# Dynamics through the lens of cryptography

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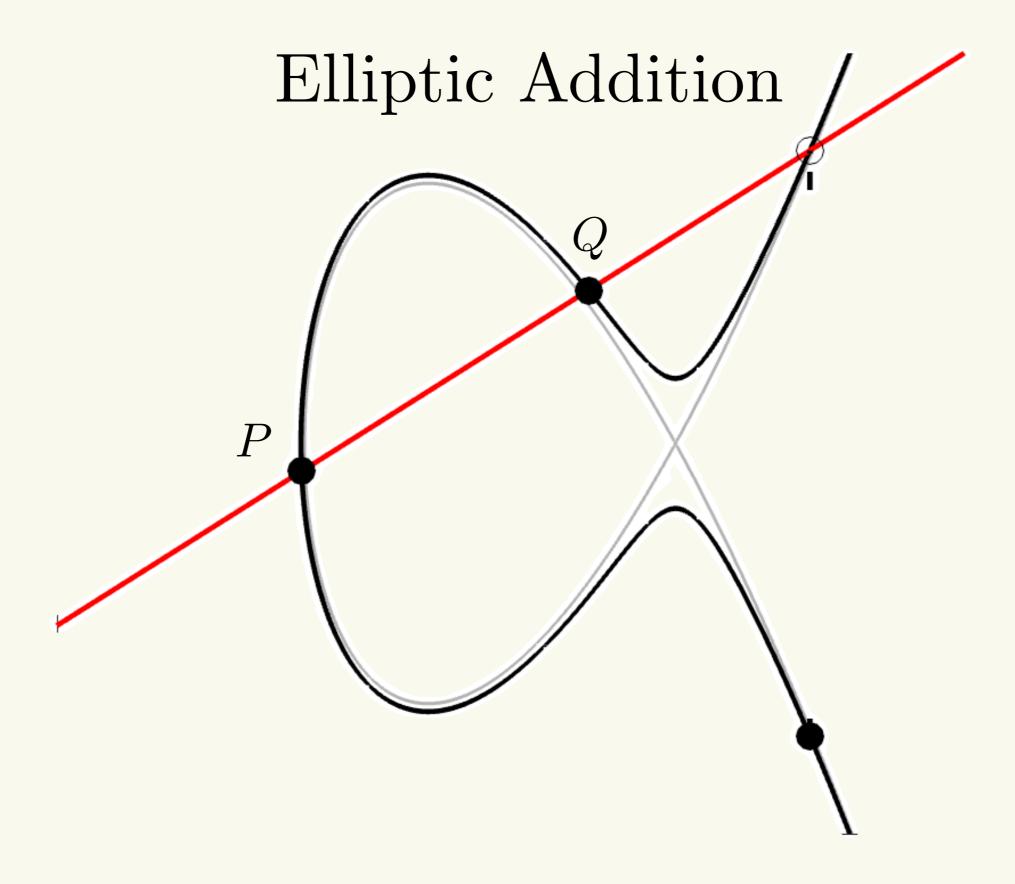


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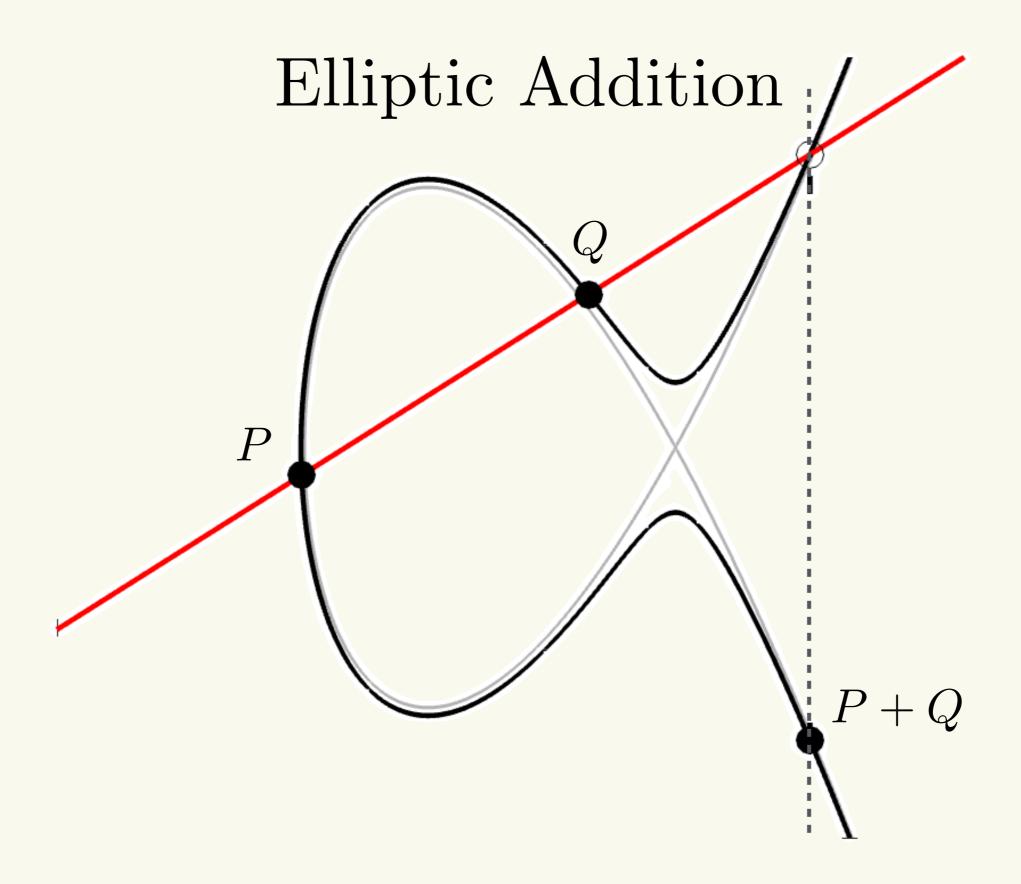


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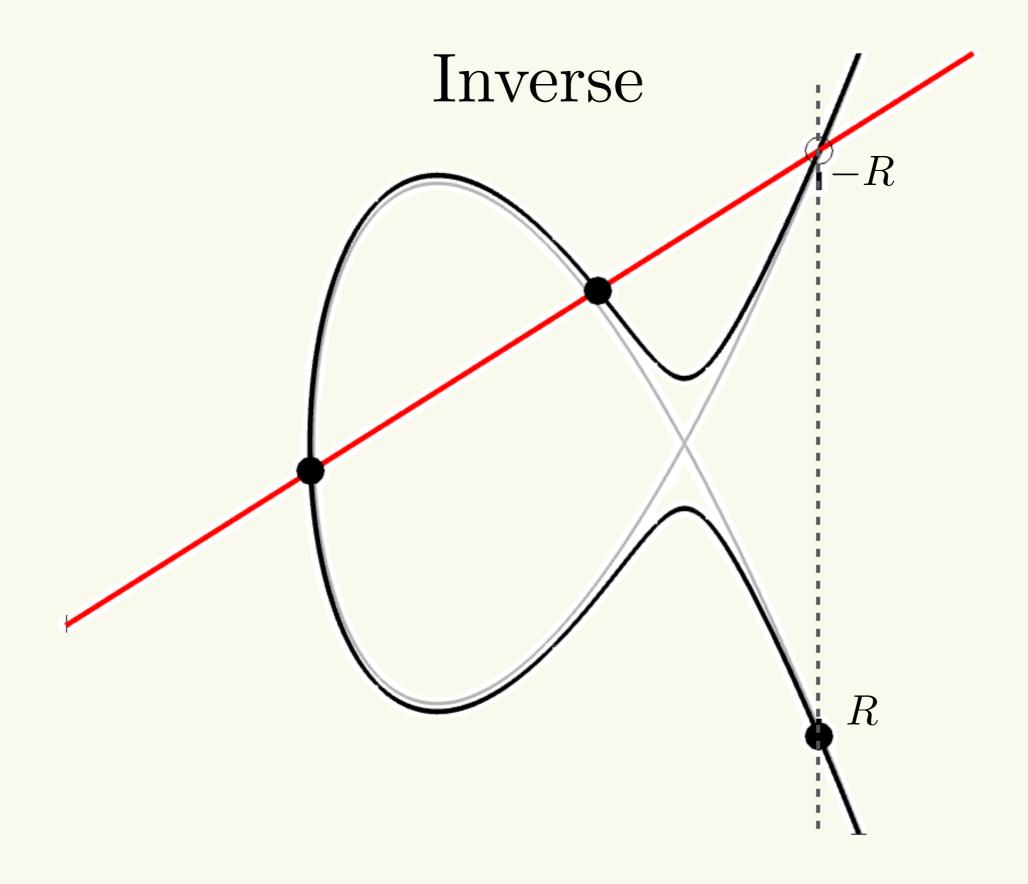




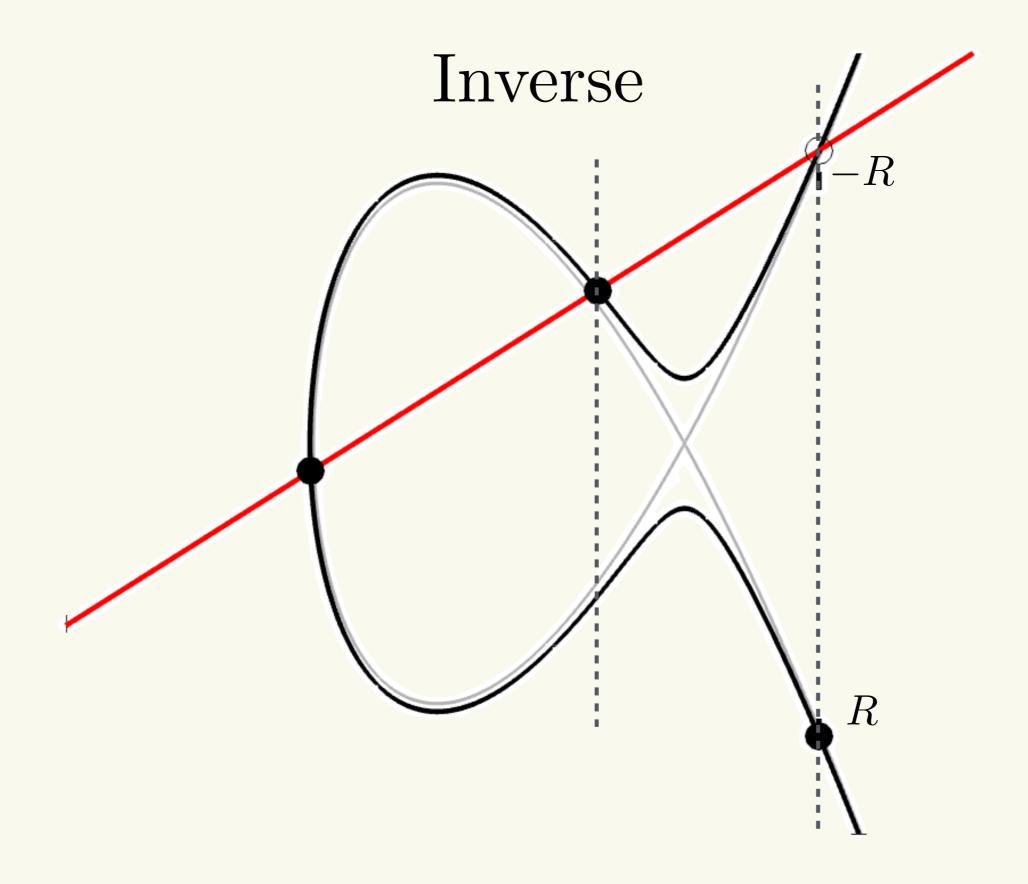




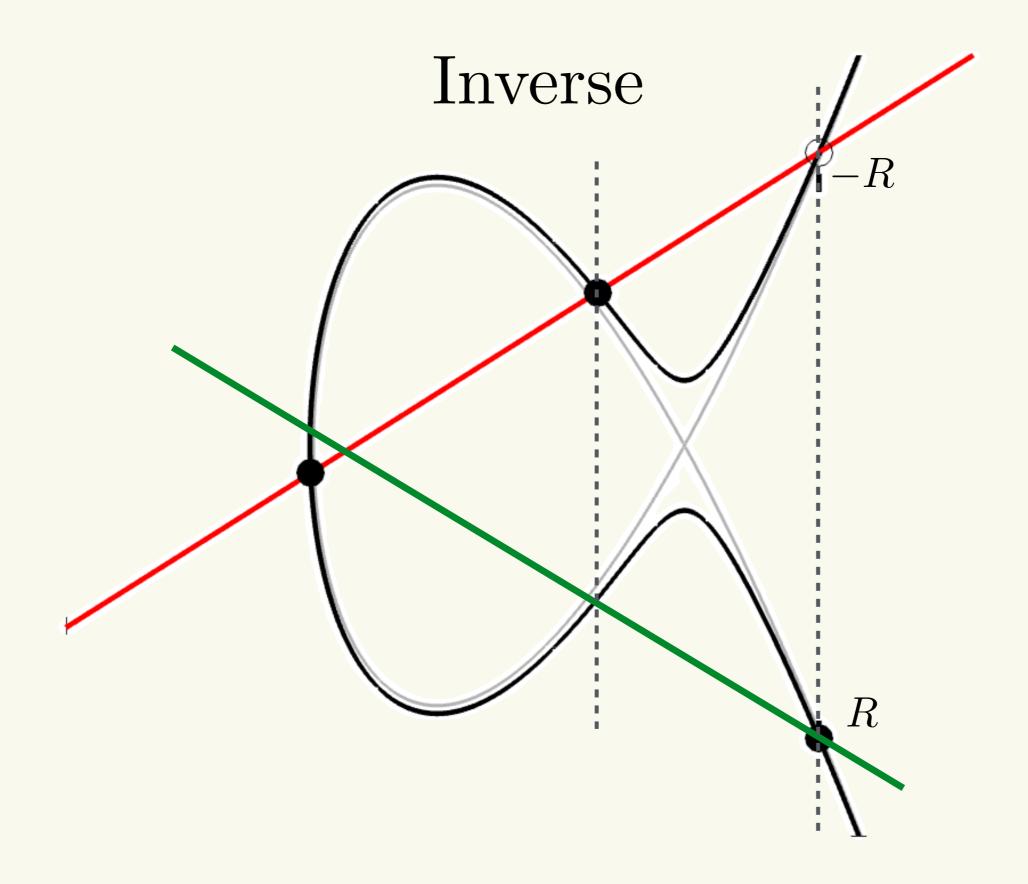
















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- The equivalent RSA version needs a key size of 3072 bits.



#### Shor's Algorithm

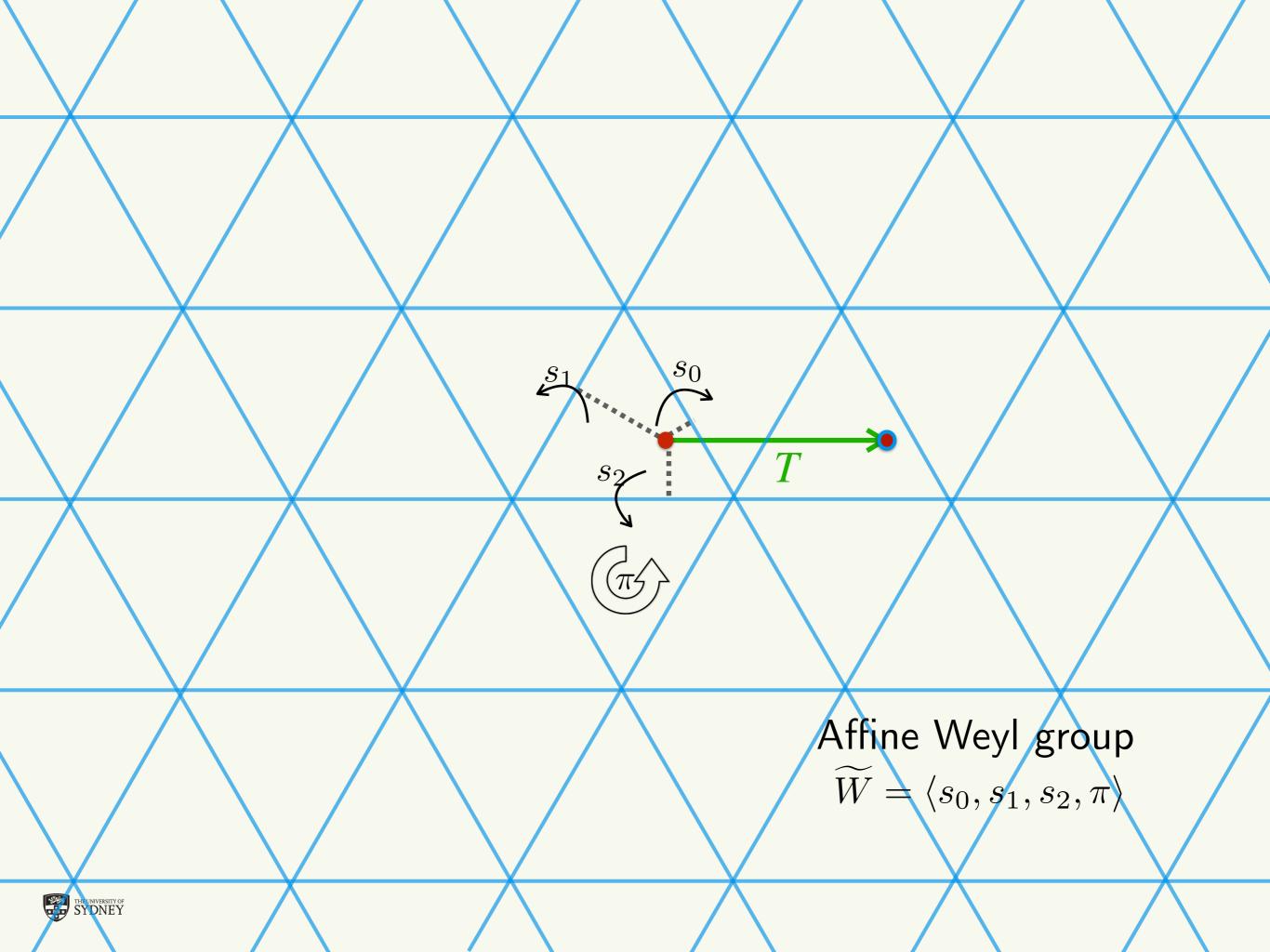
- Shor's algorithm is a quantum algorithm for finding the prime factors of an integer.
- 1600 qubits would be enough to break Curve25519.
- 6147 qubits are needed to break RSA-3072.
- But Shor's algorithm makes assumptions.
- One assumption is that the group operation stays fixed throughout the algorithm.



#### Changing Elliptic Curves

- Families of elliptic curves have symmetries, which preserve the family but change individual curves.
- These are well known for integrable dynamical systems.





# Integrable System

$$f(x,y) = y^2 - x^4 - 4ax^3 - 4bx^2 + 4kx - c^2$$

• When  $a=t,\,k$  is the Hamiltonian for an associated dynamical system: the fourth Painlevé equation  $P_{\rm IV}$ 

$$P_{IV}(\alpha, \beta): w'' = \frac{1}{2w}(w')^2 + \frac{3w^3}{2} + 4tw^2 + 2(t^2 - \alpha)w + \frac{\beta}{w}$$

$$\begin{cases} f'_0 = f_0(f_1 - f_2) + \alpha_0, \\ f'_1 = f_1(f_2 - f_0) + \alpha_1, \\ f'_2 = f_2(f_0 - f_1) + \alpha_2, \end{cases}$$

$$f'_0 + f'_1 + f'_2 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2,$$

$$= 1, \text{ w.l.o.g.}$$



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Shared key

Exponentially hard to decode...

Diffie-Hellman, 1976



#### Implications

- Shor's algorithm assumes that the group generator g is constant.
- In our case, g is changing from curve to curve.
- A quantum-proof algorithm arises from dPI, but it is  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ , which is not as efficient as ECC.

#### Questions:

- 1. Can Shor's algorithm be extended to such cases?
- 2. Can the complexity of the discrete logarithm problem in initial-value space be reduced?

