

SQIsign2D-West: the Fast, the Small, the Safer

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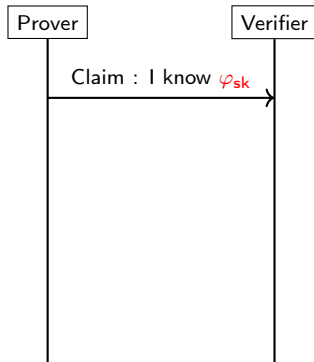
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- ✓ Faster in practice with dimension 2 (or 4) isogenies.

Overview of SQIsign2D

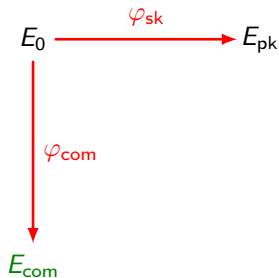
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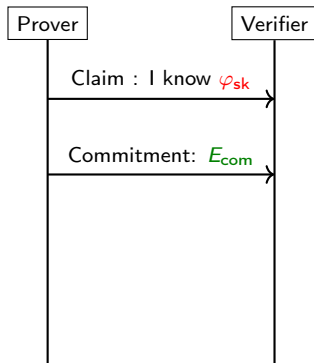
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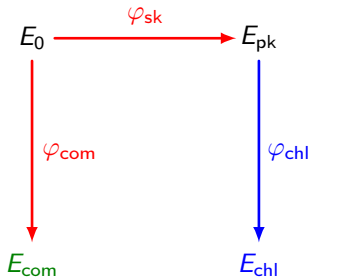
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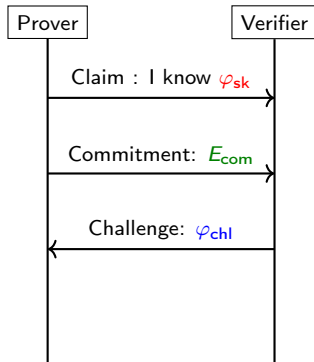
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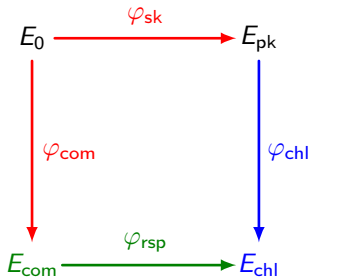
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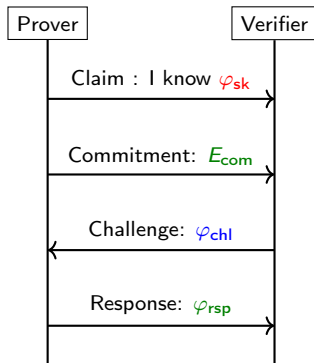
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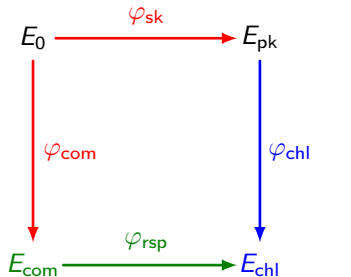
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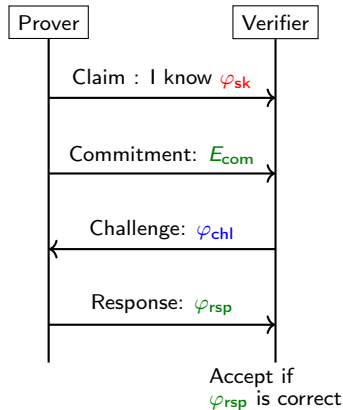
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New tools

SQIsignHD used dimension 4 isogenies to represent the response and came short of doing it in dimension 2. We now have the tools to do it.

New tools we use:

- **RandIsogImages in QFESTA [NO23]:** Starting from E_0 s.t. $j(E_0) = 1728$, we can compute an isogeny $\varphi : E_0 \rightarrow *$ of given non-smooth degree.
- **AnyIdealToIsogeny:** Starting from E_0 translate any ideal $I \subset \mathcal{O}_0 \cong \text{End}(E_0)$ into an isogeny $\varphi_I : E_0 \rightarrow *$ (inspired from Clapoti/QFESTA [PR23; NO23]).
- Sampling a random uniform ideal of fixed norm in any maximal quaternion order.

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is a $(q+r, q+r)$ -isogeny, i.e. $\widetilde{\Phi} \circ \Phi = [q+r]$, and its kernel is:

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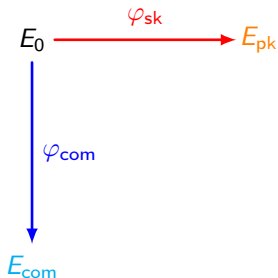
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Public parameters: $p = c \cdot 2^e - 1$ with c small, E_0 of j -invariant 1728 and (P_0, Q_0) s.t. $E_0[2^e] = \langle P_0, Q_0 \rangle$.

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- Sample a left-ideal I_{sk} of $\mathcal{O}_0 \cong \text{End}(E_0)$ of big fixed norm N .
- Translate I_{sk} into φ_{sk} via AnyIdealTolsogeny.
- $pk = E_{pk}$.
- $sk = (I_{sk}, \varphi_{sk}(P_0), \varphi_{sk}(Q_0))$.

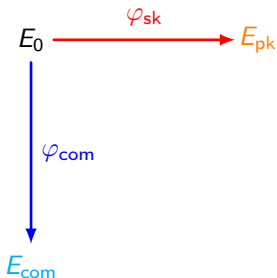
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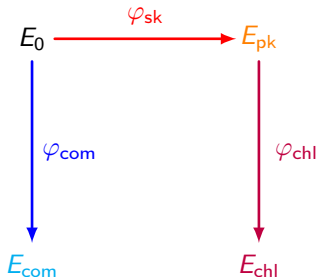
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Differences with SQIsign(HD):

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- The distribution of E_{com} (and E_{pk}) is provably uniform.

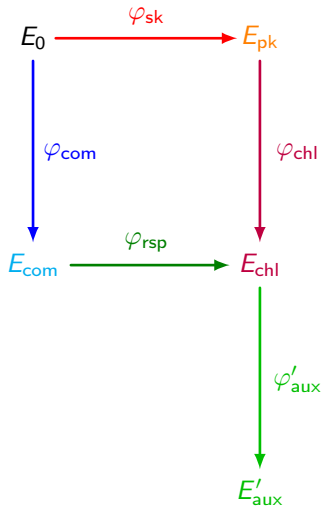
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- Sample $\varphi_{chl} : E_{pk} \rightarrow E_{chl}$ of degree $2^e \simeq p$.
- In SQIsignHD, $\deg(\varphi_{chl}) \simeq \sqrt{p}$ was sufficient for the challenge space but we need $\deg(\varphi_{chl}) \simeq p$ here for security reasons.

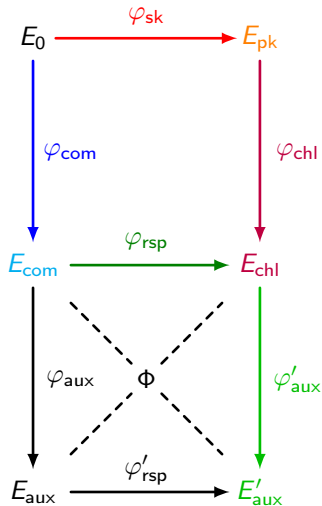
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- $J \leftarrow \bar{T}_{com} \cdot I_{sk} \cdot I_{chl}$.
- Compute $I_{rsp} \sim J$ random of norm $q < 2^r \simeq \sqrt{p}$.
- q can be even (suppose it is odd for clarity).
- Sample $I''_{aux} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_0$ at random of norm $2^r - q$.
- $I'_{aux} \leftarrow [I_{com} \cdot I_{rsp}] * I''_{aux}$.
- Apply AnyIdealTolsogeny to $I_{com} \cdot I_{rsp} \cdot I'_{aux}$ to compute E_{aux} and $\varphi'_{aux} \circ \varphi_{rsp} \circ \varphi_{com}(P_0, Q_0)$.

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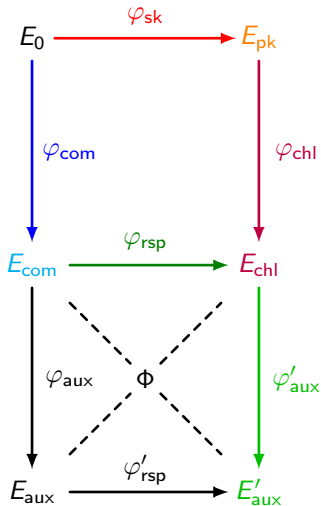
$$\Phi : E_{\text{com}} \times E'_{\text{aux}} \longrightarrow E_{\text{chl}} \times E_{\text{aux}}$$

of kernel:

$$\langle ([q]P_0, \varphi'_{\text{aux}} \circ \varphi_{\text{rsp}} \circ \varphi_{\text{com}}(P_0)), ([q]Q_0, \varphi'_{\text{aux}} \circ \varphi_{\text{rsp}} \circ \varphi_{\text{com}}(Q_0)) \rangle.$$

- Compute a deterministic basis $(P_{\text{chl}}, Q_{\text{chl}})$ of $E_{\text{chl}}[2^r]$.
- Evaluate Φ to obtain $(P_{\text{aux}}, Q_{\text{aux}}) = [1/(2^r - q)]\varphi_{\text{aux}} \circ \widehat{\varphi}_{\text{rsp}}(P_{\text{chl}}, Q_{\text{chl}})$.
- Return $(E_{\text{aux}}, P_{\text{aux}}, Q_{\text{aux}})$.

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- Check its codomain is $E_{\text{com}} \times _$.

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- Compute $\Phi(P_0, 0) = (\varphi(P_0), *)$ and $\Phi(Q_0, 0) = (\varphi(Q_0), *)$.
- Return E and $\varphi(P_0, Q_0)$.

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Output: The codomain E_I and the image $\varphi_I(P_0, Q_0)$ of $\varphi_I : E_0 \rightarrow E_I$.

- Find ideals $I_1, I_2 \sim I$ of odd norms and $u, v \in \mathbb{N}$ odd s.t. $\gcd(u \operatorname{nr}(I_1), v \operatorname{nr}(I_2)) = 1$ and $u \operatorname{nr}(I_1) + v \operatorname{nr}(I_2) = 2^e$.
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- Then $\theta := \widehat{\varphi}_{I_2} \circ \varphi_{I_1} = \beta_2 \overline{\beta_1} / \operatorname{nr}(I)$.
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represents $\varphi_{I_1} \circ \widehat{\varphi}_u$ and we know $\varphi_u(P_0, Q_0)$.

- Hence, we can get $\varphi_{I_1}(P_0, Q_0)$.
- Besides, $[\text{nrd}(I_1)]\varphi_I = \varphi_{I_1} \circ \beta_1$ so we can get $\varphi_I(P_0, Q_0)$.

Performance

Compactness, scalability, choice of prime

Table: Chosen parameters for SQIsign2D and SQIsignHD. Public key and signature sizes in bytes.

		NIST I	NIST III	NIST V
SQIsign2D	Prime	$5 \cdot 2^{248} - 1$	$65 \cdot 2^{376} - 1$	$27 \cdot 2^{500} - 1$
	Pub. key	66	98	130
	Signature	148	222	294
SQIsignHD	Prime	$13 \cdot 2^{126} \cdot 3^{78} - 1$	—	—
	Pub. key	66	—	—
	Signature	109	—	—

Timings - rigorous version (in C)

Table: Performance of SQIsign2D on Intel Xeon Gold 6338 (Ice Lake, 2GHz), using generic finite field arithmetic (Fiat-Crypto), GMP 6.2.1. Turbo-boost disabled. Timings in 10^6 cycles.

	Level	SQIsign	SQIsignHD	SQIsign2D
Keygen	I	2,800	190	120
	III	21,300	—	440
	V	91,600	—	1,070
Sign	I	4,600	115	290
	III	39,300	—	1,040
	V	165,000	—	2,490
Verify	I	93	—	25
	III	641	—	98
	V	2,080	—	247

Timings - heuristic version (in C, optimized arithmetic)

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	Level	SQIsign (NIST)	SQIsign (EC 2023)	SQIsign2D	SQIsign2D-H
Keygen	I	1,700	400	60	58
	III	—	—	170	170
	V	—	—	360	350
Sign	I	2,400	1880	160	100
	III	—	—	460	280
	V	—	—	940	570
Verify	I	39	29	9	9
	III	—	—	29	29
	V	—	—	62	60

Security analysis

Fiat-Shamir transform

Theorem (Fiat-Shamir, 1986)

Let ID be an identification protocol that is:

- **Complete:** a honest execution is always accepted by the verifier.
- **Sound:** an attacker cannot "guess" a response.
- **Zero-knowledge:** the response does not leak any information on the secret key.

Then the Fiat-Shamir transform of ID is a universally unforgeable signature under chosen message attacks in the random oracle model.

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- 2 The conditional distribution of φ given E' is uniform among isogenies $E \rightarrow E'$ of degree smaller or equal to N .

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- Call the FIDIO on input $(E_{\text{com}}, 2^e - q)$, resulting in the isogeny $\varphi_{\text{aux}} : E_{\text{com}} \rightarrow E_{\text{aux}}$.

Conclusion

Welcoming a new member to the SQIsign family

	SQIsign	SQIsignHD	SQIsign2D
Security proof	X	X✓	✓
Scalability	X	✓	✓
Signing time	X	✓✓	✓
Signature size	✓	✓	✓
Verification	✓	X	✓✓