

Hardware accelerator for the Tate pairing in characteristic three based on Karatsuba multipliers

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Outline of the talk

- 1 Context
- 2 Hardware accelerator for the Tate pairing
- 3 Results
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Pairing-based cryptography

- Origin of pairings in cryptography
 - ▶ Menezes–Okamoto–Vanstone (1993) and Frey–Rück (1994)
 - ▶ **attack** against some elliptic curves
- Constructive properties
 - ▶ **short signature**
 - ▶ **identity-based cryptography**
 - ▶ ...
- **Standardization** in progress

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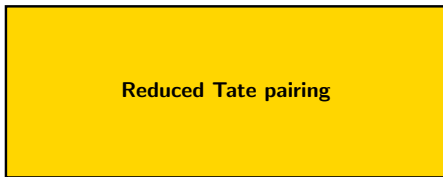
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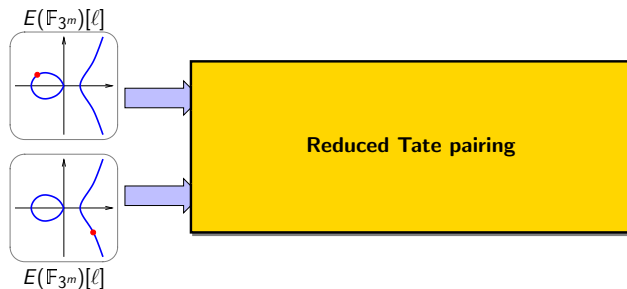
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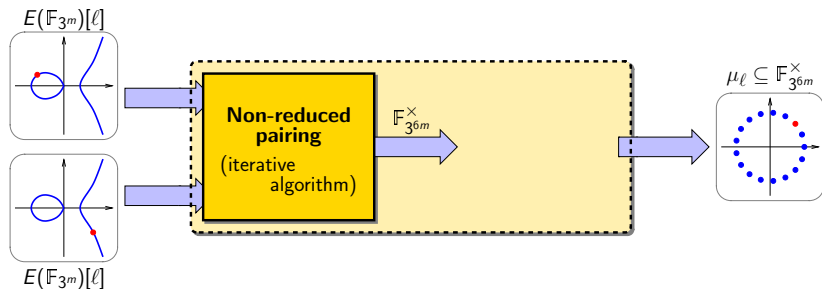
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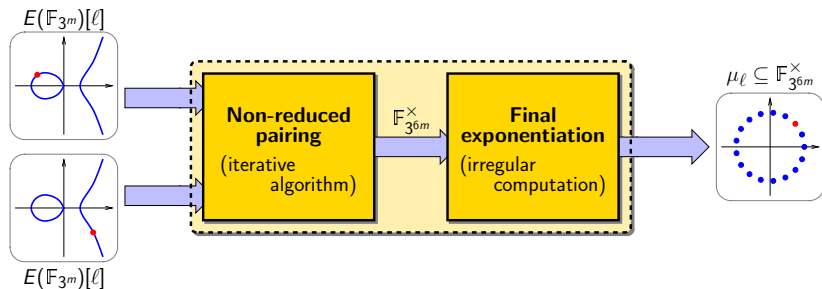
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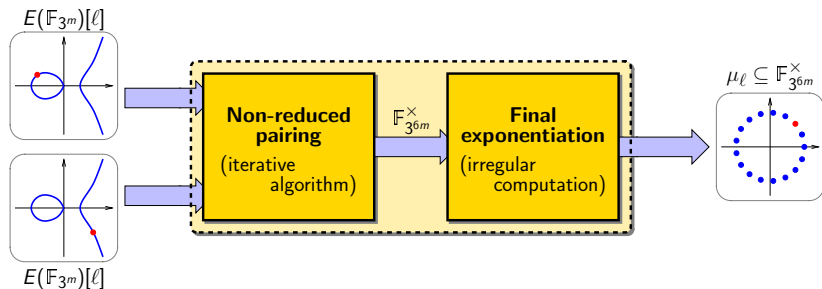
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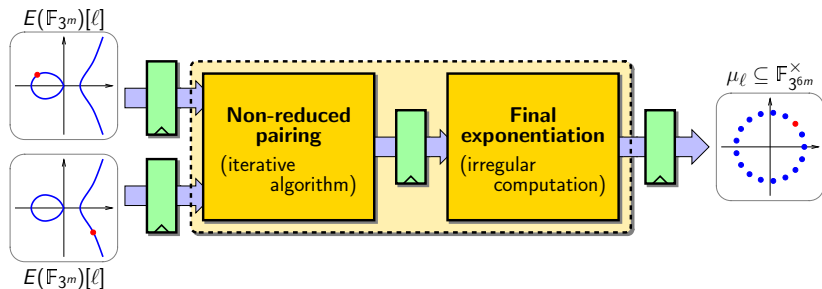
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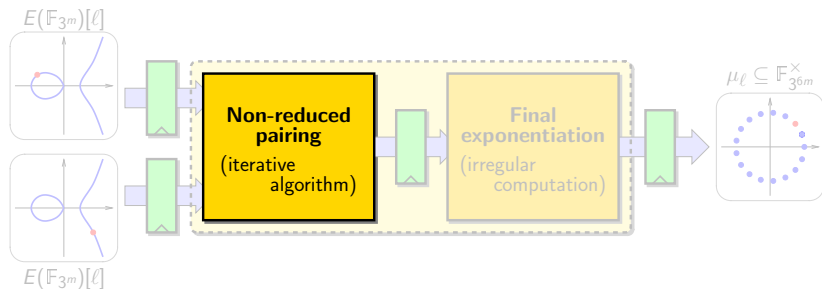
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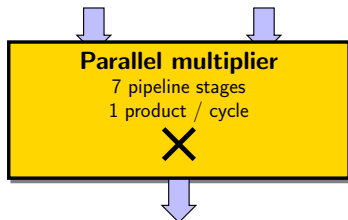
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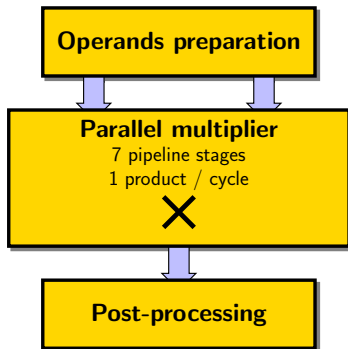
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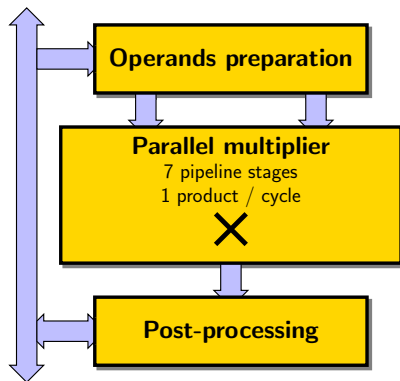
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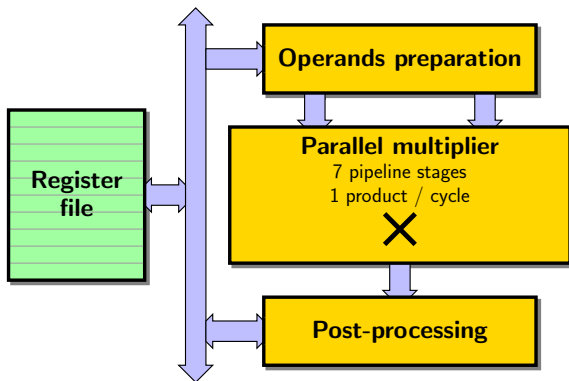
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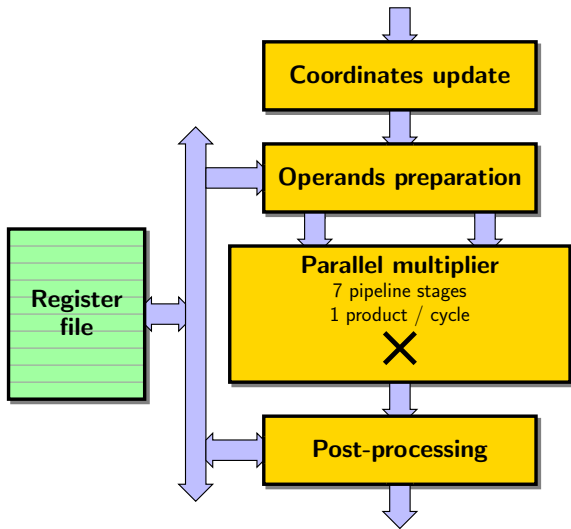
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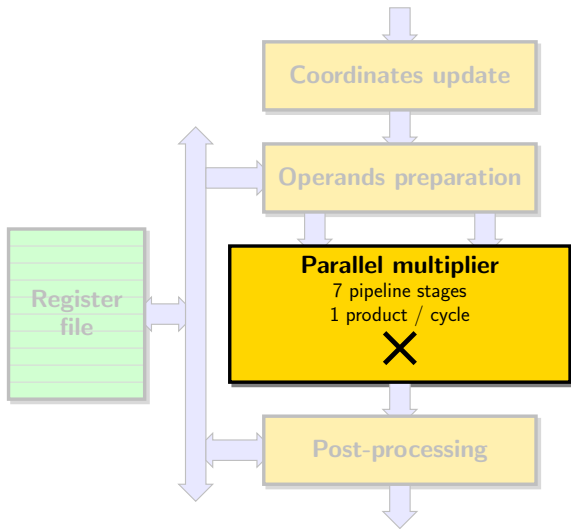
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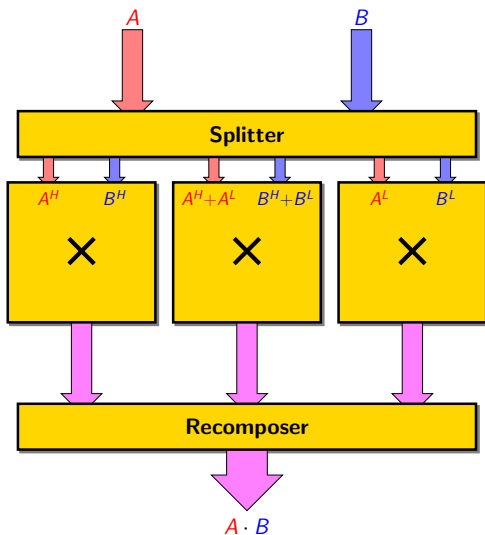
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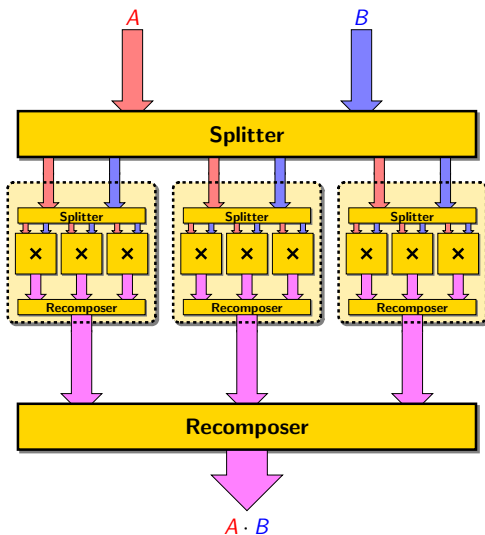


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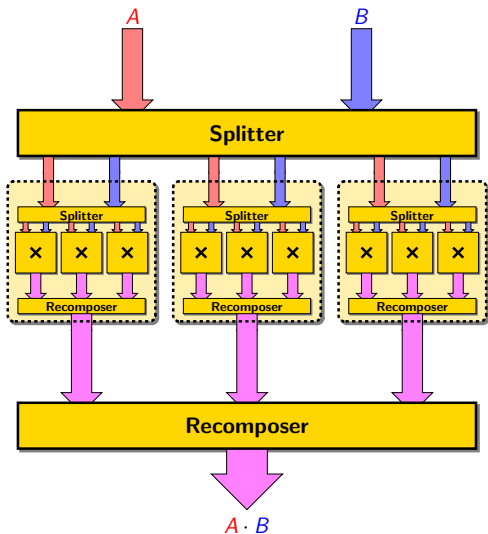


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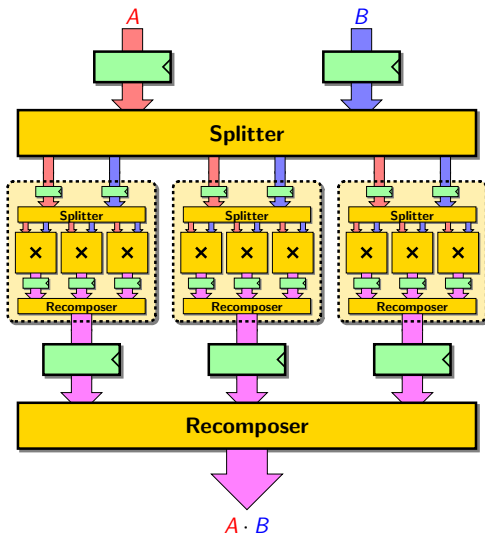


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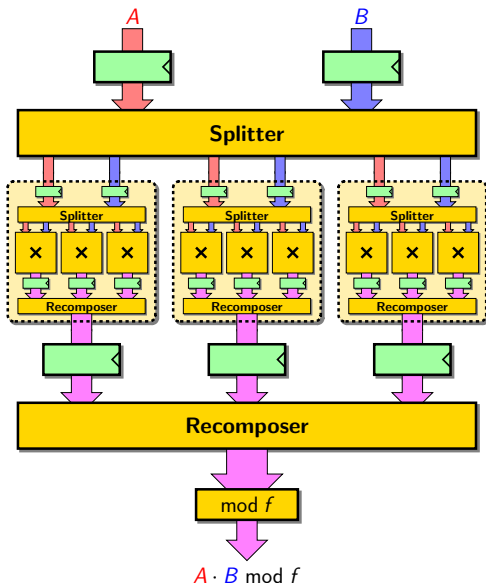


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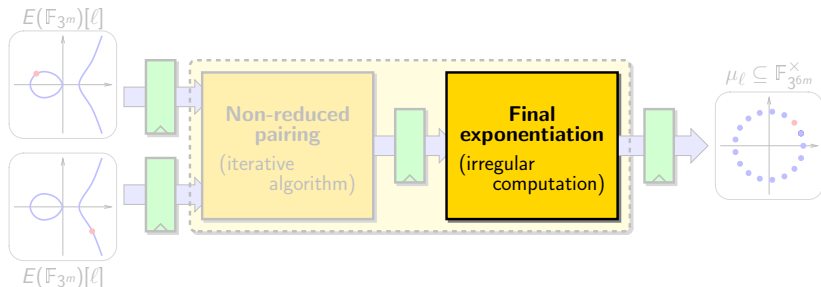
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- ▶ at least as **fast** as the computation of the non-reduced pairing

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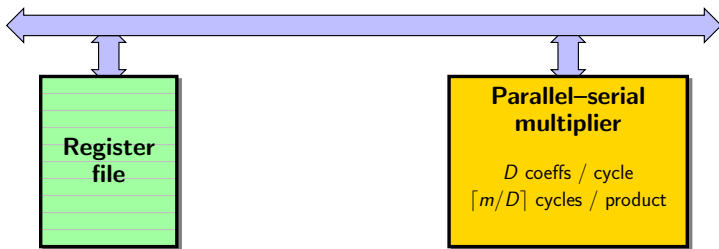
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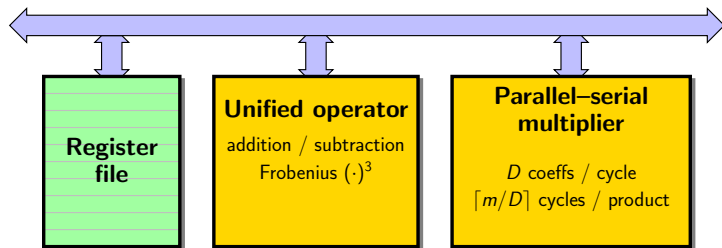
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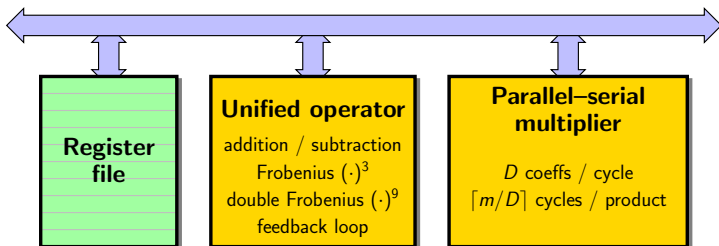
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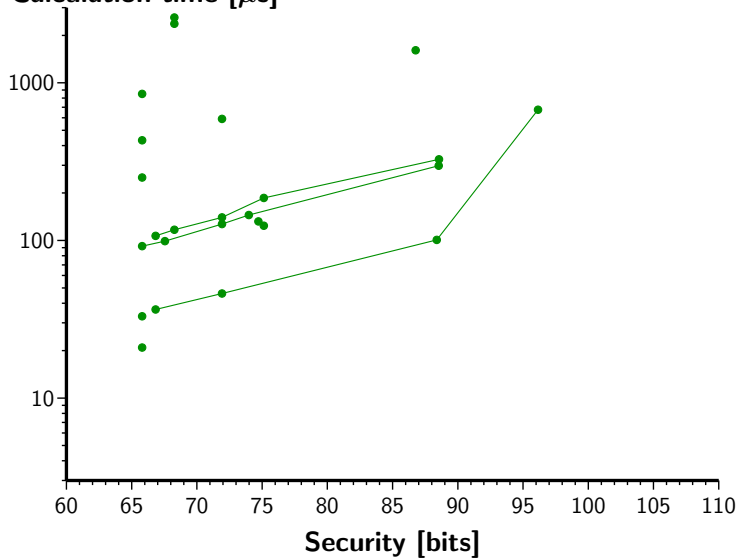
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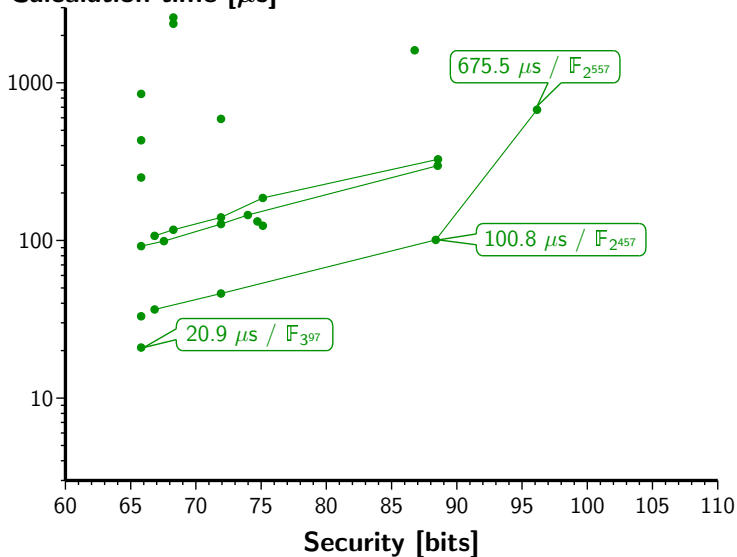
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 - ▶ non-reduced pairing and
 - ▶ final exponentiation
- Prototyped on [Xilinx Virtex-II Pro](#) and [Virtex-4 LX](#) FPGAs
- Post-place-and-route [timing](#) and [area](#) estimations

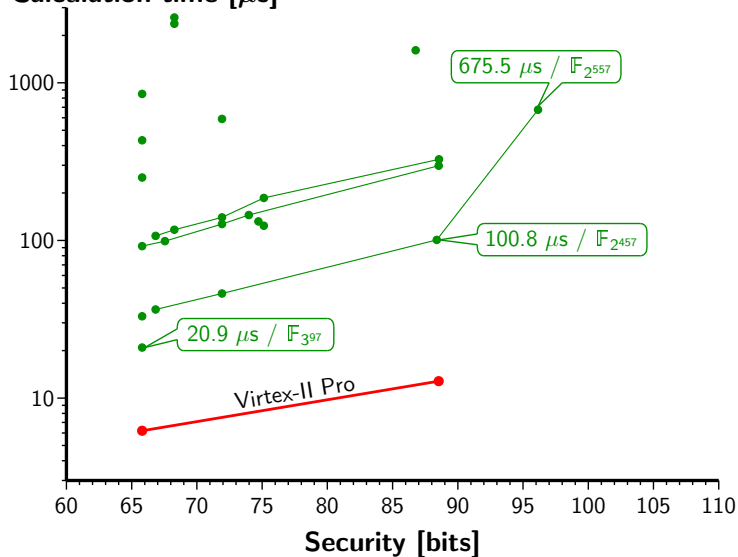
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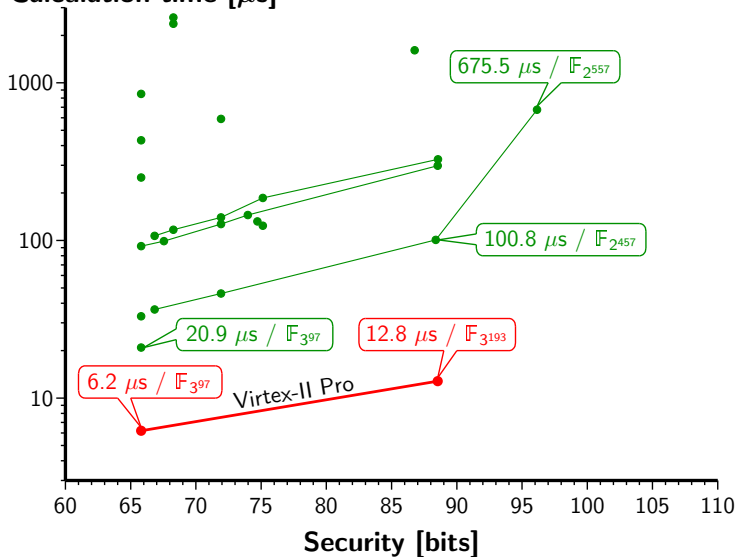
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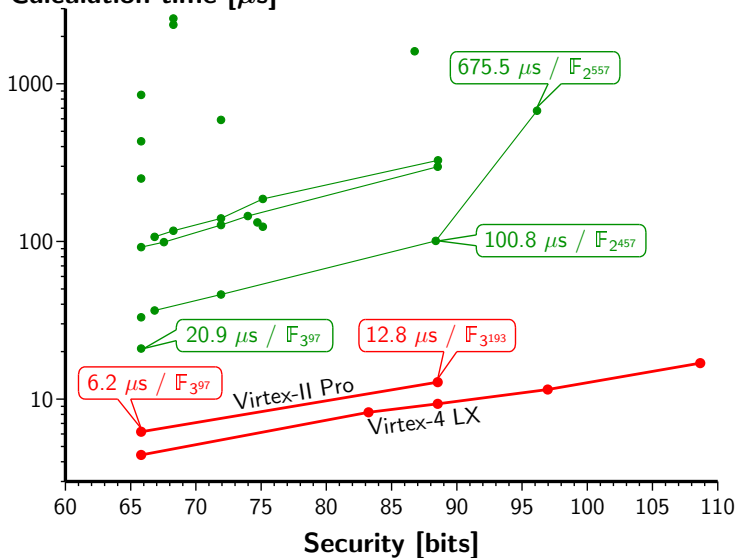
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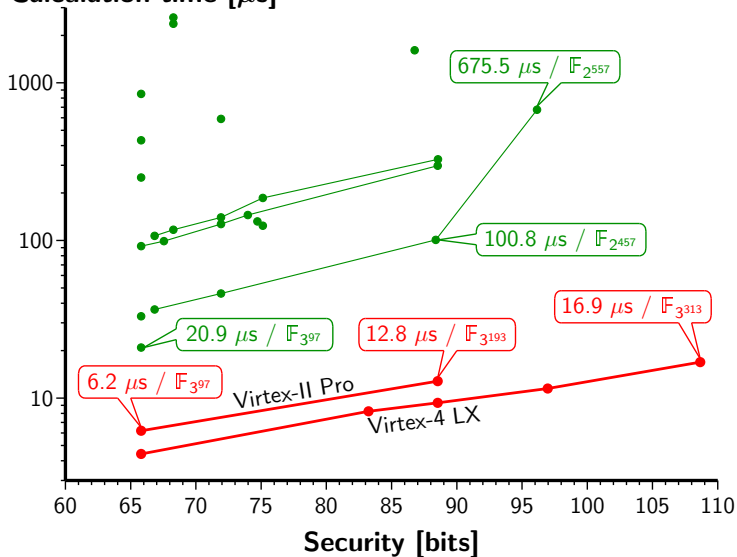
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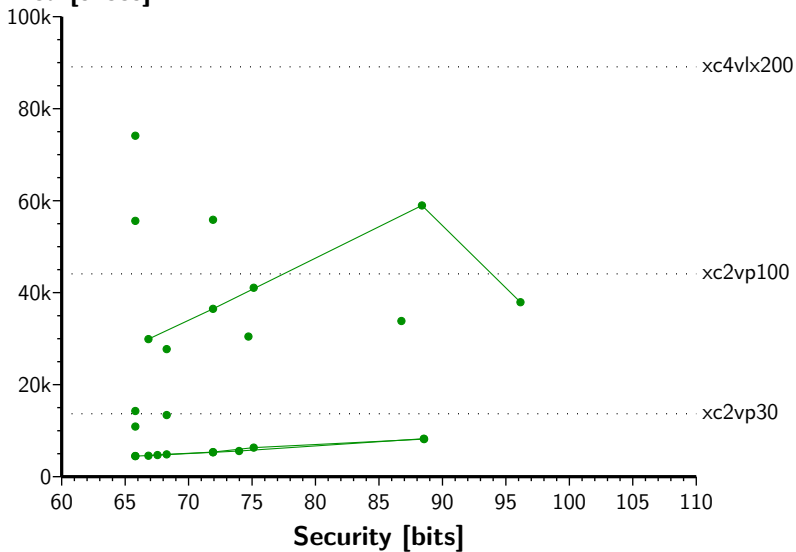
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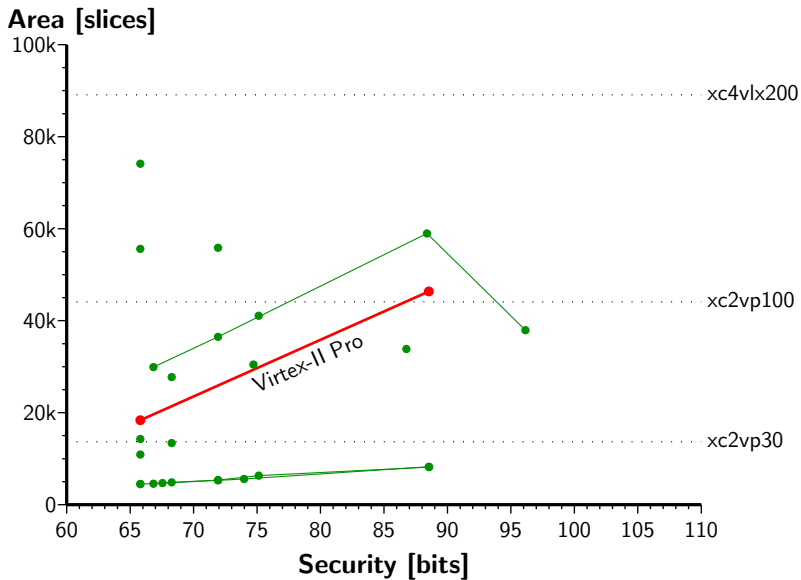


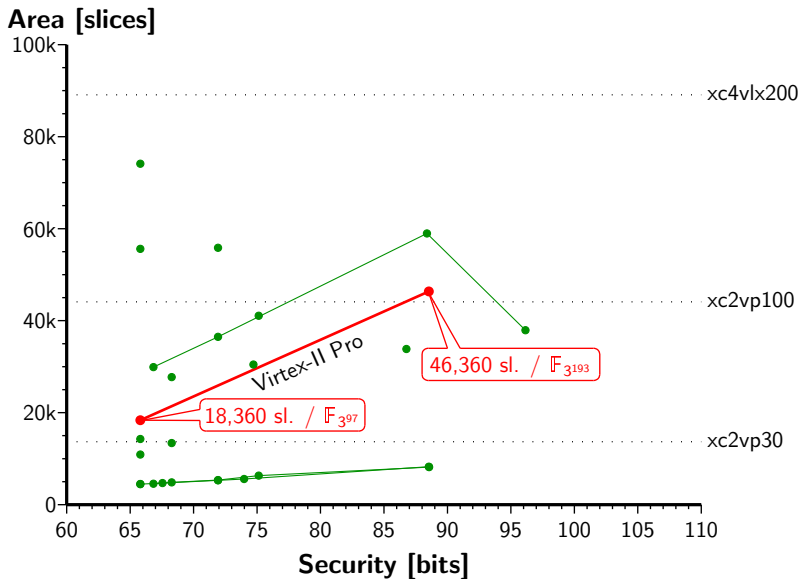
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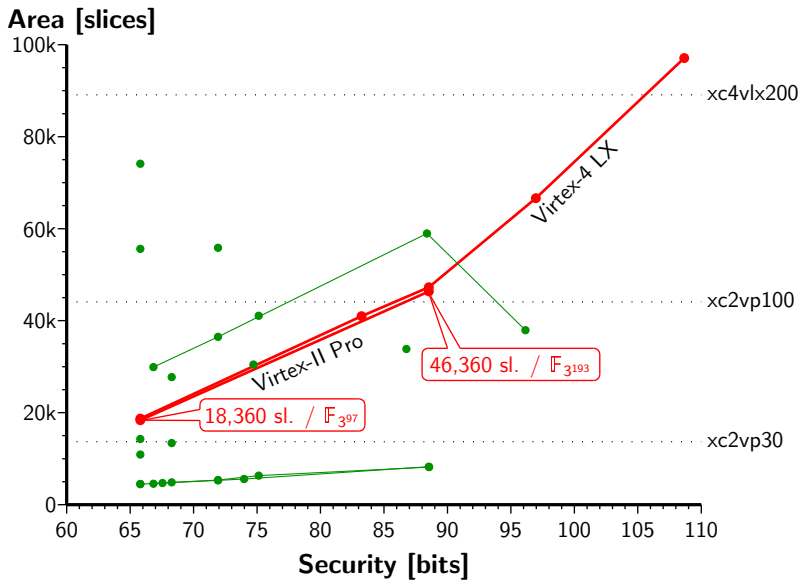


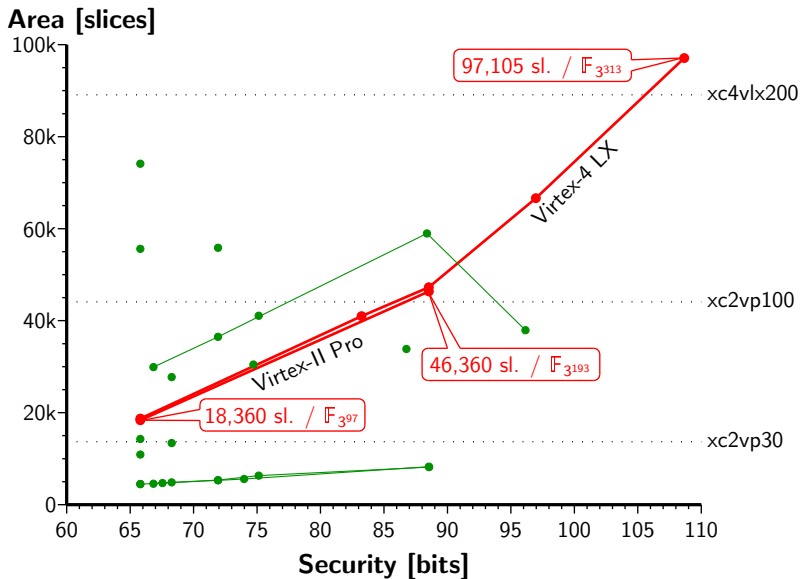
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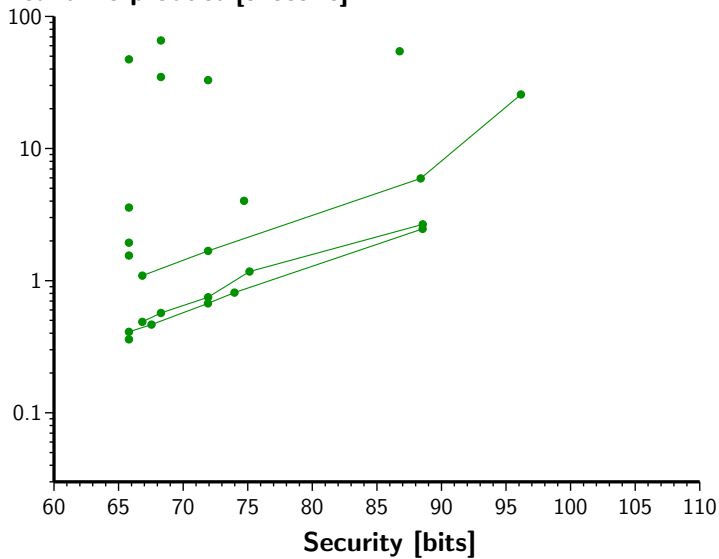




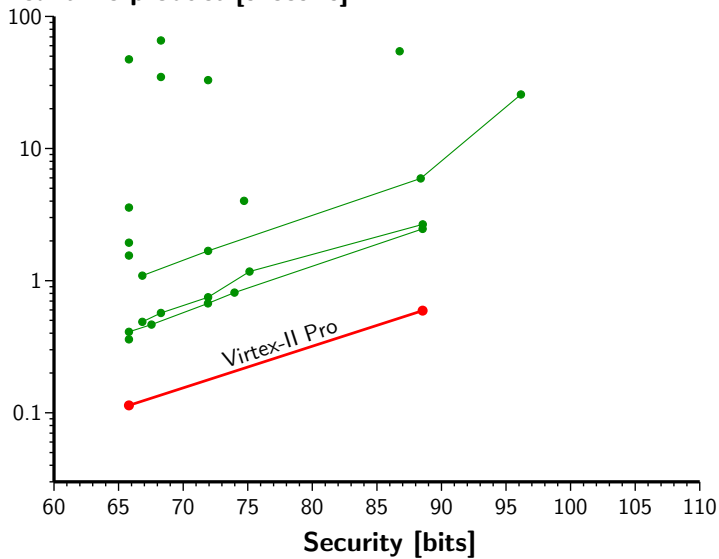




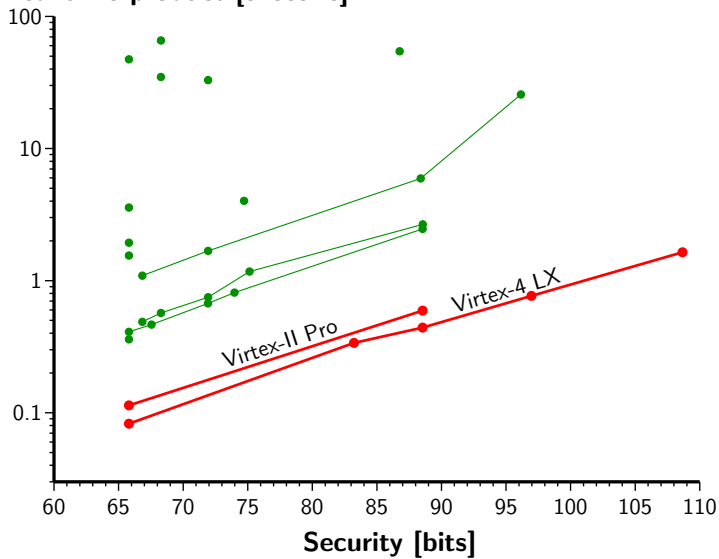
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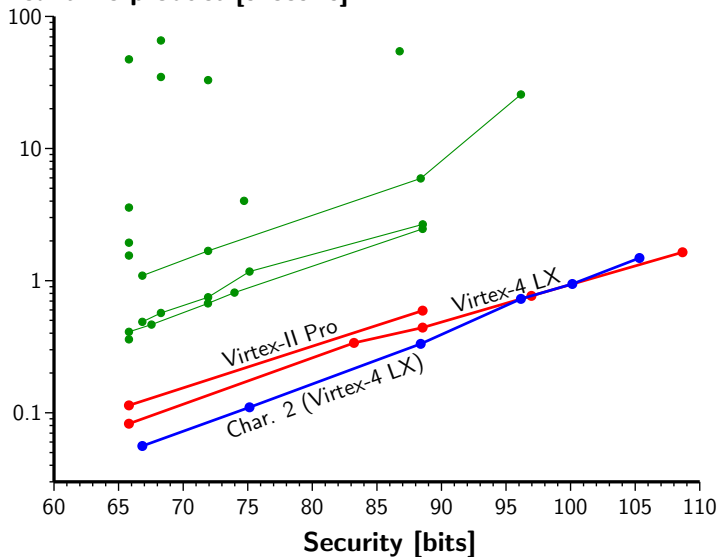
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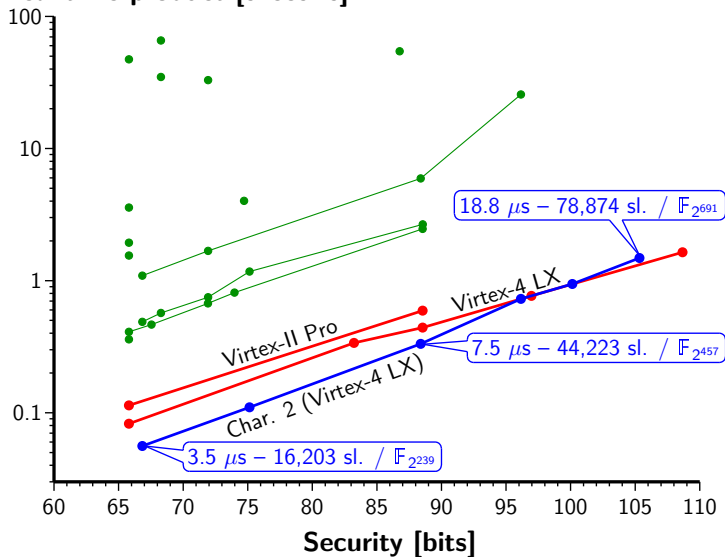
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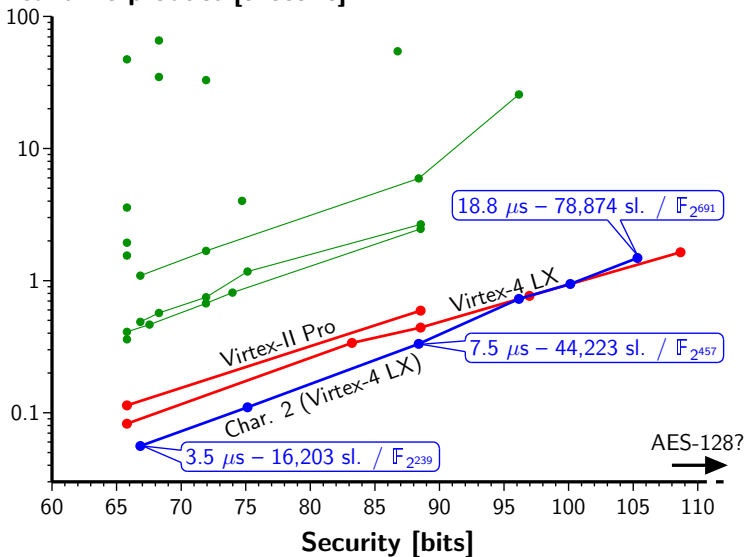
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Thank you for your attention

Questions?