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# Another Look at Some Isogeny Hardness Assumptions

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#### This talk

- cryptanalysis of an isogeny-based hardness assumption
- attack on Jao-Soukharev undeniable signatures





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- a group morphism  $\varphi: E \to E'$
- with kernel any finite subgroup  $H \subset E$

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- given by rational map of degree #H, i.e.  $x \mapsto f(x)/g(x), y \mapsto y(f(x)/g(x))'$ 





 $E': y^2 = x^3 + Cx + D$ 

# **Isogeny Graphs of a Supersingular Curves**

– an elliptic curve E defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  is called supersingular, if

 $\#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k}) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ 

- about  $\frac{p}{12}$  supersingular elliptic curves, up to isomorphism





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– shared secret is isomorphism class of  $E/\langle A, B \rangle$ 





#### **Modified SSCDH**

#### Problem

Given E, E/A, E/B and  $\varphi_B$ . Compute  $E/\langle A, B \rangle$ , up to isomorphism.







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# **Application: Jao-Soukharev's Undeniable Signatures**







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#### Lemma:

Let the notation be as before. If  $\alpha, \beta < \ell^e$  are positive integers modulo  $\ell^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then the  $\ell$ -isogeny paths from  $E_A$ to  $E_{AB} := E_A / \langle P_B + [\alpha] Q_B \rangle$  and to  $E_{AB'} := E_A / \langle P_B + [\beta] Q_B \rangle$ are equal up to the k-th step.









- find message m' such that H(m) H(m') is divisible by a (large) power of  $\ell_B$
- use signing oracle to obtain  $E_{AB^\prime}$  in signature of  $m^\prime$
- brute-force isogeny  $E_{AB'} \rightarrow E_{AB}$
- trade-off between the steps

• E<sub>AB'</sub>

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