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## Efficient Multiplier for pairings over Barreto-Naehrig Curves on Virtex-6 FPGA

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**Abstract:** This paper is devoted to the design of a 258-bit multiplier for computing pairings over Barreto-Naehrig (BN) curves at 128-bit security level. The proposed design is optimized for Xilinx field programmable gate array (FPGA). Each 258-bit integer is represented as a polynomial with five, 65-bit signed integers, coefficients. Exploiting this splitting we designed a pipelined 65-bit multiplier based on a new Karatsuba-Ofman variant using non-standard splitting to fit to the Xilinx embedded digital signal processor (DSP) blocks. Our architecture is able to compute 258-bit multiplication suitable for BN curves using only 11 in-built DSP blocks available on Virtex-6 Xilinx FPGA devices. It is the least DSP blocks consumption in the known literature. This work can be extended to efficiently compute pairings at higher security levels.

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