Revenge of the 4D: Can 4-dimensional isogenies become practical?

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Overview of my contributions involved in this presentation

On SQIsign:

- SQIsignHD: New Dimensions in Cryptography, with Antonin Leroux, Damien Robert and Benjamin Wesolowski. EUROCRYPT 2024.
- SQIsign2D-West: The Fast, the Small and the Safer, with Andrea Basso, Antonin Leroux, Luciano Maino, Giacomo Pope, Damien Robert and Benjamin Wesolowski. ASIACRYPT 2024.

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On new 4D applications:

- PEGASIS: Practical Effective Class Group Action using 4-Dimensional Isogenies, with Jonathan Komada Eriksen, Tako Boris Fouotsa, Arthur Herlédan Le Merdy, Riccardo Invernizzi, Damien Robert, Ryan Rueger, Frederik Vercauteren and Benjamin Wesolowski. CRYPTO 2025.
- qt-Pegasis: Simpler and Faster Effective Class Group Actions, with Jonathan Komada Eriksen, Riccardo Invernizzi and Frederik Vercauteren. Preprint, 2025.
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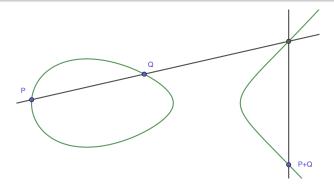
On 4D computations:

- Fast computation of 2-isogenies in dimension 4 and cryptographic applications, single author, Journal of Algebra, 2025.
- Improving 4-dimensional isogeny formulae in preparation, with Max Duparc.

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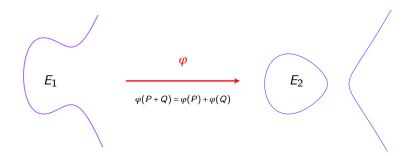
• An elliptic curve E/\mathbb{F}_q is defined by:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$
, $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_a$

with an infinite element 0_E .

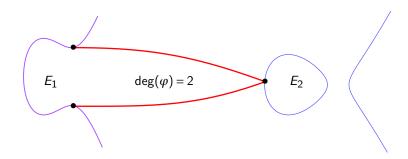
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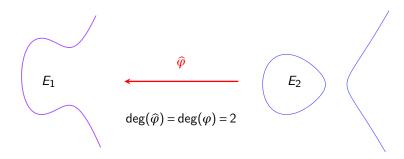
$$\varphi(x,y) = \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}, y \frac{r(x)}{s(x)}\right)$$

Isogenies - degree



An isogeny of degree n is called an n-isogeny.

Isogenies - the dual isogeny



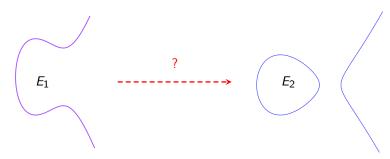
An *n*-isogeny φ satisfies $\widehat{\varphi} \circ \varphi = [n]$.

Isogeny chains

$$\deg(\varphi_n\circ\cdots\circ\varphi_1)=\prod_{i=1}^n\deg(\varphi_i)$$

Why are isogenies interesting in cryptography?

The isogeny problem: Given two elliptic curves $E_1, E_2/\mathbb{F}_q$, find an isogeny $E_1 \longrightarrow E_2$.



This problem is assumed to be hard for both classical and quantum computers.

Definition (Efficient representation)

Let $\varphi: E \longrightarrow E'$ be a *d*-isogeny over \mathbb{F}_q . An <u>efficient representation</u> of φ with respect to an algorithm $\mathscr A$ is some data $D_{\varphi} \in \{0,1\}^*$ such that:

- **1** D_{φ} has size poly(log(d), log(q)).
- ② For all $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})$, $\mathscr{A}(D_{\varphi}, P)$ returns $\varphi(P)$ in time poly(log(d), $k \log(q)$).

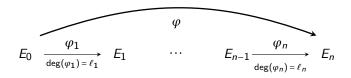
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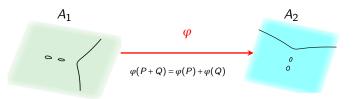
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- New: If $\deg(\varphi) < 2^e$ is odd and $E[2^e] = \langle P, Q \rangle$, the image points $(\varphi(P), \varphi(Q))$ (higher dimensional interpolation).

Isogenies between abelian varieties

- Abelian varieties are projective abelian group varieties, generalizing elliptic curves.
- Between abelian varieties, isogenies are morphisms which are surjective and of finite kernel.



An isogeny between abelian surfaces

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- 1 True between elliptic curves but not a general fact.
- n-isogenies have degree n^g (with $g = \dim(A) = \dim(B)$).

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Theorem (Deuring)

Let E/\mathbb{F}_q $(p = \operatorname{char}(\mathbb{F}_q))$. Then $\operatorname{End}(E)$ is either isomorphic to:

- An order in a quadratic imaginary field. We say that E is ordinary.
- A maximal order in the quaternion algebra ramifying at p and ∞ . We say that E is supersingular.

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- Left Ideal: A left \mathscr{O} -ideal I is a full rank lattice $I \subset \mathscr{B}_{p,\infty}$ such that $\mathscr{O} \cdot I = I$.
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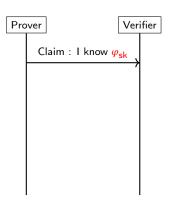
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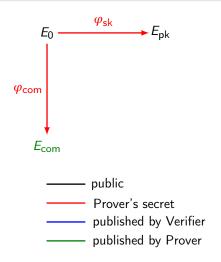
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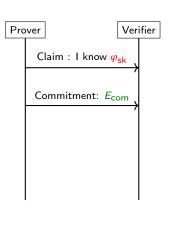
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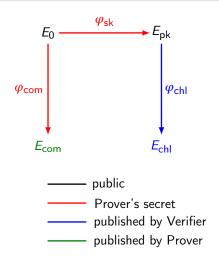
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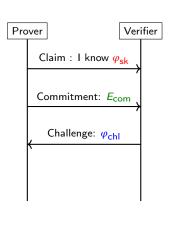


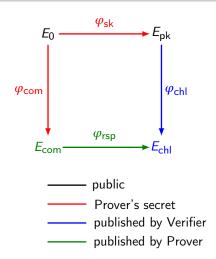


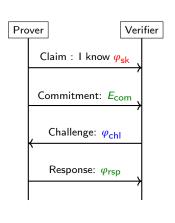


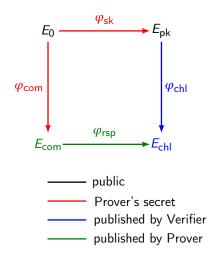


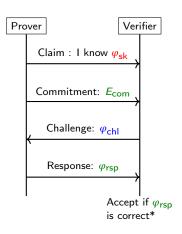




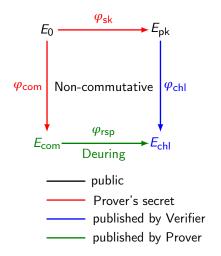


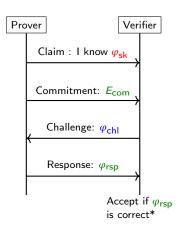






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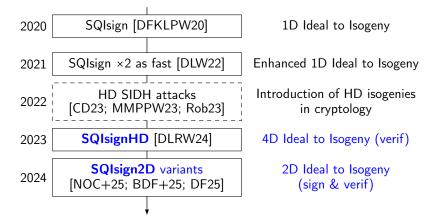
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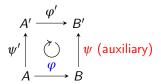
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A brief history of SQIsign

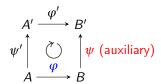


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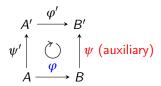
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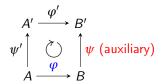
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		NIST I	NIST III	NIST V
	Key Gen.	355.72	5 625.72	22 445.3
SQIsign 1.0	Signature	554.78	10 553.18	41 322.21
	Verification	7.77	195.86	571.77
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SQIsignHD	Signature	8	24	52
	Verification	710.63*	1 308.14*	2 037.14*
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SQIsign2D-West	Signature	58.17	220.26	413.46
	Verification	2.53	9.77	23.57

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Theorem (Belding, Colò, Kohel)

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αΩ	$\iota(\alpha): E \longrightarrow E$				
$\overline{\mathfrak{a}}$	$\widehat{arphi}_{\mathfrak{a}}$				
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$N(\mathfrak{a})$	$deg(arphi_\mathfrak{a})$				

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$$\sum_{i} u_{i} N(\mathfrak{b}_{i}) = 2^{e} \quad (\star)$$

involving equivalent ideals $\mathfrak{b}_i \sim \mathfrak{a}$ and $u_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

- Step 2: Use the solution to (\star) and Kani's lemma [Kan97] to compute a higher dimensional 2^e -isogeny F.
- **Step 3:** Extract E_{α} from the codomain of F.

qt-Pegasis [DEIV25]

• **Step 1:** Find $\mathfrak{b}_1,\mathfrak{c}_1,\mathfrak{b}_2,\mathfrak{c}_2 \sim \mathfrak{a}$ such that

$$N(\mathfrak{b}_1) + N(\mathfrak{c}_1) + N(\mathfrak{b}_2) + N(\mathfrak{c}_2) = 2^e$$

with $N(\mathfrak{b}_i)$ odd and $N(\mathfrak{c}_i)$ even.

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In 2D
$$E_{\overline{\mathfrak{a}}} \xrightarrow{\varphi'_{\mathfrak{b}_{i}}} E$$

$$\widehat{\varphi'}_{\mathfrak{c}_{i}} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathfrak{b}_{i}}} E_{\mathfrak{a}}$$

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Paper	$\log_2(\Delta_{\mathfrak{O}})$	500	1000	1500	2000	4000
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SCALLOP-HD [CLP24]*	Sage	88s	19m	-	-	_
PEARL-SCALLOP [ABE+24]	C++	30s	58s	12m	-	_
KLaPoTi [PPS24]	Sage	200s	-	-	_	_
KLai 011 [i 1 324]	Rust	1.95s	-	-	_	_
Pegasis [DEF+25]	Sage	1.53s	4.21s	10.5s	21.3s	122s
qt-Pegasis (This work)	Sage	0.85s	2.48s	5.54s	9.69s	47.6s

Table: Comparison between (qt-)Pegasis and other effective group actions in the literature. The last 5 columns gives the timings corresponding to the different security levels, where s/m gives the number of seconds/minutes in wall-clock time. SCALLOP and SCALLOP-HD are starred because they were measured on a different hardware setup.

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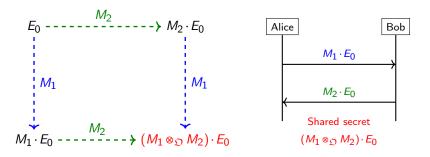
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Theorem (Page, Robert, 2023)

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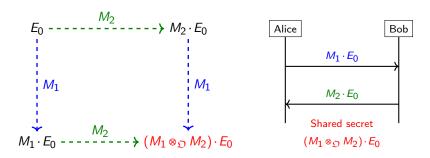
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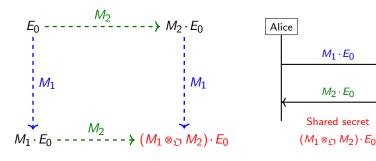


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Definition: theta structure

Definition (Mumford, Duparc)

Let A be a PPAV of dimension g. A theta structure of level n is a map

$$\Theta(n): A \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n^g - 1}$$

$$x \longmapsto (\theta_i(x))_{i \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g}$$

along with a symplectic isomorphism (i.e. that respects pairings):

$$\overline{\Theta}(n): (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g \times \widehat{(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g} \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} A[n]$$

satisfying the theta group action relation:

$$\theta_i(x + \overline{\Theta}(n)(j,\chi)) = \chi(i+j)^{-1}\theta_{i+j}(x),$$

for all $x \in A$, $i,j \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g$ and $\chi \in \widehat{(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^g}$.

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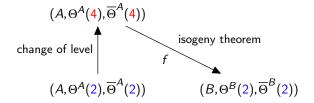
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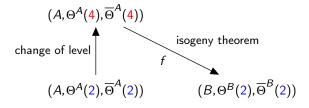
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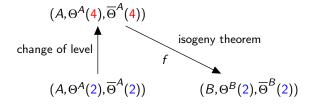


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- With this data, we compute the codomain theta-null point $(\theta_i(0_B))_i$.

2-isogeny evaluation algorithm

A very simple isogeny evaluation algorithm:

$$(\theta_i^A(x))_i \xrightarrow{H} * \xrightarrow{S} * \xrightarrow{\star (1/\overline{\theta}_i^B(0_B))_i} * \xrightarrow{H} (\theta_i^B(f(x)))_i$$

where:

•
$$H: (x_i)_i \longmapsto \left(\sum_{i \in (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^g} (-1)^{\langle i|j \rangle} x_i\right)_i$$
 (Hadamard).

•
$$S:(x_i)_i \longrightarrow (x_i^2)_i$$
.

$$(x_i)_i \star (y_i)_i := (x_i y_i)_i.$$

•
$$(\widetilde{\theta}_i^B(0_B))_i = H((\theta_i^B(0_B))_i)$$
 (dual theta null point).

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Computational cost [DMPR25; Dar25]

	dim. 2	dim. 4	
	[DMPR25]	Old [Dar25]	New (in progress)
Codomain	6M + 8S + 16a	87M + 64S + 64a	62M + 64S + 64a
Evaluation	4S + 4M + 16a	16M + 16S + 128a	

Table: Computational cost of codomain theta null-point computation and isogeny evaluation in dimensions 2 and 4. M, S and a are respectively the cost of one multiplication, squaring and addition/subtraction over the base field.

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Common non-generic isogenies:

Non-gluing isogenies (computed in lower dimension):

- Diagonal isogenies $f:(x,y) \in B_1 \times B_2 \longrightarrow (\varphi(x),\psi(y)) \in C_1 \times C_2$.
- Special endomorphisms, e.g. $f:(x,y) \in B^2 \longrightarrow (x+y,x-y) \in B^2$.

Gluing isogenies $f: B_1 \times B_2 \to C$ where C is not a product.

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Ongoing work: new formulas in dimension 4 using x + T and x - T, extending a previous work in dimension 2 [Dup25].

Thank you for listening

- 4-dimensional isogenies have been introduced to attack SIDH and accelerate SQIsign signature.
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Future works:

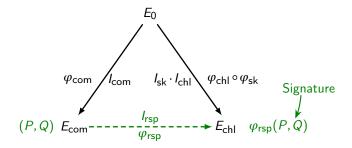
- Research to lower the dimension (e.g. 2-dimensional Pegasis) .
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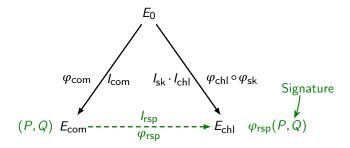


Appendix: more on SQIsgnHD and SQIsign2D*

Signature in SQIsignHD: evaluate torsion points



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Via the Deuring correspondence: If $P \in E_{com}[2^e]$, then

$$\varphi_{\mathsf{rsp}}(P) = [\mu] \varphi_{\mathsf{chl}} \circ \varphi_{\mathsf{sk}} \circ \widehat{\alpha} \circ \widehat{\varphi}_{\mathsf{com}}(P),$$

with $\mu \equiv (\deg(\varphi_{sk}) \deg(\varphi_{com}) \deg(\varphi_{chl}))^{-1} \mod 2^e$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_0$ such that $I_{sk} \cdot I_{chl} \cdot \bar{I}_{rsp} \cdot \bar{I}_{com} = \mathcal{O}_0 \cdot \alpha$.

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- Consider the 4-dimensional isogeny:

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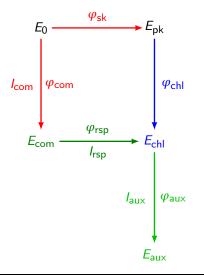
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Starting from E_0 , we can translate ideals into isogenies in 2D.

- Generate $I_{aux} \subset End(E_{chl})$ of norm $2^e nrd(I_{rsp})$.
- Translate $I_{com} \cdot I_{rsp} \cdot I_{aux}$ into $\varphi_{aux} \circ \varphi_{rsp} \circ \varphi_{com}$ (in 2D).
- **Response:** $\varphi_{\text{aux}} \circ \varphi_{\text{rsp}}(P, Q)$ with $\langle P, Q \rangle = E_{\text{com}}[2^e]$.
- φ_{rsp} can be verified from $\varphi_{aux} \circ \varphi_{rsp}(P,Q)$ (in 2D).