

# Exploring post-quantum cryptography in Internet protocols

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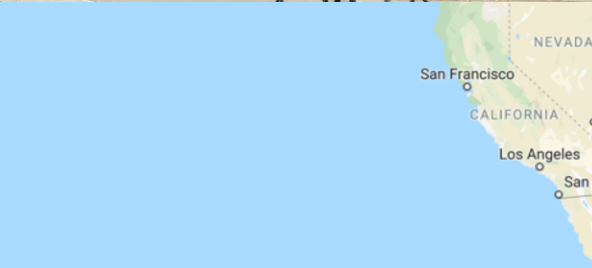
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<https://github.com/open-quantum-safe/>

<https://www.douglas.stebila.ca/>



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# Overview

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- Design issues in adding hybrid key exchange to Internet protocols
- Open Quantum Safe project
- Compatibility issues of post-quantum & hybrid key exchange and authentication in SSH and TLS
- Performance of post-quantum & hybrid key exchange and authentication in TLS

**“Hybrid”**

# “Hybrid” or “composite” or “dual” or “multi-algorithm” cryptography

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

## 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
2	Hybrid traditional + PQ	Hybrid traditional + PQ
3	Single PQ	Single traditional
4	Single PQ	Single PQ

Likely focus  
for next 5-10 years

- Need PQ key exchange before we need PQ authentication because future quantum computers could retroactively decrypt, but not retroactively impersonate

# Hybrid key exchange and authentication to date

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- Hybrid key exchange Internet-Drafts at IETF:
  - TLS 1.2: Schanck, Whyte, Zhang 2016; Amazon 2019
  - TLS 1.3: Schanck, Stebila 2017; Whyte, Zhang, Fluhrer, Garcia-Morchon 2017; Kiefer, Kwiatkowski 2018; Stebila, Fluhrer, Gueron 2019/20
  - IPsec / IKEv2: Tjhai, Thomlinson, Bartlet, Fluhrer, Geest, Garcia-Morchon, Smyslov 2019
- Hybrid key exchange experimental implementations:
  - Google CECPQ1, CECPQ2; Open Quantum Safe; CECPQ2b; ...
- Hybrid X.509 certificates:
  - Truskovsky, Van Geest, Fluhrer, Kampanakis, Ounsworth, Mister 2018

# Design issues for hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3

Douglas Stebila, Scott Fluhrer, Shay Gueron. **Hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3. Internet-Draft.** Internet Engineering Task Force, February 2020. <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-02>



# Goals for hybridization

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1. Backwards compatibility
  - Hybrid-aware client, hybrid-aware server
  - Hybrid-aware client, non-hybrid-aware server
  - Non-hybrid-aware client, hybrid-aware server
2. Low computational overhead
3. Low latency
4. No extra round trips
5. No duplicate information

# Design options

- How to negotiate algorithms
- How to convey cryptographic data (public keys / ciphertexts)
- How to combine keying material

# Negotiation: How many algorithms?

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$\geq 2$

Done in all(?) implementations to date.

# Negotiation: How to indicate which algorithms to use

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## Negotiate each algorithm individually

1. Standardize a name for each algorithm
2. Provide a data structure for conveying supported algorithms
3. Implement logic negotiating which combination

Done in Amazon s2n TLS 1.2

## Negotiate pre-defined combinations of algorithms

1. Standardize a name for each desired combination
  - Can use existing negotiation data structures and logic

Done in all(?) other implementations to date

Which option is preferred may depend on how many algorithms are ultimately standardized.

# Conveying cryptographic data (public keys / ciphertexts)

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## 1) Separate public keys

- For each supported algorithm, send each public key / ciphertext in its own parseable data structure
- Done in Amazon s2n TLS 1.2

## 2) Concatenate public keys

- For each supported combination, concatenate its public keys / ciphertext into an opaque data structure
- Done in all other implementations to date.

#1 requires protocol and implementation changes

#2 abstracts combinations into “just another single algorithm”

But #2 can also lead to sending duplicate values

- nistp256+bike11
  - nistp256+sikep403
  - nistp256+frodo640aes
  - sikep403+frodo640aes
- } 3x nistp256,  
2x sikep403,  
2x frodo640aes  
public keys

# Combining keying material

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Top requirement: needs to provide “robust” security:

- Final session key should be secure as long as at least one of the ingredient keys is unbroken
- (Most obvious techniques are fine, though with some subtleties; see Giacom, Heuer, Poettering PKC’18, Bindel et al. PQCrypto 2019, ... .)
- XOR keys
- Concatenate keys and use directly
- Concatenate keys then apply a hash function / KDF
- Extend the protocol’s “key schedule” with new stages for each key
- Insert the 2<sup>nd</sup> key into an unused spot in the protocol’s key schedule

# Draft-00 @ IETF 104

draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-00

Contained a “menu” of design options along several axes

1. How to negotiate which algorithms?
2. How many algorithms?
3. How to transmit public key shares?
4. How to combine secrets?

Feedback from working group:

- Avoid changes to key schedule
- Present one or two instantiations
- Specific feedback on some aspects



# Draft-01 @ IETF 105

draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-01

Kept menu of design choices

Constructed two candidate instantiations from menu for discussion

1. Directly negotiate each hybrid algorithm; separate key shares
2. Code points for pre-defined combinations; concatenated key shares

Additional KDF-based options for combining keys

# Draft-02

# February 2020

draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-02

## Number of algorithms:

- 2

## Negotiation:

- Negotiate pairs of algorithms in combination





# Draft-02

# February 2020

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## Conveying public keys:

- Concatenated public keys
  - But with length encoding
  - Since some algorithms don't have fixed-length public keys / ciphertexts

## Combining keying material:

- Concatenate shared secrets then put into TLS 1.3 key schedule
  - Key schedule applies HKDF.Extract
- No length encoding
- Will be approved by NIST in  
— — — upcoming revision of SP-800-56C

# Open questions

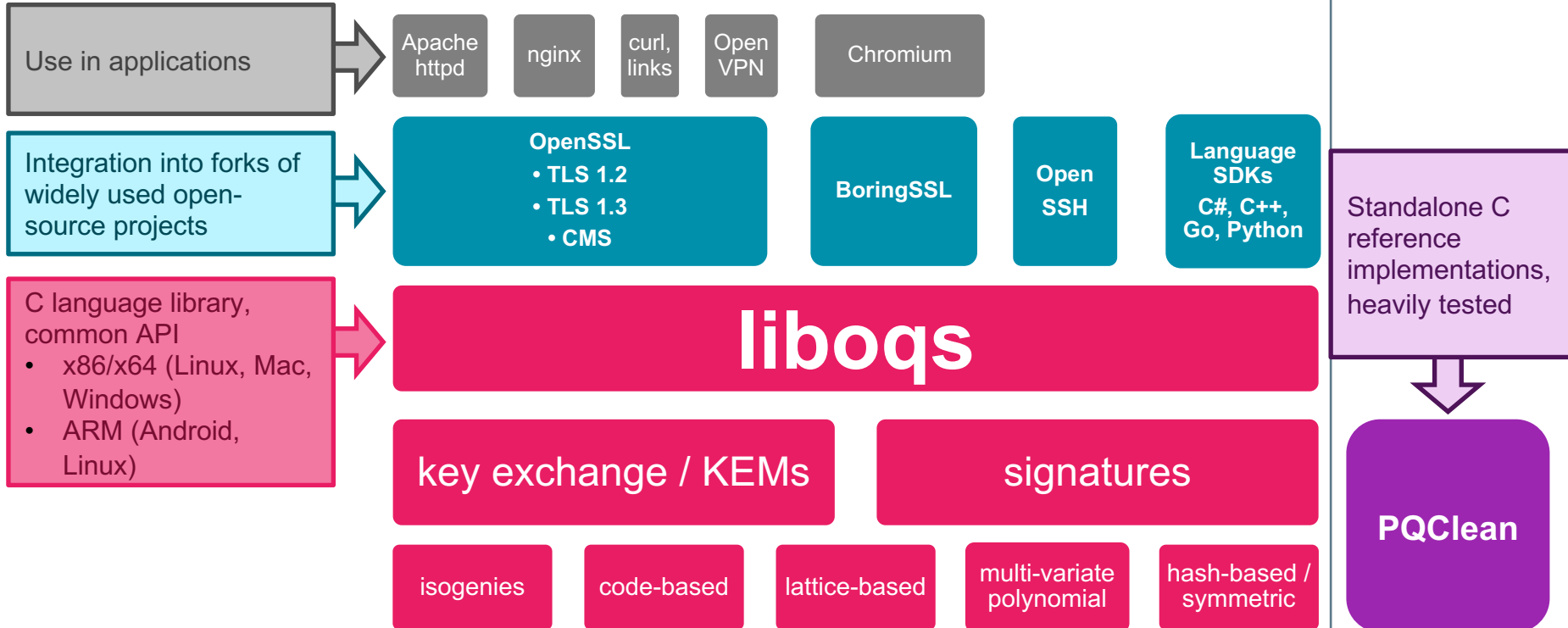
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- Still some debate about negotiation and using concatenate public keys / ciphertexts
- Is it safe to use an IND-CPA KEM for ephemeral key exchange in TLS 1.3?
  - Intuitively, seems like it should be safe for **one-time** use keys
    - Some implementations re-use ephemeral keys which wouldn't match IND-CPA
  - But proofs of signed ephemeral DH in TLS 1.2 used an interactive assumption (PRF-ODH) rather than a standard assumption (DDH) (JKSS, C'12); was later shown to be necessary (KraPatWee, C'13)
  - Proofs of signed-DH in TLS 1.3 (BFGS CCS'15, ...) also use PRF-ODH; no analysis of whether this is necessary, no generalization to KEMs)

# OPEN QUANTUM SAFE

*software for prototyping  
quantum-resistant cryptography*

# Open Quantum Safe Project



# OQS team

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- Project leads
  - Douglas Stebila (Waterloo)
  - Michele Mosca (Waterloo)
- Industry collaborators
  - Amazon Web Services
  - Cisco Systems
  - evolutionQ
  - IBM Research
  - Microsoft Research
- Individual contributors
- Financial support
  - Government of Canada
    - NSERC Discovery
    - Tutte Institute
  - Amazon Web Services
- In-kind contributions of developer time from industry collaborators

# liboqs

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- C library with common API for post-quantum signature schemes and key encapsulation mechanisms
- MIT License
- Builds on Windows, macOS, Linux; x86\_64, ARM v8
- 50 key encapsulation mechanisms from 9 NIST Round 2 candidates
- 52 signature schemes from 5 NIST Round 2 candidates

# List of algorithms

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## Key encapsulation mechanisms

- **BIKE:** BIKE1-L1-CPA, BIKE1-L3-CPA, BIKE1-L1-FO, BIKE1-L3-FO
- **FrodoKEM:** FrodoKEM-640-AES, FrodoKEM-640-SHAKE, FrodoKEM-976-AES, FrodoKEM-976-SHAKE, FrodoKEM-1344-AES, FrodoKEM-1344-SHAKE
- **Kyber:** Kyber512, Kyber768, Kyber1024, Kyber512-90s, Kyber768-90s, Kyber1024-90s
- **LEDACrypt:** LEDACryptKEM-LT12, LEDACryptKEM-LT32, LEDACryptKEM-LT52
- **NewHope:** NewHope-512-CCA, NewHope-1024-CCA
- **NTRU:** NTRU-HPS-2048-509, NTRU-HPS-2048-677, NTRU-HPS-4096-821, NTRU-HRSS-701
- **SABER:** LightSaber-KEM, Saber-KEM, FireSaber-KEM
- **SIKE:** SIDH-p434, SIDH-p503, SIDH-p610, SIDH-p751, SIKE-p434, SIKE-p503, SIKE-p610, SIKE-p751, SIDH-p434-compressed, SIDH-p503-compressed, SIDH-p610-compressed, SIDH-p751-compressed, SIKE-p434-compressed, SIKE-p503-compressed, SIKE-p610-compressed, SIKE-p751-compressed
- **ThreeBears:** BabyBear, BabyBearEphem, MamaBear, MamaBearEphem, PapaBear, PapaBearEphem

## Signature schemes

- **Dilithium:** Dilithium2, Dilithium3, Dilithium4
- **MQDSS:** MQDSS-31-48, MQDSS-31-64
- **Picnic:** Picnic-L1-FS, Picnic-L1-UR, Picnic-L3-FS, Picnic-L3-UR, Picnic-L5-FS, Picnic-L5-UR, Picnic2-L1-FS, Picnic2-L3-FS, Picnic2-L5-FS
- **qTesla:** qTesla-p-I, qTesla-p-III
- **SPHINCS+-Haraka:** SPHINCS+-Haraka-128f-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-128f-simple, SPHINCS+-Haraka-128s-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-128s-simple, SPHINCS+-Haraka-192f-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-192f-simple, SPHINCS+-Haraka-192s-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-192s-simple, SPHINCS+-Haraka-256f-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-256f-simple, SPHINCS+-Haraka-256s-robust, SPHINCS+-Haraka-256s-simple
- **SPHINCS+-SHA256:** SPHINCS+-SHA256-128f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-128f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHA256-128s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-128s-simple, SPHINCS+-SHA256-192f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-192f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHA256-192s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-192s-simple, SPHINCS+-SHA256-256f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-256f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHA256-256s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHA256-256s-simple
- **SPHINCS+-SHAKE256:** SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-128f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-128f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-128s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-128s-simple, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-192f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-192f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-192s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-192s-simple, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-256f-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-256f-simple, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-256s-robust, SPHINCS+-SHAKE256-256s-simple

# PQClean

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- Sister project to OQS
- Goal: standalone, high-quality C reference implementations of PQ algorithms
  - Lots of automated code analysis and continuous integration testing
  - Builds tested on little-endian and big-endian
- MIT License and public domain
- Not a library, but easy to pull out code that can be incorporated into a library
  - liboqs consumes implementations from PQClean
- In collaboration with Peter Schwabe and team at Radboud University, Netherlands

<https://github.com/PQClean/PQClean>



# OpenSSL

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- OQS fork of OpenSSL 1.0.2
  - PQ and hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.2
- OQS fork of OpenSSL 1.1.1
  - PQ and hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3
  - PQ and hybrid certificates and signature authentication in TLS 1.3
  - PQ and hybrid signatures in Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS)
- Can be readily used with applications that rely on OpenSSL with few/no modifications

# OQS demo: OpenSSL

```
build --bin/links /Users/dstebila/Desktop/build -- links https://localhost:4433/ -- 109x32
(p4 of 5)
ECDH-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA ECDH-ECDSA-DES-CBC3-SHA DES-CBC3-SHA
Signature Algorithms: RSA+SHA512:DSA+SHA512:ECDSA+SHA512:RSA+SHA384:DSA+SHA384:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA+SHA256:DSA+S
Shared Signature Algorithms: RSA+SHA512:DSA+SHA512:ECDSA+SHA512:RSA+SHA384:DSA+SHA384:ECDSA+SHA384:RSA+SHA25
Supported Elliptic Curves: P-256:P-521:brainpoolP512r1:brainpoolP384r1:P-384:brainpoolP256r1:secp256k1:B-571
Shared Elliptic curves: P-256:P-521:brainpoolP512r1:brainpoolP384r1:P-384:brainpoolP256r1:secp256k1:B-571:K-
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New, TLSv1/SSLv2, Cipher is OQSKEY-DEFAULT-ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
SSL-Session:
  Protocol : TLSv1.2
  Cipher   : OQSKEY-DEFAULT-ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
  Session-ID:
  Session-ID-ctx: 01000000
  Master-Key: 27FC5115708207A283348723BB02A7FC135F499E23903AE243419C71CA616F74A7686B23DFE2AB70F093FEA99DF
  Key-Arg   : None
  PSK identity: None
  PSK identity hint: None
  SRP username: None
  Start Time: 1542341524
  Timeout   : 7200 (sec)
  Verify return code: 0 (ok)
---
0 items in the session cache
0 client connects (SSL_connect())
0 client renegotiates (SSL_connect())
0 client connects that finished
2 server accepts (SSL_accept())
0 server renegotiates (SSL_accept())
2 server accepts that finished
0 session cache hits
0 session cache misses
```

```
Ubuntu 18.04 Bionic (Fresh install, apt upgrade as of 2018/11/05) [Running]
Thu 23:12
dstebila@ds-ubuntu18: ~/Desktop/install
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
dstebila@ds-ubuntu18:~/Desktop/install$ bin/openssl s_server cert rsa.crt -key rsa.key -w
www -tls1_2
Using default temp DH parameters
ACCEPT
ACCEPT
ACCEPT
Help
```

# BoringSSL

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- OQS fork of BoringSSL (which is a fork of OpenSSL)
  - PQ and hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3
- After a few modifications, can be used with Chromium!

# OQS demo: Chromium with BoringSSL talking to Apache

Main origin (non-secure)

▲ <https://localhost:4433>

This page is not secure (broken HTTPS).

▲ Certificate - **Subject Alternative Name missing**

The certificate for this site does not contain a Subject Alternative Name extension containing a domain name or IP address.

[View certificate](#)

▲ Certificate - **missing**

This site is missing a valid, trusted certificate (net::ERR\_CERT\_AUTHORITY\_INVALID).

[View certificate](#)

■ Connection - **secure connection settings**

The connection to this site is encrypted and authenticated using TLS 1.3, oqs\_kemdefault, and AES\_256\_GCM.

■ Resources - **all served securely**

All resources on this page are served securely.

# OpenSSH

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- OQS fork of OpenSSH
  - PQ and hybrid key exchange
  - PQ and hybrid signature authentication

# OQS demo: OpenSSH

```
Ubuntu 16.04 Xenial (Fresh install, apt upgrade as of 2018/11/05) [Running]
Terminal File Edit View Search Terminal Help
10:40 PM
dstebila@ds-ubuntu16:~/Desktop/install$ ./run_ssh_client.sh
/home/dstebila/Desktop/install/bin/ssh -o KexAlgorithms=ecdh-nistp384-newhope-512-sha384@op
enquantumsafe.org -p 2222 10.0.1.29
dstebila@10.0.1.29's password:
Last login: Thu Nov 15 22:37:21 2018 from 10.0.2.2
Environment:
USER=dstebila
LOGNAME=dstebila
HOME=/home/dstebila
PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/home/dstebila/Desktop/install/bin
MAIL=/var/mail/dstebila
SHELL=/bin/bash
SSH_CLIENT=10.0.2.2 63692 2222
SSH_CONNECTION=10.0.2.2 63692 10.0.2.15 2222
SSH_TTY=/dev/pts/1
TERM=xterm-256color
dstebila@ds-ubuntu18:~$
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```
Ubuntu 18.04 Bionic (Fresh install, apt upgrade as of 2018/11/05) [Running]
Thu 22:40
dstebila@ds-ubuntu18: ~/Desktop/install
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
debug1: sshd version OpenSSH_7.7, OpenSSL 1.0.2n 7 Dec 2017
debug1: private host key #0: ssh-rsa SHA256:gZBNb1fBmLJrt1ixRX7R0psN9gtuebcq0Px/xPPrOK8
debug1: private host key #1: ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 SHA256:4TK00SoShRqFfFGMT7cktV3HTvBnPLZnf/
3SzQ6pBLU
debug1: private host key #2: ssh-ed25519 SHA256:9jH7ksWKyzh8haL9eAGWHCBiqWEScBgXsJv9AY99af
4
debug1: rexec_argv[0]='/home/dstebila/Desktop/install/sbin/sshd'
debug1: rexec_argv[1]='-p'
debug1: rexec_argv[2]='2222'
debug1: rexec_argv[3]='-d'
debug1: Set /proc/self/oom_score_adj from 0 to -1000
debug1: Bind to port 2222 on 0.0.0.0.
Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 2222.
debug1: Bind to port 2222 on ::.
Server listening on :: port 2222.
debug1: Server will not fork when running in debugging mode.
debug1: rexec start in 5 out 5 newsock 5 pipe -1 sock 8
debug1: inetd sockets after dupping: 3, 3
Connection from 10.0.2.2 port 63692 on 10.0.2.15 port 2222
debug1: Client protocol version 2.0; client software version OpenSSH_7.7
debug1: match: OpenSSH_7.7 pat OpenSSH* compat 0x04000000
debug1: Local version string SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.7
debug1: permanently_set_uid: 1001/1001 [preauth]
debug1: list_hostkey_types: ssh-rsa,rsa-sha2-512,rsa-sha2-256,ecdsa-sha2-nistp256,ssh-ed25
519 [preauth]
debug1: SSH2_MSG_KEXINIT sent [preauth]
debug1: ShowApplications_KEXINIT received [preauth]
debug1: kex: algorithm: ecdh-nistp384-newhope-512-sha384@openquantumsafe.org [preauth]
```

# Using OQS

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- All open source software available on GitHub
- Instructions for building on Linux, macOS, and Windows
- Docker images available for building and running OQS-reliant applications
  - Apache httpd
  - curl
  - nginx
  - OpenSSH

# Prototyping post-quantum and hybrid key exchange and authentication in TLS and SSH

Eric Crockett, Christian Paquin, Douglas Stebila. **Prototyping post-quantum and hybrid key exchange and authentication in TLS and SSH**. In *NIST 2nd Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization Conference 2019*. August 2019. <https://eprint.iacr.org/2019/858>



# Case study 1: TLS 1.2 in Amazon s2n

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- Multi-level negotiation following TLS 1.2 design style:
  - Top-level ciphersuite with algorithm family: e.g.  
TLS\_ECDHE\_SIKE\_ECDSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_GCM\_SHA384
  - Extensions used to negotiate parameterization within family:
    - 1 extension for which ECDH elliptic curve: nistp256, curve25519, ...
    - 1 extension for which PQ parameterization: sikep403, sikep504, ...
- Session key: concatenate session keys and apply KDF with public key/ciphertext as KDF label
- Experimental results: successfully implemented using nistp256+{bike1l1, sikep503}

# Case studies 2, 3, 4:

**TLS 1.2 in OpenSSL 1.0.2**

**TLS 1.3 in OpenSSL 1.1.1**

**SSH v2 in OpenSSH 7.9**

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- Negotiate pairs of algorithms in pre-defined combinations
- Session key: concatenate session keys and use directly in key schedule
- Easy implementation, no change to negotiation logic
- Based on implementations in liboqs
  - KEMs: 9 of 17 (BIKE round 1, FrodoKEM, Kyber, LEDAcrypt, NewHope, NTRU, NTS (1 variant), Saber, SIKE)
  - Signature schemes: 6 of 9 (Dilithium, MQDSS, Picnic, qTesla (round 1), Rainbow, SPHINCS+)

1<sup>st</sup> circle: PQ only  
 2<sup>nd</sup> circle: hybrid ECDH

● = success

◐ = fixable by changing implementation parameter

○ = would violate spec or otherwise unresolved error

† = algorithm on testing branch

	s2n (TLS 1.2)	OpenSSL 1.0.2 (TLS 1.2)	OpenSSL 1.1.1 (TLS 1.3)	OpenSSH
BIKE1-L1 (round 1)	●	●●	●●	●●
BIKE1-L3 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE1-L5 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE2-L1 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE2-L3 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE2-L5 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE3-L1 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE3-L3 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
BIKE3-L5 (round 1)	--	●●	●●	●●
FrodoKEM-640-AES	--	●●	●●	●●
FrodoKEM-640-SHAKE	--	●●	●●	●●
FrodoKEM-976-AES	--	●●	●●	●●
FrodoKEM-976-SHAKE	--	●●	●●	●●
FrodoKEM-1344-AES	--	◐◐	◐◐	●●
FrodoKEM-1344-SHAKE	--	◐◐	◐◐	●●
Kyber512	--	●●	●●	●●
Kyber768	--	●●	●●	●●
Kyber1024	--	●●	●●	●●
LEDAcrypt-KEM-LT-12 <sup>†</sup>	--	●●	●●	●●
LEDAcrypt-KEM-LT-32 <sup>†</sup>	--	●●	●●	●●
LEDAcrypt-KEM-LT-52 <sup>†</sup>	--	●●	●●	●●
NewHope-512-CCA	--	●●	●●	●●
NewHope-1024-CCA	--	●●	●●	●●
NTRU-HPS-2048-509	--	●●	●●	●●
NTRU-HPS-2048-677	--	●●	●●	●●
NTRU-HPS-4096-821	--	●●	●●	●●
NTRU-HRSS-701	--	●●	●●	●●
NTS-KEM(12,64) <sup>†</sup>	--	○○	○○	○○
LightSaber-KEM	--	●●	●●	●●
Saber-KEM	--	●●	●●	●●
FireSaber-KEM	--	●●	●●	●●
SIKEp503 (round 1)	●	--	--	--
SIKEp434	--	●●	●●	●●
SIKEp503	--	●●	●●	●●
SIKEp610	--	●●	●●	●●
SIKEp751	--	●●	●●	●●

## FrodoKEM 976, 1344

- OpenSSL 1.0.2 / TLS 1.2: too large for a pre-programmed buffer size, but easily fixed by increasing one buffer size
- OpenSSL 1.1.1 / TLS 1.3: same

## NTS-KEM

- OpenSSL 1.0.2 / TLS 1.2: theoretically within spec's limitation of 2<sup>24</sup> bytes, but buffer sizes that large caused failures we couldn't track down
- OpenSSL 1.1.1 / TLS 1.3: too large for spec (2<sup>16</sup>-1 bytes)
- OpenSSH: theoretically within spec but not within RFC's "SHOULD", but couldn't resolve bugs

OpenSSL 1.1.1 (TLS 1.3)

Dilithium-2	●●
Dilithium-3	●●
Dilithium-4	●●
MQDSS-31-48	○●
MQDSS-31-64	○●
Picnic-L1-FS	○●
Picnic-L1-UR	○●
Picnic-L3-FS	○○
Picnic-L3-UR	○○
Picnic-L5-FS	○○
Picnic-L5-UR	○○
Picnic2-L1-FS	●●
Picnic2-L3-FS	○●
Picnic2-L5-FS	○●
qTesla-I (round 1)	●●
qTesla-III-size (round 1)	●●
qTesla-III-speed (round 1)	●●
Rainbow-Ia-Classic <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-Ia-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	●●
Rainbow-Ia-Cyclic-Compressed <sup>†</sup>	●●
Rainbow-IIIc-Classic <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-IIIc-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-IIIc-Cyclic-Compressed <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-Vc-Classic <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-Vc-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	○●
Rainbow-Vc-Cyclic-Compressed <sup>†</sup>	○●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-128f-{robust,simple}	○●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-128s-{robust,simple}	●●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-192f-{robust,simple}	○●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-192s-{robust,simple}	○●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-256f-{robust,simple}	○●
SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-256s-{robust,simple}	○●

TLS 1.3:

- Max certificate size:  $2^{24}-1$
- Max signature size:  $2^{16}-1$

OpenSSL 1.1.1:

- Max certificate size: 102,400 bytes, but runtime enlargeable
- Max signature size:  $2^{14}$

1<sup>st</sup> circle: PQ only

2<sup>nd</sup> circle: hybrid RSA

● = success

○● = fixable by changing implementation parameter

○ = would violate spec or otherwise unresolved error

† = algorithm on testing branch

	OpenSSL 1.1.1 (TLS 1.3)	OpenSSH
Dilithium-2	●●	●●
Dilithium-3	●●	●●
Dilithium-4	●●	●●
MQDSS-31-48	⊖⊖	●●
MQDSS-31-64	⊖⊖	●●
Picnic-L1-FS	⊖⊖	●●
Picnic-L1-UR	⊖⊖	●●
Picnic-L3-FS	○○	●●
Picnic-L3-UR	○○	●●
Picnic-L5-FS	○○	●●
Picnic-L5-UR	○○	●●
Picnic2-L1-FS	●●	●●
Picnic2-L3-FS	⊖⊖	●●
Picnic2-L5-FS	⊖⊖	●●
qTesla-I (round 1)	●●	●●
qTesla-III-size (round 1)	●●	●●
qTesla-III-speed (round 1)	●●	●●
Rainbow-Ia-Classic <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	⊖⊖
Rainbow-Ia-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	●●	●●
Rainbow-Ia-Cyclic-Compressed <sup>†</sup>	●●	●●
Rainbow-IIIc-Classic <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	○○
Rainbow-IIIc-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	○○
Rainbow-IIIc-Cyclic-Compressed <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	○○
Rainbow-Vc-Classic <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	○○
Rainbow-Vc-Cyclic <sup>†</sup>	⊖⊖	○○
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SPHINCS+-{Haraka,SHA256,SHAKE256}-128s-{robust,simple}	●●	●●
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OpenSSH maximum packet size: 2<sup>18</sup>

# Summary

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- Several design choices for hybrid key exchange in network protocols on negotiation and transmitting public keys, no consensus
- Protocols have size constraints which prevent some schemes from being used
- Implementations may have additional size constraints which affect some schemes, which can be bypassed with varying degrees of success

# Extensions and open questions

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## Remaining Round 2 candidates

- Welcome help in getting code into our framework – either directly into liboqs or via PQCclean

## Constraints in other parts of the protocol ecosystem

- Other client/server implementations
- Middle boxes

## Performance

- Latency and throughput in lab conditions
- Latency in realistic network conditions à la [Lan18]

## Use in applications

- Tested our OpenSSL experiment with Apache, nginx, links, OpenVPN, with reasonable success
- More work to do: S/MIME, more TLS clients, ...

# Benchmarking PQ crypto in TLS

Christian Paquin, Douglas Stebila, Goutam Tamvada. **Benchmarking post-quantum cryptography in TLS**. In *PQCrypto 2020*, to appear. <https://eprint.iacr.org/2019/1447>



# Goals

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- Measure effect of **network latency** and **packet loss rate** on handshake completion time for post-quantum connections of **various sizes**
- Out of scope:
  - Effect of different CPU speeds from client or server
  - Effect of network bandwidth / throughput

# Prior Work

2016

Google, with  
NewHope in  
TLS 1.2



2018

Google, with  
“dummy  
extensions”



2019

Google and  
Cloudflare, with  
SIKE and NTRU-  
HRSS in TLS 1.3

**What if you  
don't have  
billions of clients  
and  
millions of servers?**

## **Emulate the network**

+ more control over  
experiment parameters

+ easier to isolate  
effects of network  
characteristics

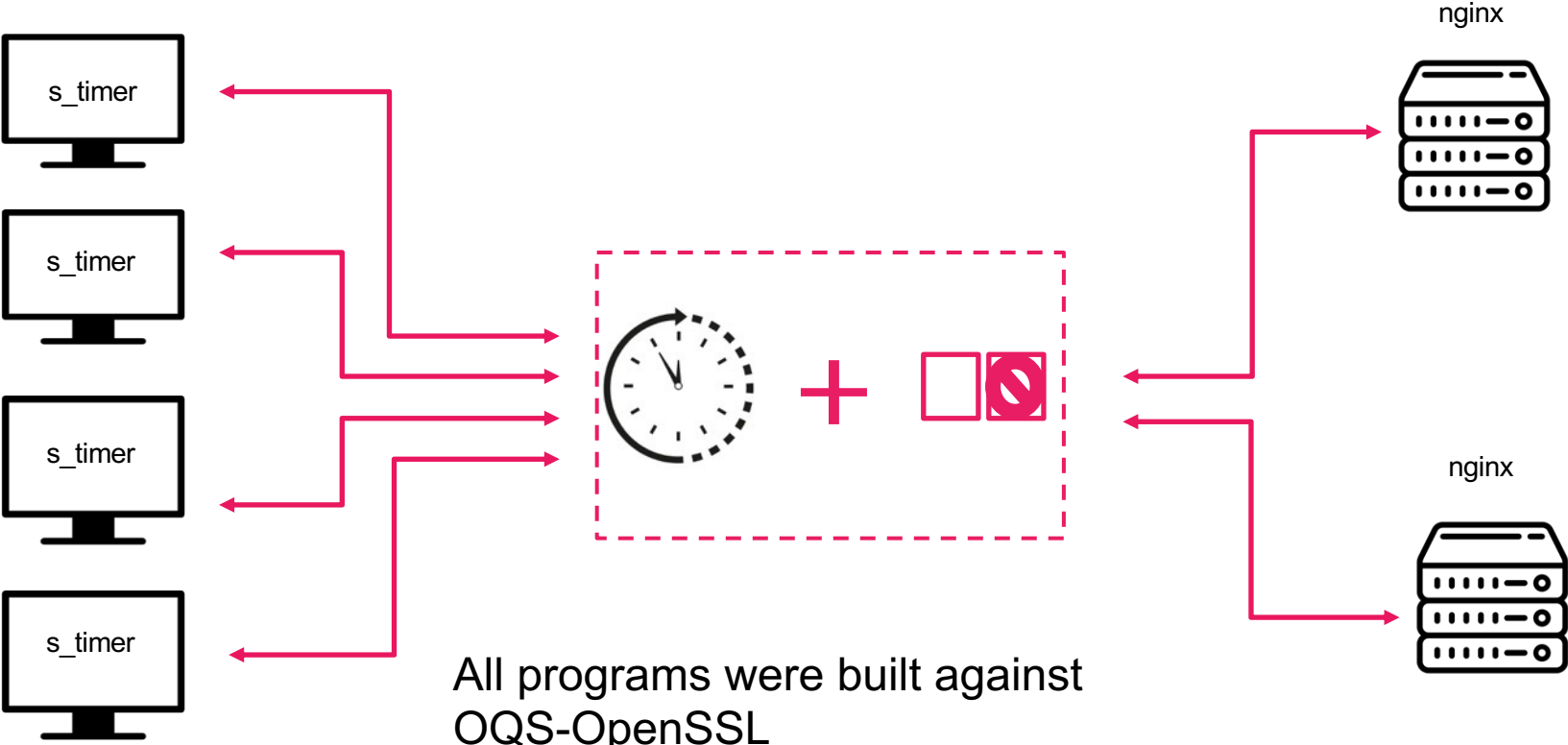
– loss in realism

# Network emulation setup

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- Linux kernel **network namespaces**
  - Independent copies of the kernel's network stack, each having its own routes, addresses, firewall rules, etc.
- **Virtual ethernet devices** created in pairs – one outgoing, one incoming
- **netem (network emulation)** kernel module
  - Can instruct kernel to apply certain delay to packets
  - Can instruct kernel to randomly drop packets with a certain rate

# Experiment setup

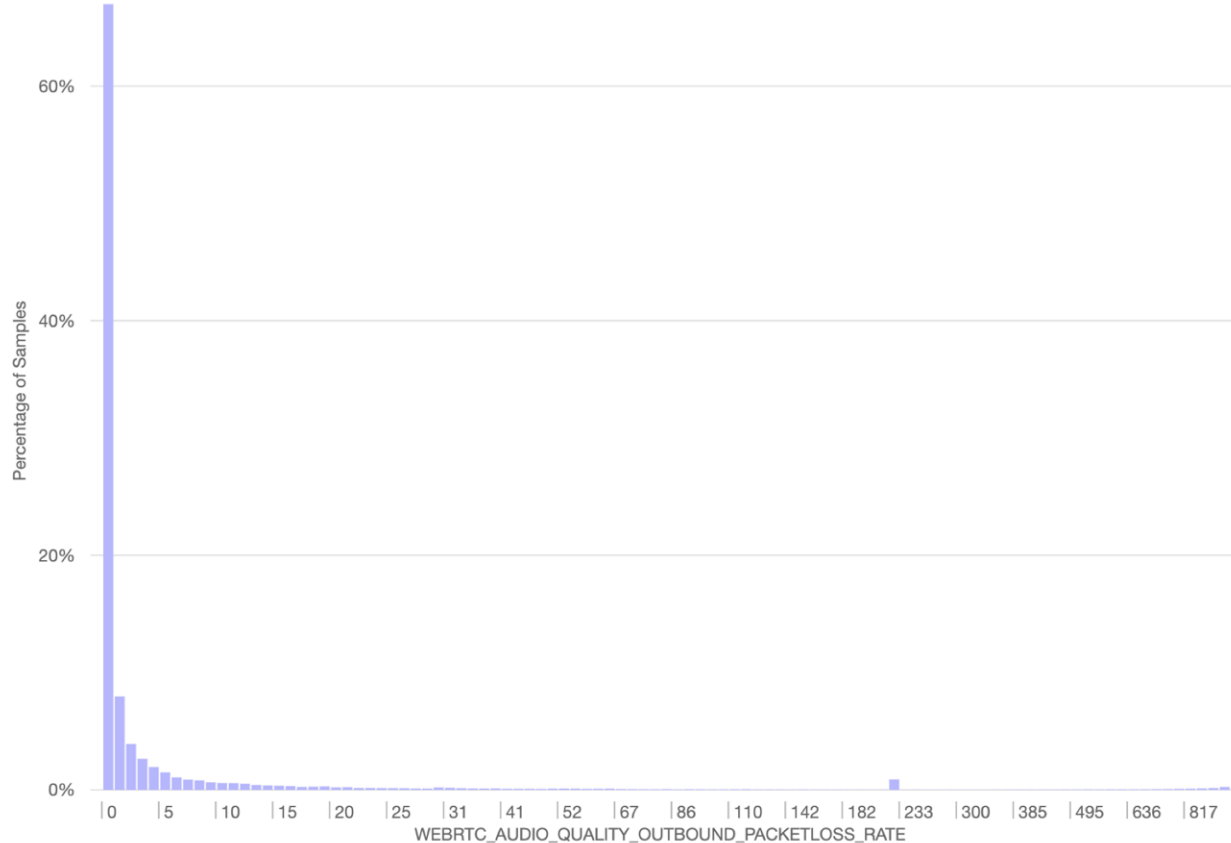


# Network latencies

<b>Virtual machine</b>	<b>Azure region</b>	<b>Round-trip time</b>
Client	East US 2 (Virginia)	–
Server – near	East US (Virginia)	6.193 ms
Server – medium	Central US (Iowa)	30.906 ms
Server – far	North Europe (Ireland)	70.335 ms
Server – worst-case	Australia East (New South Wales)	198.707 ms

**WEBRTC AUDIO QUALITY OUTBOUND PACKETLOS...** distribution for **Firefox Desktop nightly 71**, on **any\_OS (62)** **any\_architecture (3)** with **any\_process** and compare by **none**

RTCP-reported packet loss by remote recipient of outbound audio (per mille). Sampled every second of a call (for easy comparison). [More details](#)



<b>Histogram Type</b>	exponential
<b>Ping Count</b>	15.74k
<b>Sample Count</b>	35.49M
<b>Sample Sum</b>	657.28M
<b>Number of dates</b>	49
<b>Selected Dates</b>	2019/09/02 to 2019/10/21

<b>5th Percentile</b>	0
<b>25th Percentile</b>	0
<b>Median</b>	0
<b>75th Percentile</b>	2
<b>95th Percentile</b>	43.88

Notice percentiles are estimated based on values in the histogram. Values are only guaranteed to be accurate to the nearest bucket.

[Export CSV](#) [Export JSON](#)

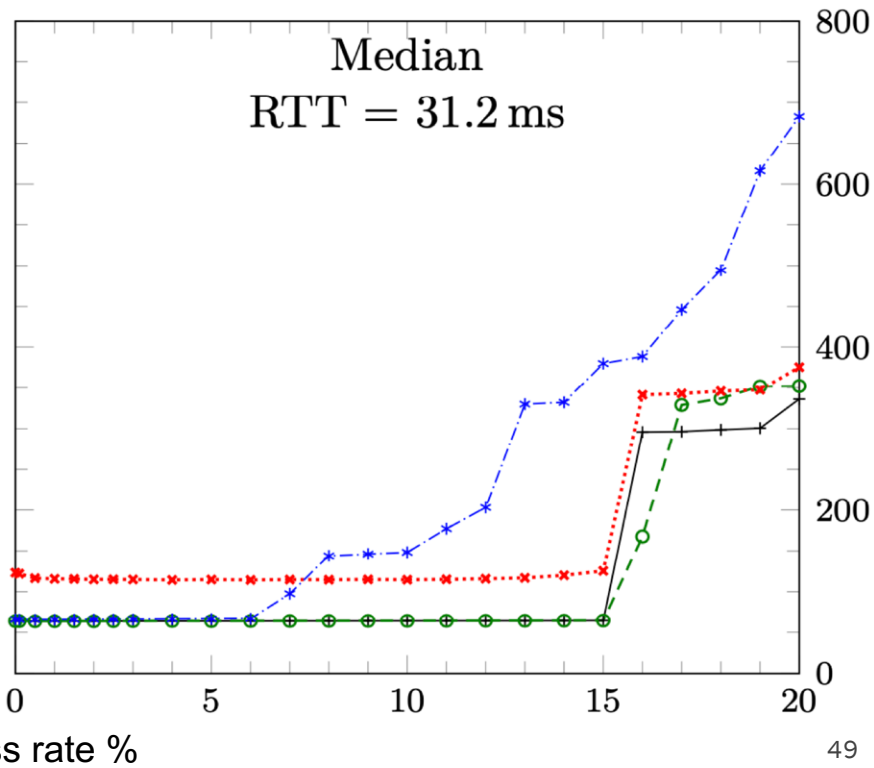
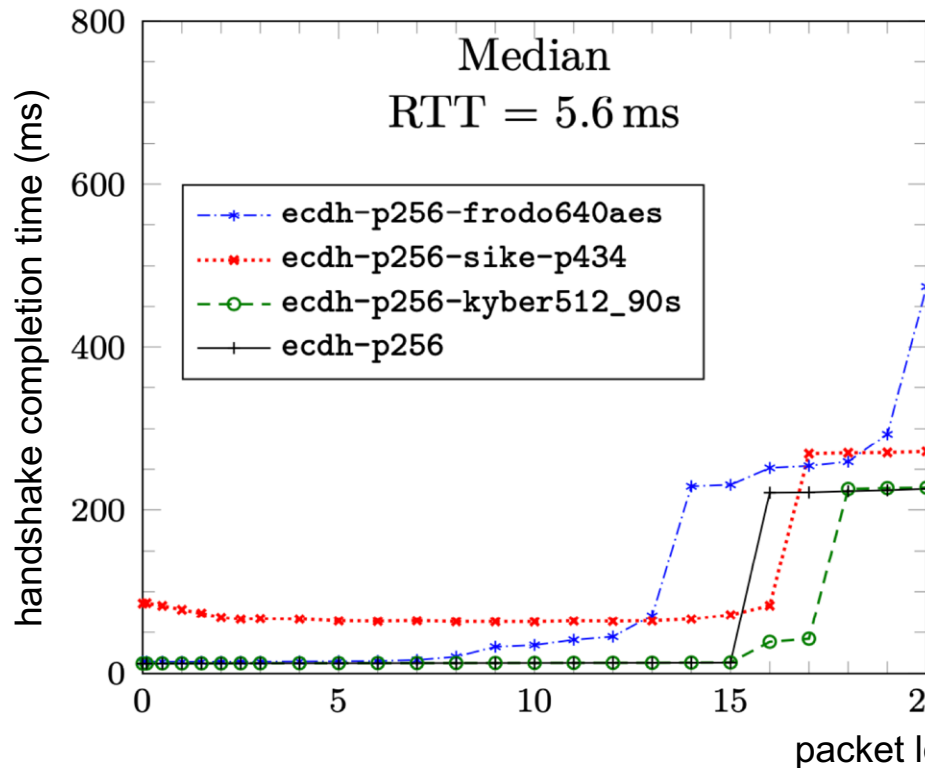
# Algorithms in experiment

Notation	Hybrid	Family	Variant	Implementation
<i>Key exchange</i>				
ecdh-p256	×	Elliptic-curve	NIST P-256	OpenSSL optimized
ecdh-p256-sike-p434	✓	Supersingular isogeny	SIKE p434 [JAC <sup>+</sup> 19]	Assembly optimized
ecdh-p256-kyber512_90s	✓	Module LWE	Kyber 90s level 1 [SAB <sup>+</sup> 19]	AVX2 optimized
ecdh-p256-frodo640aes	✓	Plain LWE	Frodo-640-AES [NAB <sup>+</sup> 19]	C with AES-NI
<i>Signatures</i>				
ecdsa-p256	×	Elliptic curve	NIST P-256	OpenSSL optimized
dilithium2	×	Module LWE/SIS	Dilithium2 [LDK <sup>+</sup> 19]	AVX2 optimized
qtesla-p-i	×	Ring LWE/SIS	qTESLA provable 1 [BAA <sup>+</sup> 19]	AVX2 optimized
picnic-l1-fs	×	Symmetric	Picnic-L1-FS [ZCD <sup>+</sup> 19]	AVX2 optimized



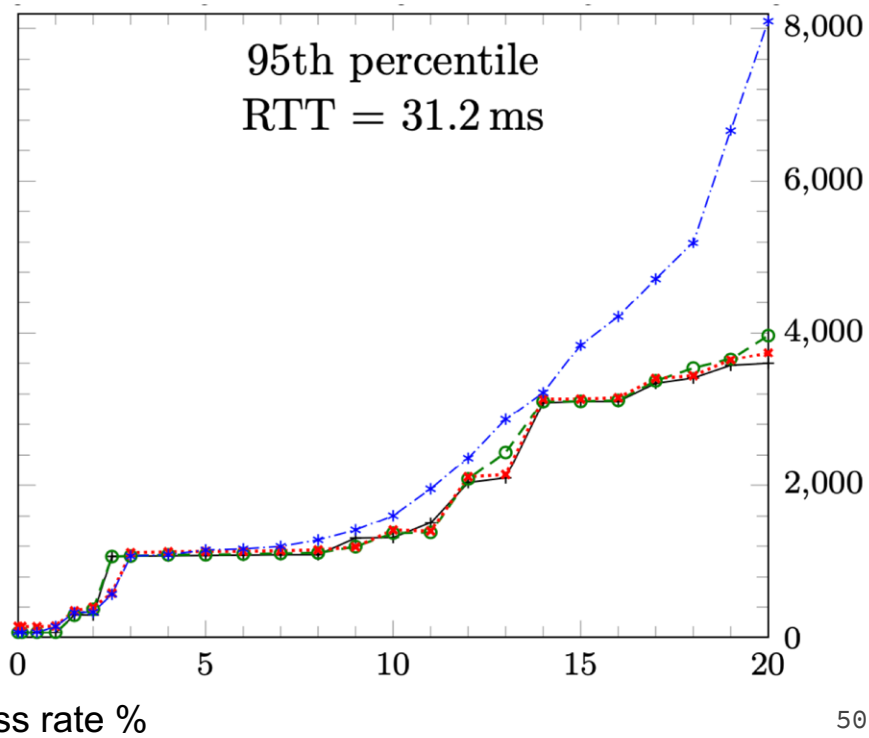
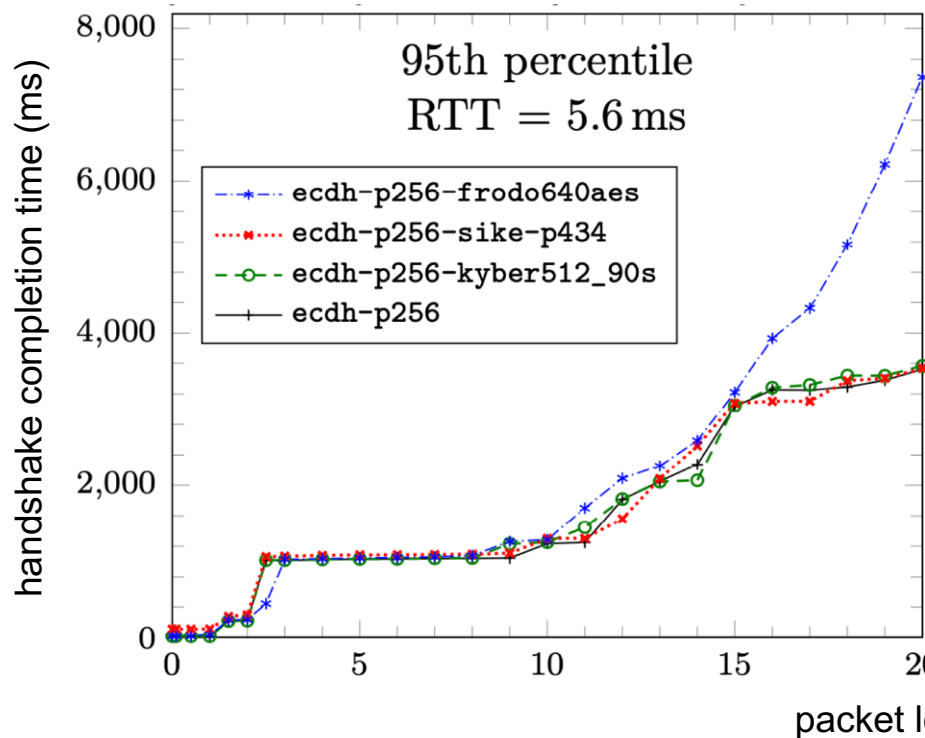
# Key exchange

median, lower network latencies

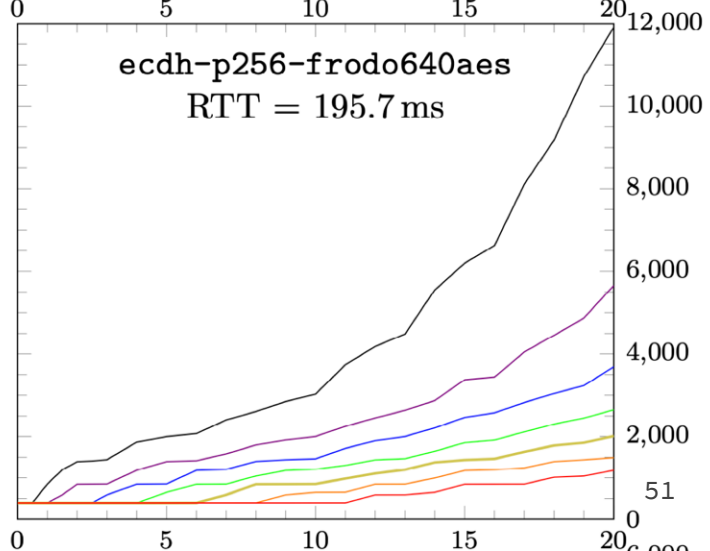
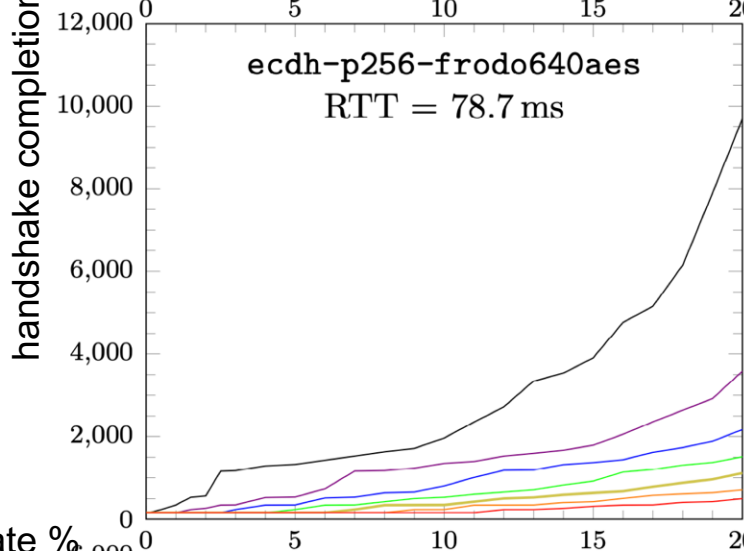
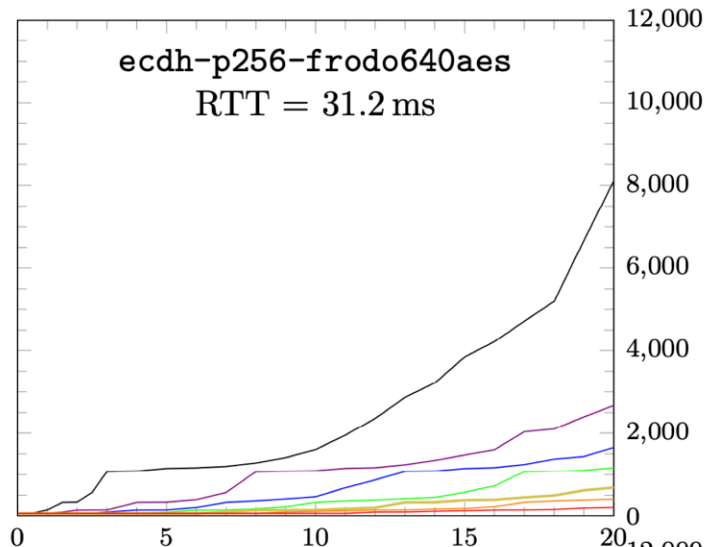
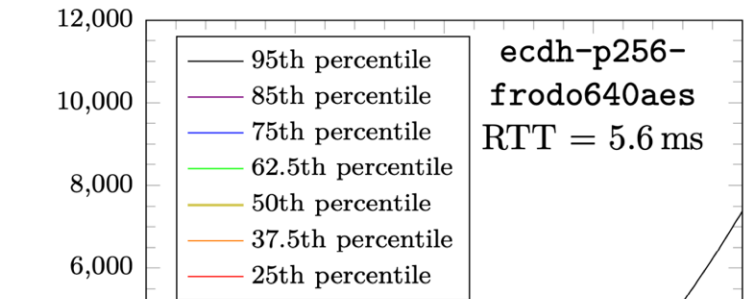


# Key exchange

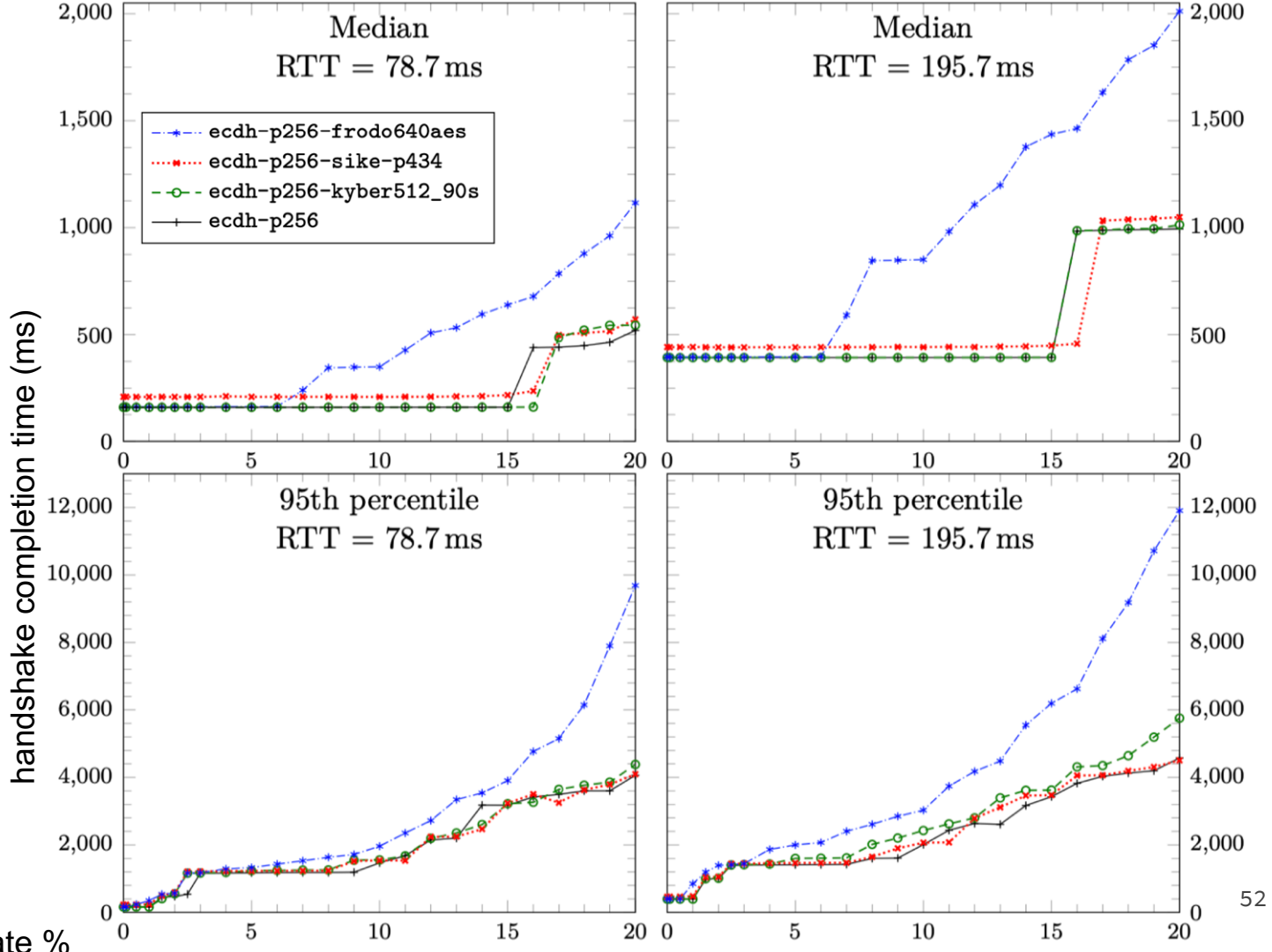
95<sup>th</sup> percentile, lower network latencies



# Key exchange percentiles, FrodoKEM-640-AES

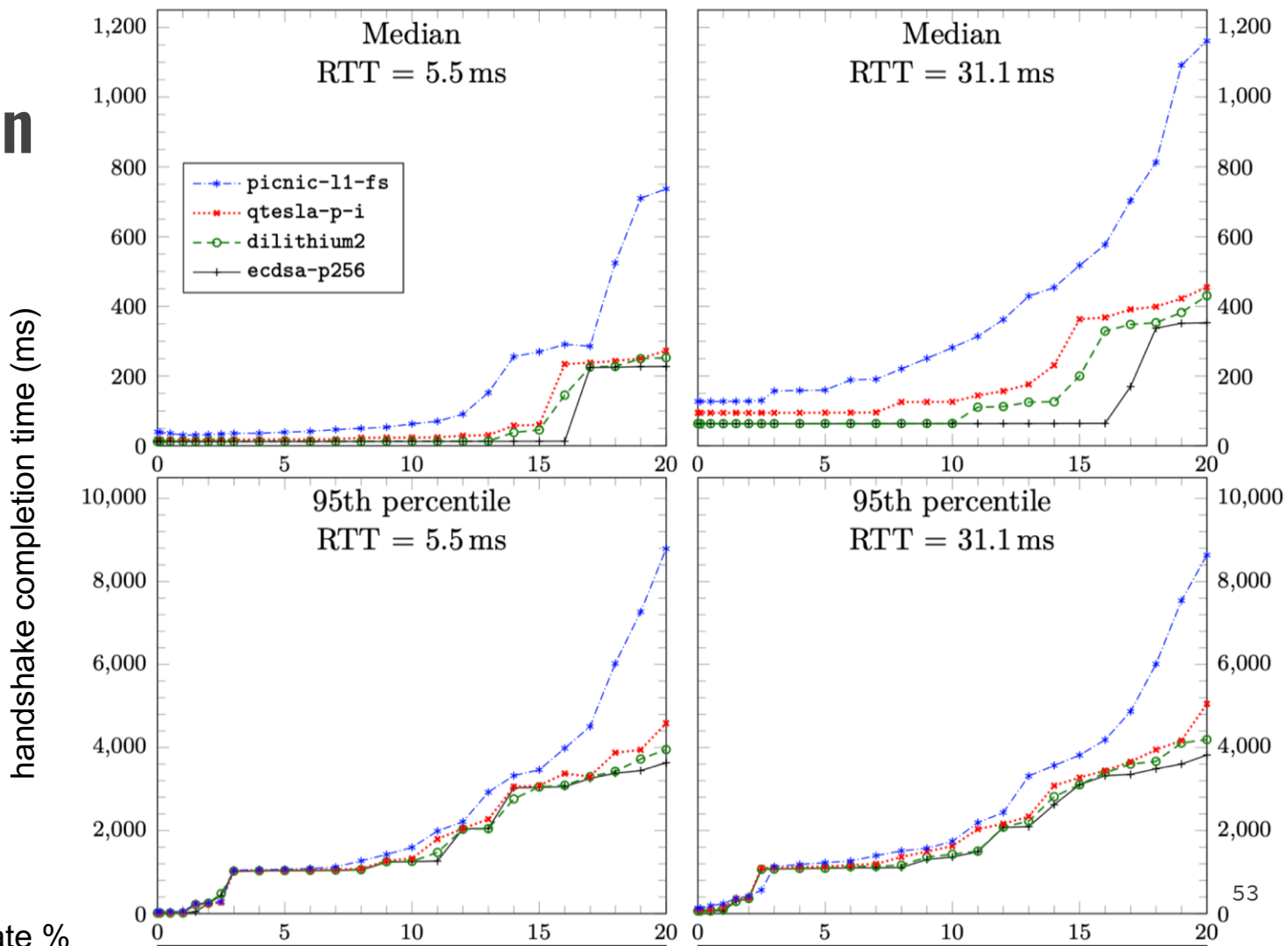


# Key exchange median and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles, higher network latencies

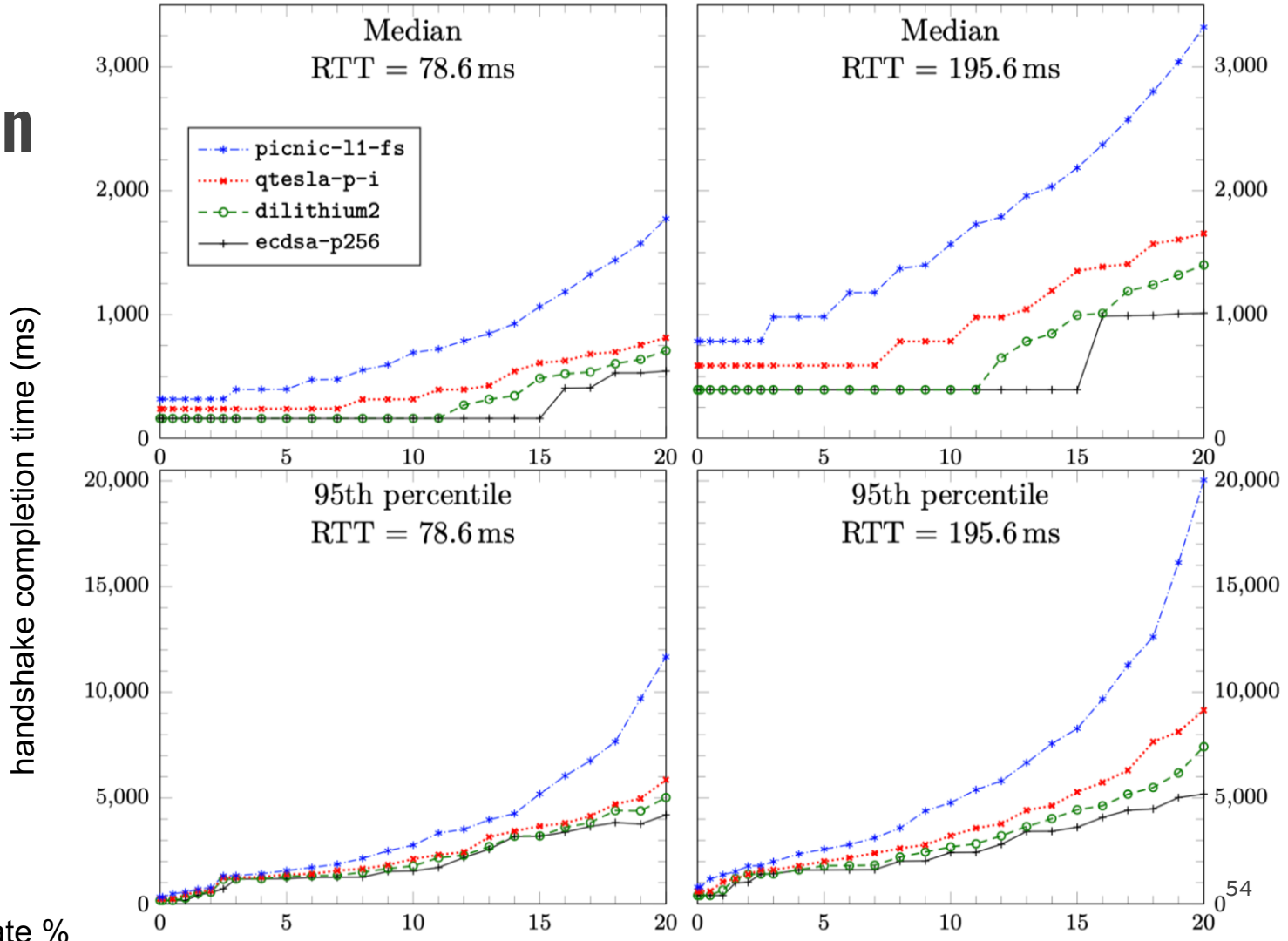


# Authentication

median and 95<sup>th</sup>  
percentiles,  
lower network  
latencies



# Authentication median and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles, higher network latencies



packet loss rate %

# Exploring post-quantum cryptography in Internet protocols

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<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-02>

<https://openquantumsafe.org/>

<https://github.com/open-quantum-safe/>

<https://www.douglas.stebila.ca/>

# Appendix



# Design issues for hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3

Douglas Stebila, Scott Fluhrer, Shay Gueron. **Design issues for hybrid key exchange in TLS 1.3. Internet-Draft.** Internet Engineering Task Force, July 2019. <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-stebila-tls-hybrid-design-01>

# Candidate Instantiation 1 – Negotiation

Follows draft-whyte-qsh-tls13-06

NamedGroup enum for supported\_groups extension contains “hybrid markers” with no pre-defined meaning

Each hybrid marker points to a mapping in an extension, which lists which combinations the client proposes; between 2 and 10 algorithms permitted

**supported\_groups:**

hybrid\_marker00, hybrid\_marker01, hybrid\_marker02, secp256r1

**HybridExtension:**

- hybrid\_marker00 → secp256r1+sike123+ntru456
- hybrid\_marker01 → secp256r1+sike123
- hybrid\_marker02 → secp256r1+ntru456

# Candidate Instantiation 1 – Conveying keyshares

## Client's key shares:

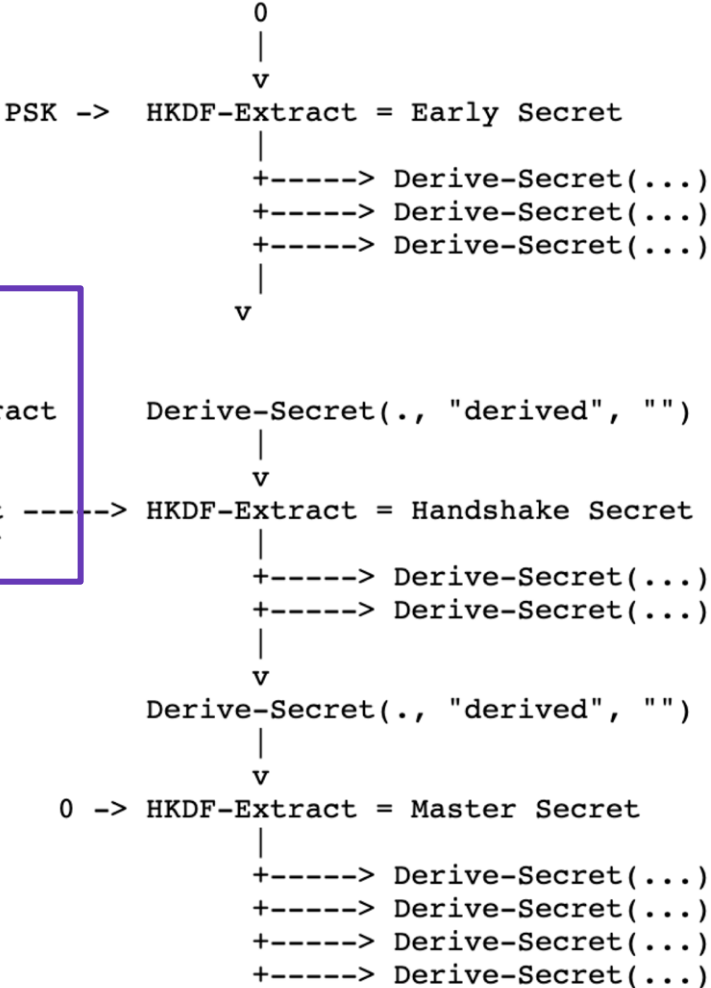
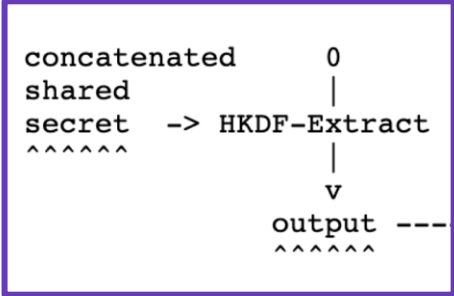
- Existing KeyShareClientHello allows multiple key shares
- => Send 1 key share per algorithm
  - secp256r1, sike123, ntru456
- No changes required to data structures or logic

## Server's key shares:

- Respond with NamedGroup = hybrid\_markerXX
- Existing KeyShareServerHello only permits one key share
- => Squeeze 2+ key shares into single key share field by concatenation

```
struct {  
    KeyShareEntry key_share<2..10>;  
} HybridKeyShare;
```

# Instantiation 1 – Combining keys



# Candidate Instantiation 2 – Negotiation

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Follows draft-kiefer-tls-ecdhe-sidh-00, enum {  
Open Quantum Safe implementation, ...

New NamedGroup element  
standardized for each desired  
combination

No internal structure to new code  
points

```
enum {  
    /* existing named groups */  
    secp256r1 (23),  
    x25519 (0x001D),  
    ...,  
  
    /* new code points eventually defined for post-quantum algorithms */  
    PQ1 (0x????),  
    PQ2 (0x????),  
    ...,  
  
    /* new code points defined for hybrid combinations */  
    secp256r1_PQ1 (0x????),  
    secp256r1_PQ2 (0x????),  
    x25519_PQ1 (0x????),  
    x25519_PQ2 (0x????),  
  
    /* existing reserved code points */  
    ffdhe_private_use (0x01FC..0x01FF),  
    ecdhe_private_use (0xFE00..0xFEFF),  
    (0xFFFF)  
} NamedGroup;
```

# Candidate Instantiation 2 – Conveying keyshares

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**KeyShareClientHello** contains an entry for each code point listed in `supported_groups`

**KeyShareServerHello** contains a single entry for the chosen code point

**KeyShareEntry** for hybrid code points is an opaque string parsed with the following internal structure:

```
struct {  
    KeyShareEntry key_share<2..10>;  
} HybridKeyShare;
```

# Candidate Instantiation 1

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Adds new negotiation logic and ClientHello extensions

Does not result in duplicate key shares or combinatorial explosion of NamedGroups

# Candidate Instantiation 2

No change in negotiation logic or data structures

No change to protocol logic: concatenation of key shares and KDFing shared secrets can be handled “internally” to a method

Results in combinatorial explosion of NamedGroups

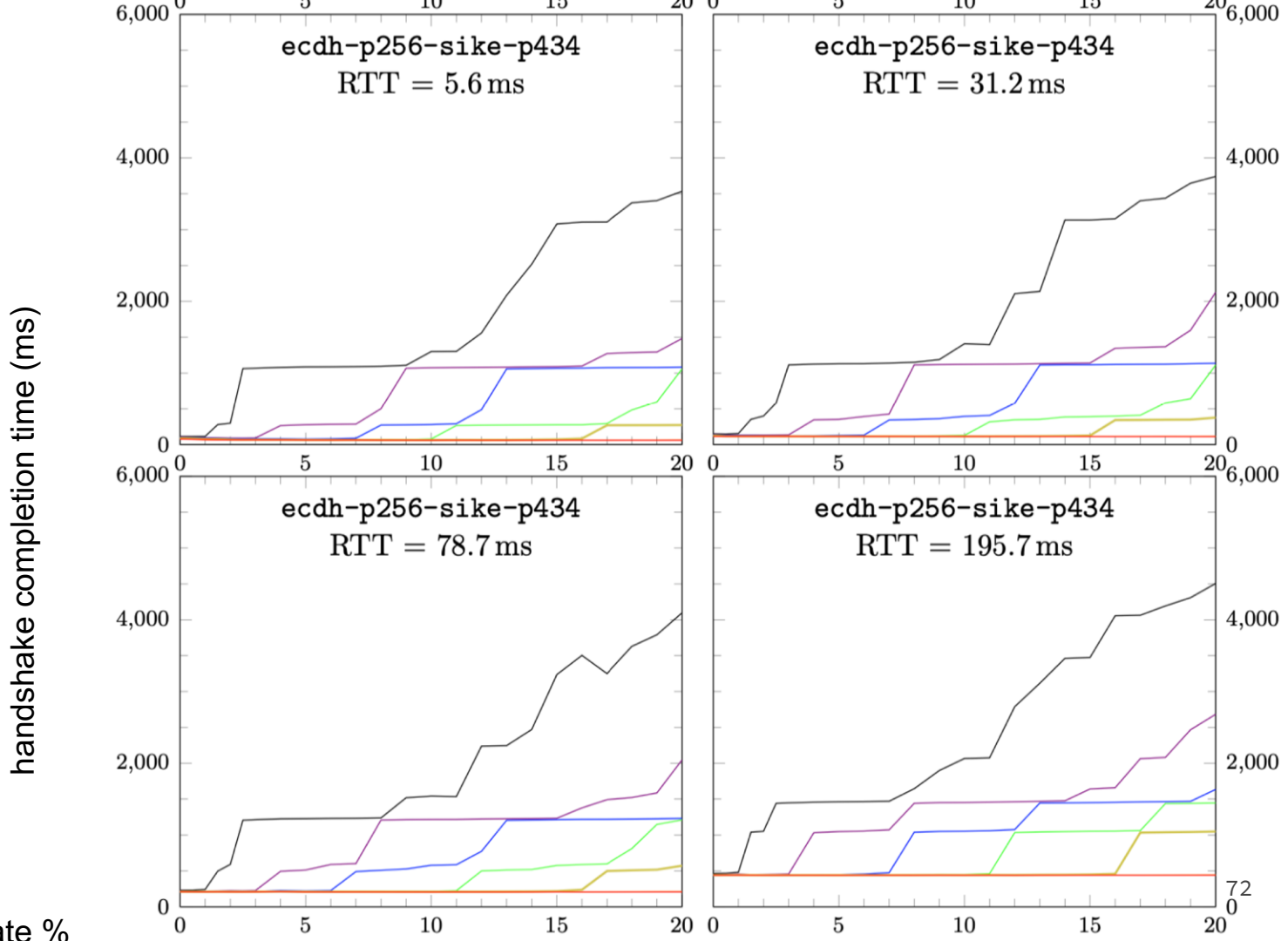
Duplicate key shares will be sent

# Benchmarking PQ crypto in TLS

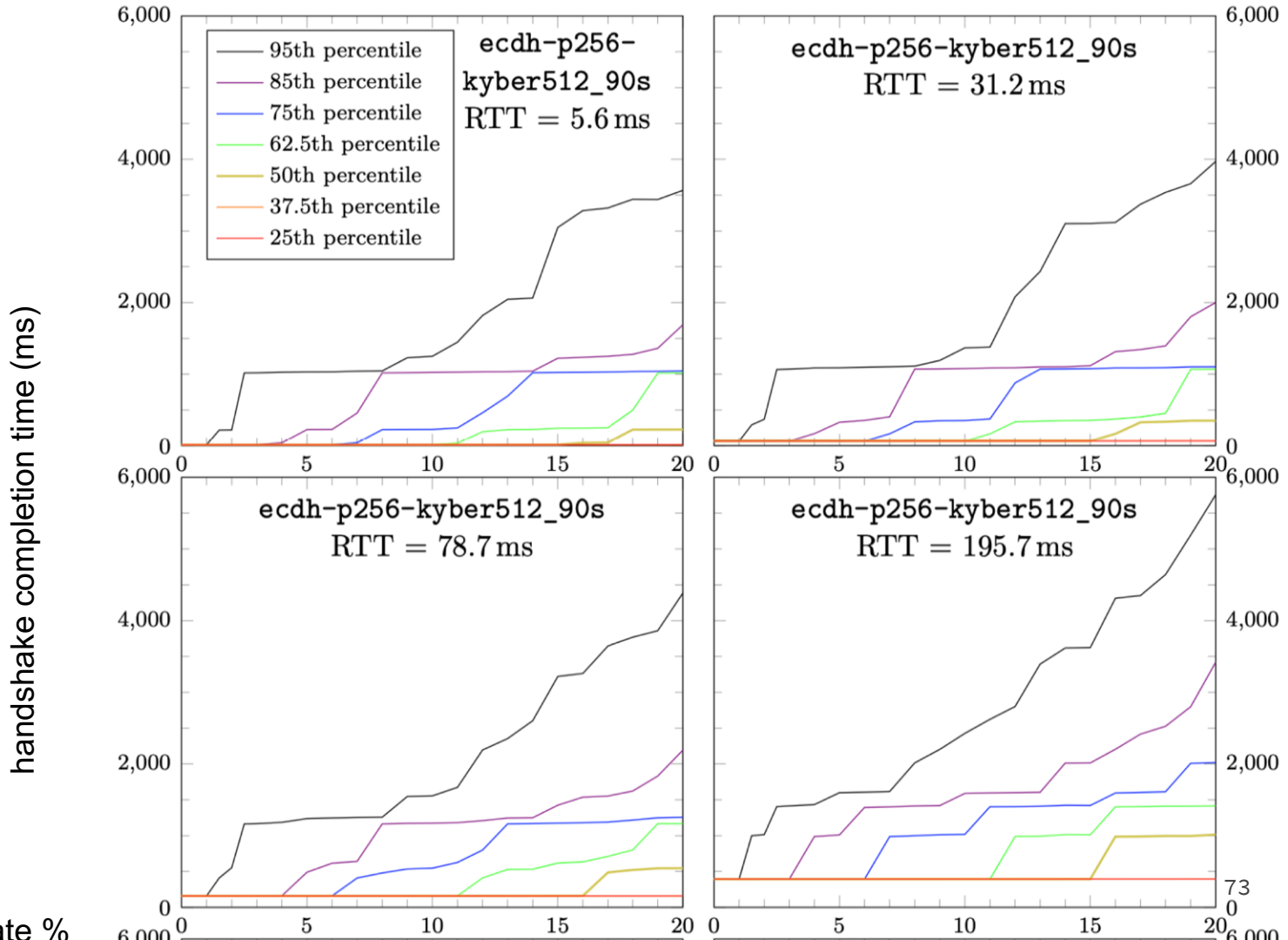
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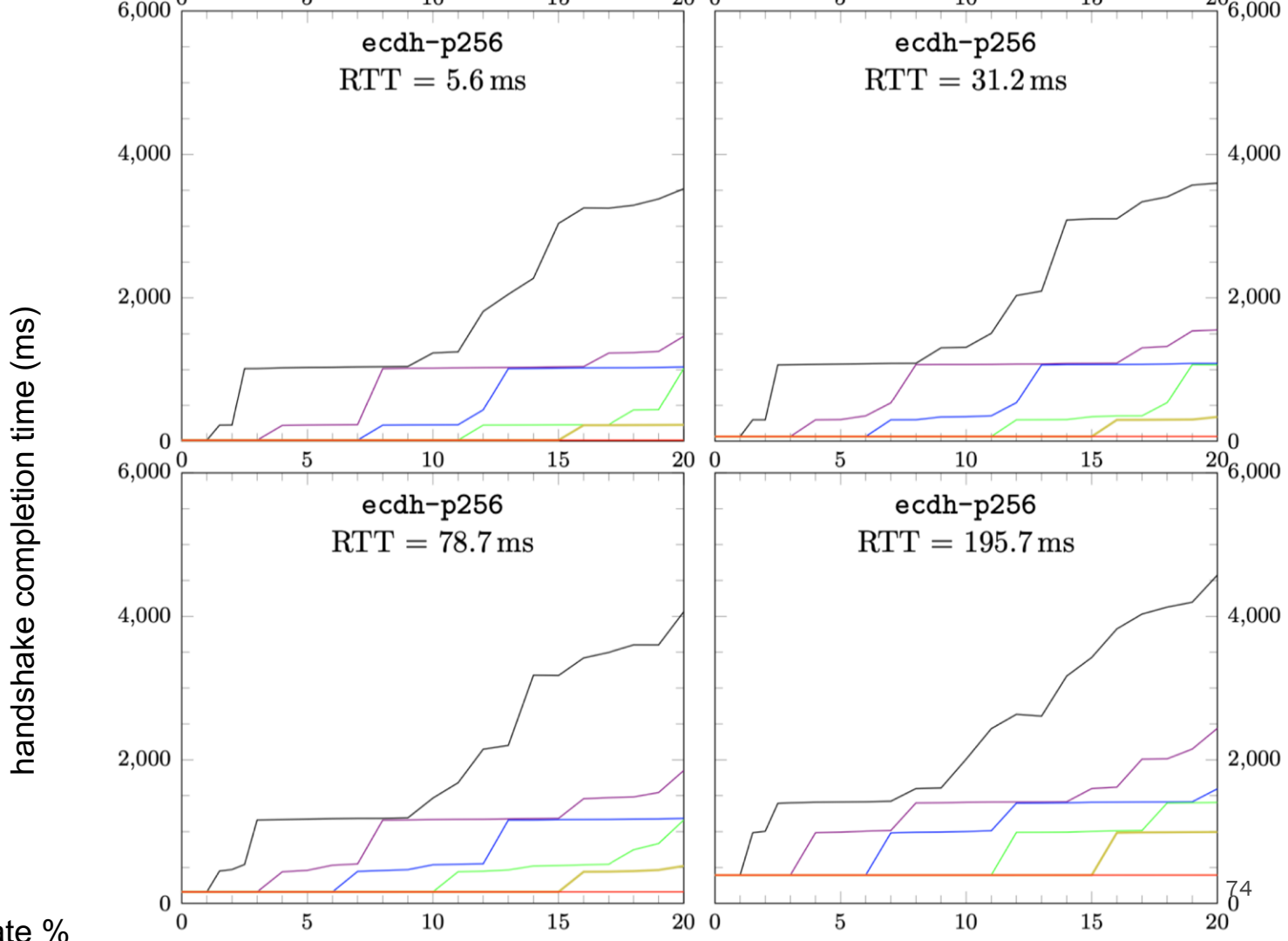
# Key exchange percentiles, SIKE-p434



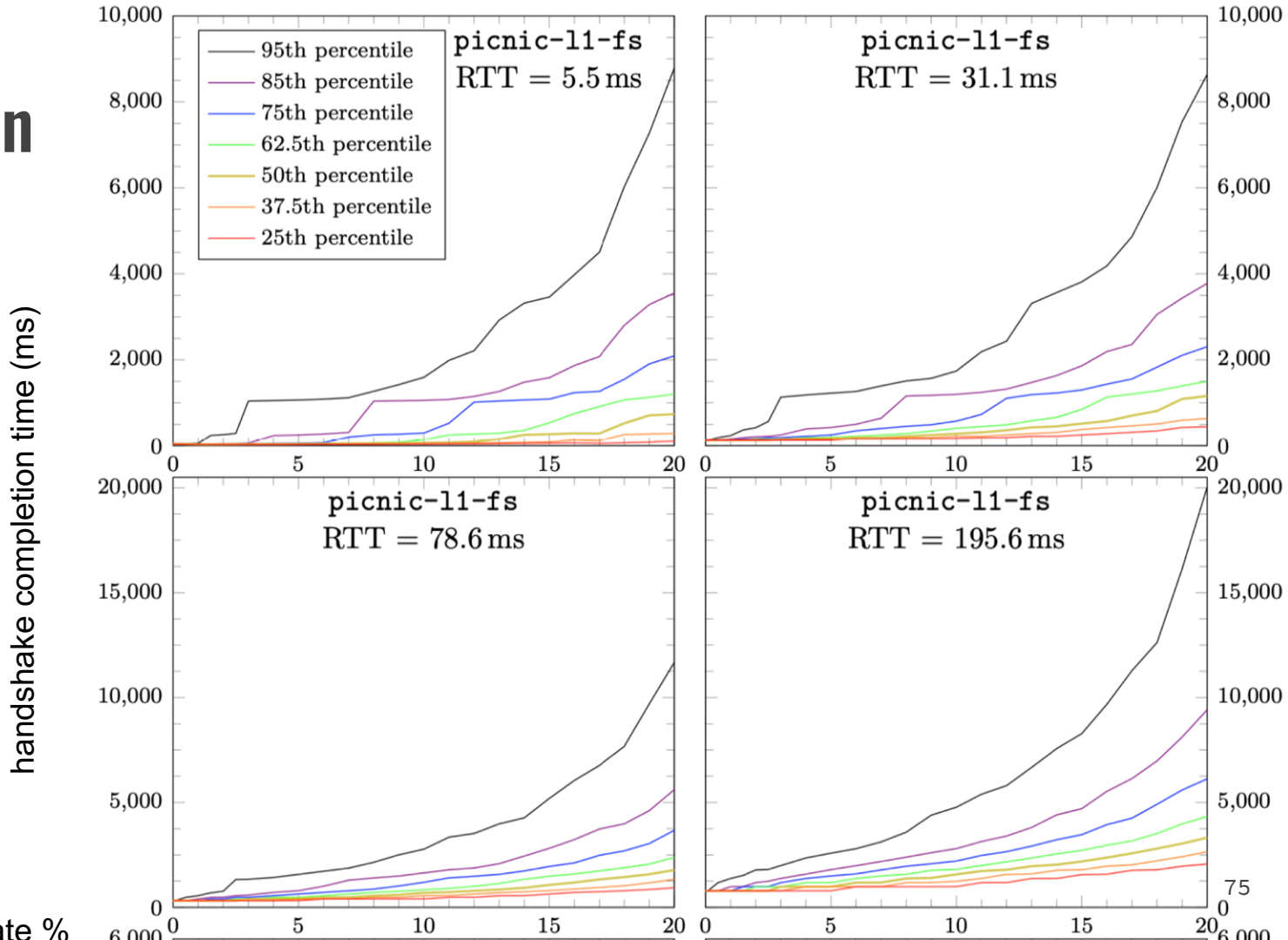
# Key exchange percentiles, Kyber512-90s



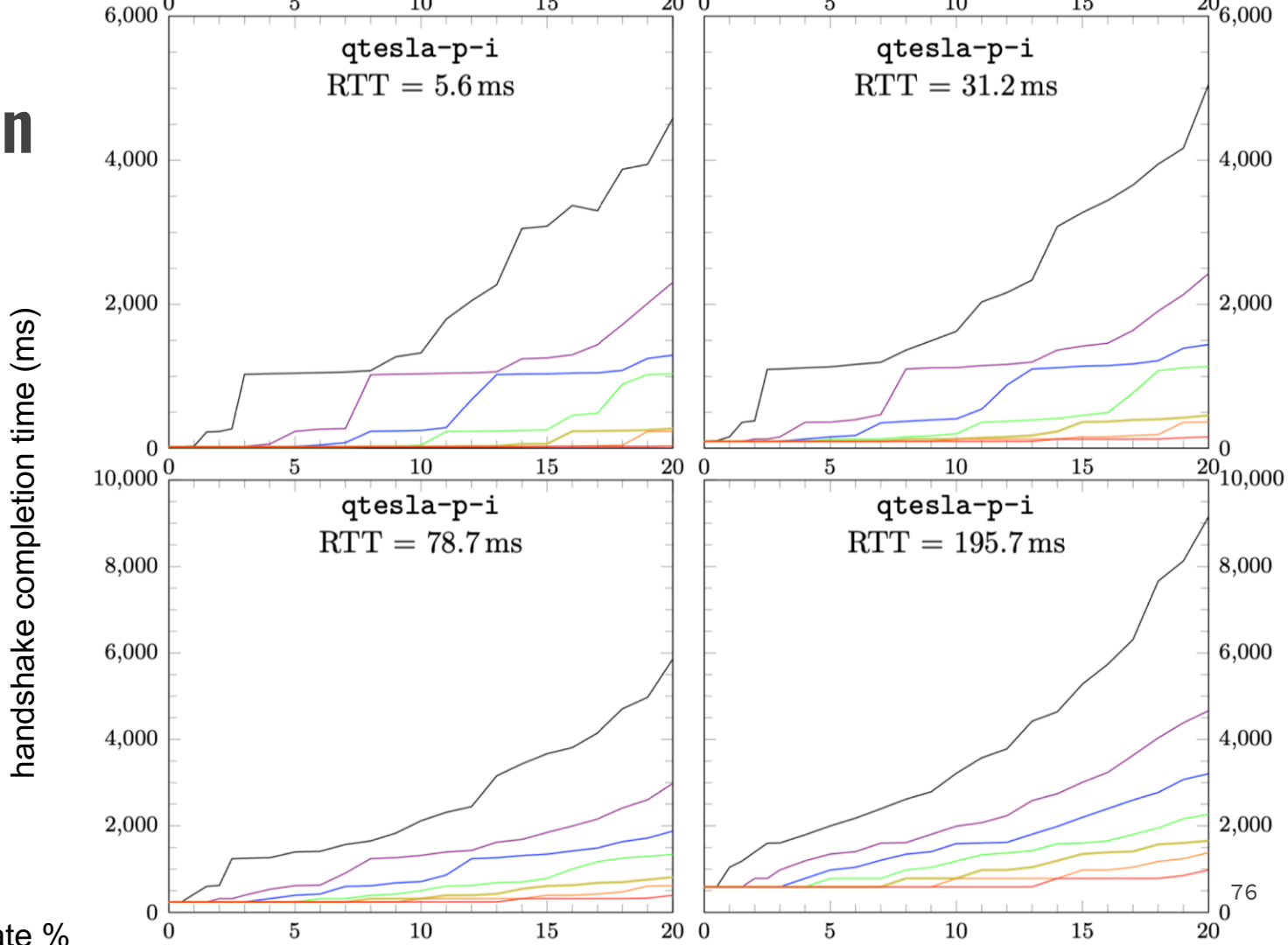
# Key exchange percentiles, ECDH-p256



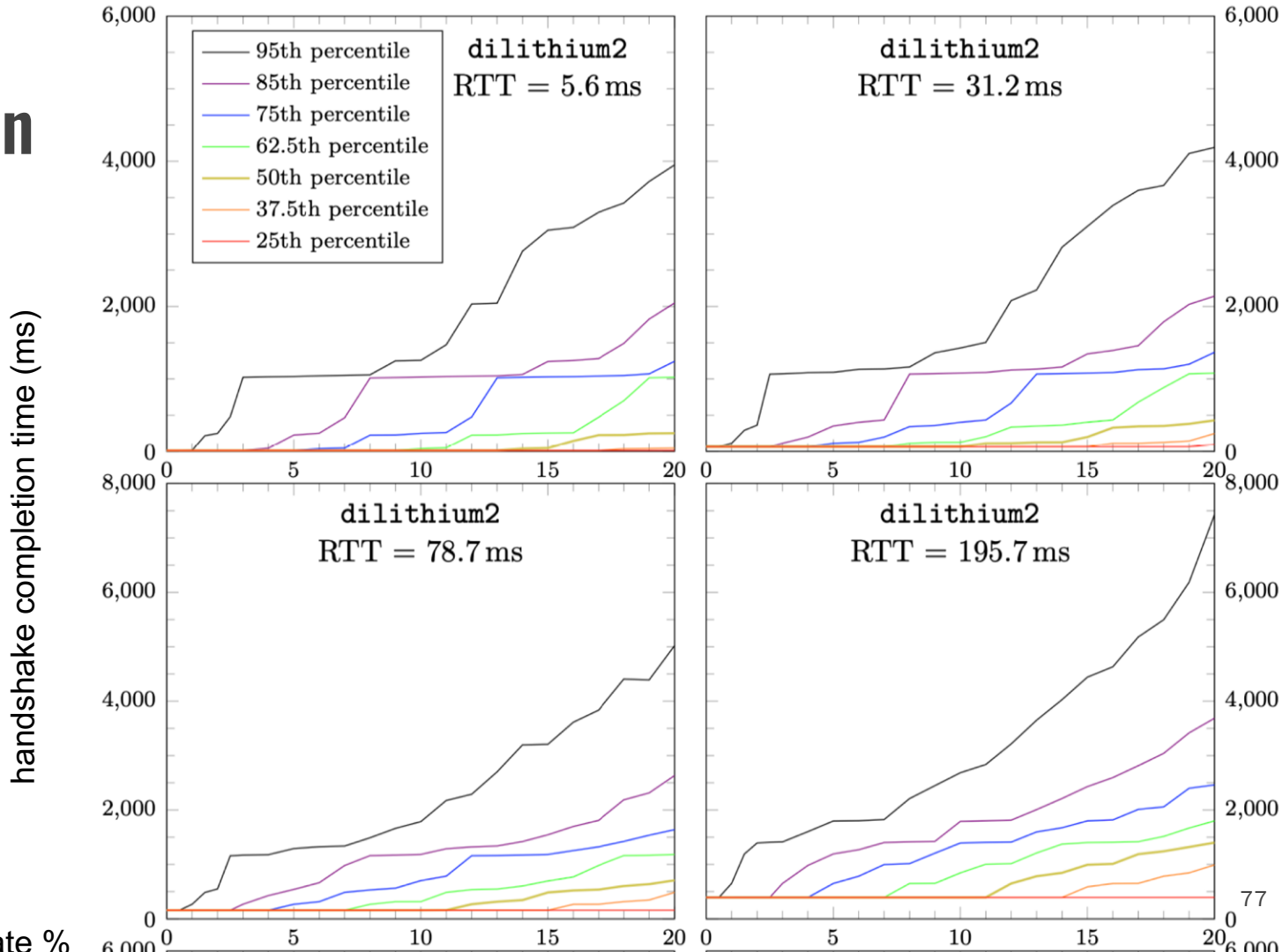
# Authentication percentiles, Picnic L1 FS



# Authentication percentiles, qTesla-P-I

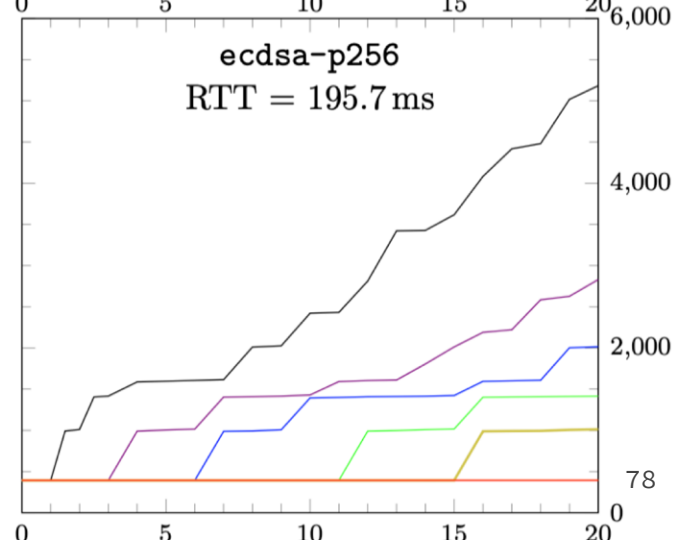
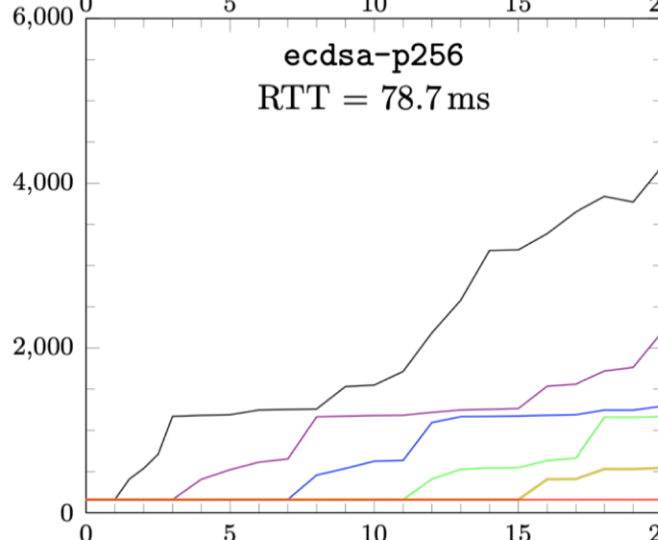
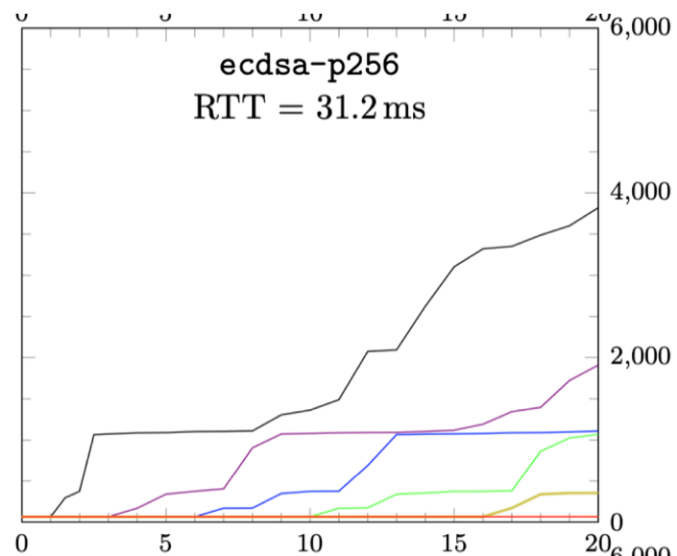
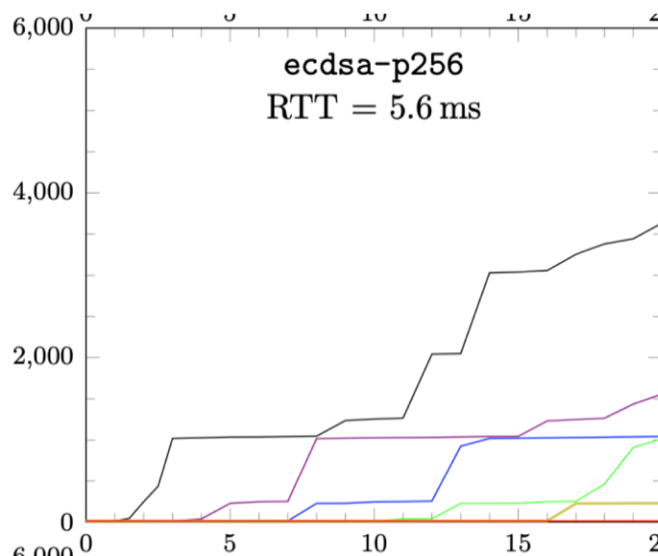


# Authentication percentiles, Dilithium2



# Authentication percentiles, ECDSA-p256

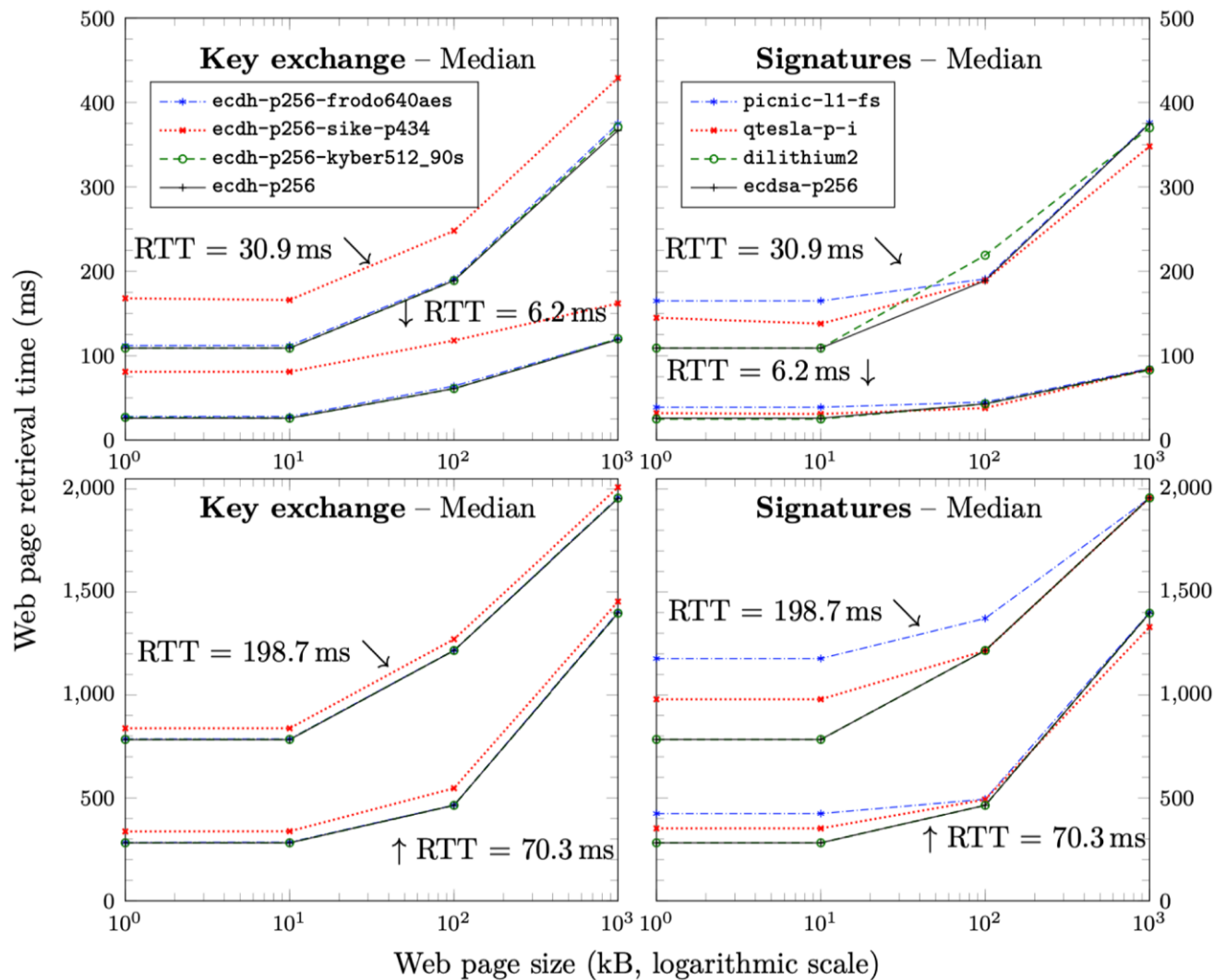
handshake completion time (ms)



packet loss rate %

# Data-centre-to-data-centre

web page latency  
as a function of  
page size, median





# Data-centre- to-data-centre

web page latency  
as a function of  
page size,  
95<sup>th</sup> percentile

