

High-speed parallel software implementation of the η_T pairing

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Pairing computation is the most expensive operation in Pairing-Based Cryptography.

Parallelism is being increasingly introduced in modern architectures.

Explore two types of parallelism in software to reduce pairing computation latency:

- **Vector instructions;**
- **Multiprocessing.**

Applications: real-time services (DNS?), embedded devices.

Contributions

- Novel ways for implementing binary field arithmetic;
- Parallelization of Miller's Algorithm;
- Static load balancing technique;
- Experimental results.

Intel Core architecture:

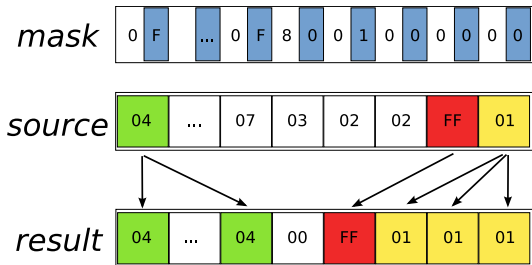
- 128-bit *Streaming SIMD Extensions* instruction set;
- Multiprocessing with overheads of around 10 microsec;
- *Super shuffle engine* introduced in 45 nm series.

Relevant vector instructions:

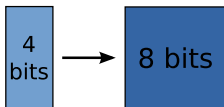
Instruction	Description	Cost	Mnemonic
MOVDQA	Memory load/store	2.5	\leftarrow
PSLLQ, PSRLQ	64-bit bitwise shifts	1	\ll_{18}, \gg_{18}
PXOR, PAND, POR	Bitwise XOR, AND, OR	1	\oplus, \wedge, \vee
PUNPCKLBW/HBW	Byte interleaving	3	<i>interlo/hi</i>
PSLLDQ, PSRLDQ	128-bit bytewise shift	2 (1)	\ll_8, \gg_8
PSHUFB	Byte shuffling	3 (1)	<i>shuffle,lookup</i>
PALIGNR	Memory alignment	2 (1)	\triangleleft

New SSE3 instructions

PSHUFB instruction (`_mm_shuffle_epi8`):

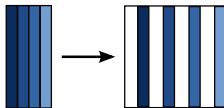


Real power: We can implement **in parallel** any function:



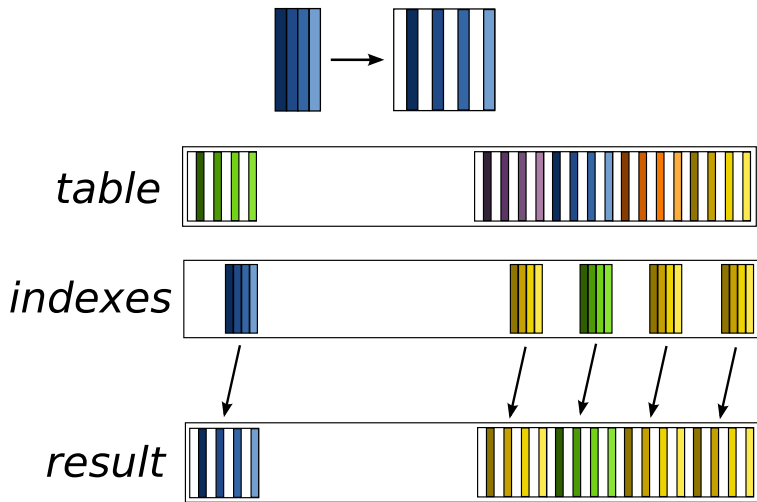
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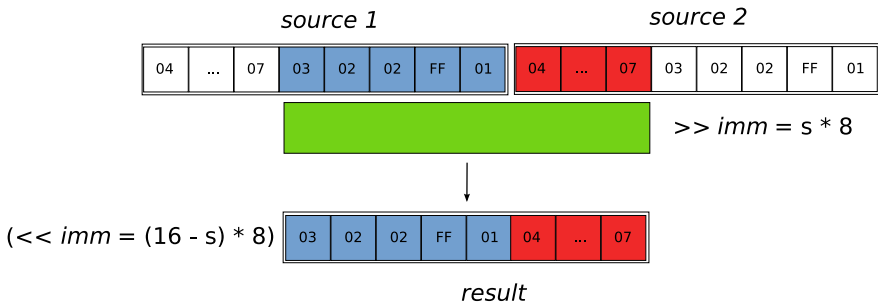
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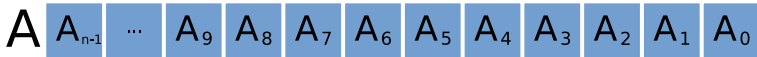
- Irreducible polynomial: $f(z)$ (trinomial or pentanomial)

- Polynomial basis: $a(z) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m} = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i z^i$.

- Software representation: vector of $n = \lceil m/64 \rceil$ words.

- Notation: A is a 64-bit variable, \bar{A} is a 128-bit variable.

- Graphical representation:



$$a(z) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i z^i = a_{m-1} + \cdots + a_2 z^2 + a_1 z + a_0$$

$$a(z)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i z^{2i} = a_{m-1} z^{2m-2} + \cdots + a_2 z^4 + a_1 z^2 + a_0$$

Example:

$$a(z) = (a_{m-1}, a_{m-2}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0)$$

$$a(z)^2 = (a_{m-1}, 0, a_{m-2}, 0, \dots, 0, a_2, 0, a_1, 0, a_0)$$

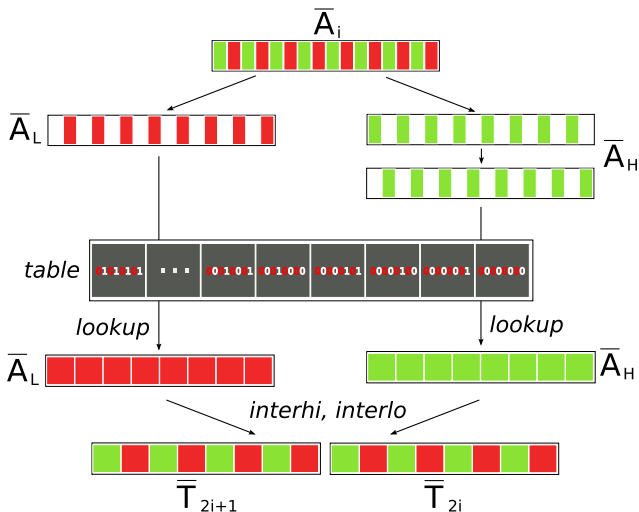
Squaring in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}

We can compute $a_L(z)^2$ and $a_H(z)^2$ with a lookup table.

For $u = (u_3, u_2, u_1, u_0)$ we use $table(u) = (0, u_3, 0, u_2, 0, u_1, 0, u_0)$:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0000000	0000001	0000100	0000101	0001000	0001001	0001010	0001011
table	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	0100000	0100001	0100100	0100101	0101000	0101001	0101010	0101011

Proposed squaring in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}



$$t(z) = a_L(z)^2 + a_H(z)^2 \cdot z^8$$

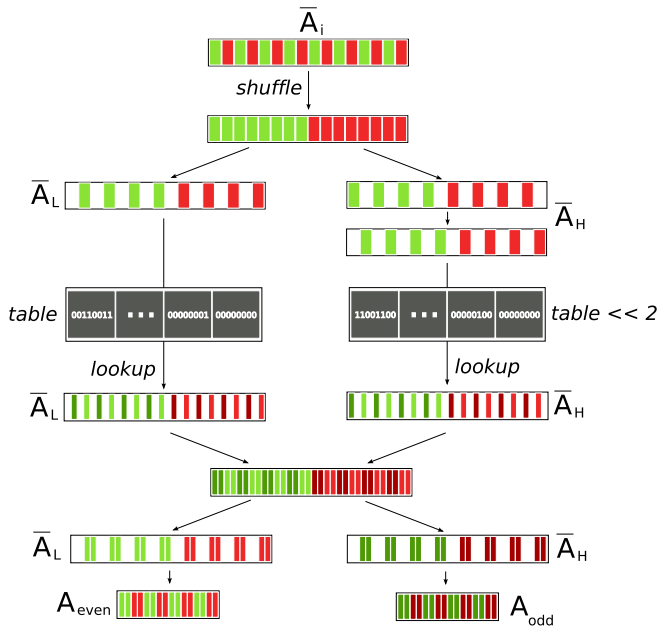
Square root extraction in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{a} = a^{2^m-1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a_i z^i)^{2^m-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_i (z^{2^m-1})^i \\ &= \sum_{i \text{ even}} a_i z^{\frac{i}{2}} + \sqrt{z} \sum_{i \text{ odd}} a_i z^{\frac{i-1}{2}} \\ &= a_{\text{even}} + \sqrt{z} \cdot a_{\text{odd}}\end{aligned}$$

For $f(z) = z^{1223} + z^{255} + 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_{2^{1223}}$, we have $\sqrt{z} = z^{612} + z^{128}$.

Important: Multiplication by \sqrt{z} requires shifts and additions only.

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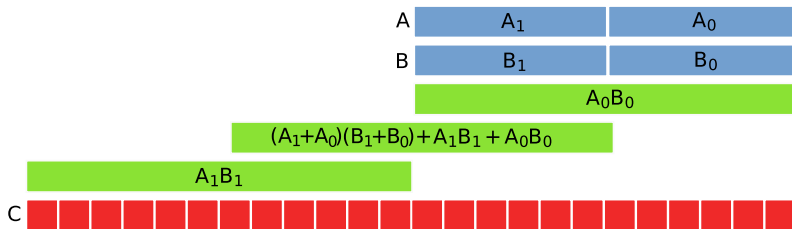


- ① Multi-precision multiplication:
 - An instance of Karatsuba;
 - López-Dahab *comb* method;
- ② Modular reduction.

$$\begin{aligned}c(z) &= a(z) \cdot b(z) \\ &= A_1 B_1 z^m + [(A_1 + A_0)(B_1 + B_0) + A_1 B_1 + A_0 B_0] z^{\lceil m/2 \rceil} + A_0 B_0.\end{aligned}$$

Karatsuba multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}

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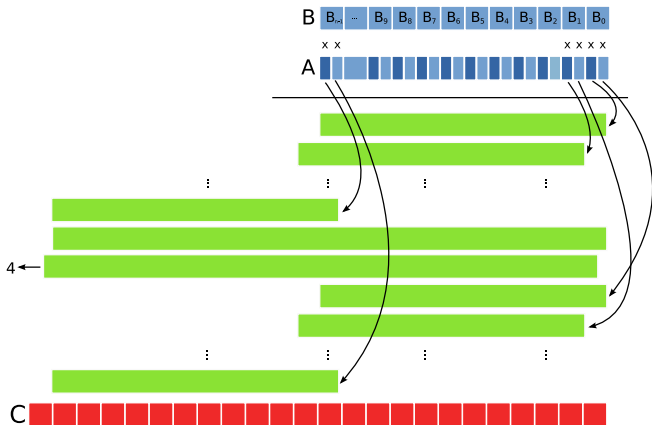


López-Dahab multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}

We can compute $u \cdot b(z)$ using shifts and additions.

$$\square \times \begin{matrix} B_{i-1} & \dots & B_9 & B_8 & B_7 & B_6 & B_5 & B_4 & B_3 & B_2 & B_1 & B_0 \end{matrix}$$

If $a(z)$ is divided into 4-bit polynomials, compute $a(z) \cdot b(z)$ by:



Proposed multiplication in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}

Algorithm 1 LD multiplication implemented with n 128-bit registers.

Input: $a(z) = a[0..n-1]$, $b(z) = b[0..n-1]$.

Output: $c(z) = c[0..n-1]$.

Note: m_i denotes the vector of $\frac{n}{2}$ 128-bit registers $(r_{(i-1+n/2)}, \dots, r_i)$.

- 1: Compute $T_0(u) = u(z) \cdot b(z)$, $T_1(u) = u(z) \cdot (b(z) \ll 4)$ for all $u(z)$ of degree lower than 4.
- 2: $(r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \leftarrow 0$
- 3: **for** $k \leftarrow 56$ **downto** 0 **by** 8 **do**
- 4: **for** $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** $n-1$ **by** 2 **do**
- 5: Let $u = (u_3, u_2, u_1, u_0)$, where u_t is bit $(k+t)$ of $a[j]$.
- 6: Let $v = (v_3, v_2, v_1, v_0)$, where v_t is bit $(k+t+4)$ of $a[j]$.
- 7: $m_{(j-1)/2} \leftarrow m_{(j-1)/2} \oplus T_0(u)$, $m_{(j-1)/2} \leftarrow m_{(j-1)/2} \oplus T_1(v)$
- 8: **end for**
- 9: $(r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \leftarrow (r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \ll 8$
- 10: **end for**
- 11: **for** $k \leftarrow 56$ **downto** 0 **by** 8 **do**
- 12: **for** $j \leftarrow 0$ **to** $n-2$ **by** 2 **do**
- 13: Let $u = (u_3, u_2, u_1, u_0)$, where u_t is bit $(k+t)$ of $a[j]$.
- 14: Let $v = (v_3, v_2, v_1, v_0)$, where v_t is bit $(k+t+4)$ of $a[j]$.
- 15: $m_{j/2} \leftarrow m_{j/2} \oplus T_0(u)$, $m_{j/2} \leftarrow m_{j/2} \oplus T_1(v)$
- 16: **end for**
- 17: **if** $k > 0$ **then** $(r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \leftarrow (r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \ll 8$
- 18: **end for**
- 19: **return** $c = (r_{n-1} \dots, r_0) \bmod f(z)$

Modular reduction (64-bit mode)

Algorithm 2 Fast modular reduction by $f(z) = z^{1223} + z^{255} + 1$.

Input: $c(z) = c[0..2n - 1]$.

Output: $c(z) \bmod f(z) = c[0..n - 1]$.

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1: for  $i \leftarrow 2n - 1$  downto  $n$  do
2:    $t \leftarrow c[i]$ 
3:    $c[i - 15] \leftarrow c[i - 15] \oplus (t \gg 8)$ 
4:    $c[i - 16] \leftarrow c[i - 16] \oplus (t \ll 56)$ 
5:    $c[i - 19] \leftarrow c[i - 19] \oplus (t \gg 7)$ 
6:    $c[i - 20] \leftarrow c[i - 20] \oplus (t \ll 57)$ 
7: end for
8:  $t \leftarrow c[19] \gg 7$ ,  $c[0] \leftarrow c[0] \oplus t$ ,  $t \leftarrow t \ll 7$ 
9:  $c[3] \leftarrow c[3] \oplus (t \ll 56)$ 
10:  $c[4] \leftarrow c[4] \oplus (t \gg 8)$ 
11:  $c[19] \leftarrow (c[19] \oplus t) \wedge 0x7F$ 
12: return  $c$ 
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Modular reduction (128-bit mode)

Algorithm 3 Proposed fast modular reduction.

Input: $t(z) = t[0..n-1]$ (vector of 128-bit elements).

Output: $c(z) \bmod f(z) = c[0..n-1]$.

Note: The accumulate function $R(r_3, r_2, r_1, r_0, t)$ executes:

$$s \leftarrow t \ggg_{\uparrow 8} 7, r_3 \leftarrow t \lll_{\uparrow 8} 57$$

$$r_3 \leftarrow r_3 \oplus (s \lll_8 64)$$

$$r_2 \leftarrow r_2 \oplus (s \ggg_8 64)$$

$$r_1 \leftarrow r_1 \oplus (t \lll_8 56)$$

$$r_0 \leftarrow r_0 \oplus (t \ggg_8 72)$$

1: $r_0, r_1, r_2, r_3 \leftarrow 0$

2: **for** $i \leftarrow 19$ **downto** 15 **by** 4 **do**

3: $R(r_3, r_2, r_1, r_0, t[i])$, $t[i-7] \leftarrow t[i-7] \oplus r_0$

4: $R(r_0, r_3, r_2, r_1, t[i-1])$, $t[i-8] \leftarrow t[i-8] \oplus r_1$

5: $R(r_1, r_0, r_3, r_2, t[i-2])$, $t[i-9] \leftarrow t[i-9] \oplus r_2$

6: $R(r_2, r_1, r_0, r_3, t[i-3])$, $t[i-10] \leftarrow t[i-10] \oplus r_3$

7: **end for**

8: $R(r_3, r_2, r_1, r_0, t[11])$, $t[4] \leftarrow t[4] \oplus r_0$

9: $R(r_0, r_3, r_2, r_1, t[10])$, $t[3] \leftarrow t[3] \oplus r_1$

10: $t[2] \leftarrow t[2] \oplus r_2$, $t[1] \leftarrow t[1] \oplus r_3$, $t[0] \leftarrow t[0] \oplus r_0$

11: $r_0 \leftarrow m[9] \ggg_8 64$, $r_0 \leftarrow r_0 \ggg_{\uparrow 8} 7$, $t[0] \leftarrow t[0] \oplus r_0$

12: $r_1 \leftarrow r_0 \lll_8 64$, $r_1 \leftarrow r_1 \lll_{\uparrow 8} 63$, $t[1] \leftarrow t[1] \oplus r_1$

13: $r_1 \leftarrow r_0 \ggg_{\uparrow 8} 1$, $t[2] \leftarrow t[2] \oplus r_1$

14: **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** 9 **do** $c[2i] \leftarrow store(t[i])$, $c[19] \leftarrow c[19] \wedge 0x7F$

15: **return** c

Implementation timings

Implementation	Operation		
	$a^2 \bmod f$	$a^{\frac{1}{2}} \bmod f$	$a \cdot b \bmod f$
Hankerson <i>et al.</i>	600	500	8200
Beuchat <i>et al.</i>	480	749	5438
<i>This work (65nm)</i>	160	166	4030
Improvement	66.7%	66.8%	25.9%
<i>This work (45nm)</i>	108	140	3785

Table: Timings are reported in cycles.

Bilinear Pairings

Let $\mathbb{G}_1 = \langle P \rangle$ and $\mathbb{G}_2 = \langle Q \rangle$ be additive groups and \mathbb{G}_T be a multiplicative group such that $|\mathbb{G}_1| = |\mathbb{G}_2| = |\mathbb{G}_T| = \text{prime } q$.

An efficiently-computable map $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ is an **admissible bilinear map** if the following properties are satisfied:

- ① *Bilinearity*: given $(V, W) \in \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2$ and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$:
 $e(aV, bW) = e(V, W)^{ab} = e(abV, W) = e(V, abW)$.
- ② *Non-degeneracy*: $e(P, Q) \neq 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$, where $1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$ is the identity of the group \mathbb{G}_T .

Let P, Q be r -torsion points. The pairing $e(P, Q)$ is defined by the evaluation of $f_{r,P}$ at a divisor related to Q .

[Miller 1986] constructed $f_{r,P}$ in stages combining **Miller functions** evaluated at divisors.

[Barreto et al. 2002] showed how to evaluate $f_{r,P}$ at Q using the final exponentiation employed by the Tate pairing.

Pairing computation

Let $g_{U,V}$ be the line equation through points $U, V \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})$ and g_U the shorthand for $g_{U,-U}$.

For any integers a and b , we have:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f_{a+b,P}(\mathcal{D}) = f_{a,P}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot f_{b,P}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot \frac{g_{aP,bP}(\mathcal{D})}{g_{(a+b)P}(\mathcal{D})};$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f_{2a,P}(\mathcal{D}) = f_{a,P}(\mathcal{D})^2 \cdot \frac{g_{aP,aP}(\mathcal{D})}{g_{2aP}(\mathcal{D})};$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f_{a+1,P}(\mathcal{D}) = f_{a,P}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot \frac{g_{(a)P,P}(\mathcal{D})}{g_{(a+1)P}(\mathcal{D})}.$$

Algorithm 4 Miller's Algorithm [Miller 1986, Barreto et al. 2002].

Entrada: $r = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 r} r_i 2^i, P, Q.$

Saída: $e_r(P, Q).$

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1:  $T \leftarrow P$ 
2:  $f \leftarrow 1$ 
3:  $r \leftarrow r - 1$ 
4: for  $i = \lfloor \log_2(r) \rfloor - 1$  downto 0 do
5:    $f \leftarrow f^2 \cdot l_{T,T}(Q)$ 
6:    $T \leftarrow 2T$ 
7:   if  $r_i = 1$  then
8:      $f \leftarrow f \cdot l_{T,P}(Q)$ 
9:      $T \leftarrow T + P$ 
10:  end if
11: end for
12: return  $f^{(q^k - 1/r)}$ 
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Scalable approaches:

- [Mitsunari 2009] and [Beuchat et al. 2009] precompute pairs $(T_i, \text{part of } l_{T_i, T_i}(Q))$ in the symmetric case and divide loop iterations among processors.

Problem: High storage costs (large precomputation).

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$$\begin{aligned} f_{r, P}(\mathcal{D}) &= f_{2^w r_1 + r_0, P}(\mathcal{D}) \\ &= f_{r_1, P}(\mathcal{D})^{2^w} \cdot f_{2^w, r_1 P}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot f_{r_0, P}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot \frac{g_{(2^w r_1)P, r_0 P}(\mathcal{D})}{g_{rP}(\mathcal{D})}. \end{aligned}$$

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If r has low Hamming weight, w can be chosen so that r_0 is **small**.

For many processors, we can:

- Apply the formula recursively:
- Write r as $r = 2^{w_i} r_i + \dots + 2^{w_2} r_2 + 2^{w_1} r_1 + r_0$.

If P is fixed (private key), $r_i P$ can also be precomputed.

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We can count the operations executed by each processor and solve the system $c_\pi(1) = c_\pi(i)$ to obtain w_j . The **speedup** is:

$$s(\pi) = \frac{c_1(1) + \text{exp}}{c_\pi(1) + \text{par} + \text{exp}},$$

where *par* is the cost of parallelization and *exp* is the cost of the final exponentiation.

A **pairing-friendly supersingular binary elliptic curve** is the set of solutions $(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m} \times \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ satisfying the equation

$$y^2 + y = x^3 + x + \mathbf{b},$$

where $\mathbf{b} \in \{0, 1\}$, and a **point at infinity** ∞ .

The **order** of this curve is $N = 2^m + 1 \pm 2^{\frac{m+1}{2}}$ and the **embedding degree** is $k = 4$ (the least integer such that N divides $2^{km} - 1$).

Symmetric case – Pairing definition

Choosing $T = 2^m - N$ and a prime r dividing N , [Barreto et al. 2004] defined the reduced η_T pairing:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_T & : E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})[r] \times E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})[r] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}^* \\ \eta_T(P, Q) & = f_{T', P'}(\psi(Q))^{\frac{2^{4m}-1}{N}},\end{aligned}$$

where $T' = \pm T$ and $P' = \pm P$.

The function f is a **Miller function** and ψ is the **distortion map**
 $\psi(x, y) = (x^2 + s, y + sx + t)$.

Symmetric case – Pairing algorithm

Algorithm 5 η_T pairing [Barreto et al. 2004], [Beuchat et al. 2008].

Input: $P = (x_P, y_P), Q = (x_Q, y_Q) \in E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})[r]$.

Output: $\eta_T(P, Q) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}^*$.

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1:  $y_P \leftarrow y_P + 1 - \delta$ 
2:  $u \leftarrow x_P + \alpha, v \leftarrow x_Q + \alpha$ 
3:  $g_0 \leftarrow u \cdot v + y_P + y_Q + \beta$ 
4:  $g_1 \leftarrow u + x_Q, g_2 \leftarrow v + x_P^2$ 
5:  $G \leftarrow g_0 + g_1s + t$ 
6:  $L \leftarrow (g_0 + g_2) + (g_1 + 1)s + t$ 
7:  $F \leftarrow L \cdot G$ 
8: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $\frac{m-1}{2}$  do
9:    $x_P \leftarrow \sqrt{x_P}, y_P \leftarrow \sqrt{y_P}, x_Q \leftarrow x_Q^2, y_Q \leftarrow y_Q^2$ 
10:   $u \leftarrow x_P + \alpha, v \leftarrow x_Q + \alpha$ 
11:   $g_0 \leftarrow u \cdot v + y_P + y_Q + \beta$ 
12:   $g_1 \leftarrow u + x_Q$ 
13:   $G \leftarrow g_0 + g_1s + t$ 
14:   $F \leftarrow F \cdot G$ 
15: end for
16: return  $F(2^{2m}-1)(2^m+1 \pm 2^{\frac{m+1}{2}})$ 
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Symmetric case – Parallel pairing

Algorithm 6 Proposed parallel η_T pairing.

Input: $P = (x_P, y_P), Q = (x_Q, y_Q) \in E(\mathbb{F}_{2^m})[r]$.

Output: $\eta_T(P, Q) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}^*$.

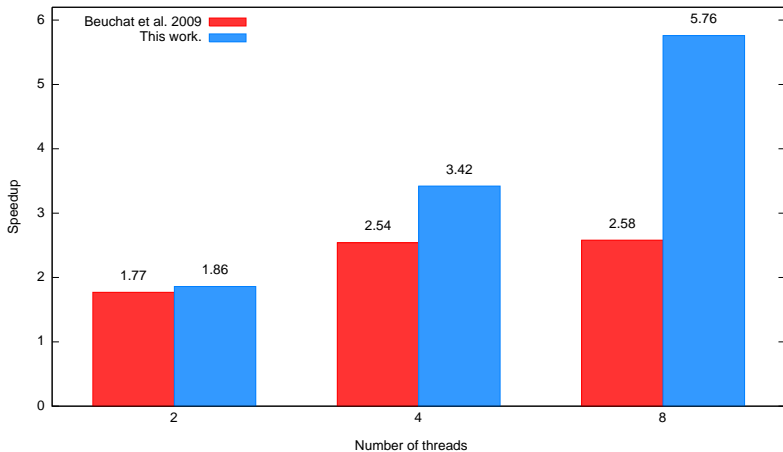
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1: parallel section(processor  $i$ )
2: if  $i = 1$  then
3:   Initialize  $F_1$  as in lines 1-7 of the previous algorithm;
4: else
5:    $F_i \leftarrow 1$ 
6: end if
7:  $x_{P_i} \leftarrow (x_P)^{\frac{1}{2^{w_i}}}, y_{P_i} \leftarrow (y_P)^{\frac{1}{2^{w_i}}}, x_{Q_i} \leftarrow (x_Q)^{2^{w_i}}, y_{Q_i} \leftarrow (y_Q)^{2^{w_i}}$ 
8: for  $j \leftarrow w_i$  to  $w_{i+1} - 1$  do
9:    $x_{P_i} \leftarrow \sqrt{x_{P_i}}, y_{P_i} \leftarrow \sqrt{y_{P_i}}, x_{Q_i} \leftarrow x_{Q_i}^2, y_{Q_i} \leftarrow y_{Q_i}^2$ 
10:   $u_i \leftarrow x_{P_i} + \alpha, v_i \leftarrow x_{Q_i} + \alpha$ 
11:   $g_0 \leftarrow u_i \cdot v_i + y_{P_i} + y_{Q_i} + \beta$ 
12:   $g_1 \leftarrow u_i + x_{Q_i}$ 
13:   $G_i \leftarrow g_0 + g_1 s + t$ 
14:   $F_i \leftarrow F_i \cdot G_i$ 
15: end for
16:  $F \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^{\pi} F_i$ 
17: end parallel
18: return  $F^M$ 
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Material:

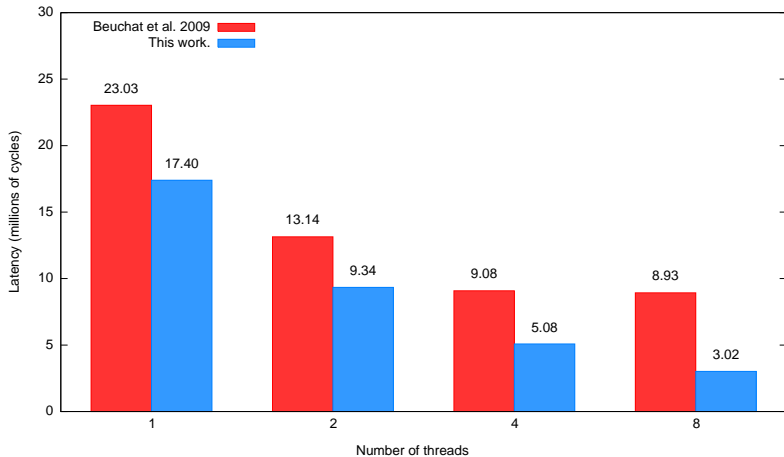
- GCC 4.1.2 (fastest SSE intrinsics);
- RELIC cryptographic library¹;
- OpenMP constructs;
- Intel 4-core 65nm and 8-core 45nm processors.

¹<http://code.google.com/p/relic-toolkit/>

Experimental results – Speedup (45nm)



Experimental results – Latency (45nm)



Conclusions

New state-of-the-art for parallel implementation of pairings:

- No significant storage costs, smaller precomputation;
- Improvements in field arithmetic from **25%** to **67%**;
- In comparison with our serial implementation, speedups of **46%**, **70%** and **83%** with 2, 4 and 8 cores;
- In comparison with previous state-of-the-art, improvements in *latency* of **24%**, **29%**, **44%** and **66%** with 1, 2, 4 and 8 cores.

Parallelization scales:

- In the covered case, point doublings and extension field squarings are efficient;
- Our finite field implementation make these exceptionally fast.

Extend techniques to other cases:

- Ternary case should be simple;
- Asymmetric case is harder (point doublings are expensive).

For the R-ate pairing over Barreto-Naehrig curves:

- Preliminary data points to a small 10% speedup with 2 processors.

Thank you for your attention!
Any questions?

Detailed results

Platform 1 – 65nm	Number of threads					
	1	2	4	8*	16*	32*
Hankerson <i>et al.</i> – latency	39	–	–	–	–	–
Beuchat <i>et al.</i> – latency	26.86	16.13	10.13	–	–	–
Beuchat <i>et al.</i> – speedup	1	1.67	2.65	–	–	–
<i>This work</i> – latency	18.76	10.08	5.72	3.55	2.51	2.14
<i>This work</i> – speedup	1	1.86	3.28	5.28	7.47	8.76
Improvement	30.2%	32.9%	39.9%	–	–	–
Platform 2 – 45nm	1	2	4	8	16*	32*
Beuchat <i>et al.</i> – latency	23.03	13.14	9.08	8.93	–	–
Beuchat <i>et al.</i> – speedup	1	1.77	2.54	2.58	–	–
<i>This work</i> – latency	17.40	9.34	5.08	3.02	2.03	1.62
<i>This work</i> – speedup	1	1.86	3.42	5.76	8.57	10.74
Improvement	24.4%	28.9%	44.0%	66.2%	–	–

Table: Timings are reported in millions of cycles.