

PRISMO

A Quaternion Signature for Supersingular Isogeny Group Actions

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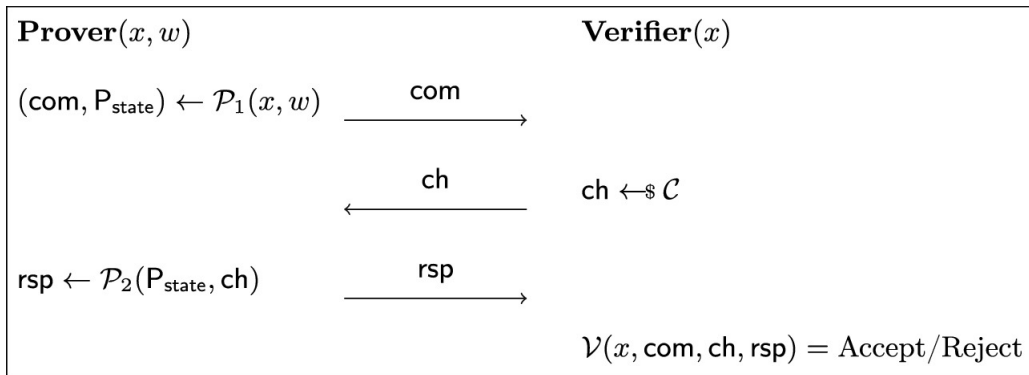




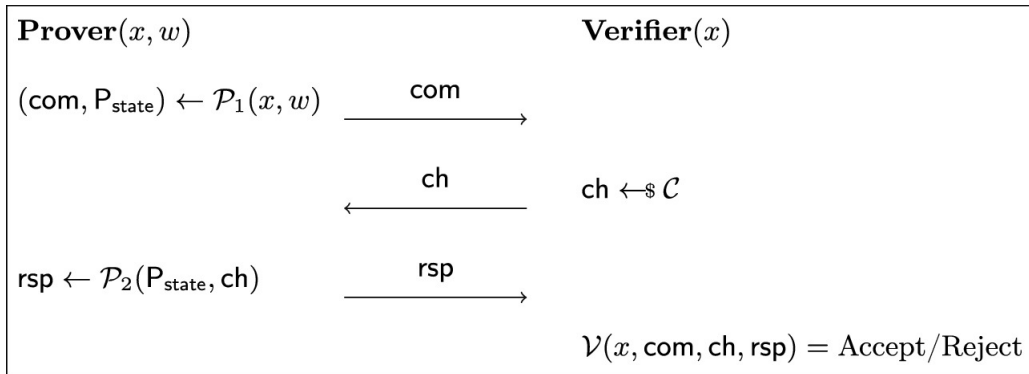
Motivation

Sigma protocols

$\mathcal{L} = \{ (x, w) \}$ arising from a hard relation



Sigma protocols



Completeness: V accepts when P knows a witness and they follow the protocol.

Special Soundness: $w \leftarrow \text{extract}(x, (com, ch, rsp), (com, ch', rsp'))$, $ch \neq ch'$.

Special HVZK: given ch , $(com, ch, rsp) \leftarrow \text{simulate}(x, ch)$ that is valid.

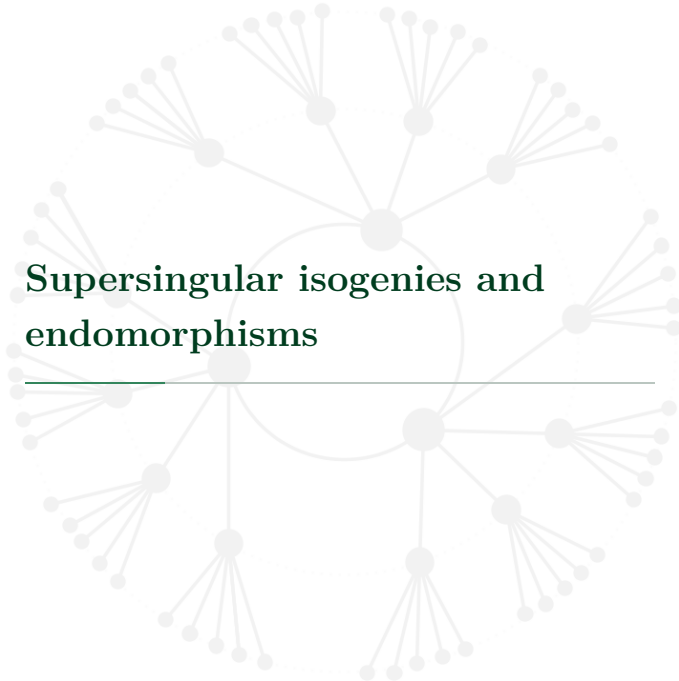
Sigma protocols (2)

A dishonest P can always fool V with probability at least $1/\#\mathcal{C}$.

- $\#\mathcal{C} = O(\text{poly}(\lambda))$ (2 for example), $1/\#\mathcal{C}$ is not negligible, not great!
 - Solution: repeat the sigma protocol several times.
 - Consequence: huge efficiency/size overhead.
 - ★ The case for CSI-FiSh (isogeny group action signature).
- $\#\mathcal{C} = O(\exp(\lambda))$, $1/\#\mathcal{C}$ is negligible, great!
 - ★ The case for SQIsign and PRISM

Question: Can we adapt PRISM to the isogeny group action setting?

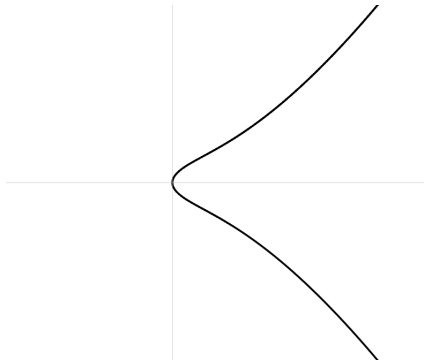
λ is the security parameter; PRISM is a hash and sign signature instead.



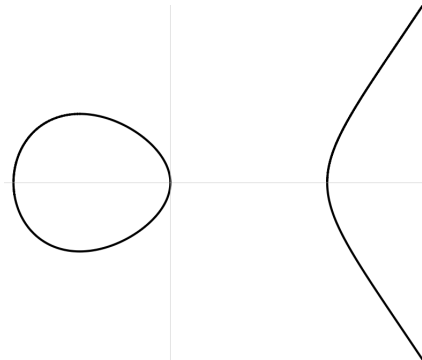
Supersingular isogenies and endomorphisms

Elliptic curves

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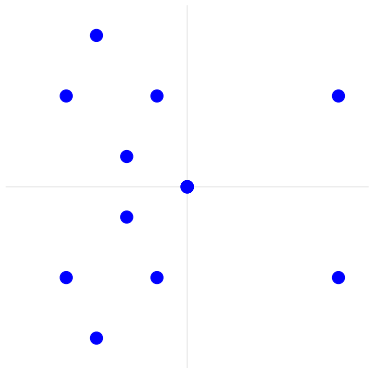


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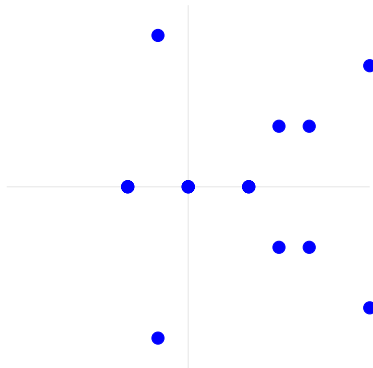


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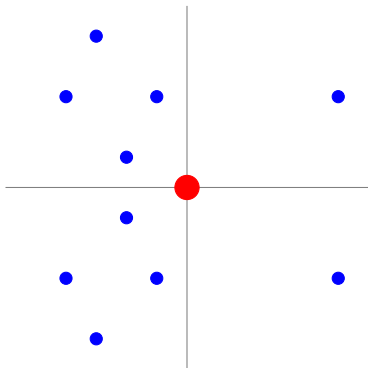


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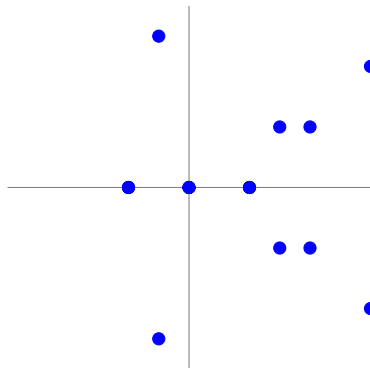


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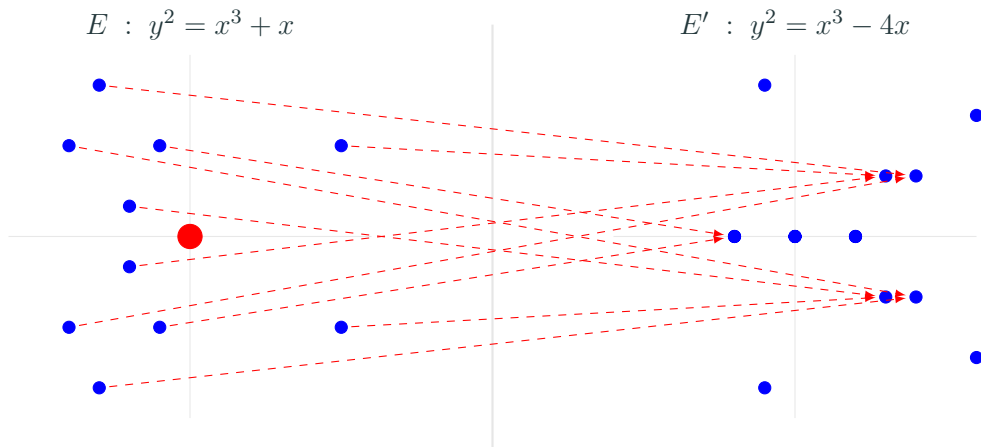
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Isogenies



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

- Kernel generator in red.
- The degree of the isogeny is 2.

Degree ℓ isogeny where $\ell > 2$ is a prime, Impractical for large primes.

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For n coprime to the field characteristic

$$E[n] = \langle P, Q \rangle \simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}.$$

Ordinary curves

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- Allow more efficient protocols

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Given a random supersingular elliptic curve E and a large prime q , compute an isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ of degree q .

Easy when one knows one the following:

- the endomorphism ring $\text{End}(E)$ of E [something called Deuring correspondence]
- a non scalar endomorphism $\theta \in \text{End}(E)$ which fixes a group $\langle P \rangle$ of order q

We can hence use $\text{End}(E)$ as a trapdoor. In fact, computing $\text{End}(E)$ is hard.

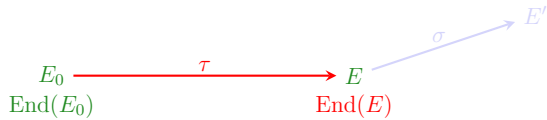


A circular network diagram with a central circle. Ten nodes are arranged in a ring around the center, connected by a solid line. Each of these ten nodes is further connected to a cluster of smaller nodes on the outer edge of the diagram. The entire structure is enclosed within a dashed circular boundary. A horizontal green line passes through the center of the diagram, and the text "PRISM*" is positioned to the left of this line.

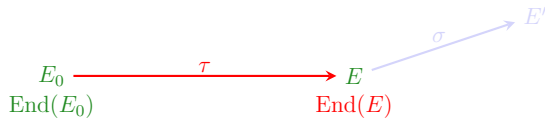
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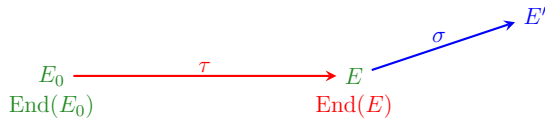


Signer(E , $\text{End}(E)$, m)



Verifier (E)

PRISM* Signature



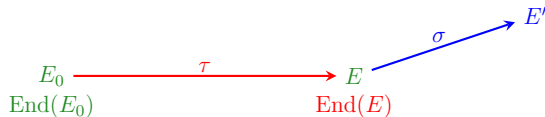
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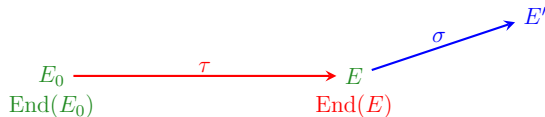


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(m, σ)
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PRISM* Signature



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$\xrightarrow{(m, \sigma)}$



Verifier (E , m , σ)

$q \leftarrow H_{\text{Prime}_a}(E||m)$
Is $\sigma : E \rightarrow E'$ of degree q ?

Hard problem underlying the security of PRISM*

PrimelsogenyOracle: takes as inputs a supersingular elliptic curve E defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} and a prime q of length a , and returns a uniformly random isogeny of degree q from E .

One more prime degree isogeny problem

Given a random supersingular elliptic curve E and a PrimelsogenyOracle, output an isogeny of degree q' where q' is a prime of length a different from all the primes q formerly queried to PrimelsogenyOracle.



PRISMO*

The logo features a circular network diagram in the background. It consists of a central circle with eight nodes connected to it. Each of these eight nodes is further connected to a cluster of smaller nodes on the outer edge of the circle. A horizontal green line is positioned below the text 'PRISMO*'. The entire design is rendered in a light gray color on a white background.

Supersingular isogeny group actions

$$\pi : E \rightarrow E^{(p)}; \quad (x, y) \mapsto (x^p, y^p)$$

If E is defined over \mathbb{F}_p , then $\pi \in \text{End}(E)$.

\mathbb{F}_p -rational isogenies* arise from the action of some abelian group denoted by $\text{cl}(\mathbb{Z}[\pi])$ on the set of supersingular elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{F}_p .

This action is a (rich) cryptography group action, and it allows to design various cryptographic protocols. Nevertheless:

- it requires larger primes compared to the generic supersingular setting,
- all existing signatures (CSI-FiSh and friends) use parallel repetitions.

PRISM is not secure when E/\mathbb{F}_p

This is because we know $\pi \in \text{End}(E)$ which is not a scalar endomorphism.

With $\pi \in \text{End}(E)$ we can efficiently compute an isogeny of degree q where there exist a point P such that $\pi(\langle P \rangle) = \langle P \rangle$.

Odd primes q for which such a point exists are exactly the split (in $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$) primes.

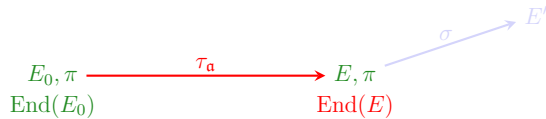
For inert primes q , no such point exists, hence the knowledge of π is useless to adversaries.

PRISMO: variant of PRISM where E/\mathbb{F}_p and the primes q are inert in $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$.

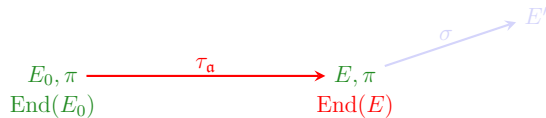
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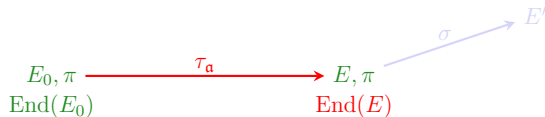


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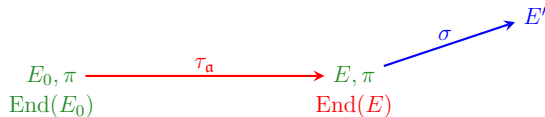
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PRISMO* Signature (E is defined over \mathbb{F}_p)



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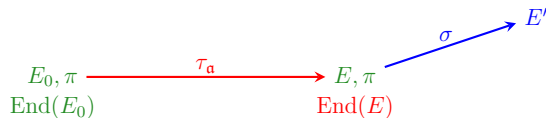
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$\xrightarrow{(m, \sigma)}$



Verifier(E , m , σ)

PRISMO* Signature (E is defined over \mathbb{F}_p)



Signer($E, \text{End}(E), m$)

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¹inert in $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$.

PRISMO is more efficient and more compact compared to CSI-FiSh:

- 80x faster for signing
- 1457x faster for verification
- 29x more compact (signature size)

for NIST level I².

²Supersingular isogeny group action with a 2000 bits prime.



Thanks for still being awake!

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