

# Diffie–Hellman, discrete logarithm computation

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## Introduction: public-key cryptography

Introduced in 1976 (Diffie–Hellman, DH) and 1977 (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman, RSA)

Asymmetric means distinct public and private keys

- encryption with a public key
- decryption with a private key
- deducing the private key from the public key is a very hard problem

Two hard problems:

- Integer factorization (for RSA)
- Discrete logarithm computation in a finite group (for Diffie–Hellman)

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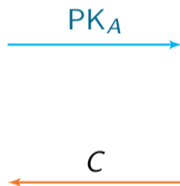


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4. gets  $C$  from Bob

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## Discrete logarithm problem

**G** multiplicative group of order  $q$

$g$  generator,  $\mathbf{G} = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{q-2}, g^{q-1}\}$

Given  $h \in \mathbf{G}$ , find integer  $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$  such that  $h = g^x$ .

Exponentiation easy:  $(g, x) \mapsto g^x$

Discrete logarithm hard in well-chosen groups **G**

## Choice of group

**Prime finite field**  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  where  $p$  is a prime integer

Multiplicative group:  $\mathbb{F}_p^* = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  (zero omitted)

Multiplication *modulo*  $p$

**Finite field**  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n} = \text{GF}(2^n)$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_{3^m} = \text{GF}(3^m)$  for efficient arithmetic, now broken

**Elliptic curves**  $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b/\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $E_a: y^2 + xy = x^3 + ax^2 + 1/\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$

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it works because  $(g^a)^b = (g^b)^a = g^{ab}$

# Signatures: ElGamal, Schnorr, DSA

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- ElGamal signature scheme
- Schnorr signature, patented until February 2008
- Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

With a group  $\mathbf{G}$  of an elliptic curve over a finite field

- ECDSA (elliptic curve DSA)
- EdDSA (Edwards curve DSA) since NIST FIPS 186-5 (Feb. 2023)

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Decryption

7. get  $C = (\gamma, \delta)$  from Bob
8.  $\text{Dec}_{sk_A}(C) = (\gamma^{-a}) \cdot \delta = \mathcal{M}$

## Choosing key sizes

**Symmetric ciphers** (AES): key sizes are 128, 192 or 256 bits.

Perfect symmetric cipher: trying all keys of size  $n$  bits takes  $2^n$  tests

→ **brute-force search**

perfect symmetric cipher with secret key in  $[0, 2^n - 1]$ , of  $n$  bits  $\leftrightarrow n$  bits of security

For a Diffie-Hellman group  $\mathbf{G}$  over a prime field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ :

$n$  bits of security  $\leftrightarrow$  the best (mathematical) attack to solve a DH instance in  $\mathbf{G}$  should take at least  $2^n$  steps

- what is the fastest attack?
- how much time does it take with respect to the size  $\#\mathbf{G}$  of  $\mathbf{G}$  and the representation of  $\mathbf{G}$ ?

Diffie-Hellman over a prime field has much larger key sizes compared to a symmetric cipher.

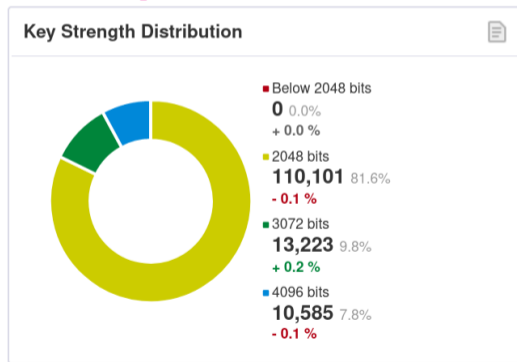
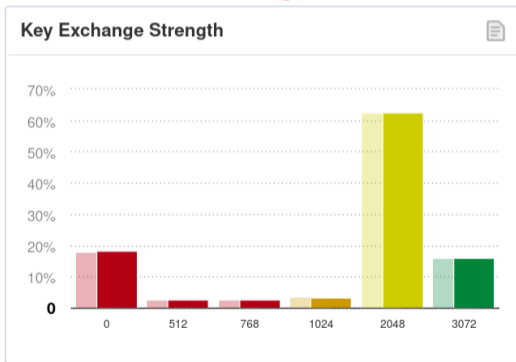
*Cipher suite*: a pair of symmetric and asymmetric ciphers offering the same level of security.

# Examples

<https://www.lemonde.fr/>, https, security information →  
TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256, 128 bits, TLS 1.2



<https://www.ssllabs.com/ssl-pulse/>



# Particles

$n$	$2^n$	Examples
32	$2^{32} = 10^{9.6}$	number of humans on Earth
47	$2^{47} = 10^{14.2}$	distance Earth - Sun in millimeters ( $149.6 \cdot 10^{12}$ ) number of operations in one day on a processor at 2 GHz
56	$2^{55.8} = 10^{16.8}$	number of operations in one year on a processor at 2 GHz
79	$2^{79} = 10^{23.8}$	Avogadro number: atoms of Carbon 12 in 1 mol
82	$2^{82.3} = 10^{24.8}$	mass of Earth in kilogrammes
100	$2^{100} = 10^{30}$	number of operations in $13.77 \cdot 10^9$ years (age of the universe) on a processor at 2 GHz
155	$2^{155} = 10^{46.7}$	number of molecules of water on Earth
256	$2^{256} = 10^{77.1}$	number of electrons in universe

Courtesy Marine Minier

# Boiling water

Universal Security; From bits and mips to pools, lakes – and beyond  
Arjen Lenstra, Thorsten Kleinjung, and Emmanuel Thomé

<https://hal.inria.fr/hal-00925622>

- $2^{90}$  operations require enough energy to boil the lake of Genève
- $2^{114}$  operations: boiling all the water on Earth
- $2^{128}$  operations: boiling 16,000 planets like the Earth

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# Asymmetric cryptography

## Factorization (RSA cryptosystem)

## Discrete logarithm problem (use in Diffie-Hellman, etc)

Given a finite cyclic group  $(\mathbf{G}, \cdot)$ , a generator  $g$  and  $h \in \mathbf{G}$ , compute  $x$  s.t.  $h = g^x$ .

→ can we invert the exponentiation function  $(g, x) \mapsto g^x$ ?

Common choice of  $\mathbf{G}$ :

- prime finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  (1976)
- characteristic 2 field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  ( $\approx$  1979)
- elliptic curve  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  (1985)



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- independent search in each distinct subgroup  
+ Chinese remainder theorem (Pohlig-Hellman)

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Use additional structure of  $G$  if any.

## Discrete log problem when $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$

Index calculus algorithm [Western–Miller 68, Adleman 79],  
prequel of the Number Field Sieve algorithm (NFS)

- $p$  prime,  $(p - 1)/2$  prime,  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ , gen.  $g$ , target  $h$
- get many multiplicative relations in  $\mathbf{G}$

$$g^t = g_1^{e_1} g_2^{e_2} \cdots g_i^{e_i} \pmod{p}, \quad g, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_i \in \mathbf{G}$$

- find a relation  $h \cdot g^s = g_1^{e'_1} g_2^{e'_2} \cdots g_i^{e'_i} \pmod{p}$

- take logarithm: linear relations

$$t = e_1 \log g_1 + e_2 \log g_2 + \dots + e_i \log g_i \pmod{p - 1}$$

$\vdots$

$$\log h = -s + e'_1 \log g_1 + e'_2 \log g_2 + \dots + e'_i \log g_i \pmod{p - 1}$$

- solve a linear system
- get  $x = \log h$

## Index calculus in $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ : example

$$p = 1109, r = (p - 1)/4 = 277 \text{ prime}$$

Smoothness bound  $B = 13$

$\mathcal{F}_{13} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$  small primes up to  $B$ ,  $i = \#\mathcal{F}$

$B$ -smooth integer:  $n = \prod_{p_i \leq B} p_i^{e_i}$ ,  $p_i$  prime

is  $g^s$  smooth?  $1 \leq s \leq 72$  is enough

$$\begin{array}{l} g^1 = 2 = 2 \\ g^{13} = 429 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \\ g^{16} = 105 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \\ g^{21} = 33 = 3 \cdot 11 \\ g^{44} = 1029 = 3 \cdot 7^3 \\ g^{72} = 325 = 5^2 \cdot 13 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccccc} & 2 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 11 & 13 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \cdot \mathbf{x} = & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 13 \\ 16 \\ 21 \\ 44 \\ 72 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [1, 219, 40, 34, 79, 269] \text{ mod } 277$$

$\rightarrow \log_g 7 = 34 \text{ mod } 277$ , that is,  $(g^{34})^4 = 7^4$

$$g^{34} = 7u \text{ and } u^4 = 1$$

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$$\text{subgroup of order 4: } g_4 = g^{(p-1)/4}$$

$$\{1, g_4, g_4^2, g_4^3\} = \{1, 354, 1108, 755\}$$

Pohlig-Hellman:

$$3/g^{219} = 1 = 1 \Rightarrow \log_g 3 = 219$$

$$5/g^{40} = 1108 = -1 \Rightarrow \log_g 5 = 40 + (p-1)/2 = 594$$

$$7/g^{34} = 354 = g_4 \Rightarrow \log_g 7 = 34 + (p-1)/4 = 311$$

$$11/g^{79} = 755 = g_4^3 \Rightarrow \log_g 11 = 79 + 3(p-1)/4 = 910$$

$$13/g^{269} = 755 = g_4^3 \Rightarrow \log_g 13 = 269 + 3(p-1)/4 = 1100$$

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Target  $h = 777$

$$g^{10} \cdot 777 = 495 = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \bmod p$$

$$\log_2 777 = -10 + 2 \log_g 3 + \log_g 5 + \log_g 11 = 824 \bmod p-1$$

$$g^{824} = 777$$



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### Improvements in the 80's, 90's:

- Sieve (faster relation collection)
- Smaller integers to factor
- Multiplicative relations in **number fields**
- Better **sparse linear algebra**
- Independent targets  $h$

## Sieving: Detect smooth numbers without factoring

### Eratosthenes sieve

Array  $T[1 \dots n - 1]$  of integers from 2 up to  $n$

At iteration  $i$ , each non-marked integer in  $T[1 \dots i]$  is prime

For each non-marked  $p_i = T[i]$  starting with  $p_1 = T[1] = 2$ :

Mark as composite all multiples  $T[i + kp_i]$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq (n - i)/p_i$

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## Major improvement

Pomerance's **Quadratic Sieve** for factoring integers:

test for smoothness integers  $|m| \leq A\sqrt{N}$  for some small bound  $A$ .

$\implies$  reduce the size of the integers from  $N$  to the much smaller  $A\sqrt{N}$

No direct equivalent for Discrete Logarithm computation

- 1985: ElGamal, DL in  $GF(p^2)$  with two quadratic number fields, Inspired COS:
- 1986: Coppersmith–Odlyzko–Schroeppel, DL in  $GF(p)$  of complexity like the quadratic sieve

## Number Field: Toy example with $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

1986: Coppersmith–Odlyzko–Schroeppel, DL in  $\text{GF}(p)$

If  $p = 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $\exists U, V$  s.t.  $p = U^2 + V^2$

and  $|U|, |V| < \sqrt{p}$

$U/V \equiv m \pmod{p}$  and  $m^2 + 1 = 0 \pmod{p}$

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$$\phi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

$$i \mapsto m \pmod{p} \text{ where } m = U/V, \quad m^2 + 1 = 0 \pmod{p}$$

ring homomorphism  $\phi(a + bi) = a + bm$

$$\underbrace{\phi(a + bi)}_{\substack{\text{factor in} \\ \mathbb{Z}[i]}} = a + bm = (a + b \underbrace{U/V}_{=m}) = \underbrace{(aV + bU)}_{\text{factor in } \mathbb{Z}} V^{-1} \pmod{p}$$



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$$i \leftrightarrow m = 22/25 = 755 \pmod{p}$$

$$m(2 - m)(2 + 3m) = 845 \pmod{p}$$

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$$(-4 \cdot 25 + 7 \cdot 22)/25 = 845 \pmod{p}$$

## Example in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

$a + bi$	$aV + bU = \text{factor in } \mathbb{Z}$	$a^2 + b^2$	factor in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$
$-17 + 19i$	$-7 = -7$	$650 = 2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13$	$i(1+i)(2+i)^2(2-3i)$
$-11 + 2i$	$-231 = -3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$	$125 = 5^3$	$i(2+i)^3$
$-6 + 17i$	$224 = 2^5 \cdot 7$	$325 = 5^2 \cdot 13$	$(2+i)^2(2+3i)$
$-4 + 7i$	$54 = 2 \cdot 3^3$	$65 = 5 \cdot 13$	$i(2-i)(2+3i)$
$-3 + 4i$	$13 = 13$	$25 = 5^2$	$-(2-i)^2$
$-2 + i$	$-28 = -2^2 \cdot 7$	$5 = 5$	$-(2-i)$
$-2 + 3i$	$16 = 2^4$	$13 = 13$	$-(2-3i)$
$-2 + 11i$	$192 = 2^6 \cdot 3$	$125 = 5^3$	$-(2-i)^3$
$-1 + i$	$-3 = -3$	$2 = 2$	$i(1+i)$
$i$	$22 = 2 \cdot 11$	$1 = 1$	$i$
$1 + 3i$	$91 = 7 \cdot 13$	$10 = 2 \cdot 5$	$(1+i)(2+i)$
$1 + 5i$	$135 = 3^3 \cdot 5$	$26 = 2 \cdot 13$	$i(1+i)(2-3i)$
$2 + i$	$72 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2$	$5 = 5$	$(2+i)$
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## Example in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ : Matrix

Build the matrix of relations:

- one row per  $(a, b)$  pair s.t. both norms are smooth
- one column per prime of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{rat}}$
- one column for  $1/V$
- one column per prime ideal of  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{alg}}$
- one column per unit  $(-1, i)$
- store the exponents

$$M = \begin{matrix}
& 2 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 11 & 13 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} & -1 & i & 1+i & 2+i & 2-i & 2+3i & 2-3i \\
\left[ \begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
5 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
6 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\
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Target 314, generator  $g = 2$

$$314 = -20/7 \pmod{p} = -2^2 \cdot 5/7$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_g 314 &= \log_g -1 + 2 \log_g 2 + \log_g 5 - \log_g 7 \\ &= (p-1)/2 + 2 + 594 - 311 = 839 \pmod{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$2^{839} = 314 \pmod{p}$$

# Number Field Sieve

Since 1993 (Gordon, Schirokauer):

$$L_p(1/3, c) = e^{(c+o(1))(\log p)^{1/3}(\log \log p)^{2/3}}$$

- polynomial selection
- **relation collection**  $L_p(1/3, 1.923)$   
sieve to enumerate efficiently  $(a, b)$  pairs
- **sparse linear algebra**  $L_p(1/3, 1.923)$   
compute right kernel mod prime  $\ell$ , block-Wiedemann alg.
- individual discrete logarithm



## Choosing key sizes

For the Discrete Log problem in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  of size  $\log_2(p)$  bits,  $\mathbf{G}$  of order  $q$ :

$n$  bits of security  $\leftrightarrow$  the best (mathematical) attack should take at least  $2^n$  steps

- fastest DL computation with generic algorithms:  $\sqrt{q}$ ,  $q$  prime, divides  $(p-1)/2$
- fastest DL computation in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ : with the Number Field Sieve algorithm
- Complexity:  $\exp\left(\sqrt[3]{(64/9+o(1))(\ln p)(\ln \ln p)^2}\right)$
- $+o(1)$  not known
- $\exp\left(\sqrt[3]{(64/9+0)(\ln p_{\text{DL-795}})(\ln \ln p_{\text{DL-795}})^2}\right) = 2^{77.68}$
- DL-795 in  $2^{67.51}$  operations  $\rightarrow 2^{67.51}/2^{77.68} = 2^{-10.17}$

Replace unknown  $+o(1)$  in the  $\exp()$  by a global scaling factor  $2^{-10.17} \cdot \exp()$   
(A. Lenstra, Verheul, Asiacrypt'01)

This is a **wrong** approximation: see Le Gluher PhD thesis [LG21]

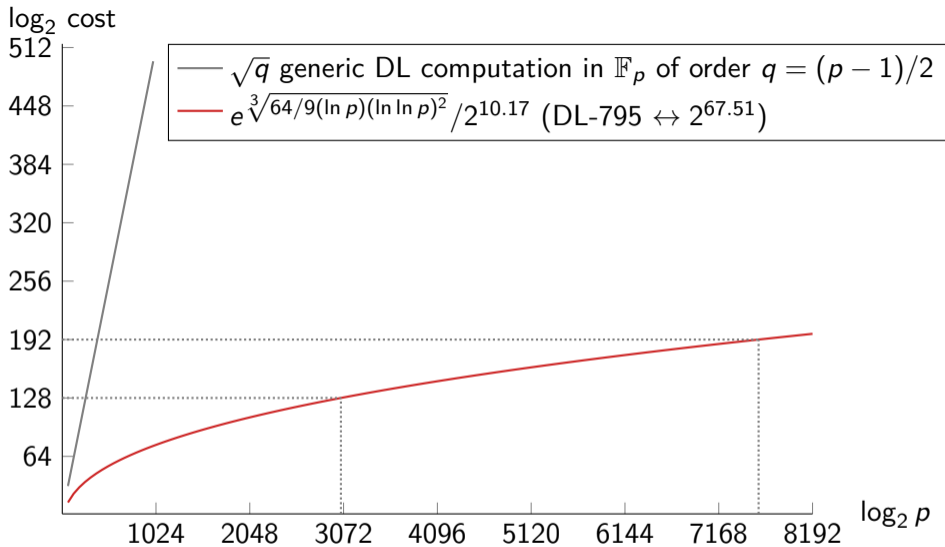


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## Nowadays' method: the Number Field Sieve

- developed in the 80's and 90's
- reduce the size of the numbers to be factored from  $A_1\sqrt{p}$  (COS) to  $A_2^d \sqrt[d]{p}$  for a smaller  $A_2 < A_1$  and  $d \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- two huge steps: collecting relations, solving a large sparse system



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The discrete logarithm problem.


In Carl Pomerance, editor, *Cryptology and Computational Number Theory*, volume 42 of *Proceedings of Symposia in Applied Mathematics*, pages 49–74. AMS, 1990.

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# The development of the NFS algorithm for DL

- 1984 (Coppersmith: DL in small characteristic is easier, record in  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{127}}$ )
- 1985 ElGamal: Discrete logarithms in  $GF(p^2)$  with quadratic number fields
- 1986 Coppersmith, Odlyzko, Schroepel:  
DL computation in a prime field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with a quadratic number field (Gaussian integers)
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Attacks on real-world DL-based cryptosystems

2010 PS3 hacking (attack on ECDSA)

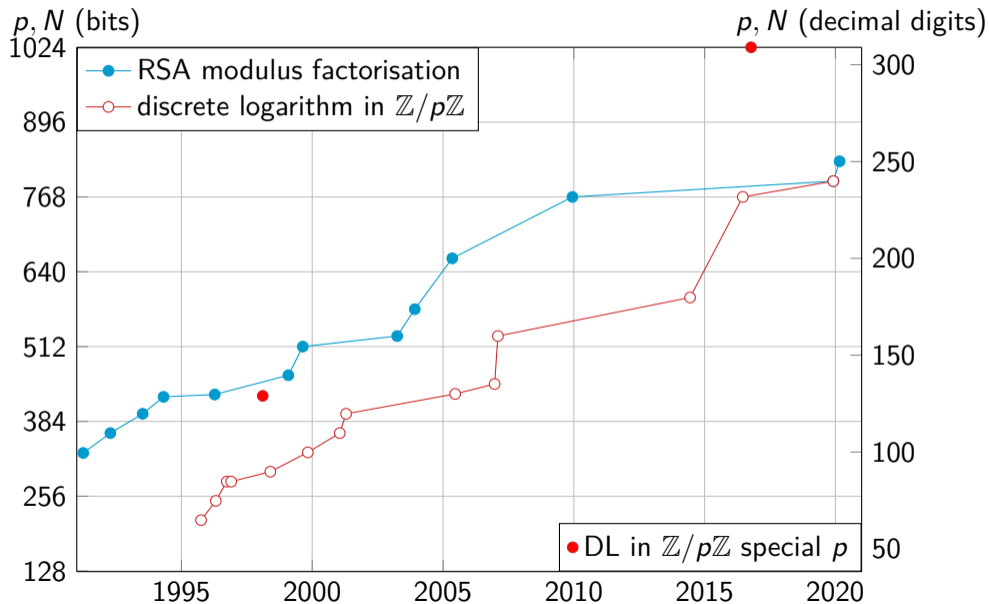
The 2015 Weak Diffie–Hellman attack

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# Record computations



# Latest record computations

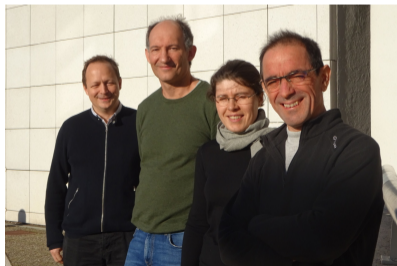
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Discrete logarithm computation in a 795-bit (240 dd) prime field and factorization of RSA-240 (795 bits) in December 2019, RSA-250 (829 bits) in February 2020

Video at Crypto'2020: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=Qk207A4H7kU>



Emmanuel, Pierrick,  
Aurore, Paul in Nancy.  
Not on the picture:  
Fabrice, Nadia.

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RSA-240 = 124620366781718784065835044608106590434820374651678805754818  
788883289666801188210855036039570272508747509864768438458621  
054865537970253930571891217684318286362846948405301614416430  
468066875699415246993185704183030512549594371372159029236099,

$$p = \text{NextSafePrime}(N_{\text{RSA-240}}) = N_{\text{RSA-240}} + 49204$$

$$q = (p - 1)/2 \text{ is prime}$$

hardware:

Intel Xeon Gold 6130 processors, 2 CPUs, 16 physical cores/CPU, at 2.10 GHz



## Discrete Logarithm 795 bits, 240 dd

$$p = N + 49204, \ell = (p - 1)/2 \text{ prime}$$

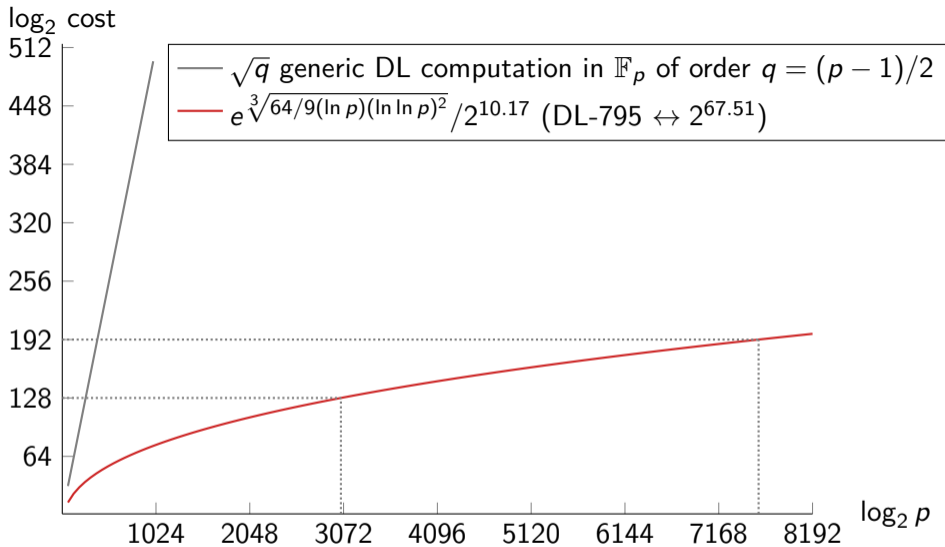
$$f_1 = 39x^4 + 126x^3 + x^2 + 62x + 120$$

$$f_0 = 286512172700675411986966846394359924874576536408786368056 x^3 \\ + 24908820300715766136475115982439735516581888603817255539890 x^2 \\ - 18763697560013016564403953928327121035580409459944854652737 x \\ - 236610408827000256250190838220824122997878994595785432202599$$

$$\text{Res}(f_0, f_1) = -540p$$

More balanced integers

Smaller matrix but kernel modulo large prime  $\ell$



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## Breaking the previous record: Why?

- Record computations needed for key-size recommendations
- Open-source software Cado-NFS
- Motivation to improve all the steps
- Testing folklore ideas competitive only for huge sizes (composite special- $q$ , two algebraic sides)
- Exploits improvements of ECM (Bouvier–Imbert PKC'2020)
- Scaling the code for larger sizes improves the running-time on smaller sizes

# The CADO-NFS software

Record computations with the **CADO-NFS** software.

- Important software development effort since 2007.
- 250k lines of C/C++ code, 60k for relation collection only.
- Significant improvements since 2016.
  - improved parallelism: strive to get rid of scheduling bubbles;
  - versatility: large freedom in parameter selection;
  - prediction of behaviour and yield: essential for tuning.
- Open source (LGPL), open development model (**gitlab**).  
Our results can be reproduced.

# Relation collection looks like

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1  [||||||||||||| 100.0%] 17 [||||||||||||| 100.0%] 33 [||||||||||||| 100.0%] 49 [||||||||||||| 100.0%]
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## Relations, matrix size, core-years timings

	RSA-240	DLP-240
polynomial selection deg $f_0$ , deg $f_1$	76 core-years 1, 6	152 core-years 3, 4
relation collection	794 core-years	2400 core-years
raw relations	8 936 812 502	3 824 340 698
unique relations	6 011 911 051	2 380 725 637
filtering	days	days
after singleton removal	2 603 459 110 × 2 383 461 671	1 304 822 186 × 1 000 258 769
after clique removal	1 175 353 278 × 1 175 353 118	149 898 095 × 149 898 092
after merge	282M rows, density 200	36M rows, density 253
linear algebra	83 core-years	625 core-years
characters, sqrt, ind log	days	days
total	953 core-years $\approx 2^{65.77}$ op.	3177 core-years $\approx 2^{67.51}$ op.

Intel Xeon Gold 6130 CPUs as a reference (2.1GHz)

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- Comparing DL-795 to previous record (DLP-768, 232 digits, 2016):  
On **identical hardware**, our DLP-795 computation would have taken **25% less time** than the 232-digits computation.
- Finite field DLP is not **much** harder than integer factoring.



## choosing RSA modulus key sizes

- 512 bits: factorization in 7.5 h at cost \$100 on Amazon EC2  
RSA\_EXPORT ciphersuite in SSL/TLS → FREAK attack (2015)
- 768 bits (232 dd): 2009
- 795 bits (240 dd): 2019
- 829 bits (250 dd): 2020
- 1024 bits:  $\sim 2^{75}$  op. to factor, to be avoided
- 2048 bits:  $\sim 2^{105}$ , was standard until 2020 (ANSSI)
- 3072 bits:  $\sim 2^{128}$ , standard size  $\iff$  256-bit elliptic curves
- 4096 bits:  $\sim 2^{145}$ , high security

## RSA and the quantum computer

1994: Peter Shor, algorithm for integer factorization with a quantum computer

Factorization of a  $n$ -bit integer requires a perfect quantum computer with  $2n$  qbits (quantum bits)

Quantum computer extremely hard to build

Record computation in 2018:  $4\,088\,459 = 2017 \times 2027$

RSA-1024 (bits) will be factored before a quantum computer become competitive.

## Summary of RSA best practices

Use elliptic curve cryptography.

If that's not an option:

- Choose RSA modulus  $N$  at least 2048 bits, preferably 3072 bits.
- Use a good random number generator to generate primes.
- Use a secure, randomized padding scheme.

# Conclusion

Slides at <https://members.loria.fr/AGuillevic/teaching/>

Future Milestones in the forthcoming decades: RSA-896, RSA-1024?

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# Sony Play-Station 3 (PS3) hacking

- Revealed in 2010 at [Chaos Communication Congress](#) in Germany
  - Problem of bad randomness in the [ephemeral key](#) of the ECDSA signature:  
Same one used to sign everything
- With two valid signatures, the attackers can deduce Sony's private key then forge valid signatures themselves for anything

# ECDSA signature, NIST FIPS 186-4, updated to 186-5 (February 3, 2023)

## Domain parameters

- field size  $q = p$  an odd prime or  $q = 2^m$  a binary field
- elliptic curve parameters: curve type (Koblitz, binary, short Weierstrass, Montgomery), curve coefficients  $a, b$ ,
- group  $\mathbf{G}$  parameters: prime order  $n = \#\mathbf{G}$ , curve cofactor  $h$ ,  
 $G = (x_G, y_G)$  a generator of order  $n$ , optional domain parameter seed

## Key pair $(d, P)$ generation, secret $d$ and public $P$

- generate a private secret random  $0 < d < n$  (in the scalar field)
- compute the public key: curve point  $P = [d]G$



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Verify  $(r, s)$ : with  $P = [d]G$ , check that  $Q$  has  $x_Q = r \bmod n$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= [s^{-1} \cdot H(m) \bmod n]G + [s^{-1} \cdot r \bmod n]P = (x_Q, y_Q) \\ &= [s^{-1}(H(m) + r \cdot d)]G \stackrel{?}{=} R = [k]G \end{aligned}$$

## PS3 attack (2010)

Same ephemeral key  $k$  used to sign different messages, say  $m_1, m_2$

- $(r, s_1 = k^{-1} \cdot (H(m_1) + r \cdot d) \bmod n)$
- $(r, s_2 = k^{-1} \cdot (H(m_2) + r \cdot d) \bmod n)$

### Recover the private key $d$

- compute the difference  $s_1 - s_2 = k^{-1} \cdot (H(m_1) - H(m_2)) \bmod n$
- the secret part  $r \cdot d$  vanished!
- publicly compute  $H(m_1) - H(m_2) \bmod n$  and recover the ephemeral secret key

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- from  $(r, s_1)$  and  $k$ , recover  $d = (k \cdot s_1 - H(m_1)) \cdot r^{-1} \bmod n$

Knowing the manufacturer's private key  $d$  allows anyone to sign any non-legitimate documents (software, games for the PS3). The signature will be accepted as valid by any verifier.

# Weak Diffie–Hellman and the Logjam attack (2015)

<https://weakdh.org/>

- inspired by the **FREAK attack**
- Active TLS MITM (Malicious Intruder in The Middle) downgrade attack
- Force use of DHE\_EXPORT cipher suite (Diffie–Hellman Ephemeral key-exchange) with 512-bit prime  $p$
- precomputation of a huge database of the discrete logarithms of a **factor basis** so as to get a **targeted individual discrete log** in live

TLS 1.2 Handshake reference and tutorial:

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc5246>

<https://tlseminar.github.io/first-few-milliseconds/>

# What makes the attack possible?

## MITM

- No signature of the cipher suite chosen (DHE vs DHE\_EXPORT)
- The attacker can intercept the communication
- the attacker convinces the server that the browser wants DHE\_EXPORT
- the attacker answers back DHE and fools the browser with the server's DHE\_EXPORT 512-bit prime  $p$
- the attack works because the browser does not check the key sizes (512 bits) of the server's parameters
- real-time discrete log computation to hack the MACs in the Finished messages

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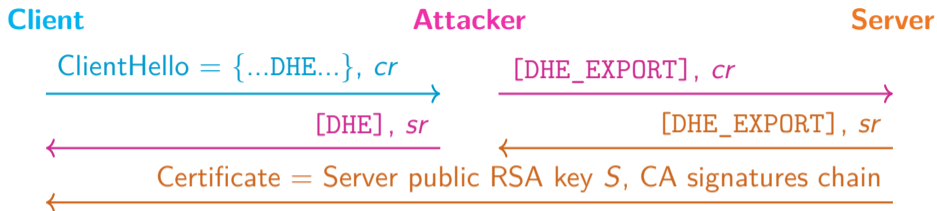
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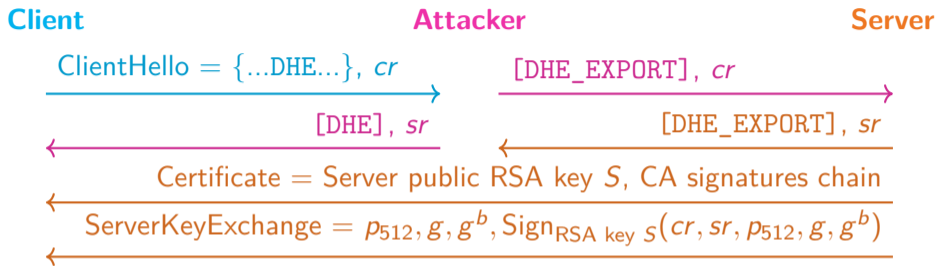
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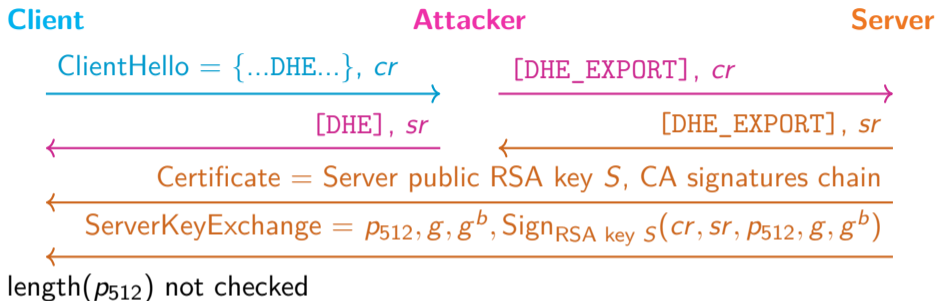
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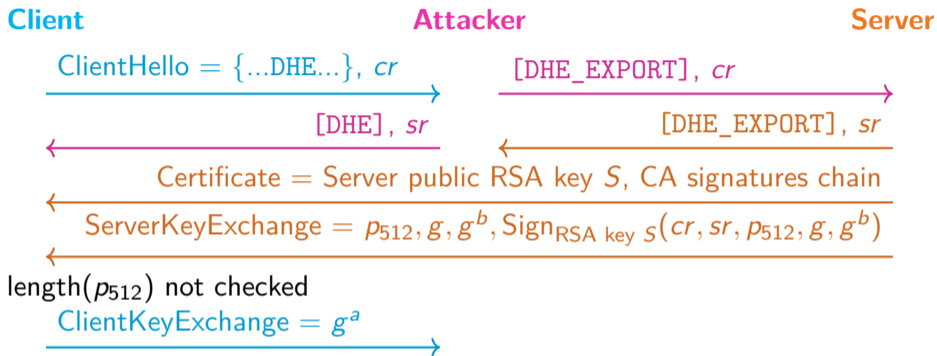
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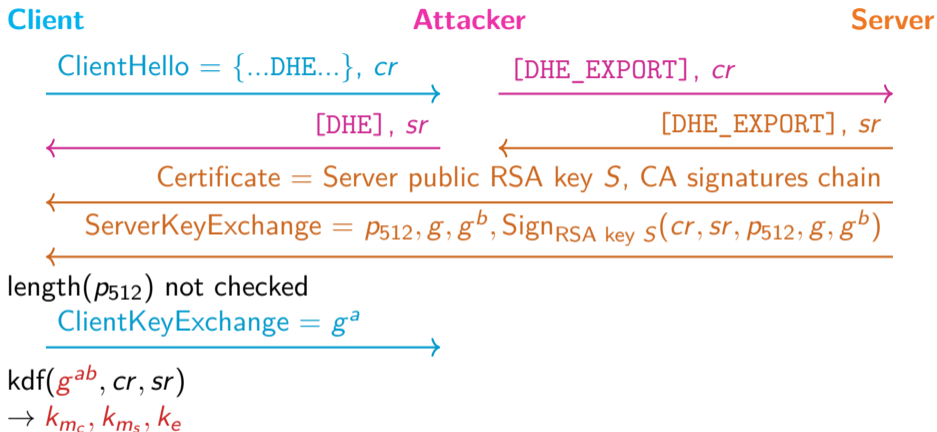
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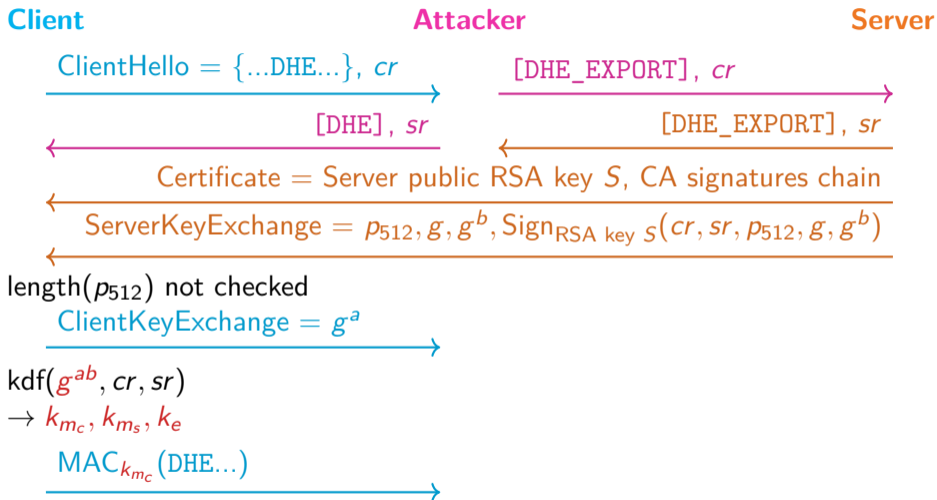


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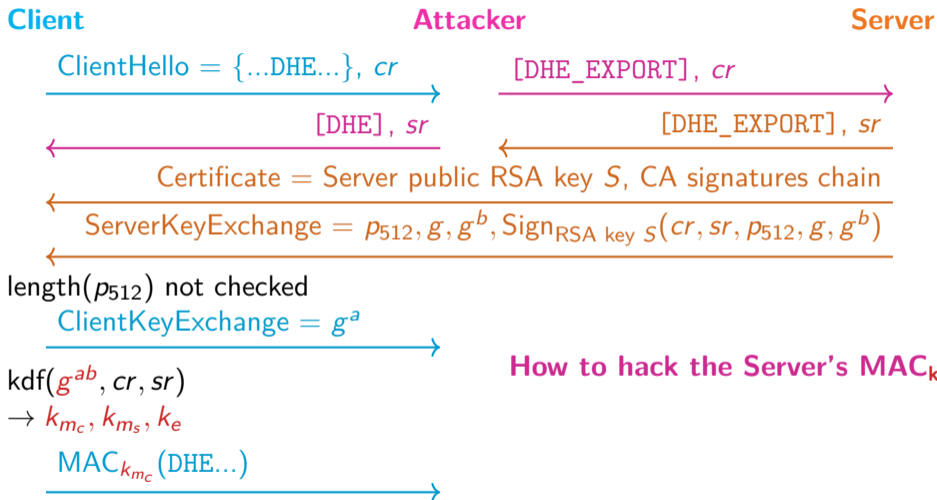




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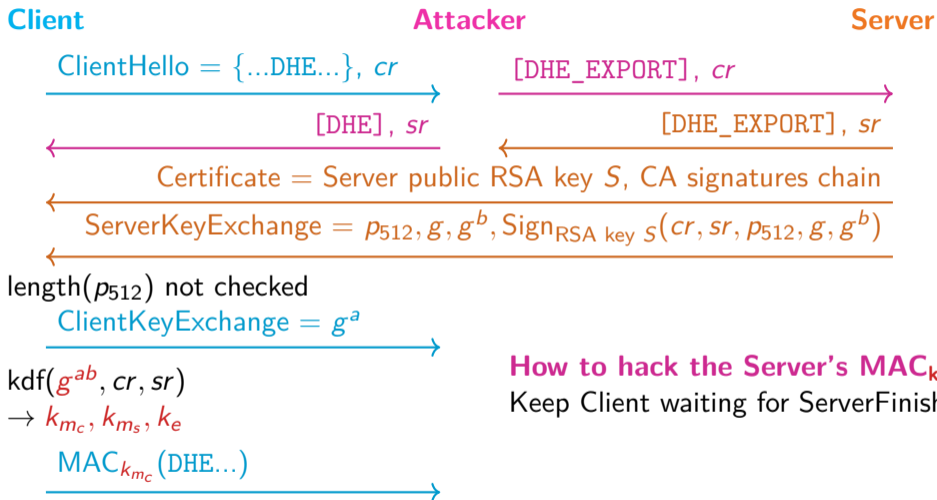


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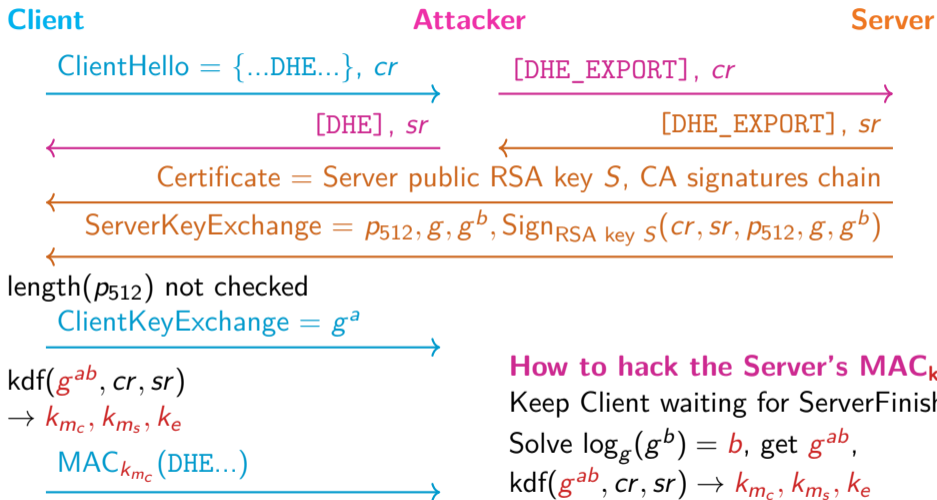


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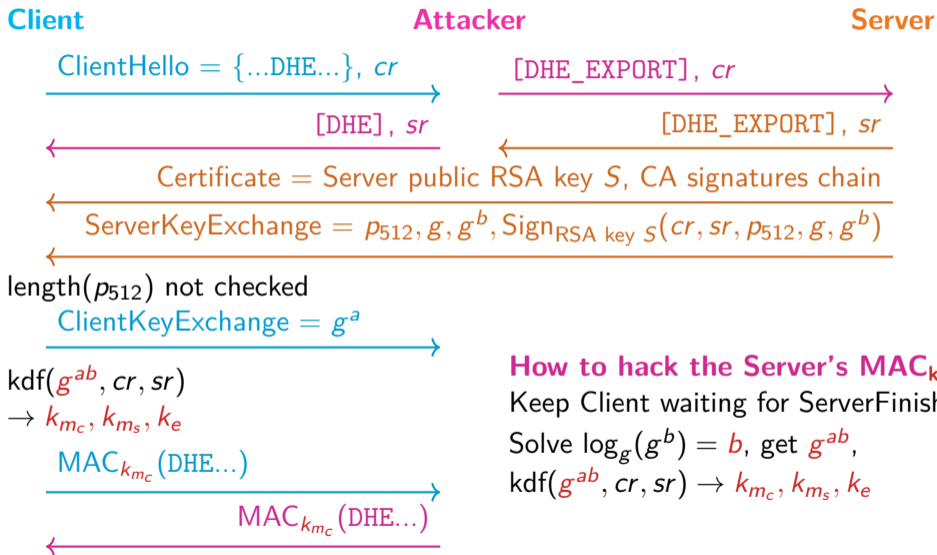
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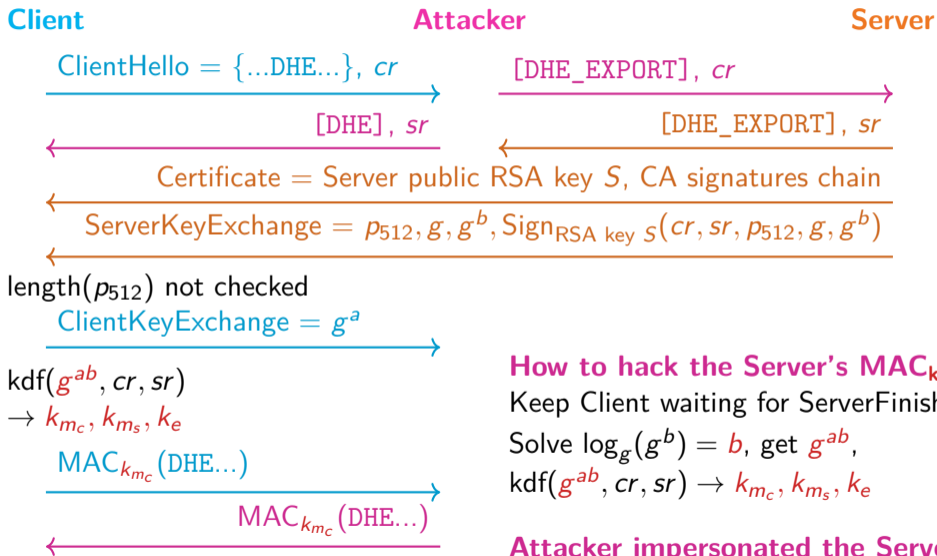
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Keep Client waiting for ServerFinished

Solve  $\log_g(g^b) = b$ , get  $g^{ab}$ ,

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## What is a pairing?

$(\mathbf{G}_1, +)$ ,  $(\mathbf{G}_2, +)$ ,  $(\mathbf{G}_3, \cdot)$  three cyclic groups of order  $r$

Pairing: map  $e : \mathbf{G}_1 \times \mathbf{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_3$

1. bilinear:  $e(P_1 + P_2, Q) = e(P_1, Q) \cdot e(P_2, Q)$ ,  $e(P, Q_1 + Q_2) = e(P, Q_1) \cdot e(P, Q_2)$
2. non-degenerate:  $e(G_1, G_2) \neq 1$  for  $\langle G_1 \rangle = \mathbf{G}_1$ ,  $\langle G_2 \rangle = \mathbf{G}_2$
3. efficiently computable.

In practice we use mostly

$$e([a]P, [b]Q) = e([b]P, [a]Q) = e(P, Q)^{ab} .$$

$\leadsto$  Many applications in asymmetric cryptography.

# Pairings in cryptography: 1993 and 2001

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Menezes–Okamoto–Vanstone attack

## 2001

- Joux' tri-partite key exchange
- Boneh Franklin Identity based encryption
- Boneh Lynn Shacham short signature

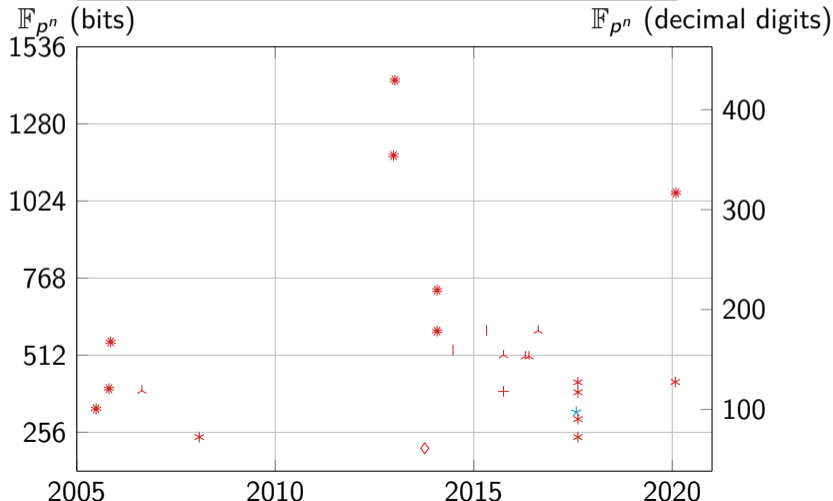
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# Computing Discrete logarithms in $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$

- | dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$
- ⋈ dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^3} + \text{dlog in } \mathbb{F}_{p^4}$
- ⋆ dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^5}$
- ⋆ dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^6}$
- ⋆ dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ , larger  $n$
- ◇ dlog in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$



## Choosing key-sizes

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