

Isogeny-based cryptography VI

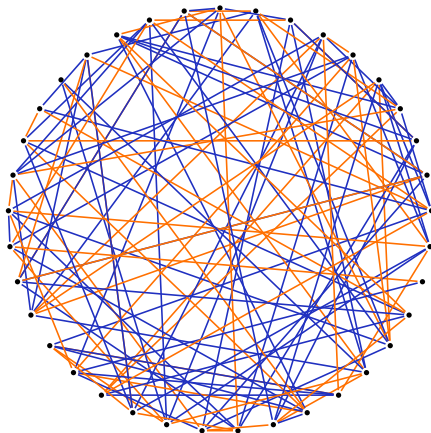
SIDH

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SAC – Post-quantum cryptography

SIDH – consider extension fields



The supersingular isogeny graph over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} looks differently.

Isomorphism classes now taking isomorphisms over any extension field.
Each node is one j invariant, all classes are defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} .

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- ▶ They both compute the shared secret
$$(E/B)/A' \cong E/\langle A, B \rangle \cong (E/A)/B'.$$
- ▶ Key is an isomorphism class; make this usable taking j -invariant.

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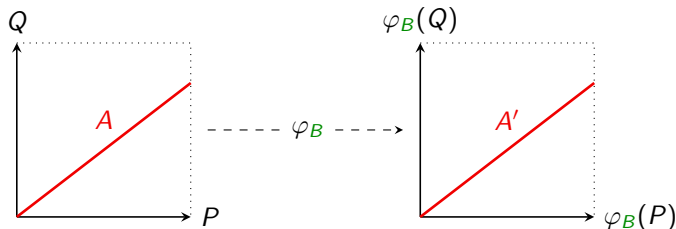
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Using images of P and Q also lets Alice keep direction in iterative computation of φ_A .

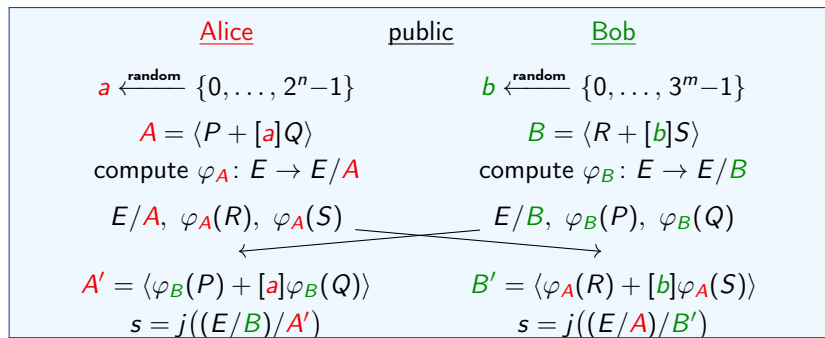
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Public parameters:

- ▶ large prime $p = 2^n 3^m - 1$, supersingular E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} with $(p+1)^2$ points.
- ▶ bases (P, Q) and (R, S) of $E[2^n]$ and $E[3^m]$.

Want these points defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} for efficiency.

Parameter choice ensures this. Recall $E[\ell] \cong \mathbb{Z}/\ell \times \mathbb{Z}/\ell$.



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- ▶ Claw finding: claimed $\tilde{O}(p^{1/6})$. 2019 Jaques–Schank: $\tilde{O}(p^{1/4})$:
“An adversary with enough quantum memory to run Tani’s algorithm with the query-optimal parameters could break SIKE faster by using the classical control hardware to run van Oorschot–Wiener.”

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Validating that Bob is honest is \approx as hard as breaking SIDH.

\implies **only** usable with **ephemeral keys** or as a **KEM** “SIKE.”

Comparison

Key bits where all known attacks take 2^λ operations
(naive serial attack metric, ignoring memory cost):

	pre-quantum	post-quantum
SIDH, SIKE	$(24 + o(1))\lambda$	$(36 + o(1))\lambda$
compressed	$(14 + o(1))\lambda$	$(21 + o(1))\lambda$
CSIDH	$(4 + o(1))\lambda$	superlinear
ECDH	$(2 + o(1))\lambda$	exponential

Find more attacks on SIDH.

See “How to not break SIDH” <https://eprint.iacr.org/2019/558>
by Chloe Martindale and Lorenz Panny for some failed attempts.