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## IETF 107

### Drone Remote Identification Protocol (DRIP) WG

formerly Trustworthy Multipurpose Remote Identification (DRIP) BoF

**draft-card-drip-reqs  $\Rightarrow$  draft-card-drip-arch**

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Warning: urgent need has justified solution  
space work in parallel w/requirements!

# “Reference Architecture”:

really just the cast of characters



UA is Broadcast RID source



Other entities may be in play but are not required (by regulations or external standards), e.g. SDSPs, but we cannot make RID depend on SDSPs, we can only enhance it w/such

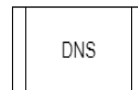
By “Pilot/Operator”, we denote several entities that will often be identical or colocated:

- UAS Operator (typically owner or lessee)
- Pilot In Command (responsible for safe flight)
- Remote Pilot (at the controls)
- GCS (the controls)
- Network RID source



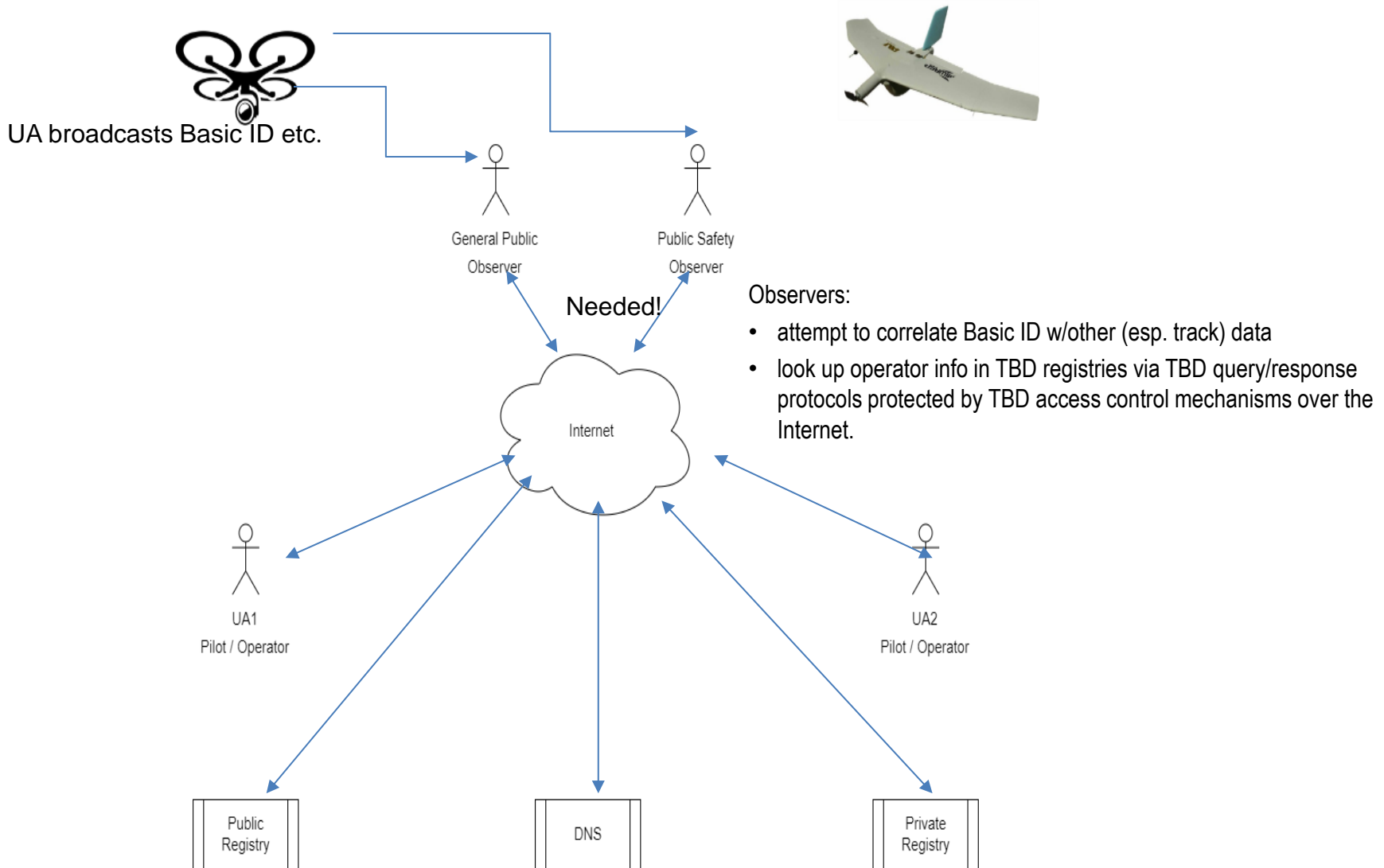
By “registry”, we denote several functions that will almost certainly be offered by the same service bureaus:

- UAS Operator registry
- UA registry
- UTM USS
- Net-RID Service Provider
- Net-RID Display Provider



# ASTM Broadcast RID w/o DRIP enhancements:

Unverifiable weakly correlated assertions of identity, position, velocity...



# Our Proposed DRIP Approach

- UAS RID should be **immediately actionable**:
  - Trustworthy *information*
  - Show whether *operator* is trusted, even w/o observer Internet connectivity
  - Enable instant Observer to Pilot & M2M secure comms, when IP connectivity is available between endpoints  
*Privacy must be maintained if not forfeited by the UAS operator through clueless, careless or criminal actions*
- Complement existing external standards
  - ASTM, CTA, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), CAAs...
  - FAA cites ASTM F3411-19 as potential means of compliance... but security & threat model not addressed!
- Leverage existing Internet business models, services, infrastructure, protocols & IETF expertise
  - Complement ASTM F3411-19 to mitigate its shortfalls
  - Support a variety of applications related to UAS RID (e.g. C2, DAA, V2X)
- Stretch goal: integrate sources of track information other than operator direct self-reports
  - Gateway Broadcast RID to Network RID
  - Enable multilateration of relayed reports

# Some network issues compounded by aero comms, constraining solutions

- Today's Internet has significant weaknesses in
  - Mobility, Multicast, Multihoming
  - Management, QoS, Security
- Aero wireless networking compounds these
  - Each non-trivial aircraft has multiple radios of different types
  - Many types of radios hand off between base stations frequently
  - Most open standard protocols are challenged by
    - Low data rates, High error (or loss) rates, Long latencies
    - Link asymmetry, Rapid wide variation in channel characteristics
- ASTM F3411-19, per regulator guidance to support current smartphones as observer devices, imposes further constraints
  - One-way Bluetooth 4 advertisement (beacon) broadcast frames carry at most 24 bytes of payload
  - Even paged multi-frame messages carry at most 224 bytes (minus any ECC) to hold a signed message or certificate
- Security protocols requiring cryptographic processing are further challenged by
  - Limited on-board processing power
  - Brief contact time w/fast moving platforms
- Yet enormous safety implications (e.g. drone crashes into people or critical infrastructure) of insecure or unreliable protocols
- Aggregation of enough publicly broadcast RID transmissions enables inference of sensitive information about the physical world (e.g. air operations routes & schedules)

# Updated ASTM F3411 + Updated Selected IETF Standards = DRIP

- Mapping an observed UA's **physical location** -> **UAS ID** similarity to the inverse problem of mapping an Internet **host ID** -> **logical location** (IP address) inspired leveraging Host Identity Protocol (HIP), bringing other benefits.
- We propose 2 minor tweaks to the ASTM F3411-19 UAS RID application standard.
  - Define a UAS ID Type (presumably 4) as a Hierarchical Host Identity Tag (HHIT)
  - Allow full 10 BT 4.x pages of Authentication Message to contain authentication data

*We participated in ASTM F38.02 UAS RID standard ratification because FAA needed to cite something now. ASTM F38.02 leadership agrees revision is needed & likes our ideas but will wait for FAA NPRM feedback.*
- We propose several updates/enhancements to the IETF HIP standards.
  - New crypto must be integrated to fit signatures & certificates in the very small Bluetooth packets.
  - Host Identity Tags (HITs) must be extended to allow for a registry hierarchy (HHITs).
- We have both integrated baseline ASTM F3411-19 (OpenDroneID) & prototyped some of our extensions.
  - We have flown successfully test flown this at the NY UAS Test Site.
  - We have updated our prototypes to authenticate UAS RID claims & will soon fly again.

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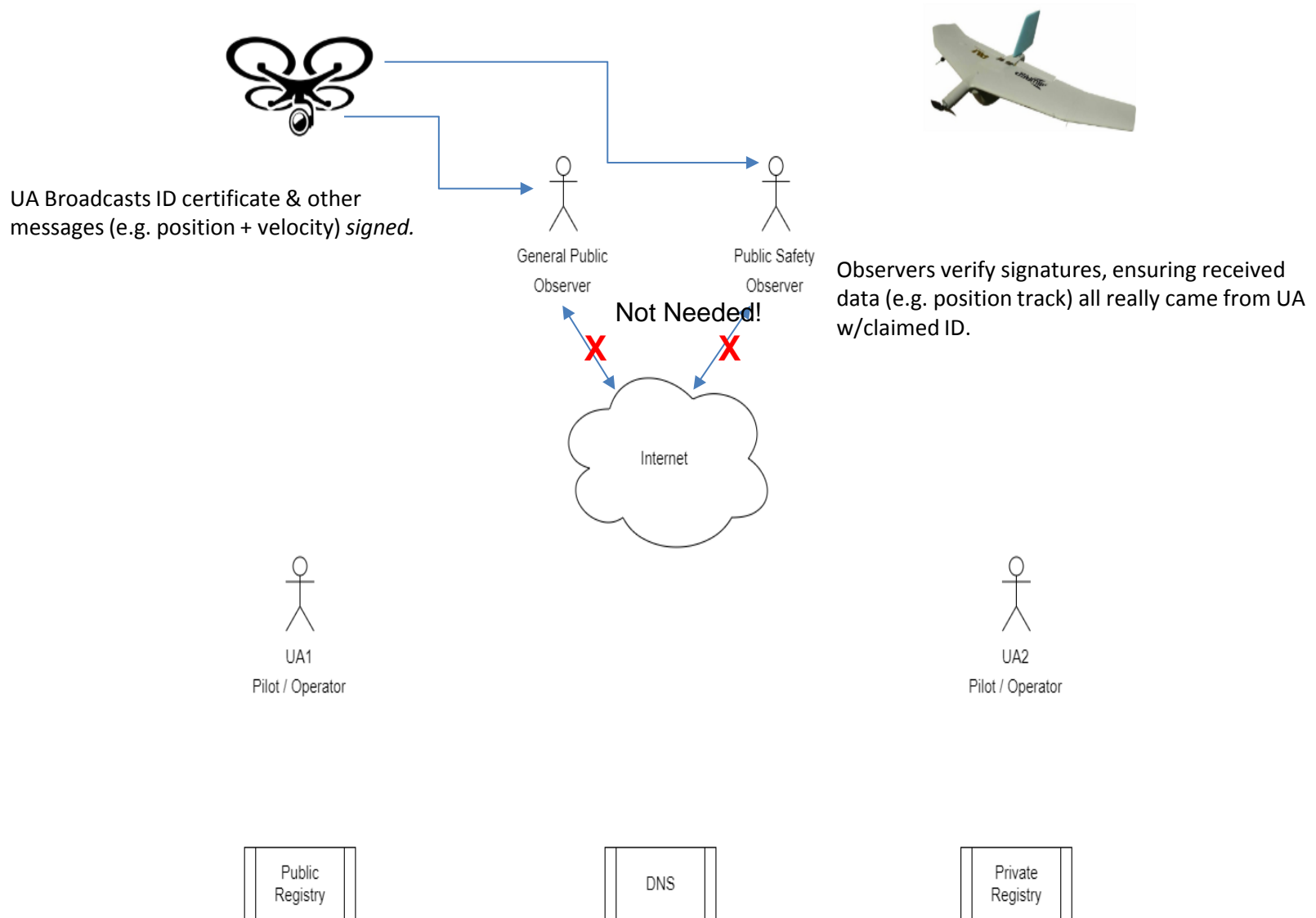
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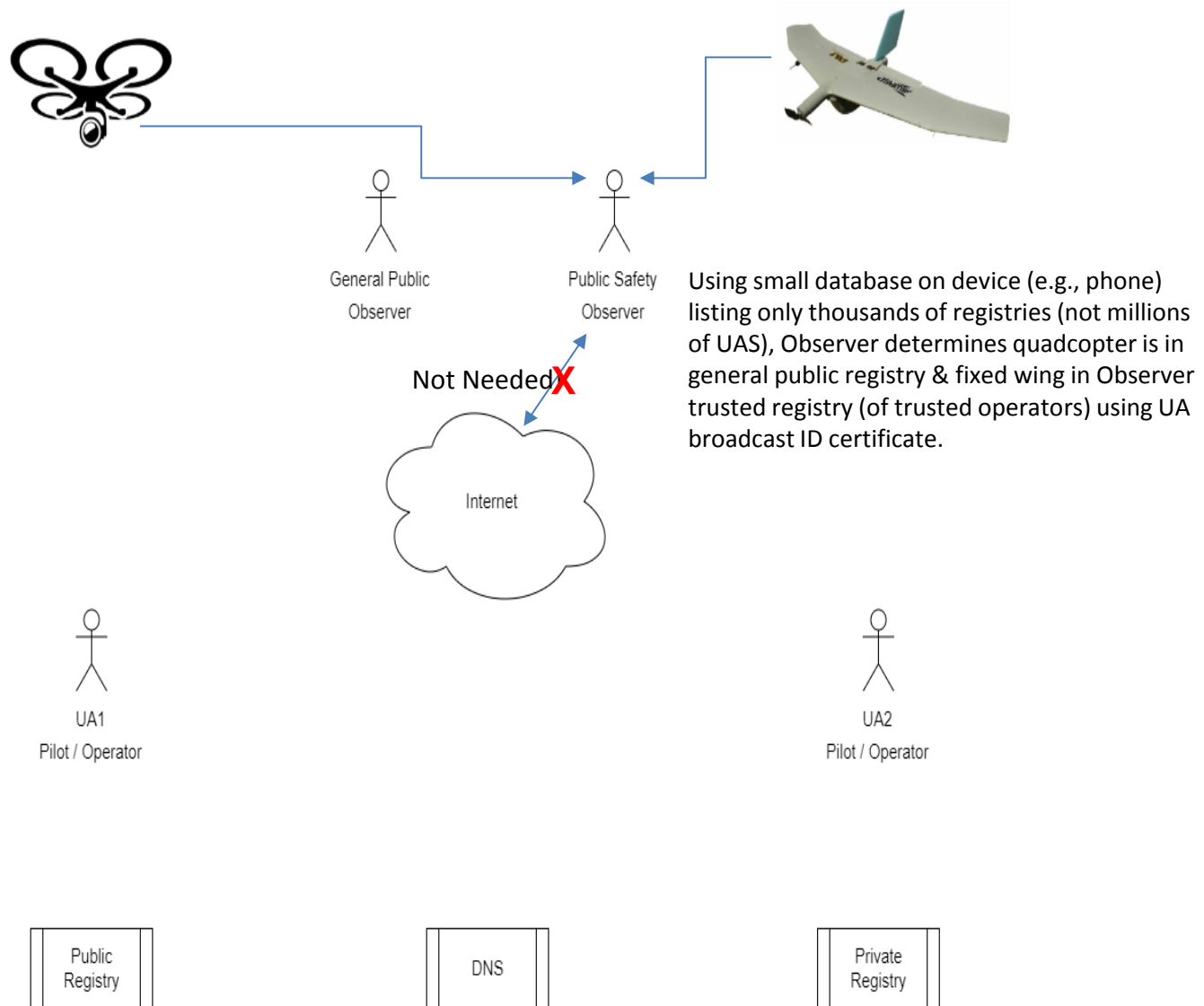
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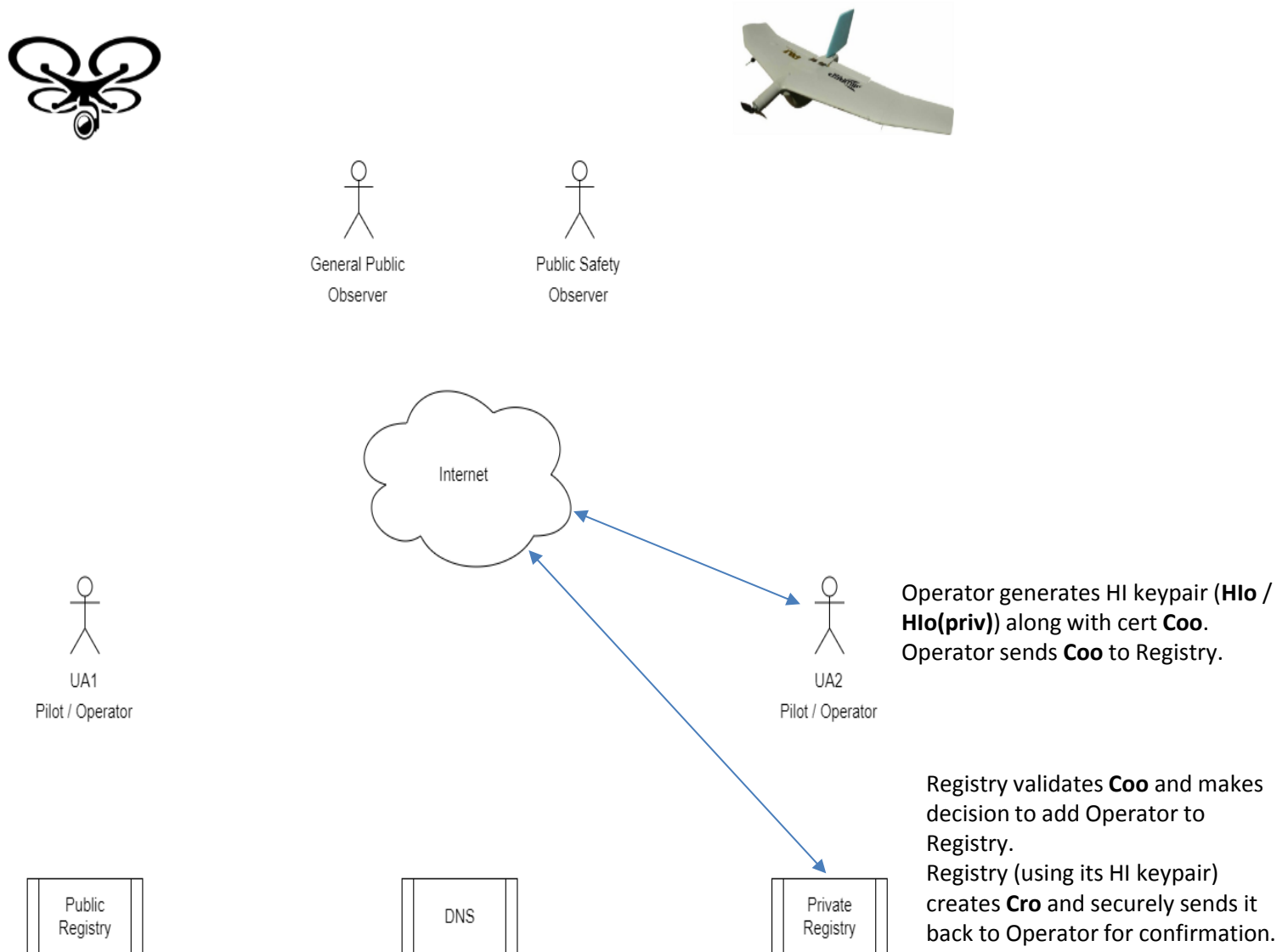
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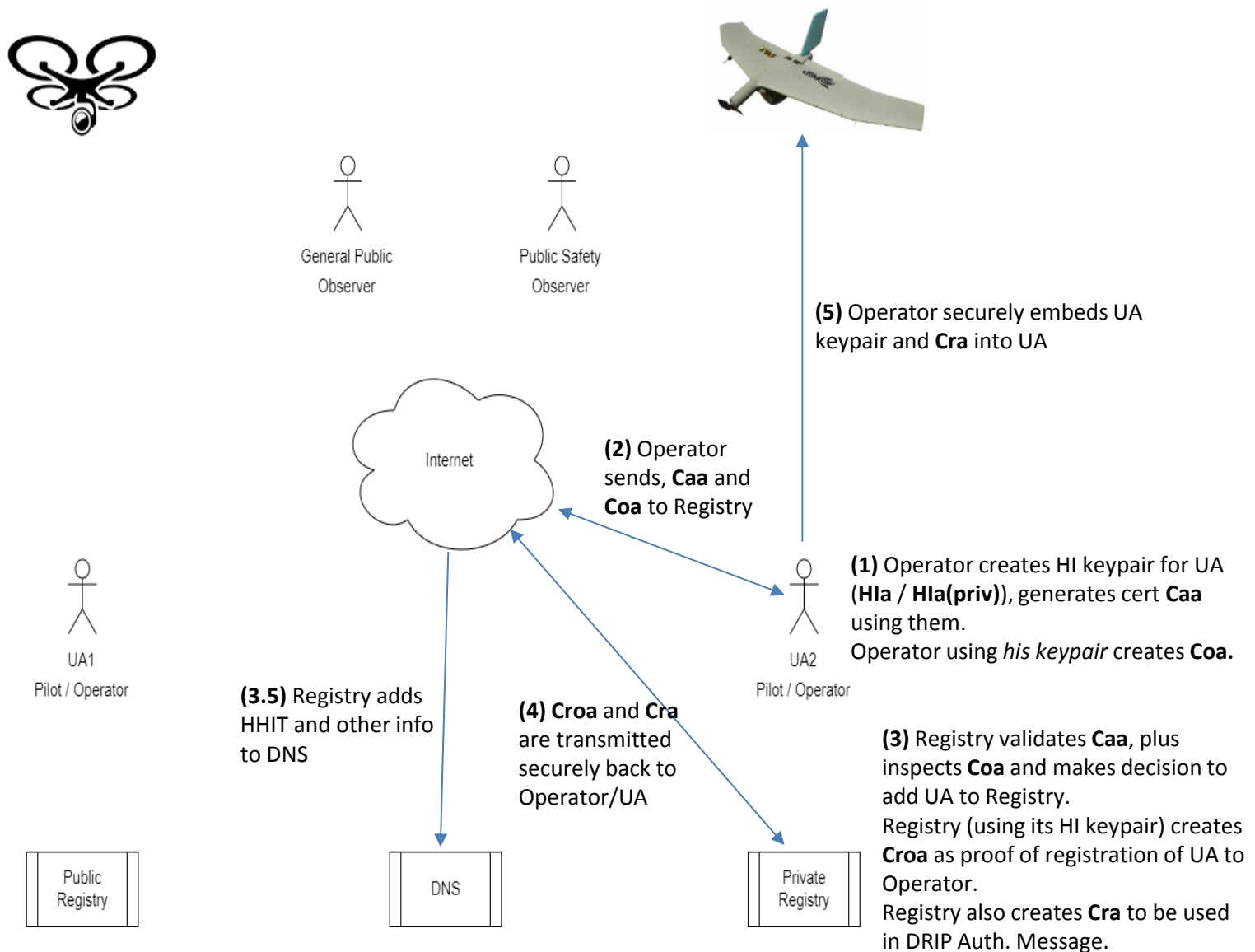
# DRIP: operator trust classification w/o Internet



# DRIP: operator registration



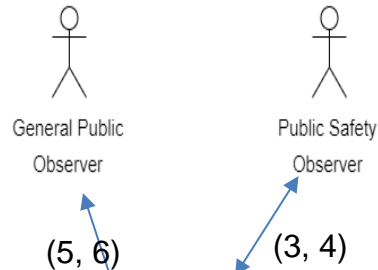
# DRIP: ua registration



# RDAP/XACML: access controlled registry lookup

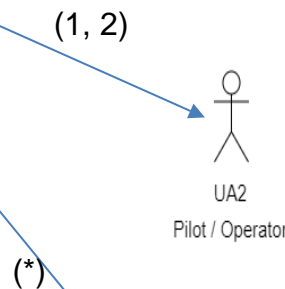
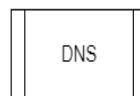
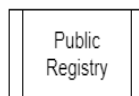


(5, 6) Observer w/credentials not satisfying access control policy of this registration gets denied PII of Operator [XACML Request + Denial].

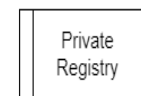


(3, 4) Observer w/credentials satisfying access control policy looks up PII of Operator [XACML Authorized RDAP Query + Response].

Leverage scalable protocols, infrastructure & business models of Internet domain name registration.



(1, 2) Operator privately registers HHIT based domain name.

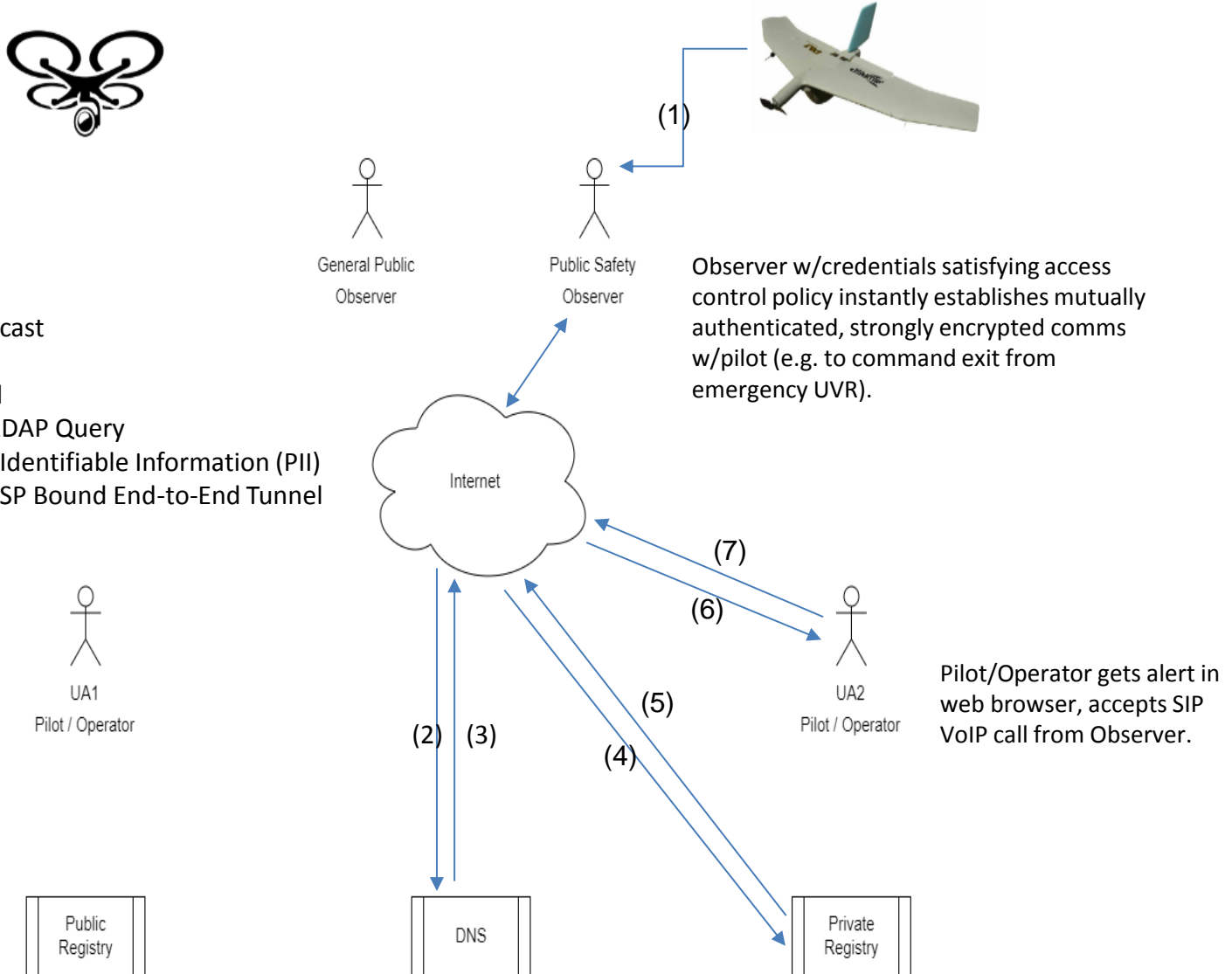


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# DRIP: Observer to Pilot (O2P) comms



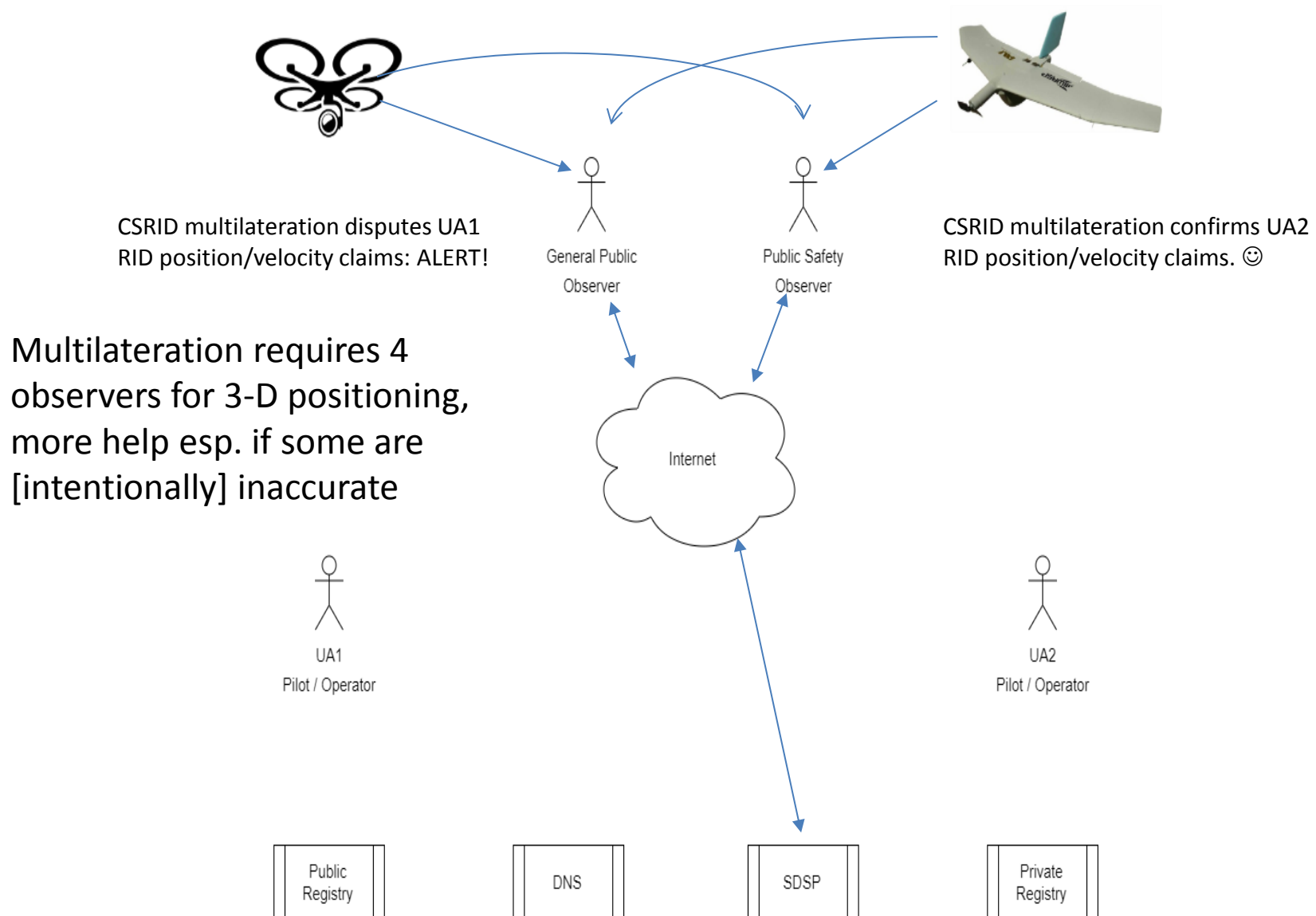
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# Crowd Sourced RID (CS-RID): Broadcast RID → Network RID Gateway & Multilateration

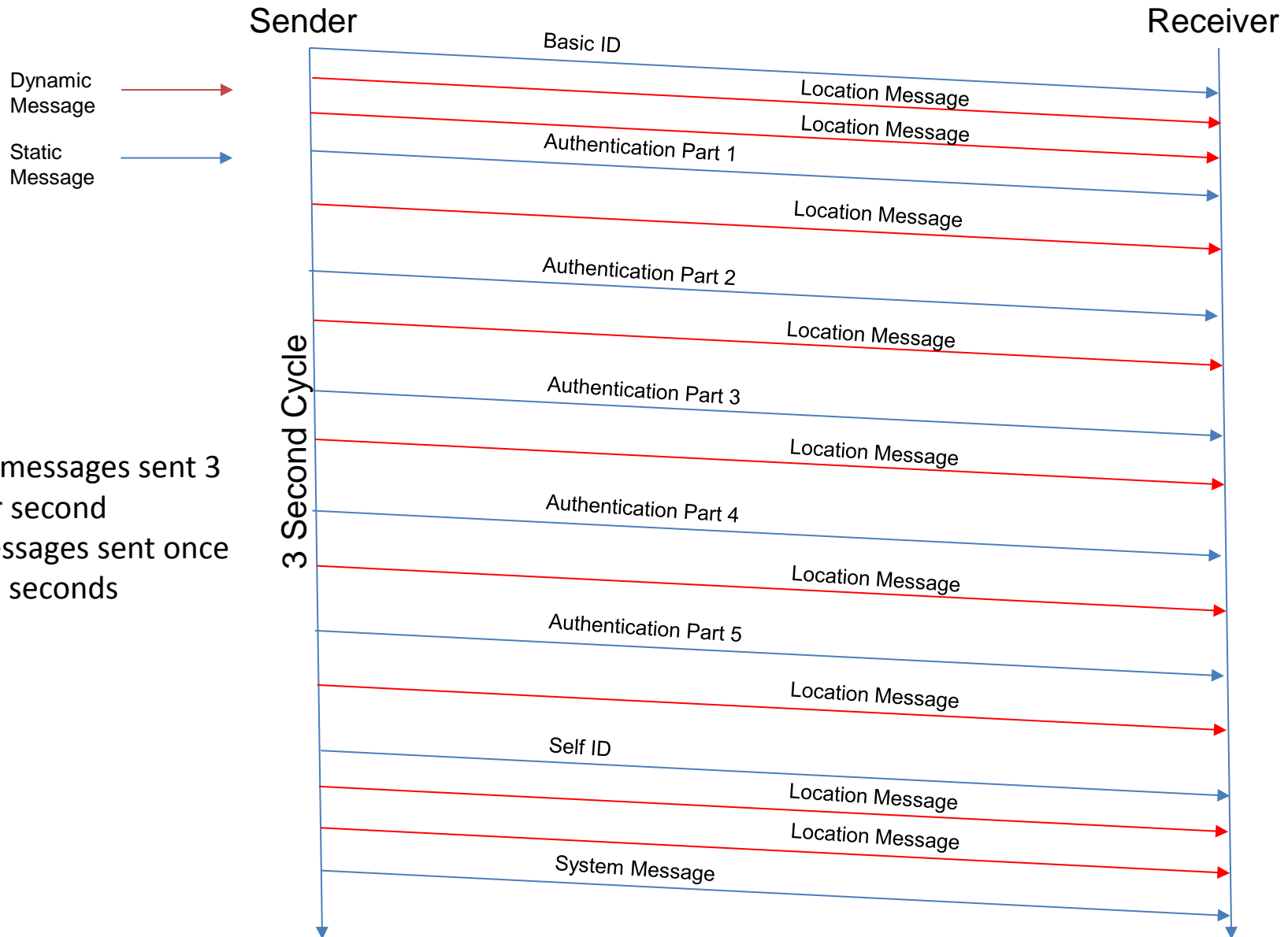


# Urgent Need

- Stakeholder needs recognized by regulators will influence standards that manufacturers will follow in producing aircraft & ground systems that will remain in use for many years.
- UTM & UAS RID will facilitate airspace useful Situational Awareness *only if* information is **immediately actionable**.
  - Trustworthy
    - Balance privacy of operators with legitimate authorities' Need To Know
    - Robust against cyber attack, poor wireless connectivity & clueless/careless operators
  - Enable observers to instantly determine UAS operator trust class (even w/o Internet)
  - Enable observers to instantly establish secure comms w/operator (w/IP connectivity)
  - Enable observers to confirm claimed position and velocity
- Much can be achieved by adopting/adapting existing Internet standards & infrastructure.
- We have gone a ways down the HIP road but are open to anything meeting the need.
- **We need your help!**

**BACKUP SLIDES**

# UAS RID Authenticated Message Passing (AX prototype)



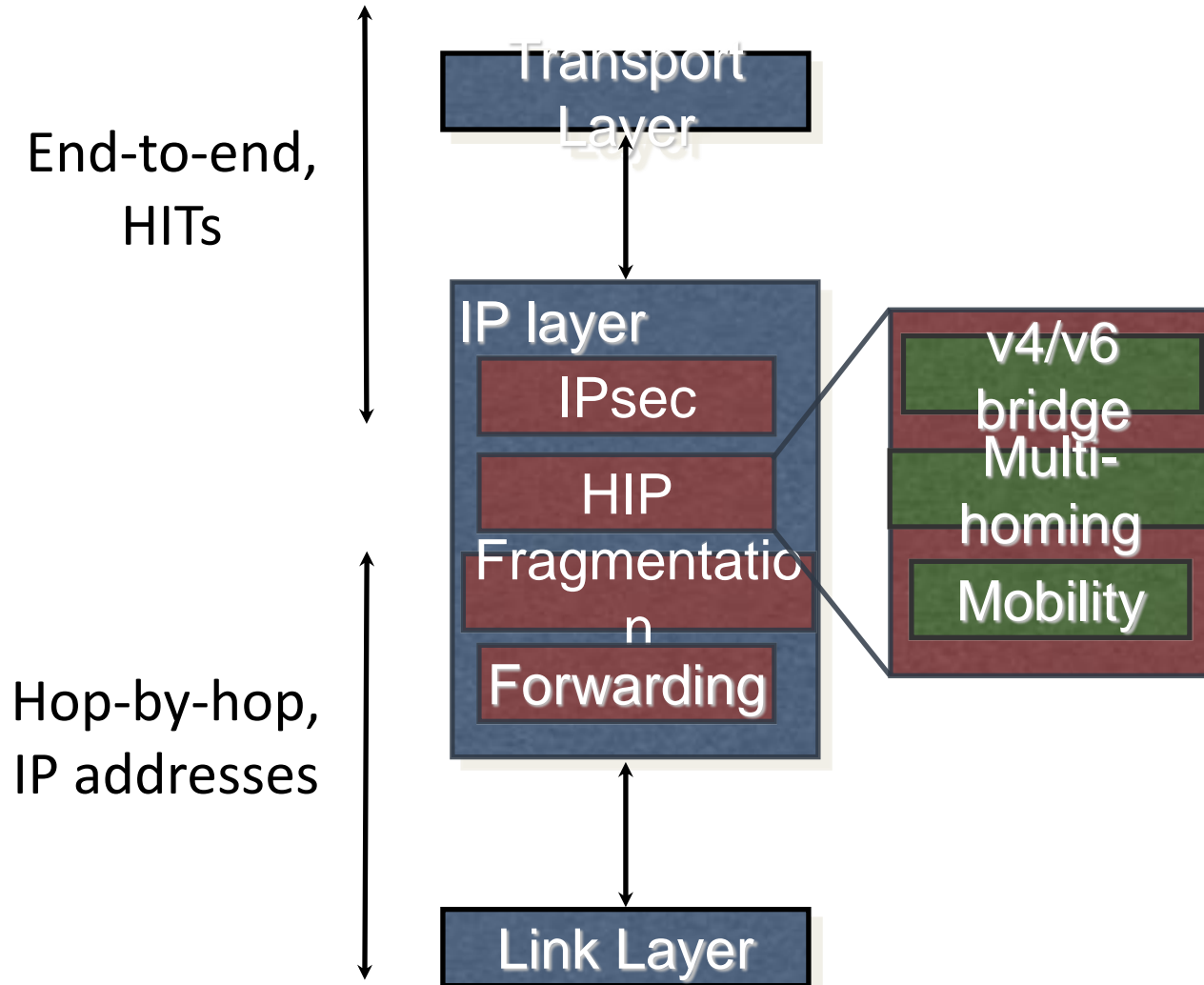
- Dynamic messages sent 3 times per second
- Static Messages sent once per three seconds

# HIP Benefits

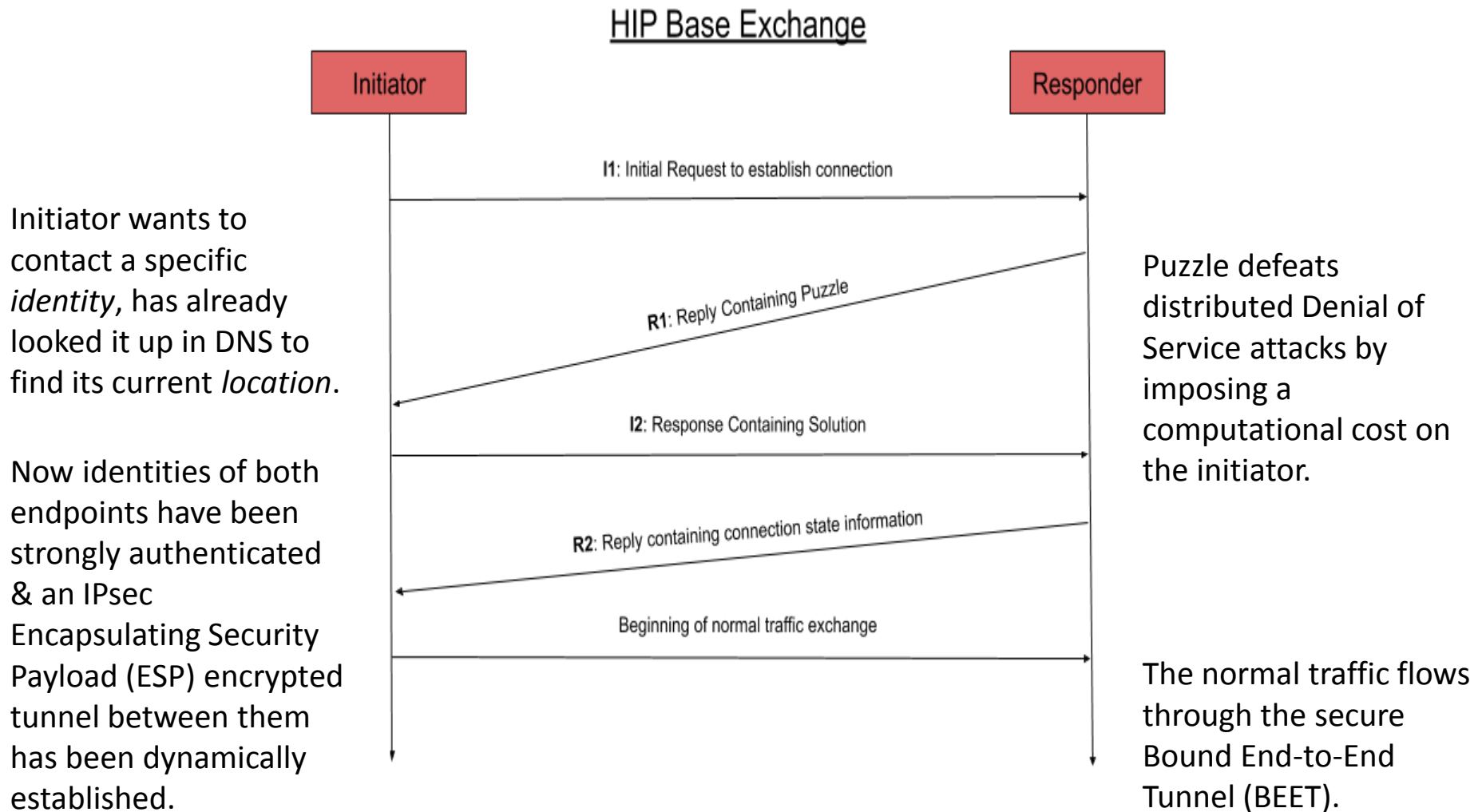
HIP is standardized in IETF Requests For Comment (RFCs) 4423[bis], 7343 (Overlay Routable Cryptographic Hash Identifier, ORCHID), 7401, 8002 - 8005

- HIP benefits for general network applications
  - Give each device a persistent identifier that remains the same across IP address changes, enabling persistent security associations & TCP connections
  - Give all packets a provenance, as in the “Secure Mobile Architecture” (Boeing, Lockheed-Martin, *et al*) described in, R. Paine’s *Beyond HIP: The End to Hacking As We Know It*
  - Auto-configure IPsec VPNs (frustrating to do manually)
- HIP benefits for aero networking applications
  - Associate persistent identifier with aircraft tail #
  - Multihoming for make-before-break smooth handoff
- HIP benefits for the UAS RID application
  - With Internet connectivity (Network RID), also facilitates dynamic establishment of encrypted, mutually authenticated **secure comms** between Observer & UAS Pilot or Proxy (O2P2)
  - With standardized vetting by hierarchical registries, makes UAS ID & any other cryptographically signed claims **trustworthy** even w/o Internet connectivity (Broadcast RID)

# Where HIP Fits in the TCP/IP Stack



# How HIP Mutually Authenticates Endpoint Identities



# Encode a HHIT as an ASTM F3411-19 UAS ID

## Type 1 or Type 3?

- Comply w/ANSI-CTA-2063-A.
- Set length field to “F” encoding value 15.
- In 15 character serial “number” field, encode:
  - last nibble of IANA HHIT prefix (1 char);
  - ORCHID Generating Algorithm ID (1 char);
  - 64 bit hash of HI (13 chars, 5 bits each).
- In DNS, map 4 character Manufacturer ID to a HHIT registry (RRA + HDA).
- Also map Type 3 (UUIDv4) values to HHITs in DNS?
  - UUIDv6 proposed Monday in ART looks interesting...

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