

# The legacy of export-grade cryptography in the 21st century

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# International Traffic in Arms Regulations

April 1, 1992 version

Category XIII--Auxiliary Military Equipment ...

(b) Information Security Systems and equipment, cryptographic devices, software, and components specifically designed or modified therefore, including:

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## Timeline of US cryptography export control

- ▶ Pre-1994: Encryption software requires individual export license as a munition.
- ▶ 1994: US State Department amends ITAR regulations to allow export of approved software to approved countries without individual licenses. 40-bit symmetric cryptography was understood to be approved under this scheme.
- ▶ 1995: Netscape develops initial SSL protocol.
- ▶ 1996: Bernstein v. United States; California judge rules ITAR regulations are unconstitutional because “code is speech”
- ▶ 1996: Cryptography regulation moved to Department of Commerce.
- ▶ 1999: TLS 1.0 standardized.
- ▶ 2000: Department of Commerce loosens regulations on mass-market and open source software.

# Commerce Control List: Category 5 - Info. Security

(May 21, 2015 version)

a.1.a. A symmetric algorithm employing a key length in excess of 56-bits; or

a.1.b. An asymmetric algorithm where the security of the algorithm is based on any of the following:

a.1.b.1. Factorization of integers in excess of 512 bits (e.g., RSA);

a.1.b.2. Computation of discrete logarithms in a multiplicative group of a finite field of size greater than 512 bits (e.g., Diffie-Hellman over  $Z/pZ$ ); or

a.1.b.3. Discrete logarithms in a group other than mentioned in 5A002.a.1.b.2 in excess of 112 bits (e.g., Diffie-Hellman over an elliptic curve);

a.2. Designed or modified to perform cryptanalytic functions;

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*“Because, if, in fact, you can’t crack that [encryption] at all, government can’t get in, then everybody is walking around with a Swiss bank account in their pocket – right? So there has to be some concession to the need to be able to get into that information somehow.”* — President Obama, March 2016

Historical experiment: How did this “compromise” work out for us?

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- ▶ May 2015: **Logjam** attack; 8% of popular sites vulnerable.
- ▶ March 2016: **DROWN** attack; 25% of popular sites vulnerable.

# The FREAK attack

*A Messy State of the Union: Taming the Composite State  
Machines of TLS* Benjamin Beurdouche, Karthikeyan  
Bhargavan, Antoine Delignat-Lavaud, Cédric Fournet, Markulf  
Kohlweiss, Alfredo Pironti, Pierre-Yves Strub, Jean Karim  
Zinzindohoue *Oakland 2015*

# Textbook RSA Encryption

[Rivest Shamir Adleman 1977]

## Public Key

$N = pq$  modulus

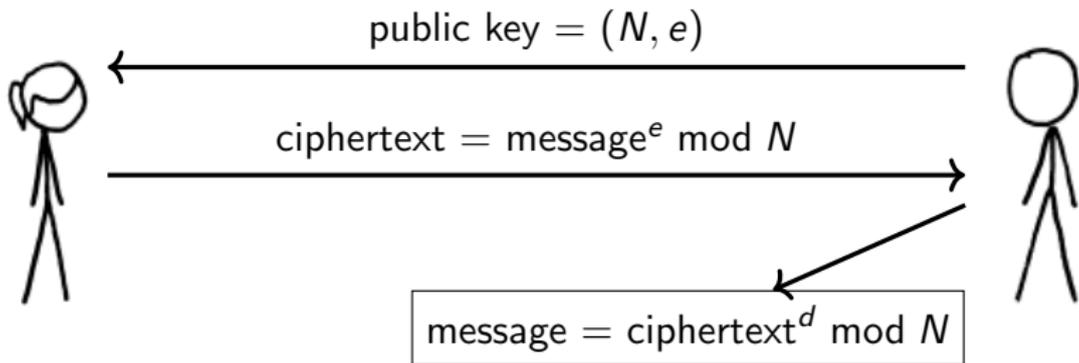
$e$  encryption exponent

## Private Key

$p, q$  primes

$d$  decryption exponent

$$(d = e^{-1} \bmod (p-1)(q-1))$$



# RSA cryptanalysis: computational problems

## Factoring

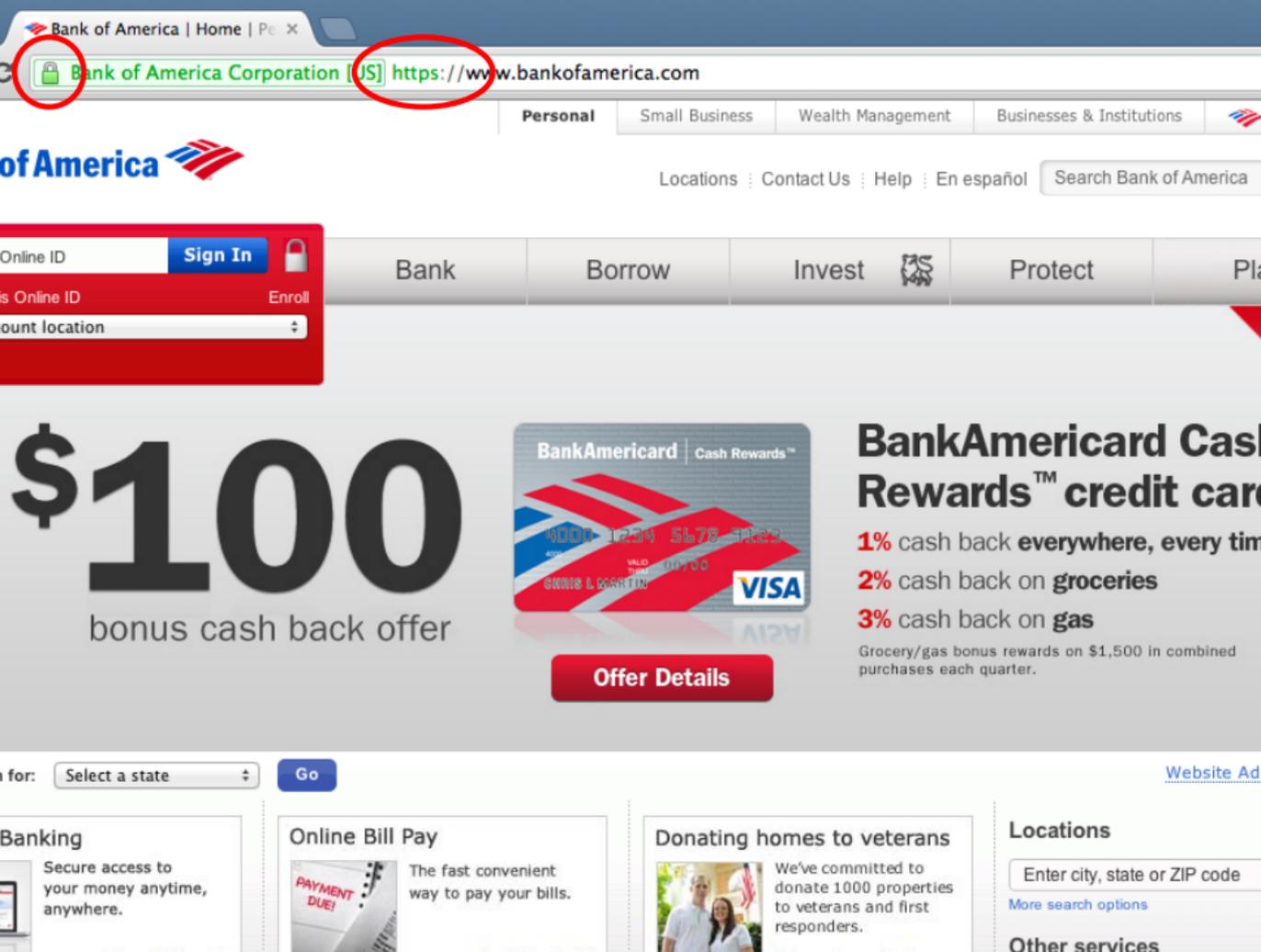
**Problem:** Given  $N$ , compute its prime factors.

- ▶ Computationally equivalent to computing private key  $d$ .
- ▶ Factoring is in NP and coNP  $\rightarrow$  not NP-complete (unless  $P=NP$  or similar).

## $e$ th roots mod $N$

**Problem:** Given  $N$ ,  $e$ , and  $c$ , compute  $x$  such that  $x^e \equiv c \pmod{N}$ .

- ▶ Equivalent to decrypting an RSA-encrypted ciphertext.
- ▶ Not known whether it is equivalent to factoring.



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Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive
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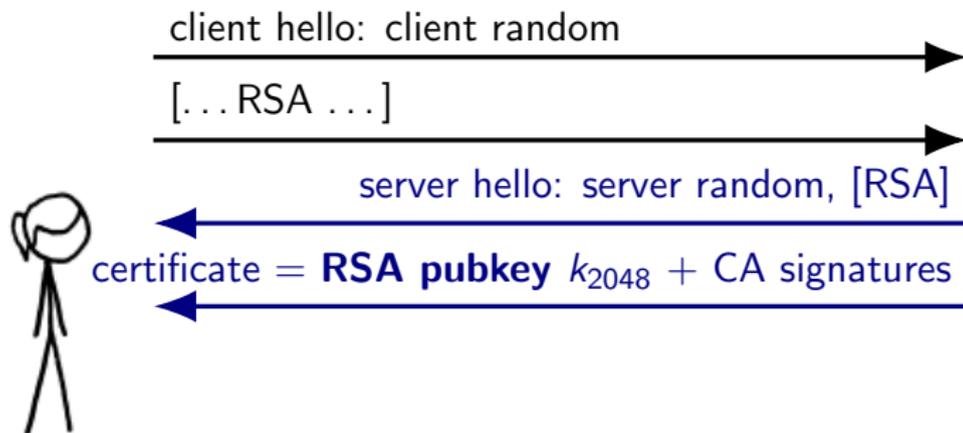
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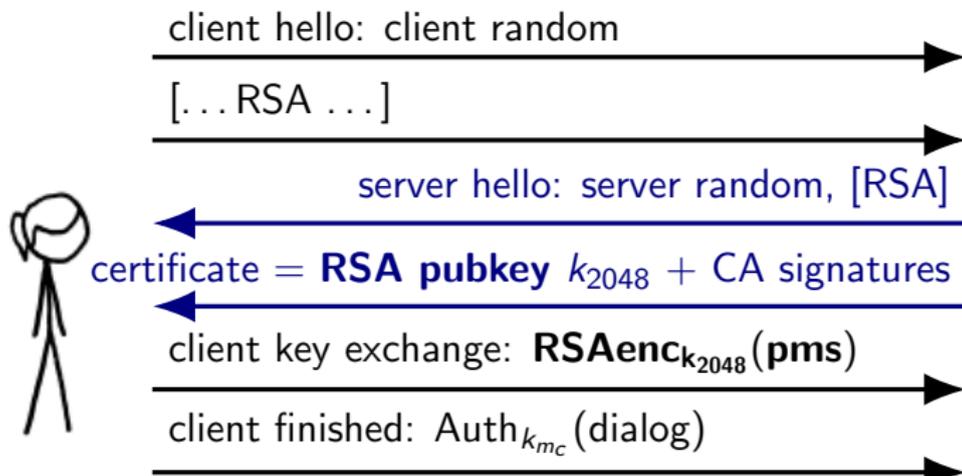
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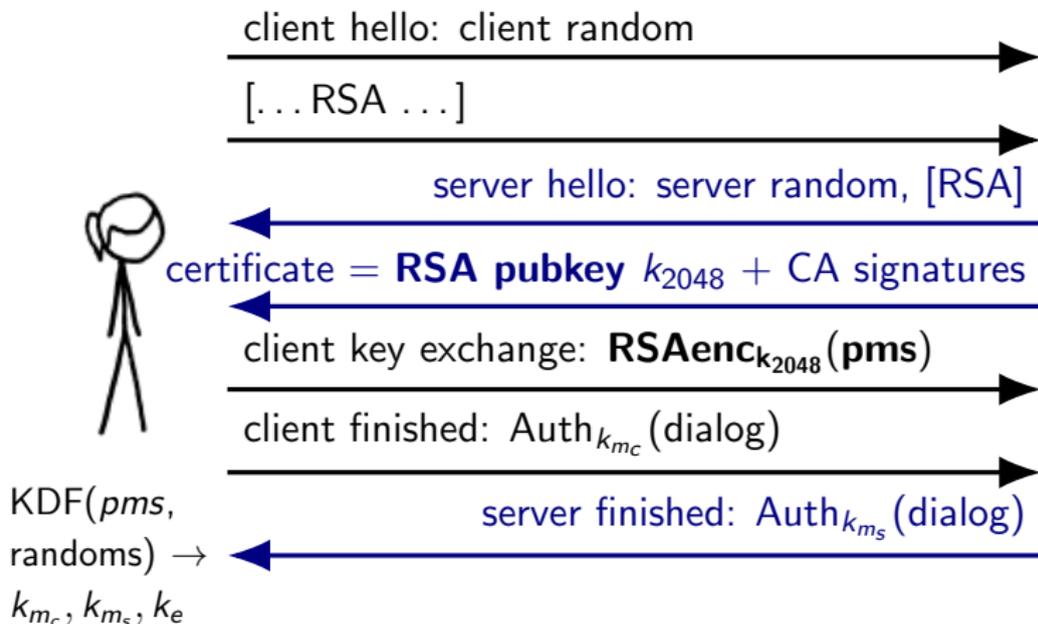


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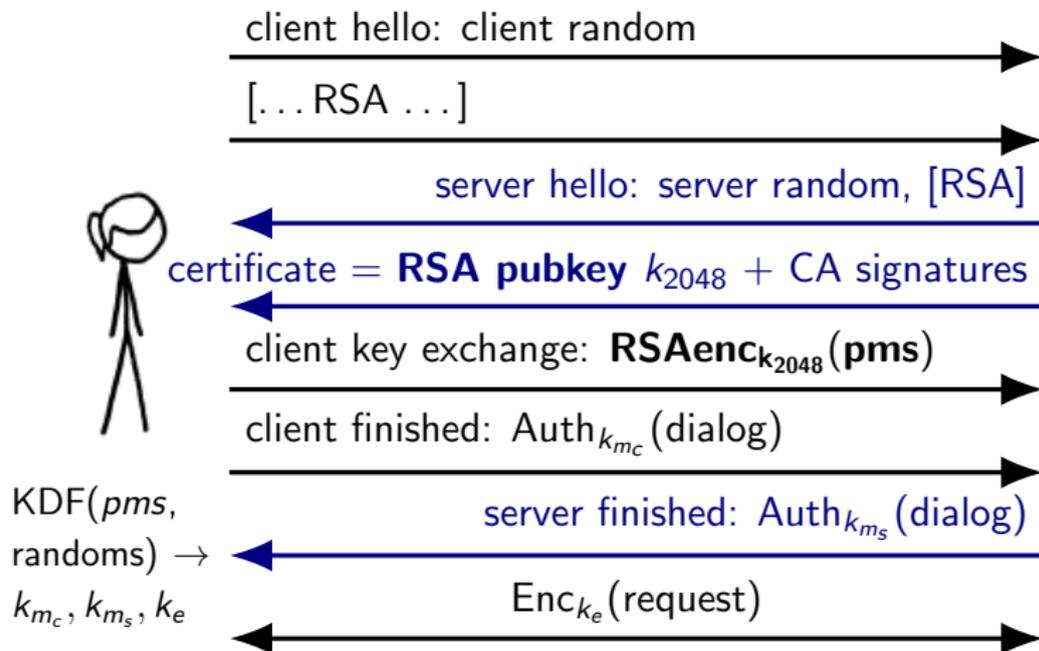
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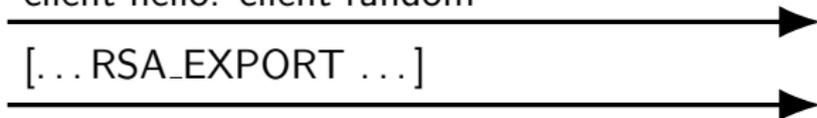
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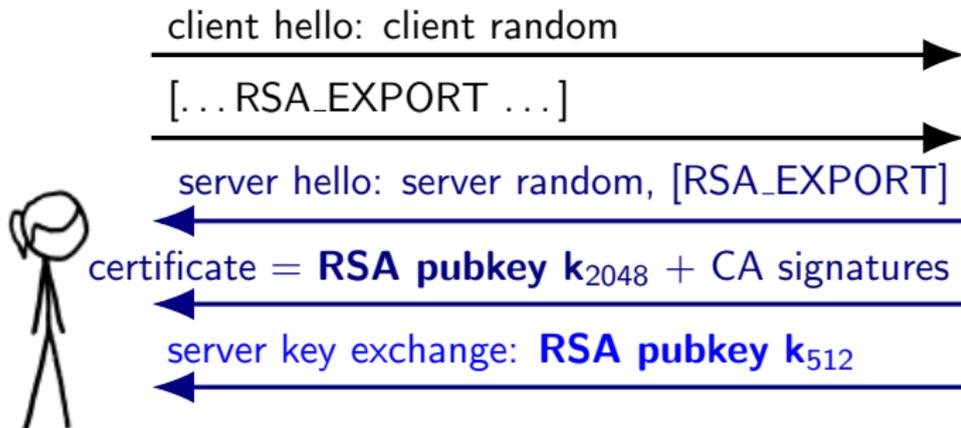
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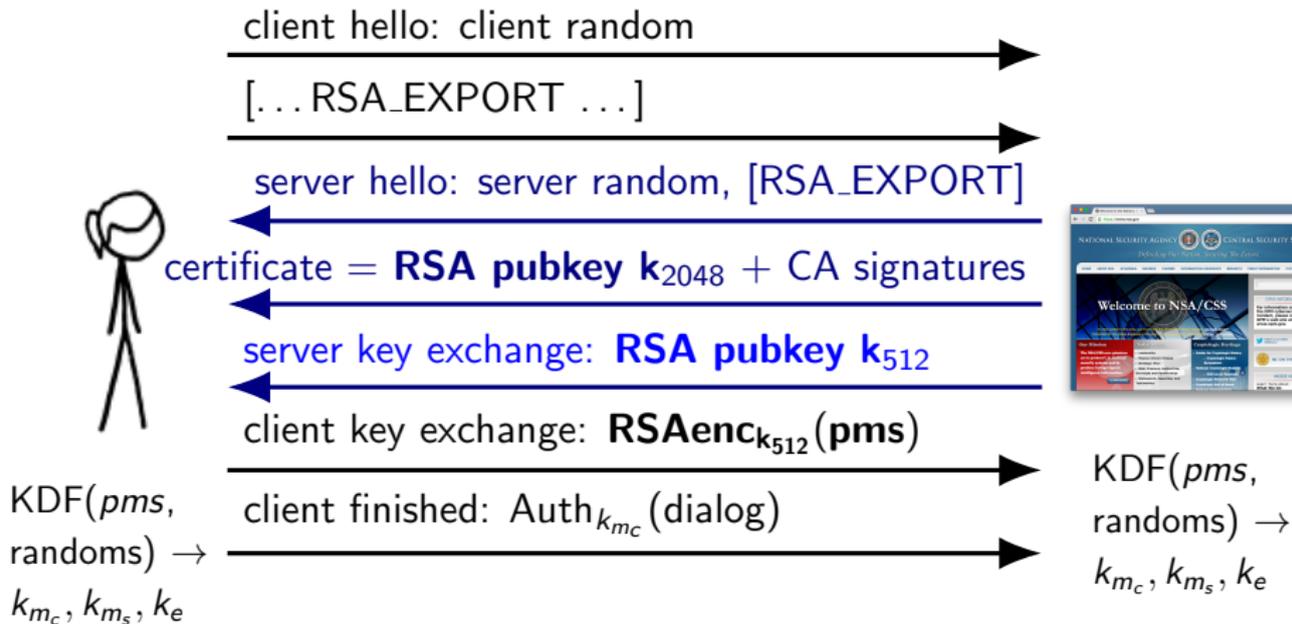
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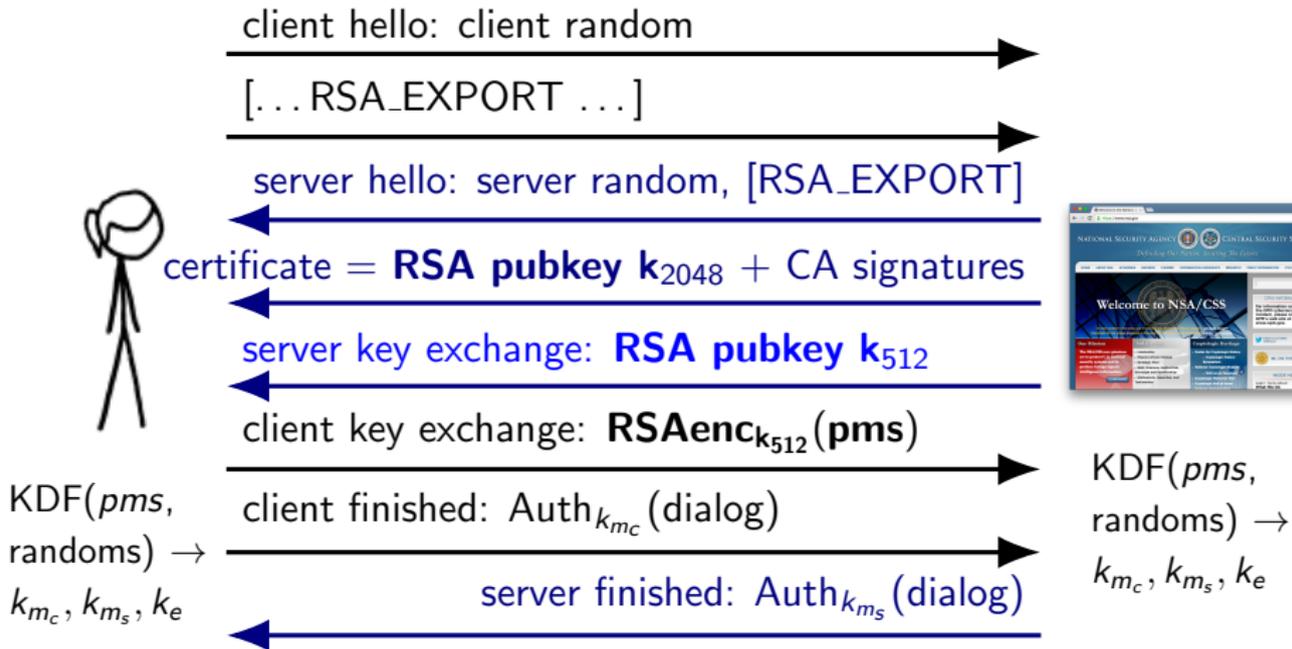
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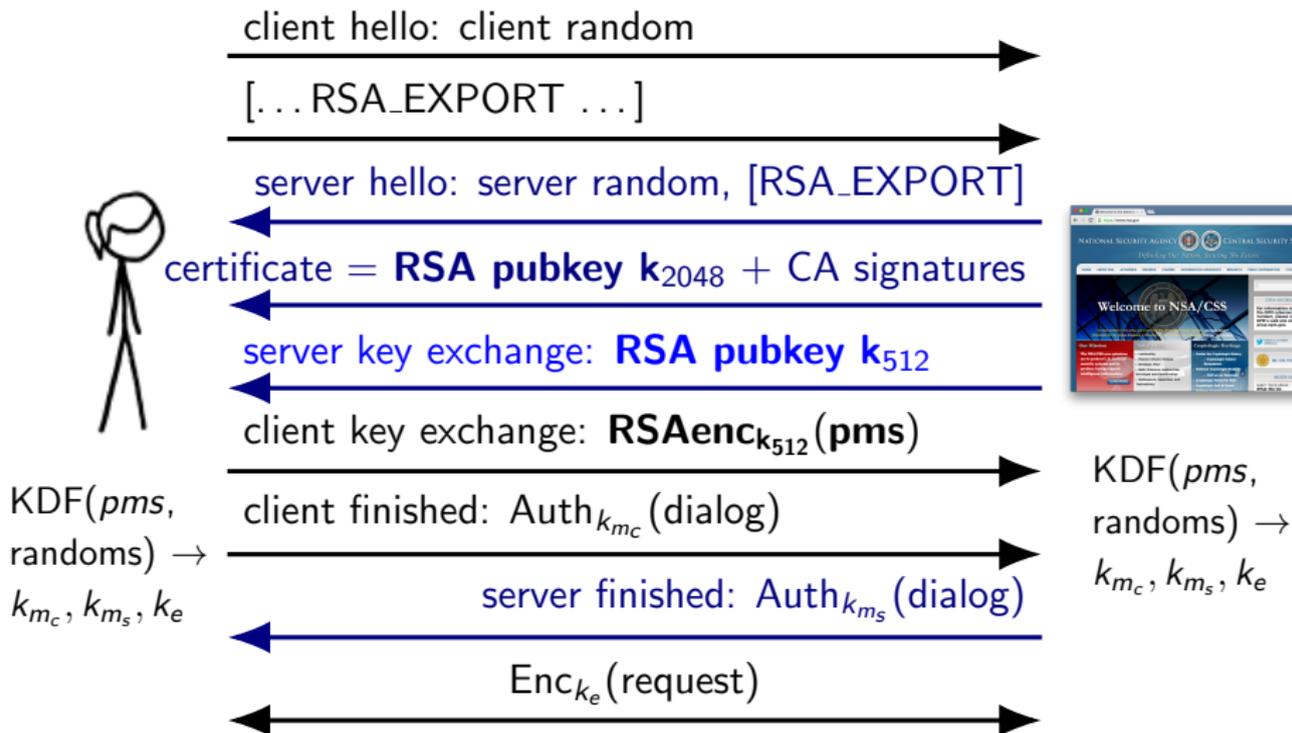
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## RSA export cipher suites in TLS

In March 2015, export cipher suites supported by 36.7% of the 14 million sites serving browser-trusted certificates!

TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC4\_40\_MD5

TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC2\_CBC\_40\_MD5

TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA

Totally insecure, but no modern client would negotiate export ciphers. ... right?

*Tracking the Freak Attack* Zakir Durumeric, David Adrian, Ariana Mirian, Michael Bailey, and J. Alex Halderman [freakattack.com](http://freakattack.com)

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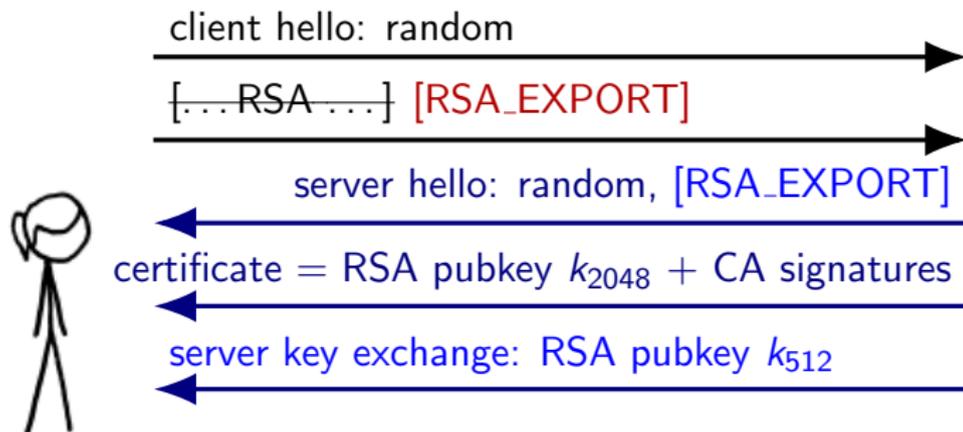
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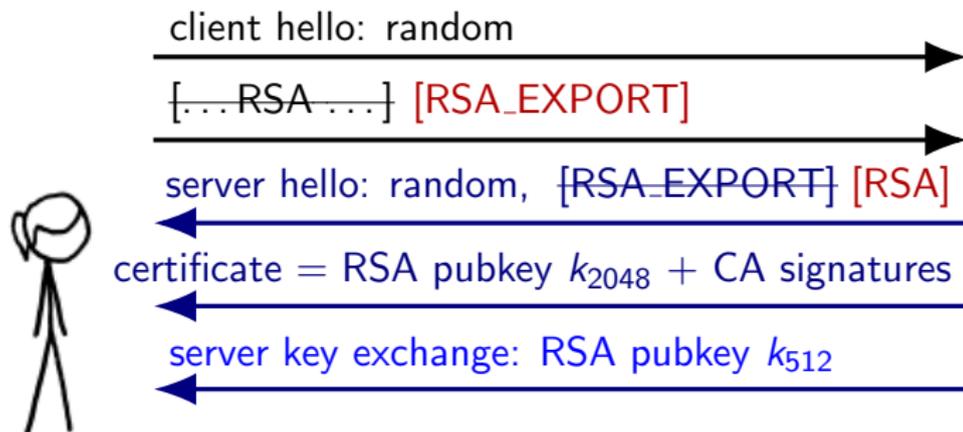
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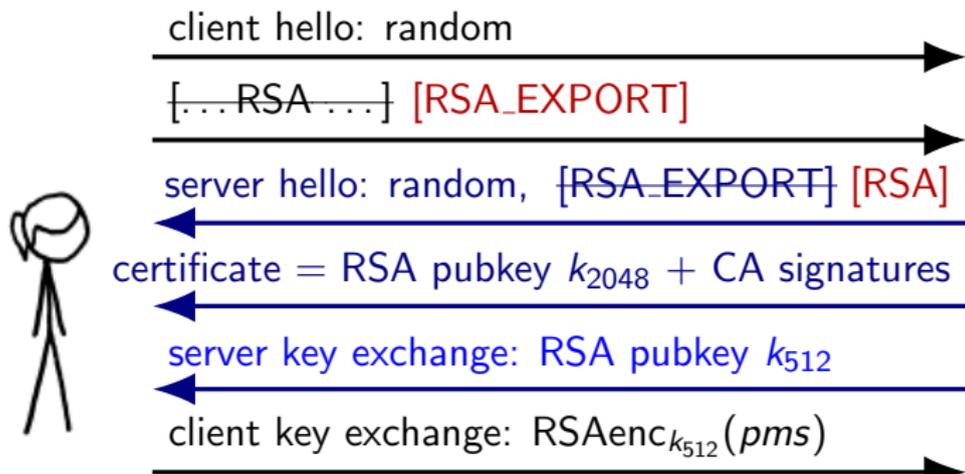
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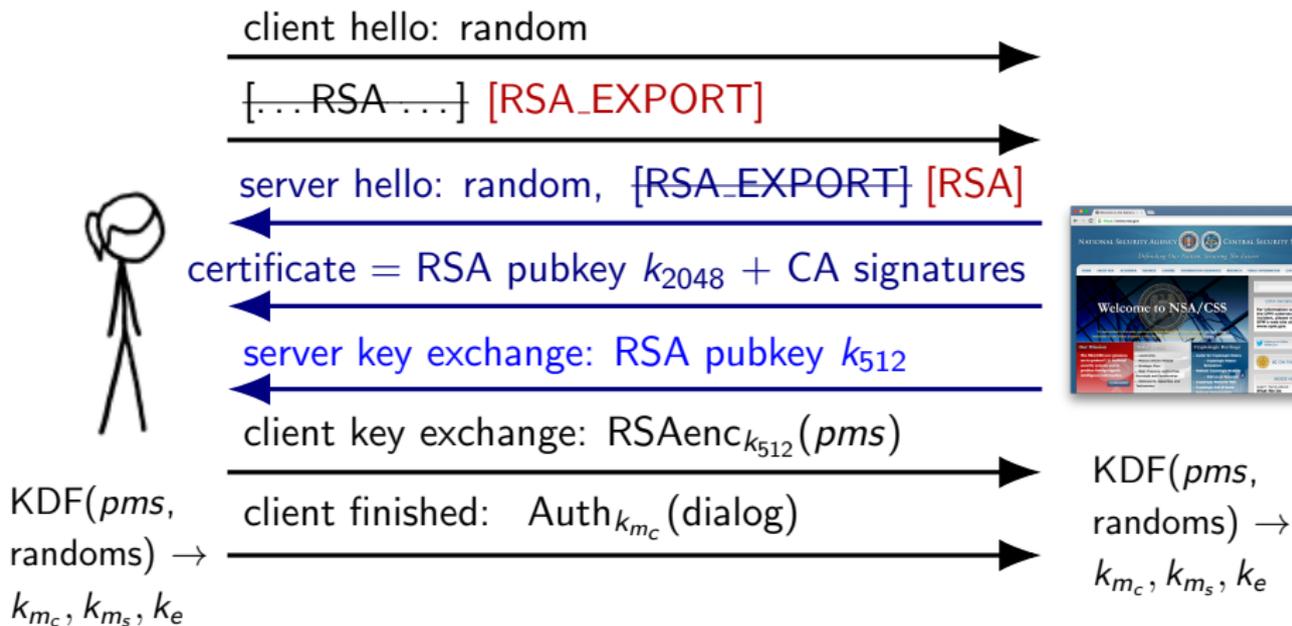
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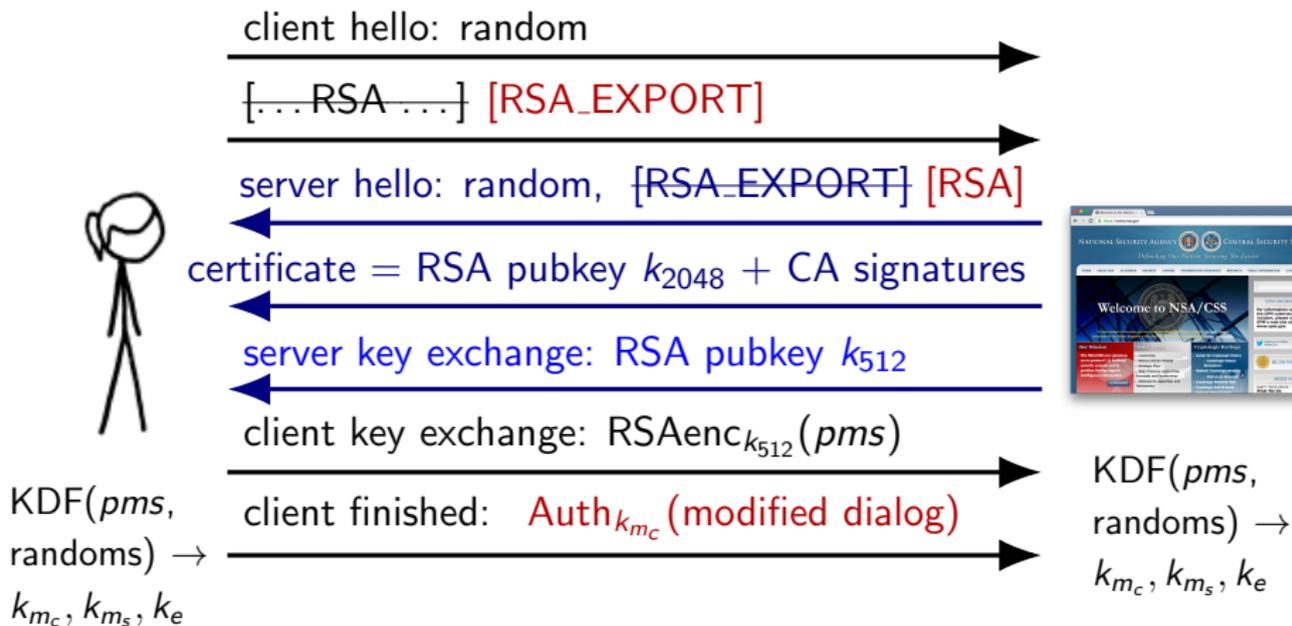
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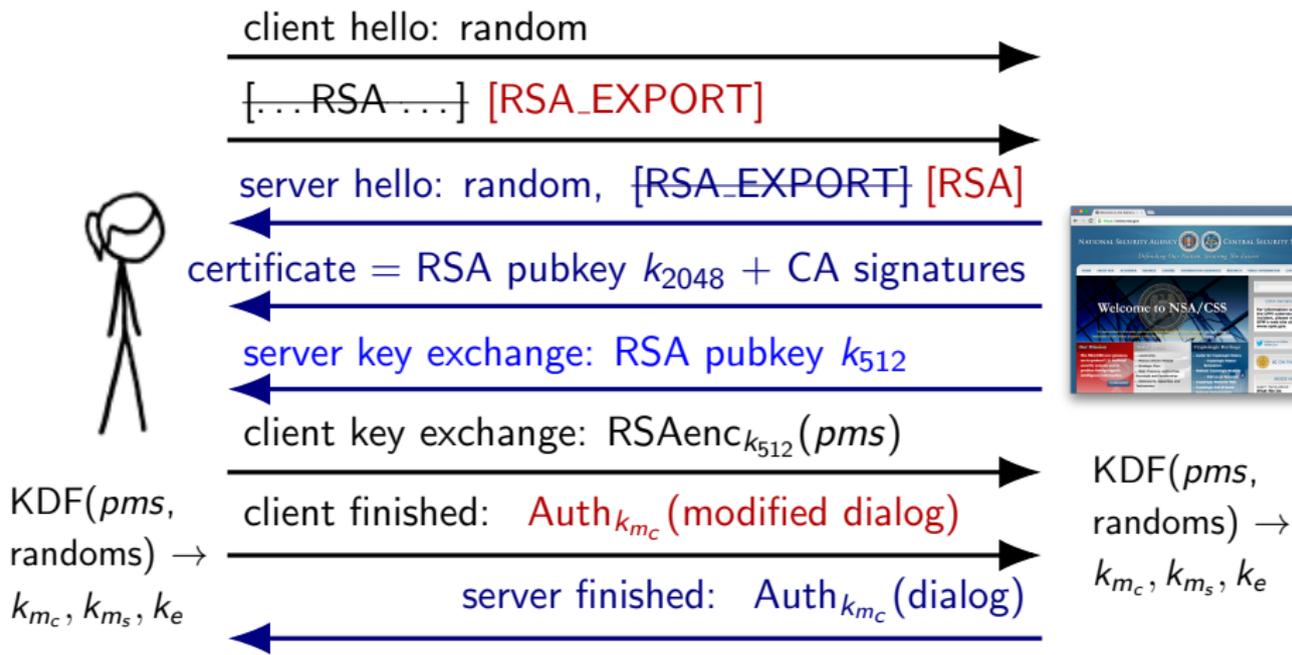
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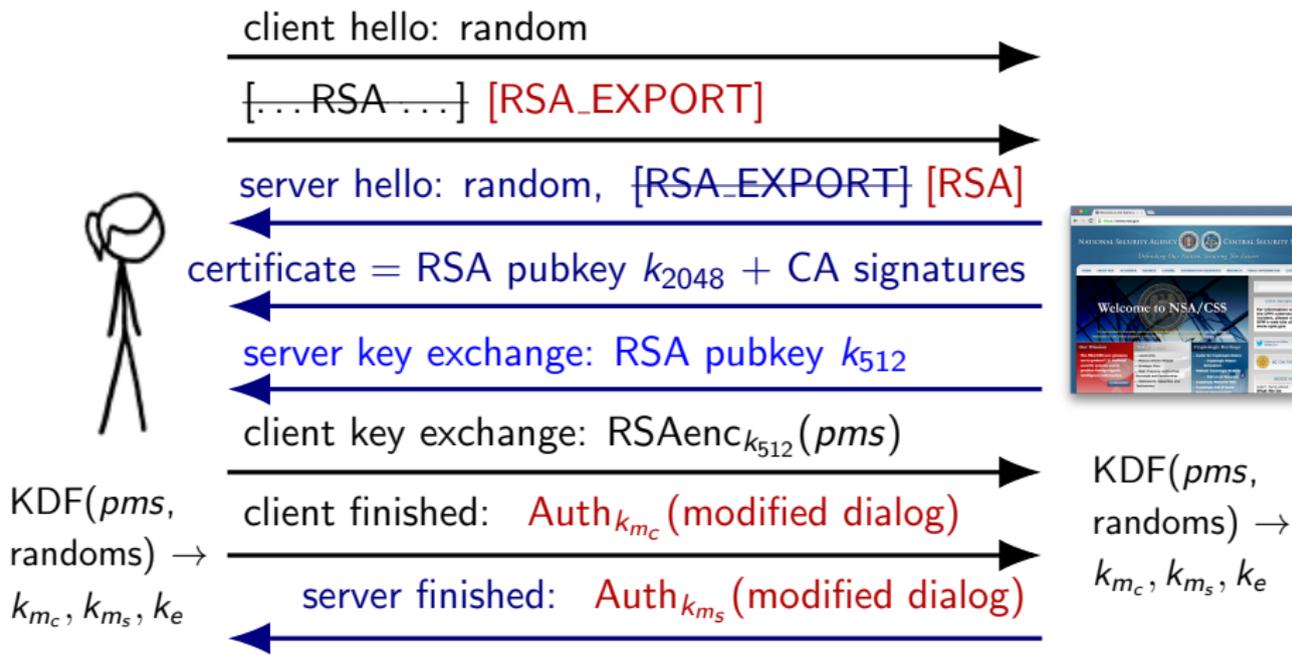
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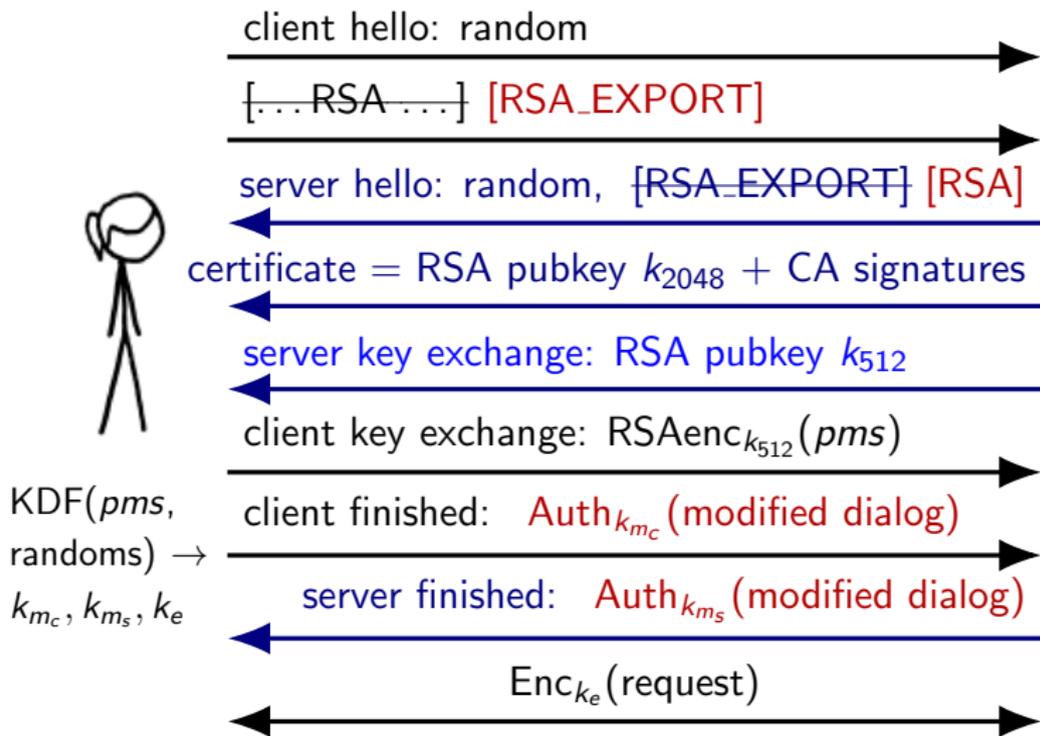
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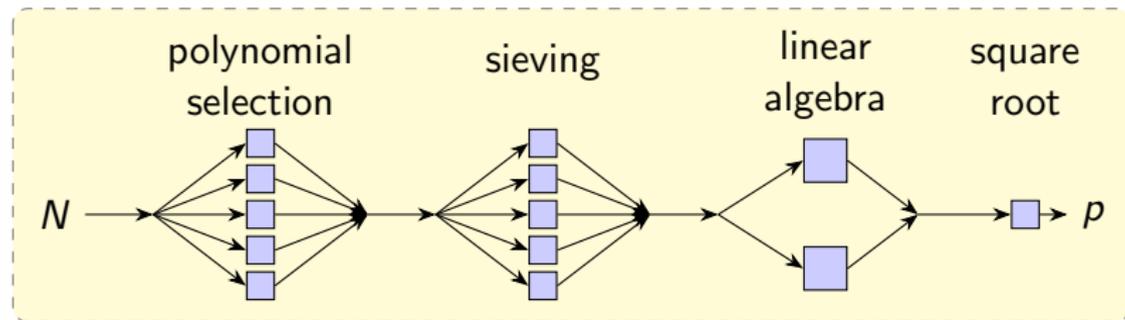
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- ▶ Attacker challenge: Need to know 512-bit private key before connection times out
- ▶ Implementation shortcut: "Ephemeral" 512-bit RSA server keys generated only on application start; last for hours, days, weeks, months.

# Factoring with the number field sieve

[Pollard], [Pomerance], [Lenstra,Lenstra]

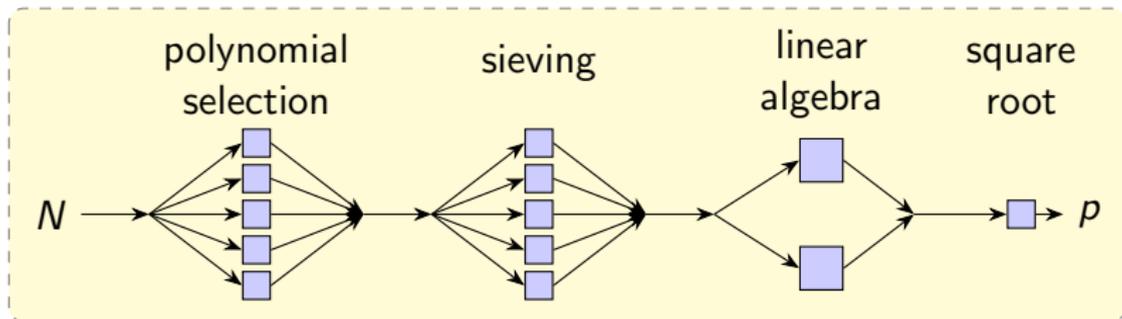


## Algorithm

Motivation: Find  $a, b$  with  $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{N}$  and  $\gcd(a + b, N)$  or  $\gcd(a - b, N)$  nontrivial.

1. **Polynomial selection** Find a good choice of number field  $K$ .
2. **Relation finding** Factor elements over  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
3. **Linear algebra** Find a square in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and a square in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
4. **Square roots** Take square roots, map into  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and hope we find a factor.

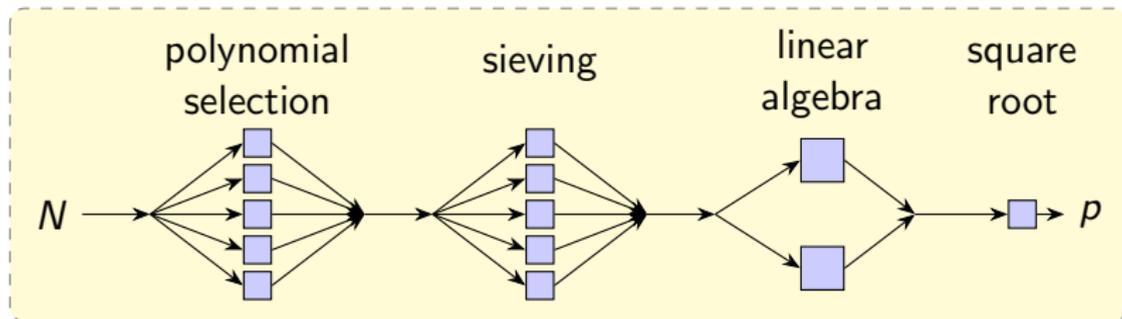
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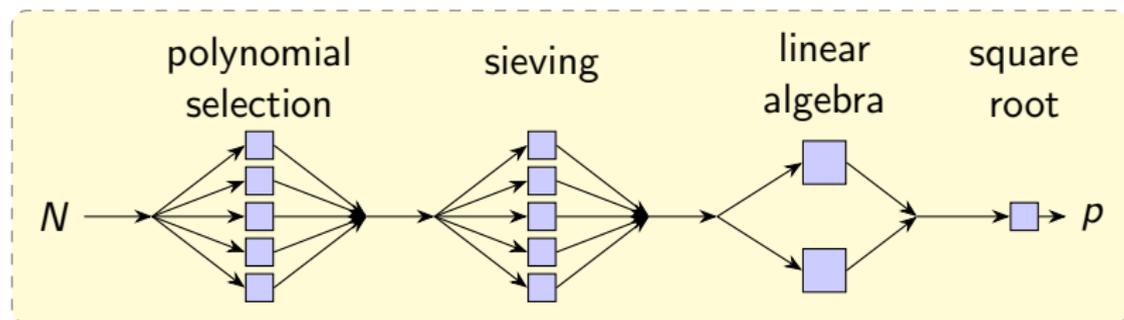
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**Answer 2:**

- ▶ In 1999, 512-bit RSA in 7 months and hundreds of computers. [Cavallar et al.]
- ▶ In 2009, 768-bit RSA in 2.5 calendar years. [Kleinjung et al.]

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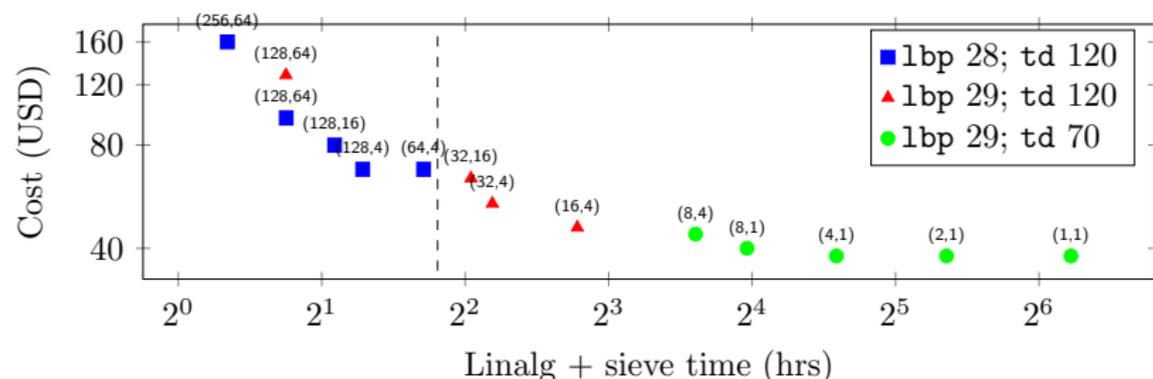


**Answer 3:**

	polysel	sieving	linalg	sqrt
	2400 cores		36 cores	36 cores
RSA-512	10 mins	2.3 hours	3 hours	10 mins

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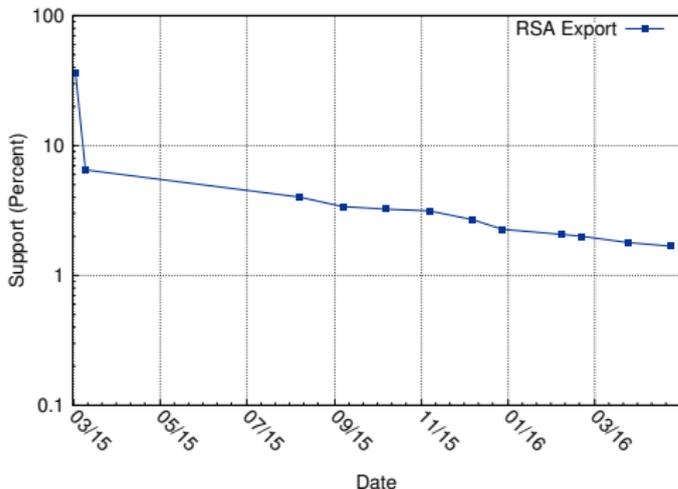
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*Factoring as a Service* Luke Valenta, Shaanan Cohney, Alex Liao, Joshua Fried, Satya Bodduluri, and Nadia Heninger.  
FC 2016. [seclab.upenn.edu/projects/faas/](http://seclab.upenn.edu/projects/faas/)

# FREAK mitigation

- ▶ All major browsers pushed bug fixes.
- ▶ Server operators encouraged to disable export cipher suites.



But still enabled for about 2% of trusted sites today.

# The Logjam attack

*Imperfect Forward Secrecy: How Diffie-Hellman Fails in Practice*

David Adrian, Karthikeyan Bhargavan, Zakir Durumeric, Pierrick Gaudry, Matthew Green, J. Alex Halderman, Nadia Heninger, Drew Springall, Emmanuel Thomé, Luke Valenta, Benjamin VanderSloot, Eric Wustrow, Santiago Zanella-Béguelin, Paul Zimmermann *CCS 2015* [weakdh.org](http://weakdh.org)

# Textbook (Finite-Field) Diffie-Hellman

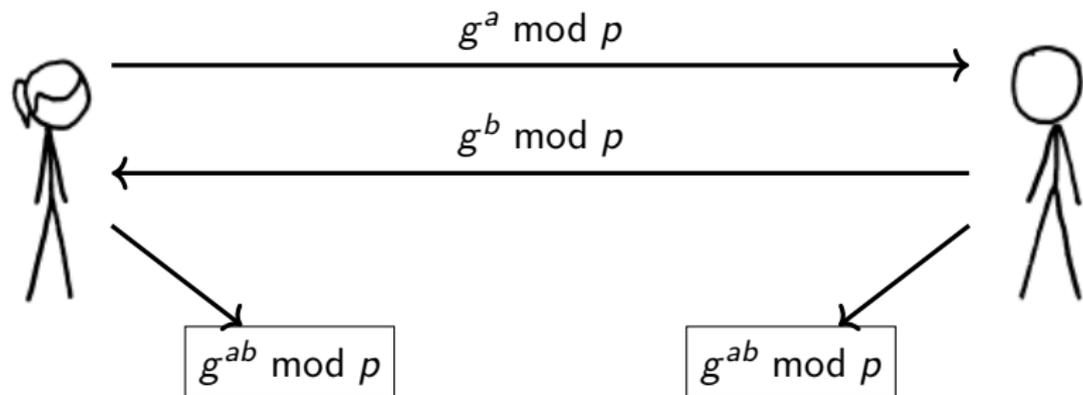
[Diffie Hellman 1976]

## Public Parameters

$p$  a prime (so  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$  is a cyclic group)

$g < p$  group generator (often 2 or 5)

## Key Exchange



# Diffie-Hellman cryptanalysis and computational problems

## Discrete Log

**Problem:** Given  $g^a$ , compute  $a$ .

- ▶ Solving this problem permits attacker to compute shared key by computing  $a$  and raising  $(g^b)^a$ .
- ▶ Discrete log is in NP and coNP  $\rightarrow$  not NP-complete (unless  $P=NP$  or similar).

## Diffie-Hellman problem

**Problem:** Given  $g^a$ ,  $g^b$ , compute  $g^{ab}$ .

- ▶ Exactly problem of computing shared key from public information.
- ▶ Reduces to discrete log in some cases:
- ▶ (Computational) Diffie-Hellman assumption: This problem is hard in general.

## “Perfect Forward Secrecy”

“Sites that use perfect forward secrecy can provide better security to users in cases where the encrypted data is being monitored and recorded by a third party.”

“With Perfect Forward Secrecy, anyone possessing the private key and a wiretap of Internet activity can decrypt nothing.”

“Ideally the DH group would match or exceed the RSA key size but 1024-bit DHE is arguably better than straight 2048-bit RSA so you can get away with that if you want to.”

“But in practical terms the risk of private key theft, for a non-ephemeral key, dwarfs out any cryptanalytic risk for any RSA or DH of 1024 bits or more; in that sense, PFS is a must-have and DHE with a 1024-bit DH key is much safer than RSA-based cipher suites, regardless of the RSA key size.”

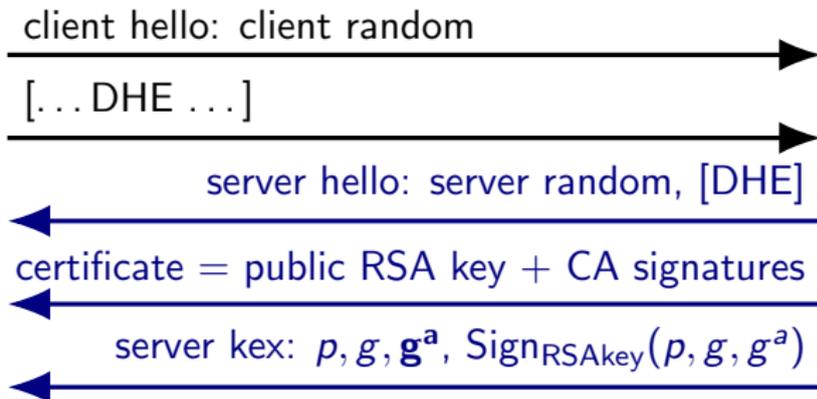
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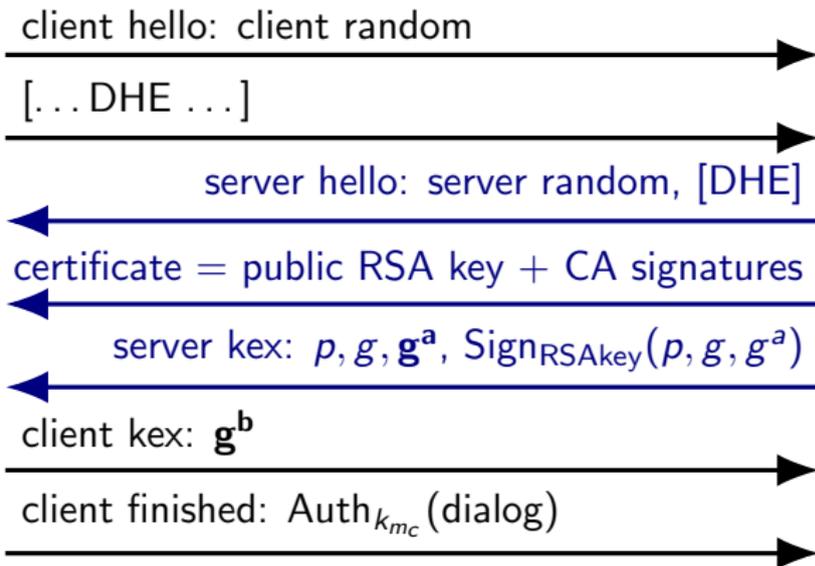
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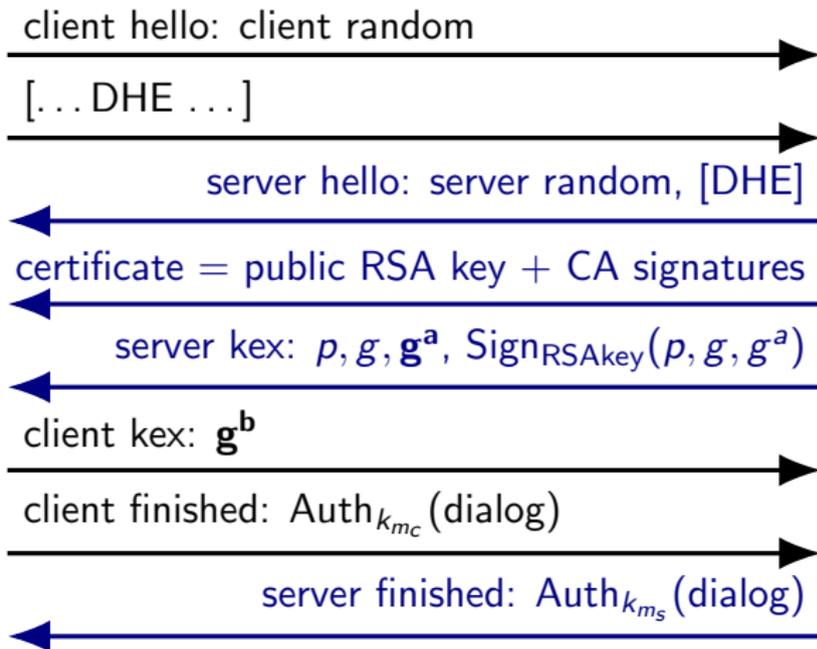


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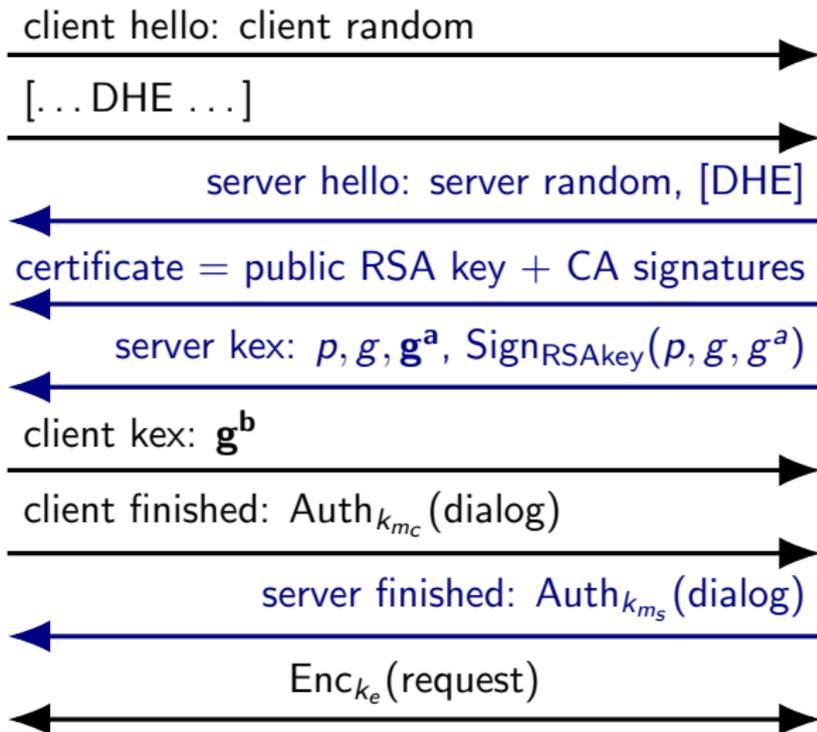


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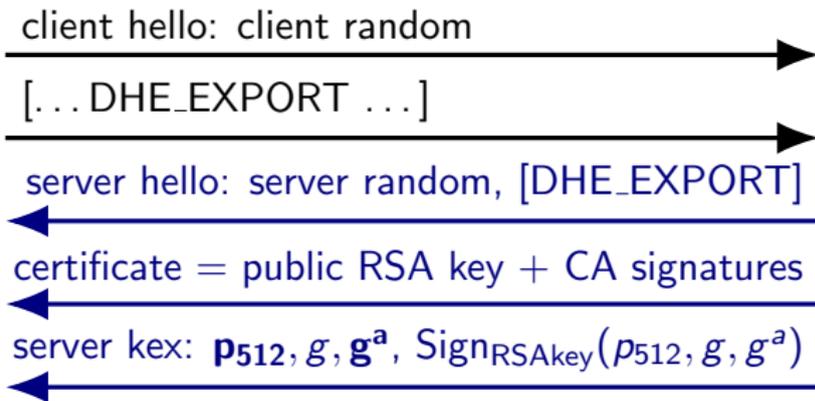
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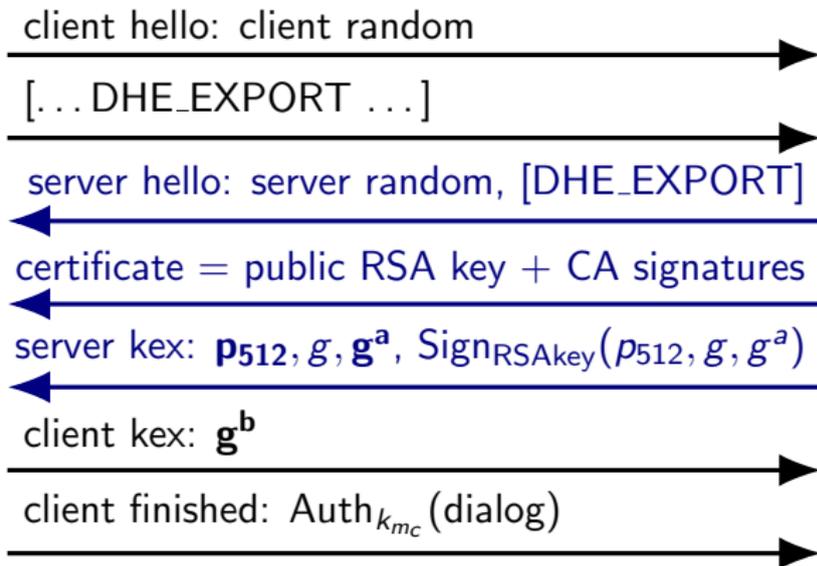
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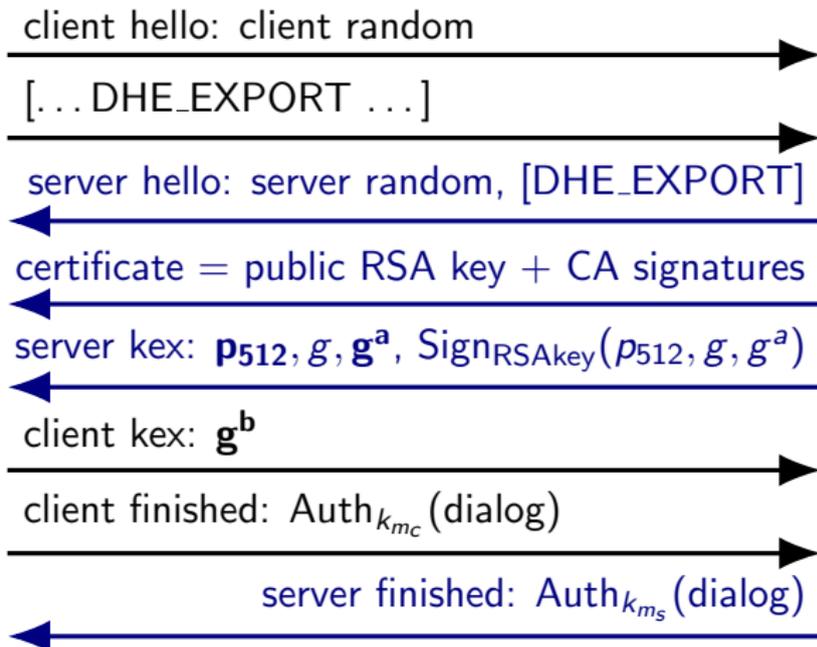


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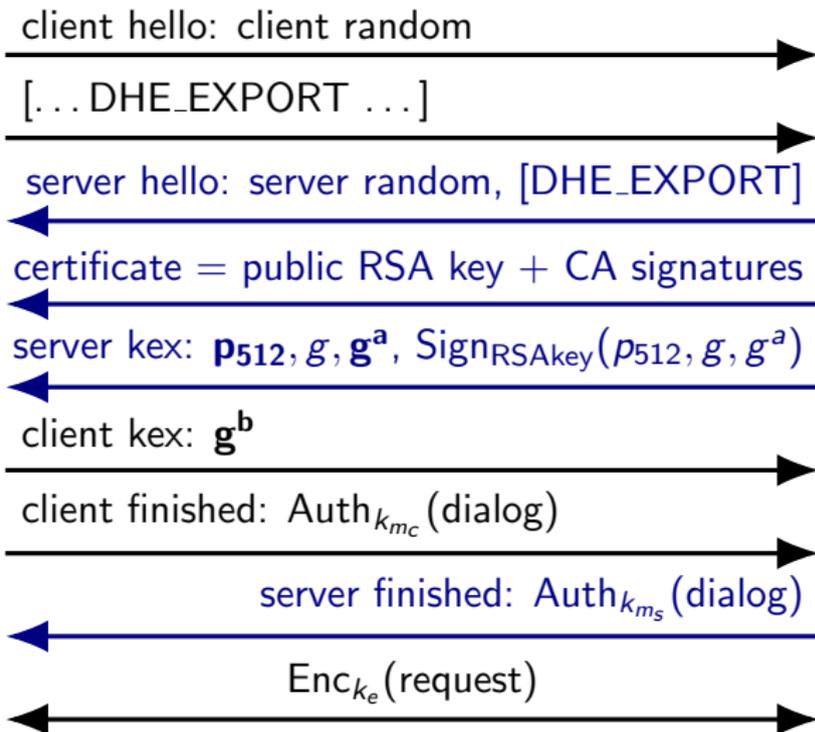


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## Diffie-Hellman export cipher suites in TLS

```
TLS_DH_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA  
TLS_DHE_DSS_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA  
TLS_DHE_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA  
TLS_DH_Annon_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5  
TLS_DH_Annon_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
```

April 2015: 8.4% of Alexa top 1M HTTPS support DHE\_EXPORT.

Totally insecure, but no modern client would negotiate export ciphers. ... right?

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Protocol flaw: Server does not sign chosen cipher suite.

client hello: random

[...DHE...]



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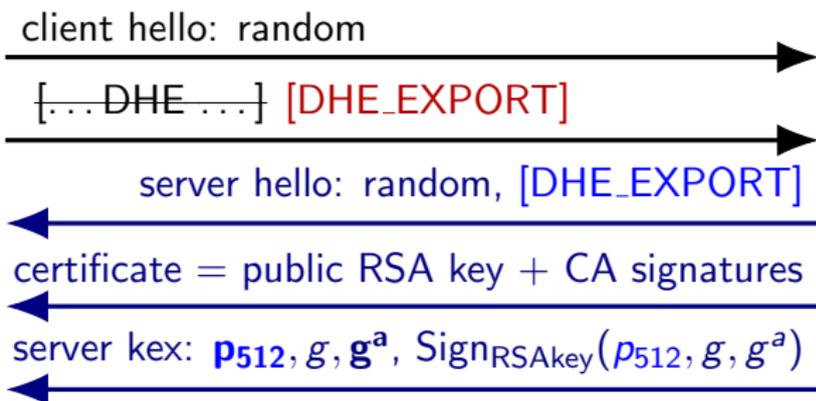
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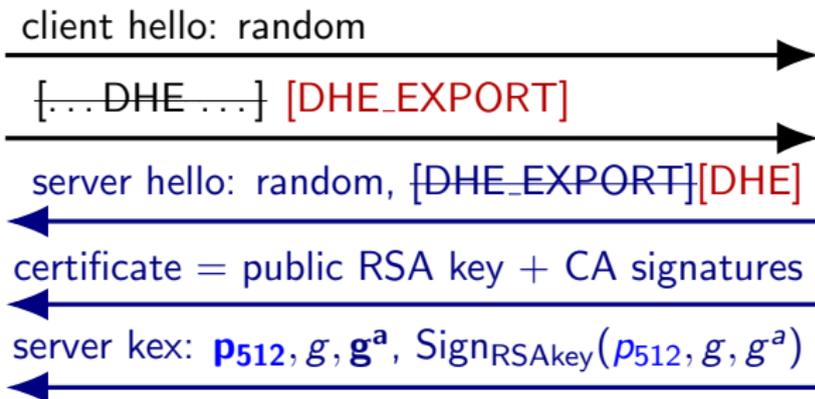
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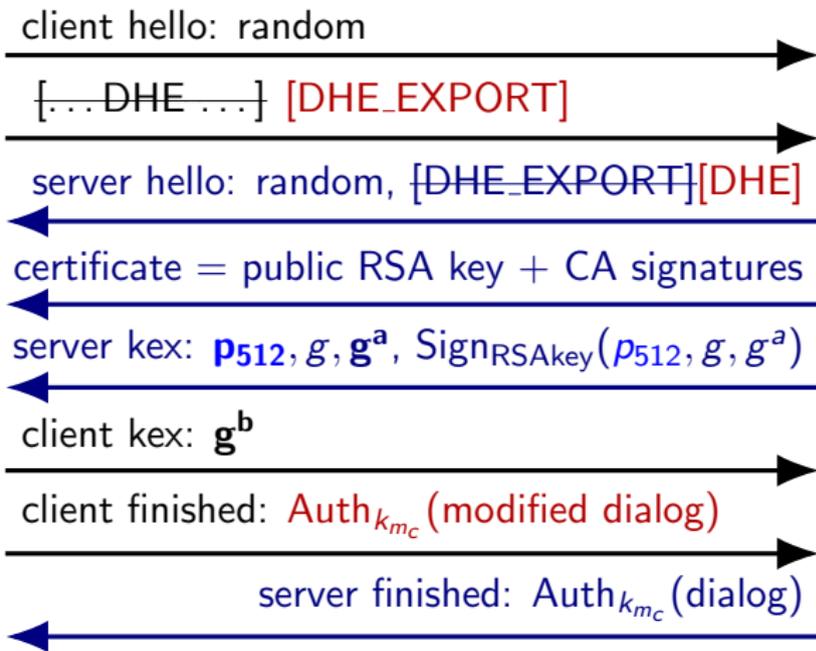
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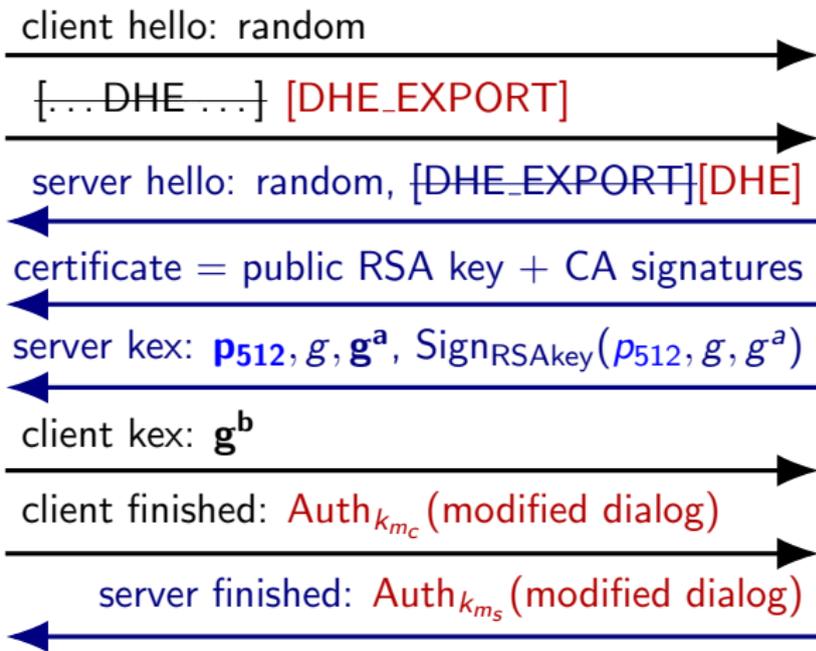
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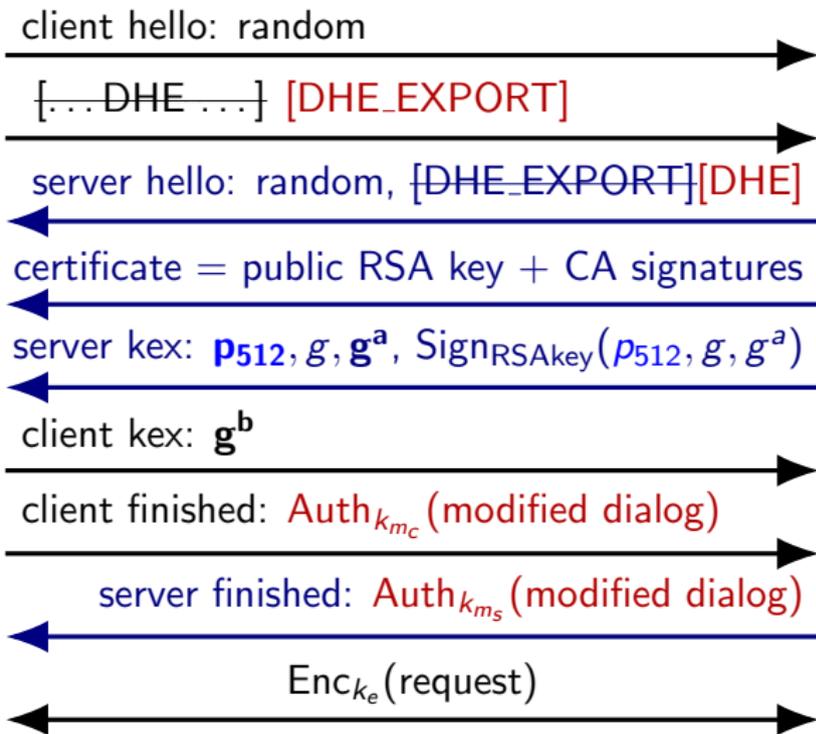
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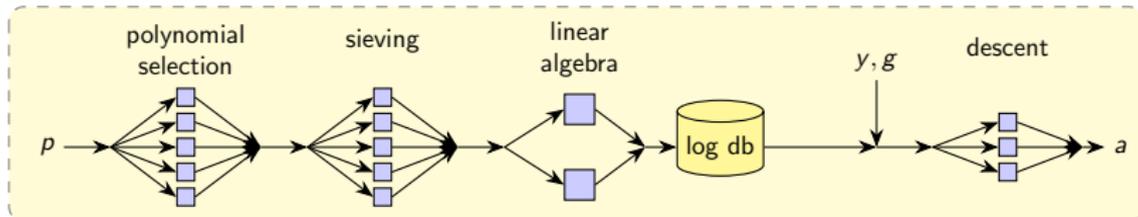
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# Carrying out the Diffie-Hellman export downgrade attack

1. Attacker man-in-the-middle connection, changing messages as necessary.
2. Attacker computes discrete log of  $g^a$  or  $g^b$  to learn session keys.
3. Attacker uses session keys to forge client, server finished messages.
  - ▶ Attacker challenge: compute client or server ephemeral Diffie-Hellman secrets before connection times out
  - ▶ For export Diffie-Hellman, most servers actually generate per-connection secrets.

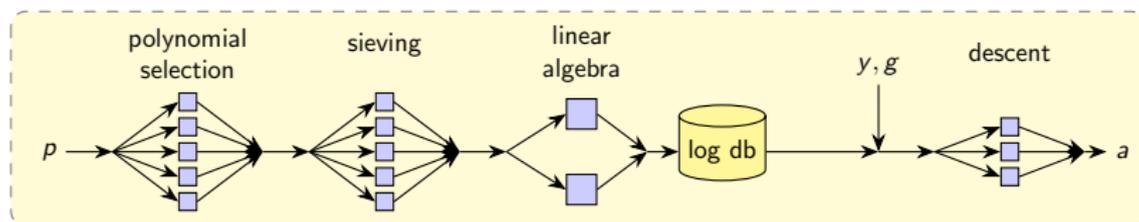
# Number field sieve discrete log algorithm

[Gordon], [Joux, Lercier], [Semaev]



1. **Polynomial selection:** Find a good choice of number field  $K$ .
2. **Relation collection:** Factor elements over  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
3. **Linear algebra** Once there are enough relations, solve for logs of small elements.
4. **Individual log** "Descent" Try to write target  $t$  as sum of logs in known database.

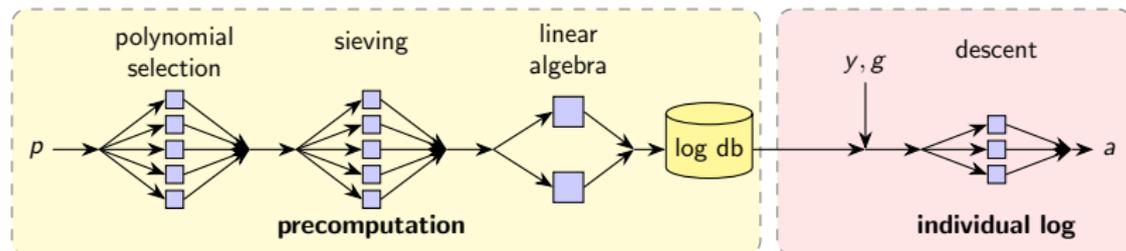
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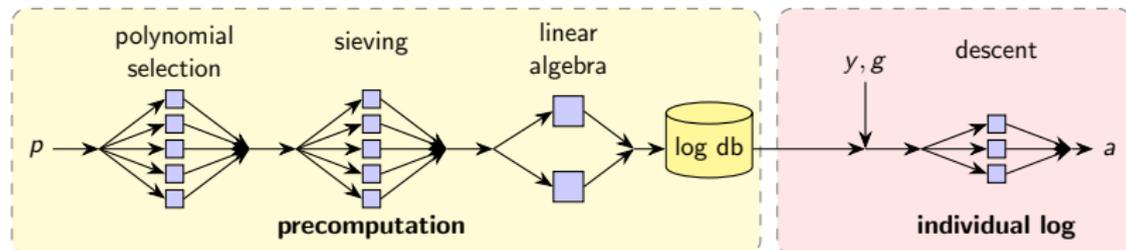
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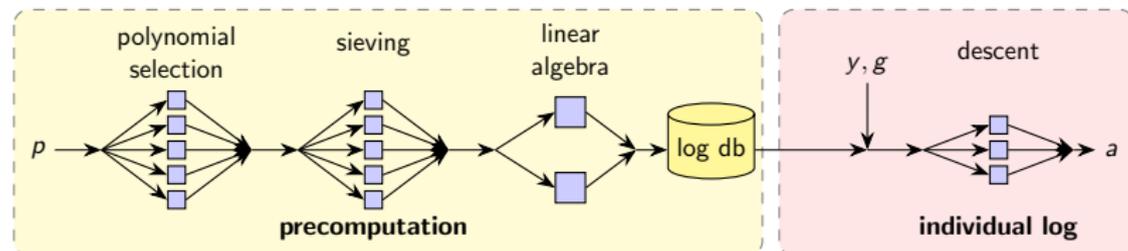


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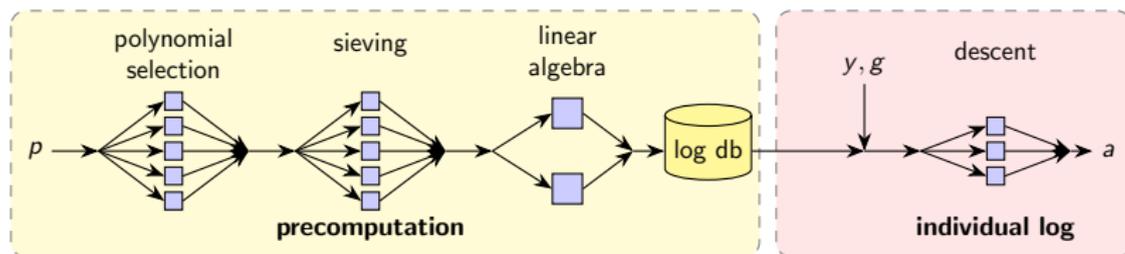
**Answer 2:**

In 2005, 431-bit discrete log in 3 weeks. [Joux, Lercier]

In 2007, 530-bit discrete log. [Kleinjung]

In 2014, 596-bit discrete log. [Bouvier et al.]

# How long does it take to compute discrete logs?



## Answer 3:

	polysel	sieving	linalg	descent
	2000-3000 cores		288 cores	36 cores
DH-512	3 hours	15 hours	120 hours	70 seconds

**Precomputation can be done once and reused for many individual logs!**

## Implementing Logjam

Parameters hard-coded in implementations or built into standards.

97% of DHE\_EXPORT hosts choose one of three 512-bit primes.

Hosts	Source	Year	Bits
80%	Apache 2.2	2005	512
13%	mod_ssl 2.3.0	1999	512
4%	JDK	2003	512

- ▶ Carried out precomputation for common primes.
- ▶ After 1 week precomputation, median individual log time 70s.
- ▶ Logjam and our precomputations can be used to break connections to 8% of the HTTPS top 1M sites!



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@CAServicesBot Thank you for using the CA Services discrete logarithm bot. Your request should be `<group (a/m/o)>`  
`<ephemeral key in hex>`

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openssl:

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```

```
sage: "%x"%pow(2,0x1337,m)  
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fecdbb9c5ade20f798bdf00c73e5996efa58a44eff66e18fe206ca4825548561'  
sage: █
```

Hardware  
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Decryption

Storage  
Of encrypted  
content

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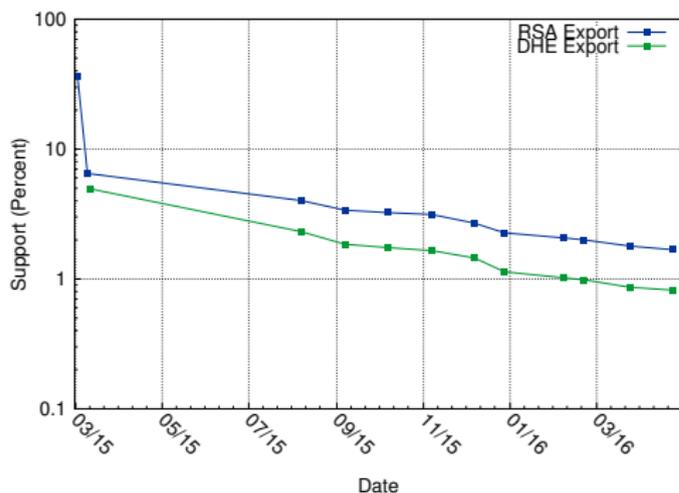


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# Logjam mitigation

- ▶ Server operators encouraged to disable export cipher suites.



- ▶ Major browsers have raised minimum DH lengths: IE, Chrome, Firefox to 1024 bits; Safari to 768.
- ▶ TLS 1.3 draft includes anti-downgrade flag in client random.

# The legacy of export-grade cryptography in the 21st century

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## Review of Part 1

- ▶ 1990s: U.S. cryptography regulations limit strength of RSA, Diffie-Hellman, and symmetric ciphers in exported products.
- ▶ 1990s: Netscape develops SSL, complies with regulations by supporting weakened export-grade cryptography.

... *20 years later* ...

- ▶ March 2015: **FREAK attack**  
Modern, full-strength TLS connections can be downgraded to 512-bit **export-grade RSA**; attacker can factor to decrypt session data. 10% of popular HTTPS sites vulnerable.
- ▶ May 2015: **Logjam attack**  
Modern, full-strength TLS connections can be downgraded to 512-bit **export-grade Diffie-Hellman**; attacker can take discrete log to decrypt session data. 8% of popular HTTPS sites vulnerable.

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## Mass surveillance:

Governments can exploit 1024-bit discrete log for wide-scale passive decryption.

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	Sieving			Linear Algebra		Descent
	I	lpb	core-years	rows	core-years	core-time
RSA-512	14	29	0.5	4.3M	0.33	
DH-512	15	27	2.5	2.1M	7.7	10 mins
RSA-768	16	37	800	250M	100	
DH-768	17	35	8,000	150M	28,500	2 days
RSA-1024	18	42	1,000,000	8.7B	120,000	
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- ▶ Special-purpose hardware  $\rightarrow \approx 80\times$  speedup.  
(Research problem: Make rigorous!)
- ▶  $\approx \$100$ M machine precomputes for one 1024-bit  $p$  every year
- ▶ Then, individual logs can be computed in close to real time

## James Bamford, 2012, Wired

According to another top official also involved with the program, **the NSA made an enormous breakthrough several years ago** in its ability to cryptanalyze, or break, unfathomably complex encryption systems employed by not only governments around the world but also many average computer users in the US. The upshot, according to this official: **“Everybody’s a target**; everybody with communication is a target.”

[...]

The breakthrough was enormous, says the former official, and soon afterward the agency pulled the shade down tight on the project, even within the intelligence community and Congress. “Only the chairman and vice chairman and the two staff directors of each intelligence committee were told about it,” he says. The reason? **“They were thinking that this computing breakthrough was going to give them the ability to crack current public encryption.”**

# 2013 NSA “Black Budget”

“Also, we are investing in groundbreaking cryptanalytic capabilities to defeat adversarial cryptography and exploit internet traffic.”

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<b>Program</b>	<b>Expenditure Center</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2012 - FY 2013 Change</b>
	Computer Network Operations	Data Acquisition and Cover Support	56,949	100,987	117,605	16,618
		GENIE	615,177	636,175	651,743	15,568
		SIGINT Enabling	298,613	275,376	254,943	-20,433
	<b>Computer Network Operations Total</b>		<b>970,739</b>	<b>1,012,538</b>	<b>1,024,291</b>	<b>11,753</b>
	Cryptanalysis & Exploitation Services	Analysis of Target Systems	39,429	35,128	34,321	-807
		Cryptanalytic IT Systems	130,012	136,797	247,121	110,324
		Cyber Cryptanalysis	181,834	110,673	115,300	4,627
		Exploitation Solutions	90,024	59,915	58,308	-1,607
		Microelectronics	64,603	61,672	45,886	-15,786

\*numbers in thousands

## Parameter reuse for 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman

- ▶ Precomputation for a single 1024-bit prime allows passive decryption of connections to 66% of VPN servers and 26% of SSH servers.

(Oakley Group 2)

- ▶ Precomputation for a second common 1024-bit prime allows passive decryption for 18% of top 1M HTTPS domains.

(Apache 2.2)



# 4. Communicate Results

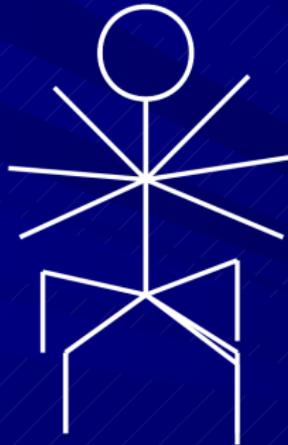


Can we decrypt the VPN traffic?

- If the answer is “No” then explain how to turn it into a “YES!”
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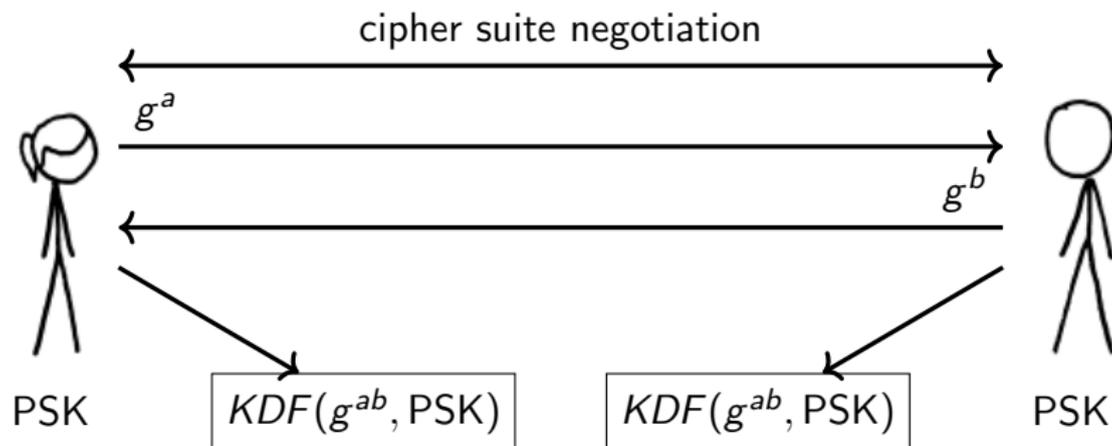


# Happy Dance!!



# IKE Key Exchange for IPsec VPNs

IKE chooses Diffie-Hellman parameters from standardized set.



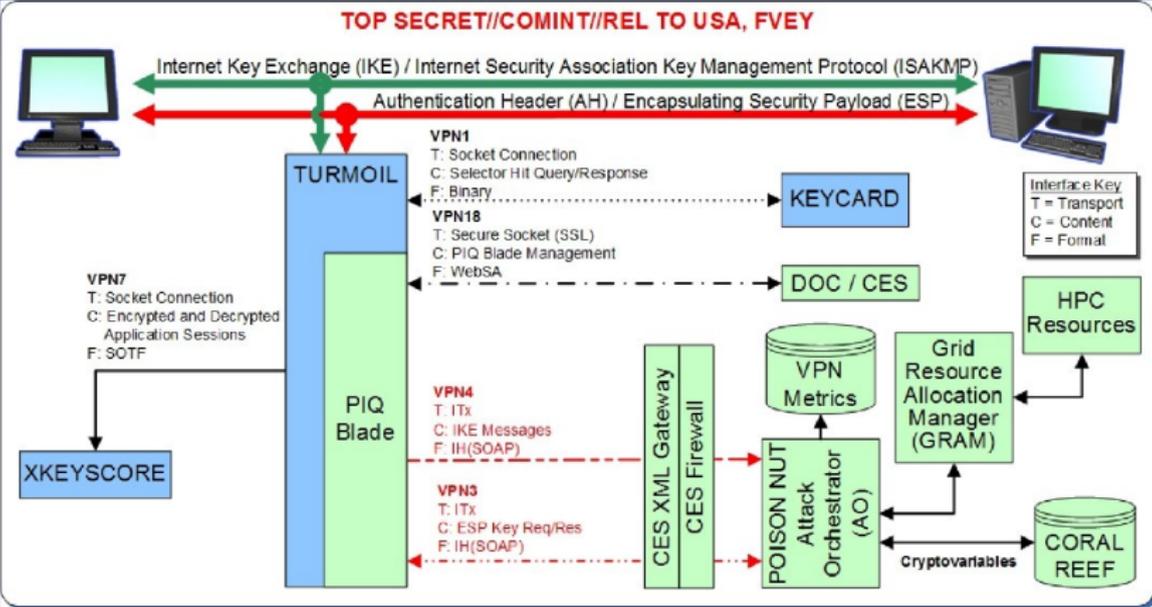


# Turn that Frown Upside Down! From “No” to “YES!”



- Depends on why we couldn't decrypt it
- Find Pre-Shared Key
- Locate complete paired collect
- Locate both IKE and ESP traffic
- Have collection sites do surveys for the IP's
- Find better quality collect with rich metadata

# NSA VPN Attack Orchestration



NSA's on-demand IKE decryption requires:

- ▶ Known pre-shared key.
- ▶ Both sides of IKE handshake.
- ▶ Both IKE handshake and ESP traffic.
- ▶ IKE+ESP data is sent to HPC resources.

Discrete log decryption would require:

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- ▶ IKE data sent to HPC resources.

A well-designed "implant" would have fewer requirements.

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*Vulnerable servers, if attacker can precompute for*

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	all 512-bit $p$	one 1024-bit $p$	ten 1024-bit $p$
HTTPS Top 1M MITM	45K (8.4%)	205K (37.1%)	309K (56.1%)
HTTPS Top 1M	118 (0.0%)	98.5K (17.9%)	132K (24.0%)
HTTPS Trusted MITM	489K (3.4%)	1.84M (12.8%)	3.41M (23.8%)
HTTPS Trusted	1K (0.0%)	939K (6.56%)	1.43M (10.0%)
IKEv1 IPv4	–	1.69M (66.1%)	1.69M (66.1%)
IKEv2 IPv4	–	726K (63.9%)	726K (63.9%)
SSH IPv4	–	3.6M (25.7%)	3.6M (25.7%)

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# Diffie-Hellman Attacks and Mitigations

## Logjam attack:

Anyone can use backdoors from '90s crypto war to pwn modern browsers.

## Mitigations:

- ▶ Major browsers raised minimum DH lengths.
- ▶ TLS 1.3 draft anti-downgrade mechanism.
- ▶ Recommendation: Don't backdoor crypto!

## Mass surveillance:

Governments can exploit 1024-bit discrete log for wide-scale passive decryption.

## Mitigations:

- ▶ Move to elliptic curve cryptography
- ▶ If ECC isn't an option, use  $\geq 2048$ -bit primes.
- ▶ If 2048-bit primes aren't an option, generate a fresh 1024-bit prime.

## Continuing from Part 1

- ▶ 1990s: U.S. cryptography regulations limit strength of RSA, Diffie-Hellman, and symmetric ciphers in exported products.
- ▶ 1990s: Netscape develops SSL, complies with regulations by supporting weakened export-grade cryptography.

... *20 years later* ...

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- ▶ What about **export-grade symmetric ciphers**?

# The DROWN attack

DROWN: Breaking TLS using SSLv2

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## A brief history of SSL/TLS

SSL 1.0 Terribly insecure; never released.

SSL 2.0 Released 1995; terribly insecure.

SSL 3.0 Released 1996; considered insecure since 2014/POODLE.

TLS 1.0 Released 1999.

TLS 1.1 Released 2006.

TLS 1.2 Released 2008.

TLS 1.3 Under development.

Clients will negotiate highest supported version, so it's ok for servers to support old versions for compatibility ...right?

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SSLv2 export answer: Optionally send all but 40 bits of secret key in public.

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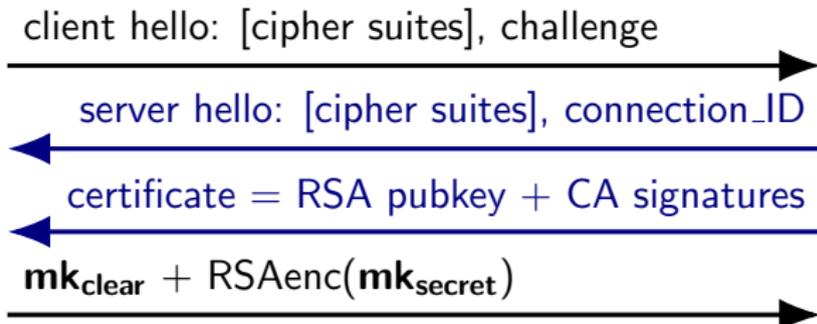
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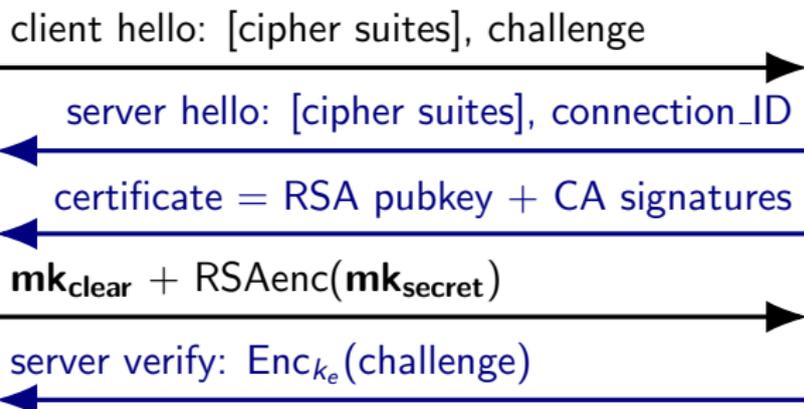
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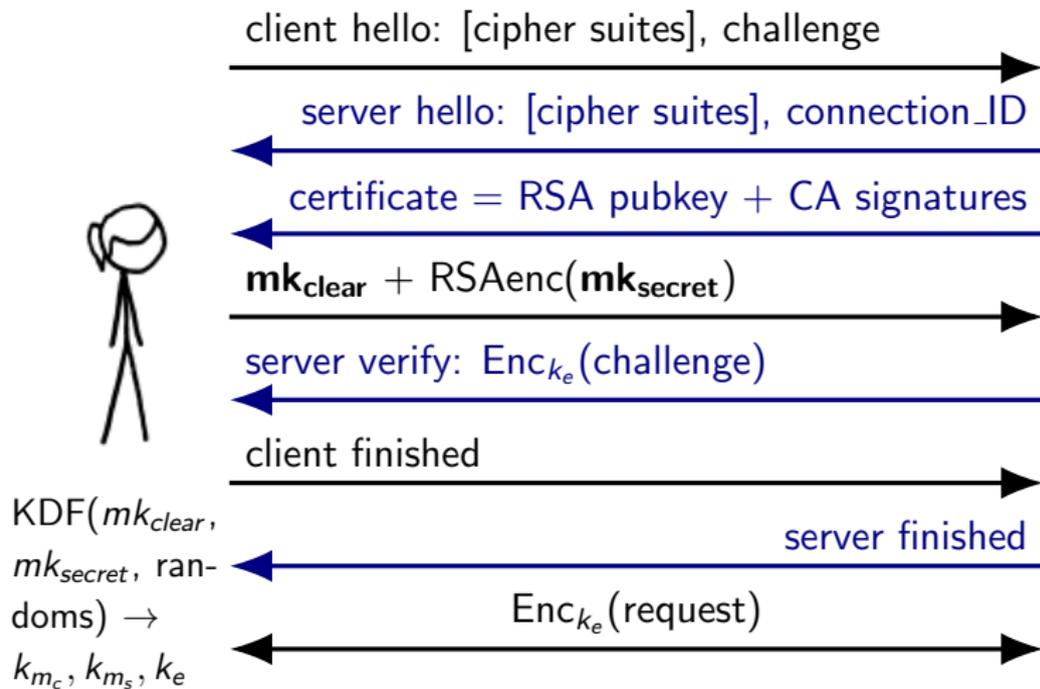
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## Notable properties of SSLv2

- ▶ Devastating MITM attacks.
- ▶ RSA key exchange only.
- ▶ `master_key` varies in size according to symmetric cipher. For TLS, premaster secret always has 48 bytes.
- ▶ Both encryption and authentication use 40-bit symmetric secret for export cipher suites. (TLS export cipher suites extract 40-bit secret for encryption from 48-byte PMS.)
- ▶ Server authenticates first. (Not well specified in spec; implementations agree.)

# A garden of attacks on textbook RSA

Unpadded RSA encryption is homomorphic under multiplication.  
Let's have some fun!

## Attack: Malleability

Given a ciphertext  $c = \text{Enc}(m) = m^e \bmod N$ , attacker can forge ciphertext  $\text{Enc}(ma) = ca^e \bmod N$  for any  $a$ .

## Attack: Chosen ciphertext attack

Given a ciphertext  $c = \text{Enc}(m)$  for unknown  $m$ , attacker asks for  $\text{Dec}(ca^e \bmod N) = d$  and computes  $m = da^{-1} \bmod N$ .

So in practice **must always use padding on messages**.

## RSA PKCS #1 v1.5 padding

$m = 00\ 02\ [\text{random padding string}]\ 00\ [\text{data}]$

- ▶ Encrypter pads message, then encrypts padded message using RSA public key.
- ▶ Decrypter decrypts using RSA private key, strips off padding to recover original data.

**Q:** What happens if a decrypter decrypts a message and the padding isn't in correct format?

**A:** Throw an error?

## [Bleichenbacher 1998] padding oracle attacks

- ▶ **Attack:** If no padding error, attacker learns that first two bytes of plaintext are 00 02.
- ▶ Error messages are *oracle* for first two bytes of plaintext.

Adaptive chosen ciphertext attack:

1. Attacker wishes to decrypt RSA ciphertext  $c$ .
2. Attacker queries oracle on  $s^e c \bmod N$  for random values of  $s$ .
3. Attacker successively narrows range of possible  $m$  until unique answer remains . . . eventually. *“Million message attack.”*

**Mitigation:** Use ~~OAEP~~. Implementations don't reveal errors to attacker; proceed with protocol using fake random plaintext.

## Using an SSLv2 server as a Bleichenbacher oracle

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  2. Attacker receives two ServerVerify messages.
  3. For 40-bit export ciphers, can brute force symmetric key for one ServerVerify, check whether second uses same key.
  4. Attacker has learned 2 most significant + 6 least significant bytes of plaintext:  
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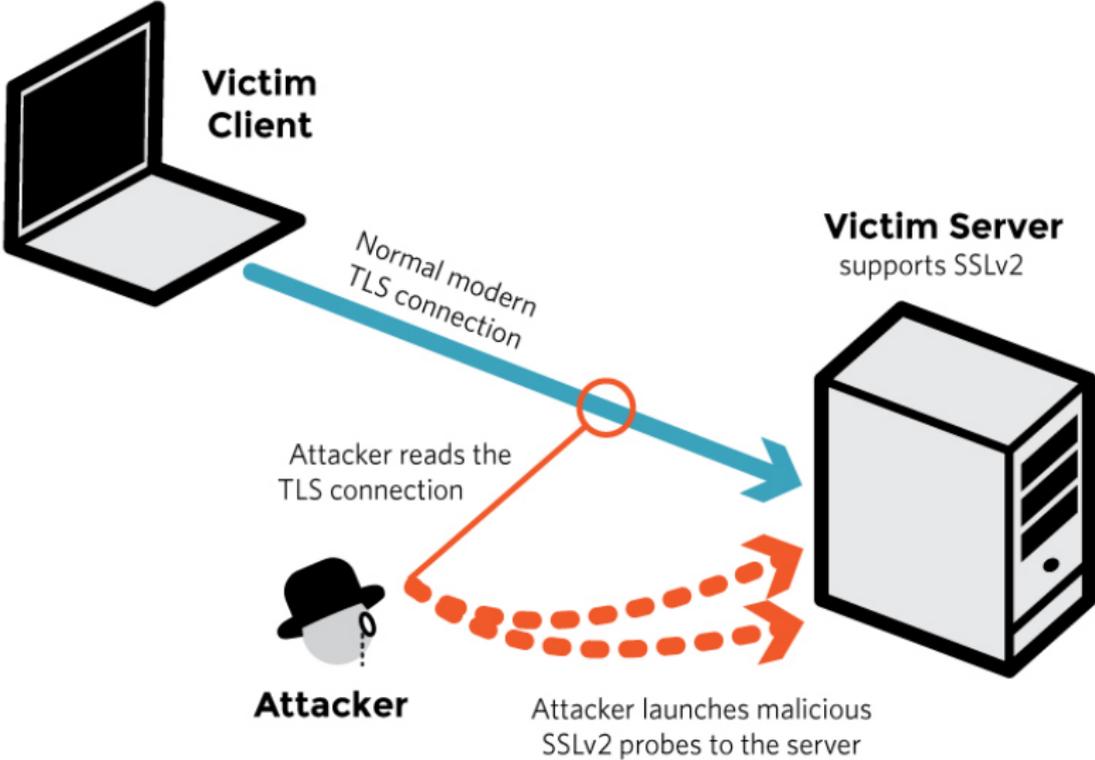
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**Observation:** Servers use the same certificate/RSA public key for all SSL/TLS protocol versions.

# DROWN: Using SSLv2 to decrypt TLS



## DROWN attack: Use SSLv2 Bleichenbacher oracle to decrypt TLS

1. Attacker captures TLS ciphertexts from modern client-server connections that use RSA key exchange.
2. Attacker malleates TLS RSA ciphertext to SSLv2 export RSA ciphertext.
3. Attacker uses SSLv2 Bleichenbacher oracle to decrypt malleated ciphertext.
4. Attacker inverts ciphertext transformation to recover TLS secret keys, decrypts session.

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- ▶ **Solution:** Use *fractions*. ([Bardou et al.] “trimmers”)

Let  $m = c^d \bmod N$ . Assume  $m$  is divisible by some small  $t$  as an integer. If we try  $s = u/t = ut^{-1} \bmod N$ , then  $sm \approx m$ . (Thus most significant bits likely unchanged.)

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- ▶ **Challenge:** 100,000 core hours is a lot.
- ▶ **Better solution:** Optimized GPU brute forcer. 18 hours on 40-GPU cluster for full attack. ( $\approx 2^{50}$  with optimizations.)
- ▶ **Fun solution:** On 350-GPU cluster on Amazon EC2, 8 hours and \$440 for full attack.

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- ▶ **Opportunity:** Successful oracle query gives us 48 least significant bits of plaintext and 16 most significant bits of plaintext.

$$m = 00\ 02\ [\text{padding}]\ 00\ [mk_{secret}]$$

$$c = m^e \bmod N$$

- ▶ **Solution:** Multiply by  $2^{-48} \bmod N$  to shift known plaintext bytes to most significant bytes.

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot 2^{-48} \bmod N &= 2^{-48} \cdot (00\ 02\ [\text{padding}]\ 00\ [mk_{secret}]) \bmod N \\ &= 2^{-48} \cdot 00\ [mk_{secret}] \bmod N \leftarrow (\lg N\text{-bit known}) \\ &\quad + 00\ 02\ [\text{padding}] \leftarrow (\lg N - 64\text{-bit unknown}) \end{aligned}$$

## DROWN attack stages

1. Attacker collects many TLS ciphertexts.
2. Attacker applies fractions/trimmers to ciphertexts and queries SSLv2 server oracle until valid SSLv2 ciphertext found.
3. Attacker uses shifting trick + Bleichenbacher attack to decrypt SSLv2 ciphertext.
4. Attacker inverts fraction to recover decrypted TLS ciphertext and decrypts TLS session.

## DROWN attack complexity for 2048-bit RSA

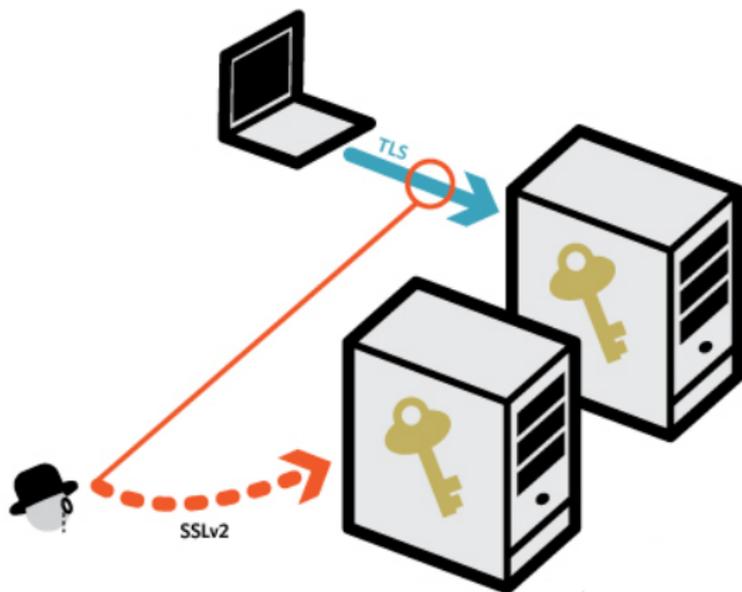
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offline work	12,743	1	50,421	$2^{49.64}$
offline work	1,055	10	46,042	$2^{50.63}$
compromise	4,036	2	41,081	$2^{49.98}$
online work	2,321	3	38,866	$2^{51.99}$
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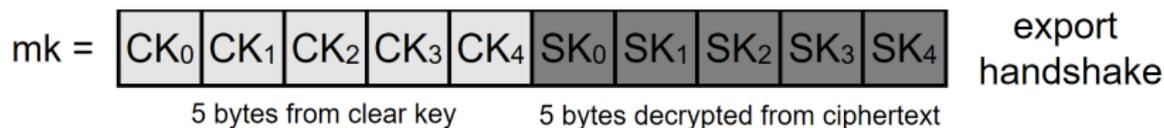
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SMTP	25	3,357 K	936 K (28%)	1,666 K (50%)	1,083 K	190 K (18%)	686 K (63%)
POP3	110	4,193 K	404 K (10%)	1,764 K (42%)	1,787 K	230 K (13%)	1,031 K (58%)
IMAP	143	4,202 K	473 K (11%)	1,759 K (42%)	1,781 K	223 K (13%)	1,022 K (57%)
HTTPS	443	34,727 K	5,975 K (17%)	11,444 K (33%)	17,490 K	1,749 K (10%)	3,931 K (22%)
SMTSPS	465	3,596 K	291 K (8%)	1,439 K (40%)	1,641 K	40 K (2%)	949 K (58%)
SMTP	587	3,507 K	423 K (12%)	1,464 K (42%)	1,657 K	133 K (8%)	986 K (59%)
IMAPS	993	4,315 K	853 K (20%)	1,835 K (43%)	1,909 K	260 K (14%)	1,119 K (59%)
POP3S	995	4,322 K	884 K (20%)	1,919 K (44%)	1,974 K	304 K (15%)	1,191 K (60%)
(Alexa 1M)		611 K	82 K (13%)	152 K (25%)	456 K	38 K (8%)	109 K (24%)

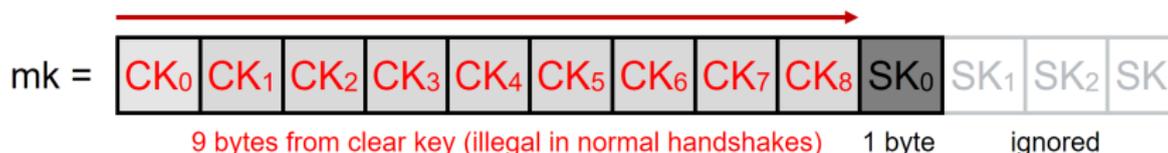
- ▶ Overall, **22% of HTTPS servers** with trusted certs (25% of the Top Million) were vulnerable to DROWN.

# CVE-2016-0703: OpenSSL “extra clear” vulnerability

Present in all OpenSSL versions from 1998 to March 2015



- ▶ Buggy OpenSSL would accept clear-key bytes in non-export handshakes, *displace* the secret key from the ciphertext.



- ▶ Unless ciphertext is not PKCS#1.5 compliant!  
Then *mk* is random.

# An ideal oracle for DROWN



- ▶ Only requires one SSLv2 connection per oracle query, no large computation. (Attacker provides 10 bytes of  $ck$ , tests whether `ServerVerify` is encrypted with  $mk = ck$ .)
- ▶ When ciphertext is compliant, allows  $sk$  to be brute forced one byte at a time. (Attacker provides 9 bytes of  $ck$ , checks each of 256 possibilities for last byte of  $mk$ . Repeats with 8 bytes, etc.)

# Special DROWN: Exploits OpenSSL vulnerability for even more devastating attack

- ▶ Script-kiddieable Bleichenbacher oracle!
  - ▶  $2^{50}$  computation per connection down to  $2^{10}$  computation, no GPUs required.
  - ▶ Full attack can decrypt one in 260 TLS session keys using 17,000 server connections, < 1 minute, from a single workstation.
- ▶ **Insight:** This speed enables a MiTM attacker to attack TLS *online*, before the handshake completes.
  - ▶ Even if server prefers PFS ciphers, can downgrade to RSA key exchange and obtain session key.
  - ▶ Can attack domain.com so long as any server with a valid cert for that name has the OpenSSL bug—doesn't have to use the same key.
- ▶  $\approx 66\%$  of DROWN-vulnerable hosts vulnerable to this attack.

# The DROWN Attack



To check whether your server appears to be vulnerable, enter the domain or IP address:

[Check for DROWN vulnerability](#)

This tool shows vulnerable services detected in Feb. 2016 and probes each again to see if it's been fixed. Results won't include new servers or ones our scanner missed. Live updates are cached for 15 minutes.

## Results for yahoo.com

The following domain names are vulnerable to **man-in-the-middle attacks**. Attackers may be able to impersonate the server and steal or change data.

Update server software at all IP addresses shown, and ensure SSLv2 is disabled.

### Vulnerable Domains:

accounts.yahoo.com  
edit.client.yahoo.com  
bt.edit.client.yahoo.com  
na.edit.client.yahoo.com  
verizon.edit.client.yahoo.com  
edit.yahoo.com  
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### Vulnerable Because:

206.190.42.37:443  
vulnerable to CVE-2016-0703  
currently vulnerable

98.137.205.232:443  
supports SSLv2-export ciphers  
currently vulnerable to CVE-2016-0703

## DROWN mitigations

- ▶ Update OpenSSL.  
OpenSSL team patched several bugs, disabled SSLv2 by default.  
One month after disclosure, only 15% of HTTPS hosts had patched!
- ▶ Fully disable SSLv2.  
Don't only disable export ciphers. If only ciphers are disabled, make sure they're actually disabled (CVE-2015-3197).
- ▶ Have single-use keys.  
Prudent to use different keys across different protocols and protocol versions.

## Technical Lessons

- ▶ Obsolete cryptography considered harmful.  
Maintaining support for old services for backward compatibility isn't harmless.
- ▶ Limit complexity.  
Cryptographic APIs and state machines often overly complex.  
Design protocols to limit implementation mistakes.  
Design APIs to limit usage mistakes.
- ▶ Weakened cryptography considered harmful.  
Twenty years later, all three forms of SSL/TLS export crypto led to devastating attacks:
  - ▶ Export RSA (FREAK attack)
  - ▶ Export DHE (Logjam)
  - ▶ Export symmetric (DROWN).

## Lessons for Policy

- ▶ *Technical backdoors in our infrastructure don't go away even when the political environment changes.*

Twenty years of computing progress has brought attacks within range of modest attackers.

- ▶ Cannot assign cryptography based on nationality.
- ▶ Technological evidence opposes backdooring cryptography.  
Complexity of export cipher suites seems particularly prone to implementation vulnerabilities.

# The good news: TLS can be secure

- ▶ TLS 1.2 with good choice of ciphers can be secure.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ TLS 1.3 aggressively banning bad options.
  - ▶ Eliminating RSA key exchange.
  - ▶ Mminimum 2048 bits for FF-DHE.

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<sup>1</sup>... as far as is publicly known, assuming implementations are correct, and assuming domain and key aren't exposed elsewhere in a weaker configuration.

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