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# Bilinear Pairings in Cryptography: Basics of Pairings

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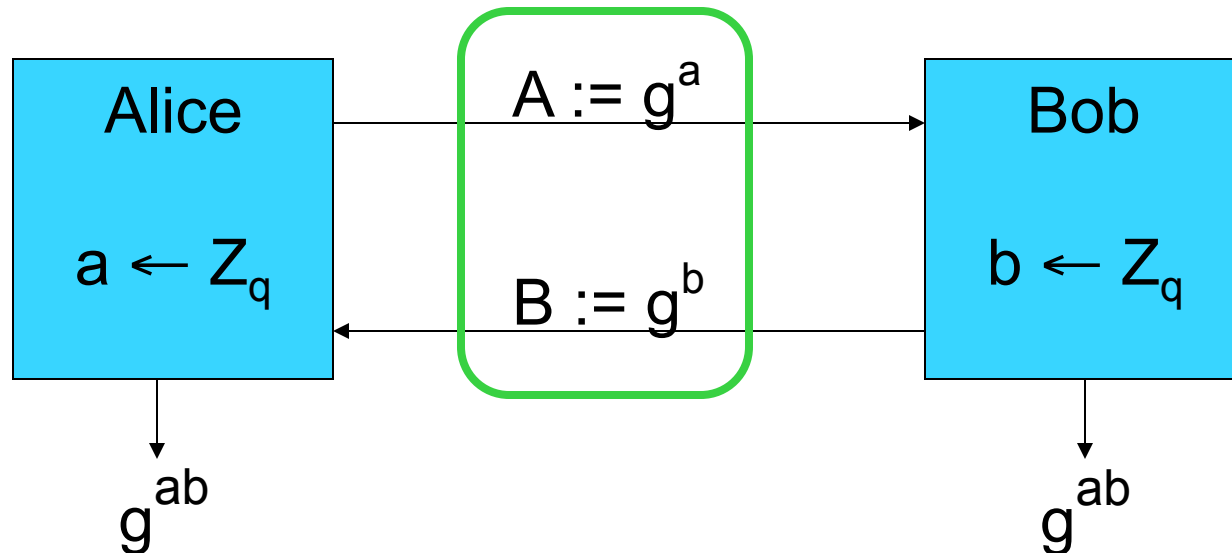
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# Recall: Diffie-Hellman protocol

- $G$ : group of prime order  $q$  ;  $g \in G$  generator



- Security: Decision Diffie-Hellman assumption in  $G$ :

$$(g, A, B, g^{ab}) \quad \text{indist. from} \quad (g, A, B, g^{\text{rand}})$$

# Standard complexity assumptions

■  $G$ : group of order  $q$  ;  $1 \neq g \in G$  ;  $x, y, z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$

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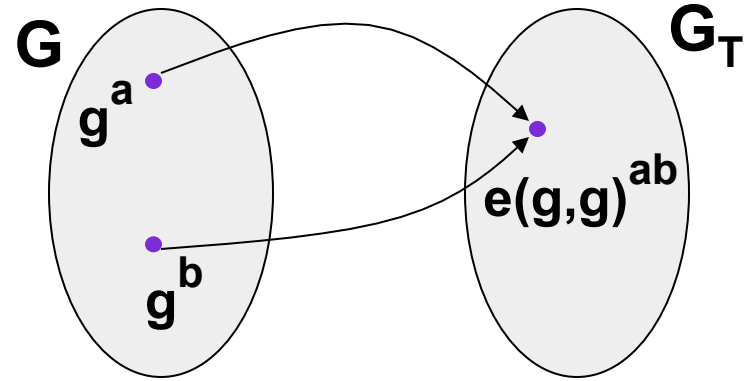
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# Pairings

- $G, G_T$ : finite cyclic groups of prime order  $q$ .



- Def: A **pairing**  $e: G \times G \rightarrow G_T$  is a map:

- Bilinear:  $e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, g \in G$

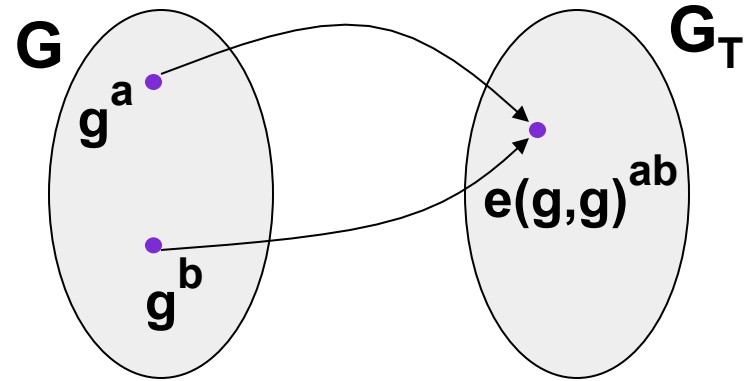
- Poly-time computable and non-degenerate:  
 $g$  generates  $G \Rightarrow e(g, g)$  generates  $G_T$

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# Consequences of pairing

- **Decision Diffie-Hellman (DDH)** in  $G$  is easy: [J'00, JN'01]

- input:  $g, g^x, g^y, g^z \in G$

- to test if  $z=xy$  do:  $e(g, g^z) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g^x, g^y)$

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- Dlog reduction from  $G$  to  $G_T$ : [MOV'93]

DLog in  $G$   $g, g^a \in G \implies$  DLog in  $G_T$   $e(g,g), e(g,g^a) \in G_T$

# Basic complexity assumptions in bilinear groups

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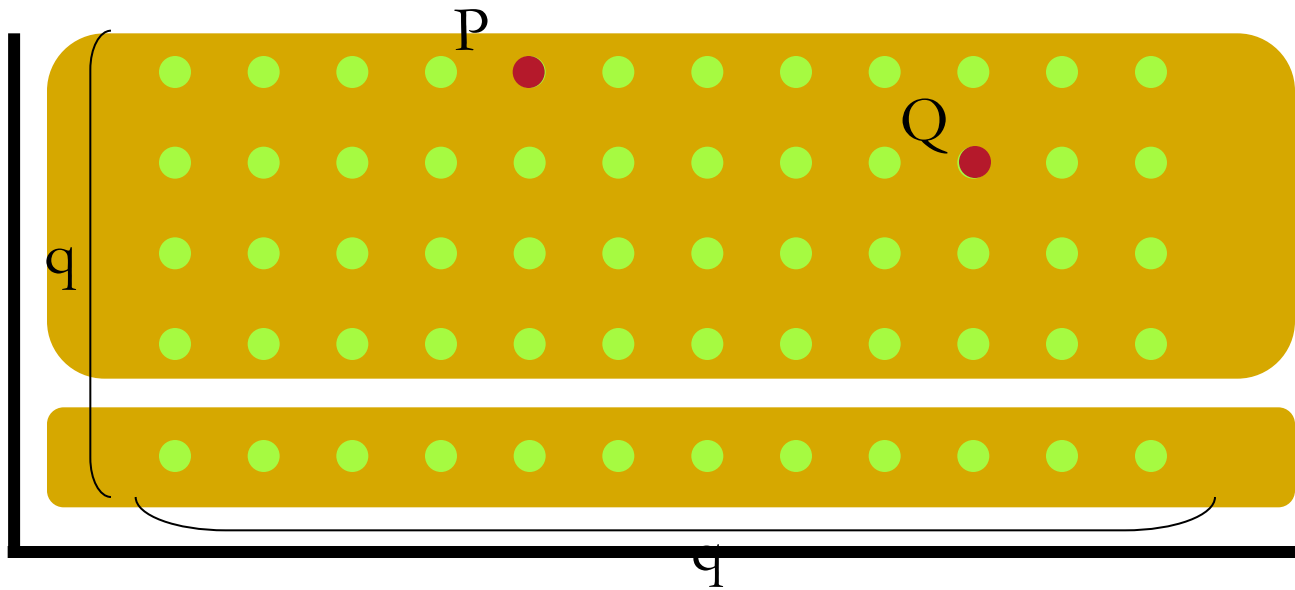
■ **Computational Diffie-Hellman** problem (CDH):

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■ **Bilinear Decision Diffie-Hellman** problem (BDDH):

$$h, g, g^x, g^y, e(h, g)^z \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z=xy \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Where pairings come from ...



$$E(\mathbf{F}_{p^\alpha})[q]$$

$$E(\mathbf{F}_p) = G$$

**Tate pairing:**  $e(P, Q) := f_P(Q)^{(p^\alpha - 1)/q}$ ,  $(f_P) = q \cdot (P) - q \cdot (O)$

V. Miller (84):  $f_P$  has a short straight line program

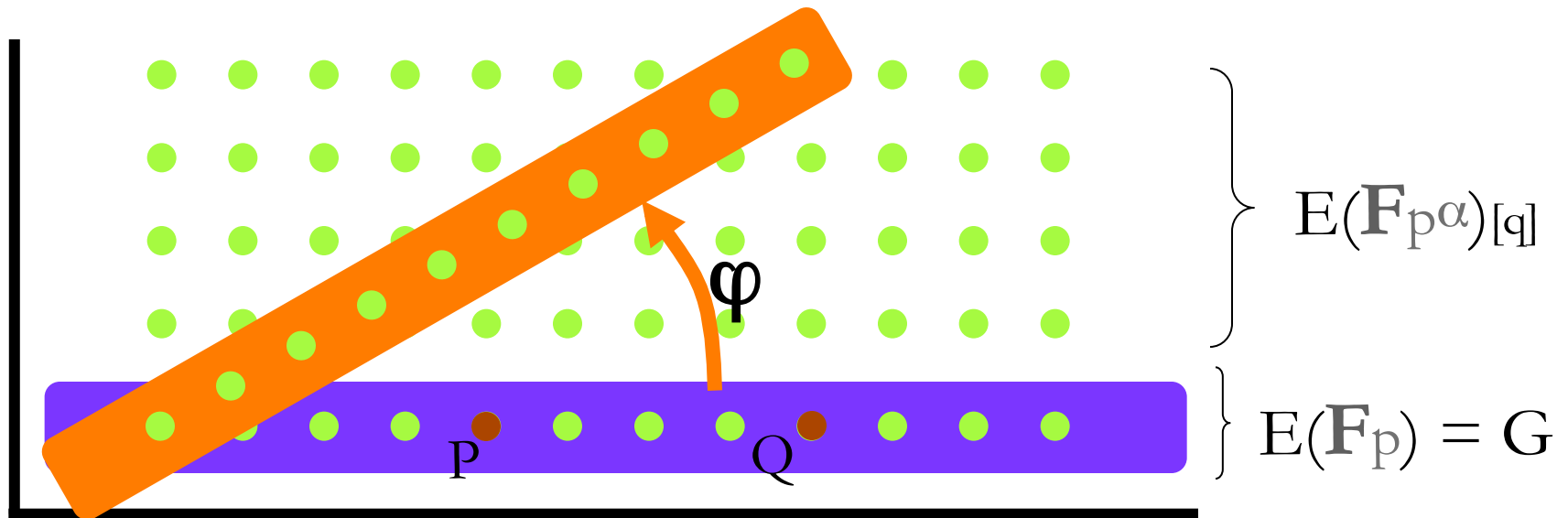
... but:  $\forall P, Q \in G : e(P, Q) = 1$



# Supersingular bilinear groups

Supersingular curves:

( e.g.  $y^2 = x^3 + x$  ,  $p=3 \pmod{4}$  )



$$\bar{\mathbf{e}} : G \times G \rightarrow G_T$$

$$\text{Def: } \bar{\mathbf{e}}(P, Q) = \mathbf{e}(P, \varphi(Q))$$

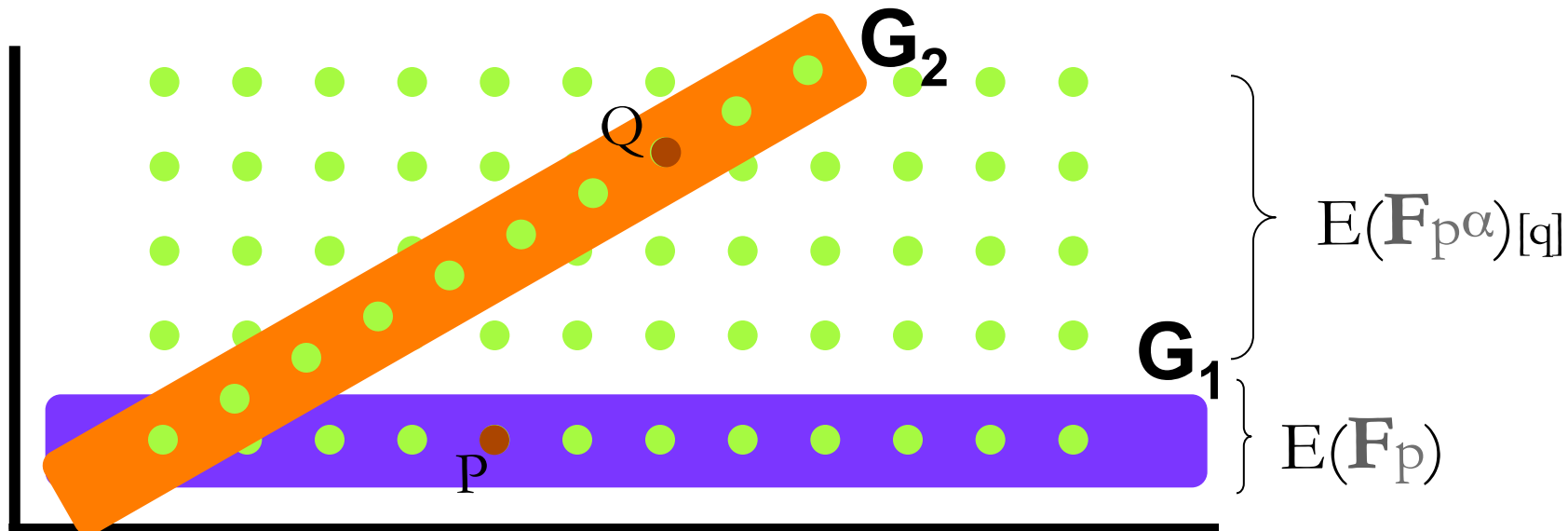
Possible  $\alpha$ :  $\alpha=2,3,4,6$  or “ $\alpha$ ”=7.5 [RS '02]

# Asymmetric pairings

$$e: \mathbf{G}_1 \times \mathbf{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_T$$

Non-supersingular curves: (1<sup>st</sup> case)

$$(\mathbf{G}_1 \neq \mathbf{G}_2)$$



No mapping  $\varphi$  out of  $E(\mathbf{F}_p)$

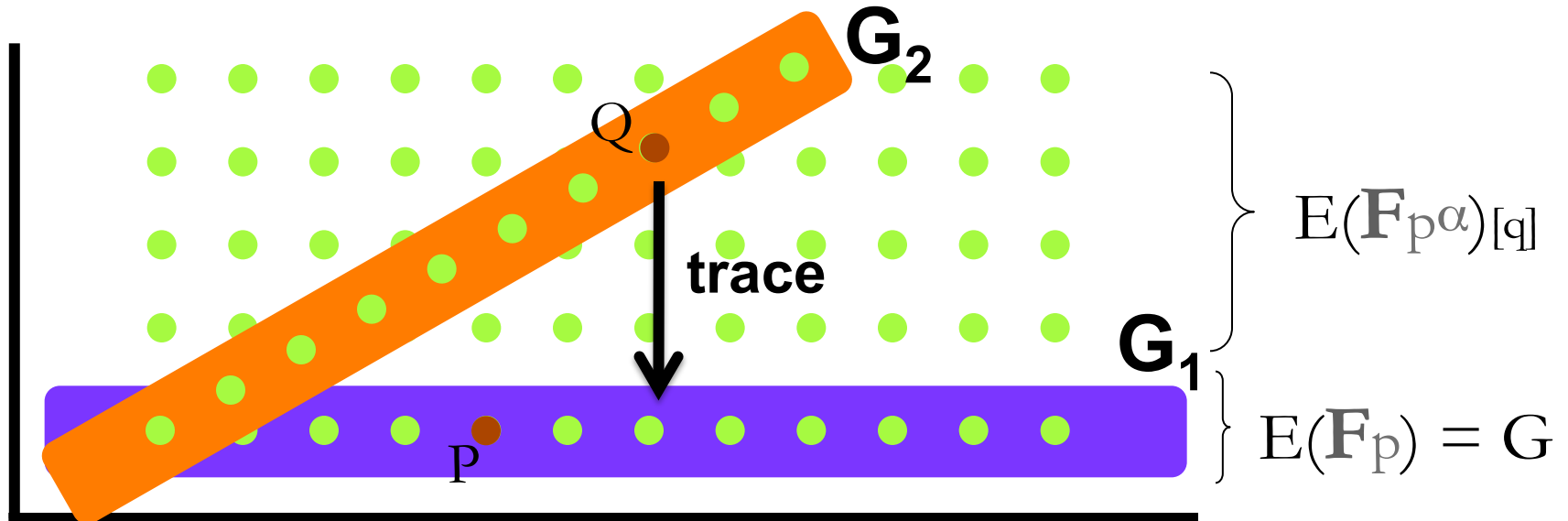
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Projection map  $\text{tr}: \mathbf{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_1 \Rightarrow$

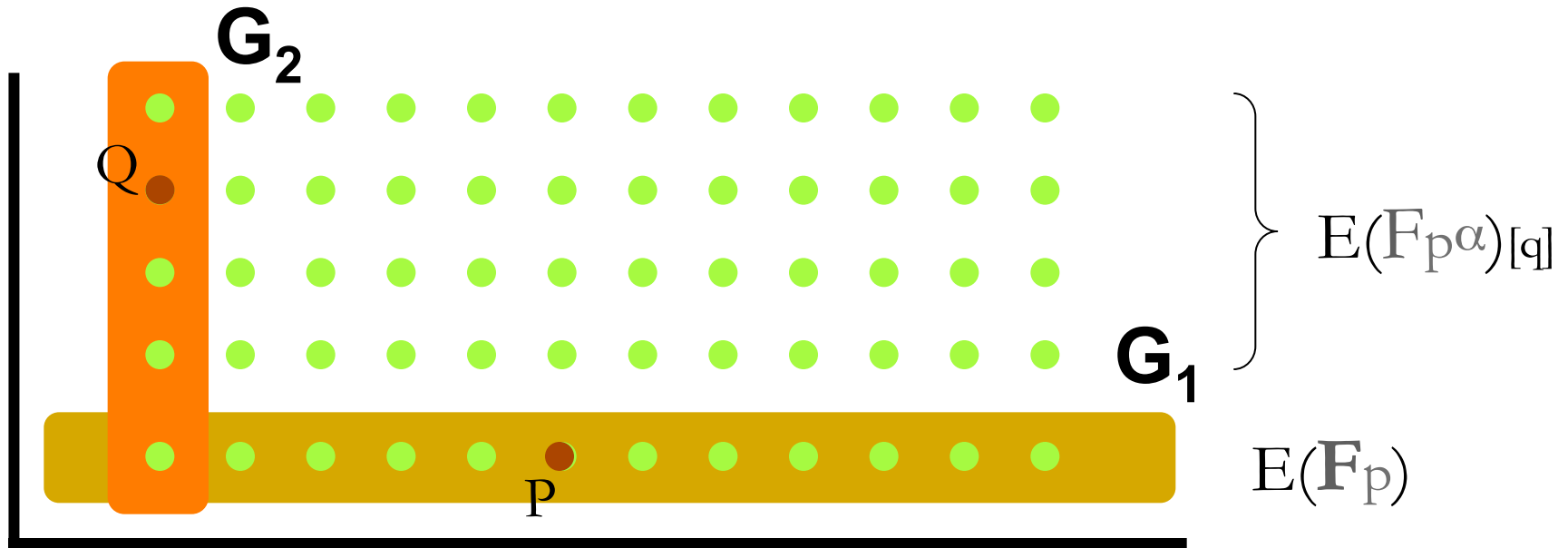
Symmetric pairing on  $\mathbf{G}_2 \Rightarrow$  easy DDH in  $\mathbf{G}_2$

... but no (known) DDH algorithm in  $\mathbf{G}_1$

# Asymmetric pairings

$$e: \mathbf{G}_1 \times \mathbf{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_T$$

Non-supersingular curves: (2nd case)



No projection map  $\Rightarrow$  no known DDH algorithm in  $\mathbf{G}_1$  or  $\mathbf{G}_2$

**SXDH** assumption: DDH hard in  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}_2$

■ Used for anonymous IBE, circular insecure enc., ...

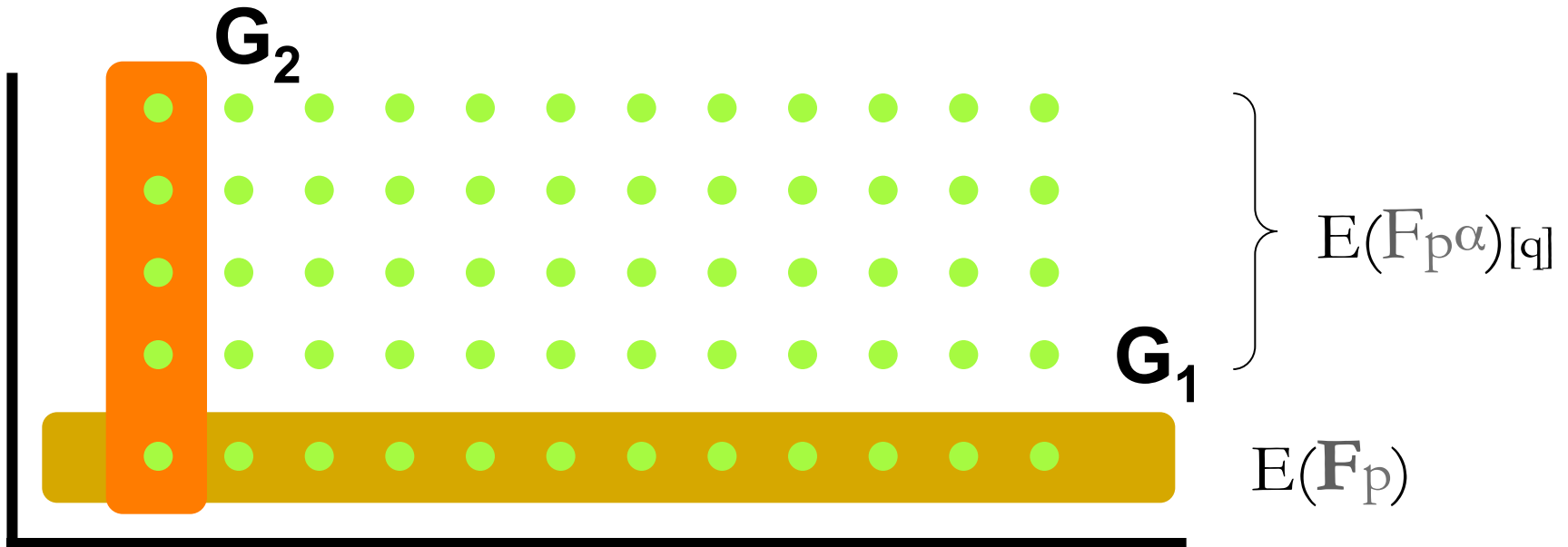
[D'10]

[ABBC'10, CGH'12]

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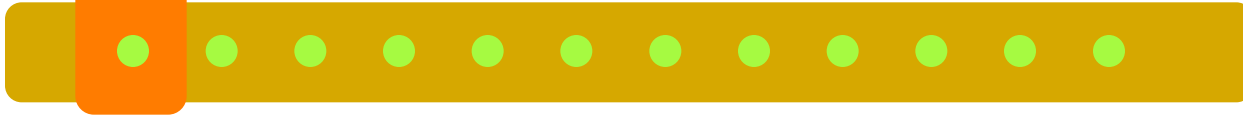
Most efficient implementations

# MNT and BN groups: asymmetric pairings

$G_2$

Open problem: larger  $\alpha$  (prime order  $E(\mathbf{F}_p)$ )

e.g.  $\alpha = 16, 20, 24, \dots$  (see taxonomy [FST'10])



$E(\mathbf{F}_p) = G_1$

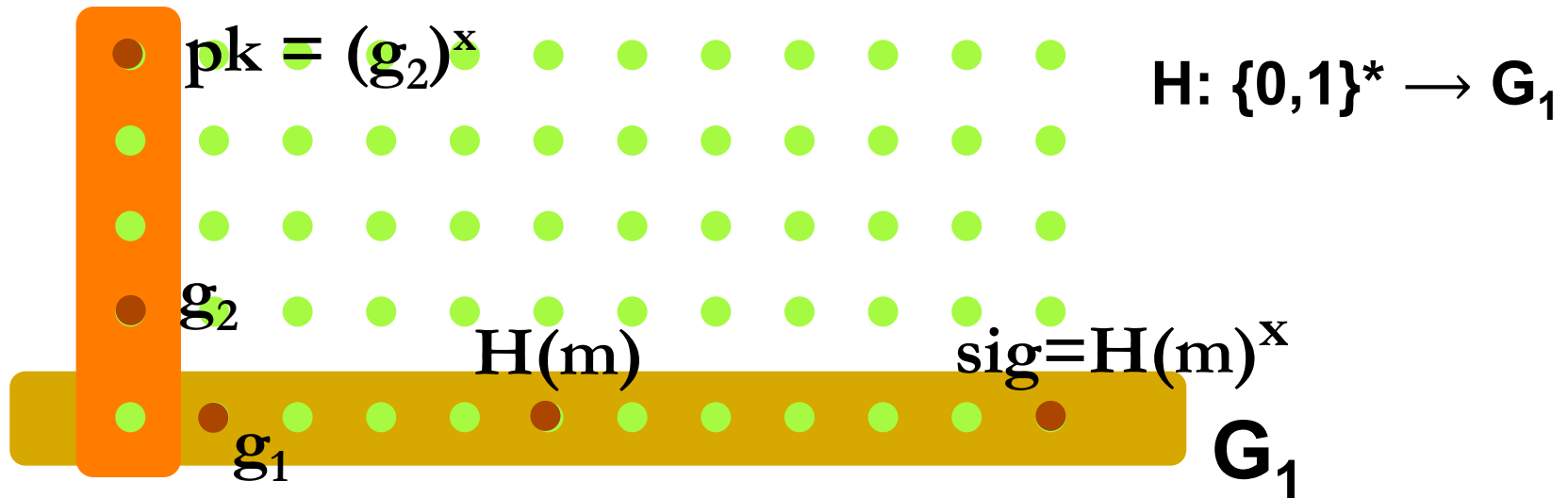
$$e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T$$

• MNT '01 Curves:  $\alpha=2,3,4,6$

• BN '05, F'05 Curves:  $\alpha=10, 12$

} not supersingular curves

# Example: BLS sigs. using asymmetric pairings



**KeyGen:** output  $[g_1, g_2, pk=(g_2)^x]$  ,  $sk \leftarrow x$

**Sign( sk, m ):** output  $sig \leftarrow H(m)^x \in G_1$

**Verify( pk, m, s ):** accept iff  $e( H(m) , pk ) \stackrel{?}{=} e( sig, g_2 )$

**Security:** EUF-CMA assuming aCDH (in RO model)

$$g_2, g_2^x, g_1, g_1^x, g_1^y \not\Rightarrow g_1^{xy}$$

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# More complexity assumptions in bilinear groups

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# The decision linear assumption (DLIN) [BBS'04]

The **k-DLIN** assumption in  $G$ : (prime order  $q$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 & \dots & g_k & g_{k+1} \\ g_1^{x_1} & g_2^{x_2} & \dots & g_k^{x_k} & (g_{k+1})^{\sum x_i} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{p}{\approx} \begin{bmatrix} g_1 & g_2 & \dots & g_k & g_{k+1} \\ g_1^{x_1} & g_2^{x_2} & \dots & g_k^{x_k} & (g_{k+1})^y \end{bmatrix}$$

Hierarchy:  $\underbrace{\text{DDH} \equiv \mathbf{1\text{-DLIN}}}_{\text{"easiest" to break}} \geq \mathbf{2\text{-DLIN}} \geq \dots \geq \mathbf{k\text{-DLIN}} \geq \dots$   
"harder" to break

**Fact:**  $(k+1)$ -linear map in  $G \Rightarrow k$ -DLIN is false (homework)

**Assumption:**  $k$ -DLIN holds even if  $k'$ -linear map in  $G$  for  $k' \leq k$

# The decision linear assumption (DLIN)

- Many bilinear constructions can be based on 2-DLIN
- A useful implication:  $g \in G$  order  $q$

**k-DLIN**  $\Rightarrow$  (  $k < n, m$  )

$$A \xleftarrow{R} (\mathbb{Z}_q)^{n \times m}$$

$$\text{output } g^A$$

$\approx_p$

$$B \xleftarrow{R} (\mathbb{Z}_q)^{n \times m}, \text{ rank}(B)=k$$

$$\text{output } g^B$$

# The “master” assumption [BBG’04]

Let  $\{f\}, F = \{f_0=1, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\} \subseteq F_q[x_1, \dots, x_m]$

such that  $f \notin \text{span}_{F_q} \left( \{f_i \cdot f_j / f_k\}_{i,j,k} \right)$  (\*)

The (F,f) assumption: in a bilinear group G of order q

$$\boxed{g^{f_1(\bar{x})}, \dots, g^{f_n(\bar{x})}, g^{f(\bar{x})}} \approx_p \boxed{g^{f_1(\bar{x})}, \dots, g^{f_n(\bar{x})}, g^y}$$

**Thm** (informal):  $\forall (F,f)$  satisfying (\*) and poly. degree,  
the (F,f) assumption holds in a **generic** bilinear group

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# Composite order groups

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# Bilinear groups of order $N=pq$

[BGN' 05]

- $G$ : group of order  $N=pq$ .       **$(p, q)$  – secret**  
bilinear map:  $e: G \times G \rightarrow G_T$

$$G = G_p \times G_q . \quad g_p = g^q \in G_p \quad ; \quad g_q = g^p \in G_q$$

- Facts:  $e(g_p, g_q) = e(g^q, g^p) = e(g, g)^N = 1$   
 $e(g_p, g_p^x \cdot g_q^y) = e(g_p, g_p)^x$

# An example: BGN encryption

[BGN'05]

- KeyGen( $\lambda$ ): generate bilinear group  $G$  of order  $N=p \cdot q$

$$pk \leftarrow (G, N, g, g_p) \quad ; \quad sk \leftarrow p$$

- Enc(pk,  $m$ ):  $r \leftarrow Z_N$  ,  $C \leftarrow g^m (g_p)^r \in G$

- Dec(sk,  $C$ ):  $C^p = [g^m]^p \cdot [g_p^r]^p = (g_q)^m \in G_q$

$$\text{Output: } \text{Dlog}_{g_q}(C^p)$$

- Note: decryption time is  $O(\sqrt{m})$

$\Rightarrow$  require small message space ( e.g.  $\{0,1\}$  )

# Homomorphic Properties

$$C_1 \leftarrow g^{m_1} (g_p)^{r_1} \quad , \quad C_2 \leftarrow g^{m_2} (g_p)^{r_2} \in G$$

- Additive hom:  $E(\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2) = C_1 \cdot C_2 \cdot (g_p)^s$
- **One** mult hom:  $\hat{E}(\mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \mathbf{m}_2) = e(C_1, C_2) \cdot e(g_p, g_p)^s$

More generally:  $E(\mathbf{m}_1), \dots, E(\mathbf{m}_n) \rightarrow \hat{E}(F(\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n))$

For any  $F \in \mathbb{Z}_N[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  of total degree 2

Example: matrix-matrix product of encrypted matrices [AW' 07]

( becomes fully homomorphic with a  $k$ -linear map, for suff. large  $k$  )

# Security: the subgroup assumption

Subgroup assumption:

$$\mathbf{G} \approx \mathbf{G}_p$$

Distribution  $\mathbf{P}_G(\lambda)$ :

$$(G, g, p, q) \leftarrow \text{GroupGen}(\lambda)$$

$$N \leftarrow p \cdot q$$

$$s \leftarrow Z_N$$

Output:  $(G, g, N, \mathbf{g}^s)$

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For any poly-time A:

$$\left| \Pr[A(X) : X \leftarrow \mathbf{P}_G(\lambda)] - \Pr[A(X) : X \leftarrow \mathbf{P}_p(\lambda)] \right| < \text{neg}(\lambda)$$

Thm: BGN is semantically secure under the subgroup assumption



# From composite order to prime order

A general conversion: [F'10, L'12]

composite order bilinear groups system

⇒ prime order bilinear group based on 2-DLIN

- Resulting systems are often more efficient

(since group size is smaller)

but are technically more complex

# Final note: pairings mod $N$

Consider elliptic curve  $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{N}$

where  $N = p \cdot q$  is an RSA modulus

Then  $E(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) = E(\mathbb{F}_p) \times E(\mathbb{F}_q)$

- Finding size of  $E(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  is as hard as factoring  $N$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  cannot compute pairings on  $E$
  - $\Rightarrow$  no known algorithm for DDH on  $E(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$
- But DDH becomes easy given  $p, q$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  trapdoor DDH group

# Early work on pairings in crypto

- Miller 1986
- Menezes-Okamoto-Vanstone attack (IEEE '93)
- Joux (ANTS '00),
- Sakai-Ohgishi-Kasahara (SCIS '00)
- B-Franklin (Crypto '01)

... and many many others since

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