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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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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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- 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_ℓ

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

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

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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	$2.956 \cdot 10^{12}$
			5	159 – 220	$1.331 \cdot 10^{11}$
6	30 – 173	$2.183 \cdot 10^{12}$	6	60 – 176	$2.513 \cdot 10^{11}$
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
(5×8 Intel Xeon CPU E5430 2.66GHz)
Results obtained in ≈ 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	Total	

Speedup

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Low-storage	2 831	1.09	22	1.73
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Conclusions

- Methods to precompute “good” addition chains
- 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>