

# Individual Discrete Logarithm in $\mathbb{GF}(p^k)$

*(last step of the Number Field Sieve algorithm)*

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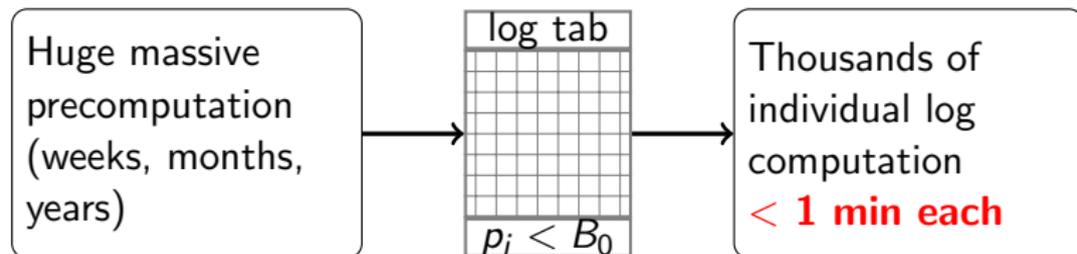
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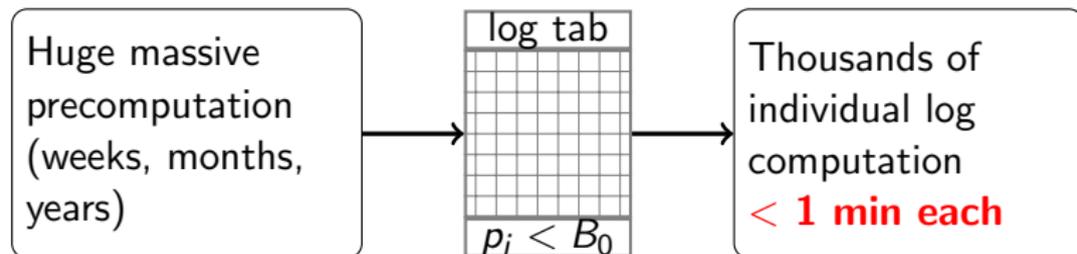
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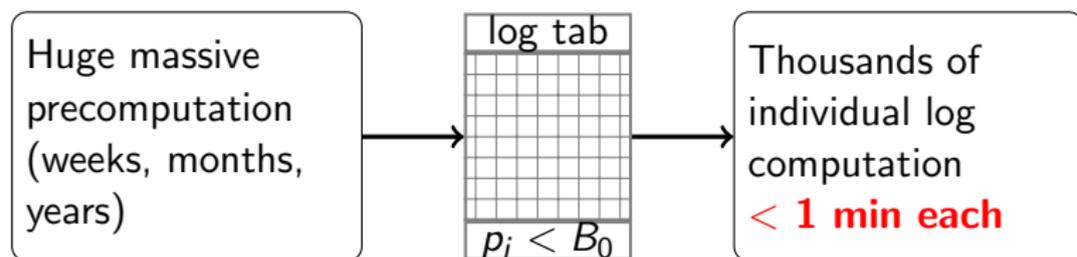
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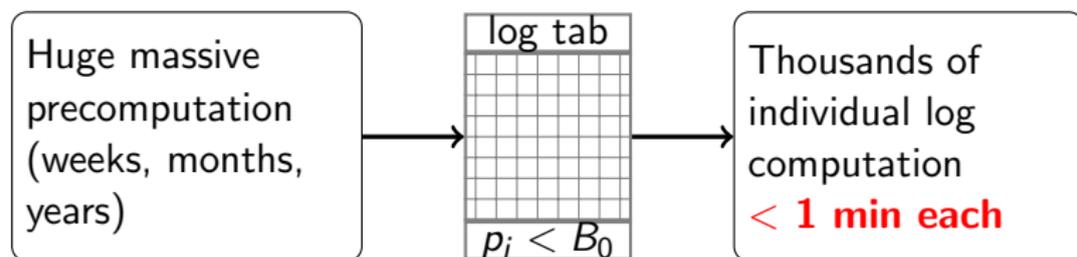
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Could we compute individual discrete logs in  $GF(p^2), GF(p^6), GF(p^{12})$  in  
**less than 1 min?**

# DLP in the target group of pairing-friendly curves

# Why DLP in finite fields $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}, \mathbb{F}_{p^3}, \dots$ ?

In a subgroup  $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle$  of order  $\ell$ ,

- $(g, x) \mapsto g^x$  is easy (polynomial time)
- $(g, g^x) \mapsto x$  is (in well-chosen subgroup) hard: DLP.

$$\text{pairing: } \begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{G}_1 & \times & \mathbb{G}_2 & \rightarrow & \mathbb{G}_T \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap \\ E(\mathbb{F}_p) & & E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k}) & & \mathbb{F}_{p^k}^* \end{array}$$

- where  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  is a *pairing-friendly* curve
- $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T$  of large prime order  $\ell$  (generic attacks in  $O(\sqrt{\ell})$ ): take e.g. 256-bit  $\ell$ )
- $1 \leq k \leq 12$  embedding degree: very specific property (specific attacks (NFS): take 3072-bit  $p^k$ )

## DL records in small characteristic

### ✗ Small characteristic:

- supersingular curves  $E/\mathbb{F}_{2^n}: \mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^{4n}}, E/\mathbb{F}_{3^m}: \mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{3^{6m}}$

### Practical attacks (first one and most recent):

- Hayashi, Shimoyama, Shinohara, Takagi:  $\text{GF}(3^{6 \cdot 97})$  ( 923 bit field) (2012)
- Granger, Kleinjung, Zumbragel:  $\text{GF}(2^{9234}), \text{GF}(2^{4404})$  (2014)
- Adj, Menezes, Oliveira, Rodríguez-Henríquez:  $\text{GF}(3^{822}), \text{GF}(3^{978})$  (2014)
- Joux:  $\text{GF}(3^{2395})$  (with Pierrot, 2014),  $\text{GF}(2^{6168})$  (2013)

### Theoretical attacks:

- [Barbulescu Gaudry Joux Thomé 14] Quasi-Polynomial-time Algorithm (QPA)
- ...

## Common used pairing-friendly curves

- ✓ Curves over prime fields  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  where QPA does NOT apply  
(with  $\log p \geq \log \ell \approx 256$  bits, s.t.  $k \log p \geq 3072$ )
- supersingular:  $\mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  ( $\log p = 1536$ )
  - [Miyaji Nakabayashi Takano 01] (MNT):  $\mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^3}$   
( $\log p = 1024$ ),  $\mathbb{F}_{p^4}$  ( $\log p = 768$ ),  $\mathbb{F}_{p^6}$  ( $\log p = 512$ )
  - [Barreto Naehrig 05] (BN):  $\mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$  ( $\log p = 256$ , optimal)
  - [Kachisa Schaefer Scott 08] (KSS):  $\mathbb{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^{18}}$  (used for 192-bit security level: 384-bit  $\ell$ ,  $\log p = 512$ ,  $k \log p = 9216$ )

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These attacks were not taken into account in the 3072-bit target field recommendation.

## Last DL records, with the NFS-DL algorithm

$GF(p)$	$GF(p'^2), p'^2 = q$ [BGGM15]
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**Massive precomputation** (d=core-day, y=core-year)

[Logjam] 512-bit $p$ : 10y	530-bit $q$ : 0.2y + 1.25 GPU d
[BGIJT14] 596-bit $p$ : 131y	598-bit $q$ : 0.75y + 18 GPU-d

**175× faster**

**Individual Discrete Log**

512-bit $p$ : 70s median ✓	530-bit $q$ : few d
768-bit $p$ : 2d	600-bit $q$ : few d

**slow**

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[Logjam]: see weakdh.org

[BGGM15]: Barbulescu, Gaudry, G., Morain

[BGIJT14]: Bouvier, Gaudry, Imbert, Jeljeli, Thomé

This talk:

- Faster **individual** discrete logarithm in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ , especially  $k = 2, 3, 4, 6$
- Apply to pairing target group  $\mathbb{G}_T$
- source code: part of <http://cado-nfs.gforge.inria.fr/>

# NFS – Number Field Sieve algorithm

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## 1. Individual target discrete logarithm for each given DLP instance

- not so trivial
- this talk: practical improvements very efficient for small  $k$

# Example: [MNT01] parameters (explicitly advised to NOT use them)

Polynomial selection: Conjugation method [BGGM15]

- $k = 3$ ,  $p = 12y_0^2 + 1$ ,  $t = -6y_0 - 1$ ,  $\ell \mid p + 1 - t = 12y_0^2 + 6y_0 + 2$ ,  
with  $y_0 = -8702303353090049898316902$
- $f = 12x^6 - 24x^5 - 85x^4 + 70x^3 + 215x^2 + 96x + 12$
- $\varphi_y = g = x^3 - yx^2 - (y + 3)x - 1$ , where  $y = y_0 + 1$  ( $\varphi_{y_0}$  not irr.)  
 $= x^3 + 8702303353090049898316901x^2 + 8702303353090049898316898x - 1$
- $f \pmod{p} = 12\varphi_y\varphi_{-y} = \text{Res}_y(\varphi_y, 12y^2 + 1)$   
 $G = X + 6 \in \mathbb{F}_{p^3}^* = \mathbb{F}_p[X]/(\varphi(X))$   
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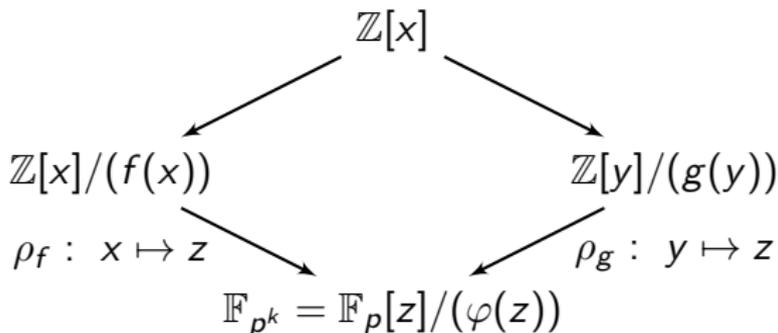
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We need  $\rho(\mathbf{T}) = T$  (where  $\rho$  is simply a reduction modulo  $(\varphi, p)$ ) when  $f$  (resp.  $g$ ) is monic







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3. log combination to find the individual target DL



# Booting Step

# Norm computation

$f$  monic,

$$\mathbf{T} = t_0 + t_1x + \dots + t_dx^d \in \mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x)), \quad d < \deg f:$$

$$\text{Norm}_f(\mathbf{T}) = \text{Res}(f, \mathbf{T}) \leq A \|\mathbf{T}\|_\infty^{\deg f} \|f\|_\infty^d$$

with  $\|f\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq \deg f} |f_i|$

Example: [MNT01],  $k = 3$ ,  $\deg g = 3$ ,  $\|g\|_\infty = O(p^{1/2})$

$$p = 908761003790427908077548955758380356675829026531247$$

$$\mathbf{T} = 314159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510 + \\ 582097494459230781640628620899862803482534211706798x + \\ 214808651328230664709384460955058223172535940812829x^2$$

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$$\text{Norm}_f(\mathbf{T}) (\approx \|\mathbf{T}\|_\infty^6 \|f\|_\infty^2) = \mathbf{1017bits} \sim p^6$$

$$\text{Norm}_g(\mathbf{T}) (\approx \|\mathbf{T}\|_\infty^3 \|g\|_\infty^2) = \mathbf{665bits} \sim p^4$$

## Booting step complexity

Given random target  $T_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}^*$ , and  $G$  a generator of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}^*$

**repeat**

1. take  $t$  at random in  $\{1, \dots, \ell - 1\}$  and set  $T = g^t T_0$
2. factorize  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T})$

**until** it is  $B_1$ -smooth:  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_{q_i \leq B_1} q_i \prod_{p_i \leq B_0} p_i$

$L$ -notation:  $Q = p^k$ ,  $L_Q[1/3, \mathbf{c}] = e^{(c+o(1))(\log Q)^{1/3}} (\log \log Q)^{2/3}$  for  $\mathbf{c} > 0$ .  
 Norm factorization done with ECM method, in time  $L_{B_1}[1/2, \sqrt{2}]$

**Lemma (Booting step running-time)**

*if  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T}) \leq Q^e$ , take  $B_1 = L_Q[2/3, (e^2/3)^{1/3}]$ , then the running-time is  $L_Q[1/3, (3e)^{1/3}]$  (and this is optimal).*

## Booting step complexity

- $\mathbb{F}_p$ : Norm(preimage)  $\leq p = Q$ , running-time:  $L_Q[1/3, \mathbf{1.44}]$  with  $B_1 = L_Q[2/3, 0.69]$  [Commeine Semaev 06, Barbulescu 13]
- med. char.  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ , JLSV1 poly. select.:  $\deg f = \deg g = k$ ,  $\|f\|_\infty = \|g\|_\infty = O(p^{1/2})$ , Norm(preimage)  $\leq Q^{3/2}$ , running-time:  $L_Q[1/3, \mathbf{1.65}]$ , with  $B_1 = L_Q[2/3, 0.91]$  [Joux Lercier Naccache Thomé 09, Barbulescu Pierrot 14]

field	$\mathbb{F}_p$	$\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$		
polynomial selec.		gJL	JLSV <sub>1</sub>	Conj
NFS dominating, $c$ $L_Q[\frac{1}{3}, c]$ , 512-bit $Q$	1.92 $2^{64}$	1.92 $2^{64}$	2.42 $2^{81}$	2.20 $2^{73}$
Norm( $\mathbf{T}$ ) $< Q^e =$ time $L_Q[1/3, c]$ , $c$ nb of operations, 512-bit $Q$	$Q$ 1.44 $2^{48}$	$Q$ 1.44 $2^{48}$	$Q^{3/2}$ 1.65 $2^{55}$	$Q$ 1.44 $2^{48}$
$q_i$ bound $B_1$	$2^{90}$	$2^{90}$	$2^{118}$	$2^{90}$

# Optimizing the Preimage Computation

# Preimage optimization

$f$ ,  $\deg f$ ,  $\|f\|_\infty$ ,  $g$ ,  $\deg g$ ,  $\|g\|_\infty$  are given by the polynomial selection step (NFS-DL step 1)

To reduce the norm,

- reduce  $\|\mathbf{T}\|_\infty$
- and/or reduce  $d = \deg \mathbf{T}$

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*How much is the booting step improved?*

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Because of the constant hidden in the  $O()$ ?

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Similar technique in pairing computation: Miller loop denominator elimination [Boneh Kim Lynn Scott 02]

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- define  $L = \begin{bmatrix} p & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ t_0 & t_1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \varphi_0 & \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi_0 & \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varphi_0 & \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- LLL( $L$ ) outputs a short vector  $r$ , linear combination of  $L$ 's rows.  
 $r = \lambda_0 p + \lambda_1 p x + \lambda_2 T + \lambda_3 \varphi + \lambda_4 x \varphi + \lambda_5 x^2 \varphi$   
 $r = r_0 + \dots + r_5 x^5, \quad \|r_i\|_\infty \leq C \det(L)^{1/6} = O(p^{1/3})$

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MNT example:  $\log Q = 508$  bits

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numerical values for a 512-bit Q				
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\* [CommeineSemaev06, JouxLercierNaccacheThomé09, Barbulescu13, Bar.Pierrot14]

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