Preparing for post-quantum and hybrid cryptography on the Internet



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Motivation

Contemporary cryptography TLS-ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256



When will a large-scale quantum computer be built?

"I estimate a 1/7 chance of breaking RSA-2048 by 2026 and a 1/2 chance by 2031."

> — Michele Mosca, November 2015 https://eprint.iacr.org/2015/1075

Post-quantum cryptography in academia

Conference series

- PQCrypto 2006
- PQCrypto 2008
- PQCrypto 2010
- PQCrypto 2011
- PQCrypto 2013
- PQCrypto 2014
- PQCrypto 2016



Post-quantum cryptography in government



"IAD will initiate a transition to quantum resistant algorithms in the not too distant future."

NSA Information
 Assurance Directorate,
 Aug. 2015

NISTIR 810	
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Report on Post-Quantum Cryptography

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NIST Post-quantum Crypto Project timeline

September, 2016	Feedback on call for proposals
Fall 2016	Formal call for proposals
November 2017	Deadline for submissions
Early 2018	Workshop – submitters' presentations
3-5 years	Analysis phase
2 years later	Draft standards ready

http://www.nist.gov/pqcrypto

Post-quantum / quantum-safe crypto

No known exponential quantum speedup



Lots of questions

Design better post-quantum key exchange and signature schemes

Improve classical and quantum attacks

Pick parameter sizes

Develop fast, secure implementations

Integrate them into the existing infrastructure

This talk

- Frodo
 - Key exchange protocol from the learning with errors problem
- Open Quantum Safe project
 - A library for comparing post-quantum primitives
 - Framework for easing integration into applications like OpenSSL
- Hybrid key exchange and digital signatures
 - In TLS
 - In X.509v3, S/MIME

Learning with errors problems

Solving systems of linear equations



Linear system problem: given blue, find red

Solving systems of linear equations



Linear system problem: given blue, find red

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Learning with errors problem

²² 13				
4	1	11	10	
5	5	9	5	
3	9	0	10	
1	3	3	2	
12	7	3	4	
6	5	11	4	
3	3	5	0	

random

 77×4

X



secret



4

7

2

11

5

12

8

Learning with errors problem



Computational LWE problem: given blue, find red

Decision learning with errors problem



Decision LWE problem: given blue, distinguish green from random

Toy example versus real-world example



random

Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

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 $\overset{\textbf{random}}{\mathbb{Z}^{7\times 4}_{13}}$

4	1	11	10
3	4	1	11
2	3	4	1
12	2	3	4
9	12	2	3
10	9	12	2
11	10	9	12

Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

with a special wrapping rule: x wraps to $-x \mod 13$.

. . .

 $random \\ \mathbb{Z}_{13}^{7 \times 4}$



Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

with a special wrapping rule: x wraps to -x mod 13.

So I only need to tell you the first row.

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]/\langle x^4+1\rangle$$

	$4 + 1x + 11x^2 + 10x^3$	random
×	$6 + 9x + 11x^2 + 11x^3$	secret
+	$0 - 1x + 1x^2 + 1x^3$	small noise

$$= 10 + 5x + 10x^2 + 7x^3$$



Computational ring-LWE problem: given blue, find red

Problems



Key agreement from LWE

Bos, Costello, Ducas, Mironov, Naehrig, Nikolaenko, Raghunathan, Stebila. Frodo: Take off the ring! Practical, quantum-safe key exchange from LWE. *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2016.*

https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/659

LWE and ring-LWE public key encryption and key exchange

Regev STOC 2005

Public key encryption from LWE

Lyubashevsky, Peikert, Regev

Eurocrypt 2010

Public key encryption from ring-LWE

Lindner, Peikert

ePrint 2010, CT-RSA 2011

- Public key encryption from LWE and ring-LWE
- Approximate key exchange from LWE

Ding, Xie, Lin ePrint 2012

Key exchange from LWE and ring-LWE with single-bit reconciliation

Peikert

PQCrypto 2014

 Key encapsulation mechanism based on ring-LWE and variant single-bit reconciliation

Bos, Costello, Naehrig, Stebila IEEE S&P 2015

 Implementation of Peikert's ring-LWE key exchange, testing in TLS 1.2

"NewHope"

Alkim, Ducas, Pöppelman, Schwabe. USENIX Security 2016

- New parameters
- Different error distribution
- Improved performance
- Pseudorandomly generated parameters
- Further performance improvements by others [GS16,LN16,...]

Google Security Blog

Experimenting with Post-Quantum Cryptography

July 7, 2016



https://security.googleblog.com/2016/07/experimenting-with-post-quantum.html



640 × 256 × 12 bits = **245 KiB**



Why consider (slower, bigger) LWE?

Generic vs. ideal lattices

- Ring-LWE matrices have additional structure
 - Relies on hardness of a problem in ideal lattices
- LWE matrices have
 no additional structure
 - Relies on hardness of a problem in generic lattices
- NTRU also relies on a problem in a type of ideal lattices

- Currently, best algorithms for ideal lattice problems are essentially the same as for generic lattices
 - Small constant factor improvement in some cases
 - Very recent quantum polynomial time algorithm for Ideal-SVP (<u>http://eprint.iacr.org/2016/885</u>) but not immediately applicable to ring-LWE

If we want to eliminate this additional structure, can we still get an efficient protocol?

Decision learning with errors problem with short secrets

Definition. Let $n, q \in \mathbb{N}$. Let χ be a distribution over \mathbb{Z} .

Let $\mathbf{s} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi^n$.

Define:

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$$O_{\chi,\mathbf{s}}$$
: Sample $\mathbf{a} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^n), e \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \chi$; return $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s} + e)$.

• U: Sample
$$(\mathbf{a}, b') \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$$
; return (\mathbf{a}, b') .

The decision LWE problem with short secrets for n, q, χ is to distinguish $O_{\chi, \mathbf{s}}$ from U.

Hardness of decision LWE



Practice:

- Assume the best way to solve DLWE is to solve LWE.
- Assume solving LWE involves a lattice reduction problem.
- Estimate parameters based on runtime of lattice reduction algorithms.
- (Ignore non-tightness.)

Basic LWE-DH key agreement (unauthenticated)

Based on Lindner–Peikert LWE public key encryption scheme



Basic rounding

- Each entry of the matrix is an integer modulo q
- Round to either 0 or q/2
- Treat q/2 as 1



This works most of the time: prob. failure 2⁻¹⁰.

Not good enough: we need exact key agreement.

Better rounding

Bob says which of two regions the value is in: 4 or 4 q/4 OUND *б*, , , *q*/4 lf to una q/23q/4 q/2 0 q/4 round round to lf q/2 3q/4

0

0

3q/4

Better rounding

• If $| alice - bob | \le q/8$, then this always works.



• For our parameters, probability | *alice* – *bob* | > q/8 is less than $2^{-128000}$.

Security not affected: revealing
 or
 leaks no information

Exact LWE-DH key agreement (unauthenticated)

Based on Lindner–Peikert LWE public key encryption scheme



shared secret:
round(b's, hint)

shared secret: round(*s'b*)

"Frodo": LWE-DH key agreement

Based on Lindner–Peikert LWE key agreement scheme



Secure if decision learning with errors problem is hard (and Gen is a secure PRF).

Rounding

- We extract 4 bits from each of the 64 matrix entries in the shared secret.
 - More granular form of previous rounding.

Parameter sizes, rounding, and error distribution all found via search scripts.

Error distribution



- Close to discrete Gaussian in terms of Rényi divergence (1.000301)
- Only requires 12 bits of randomness to sample

Parameters

<u>"Recommended"</u>

- 144-bit classical security, 130-bit quantum security, 103-bit plausible lower bound
- $n = 752, m = 8, q = 2^{15}$
- χ = approximation to rounded Gaussian with 11 elements
- Failure: 2^{-38.9}
- Total communication: 22.6 KiB

All known variants of the sieving algorithm require a list of vectors to be created of this size

"Paranoid"

 177-bit classical security, 161-bit quantum security, 128-bit plausible lower bound

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$$n = 864, m = 8, q = 2^{15}$$

- χ = approximation to rounded Gaussian with 13 elements
- Failure: 2^{-33.8}
- Total communication: 25.9 KiB

Implementations

Our implementations

Ring-LWE BCNS15 LWE Frodo

Pure C implementations Constant time Compare with others

- RSA 3072-bit (OpenSSL 1.0.1f)
 ECDH nistp256 (OpenSSL)
 Use assembly code
- Ring-LWE NewHope
- NTRU EES743EP1
- SIDH (Isogenies) (MSR) Pure C implementations

Standalone performance

	Speed		Communie	Quantum Security	
RSA 3072-bit	Fast	4 ms	Small	0.3 KiB	
ECDH nistp256	Very fast	0.7 ms	Very small	0.03 KiB	
Ring-LWE BCNS	Fast	1.5 ms	Medium	4 KiB	80-bit
Ring-LWE NewHope	Very fast	0.2 ms	Medium	2 KiB	206-bit
NTRU EES743EP1	Fast	0.3–1.2 ms	Medium	1 KiB	128-bit
SIDH	Very slow	35–400 ms	Small	0.5 KiB	128-bit
LWE Frodo Recom.	Fast	1.4 ms	Large	11 KiB	130-bit
McBits*	Very fast	0.5 ms	Very large	360 KiB	161-bit

First 7 rows: x86_64, 2.6 GHz Intel Xeon E5 (Sandy Bridge) – Google n1-standard-4 * McBits results from source paper [BCS13]

Open Quantum Safe

https://openquantumsafe.org/

Open Quantum Safe

- MIT-licensed open-source project on Github
 - <u>https://openquantumsafe.org/</u>
 - <u>https://github.com/open-quantum-safe/</u>

liboqs: C language library, common API

Open Quantum Safe

1. Collect post-quantum implementations together

- Our own software
- Thin wrappers around existing open source implementations
- Contributions from others
- 2. Enable direct comparison of implementations
- 3. Support prototype integration into application level protocols
 - Don't need to re-do integration for each new primitive how we did Frodo experiments

Open Quantum Safe architecture



liboqs: Current key exchange algorithms

- Ring-LWE:
 - BCNS15
 - NewHope
 - MSR NewHope improvements
- LWE: Frodo
- NTRU
- SIDH (Supersingular isogeny Diffie–Hellman):
 - MSR
 - IQC
- Code: McBits

liboqs: Benchmarking

- Built-in key exchange benchmarking suite
 - •./test_kex --bench
- Gives cycle counts and ms runtimes

liboqs: Application integrations

OpenSSL v1.0.2:

- Ciphersuites using key exchange algorithms from liboqs
- Integrated into openssl speed benchmarking command and s_client and s server command-line programs
- Track OpenSSL 1.0.2 stable with regular updates
 - <u>https://github.com/open-quantum-safe/openssl</u>
- Successfully used in Apache httpd and OpenVPN (with no modifications!)

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+ Existing open-source code

Getting involved and using OQS

https://openquantumsafe.org/

If you're writing post-quantum implementations:

- We'd love to coordinate on API
- And include your software if you agree

If you want to prototype or evaluate post-quantum algorithms in applications:

Maybe OQS will be helpful to you

We'd love help with:

- Code review and static analysis
- Signature scheme implementations
- Additional application-level integrations

Hybrid cryptography

Hybrid TLS: joint work with John Schanck Hybrid signatures: joint work with Nina Bindel, Udyani Herath, Matthew McKague

Hybrid cryptography

- Use of two (or more) algorithms with different security properties
- Example: hybrid key exchange
 - 1 traditional key exchange algorithm (RSA, Diffie–Hellman, elliptic curves)
 - 1 post-quantum key exchange algorithm (LWE, ring-LWE, ...)
 - final shared secret = Hash(traditional shared secret, post-quantum shared secret)
 - If either key exchange algorithm is secure, the final shared secret is secure.

Why use hybrid cryptography?

• "Hedging our bets"

- Don't trust RSA/DH to remain secure
 - => Want something post-quantum
- Not sure which post-quantum algorithm/parameters is really secure
 - => Don't want to rely on a single post-quantum algorithm
- Maybe need to use RSA/DH for compliance reasons

Concerns with hybrid cryptography

- If the individual algorithms are secure, is the combination secure?
- Degraded computational performance
- Increased bandwidth
- Backwards compatibility

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Hybrid key exchange in TLS

TLS 1.3

- Client can list all supported key exchange algorithms
- But server can only pick one of these

Possible solutions

- Add hybrid key exchange algorithms to the list:
 - define new codepoints for ECDH nistp256 + NewHope, ECDH nistp256 + Frodo-Recom., ECDH nistp256 + NTRU, ECDH curve25519 + NewHope,
 - => combinatorial explosion of algorithms
 - Not the elegant way

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Possible solutions

- Use ClientHello extension to request use of a second key exchange algorithm and carry public key
- Use ServerHello extension to carry public key
 - Elegant
 - Backwards compatible with servers that don't understand the extension
 - New Internet-Draft coming from Schanck & Stebila soon
 - Alternative Internet-Draft coming from Whyte et al. as well

Need to update proofs of TLS Requires stronger security of post-quantum key exchange (IND-CCA KEM)

TLS connection throughput – hybrid w/ECDHE



x86_64, 2.6 GHz Intel Xeon E5 (Sandy Bridge) – server Google n1-standard-4, client -32 Note somewhat incomparable security levels

Hybrid signatures in X.509 certificates

- How to convey multiple public keys in a single certificate?
- How to sign a single certificate with multiple CA algorithms?

• X.509 extensions

- Can carry arbitrary additional data
- Put a second "post-quantum" certificate as an extension inside a traditional (RSA/ECDSA) certificate
- Post-quantum aware software recognizes both and processes both
- Old software ignores "non-critical" extensions
 - => backwards compatible

Hybrid signatures in X.509 certificates - Compatibility

	Exte 1.5 kB (RSA)	nsion size 3.5 kB (GLP [19])	(and correspo 9.0 kB (BLISS [16])	onding example s 43.0 kB (SPHINCS [6])	ignature scheme) 1333.0 kB (TESLA-416 [2])
Libraries					
GnuTLS 3.5.8	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Java SSE 1.8.0	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
mbedTLS 2.3.0	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×
OpenSSL 1.0.2g	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Web browsers					
Apple Safari 5.1.7	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	_
Google Chrome 55.0.2883.87	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	—
Microsoft IE 11.0.38	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	—
Mozilla Firefox 51.0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	—
Opera 42.0.2393.137	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	—

Hybrid signatures in S/MIME encrypted email

 How to convey multiple signatures on a single message?

- S/MIME data structures allow multiple parallel signatures
 - But most software tries to validate all parallel signatures and rejects if any of them fail
 - => Not backwards compatible
- Various options with extension fields (attributes)

Research in hybrid cryptography

- For each type of primitive (key exchange, public key encryption, digital signatures), what possible ways can we combine algorithms?
 - $s_1 = \text{Sign}_1(sk_1, m); s_2 = \text{Sign}_2(sk_2, m); sig = (s_1, s_2)$
 - $s_1 = \text{Sign}_1(sk_1, m); s_2 = \text{Sign}_2(sk_2, s_2); sig = (s_1, s_2)$
 - $s_1 = \text{Sign}_1(sk_1, m); s_2 = \text{Sign}_2(sk_2, m || s_1); sig = (s_1, s_2)$
- Are these schemes secure against quantum adversaries?
- How quantum is the adversary?
 - Classical adversary now, quantum later
 - Quantum adversary with only classical access to signing/decryption oracles
 - Quantum adversary with quantum access to random oracle
 - Quantum adversary with quantum access to signing/decryption oracles



Preparing for post-quantum and hybrid cryptography on the Internet

- Learning with Errors (LWE) can achieve reasonable key sizes and runtime with more conservative assumption
- Open Quantum Safe project allows for prototyping and comparison on post-quantum algorithms
- Hybrid cryptography will probably play a role in the transition

LWE key exchange (Frodo)

https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/659

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- <u>https://github.com/lwe-frodo</u>
- Open Quantum Safe
 - https://openquantumsafe.org/
 - https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/1017