

# Isogeny Unpredictability Assumptions, and Applying Generic Proof Systems to Isogenies

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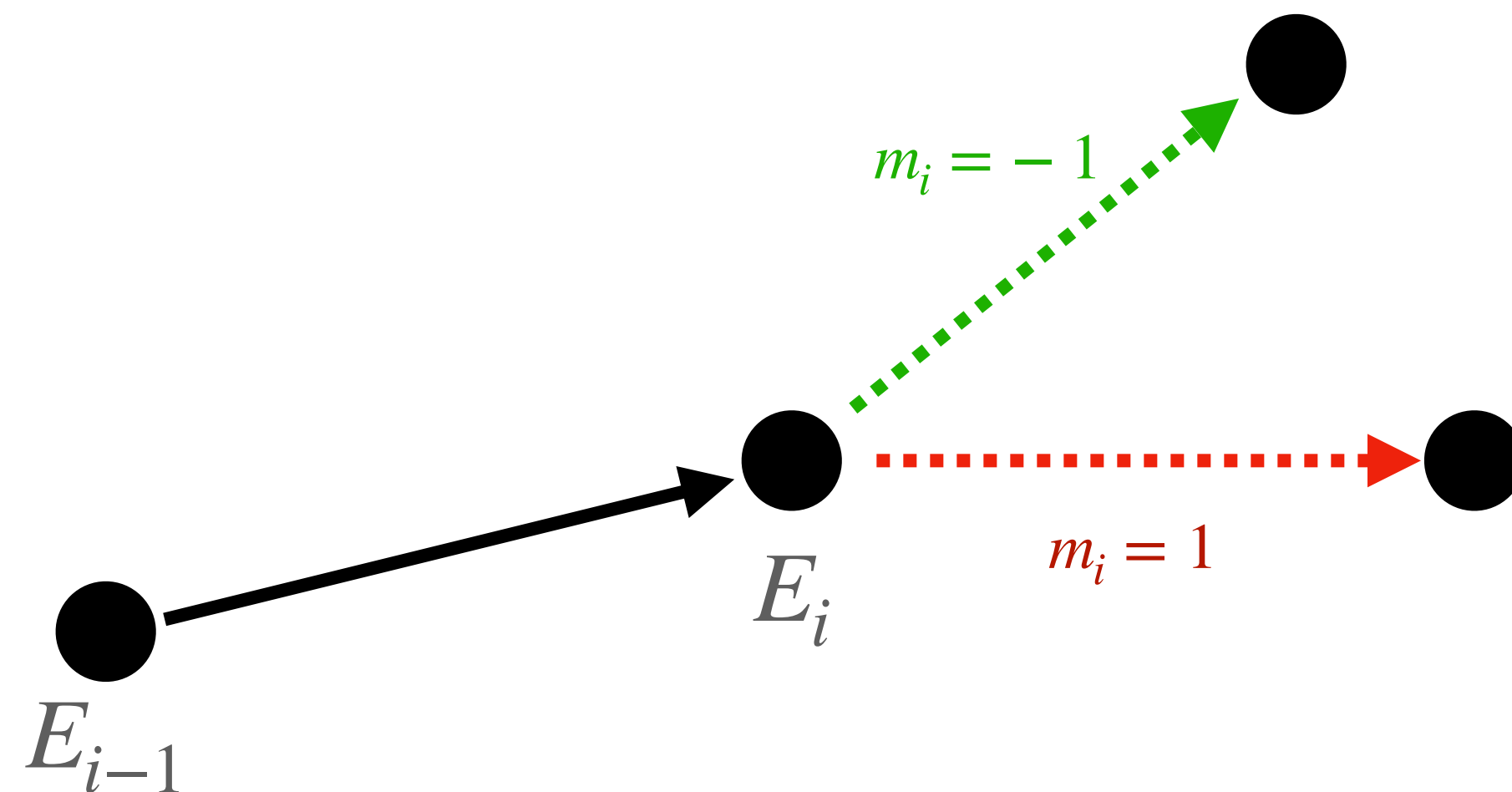


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# Part I: A novel unpredictability assumption from isogenies

# CGL Hash Function

Over the Full 2-Supersingular Isogeny Graph



At Step  $i$ : go “**left**”  $m_i = -1$  and “**right**” if  $m_i = 1$

**For Part 1, have this in your mind:**

**NOT Generalising:** genus or  $\ell$  (yet)

**Generalising in the following sense:**

- Representation for  $E_i$
- Step function
- Direction (“left”/“right”)

Assume  $E_0$  has unknown endomorphism ring, and we walk  $n$  steps

# Radical CGL Hash Function (I)

## Radical Isogenies [1]:

Given  $E$  and  $P \in E[2]$ , produces a point  $P' \in E'[2]$  such that the composition

$$E \rightarrow E' \rightarrow E/\langle P' \rangle$$

is a cyclic (non-backtracking) 4-isogeny.

- Using the formulas, over  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ :

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^2} \cong \mathbb{F}_p[j] \text{ for } j^2 = -1$$

- For  $x = a + bj \in \mathbb{F}_p[j]$ , we denote

$$\text{Re}(x) = a, \text{ and } \text{Im}(x) = b$$

## Representation for $E_i$ :

$$E_i : y^2 = x^3 + A_i x^2 + C_i x$$

## Step Function:

$$E_{i+1} : y^2 = x^3 + A_{i+1} x^2 + C_{i+1} x$$

$$A_{i+1} = 6m_i \alpha_i + A_i, \quad C_{i+1} = 4m_i \alpha_i A_i + 8C_i$$

## Direction:

$$\alpha_i = \sqrt{C_i}$$

If  $\text{Re}(\alpha_i) \neq 0$ , s.t.  $\text{Re}(\alpha_i)$  is a QR in  $\mathbb{F}_p$

\*(If  $\text{Re}(\alpha_i) = 0$ , s.t.  $\text{Im}(\alpha_i)$  is a QR in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ )

# Radical CGL Hash Function (II)

\*\*For the remainder of this talk\*\*:

- $\text{CGL}(m)$  refers to evaluating **this**  $\text{CGL}(E_0, m)$
- $\text{CGL}(m \parallel k)$  refers to **this**  $\text{CGL}(\text{CGL}(E_0, m), k)$

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**Algorithm 1**  $\text{CGL}(E_0, m)$ : Novel variant of CGL using radical isogeny formulas

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**Require:** Coordinates  $(A_0, C_0) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  defining a supersingular elliptic curve  $E_0 : y^2 = x^3 + A_0x^2 + C_0x$ , message  $m = m_1m_2 \dots m_n \in \{-1, 1\}^n$

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10: end for
11: return  $(A_n, C_n)$ 

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# Unpredictable Functions

- Let  $f : \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be a deterministic function
- We are considering evaluations of the composition:

$$g(m, k) = f(f(E_0, m), k)$$

(for  $m, k \in \mathcal{K}$  & fixed public parameter  $E_0$ )

- $f$  is *unpredictable* if a PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the unpredictability game with negligible probability.

- $k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$
- $E_k \leftarrow f(E_0, k)$
- $(m^*, E^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{g(\cdot, k)}(E_k)$

*Unpredictability Game*



$\mathcal{A}$  wins if  
 $E^* = g(m^*, k) = f(f(E_0, m^*), k)$   
 and  $\mathcal{A}$  did not query  $m^*$

# Unpredictable Functions

Unpredictability implies:

- $f(E_0, \cdot)$  is preimage resistant
- $f(E_0, \cdot)$  is collision resistant
- $f$  is non-commutative in the following sense:

$$f(f(E_0, m), k) \neq f(f(E_0, k), m)$$

Are isogenies a good fit?

1.  $k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$
2.  $E_k \leftarrow f(E_0, k)$
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# High Level - Isogeny Unpredictability Assumption

*Conjecture:*

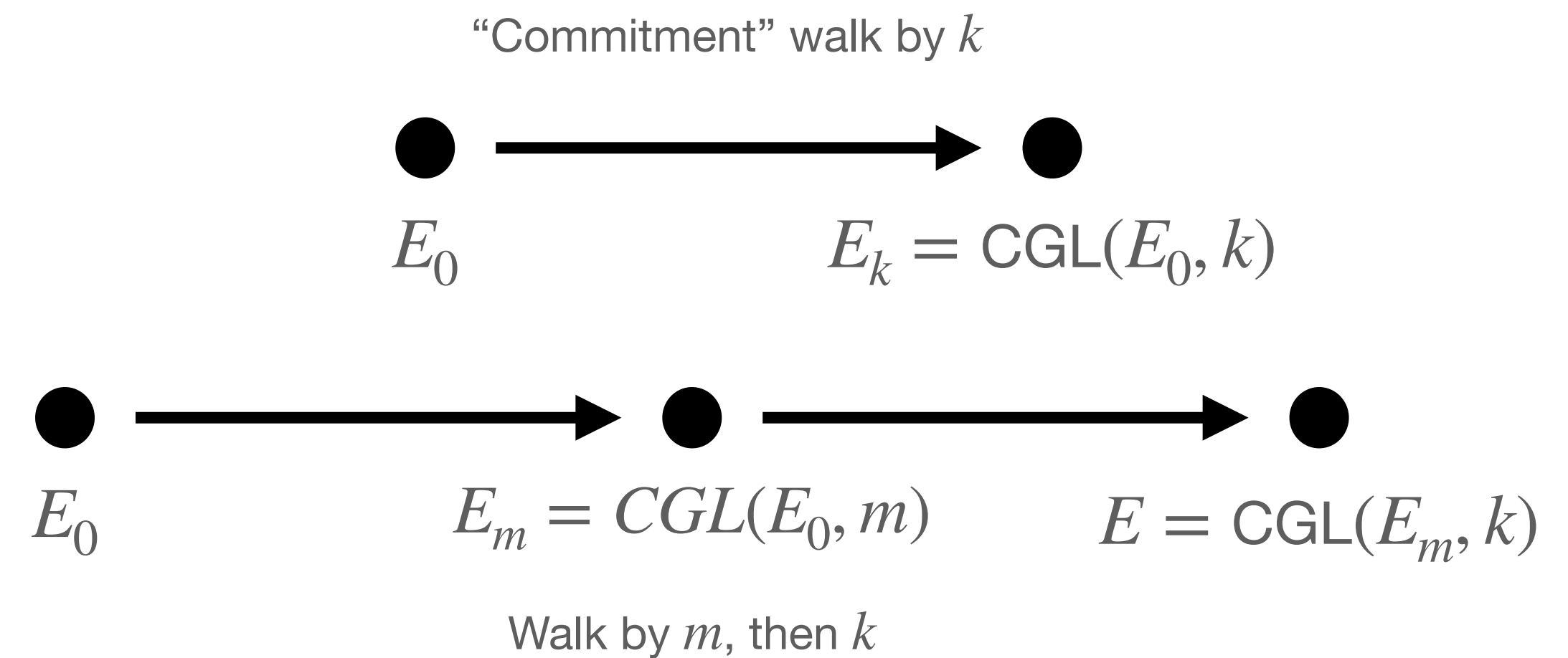
*“Good” instantiations of CGL are unpredictable*

Let:

- $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of supersingular curves
- $\mathcal{K} = \{-1, 1\}^n$  (or  $\{0, 1\}^n$ )
- $E_0$  be a curve of unknown endomorphism ring\*
- $f(E_0, m) = \text{CGL}(E_0, m)$

On Security:

- We require  $n \gtrsim 2\lambda$  and  $\log p \gtrsim 2\lambda$  for preimage resistance
- Challenging to analyse this hardness assumption:
  - “Directions” are important (i.e. defined by the residuosity of square roots)
  - Appears “algebraically unrelated” to the isogeny structure
  - Expander mixing lemmas do not apply since walks are not random.



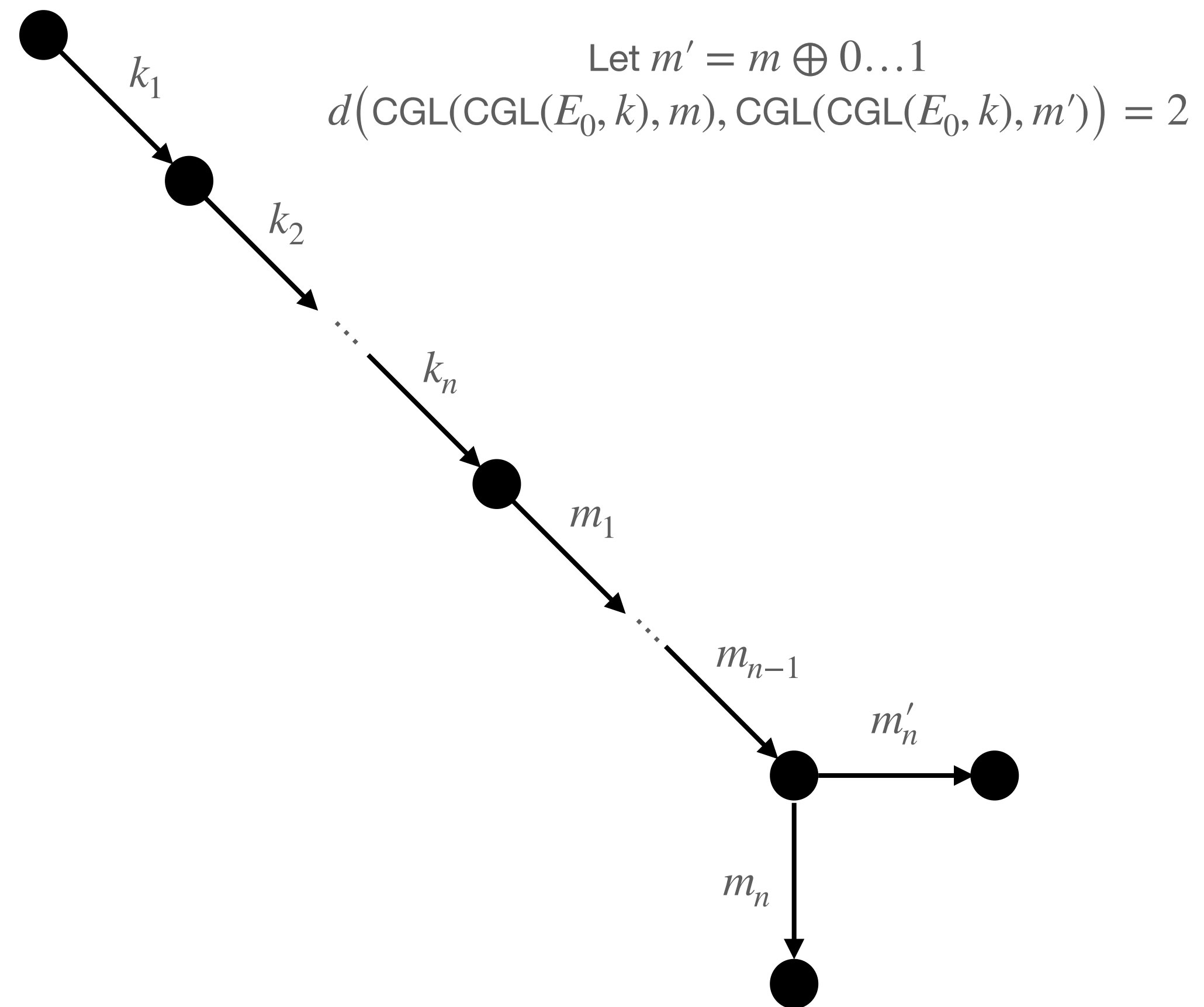
***Intuition for motivating security:***

*Distinct, correlated messages  $m, m'$  should have uncorrelated outputs  $\text{CGL}(\text{CGL}(E_0, m), k)$ , and  $\text{CGL}(\text{CGL}(E_0, m'), k)$*

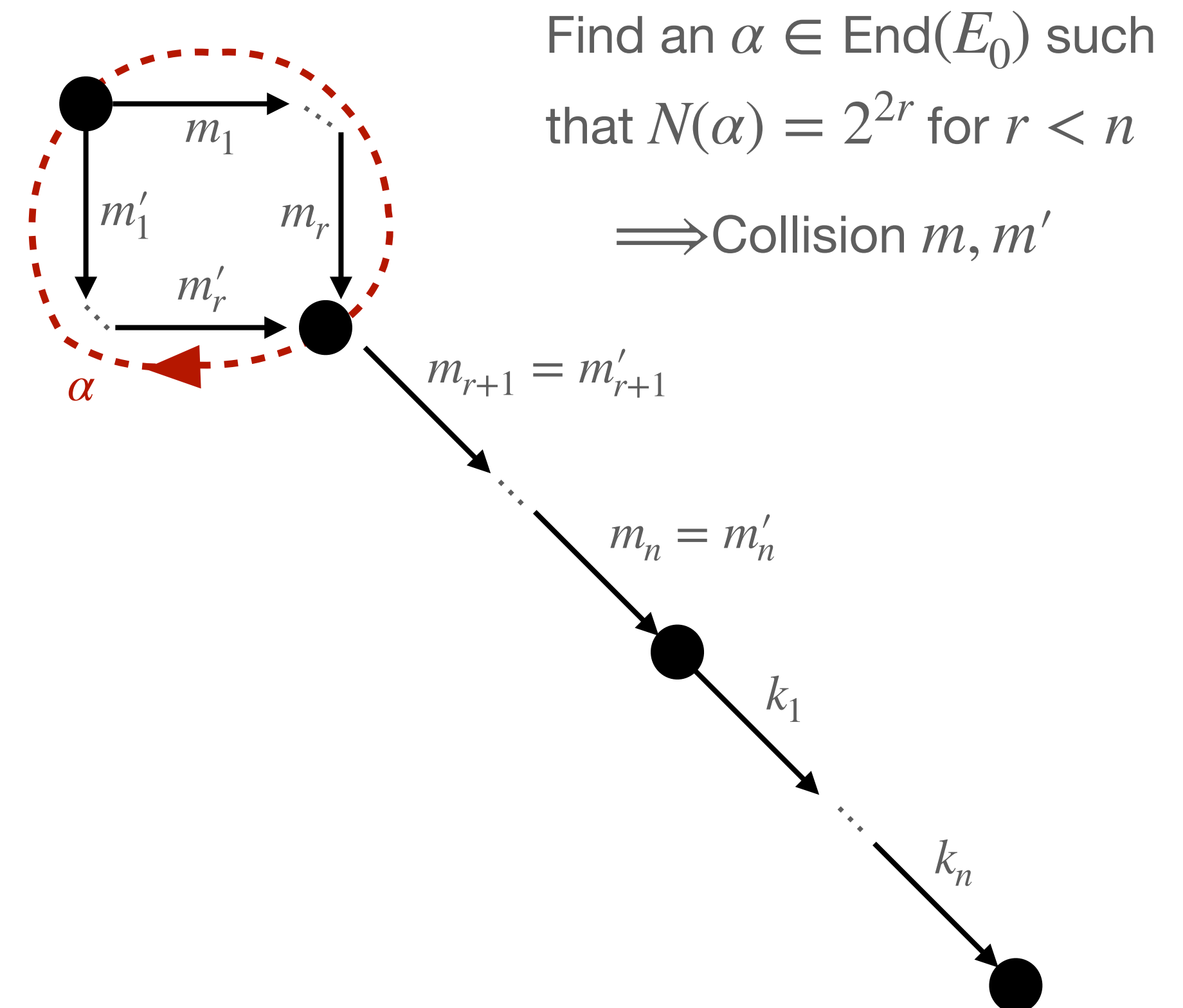


# What doesn't work:

## Example 1: Walk with the key first



## Example 2: Endomorphism Ring Known

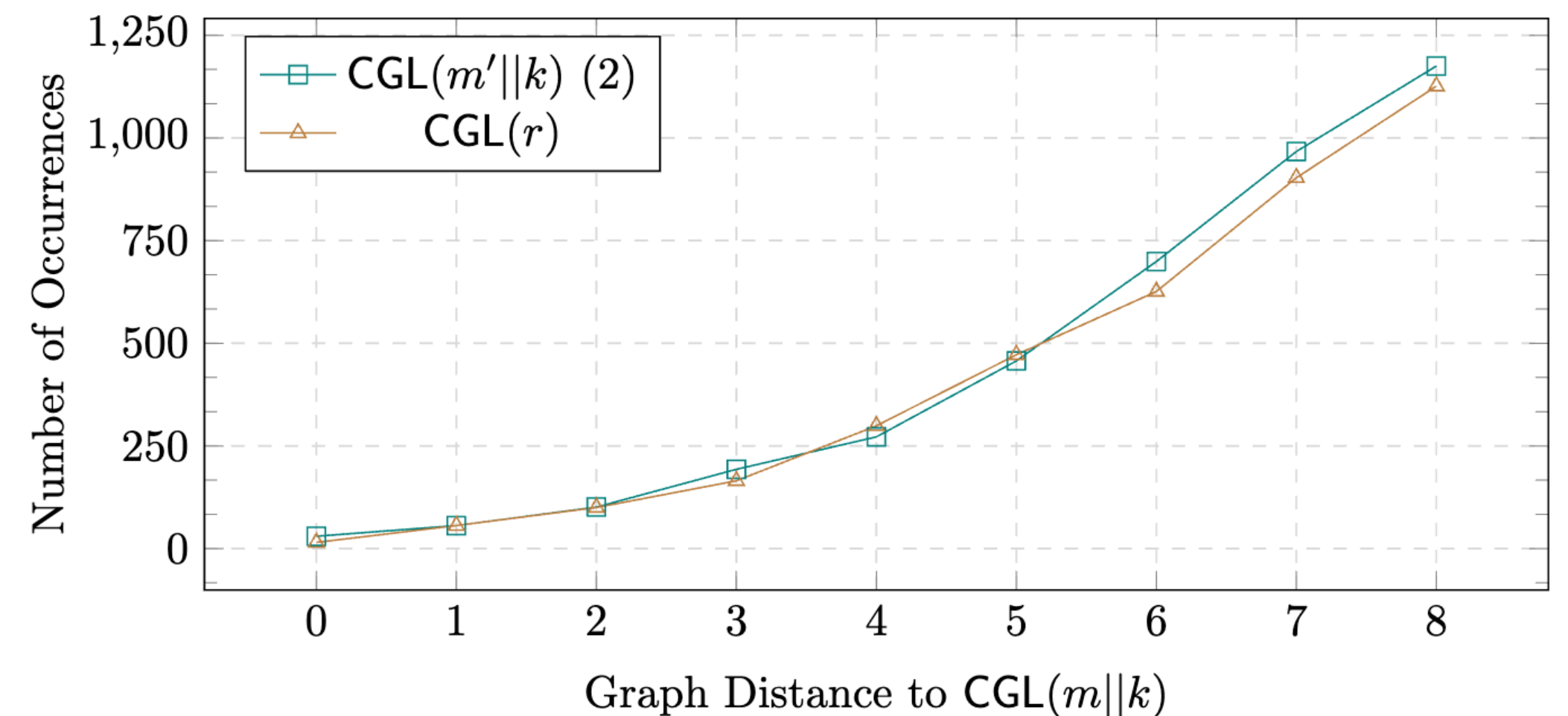
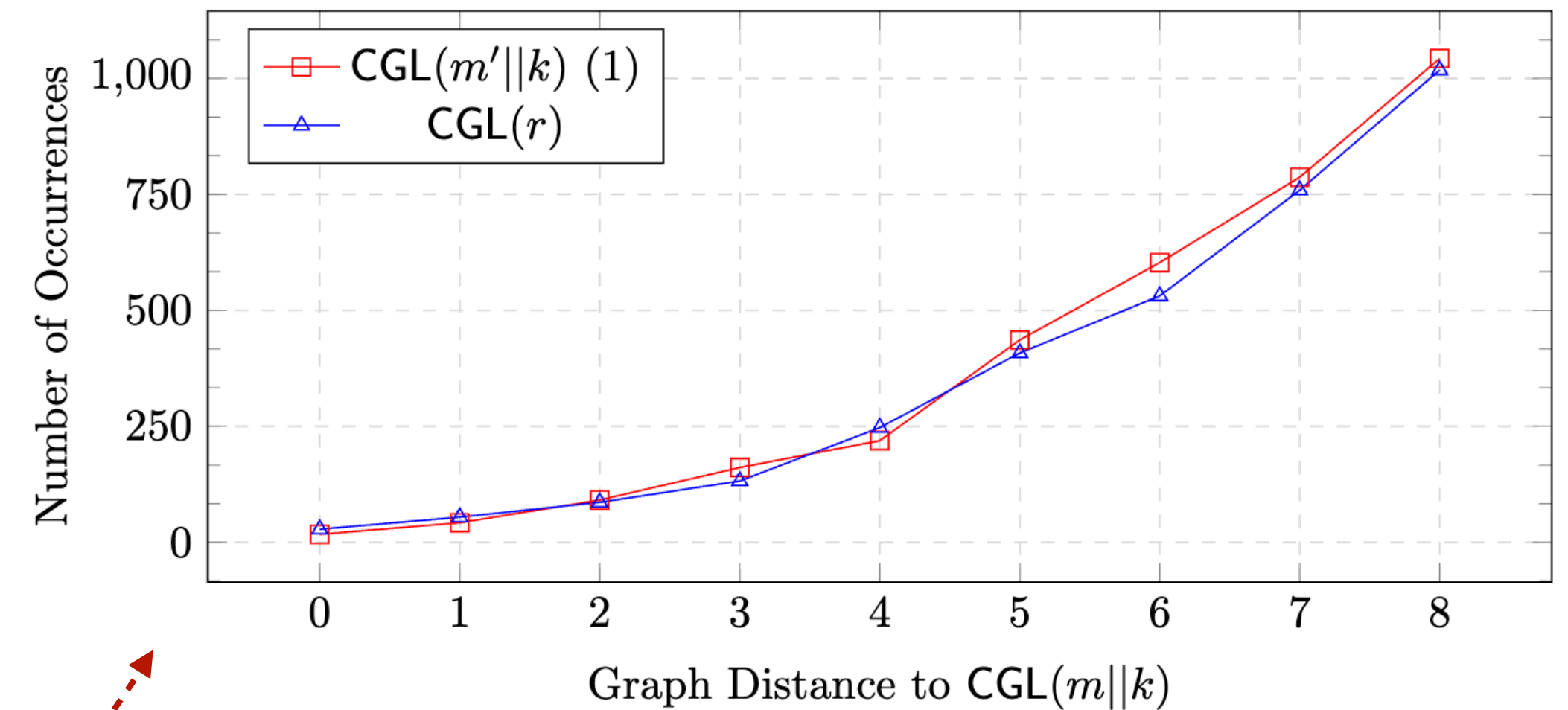


# Experiment Design

$$n = 13$$

$$p = 8191$$

- For small (feasible) parameters
- Sample a uniform key  $k \leftarrow \{-1, 1\}^n$
- Sample 1000 messages  $m \leftarrow \{-1, 1\}^n$
- Graph distance between evaluations of  $\text{CGL}(m || k)$  and:
  - $\text{CGL}(m' || k)$  for “correlated”  $m' \in \{-1, 1\}^n$
  - $\text{CGL}(r)$  for same number of  $r \leftarrow \{-1, 1\}^{2n}$
- Choice of “correlation”:
  1. All  $m'$  such that  $d(m, m') = 1$
  2. All  $m'$  which differ at the 4 least significant bits.
- Bounded Dijkstra’s search ( $< 9$ ) to compute distances and increment occurrences of close evaluations.



# Verifiable Random Functions

$\Pi_{\text{VRF}} = (\text{SetUp}, \text{KeyGen}, \text{Eval}, \text{Verify})$

- $\text{SetUp} \rightarrow \text{pp}$
- $\text{Keygen} \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{pk})$

- $\text{Eval}_{\text{sk}}(m) \rightarrow (h, \pi)$

$\pi$  is a proof that  $f_{\text{sk}}(m) = h$

- $\text{Verify}_{\text{pk}}(m, h, \pi) \rightarrow 0/1$

accept/reject proof of evaluation

*A pseudorandom function with verifiability*

*Motivation: Given a leader and some state, choose the next leader (or state) fairly.*

## Applications:

- **Blockchain Proof of Stake**
- **Randomness Beacons**
- **DNSSec**
- **Transparent Online Casinos, etc.**



- Efficient, Robust Post Quantum VRFs are largely still an open problem
- Two other new isogeny based protocols:
  - Capybara and Tsubaki (Lai, CiC '24) - slow proofs - GA-DDH
  - (Leroux, Eurocrypt '25) - based on SQIsign variants - OMIP

# Verifiable Random Functions - Security Properties

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**Provability:** for all messages,

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Verify}_{\text{pk}}(m, h, \pi) = 1 \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \\ (\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(\text{pp}) \\ (h, \pi) \leftarrow \text{Eval}_{\text{sk}}(m) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

**(Weak/Full) Unique Provability:** for (PPT/Unbounded)  $\mathcal{A}$

$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Verify}_{\text{pk}}(m, h_1, \pi_1) = 1 \wedge \\ \text{Verify}_{\text{pk}}(m, h_2, \pi_2) = 1 \wedge h_1 \neq h_2 \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \\ (\text{pk}, m, h_1, \pi_1, h_2, \pi_2) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda, \text{pp}) \end{array} \right]$$

is negligible.

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## Residual Pseudorandomness:

*An adversary cannot distinguish the output of a message of their choice, even given access to an evaluation oracle.*

*For a PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following game is hard:*

$\mathcal{A}$  wins if  $b = b'$   
 and  $m^*$  was not  
 queried

1.  $\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{SetUp}(1^\lambda)$
2.  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(\text{pp})$
3.  $(m^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Eval}_{\text{sk}}(\cdot)}(\text{pk})$
4.  $(h_0, \pi) \leftarrow \text{Eval}_{\text{sk}}(m^*)$
5.  $h_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{2\lambda}$
6.  $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$
7.  $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Eval}_{\text{sk}}(\cdot)}(h_b)$



# Unpredictable Functions + Proof of Evaluation $\implies$ VRF

In the ROM, let:

- $f$  be an unpredictable function
- NIZK be a non-interactive proof for the relation:

$$\mathcal{R} = \left\{ (E_1, E_2), (F_1, F_2), k : E_2 = f(E_1, k) \wedge F_2 = f(F_1, k) \right\}$$

(Pedersen, L., eprint:2024/1626)

Concurrent work (Giunta, Stewart, Eurocrypt '24):

- Prove security of 'equivalent' construction
- Additionally show it satisfies *unbiasability*
- Fairness in PoS application was not guaranteed from existing VRF properties

<b>Setup</b> ( $1^\lambda$ )	<b>Eval</b> <sub><math>k</math></sub> ( $m$ ; $\text{pp}$ )
1 : $(f, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{K}, E_0) \leftarrow \text{SetupUF}(1^\lambda).$	1 : Parse $\text{pp}$ as $(f, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{K}, E_0).$
2 : <b>return</b> $\text{pp} := (f, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{K}, E_0)$	2 : <b>assert</b> $m \in \mathcal{K}$
	3 : $E_m := f(E_0, m)$
<b>KeyGen</b> ( $\text{pp}$ )	4 : $E := f(E_m, k)$
1 : Parse $\text{pp}$ as $(f, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{K}, E_0).$	5 : $\pi_1 \leftarrow \text{NIZK}.P(k, (E_0, E_k, E_m, E); \text{pp})$
2 : $k \leftarrow \$\mathcal{K}$	6 : <b>return</b> $h := H(E_k, m, E), \pi := (\pi_1, E)$
3 : $E_k := f(E_0, k)$	
4 : <b>return</b> $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := (k, E_k)$	<b>Verify</b> <sub><math>\text{pk}</math></sub> ( $h, (\pi_1, E), m; \text{pp}$ )
	1 : Parse $\text{pp}$ as $(f, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{K}, E_0).$
	2 : $E_m := f(E_0, m)$
	3 : $b_1 \leftarrow h \stackrel{?}{=} H(E_k, m, E)$
	4 : $b_2 \leftarrow \text{NIZK}.V(\pi_1, (E_0, E_k, E_m, E); \text{pp})$
	5 : <b>return</b> $b_1 \wedge b_2$



# Part 2: Tutorial On Applying Generic Proofs to Isogenies

# Context - Isogeny Proofs

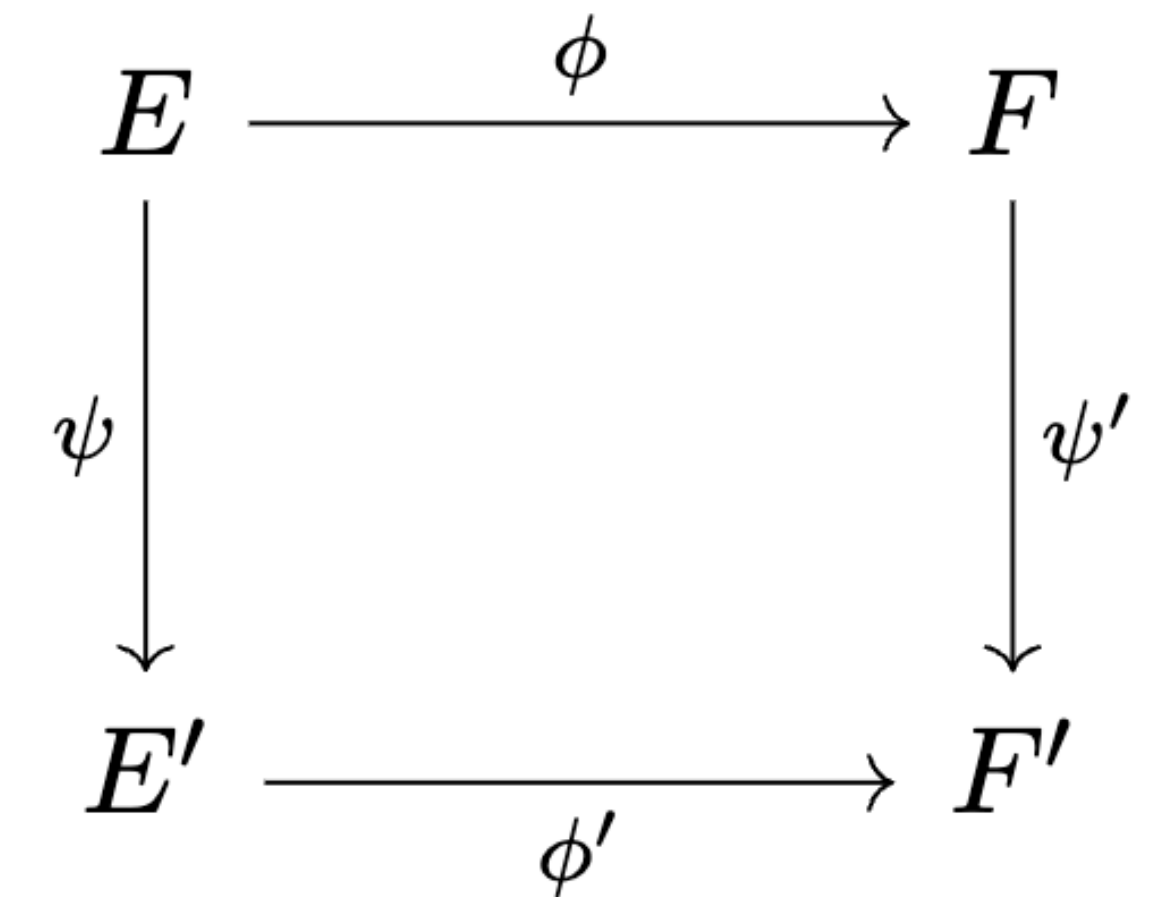
## Proofs of knowledge of a cyclic isogeny:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\ell^k\text{-cyclic}} = \{((E_0, E_1), \phi) : \phi : E_0 \rightarrow E_1 \text{ is a cyclic isogeny, } \deg \phi = \ell^k\}$$

Prior approaches [1-4] via  $\Sigma$ -protocols:

- Small challenge spaces  $\implies$  many repetitions
- Need rational coprime torsion  $E[N] \implies$  field extensions or larger prime
- Requires an additional assumption - DSSP
- Extractor recovers a  $N^2\ell^k$ -isogeny

Can we do better?



Is it really an isogeny talk without an SIDH square?

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# Introducing Generic Proof Systems



In the last decade, we have efficient generic proof systems (zk-SNARKs):

- Succinct:  $|\pi| = \text{poly}(\log(|w|))$
- Post-quantum (information theoretic security in the ROM)
- Prove relations (R1CS, AIR, Polynomial systems) expressing arbitrary computations over a finite field.
- Prior approaches (i.e. [1]) required FFT-friendly fields:
  - $2^r \mid |\mathbb{F}^\times|$  for  $r \approx \lceil \max(\log n, \log m) \rceil$
- New approaches (i.e. [2]) using expander codes are *field agnostic*:
  - Used in the context of ECDSA signature verification.

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# Rank 1 Constraint Systems (R1CS)

R1CS is parameterised by:  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , Number of constraints  $m$ , Number of variables  $n$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{R1CS}} = \{(A, B, C, \mathbf{v}, q), (\mathbf{w}) \mid A\mathbf{z} \circ B\mathbf{z} = C\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z} = (1 \ \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{w})\}$$

Where:

- $A, B, C \in \mathbb{F}_q^{m \times (n+1)}$
- $\mathbf{z} := (1 \ \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{w}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n+1}$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \dots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 b_1 \\ \dots \\ a_n b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Hadamard (coordinate-wise) product

Conceptually:

- Rows of  $A, B, C$  encode quadratic equations  
(*linear expression*)  $\times$  (*linear expression*) = (*linear expression*)
- $\mathbf{v}$  - public input variables
- $\mathbf{w}$  - secret input, and intermediate variables

# Constructing R1CS for $\mathcal{R}_{2^k\text{-cyclic}}$ via Modular Polynomials

(Cong, Lai, L. ACNS 2023). Represent an  $\ell^k$ -isogeny from  $E_0 \rightarrow E_1$  by  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{k-1}$  such that:

$$\Phi_{\ell}(j(E_0), j_1) = 0$$

$$\Phi_{\ell}(j_i, j_{i+1}) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in \{1, \dots, k-2\}$$

$$\Phi_{\ell}(j_{k-1}, j(E_1)) = 0$$

We can represent the equation  $\Phi_2(X, Y) = 0$  by the equation:

$$-XY(c_4X + c_4Y - XY) = c_0 + c_1(X + Y) + c_2(X^2 + Y^2) + X^3 + Y^3 + c_3XY$$

If  $k = 1$ , we obtain the R1CS instance



For paths of length  $k \implies (n, m) = (4k + 3, 4k - 2)$

$$z = (1 \quad j_0 \quad j_1 \quad j_0^2 \quad j_1^2 \quad j_0^3 \quad j_1^3 \quad j_0j_1)^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_4 & c_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_1 & c_2 & c_2 & 1 & 1 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Constructing R1CS for $\mathcal{R}_{2^k\text{-cyclic}}$ via Radical Isogeny Formulae

(Pedersen, L., eprint:2024/1626) Represent an  $2^k$ -isogeny from  $E_0 \rightarrow E_k$  by a sequence of  $A_i, C_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, k$ :

$$E_i : y^2 = x^3 + A_i x^2 + C_i x$$

$$A_{i+1} = 6\sqrt{C_i} + A_i, \quad C_{i+1} = 4\sqrt{C_i}A_i + 8C_i.$$

Representing via the quadratic equations:

$$6C_{i+1} - 48C_i = 4A_i(A_{i+1} - A_i), \quad 36 \cdot C_i = (A_{i+1} - A_i)^2$$

If  $k = 1$ , we obtain the R1CS instance



$$z = (1 \quad A_0 \quad C_0 \quad A_1 \quad C_1)^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -48 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 36 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For paths of length  $k \implies (n, m) = (2k + 2, 2k)$



# Proof of Radical CGL Evaluation

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{CGL}} = \{(E_0, E_n), m \mid E_n = \text{CGL}(E_0, m)\}$$

By rearranging and substituting, the relation is satisfied if,  
for all  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ,  $\exists \beta_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$

$$\beta_i^2 = \text{Re}(\alpha_i)$$

$$\alpha_i^2 = C_i$$

$$A_{i+1} - A_i = 6m_i\alpha_i$$

$$2A_i(A_{i+1} - A_i) = 3C_{i+1} - 24C_i$$

$$0 = (m_i + 1)(m_i - 1)$$

**How to realise  $\text{Re}(\cdot)$  as a polynomial?**

- $\text{Re}(x) = 2^{-1}(x + x^p)$  - too costly
- Encode the arithmetic in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ !

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# Embedding $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ Arithmetic In $\mathbb{F}_p$

Recall  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} \cong \mathbb{F}_p[j]$  for  $j^2 = -1$ , and  $x = \text{Re}(x) + \text{Im}(x)j \in \mathbb{F}_p[j]$

## Addition:

$$a + b = c \iff \begin{aligned} \text{Re}(a) + \text{Re}(b) &= \text{Re}(c) \\ \text{Im}(a) + \text{Im}(b) &= \text{Im}(c) \end{aligned}$$

## Squaring:

$$a^2 = b \iff \begin{aligned} \text{Im}(b) &= 2\text{Re}(a)\text{Im}(a) \\ \text{Re}(b) &= (\text{Re}(a) + \text{Im}(a)) \cdot (\text{Re}(a) - \text{Im}(a)) \end{aligned}$$

## Arbitrary R1CS Constraints:

$$\left( \sum_{l=1}^n c_l \mathbf{z}_l \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{r=1}^n d_r \mathbf{z}_r \right) = \sum_{o=1}^n e_o \mathbf{z}_o$$



$$\left( \sum_{l=1}^n c_l \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_l) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{r=1}^n d_r \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_r) \right) = \sum_{o=1}^n e_o \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_o) + u \quad \sum_{l=1}^n c_l \text{Im}(\mathbf{z}_l) \cdot \sum_{r=1}^n d_r \text{Im}(\mathbf{z}_r) = u$$

$$\left( \sum_{l=1}^n c_l \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_l) + c_l \text{Im}(\mathbf{z}_l) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{r=1}^n d_r \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_r) + d_r \text{Im}(\mathbf{z}_r) \right) = \left( \sum_{o=1}^n e_o \text{Im}(\mathbf{z}_o) + e_o \text{Re}(\mathbf{z}_o) \right) + 2u$$

$v$  variables,  $s$  squaring constraints and  $g$  general constraints over  $\mathbb{F}_p[j]$   
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$$0 = (m_i + 1)(m_i - 1)$$

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1: for  $i = 0$  to  $n - 1$  do
2:    $\alpha_i \leftarrow \sqrt{C_i}$  ▷ Start with arbitrary root
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$$\begin{aligned} b_i \text{Re}(\alpha_i) &= 0 \\ b_i(b_i - 1) &= 0 \\ (b - \text{Re}(\alpha_i)) \cdot \gamma_i &= 1 \\ b_i \text{Im}(\alpha_i) + \text{Re}(\alpha_i) &= \beta_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

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	$\mathcal{R}_{\ell^k\text{-cyclic}}$	$\mathcal{R}_{\text{CGL}}$	$\mathcal{R}_{\text{UPF}}$
Instance Size	$< 2^{11}$	$< 2^{12}$	$< 2^{13}$
Prover Time (ms)	25	45	75
Verification Time (ms)	15	20	25
Proof size (kB)	230	320	430

Table 4.2: Rough performance estimates obtained from the proof system in [BFK<sup>+</sup>24, Fig. 2] on the Radical isogeny R1CS instances over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (third row of Table 4.1). We set  $\lambda = 128$ , and hence  $k = 256$ , and  $\log_2 p = 256$ .

## Open Research Directions

- Building tailored SNARKs for  $\mathcal{R}_{\ell^k\text{-cyclic}}$
- Constructing R1CS for proving Kani-type isogeny evaluations
- Robust Software Implementations



# Thank you! Questions?

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# Vélu CGL Hash Function

**First introduced in [2]:**

**Input:**  $E_0$ , message  $m \in \{0,1\}^n$ , deterministic torsion basis algorithm  $\mathcal{B}_{2^n}$

**Output:**  $E_0 / \langle P + mQ \rangle$  where  $P, Q \leftarrow \mathcal{B}_{2^n}(E_0)$

**Representation for  $E_i$ :**

Montgomery/short weierstrass form

**Step Function:**

$$\phi_{i+1} : E_i \rightarrow E_{i+1} = E_i / \langle P_i + m_i Q_i \rangle$$

where

$$P_0, Q_0 \leftarrow [2^{n-1}]P, [2^{n-1}]Q$$

And for  $i > 0$ :

$$P_i = [2^{n-i-1}]\phi_i \circ \dots \circ \phi_1(P), Q_i = [2^{n-i-1}]\phi_i \circ \dots \circ \phi_1(Q)$$

**Direction:**

Predetermined by the basis  $P, Q$