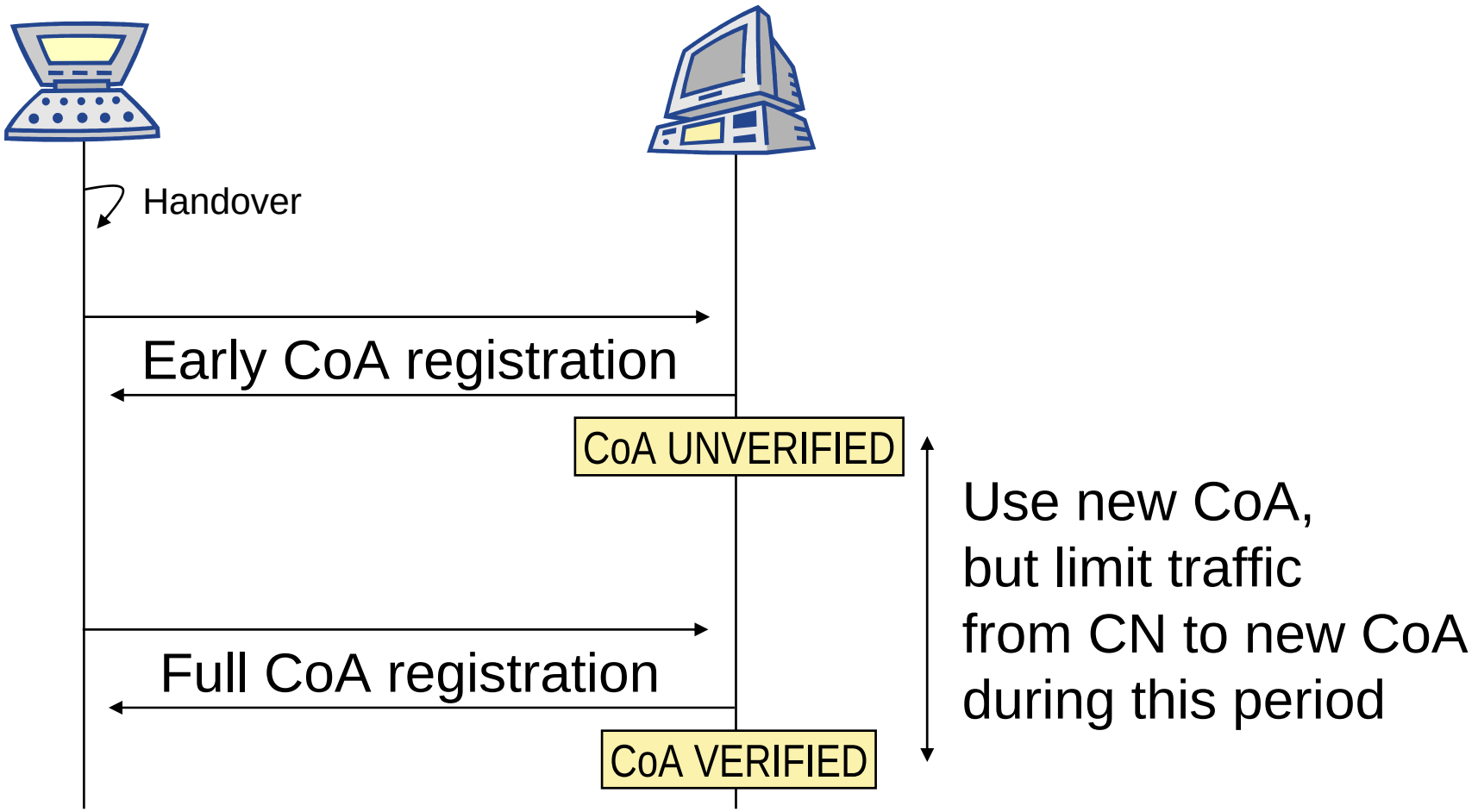
Handling Payload Packets

Where Credit-Based Auth. Comes Into Play



Lessons Learned From ML and Reviews

- Replaced temporary tunneling of packets through HA during handover by sending them directly to CoA or dropping them, depending on credit
- Some folks not convinced of CBA because description was confusion
  - Rewrite according to draft-iab-model-03.txt
- Independence from HA eliminates single point of failure
- Integrated CoA test into registration messages, using CTI and CKGT options, to reduce signaling overhead
  - Useful for other RO protocols, too, once IANA numbers assigned?
- Moved from initial three-message handshake to four-message one: one message more, but no longer vulnerable to reflection and amplification

Comments, questions, concerns?

What is good, where did we go too far?