SIKE (in Round 2)

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Research







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SIKE Round 2 updates

• Smaller parameters: attacks are worse in practice

• Compression: even smaller public keys / ciphertexts

• New starting curve: a bit better



Alice 2^e -isogenies, Bob 3^f -isogenies



Diffie-Hellman instantiations

	DH	ECDH	SIDH/SIKE
Elements	integers <i>g</i> modulo prime	points <i>P</i> in curve group	curves <i>E</i> in isogeny class
Secrets	exponents x	scalars <i>k</i>	isogenies ϕ
computations	$g, x \mapsto g^x$	$k, P \mapsto [k]P$	$\phi, E \mapsto \phi(E)$
hard problem	given <i>g,g^x</i> find <i>x</i>	given P, [k]P find k	given $E, \phi(E)$ find ϕ

SIDH/SIKE setup $p = 2^i \cdot 3^j - 1$

- Elements are supersingular elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} (up to \cong)
- Roughly p/12 of them
- For any ℓ (not a multiple of p), set forms a $(\ell + 1)$ -regular graph that is Ramanujan: edges are isogenies, $\ell \in \{2,3\}$ means they're \mathbb{F}_{p^2} -rational
- Easiest with an example...

Supersingular isogeny graph for $\ell = 2$: $X(S_{241^2}, 2)$



Supersingular isogeny graph for $\ell = 3$: $X(S_{241^2}, 3)$



Cyclic subgroup isogenies

- Maps $\phi: E \to E'$ that are (algebraic/geometric) morphisms $(x, y) \mapsto (x', y')$
- Similar to (e.g.) multiplication-by-n, except we land on a different curve



$$E[n] \cong \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$$





E.g. Montgomery 2-isogeny

 $E: y^{2} = x^{3} + Ax^{2} + x \qquad E': y^{2} = x^{3} + A'x^{2} + x$ $E[2] = \{O_{E}, (0,0), (\alpha,0), (1/\alpha,0)\}$

$$[2]: E \to E, \qquad x \mapsto \frac{\left(x^2 - 1\right)^2}{4x(x^2 + Ax + x)} \qquad \ker([2]) = E[2]$$

$$\phi: E \to E', \qquad x \mapsto x \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha x - 1}{x - \alpha}\right) \qquad \ker(\phi) = \{O_E, (\alpha, 0)\}$$

In practice we work entirely in \mathbb{P}^1 , i.e., $(X:Z) \mapsto (X':Z')$, etc.

































Optimal strategies



Computing ℓ^e degree isogenies

$$\phi : E_0 \to E_6$$
$$\phi = \phi_5 \circ \phi_4 \circ \phi_3 \circ \phi_2 \circ \phi_1 \circ \phi_0$$



Rest of talk: given E, E', find path (of known length)...



Given E and $E' = \phi(E)$, with ϕ degree ℓ^e , find ϕ



Compute and store $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenies on one side

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... until you have all of them













This path describes secret isogeny $\phi: E \to E'$

Claw algorithm: classical analysis

• There are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E' (the blue nodes \bigcirc)

thus $O(\ell^{e/2}) = O(p^{1/4})$ classical memory

• There are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E' (the blue nodes \bigcirc), and there are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E (the purple nodes \bigcirc)

thus $O(\ell^{e/2}) = O(p^{1/4})$ classical time

- Best (known) attacks: classical $O(p^{1/4})$ and quantum $O(p^{1/6})$
- Confidence: both complexities are optimal for a black-box claw attack

The curves and their security estimates

$$p = 2^{e_A} 3^{e_B} - 1$$

Target Security Level	Name (SIKEp+ [log ₂ p])	(e_A, e_B)	k	2 ^{<i>k</i>-1}	$\min_{(\sqrt{2^{e_A}},\sqrt{3^{e_3}})}$	$\sqrt{2^k}$	min $(\sqrt[3]{2^{e_2}}, \sqrt[3]{3^{e_3}})$
NIST 1	SIKEp503	(250,159)	128	2 ¹²⁷	2 ¹²⁵	2 ⁶⁴	2 ⁸³
NIST 3	SIKEp761	(372,239)	192	2 ¹⁹¹	2 ¹⁸⁶	2 ⁹⁶	2 ¹²⁴
NIST 5	SIKEp964	(486,301)	256	2 ²⁵⁵	2 ²³⁸	2 ¹²⁸	2 ¹⁵⁹

classical quantum

Since submission...

cryptanalysis

- Adj, Cervantes-Vázquez, Chi-Domínguez, Menezes, Rodríguez-Henríquez: On the cost of computing isogenies between supersingular elliptic curves (ia.cr/2018/313)
- Jaques-Schanck: *Quantum cryptanalysis in the RAM model: claw-finding attacks on SIKE* (ia.cr/2019/103)
- C-Longa-Naehrig-Renes-Virdia: *Improved classical cryptanalysis of the computational supersingular isogeny problem* (ia.cr/2019/XXX)

compression

• Zanon, Simplicio Jr, Pereira, Doliskani, Barreto: *Faster key compression for isogeny-based cryptosystems* (ia.cr/2017/1143)

Jaques-Schanck (ia.cr/2019/103)

- Models allow direct classical-quantum comparison: best known quantum algorithms do not achieve significant advantage over classical
- (w.r.t. Tani and Grover) In certain attack scenarios classical security is the limiting factor for achieving a specified security level
- "Our conclusion is that an adversary with enough memory to run Tani's algorithm with the query-optimal parameters could break SIKE faster by using the classical control hardware to run vOW"

van Oorschot-Wiener

Do not have enough memory to MitM, so run a deterministic function that combines both sides into a set S



$$f_n$$
: a half-sized isogeny + ϵ







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 E_1























VOW

$f_n: S \to S$

- f_n is a deterministic *random* function, different for each IV = n
- For a fixed n, each processor does the following:
 - pick a random starting point x_0
 - produce trail $x_i = f_n(x_{i-1})$, for $i = 1, 2 \dots$
 - stop when x_d is "distinguished" $(1/\theta)$.

if $(x_d$ has not been seen yet) then store triple (x_0, x_d, d) and resample

else

if (collision not "golden") then overwrite previous triple (x_0, x_d, d) and resample

else


















Checking collisions x_d , x'_e



 $b x'_0$ *x*₀ *d* $f_n(x_0) = f_n(x'_0)$ $x_0 \neq x'_0$

DONE?



Checking collisions x_d , x'_e



 $b x'_0$ $x_0 d$ $f_n(x_0) = f_n(x_0')$

Nope! False alarm



Random collisions vs. the golden collision

- A random function $f_n: S \to S$ has many collisions, e.g., think of the random function as a hash function (it kinda is anyway)
- We will encounter many of these before we hit the one we want, i.e., the "golden collision"
- Much of the algorithm is spent walking, much is spent checking useless annoying collisions
- Ideally there'll be many paths that take us to the golden collision...

Random f_n : the good, the bad and the ugly...

• Even more annoying is that we have to restart the whole algorithm, time and time again...



vOW Complexity

- Analysis conducted by van Oorschot and Wiener
- Analysis confirmed (for CSSI) by Adj et al.
- Analysis re-confirmed (for CSSI) by Jaques-Schanck
- Analysis re-re-confirmed (for CSSI) by us

$$T \approx 2.5 \sqrt{N^3/w} \cdot t$$

- T = time taken to find golden collision
- N = |S| , the number of x_i , approx. $p^{1/4}$
- w = the maximum number of x_i that can be stored.
- $t = \text{the time taken to compute } f_n : x_i \mapsto x_{i+1}$ (i.e., half-sized isogeny+ ϵ)

vOW security ($w = 2^{80}$)

		2-torsion			3-torsion		
NIST level	Name	(e_A, e_B)	$\log_2(N)$	$log_2(vOW)$	$\log_2(N)$	log ₂ (vOW)	
1	SIKEp434	(216,137)	107	143	107	144	
3	SIKEp610	(305,192)	151	210	150	210	
5	SIKEp751	(372,239)	185	262	188	268	

log₂(**vOW**): count of number of x64 instructions required to mount vOW. Intended as conservative lower-bound on the classical gate count.

Uncompressed SIKE

		Rour	nd 1	Round 2		
NIST level	prime (bits)	PK size (bytes)	cycles (m) (enc+dec)	prime (bits)	PK size (bytes)	Cycles (m) (enc+dec)
1	503	378	30.7	434	326	21.9
3	751	564	88.5	610	458	52.8
5	964	723	_	751	564	88.5

Uncompressed vs. compressed SIKE

	SIKE	uncompressed			compressed		
Sec. (NIST)	prime (bits)	PK size (bytes)	Cycles (m) (enc+dec)		PK size (bytes)	Cycles (m) (enc+dec)	
1	434	326	21.9		191	tbd.	
3	610	458	52.8		268	tbd.	
5	751	564	88.5		330	tbd.	



