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Results

| | Lang. | 500 | 1000 | 1500 | 2000 | 4000 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| SCALLOP* | C++ | 35s | 750s | | | |
| SCALLOP-HD* | Sage | 88s | 1140s | | | |
| PEARL-SCALLOP* | C++ | 30s | 58s | 710s | | |
| KLaPoTi | Sage | 207s | | | | |
| | Rust | 1.95s | | | | |
| PEGASIS | Sage | 1.53s | 4.21s | 10.5s | 21.3s | 121s |

Table: Time measured in wall-clock time. Stars indicate different measuring hardware.

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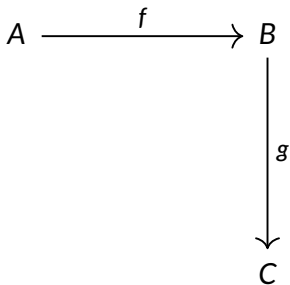
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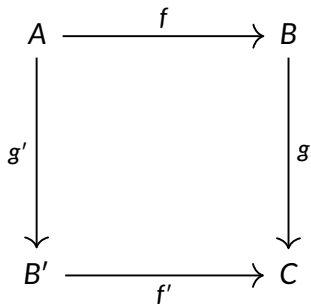
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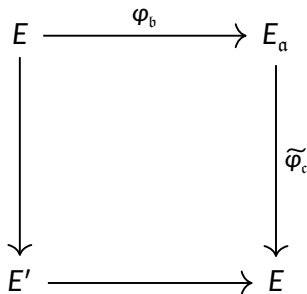
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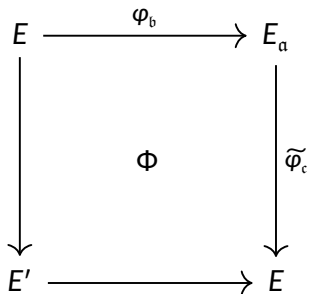


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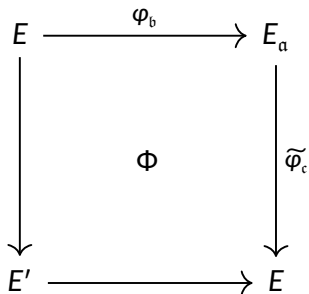


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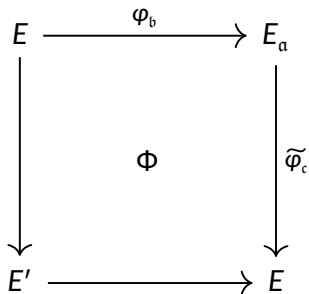
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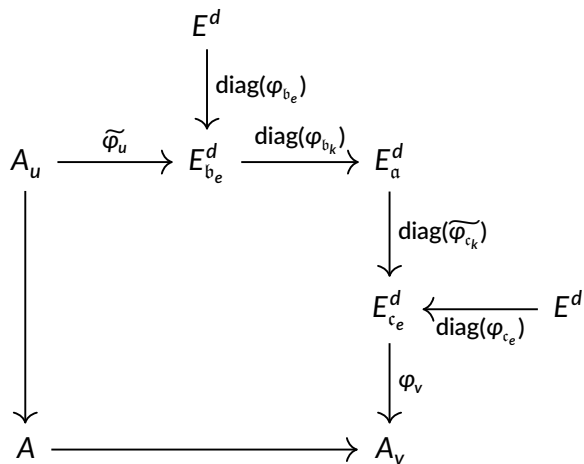
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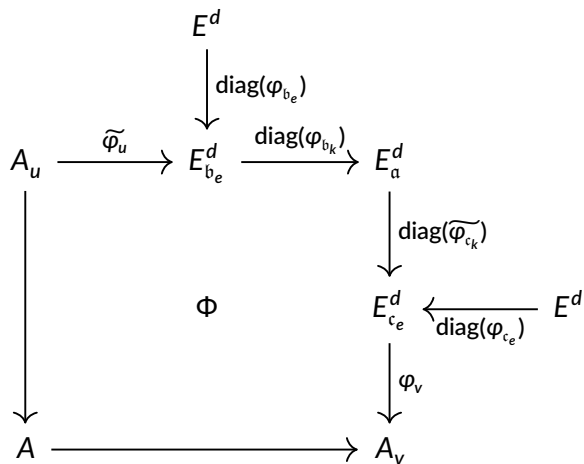
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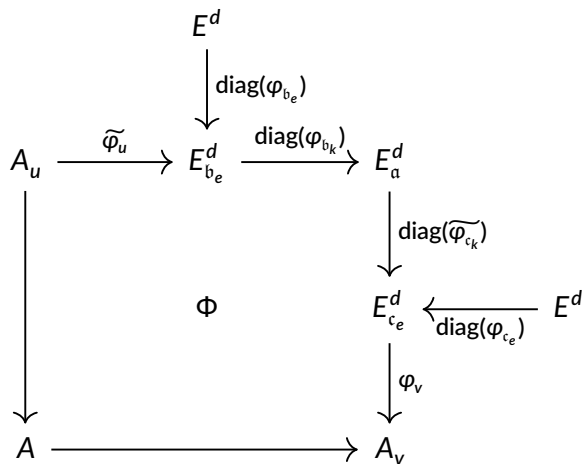
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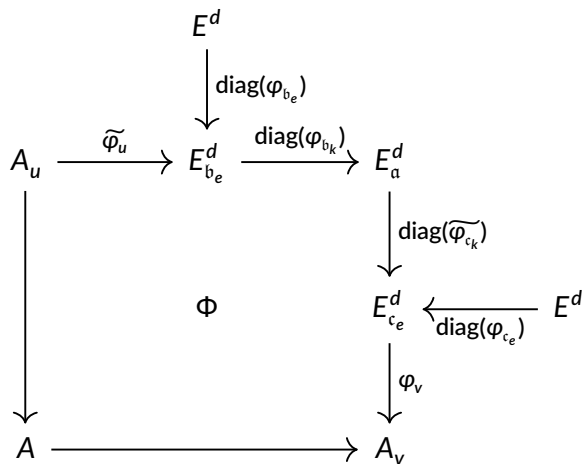


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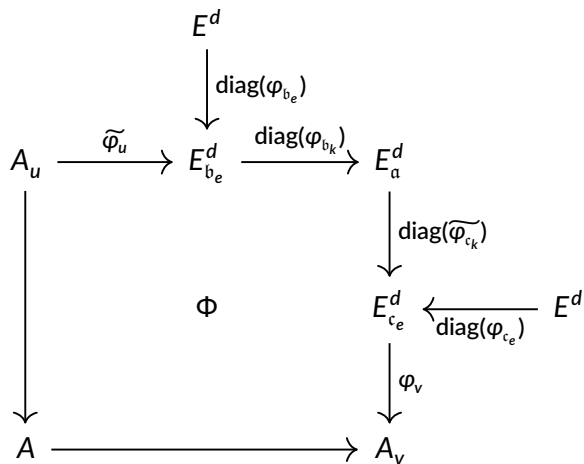
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| 7-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.733 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
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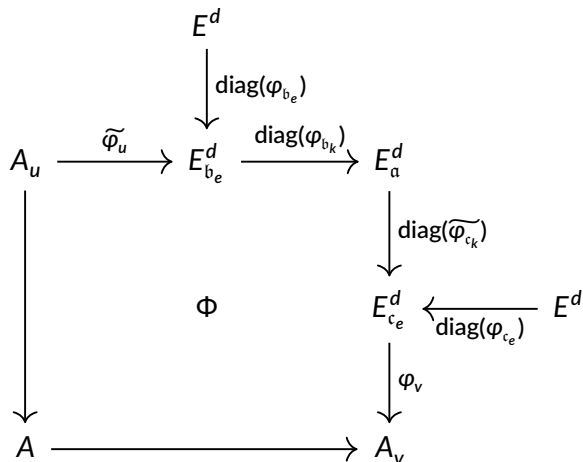
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| Rerandomisations: | 0.119 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| $\log(2^f = uN(b_k) + vN(c_k))$ | 494.284 | 495 | 476 | 500 |
| UV solutions tried: | 845.562 | 480 | 0 | 11020 |
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| 11-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.165 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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Table: Times, rerandomisations and elkies steps required for $\log_2(p) = 33 \cdot 2^{503} - 1$.

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| Rerandomisations: | 0.061 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| $\log(2^f = uN(b_k) + vN(c_k))$ | 994.723 | 995 | 974 | 1001 |
| UV solutions tried: | 3810.389 | 2305 | 0 | 43378 |
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| 13-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 1.908 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 3-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.505 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 5-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.250 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 13-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.173 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Table: Times, rerandomisations and elkies steps required for $p = 15 \cdot 2^{1004} - 1$.

Some data for the solvability of the norm equation

| | Avg | Med | Min | Max |
|--|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Time: | 2.396 | 1.268 | 0.135 | 25.267 |
| Rerandomisations: | 1.588 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| $\log(2^f = uN(b_k) + vN(c_k))$ | 1544.054 | 1545 | 1531 | 1548 |
| UV solutions tried: | 5436.683 | 1991 | 1 | 87007 |
| 3-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 5.582 | 5 | 0 | 18 |
| 5-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 3.746 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| 11-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.402 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 3-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.513 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 5-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Table: Times, rerandomisations and elkies steps required for $p = 9 \cdot 2^{1551} - 1$.

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| | Avg | Med | Min | Max |
|--|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Time: | 4.148 | 2.181 | 0.163 | 57.346 |
| Rerandomisations: | 1.489 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| $\log(2^f = uN(b_k) + vN(c_k))$ | 2018.792 | 2019 | 1998 | 2023 |
| UV solutions tried: | 6873.200 | 2816 | 0 | 72885 |
| 3-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 4.891 | 4 | 0 | 22 |
| 7-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.733 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| 11-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.172 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 17-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 1.785 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 3-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.520 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 7-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.260 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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Table: Times, rerandomisations and elkies steps required for $p = 51 \cdot 2^{2026} - 1$.

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| | Avg | Med | Min | Max |
|--|-----------|--------|-------|---------|
| Time: | 37.137 | 24.506 | 0.968 | 542.416 |
| Rerandomisations: | 0.499 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| $\log(2^f = uN(b_k) + vN(c_k))$ | 4076.080 | 4077 | 4058 | 4081 |
| UV solutions tried: | 38952.563 | 19701 | 10 | 548118 |
| 3-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 4.950 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| 7-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.658 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 11-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 2.010 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 17-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 1.691 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| 19-Elkies steps for $\varphi_{b_e}, \varphi_{c_e}$: | 1.567 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| 3-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.496 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.259 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 11-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.160 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
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| 19-Elkies steps for φ_u, φ_v : | 0.106 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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| 1000 | 0.21s | 1.16s | 2.84s | 4.21s |
| 1500 | 1.19s | 2.85s | 6.49s | 10.5s |
| 2000 | 1.68s | 8.34s | 11.3s | 21.3s |
| 4000 | 15.6s | 52.8s | 53.5s | 122s |

Table: SageMath 10.5 timings on Intel Core i5-1235U at 4.0 GHz, in wall-clock time.

Thank you

Paper <https://eprint.iacr.org/2025/401>

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Ask me anything (I have bonus slides!)

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Set $N = u(2^{e/2} - u) \gg |\Delta| = p$ to get 4-dimensional isogeny Γ of degree $2^{e/2}$

Obtain u -isogeny $\mu_i : E^2 \rightarrow A_u$ as component of Γ

Improved timings

| Parameter | Find UV | Elkies | Exp. Total time | Prev. Total time | N. Rerand. |
|-----------|---------|--------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| 2000 | 0.49 s | 3.83 s | 21.57 s | 21.3 s | 0.70 |
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Table: Step 1 and Step 2 when solving the norm equation with single sum of squares, in wall-clock seconds.

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