

# Calcul d'indice et courbes algébriques : de meilleures récoltes

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## Today:

Discrete Logarithm Problem  
over curves



### Index-calculus

New results on **harvesting**



**A sieving approach**  
for “smooth harvesting”

- for **all curves**
- improve a general method

**Complexity improvements**  
for “decomposition harvesting”

- hyperelliptic curves over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ ,  $q = 2^k$
- new practical computations

- 1 Discrete Logarithm Problem over curves
  - DLP, Index Calculus
  - “Curves as groups”
- 2 Smooth harvesting and new results
- 3 Decomposition harvesting and new results
- 4 Impact of improvements

# Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP)

Let  $g, h = [x] \cdot g \in (G, +)$ , with  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Compute  $x$ .

Is this a hard problem ?

Classic

- Generic group: **yes**
- For some groups: **no**
- Cryptography: “**yes**”

Quantum

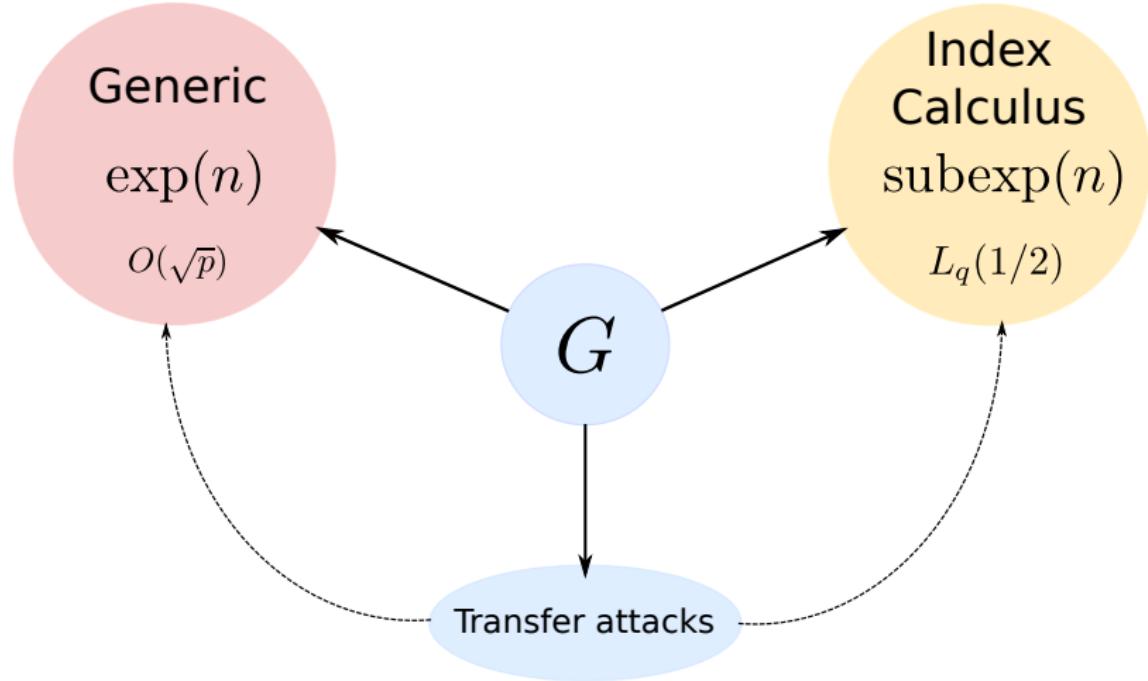
“**NO**”

Today's groups:

**Class groups of algebraic curves**  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(\mathcal{C})$   
(and elliptic curves)

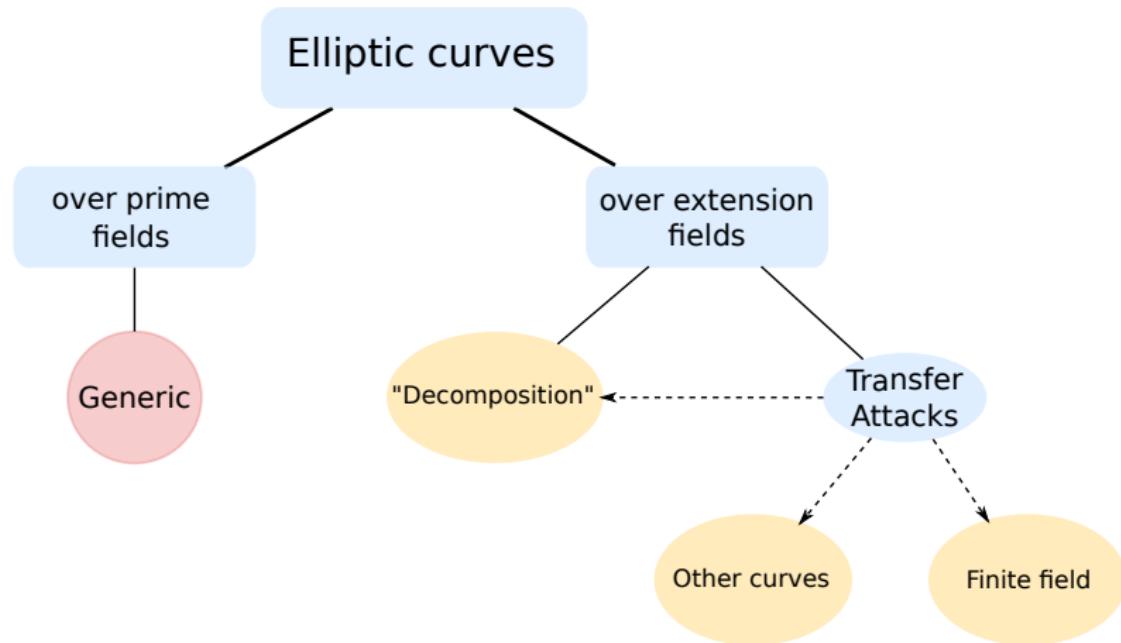
# Hardness of Curve-DLP

$$\#G \sim p \text{ prime}; n = \log_2 p$$



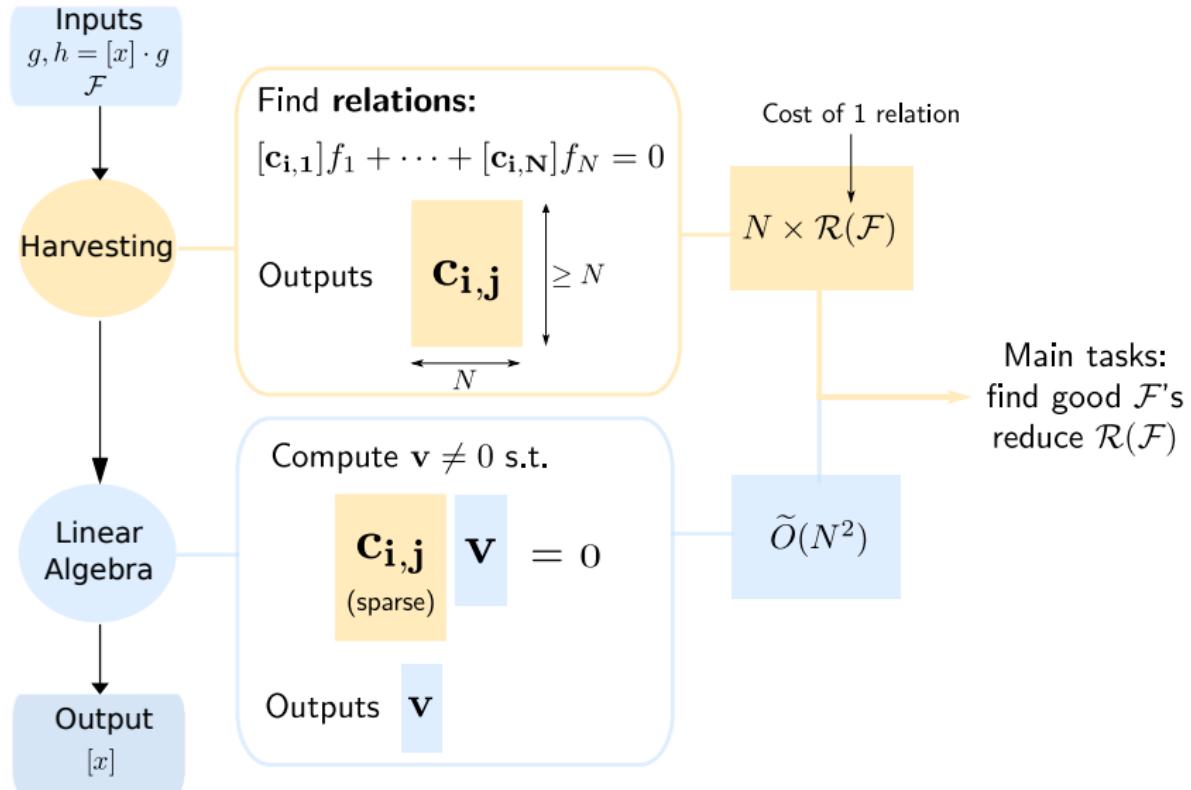
# Situation for elliptic curves

For cryptography: **elliptic curves (genus g = 1)**



# Index-Calculus

Preprocessing: select **factor base**  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_N\} \subset G$ .



A good  $\mathcal{F}$  must be:

- easy to enumerate
- not too big, not too small
- a set of “**small**” elements



There are standard choices.

New choices: **open problem**

**Today's target:** harvesting in Index-Calculus for curves

Motivations:

Algorithmic  
Number Theory

Computational  
Algebraic Geometry

Cryptography

Compute discrete logs in abelian varieties.  
How efficient can we be?

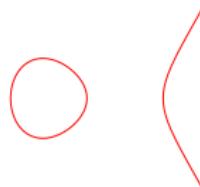
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# Algebraic curves

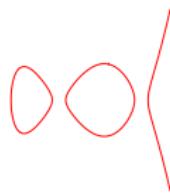
Algebraic curve of **genus**  $g$  over a field  $K$ :

$$\mathcal{C} : P(x, y) = 0, \text{ for some } P \in K[X, Y].$$

$g = 1$ : elliptic:  $Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B,$   
 $A, B \in K$



$g = 2$ : hyperelliptic:  $Y^2 + h_1(X)Y = X^5 + \dots$   
 $h_1 \in K[X], \deg h_1 \leq 2$



$g \geq 3$ : hyperelliptic:  $Y^2 + h_1(X)Y = X^{2g+1} + \dots$   
 $h_1 \in K[X], \deg h_1 \leq g$

Non-hyperelliptic (all the rest).

# Class group and its arithmetic

Example:  $g = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  elliptic curve

Line through  $P_1, P_2$ :  $f(x, y) = 0$

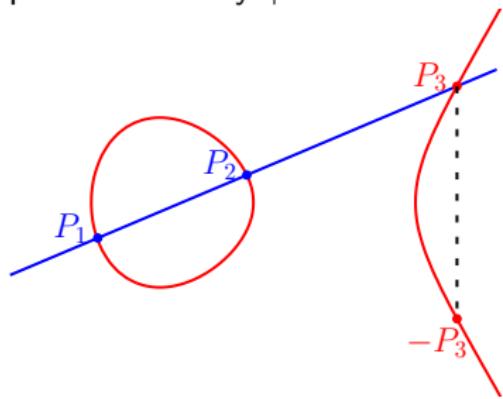
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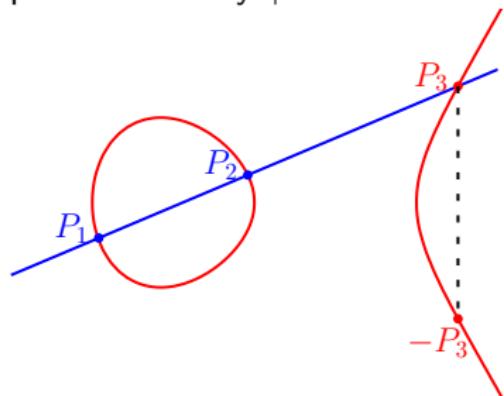
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Curve  $\mathcal{C}$ , “class group”  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$ .

It is a quotient group.

Its elements are “reduced divisors”.

A reduced divisor is a **formal sum**:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^k P_i - k\mathcal{O},$$

for some  $P_1, \dots, P_k \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $k \leq g$ .

Another example:  $g = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  **hyperelliptic**

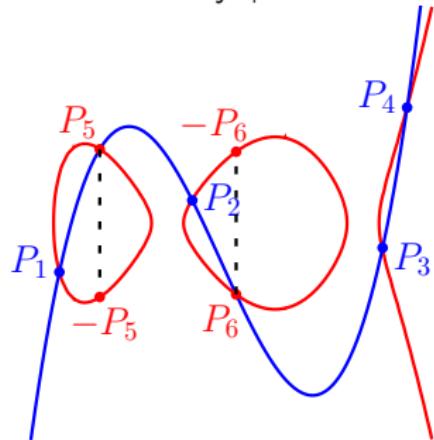
Cubic through  $P_1, \dots, P_4$ :  $f(x, y) = 0$

$\ln \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{H}) : P_1 + \dots + P_6 - 6\mathcal{O} = 0$

Addition:

$$\underbrace{(P_1 + P_2 - 2\mathcal{O})}_{D_1} + \underbrace{(P_3 + P_4 - 2\mathcal{O})}_{D_2} \sim \underbrace{[-P_5] + [-P_6] - 2\mathcal{O}}_{D_3}$$

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2 Smooth harvesting and new results

- The main idea
- New approach: harvesting by sieving
- Timings

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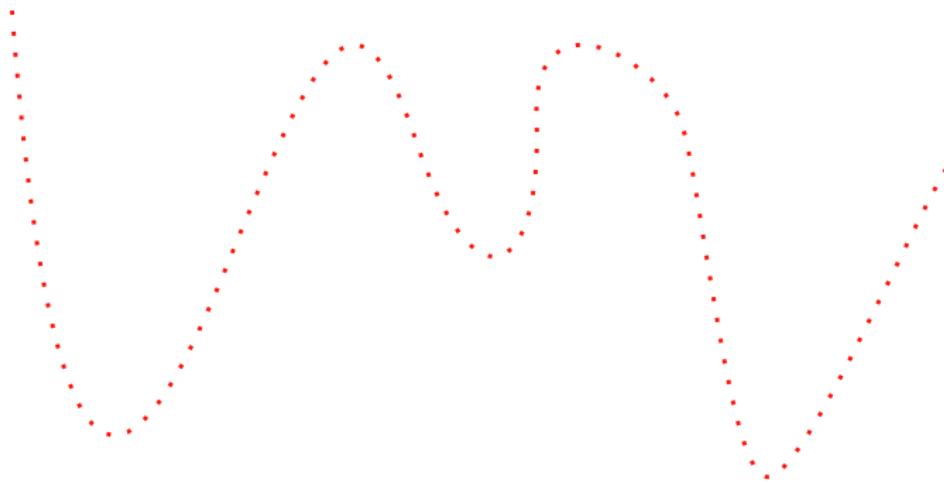
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In example:  $\deg C = 6$

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**Preprocessing:** enumerate  $\mathcal{F}$ .



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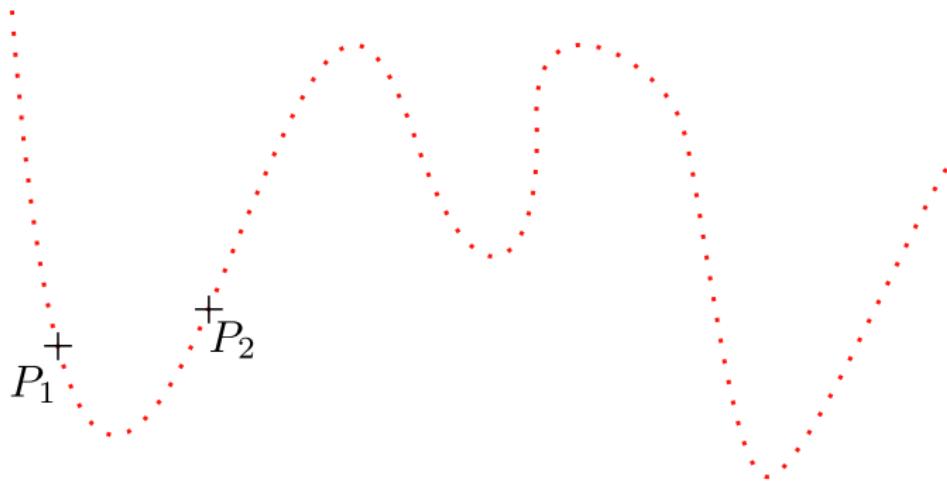
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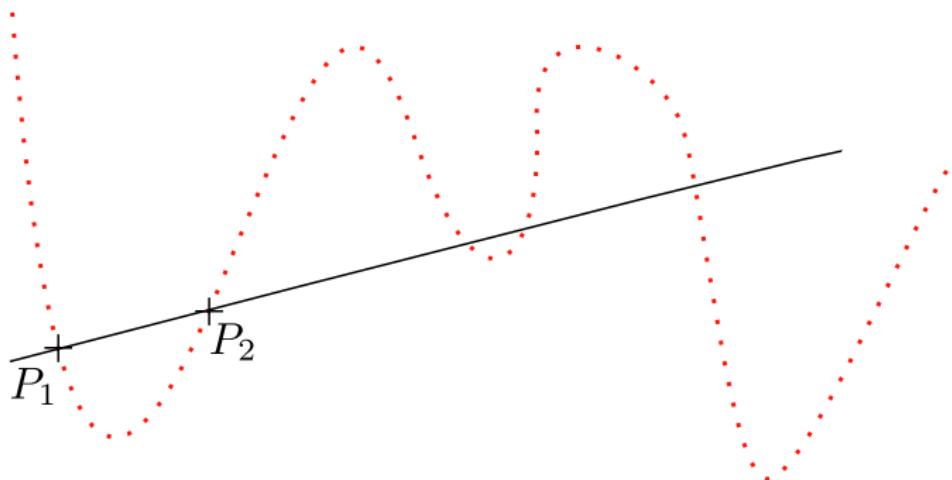
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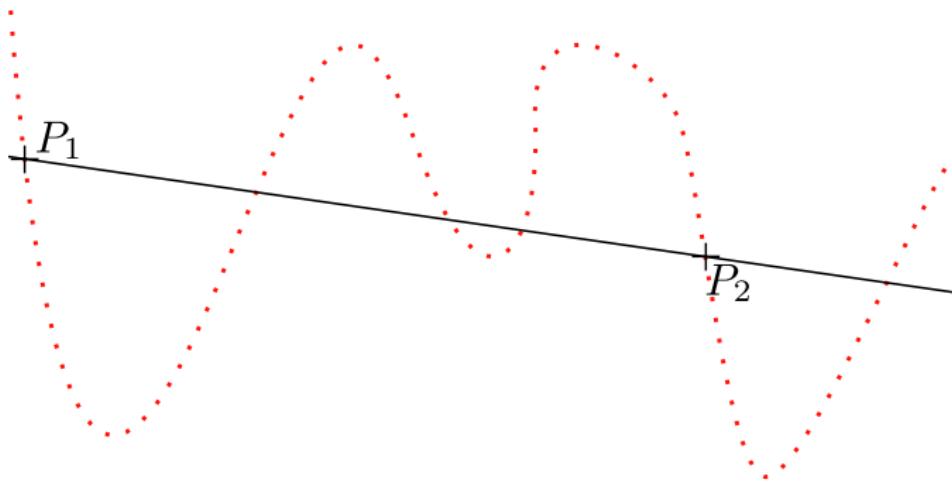
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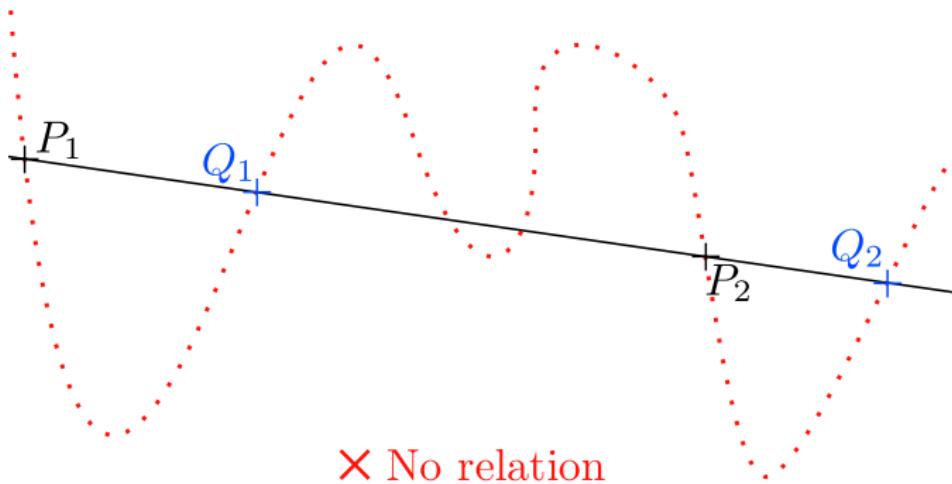
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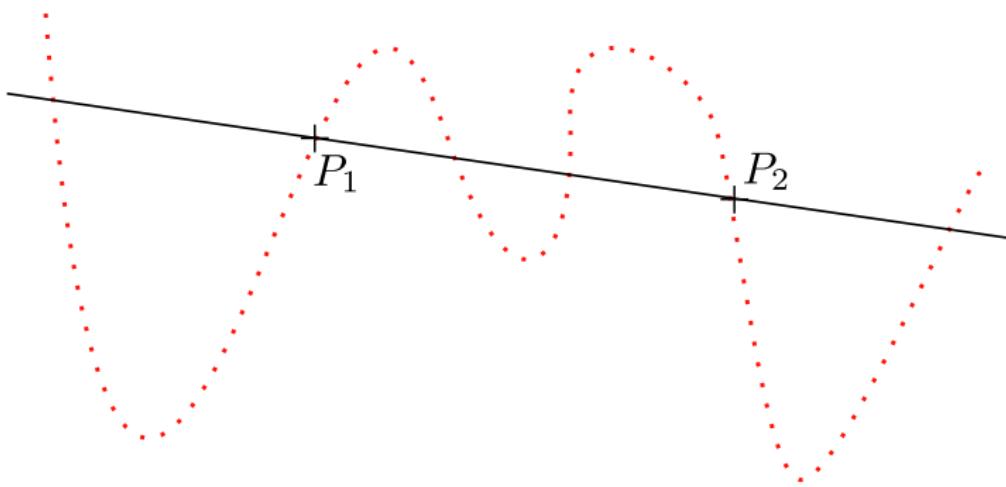
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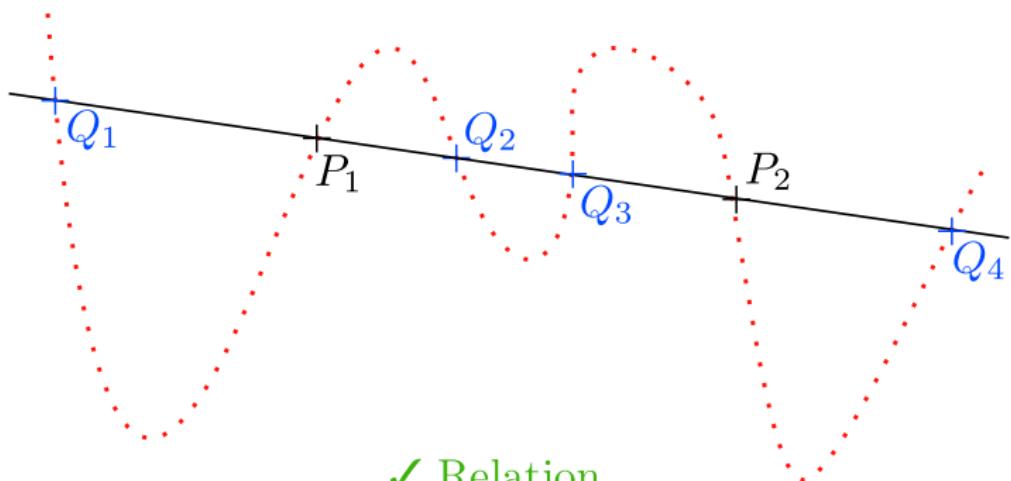
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# Cost of smooth harvesting

**Input:**  $C(X, Y)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[X, Y]$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  rational points

**Output:** A relation.

Cost analysis:  
 $\deg C = \mathbf{g} + 1$

A) Do:

- 1- Select  $P_1, P_2 \in \mathcal{F}$  at random.
- 2- Compute their line  $Y = \lambda X + \mu$ .
- 3- Compute  $F(X) = \frac{C(X, \lambda X + \mu)}{(X - x_1)(X - x_2)}$ .
- 4- Compute roots  $x_i$ 's of  $F$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

—  
1 inversion, 3 multiplications

evaluation

$\sim \mathbf{g}^2 \log q$

Success probability:  $\frac{1}{(\mathbf{g}-1)!}$

$\sim 2\mathbf{g}$  multiplications

B)  $y_i \leftarrow \lambda x_i + \mu$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \mathbf{g} - 1$ .

C) Output  $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{\mathbf{g}-1}, y_{\mathbf{g}-1})\}$ .

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$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) \sim (\mathbf{g} - 1)! \mathbf{g}^2 \log q$$

# A sieving approach to harvesting

	No sieve	Sieve
Theory	Hope to find good lines	Parametrize lines, keep only the good ones
Practice	Root finding at random	VS <b>Store</b> results of cheap computations

Existing approach [SS'14]: restricted to hyperelliptic, rely on sort, backtracking

## Our result:

V.Vitse, A.W., *Improved sieving on algebraic curves*, LatinCrypt 2015

- all curve types, adaptable to “balanced” variants
- VS [SS'14]: skip computations, better memory efficiency, no sorting.

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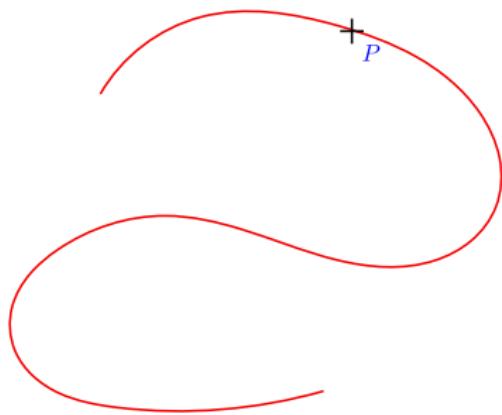
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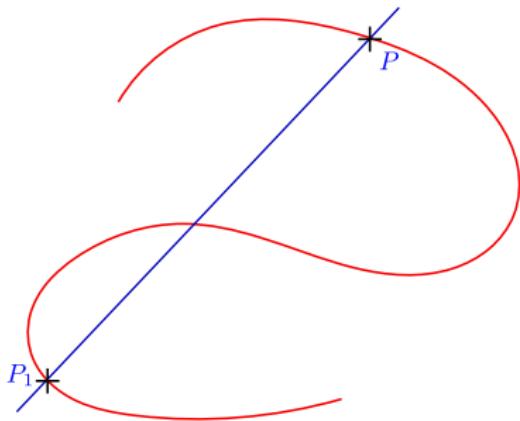
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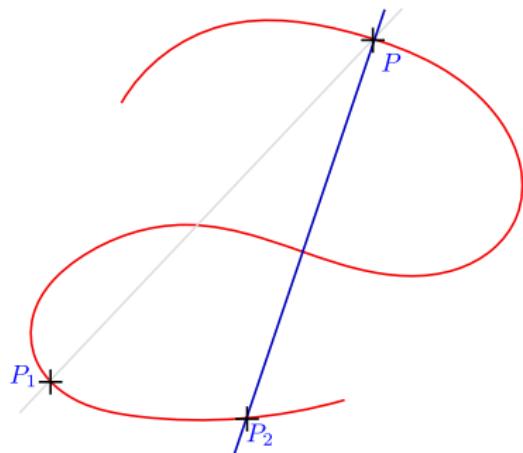
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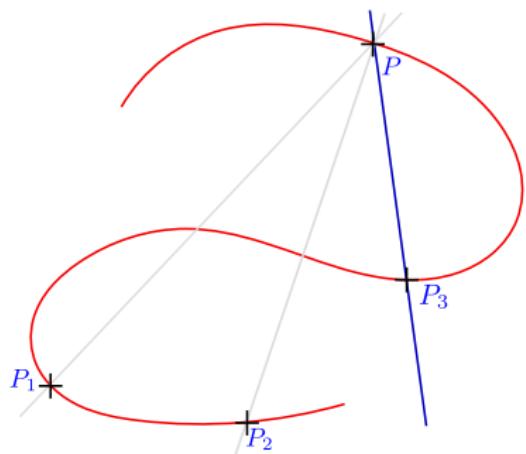
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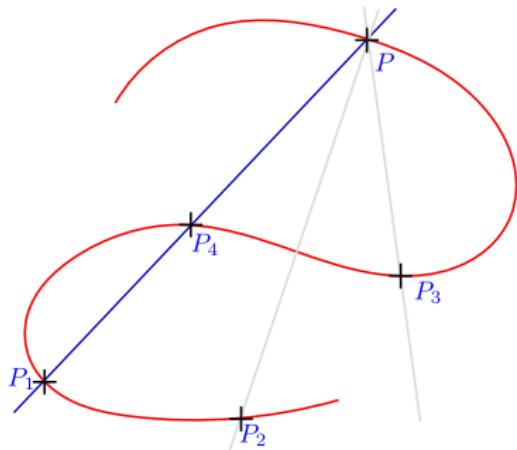
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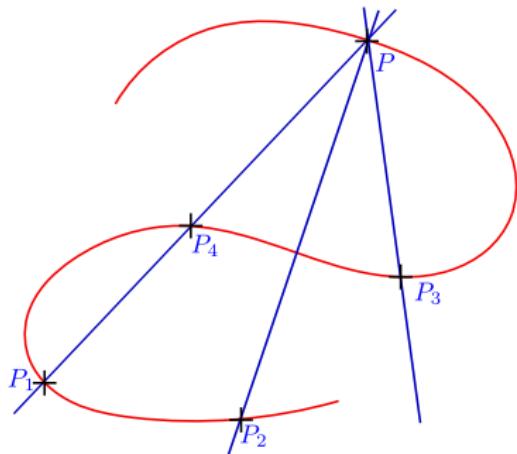
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When  $T[\lambda_i] = g$  : **relation**



# Analysis

For one loop:

- $O(q)$  multiplications +  $O(q)$  storage.
- Expect  $\approx \frac{q}{g!}$  relations.

$\Rightarrow$

Harvesting in  $\approx g!q$ .

Previous approach:  $\approx (g - 1)!q(g^2 \log q)$

$\Rightarrow$

Speed-up  $\approx g \log q$ .

Relations management:

$\Rightarrow$

No duplicate relations.

Loop on  $P$  uses all lines through  $P$ .

**Sieving = time/memory trade-off.**

# Timings

$q$		78137	177167	823547	1594331
Genus 3, degree 4	Diem	11.5	27.5	135.1	266.1
	Sieving	3.6	9.3	46.9	94.6
	Ratio	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Genus 4, degree 5	Diem	51.8	122.4	595.8	1174
	Sieving	15.5	40.1	195.1	387.6
	Ratio	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3</b>
Genus 5, degree 6	Diem	229.4	535.8	2581	5062
	Sieving	75.6	199	969.3	1909
	Ratio	<b>3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Genus 7, degree 7	Diem	1382	3173	14990	29280
	Sieving	458.5	1199	5859	11510
	Ratio	<b>3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

Implementation in Magma; CPU Intel<sup>©</sup> Core i5@2.00Ghz processor.  
Time to collect 10000 relations, expressed in seconds.

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- Extension fields and restriction of scalars
- Polynomial System Solving
- New results for binary hyperelliptic curves

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## Factor bases over an extension field

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a curve of genus  $g$ , with defining equation in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}[X, Y]$ .

$$\mathbb{F}_{q^n} = \mathbb{F}_q + \mathbb{F}_q \cdot t + \cdots + \mathbb{F}_q \cdot t^{n-1}$$

**“Small elements”**: points with coordinates in a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ .

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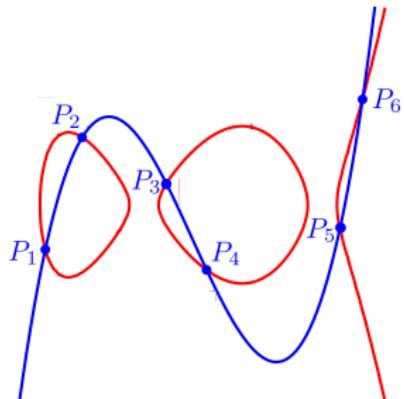
**Want:**  $P_1 + \cdots + P_m = 0$ , with  $D_i \in \mathcal{F}$

meaning: find curve  $f$  s.t.  $f(x_i, y_i) = 0$

Fix  $m$ : good  $f$ 's  $\in$  space of dim  $= m - g = d$ .

$a_1, \dots, a_d$ : symbolic coordinates.

**Goal:** find values for  $a_i$ 's s.t.  $f$  is good.

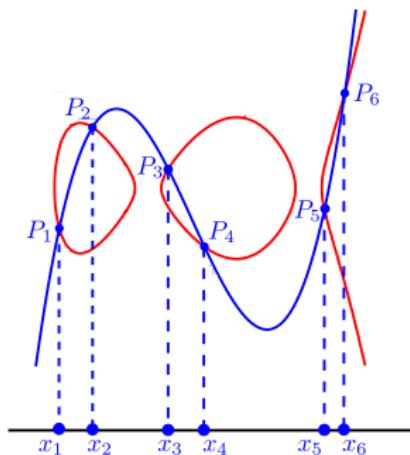


# “Projection” of a relation

$(x, y) \in \mathcal{F}$  iff  $x \in \mathbb{F}_q \Rightarrow$  “project” on  $x$ -line to restrict coordinate space.

$R(x) :=$  Symbolic resultant (in  $y$ ) of  $f(x, y)$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ 's equation.

- $R(x) = x^m + \sum_{j < m} \underbrace{R_j(a_1, \dots, a_d)}_{\in \mathbb{F}_{q^n}[a_1, \dots, a_d]} \cdot x^j,$
- Property:  $R(\textcolor{blue}{x_i}) = 0$ .
- All  $\textcolor{blue}{x_i}$ 's  $\in \mathbb{F}_q$  implies all  $R_j(a_1, \dots, a_d)$ 's  $\in \mathbb{F}_{\textcolor{blue}{q}}$ .



# Restriction of scalars<sup>1</sup>

The base field is  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n} = \mathbb{F}_q + \mathbb{F}_q \cdot \mathbf{t} + \cdots + \mathbb{F}_q \cdot \mathbf{t}^{n-1}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & R_j(a_1, \dots, a_d) & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ \forall \text{ coeff } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{q^n}: & & \text{New variables:} \\ \lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{t} + \cdots + \lambda_n \mathbf{t}^{n-1} & & a_i = a_{i1} + a_{i2} \mathbf{t} + \cdots + a_{in} \mathbf{t}^{n-1} \\ \searrow & & \swarrow \\ & R_{j1}(\mathbf{a}) + R_{j2}(\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{t} + \cdots + R_{jn}(\mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{t}^{n-1} & \end{array}$$

$$R_j(a_1, \dots, a_d) \in \mathbb{F}_q \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} R_{j2}(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ R_{jn}(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{polynomial system} \\ \text{over } \mathbb{F}_q. \end{matrix}$$

<sup>1</sup>[Gaudry'09, Nagao'10, Diem'11]

# Gröbner bases and relation cost

Original System

$\xrightarrow[\text{algo}]{\text{F4 or F5}}$

Degree order

$\xrightarrow[\text{algo}]{\text{FGLM}}$

Lex order

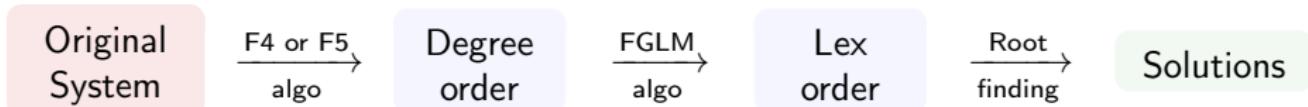
$\xrightarrow[\text{finding}]{\text{Root}}$

Solutions

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Cost analysis if  $\mathcal{C}$  hyperelliptic

Main parameter:  $\Delta$  #**solutions** (in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_{q^n}}$ )

$$\Delta = 2^{n(n-1)g}$$

Above process runs in  $\tilde{O}(\Delta^\omega)$

Relations when solutions are in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Success probability:  $\frac{1}{(ng)!}$

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$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) \sim (ng)! \cdot 2^{\omega n(n-1)g}$$

# Reducing the number of solutions

$\Delta = 2^{n(n-1)g}$  is quickly huge.

Can be reduced by **exploiting structural properties** (e.g. symmetries)  
before running algorithms.

Examples:

- $$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = a \\ x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 = b \\ x_1x_2x_3 = c \end{cases}$$

6 solutions.

$\xrightarrow{\text{using symmetries}}$

$$\begin{cases} e_1 = a \\ e_2 = b \\ e_3 = c \end{cases}$$

1 solution.

- $$\begin{cases} x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = a \\ x^2 + y - x - \sqrt{a} = b \end{cases}$$

4 solutions.

$\xrightarrow{\text{removing powers}}$

$$x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = (x - y)^2$$

$$\begin{cases} y = x + \sqrt{a} \\ x^2 = b \end{cases}$$

2 solutions.

# Situation

**Known reductions for elliptic curves ( $g = 1$ ):**

[FGHR'14, FHJRV'14, GG'14]

“Summation polynomials” and symmetries

## Our results:

J-C. Faugère, A.W., *The Point Decomposition Problem in Hyperelliptic Curves.*  
Designs, Codes and Cryptography [to be published]

- If  $q = 2^n$ , reduction of  $\Delta$  for **hyperelliptic** curves of all **genus g**.
- Practical harvesting on a meaningful curve ( $\#\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{H}) \sim 184$  bits prime).

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- Extension fields and restriction of scalars
- Polynomial System Solving
- New results for binary hyperelliptic curves

4 Impact of improvements

## Shape of the resultant

$\mathcal{H} : y^2 + h_1(x)y = h_0(x)$  hyperelliptic of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ , with  $q = 2^k$

Good  $f$ 's:

$$f(x, y) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{d_1} a_i x^i}_{p(x)} + y \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{d_2} a_{i+d_1+1} x^j}_{q(x)}$$

with  $\begin{cases} d_1 = \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor \\ d_2 = \lfloor \frac{m-2g-1}{2} \rfloor \end{cases}$

Then :

$$R(x) = p(x)^2 + q(x)^2 h_0(x) + p(x)q(x)h_1(x)$$

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Then :

$$\begin{array}{lll} R(x) & = & p(x)^2 + q(x)^2 h_0(x) \\ \deg = m & & \deg = m \\ & & \deg \leq \mathbf{m} \end{array}$$

Monomials  
in  $a_i$ 's:

$$a_i^2 \text{ only} \quad a_i a_j, i \neq j$$

In  $\text{Char} = 2$ , equations coming from the “head” of  $R$  can be **squares**.

# Results

$$h_1(x) = x^{\deg h_1} + \cdots + a_t x^t, \text{ where } 0 \leq t \leq \deg h_1 \leq \mathbf{g}.$$

## Number of squares in $R$ :

For  $\mathbf{L} = \deg h_1 - t$ ,  $R - x^m$  has  $\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{L}$  square coefficients.

## Corollary:

We can find  $(n - 1)(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{L})$  square equations in the systems.

Additional results:

- any system contains a subsystem of  $n - 1$  equations in  $n - 1$  variables.
- it is determined whp.: solve it before solving the remaining equations.

# Analysis of the new number of solutions

**Genericity assumption:** systems behave like regular systems of dimension 0 over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ .

Before:

- $\#\text{vars} = (n - 1)ng$
  - $\#\text{eqs} = (n - 1)ng$
  - Eqs have  $\deg = 2$
- $\Rightarrow \Delta = 2^{n(n-1)g}$

Now (after presolving):

- $(n - 1)(ng - 1)$  eqs and vars
  - $(n - 1)(g - L)$  linear eqs
  - remaining have  $\deg = 2$
- $\Rightarrow \Delta = 2^{(n-1)((n-1)g+L-1)}$

$$2^{(n-1)((n-1)g-1)} \leq \Delta \leq 2^{(n-1)(ng-1)}$$

**factor**       $2^{(n-1)(g+1)}$        $\geq \frac{\Delta}{2^{n-1}}$

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# Impact in experiments

Table: Average time<sup>2</sup> to find one relation.

Parameters:  $g = 2$ ,  $q = 2^{15}$ , curves with  $\mathbf{L} = 0$ .

$n$	Approach	# solutions	Time, one system	Time, one relation
3	classic	4096	$\sim 1500$ sec.	$\sim 12.5$ <b>days</b>
	ours	64	$\sim 0.029$ sec.	$\sim 21$ <b>seconds</b>
4	classic	$2^{24}$	—	—
	ours	$2^{15}$	$\sim 250$ hours	—

NB: Success probability =  $\frac{1}{(ng)!}$

<sup>2</sup>Computations with Magma 2.19

# Expected nops for meaningful parameters

- Parameters:  $\mathbf{g} = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{L} = 0$ ,  $q = 2^{31}$ ,  $n = 3$ . (NB: base field is  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{93}}$ ).
- $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\#\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C}) \sim p$  prime, with  $\log p = 184$  bits.

Table: Comparisons of possible algorithms

Algorithm	estimated nops	
$\rho$ -Pollard	$\sim 2^{92}$	
Index-calculus	Harvesting	Linear algebra
“Smooth”	$\sim 2^{93}$	$\sim 2^{93}$
Decomposition, old ( $\Delta = 2^{12}$ )	$\sim 2^{69.5}$	$\sim 2^{63}$
Decomposition, ours ( $\Delta = 2^6$ )	$\sim 2^{55}$	$\sim 2^{63}$

NB: Cost of harvesting  $\sim \#\mathcal{F} \times \Delta^\omega \times (ng)!$

$$\sim 2^{31} \times \Delta^{2.4} \times 2^{9.5}$$

# Practical comparisons

- With dedicated implementation<sup>3</sup>, we find 1 relation in **2.3 sec. in avg.**

**Table:** Comparison with a recent record computation

	#rels	harvesting	matrix size, density <sup>††</sup>	#linalg. <sup>†††</sup>	$\log p$
[KDL+'17] <sup>†</sup>	$\sim 2^{33}$	6 months	$2^{24}, 184$	$\sim 2^{56}$	768
our work	$\sim 2^{31}$	7 days	$2^{28}, 87$	$\sim 2^{63}$	184

†: [KDL+'17] *Computation of a 768 bits prime field discrete logarithm*, EuroCrypt 2017

††: Size after filtering. [KDL+'17] use a dedicated filtering.

†††: linear algebra is done modulo  $p$

<sup>3</sup>FGb and code gen., Sparse FGLM, NTL

# Perspectives and open problems

## Decomposition harvesting: (ongoing work)

- (A) Reductions for elliptic curves use “summation polynomials”.
  - analog notion for other curves?
  - [FW'17]: a possible approach, but limited efficiency. Improvements?
- (B) There are lots of “symmetries” (automorphisms) in higher genus class groups.
  - Can we exploit them?

## Open problems:

- (C) Is there any choice of factor base for elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?
- (D) New families of curves with subexponential Index-calculus?
- (E) Can we find better than Index-calculus?

**Thank you :)**