### Compact, Efficient, UC-secure Isogeny-based Oblivious Transfer



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The "classical" requirements for an oblivious transfer scheme are:

- 1. Bob gets one and only one message.
- 2. Alice doesn't know Bob's choice.

Given the importance of OT as a cryptographic tool, we need a stronger notion taking composition into account.

### Universally-Composible (UC) Security

UC security proposed by Canetti [Can01] is a simulation based security notion. The simulator doesn't simulate for the adversary but for the environment machine.



- Two isogeny based previous works with acceptable security are [dSGOPS18] and [Vit19]. They are UC-secure against semi-honest adversaries.
- By adding an UC-secure ZK proof protocol or using the generic transformation like [DGH+20], the protocol can upgrade to UC-secure against malicious adversaries while it will take *poly*(λ) isogeny computations.

Can we have an isogeny-based OT UC-secure against malicious adversaries taking a constant number of isogeny computations?





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We know that the ideal class group Cl(O) acts freely and transitively on ε<sub>p</sub>(O, π).

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- Moreover, when  $p = 3 \mod 4$ , we have  $E_0^t = E_0$  and  $E_A^t = E_{-A}$  ( $\mathbb{F}_p$ -isomorphic).

• Accordingly, when  $p = 3 \mod 4$ , we have

$$(a * E_0)^t = a^{-1} * E_0$$
 for any  $a \in Cl$ .



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Given the order of the group *Cl*, they are equivalent:

- A proof for the case  $p=3 \mod 4$  can be found in [Fel19].
- A full proof for the case  $p=1 \mod 4$  can be found in our appendix.

The reciprocal CSIDH problem is a 2-round experiment as follows:





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**Correctness:** Since  $E = a^{-1} * (a * E)$ , we have  $X_1 = a^{-1} * X$ . Thanks to transitive action, we can write X = x \* E, also write  $X_1 = (a^{-2}x) * (a * E)$ . Hence,

$$X'_2 = (a^2 x^{-1}) * X = a^2 * E. \quad \Box$$





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## **3-Round Construction**

*Enc*: an IND-CPA symmetric key encryption scheme. **Public Curve**: *E* 



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**Quadratic Twist Round-Compression** 

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Input:  $\sigma \in \{0,1\}$   $b \leftarrow Cl$ Set B = b \* E. If  $\sigma = 1$ , set  $B = B^t$ .

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- 1. Use the non-commiting encryption to produce two dummy ciphertexts when simulating an honest sender.
- 2. Observe the random oracle queries<sup>1</sup>.
- 3. Once the query of one of  $k_0, k_1$  is made, reply with the scheme-produced key, and the extraction is complete.

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Recently, a discussion with the third author indicates there is a fixable bug in the paper.



Merging the mechanism and the ciphertext is sufficient if the distinguishing security notion is a non-abort version.



If abort is part of the output of the functionality, the receiver should show the ability to decrypt before obtaining the ciphertext.



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#### **Correctness:**

Say E' = a \* E. Since X = b \* E, it suffices to show td  $* (td^{-1} * (E'))^t = a^{-1} * E$ . By using propositions, we have

$$LHS = \mathsf{td} * (\mathsf{td} * (\mathsf{td}a)^{-1} * E_0) = RHS. \quad \Box$$

### The Other Half Simulation



Public Curve: E

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Input:  $\sigma \in \{0,1\}$ 

Input:  $(m_0, m_1)$ 

 $A \in \mathcal{E}$  $Enc_{H(k_0)}(\widetilde{m_0})$  $Enc_{H(k_1)}(\widetilde{m_1})$ 

- 1. Setup the trapdoor for the public curve E for the protocol.
- 2. Invoke the reciprocal CSIDH problem solver (Step 1) to produce *B*.
- 3. Upon receiving the curve  $A \in \mathcal{E}$  from the controlled sender, invoke the reciprocal CSIDH problem solver to obtain  $(k'_0, k'_1) \in \mathcal{E}^2$ .
- 4. Decrypt the ciphertexts with  $H(k'_0)$ ,  $H(k'_1)$  and complete the simulation.





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Proposal	PK <sub>S</sub>	$PK_R$	# Isos	# Iso <sub>R</sub>	rounds	Adv Model
[dSGOPS18] I	1	1	3	2	2	Semi-honest
[dSGOPS18] II	3	1	5	2	3	Semi-honest
[Vit19]	2	1	4	2	3	Semi-honest
[AFMP20] I	$2\lambda$	2	$4\lambda$	$\lambda + 2$	2	Malicious
This work	1	1	3	2	2	Semi-honest
This work	1	1	5	4	4 <sup>2</sup>	Malicious

Table 1: Comparison between isogeny-based OTs on efficiency with respect to the number of elliptic curves in the communication/ the number of isogeny computations for the sender and the receiver. The security parameter is denoted by  $\lambda$ .

Moreover, the underlying assumption, the reciprocal CSIDH problem, is as hard as the computational CSIDH problem.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A correction corresponding to the previous change.

Efficient: taking only a constant number of isogeny computations.

- 1. (Minor) Can we have a quantum-friendly reductions between the reciprocal CSIDH problem and the CSIDH problem?
- 2. Can we have a round-optimal efficient isogeny-based OT?
- 3. Can we have an efficient adaptively UC-secure isogeny-based OT?



# **Thanks for you listening!**

