

# Factorization: state of the art

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## Finding small factors

Find smooth congruences  
by finding small factors  
of many congruences:

Never ending supply  
of congruences

↓ select

Smallest congruences

↓ find small factors

Partial factorizations  
using primes  $\leq y$

↓ abort non-smooth

Smooth congruences

# How to find small factors?

Could use trial division:

For each congruence,

remove factors of 2,

remove factors of 3,

remove factors of 5,

etc.; use all primes  $p \leq y$ .

$y^{3+o(1)}$  bit operations:

$y^{1+o(1)}$  per congruence.

## Want something faster!

## Early aborts

Never ending supply  
of congruences

↓ select

Smallest congruences

↓

Partial factorizations  
using primes  $\leq y^{1/2}$

↓ early abort

Smallest unfactored parts

↓

Partial factorizations  
using primes  $\leq y$

↓ final abort

Smooth congruences

Find small primes by trial division.

Cost  $y^{1/2+o(1)}$  for primes  $\leq y^{1/2}$ .

Cost  $y^{1+o(1)}$  for primes  $\leq y$ .

Say we choose “smallest”

so that each congruence

has chance  $y^{1/2+o(1)} / y^{1+o(1)}$

of surviving early abort.

Have reduced trial-division

cost by factor  $y^{1/2+o(1)}$ .

Fact: A  $y$ -smooth congruence

has chance  $y^{-1/4+o(1)}$

of surviving early abort.

Have reduced identify-a-smooth

cost by factor  $y^{1/4+o(1)}$ .

Example from Andrew Shallue:

A uniform random integer in  $[1, 2^{64} - 1]$  has chance about  $2^{-8.1}$  of being  $2^{15}$ -smooth, chance about  $2^{-3.5}$  of having  $2^7$ -unfactored part below  $2^{44}$ , and chance about  $2^{-9.8}$  of satisfying both conditions.

Given congruence, find primes  $\leq 2^7$ ; abort if unfactored part is above  $2^{44}$ ; then find primes  $\leq 2^{15}$ . Compared to skipping the abort: about  $2^{3.5}$  times faster, about  $2^{1.7}$  times less productive; gain  $2^{1.8}$ .

More generally, can abort at  $y^{1/k}$ ,  $y^{2/k}$ , etc. Balance stages to reduce cost per congruence from  $y^{1+o(1)}$  to  $y^{1/k+o(1)}$ .

Fact: A  $y$ -smooth congruence has relatively good chance of surviving early abort.

Have reduced identify-a-smooth cost by factor  $y^{(1-1/k)/2+o(1)}$ .

Increase  $k$  slowly with  $y$ .

Find enough smooth congruences using  $y^{2.5+o(1)}$  bit operations.

Want something faster!

# Sieving

Textbook answer: Sieving finds enough smooth congruences using only  $y^{2+o(1)}$  bit operations.

To sieve: Generate in order of  $p$ , then sort in order of  $i$ , all pairs  $(i, p)$  with  $i$  in range and  $i(n + i) \in p\mathbf{Z}$ .

Pairs for one  $p$  are  $(p, p), (2p, p), (3p, p)$ , etc. and  $(p - (n \bmod p), p)$  etc.

e.g.  $y = 10, n = 611,$

$i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ :



For  $p = 2$  generate pairs

$(2, 2), (4, 2), (6, 2), \dots, (100, 2)$

and

$(1, 2), (3, 2), (5, 2), \dots, (99, 2)$ .

For  $p = 3$  generate pairs

$(3, 3), (6, 3), \dots, (99, 3)$  and

$(1, 3), (4, 3), \dots, (100, 3)$ .

For  $p = 5$  generate pairs

$(5, 5), (10, 5), \dots, (100, 5)$  and

$(4, 5), (9, 5), \dots, (99, 5)$ .

For  $p = 7$  generate pairs

$(7, 7), (14, 7), \dots, (98, 7)$  and

$(5, 7), (12, 7), \dots, (96, 7)$ .

Sort pairs by first coordinate:

$(1, 2)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ ,  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  
 $(4, 2)$ ,  $(4, 3)$ ,  $(4, 5)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(98, 2)$ ,  
 $(98, 7)$ ,  $(99, 2)$ ,  $(99, 3)$ ,  $(99, 5)$ ,  
 $(100, 2)$ ,  $(100, 3)$ ,  $(100, 5)$ .

Sorted list shows that

the small primes in  $i(n + i)$  are

2, 3 for  $i = 1$ ;

2 for  $i = 2$ ;

$\dots$

2, 7 for  $i = 98$ ;

2, 3, 5 for  $i = 99$ ;

2, 3, 5 for  $i = 100$ .

In general, for  $i \in \{1, \dots, y^2\}$ :

Prime  $p$  produces  $\approx y^2/p$  pairs  
 $(p, p), (2p, p), (3p, p),$  etc.

and produces  $\approx y^2/p$  pairs  
 $(p - (n \bmod p), p)$  etc.

Total number of pairs  $\approx$

$$\sum_{p \leq y} 2y^2/p \approx 2y^2 \log \log y.$$

Easily generate pairs, sort,  
and finish checking smoothness,

in  $y^2 (\lg y)^{O(1)}$  bit operations.

Only  $(\lg y)^{O(1)}$  bit operations  
per congruence.

## Hidden costs

Is that what we do  
in record-setting factorizations?

No!

Sieving has two big problems.

First problem:

Sieving needs large  $i$  range.

For speed, must use batch of  
 $\geq y^{1+o(1)}$  consecutive  $i$ 's.

Limits number of sublattices,  
so limits smoothness chance.

Can eliminate this problem  
using remainder trees.

## Hidden costs, trees

Second problem with sieving,  
not fixed by remainder trees:  
Need  $y^{1+o(1)}$  bits of storage.

Real machines don't have much  
fast memory: it's expensive.

Effect is not visible for  
small computations on  
single serial CPUs,  
but becomes critical in  
huge parallel computations.

How to quickly find primes  
above size of fast memory?

## The rho method

Define  $\rho_0 = 0$ ,  $\rho_{k+1} = \rho_k^2 + 11$ .

Every prime  $\leq 2^{20}$  divides  $S =$   
 $(\rho_1 - \rho_2)(\rho_2 - \rho_4)(\rho_3 - \rho_6)$   
 $\cdots (\rho_{3575} - \rho_{7150})$ .

Also many larger primes.

Can compute  $\gcd\{c, S\}$  using  
 $\approx 2^{14}$  multiplications mod  $c$ ,  
very little memory.

Compare to  $\approx 2^{16}$  divisions  
for trial division up to  $2^{20}$ .

More generally: Choose  $z$ .

Compute  $\gcd\{c, S\}$  where  $S = (\rho_1 - \rho_2)(\rho_2 - \rho_4) \cdots (\rho_z - \rho_{2z})$ .

How big does  $z$  have to be for all primes  $\leq y$  to divide  $S$ ?

Plausible conjecture:  $y^{1/2+o(1)}$ ; so  $y^{1/2+o(1)}$  mults mod  $c$ .

Early-abort rho:  $y^{1/4+o(1)}$  mults.

Reason: Consider first collision in  $\rho_1 \bmod p, \rho_2 \bmod p, \dots$

If  $\rho_i \bmod p = \rho_j \bmod p$

then  $\rho_k \bmod p = \rho_{2k} \bmod p$

for  $k \in (j - i)\mathbf{Z} \cap [i, \infty] \cap [j, \infty]$ .

## The $p - 1$ method

$S_1 = 2^{232792560} - 1$  has prime  
divisors

3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31,  
37, 41, 43, 53, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79,  
89, 97, 103, 109, 113, 127, 131,  
137, 151, 157, 181, 191, 199 etc.

These divisors include

70 of the 168 primes  $\leq 10^3$ ;

156 of the 1229 primes  $\leq 10^4$ ;

296 of the 9592 primes  $\leq 10^5$ ;

470 of the 78498 primes  $\leq 10^6$ ;

etc.



An odd prime  $p$   
divides  $2^{232792560} - 1$   
iff order of 2 in the  
multiplicative group  $\mathbf{F}_p^*$   
divides  $s = 232792560$ .

Many ways for this to happen:  
 $232792560$  has 960 divisors.

Why so many?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Answer: } s &= 232792560 \\ &= \text{lcm}\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 20\} \\ &= 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 17 \cdot 19.\end{aligned}$$

Can compute  $2^{232792560} - 1$

using 41 ring operations.

(Side note: 41 is not minimal.)

Ring operation: 0, 1, +, -, ·.

This computation: 1;  $2 = 1 + 1$ ;

$2^2 = 2 \cdot 2$ ;  $2^3 = 2^2 \cdot 2$ ;  $2^6 = 2^3 \cdot 2^3$ ;

$2^{12} = 2^6 \cdot 2^6$ ;  $2^{13} = 2^{12} \cdot 2$ ;  $2^{26}$ ;  $2^{27}$ ;  $2^{54}$ ;

$2^{55}$ ;  $2^{110}$ ;  $2^{111}$ ;  $2^{222}$ ;  $2^{444}$ ;  $2^{888}$ ;  $2^{1776}$ ;

$2^{3552}$ ;  $2^{7104}$ ;  $2^{14208}$ ;  $2^{28416}$ ;  $2^{28417}$ ;

$2^{56834}$ ;  $2^{113668}$ ;  $2^{227336}$ ;  $2^{454672}$ ;  $2^{909344}$ ;

$2^{909345}$ ;  $2^{1818690}$ ;  $2^{1818691}$ ;  $2^{3637382}$ ;

$2^{3637383}$ ;  $2^{7274766}$ ;  $2^{7274767}$ ;  $2^{14549534}$ ;

$2^{14549535}$ ;  $2^{29099070}$ ;  $2^{58198140}$ ;

$2^{116396280}$ ;  $2^{232792560}$ ;  $2^{232792560} - 1$ .

Given positive integer  $n$ ,  
can compute  $2^{232792560} - 1 \pmod n$   
using 41 operations in  $\mathbf{Z}/n$ .

Notation:  $a \pmod b = a - b \lfloor a/b \rfloor$ .

e.g.  $n = 8597231219$ : ...

$$2^{27} \pmod n = 134217728;$$

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Easy extra computation (Euclid):

$$\gcd\{5626089344, n\} = 991.$$

This  $p - 1$  method (1974 Pollard) quickly factored  $n = 8597231219$ .  
Main work: 27 squarings mod  $n$ .

Could instead have checked  $n$ 's divisibility by 2, 3, 5, . . . .

The 167th trial division would have found divisor 991.

Not clear which method is better.

Dividing by small  $p$  is faster than squaring mod  $n$ .

The  $p - 1$  method finds only 70 of the primes  $\leq 1000$ ;  
trial division finds all 168 primes.

Scale up to larger exponent  
 $s = \text{lcm}\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 100\}$ :  
using 136 squarings mod  $n$   
find 2317 of the primes  $\leq 10^5$ .

Is a squaring mod  $n$   
faster than 17 trial divisions?

Or  
 $s = \text{lcm}\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 1000\}$ :  
using 1438 squarings mod  $n$   
find 180121 of the primes  $\leq 10^7$ .

Is a squaring mod  $n$   
faster than 125 trial divisions?

Extra benefit:  
no need to store the primes.

Plausible conjecture: if  $K$  is  
 $\exp \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + o(1)\right) \log H \log \log H}$   
then  $p-1$  divides  $\text{lcm}\{1, 2, \dots, K\}$   
for  $H/K^{1+o(1)}$  primes  $p \leq H$ .

Same if  $p-1$  is replaced by  
order of 2 in  $\mathbf{F}_p^*$ .

So uniform random prime  $p \leq H$   
divides  $2^{\text{lcm}\{1, 2, \dots, K\}} - 1$   
with probability  $1/K^{1+o(1)}$ .

$(1.4 \dots + o(1))K$  squarings mod  $n$   
produce  $2^{\text{lcm}\{1, 2, \dots, K\}} - 1 \pmod n$ .

Similar time spent on trial division  
finds far fewer primes for large  $H$ .

## Safe primes

This means numbers are easy to factor if their factors  $p_i$  have smooth  $p_i - 1$ .

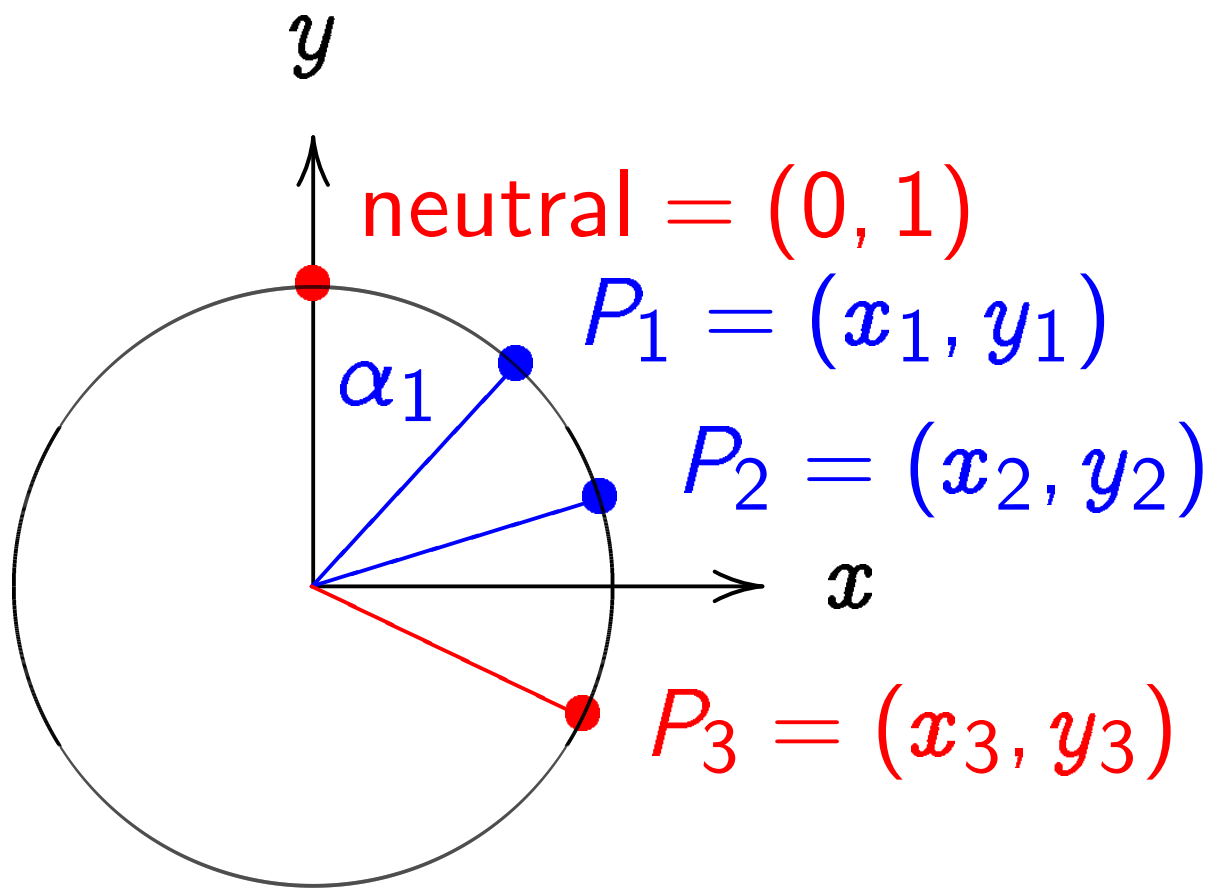
To construct hard instances avoid such factors – that's it?

ANSI does recommend using “safe primes”, i.e., primes of the form  $2p' + 1$  when generating RSA moduli.

This does not help against the NFS nor against the following algorithms.



## Interlude: Addition on a clock



$x^2 + y^2 = 1$ , parametrized by

$$x = \sin \alpha, \quad y = \cos \alpha.$$

Sum of  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is

$$(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2, y_1 y_2 - x_1 x_2).$$

Examples of clock addition:

$$2 \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{24}{25}, \frac{7}{25} \right).$$

$$3 \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{117}{125}, \frac{-44}{125} \right).$$

$$4 \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right) = \left( \frac{336}{625}, \frac{-527}{625} \right).$$

Many equivalent formulations.

e.g. Clock addition represents multiplication of norm-1 elements of  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{R}[i]/(i^2 + 1)$ .

$$(x, y) \mapsto y + ix;$$

$$\left( \frac{4}{5} + \frac{3i}{5} \right)^3$$

$$= -\frac{44}{125} + \frac{117i}{125}.$$

# The $p + 1$ factorization method

(1982 Williams)

Define  $(X, Y) \in \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Q}$  as the 232792560th multiple of  $(3/5, 4/5)$  in the group  $\text{Clock}(\mathbf{Q})$ .

The integer  $S_2 = 5^{232792560} X$  is divisible by

82 of the primes  $\leq 10^3$ ;

223 of the primes  $\leq 10^4$ ;

455 of the primes  $\leq 10^5$ ;

720 of the primes  $\leq 10^6$ ;

etc.

Given an integer  $n$ ,  
compute  $5^{232792560} X \bmod n$   
and compute gcd with  $n$ ,  
hoping to factor  $n$ .

Many  $p$ 's not found by  $\mathbf{F}_p^*$   
are found by  $\text{Clock}(\mathbf{F}_p)$ .

If  $-1$  is not a square mod  $p$   
and  $p + 1$  divides  $232792560$   
then  $5^{232792560} X \bmod p = 0$ .

Proof:  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , so  
 $(4/5 + 3i/5)^p = 4/5 - 3i/5$  and  
so  $(p + 1)(3/5, 4/5) = (0, 1)$   
in the group  $\text{Clock}(\mathbf{F}_p)$   
so  $232792560(3/5, 4/5) = (0, 1)$ .

## The elliptic-curve method

Fix  $a \in \{6, 10, 14, 18, \dots\}$ .

Define  $x_1 = 2, z_1 = 1,$

$$x_{2i} = (x_i^2 - z_i^2)^2,$$

$$z_{2i} = 4x_i z_i (x_i^2 + ax_i z_i + z_i^2),$$

$$x_{2i+1} = 4(x_i x_{i+1} - z_i z_{i+1})^2,$$

$$z_{2i+1} = 8(x_i z_{i+1} - z_i x_{i+1})^2.$$

Define  $S_a = z_{\text{lcm}\{1,2,3,\dots,B_1\}}$ .

Have now supplemented  $S_1, S_2$   
with  $S_6, S_{10}, S_{14},$  etc.

Variability of  $a$  is important.

... As many curves as you want!

Point of  $x_i, z_i$  formulas:

If  $z_i(a^2 - 4)(4a + 10) \notin p\mathbf{Z}$

then  $i$ th multiple of  $(2, 1)$

on the elliptic curve

$$(4a + 10)y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$$

over  $\mathbf{F}_p$  is  $(x_i/z_i, \dots)$ .

If  $(a^2 - 4)(4a + 10) \notin p\mathbf{Z}$

and  $\text{lcm} \in (\text{order of } (2, 1))\mathbf{Z}$

then  $S_a \in p\mathbf{Z}$ .

Order of elliptic-curve group

depends on  $a$  but is always

in  $[p + 1 - 2\sqrt{p}, p + 1 + 2\sqrt{p}]$ .

e.g.  $B_1 = 20$ ,  $a = 10$ ,

$p = 105239$ :

$p$  divides  $S_{10}$ .

Have  $232792560(2, 1) = \infty$

on the elliptic curve

$50y^2 = x^3 + 10x^2 + x$  over  $\mathbf{F}_p$ .

In fact,  $(2, 1)$  has order

$13167 = 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19$

on this curve.

Number of  $\mathbf{F}_p$ -points of curve

is  $105336 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19$ .

Good news (for the attacker):

All primes  $\leq H$

seem to be found after a reasonable number of curves.

Plausible conjecture: if  $B_1$  is

$\exp \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + o(1)\right) \log H \log \log H}$

then, for each prime  $p \leq H$ ,

a uniform random curve mod  $p$

has chance  $\geq 1/B_1^{1+o(1)}$  to find  $p$ .

If a curve fails, try another.

Find  $p$  using, on average,

$\leq B_1^{1+o(1)}$  curves;

i.e.,  $\leq B_1^{2+o(1)}$  squarings.

Time subexponential in  $H$ .



## Overview of ECM

Stage 1: Point  $P$  on  $E$  over  $\mathbf{Z}/n$ ,  
compute  $R = sP$  for  
 $s = \text{lcm}\{2, 3, \dots, B_1\}$ .

Stage 2: Small primes  
 $B_1 < q_1, \dots, q_k \leq B_2$   
compute  $R_i = q_i R$ .

If the order of  $P$  on the curve  
modulo  $p_i$  divides  $sq_i$ ,  
 $R_i$  is the neutral element.

Let  $\phi(\text{neutral}) = 0$ ,  $\phi(P) \neq 0$ .  
(Example uses  $Z$ -coordinate in  
Montgomery representation.)

Compute  $\text{gcd}\{n, \prod \phi(R_i)\}$ .

## Edwards curves

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 + dx^2y^2$$

field  $k$  with  $2 \neq 0$ ,  $d \notin \{0, 1\}$ .

Edwards addition law:

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = \left( \frac{x_1y_2 + y_1x_2}{1 + dx_1x_2y_1y_2}, \frac{y_1y_2 - x_1x_2}{1 - dx_1x_2y_1y_2} \right).$$

Neutral element:  $(0, 1)$ .

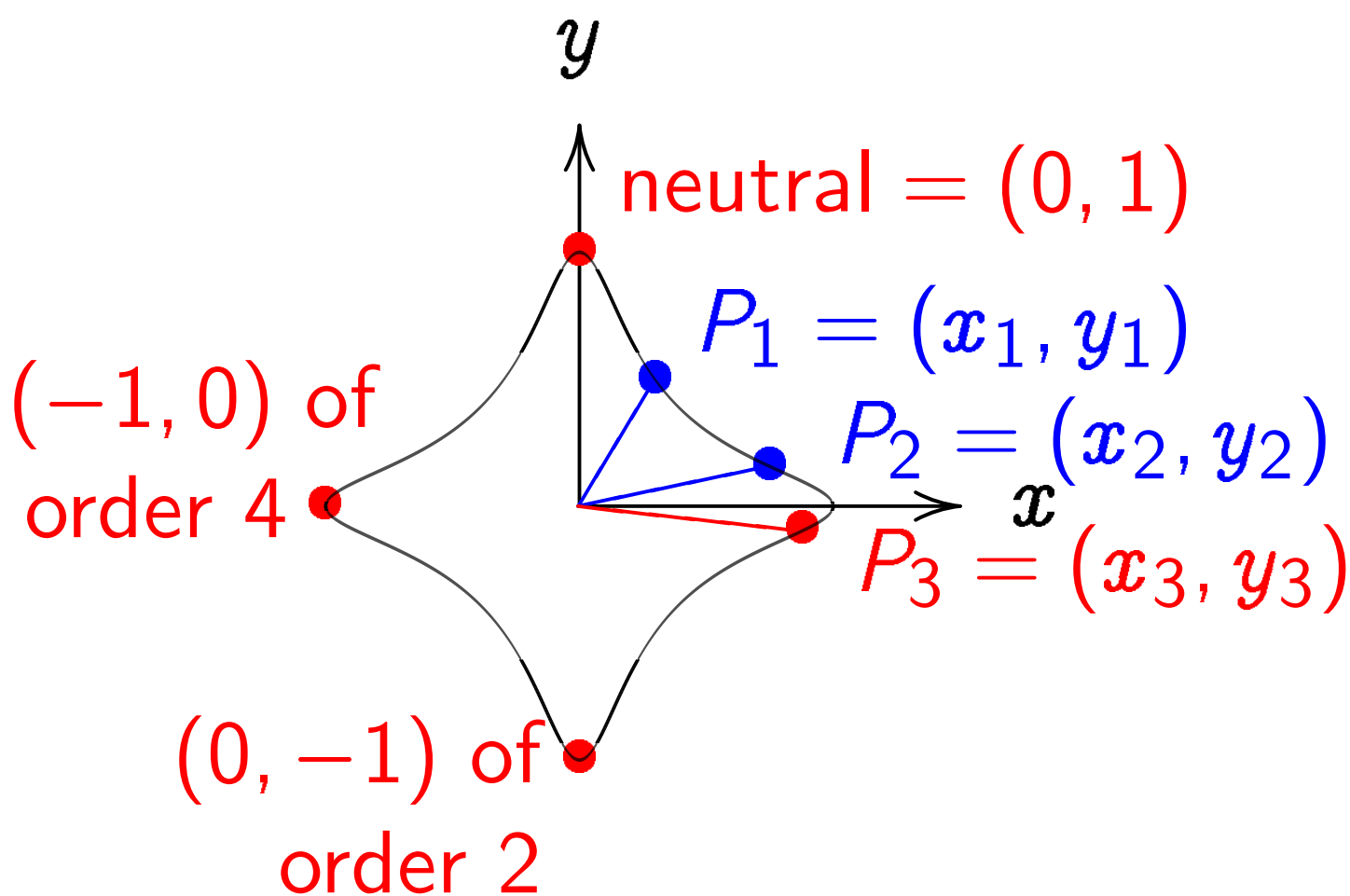
Negation:  $-(x_1, y_1) = (-x_1, y_1)$ .

Projective point  $(X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1)$   
represents  $(X_1/Z_1, Y_1/Z_1)$ .

Addition costs  $10\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{M}_d$ .

Doubling costs  $3\mathbf{M} + 4\mathbf{S}$ .

Example:  $x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 30x^2y^2$



Compare to standard Jacobian

$$V^2 = U^3 - 3UW^4 + bW^6:$$

Addition  $11\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S}$ .

Edwards saves  $4\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{M} - 1\mathbf{M}_d$ .

Doubling  $3\mathbf{M} + 5\mathbf{S}$ .

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## Twisted Edwards curves

$$ax^2 + y^2 = 1 + dx^2y^2 \text{ with}$$

$$a \neq 0, d \neq 0, a \neq d.$$

(2008 B.–Birkner–Joye–L.–Peters)

$$\text{Addition law: } (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = \left( \frac{x_1y_2 + y_1x_2}{1 + dx_1x_2y_1y_2}, \frac{y_1y_2 - ax_1x_2}{1 - dx_1x_2y_1y_2} \right).$$

Projective addition:

$$10\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{M}_d + 1\mathbf{M}_a.$$

Projective doubling:

$$3\mathbf{M} + 4\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{M}_a.$$

# Advantages of twisted Edwards

- More flexible:
  - not necessarily a point of order 4.
- Covers all Montgomery curves.
- Covers even more curves by applying a 2-isogeny.
- Saves time when  $d$  is ratio of small integers.

2008–2010 B.–Birkner–L.–Peters

“ECM using Edwards curves”

(software: “EECM-MPFQ”)

save time in ECM by using

(twisted) Edwards curves.

## Fewer mulmods per curve

Measurements of EECM-MPFQ  
for  $B_1 = 1000000$ :

$b = 1442099$  bits in

$s = \text{lcm}\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, B_1\}$ .

$P \mapsto sP$  is computed using  
1442085 ( $= 0.999999b$ ) DBL +  
98341 ( $0.06819b$ ) ADD.

These DBLs and ADDs use  
5112988**M** ( $3.54552b\mathbf{M}$ ) +  
5768340**S** ( $3.999996b\mathbf{S}$ ) +  
9635920**add** ( $6.68187b\mathbf{add}$ ).

Compare to GMP-ECM 6.2.3:

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2001915 (1.38820*b*) DADD +  
194155 (0.13463*b*) DBL.

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Could do better! 0.13463*bM*  
are actually 0.13463*bM<sub>d</sub>*.

**M<sub>d</sub>**: mult by curve constant.

Small curve, small  $P$ , ladder

$\Rightarrow 4b\mathbf{M} + 4b\mathbf{S} + 2b\mathbf{M}_d + 8b\mathbf{add}$ .

EECM still wins.

HECM handles 2 curves using

$$2b\mathbf{M} + 6b\mathbf{S} + 8b\mathbf{M}_d + \dots$$

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What about NFS?  $B_1 = 587$ ?

Measurements of EECM-MPFQ:

$b = 839$  bits in  $s$ .

$P \mapsto sP$  is computed using  
833  $(0.99285b)$  DBL +  
131  $(0.15614b)$  ADD.

These DBLs and ADDs use  
 $3552\mathbf{M} (4.23361b\mathbf{M}) +$   
 $3332\mathbf{S} (3.97139b\mathbf{S}) +$   
 $6308\mathbf{add} (7.51847b\mathbf{add})$ .

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**7053add** (8.40644**badd**).

Even for this small  $B_1$ ,  
EECM beats Montgomery ECM  
in operation count.

## Notes on current stage 2:

1. EECM-MPFQ jumps through the  $j$ 's coprime to  $d_1$ .

GMP-ECM: coprime to 6.

2. EECM-MPFQ computes Dickson polynomial values using Bos–Coster addition chains.

GMP-ECM: ad-hoc, relying on arithmetic progression of  $j$ .

3. EECM-MPFQ doesn't bother converting to affine coordinates until the end of stage 2.

4. EECM-MPFQ uses NTL for poly arith in “big” stage 2.

## Faster mulmods

ECM is bottlenecked by mulmods:

- practically all of stage 1;
- curve operations in stage 2  
(pumped up by Dickson!);
- final product in stage 2,  
*except* fast poly arith.

GMP-ECM does mulmods  
with the GMP library.

... but GMP has slow API,  
so GMP-ECM has  $\geq 20000$   
lines of new mulmod code.

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MPFQ library (Gaudry–Thomé)  
does arithmetic in  $\mathbf{Z}/n$   
where number of  $n$  words  
is known at compile time.

Better API than GMP:  
most importantly,  $n$  in advance.

EECM-MPFQ uses MPFQ  
for essentially all mulmods.

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 $5.2 \cdot 10^6$  cycles/curve.

Some speedup from Edwards;  
some speedup from MPFQ.

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EECM-MPFQ, 1000 curves,

$B_1 = 587$ ,  $d_1 = 420$ , range 20160

for primes  $420i \pm j$ :

$2.6 \cdot 10^6$  cycles/curve.

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Are GMP-ECM and EECM-MPFQ fully exploiting the CPU? No!

Three recent efforts to speed up mulmods for ECM:  
Thorsten Kleinjung, for RSA-768;  
Alexander Kruppa, for CADO;  
and ours—see next slide.

Our latest mulmod speeds,  
(working on update)  
interleaving vector threads  
with integer threads:

4×3GHz Phenom II 940:

$202 \cdot 10^6$  192-bit mulmods/sec.

4×2.83GHz Core 2 Quad Q9550:

$114 \cdot 10^6$  192-bit mulmods/sec.

6×3.2GHz Cell (Playstation 3):

$102 \cdot 10^6$  195-bit mulmods/sec.



\$500 GTX 295

is one card with two GPUs;

60 cores; 480 32-bit ALUs.

Runs at 1.242GHz.

Our latest CUDA-EECM speed:

$481 \cdot 10^6$  210-bit mulmods/sec.

For  $\approx$  \$2000 can build PC

with one CPU and four GPUs:

$1300 \cdot 10^6$  192-bit mulmods/sec.

## Curve details – torsion points

Curve over  $\mathbf{Q}$  has some torsion points: points of finite order.

All possible torsion groups

(Mazur's theorem):

$\mathbf{Z}/m$  for

$m \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12\}$ ,

$\mathbf{Z}/2 \times \mathbf{Z}/2m$  for

$m \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

If a point has finite order on the curve over  $\mathbf{Q}$  then the point has the same finite order over  $\mathbf{Z}/n$  and over  $\mathbf{F}_p$ .

Don't choose  $P$  as a torsion point.

Minimize trouble by choosing curve with torsion  $\mathbf{Z}/1$ ?

No: people try to use curves with many torsion points.

1987/1992 Montgomery,

1993 Atkin–Morain

had suggested using torsion

$\mathbf{Z}/12$  or  $\mathbf{Z}/2 \times \mathbf{Z}/8$ .

2008–2010 B.–Birkner–L.–Peters

construct families of Edwards

curves with torsion

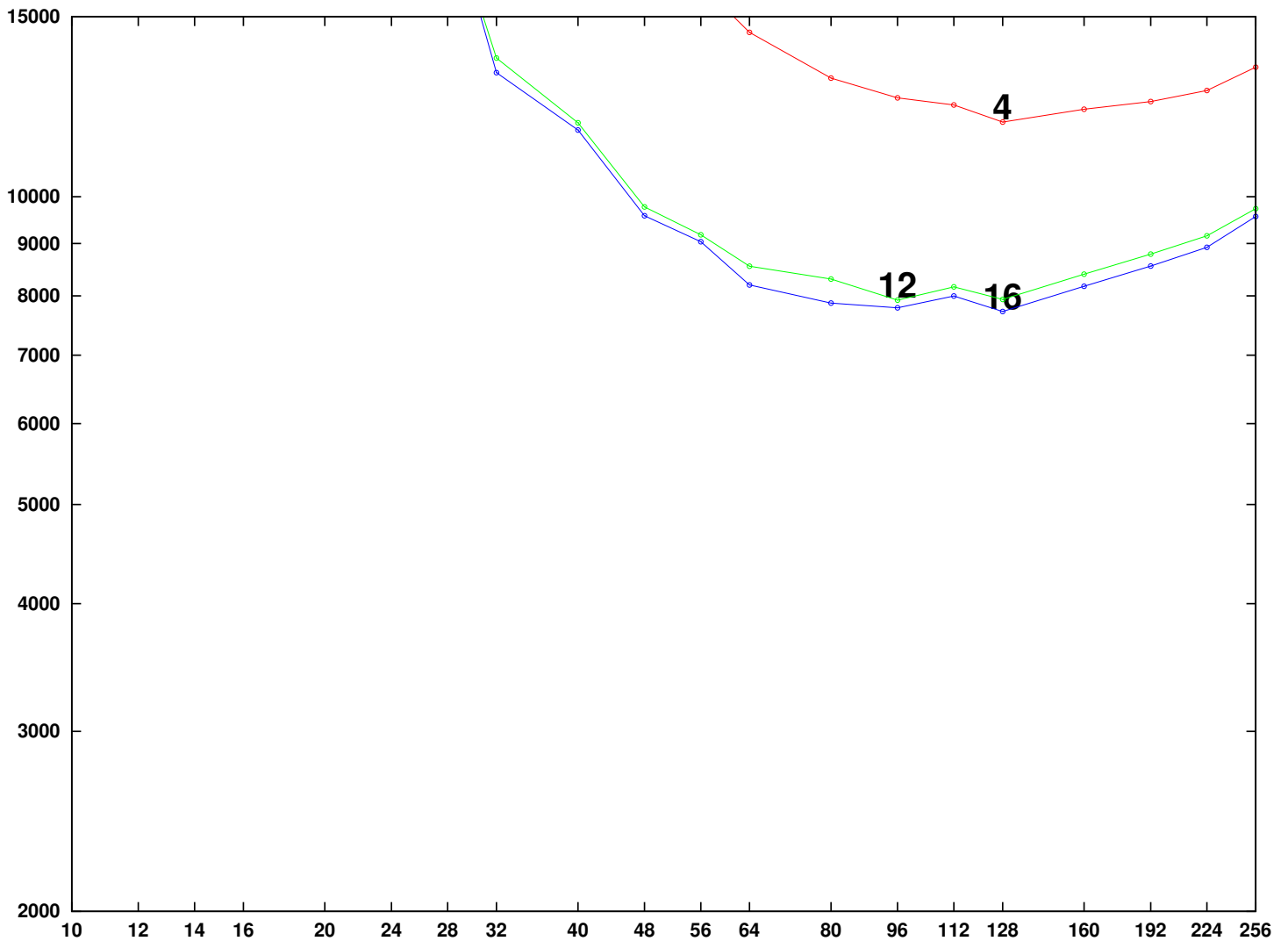
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# Impact of large $Q$ -torsion

20 bit primes, stage 1 only.

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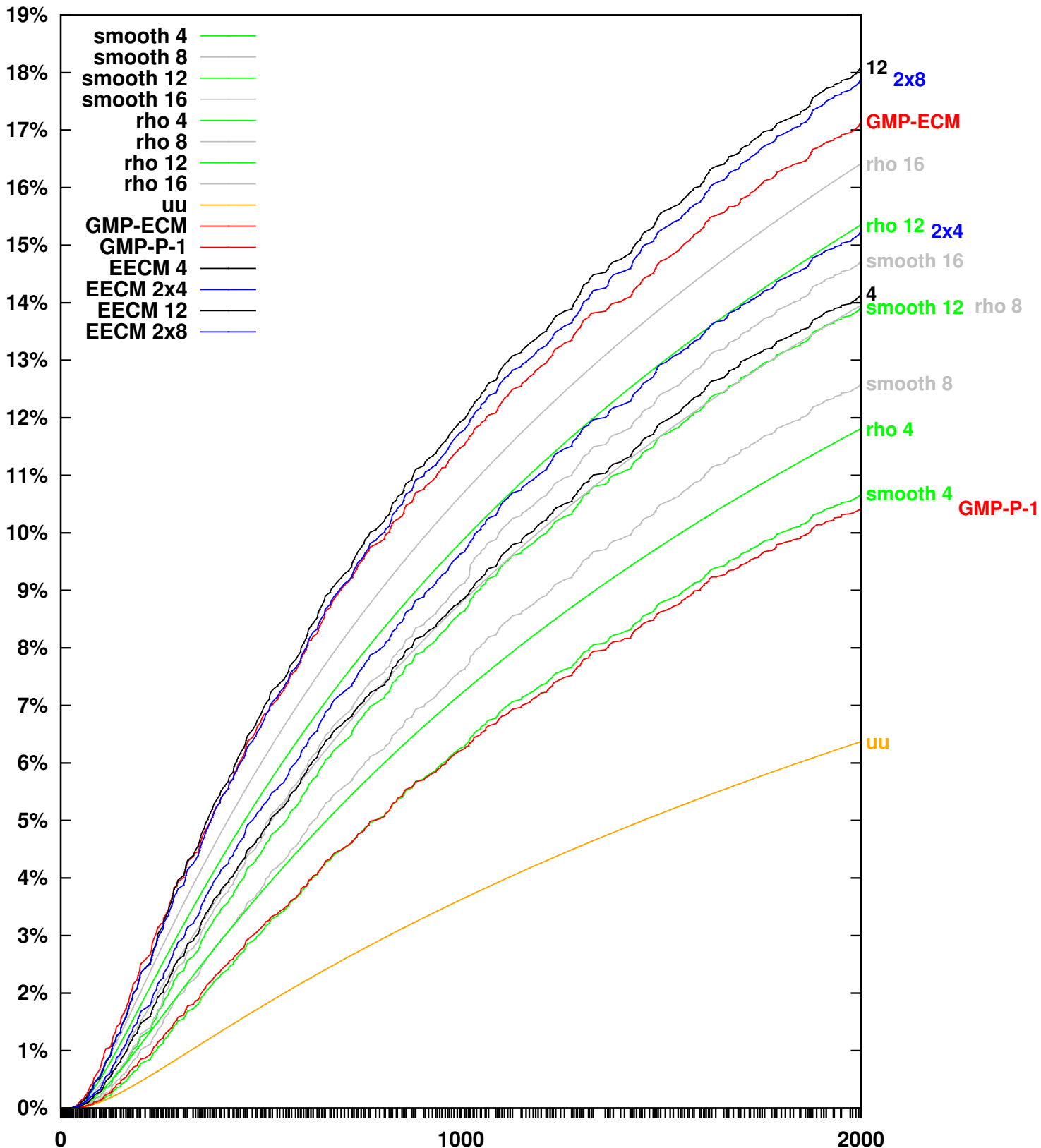
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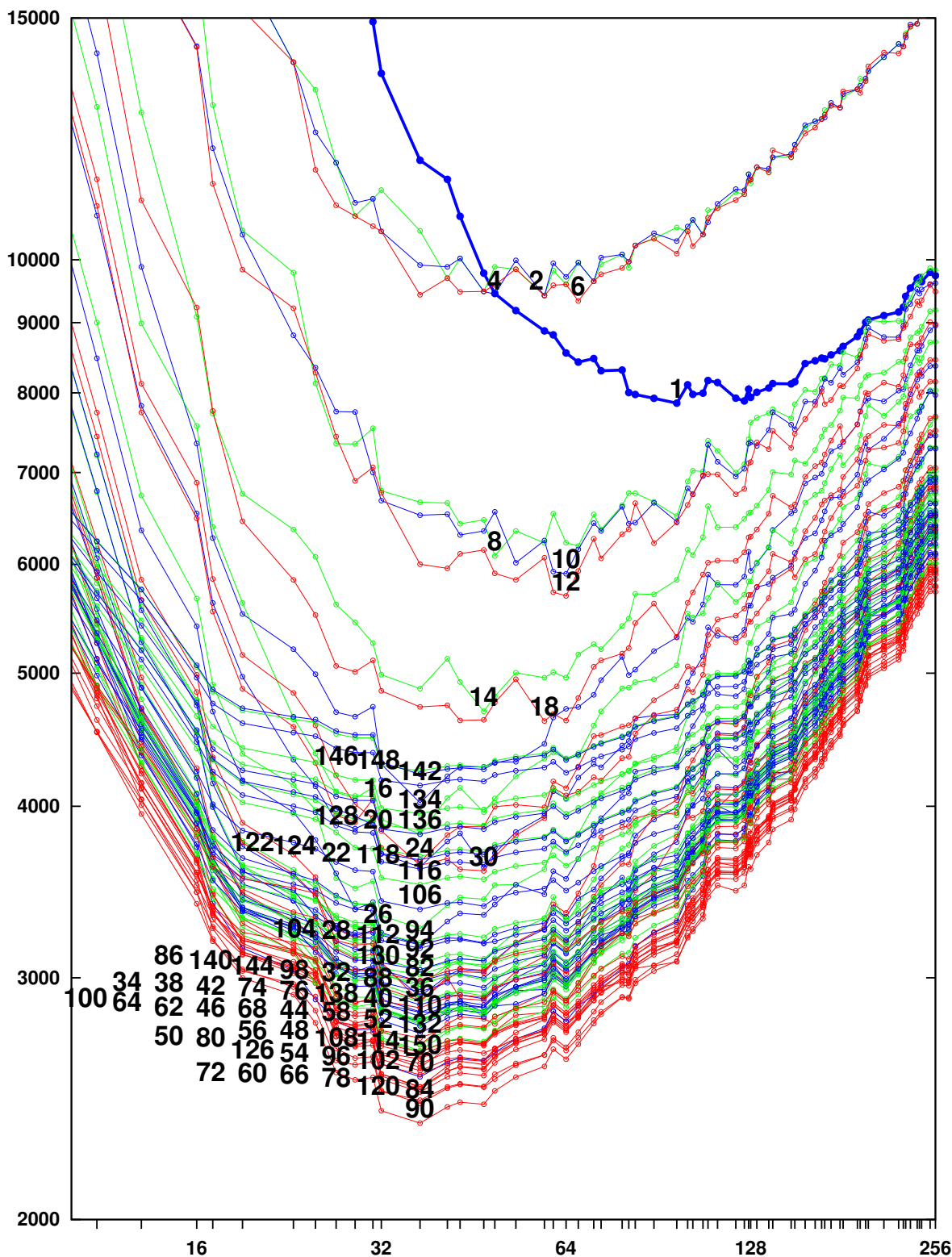
# More primes per curve

Probability vs.  $B_1$ , 30-bit primes.



# Influence of $d_1$

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# Faster twisted Edwards curves

Dual addition law by Hisil–Wong–Carter–Dawson.

$$\left( \frac{x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2}{ax_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}, \frac{x_1 y_1 - x_2 y_2}{x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2} \right)$$

Use extended coordinates

$(X : Y : Z : T)$  with  $T = XY/Z$ ;

bouncing between projective and extended coordinates.

Addition:  $9\mathbf{M} + 1\mathbf{M}_a$ .

Only  $8\mathbf{M}$  for  $a = -1$ .

Doubling:  $3\mathbf{M} + 4\mathbf{S} + 1\mathbf{M}_a$ .

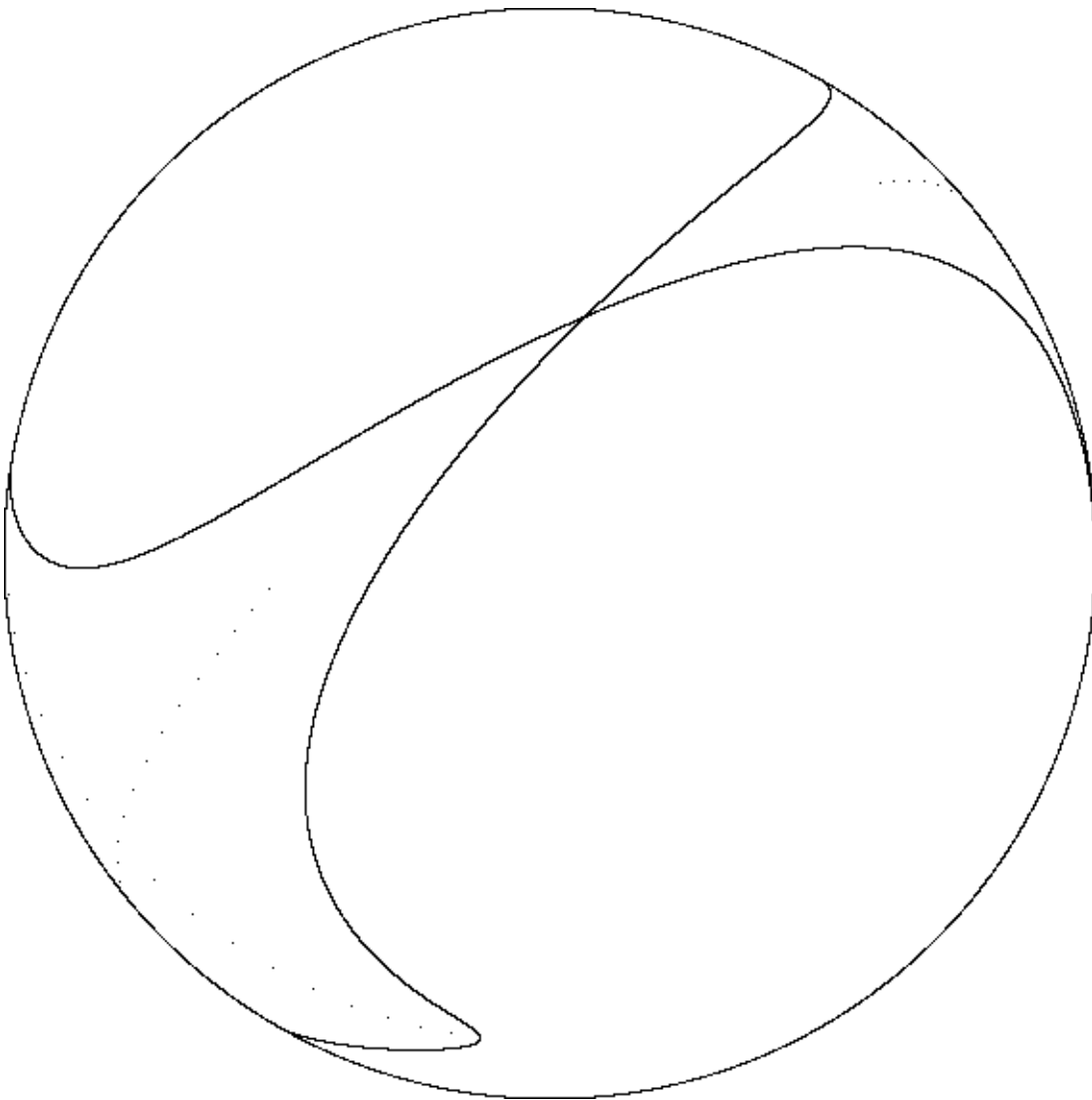
Note the addition speedup for

$a = -1$ .

# Faster ECM?

Let's look closer at

$$-x^2 + y^2 = 1 - 30x^2y^2:$$





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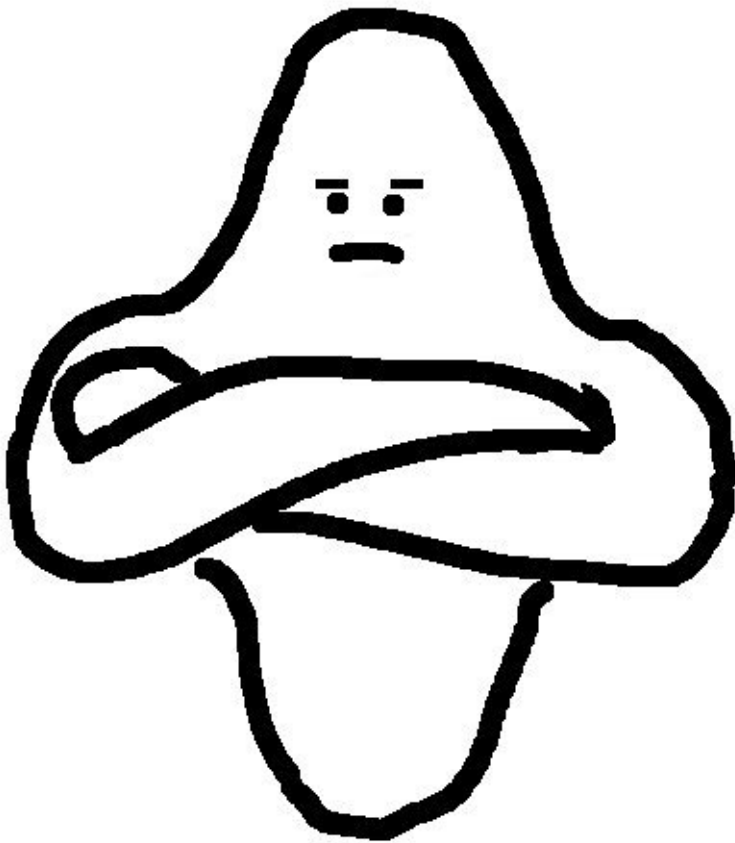
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Even more benefit from precomputing best curves.

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$-x^2 + \dots$  with  $\mathbf{Z}/2 \times \mathbf{Z}/4$  torsion:

$b$	20	21	22
curve #1	$\frac{12}{343}, \frac{1404}{1421}$ 15486	$\frac{12}{343}, \frac{1404}{1421}$ 22681	$\frac{12}{343}, \frac{1404}{1421}$ 46150
curve #2	$\frac{27}{11}, \frac{5}{13}$ 14845	$\frac{27}{11}, \frac{5}{13}$ 21745	$\frac{27}{11}, \frac{5}{13}$ 43916
curve #3	$\frac{63}{20}, \frac{1}{244}$ 14537	$\frac{3}{14}, \frac{1}{17}$ 21428	$\frac{3}{14}, \frac{1}{17}$ 43482
#500	13706	19979	40993
#1000	13379	19475	40410

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#1	16276	23991	48076
curve	...	...	...
#2	16275	23970	48028
curve	...	...	...
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#500	16037	23735	47867
#1000	15399	22790	45828

1. “ECM using Edwards curves.”

Prototype software: GMP-EECM.

New rewrite: EECM-MPFQ.

2. “ECM on graphics cards.”

Prototype CUDA-EECM.

3. “The billion-mulmod-  
per-second PC.”

Current CUDA-EECM,

plus fast mulmods on

Core 2, Phenom II, and Cell.

4. “Starfish on strike.”

Integrated into EECM-MPFQ.

5. Not covered in this talk:

early-abort ECM optimization.