

How to not break SIDH ☹️

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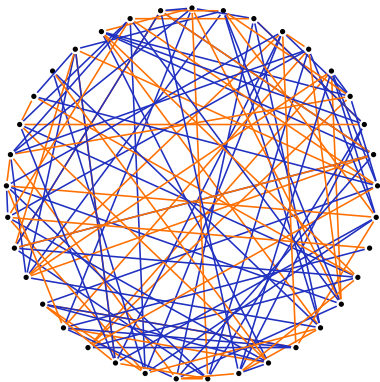
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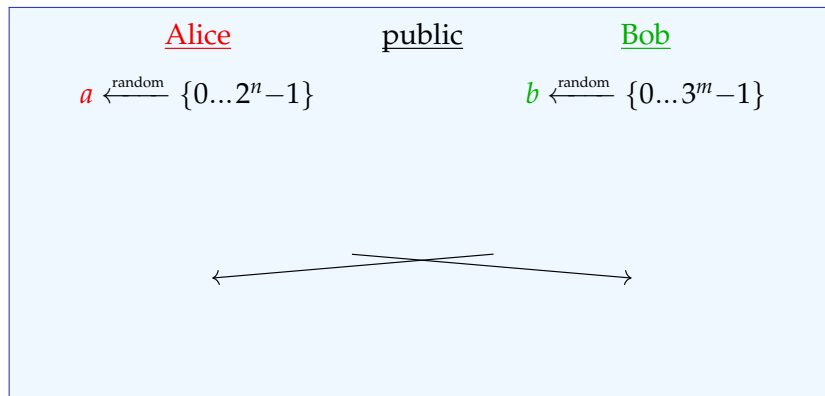
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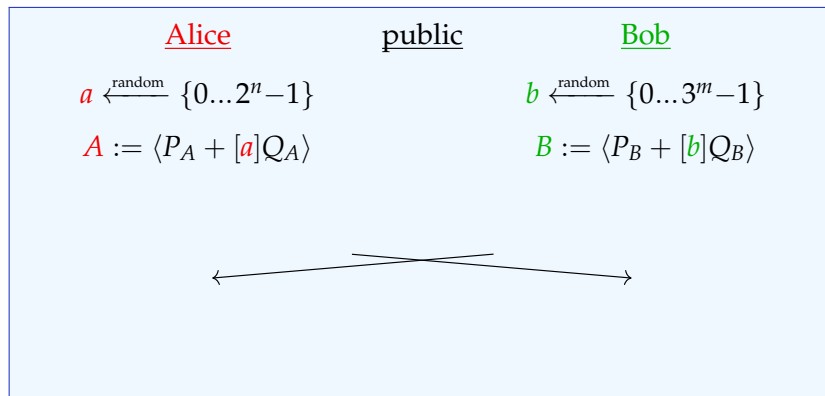
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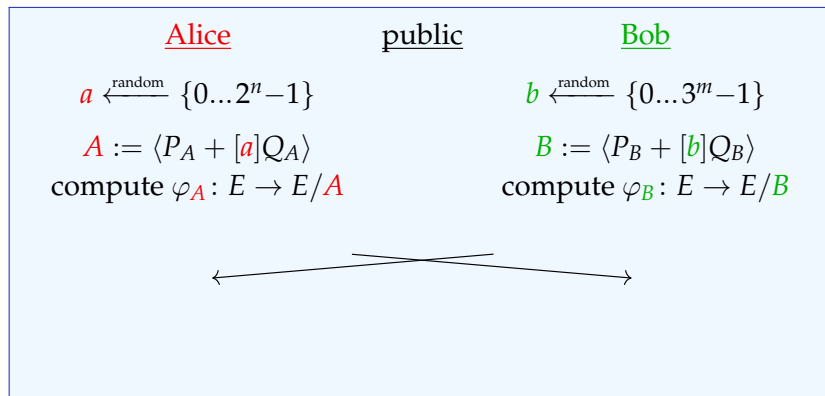
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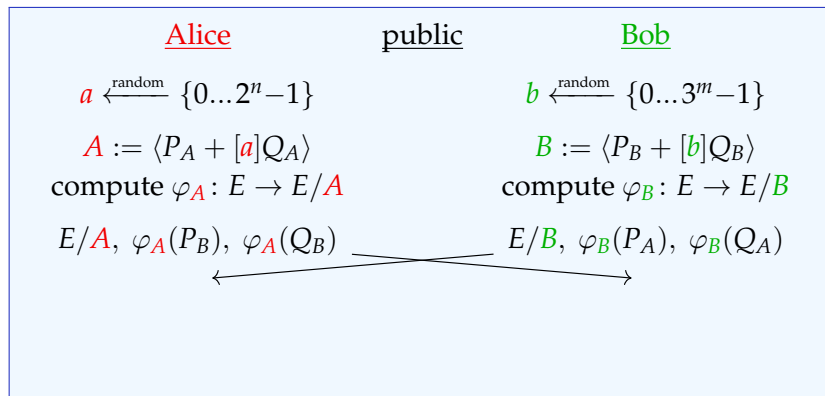
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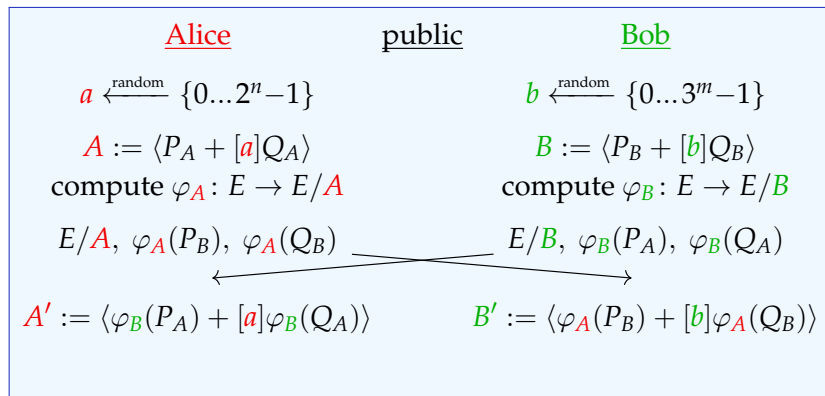
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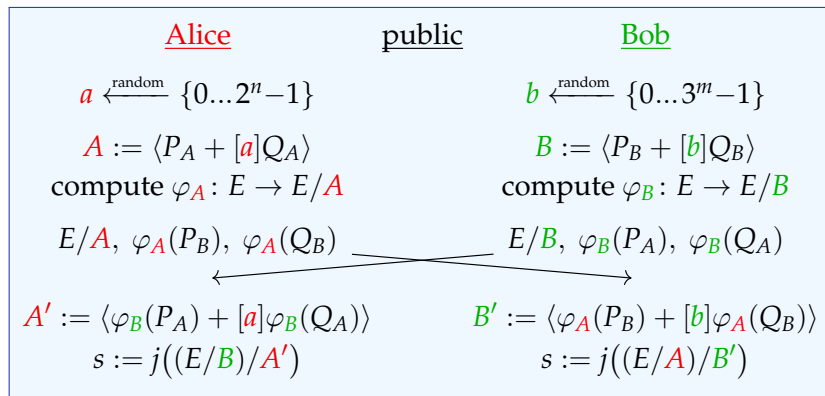
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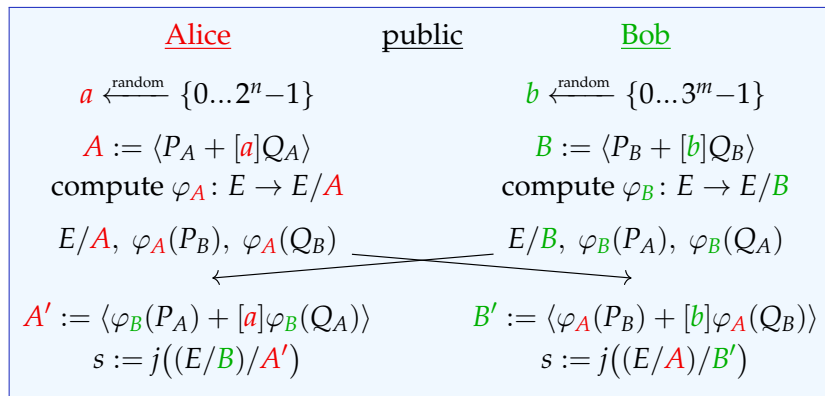
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Break it by: given public info, find secret key: φ_A (or just A).

Here's some things that don't break it...

Extra points

Aim: given points P_B, Q_B on E , the image E/A of the secret isogeny $\varphi_A : E \rightarrow E/A$, and the images $\varphi_A(P_B)$ and $\varphi_B(Q_B)$, find φ_A .

Fact: with the parameters used in SIDH, the images $\varphi_A(P_B)$ and $\varphi_B(Q_B)$ uniquely determine the secret isogeny φ_A .

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- ▶ No known algorithms for interpolating and decomposing **at the same time**.

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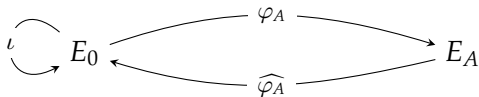
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(Annoying: This shows up in many disguises.)

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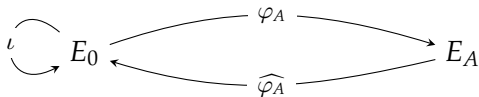
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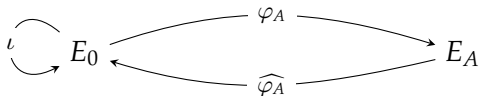
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- ▶ Idea: **Find** an appropriate endomorphism τ of **degree $3^m r$** ; recover 3^m -part as above; brute-force the *remaining part*.
 - ↪ image of r -torsion point under φ_A
 - ⇒ (details) ⇒ Recover the secret φ_A .
 - ☹ To get r **small enough to be an attack**, we have to **change the SIDH parameters** so that Alice's isogeny has a **much higher degree** than Bob's.

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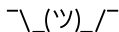
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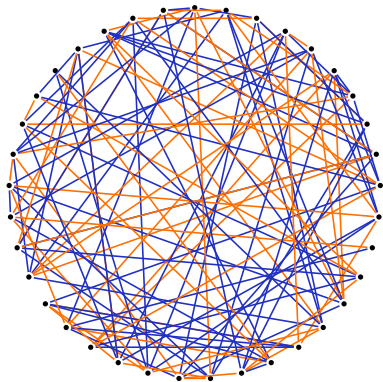
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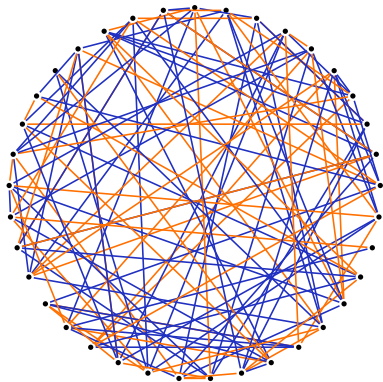
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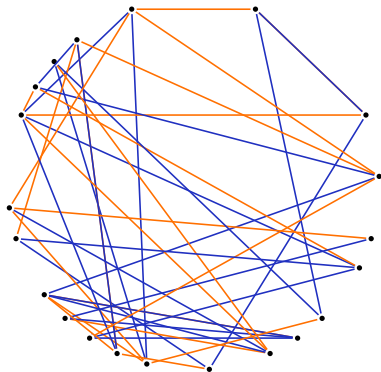
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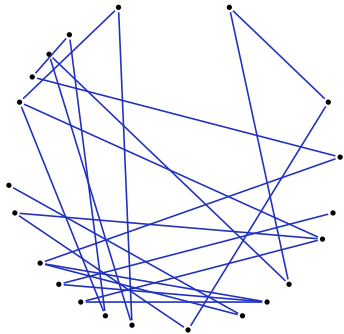


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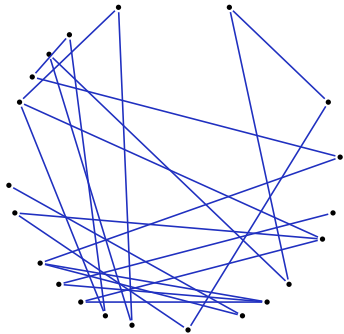
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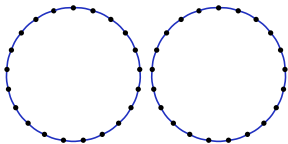
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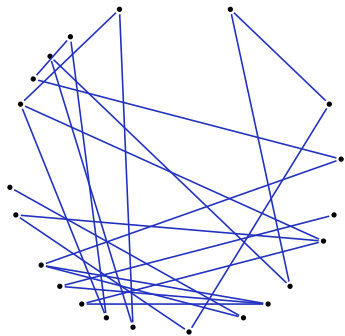
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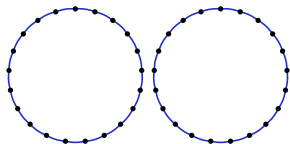
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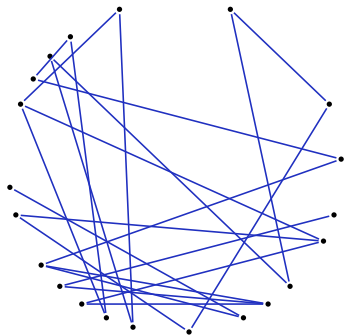


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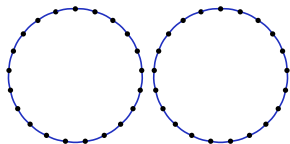
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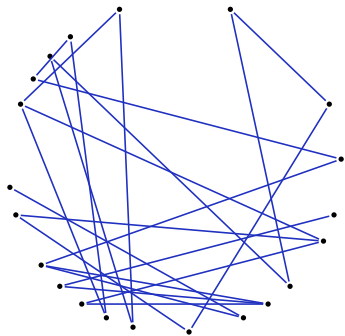


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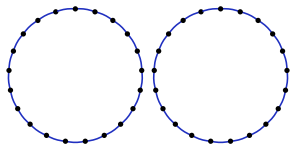
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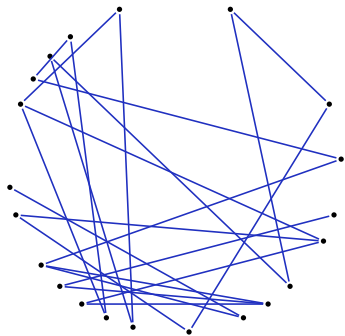


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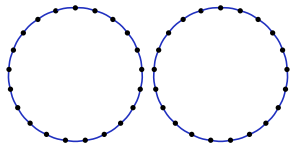
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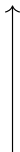
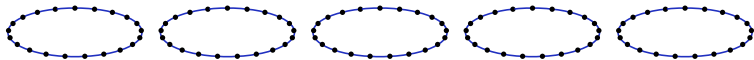
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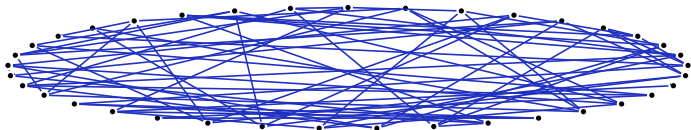
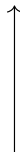
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(Delfs-Galbraith, Biasse-Jao-Sankar)

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From 1-dimensional E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} ,
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'Weil restriction'



This picture is very unlikely to be accurate.

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Supersingular elliptic curves defined over } \mathbb{F}_q \\ \text{with non-scalar } \phi \in \text{End}(E) \end{array} \right\}$$

Here computing isogenies is harder.

- ▶ Computing the equivalence is **slow**.
- ▶ Finding a non-scalar endomorphism is **hard**.
- ▶ If you can find non-scalar endomorphisms, SIDH is probably already broken by earlier work (Kohel-Lauter-Petit-Tignol and Galbraith-Petit-Shani-Ti).

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Thank you!