

Breaking SIDH in polynomial time

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Isogeny evaluation and interpolation

- **Evaluation:** evaluate an isogeny on a point
- **N -evaluation problem:** given
 - $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ an N -isogeny ($N = \deg \phi = \# \text{Ker } \phi$),
 - a point $P \in E_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$,

evaluate $\phi(P)$

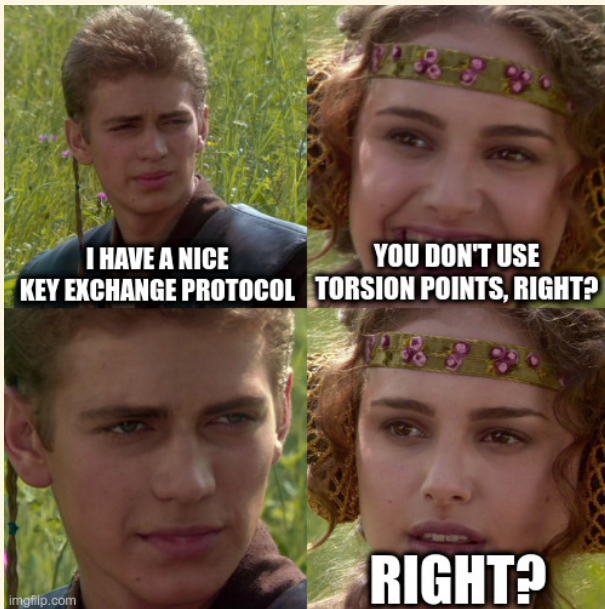
- **Interpolation:** reconstruct an isogeny from its image on a torsion basis
- **(N, N') -interpolation problem:** given
 - $N = \deg \phi$,
 - $(P_1, \phi(P_1)), (P_2, \phi(P_2))$ for (P_1, P_2) a basis of $E_1[N']$,
 - $P \in E_1(\mathbb{F}_q)$

evaluate $\phi(P)$

- **SIDH:** the key exchange uses the $N_A = 2^a$ and $N_B = 3^b$ evaluation problems
- Solving the interpolation problem (SSI-T) = **breaking SIDH**



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Evaluation vs Interpolation

Evaluation:

- [Vélu 1971, Kohel 1996]: for $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ an N -isogeny,

$$x(\phi(P)) = \frac{g(x(P))}{h(x(P))},$$

$\deg g, \deg h < N, h(x) = \text{Ker } \phi$

⇒ evaluate $\phi(P)$ in $O(N)$ operations in \mathbb{F}_q (given its kernel)

- Linear time

Interpolation:

- Interpolate $\frac{g}{h}(x)$ from $(x(P_1), x(\phi(P_1))), (x(2P_1), x(\phi(2P_1))), \dots$
- Quasi linear time

Fast evaluation:

- N smooth: decompose ϕ into a product of small isogenies
- Logarithmic time



Double and add

- Fast evaluation when N has a large prime factor?
- If $\phi = [\ell]$ ($N = \ell^2$): double and add in $O(\log \ell)$
- $\Phi : E^2 \rightarrow E^2, (P_1, P_2) \mapsto (P_1 + P_2, P_1 - P_2)$ is a 2-isogeny in dimension 2 [Riemann]
- $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- Double: $\Phi(T, T) = (2T, 0)$
- Add: $\Phi(T, P) = (T + P, T - P)$
- Evaluate $\ell P =$ composition of $O(\log \ell)$ evaluations of Φ , projections $E^2 \rightarrow E$ and embeddings $E \rightarrow E^2$
- **Double and add** on $E = 2$ -isogenies in **dimension 2**



Kani's lemma [Kani 1997] ($g = 1$), [R. 2022] ($g > 1$)

- A, B, C, D principally polarised abelian varieties
- $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$ a a -isogeny, $\beta : A \rightarrow C$ a b -isogeny
- $\alpha' : C \rightarrow D$ a a -isogeny, $\beta' : C \rightarrow D$ a b -isogeny with $\beta' \alpha = \alpha' \beta$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \\ \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \beta' \\ C & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & D \end{array}$$

- $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \widetilde{\beta'} \\ -\beta & \widetilde{\alpha'} \end{pmatrix} : A \times D \rightarrow B \times C$
- Φ is an $a + b$ -isogeny with respect to the product polarisations
- $\text{Ker } \Phi = \{\widetilde{\alpha}(P), \beta'(P) \mid P \in B[a + b]\}$ (if a is prime to b)



Using Kani's lemma for the interpolation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2 \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \alpha' \\ E'_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & E'_2 \end{array}$$

- $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ an N -isogeny
- **Goal:** replace ϕ by Φ an N' -isogeny
- Find $\alpha : E_1 \rightarrow E'_1$ an m -isogeny, with $N' = N + m$
- Kani's lemma: $\Phi : E_1 \times E'_2 \rightarrow E'_1 \times E_2$ is an N' -isogeny
- We know $\phi(E[N'])$ and we can evaluate α on $E[N'] \Rightarrow$ recover $\text{Ker } \Phi$ (or $\text{Ker } \tilde{\Phi}$)
- **Evaluate Φ , hence ϕ at any point:** $\Phi(P, 0) = (\alpha(P), -\phi(P))$
- Evaluation is fast if N' is (power) smooth

Examples:

- m smooth [Castrыck–Decru; Maino–Martindale]
- $m = \ell^2$: take $\alpha = [\ell]$
- $\text{End}(E_1)$ has an efficient endomorphism α of norm m [Castrыck–Decru; Wesolowski]



Using Kani's lemma for the interpolation



The general case: Zahrin's trick

- $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$ endomorphism of norm $m = a_1^2 + a_2^2$ on E^2

- Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

- $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 & -a_4 \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_4 & -a_3 \\ a_3 & -a_4 & a_1 & a_2 \\ a_4 & a_3 & -a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$ endomorphism of norm $m = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2$ on E^4

- Hamilton's quaternion algebra

- Evaluating α : $O(\log m)$ arithmetic operations

- Every integer is a sum of four squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1^4 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2^4 \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \alpha \\ E_1^4 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E_2^4 \end{array}$$

- $\Phi : E_1^4 \times E_2^4 \rightarrow E_1^4 \times E_2^4$ is an N' -isogeny



Kani's lemma + Zahrin's trick = the embedding lemma [R. 2022]

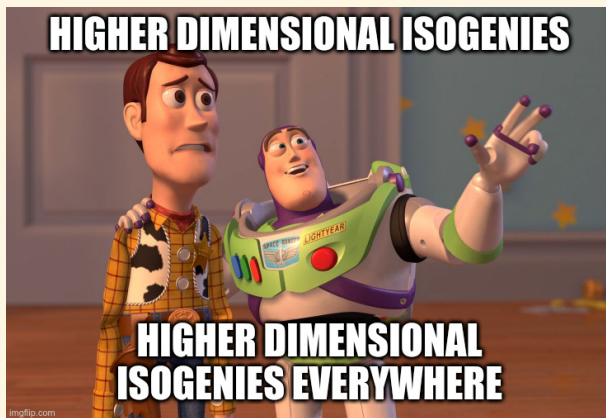
- A N -isogeny $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ in dimension g can always be efficiently embedded into a N' isogeny $\Phi : A' \rightarrow B'$ in dimension $8g$ (and sometimes $4g, 2g$) for any $N' \geq N$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ A' & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & B' \end{array}$$

- Considerable flexibility (at the cost of going up in dimension)
 - Reduces the (N, N') -interpolation problem to the N' -evaluation problem (in higher dimension)
 - Only needs $N'^2 \geq N$ (uses the dual isogeny)
- \Rightarrow Solves the interpolation problem when N' is (power) smooth
- Amazing fact: does not require $\text{Ker } \phi$, works even if N is prime
 - Breaks SIDH: [Castrick–Decru], [Maino–Martindale] in dimension 2, [R.] in dimension 4 or 8
 - Constructive applications: efficient representation of any isogeny, computing ordinary endomorphism rings, canonical lifts, point counting, modular and class polynomials, new cryptographic protocols in higher dimension ...



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Algorithms for N -isogenies in higher dimension

- [Cosset-R. (2014), Lubicz-R. (2012–2022)]: An N -isogeny in dimension g can be evaluated in **linear time** $O(N^g)$ arithmetic operations in the **theta model** given **generators** of its kernel
- Warning: exponential dependency 2^g or 4^g in the dimension g
- [Couveignes-Ezome (2015)]: Algorithm in $O(N^g)$ in the **Jacobian model**
- Not hard to extend to product of Jacobians
- Restricted to $g \leq 3$



How expensive is an isogeny in dimension g in the theta model?

- Naive estimate: ℓ^e -isogeny = e ℓ -isogenies = $e \times O(\ell^g)$
= $C \times 2^g$ (number of coordinates) $\times \ell^g$ (size of kernel) $\times (1 + g)$ (g points to push)

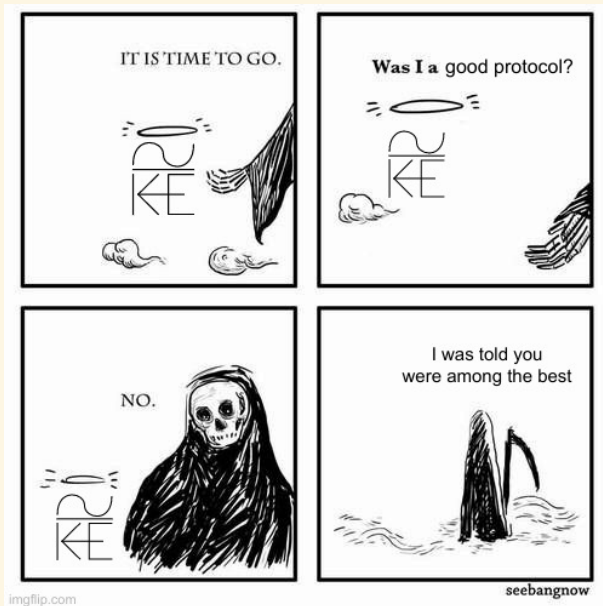
<i>SIKE</i>	$g = 1$	$g = 2$	$g = 4$	$g = 8$
SIKEp434 (2^{216})	14476	80376	1546608	416370768
SIKEp503 (2^{250})	17060	94860	1826700	491877900
SIKEp610 (2^{305})	21350	118950	2292990	617612190
SIKEp751 (2^{372})	26576	148296	2861016	770779416
SIKEp964 (2^{486})	35904	200844	3879828	1045623348

Number of field operations (estimate)

g	Naive ratios	Estimated ratios
2	$\times 6$	$\times 5.5$
4	$\times 160$	$\times 110$
8	$\times 75000$	$\times 29000$



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