Transitioning to post-quantum cryptography

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- Overview of post-quantum cryptography
- Transitioning to post-quantum crypto

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Background on cryptography

Security goals



Encryption



Symmetric encryption



Key exchange + symmetric encryption



Authenticated key exchange + symmetric





TLS (Transport Layer Security) protocol

a.k.a. SSL (Secure Sockets Layer)

- The "s" in "https"
- The most important cryptographic protocol on the Internet — used to secure billions of connections every day.



Cryptographic building blocks

Connection - secure (strong TLS 1.2)

The connection to this site is encrypted and authenticated using TLS 1.2 (a strong protocol), ECDHE RSA with P-256 (a strong key exchange), and AES 128 GCM (a strong cipher).



What can go wrong

- Mathematical advances break cryptographic assumptions
- Good cryptography is used improperly in applications and protocols
- Bugs in how good cryptography is implemented in software & hardware

Quantum computing

Quantum computing

Represent and process information using **quantum mechanics**

"Classical" computers handle information as **bits**:

• 0 and 1

Quantum computers handle information as **qubits**:

Any "superposition" of 0 and 1

Processing information in superposition can dramatically speed some computations

- Chemical reaction simulations
- Optimization problems
- Arithmetic

But not magic

 Doesn't dramatically speed up all computations



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Scalable quantum computers within reach

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Quantum machine learning and artificial intelligence, quantum-safe cryptography, and simulation of quantum systems all rely on the power of quantum computing.

A team of researchers at the Institute for Quantum Computing (IQC) have taken a step closer to realizing the powerful possibilities of a universal quantum computer. The Laboratory for Digital Quantum Matter, led by faculty member Matteo Mariantoni, is developing technologies for extensible quantum computing architectures based on superconducting quantum devices.

Superconducting quantum circuits have close to zero electrical resistance and offer enhanced efficiency and processing power compared to traditional electrical circuits. Mariantoni's research group uses nanofabrication tools and semiconductor technology to fabricate on-chip superconducting quantum circuits which operate at microwave frequencies.

The source of the quantum information in the superconducting quantum circuit is the qubit. The qubit is similar to an electronic circuit found in a classical computer that is characterized by two states, 0 or 1. However, the qubit can also be prepared in superposition states – both 0 and 1 at the same time – made possible by quantum mechanics.

Quantum mechanical states are fragile and interact easily with their environment. As a result, qubits cannot store information for very long times; the interaction with the environment in the circuit eventually causes the bit to decay, transitioning from one state to another in a random, unwanted fashion. These errors must be mitigated to implement a universal quantum computer.

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Quantum algorithms

- Quantum simulation
 - Feynmann's original idea: simulate many-particle quantum systems
 - E.g. chemical reactions, topological quantum field theories
- Quantum annealing
 - Find ground state of a system
- Grover's search algorithm
 - Partial speedup of search of unstructured database

Quantum algorithms

- Quantum Fourier transform (QFT):
 - Apply Fourier transform within superposition in exponentially fewer gates than classical discrete Fourier transform
- Quantum phase estimation:
 - Use QFT to estimate eigenvalues of a unitary operator
- Shor's algorithm:
 - Use QFT to solve factor large numbers and compute discrete logarithms

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Cryptographic building blocks

Quantum threat to information security

Large-scale general-purpose quantum computers could break some encryption schemes

Need to migrate encryption to quantum-resistant algorithms

When should you start the process?

When will a large-scale quantum computer be built?



Devoret, Schoelkopf. Science 339:1169–1174, March 2013.

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, University of Waterloo https://eprint.iacr.org/2015/1075

Quantum Technologies Timeline



http://gurope.eu/system/files/u7/93056 Quantum%20Manifesto WEB.pdf

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Post-quantum crypto

Post-quantum cryptography

a.k.a. quantum-resistant algorithms

Cryptography believed to be resistant to attacks by quantum computers

Uses only classical (non-quantum) operations to implement

Not as well-studied as current encryption

- Less confident in its security
- More implementation tradeoffs



Quantum key distribution

Uses quantum mechanics to protect information

Doesn't require a full quantum computer

But does require new communications infrastructure and hardware

=> Not the subject of this talk



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Lots of questions about post-quantum crypto

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

Standardizing post-quantum cryptography



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

– NSA Information Assurance Directorate, Aug. 2015



Post-Quantum Cryptography

Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization

Post-quantum candidate algorithm nominations are due November 30, 2017. Call for Proposals

Call for Proposals Announcement

NIST has initiated a process to solicit, evaluate, and standardize one or more quantum-resistant public-key cryptographic algorithms. Currently, public-key cryptographic algorithms are specified in FIPS 186-4, *Digital Signature Standard*, as well as special publications SP 800-56A Revision 2, *Recommendation for Pair-Wise Key Establishment Schemes Using Discrete Logarithm Cryptography* and SP 800-56B Revision 1, *Recommendation for Pair-Wise Key-Establishment Schemes Using Integer*

Aug. 2015 (Jan. 2016)

NIST Post-quantum Crypto Project timeline http://www.nist.gov/pqcrypto

December 2016	Formal call for proposals	
November 2017	Deadline for submissions 69 submissions 1/3 signatures, 2/3 KEM/PKE	
3–5 years	Analysis phase	
2 years later (2023–2025)	Draft standards ready	

Timeline





Types of post-quantum cryptography

Types of post-quantum cryptography

Hash-based

Code-based

Multivariate quadratic

Latticebased

Elliptic curve isogenies

Hash-based

- Known and understood since 1980s
- Very high confidence in security
- Very small public keys (32 bytes)
- Large-ish signatures (8-29 KB)
 - SPHINCS+, Gravity-SPHINCS
 - Related: Picnic
- Variant: stateful hash-based signatures
 - XMSS, LMS, ...

Post-quantum digital signatures

Lattice-based

- Dating from early 2010s
- Popular mathematics but hardness still being studied
- Medium public keys (1-6 KB)
- Medium signatures (2-6 KB)
 - CRYSTALS-Dilithium, qTESLA

Multivariate quadratic

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- Ideas date from 1980s but have significantly varied over time
- Large public keys (15-3000 KB)
- Very small signatures (70-500 bytes)
 - DualModeMS, GeMSS, HiMQ-3, LUOV,

Traditional public key encryption: **RSA public key encryption** (256-byte keys)


Traditional key agreement: Diffie–Hellman (256 byte public keys) Elliptic curve Diffie–Hellman (32 byte public keys)

Post-quantum key agreement / public key encryption

Lattice-based

- Dating from late 1990s/mid 2000s
- Popular mathematics but hardness still being studied
- Various categories based on amount of "structure"
 - "generic" versus "structured"
 - Less structure => bigger keys/ciphertexts but potentially harder to break

- Structured lattices
 - Small-medium public keys/ciphertexts (1-25 KB)
 - Kyber, <u>NewHope</u>, NTRU, ...
- Generic lattices
 - Medium public keys/ciphertexts (10-20 KB)
 - <u>FrodoKEM</u>, ...



Post-quantum key agreement / public key encryption

Code-based

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- McEliece cryptosystem dates from late 1970s
- Basic system well-studied
- Small ciphertexts: ~256 bytes
- Large public keys: 25-1300 KB
 BIG-QUAKE, Classic McEliece,

Elliptic curve isogenies

Encrypt

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- Dates from early 2010s
- New and specialized mathematical problem
- Small ciphertexts/public keys: ~500 bytes

public key

Slower computation
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message

secret key

Keypair generation

Decrypt

secret kev

public key

Internet

ciphertext

Post-quantum cryptography

Hash-based

- Can only be used to make signatures, not public key encryption
- But very high confidence in high-based signatures
- Large-ish signatures

Code-based

- Long-studied public key encryption with moderately high confidence
- Large public keys

Multivariate quadratic

- Variety digital signature schemes with various levels of confidence and trade-offs
- Large public keys

Lattice-based

- High level of academic interest
- Flexible constructions both encryption and signatures
- Reasonable sizes

Elliptic curve isogenies

- Specialized but promising technique
- Small communication, slow computation

Preparing to transition to post-quantum crypto

"Quantum risk assessment"

Identify your organization's reliance on cryptography

- Where is used? What type is used? How long does the information need to be secure for?
- Track development of quantum technology

Manage technology lifecycle to adopt quantumresistant technologies Be wary of "snake oil cryptography"



"proprietary algorithm"

"secret technique"

"virtual one-time pad"

"chaos encryption"

"unbreakable"

Focus instead on algorithms progressing through the NIST PQ crypto project

receipt of fifty cents in stamps by addressing the

Prioritizing post-quantum public key encryption and key exchange



Hybrid cryptography

- Use pre-quantum and post-quantum algorithms together
- Secure if either one remains unbroken

Need to consider backward compatibility for non-hybridaware systems

Why hybrid?

- Potential post-quantum security for early adopters
- Maintain compliance with older standards (e.g. FIPS)
- Reduce risk from uncertainty on PQ assumptions/parameters

Hybrid ciphersuites

	Key exchange	Authentication	
1	Hybrid traditional + PQ	Single traditional for	ikely focus next 10 years
2	Hybrid traditional + PQ	Hybrid traditional + PQ	
3	Single PQ	Single traditional	
4	Single PQ	Single PQ	

Post-quantum key exchange in TLS

- Various prototypes and experiments:
 - [BCN<u>S</u>] S&P 2015
 - [BCDMNNRS] ACM CCS 2016
 - Google/CloudFlare experiments (2016, 2018)
 - liboqs OpenSSL fork
 - TLS 1.3 drafts
 - Schanck and Stebila
 - Whyte et al.
- Demonstrated for both TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3
- Unlikely to be standardized until completion of NIST competition

- Optional extension for PQ key exchange doesn't break backwards compatibility
- Most PQ algorithms don't substantially impact server load
 - Even with hybrid key exchange
- Public key/ciphertext sizes up to ~20KB don't break backwards compatibility
 - But sizes above 5KB have significant impact on latency on a non-trivial fraction of connections

TLS connection throughput – hybrid w/ECDHE



Post-quantum key exchange in SSH

- Prototype implementation:
 - liboqs OpenSSH fork

- Initial experiments demonstrate feasibility
- No testing on backwards compatibility, latency, server load

Post-quantum/hybrid X.509 public key certificates

- How to convey multiple public keys & signatures in a single certificate?
- Various proposals:
 - second certificate/public key in X.509 extension
 - [BHMS] PQCrypto 2017
 - ISARA <u>http://www.test-pqpki.com/</u>

- Basic X.509 libraries can handle large certificates
- But relying applications (TLS, S/MIME) may struggle

	Extension size in KiB				
	1.5	3.5	9.0	43.0	1333.0
Libraries (library's command-line clier	nt talking	to library	's commai	nd-line serv	er
GnuTLS 3.5.11	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
Java se 1.8.0_131	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
mbedTLS 2.4.2	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times	\times
NSS 3.29.1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times
OpenSSL 1.0.2k	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times
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Opera 44.0.2510.1218	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\times

OPEN QUANTUM SAFE

software for prototyping quantum-resistant cryptography

Open Quantum Safe Project



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Transitioning to post-quantum cryptography

Widely deployed public key cryptography would be broken by quantum computers

Post-quantum cryptography is about designing potentially quantum-resistant algorithms using different mathematical primitives

Need to start preparing for the quantum transition

- Identify reliance on cryptography
- Follow NIST post-quantum crypto standardization process

Survey paper

https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/1017

Open Quantum Safe project

https://openquantumsafe.org/

Presentations

 <u>https://www.douglas.stebila.ca/research/</u> presentations/

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Appendices

Lattice-based crypto

From the "learning with errors" problem

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

2 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

 $\pi^{7\times4}$

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secret



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Learning with errors problem



Search LWE problem: given blue, find red

Building cryptography from learning with errors

- Can build a key exchange replacement algorithm using learning with errors-like problems
- Difficulty of breaking learning with errors is related to the difficulty of finding short vectors in certain types of lattices
 - "lattice-based"
- Quantum computers don't seem to be able to break these efficiently

Public key encryption from LWE Key generation



[Lindner, Peikert. CT-RSA 2011]

Public key encryption from LWE Encryption





Approximately equal shared secret

The sender uses The receiver uses

= s' A s + (s' e + e'') = s' A s + (e' s)

FrodoKEM

- KEM: Key encapsulation mechanism (simplified key exchange protocol)
- Builds on basic (IND-CPA) LWE public key encryption
- Achieves IND-CCA security against adaptive adversaries
 - By applying a variant of the Fujisaki–Okamoto transform
- Negligible error rate

• Simple design:

- Free modular arithmetic (q = 2¹⁶)
- Simple Gaussian sampling
- Parallelizable matrix-vector operations
- No reconciliation
- Simple to code

Reductionist security of FrodoKEM

Worst-case lattice problem Bounded distance decoding with discrete Gaussian samples (BDDwDGS)



Theorem. If you can break FrodoKEM in time T with probability ϵ , you can break BDDwDGS in time f(T) with probability $\approx \epsilon$.

Limitation:

f is a pretty big polynomial.

Toy example versus real-world example



640 × 8 × 15 bits = **9.4 KiB**

Ring learning with errors problem

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

4	1	11	10
10	4	1	11
11	10	4	1
1	11	10	4
4	1	11	10
10	4	1	11
11	10	4	1

Each row is the cyclic shift of the row above

Ring learning with errors problem

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

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 $-x \mod 13$.

Ring learning with errors problem

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



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.

Ring learning with errors problem

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

	$4 + 1x + 11x^2 + 10x^3$	random
×	$6 + 9x + 11x^2 + 11x^3$	secret
+	$0 - 1x + 1x^2 + 1x^3$	small noise
_	$10 \pm 5v \pm 10v^2 \pm 7v^3$	

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Ring learning with errors problem





Search ring-LWE problem: given blue, find red

Problems

Learning with errors		
Module-LWE	Search	With uniform secrets
Ring-LWE		
Learning with rounding	Decision	With short secrets
NTRU problem		