

# **Fast Scalar Multiplication on Elliptic Curves for Sensor Nodes**

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## Sensor Node

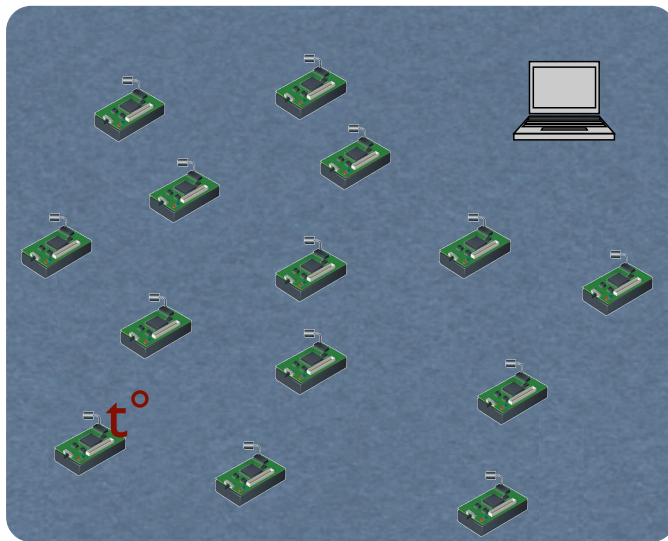
- Limited Computation Power (Microcontroller)
- Sensor
- Low Power Transmission
- Limited Memory (RAM, ROM)
- Low Energy (batteries)
- Example: Telosb
  - Processor MSP430 8MHz
  - RAM 10 Ko, ROM 48Ko
  - 802.15.4/ZigBee RF 2.4 to 2.4835GHz
  - Two AA batteries



## Wireless Sensor Networks

- Large Number of Sensor Nodes
- Wireless Communication
- Applications: Data Collection, Monitoring
- Example of Applications:


Time-driven Application



Event-driven Application



## Security Challenge in WSNs

- **Minimization of:**
    - Communication
    - Memory Storage
    - Computation
  - **Approaches**
    - Symmetric key cryptography
    - Public-key cryptography feasible with ECC for sensor
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## Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm

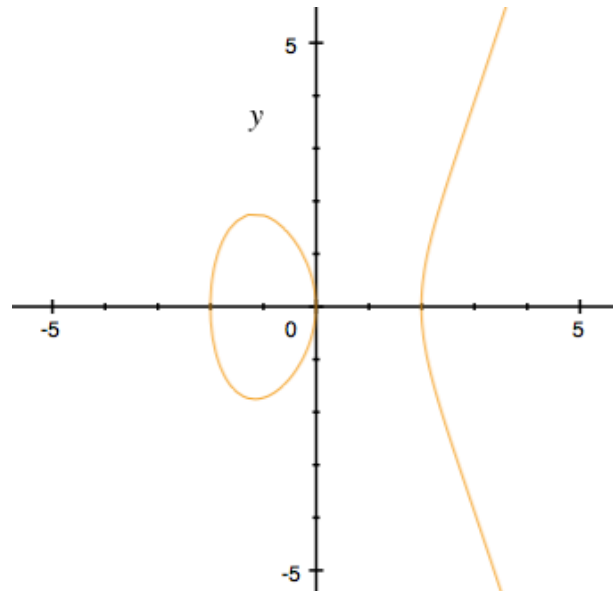
- **Integer Factorisation:  $N=pq$  (  $p, q, 2$  primes)**
  - RSA (1977)
  - Key Generation, Encryption/Decryption, Signature
- **Discrete Logarithm:  $y=g^x$  ( $y,g \geq 2$ , integers)**
  - Key Generation (Diffie-Hellman 1976),
  - Encryption/Decryption (ElGamal 1984),
  - Signature (DSA 1991 (NIST\*))
- **Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm:  $Q=dP$  ( $Q,P, 2$  points)**
  - Key Generation (Diffie-Hellman),
  - Encryption/Decryption (ElGamal),
  - Signature (ECDSA 1992 Scott Vanstone NIST\*)

## ECC Introduction (1)

- **Elliptic Curves: 1980 by Miller and Koblitz**
  - Fast Computation
  - Short Key
  - Same Security Level than RSA
- **ECC vs RSA**

	Security level	Signature	Key Generation
RSA (1F)	1024bits	315,9ms	319,4ms
ECC(EDL)	160bits	67,91ms	44,6ms
SKIPJACK	80bits		

## ECC Introduction (2)



$$y^2 = x^3 - 4x$$

### General Weierstrass Equation

$$E: y^2 = a_1xy + a_3y + x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$

### Weierstrass Equation: cryptography

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

- Defined in finite field  $F_q$ ;
- $q = p^m$ , with  $p$  prime;
- If  $m=1$ ,  $p \neq 2$  ou  $3$ ,  $F_q$  is a prime field;
- If  $q=2^m$ ,  $F_q$  is a binary field

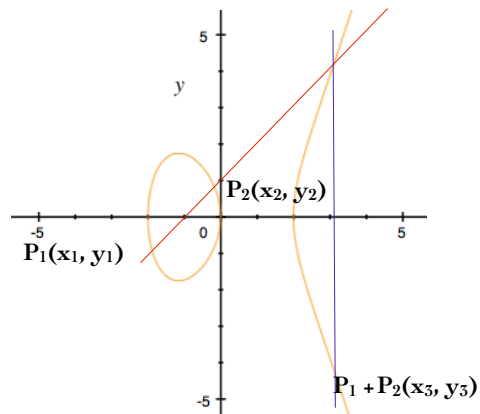


## ECC Introduction (3)

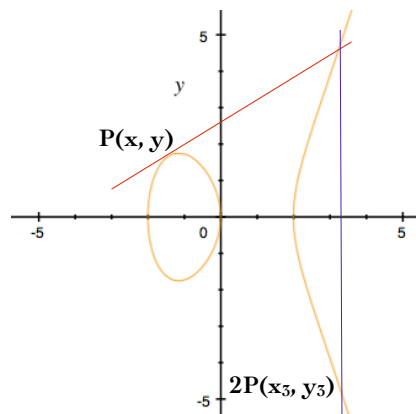
- **ECC on finite prime field  $F_p$** 
  - $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$ , avec  $\Delta = 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$
- **Abelian group  $(E(F_p), +)$** 
  - $(E(F_p), +) = \{(x, y) \in F_p \times F_p : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}\} \cup \{\infty\}$
  - Addition:  $P_1 + P_2 = P_3, P_3 \in E(F_p)$
  - Identity:  $\{\infty\}, P + \infty = P$
  - Inverse:  $P + (-P) = \infty$

## ECC Introduction (4)

### ● ECC Arithmetic Level



**Addition**



**Doubling**

### Finite Field Arithmetic

- Addition/subtraction, multiplication, squaring inversion in  $F_p$  (on coordinates)

### Points Arithmetic

#### ● Addition

- $x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2$ ,  $y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$
- $\lambda = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$

#### ● Doubling (Tripling, quadrupling etc...)

- $x_3 = \lambda^2 - 2x_1$ ,  $y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$
- $\lambda = 3x_1^2 + a / 2y_1$

### Scalar Arithmetic

- $kP$ , with  $k$  an integer number
- $kP = \underbrace{P + P + \dots + P}_k$

## Scalar Multiplication

- $Q=kP$ ,  $k$  large integer( minimum 160bits)
- The dominant Operation in ECC
  - Key Generation
  - Encryption / Decryption
- Costly Operation, for Embedded Devices

## Fast Scalar Multiplication Methods

### Classic Binary Algorithm is the Widely Used Techniques

- Double-and-Add Algorithm
- Non-Adjacent Form (NAF, wNAF)
- Sliding Windows Method
- etc..

### Example: Double-and-Add

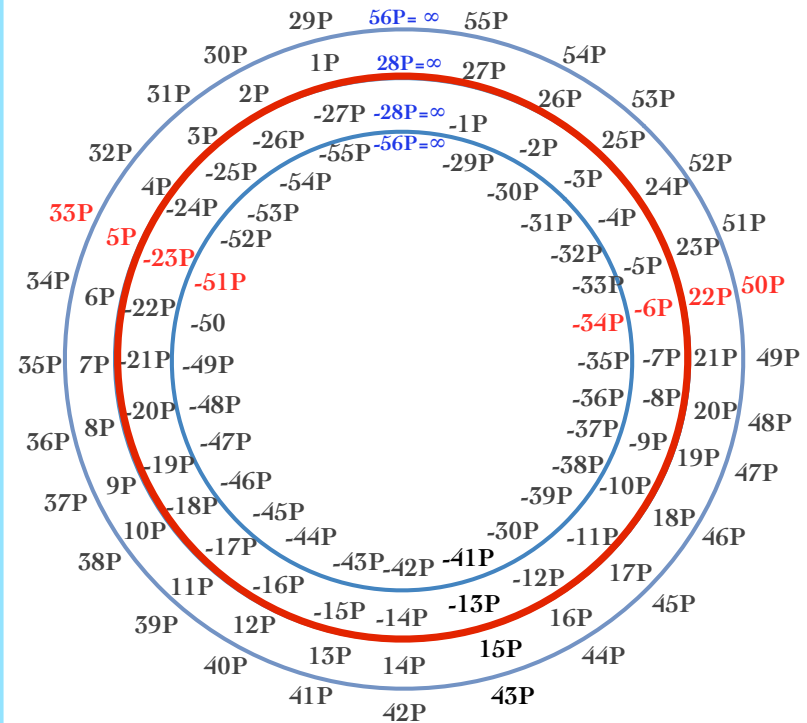
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Input  $k = (k_{l-1}, k_{l-2}, \dots, k_1, k_0)_2$ ,  
        $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$   
Output  $kP$   
Begin  
   $Q \leftarrow \infty$ ;  
  For  $i$  from 0 to  $l-1$  do  
    IF  $k_i = 1$  Then  
       $Q \leftarrow Q + P$ ;  
    EndIF  
     $P \leftarrow 2P$ ;  
  EndFor  
  Return ( $Q$ );  
End
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## Presentation (1)

### Based on Point Order and Point Inverse

- P Generator Point with Order n (order of P = #P = n)
  - $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  = Integer part function
- 1) If  $k > n$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = (k - \lfloor k/2 \rfloor \cdot n)$
  - 2) If  $k \in ]\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, n-1]$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = (k - n)$
  - 3) If  $k \in ]0, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = k$
  - 4) If  $k = n$  or  $-n$ ,  $kP = \infty$
  - 5) If  $k \in ]-(n-1), -\lfloor n/2 \rfloor[$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = (n+k)$
  - 6) If  $k \in ]-\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, 0[$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = k$
  - 7) If  $k < -n$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = k + n \cdot \lfloor |k|/2 \rfloor$

**Example: #P(0,1) = 28**  
 $E(\mathbb{F}_{23}): y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$

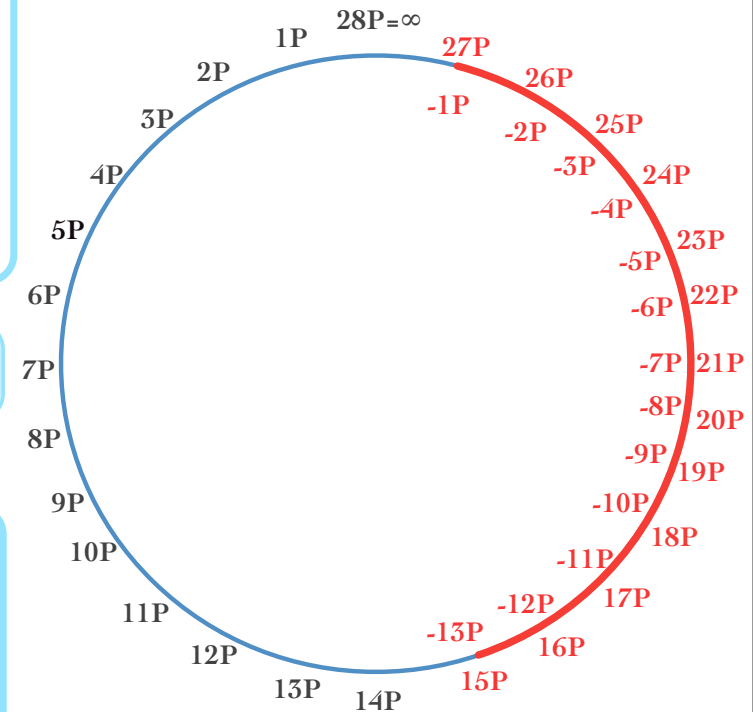


## Presentation (2)

- P Point with Order  $n$  ( $\#P=n$ )
- 2) If  $k \in ]\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, n-1]$ ,  $kP=dP$  where  $d=(k-n)$
- 3) If  $k \in ]0, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$ ,  $kP = dP$  where  $d = k$

**Example:  $E(\mathbb{F}_{23}): y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$**

- $P(0,1)$  Generator point, with  $\#P=28$
- $26P(6,4) \Leftrightarrow 2P(6,-4)$
- $27P(0,-1) \Leftrightarrow P(0,1)$  (almost free)



## Analytical Evaluation (1)

$$(1) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kP = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor P + \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} kP$$

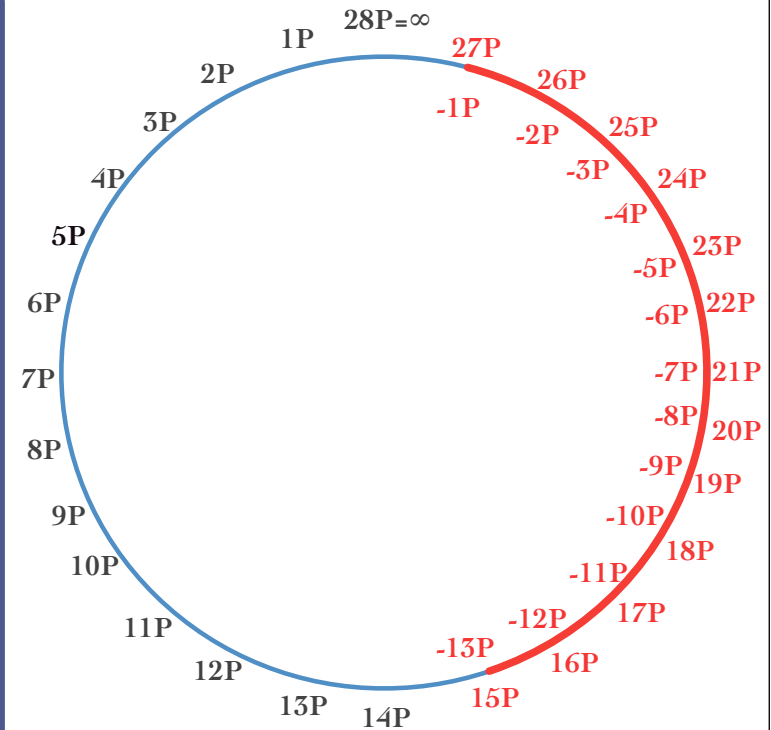
Where  $\sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} kP = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$

$$(2) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kP = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor P + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$$

Replaced  $\sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} kP$  by  $\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} |k|P$

$$(3) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kP = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP + \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} |k|P + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor P$$

$$(4) \text{Speed-up} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$$



## Analytical Evaluation (2)

▶ Speed-up for all  $k = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$

Speed-up for a given  $k = 2(k - (n/2))$

Example:  $22P = 6P \Rightarrow 2(22 - (28/2)) = 16P$

Because  $6P + 16P = 22P$

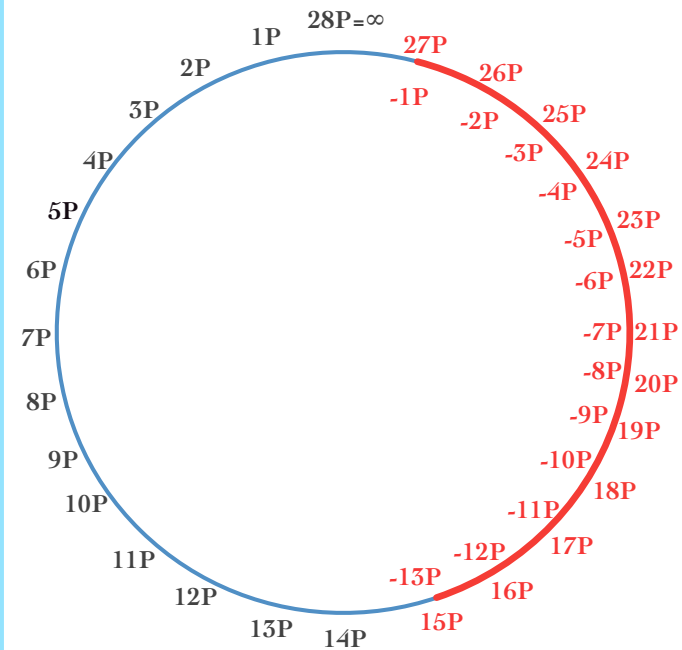
▶ Determined by the length bit of  $k$

•  $\log_2(k)$  if  $k = 2^x$ ,  $x$  integer

• Or  $\lfloor \log_2(k) \rfloor + 1$

$$\log_2\left(k - 2\left(k - \frac{n}{2}\right)\right) = \log_2(k) + \log_2\left(k + \frac{n - 2k}{k}\right)$$

$$\left|\log_2\left(k + \frac{n - 2k}{k}\right)\right| = \left|\log_2\left(\frac{|d|}{k}\right)\right| \quad \log_2\left(k + \frac{n - 2k}{k}\right) < 0$$





## Analytical Evaluation (3)

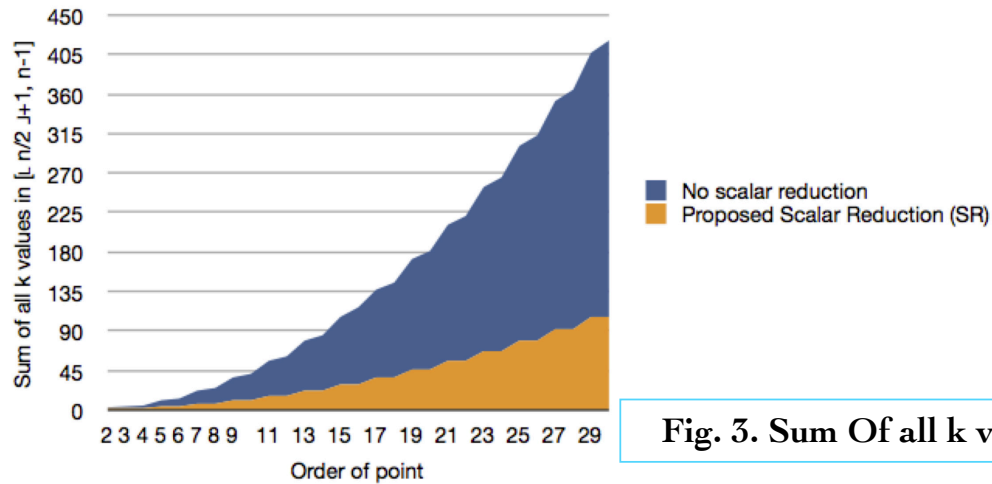


Fig. 3. Sum Of all k values function of order  $n$  in  $[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, n-1]$

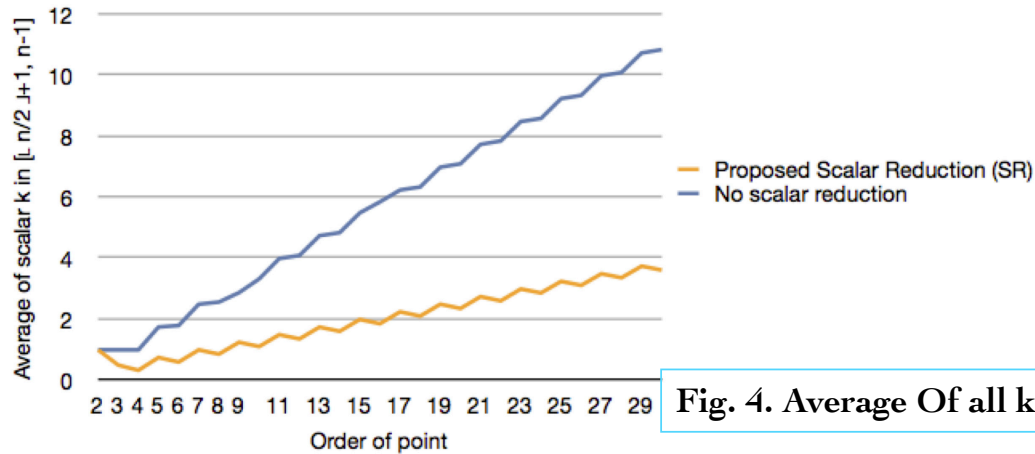


Fig. 4. Average Of all k values function of order  $n$  in  $[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, n-1]$

## Efficiency Analysis (1)

- If  $\log_2(n) = x$ , with  $x$  integer, speed-up in  $[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, n-1]$
- If  $\log_2(n) = x$ , with  $x$  not integer, speed-up in  $[2^{\lfloor \log_2 \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}, n-1]$
- If  $k = n-1$ , is the maximum speed-up is  $\log_2(n-1)$

Table 1. Speed-up  $S$  for some values of  $k$  for  $x$  integer

Values of $k$	$\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1$	$\geq (\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1)$	$(n-1)$
Speed-up(bits)	1	$1 < S < \log_2(k)$	$\log_2(k)$

Table 1. Speed-up  $S$  for some values of  $k$  for  $x$  not integer

Values of $k$	$2^{\lfloor \log_2 \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}$	$\geq 2^{\lfloor \log_2 \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}$	$(n-1)$
Speed-up(bits)	1	$1 < S < \log_2(k)$	$\log_2(k)$

## Efficiency Analysis (2) (by used even or odd order)

If the order  $n > 2$  is an even number:  $\sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} kP = 3 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$

If the order  $n \geq 3$  is an odd number:  $3 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP > \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} kP \geq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} kP$

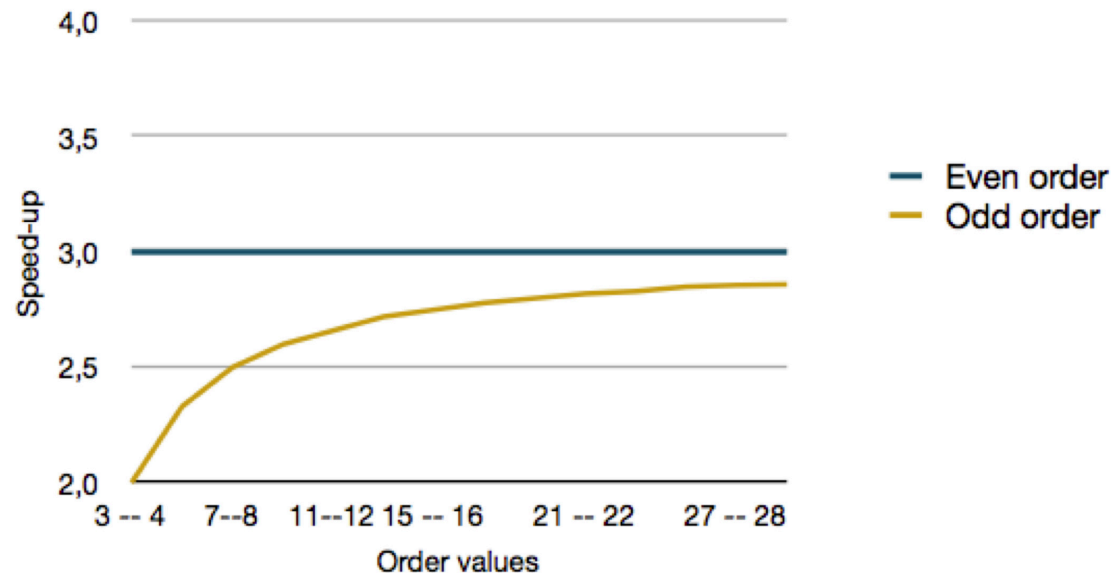


Fig. 5. Speed-up rate between even and odd order in  $[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, n-1]$

## Performance Evaluation

- Using NIST-192 recommended parameters
- Java simulateur on an Intel Core i5-2520 processor, taking into account the computing power difference between this processor and a MSP 430 MCU

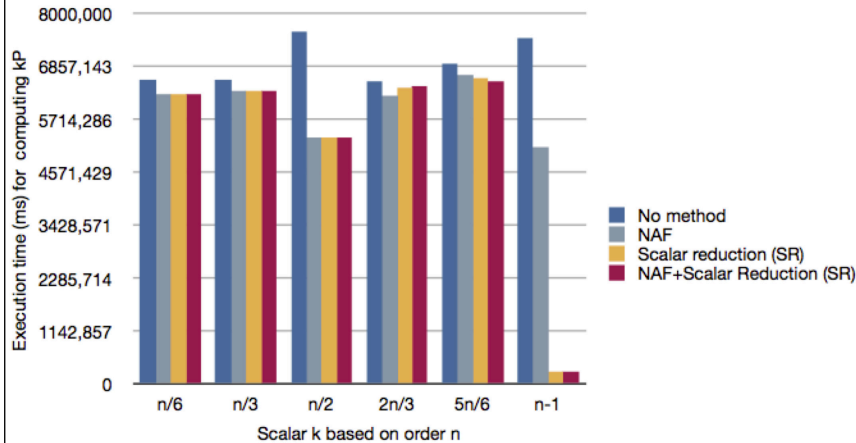


Fig.6. Running times (ms) using affine coordinates

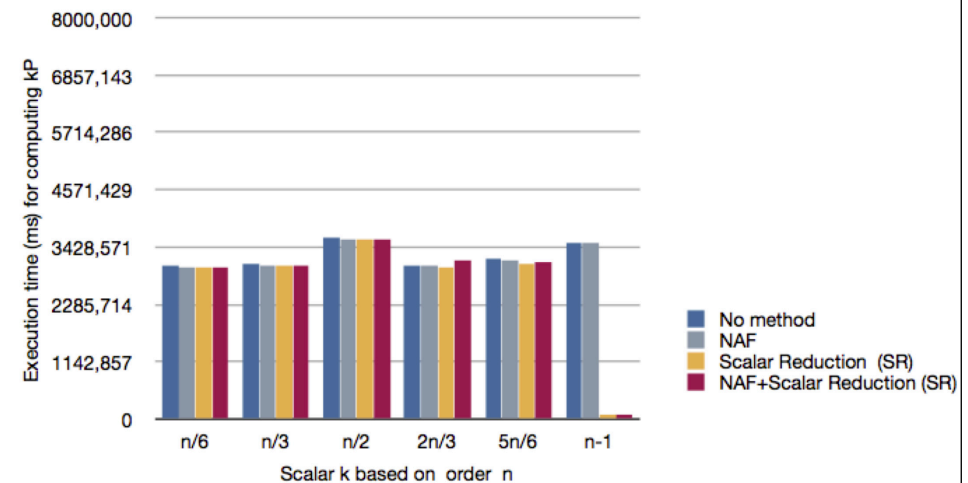


Fig.7. Running times (ms) using Jacobian coordinates

## Conclusion

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- The proposed mechanism significantly the computation time in the interval  $[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, n-1]$ .
- We show that the usage of even order is more efficient than odd order.
- It can be easily applied to almost all existing fast scalar multiplication methods

### Perspectives

- Experimenting our current technique on real sensor nodes with elliptic curves over finite prime fields.

**Thank You For Your Attention**

**Questions?**