

# Primes of bad reduction of curves of genus 3 with CM

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# The result

## Theorem

Let  $C/M$  be a curve of **genus** 3 over a number field  $M$ . Suppose that the Jacobian  $\text{Jac}(C)$  has **complex multiplication (CM)** by an order  $\mathcal{O}$  inside a CM field  $K$  of degree 6 and that the CM type of  $C$  is **primitive**.

Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime of  $M$  lying over a rational prime  $p$  such that  $C$  does not have potential good reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

Then the following upper bound holds on  $p$ . For every  $\mu \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\mu^2$  totally real and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mu)$ , we have

$$p < \frac{1}{8} B^{10}$$

where  $B = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\mu^2)$ .

# The motivation

## Construction of CM-curves.

For constructing elliptic curves with CM by an order  $\mathcal{O}$  in an imaginary quadratic field we can use the complex multiplication method. That is, by numerically computing the Hilbert class polynomial

$$H_{\mathcal{O}}(x) = \prod_{E \text{ has CM by } \mathcal{O}} (x - j(E)) \in \mathbb{Z}[x].$$

For curves of genus 2 and higher, these polynomial have rational coefficients, so in order to imitate the method, we need to bound the coefficients.

This was done for the case of genus 2 by Goren-Lauter and Lauter-Viray.

## A corollary

A **hyperelliptic curve of genus 3** is a curve defined by an equation of the form

$$C : y^2 = f(x)$$

such that  $f$  is a separable polynomial of degree 8.

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A **Picard curve of genus 3** is a smooth plane curve of the form

$$C : y^3 = f(x)$$

such that  $f$  is a monic separable polynomial of degree 4.

We have the a set of absolute invariants  $j = u/\Delta^l$ . The discriminant  $\Delta$  has degree 12.

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*Let  $C/M$  be a hyperelliptic or Picard curve of genus 3 over a number field  $M$ . Suppose that  $C$  has CM by an order  $\mathcal{O}$  inside a CM field  $K$  of degree 6 and that the CM type of  $C$  is primitive. Let  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and let  $j = u/\Delta^l$  be a quotient of invariants of hyperelliptic (respectively Picard) curves, such that the numerator  $u$  has degree  $56l$  (respectively  $12l$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime over a prime number  $p$  such that  $\text{ord}_{\mathfrak{p}}(j(C)) < 0$ . Then*

$$p < \frac{1}{8}B^{10}$$

*where  $B$  is as in previous Theorem.*

## The proof: the idea

Let  $\mathfrak{p} \mid p$  be a prime such that  $C$  does not have potential good reduction modulo  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

Possibly after extending the base field again, we have

$$\bar{J} \cong E \times A$$

as principally polarized abelian varieties.

Let us write  $\text{End}(E) = \mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{R} \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .

There is an isogeny  $s : E^2 \rightarrow A$  ([BCLLMNO15]).

Then, there is a natural embedding

$$\iota : \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{\iota_0} \text{End}(E \times A) \xrightarrow{\iota_1} \text{End}(E^3) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \cong \mathcal{M}_3(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}_3(B_{p,\infty})$$

We will see that **if  $p$  is big enough such embedding cannot exist** and then  $p$  cannot be a prime of bad reduction.

## The proof: sketch

Let us write  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\mu^2)$  with  $\mu \in K_+$  a totally negative element such that  $K_+ = \mathbb{Q}(\mu)$ .

**Step 1** is to show that for sufficiently large primes  $p$ , the entries of  $\iota(\mu^2)$  lie in a field  $\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}$  of degree  $\leq 2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Step 2** is to show that in the situation of Step 1, the field  $\mathcal{B}_1$  embeds into  $K$  and the CM type is induced from  $\mathcal{B}_1$ , which contradicts primitivity of the CM type.

# The isogeny

Let  $\iota_0 : \mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow \text{End}(E \times A)$  be the injective ring homomorphism coming from reduction of  $J$  at  $\mathfrak{p}$  and write

$$\iota_0(\mu) =: \left( \begin{array}{c|c} x & y \\ \hline z & w \end{array} \right),$$

We define a homomorphism

$$s = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline z & wz \end{array} \right) : E \times E \longrightarrow A.$$

## Lemma

*The map  $s$  is an isogeny and it defines an embedding  $\iota : \mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_3(B_{p,\infty})$ .*



## Step 1

$$\begin{cases} \iota(-\mu) = \iota(\bar{\mu}) = \iota(\mu)^\dagger := \lambda \iota(\mu)^\vee \lambda^{-1} \\ \mu^6 + B\mu^4 + B'\mu^2 + B'' = 0 \end{cases} \implies \iota(\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} x & a & b \\ 1 & 0 & c/n \\ 0 & 1 & d/n \end{pmatrix},$$

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### Proposition

If  $p > \frac{1}{8}B^{10}$ , then the image  $\iota(\mathcal{O})$  is inside the ring of  $3 \times 3$  matrices over a field  $\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}$  of degree  $\leq 2$ .

## Step 2

Let  $\sqrt{-\delta} \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $p \nmid 2\delta$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  be the valuation ring of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and let  $\mathfrak{K} = \mathcal{O}_M/\mathfrak{p}$  be the residue field. Let  $\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$  be a Néron model for  $J/M$  and let  $\bar{J}/\mathfrak{K}$  be the special fibre of  $\mathcal{J}$ . Let  $\tilde{e} : \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$ ,  $e : \text{Spec}(M) \rightarrow J$  and  $e_0 : \text{Spec}(\mathfrak{K}) \rightarrow \bar{J}$  be the identity sections of  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $J$  and  $\bar{J}$  respectively.

### Lemma

*The  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -module  $T_{\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^{\tilde{e}}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}})$  is free of rank 3. Furthermore, there are natural isomorphisms*

$$T_{J/M}^e(M) \cong T_{\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^{\tilde{e}}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}} M$$

*and*

$$T_{\bar{J}/\mathfrak{K}}^{e_0}(\mathfrak{K}) \cong T_{\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}^{\tilde{e}}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}} \mathfrak{K}$$

*as vector spaces over  $M$  and  $\mathfrak{K}$  respectively. Moreover, these isomorphisms respect the action of  $T(f)$  for  $f \in \text{End}_M(J) = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}}}(\mathcal{J})$ .*

## Step 2

Since the CM type is primitive, there exists a matrix  $P$  such that

$$P\iota(\sqrt{-\delta})P^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-\delta} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{-\delta} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{-\delta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now since  $P\iota(\mu^2)P^{-1}$  commutes with it, it can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix},$$

which is a contradiction with  $\mu^2$  being a root of a degree 3 irreducible polynomial.

Thank you!