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AT&T SHAKEN Deployment Case Study

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Agenda

- **Current status of AT&T's SHAKEN Deployment**
- **Implementation Insights**
- **Display: Trust & Intent**

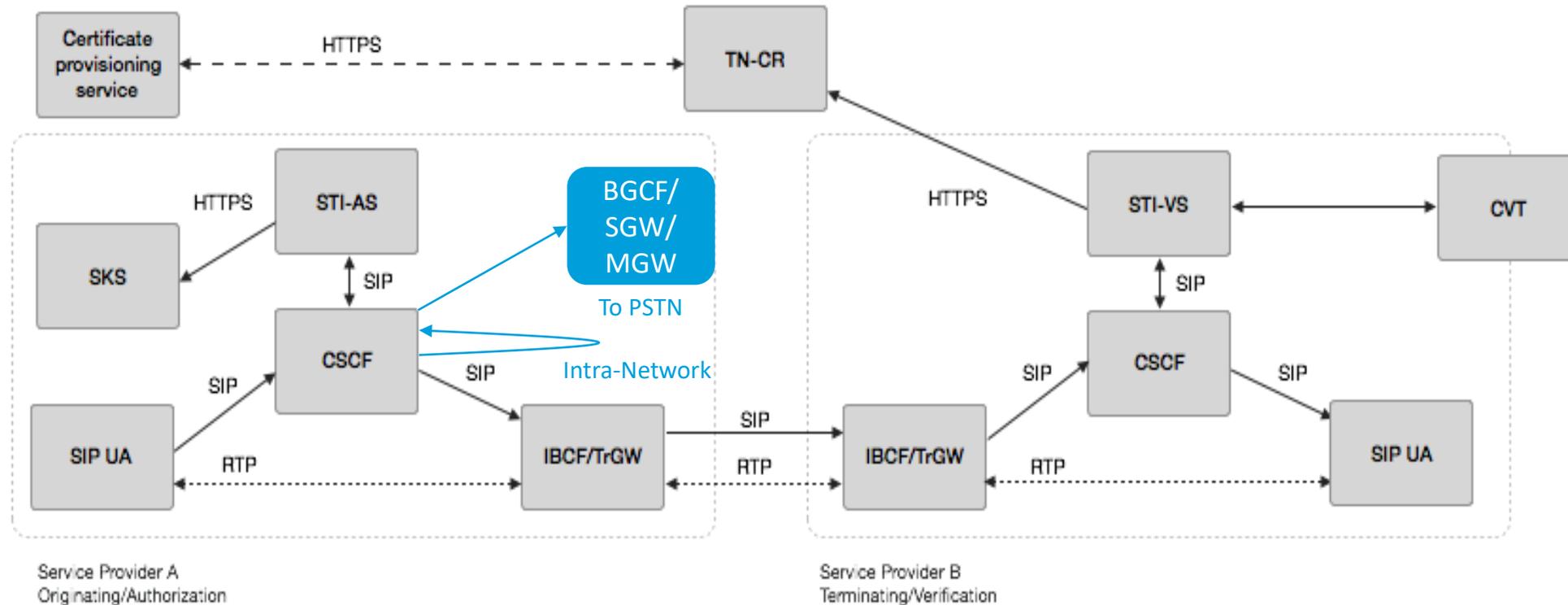
Current Status

AT&T STIR/SHAKEN Deployment Overview

- STIR/SHAKEN is operational in AT&T's production network
 - Currently deployed on AT&T's VoLTE and Consumer VoIP (AT&T Phone) services
 - Authenticating/verifying 100% of intra-AT&T traffic for above services
 - Have begun the exchange of signed traffic with Comcast and T-Mobile
 - Ongoing testing and rollout with additional service providers
 - Tested with ATIS/Neustar Robocalling Testbed
- Manual exchange of self-signed root certificates
 - Will be interfacing with STI-PA/CA for certificates
- Support SHAKEN Error Responses
- In house development of STI-AS, STI-VS, TN-CR, SKS
 - 100% virtualized

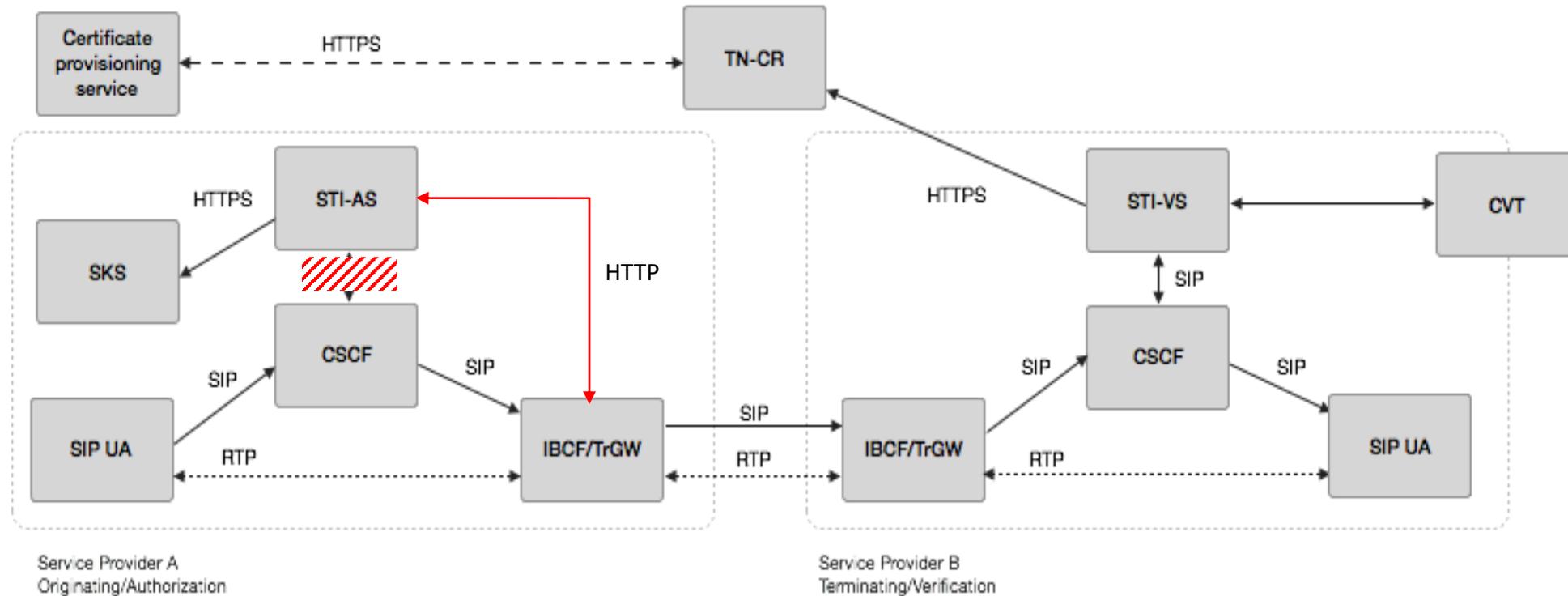
Implementation Insights

SHAKEN Reference Architecture (with additions)



- In reference model, signing is performed for all originating calls
- In practice, per call authentication is required, but per call signing is not
- Signing of intra-network calls result in unnecessary costs in terms of processing and call setup delay

SHAKEN Reference Architecture: Signing at egress IBCF/SBC



- AT&T only signs calls sent to other SHAKEN-enabled service providers
 - Perform signing at the egress IBCF/SBC
 - Dramatic decrease in signing resources
- Makes use of ATIS-1000082 API (to be discussed later)

Signing upon Egress for Inter-Network Calls: Issues

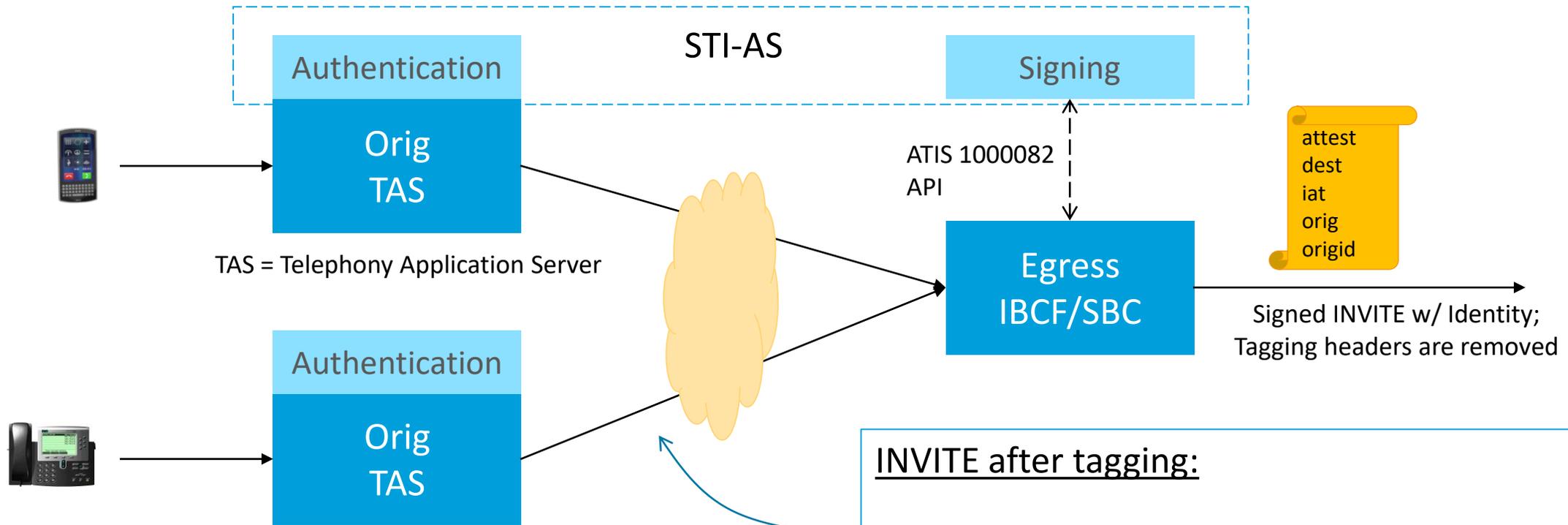
- Signing upon egress poses two issues:
 - Authentication is best performed upon origination
 - May not have origination information at egress (to be used in origid)
- If only signing inter-carrier calls, how are intra-carrier calls verified?
- Solution: “Tagging”



Tagging

- Tagging adds information to SIP Signaling used to sign and/or verify calls
- Tagging performed upon origination, e.g. app server
- Tagging:
 - Inserts Attestation level based on Authentication results
 - Inserts Origid based on origination source
 - Inserts verstat
 - Verstat=TN-Validation-Passed (if successfully authenticated)
 - Verstat=No-TN-Validation (if unable to authenticate)
- SIP Headers used for Tagging are defined in 3GPP 24.229
 - Attestation-Info
 - Origination-Id

Tagging: Inter-carrier Call

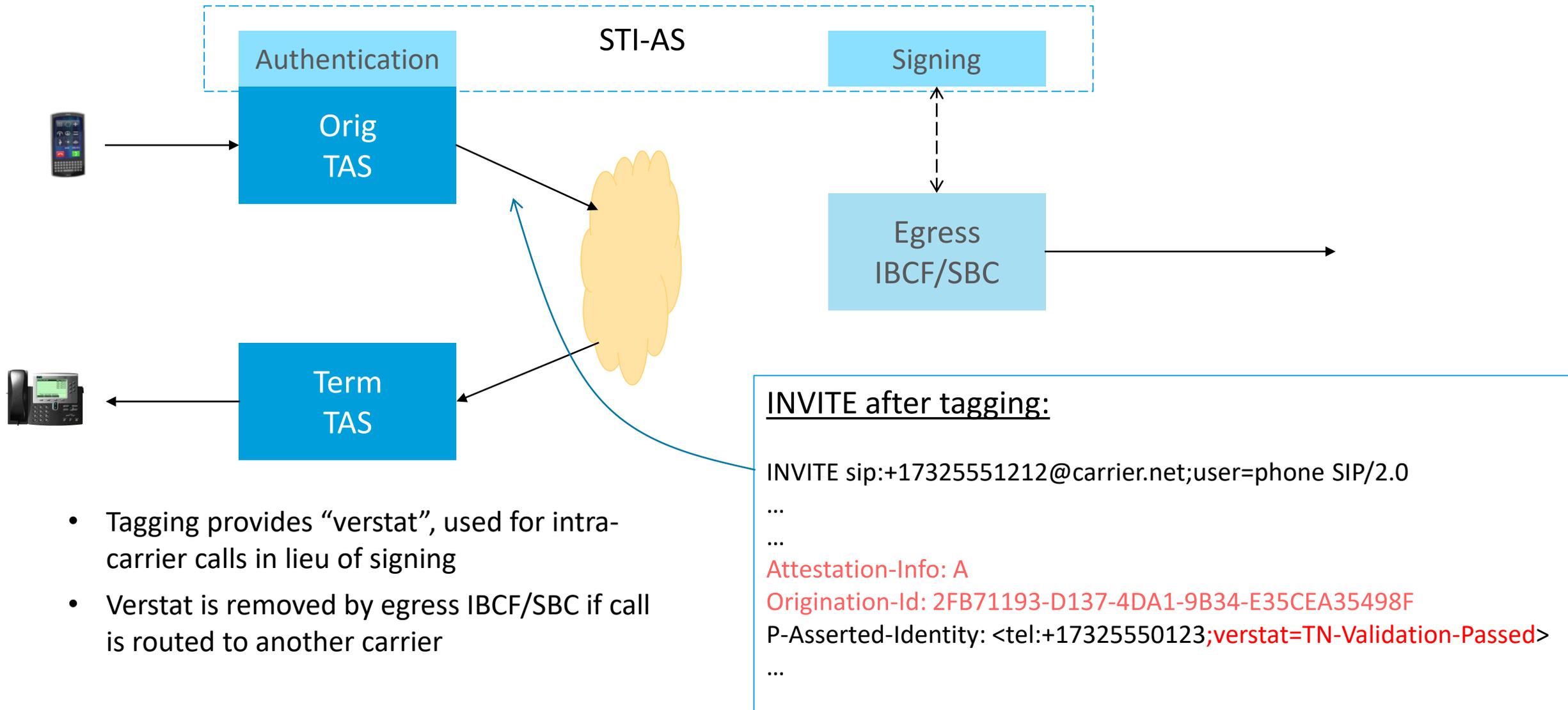


INVITE after tagging:

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INVITE sip:+17325551212@carrier.net;user=phone SIP/2.0
...
...
Attestation-Info: A
Origination-Id: 2FB71193-D137-4DA1-9B34-E35CEA35498F
...
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- Tagging provides “attest” and “origid” claim data to be used when call is signed
- Origination-Ids can be unique, per SHAKEN standards and recommendations

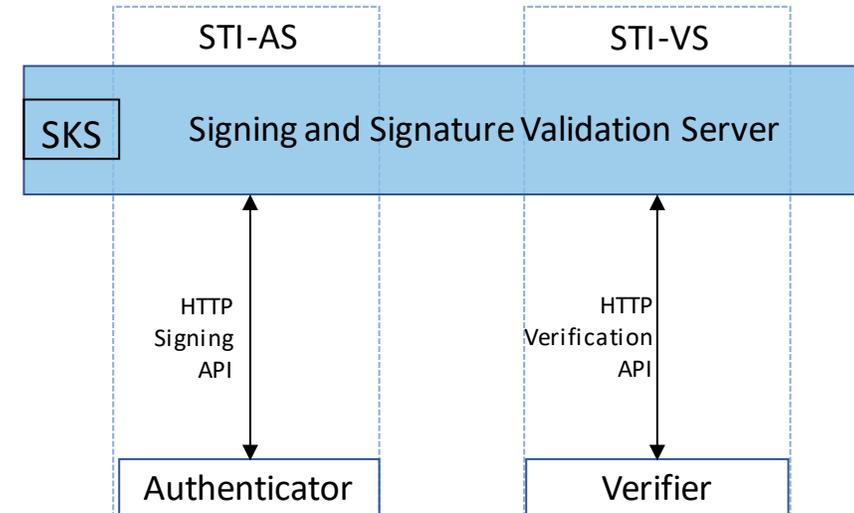
Tagging: Intra-carrier Call



- Tagging provides “verstat”, used for intra-carrier calls in lieu of signing
- Verstat is removed by egress IBCF/SBC if call is routed to another carrier

SHAKEN API for Signing and Verification

- Defined in ATIS-1000082 “Technical Report on SHAKEN APIs for a Centralized Signing and Signature Validation Server”
- Decomposes the STI-AS/VS functions
 - Particularly beneficial for call originations
- Supports centralized Signing/Verification resources along with distributed Authenticator/Verifier
- Authenticator can also be decomposed
 - Use Tagging to convey attestation and origid



- “Authenticator” determines the Attestation level and origid to be used for the call
- “Verifier” can perform syntax checking, canonicalization, etc. to screen pre-verification errors.

Display: Trust & Intent

Trust – Reputation - Intent

Trust – Do we believe the calling number is correct?

Reputation

Every phone number has a Story...

Status – Is it connected? Valid?

Ownership – Who pays the bill?

Behavior – What does the number do?

Connections – How does it communicate?

Complaints – What others say about this number?

Reputation is the aggregated view of this Story. Analytics Engines use past reputation to predict intent.

Trust combined with intent allow more accurate decisions whether call is to be blocked, flagged or allowed.



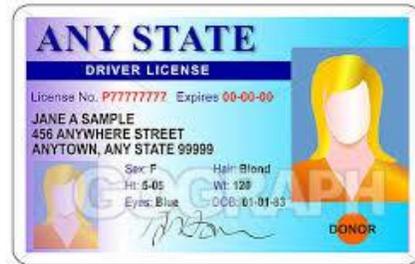
When to display a Positive Indicator: Trust & Intent



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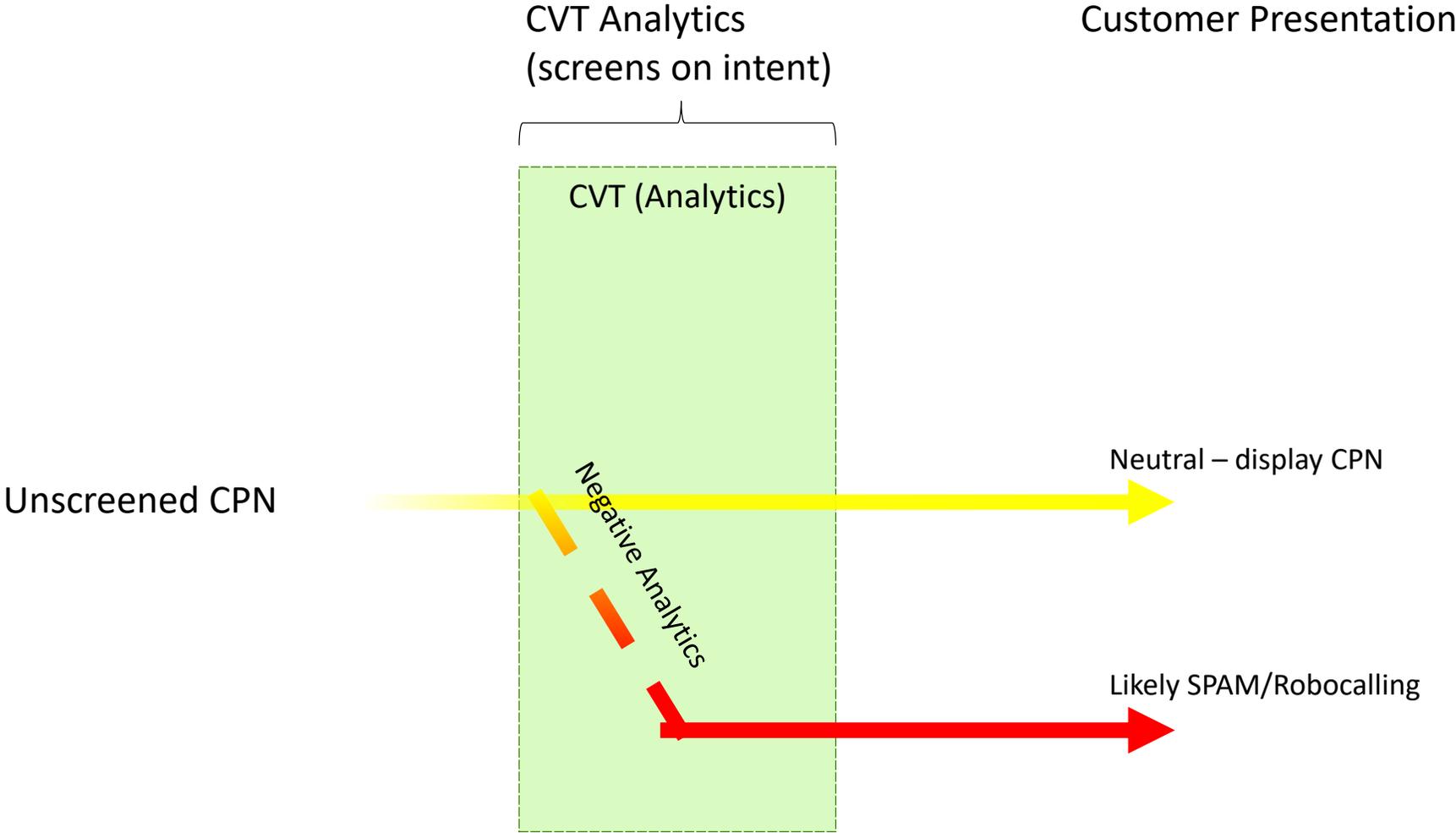


SHAKEN + Analytics

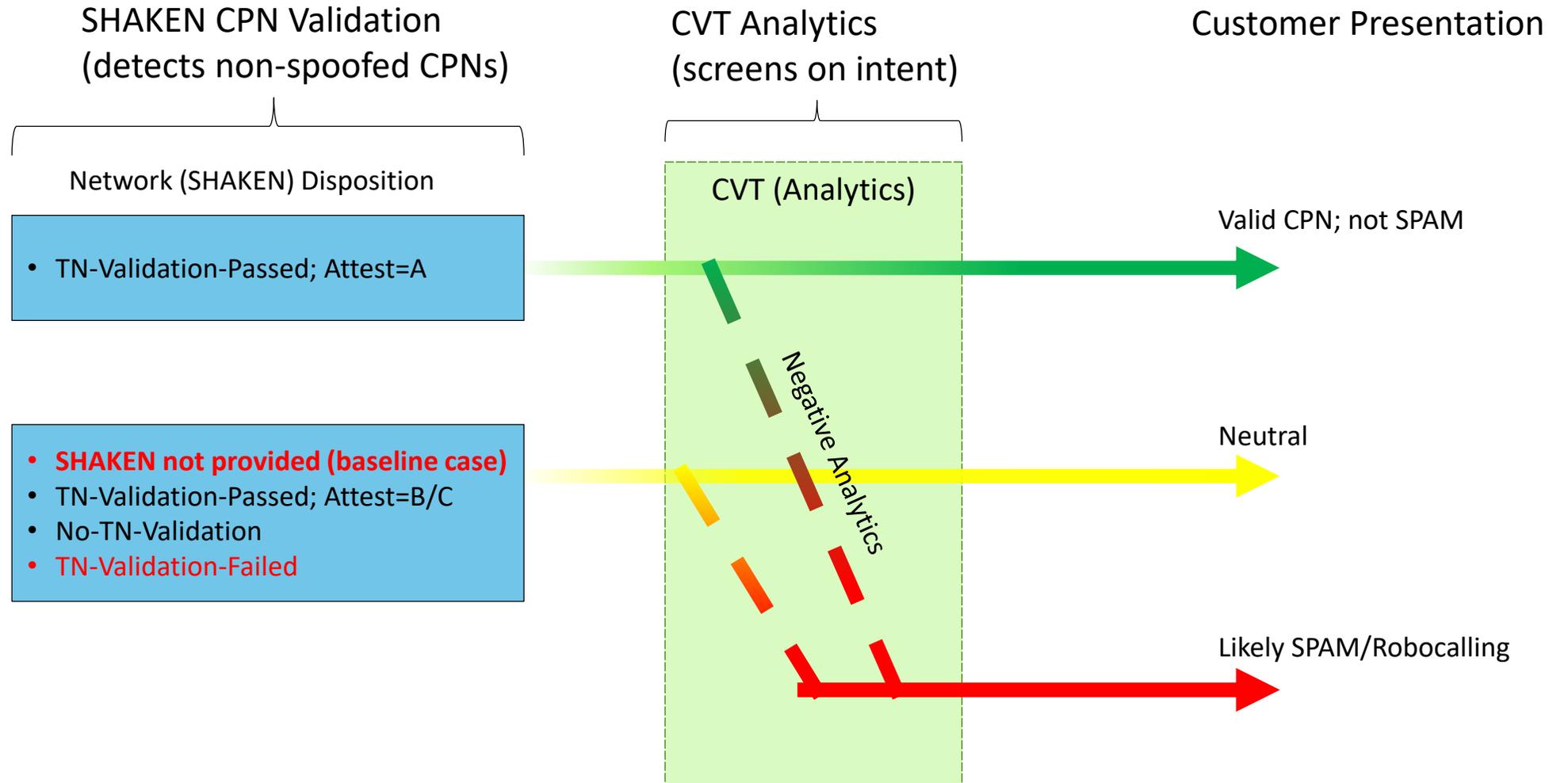


- ✓ Trust Identity of Number
- ✓ Predict Intent of Caller

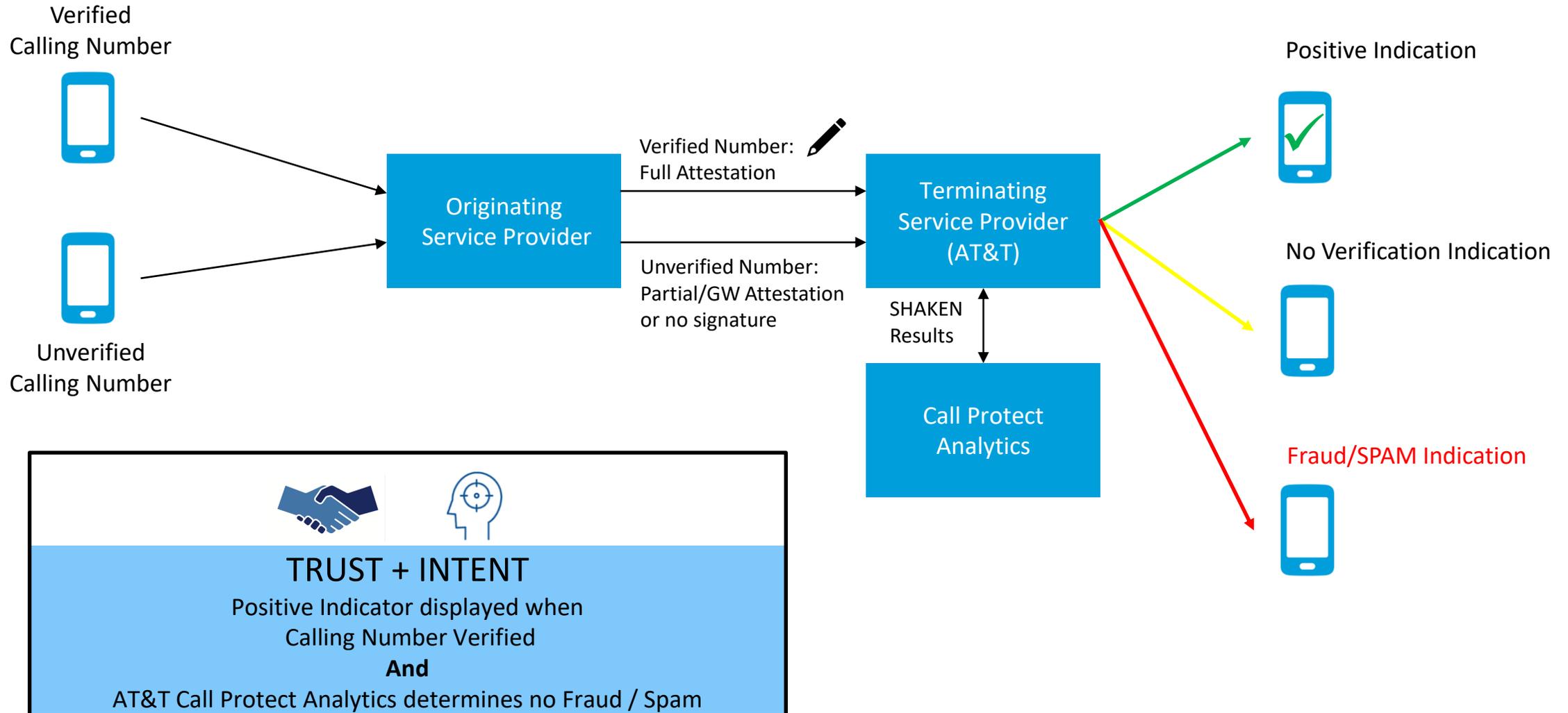
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Display: SHAKEN + Analytics



SHAKEN Display





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