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Foreword

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The present translation follows roughly the French text, with many modifications and rearrangements. We have not tried to give a detailed account of the new results due to Faltings, Raynaud, Gross-Zagier ...; we have just mentioned them in notes at the appropriate places, and given bibliographical references.

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