

Practical post-quantum key exchange from supersingular isogenies

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SIDH library (v2.0 coming soon)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sidh-library/>

Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 1976)

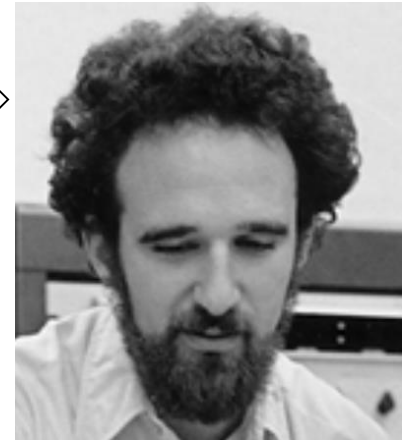
$q = 1606938044258990275541962092341162602522202993782792835301301$

$g = 123456789$



$g^a \bmod q = 78467374529422653579754596319852702575499692980085777948593$

$560048104293218128667441021342483133802626271394299410128798 = g^b \bmod q$



$a =$

685408003627063
761059275919665
781694368639459
527871881531452

$b =$

362059131912941
987637880257325
269696682836735
524942246807440

$g^{ab} \bmod q = 437452857085801785219961443000845969831329749878767465041215$

Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 2016)

$$q =$$

58096059953699580628595025333045743706869751763628952366614861522872037309971102257373360445331184072513261577549805174439905295945400471216628856721870324010321116397064404988440498509890516272002447658070418123947296805400241048279765843693815222923216208779044769892743225751738076979568811309579125511333093243519553784816306381580161860200247492568448150242515304449577187604136428738580990172551573934146255830366405915000869643732053218566832545291107903722831634138599586406690325959725187447169059540805012310209639011750748760017095360734234945757416272994856013308616958529958304677637019181594088528345061285863898271763457294883546638879554311615446446330199254382340016292057090751175533888161918987295591531536698701292267685465517437915790823154844634780260102891718032495396075041899485513811126977307478969074857043710716150121315922024556759241239013152919710956468406379442914941614357107914462567329693649

$$g = 123456789$$



$$g^a \pmod{q} =$$

197496648183227193286262018614250555971909799762533760654008147994875775445667054218578105133138217497206890599554928429450667899476854668595594034093493637562451078938296960313488696178848142491351687253054602202966247046105770771577248321682117174246128321195678537631520278649403464797353691996736993577092687178385602298873558954121056430522899619761453727082217823475746223803790014235051396799049446508224661850168149957401474638456716624401906701394472447015052569417746372185093302535739383791980070572381421729029651639304234361268764971707763484300668923972868709121665568698309786578047401579166115635085698868474877726766712073860961529476071145597063402090591037030181826355218987380945462945580355697525966763466146993277420884712557411847558661178122098955149524361601993365326052422101474898256696660124195726100495725510022002932814218768060112310763455404567248761396399633344901857872119208518550803791724



$$g^b \pmod{q} =$$

4116046620695933066832285256534418724107779992205720799935743972371563687620383783327424719396665449687938178193214952698336131699379861648113207956169499574005182063853102924755292845506262471329301240277031401312209687711427883948465928161110782751969552580451787052540164697735099369253619948958941630655511051619296131392197821987575429848264658934577688889155615145050480918561594129775760490735632255728098809700583965017196658531101013084326474277865655251213287725871678420376241901439097879386658420056919119973967264551107584485525537442884643379065403121253975718031032782719790076818413945341143157261205957499938963479817893107541948645774359056731729700335965844452066712238743995765602919548561681262366573815194145929420370183512324404671912281455859090458612780918001663308764073238447199488070126873048860279221761629281961046255219584327714817248626243962413613075956770018017385724999495117779149416882188

$$a =$$

7147687166405; 957187905360554739658269240518614591652235491261571529709710067917003790492433011601949788108908769613159283138632621095129494458440049748892980385849319181284475723210239871604390620061776483188754575562337708539125052923646318332191217321464134655845254917228378772756955898452199622029450892269665074265269127802446416400190259271040043389582611419862375878988193612187945591802864062679\86483957813927304368495559776413009721221824915810964579376354556\6554629883778595680891578821511273574220422646379170599917677567\30420698422392494816906777896174923072071297603455802621072109220\54662739697748553543758990879608882627763290293452560094576029847\39136138876755438662247926529997805988647241453046219452761811989\97464772529088780604931795419514638292288904557780459294373052654\10485180264002079415193983851143425084273119820368274789460587100\30497747706924427898968991057212096357725203480402449913844583448

$$g^{ab} =$$

33016691952419214932376173359842624469122419995889465403633152639435009908862730297983333950118305919811398788006673941999923137897071530703931787625845387670112454384952097943023302775032650107245135512092795731832349343596366965069683257694895110289436988215186894965977582185407675178858364641602894716513645524907139614566085360133016497539758756106596557555674744381803579583602267087423481750455634370758409692308267670340611194376574669939893893482895996003389503722513369326735717434288230260146992320711161713922195996910968467141336433827457093761125005143009836512019611866134642676859265636245898172596372485581049036573719816844170539930826718273452528414333373254200883800592320891749460865366649848360413340316504386926391062876271575757583831289710534010374070317315095828076395094487046179839301350287596589383292751993079161318839043121329118930009948197899907586986108953591420279426874779423560221038468

$$b =$$

655456209464694; 93360682685816031704969423104727624468251177438749706128879957701\93698826859762790479113062308975863428283798589097017957365590672\8357138638957122466760949930089855480244640303954430074800250796203638661931522988606354100532244846391589798641210273772558373965\48653931285483865070903191974204864923589439190352993032676961005\08840431979272991603892747747094094858192679116146502863521484987\0862328619342223917112154568612530067276018808591500424849476686\706784051068715397706852664532638332403983747338379697022624261377163163204493828299206039808703403575100467337085017748387148822224875309641791879395483731754620034884930540399950519191679471224\055585570932193507471557756958163700850920394705281936392411084\4360068618352846572496956218643721497262583322544865996160464558\54629937016589470425264445624157899586972652935647856967092689604\42796501209877036845001246792761563917639959736383038665362727158

ECDH key exchange (1999 – nowish)

$$p = 2^{256} - 2^{224} + 2^{192} + 2^{96} - 1$$

$p = 115792089210356248762697446949407573530086143415290314195533631308867097853951$

$$E/\mathbb{F}_p: y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b$$

$\#E = 115792089210356248762697446949407573529996955224135760342422259061068512044369$

$P = (48439561293906451759052585252797914202762949526041747995844080717082404635286, 36134250956749795798585127919587881956611106672985015071877198253568414405109)$



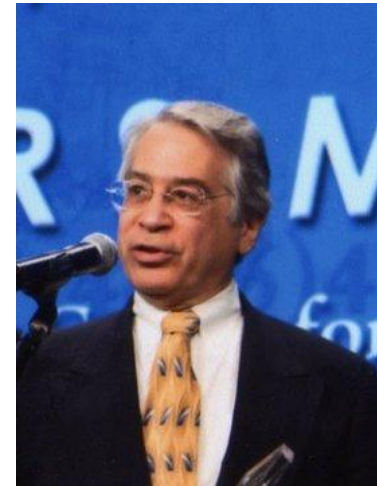
$a =$

89130644591246033577639
77064146285502314502849
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$[a]P = (84116208261315898167593067868200525612344221886333785331584793435449501658416, 102885655542185598026739250172885300109680266058548048621945393128043427650740)$

$[b]P = (101228882920057626679704131545407930245895491542090988999577542687271695288383, 77887418190304022994116595034556257760807185615679689372138134363978498341594)$

$[ab]P = (101228882920057626679704131545407930245895491542090988999577542687271695288383, 77887418190304022994116595034556257760807185615679689372138134363978498341594)$



$b =$

10095557463932786418806
93831619070803277191091
90584053916797810821934
05190826

Forthcoming post-quantum standards...



- Large-scale quantum computers break RSA, finite fields, elliptic curves



- Aug 2015: NSA announces plans to transition to quantum-resistant algorithms



- Yesterday: NIST published final call – Nov 30, 2017 deadline

<http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/ST/post-quantum-crypto/>

Popular post-quantum public key primitives

- Lattice-based (e.g., NTRU'98, LWE'05)
- Code-based (e.g., McEliece'78)
- Hash-based (e.g., Merkle trees'79)
- Multivariate-based (e.g., HFE^v'96)
- Isogeny-based (Jao and De Feo SIDH'11)

Current confidence may be smaller, but so are current key sizes!

SIDH: history

- 1999: Couveignes gives talk “Hard homogenous spaces” (eprint.iacr.org/2006/291)
- 2006 (OIDH): Rostovsev and Stolbunov propose ordinary isogeny DH
- 2010 (OIDH break): Childs-Jao-Soukharev give quantum subexponential alg.
- 2011 (SIDH): Jao and De Feo fix by choosing supersingular curves

Crucial difference: supersingular (i.e., non-ordinary) endomorphism ring is not commutative (resists above attack)



WARNING

**DO NOT BE DETERRED
BY THE WORD
SUPERSINGULAR**

Elliptic Curves and j -invariants

- Recall that every elliptic curve E over a field K with $\text{char}(K) > 3$ can be defined by

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b,$$

where $a, b \in K$, $4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$

- For any extension K'/K , the set of K' -rational points forms a group with identity
- The j -invariant $j(E) = j(a, b) = 1728 \cdot \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$ determines isomorphism class over \bar{K}
- E.g., $E' : y^2 = x^3 + au^2x + bu^3$ is isomorphic to E for all $u \in K^*$
- Recover a curve from j : e.g., set $a = -3c$ and $b = 2c$ with $c = j/(j - 1728)$

Isogenies

- **Isogeny:** morphism (rational map)

$$\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$$

that preserves identity, i.e. $\phi(\infty_1) = \infty_2$

- Degree of (separable) isogeny is number of elements in kernel, same as its degree as a rational map
- Given finite subgroup $G \in E_1$, there is a unique curve E_2 and isogeny $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ (up to isomorphism) having kernel G . Write $E_2 = \phi(E_1) = E_1/\langle G \rangle$.

Torsion subgroups

- The multiplication-by- n map:

$$n : E \rightarrow E, \quad P \mapsto [n]P$$

- The n -torsion subgroup is the kernel of $[n]$

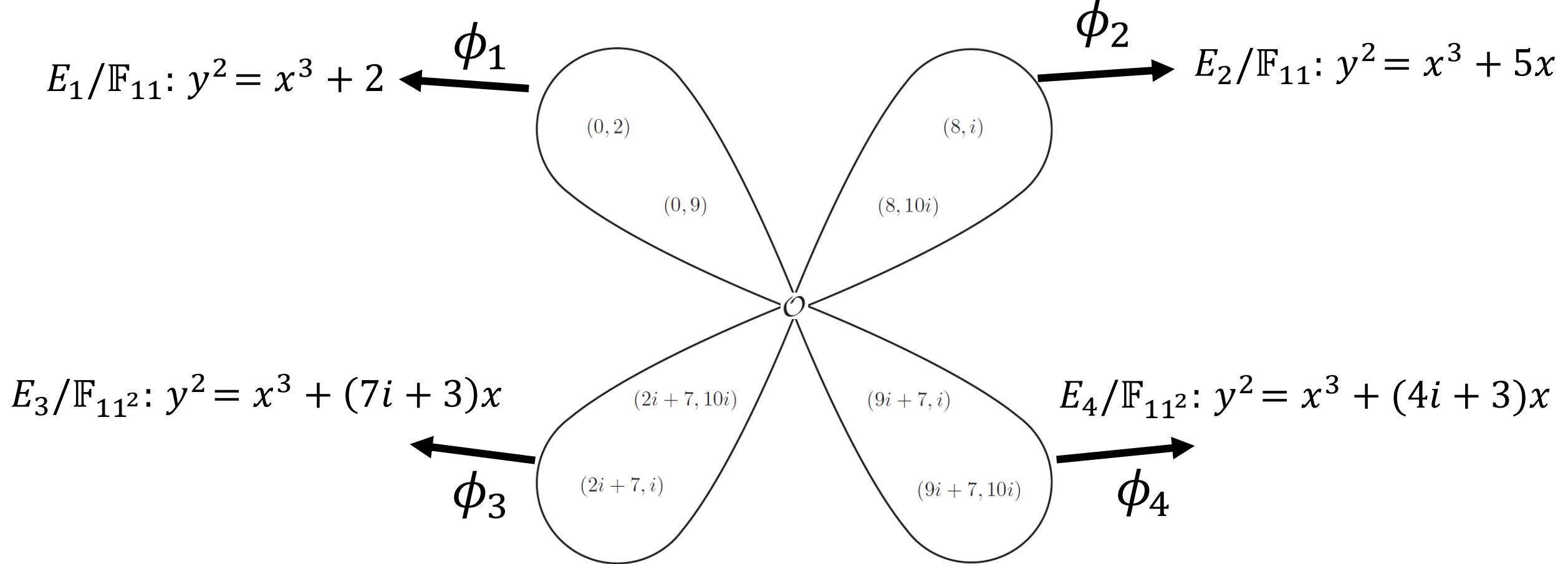
$$E[n] = \{P \in E(\bar{K}) : [n]P = \infty\}$$

- Found as the roots of the n^{th} division polynomial ψ_n

- If $\text{char}(K)$ doesn't divide n , then

$$E[n] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$$

Recall example from tutorial: $E/\mathbb{F}_{11}: y^2 = x^3 + 4$



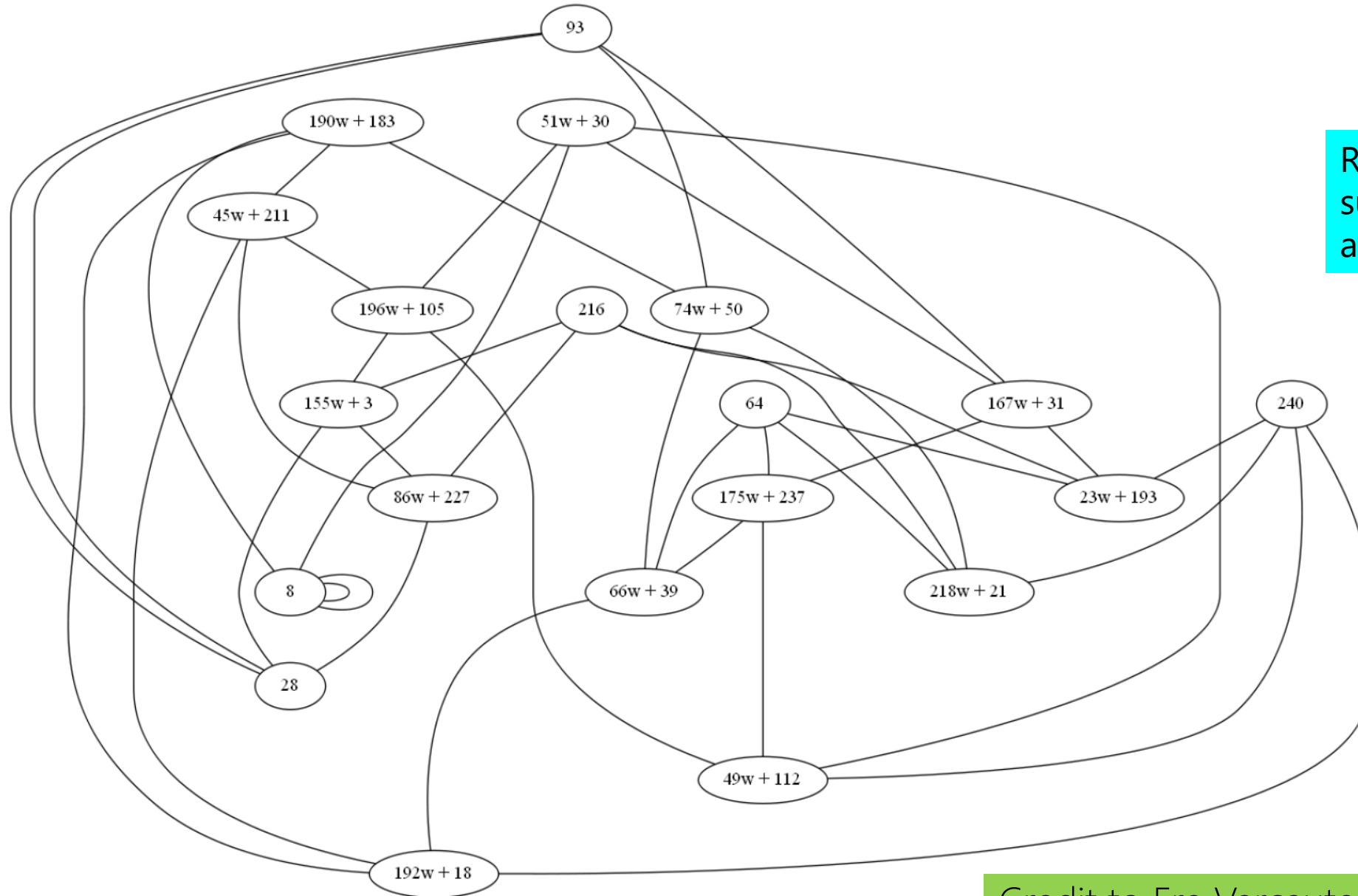
- Observe $E[3] \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$, i.e., 4 cyclic subgroups of order 3 (2-dimensional)
- **Velu's formulas:** given E and subgroup $G \subset E$, outputs $E' = \phi(E)$ and $\phi(E)$

The supersingular isogeny graph

- SIDH works in set \mathcal{S}_{p^2} of supersingular curves (up to \cong) over a fixed field
- Theorem: $\#\mathcal{S}_{p^2} = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{12} \right\rfloor + b, \quad b \in \{0,1,2\}$
- Thm (Tate): E_1 and E_2 isogenous if and only if $\#E_1 = \#E_2$
- Thm (Mestre): all supersingular curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} in same isogeny class
- Fact (see prev. e.g.): for every prime ℓ not dividing p , there exists $\ell + 1$ isogenies of degree ℓ originating from any supersingular curve

Upshot: immediately leads to $(\ell + 1)$ directed regular graph $X(\mathcal{S}_{p^2}, \ell)$

Supersingular isogeny graph for $\ell = 3$: $X(S_{241^2}, 3)$



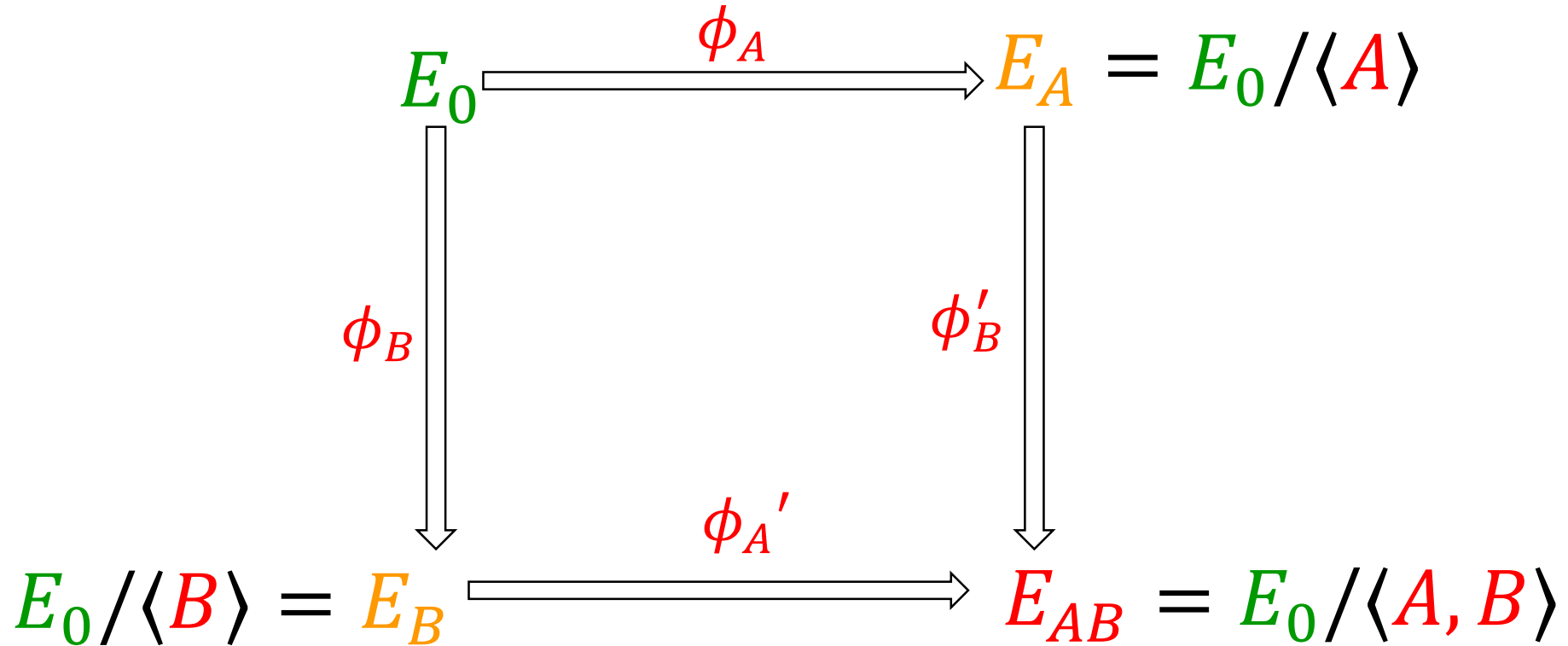
Recall (from tutorials) that supersingular isogeny graphs are Ramanujan: **rapid mixing!**

Credit to Fre Vercauteren for example and picture...

Analogues between Diffie-Hellman instantiations

	DH	ECDH	SIDH
elements	integers g modulo prime	points P in curve group	curves E in isogeny class
secrets	exponents x	scalars k	isogenies ϕ
computations	$g, x \mapsto g^x$	$k, P \mapsto [k]P$	$\phi, E \mapsto \phi(E)$
hard problem	given g, g^x find x	given $P, [k]P$ find k	given $E, \phi(E)$ find ϕ

SIDH in a nutshell:

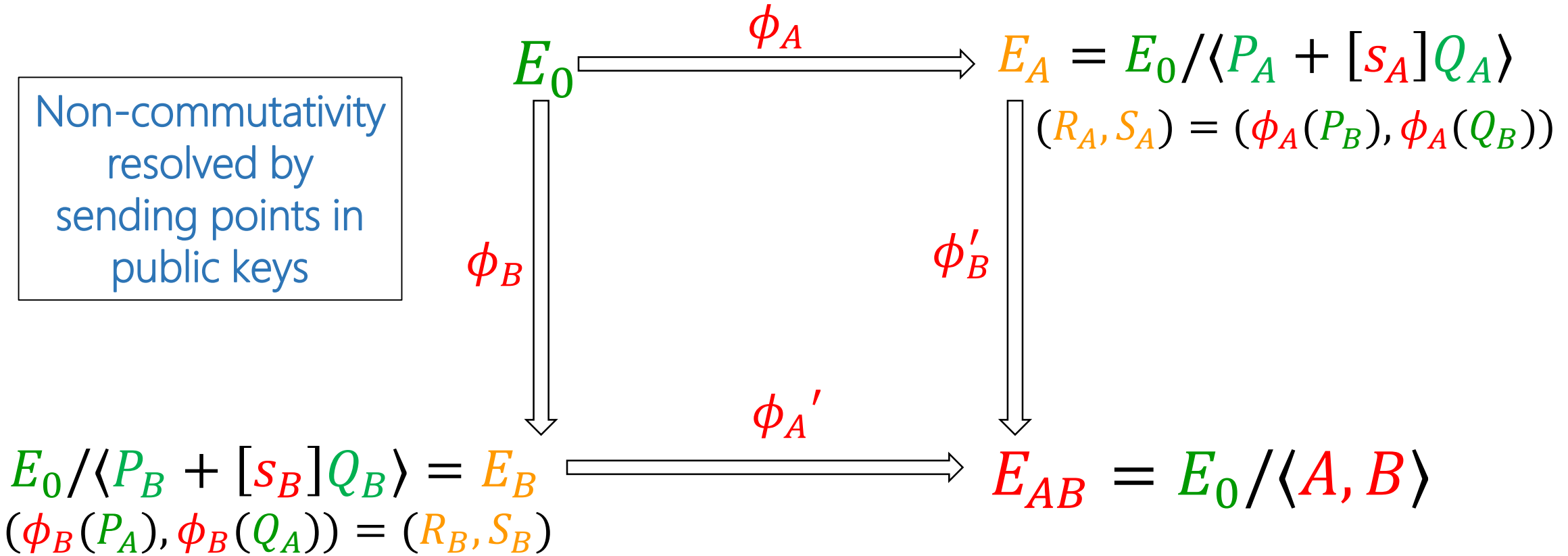


e.g., Alice computes 2-isogenies, Bob computes 3-isogenies

SIDH in a nutshell:

params	public	private
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Non-commutativity
resolved by
sending points in
public keys



Jao & De Feo's key: Alice sends her isogeny evaluated at Bob's generators, vice versa

$$E_A / \langle R_A + [s_B]S_A \rangle \cong E_0 / \langle P_A + [s_A]Q_A, P_B + [s_B]Q_B \rangle \cong E_B / \langle R_B + [s_A]S_B \rangle$$

SIDH shared secret is the j -invariant of E_{AB}

SIDH: security

- **Setting:** supersingular elliptic curves E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} where p is a large prime

• **Hard problem:** Given $P, Q \in E$ and $\phi(P), \phi(Q) \in \phi(E)$, compute ϕ
(where ϕ has fixed, smooth, public degree)

- **Best (known) attacks:** classical $O(p^{1/4})$ and quantum $O(p^{1/6})$
- **Confidence:** above complexities are optimal for (above generic) claw attack

Motivation

Can we actually securely deploy SIDH?

Parameters

params public private

$$p = 2^{372} 3^{239} - 1$$

$p \approx 2^{768}$ gives ≈ 192 bits classical and 128 bits quantum security against best known attacks

$$E_0 / \mathbb{F}_{p^2} : y^2 = x^3 + x$$

$$\#E_0 = (p + 1)^2 = (2^{372} 3^{239})^2 \leftarrow \text{Easy ECDLP}$$

$$P_A, P_B \in E_0(\mathbb{F}_p), Q_A = \tau(P_A), Q_B = \tau(P_B) \leftarrow 376 \text{ bytes}$$

$$48 \text{ bytes} \rightarrow S_A, S_B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{PK} = [x(P), x(Q), x(Q - P)] \in (\mathbb{F}_{p^2})^3 \leftarrow 564 \text{ bytes}$$

$$188 \text{ bytes} \rightarrow j(E_{AB}) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$$

Exploiting smooth degree isogenies

- Computing isogenies of prime degree ℓ at least $O(\ell)$
- We need exponential $\#secrets \leftrightarrow \#isogenies \leftrightarrow \#kernel$ subgroups
- Upshot: isogenies must have exponential degree. Can't compute unless smooth!
- We will only use isogenies of degree ℓ^e for $\ell \in \{2,3\}$

Exploiting smooth degree isogenies

- Suppose secret point R_0 has order 2^{372} , we need $\phi : E \rightarrow E/\langle R_0 \rangle$
- Factor $\phi = \phi_{371} \dots \phi_1 \phi_0$, with ϕ_i are 2-isogenies, and walk to $E/\langle R_0 \rangle$

$$\phi_0 = E_0 \rightarrow E_0/\langle [\ell^4]R_0 \rangle,$$

$$\phi_1 = E_1 \rightarrow E_1/\langle [\ell^3]R_1 \rangle,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\phi_{370} = E_{370} \rightarrow E_{370}/\langle [\ell^1]R_{370} \rangle,$$

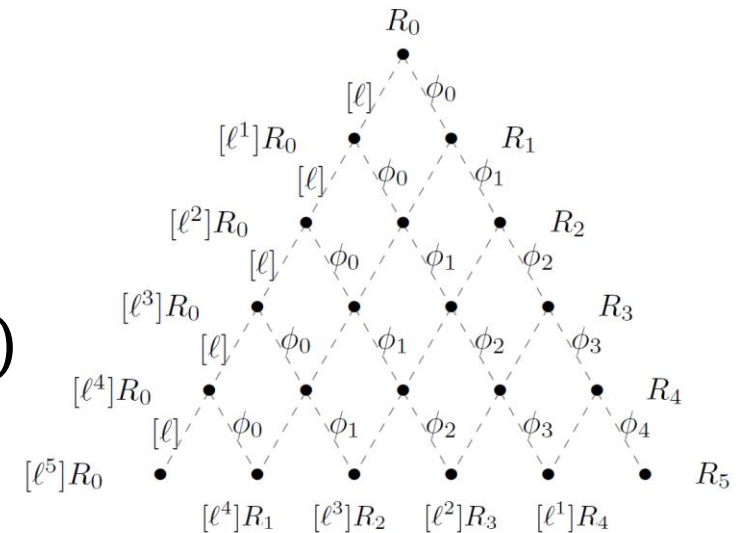
$$\phi_{371} = E_{371} \rightarrow E_{371}/\langle R_{371} \rangle.$$

$$R_1 = \phi_0(R_0);$$

$$R_2 = \phi_1(R_1);$$

$$\vdots$$

$$R_{371} = \phi_{370}(R_{370})$$



- The above is naïve: there is a much faster way (see [DJP'14]).
- SIDH requires two types of arithmetic: $[m]P \in E$ and $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$

Our performance improvements

1. Projective isogenies $\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ everywhere
2. Fast \mathbb{F}_{p^2} arithmetic
3. Tight public parameters

(just 1 today...)

Point *and* isogeny arithmetic in \mathbb{P}^1

ECDH: move around different points on a fixed curve.

SIDH: move around different points and different curves

$$E_{a,b} : by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$$

$$(x, y) \leftrightarrow (X : Y : Z)$$

$$(a, b) \leftrightarrow (A : B : C)$$

$$E_{(A:B:C)} : BY^2Z = CX^3 + AX^2Z + CXZ^2$$

The Montgomery B coefficient only fixes the quadratic twist. Can ignore it in SIDH since $j(E) = j(E')$

\mathbb{P}^1 point arithmetic (Montgomery): $(X : Z) \mapsto (X' : Z')$

\mathbb{P}^1 isogeny arithmetic (this work): $(A : C) \mapsto (A' : C')$

what was...

$$G : \frac{B}{2-A}y^2 = x^3 - 2\frac{A+6}{2-A}x^2 + x,$$

$$\psi : F \rightarrow G,$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{2-A} \frac{(x+4)(x+(A+2))}{x}, \frac{y}{2-A} \left(1 - \frac{4(2+A)}{x^2} \right) \right)$$

```
void iso2_comp(iso2* iso, GF* iA, GF* iB, GF* iA24,
              const GF A, const GF B,
              const GF x, const GF z) {
    GF* tmp = x.parent->GFtmp;

    sub_GF(&tmp[0], x, z);
    sqr_GF(&tmp[1], tmp[0]);
    inv_GF(&tmp[0], tmp[1]);
    mul_GF(&tmp[1], tmp[0], z);
    mul_GF(iso, tmp[1], x); // iA2 = x z / (x-z)^2
    add_GF_ui(&tmp[0], A, 6);
    mul_GF(iB, B, *iso); // iB = B iA2
    mul_GF(iA, tmp[0], *iso); // iA = (A+6) iA2
    a24(iA24, *iA);
}
```

Division in \mathbb{F}_p

... is now (division-free):

$$(A' : C') = (2(2X_4^4 - Z_4^4) : Z_4^4),$$

$$(X' : Z') = (X(2X_4Z_4Z - X(X_4^2 + Z_4^2))(X_4X - Z_4Z)^2 : Z(2X_4Z_4X - Z(X_4^2 + Z_4^2))(Z_4X - X_4Z)^2).$$

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void get_4_isog(point_proj_t P, f2elm_t A, f2elm_t C, f2elm_t* coeff)
{ // Computes the corresponding 4-isogeny of a projective Montgomery point (X4:Z4) of order 4.
  // Input: projective point of order four P = (X4:Z4).
  // Output: the 4-isogenous Montgomery curve with projective coefficient A/C and the 5 coefficients
  //          that are used to evaluate the isogeny at a point in eval_4_isog().

  fp2add751(P->X, P->Z, coeff[0]); // coeff[0] = X4+Z4
  fp2sqr751_mont(P->X, coeff[3]); // coeff[3] = X4^2
  fp2sqr751_mont(P->Z, coeff[4]); // coeff[4] = Z4^2
  fp2sqr751_mont(coeff[0], coeff[0]); // coeff[0] = (X4+Z4)^2
  fp2add751(coeff[3], coeff[4], coeff[1]); // coeff[1] = X4^2+Z4^2
  fp2sub751(coeff[3], coeff[4], coeff[2]); // coeff[2] = X4^2-Z4^2
  fp2sqr751_mont(coeff[3], coeff[3]); // coeff[3] = X4^4
  fp2sqr751_mont(coeff[4], coeff[4]); // coeff[4] = Z4^4
  fp2add751(coeff[3], coeff[3], A); // A = 2*X4^4
  fp2sub751(coeff[0], coeff[1], coeff[0]); // coeff[0] = 2*X4*Z4 = (X4+Z4)^2 - (X4^2+Z4^2)
  fp2sub751(A, coeff[4], A); // A = 2*X4^4-Z4^4
  fp2copy751(coeff[4], C); // C = Z4^4
  fp2add751(A, A, A); // A = 2*(2*X4^4-Z4^4)
}
```

Performance benchmarks

SIDH operation	This work*	Prior work (AFJ'14)
Alice key generation	46	149
Bob key generation	52	152
Alice shared secret	44	118
Bob shared secret	50	122
Total	192	540

Table: **millions** of clock cycles for DH operations on 3.4GHz Intel Core i7-4770 (Haswell)

*includes full protection against timing and cache attacks

BigMont: a strong SIDH+ECDH hybrid

- No clear frontrunner for PQ key exchange
- Hybrid particularly good idea for (relatively young) SIDH
- Hybrid particularly easy for SIDH

There are exponentially many A such that $E_A / \mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ is in the supersingular isogeny class. These are all unsuitable for ECDH.

There are also exponentially many A such that $E_A / \mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ is suitable for ECDH, e.g. $A = 624450$.

SIDH vs. SIDH+ECDH hybrid

comparison		SIDH	SIDH+ECDH
bit security (hard problem)	classical	192 (SSDDH)	384 (ECDHP)
	quantum	128 (SSDDH)	128 (SSDDH)
public key size (bytes)		564	658
Speed (cc x 10 ⁶)	Alice key gen.	46	52
	Bob key gen.	52	58
	Alice shared sec.	44	50
	Bob shared sec.	50	57

Colossal amount of classical security almost-for-free (\approx no more code)

SIDH vs. lattice "DH" primitives

Name	Primitive	Full DH (ms)	PK size (bytes)
Frodo	LWE	2.600	11,300
NewHope	R-LWE	0.310	1,792
NTRU	NTRU	2.429	1,024
SIDH	Supersingular Isogeny	900	564

Table: ms for full DH round (Alice + Bob) on 2.6GHz Intel Xeon i5 (Sandy Bridge)
See "Frodo" for benchmarking details.

All numbers above are for plain C implementations (e.g., SIDH w. assembly optimizations is 56ms)




Compression of public keys

- Azarderakhsh, Jao, Kalach, Koziel, Leonardi: instead of sending points with E , send scalars w.r.t. deterministic basis generating $E[n]$
- e.g., instead of sending $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})[2^{372}]$, send $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{372}}$ such that $P = [\alpha]Q + [\beta]R$ for some “canonical” basis $\{Q, R\}$ of $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})[2^{372}]$ that Alice and Bob can compute from E alone
- Azarderakhsh et al. show that decomposing $P \mapsto \alpha, \beta$ costs roughly 10 times a full round of SIDH!!!

Efficient compression of public keys

- Three stages to SIDH public key compression $P \mapsto \alpha, \beta$
- Step 1: compute deterministic basis $Q, R \in E[n]$
- Step 2: compute pairings to transform discrete logarithms into μ_n^*
- Step 3: solve discrete logarithms using Pohlig-Hellman

(C-Jao-Longa-Naehrig-Renes-Urbanik: <http://eprint.iacr.org/2016/963>)

- Step 1: much faster bases computations using 2 & 3 descent 
- Step 2: much faster pairing computations using optimized Tate not Weil 
- Step 3: much faster PH using optimized windowing approach 

Performance benchmarks

Full round SIDH (Alice+Bob)	This work*	Prior work (AJKKL'16)
no compression	192	535
compression	510	15,395

Table: **millions** of clock cycles for DH operations (Haswell) scaled – see paper.

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Compressed SIDH roughly 2-3 slower than uncompressed SIDH.

Validating public keys

- Issues regarding public key validation: Asiacrypt2016 paper by Galbraith-Petit-Shani-Ti
- NSA countermeasure: "Failure is not an option: standardization issues for PQ key agreement"
- Thus, library currently supports ephemeral DH only

Future work

- Cryptanalysis!
- Faster SIDH
- SIDH with static keys
- SI signatures

Thanks!

Full version of Crypto'16 paper
(joint with P. Longa and M. Naehrig)

<http://eprint.iacr.org/2016/413>

Full version of compression paper
(joint with D. Jao, P. Longa, M. Naehrig, D. Urbanik, J. Renes)

<http://eprint.iacr.org/2016/963>

SIDH library (v2.0 coming soon)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sidh-library/>