# Isogenies in a quantum world 

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## Summary of main results

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- For ordinary isogenous elliptic curves of equal endomorphism ring, we show (under GRH) how to find an isogeny in subexponential time on a quantum computer.
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- We propose a public-key cryptosystem based on the difficulty of finding isogenies between supersingular elliptic curves (in a certain special case). The fastest known attack against the system takes exponential time, even on a quantum computer.


## Isogenies

## Definition

Let $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ be elliptic curves over $F$.

- An isogeny $\phi: E \rightarrow E^{\prime}$ is a non-constant algebraic morphism

$$
\phi(x, y)=\left(\frac{f_{1}(x, y)}{g_{1}(x, y)}, \frac{f_{2}(x, y)}{g_{2}(x, y)}\right)
$$

satisfying $\phi(\infty)=\infty$ (equivalently, $\phi(P+Q)=\phi(P)+\phi(Q))$.

- The degree of an isogeny is its degree as an algebraic map.
- The endomorphism ring $\operatorname{End}(E)$ is the set of isogenies from $E(\bar{F})$ to itself, together with the constant homomorphism. This set forms a ring under pointwise addition and composition.


## Ordinary and supersingular curves

Theorem
Let $E$ be an elliptic curve defined over a finite field. As a $\mathbb{Z}$-module, $\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{End}(E)$ is equal to either 2 or 4.

## Definition

An elliptic curve $E$ over a finite field is supersingular if $\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{End}(E)=4$, and ordinary otherwise.
Isogenous curves are always either both ordinary, or both supersingular.

## Isogenies and kernels

## Theorem

For every finite subgroup $G \subset E(\bar{F})$, there exists a unique (up to isomorphism) elliptic curve $E / G$ and a unique (up to isomorphism) separable isogeny $E \rightarrow E / G$ of degree $\# G$. Every separable isogeny arises in this way.

Corollary
Every separable isogeny $\phi$ factors into a composition of prime degree isogenies.

Proof.
Let $G=\operatorname{ker} \phi$. Factor $G$ using the fundamental theorem of finite abelian groups. Apply the previous theorem to each factor.

## Solving the decision problem

Theorem (Tate 1966)
Two curves $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ are isogenous over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$ if and only if $\# E=\# E^{\prime}$.

Remark
The cardinality \#E of $E$ can be calculated in polynomial time using Schoof's algorithm [Schoof 1985], which is also based on isogenies.

## First main theorem of complex multiplication

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- Let $\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ denote the ideal class group of $\mathcal{O}_{D} \subset K$.
- Let $h=\# \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ denote the class number of $\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
- There exists a number field L, called the Hilbert class field of $K$, with $[L: K]=h$ and $\operatorname{Gal}(L / K)=\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, such that:
- Fix any prime ideal $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_{L}$ of norm $p$.
- For every fractional ideal $\mathfrak{a} \in \mathcal{O}_{D}$, the complex elliptic curve $\mathbb{C} / \mathfrak{a}$ corresponding to the lattice $\mathfrak{a}$ is defined over $L$, and has endomorphism ring $\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
- The reduction of $\mathbb{C} / \mathfrak{a} \bmod \mathfrak{p}$ yields an elliptic curve over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ with endomorphism ring $\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
- Every ordinary elliptic curve over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ arises in this way.
- Two fractional ideals yield isomorphic curves if and only if they belong to the same ideal class.


## Remarks on the first main theorem

Stated more succintly, there is an isomorphism between elements of $\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ and isomorphism classes of elliptic curves $E / \mathbb{F}_{p}$ with $\operatorname{End}(E)=\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
Definition
The set of isomorphism classes of elliptic curves $E / \mathbb{F}_{p}$ with $\operatorname{End}(E)=\mathcal{O}_{D}$ is denoted $E l_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, where $n=\# E$.

## Remark

1. This isomorphism is not canonical! It depends on the choice of $\mathfrak{p}$.
2. This isomorphism is very hard to compute. The fastest known algorithm operates by computing the Hilbert class polynomial, which takes $O(p)$ time.

## Second main theorem of complex multiplication

Theorem (Second main theorem of complex multiplication)
Let $\mathfrak{a}$ be any fractional ideal, and let $\mathfrak{b}$ be an ideal. Then

- $\mathfrak{a b}^{-1} \supset \mathfrak{a}$ (n.b. "to contain is to divide").
- The map $\mathbb{C} / \mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} / \mathfrak{a b}^{-1}$ is an isogeny of degree $N(\mathfrak{b})$, denoted $\phi_{\mathfrak{b}}$.
- Every horizontal separable isogeny mod $p$ arises from the mod $\mathfrak{p}$ reduction of such an isogeny $\phi_{\mathfrak{b}}$.


## Remarks on the second main theorem

- The isomorphism between ideal classes $[\mathfrak{a}] \in \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ and curves $E \in E l_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ is not canonical.
- However, the correspondence between ideals $\mathfrak{b}$ and isogenies $\phi_{\mathfrak{b}}$ is canonical, up to endomorphism.

- Thus we may represent isogenies using ideal classes in $\mathcal{O}_{D}$.


## The main group action

Theorem (Waterhouse 1969)
There is a group action $*: \operatorname{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right) \times \mathrm{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, defined as follows.

- Given $\mathfrak{b} \in \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, and $E \in \mathrm{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, let $\phi_{\mathfrak{b}}: E \rightarrow E^{\prime}$ be the isogeny corresponding to $\mathfrak{b}$.
- Set $\mathfrak{b} * E=E^{\prime}$.
$\mathrm{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ is a principal homogeneous space for the group $\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ under this action. In other words, the action is free and transitive.


## Computational problems

There are two main computational questions:

1. Given $\mathfrak{b}$ and $E$, compute $\mathfrak{b} * E$.
2. Given $E$ and $E^{\prime}$, find $\mathfrak{b} \in \operatorname{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ such that $\mathfrak{b} * E=E^{\prime}$ (the so-called quotient of $E^{\prime}$ and $E$ ).
These are believed to be hard problems.
3. Computing the group action:

- Previous work: $O\left(N(\mathfrak{b})^{3}\right)(!!)$
- Our work:
- $L_{P}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ with heuristics (Jao and Soukharev, ANTS 2010)
- $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ under GRH (Childs, Jao and Soukharev)

2. Computing quotients:

- Previous work: $O\left(h^{1 / 2}\right)=O\left(p^{1 / 4}\right)$ with heuristics [Galbraith, Hess, Smart 2002]
- Our work: $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ with quantum computers (Childs, Jao, Soukharev)
[Bisson, J. Math. Cryptol. 2011] improves these times to $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$


## Isogeny-based cryptography

- Cryptosystems based on isogenies have been proposed by Couveignes (1996), Rostovtsev and Stolbunov (2006), and Stolbunov (2010).
- Given $\mathfrak{b}$ and $E$, computing $\mathfrak{b} * E$ is hard, but it can be easy if you choose $\mathfrak{b}$ to be of the form $\mathfrak{p}_{1}^{e_{1}} \mathfrak{p}_{2}^{e_{2}} \cdots \mathfrak{p}_{t}^{e_{t}}$.
- Given $E$ and $E^{\prime}$, computing the quotient seems hard, and (as an attacker) you may not have the ability to choose $E$ and $E^{\prime}$.
- This leads to the design of public key cryptosystems based on group actions.


## Example: Key exchange

Public parameters: $p, E \in \operatorname{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{K}\right)$
Key generation: Choose an ideal $\mathfrak{b}=\mathfrak{p}_{1}^{e_{1}} \mathfrak{p}_{2}^{e_{2}} \cdots \mathfrak{p}_{t}^{e_{t}}$.
Public key: $\mathfrak{b} * E$
Private key: $\mathfrak{b}$
To generate a shared key, take $\mathfrak{b}_{1} * \mathfrak{b}_{2} * E=\mathfrak{b}_{2} * \mathfrak{b}_{1} * E$. Breaking the system (conjecturally) requires finding the quotient $\mathfrak{b}$, given $E$ and $\mathfrak{b} * E$.
Quoting Stolbunov (Adv. Math. Comm. 4(2), 2010):
Besides being interesting from the theoretical point of view, the proposed cryptographic schemes might also have an advantage against quantum computer attacks.... In case a quantum attack is discovered later, the proposed cryptographic schemes would seemingly become of theoretical interest only.

## The abelian hidden shift problem

- Let $A$ be a finite abelian group.
- Let $S$ be a finite set.
- Let $f: A \rightarrow S$ and $g: A \rightarrow S$ be two injective functions that differ by a shift. That is, there exists $b \in A$ such that, for all $x \in A$,

$$
f(x)=g(x b)
$$

- Problem: Find $b$.


## Isogeny construction as a hidden shift problem

Suppose we are given two isogenous curves $E$ and $E^{\prime}$.

- Define $f_{0}, f_{1}: \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ell}_{p, n}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ by

$$
\begin{aligned}
f_{0}(\mathfrak{a}) & =\mathfrak{a} * E \\
f_{1}(\mathfrak{a}) & =\mathfrak{a} * E^{\prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

- $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ are isogenous, so there exists $\mathfrak{b} \in \operatorname{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$ such that

$$
\mathfrak{b} * E=E^{\prime}
$$

- Then $f_{1}(\mathfrak{a})=\mathfrak{a} * E^{\prime}=\mathfrak{a} * \mathfrak{b} * E=f_{0}(\mathfrak{a b})$.
- $f_{0}$ and $f_{1}$ are injective since $*$ is regular.
- Solving the hidden shift problem on $f_{0}, f_{1}$ yields $\mathfrak{b}$.


## Kuperberg's algorithm

## Theorem (Kuperberg, 2003)

For a group $A$ of size $N$, the hidden shift problem can be solved on a quantum computer in $\exp (O(\sqrt{\ln N}))=L_{N}\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0+o(1)\right)$ time, space, and queries to $f$ and $g$.

- Note that Kuperberg's algorithm requires querying the functions $f$ and $g$ (potentially) a large number of times.
- $f(\mathfrak{a})=\mathfrak{a} * E$ and $g(\mathfrak{a})=\mathfrak{a} * E^{\prime}$ are just group action operations.
- Thus, computing quotients can be reduced to computing the action.


## Computing the group action: direct approach

## Problem

Given $\mathfrak{b}$ and $E$, compute $\mathfrak{b} * E$.
The direct approach is to work with $\mathfrak{b}$ itself.

- By factoring $\mathfrak{b}$ (which takes subexponential time), we may reduce to the case where $\mathfrak{b}=\mathfrak{L}$ is prime.
- If $\mathfrak{L}$ does not have prime norm, then it is a principal ideal, and the action is trivial.
- Hence we may assume $\mathfrak{L}$ has prime norm. Write $N(\mathfrak{L})=\ell$.


## Computing the group action: direct approach

- Write $E: y^{2}=x^{3}+a x+b$.
- Let $j=j(E)$ be the $j$-invariant of $E$.
- Let $\Phi_{\ell}(x, y)$ be the classical modular polynomial of level $\ell$.
- Let $j^{\prime}$ be a root of $\phi_{\ell}(x, j(E))$.
- Set

$$
\begin{aligned}
s & =-\frac{18}{\ell} \frac{b}{a} \frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}\left(j(E), j^{\prime}\right)}{\partial \phi}\left(j(E), j^{\prime}\right) \\
a^{\prime} & =-\frac{1}{48} \frac{s^{2}}{j^{\prime}\left(j^{\prime}-1728\right)} \\
b^{\prime} & =-\frac{1}{864} \frac{s^{3}}{j^{\prime 2}\left(j^{\prime}-1728\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Then $y^{2}=x^{3}+a^{\prime} x+b^{\prime}$ is the equation for $E^{\prime}$. This computation takes $O\left(\ell^{3+\varepsilon}\right)$ time (to compute $\left.\Phi_{\ell}(x, y)\right)$ which is enormous as $\ell$ grows.

## Computing the group action: indirect approach

An indirect approach to computing $\mathfrak{b} * E$ is much faster.

- Using index calculus, find a factorization

$$
[\mathfrak{b}]=\left[\mathfrak{p}_{1}^{e_{1}} \mathfrak{p}_{2}^{e_{2}} \cdots \mathfrak{p}_{t}^{e_{t}}\right]
$$

valid in the ideal class group $\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$, where the primes $\mathfrak{p}_{i}$ are taken from a factor base of small primes. This process takes subexponential time.

- Evaluate $\mathfrak{p}_{1}^{e_{1}} * \cdots * \mathfrak{p}_{t}^{e_{t}} * E$ repeatedly, one (small) prime at a time.


## Main results

Theorem (Jao and Soukharev, ANTS IX, 2010)
The indirect method takes $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ time to evaluate the group action (GRH + heuristics).

Theorem (Childs, Jao and Soukharev)
On a quantum computer, quotients can be computed in $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ operations (GRH).

## Remark

We use a result on expansion properties of Cayley graphs of ideal class groups [Jao, Miller, Venkatesan 2009] to eliminate extra heuristics. Our results assume only GRH.

## Polynomial space

- Kuperberg's algorithm uses space $\exp (O(\sqrt{\ln n}))$.
- [Regev 2004] presents a modified algorithm using only polynomial space for the case $A=\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n}}$, with running time

$$
\exp (O(\sqrt{n \ln n}))=L_{2^{n}}\left(\frac{1}{2}, O(1)\right)
$$

- Combining Regev's ideas with techniques used by Kuperberg for the case of a general abelian group (of order $N$ ), and performing a careful analysis, we find an algorithm with running time $L_{N}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{2}\right)$ using only polynomial space.
- Thus there is a quantum algorithm to construct elliptic curve isogenies using only polynomial space in time $L_{p}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}+\sqrt{2}\right)$.


## Isogeny-based cryptography with supersingular curves

Motivation:

- Ordinary curves allow for a subexponential quantum attack.
- Ordinary curves are slow [Stolbunov 2010, Table 1]:

| Security (bits) | $\lceil\log p\rceil$ (bits) | Time (seconds) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 224 | 19 |
| 80 | 244 | 21 |
| 96 | 304 | 56 |
| 112 | 364 | 90 |
| 128 | 428 | 229 |

- Isogenies over supersingular curves were proposed previously for use in hash functions (Charles, Goren, Lauter 2009)


## Supersingular curve isogenies

Let $E$ be a supersingular elliptic curve over $\mathbb{F}_{q}$.

- $j(E) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}$
- $\operatorname{End}(E)$ is a right order $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}_{p, \infty}$

For every isogeny $\phi: E \rightarrow E^{\prime}$ :

- $\operatorname{ker} \phi$ corresponds to a left ideal $\phi$ of $\mathcal{O}$ of norm $\operatorname{deg} \phi$
- $\operatorname{End}\left(E^{\prime}\right)$ is the right order of $I_{\phi}$ :

$$
\operatorname{End}\left(E^{\prime}\right) \cong\left\{x \in \operatorname{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q}: I_{\phi} x \subset I_{\phi}\right\}
$$

- Suppose that $\phi_{1}: E \rightarrow E_{1}$ and $\phi_{2}: E \rightarrow E_{2}$ correspond to $I_{1}$ and $I_{2}$. Then $E_{1} \cong E_{2}$ if and only if $I_{1}$ and $I_{2}$ are in the same left ideal class.
Unfortunately, there is no abelian group action of the set of left ideal classes on the set of supersingular $j$-invariants.


## Kernel points

Basic idea
Represent an isogeny using (a generator of) its kernel.

- Alice chooses $R_{A} \in E$ and computes $\phi_{A}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$
- Alice sends $E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ to Bob
- Bob chooses $R_{B} \in E$ and computes $\phi_{B}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle$
- Bob sends $E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle$ to Alice
- The quotient operation is commutative:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle\right) /\left\langle\phi_{A}\left(R_{B}\right)\right\rangle & \cong E /\left\langle R_{A}, R_{B}\right\rangle \\
& =E /\left\langle R_{B}, R_{A}\right\rangle \cong\left(E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle\right) /\left\langle\phi_{B}\left(R_{A}\right)\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

Given $R_{A}$ ( $R_{B}$ etc.), one can compute $\phi_{A}$ ( $\phi_{B}$ etc.) using Velu's formulas.

Problem \#1
Alice needs $\phi_{B}\left(R_{A}\right)$ in order to compute $\left(E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle\right) /\left\langle\phi_{B}\left(R_{A}\right)\right\rangle$. Solution

- Fix a $\mathbb{Z}$-module basis $P, Q$ of $E\left(\mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}\right)$.
- Alice chooses $R_{A}=m P+n Q$.
- Bob sends $\left(\phi_{B}(P), \phi_{B}(Q)\right)$ to Alice.
- Alice computes $\phi_{B}\left(R_{A}\right)=m \phi_{B}(P)+n \phi_{B}(Q)$


## Problem \#2

Computing $E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ from $R_{A}$ from Velu's formulas requires $O\left(\ell^{3}\right)$ operations.

## Solution

- Choose $E$ so that $\ell^{e} \mid \# E\left(\mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}\right)$, where $\ell$ is a small prime
- Choose $R_{A}$ to have order $\ell^{e}$
- Then $E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ can be efficiently computed as a composition of $e$ isogenies of degree $\ell$

For points of smooth order, discrete log is easy. But our scheme is based on isogenies, not discrete log.

## Problem \#3

If $R_{A}=m_{A} P+n_{A} Q$, then an adversary who knows $\phi_{A}(P), \phi_{A}(Q)$ can find a generator for $\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ by solving

$$
x \phi_{A}(P)+y \phi_{A}(Q)=0
$$

for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Solution
Use different smooth order subgroups for Alice and Bob:

- Choose $E$ so that $\ell_{A}^{e_{A}} \ell_{B}^{e_{B}}$ divides $\# E\left(\mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}\right)$
- Choose $\mathbb{Z}$-bases $\left\{P_{A}, Q_{A}\right\}$ of $E\left[\ell_{A}^{e_{A}}\right]$ and $\left\{P_{B}, Q_{B}\right\}$ of $E\left[\ell_{B}^{e_{B}}\right]$
- Alice chooses $R_{A}=m_{A} P_{A}+n_{A} Q_{A}$ of order $\ell_{A}^{e_{A}}$
- Alice computes $\phi_{A}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$
- Alice sends $E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ and $\phi_{A}\left(P_{B}\right), \phi_{A}\left(Q_{B}\right)$ to Bob

Now the adversary has $\phi_{A}\left(P_{B}\right), \phi_{A}\left(Q_{B}\right)$ but $R_{A}=m_{A} P_{A}+n_{A} Q_{A}$ is a linear combination of $P_{A}$ and $Q_{A}$

## Key exchange

Public parameters:

- Prime $p=\ell_{A}^{e_{A}} \ell_{B}^{e_{B}} \cdot f \pm 1$
- Supersingular elliptic curve $E / \mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}$ of order $(p \mp 1)^{2}$
- $\mathbb{Z}$-bases $\left\{P_{A}, Q_{A}\right\}$ of $E\left[\ell_{A}^{e_{A}}\right]$ and $\left\{P_{B}, Q_{B}\right\}$ of $E\left[\ell_{B}^{e_{B}}\right]$

Alice:

- Choose $R_{A}=m_{A} P_{A}+n_{A} Q_{A}$ of order $\ell_{A}^{e_{A}}$
- Compute $\phi_{A}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$
- Send $E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle, \phi_{A}\left(P_{B}\right), \phi_{A}\left(Q_{B}\right)$ to Bob

Bob:

- Choose $R_{B}=m_{B} P_{B}+n_{B} Q_{B}$ of order $\ell_{B}^{e_{B}}$
- Compute $\phi_{B}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle$
- Send $E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle, \phi_{B}\left(P_{A}\right), \phi_{B}\left(Q_{A}\right)$ to Alice

The shared secret is
$E /\left\langle R_{A}, R_{B}\right\rangle=\left(E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle\right) /\left\langle m_{A} \phi_{B}\left(P_{A}\right)+n_{A} \phi_{B}\left(Q_{A}\right)\right\rangle=\left(E /\left\langle R_{B}\right\rangle\right) /\left\langle m_{B} \phi_{A}\left(P_{B}\right)+n_{B} \phi_{A}\left(Q_{B}\right)\right\rangle$

## Diagram



## Attacks against the scheme

Fastest known attack (given $E$ and $E_{A}$ ):

- Build a tree of degree $\ell_{A}$-isogenies of depth $e_{A} / 2$ starting from $E$
- Build a tree of degree $\ell_{A}$-isogenies of depth $e_{A} / 2$ starting from $E_{A}$
- Find a common vertex between the two trees

Using claw-finding algorithms, one can solve this problem in:

- $O\left(p^{1 / 4}\right)$ time on a classical computer
- $O\left(p^{1 / 6}\right)$ time on a quantum computer

Assuming that this is indeed the fastest possible attack, we need a 768 -bit prime for 128 -bit security against quantum computers.

## Implementation

To compute $\phi_{A}: E \rightarrow E /\left\langle R_{A}\right\rangle$ :

- Set $R_{0}:=\left[m_{A}\right] P_{A}+\left[n_{A}\right] Q_{A}$.
- For $0 \leq i<e_{A}$, set

$$
E_{i+1}=E_{i} /\left\langle\ell_{A}^{e_{A}-i-1} R_{i}\right\rangle, \quad \phi_{i}: E_{i} \rightarrow E_{i+1}, \quad R_{i+1}=\phi_{i}\left(R_{i}\right)
$$

- Then $\phi_{i}$ is a degree $\ell_{A}$ isogeny from $E_{i}$ to $E_{i+1}$.
- We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
E_{A} & =E_{e_{A}} \\
\phi_{A} & =\phi_{e_{A}-1} \circ \cdots \circ \phi_{0}
\end{aligned}
$$

This algorithm is quadratic in $e_{A}$.

## Computational strategies



The outer edges are always needed. For the inner nodes, one can:

- Compute vertical arrows (multiplication-based strategy)
- Compute diagonal arrows (isogeny-based strategy)


## Timings

|  | Alice |  | Bob |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | round 1 | round 2 | round 1 | round 2 |
| $2^{253} 3^{161} 7-1$ | 365 ms | 363 ms | 318 ms | 314 ms |
| $5^{110} 7^{91} 284-1$ | 419 ms | 374 ms | 369 ms | 326 ms |
| $11^{74} 11^{69} 384-1$ | 332 ms | 283 ms | 321 ms | 272 ms |
| $17^{62} 1^{660} 210+1$ | 330 ms | 274 ms | 331 ms | 276 ms |
| $23^{56} 2^{552} 286+1$ | 339 ms | 274 ms | 347 ms | 277 ms |
| $31^{51} 4147564-1$ | 355 ms | 279 ms | 381 ms | 294 ms |
| $2^{384} 41^{242} 8-1$ | 1160 ms | 1160 ms | 986 ms | 973 ms |
| $5^{165}{ }^{161}{ }^{137} 2968-1$ | 1050 ms | 972 ms | 916 ms | 843 ms |
| $11^{111} 13^{104} 78+1$ | 790 ms | 710 ms | 771 ms | 688 ms |
| $17^{94} 19^{90} 116-1$ | 761 ms | 673 ms | 750 ms | 661 ms |
| $23^{85} 29^{99} 132-1$ | 755 ms | 652 ms | 758 ms | 647 ms |
| $31^{77} 41^{12} 166+1$ | 772 ms | 643 ms | 824 ms | 682 ms |
| $2^{512} 3^{323} 799-1$ | 2570 ms | 2550 ms | 2170 ms | 2150 ms |
| $5^{220} 7^{182} 538+1$ | 2270 ms | 2140 ms | 1930 ms | 1810 ms |
| $11^{148} 13^{138} 942+1$ | 1650 ms | 1520 ms | 1570 ms | 1440 ms |
| $17^{125} 19^{120} 712-1$ | 1550 ms | 1430 ms | 1520 ms | 1380 ms |
| $23^{113} 29^{105} 1004-1$ | 1480 ms | 1330 ms | 1470 ms | 1300 ms |

## Current record

Source code: www.prism.uvsq.fr/~dfl/

- We represent curves in Montgomery form:

$$
B y^{2}=x^{3}+A x^{2}+x
$$

- Our formulas for 2-isogenies and 4-isogenies are faster than anything else in the literature.
- Current record (2011-09-19): 500ms for 1024-bit primes
- This performance is achieved using a mixed approach:
- " $\ell_{A}$ " $=4^{5}$
- Isogeny-based method for $4 \rightarrow 4^{5}$
- Multiplication-based method for $\ell_{A} \rightarrow \ell_{A}^{e_{A}}$


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