

# How (not) to Build Identity-Based Encryption from Isogenies

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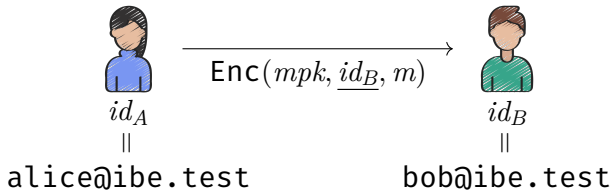
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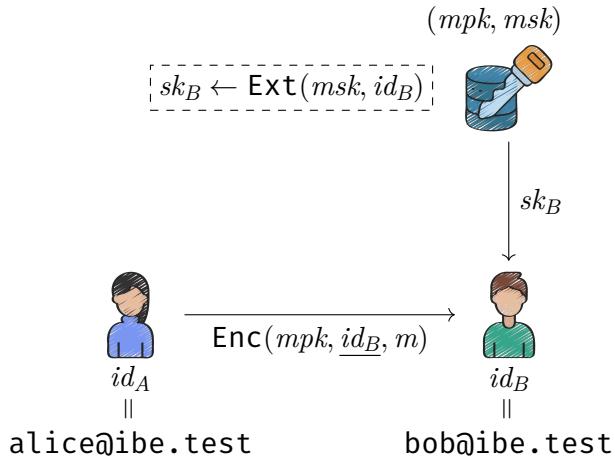
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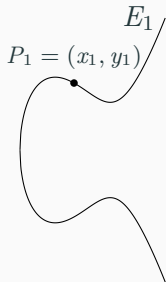
## Why isogenies?

- Small keys and ciphertexts
- Lower-bound for FS signature sizes [BGZ23]
- IBE  $\implies$  short signatures [BF01]

isogeny background

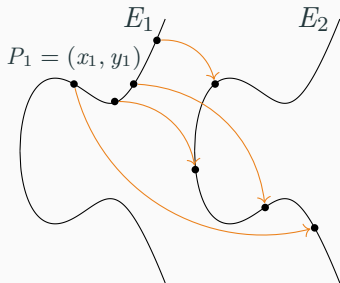
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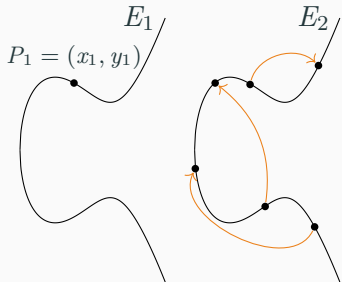


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An isogeny  $\theta: E \rightarrow E$

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## Prevalent settings for isogeny-based PKE

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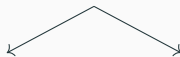
CGL = Random isogeny walks [CGL09]

$$E_0^\bullet \xrightarrow{\varphi_x} E_A^\bullet = H_{\mathcal{E}ll}^{CGL}(E_0, x)$$

how not to build?

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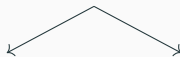
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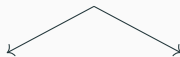
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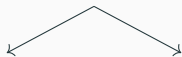
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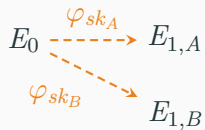
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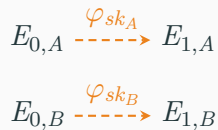
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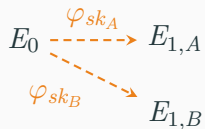


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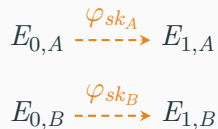


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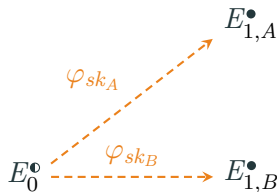
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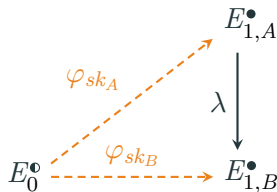
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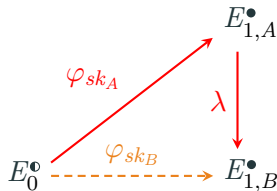
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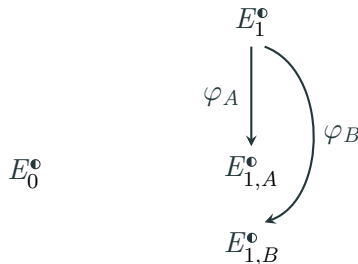
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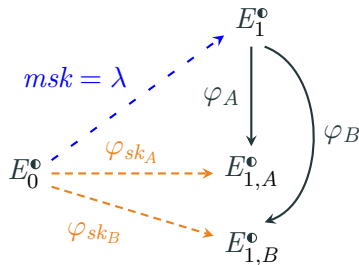
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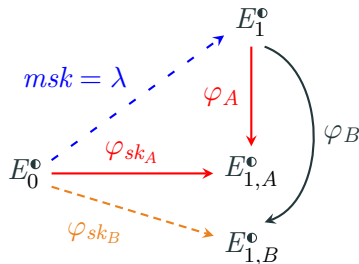
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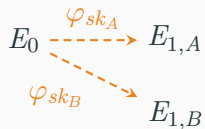
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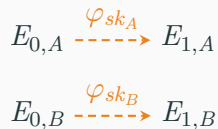
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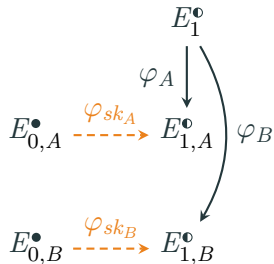
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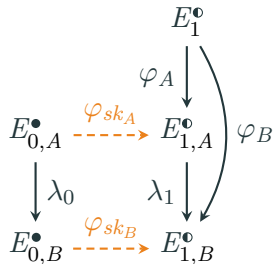
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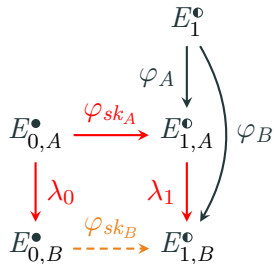
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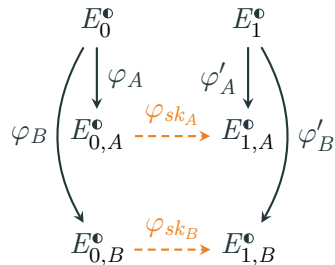
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# SECKER-CGL public keys

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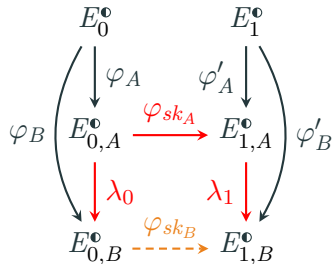
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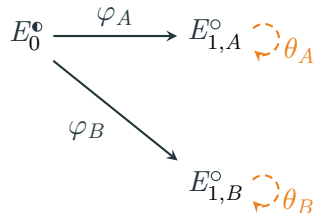
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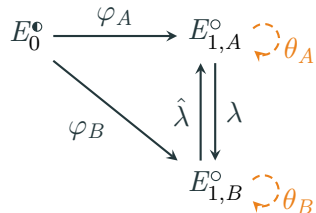
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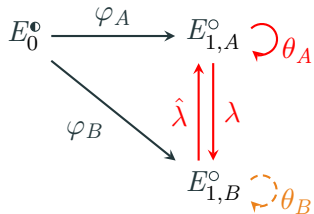
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Computing many

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However,

- FESTA [BMP23], SILBE [DFV24] use CGL paths
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- recipe: SECUER trapdoors

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thanks!

