

FAST – (Harder Better) FAster STronger Cryptography

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Cryptology:

- Encryption;
- Authenticity;
- Integrity.

Public key cryptology is based on a one way (trapdoor) function \Rightarrow asymmetric encryption, signatures, zero-knowledge proofs...

Goal: Improve and extend elliptic curve cryptography to

- Secure the Internet of Things;
- Prepare the next generation of cryptosystems able to resist to quantum computers.

- Joint team between LFANT (Lite and fast algorithmic number theory) <https://lfant.math.u-bordeaux.fr/> and PREMA (the Pole of Research in Mathematics and Applications in Africa) <http://prmasi.org/>;
- Project coordinators: Tony Ezome, Senior Lecturer/Researcher (CAMES), University of Sciences and Technology of Masuku (USTM), and Damien Robert (CR Inria).
- PREMA is a Simon's foundation project involving researchers in Cameroun, Gabon, Madagascar, Sénégal along with members in Cote d'Ivoire, Maroc, South Africa and international collaborators in Canada, France, the Netherlands, Singapore.

- Efficiency
 - Improving randomness extractions ([KSC+17; CS17]), pseudo-random generators and pseudo-random functions [MV17b].
 - Improving arithmetic and pairing on elliptic curves [GF18; FD17].
- Post quantum cryptography
 - Pairing based signatures [MV17a]
 - Isogenies: modular polynomials for cyclic isogenies between abelian surfaces [MR17], cyclic isogenies given their kernels [DJR+17].
- Work in progress:
 - Constructing normal basis [ES].
 - Attribute based credentials for IoT [CS]
 - Computing canonical lift of genus 2 curves;
 - Computing the kernel between two isogenous genus 2 curves.
- Diffusion
 - Book chapter “Pairings” of the book “Guide to Pairing-Based Cryptography” [EJ17].
 - T. M. Nountu. “Pseudo-Random Generators and Pseudo-Random Functions: Cryptanalysis and Complexity Measures”. PhD thesis. Paris Sciences et Lettres, 2017

Scientific activities for the years 2017–2018

- Participation to the organization of Eurocrypt 2017 (from 30 April to 4th May 2017 in Paris);
- EMA “Mathématiques pour la Cryptographie Post-quantique et Mathématiques pour le Traitement du Signal” at the École Polytechnique de Thiès (Sénégal) from May 10 to May 23 2017.
- Kickstart workshop in Bordeaux (from September 04 to September 08 2017). Slides or proceedings available at <https://lfant.math.u-bordeaux.fr/index.php?category=seminar&page=2017>.
- Ecole Mathématique Africaine (from April 02 to 04 2018 at Franceville), <http://prmasi.org/african-mathematical-school-ams-from-april-02-to-april-14-2018>
 - Jacobian varieties, discrete logarithm, Diffie-Hellman key exchange, Elgamal cryptosystem and an introduction to semi-algebraic geometry
 - p-adic fields and number fields
 - Initiation to Pari-GP.

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An introduction to public key cryptography: El Gamal encryption

- **Public key** of Alice: (g, g^a) , **Secret key** of Alice: a .
- **Encryption**: choose a random r and send $(g^r, m \times g^{ar})$;
- **Decryption**: Alice compute g^{ar} from which she recovers m .

Choice of the base group

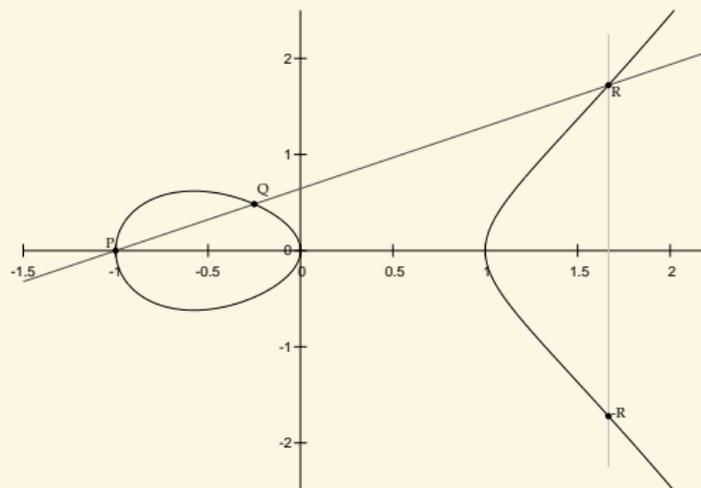
- $G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$: polynomial attack in $O(\log n^2)$;
- $G = \mathbb{F}_q^*$: subexponential attack in $\tilde{O}(2^{\log q^{1/3}})$;
- $G = E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ (for a suitable elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_q): exponential attack in $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{q})$

Elliptic curves

Definition (char $k \neq 2, 3$)

An elliptic curve is a plane curve

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \quad 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0.$$



Exponentiation:

$$(\ell, P) \mapsto \ell P$$

DLP:

$$(P, \ell P) \mapsto \ell$$

ECC vs RSA for 128 bits of security

- ECC (Curve25519) 256 bits:

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- RSA 3248 bits:

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Quantum algorithms: Hidden subgroup problem

- Hidden subgroup problem:

$$f : G \rightarrow X$$

Goal: recover the largest subgroup H such that

$$f : G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow X$$

- Polynomial time quantum algorithm for solving HSP over finite Abelian groups based on the quantum Fourier transform.
 - **Exemple:** let $f : \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow X$ be a function periodic with period r . Classical algorithm to find r : $O(N)$. Quantum algorithm: $O(\log N^2)$.
- ⇒ Break factorisation;
- ⇒ Break the DLP.

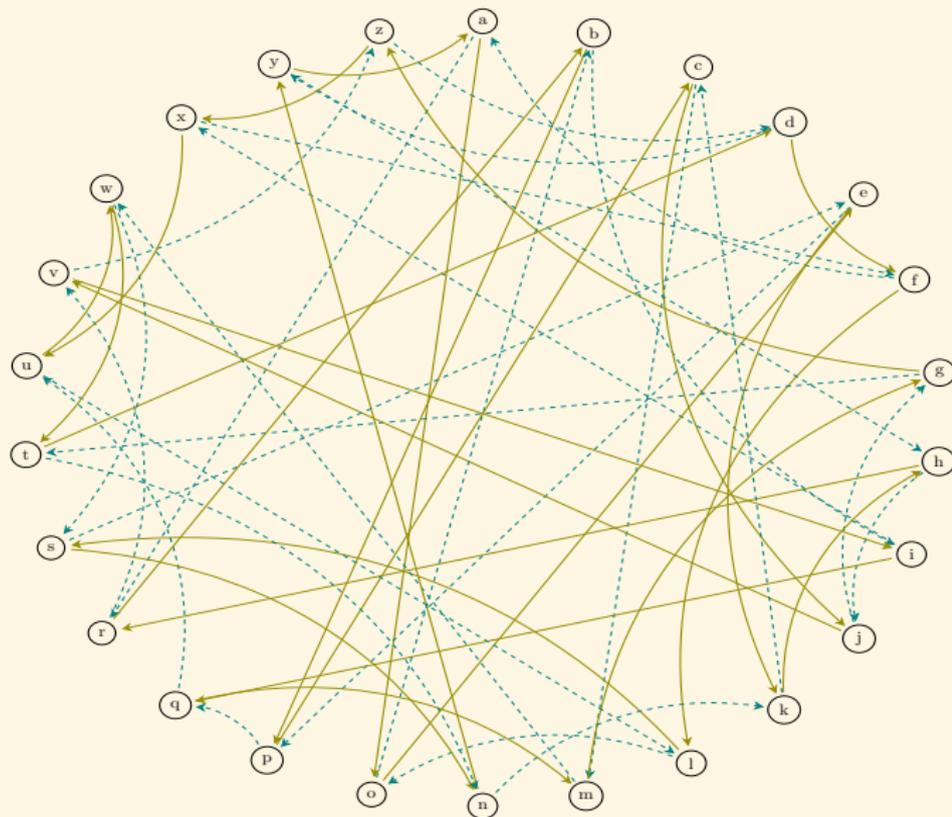
Extending DH key exchange

- Let G be an abelian group acting on X .
- Fix a base point $x \in X$.
- Alice chooses a secret $a \in G$ and sends $a.x$;
- Bob chooses a secret $b \in G$ and sends $b.x$;
- The common key is $ab.x = ba.x \in X$.

Example

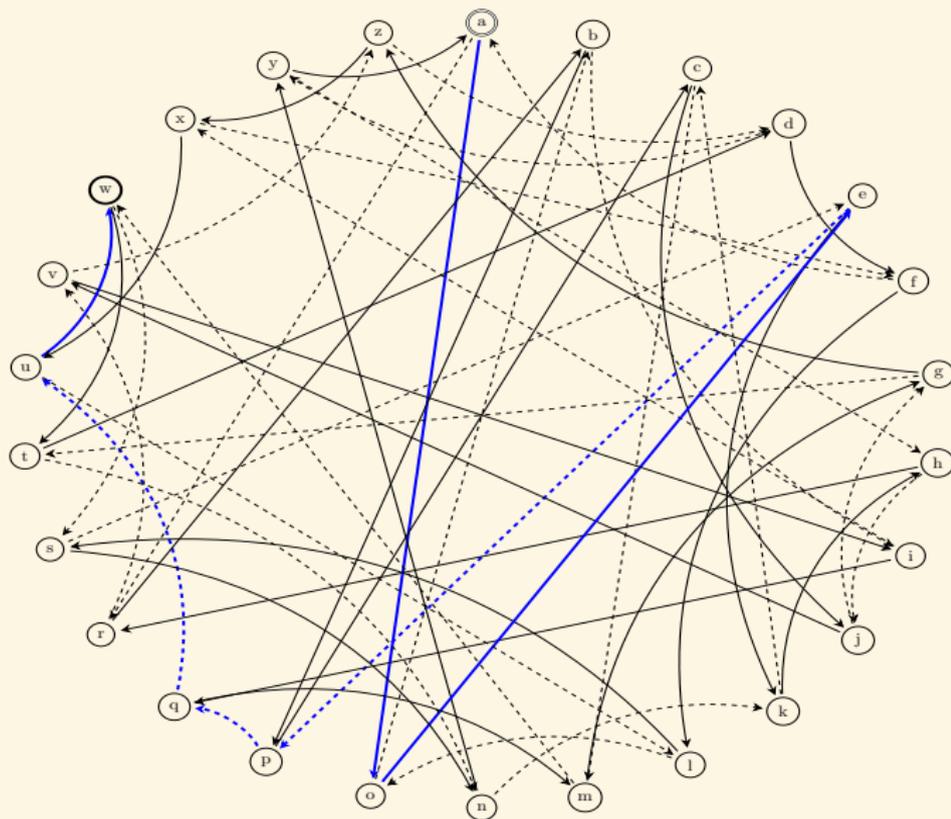
Key exchange on the Cayley graph of an abelian group.

Key exchange on a graph



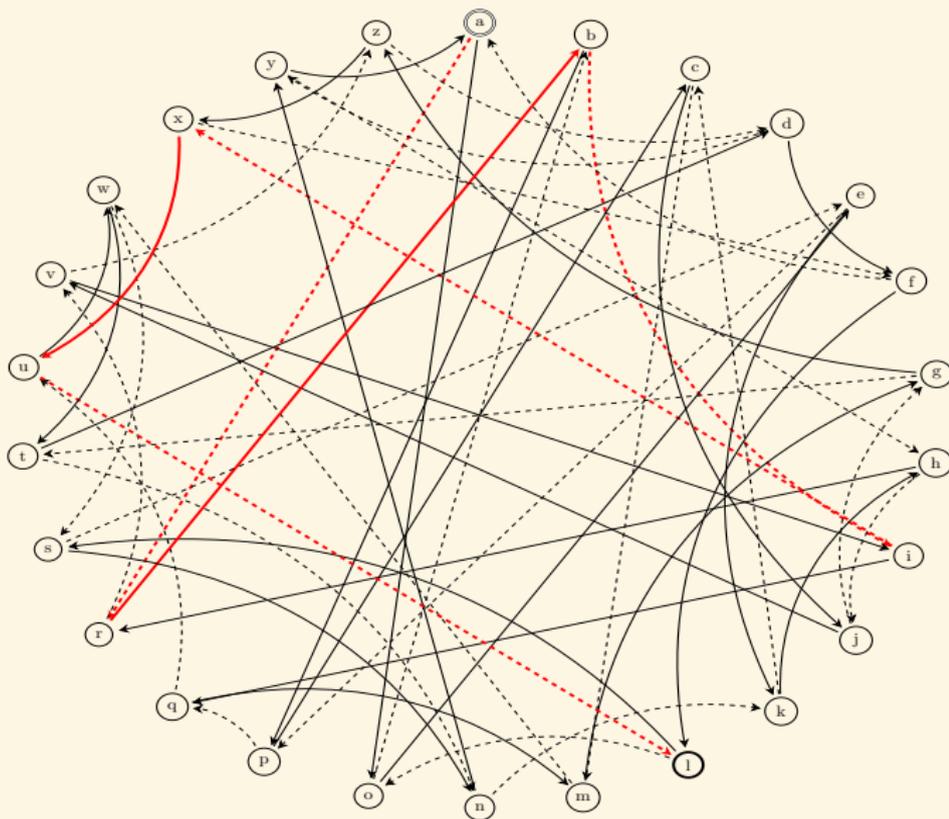
Key exchange on a graph

Alice starts from 'a', follow the path 001110, and get 'w'.



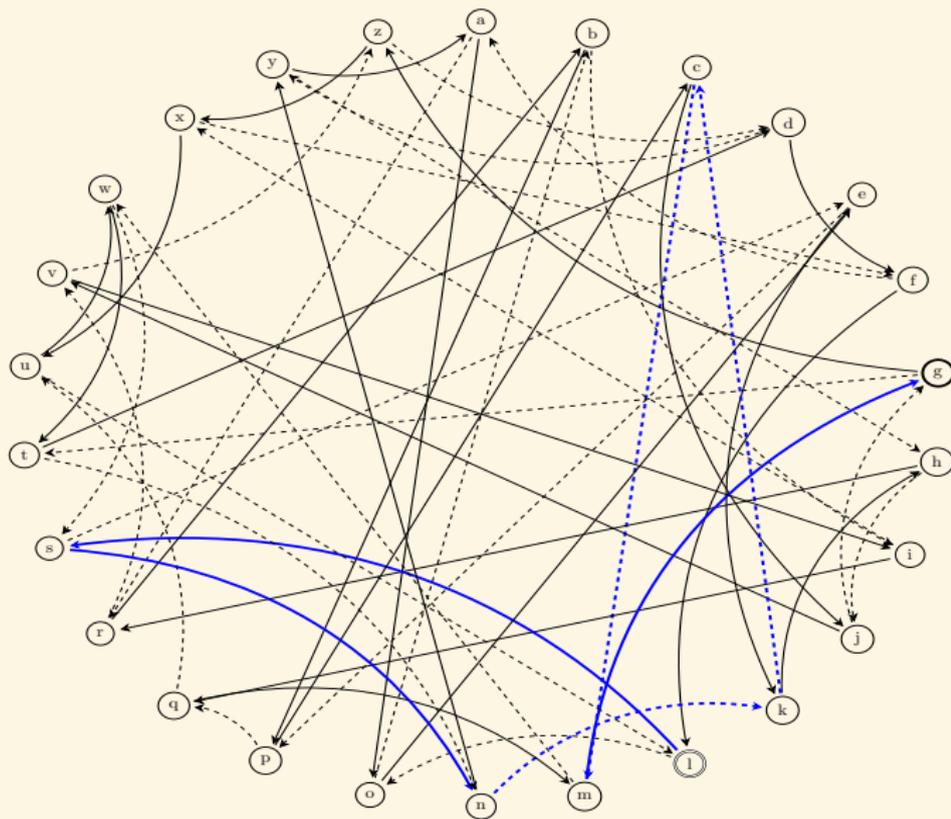
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Bob starts from 'a', follow the path 101101, and get 'l'.



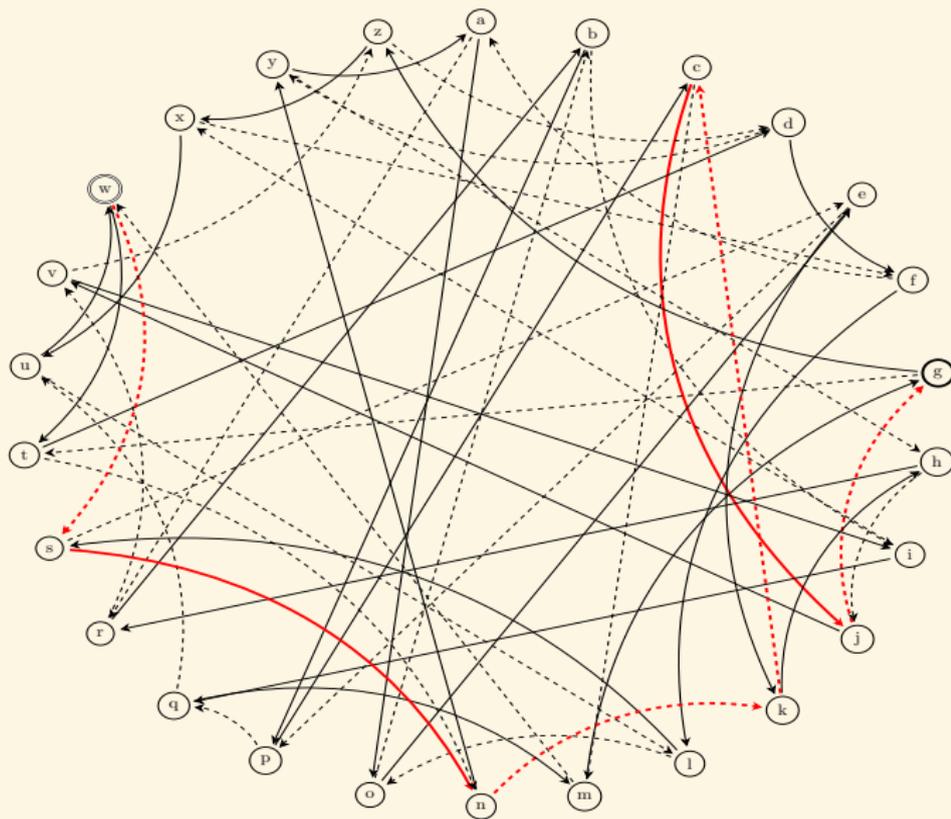
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Alice starts from 'l', follow the path 001110, and get 'g'.



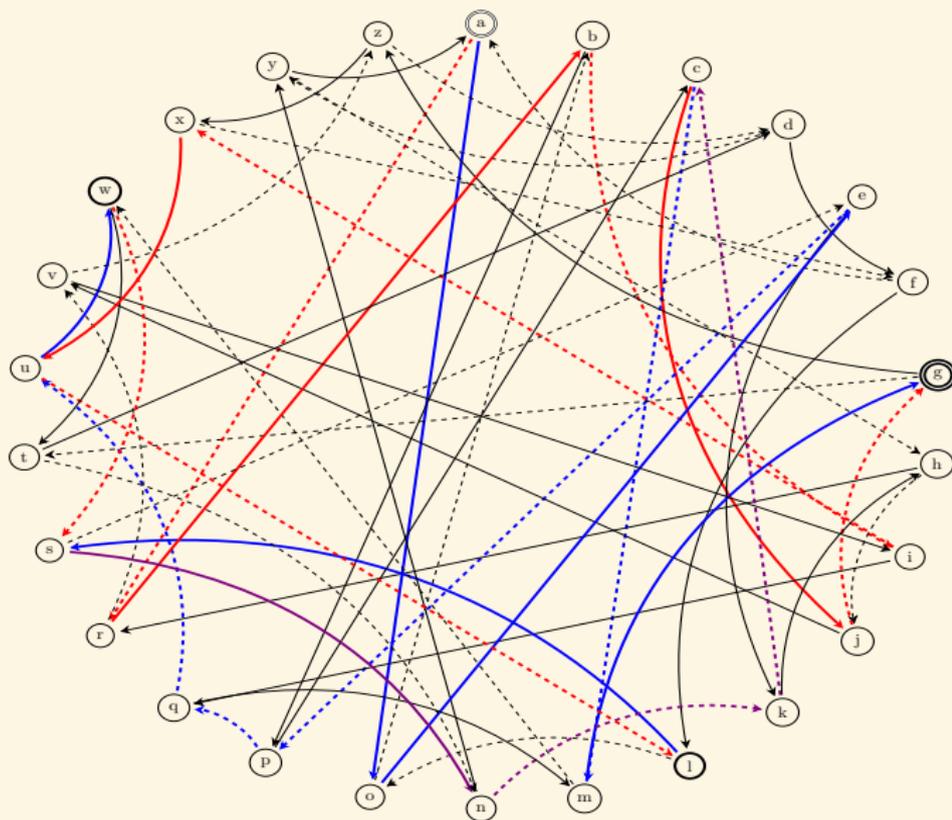
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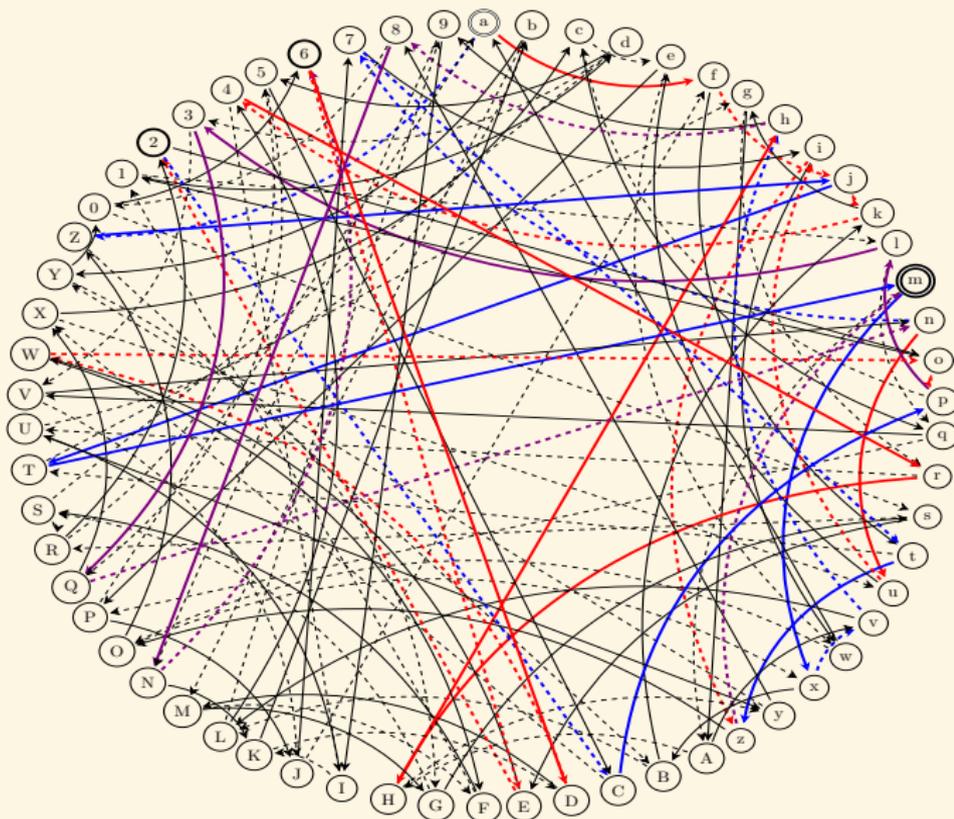
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The full exchange:



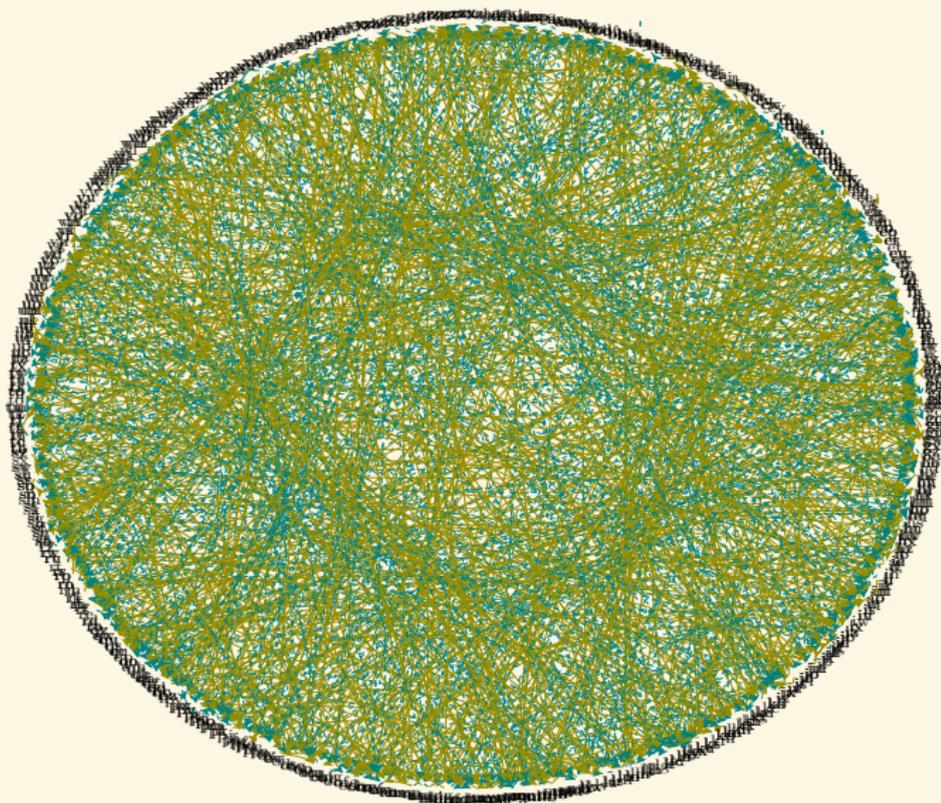
Key exchange on a graph

Bigger graph (62 nodes)



Key exchange on a graph

Even bigger graph (676 nodes)



Elliptic curves isogeny key exchange (Couveignes, Rostovtsev and Stolbunov)

- Use the horizontal isogeny graph of an ordinary elliptic curve E over \mathbb{F}_q .
- This is in fact the Cayley graph of the class group of the endomorphism ring of E , which is an imaginary quadratic order.
- For cryptography, choose a curve such that the graph has 2^{256} nodes.
- Unlike standard Diffie-Hellman, the cryptosystem is not restricted to one curve, it is now all the curves in the isogeny class! In other words the base point is not a rational point in an elliptic curve, but an elliptic curve seen as a point in its moduli space.

Quantum algorithms: Hidden shift problem

- G acts on X , f, g two functions $X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\exists s \in G \mid \forall x \in X, f(x) = g(s.x).$$

- Goal: recover s .
- Polynomial quantum algorithms if G is cyclic;
- Subexponential quantum algorithms if G is abelian;
- No subexponential quantum algorithm known if G is not abelian;

SIDH: supersingular elliptic curve Diffie-Hellmann (De Feo, Jao, Plût)

- Use the isogeny graph of a supersingular elliptic curve E over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} .
- There are $O(p)$ nodes and the graph is an expander graph.
- The endomorphism ring is a quaternion algebra (ramified at p and infinity), which is non commutative.
- The isogeny graph is a Cayley graph for the groupoid class group.
- The key exchange can be seen as a pushforward:

$$E/K_A \otimes_E E/K_B = E/(K_A + K_B)$$

- **Problem:** to compute this pushforward, Alice and Bob need to send more informations (the image of some points by the isogeny). Can this extra information be used by an attacker?
- Best currently known attack: find a path to a supersingular elliptic curve defined over \mathbb{F}_p (where the rational endomorphism ring is commutative). There are $O(\sqrt{p})$ such curves, so Grover's algorithm find such a path in time $O(p^{1/4})$.

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Using SIDH

- Key exchange: starting with E , Alice sends E/K_A (+ extra informations), Bob sends E/K_B , the common secret key is $E/(K_A + K_B)$.
- The curves E , E/K_A , E/K_B are public, the secrets are the kernel K_A and K_B (alternatively the secrets are the paths in the isogeny graph).
- If $\alpha : E \rightarrow E/K_A$ and $\beta : E/K_B$ are the isogenies (which are secrets), the extra informations allow Alice to compute $\beta(K_A)$ and the common key $E/(K_A + K_B) = (E/K_B)/\beta(K_A)$;
- Likewise Bob computes the common key $E/(K_A + K_B) = (E/K_A)/\alpha(K_B)$.

- Zero knowledge authentication: Alice has a secret K_A . She wants to prove she knows K_A without revealing it.
- She publish $(E, E/K_A)$. Bob does several challenges:
- Alice take a random K_B and publish $(E/K_B, E/(K_A + K_B))$.
- Bob either asks for K_B and checks that E/K_B is correct;
- Or Bob asks for $\beta(K_A) \subset E/K_B$ and checks that $E/(K_A + K_B) = (E/K_B)/\beta(K_A)$.

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