

# QUANTUM SAFE AUTHENTICATED GROUP KEY ESTABLISHMENT

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# TOWARDS SECURE POST-QUANTUM GROUP KEE AGREEMENT

# PROGRESS REPORT: ACTIVITIES IN SPAIN

- Research work in progress
  - Model for secure PQ-GKE (main part of this presentation)
- Dissemination efforts
- Involvement of students
  - Report on attacks on post-quantum proposals (WalnutDSA)

# POST-QUANTUM GROUP KEY ESTABLISHMENT

Main focus for the Spanish team

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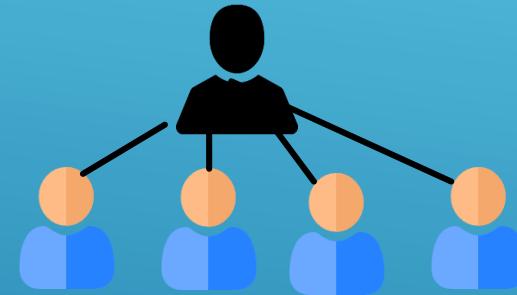
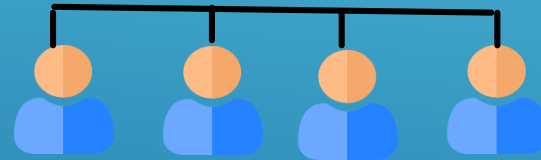
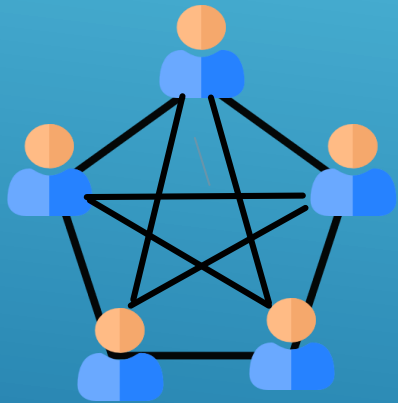
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- Virtual conference
- Pay TV

# GKE: DIFFERENT SCENARIOS



- User roles (identical, hierarchical, etc.)
- Communication network (peer-to-peer, broadcast,..)



# PROJECT STEP 1-A :

Choice/Design of security model form GKE capturing post-quantum attacks

# GENERIC GOALS (FOR GROUP APPLICATIONS)

- Correctness
- Availability
- Efficiency
- Security : confidentiality, authentication, access control, anonymity

→ all can be attained through GKE

# GKE: SECURITY GOALS

- Key confidentiality/key secrecy: (**secrecy**, freshness, Independence, randomness, indistinguishability...)
- Authentication
- Key confirmation/Key integrity

# GKE: SECURITY MODEL

Formal description of adversarial capacities:

- Can they inject messages, or just eavesdropp?
- Can they corrupt group members? In what sense?
- Can they attack different (concurrent) sessions?
- Can they obtain previously agreed keys?

Further, in a post-quantum scenario we need to describe the adversarial access to quantum technologies (channels, computing, storage..)

Typical modelling of adversarial capacities is done through **Oracle formulation**

# THIS PROJECT: MODELLING SCENARIO

- Security model: **Quantum-Future**
  - During the protocol execution: classical adversaries
  - After the protocol execution: quantum adversaries
  - Users are always classical
- Advantages: modelling quantum attacks in a non-restrictive way, to be able to derive efficient solutions
- Rationale:
  - Quantum attacks are not considered at the execution time → standard (not post-quantum) authentication means can be used (thus we avoid “expensive” PQ signatures)
  - The resulting keys will remain secure once quantum adversaries are present, if forward security is attained by our design

# FOCUSING ON GKE: SECURITY GOALS

- We will use Oracle-modelling to capture adversarial capacities, focusing on attaining two properties:
  - **Key secrecy** (defined in a *real-or random* fashion: adversaries should not be able to tell apart a real key from one chosen at random from the key space)
  - **Forward security** (leakage of authentication keys has no impact in previously agreed session keys)

# FURTHER : AUTHENTICATION

- Authentication;
  - Group: messages are recognized as sent by someone from the group
    - attained typically through passwords
  - User: messages are recognized as sent by a specific user inside the group
    - attained typically through digital signatures

# TOWARDS PROJECT STEP 2-A :

Design Tools :

- Classical authentication methods (MACs, digital signatures)
- Post-quantum tools (KEMs)



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