# Zcash FPGA acceleration engine

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# Version history

- v1.1
  - First major release of the code, includes many reusable logic cores, along with the equihash engine, secp256k1 signature verification engine, and bls12-381 coprocessor with Fp and Fp<sup>2</sup> point multiplication (pairing to be implemented in v1.2)
  - o Top level module for the Zcash acceleration engine
  - Top level board files for both Bittware VVH and Amazon AWS EC2 F1 FPGAs
    - bls12-381 coprocessor so far has only been tested on AWS
  - o Document still missing content for some sections, will be completed in v1.2
- v1.2
  - o bls12-381 coprocessor
    - Added optimal ate pairing module (instruction ATE\_PAIRING)
    - Removed some instructions that were not used for control
    - Updated diagrams and performance numbers
- v1.3
  - o bls12-381 coprocessor
    - Added instructions for MILLER\_LOOP and FINAL\_EXP to allow for multi-pairing operations
    - Added Fp<sup>12</sup> to the MULT instruction
    - Removed FPOINT\_MULT instructions as they can all be covered by POINT\_MULT
  - Changes to system verilog to improve timing
  - Added AWS builds
    - Added sample output of test program
- v1.4
  - Added accum\_mult\_mod block to /ip\_cores/ and modified bls12-381 coprocessor to use this
    - Modular multiplier using carry save adders for multiplication and RAM tables for reduction, 3X performance compared to previous Karatsuba multiplier
- v1.4.1
  - Fix bug with AWS build not working due to files not getting read properly, added a parameter to bls12-381 top level "USE\_KARATSUBA" and zcash\_fpga\_pkg.sv
     "BLS12\_381\_USE\_KARATSUBA" so that the old multiplier can optionally be used
  - Added comment that for simulating on AWS this parameter should be changed to "YES"
  - Added comment that Python 3 is needed for the accume mult mod script

# Terms used

FP (Field point)	FE (Field element)	JB (Jacobian)	AF (Affine)
FPGA (Field programmable gate array)	EC (Elliptic curve)	SW (Software - generally meaning what runs on the CPU)	AXI (Advanced eXtensible Interface)
Non-adjacent form (NAF)	RAM (Random Access memory)	BRAM (Block RAM) - on Xilinx FPGAs	URAM (Ultra RAM) - on Xilinx FPGAs
zk-SNARK (Zero-Knowledge Succinct Non-Interactive Argument of Knowledge)	ECDSA (Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm)	FFF (Fast Fourier transform)	

# Overview

# Zcash FPGA project

Zcash FPGA acceleration engine is a FPGA system used to accelerate the Zcash network. The **first phase** is focused on accelerating verification components of the blockchain, and the **second phase** is focused on zk-SNARK acceleration and elliptic curve operations required. All code developed is written in system verilog and open source under the GPL 3.0 license, intended to be modular and parameterizable for reuse, and can be found at the GitHub repo linked on the first page of this document.

FPGA acceleration allows us to offload work to a chip that is configured at the gate level to do specific hardware functions, and can bring several **advantages** over a CPU implementation:

- 1. Can be configured for large parallelism e.g.you could configure an FPGA to do 1000x 32bit multiplications all at the same time allowing for large throughputs
- 2. Specialized functions that an x86 processor takes many instructions to implement could be implemented as a single instruction on an FPGA
- 3. Low latency direct access to data e.g. you could develop custom TCP/IP hardware on an FPGA bypassing a NIC card / having a CPU make decisions

#### But also has disadvantages:

- 4. Clock speed is much slower on FPGA (100MHz 300MHz depending on logic implemented) compared to a CPU (3GHz+) with multiple cores
- 5. Getting data in and out of the FPGA from the CPU takes roughly ~300ns(PCle roundtrip) which translates to ~1000 clock cycles on a CPU even before we start processing
  - a. This is for an optimized core AWS FPGAs used in this experiment take 1us+ roundtrip
- 6. Development cycle is much slower compared to CPU and not as easily accessible to a SW engineer

The goal of this work is not only to develop open source FPGA acceleration code for various Zcash systems and that can be of use to the wider community, but also to investigate/research the direction for future development (i.e. what cases are good candidates for acceleration and what cases are better left to SW).

# Interfaces and FPGA hardware

The FPGA engine is designed to either be implemented on a Bittware board (VU37P FPGA w/ 8GB HBM, 16GB DDR4) or run on an Amazon AWS EC2 F1 FPGA instance (VU9P w/ 64GB DDR4). Both FPGAs are the same generation and speed grade, but depending on the board clock rates on FPGA might have to be scaled so that timing closure can be met (AWS FPGAs require extra "glue" logic and seem to not meet timing as easily as the VU37P). I have tried to use non-vendor specific blocks where possible (i.e. BRAMs, core logic, is mostly written from scratch in systemverilog), but in case cases I have used Xilinx IP for simplicity (mainly in the AWS top level, where the .xci files are included in the /ip folder). It would not take much work to implement the same code on an Altera FPGA or older generation Xilinx FPGA.

Communication to FPGA is split into two main methods:

 Based on commands that are formatted with a header, followed by optional data (inputs for the command). FPGA sends replies to SW after a command is completed or in the case of any errors. These are sent over an AXI4-stream interface. 2. Using an instruction memory and data register approach, SW has direct access to FPGA memory and can configure more complex logic flows. Interrupt commands can be implemented so FPGA will send data to SW without required polling of FPGA memory. This is used for the bls12-381 coprocessor in phase 2. These are sent over an AXI4-lite interface.

Depending on the FPGA board used communication is either exposed to SW through a C++ library over PCIe (when using AWS), or over USB-UART (when using the Bittware board). There are wrappers that convert the communication method to the internal FPGA AXI-lite and AXI-stream interfaces.

# Project goals

At a high level the FPGA architecture currently comprises several engines for dedicated tasks to handle the commands from SW, where more engines are to be added as development continues:

- Blake2b hash
- SHA256 hash
- Equihash verification engine
- Transparent signature verification engine (accelerate point multiplication on the secp256k1 curve)
- BLS12-381 coprocessor (accelerate EC operations on the bls12-381 curve such as point multiplication and pairing)

### Phase 1

Phase 1 is focused on offloading various aspects of verifying the Zcash block chain onto the FPGA. These will include:

- 1. A equihash verification engine, which can take in a block header + solution and verify it is correct, as well as other fields in the block header that require processing (such as hashing)
- 2. Verifying transparent transaction in the block chain, which will be done by implementing a secp256k1 engine that can take in signatures and verify their correctness.

### Phase 2

Phase 2 is focused on accelerating zk-SNARK operations.

1. This will be implemented a BLS12-381 coprocessor, where software can write instruction memory on the FPGA that will allow for chaining of multiple commands without having to send data in and out of the FPGA. This coprocessor will implement Fp, Fp², Fp6, Fp¹² arithmetic over the bls12-381 curve, as well as several higher level operations such as inversion, calculating powers, calculating frobenius map, miller loop, final exponentiation, and optimal ate pairing. Software can read and write both data and instruction memory to poll the current status of the coprocessor, or interrupt instructions can be used to send interrupts back to SW when certain commands complete.

The main goals for acceleration using this coprocessor\*:

- Generate a shielded Zcash (Sapling) transaction with acceleration from the coprocessor
- Sign a shielded Zcash (Sapling) transaction with acceleration from the coprocessor

<sup>\*</sup>The processor has been implemented on FPGA but requires some work in Zcash's Rust code to correctly interface with the FPGA and utilize, which has been made a lower priority at the moment for this project. A Rust wrapper around the cpp FPGA library has been developed, but still requires work before it could be released into production and used with an AWS F1 FPGA instance.

# **Implementation**

### Overview

#### FPGA:

- Bittware XUPVVH dev board w/ Virtex UltraScale+ VU37P HBM VCU128-ES1 (8GB HBM, 16GB DDR4)
  - Interface to hose over UART (USB)
- o AWS EC2 F1 FPGA instance UltraScale+ VU9P (64GB DDR4)
  - Interface to host over PCIe

#### Software API:

- C++ library for AWS boards over PCIe this is in the github repo aws/cl\_zcash/software/runtime/zcash\_fpga.hpp
  - A rust interface is in development and should be released in a later version, to allow the Zcash client to run on an AWS instance to utilize FPGA acceleration
- USB-UART for Bittware boards using Python this is in the github repo bittware\_xupvvh/software/zcash\_fpga.py

# **FPGA Memory Map**

The FPGA has 2 main methods of sending and receiving data, these are:

- 1. The AXI4 stream interface, which is used to send and receive commands and can be used with larger amounts of data (detailed in the next section).
- 2. The AXI4 lite memory map interface, mainly used for configuration, debug, instruction, and data memory. This is done via individual 32 bit writes and reads. The memory space of the FPGA is organized as:

Name	Address range
Top level control and configuration	** Not currently present in version v1.3
Stream control module (only present on AWS builds)	0x0 to 0xFFF
BLS12-381 coprocessor	0x1000 to 0x4FFF

(each regions memory section is detailed in the architecture section)

# Streaming commands

The streaming interface data is streamed from SW to FPGA with a 16 byte header at the very start, and then depending on the command or reply type from FPGA there can be a sub-header and additional inputs / outputs. All values here are little endian and length (len) is specified in bytes. The format of the header is:

```
uint32_t cmd_type;  // This is the command type (given below) either from SW or
from FPGA
uint32_t len;  // This is the total length in bytes of the packet either from
SW or from FPGA
} fpga_header_t;
```

Commands are capable of being sent back-to-back in the same stream, but the start of a new command must be aligned to an 8 byte boundary.

### SW to FPGA

These are the commands the FPGA is capable of receiving from SW.

```
reset_fpga
cmd_type: 0x00000000
len: 8 (no additional data follows the header)
```

This command resets the FPGA internal logic logic to its initial state. This should be called when first connecting to the FPGA, or if any errors happen and the FPGA is unresponsive (if this command does not fix the problem you will need to reprogram the FPGA). The FPGA will send a **reset\_fpga\_rpl** to SW after it has been reset.

```
get_fpga_status
cmd_type: 0x00000001
len: 8 (no additional data follows the header)
```

This command asks the FPGA to reply with the current status using a fpga\_status\_rpl message.

```
verify_equihash
cmd_type: 0x00000100
len: 8 + 8 + length of block header (CBlockHeader) (1487 for N=200, K=9)
```

This command takes takes a block header and will verify the equihash solution is correct, according to Zcash protocol doc, and passes the difficulty filter. The FPGA will send a **verify\_equihash\_rpl** back to SW with the result of the check along with the index from the command so that it can be matched (in the case of multiple concurrent operations).

```
verify_secp256k1_sig cmd_type: 0x00000101
```

len: 8 + 8 + 160

This command verifies the signature used in a transparent transaction over the EC **secp256k1**.

Inputs are the hash H(m) of the message m, the signature (comprised of two values - s and  $r_x$ ), and Q (public key of signer uncompressed). P is the base point of secp256k1 and stored on the FPGA. The FPGA then decodes this command into a series of instructions for the secp256k1 ECDSA core. An index is also given that it returned with the result to track multiple concurrent commands.

### FPGA to SW

These are the replies the FPGA is capable of sending to SW.

```
reset_fpga_rpl
cmd_type: 0x80000000
len: 8 (no additional data follows the header)
```

This tells SW that the FPGA has been reset successfully. After this a get\_fpga\_status message should be sent to the FPGA to confirm it is in a good state.

```
fpga_status_rpl
Cmd_type: 0x80000001
len: 8 + 36
```

This reply tells SW the current status of the FPGA, the build information, what commands it is capable of running, and any error flags or extra debug information that might be useful.

```
typedef __packed__ struct {
  fpga_header_t hdr;
  uint32_t
                fpga_version;
                                  // e.g. 0x00_01_00_00 (v 1.0.0, format
major.minor.patch)
  uint64 t
                fpga_build_date;
                                 // String of build date FPGA image was built
  uint64_t
               fpga_build_host;
  uint64 t
               fpga_cmd_cap;
                                  // Bitmask of what commands are capable to run on
this FPGA build
  uint64_t
                fpga_state;
} fpga_status_rpl_t;
```

```
fpga_ignore_rpl
```

Cmd\_type: 0x80000002

len: 8 + 8

This reply tells SW that the FPGA received a message it was unable to decode (either did not have the capability or some error in the message, for example incorrect length), and is ignoring it.

```
typedef __packed__ struct {
  fpga_header_t hdr;
  fpga_header_t ignored_command; // This is the command that the FPGA ignored
} fpga_ignore_rpl_t;
```

verify\_equihash\_rpl cmd\_type: 0x80000100 len: 8 + 8 + 1

This command from FPGA gives the result of a **verify\_equihash** command, along with the index and resulting bitmask for any errors found (will be all 0 if it verifies correctly).

```
typedef __packed__ struct {
   fpga_header_t hdr;
   uint64_t    index;
   uint8_t    result_mask; // [0] == DIFFICULTY_FAIL, [1] == XOR_NON_ZERO, [2] ==
BAD_IDX_ORDER, [3] == BAD_ZERO_ORDER;
} verify_equihash_rpl_t;
```

```
verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl
cmd_type: 0x80000101
len: 8 + 8 + 1
```

This command replies to SW with the result of the verification check for a secp256k1 signing. We return the result of the verification along with the index. The result passed if none of the result\_mask bits are set.

```
typedef __packed__ struct {
  fpga_header_t hdr;
  uint64_t    index;
  uint8_t    result_mask; // []0] == R_OUT_OF_RANGE, [1] == S_OUT_OF_RANGE, [2] ==
X_INFINITY, [3] == SIGNATURE_VERIFICATION_FAILED
} verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl_t;
```

bls12\_381\_interrupt\_rpl cmd\_type: 0x80000200 len: 8 + 4 + N

This command replies to SW when an interrupt instruction is hit by the bls12-381 coprocessor, along with the data that was pointed to by the instruction. The length in the header will for up to the data[N], to know how much data to process in this message you need to parse the date\_type.

```
typedef __packed__ struct {
   fpga_header_t hdr;
   uint32_t    index; // Custom value from user in the instruction
   uint8_t    data_type // What type of data (e.g. Affine point, scalar, JB point)
   uint8_t    data[N] // Depending on data in slot this will be from 48 to 576 bytes
long
} bls12_381_interrupt_rpl_t;
```

# FPGA command capability register

This is the bit mask returned from the fpga\_status\_rpl\_t message. If a command is sent to the FPGA for something it has no capability to run, it will reply with a "fpga\_ignore\_rpl\_t".

Bit	Capability	Note
0	verify_equihash with N= 200, K = 9	Only one of these can be enabled per FPGA build
1	verify_equihash with N= 144, K = 5	
2	verify_secp256k1_sig	Verify a secp256k1 signature
3	BLS12-381 coprocessor enabled	Used to accelerate zk-SNARK

### **FPGA Architecture**

# Overview of blocks in the system

These are the blocks in the system, build-time parameters can control which optional blocks are included in the FPGA build (e.g. you might disable those that aren't used so the system fits on a smaller FPGA). Depending on if all blocks are enabled or not, the internet clock speed to FPGA might need to be lower to take into account that the FPGA will have a harder time to close timing constraints.

- Top level board
  - Control block (required)
  - Equihash verification engine (optional)
    - Verify pow
    - Find solution (mine)
    - Blake2b for generating XORs
    - SHA256 for difficulty check
    - Hash Map for checking duplicates
    - Order checker of indexes
  - Transparent Signature Verification Engine (secp256k1 ECDSA core) (optional)

- 256b Scalar multiplier mod p / mod n
- 256b Scalar inversion mod p / mod n
- High speed 256b integer multiplier with mod reduction stage of either n or p
- Point add
- Point double
- Point multiply
- Resource arbitrator (to share 256b multiplier core)
- BLS12-381 Coprocessor (zk-SNARK accelerator) (optional)
  - Resource arbitrator sharing
    - 381b integer multiplier mod p
    - 381b integer adder mod p
    - 381b integer subtractor mod p
  - Dual mode Fp / Fp² point operations on bls12-381
    - Point add / double
    - Point multiply
  - Instruction memory
  - Data memory
- Interface module (required)
  - UART (For Bittware board)
  - PCIe (For Amazon AWS)

This section talks in more detail about the architecture of each main engine on the FPGA, along with performance results.

#### Interface module

#### AWS (Amazon)

The AWS top level has a wrapper cl\_zcash\_aws\_wapper.sv which maps the data coming in over PCIe 512 bits wide to the 64 bits wide expected by the Zcash internal logic. It is also responsible for mapping to the streaming interface. The top level parameter "USE\_AXI4" controls if AXI4 or AXI4-lite will be used for the streaming interface.

#### VHH (Bittware)

This top level has a wrapper to generate the required clocks, and to provide an interface from the USB-UART into the Zcash internal logic.

# Equihash Verification Engine

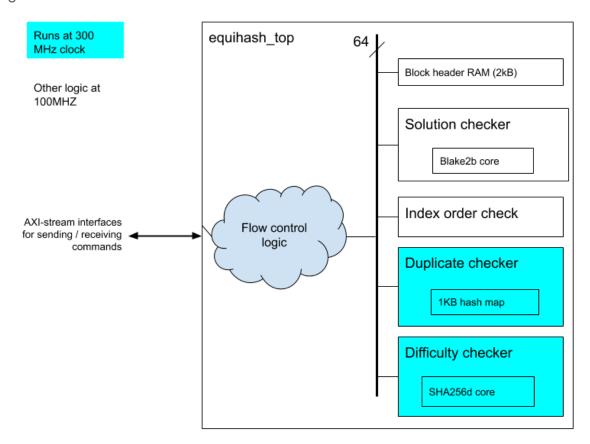
#### Overview

The equihash engine takes in a block header and then stores the data in global memory, and each sub-block is given the data required for it to check, each which will set a single bit in the resulting block mask. The blake2b block is fully unrolled and running at 200MHz, meaning it takes 64 clock cycles to get a single result, but after that each clock cycle is a new result. This allows the hash of the 512 XOR strings in the equihash solution to be computed at very high throughput. This is more important for parameters (n=200,k=9) than the proposed (n=144, k=5) as there are less hases to be performed. The duplicate checker is a hash map and can run at a higher frequency of 300MHz. All the checks run in parallel so the slowest check will determine the

performance, currently the duplicate check and difficulty check. This could be improved by moving both to a higher clock frequency.

The Blake2b core is able to generate a new hash output after an initial delay of 2 + ceil(input bytes/128)\*24, so for the solution checker here (140B input, 512 hashes), we achieve 177M hash/s. Maximum performance would be at 5G hash/s.

### Block diagram



#### Performance evaluation

#### FPGA resources

### Percentages reported for the VU37P

LUT	FF	DSP	BRAM
87914 (3%)	54362 (3%)	0	6 (0.2%)

### Clock cycles

	FPGA clock cycles	FPGA throughput	CPU cycles	3GHz CPU throughput
Solution check	600 @100MHz			
Index order check	356 @100MHz			
Duplicate check	1443 @300MHz			
Difficulty check	1068 @300MHz			

Equihash solution	1068 @300MHz	207K op/s	~2868040	~1K op/s
verification				

Here performance on FPGA is 207X faster, likely due to high performance Blake2b core, as well as all checks being done in parallel.

### Transparent Signature Verification Engine (secp256k1 ECDSA core)

#### Overview

This engine handles all the operations for the curve secp256k1. This block at a top level supports point multiplication with a top level state controller, point multiplication, point addition, point doubling, point inversion, integer multiplication, and integer modulo reduction blocks. Blocks are shared via a resource arbitrator. We optionally can use the endomorphism of secp256k1 to split the k in X=kQ into two smaller half-size k1 and k2, by instantiating a "endomorphism decom block", which gives close to a 2x improvement in throughput, at the cost of having 2 more multiplication engines.

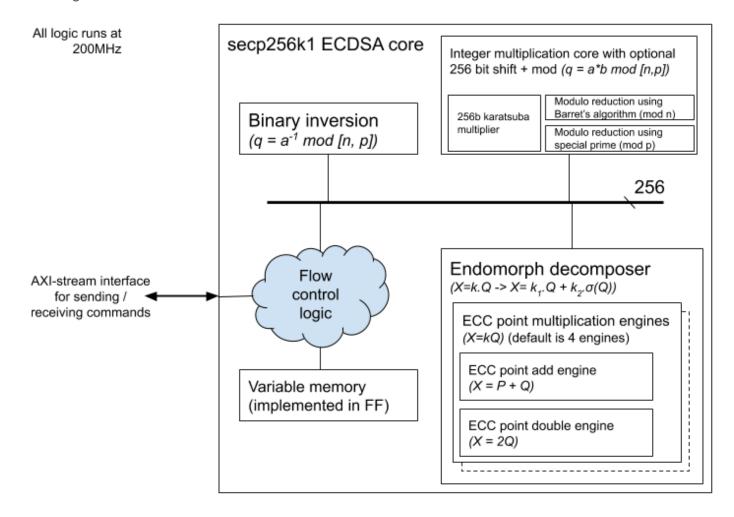
We create two ECC point multiplication modules which run in parallel to calculate  $X = u_1P + u_2Q$  required for signature verification. These run in parallel, but due to the pipelined integer multiplication core we have both point multiplication modules share this.

The algorithm used for point multiplication is the double and add method, but we take advantage of the FPGA parallelism and do the double and add at the same time. Since doubling is faster than adding, we start the next double if we have an unfinished add in progress, improving performance. Each point double takes 54 clock cycles and each point addition takes 104 clock cycles.

The integer multiplication core is implemented with the karatsuba algorithm (2 levels) and each level is pipelined over 3 flip-flops (for timing @ 200MHz), so that a result is valid after 6 clock cycles, with a new result every clock cycle. On the output we can optionally bit shift (used for endomorph decomposition), reduce the result mod p (taking 2 clock cycles as it takes advantage of the prime form), or reduce the result mod n which takes longer as it uses barrett's algorithm. Mod n operations are only required at the start and very end so this path does not need to be optimized too much.

Binary inversion uses the gcd algorithm and takes roughly 708 clock cycles, so this is avoided as much as possible by: 1) Converting to jacobian coordinates for point multiplication and 2) the signature result can be checked without converting back to affine coordinates using the same method as in Zcash's git source code.

### Block diagram



#### Performance evaluation

Average performance of the core is shown below for signature verification (which will depend on the number of adds/doubles required). This is also compared to the same function from zcash's git running on a 3GHz processor (measured using average of CPU cycle counts). I did not try to optimize by using non-adjacent form . (NAF) window methods / Shamir's trick, as on the FPGA we run the calculations truly in parallel and might not benefit from these techniques, although this could be a point for future exploration. Improving the equations used for point double and point add would also improve performance. The FPGA was successfully meeting timing at a 200MHz clock. FPGA throughput could be improved by instantiating more cores.

#### FPGA resources

#### Percentages reported for the VU37P

	LUT	FF	DSP	BRAM
secp256k1 ECDSA core (without endomorph enabled)	57697 (4.4%)	31751 (1.2%)	144 (1.6%)	2 (0.1%)
secp256k1 ECDSA core (with endomorph enabled)	98792 (7.5%)	61909 (2.1%)	144 (1.6%)	2 (0.1%)

#### Clock cycles

FPGA clock	cycles FPGA throughput	CPU cycles	3GHz CPU
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				throughput
Point double mod p	54	3.7M op/s		
Point add mod p	104	1.9M op/s		
Inversion mod n	708	282K op/s		
secp256k1 ECDSA core (without endomorph enabled)	20224	9.9K op/s/core	223350	13.4K op/s
secp256k1 ECDSA core (endomorph enabled)	10100	20K op/s/core		

FPGA performance is 1.5X compared to a 3GHz CPU. The FPGA could instantiate multiple ECC engines to run in parallel.

### **Future Optimizations**

Investigating the impact using NAF has on performance would be the next possible optimization.

### BLS12-381 Coprocessor (zk-SNARK accelerator)

#### Overview

This coprocessor is used to accelerate zk-SNARKS as the majority of elliptic arithmetic used during proving and verifying is run on top of the bls12-381 curve.

Unlike previous cores, the coprocessor can be configured by writing to instruction memory rather than accepted hard coded commands. This is to allow more flexibility in how the co-processor is used. SW can either poll registers on the FPGA coprocessor or use interrupt instructions so that the FPGA will send data to SW.

The coprocessor has instruction memory that can be written to, after a reset command the entire memory is initialized to NOOP-WAIT. The coprocessor has a memory bank with addressable data slots each 64 bytes wide per address for variables that can be used with instructions, example sizes for variables are:

- Scalar integer takes 1 slot
- Point in Fp takes 3 in jacobian coordinates (2 in affine)
- Point in Fp<sup>2</sup> take 6 in jacobian coordinates (4 in affine)
- Fp<sup>12</sup> element takes 12 slots

Each data slot only uses 48 bytes on the FPGA (64 bytes of address space is used in SW to simplify the mapping of memory to slot index). The first 381 bits of a slot store that elements data, the remaining 3 bits are used as a format for the type of element stored (more bits can be added if needed).

0	Scalar
1	Fp element
2	Fp <sup>2</sup> element
3	Fp <sup>12</sup> element

4	Fp point AF
5	Fp point JB
6	Fp <sup>2</sup> point AF
7	Fp <sup>2</sup> point JB

#### Instructions

Instructions are 8 bytes each (1 byte for op-code, and then the rest is used to address variables).

Interrupts are sent by using the SEND-INTERRUPT instruction which can be used to send the result of a calculation to SW. SW will have a method of registering a callback function that would be called when an interrupt is detected, the function will take a pointer to memory that will hold the data sent from FPGA.

Montgomery form is not used in any of the operations (as we can use RAM lookup table technique for the modular reduction).

All point operations can be given inputs in affine or jacobian coordinates, but outputs will be in JB unless otherwise stated. There is not a specific instruction for converting to affine coordinates because you can get the same result by multiplying the point element (Fp or Fp<sup>2</sup>) by INV-ELEMENT(MUL-ELEMENT(Z, Z)).

Instruction	Description
NOOP_WAIT (0x0)	Coprocessor waits at this command and does nothing (used to stall or after a reset)
COPY_REG(0x1, a, b)	Copy contents of register b = a
JUMP(0x2, a)	Jump instruction pointer to location a
JUMP_IF_EQ(0x4, a, b, c)	Jump instruction pointer to location a if b == c, else go to next instruction (b and c are limited to the lower 64 bits)
JUMP_NONZERO_SUB(0x5, a, b)	If b!= 0 then jump to a and b, otherwise go to next instruction (b is limited to the lower 64 bits)
SEND_INTERRUPT(0x6, a, b)	Send an interrupt to SW along with the data in slot a. Amount of bytes sent will depend on data type stored in slot. 16 bit value of b will be appended to the interrupt message header (see streaming commands for bls12_381_interrupt_rpl_t)
MUL_ELEMENT (0x10, a, b, c)	Do Fp / Fp <sup>2</sup> / Fp <sup>12</sup> field element multiplication, c = a x b
ADD_ELEMENT (0x11, a, b, c)	Do Fp / Fp² field element addition, c = a + b
SUB_ELEMENT (0x12, a, b, c)	Do Fp / Fp² field element subtraction, c = a - b
INV_ELEMENT(0x13, a, b)	Calculate the inverse of a Fp / Fp² field element a and store in b

POINT_MULT(0x20, a, b, c)	Do a Fp / Fp <sup>2</sup> point multiplication using scalar a and Fp / Fp <sup>2</sup> affine point b, and store result jacobian point in c. $c = a \times b$
<sup>1</sup> MILLER_LOOP(0x21, a, b, c)	Do a miller loop of the G1 Fp affine point in a and G2 Fp² affine point in b, and store result Fp¹² field element in c
<sup>1</sup> FINAL_EXP(0x22, a, b)	Do a final exponentiation of the ${\sf Fp^{12}}$ field element in a and store result ${\sf Fp^{12}}$ field element in b
ATE_PAIRING(0x23, a, b, c)	Do an optimal ate pairing of the G1 Fp affine point in a and G2 Fp <sup>2</sup> affine point in b, and store result Fp <sup>12</sup> field element in c

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The purpose of these commands is to allow for faster multi-pairing operations - you can call the MILLER\_LOOP instruction on multiple points, and then only a single FINAL\_EXP instruction.

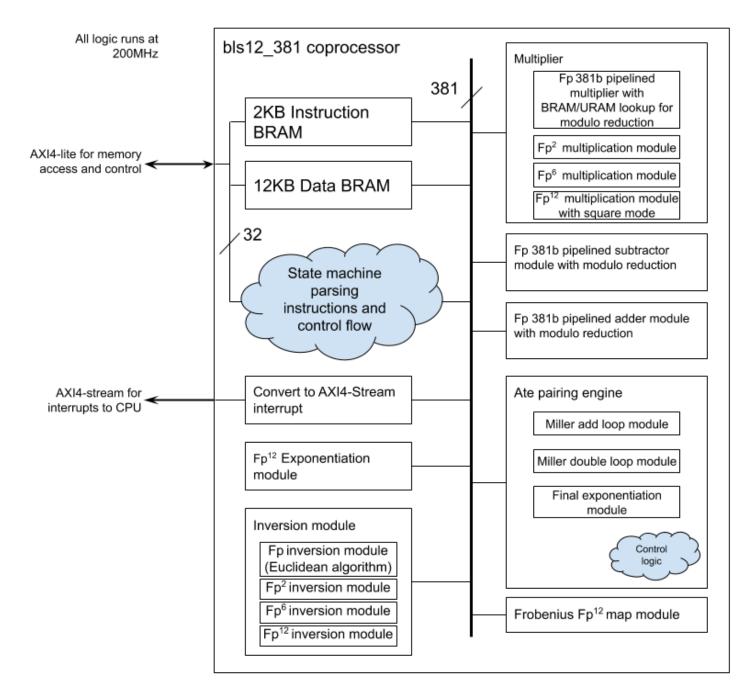
### Memory Map

This is the AXI-lite portion of the core that can be used for configuration, as well as writing/reading instruction/data memory.

Register Name	Address	Access
Instruction memory offset / reset control	0x0	Read: returns the memory offset where instruction memory begins Write: A '1' to bit[0] will reset the instruction memory, a '1' to bit[1] will reset the data memory
Data memory offset	0x4	Read only: returns the memory offset where data memory begins
Data memory size	0x8	Read only: returns the power of 2 number of data memory slots (i.e. 8 => 256 slots)
Instruction memory size	Охс	Read only: returns the power of 2 number of instruction memory slots
Current instruction pointer	0x10	Read: returns current instruction memory pointer Write: sets the instruction memory pointer (will wait until current operation finishes)
Last instruction cycle count	0x14	Read only: returns the number of clock cycles the last instruction took to complete
Data for v1.4 multiplier (reduction RAM)	0x18	A write here will load 32 bits onto the reduction RAM data line required for 1.4v multiplier
Control for v1.4 multiplier (reduction RAM)	0x1c	A write to bit[1] will enable a shift of data written to location 0x18.

A write to bit[0] will enable a write to the reduction RAM address (this should be done after shifting 381bits of data via 0x18 and writes to bit[1]).

#### Architecture



The coprocessor operates on a shared 381 bit bus with a main state machine with pointers into a data and instruction memory (implemented using Xilinx Ultra RAM on the FPGA). The top level multiplier, adder, and subtractor are all fully pipelined (so a new result each clock) and are resource shared with the entire coprocessor (so inversion block, dual mode point multiplier, pairing engine,... all use this).

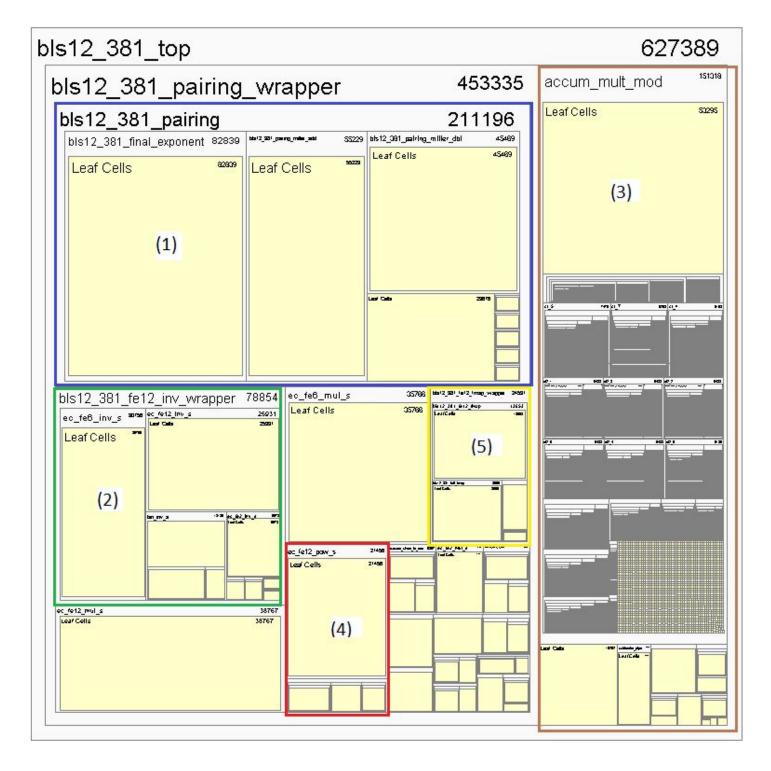
The multiplier used is sized so to take advantage of the FPGA DSPs - 27x17 bit wide multipliers. We perform all multiplications in parallel, followed by a tree of carry-save adders. After this we use a RAM lookup technique

for the modular reduction. We then propagate carries, and perform another stage of modular reduction, and final stage of checking if we need to subtract the modulus again.

Point multiplication is supported by either placing a dedicated point multiplication module (same as secp256k1), or by reusing the point double and add modules in the miller loop block which is used for the pairing calculation. Reusing the miller loop logic saves FPGA resources, but results in a slower point multiplication.

Below is a diagram showing the hierarchy of modules and their respective resource usage on the FPGA taken from Vivado. The different main blocks are:

- 1. The pairing engine, which consists of the Miller loop and final exponentiation.
- 2. The Fp<sup>12</sup> inversion module
- 3. The multiplier in v1.4 we changed this multiplier to a version that uses RAM lookup, so most of the space is occupied by the carry save adder trees.
- 4. The Fp<sup>12</sup> exponentiation module
- 5. The frobenius map Fp<sup>12</sup> module



# Performance Comparison

#### FPGA resources

Percentages reported for the VU37P.

LUT	FF	DSP	RAM
327k (25.1%)	226.6k (8.7%)	345 (3.8%)	133 URAM (13.8%), 231 BRAM (11.4%), 14164 LUTRAM (2.3%)

### Clock cycles

Here performance was benchmarked vs the Rust bls12\_381 crate on a 32GB, 3.7GHz i5-9600K CPU. FPGA is running at 200MHz. Although we have lower throughput for individual operations in Fp, we are able to take advantage of parallel operations inside the higher order Fp<sup>12</sup> operations, and see a 2.9x speedup in the final ate pairing. A large amount of time is spent on the final exponentiation, which could be a target for optimization - or moving to the weil pairing which does not require the final exponentiation (instead requires two miller loop iterations).

	FPGA clock cycles	FPGA throughput (op/s)	3.7GHz CPU throughput (op/s)
Fp inversion	2685	74.5K	109K
Fp <sup>12</sup> inversion	3565	56K	60.5K
Fp multiplication + modulo reduction	9	22M	20.8M
Fp <sup>12</sup> multiplication + modulo reduction	270	740K	228K
Fp point multiplication	49800 (dedicated Fp <sup>2</sup> point mult block)	4016	4926
Fp <sup>2</sup> point multiplication	62064 (dedicated Fp <sup>2</sup> point mult block)	3222	1499
Optimal Ate pairing miller loop stage	38844	5148	1747
Optimal Ate pairing final exponentiation stage	87800	2277	854
Optimal Ate pairing total	126644	1580	553

### **Future Optimizations**

- Investigating the impact of NAF on point multiplication
- Pre-computation for the G2 double / add values used in the miller loop (useful if we are doing multiple pairings)
- Implement sparse multiplication for Fp<sup>12</sup> for the miller loop
- Modify architecture to use redundant polynomial form, then addition / subtraction / multiplication could be done faster as we don't need to propagate carries.

# **User Guide**

This section goes over example usage of the system.

# **Running Simulations**

#### Module level simulations

Most modules have a corresponding "\_tb.sv" in the tb/ folder, and are self checking so can be added to local copy of Vivado and ran, and will print a message that all tests passed for that module if there are no problems. A top level simulation that tests all functions and emulates the Bittware VVH top level is here

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/zcash\_fpga/src/tb/zcash\_fpga\_top\_tb.sv

The easiest way is to start a new Vivado project, and add all .sv and .xci (ip) files to the project, then run the tb file you want. A good place to start is

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/zcash\_fpga/src/tb/bls12\_381\_top\_tb.sv\_or https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/zcash\_fpga/src/tb/zcash\_fpga\_top\_tb.sv.

When simulating the top modules, they include the multiplier with RAM lookup for modular reduction, so you need to run this script otherwise simulation / building will produce an error:

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/ip\_cores/accum\_mult\_mod/scripts/generate\_files.py (This is only for the bls12-381 coprocessor, if you want to disable this you can set the top level param )

Note: This needs to be Python 3

It is also recommended defining FASTSIM, otherwise the adder module will consume a lot of time to simulate (<a href="https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/ip\_cores/accum\_mult\_mod/src/rtl/compressor\_tree\_3\_to\_2.sv">https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/ip\_cores/accum\_mult\_mod/src/rtl/compressor\_tree\_3\_to\_2.sv</a>).

#### **AWS Board level**

The simulation test case for the AWS board are in the repo folder

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/tree/master/aws/cl zcash/verif/tests and can be run by:

- 1. cd /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/verif/scripts
- 2. make TEST=test zcash FASTSIM=YES

This will compile and run the test cases, they are all self checking, so if not ERRORs are printed and the simulation finishes then there are no problems. If something unexpected happens you can run xsim and look at the waveforms. At the moment there is just one test (test\_zcash.sv) that will test all of the top level block functions.

**Note**: Currently there is an issue with the reduction RAM based multiplier when simulating on AWS, so for simulations to pass chang this parameter to "YES":

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/master/zcash\_fpga/src/rtl/top/zcash\_fpga\_pkg.sv#L43

(Simulating the RAM based multiplier can be done in Vivado project mode)

The bls12-381 part of the simulation can take a while (10min) as it does a multi pairing.

# Usage with a local FPGA board

If the board is local, it can be configured over USB-UART (note this is very low bandwidth and just mainly used for proof of concept / testing).

# Usage on AWS

AWS runs over PCIe and has a higher bandwidth, but due to timing a slower clock is used (as there is more glue logic on the FPGA).

At the time of writing this these were the versions used in the AWS toolchain:

Developer Kit Version (HDK)	Tool Version Supported (Vivado)	Compatible FPGA developer AMI Version
1.4.8-1.4.X	2018.3	v1.6.0 (Xilinx SDx 2018.3)

### Building the FPGA image

If you make changes to the code or want to build a new image, you can follow the steps below. If you do not want to do this, you can skip to the next section "Loading FPGA image" and use one of the pre-built images listed in "Existing AFIs". When building the image it is recommended to change the parameters here to only enable the blocks required -

https://github.com/bsdevlin/zcash-fpga/blob/3a8c799a742061760d9c1deaaaebd72a60792ca9/zcash\_fpga/src/rtl/top/zcash\_fpga\_pkg.sv#L32 , as enabling everything will make the build take longer and might not meet timing.

- Start an AWS instance and load it with the FPGA Developer AMI (<a href="https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B06VVYBLZZ">https://aws.amazon.com/marketplace/pp/B06VVYBLZZ</a>)
  - a. This should be a f1 instance (e.g. f1.2xlarge) so you have access to an FPGA
  - b. If you just want to build the FPGA image you can use a cheaper instance like r5.xlarge (just need at least 32GB RAM)
- 2. Clone the zcash git repo
- 3. Clone the aws-fpga repo
  - a. git clone https://github.com/aws/aws-fpga.git
- 4. Copy the folder zcash-fpga/aws/cl zcash to the AWS folder
  - a. cp -r /home/centos/zcash-fpga/aws/cl zcash /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer designs/
- 5. Copy the folder /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/examples/common
  - a. cp -r /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/examples/common /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer designs/
- 6. Run the hdk source.sh script to setup the AWS environment
  - a. cd /home/centos/aws-fpga; source hdk setup.sh
  - b. Note: If you get an error with Vivado not being present, it might be due to locale issue, try:
    - i. export LC\_ALL="en\_US.UTF-8"
- 7. Set the variables for Zcash scripts:
  - a. export CL\_DIR=/home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash; export ZCASH\_DIR=/home/centos/zcash-fpga/
- 8. Generate the FPGA IP files

- a. cd /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/ip/; ./run\_cl\_sde\_ip\_flow
- 9. Start building the FPGA image
  - a. cd /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/build/scripts; ./aws\_build\_dcp\_from\_cl.sh -clock\_recipe\_a A0 -clock\_recipe\_b B1
  - b. Note: AWS clock recipes are here: <a href="https://github.com/aws/aws-fpga/blob/master/hdk/docs/clock\_recipes.csv">https://github.com/aws/aws-fpga/blob/master/hdk/docs/clock\_recipes.csv</a>, a higher performance version of the core can use "-clock\_recipe\_a A1 -clock\_recipe\_b B0", a slower version (but easier to build and meet timing) could use "-clock\_recipe\_a A2 -clock\_recipe\_b B1 -strategy BASIC"
    - i. Note: this will not work with an ILA debug core since the clock speed (15MHz) is too slow compared to JTAG frequency
  - c. You can check progress by looking at "/home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/build/scripts/last\_log"

The build should run and will take several hours, depending on the instance type / clock recipe. If there are no problems, the output will be in

/home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/build/checkpoints/to\_aws/\*.tar and needs to be uploaded to an Amazon S3 bucket. The bucket used in this project is "zcash-fpga-west". From here you can follow the standard flow detailed on the AWS FPGA github:

https://github.com/aws/aws-fpga/blob/master/hdk/README.md#step3 .

After this you should have an agfi-ID that can be used to program the FPGA.

### Loading FPGA image

To load an FPGA image you need it's agfi-ID, either from the previous step or from the table in the following section "Existing AFIs".

Run this commands to load the FPGA:

1. sudo fpga-load-local-image -S 0 -I -F agfi-ID

**Note**: You can check for errors / metrics by running the command "sudo fpga-describe-local-image -S 0 --metrics". If you see all 0's then there is no problem, but if you see some timeouts like this:

ocl-slave-timeout-addr=0x2001 ocl-slave-timeout-count=4

You should reload the FPGA image (step 1 above). There is a known issue with AWS where the first load will sometimes show this problem, but reloading FPGA fixes it.

#### Rust interface

A rust interface has been developed to allow the Zcash client to utilize the FPGA acceleration.

### Startup test program

A simple program is in /home/centos/aws-fpga/hdk/cl/developer\_designs/cl\_zcash/software/runtime/ (test\_zcash)

- 1. Run the sdk\_source.sh script to setup the software AWS environment
  - a. cd /home/centos/aws-fpga; source sdk\_setup.sh

Run the make file and then the test program (using sudo), and check there are no errors. The test program connects to the FPGA and programs the bls12-381 coprocessor to do a multi-pairing and then send the result back to SW, and then tests the secp256k1 ECDSA verification (will first check these are enabled in the build). Expected output would be this (taken from v1.3.0 build):

```
[centos@ip-172-31-15-165 runtime]$ sudo ./test zcash
INFO: AFI PCI Vendor ID: 0x1d0f, Device ID 0xf000
INFO: Read 0x280000 from ISR register.
WARNING: Expected 0x01D00000.
INFO: Read 0x1fc from TDFV register.
INFO: Read 0x0 from RDFO register.
INFO: AXI4 mode is set DISABLED
INFO: write stream::Wrote 8 bytes of data
INFO: Read FIFO shows 37 bytes waiting to be read from FPGA
INFO: Read 40 bytes from read_stream()
INFO: FPGA version: 0x10300, built on 0x6c6444617465227d
INFO: FPGA capability register: 0xc [ENB_VERIFY_EQUIHASH_200_9: 0,
ENB VERIFY EQUIHASH 144 5 0, ENB VERIFY SECP256K1 SIG 1, ENB BLS12 381 1]
INFO: Finished initializing FPGA.
INFO: Testing secp256k1 core...
INFO: write_stream::Wrote 176 bytes of data
INFO: Read FIFO shows 19 bytes waiting to be read from FPGA
INFO: Read 20 bytes from read_stream()
INFO: verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl.hdr.cmd = 0x80000101
INFO: verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl.bm = 0x0
INFO: verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl.index = 0xa
INFO: verify_secp256k1_sig_rpl.cycle_cnt = 0x2de5
INFO: Testing bls12_381 coprocessor...
INFO: Resetting instruction memory
INFO: Resetting data memory reset
INFO: Set BLS12_381 current instruction slot to ∅ (was 7)
INFO: Set BLS12_381 current instruction slot to 1 (was ∅)
INFO: Read FIFO shows 64 bytes waiting to be read from FPGA
INFO: Read 64 bytes from read stream()
INFO: Read FIFO shows 592 bytes waiting to be read from FPGA
INFO: Read 592 bytes from read_stream()
INFO: BLS12_381 current instruction slot is 7
INFO: Data slot is now 7
slot 0, pt: 0,
```

```
slot 1, pt: 3,
data:0x04fb0f149dd925d2c590a960936763e519c2b62e14c7759f96672cd852194325904197b0b19c6b52
8ab33566946af39b
slot 2, pt: 3,
data:0x185ef728cf41a1b7b700b7e445f0b372bc29e370bc227d443c70ae9dbcf73fee8acedbd317a286a5
3266562d817269c0
slot 3, pt: 3,
data:0x03a3734dbeb064bf4bc4a03f945a4921e49d04ab8d45fd753a28b8fa082616b4b17bbcb685e455ff
3bf8f60c3bd32a0c
slot 4, pt: 3,
data:0x1409cebef9ef393aa00f2ac64673675521e8fc8fddaf90976e607e62a740ac59c3dddf95a6de4fba
15beb30c43d4e3f8
slot 5, pt: 3,
data:0x1692a61ce5f4d7a093b2c46aa4bca6c4a66cf873d405ebc9c35d8aa639763720177b23beffaf522d
5e41d3c5310ea333
slot 6, pt: 3,
data:0x081abd33a78d31eb8d4c1bb3baab0529bb7baf1103d848b4cead1a8e0aa7a7b260fbe79c67dbe41c
a4d65ba8a54a72b6
slot 7, pt: 3,
data:0x0900410bb2751d0a6af0fe175dcf9d864ecaac463c6218745b543f9e06289922434ee446030923a3
e4c4473b4e3b1914
slot 8, pt: 3,
data:0x113286dee21c9c63a458898beb35914dc8daaac453441e7114b21af7b5f47d559879d477cf2a9cbd
5b40c86becd07128
slot 9, pt: 3,
data:0x06d8046c6b3424c4cd2d72ce98d279f2290a28a87e8664cb0040580d0c485f34df45267f8c215dcb
cd862787ab555c7e
slot 10, pt: 3,
data:0x0f6b8b52b2b5d0661cbf232820a257b8c5594309c01c2a45e64c6a7142301e4fb36e6e16b5a85bd2
e437599d103c3ace
slot 11, pt: 3,
data:0x017f1c95cf79b22b459599ea57e613e00cb75e35de1f837814a93b443c54241015ac9761f8fb20a4
4512ff5cfc04ac7f
slot 12, pt: 3,
data:0x079ab7b345eb23c944c957a36a6b74c37537163d4cbf73bad9751de1dd9c68ef72cb21447e259880
f72a871c3eda1b0c
INFO: All tests passed!
```

# FPGA debug

Debug instructions can be found here:

https://github.com/aws/aws-fpga/blob/master/hdk/docs/Virtual\_JTAG\_XVC.md

There is a parameter in cl\_zcash.sv, USE\_ILA = "NO" which can be changed to "YES" to enable a build with the debug logic. You can change the connections as needed.

### Latest AFIs

These are the latest bug-free (no known bugs) public AFIs that exist and can be used on an AWS F1 instance.

agfi-ID	afi-ID	Notes
agfi-0d0aeee105030594a	afi-081b60a4044e3db15	v1.3, Contains secp256k1 sig core and bls12-381 coprocessor

# Old (unused) AFIs

These are listed here for tracking purposes but not intended to be used as they are mostly debug / have bugs.

agfi-ID	afi-ID	Notes
agfi-0528daff45454ed7c	afi-09056704c94b5280b	v1.0.0 First test version used for testing AWS flow, will not work with test program.
agfi-05561b352d56b5f57	afi-0c8109482d730073c	v1.0.1 Test version
agfi-0fa84678db6b2752f	afi-07ec21206df23e398	v1.1.0, Has all modules enabled but on a slow clock recipe for testing. BLS12_381 core has Fp and Fp2 fpoint instructions
agfi-019c2736fd0141219	afi-0b891a8fc9644f1a0	v1.1.0_150, only has BLS coprocessor enabled but running at 125MHz, uses AXI4 as PCIe interface
agfi-05468e41c302eb331	afi-06a4b56d6e4bfd896	v1.1.1, contains all cores @ 125MHz, uses AXI-lite as PCIe interface
agfi-0fce4c1ad9e0c6c43	afi-0da67f631a2573656	v1.1.2 contains all cores @ 125MHz
agfi-0c4a39d7638bc6010	afi-0bcef9f0c08bee7c1	v1.1.2 contains all cores @ 15MHz
agfi-0abc260b651d87d41	afi-0075820f5d00bd799	v1.1.3 Bug fixes to BLS12_381 core, 125MHz
agfi-07ae22f20d6e90559	afi-0e49dd7ef17fda51a	v1.1.4, bug fix for multiple back to back interrupts, 125MHz
agfi-0db37e1358c1d885f	afi-0907df570f7dc7b2b	Debug version of v1.1.4 above (15MHz)
agfi-06d033b207d8f65c5	afi-07177e176d04aa84b	v1.1.5, debug version 125MHz, contains bug fix for inverter, fp^12 logic

# Conclusions

We were able to realize the main goals of this project:

- Accelerate blockchain verification
  - We developed an equihash verification engine that is able to take an input block header, verify the equihash solution is correct, matches the required difficulty, ordering requirement, and index uniqueness. With the current equihash parameters of N=200, K=9 we were able to achieve 207x speedup compared to the current Zcash SW client. The parallelism of the FPGA was able to be exploited fully here, as we can calculate many Blake2b hashes in parallel required for the solution verification, as well as doing the other checks at the same time. The engine takes parameters for the equihash values of N and K so can be adapted to other settings (e.g. N=144, K=5).
  - For verifying transparent transactions on the Zcash blockchain we developed a secp256k1 ECDSA core. This core is able to verify the signature used on a transparent transaction, which is the same as a transaction in Bitcoin. We were able to achieve 1.5x speedup when compared to the current Zcash SW client. The main reason the speedup is less when compared to the equihash verification is the lack of parallelism that we can exploit for a single signature verification.

#### Accelerate zk-SNARKs

- We developed a bls12-381 coprocessor which is able to perform curve operations that are required for zk-SNARKs. The coprocessor was designed with a simple instruction set so that it can be programmed from SW and is flexible in the flow of operations it can perform. All EC operations have also been implemented as SystemVerilog software models in the bls12\_381\_pkg.sv file, allowing for testbench verification and ease of implementation. We achieved 3x speedup compared to a 3.7GHz processor.
- Develop an open source FPGA code base for benefiting the wider community
  - All the code developed has been made open source and released under the GNU General Public License v3.0. It has all been developed in SystemVerilog (the most modern hardware description language), and uses parameters where possible so that the code can easily be reused and can be of benefit to the greater community (other zk-SNARK projects, other crypto coins, research projects...). Even after this project finishes it is expected that the code will continue to be worked on and improved in the open source community.

We decided not to implement FFT acceleration on the FPGA as after talking with Zcash engineers it was decided the benefit to zk-SNARKs would be minimal when compared to accelerating EC pairing operations. Although this could be a future project as FPGAs have historically been used to calculate FFTs and there exists a large amount of reference IP and code.

When developing code for operations on the bls12-381 curve it was evident the main consumer of FPGA clock cycles was the Fp multiplication operation followed by the modular operation over a prime where we could not use any special tricks to modular reduce in HW. Time taken to optimize this area of the code, or different prime selection would greatly speedup the overall performance of operations.

We accelerated the optimal ate pairing, but we found the time to calculate the final exponentiation was more than 2x the time for a miller loop on the FPGA (could be due to not enough optimization in Fp / Fp<sup>12</sup> multiplication), but this points that possibly a different pairing could be fast - such as the weil pairing where we have no final exponentiation stage, but require multiple miller loops.

The bls12-381 coprocessor uses a Fp ->  $Fp^2$  ->  $Fp^6$  ->  $Fp^{12}$  towering, as the Zcash bls12-381 Rust create code was used as a reference when developing the FPGA code, but it would be worth investigating if different towerings would be faster on FPGA - it's proposed Fp ->  $Fp^2$  ->  $Fp^4$  ->  $Fp^{12}$  towering might be faster.

# **Appendix**

# Example decoding Zcash block #346

Hash 0x000000eff179fb1e47b7aa8667ad4d8e1ef3dbb0d79144030482bf93b5e6339f

Hex dump of block (CBlock):

04 00 00 00 13 d6 d1 a4 10 51 42 19 f7 2f f3 a0 df d5 c3 8b 62 1c c2 c6 68 78 4d 2f d6 fd 10 8f 20 48 00 00 00 30 16 31 55 23 12 34 9d d5 3b 6b 9e 23 1d f8 bc b8 c2 d3 32 64 cc 02 f5 cd d9 a9 69 40 60 00 00 00 00 3f 85 13 58 bf c3 03 1e 1b b2 b5 50 a 4 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 40 05 00 9d fa 04 89 fd e1 b3 f6 0e 31 04 e2 1e 98 b2 7d 80 38 c4 41 82 ca de 1a e2 ec dc e2 10 4f 9 f a 6 ef 6a 0a c2 a8 c0 66 24 32 7с d3 b6 ab 44 5e 2e a3 19 cd 51 b6 e8 a3 31 d4 04 d4 3b f9 dd 44 b2 f1 05 b4 c4 7c b8 e7 e5 eb 21 96 bd 12 89 0e df 100 c2 91 b2 a7 1f 27 19 79 7c bc 49 13 42 34 62 bd 11 fb d7 b8 00 31 85 01 31 19 ef 51 bd 9c 120 40 16 9f d2 19 94 38 7с 69 88 bf 68 77 7d 69 06 2f dc 61 е3 140 78 fb e8 a 9 2f f1 2a 38 0 c b0 5b 29 33 4b 37 7с с5 30 11 e5 db a 4 160 e6 35 1e 5d 72 f5 4b 93 63 3b 0e 5d 4c 0b 12 ff 9b d6 20 31 84 5f 47 97 180 d8 21 с9 da 61 74 ff 15 4a 51 ab b9 9a 0d 4c ef b5 a5 a8 c2 3d 89 **e**9 a3 4e 1a0 f8 9d 22 61 6b 01 15 62 12 f7 40 47 ba a3 43 a0 5e bf 3a 25 d5 b9 df d9 6a d0 1c0 3c 01 d1 e9 a8 42 95 06 8f 65 20 fb 53 59 d2 f7 c9 b2 60 100 62 8d 43 4a 64 bd 96 8d 93 8f 22 6f a9 75 32 ec b7 a0 af 27 06 0a aa 7f 97 200 de d2 92 4b 08 bc 6a 4a 06 f8 d4 db b8 55 c1 f0 37 01 db ba 55 52 b1 a7 93 С4 220 2c ef 23 e5 1b 3e d9 7b d8 bd aa ad 8 0 fc 1a 03 с7 a2 240 23 c5 57 7d 14 80 14 fd 68 e0 a0 87 03 d1 29 99 21 96 c7 7a 8b 7a ad a 6 78 d6 0f ff d3 1c bb 75 3c c6 260 30 66 c8 35 1f 35 cf 76 46 93 0b b7 1c 17 8f 86 05 ff ac 280 61 62 07 8b 17 e5 e5 e7 4f db 49 01 c4 6a 17 2e 25 15 6d bd 35 43 9a dd 07 0c 74 96 5c f3 2a0 96 ea dc fc 78 a4 77 26 70 f6 5f 6d d1 8b f2 f2 d6 85 42 2d c9 25 63 35 9c 87 47 48 90 f6 dd 47 61 d8 24 76 6e f6 4f 07 fd 5b 2c0 5c 38 2e0 e0 c2 b2 02 f4 b9 fa 7d се с3 da 05 03 53 6d a5 1d 65 99 92 19 72 25 300 35 e2 20 a3 d9 33 ff 8d fa 2b 24 61 12 93 ad ae 45 99 76 1b 2e 0e 32 320 33 78 95 27 53 6d d5 6a 26 с7 f9 5f b7 01 9e 2f 00 52 68 11 70 fa 95 50 da cf ad 340 1b c7 f7 79 fa 18 30 47 dd 86 f4 61 b1 a3 е3 3b 97 ec 3d 59 b3 С4 8d 360 fc d6 e3 71 d9 32 7e d7 79 c0 a4 44 66 16 15 2c ad f5 e1 17 44 55 b5 d8 f4 39 00 14 380 4c 42 0a d3 5f 73 b9 с7 33 da e1 e5 1a 57 fc 03 4f 08 ff 3a0 7d d7 a2 40 49 7b 01 66 9f d3 e8 25 55 69 f9 64 7d 82 36 1a 08 4a 2f 5f d7 dd 46 3c0 65 c0 37 66 5e 7b c0 94 69 84 ff 7b 1f 76 60 dd e8 03 fa 9b 75 0c 11 51 f1 47 08 f1 f2 3e0 e3 d0 74 ee eb af 98 f7 1f 4 a 7a d9 bf 5e 7a 14 4c dc 400 13 b0 0f 5f 69 4e 93 1d b2 b3 37 cd 10 44 с3 e7 50 e0 9b 68 b2 18 е1 41 5e 25 54 0f 420 0b e4 bf 02 62 c3 5e 6d f3 35 85 5e 5e 2f 09 63 8a 14 61 20 1b 0d 53 de 37 440 dc 73 d0 5d a3 9e f4 b2 c2 40 3b 2b 41 e6 57 d6 45 37 11 03 09 ad e0 28 ff cf a4 13 460 cc 31 05 3e 9d db 62 8a 68 2e 95 1f 88 23 63 9a a7 d1 1b 9d 79 60 b1 480 4 f 3e d4 5f 2e a6 9c b4 4b 1c a5 f9 89 fa 9e ba fc 23 2e 44 45 0a с8 55 aa 44 4a0 1f 59 d3 3f 06 1e c4 14 35 db 63 48 cf ef df d4 0b 4c 42 20 6f 16 63 5a db 50 6f 0f 74 02 4c0 d9 ec 0f 0f 9f 0a fb 85 6a 2c e0 fa 23 29 9e b4 05 83 28 6b a 9 ba 4e0 c5 18 c3 af 7c eb 15 a9 05 3f 26 d7 de a7 89 31 11 9b 1c 58 64 ae a4 96 3a 7a d2 2c 7f 5a ec 500 d2 2d 1c d1 с3 57 2a 52 bf 26 cb 46 520 12 94 78 78 38 07 8c 59 a0 34 87 5e 98 d4 1d 5f f3 6c 08 с1 97 b4 a7 9b b3 93 37 540 39 6b f8 33 12 d8 9b 51 15 d7 71 5b 19 e7 71 50 93 ef b4 Зс f3 ea ae 4b 7e ee 11 a1 560 52 33 24 9f 08 93 1b b9 e0 a2 d1 a2 2b 47 e2 43 fb ad a5 38 1a fe 0a 580 52 c2 15 f3 67 23 89 fd 34 6f b3 82 bb 7e fe 19 30 f8 db 53 9a ec d9 32 ea 7d 5a0 42 de 11 6d 49 3d 1c 33 14 b0 37 56 CC 07 0d 53 3h CC 62 6d 2f bf 65 66 f6 a9 f5 79 bb 87 18 bf ff ff ff 04 02 35 88 b0 1b 37 02 20 fa 07 01 00 00 00 00 23 21 02 7a 46 eb 51 ea 24 30 3f 4b 62 cc 20 df 78 9f ed e0 92 le 43 ca d3 e8 75 ac 88 fe 41 00 00 00 00 00 a 9 b1 93 0d 33 68 a9 67 c3 09 bd 4d 13 6a 87 00 00

Header:

Version:

#### 04 00 00 00

#### Previous block hash:

```
13 d6 d1 a4 10 51 42 19
f7 2f f3 a0 df d5 c3 8b
62 lc c2 c6 68 78 4d 2f
d6 fd 10 8f 48 00 00 00
```

#### Merkle Root hash:

```
30 16 31 55 23 12 34 9d
d5 3b 6b 9e 23 1d f8 bc
b8 c2 d3 32 64 cc 02 f5
cd d9 a9 69 fb 93 80 50
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#### Final sapling root hash:

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#### Time:

3f 85 13 58

#### Bits (Difficulty):

bf c3 03 1e

#### Nonce:

Equihash solution (the 0xfd4005 here is used to decode the length of the array of bytes, 0xfd means the size is stored as a 2 byte integer 0x4005 == 1344 bytes):

fd 40 05 .. 7b d5 db(1344 bytes until address 0x5ce)

#### **Transactions:**

Transaction input array size (one transaction):



Version (only 4 bytes here as is not overwinter):

01 00 00 00

Input to transaction array size (one input):



#### OutPoint:

Script (first byte is length, 4 bytes long):



### Sequence:

ff ff ff ff

Transaction output array size (two transactions):



1st transaction output amount (17300000, 0.173 ZEC):

20 fa 07 01 00 00 00 00

1st transaction output script (first byte is length, 35 bytes long):

```
23
21 02 7a 46 eb 51 35 88
b0 1b 37 ea 24 30 3f 4b
62 8a fd 12 cc 20 df 78
9f ed e0 92 1e 43 ca d3
e8 75 ac
```

2nd transaction output amount (4325000, 0.04325 ZEC):

88 fe 41 00 00 00 00 00

2nd transaction output script (first byte is length, 23 bytes long):

17 a9 14 7d 46 a7 30 d3 1f 97 b1 93 0d 33 68 a9 67 c3 09 bd 4d 13 6a 87

Locktime:

00 00 00 00