Password Authenticated Key Exchange: From Two Party Methods to Group Schemes

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Based on: The Fairy-Ring Dance – Password Authenticated Key Exchange in a Group by Hao, Yi, Chen, and Shahandashti

Introduction

PART 1
Classical Two Party PAKEs

Password Authenticated Key Exchange (PAKE)

PAKEs allow two parties sharing a *short/weak* password to establish a shared key

Cannot broadcast password directly – would need to be protected (expensive)

Instead, modern PAKEs use *zero-knowledge proofs* or *exponentiation / hash* of expression with password

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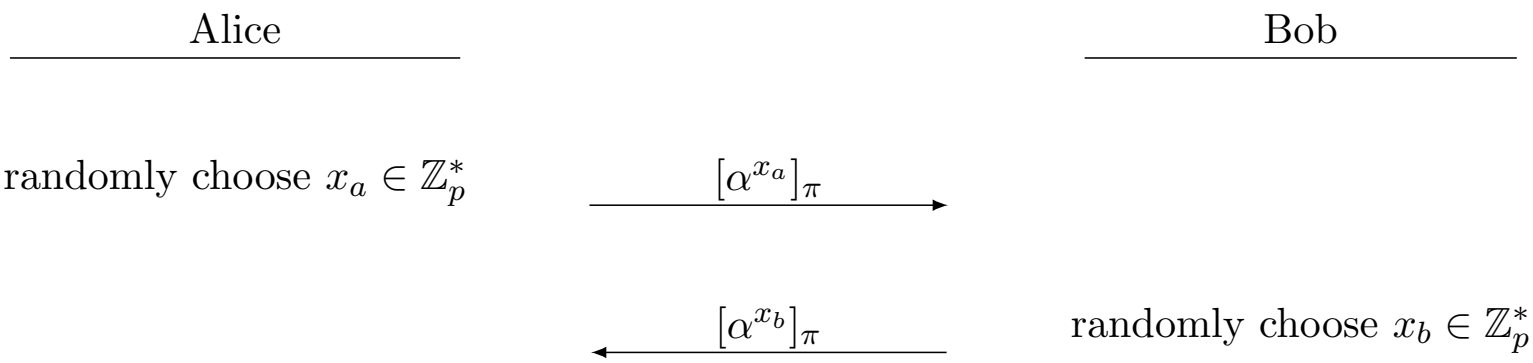

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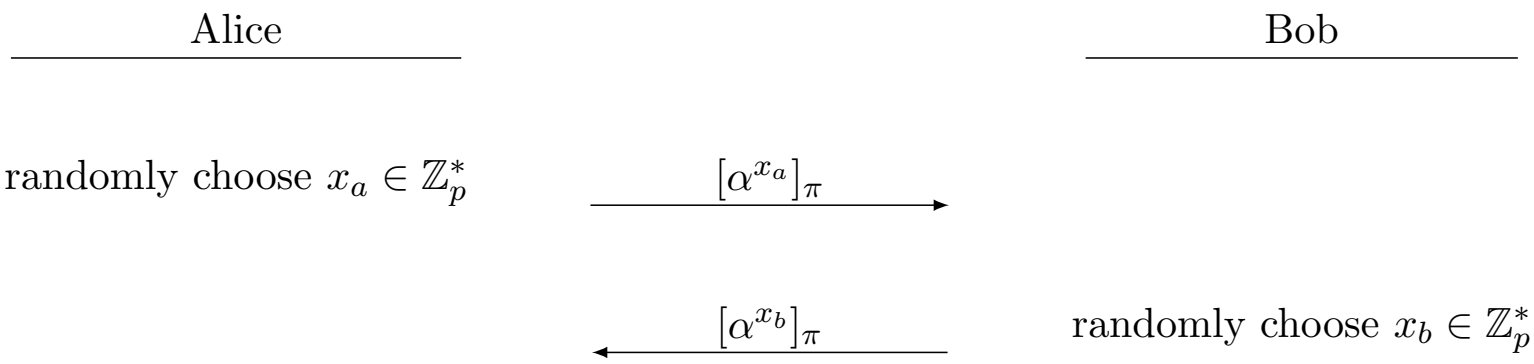

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Ex: Decypher $[\alpha^{x_a}]_{\pi'}$ – rule out π' if output in $[p, 2^n - 1]$

(Some) Desired Security Properties

Offline dictionary attack resistance

Don't leak info which can be used in brute force search

Forward secrecy for established keys

Past keys secure if password disclosed

Implies passive attacker w/ password cannot compute key

Known session security

All secrets of one session reveals nothing about others

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They share

$$K = \underbrace{(B/g^{x_2 x_4 s})^{x_2}}_{\text{Computable by Alice}} = g^{(x_1+x_3)x_2 x_4 s} = \underbrace{(A/g^{x_2 x_4 s})^{x_4}}_{\text{Computable by Bob}} .$$

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Satisfies all 4 desired properties (under DSDH assumption)
More robust security proof in 2015

Only two rounds of communication

No *explicit* key confirmation (only implicit)

Not patented (ISO/IEC 11770-4 standard)

PAK/PPK (Boyko, MacKenzie, and Patel 2000)

Alternative PAKEs, via hashing password with random elements and powering

Proposes 'simulation model' to prove security (under DDH & random oracle)

Satisfies all desired properties (and more)

Only two/three rounds of communication

PAK has explicit key confirmation
PPK has implicit key confirmation

Dragonfly (Harkins 2012)

Another PAKE, using discrete log / CDH problem as basis (IEEE Std 802.11-2012)

No formal security proofs, but claims resistance to 'active attacks, passive attacks, and off-line dictionary attacks' (previously attacked, but upgraded)

Only two rounds of communication

Very fast compared to other protocols

Comparisons

COMPARISON OF PRACTICAL DIFFIE-HELLMAN-BASED PAKE PROTOCOLS PROVEN SECURE IN THE BPR MODEL

		Assumptions[a]					
	Rounds / Flows	CRS	ROM	ICM	AAM		Time[c]
J-PAKE with Schnorr [24]	2 / 4 or 3 / 3		✗		✗	DSDH or (CSDH + DDH)	28 exp (12 exp + 8 mexp)
EKE [5], [7]	1 / 2			✗		CDH	4 exp + 2 memb + 2 enc
SPEKE [29], [35]	1 / 2		✗			DIDH[d]	4 exp + 2 memb
PPK [10]	2 / 2		✗			DDH	6 exp + 2 memb
SPAKE2 [3]	1 / 2		✗			CDH	4 exp + 2 memb

Security of the J-PAKE Password-Authenticated Key Exchange Protocol.

M. Abdalla, F. Benhamouda and P. MacKenzie, SP'2015.

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Extension to Group Setting

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$$K_i = (g^{y_{i-1}})^{ny_i} \cdot (y^{z_i y_i})^{n-1} \cdot (y^{z_{i+1} y_{i+1}})^{n-2} \cdots (g^{z_{i-2} y_{i-2}}) \quad (1)$$

$$= g^{y_1 y_2 + y_2 y_3 + \cdots + y_n y_1} \quad (2)$$

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Rd 2 P_i computes and broadcasts, for $j \neq i$

$$\beta_{ij} := \left(g^{a_{ij} + a_{ji} + b_{ji}} \right)^{b_{ij} \cdot s} \qquad \mathrm{ZKP}(b_{ij} \cdot s)$$

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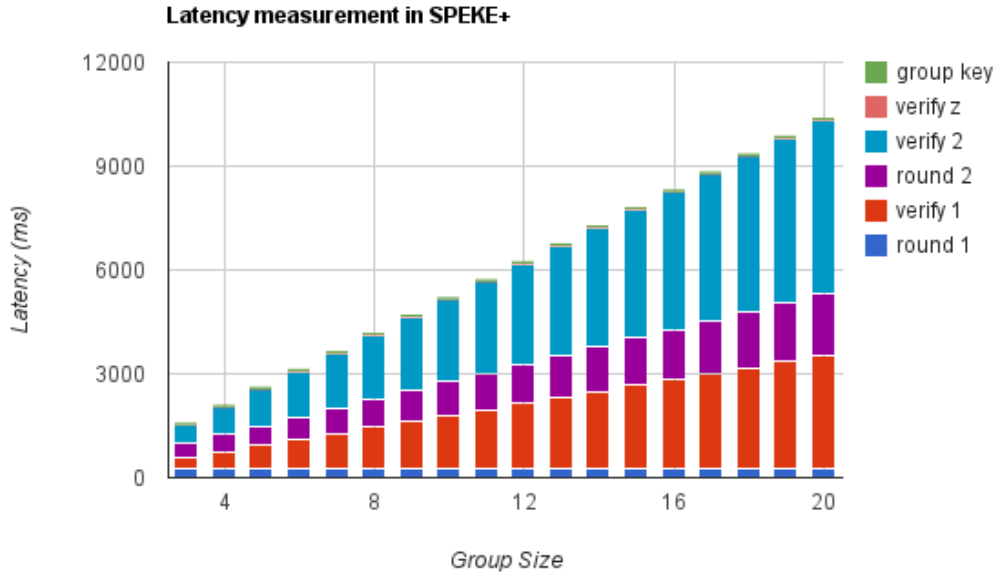
PART 3
Timings

Specifications

- All protocol benchmarks were implemented in Java 1.6 and run on a server (3GHz AMD processor, 6GB of RAM) running Ubuntu 12.04.

- Benchmarks measured latency, the amount of work each device would have to do in the group excluding communication.

Results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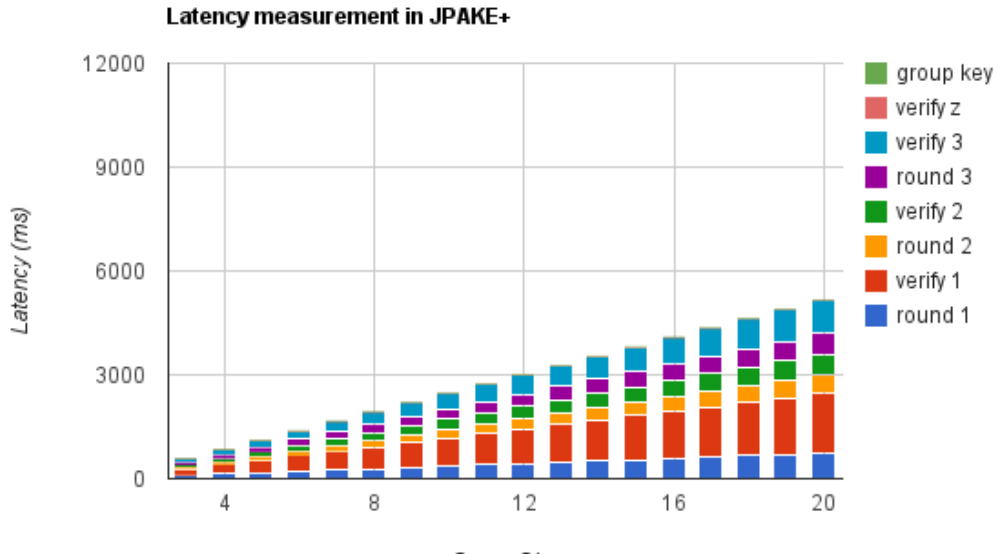
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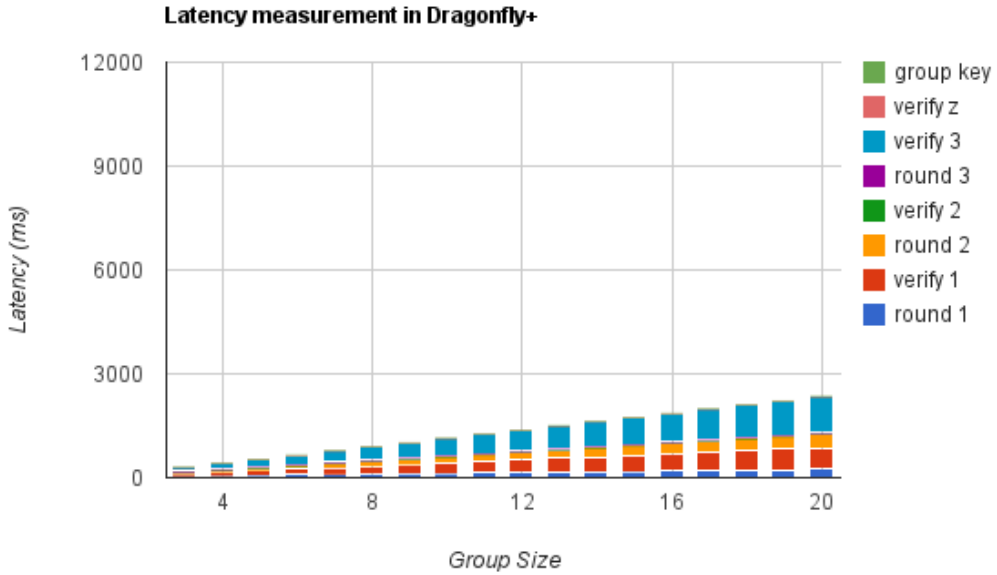
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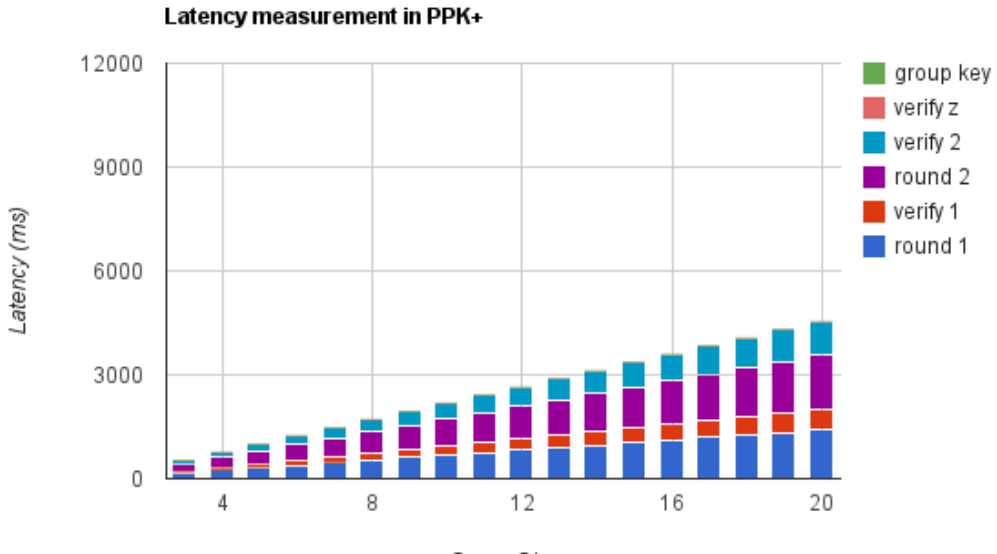
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It is possible to transfer PAKEs into GPAKEs while preserving round efficiency

SPEKE+ is very slow

J-PAKE+ is a bit slow, but 'proven' secure (under DSDH)

PPK is faster

Dragonfly is fastest, but no security proof
(despite IEEE 802.11-2012 standard)

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Verify $E_A \neq E_B$ or $s_A \neq s_B$		Verify $E_A \neq E_B$ or $s_A \neq s_B$
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[All verify ZKP, $g^{z_i} \neq 1$ and check for reflection attacks]

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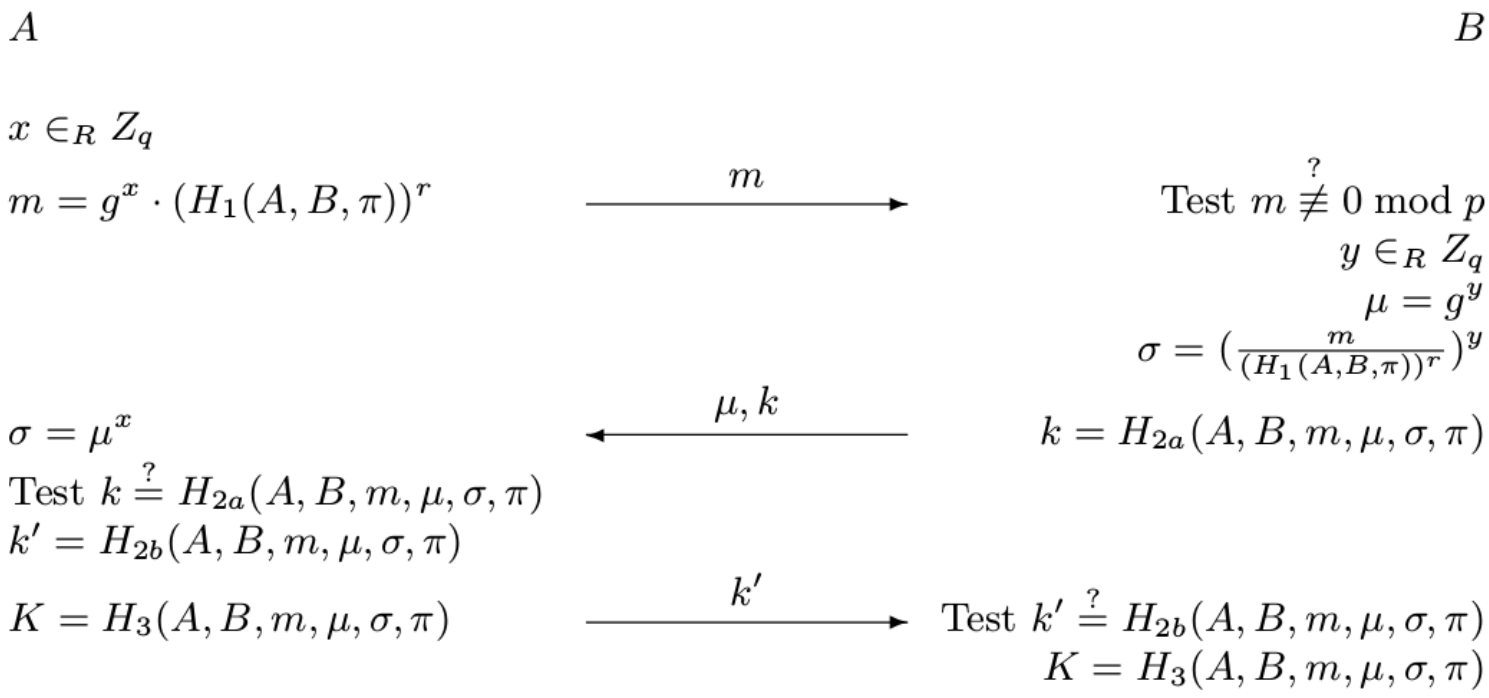

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