

The higher-dimensional picture

And its role in isogeny-based cryptography

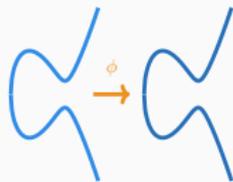
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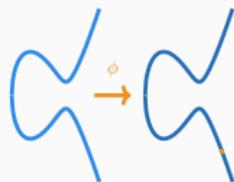
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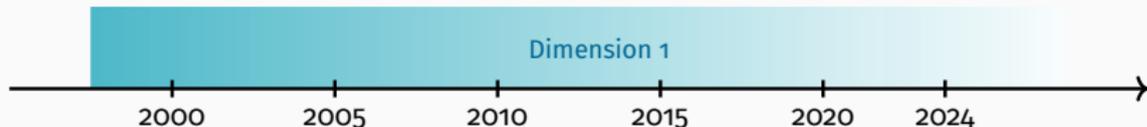


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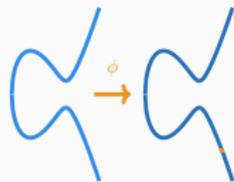


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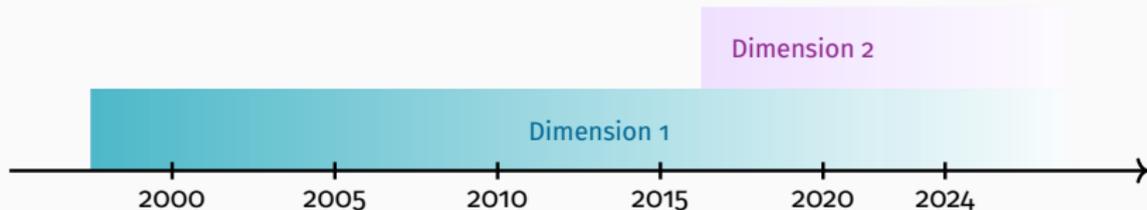


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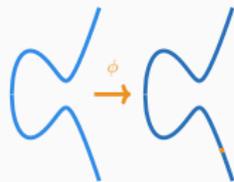


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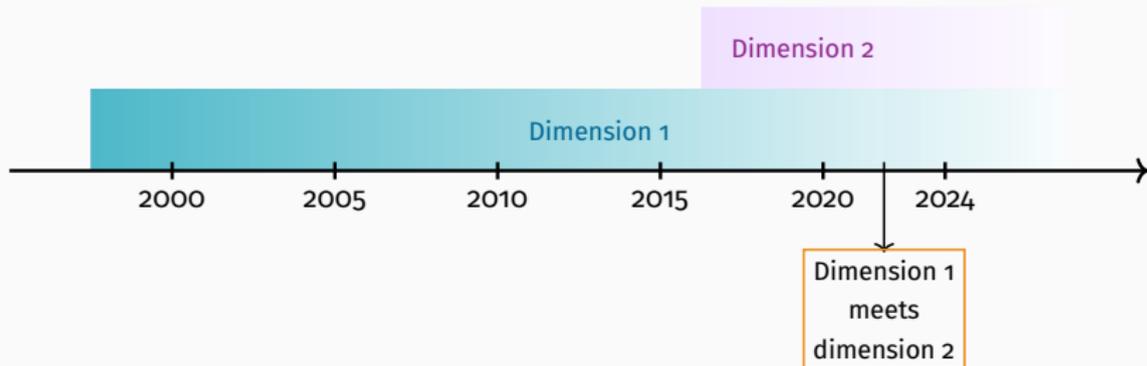


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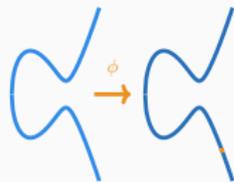


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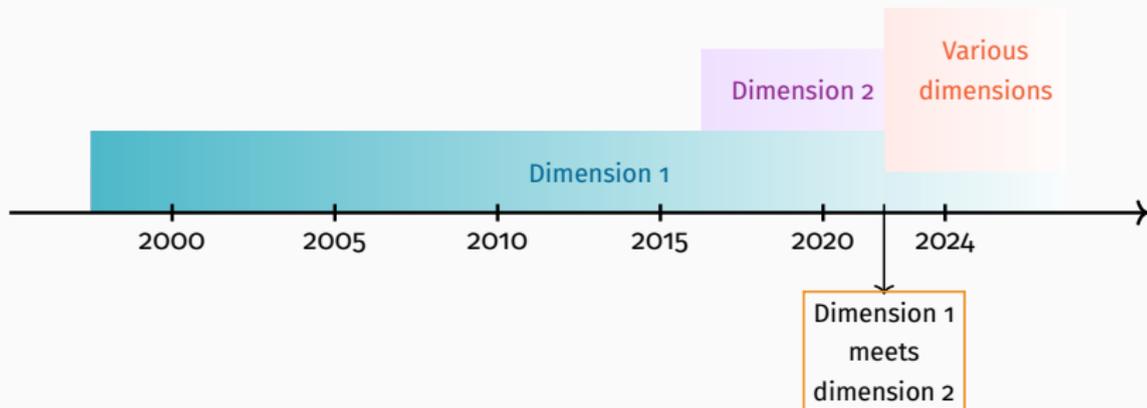


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The 1-dimensional picture

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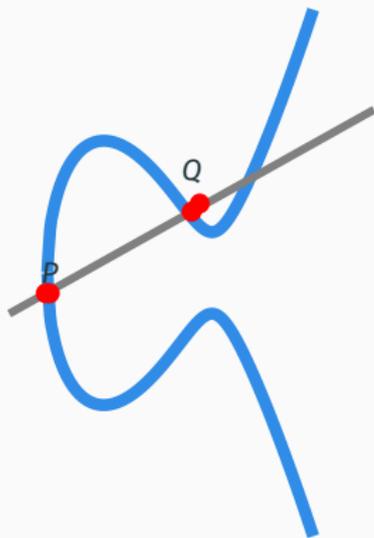
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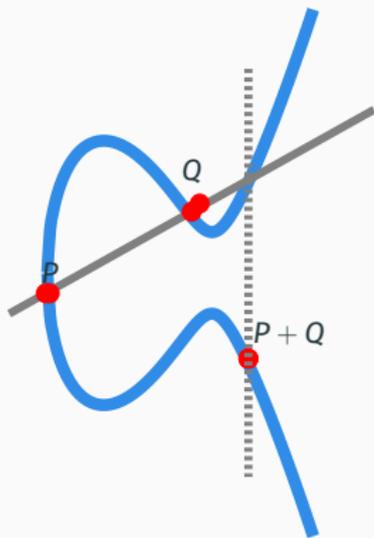
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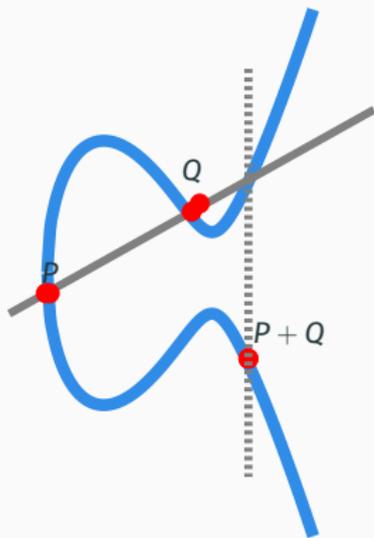
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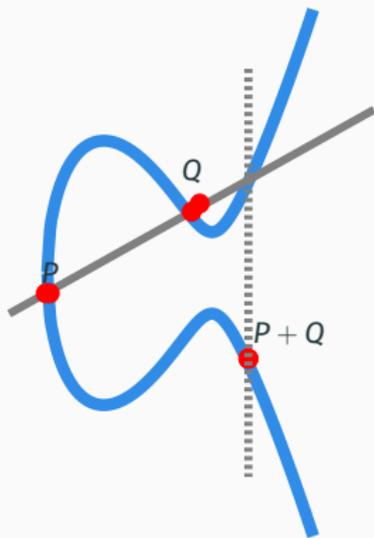
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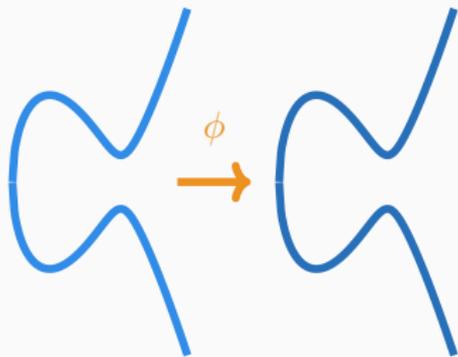
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\Rightarrow **One-way function:** $m \mapsto m \cdot P$ for some fixed $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$.



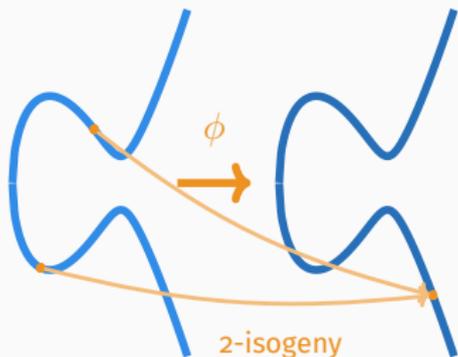
⚠ not a post-quantum one-way function

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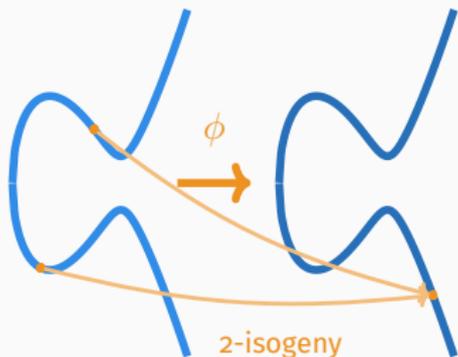


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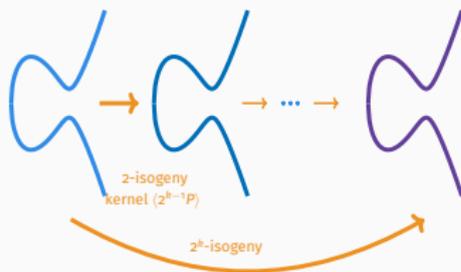
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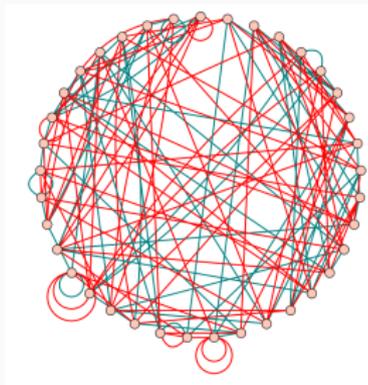
- Composition of small degree isogenies
- E.g. for $N = 2^k$ in time $O(k \log(k))$.



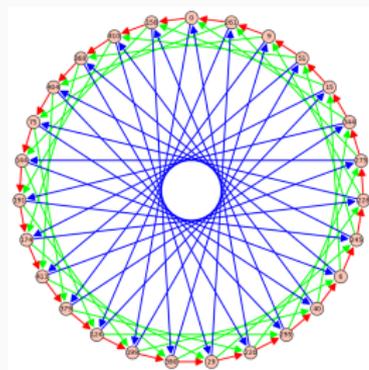
Isogeny graphs

- **Vertices:** elliptic curves \textcircled{E} .
- **Edges:** l -isogenies with $l \in \{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ $\textcircled{E} \text{---} \textcircled{E'}$.

Two typical graphs



supersingular curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2}
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supersingular curves over \mathbb{F}_p
 $l \in \{3, 5, 7\}, p = 419$.

Isogenies as one-way functions

Setup Fix an elliptic curve (E) ,
in an $\{l_1, \dots, l_n\}$ -isogeny graph with efficient navigation.

Isogeny one-way function

Input
bit-string



path in the graph



Output



No polynomial quantum attacks are known.

Key exchange based on isogenies

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Fix a starting
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E

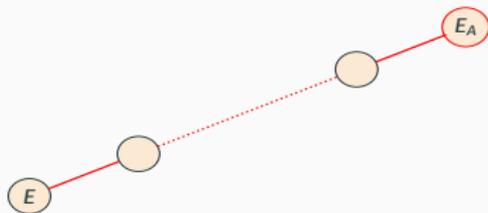
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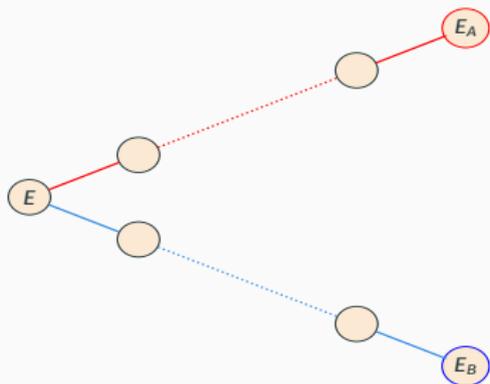
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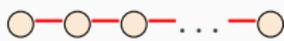
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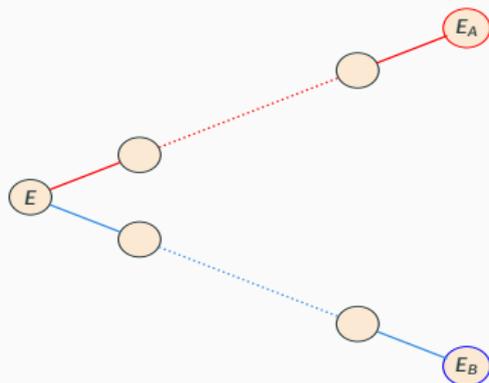


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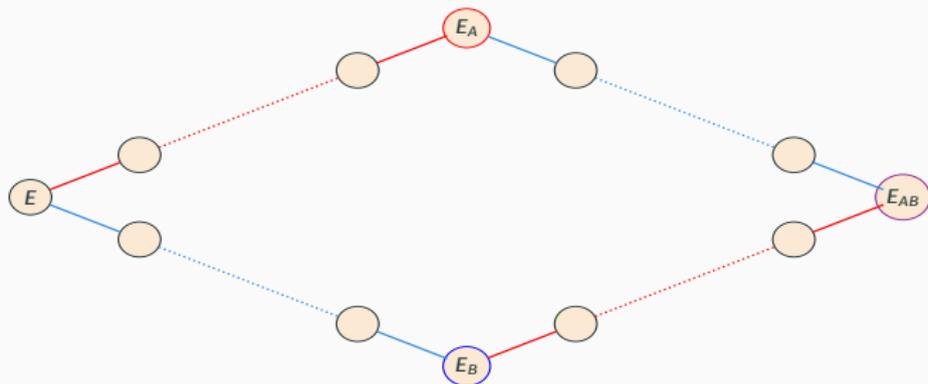


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Shared key

repeating* the path,
 $\rightarrow E_{AB}$



(*) It is not obvious how to repeat a path with a different starting vertex, so that the paths commute.

Isogeny-based primitives in dimension 1



1997
Couveignes

Hard homogeneous space

Group-action based cryptography
→ DH key exchange with isogenies.

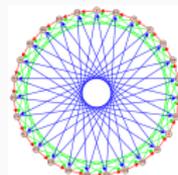
Public-key cryptosystem based on isogenies

Independent discovery of Couveigne's (unpublished) ideas.

2006
Rostovtsev, Stolbunov

CGL hash function Cryptographic hash functions from expander graphs.

2009
Charles, Goren, Lauter



SIDH
Towards quantum-resistant cryptosystems from supersingular elliptic curve isogenies

2011
de Feo, Jao

CSIDH:
an efficient post-quantum commutative group action

2018,
Castricky, Lange, Martindale,
Panny, Renes

SQISign:
compact post-quantum signatures from quaternions and isogenies

2020
de Feo, Kohel, Leroux, Petit, Wesolowski

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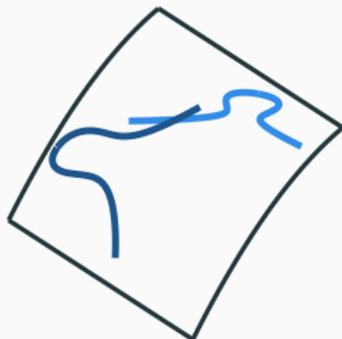
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How to construct a p.p.a.v. of dimension 2?

$$1 + 1 = 2:$$

product of elliptic curves

$$E_1 \times E_2$$



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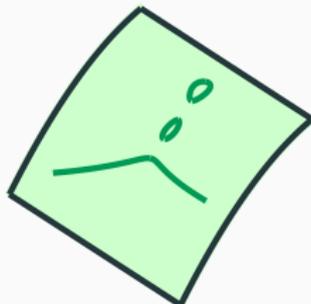


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The **Jacobian** of C , $Jac(C)$, is a principally polarized abelian surface.

- Complicated as a variety (e.g. defined by 72 polynomials in \mathbb{P}^{15}).
- Easy description of $D \in Jac(C)$:
 $D = (P, Q)$ with P, Q points of C .



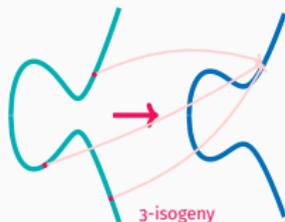
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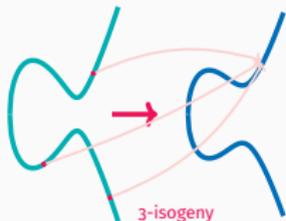


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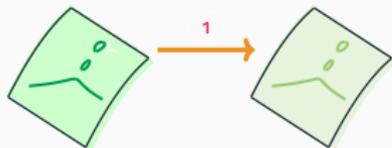
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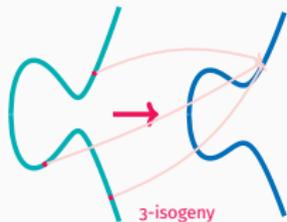


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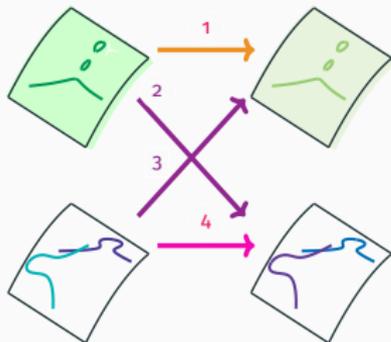
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4 isogeny types:

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|--------------|------------|
| 1. generic | 3. gluing |
| 2. splitting | 4. product |

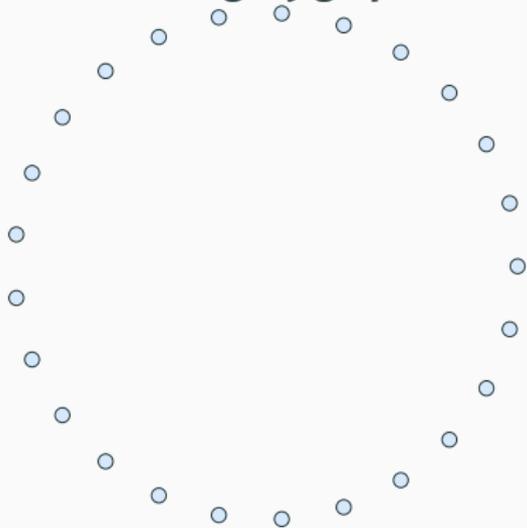
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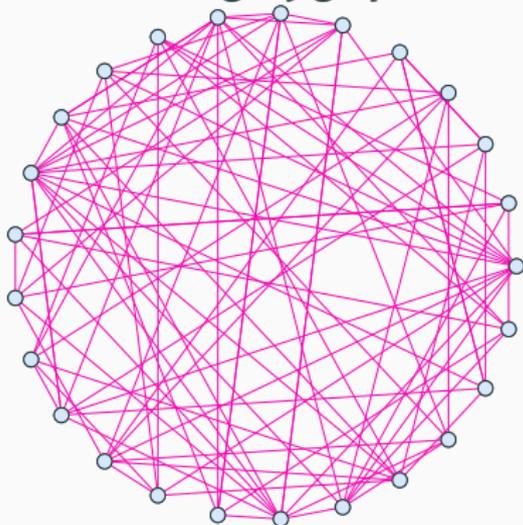
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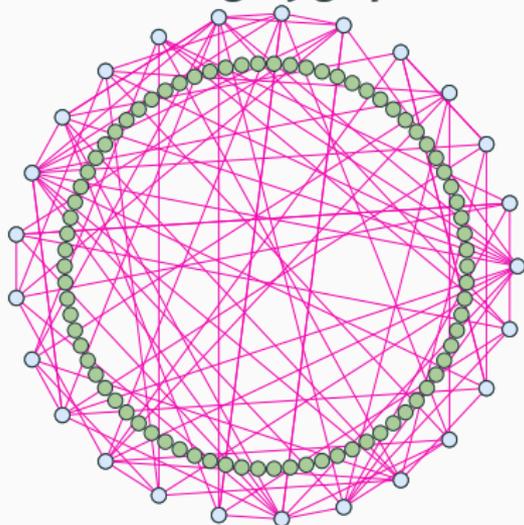
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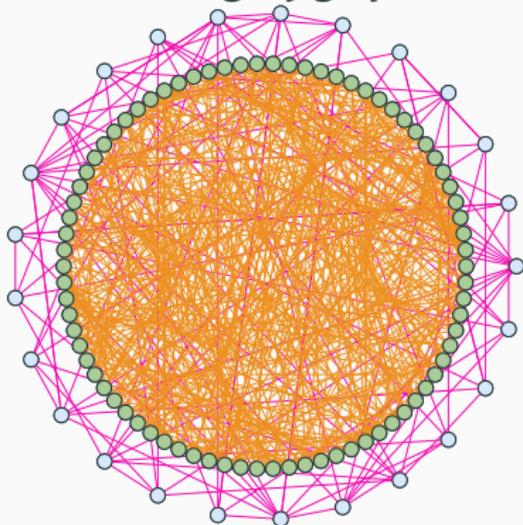
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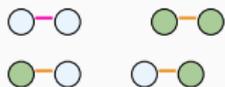
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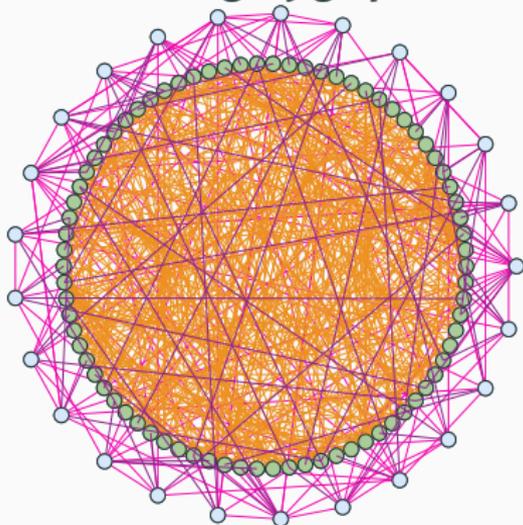
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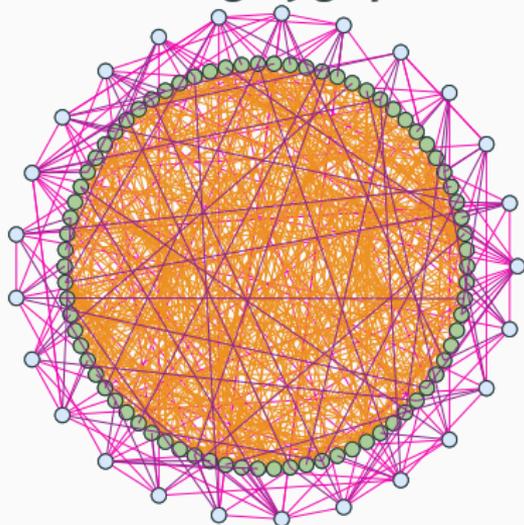
- $\# \bullet \gg \# \circ$;
- For small ℓ , we can navigate efficiently.^a
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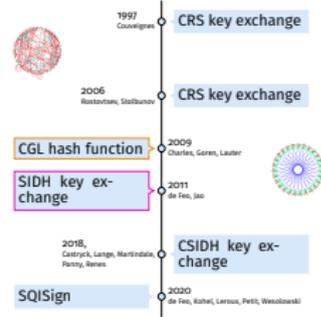
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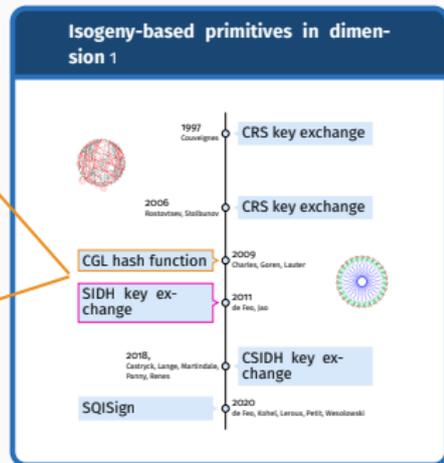
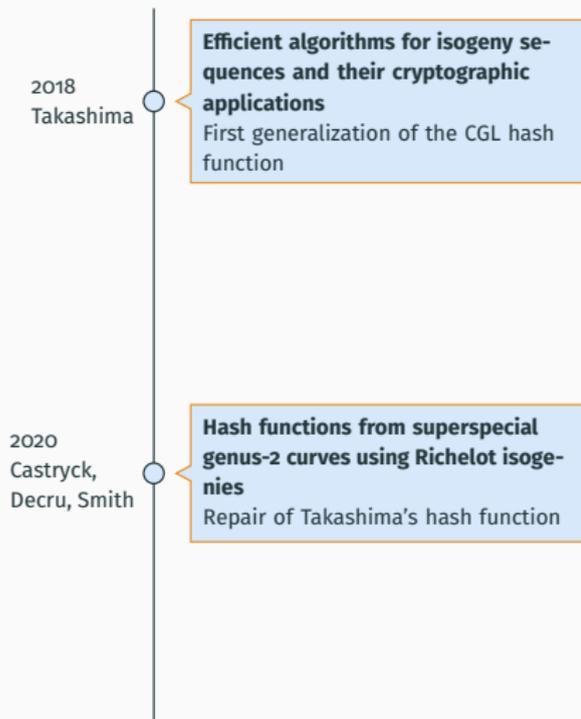
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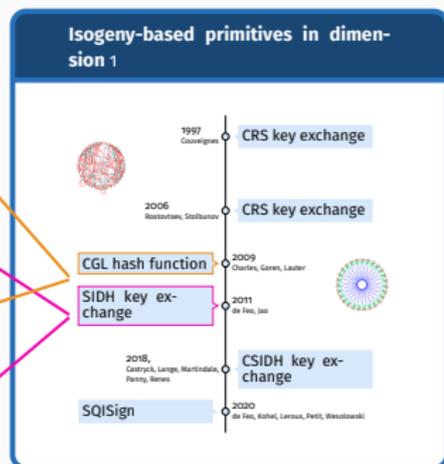
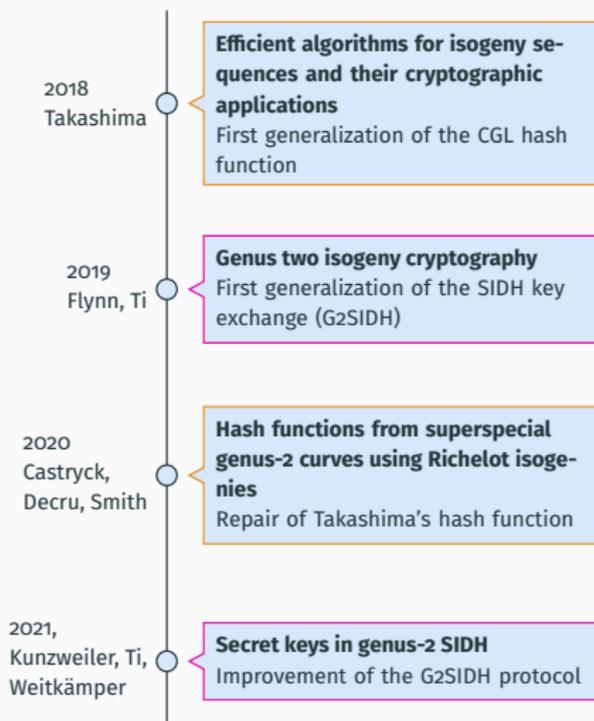
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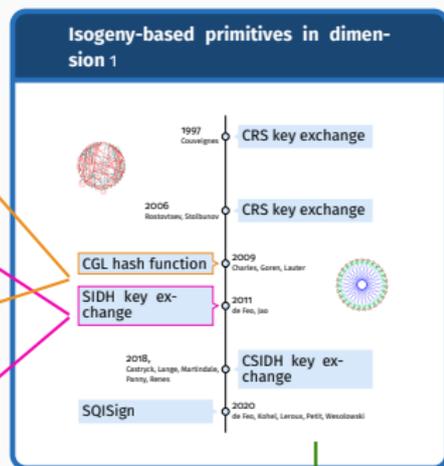
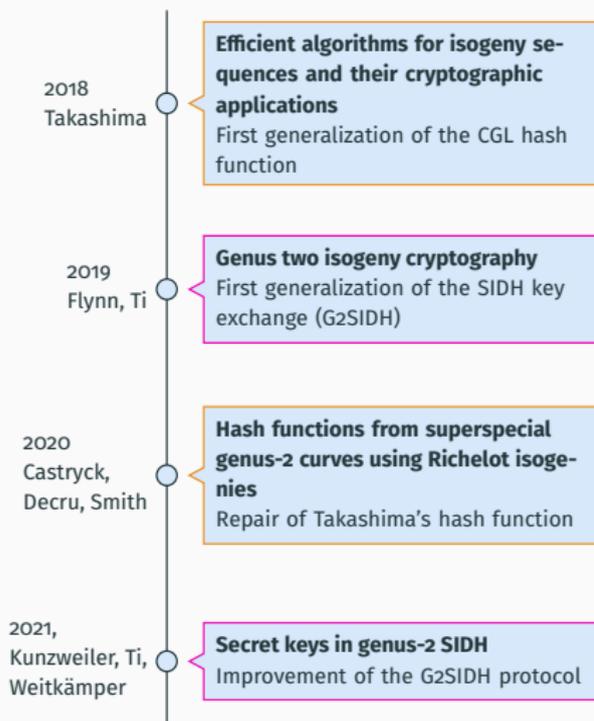
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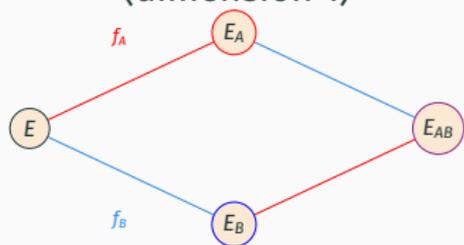


open problem

Dimension 2 meets dimension 1

Kani's Lemma (1997)

Isogeny diamond (dimension 1)



d_A -isogeny f_A and d_B -isogeny f_B

\Leftrightarrow

Product isogeny (dimension 2)



$(d_A + d_B, d_A + d_B)$ -
isogeny F

$d_A + d_B$ interpolation data of $f_A, f_B \Rightarrow$ kernel of F

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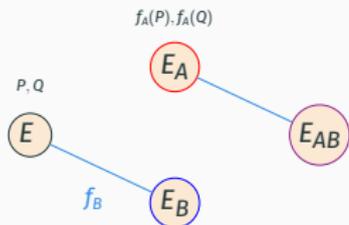
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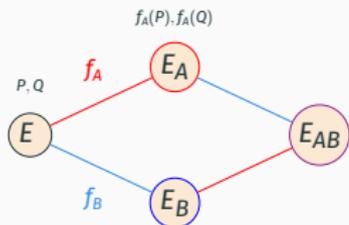
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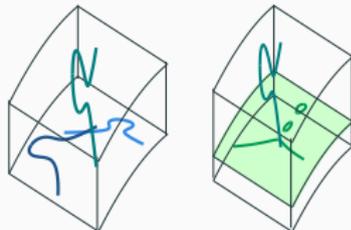
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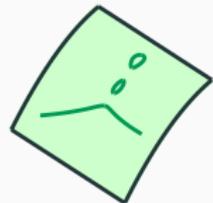


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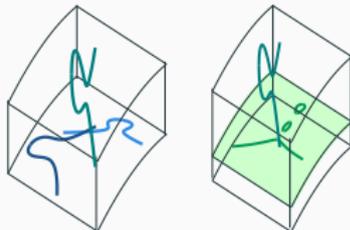


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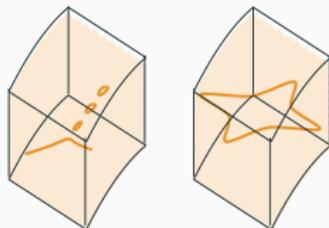


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