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Counting Points on Genus 2 Curves with Real Multiplication

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Abstract: We present an accelerated Schoof-type point-counting algorithm for curves of genus 2 equipped with an efficiently computable real multiplication endomorphism. Our new algorithm reduces the complexity of genus 2 point counting over a finite field GF(q) of large characteristic from $\log q$ to $\log q$ to $\log 1$ to $\log 2$ point couple a 256-bit prime-order Jacobian, suitable for cryptographic applications, and also the order of a 1024-bit Jacobian.

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