

# ECM at Work

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Offloading this work (to FPGA, GPU) is an active research area,  
since faster cofactorization  $\rightarrow$  faster NFS

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$$O(e^{(\sqrt{2}+o(1))(\sqrt{\log p \log \log p})} M(\log n))$$

- $M(\log n)$  represents the complexity of multiplication modulo  $n$
- $o(1)$  is for  $p \rightarrow \infty$

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Elliptic Curve Point Addition  $\begin{cases} a = -1: 8M \\ a = -1, z_1 = 1: 7M \end{cases}$

Elliptic Curve Point Duplication:  $a = -1: 3M + 4S$

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Performance	$\#(S + M)/\text{bit} \approx 8-9$	$B_1 \rightarrow \infty \begin{cases} \#A/\text{bit} \rightarrow 0, \\ \#R \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$ $\rightarrow (3M + 4S) / \text{bit}$

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## Edwards curves vs Montgomery curves

 faster EC-arithmetic       more memory is required

⇒ Difficult to run Edwards-ECM fast on memory-constrained devices

This work: **faster**, *memory efficient* Edwards ECM (on GPUs)

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Recall:  $k = \text{lcm}(1, 2, \dots, B_1) = \prod_i p_i$  with  $p_i \leq B_1$  prime.

- **Observation:** Use double-and-add approach, no additional storage.  
Low Hamming-weight integers  $\rightarrow$  fewer EC-additions
- **Idea:** Search for low-weight prime products  
Partition the set of primes in subsets of cardinality of most three
- **Result:** Lowered the weight by  $\approx$  a factor three

(Computing the shortest addition chain is *conjectured* to be NP-hard)

## Example

$$1028107 \cdot 1030639 \cdot 1097101 = 1162496086223388673$$

$$w(1028107) = 10, \quad (11111011000000001011)$$

$$w(1030639) = 16, \quad (11111011100111101111)$$

$$w(1097101) = 11, \quad (100001011110110001101)$$

$$w(1162496086223388673) = 8$$

$$(10000001000100000010000001000000000000001000001000000000000001)$$

Using double-and-add: 34 EC-additions to 7 EC-additions

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- Combine integers  $s_i$  such that

$$\prod_i s_i = \prod_i \prod_j \hat{s}_{i,j} = k = \text{lcm}(1, \dots, B_1) = \prod_\ell p_\ell$$

i.e. all the  $\hat{s}_{i,j}$  match all the  $p_\ell$

- Such that  $\sum_i c(s_i = \prod_j \hat{s}_{i,j}) < c'(\prod_\ell p_\ell) = c'(k)$

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# Addition/subtraction chain

Addition/subtraction chain resulting in  $s$

$$s = a_r, \dots, a_1, a_0 = 1$$

s.t. every  $a_i = a_j \pm a_k$  with  $0 \leq j, k < i$

## Avoid unnecessary computations

Fix **A** and **D**, many chains result in the same integer

- Only double the last element

$$A_{3,0}, D_0, D_0, D_0 \rightarrow (3, 2, 2, 2, 1) \quad \text{vs} \quad A_{1,0}, D_0 \rightarrow (3, 2, 1)$$

- Only add or subtract to the last integer in the sequence

**(Brauer chains or star addition chains)**

This avoids computing the addition of two previous values without using this result

# Addition chains with restrictions

## Reduce the number of duplicates

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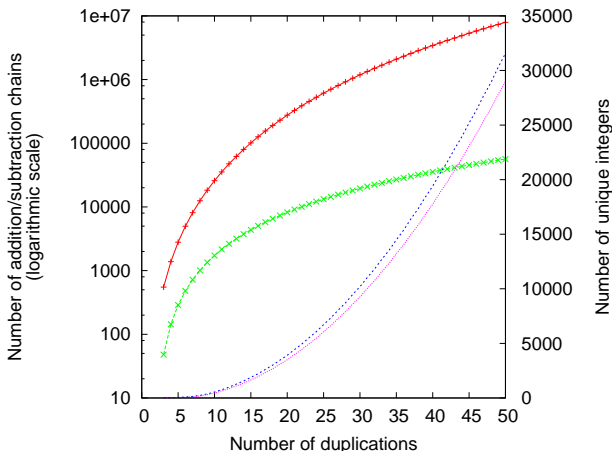
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Given **A** EC-additions and **D** EC-duplications this approach generates

$$\binom{\mathbf{D} - 1}{\mathbf{A} - 1} \cdot \mathbf{A}! \cdot 2^{\mathbf{A}} \text{ integers}$$

# #Integers: $A=3$ and $3 \leq D \leq 50$ duplications



## Brauer chains vs Restricted chains ( $A = 3, D = 50$ )

$140 \cdot \# \text{Restricted chain} \approx \# \text{Brauer chain}$

$1.09 \cdot \text{uniq}(\# \text{Restricted chains}) \approx \text{uniq}(\# \text{Brauer chains})$

# Technical Details

	No-storage	Low-Storage
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## Combining the smooth-integers

- Greedy approach (use good  $\mathbf{D}/\mathbf{A}$  ratios first)
- Selection process is randomized
- Score according to the size of the prime divisors
- Left-overs are done using brute-force

All technical details in our paper!

## $2.9 \cdot 10^9$ -smoothness testing

No-storage setting			Low-storage setting		
A	D	#ST	A	D	#ST
1	5 – 200	$3.920 \cdot 10^2$	1	5 – 250	$4.920 \cdot 10^2$
2	10 – 200	$7.946 \cdot 10^4$	2	10 – 250	$2.487 \cdot 10^5$
3	15 – 200	$1.050 \cdot 10^7$	3	15 – 250	$1.235 \cdot 10^8$
4	20 – 200	$1.035 \cdot 10^9$	4	20 – 250	$6.101 \cdot 10^{10}$
5	25 – 200	$8.114 \cdot 10^{10}$	5	25 – 158	$2.956 \cdot 10^{12}$
			<b>5</b>	<b>159 – 220</b>	<b><math>1.331 \cdot 10^{11}</math></b>
6	30 – 173	$2.183 \cdot 10^{12}$	<b>6</b>	<b>60 – 176</b>	<b><math>2.513 \cdot 10^{11}</math></b>
7	35 – 84	$5.791 \cdot 10^{11}$			
Total		$2.844 \cdot 10^{12}$			$3.403 \cdot 10^{12}$

$2.9 \cdot 10^9$ -smoothness tests on our mini-cluster using 4.5 GB memory  
( $5 \times 8$  Intel Xeon CPU E5430 2.66GHz)  
Results obtained in  $\approx 18$  months



# Example $B_1 = 256$ , No-Storage

#D	#A	product	addition chain
11	1	$89 \cdot 23$	$S_0 D^{11}$
14	2	$197 \cdot 83$	$S_0 D^5 S_0 D^9$
15	2	$193 \cdot 191$	$S_0 D^{12} A_0 D^3$
15	2	$199 \cdot 19 \cdot 13$	$A_0 D^{14} A_0 D^1$
18	1	$109 \cdot 37 \cdot 13 \cdot 5$	$A_0 D^{18}$
19	2	$157 \cdot 53 \cdot 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$	$S_0 D^6 S_0 D^{13}$
21	3	$223 \cdot 137 \cdot 103$	$A_0 D^{10} A_0 D^{10} A_0 D^1$
23	3	$179 \cdot 149 \cdot 61 \cdot 5$	$S_0 D^{13} A_0 D^5 S_0 D^5$
28	1	$127 \cdot 113 \cdot 43 \cdot 29 \cdot 5 \cdot 3$	$S_0 D^{28}$
30	3	$181 \cdot 173 \cdot 167 \cdot 11 \cdot 7 \cdot 3$	$A_0 D^{11} A_0 D^{16} A_0 D^3$
33	5	$211 \cdot 73 \cdot 67 \cdot 59 \cdot 47 \cdot 3$	$S_0 D^6 A_0 D^2 A_0 D^{11} S_0 D^3 S_0 D^{11}$
36	4	$241 \cdot 131 \cdot 101 \cdot 79 \cdot 31 \cdot 11$	$A_0 D^2 A_0 D^{16} A_0 D^{16} A_0 D^2$
41	4	$233 \cdot 229 \cdot 163 \cdot 139 \cdot 107 \cdot 17$	$S_0 D^9 S_0 D^4 S_0 D^{11} S_0 D^{17}$
49	5	$251 \cdot 239 \cdot 227 \cdot 151 \cdot 97 \cdot 71 \cdot 41$	$S_0 D^3 S_0 D^{29} A_0 D^4 A_0 D^8 A_0 D^5$
8	0	$2^8$	$D^8$
361	38	<b>Total</b>	

# Speedup

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We expect a higher speedup in practice!

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# Conclusions

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- Speedup elliptic curve scalar multiplication with constants
- Very suitable for parallel architectures
- Can also be used to speed up cryptographic protocols where the scalar is fixed

## Compared to the state-of-the-art in cofactorization

- Reduces the memory up to a factor 56
- On GPUs → more than a two-fold performance speedup
- New (GPU) Edwards-ECM throughput records

Get the latest addition-chains from:

<http://research.microsoft.com/ecmatwork>