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Cryptographic Smooth Neighbors

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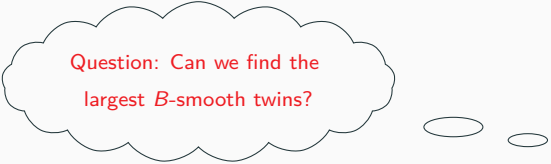
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Many applications: isogeny-based cryptography (e.g. SQISign)

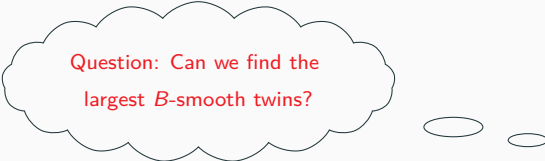
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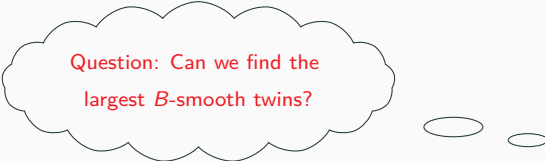
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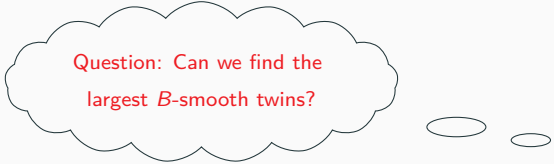
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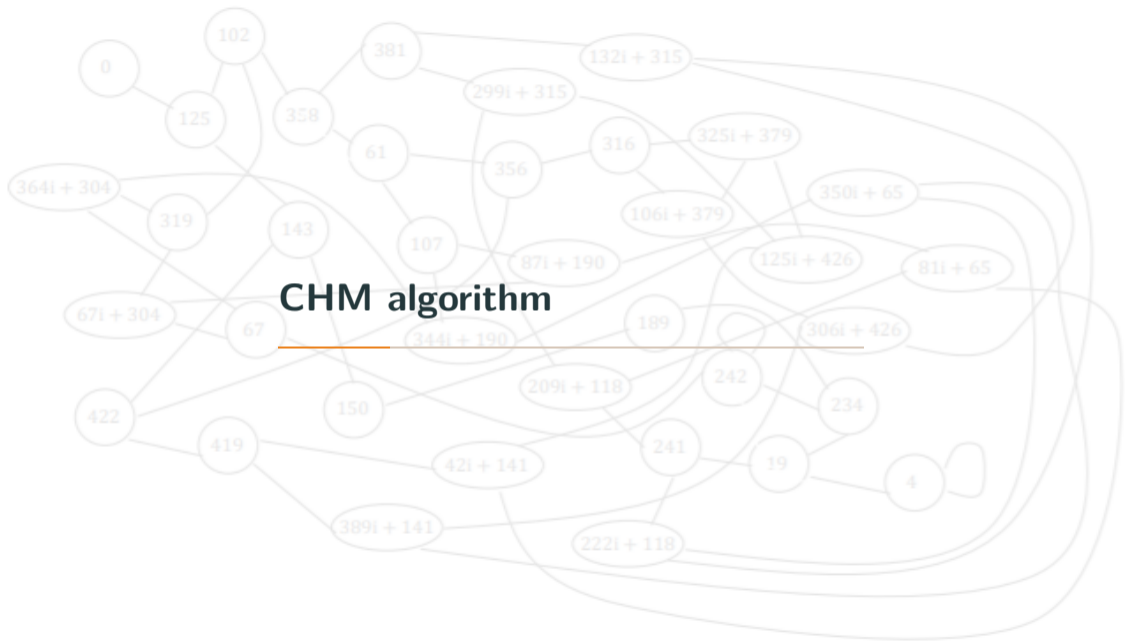
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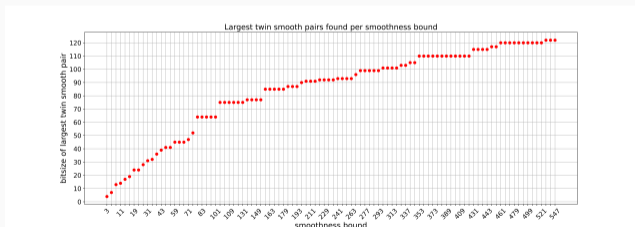
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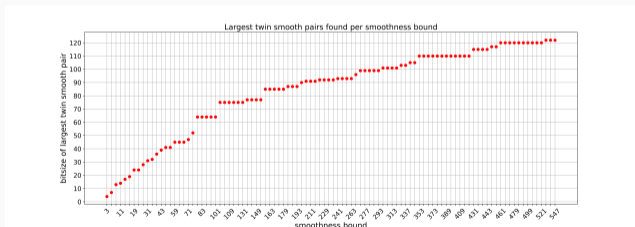
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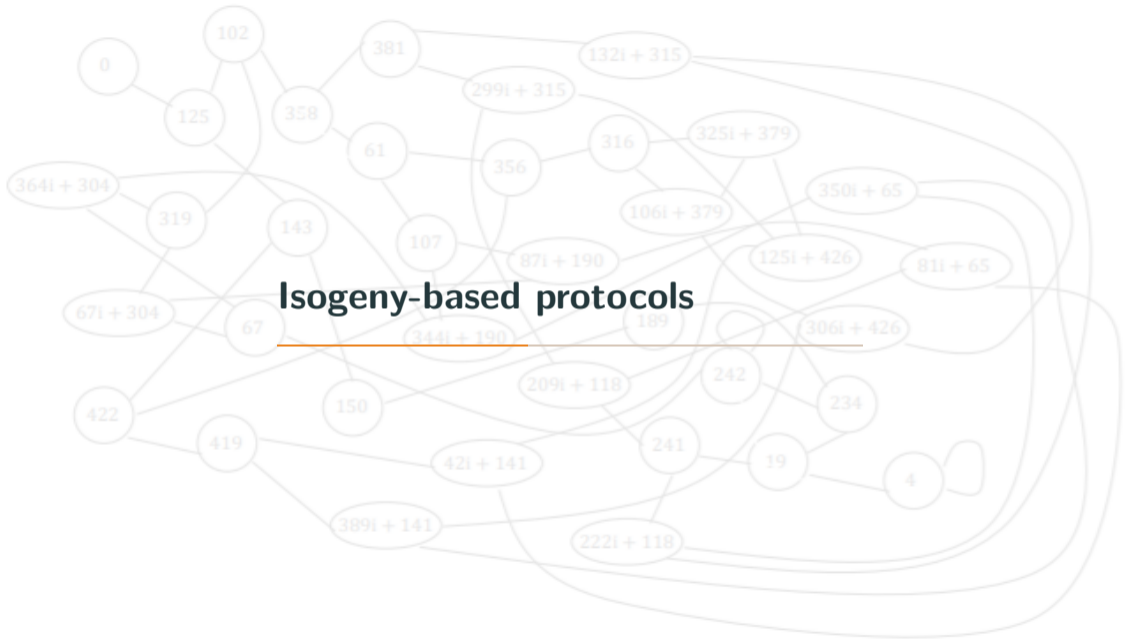
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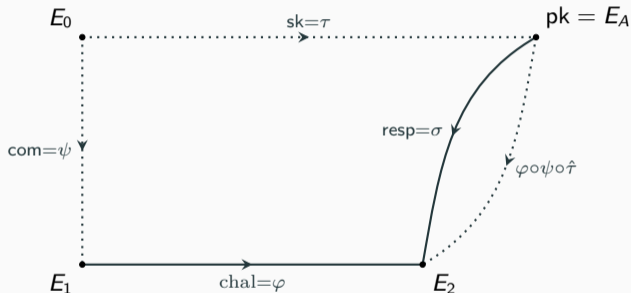
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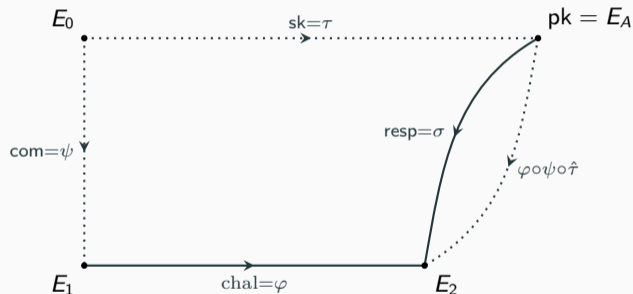
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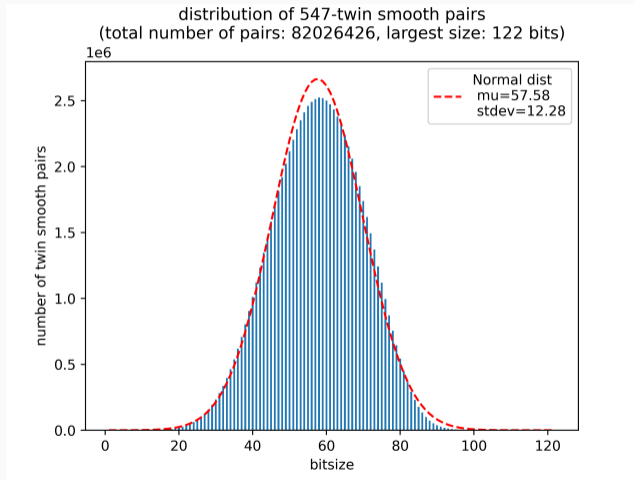
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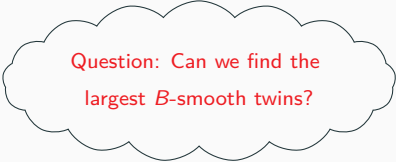
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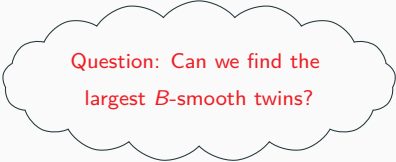
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		2091023014142971802357816084152713216	243	49	887	0.61	1.28
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	6	9469787780580604464332800	499	109	703981	7.70	1.25
		12233468605740686007808000	502	73	376963	8.41	1.28
		26697973900446483680608256	508	85	150151	4.56	1.26
		31929740427944870006521856	510	91	550657	8.15	1.25
		41340248200900819056793600	512	67	224911	7.08	1.28

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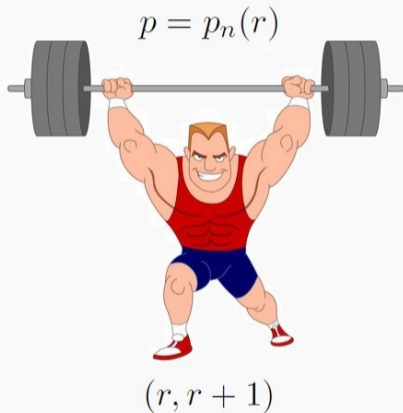
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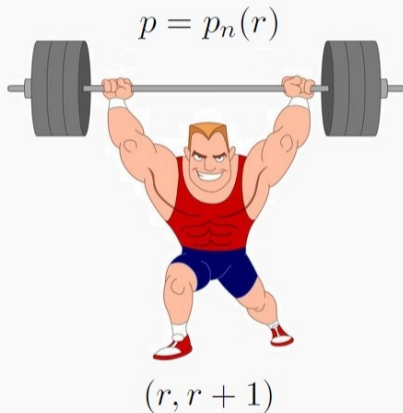
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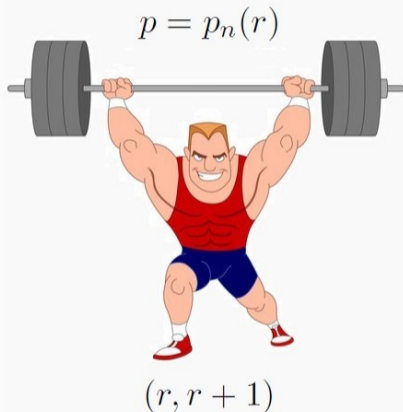
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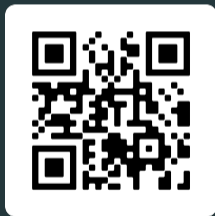
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Open question: Can we find cryptographic sized twins with a small B ?



Thanks for listening
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