



Isogeny Problems with Level Structure

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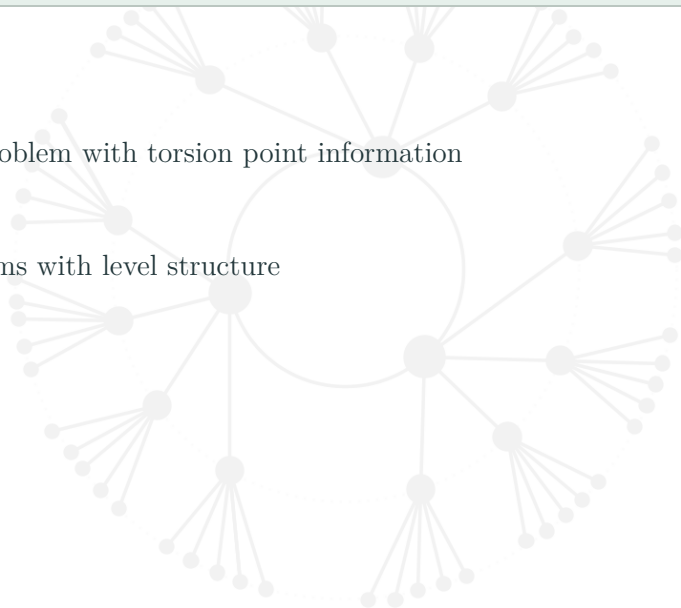
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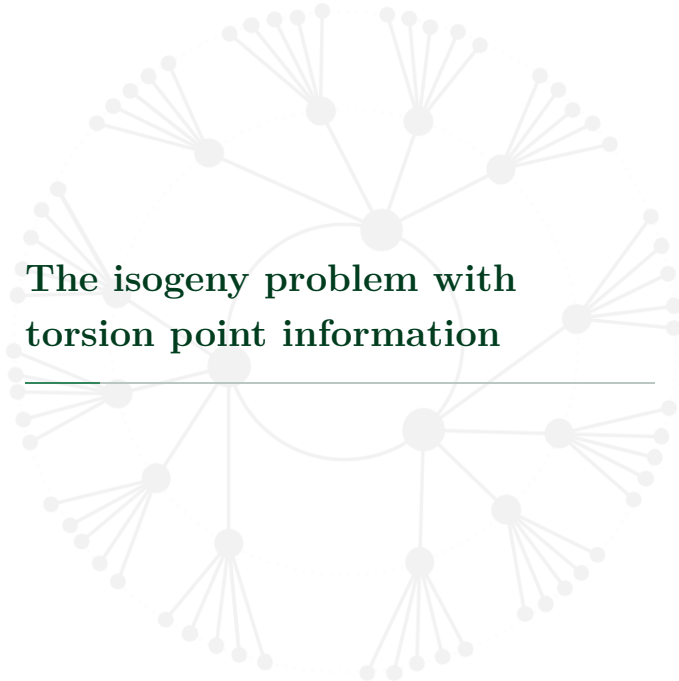
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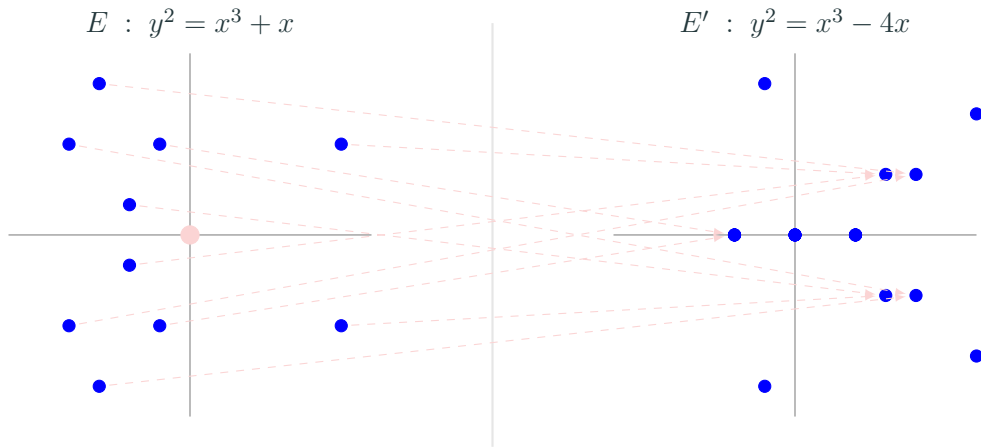
A reduction





**The isogeny problem with
torsion point information**

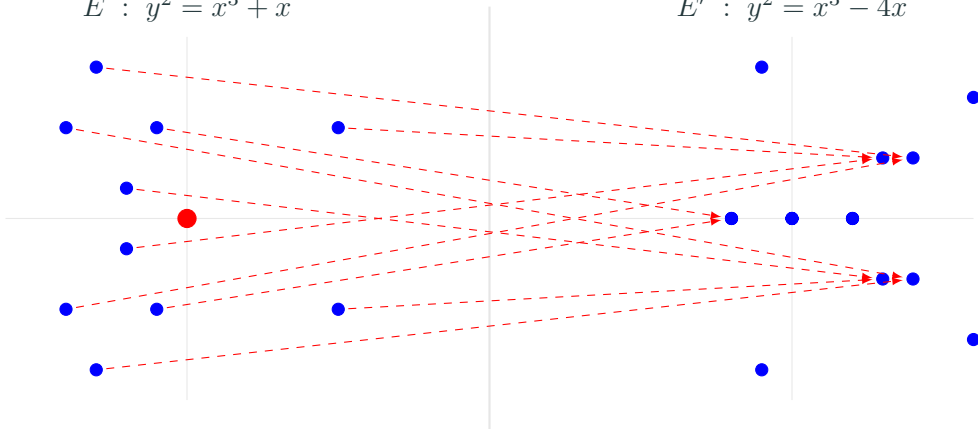
Isogenies



Isogenies

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + x$$

$$E' : y^2 = x^3 - 4x$$



$$\phi(x, y) = \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x}, y \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} \right)$$

- Kernel generator in red.
- This is a degree 2 map.

Pure isogeny problem

Pure isogeny problem: *given two (isogenous) elliptic curves E and E' , compute an isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$.*

$$E \xrightarrow{\quad ?? \quad} E'$$

The genesis of torsion point information

First isogeny-based key exchange (CRS¹): class group actions on ordinary curves.

Isogeny group actions are subject to quantum sub-exponential attacks.

Jao and De Feo (SIDH 2011): use supersingular isogenies.

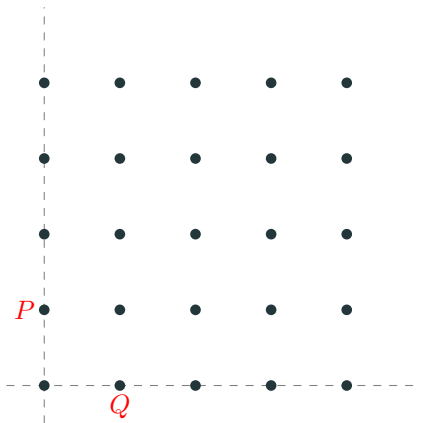
Caveat: supersingular isogenies do not commute in general.

Solution: reveal the images of some torsion points.

¹Couveignes 1997, Rostovtsev and Stolbunov 2006.

Over an algebraically closed field,
for any N coprime to the
characteristic:

$$E[N] \simeq \mathbf{Z}/N \times \mathbf{Z}/N$$



Isogeny problem with torsion point information (SIDH)

$$E, P, Q \xrightarrow{\quad ?? \quad} E', P', Q'$$

$$E[N] = \langle P, Q \rangle, P' := \phi(P), Q' := \phi(Q)$$

Isogeny problem with torsion point information (SIDH)

$$E[N] \xrightarrow[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}]{??} E'[N]$$

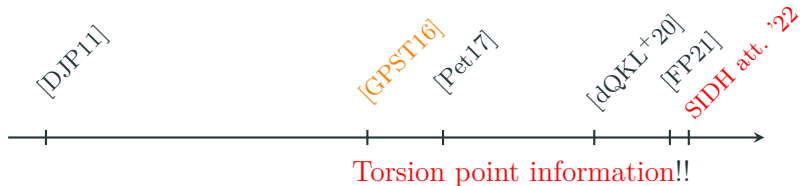
Fixing $\langle P, Q \rangle = E[N]$ and $\langle \phi(P), \phi(Q) \rangle = E'[N]$

Torsion point attacks



Non exhaustive list: BdQL+ 2019, ...

Torsion point attacks



SIDH att. '22: [CD22, MMP⁺23, Rob22]

Torsion point information!!



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SIDH attacks (Robert's version)

Let E, E' be elliptic curves, let $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ be an isogeny of degree d and let N be a smooth integer coprime to d such that $N^2 > d$.

There exists a polynomial time algorithm that, given E, E', d, N , a basis (P, Q) of $E[N]$ and its image $(\phi(P), \phi(Q))$ under ϕ , computes ϕ .



Isogeny problems with level structure

Γ -SIDH problems (isogeny problems with level structure)

Level structure = basis of $E[N]$ up to linear transformations $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N)$

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$$E[N] \xrightarrow[\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) \cdot \Gamma]{??} E'[N]$$

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Some examples of level structures

$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$: A basis (P, Q) of $E[N]$, **plain SIDH**.

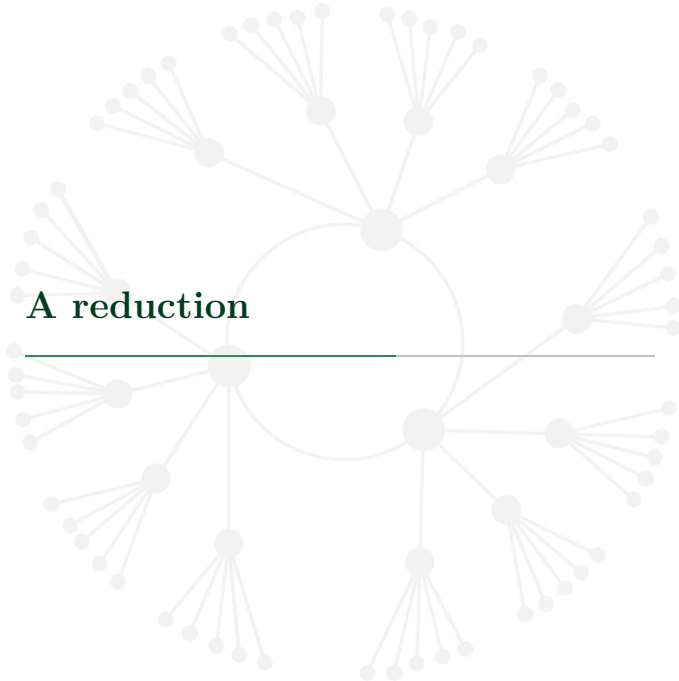
$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \\ & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right\}$: Image of a basis (P, Q) of $E[N]$ up to scalar; **M-SIDH**.

$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$: Images of two cyclic subgroups $\langle P \rangle$ and $\langle Q \rangle$ of order N ; isogeny group actions (**CSIDH** et al., **SCALLOP** et al., ...), **binSIDH**, **terSIDH**, ...

$\Gamma_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$: Image of a point P of order N .

$\Gamma_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$: Images of a cyclic group $\langle P \rangle$ of order N ; **SIDH signatures**.

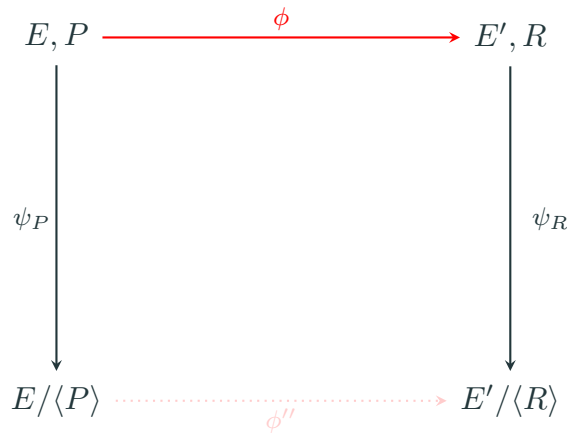
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The Γ_1 -SIDH problem (of level N)

$$E, P \xrightarrow{\phi} E', R = \phi(P)$$

A reduction



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Now, let us assume that $N = \ell^2$ is a square.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E, P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E', R \\ \downarrow \psi_P & & \downarrow \psi_R \\ E/\langle P \rangle & \xrightarrow{\phi''} & E'/\langle R \rangle \end{array}$$

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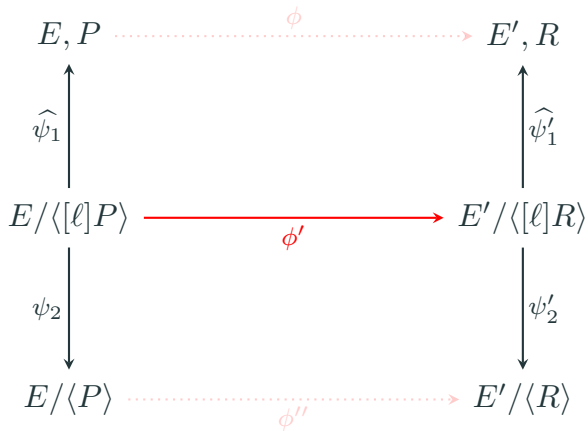
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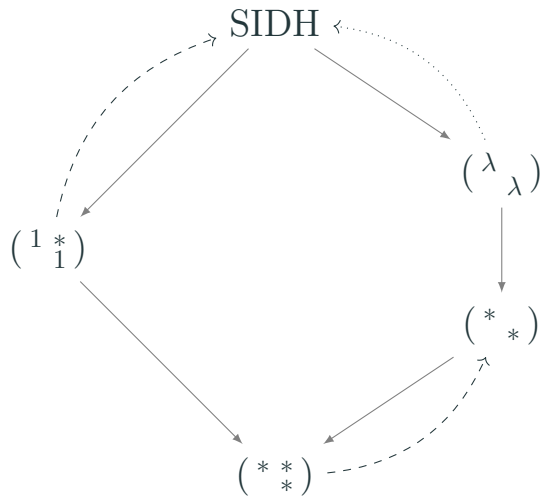
You recover the action of ϕ' on the ℓ -torsion using pairings and DLPs. 11/17

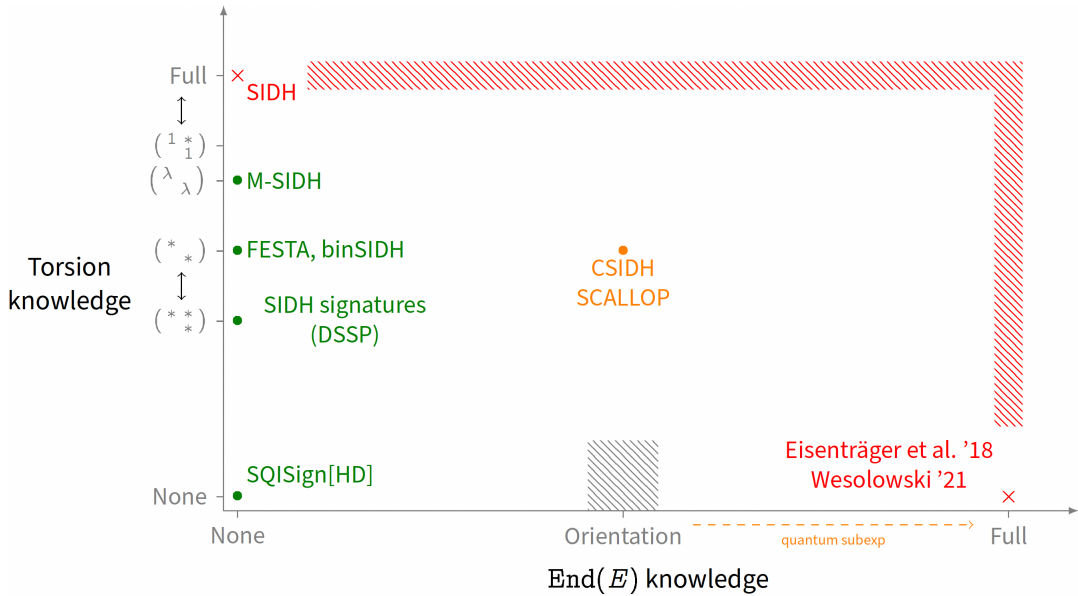
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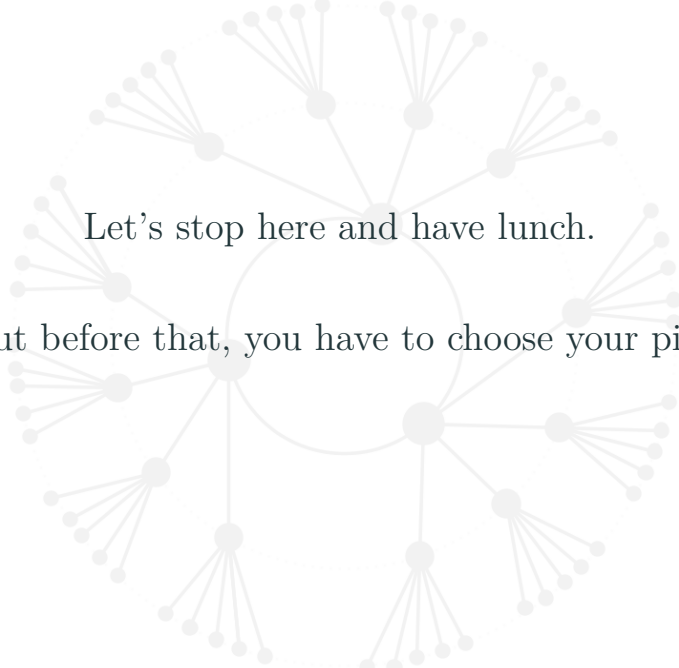
The (plain) SIDH problem (of level $\ell = \sqrt{N}$)



Some reductions







Let's stop here and have lunch.
But before that, you have to choose your pill!





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