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#### Overview

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  - Hyperelliptic curves
  - Isogenies
  - Isogeny graphs
- Cryptographie
  - Hash function
  - Cryptanalysis of hash function
  - State of genus-two isogeny cryptography
  - Cryptanalysis of FESTA
  - What is next?

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- Preview of hash function on isogeny graph:

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Ouput Vertex on graph.

Method Use input as random walk with random starting vertex.
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Let *H* be a hyperelliptic curve of genus 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Let *K* be a finite, non-trivial,  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational subgroup of  $J_H(\mathbb{F}_q)$ . There exists a PPAS A over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , and an isogeny  $\phi: J_H \to A$  with kernel *K*, if and only if *K* is a maximal  $\ell$ -isotropic subgroup of  $J_H[\ell]$ for some positive integer  $\ell$ .

Isogenies can be studied by looking at their kernels.

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How does structure of subgroup affect isogenies?

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The key observation is that the number of  $C_{\ell} \times C_{\ell}$  isotropic subgroups of K corresponds with the number choices for the first isogeny.

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