

SIGNITC: Supersingular Isogeny Graph Non-Interactive Timed Commitments

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Non-Interactive Timed Commitments

Non-Interactive Timed Commitment¹ (NITC)

A $(t_{com}, t_{cv}, t_{dv}, t_{fd})$ - *non-interactive timed commitment scheme* (NITC) is a tuple $TC = (\text{PGen}, \text{Com}, \text{ComVrfy}, \text{DecVrfy}, \text{FDecom})$ of five algorithms with the following behaviour:

PGen $1^\kappa \mapsto \mathbf{crs}$

Com $(\mathbf{crs}, m) \mapsto (\mathbf{C}, \pi_{com}, \pi_{dec})$ in time at most t_{com}

ComVrfy $(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, \pi_{com}) \mapsto (\mathbf{accept} \text{ or } \mathbf{reject})$ in time at most t_{cv}

DecVrfy $(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{dec}) \mapsto (\mathbf{accept} \text{ or } \mathbf{reject})$ in time at most t_{dv}

FDecom $(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}) \mapsto (m \text{ or } \mathbf{invalid})$ in time at least t_{fd}

We require that for all κ , all \mathbf{crs} output by PGen, all m and all $\mathbf{C}, \pi_{com}, \pi_{dec}$ output by $\text{Com}(\mathbf{crs}, m)$, it holds that

$$\text{ComVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, \pi_{com}) = \mathbf{accept}, \quad \text{DecVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{dec}) = \mathbf{accept}, \quad \text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}) = m.$$

¹Katz, Loss, and Xu [9]

$$\text{PGen}(1^\kappa) = \text{crs}$$

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$$\text{Com}(\text{crs}, m) = (\mathbf{C}, \pi_{\text{com}}, \pi_{\text{dec}}) \xrightarrow[\quad (\mathbf{C}, \pi_{\text{com}}) \quad]{\text{commitment}} \text{ComVrfy}(\text{crs}, \mathbf{C}, \pi_{\text{com}}) = (\text{accept or reject})$$

$$\text{Honest} \xrightarrow[\quad (m, \pi_{\text{dec}}) \quad]{\text{decommitment}} \text{DecVrfy}(\text{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{\text{dec}}) = (\text{accept or reject})$$

$$\text{Dishonest} \xrightarrow[\quad \text{decommitment} \quad]{\text{forced}} \text{FDecom}(\text{crs}, \mathbf{C}) = (m \text{ or } \text{invalid})$$

FDecom takes at least time t_{fd} (delay).

To be relevant for applications a NITC also needs to satisfy three further properties.

Practicality $t_{cv}, t_{dv} \ll t_{fd}$, i.e. verification is much faster than forcefully opening the commitment.

Hiding The commitment does not leak information about the message (for time t_{fd}).

Binding The commitment can not be opened to two different messages.

Katz et al. [9] state that NITCs are useful for sealed bid auctions and as primitive for other cryptographic protocols.

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Fast (if both are honest) and hard to cheat.

Supersingular Isogeny Graphs

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Isogeny Graph

- Dual isogenies $\hat{\varphi}$ are “reverse” maps.
- Isomorphic curves have the same j -invariant.
- The isogeny graph has j -invariants as vertices and isogenies as edges.

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Deuring Correspondence

Let $\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}$ be the quaternion algebra with \mathbb{Q} -basis $\{1, i, j, k\}$ and $i^2 = -1$, $j^2 = -p$, $k = ij = -ji$.

Supersingular Elliptic Curves

E is *supersingular* if and only if $\text{End } E$ is isomorphic to a maximal order \mathcal{O} in $\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}$.

Supersingular elliptic curves therefore have non-commutative endomorphism rings.

Deuring Correspondence⁴

An isogeny $\varphi: E \rightarrow E'$ of degree ℓ corresponds to a left ideal I_φ of norm ℓ in $\mathcal{O} \cong \text{End } E$ and $\text{End } E'$ is isomorphic to the right order $\mathcal{O}_R(I_\varphi) = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B}_{p,\infty} \mid I_\varphi \alpha \subseteq I_\varphi\}$ of I_φ .

⁴Deuring [8]

Polynomial problems:

- Vélu** Compute isogeny $\varphi_K: E \rightarrow E_K \cong E/\langle K \rangle$ given its kernel $\ker \varphi = \langle K \rangle$ for $K \in E$. Complexity depends on smoothness and size of degree $\deg \varphi_K = \text{ord } K$.
- KLPT** Given an ideal I of a maximal order $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}$, find an equivalent ideal such that its norm is small or a prime power.
- Deuring** Given $\mathcal{O} \cong \text{End } E$, translate between isogenies $\varphi: E \rightarrow E'$ and the corresponding I_φ .

Hard problems⁵:

- IsogPath** Given two (isogenous) supersingular elliptic curves E, E' and a prime ℓ , find a path from E to E' in the ℓ -isogeny graph.
- EndRing** Given a supersingular elliptic curve E , find four endomorphisms that generate $\text{End } E$ (or four quaternions in $\mathcal{B}_{p,\infty}$ that generate $\mathcal{O} \cong \text{End } E$) as a lattice.

⁵Wesolowski [10]

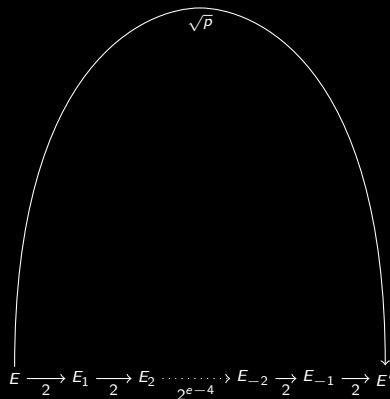
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \varphi: E \rightarrow E' & & I_\varphi \subset \mathcal{O} & & \tilde{I}_\varphi \subset \mathcal{O} \\
 \text{Isogeny} & \xrightarrow[\text{Deuring}]{\text{End } E \cong \mathcal{O}} & \text{Ideal} & \xrightarrow[\text{KLPT}]{\text{Ideal}} & \text{Ideal} & \xrightarrow[\text{Deuring}]{\text{End } E \cong \mathcal{O}} & \tilde{\varphi}: E \rightarrow E' \\
 \deg \varphi = d & & \text{nrd } I_\varphi = d & & \text{nrd } \tilde{I}_\varphi = \tilde{d} & & \deg \tilde{\varphi} = \tilde{d}
 \end{array}$$

Shortcuts

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Let p be of size 256 bit. We can use KLPT in two ways:

Type of KLPT	Size of \tilde{d}	Complexity of $\tilde{\varphi}$
\tilde{d} smooth ($\tilde{d} = 2^e$)	$\approx p^3 \approx 2^{768}$	$O((\log \tilde{d})^2) \approx 2^{20}$
\tilde{d} prime	$\approx \sqrt{p} \approx 2^{128}$	$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{\tilde{d}}) > 2^{64}$



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⁶Ahrens [1] (ia.cr/2024/1225)

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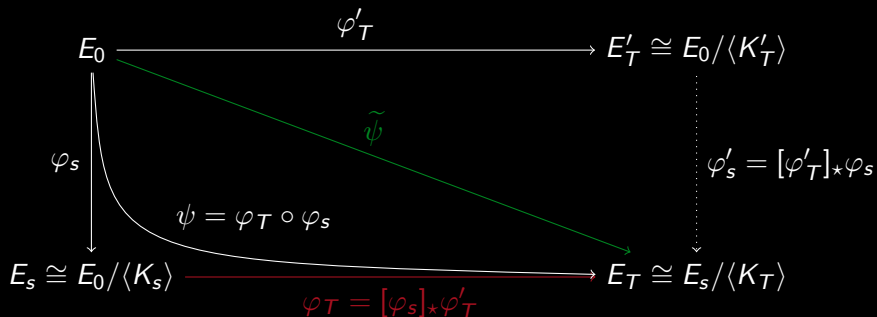
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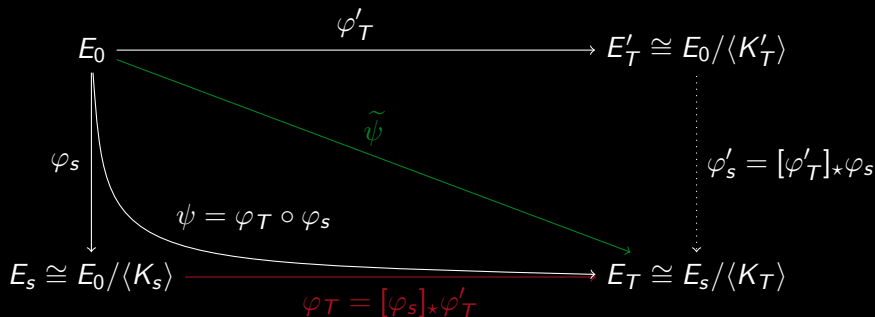
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Hiding/Binding:

$$u = m \ominus F(j(E_T))$$

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Parameter Generation Algorithm PGen

Require: Security parameter 1^κ

Ensure: $\text{crs} = (\text{crs}_0, \text{crs}_s, \text{crs}_T, \text{crs}_{\text{ItI}})$

crs₀ Starting curve E_0 , message group (M, \oplus) , inverse resistant function $F: J_{SS} \rightarrow M$

crs_s Pre-computations for φ_s

crs_T Pre-computations for φ_T (or rather φ'_T)

crs_{ItI} Pre-computations for IdealToIsogeny

J_{SS} is the set of supersingular j -invariants in \mathbb{F}_{p^2} .

Definition (Inverse Resistant Functions)

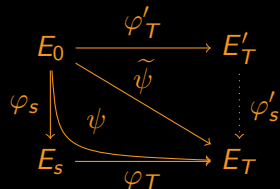
A function $F: X \rightarrow Y$ is λ -inverse resistant, if for all $y \in Y$ the preimage $F^{-1}(y) \subseteq X$ has at least 2^λ elements.

Commitment Algorithm Com

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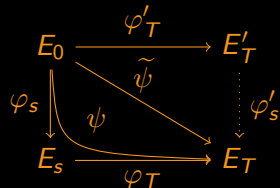


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- 6: Compute ideal $I_\psi = I_s \cap I'_T$ corresponding to isogeny $\psi = \varphi_T \circ \varphi_s$
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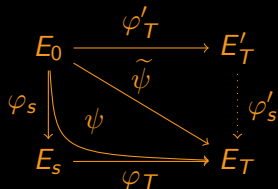


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- 8: Compute $\tilde{j}_T = j(\tilde{E}_T)$ and $u = m \ominus F(\tilde{j}_T) \in M$
- 9: **return** $((E_s, K_T, u), (), (K_s, K'_T))$



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Require: Common reference string **crs**, commitment **C** and proof π_{com}

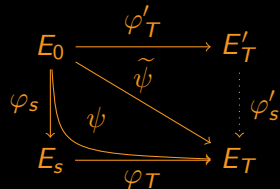
- 1: Check if E_s is an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} , $K_T \in E_s$ and $u \in M$
- 2: *Optional: check $K_T \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{2e}}^2$* \triangleright *Check upper bound for degree of φ_T*
- 3: **return (accept/reject)**

Decommitment Verification Algorithm DecVrfy

Require: Common reference string **crs**, commitment **C**

Require: Message m , decommitment proof π_{dec}

- 1: Check $E_s \cong E_0 / \langle K_s \rangle$ and $\varphi_s(K'_T) = K_T$
- 2: Compute an ideal I_s corresponding to isogeny φ_s
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- 5: Use IdealToIsogeny to get shortcut $\tilde{\psi}$ and $\tilde{E}_T \cong E_s / \langle K_T \rangle$
- 6: Compute $\tilde{j}_T = j(\tilde{E}_T)$ and check $u \oplus F(\tilde{j}_T) = m$
- 7: **return (accept/reject)**



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Ensure: Message m

- 1: Compute $E_T \cong E_s / \langle K_T \rangle$ as codomain of $\varphi_T: E_s \rightarrow E_T$
- 2: Compute $j_T = j(E_T)$ and $m = u \oplus F(j_T)$

3: **return** m

IdealToIsogeny Algorithms

Variants	one dimensional	higher dimensional
Examples	SQISign ⁷	SQIsign2D-West ⁸ , SQIsignHD ⁹
Prime	SQISign-friendly primes	$p = c2^k - 1$ with c as small as possible.
Pre-computation	$\mathbf{crs}_{\text{ItI}}$ can be empty	$\mathbf{crs}_{\text{ItI}}$ contains basis of $E_0[2^k]$
Pro	one dimensional isogenies	isogenies of degree $d \mid p^2 - 1$
Contra	isogenies of degree $d \approx p^3$	isogenies of higher dimension

⁷Chavez-Saab, Corte-Real Santos, De Feo, Eriksen, Hess, Kohel, Leroux, Longa, Meyer, Panny, Patranabis, Petit, Rodríguez Henríquez, Schaeffler, and Wesolowski [5]

⁸Basso, Dartois, Feo, Leroux, Maino, Pope, Robert, and Wesolowski [2]

⁹Dartois, Leroux, Robert, and Wesolowski [6]

Conclusion

SIGNITC is a practical NITC that satisfies hiding and binding.

Advantages

- Works purely within isogeny-based cryptography.
- Presumably quantum secure.
- Highly adjustable with (almost) arbitrary delay.
- Explicit algorithms with known efficient implementations.

Disadvantages

- Some algorithms and topics are quite involved.
- Slightly weaker hiding and binding properties.

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We choose $E_0: y^2 = x^3 + x$ with $\mathcal{O}_0 = \langle 1, i, \frac{1+j}{2}, \frac{1+k}{2} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

The message group is $M = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ for an integer $N \leq \lfloor p^{1/4}/12 \rfloor$.

For $J_{SS} \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^2} \cong \mathbb{F}_p[i]$ we take $F: J_{SS} \rightarrow M = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$, $a + bi \mapsto a + |b| \pmod{N}$.

Then we have the following:

- Membership testing and group operations in M are efficient.
- F can be computed efficiently.
- F is sufficiently inverse resistant.

SQIsign-friendly prime $p = p'_{1973}$ with $\log_2 p'_{1973} \approx 251.9$ from the specifications of SQIsign [5].

$$\begin{aligned}
 p'_{1973} &= 0x34e29e286b95d98c33a6a86587407437252c9e49355147ffffffffffffffffffff \\
 p^2 - 1 &= 2^{76} \cdot 3^{36} \cdot 7^4 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 23^2 \cdot 37 \cdot 59^2 \cdot 89 \cdot 97 \cdot 101^2 \cdot 107 \cdot 109^2 \cdot 131 \cdot 137 \cdot 197^2 \cdot 223 \\
 &\quad \cdot 239 \cdot 383 \cdot 389 \cdot 491^2 \cdot 499 \cdot 607 \cdot 743^2 \cdot 1033 \cdot 1049 \cdot 1193 \cdot 1913^2 \cdot 1973 \\
 &\quad \cdot 32587069 \cdot 275446333 \cdot 1031359276391767 \\
 d_s &= 2^{150} \\
 d_T &= 7^4 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 37 \cdot 89 \cdot 97 \cdot 107 \cdot 131 \cdot 137 \cdot 223 \cdot 239 \cdot 383 \cdot 389 \cdot 499 \cdot 607 \cdot 1033 \cdot 1049 \\
 &\quad \cdot 1193 \cdot 1973 \cdot 32587069 \cdot 275446333 \quad (\text{delay of roughly 1 minute}^{10}) \\
 d_T &= 1031359276391767 \quad (\text{estimated delay of roughly 1 day}^{10})
 \end{aligned}$$

For the group $M = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ we choose $N \leq 2^{59} < 1036363420827959282$.

¹⁰Using Sage on an old laptop

Security

Let φ be an isogeny of prime degree q .

- Vélu's formulae compute φ in time $O(q)$.
- The $\sqrt{\text{élu}}$ algorithm¹¹ computes φ in time $O(\sqrt{q})$.
- The crossover point for optimised algorithms is at $q \approx 100$.

Assumption (Isogeny Computation Assumption)

Given a supersingular elliptic curve E and a point K of order d on E . Let φ be the isogeny with kernel $\langle K \rangle$ and $d = \prod p_i^{e_i}$ the prime factorization of d . Computing the codomain $E/\langle K \rangle$ of φ takes time $\Theta(\sum_{p_i < 100} e_i p_i + \sum_{p_i > 100} e_i \sqrt{p_i})$.

¹¹Bernstein, De Feo, Leroux, and Smith [3]

SIGNITC is a NITC scheme:

- All algorithms have the correct input and output arguments.
- For all κ and $m \in M$, every set of honestly generated $(\kappa, m, \mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, \pi_{\text{com}}, \pi_{\text{dec}})$ satisfies verification $\text{ComVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, \pi_{\text{com}}) = \mathbf{accept} = \text{DecVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{\text{dec}})$ and forced decommitment $\text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}) = m$.

SIGNITC is a practical NITC:

- The subroutines used in Com and DecVrfy take time $\text{poly}(\log p)$.
- The degree d_T of the long isogeny φ_T can be made almost arbitrarily large / non-smooth.
- We can choose d_T such that $t_{\text{com}}, t_{\text{cv}}, t_{\text{dv}} \ll t_{\text{fd}}$.

The pre-computation phase can only provide a negligible advantage for an adversary \mathcal{A} .

In the online phase \mathcal{A} outputs two messages m_0, m_1 and receives the output $\mathbf{C}_b = (E_s, K_T, u_b)$ of $\text{Com}(\text{crs}, m_b)$ for a uniform $b \in \{0, 1\}$.

Proof sketch

- $F(j_T)$ is either $F_0 = \ominus u_b \oplus m_0$ or $F_1 = \ominus u_b \oplus m_1$.
- Since F is inverse resistant, the advantage over guessing is negligible.
- Therefore \mathcal{A} has to compute $j_T = j(E_T)$ in order to find the correct $b' = b$.
- This is as slow as FDecom and therefore takes time at least t_{fd} .

In the security game IND-CCA, \mathcal{A} has oracle access to FDecom except for $\text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}_b)$.

- $\text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, E', K', u_b) = \text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, E_s, K_T, u_b) = m_b$ for $E'/\langle K' \rangle$ isomorphic to $E_T \cong E_s/\langle K_T \rangle$.
- Deciding if $E'/\langle K' \rangle$ is isomorphic to E_T is difficult without computing the corresponding isogeny with kernel $\langle K' \rangle$.
- Isogenies of large prime degree can not be computed efficiently.
- If $\text{ord } K'$ is a large prime, the oracle can not be computed efficiently.

Adapted IND-CCA

For the commitment $\mathbf{C}_b = (E_s, K_T, u_b)$ we need to disallow queries of the form $\text{FDecom}(\mathbf{crs}, E', K', \cdot)$ if $E'/\langle K' \rangle$ is isomorphic to $E_T \cong E_s/\langle K_T \rangle$ or if $\text{ord } K' \nmid d_T$.

Lemma (Perfect Binding)

A valid commitment $\mathbf{C} = (E_s, K_T, u)$ fixes a unique message $m \in M$.

Proof.

E_s and $K_T \in E_s$ fix $E_T \cong E_s / \langle K_T \rangle$ up to isomorphism and $j_T = j(E_T)$ is unique.
 F is a function, $u, F(j_T) \in M$ and M is an additive group. Therefore $m = u \oplus F(j_T)$ is unique. \square

Using the shortcut gives j_T or j_T^p and $F(j_T) = F(j_T^p)$.

If $\text{DecVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{\text{dec}})$ and $\text{DecVrfy}(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m', \pi'_{\text{dec}})$ output **accept**, then $m \ominus F(j_T) = m' \ominus F(j_T)$ and hence $m = m'$.

If DecVrfy accepts $(\mathbf{crs}, \mathbf{C}, m, \pi_{\text{dec}})$, then $u = m \ominus F(j_T)$ and FDecom outputs the correct $m = u \oplus F(j_T)$.