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RÉSUMÉ. Soit  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  une courbe de genre 2 dont la jacobienne  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  a une multiplication réelle par un ordre quadratique dans lequel 7 se décompose. Nous décrivons un algorithme qui produit une tordue galoisienne de la quartique de Klein qui paramètrise les courbes elliptiques dont la représentation galoisienne modulo 7 est isomorphe à une sous-représentation de la représentation galoisienne modulo 7 associée à  $J/\mathbb{Q}$ . En appliquant cet algorithme aux courbes de genre 2 de petit conducteur dans les familles de Bending et Elkies–Kumar nous donnons des exemples de courbes de genre 2 dont les groupes de Tate–Shafarevich contiennent (inconditionellement) un élément non trivial d'ordre 7 visible dans une variété abélienne de dimension 3.

ABSTRACT. Let  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  be a genus 2 curve whose Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  has real multiplication by a quadratic order in which 7 splits. We describe an algorithm which outputs twists of the Klein quartic curve which parametrise elliptic curves whose mod 7 Galois representations are isomorphic to a sub-representation of the mod 7 Galois representation attached to  $J/\mathbb{Q}$ . Applying this algorithm to genus 2 curves of small conductor in families of Bending and Elkies–Kumar we exhibit a number of genus 2 Jacobians whose Tate–Shafarevich groups (unconditionally) contain a non-trivial element of order 7 which is visible in an abelian three-fold.

#### 1. Introduction

Let K be a number field and let A/K be an abelian variety. For each place v of K we denote the completion of K at v by  $K_v$ . We write  $G_K = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K}/K)$  for the absolute Galois group of K and write  $G_v = \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{K_v}/K_v)$ . The Tate—Shafarevich group of A/K is the group

$$\mathrm{III}(A/K) = \ker \left( H^1(G_K, A) \to \prod_v H^1(G_v, A) \right)$$

where v ranges over places of K. The non-trivial elements of the group  $\mathrm{III}(A/K)$  parametrise torsors for A/K which have  $K_v$ -rational points for

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every place v, but no K-points. In this article we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** If  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  is one of the genus 2 curves in Table 1.1, then the Jacobian  $J = \operatorname{Jac}(C)$  of C is absolutely simple (i.e., J is not isogenous over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  to a product of elliptic curves), has conductor at most  $(500\,000)^2$ , and the Tate-Shafarevich group  $\operatorname{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$ .

**Remark 2.** The genus 2 Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  of conductor  $3200^2$  in Table 1.1 was included in an appendix to [26] joint with Keller and Stoll where the strong Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture is also verified for J.

The group  $\mathrm{III}(A/K)$  is a torsion group and is conjectured to be finite. It is conjectured that for every prime number p>0 and each integer g>0 there exists an absolutely simple abelian variety (i.e., one which is not isogenous over  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$  to a product) of dimension g for which  $\mathrm{III}(A/\mathbb{Q})[p] \neq 0$ . Indeed, it is even conjectured that  $\mathrm{III}(A^d/\mathbb{Q})[p] \neq 0$  for a positive proportion of quadratic twists of a fixed abelian variety  $A/\mathbb{Q}$  (see e.g., [5, Conjecture 1.1]).

In spite of this, for general values of g and p, constructing an example of an absolutely simple g-dimensional abelian variety  $A/\mathbb{Q}$  with an p-torsion element contained in  $\mathrm{III}(A/\mathbb{Q})$  is an open problem. By allowing the dimension of A to increase with p, Shnidman and Weiss [40] construct examples of absolutely simple abelian varieties with  $\mathrm{III}(A/\mathbb{Q})[p] \neq 0$ . Flynn and Shnidman [21] extended this result to show  $\mathrm{III}(A/\mathbb{Q})[p]$  can be arbitrarily large.

When A has dimension 2, Bruin, Flynn, and Testa [7, 19] found examples of absolutely simple genus 2 Jacobians with 3 and 5-torsion in their Tate—Shafarevich groups. Their approach relies on (p,p)-descent. That is, for several explicit examples of genus 2 curves  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  they determined the  $\psi$ -Selmer groups of their Jacobians  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  where  $\psi$  is a (p,p)-isogeny (i.e., a polarised isogeny with kernel isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$ ) for each p=3,5.

However, performing a (p,p)-descent becomes computationally costly as p increases, due to the need to perform class and unit group calculations in (a subfield of) the field  $\mathbb{Q}(J[\psi])$ . Our approach is to instead leverage visibility (see e.g., [1, 2, 10, 18]) to construct absolutely simple genus 2 Jacobians such that  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})[7] \neq 0$ .

Let K be a number field and let A/K and A'/K be abelian varieties equipped with isogenies  $\psi \colon A \to B$  and  $\psi' \colon A' \to B'$ .

**Definition 3.** We say that A/K and A'/K are  $(\psi, \psi')$ -congruent if there exists a  $G_K$ -equivariant group isomorphism  $\phi \colon A[\psi] \to A'[\psi']$ . We say that  $\phi$  is a  $(\psi, \psi')$ -congruence.

TABLE 1.1. Examples of genus 2 curves  $C \colon y^2 = f(x)$  whose Jacobians  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  have conductor  $N_J < (500\,000)^2$ , and such that  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$  (we do not claim, nor expect, this list to be complete). The Jacobians have real multiplication by the quadratic order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  of discriminant D and the subgroup of  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  is made visible by a  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruence between  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  where  $\mathfrak{p}$  divides 7 in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ . We write N\* for an elliptic curve of conductor N which does not appear in the LMFDB (i.e., if  $N > 500\,000$ ). Explicit Weierstrass equations for the corresponding elliptic curves are given in [23]. The curves  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  were generated from [4, Theorem 4.1] and [9, 14]. Conductors were computed using [12].

D	f(x)	$\sqrt{N_J}$	E
8	$-10(x^6 - 4x^5 - 3x^4 + 8x^3 + 25x^2 + 20x + 5)$	3200	3200.a1
8	$165(x^6 + 6x^5 + 27x^4 - 2x^3 + 45x^2 + 20)$	39325	39325.c1
37	$-13(27x^6 - 54x^5 - 90x^4 + 228x^3 + 15x^2 - 90x - 23)$	73008	73008.n1
8	$-51(x^6 + 6x^5 + 27x^4 - 2x^3 + 45x^2 + 20)$	93925	93925.d1
8	$285(x^6 + 6x^5 + 27x^4 - 2x^3 + 45x^2 + 20)$	117325	117325.c1
8	$-62(9x^6 - 12x^5 + 64x^4 - 56x^3 + 136x^2 - 60x + 84)$	184512	184512.bw1
8	$-46(x^6 + 6x^5 - 20x^4 + 240x^3 + 70x^2 - 84x + 12)$	203136	203136.i2
8	$-5(3x^6 + 12x^5 + 89x^4 - 56x^3 - 7x^2 - 132x + 99)$	211200	211200.c1
8	$465(9x^6 - 12x^5 + 64x^4 - 56x^3 + 136x^2 - 60x + 84)$	216225	432450.ci1
8	$-30(11x^6 - 18x^5 + 47x^4 + 6x^3 + 71x^2 + 18x + 27)$	244800	244800.dc1
8	$-13(x^6 - 2x^5 + 3x^4x^3 - 7x^2 - 2x + 1)$	256880	51376.e1
8	$-390(x^6 + 6x^5 + 27x^4 - 2x^3 + 45x^2 + 20)$	270400	270400.dc2
8	$-177(3x^6 + 12x^4 - 10x^3 - 12x + 11)$	281961	2819610*
8	$-22(x^6 - 24x^5 + 100x^4 + 102x^3 - 80x^2 - 132x - 39)$	302016	302016.p1
8	$-6(13x^6 - 116x^5 - 316x^4 + 58x^3 + 264x^2 - 116x + 13)$	313920	313920.bb1
8	$-55(13x^6 - 116x^5 - 316x^4 + 58x^3 + 264x^2 - 116x + 13)$	329725	659450*
8	$-110(x^6 - 4x^5 - 3x^4 + 8x^3 + 25x^2 + 20x + 5)$	387200	8905600*
8	$11(x^6 + 6x^5 + 11x^4 - 13x^2 + 6x - 2)$	423984	423984.by1

In this case let  $\Delta = \operatorname{Graph} \phi \subset A \times A'$ . An element of  $\operatorname{III}(A/K)$  is said to be *visible* in the abelian variety  $Z = (A \times A')/\Delta$  if it is contained in the kernel of the induced homomorphism  $H^1(G_K, A) \to H^1(G_K, Z)$ .

Visibility is useful for constructing elements of  $\mathrm{III}(A/K)$  since it allows us to transport information between the Mordell–Weil group of B'/K and the Tate–Shafarevich group of A/K. More precisely, if  $B(K)/\psi A(K) = 0$  then, under mild hypotheses applied at the bad primes of A and A' and the primes dividing  $|\Delta|$  (see [18, Theorem 2.2]), the group  $\mathrm{Vis}_Z \, \mathrm{III}(A/K)$ 

of elements of  $\mathrm{III}(A/K)$  that are visible in  $Z=(A\times A')/\Delta$  is equal to  $B'(K)/\psi'A'(K)$ .

The central idea for proving Theorem 1 is to construct examples of genus 2 curves  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  with the property that there exists a  $(7, \psi)$ -congruence between an elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and the Jacobian J = Jac(C) of C, for some isogeny  $\psi \colon J \to B$ . Assuming that the local conditions are satisfied, it then suffices to show that  $B(\mathbb{Q})/\psi J(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$  and that  $E(\mathbb{Q})/7E(\mathbb{Q}) \neq 0$  (which in practice is computationally less intensive than performing a  $\psi$ -descent on J). This approach is a mirror to that taken by Fisher [18] who used it to visualise elements of order 7 in the Tate–Shafarevich groups of elliptic curves. The main technical contribution of this article is construct examples of elliptic curves which are  $(7, \psi)$ -congruent to a genus 2 Jacobian.

We ensure the existence of such an isogeny  $\psi$  by choosing  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  to have real multiplication (RM) by a real quadratic order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  of fundamental discriminant D > 0. Suppose that 7 splits in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and we have an embedding  $\mathcal{O}_D \subset \operatorname{End}_{\mathbb{Q}}(J)$ . Writing  $(7) = \mathfrak{p}\overline{\mathfrak{p}}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  by abuse of notation we write  $\mathfrak{p} \colon J \to B$  for the isogeny with kernel consisting of those  $P \in J(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$  annihilated by  $\mathfrak{p}$ . In this case, ker  $\mathfrak{p}$  is isomorphic as a group to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$  and under suitable hypotheses (see Lemma 8) comes equipped with a natural alternating bilinear pairing.

In Section 3.2 we describe an algorithm for determining (a q-adic approximation to) a pair of twists of the Klein quartic (the modular curve X(7)) which parametrise elliptic curves that are  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruent to a fixed genus 2 Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  with real multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  (our algorithm is subject to the technical hypothesis that  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  is an irreducible  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module).

**Remark 4.** Since abelian surfaces  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  are modular (this follows from Serre's conjecture [27, 28]) we may associate to J a weight 2 newform with coefficients in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and level  $\sqrt{N_J}$ , where  $N_J$  is the conductor of J (in particular  $N_J$  is a perfect square).

We compute these twists of X(7) for examples of genus 2 Jacobians of small conductor provided by the real multiplication families of Bending [3, 4] and of Elkies–Kumar [9, 14]. By searching for rational points on these twists, we find a number of putative examples of  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruences between an elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and a genus 2 Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$ . Adapting an approach of Fisher [18, Section 6] we prove these congruences in Proposition 22.

For an abelian variety  $A/\mathbb{Q}$  we write  $A^d/\mathbb{Q}$  for the quadratic twist of A by a squarefree integer  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that simultaneous quadratic twists of  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent pairs remain  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent (cf. [22, Lemma 4.15]). To construct the examples in Theorem 1 we simply search for quadratic twists of the examples in Proposition 22 where there is a rank discrepancy between  $E^d/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J^d/\mathbb{Q}$ .

TABLE 1.2. Examples of genus 2 curves  $C \colon y^2 = f(x)$  whose Jacobians  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  have real multiplication by the quadratic order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  of discriminant D and such that  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$ . The subgroup of  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  is made visible by a  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruence between  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  where  $\mathfrak{p}$  divides 7 in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ . We write N\* for an elliptic curve of conductor N which does not appear in the LMFDB (i.e., if  $N > 500\,000$ ). Explicit Weierstrass equations for the corresponding elliptic curves are given in [23]. The curves  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  were generated from [4, Theorem 4.1] and [9, 14]. Conductors were computed using [12].

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29	$-2470(8x^6 - 2x^5 + 68x^4 + 221x^3 + 122x^2 + 986x + 1588)$	40019200	760364800*
37	$-39(x^6 - 45x^4 - 68x^3 + 504x^2 + 180x - 1193)$	73008	73008.n1
44	$-39(14x^6 - 30x^5 + 85x^4 + 700x^3 - 1325x^2 +$	608400	608400*
	3000x + 18000)		
57	$1479(80x^6 + 279x^4 + 186x^3 + 243x^2 + 324x + 108)$	590609070	7677917910*

In addition to Theorem 1 we prove that there exist examples of such genus 2 Jacobians with 7-torsion in their Tate—Shafarevich groups and with real multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  for several fundamental discriminants D > 0.

**Theorem 5.** For each D=8, 29, 37, 44, and 57 there exists an absolutely simple genus 2 Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  with real multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  such that  $\mathrm{III}(J/\mathbb{Q})$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$ . Examples are furnished by the Jacobians of the curves  $C: y^2 = f(x)$  given in Table 1.2.

In [26, A.3] it is observed that the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture predicts that  $\mathrm{III}(J^{-11}/\mathbb{Q})$  contains a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$ , where  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  is the Jacobian of the genus 2 curve with LMFDB label 385641. a.385641.1. Since J has RM by  $\mathcal{O}_8$  it is natural to ask whether the 7-torsion in  $\mathrm{III}(J^{-11}/\mathbb{Q})$  is made visible by a  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruence with an elliptic curve. By computing the relevant twists of X(7) we give evidence that this is not the case (see Section 6).

**Conjecture 6.** Let  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  be the genus 2 curve with LMFDB label 385641. a.385641.1 and let  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  be its Jacobian. There exists a subgroup isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})^2$  contained in  $\mathrm{III}(J^{-11}/\mathbb{Q})$  that is not visible in an abelian 3-fold.

1.1. Outline of the paper. We begin by discussing several well known facts about the modular curve X(p) in Section 2.1. In Section 2.2, following [35, Section 4.4], we recall the moduli interpretation for twists of X(p),

which in Section 2.3 we relate to the torsion of genus 2 curves with Jacobians having real multiplication (cf. [18]). In Section 2.4 we specialise to the case when p = 7 and discuss the invariant theory of the Klein quartic X(7) following [17].

In Section 3.2 we present our main algorithm. It takes as input a genus 2 Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  with RM by an order in which 7 splits, and outputs four twists of X(7) which parametrise elliptic curves  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruent to  $J/\mathbb{Q}$ .

The outputs of the algorithm in Section 3.2 are not guaranteed to be correct, however in Section 4 we prove that the output is correct in many cases (for example for the curves in Tables 1.1 and 1.2). In particular, in Section 4 we prove that the twists we obtain are isomorphic to those which parametrise elliptic curves  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruent to J.

In Section 5 we prove Theorems 1 and 5 by proving that the pairs (E, J) in Tables 1.1 and 1.2 are  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruent, and by checking that the local hypotheses in [18, Theorem 2.2] are satisfied.

Finally in Section 6 we give explicit examples of the Klein quartic twists associated to the Jacobian of the genus 2 curve with LMFDB label 385641. a.385641.1. By searching for rational points on these twists, we give evidence towards Conjecture 6.

# 2. The modular curve X(p) and its twists $X_M^\pm(p)$

We recall a number of standard facts about the modular curve X(p) and its twists  $X_M^{\pm}(p)$  following e.g., [17] and [35]. In the case when p=7 the curve X(7) is the Klein quartic [29] (see [13] for a detailed discussion).

Let K be a field of characteristic zero. A symplectic abelian group over K is a pair  $(M, e_M)$  where M is a  $G_K$ -module equipped with a  $(G_K$ -equivariant) alternating, bilinear pairing  $e_M \colon M \times M \to \overline{K}^{\times}$ . We equip  $\mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  with the natural alternating pairing  $\langle (\zeta, n), (\xi, m) \rangle = \zeta^m \xi^{-n}$ .

**2.1.** The modular curve X(p). Let E/K be an elliptic curve defined over a field K of characteristic zero. If p is a prime number, we equip E[p] with the structure of a symplectic abelian group via the p-Weil pairing  $e_{E,p} : E[p] \times E[p] \to \mu_p$ .

Let  $Y(p)/\mathbb{Q}$  denote the geometrically irreducible (non-compact) modular curve parametrising elliptic curves with full (symplectic) level p structure. Explicitly, for each field  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  the K-points on Y(p) parametrise (isomorphism classes of) pairs  $(E, \iota)$  where E/K is an elliptic curve and  $\iota \colon \mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \cong E[p]$  is a  $G_K$ -equivariant isomorphism of symplectic abelian groups. Let X(p) denote the smooth compactification of Y(p).

The group  $\Gamma_p$  of symplectic automorphisms of  $\mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  acts naturally on Y(p) on the right via  $(E, \iota) \mapsto (E, \gamma \iota)$ . As an abstract group  $\Gamma_p$  is isomorphic to  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ , but it comes equipped with a non-trivial action of  $\mathrm{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\mu_p)/\mathbb{Q})$ . The matrix  $\pm I$  acts trivially on Y(p) and therefore the

action of  $\Gamma_p$  factors through  $\Gamma_p/\{\pm I\}$ . This action extends to an action on X(p), and the quotient realises the forgetful morphism  $X(p) \to X(1)$  given by taking j-invariants.

**2.2.** The twist  $X_M^{\pm}(p)$ . Let  $(M, e_M)$  be a symplectic abelian group over K. Let r be an integer coprime to p and suppose that there exists a  $\overline{K}$ -isomorphism  $\phi \colon M \cong \mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\langle \phi(P), \phi(Q) \rangle = e_M(P,Q)^r$  for each  $P, Q \in \mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

By the twisting principle we may attach to  $\phi$  a cohomology class  $\xi \in H^1(G_K, \Gamma_p)$ . We have an inclusion  $\Gamma_p/\{\pm I\} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(X(p))$  and therefore an induced map on cohomology  $H^1(G_K, \Gamma_p) \to H^1(G_K, \operatorname{Aut}(X(p)))$ . The image of  $\xi$  corresponds (again by the twisting principle) to a twist  $X_M^r(p)$  of X(p).

The following lemma is well known and follows by construction (cf. [35, Section 4.4]).

**Lemma 7.** For each field L/K the L-rational points on  $X_M^r(p)$  correspond to pairs  $(E, \phi)$  where E/L is an elliptic curve and  $\phi \colon M \cong E[p]$  is an isomorphism of  $G_L$ -modules for which  $e_{E,p}(\phi(P), \phi(Q)) = e_M(P,Q)^r$  for each  $P, Q \in M$ .

If a is an integer coprime to p, pre-composing an isomorphism  $\phi \colon M \cong E[p]$  with the multiplication-by-a-map on M yields an isomorphism  $\phi'$  for which  $e_{E,p}(\phi'(P),\phi'(Q))=e_M(P,Q)^{a^2r}$ . It therefore suffices to consider the class of r in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$  modulo squares. We write  $X_M(p)=X_M^+(p)$  when r is a square in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$  and  $X_M^-(p)$  when r is not a square in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{\times}$ .

**2.3.** The twist  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^r(p)$ . Let C/K be a genus 2 curve and let  $J = \operatorname{Jac}(C)$  be the Jacobian of C. Let  $\widehat{J}$  denote the dual of J and equip J with the canonical principal polarisation  $\lambda \colon J \to \widehat{J}$  arising from the theta divisor. The principal polarisation  $\lambda$  induces an involution on the endomorphism ring of J known as the *Rosati involution*. Precisely, if  $\psi \in \operatorname{End}(J)$  then the Rosati involution is given by  $\psi \mapsto \psi^{\dagger} = \lambda^{-1} \widehat{\psi} \lambda$ . Here  $\widehat{\psi} \colon \widehat{J} \to \widehat{J}$  denotes the dual isogeny.

Let  $D \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  be a positive non-square integer and let  $\mathcal{O}_D$  be the quadratic ring of discriminant D. We say that J has real multiplication (RM) by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  if there exists an inclusion  $\mathcal{O}_D \hookrightarrow \operatorname{End}_K^{\dagger}(J)$  where  $\operatorname{End}_K^{\dagger}(J) \subset \operatorname{End}_K(J)$  is the subring of endomorphisms fixed by the Rosati involution.

The choice of principal polarisation  $\lambda$  induces the alternating, bilinear p-Weil pairing  $e_{J,p} \colon J[p] \times J[p] \to \mu_p$ .

**Lemma 8.** Let J/K be a genus 2 Jacobian with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ . Suppose that p is a prime number such that p splits as a product  $(p) = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ . Then there exists an isomorphism of  $G_K$ -modules  $J[p] \cong J[\mathfrak{p}] \oplus J[\bar{\mathfrak{p}}]$ . Moreover,

the p-Weil pairing  $e_{J,p}$  restricts to an alternating pairing  $J[\mathfrak{p}] \times J[\mathfrak{p}] \to \mu_p$ , and likewise for  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$ .

*Proof.* This is [9, Lemma 3.4], cf. the proof of [18, Proposition 6.1] when  $\mathcal{O}_D = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}].$ 

Note that by Lemma 8 we may define the twists  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(p)$  and  $X_{J[\bar{\mathfrak{p}}]}^{\pm}(p)$  which (by Lemma 7) parametrise elliptic curves which are  $(p,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent (respectively  $(p,\bar{\mathfrak{p}})$ -congruent) to the genus 2 Jacobian J/K.

**2.4. Explicit twisting for** X(7)**.** Following [17] we give an explicit description for the twists  $X_M^{\pm}(7)$  as plane quartic curves. Recall that we write  $\Gamma_7$  for the automorphism group (scheme) of the symplectic abelian group  $\mu_7 \times \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ . Following Klein [13, 17, 29] consider the representation  $\operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}) \to \operatorname{GL}_3(\overline{K})$  which maps the generators  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-7}} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_7 - \zeta_7^6 & \zeta_7^2 - \zeta_7^5 & \zeta_7^4 - \zeta_7^3 \\ \zeta_7^2 - \zeta_7^5 & \zeta_7^4 - \zeta_7^3 & \zeta_7 - \zeta_7^6 \\ \zeta_7^4 - \zeta_7^3 & \zeta_7 - \zeta_7^6 & \zeta_7^2 - \zeta_7^5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta_7^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta_7^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Composing with the natural  $\overline{K}$ -isomorphism  $\Gamma_7 \cong \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})$  gives a  $G_K$ -equivariant homomorphism  $\rho \colon \Gamma_7 \to \operatorname{GL}_3(\overline{K})$ . When  $\Gamma_7$  acts on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  via  $\rho$  the Klein quartic curve  $X(7) \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  given by

$$X(7): x_0^3 x_1 + x_1^3 x_2 + x_0 x_2^3 = 0$$

is fixed.

Let  $\phi \colon M \cong \mu_7 \times \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$  be a symplectic  $\overline{K}$ -isomorphism. Let  $\xi \colon G_K \to \operatorname{GL}_3(\overline{K})$  denote the cocycle obtained from  $\phi$  by the twisting principle. Explicitly,  $\xi$  may be taken to be the cocycle  $\sigma \mapsto \rho(\sigma(\phi)\phi^{-1})$  where  $\sigma(\phi) \colon M \cong \mu_7 \times \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$  is the  $\overline{K}$ -isomorphism given by  $P \mapsto \sigma(\phi(\sigma^{-1}P))$ . By Hilbert's Theorem 90 the cocycle  $\xi$  is a coboundary, that is, there exists a matrix  $A \in \operatorname{GL}_3(\overline{K})$  such that  $\sigma(A^{-1})A = \xi(\sigma)$  for every  $\sigma \in G_K$ .

**Lemma 9.** The curves  $X_M(7)$  and  $X_M^-(7)$  are isomorphic to the images of the morphisms  $X(7) \to \mathbb{P}^2$  given by

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$$
 and  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A^{-T}\mathbf{x}$ 

respectively. Here  $\mathbf{x}$  is a point in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  written as a column vector and  $A^{-T}$  denotes the inverse transpose of A.

*Proof.* The proof is identical to [17, Lemma 3.2]. 
$$\hfill\Box$$

Finally, we note that it is simple to recover the moduli interpretation for a given twist of X(7) following [17, Section 4.1] (cf. [35, Section 7.1]).

**Lemma 10.** Let  $\mathcal{X}/K$  be a twist of the Klein quartic given by the vanishing of a homogeneous quartic polynomial  $\mathcal{F}(x_0, x_1, x_2)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . The j-invariant map  $\mathcal{X} \to X(1)$  is defined over K and is given by  $1728 \frac{c_4^3}{c_4^3 - c_6^2}$  where  $c_4$  and  $c_6$  are defined by

$$D = \frac{-1}{54} \times \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1}^{2} \partial x_{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} \end{vmatrix},$$

$$c_{4} = \frac{1}{9} \times \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{2}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{1}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{1}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial a \partial x_{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{2}^{2}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{0}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \quad c_{6} = \frac{1}{14} \times \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{0}} & \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial x_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{0}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{0}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial D}{\partial x_{2}} & 0 \end{vmatrix}.$$

# 3. Computing approximations to twists of X(7)

Fix a primitive 7<sup>th</sup> root of unity  $\zeta_7$ , and let  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  be the Jacobian of a genus 2 curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$ . Suppose that J has RM by the quadratic order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  of fundamental discriminant D > 0. Suppose that 7 splits in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and that we have a factorisation  $(7) = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  (where  $\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  denotes the conjugate of  $\mathfrak{p}$ ). We assume throughout this section that  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  is an irreducible  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module.

Let  $\mathcal{K} = J/\{\pm 1\}$  denote the Kummer surface of J. We identify  $\mathcal{K}$  with a singular quartic surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by the embedding in [8, (3.1.8)]. Let  $x_J$  denote the quotient morphism  $J \to \mathcal{K}$ . If  $\psi \colon J \to J'$  is an isogeny we write  $\mathcal{K}[\psi] = x_J(J[\psi])$ .

**3.1.** Hilbert's Theorem 90 is effective. To compute twists of X(7) using Lemma 9 we will need to compute matrices which realise a given cocycle as a coboundary. Towards this, note that the standard proof of Hilbert's Theorem 90 is "nearly" effective. Indeed following [38, Proposition X.3] let L/K be a finite extension of infinite fields, let  $\xi \in H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(L/K), \operatorname{GL}_n(L))$  be a 1-cocycle, and choose an element  $c \in \operatorname{GL}_n(L)$ . Define a matrix  $b \in \operatorname{M}_n(L)$  by the Poincaré series

$$b = \sum_{\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(L/K)} \xi(\sigma)\sigma(c).$$

If c is chosen so that b is invertible, then  $\xi(\sigma) = \sigma(b)^{-1}b$  and it is immediate that  $\xi$  is a coboundary. If L is infinite the linear independence of field embeddings guarantees the existence of c. Indeed, for a fixed cocycle  $\xi$ , the failure of b to be invertible is a Zariski closed condition on the matrix c. In particular, for a generic choice of c, the matrix b will be invertible. The proof therefore suggests an algorithm.

Algorithm 11 Generating matrices which realise Hilbert's Theorem 90.

Input: A cocycle  $\xi \in H^1(Gal(L/K), GL_n(L))$ .

**Output:** A matrix  $b \in GL_n(L)$  such that  $\xi(\sigma) = \sigma(b)^{-1}b$  for each  $\sigma \in Gal(L/K)$ .

- 1: Choose "randomly" a matrix  $c \in GL_n(L)$ .
- 2: Compute the matrix  $b = \sum_{\sigma} \xi(\sigma)\sigma(c)$ .
- 3: **if**  $det(b) \neq 0$  **then**
- 4: return b
- 5: **else**
- 6: Return to Step 1.
- 7: end if

**Remark 12.** In Step 1 of Algorithm 11 the user must choose a matrix  $c \in GL_n(L)$ . In our application the extension  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  will be a finite extension and we will have access to a LLL-reduced  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\{a_1, \ldots, a_m\}$  for the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_L \subset L$ . We choose "small" elements of L by generating a tuple  $x_1, \ldots, x_m \in \{0, \pm 1\}$  and considering the element  $\sum_{i=1}^m x_i a_i \in \mathcal{O}_L$ . This approach extends to choosing a matrix  $c \in GL_n(L)$  by choosing the  $n^2$  entries as described (in practice, we also choose almost all  $x_i$  to be equal to zero).

**Remark 13.** In principle the iteration in Step 6 in Algorithm 11 may be called many times. In practice, however, we have found very few instances when Algorithm 11 fails to terminate in one iteration.

**3.2. The main algorithm.** We write  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}])$ . Note that for generic  $J/\mathbb{Q}$ , we have an isomorphism of abstract groups

$$\operatorname{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \operatorname{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})/\{\pm 1\}.$$

Suppose that we have degree 24 polynomials  $g_1(t)$ ,  $g_2(t)$ ,  $g_3(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$  such that

(3.1) 
$$\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}] \subset \{ (1:\alpha_1:\alpha_2:\alpha_3) \in \mathcal{K}: g_1(\alpha_1) = g_2(\alpha_2) = g_3(\alpha_3) = 0 \} \cup \{ (0:0:0:1) \}.$$

In Section 3.3 we discuss how the polynomials  $g_i(t)$  may be computed.

We fix an auxiliary prime  $q \neq 7$  not dividing the discriminant of  $g_1(t)$  and at which J has good reduction. Further suppose that the minimal polynomial of  $\zeta_7$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and that L is equal to the splitting field of  $g_1(t)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{q}$  be a prime of L dividing q and denote by  $L_{\mathfrak{q}}$  and  $l_{\mathfrak{q}}$  the completion and residue field of L at  $\mathfrak{q}$  respectively.

Our algorithm proceeds as follows:

- 1: We compute the Galois group of  $g_1(t)$  using GaloisGroup in Magma. This gives a group  $G \subset S_{24}$  and a G-set  $\{r_1, \ldots, r_{24}\}$  of  $(\mathfrak{q}\text{-adic}$ approximations to) the roots of  $g_1(t)$  in  $L_{\mathfrak{q}}$  such that G gives the action of  $Gal(L/\mathbb{Q})$  on the roots of  $g_1(t)$  in L.
- 2: We compute (a  $\mathfrak{q}$ -adic approximation to) an embedding  $\mathbb{Q}_q(\zeta_7) \hookrightarrow$  $L_{\mathfrak{q}}$  by computing a  $\mathfrak{q}$ -adic approximation to  $\zeta_7$ .
- 3: We compute a  $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\{\overline{P},\overline{Q}\}$  for  $J(l_{\mathfrak{q}})[\mathfrak{p}]$  such that  $e_{J,7}(\overline{P},\overline{Q})=$  $\zeta_7$  (via the Magma intrinsic WeilPairing). This uniquely determines a pair  $x_J(P), x_J(Q) \in \mathcal{K}(L_{\mathfrak{q}})$  which reduce modulo  $\mathfrak{q}$  to  $x_J(P)$  and  $x_I(\overline{Q})$  respectively.
- 4: Let  $\phi: J[\mathfrak{p}] \cong \mu_7 \times \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$  be the isomorphism given by  $P \mapsto (\zeta_7, 0)$ and  $Q \mapsto (1,1)$ . We explicitly determine the 1-cocycle

$$\xi \colon \operatorname{Gal}(L/\mathbb{Q}) \cong G \to \operatorname{GL}_3(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7))$$

given by  $\sigma \mapsto \rho(\sigma(\phi)\phi^{-1})$  where  $\rho$  is the representation given in Section 2.4.

- 5: We compute (a  $\mathfrak{q}$ -adic approximation to) a matrix  $A \in \mathrm{GL}_3(L) \subset$
- $\mathrm{GL}_3(L_{\mathfrak{q}})$  which realises  $\xi$  as a coboundary, using Algorithm 11. 6: We twist X(7) by A and  $A^{-T}$  to obtain curves  $\mathcal{X}^{\pm} \subset \mathbb{P}^2_{L_{\mathfrak{q}}}$ . By Lemma 9 these twists are  $\mathfrak{q}\text{-adic}$  approximations to the Klein quartic twists  $X_{I[n]}^{\pm}(7) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^2$ . After normalising each equation so that the first non-zero coefficient is equal to 1, the curves obtained therefore have coefficients in  $\mathbb{Q}$  (up to a numerical error).
- 7: We recognise the coefficients of the twists  $\mathcal{X}^{\pm}$  as rational numbers using the LLL algorithm.
- 8: We minimise and reduce the models for  $\mathcal{X}^{\pm}$  using the algorithm of Elsenhans-Stoll [16], which is implemented in Magma as the function MinRedTernaryForm.

**Remark 14.** Computing the matrix  $A \in GL_3(L_{\mathfrak{q}})$  must be done with some care in order to control coefficient explosion (and to minimise the q-adic precision we must carry throughout the calculation). In our implementation we assume that  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  is an irreducible  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module and (heavily) rely on the following observation:

Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $g_1(t)$  (so that L is the splitting field of  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ ). Since the Galois module  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  is irreducible, there exists a subfield  $\mathbb{Q} \subset K \subset \mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ (which is unique up to conjugacy) such that  $\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}]$  contains a  $\mathrm{Gal}(L/K)$ stable "cyclic subgroup" (or more precisely, the image of a cyclic subgroup of  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$ ). From the properties of the Weil pairing we have  $L=K(\zeta_7)$ , where K is the Galois closure of K in L. We first compute an LLL-reduced basis  $\{1, k_1, \ldots, k_7\}$  for  $K/\mathbb{Q}$ . The elements  $k\zeta_7^i$  span  $L/\mathbb{Q}$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 6$  and

k ranges over the  $Gal(L/\mathbb{Q})$ -conjugates of  $k_j$  for each  $1 \leq j \leq 7$ . We then apply Algorithm 11 noting Remark 12.

**3.3. Computing the polynomials**  $g_i(t)$ . It remains to describe how the polynomials  $g_1(t)$ ,  $g_2(t)$ , and  $g_3(t)$  which cut out  $\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}]$  may be computed. Let  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  be a genus 2 curve given by a Weierstrass equation  $C: y^2 = f(x)$  whose Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  has RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ , and such that 7 splits in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ .

Our approach follows that of Fisher [18, Theorem 6.3]. Using the analytic Jacobian machinery in Magma (in particular the functions AnalyticJacobian and EndomorphismRing) we compute complex approximations to a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -torsion divisor  $\mathfrak{D}=(x_1,y_1)+(x_2,y_2)-(\infty^++\infty^-)\in J(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$ .

The model for the Kummer surface  $\mathcal{K}$  of J given in [8, Chapter 3] and maps  $\mathfrak{D}$  to the point  $(1:x_1+x_2:x_1x_2:\beta_0)\in\mathcal{K}$  where  $\beta_0\in\mathbb{Q}(x_1,x_2,y_1,y_2)$  is the rational function in [8, (3.1.4)]. Using the LLL algorithm we compute polynomials  $h_1(t), h_2(t)$ , and  $h_3(t)\in\mathbb{Q}(t)$  which approximate the minimal polynomials of  $x_1+x_2, x_1x_2$ , and  $\beta_0$  (in particular we utilise the Magma function MinimalPolynomial). Using the description of the multiplication-by-n-map on  $\mathcal{K}$  given in [8, Chapter 3] it is simple to verify (unconditionally) that the polynomials  $h_i(t)$  cut out a 7-torsion point in  $\mathcal{K}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Polynomials  $g_i(t)$  which satisfy (3.1) are then the product over the distinct polynomials  $h_i(t)$  occurring for such divisors  $\mathfrak{D}$ .

When D=8 we also have the following approach which avoids the numerical instability issues which can occur when using AnalyticJacobian.

- **3.3.1.** A numerically stable approach when D = 8. Fix an isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_8 \cong \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ . The prime number 7 is a norm from  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  and we may write  $(7) = (3 + \sqrt{2})(3 \sqrt{2})$ . Let  $[\sqrt{2}]: J \to J$  denote the multiplication-by- $\sqrt{2}$ -map on J. The morphism  $[\sqrt{2}]$  is a Richelot isogeny and using the approach in [33, Section 5.7] (which is implemented in [32]) we determine explicit polynomials giving the morphism  $[\sqrt{2}]: \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}$  induced by the action of  $\sqrt{2}$  on J.
- **Remark 15.** By interpolation it is not difficult to give an explicit morphism  $\mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}$  realising the  $\sqrt{2}$ -action on the Jacobian of the generic member of the generic family of genus 2 curves  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbb{Q}(A,P,Q)$  provided by Bending [3, 4]. We record explicit equations for this (generic) morphism in [23].

Formulae for the multiplication-by-3-map [3]:  $\mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{K}$  are given in [8, Section 3.5]. Note that  $\mathcal{K}[3+\sqrt{2}]\cup\mathcal{K}[3-\sqrt{2}]$  is exactly the set  $\{P\in\mathcal{K}:3P=\sqrt{2}P\}$ . By taking successive resultants (and fixing a choice of sign so that  $\mathfrak{p}=(3\pm\sqrt{2})$ ) it is simple to compute polynomials  $g_1(t),g_2(t),g_3(t)\in\mathbb{Q}[t]$  satisfying (3.1).

**3.4.** Outputs of the main algorithm. We provide a Magma implementation of the algorithm described in Section 3.2. The main non-trivial input

in the algorithm is a genus 2 curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  with RM by an order  $\mathcal{O}_D$  in which 7 splits. The fundamental discriminants D < 100 for which this occurs are D = 8, 29, 37, 44, 53, 57, 60, 65, 85, 88, 92, and 93.

A generic family of genus 2 curves  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  whose Jacobians have RM by  $\mathcal{O}_8$  are given by Bending [3, 4], who also records many examples of small conductor in [3, Appendix A]. Bending's family is given by a triple of parameters  $A, P, Q \in \mathbb{Q}$ . It is simple to search for further examples of small conductor (noting from [3, Section 6.3] that it is often useful to specialise at  $P \in \{\pm 1, \pm 1/2, \pm 1/3, \pm 1/5\}$ ). Combining these with the examples found in the LMFDB [30] we obtain a small (non-exhaustive) database of curves with RM by  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  and whose Jacobians have conductor  $\sqrt{N_J} \leq 500\,000$  (these may be found in [23]).

Similar generic families are provided for each D=8, 29, 37, 44, and 53 in [9] building on work of Elkies–Kumar [14], who compute the moduli of such curves for all fundamental discriminants D<100. Some examples of curves with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and with small conductor are recorded in [14]. We record a (non-exhaustive) list of such curves with  $\sqrt{N_J} \leq 500\,000$  in [23]. Note that when D>17 the moduli space of curves with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  is not rational, so examples are sparser than when D=8.

We run the algorithm in Section 3.2 for each curve recorded in [23].

Remark 16. It would be interesting to compute the twists  $X_{\mathcal{J}[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7)$  for the Jacobian  $\mathcal{J}$  of the generic curves  $\mathcal{C}/\mathbb{Q}(a,b,c)$  with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$  given in [3, 4] and [9] for each D=8, 29, 37, 44, and 53 (i.e., those D where 7 splits in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and for which [9] gives a generic model for a curve by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ ). Unfortunately the algorithm we describe is ill suited to this task. One might hope to interpolate over twists computed for a large number of specialisations. However these twists are only defined up to the action of  $\mathrm{Aut}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{P}^2) \cong \mathrm{PGL}_3(\mathbb{Q})$  and our algorithm for generating matrices which satisfy Hilbert's Theorem 90 does not do so in a compatible way (it requires a choice of  $\mathfrak{p}|7$ , a choice of basis for  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$ , and a "randomly" generated matrix).

# 4. Proving twists of X(7) are isomorphic to $X_M^{\pm}(7)$

Let  $M/\mathbb{Q}$  be an irreducible  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module and let  $\mathcal{X}/\mathbb{Q}$  be a plane quartic curve (in our case we will take  $M=J[\mathfrak{p}]$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  to be an output of the algorithm in Section 3.2). We now outline an approach for proving that  $\mathcal{X}$  is isomorphic to a twist  $X_M^{\pm}(7)$  of the Klein quartic (for some choice of sign). We assume that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a twist of X(7) (note that this is simple to check by computing Dixmier–Ohno invariants [11, 15, 34] in Magma).

For the purpose of proving Theorem 1 it suffices to consider only the case when  $\mathcal{X}$  has a rational point (i.e., it suffices to recall [18, Lemma 6.2], see Lemma 18 below). In Section 4.2 we note how one may prove that a twist is isomorphic to  $X_{M}^{\pm}(7)$  more generally.

- **4.1. When**  $\mathcal{X}$  has a rational point. Let K be a field of characteristic zero. Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}$  has a K-rational point which corresponds (through the moduli interpretation in Lemma 10) to an elliptic curve E/K (defined up to quadratic twist) with j-invariant  $j(E) \neq 0, 1728, \infty$ . In this case, the following lemma reduces the problem of showing that  $\mathcal{X}$  is isomorphic to  $X_M^{\pm}(7)$  to the problem of showing that  $X_E(7)$  is isomorphic to  $X_M^{\pm}(7)$ .
- **Lemma 17.** Let  $\mathcal{X}/K$  be a twist of X(7) and suppose that there exists a point  $P \in \mathcal{X}(K)$  with  $j(P) \neq 0,1728,\infty$ . If E/K is an elliptic curve with j(E) = j(P) then  $\mathcal{X}$  is isomorphic to  $X_E(7)$  over K.

Proof. Let  $\varphi \colon \mathcal{X} \cong X_E(7)$  be a  $\overline{K}$ -isomorphism. By composing with a  $\overline{K}$ -automorphism of  $X_E(7)$  we may assume that  $\varphi(P)$  is equal to the tautological point  $Q = (E, \mathrm{id}) \in X_E(7)(K)$ . Since P and Q are K-rational, for each  $\sigma \in G_K$  we have  $\sigma \varphi \sigma^{-1}(P) = Q$ , so that  $\varphi^{-1} \sigma \varphi \sigma^{-1}(P) = P$  for each  $\sigma \in G_K$ . Since  $j(P) \neq 0,1728,\infty$  the only  $\overline{K}$ -automorphism of  $\mathcal{X}$  which fixes P is the identity. In particular,  $\varphi = \sigma \varphi \sigma^{-1}$  for all  $\sigma \in G_K$  and therefore  $\varphi$  is defined over K.

To show that  $X_E(7)$  is isomorphic to  $X_M^{\pm}(7)$  for some choice of sign, it suffices to show that E[7] is isomorphic to M as a  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module, up to quadratic twist. We recall the following lemma of Fisher (based on an argument of Serre using Goursat's lemma [37, Lemme 8]) which allows us to prove such congruences, up to quadratic twists.

**Lemma 18.** Let K be a number field and let M be a  $G_K$ -module which is isomorphic as an abstract group to  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^2$  for some  $p \geq 5$ . Suppose that M comes equipped with a  $(G_K$ -equivariant) alternating pairing  $M \times M \to \mu_p$ . Let E/K be an elliptic curve with surjective mod p Galois representation, let  $x_M \colon M \to M/\{\pm 1\}$ , and let  $x_E \colon E \to \mathbb{P}^1$  be the quotient by  $\{\pm 1\}$ . If there exist non-identity elements  $P \in M$  and  $Q \in E[p]$  such that  $K(x_M(P)) = K(x_E(Q))$  then there exists a quadratic twist  $E^d$  of E such that  $M \cong E^d[p]$ .

*Proof.* This follows immediately from [18, Lemma 6.2] (cf. [18, Proposition 6.1]). Note that the hypothesis that  $K=\mathbb{Q}$  in [18, Lemma 6.2] is not used.

**4.2.** When  $\mathcal{X}$  has no rational points. We rely on the approach in Section 4.1 together with the following criterion. In practice when X and Y are twists of X(7) defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$  it is simple to find number fields for which the statement holds. In this case there exist infinitely many points on X and Y defined over quartic fields. One expects that if X and Y are isomorphic (and have no non-trivial automorphisms defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ), then for a generic such field the conditions of the lemma hold.

**Lemma 19.** Let X/K and Y/K be (geometrically integral) curves defined over a number field K. Suppose that there exist extensions  $L_1, L_2/K$  for which  $L_1 \cap L_2 = K$  and such that we have isomorphisms  $\varphi_i \colon X_{L_i} \cong Y_{L_i}$  for each i = 1, 2. If X (or Y) does not admit a non-trivial automorphism over the compositum  $L_1L_2$ , then X and Y are isomorphic over K.

*Proof.* The assumption on the automorphism group of X over  $L_1L_2$  implies that the composition  $\varphi_1^{-1}\varphi_2$  is the identity, and therefore over  $L_1L_2$  we have an equality  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$ . But then  $\varphi_1$  is defined over  $L_1 \cap L_2 = K$  and the claim follows.

**Proposition 20.** Consider any of the data in [23, data/twists.m] which consists of

- (i) a genus 2 curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$ ,
- (ii) a fundamental discriminant D > 0 such that the Jacobian of C has RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ , and
- (iii) a twist  $\mathcal{X}/\mathbb{Q}$  of the Klein quartic.

Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is isomorphic over  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7)$  for some choice of sign and choice of prime  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathcal{O}_D$  above 7.

*Proof.* If  $\mathcal{X}$  has a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -rational point of small height corresponding to an elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$ , we apply Lemma 18. In each case, applying [37, Proposition 19] at several good primes (or using Zywina's algorithm [42]) suffices to show that the mod 7 Galois representation attached to  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is surjective. In the electronic data we exhibit an explicit isomorphism between the fields  $x_J(P)$  and  $x_E(Q)$  for some  $P \in J[\mathfrak{p}]$  and  $Q \in E[7]$  (note that a minimal polynomial for the extension  $\mathbb{Q}(x_J(P))/\mathbb{Q}$  was computed in the course of the algorithm in Section 3.3).

The general case proceeds similarly. Taking hyperplane sections of  $\mathcal{X}$  we construct non-isomorphic quartic fields  $L_1, L_2/\mathbb{Q}$  over which  $\mathcal{X}$  obtains a point and such that  $L_i$  contains no non-trivial subfield for each i=1,2 (in particular  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $L_1 \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7) = L_2 \cap \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_7) = \mathbb{Q}$ ). These points correspond to elliptic curves  $E_1/L_1$  and  $E_2/L_2$  whose mod 7 Galois representations may be seen to be surjective by applying [37, Proposition 19] at several places of good reduction. Applying Lemma 18 as above shows that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent to J, up to a quadratic twist. Since the mod 7 Galois representations of  $E_1/L_1$  and  $E_2/L_2$  are surjective we have  $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}]) \cap L_1L_2 = \mathbb{Q}$ , where  $\mathcal{K} = J/\{\pm 1\}$  is the Kummer surface of J.

It follows from the construction that  $\operatorname{Aut}(X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^r(7))$  is isomorphic (as a  $G_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -module) to the group  $\operatorname{Aut}_r(J[\mathfrak{p}])/\{\pm 1\}$  consisting of automorphisms of  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  which are symplectic with respect to  $(e_{J,7})^r$ . Therefore, the field of definition of the automorphisms of  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7)$  is equal to  $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{K}[\mathfrak{p}])$  and  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7)$  admits no non-trivial automorphisms over  $L_1L_2$  that are not defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Suppose there is such an automorphism  $\tau$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Since the mod 7

Galois representation attached to  $J[\mathfrak{p}]$  is surjective  $(J[\mathfrak{p}])$  is isomorphic over  $L_i$  to a quadratic twist of  $E_i[7]$  for each i=1,2) the element  $\tau$  is contained in the centre of  $\operatorname{Aut}_r(J[\mathfrak{p}])/\{\pm 1\}$  which is isomorphic to  $\operatorname{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})$  as an abstract group. Therefore  $\tau$  is the identity and the claim follows from Lemma 19.

# 5. Proving $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruences and Theorem 1

We now prove Theorem 1. In order to apply visibility we must first show that the pairs (C, E) in Table 1.1 are in fact  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruent (not simply up to quadratic twist, as we proved in Section 4).

**Lemma 21.** Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  be an elliptic curve and let  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  be a genus 2 Jacobian with RM by  $\mathcal{O}_D$ . Suppose that  $(p) = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_D$  and that there exists a squarefree integer  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $E^d$  and J are  $(p,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent. Then d is supported on the set of primes consisting of p, the bad primes of E, and the bad primes of J.

Proof. This is similar to [22, Proposition 4.18] and [25, Lemma 3.6] (see also [37, Lemme 8]). Let  $\ell \neq p$  be a prime at which J has good reduction and at which E has potentially good reduction. Let  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}$  be the maximal unramified extension of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$  and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}(J[p])$ . By [39, Section 2, Corollary 3] if  $A/\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$  is an abelian variety with potential good reduction at  $\ell$ , then for each  $p \neq \ell$  the field  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}(A[p])$  is the smallest extension of  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}$  over which A attains good reduction. But then we have  $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}(E[p]) = \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}(J[\mathfrak{p}]) \subset K = \mathbb{Q}^{\mathrm{ur}}_{\ell}$ , as required.

**Proposition 22.** For each pair (E,C) of elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and genus 2 curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  in Table 1.1 we have a  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruence between E and  $J=\operatorname{Jac}(C)$  for some choice of  $\mathfrak{p}|7$  in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\ell \neq 7$  be a good prime for C and E. By [18, (5.2)] (which follows from [20, Section 2.1] or [31, Lemma 3]) a  $(7, \mathfrak{p})$ -congruence between  $E^d/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  gives a congruence modulo 7

(5.1) 
$$a_{\ell}(E^d)^2 - t_{\ell}a_{\ell}(E^d) + n_{\ell} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

where  $t_{\ell} = \ell + 1 - N_1$  and  $n_{\ell} = (N_1^2 + N_2)/2 - (\ell + 1)N_1 - \ell$  where  $N_1 = \#C(\mathbb{F}_{\ell})$  and  $N_2 = \#C(\mathbb{F}_{\ell^2})$ .

Testing (5.1) on the divisors d of the product of 7 and the bad primes of E and C shows that  $E^d$  and J are not  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent for any  $d \neq 1$  (by Lemma 21). By Proposition 20 E and J are  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent up to quadratic twist since E corresponds to a point on one of the twists  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7)$ . It therefore follows that E and J are  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent for some choice of  $\mathfrak{p}$  dividing 7.

Using the congruences supplied by Proposition 22 we now prove Theorems 1 and 5 by applying [18, Theorem 2.2].

*Proof of Theorems 1 and 5.* This follows from [18, Theorem 2.2], as we detail below.

Let  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  be one of the pairs of elliptic curve and genus 2 Jacobian from Theorem 1 or 5. We check that in each case J is geometrically simple by applying the condition in [8, Section 14.4] and [41]. The 7-torsion subgroups of  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  and  $J(\mathbb{Q})$  are trivial. The rank of  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is 2 and the rank of  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  is 0 (the rank of  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  is bounded using 2-descent, which is implemented as RankBounds in Magma). For each discriminant D appearing in Theorems 1 and 5 the prime 7 not only splits in  $\mathcal{O}_D$ , but  $T = \operatorname{Nm} \eta$  for some  $\eta \in \mathcal{O}_D$ . In particular the isogeny  $\mathfrak{p}$  is equal to the multiplication-by- $\eta$ -map on J, and  $J(\mathbb{Q})/\mathfrak{p}J(\mathbb{Q}) = 0$ .

By Proposition 22 the elliptic curve E is  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent to J. The abelian varieties E and J have good reduction at 7, so by [18, Theorem 2.2] it suffices to show that the Tamagawa numbers of  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  and  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  are coprime to 7.

We compute the Tamagawa numbers of  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  using Magma. Except for the Jacobian of conductor  $3200^2$  in Table 1.1, for each bad prime p of J one may check that the order of the geometric component group of J at p is coprime to 7 using Liu's genus2reduction in SageMath and Donnelly's Magma functions RegularModel and ComponentGroup.

For the Jacobian of conductor  $3200^2$  in Table 1.1 the computation of the Tamagawa number of  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  at 2 was carried out in the appendix to [26] (where it is shown that the Tamagawa number is 1).

#### 6. Evidence towards Conjecture 6

Consider the genus 2 curve  $C/\mathbb{Q}$  with LMFDB label 385641.a.385641.1 and Weierstrass equation

$$C: y^2 + (x^3 + 1)y = -6x^4 + 6x^3 + 27x^2 - 30x - 22.$$

The Jacobian  $J/\mathbb{Q}$  of C has RM by  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ . In [26, A.3] it is noted that the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture predicts  $|\mathrm{III}(J^{-11}/\mathbb{Q})| = 7^2$ . By Proposition 20, for some choice of factorisation  $(7) = \mathfrak{p}\bar{\mathfrak{p}}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  we have models

$$\begin{split} X^{\pm}_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}(7) :& -2x_0^4 + 39x_0^3x_1 + 11x_0^3x_2 - 42x_0^2x_1^2 - 18x_0^2x_1x_2 \\ & + 20x_0x_1^3 - 6x_0x_1^2x_2 + 12x_0x_1x_2^2 - 7x_0x_2^3 - 24x_1^4 + 13x_1^3x_2 \\ & + 15x_1^2x_2^2 + 9x_1x_2^3 + x_2^4 = 0, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\mp}(7) &: 2x_0^4 + 5x_0^3x_1 + 9x_0^3x_2 + 6x_0^2x_2^2 - x_0x_1^3 - 6x_0x_1^2x_2 + 12x_0x_1x_2^2 \\ &\quad + 2x_0x_2^3 - x_1^4 - 3x_1^3x_2 + 3x_1^2x_2^2 + 17x_1x_2^3 + 12x_2^4 = 0, \\ X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\pm}(7) &: x_0^4 - 3x_0^3x_1 - 28x_0^3x_2 - 15x_0^2x_1^2 - 3x_0^2x_1x_2 + 39x_0^2x_2^2 - 6x_0x_1^3 \\ &\quad - 12x_0x_1^2x_2 - 6x_0x_1x_2^2 - 29x_0x_2^3 + 3x_1^4 + 9x_1^3x_2 + 30x_1^2x_2^2 \\ &\quad - 3x_1x_2^3 - 10x_2^4 = 0, \\ X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\mp}(7) &: - 4x_0^4 + 6x_0^3x_1 + 7x_0^3x_2 + 3x_0^2x_1^2 + 12x_0x_1^3 + 6x_0x_1^2x_2 \\ &\quad - 9x_0x_1x_2^2 - x_0x_2^3 - 6x_1^4 - 3x_1^3x_2 + 3x_1^2x_2^2 + 6x_1x_2^3 + x_2^4 = 0. \end{split}$$

We were unable to find rational points on any of these curves, except on  $X_{J[\mathfrak{p}]}^{\mp}(7)$  where we find exactly one point which corresponds to the elliptic curve  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  with LMFDB label 1242.m1 and Weierstrass equation

$$y^2 + xy + y = x^3 - x^2 - 1666739x - 2448131309.$$

Using the argument in Proposition 22 it can be shown that E and J are  $(7,\mathfrak{p})$ -congruent. However, the quadratic twist of E by -11 has trivial Mordell–Weil group, so cannot be used to visualise the (conjectural) non-trivial elements of  $\mathrm{III}(J^{-11}/\mathbb{Q})[7]$ .

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