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# Hardware Accelerator for the Tate Pairing based on Karatsuba Multipliers

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- Identity-based encryption
  - Boneh–Franklin, 2001
  - Sakai–Kasahara, 2001
- Short digital signatures
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▶ Pipelined: optional registers







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## **Final exponentiation**



Design rationale:

- as small as possible
- at least as fast as the computation of the non-reduced pairing

- ► Highly sequential computation
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Register file







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- characteristic 2 (recently submitted)
- genus-2 supersingular curves in characteristic 2 (work in progress)
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## Thank you for your attention

# **Questions?**