

ZKVM: To Compile Or Precompile

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Our Vision

Useful and Usable Privacy Tools
w/ zero infra cost

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On your device/server!

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1. Limitless scalability
 - Fast and cheap L2s
 - Real-time Eth proofs by anyone!
2. Solve Interop
3. Verifiable/private offchain compute
 - Identity, Oracles, AI, Databases

What can you prove from a browser?

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- 1K – Fibonacci (25)
 - 1M – Keyless login (OAuth)
 - 5M – Proof of Twitter email
 - 50M – 5K EdDSA verifications
 - 200M – 1M Poseidon hashes
 - 1B – Ethereum block proving
 - 100B – LLM inference

Introducing the Ligero ZK Platform

	Stone	EthSTARK	Stwo	Ligero (Browser)
Field size (bits)	252 bits	62 bits	31 bits (M31)	254 bits
Blowup factor	16	4	2	
Hashes/second	530	~10,000	~500,000	27,000

Table 1 - Performance on quad-core Intel i7

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Useful Privacy

Privacy for Individuals = Client-side proving

- Seamless Logins and Authentication (zkLogin, zkEmail)
- Disclosure with Maximal Privacy (zkTLS)
- Verifiable credentials (investor accreditation, EUID, DPP)

Privacy for Orgs = zkValidiums

- Asset Tokenization
- Offchain Compute

Usable Privacy

- Standard toolchain =
- Affordable hardware =
- Portable implementation =
- Privacy-default approach =

Today, Privacy comes with tradeoffs!



Privacy vs Compliance

Does privacy require trading off regulatory compliance?



Privacy vs Cost

Does privacy require access to heavy infrastructure?



Privacy vs Usability

Do we need specialized toolchains to develop privacy solutions?

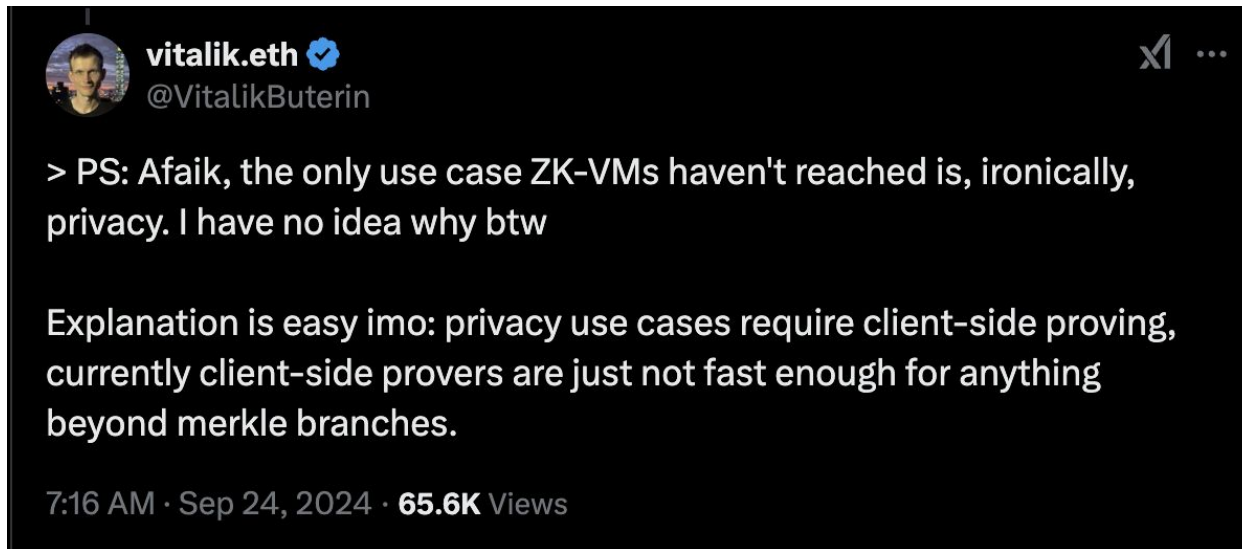


Privacy vs Trust

Does privacy require trusted intermediaries?

Modern ZK Falls Short

- ZK-SNARKs require huge memory
- STARK-based ZK don't run client-side yet
- Most ZK's are built only for verifiability
- ZKs that offer privacy require specialized toolchains



We are challenging the status quo!

Ligetron: The ZK behind our tech

Ligetrone ZK by Ligero Inc.

- Ligetrone ZK^{*} is (the only) memory-efficient hash-based ZK
- Ligetrone is ZK by default
- Ligetrone is a zkVM = zkWASM
- A scalable/portable implementation using WebGPUs

What's the secret ingredient?

1. Hash-based
2. Code interleaving
 - Sharding without recursive composition
3. Memory-efficiency
 - Witness and constraints can be streamed



Comparison



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Highly encourage researchers to participate in the Poseidon cryptanalysis program.

We are seriously considering migrating Ethereum to the Poseidon hash to optimize zk-prover friendliness, so having more information about its security properties is extremely high value.



M1: 250 KHz – 1 MHz

M4: 500 KHz – 6 MHz

~27,000 Poseidon hash/s

*Hz measures constraints per

Our Roadmap

Today, build end-to-end ZK Apps from your browser using C++, Rust

Coming Soon

- Plug-and-play identity (integrate Circom)
- Scalable privacy: zkValidiums w/ offchain private compute

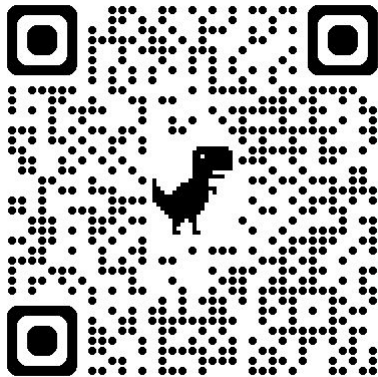
Next, Phase

- Cross-linking zk languages (Noir, Cairo)
- Ethereum block proving
- Arbitrary AI computation (Onnx)

STAY TUNED!

Want to test how fast your browser can generate Ligero proofs?

Open platform.ligetron.com/speedtest



Safari on iOS

Despite what the [docs](#) tell us, there is a way to enable WebGPU in Safari on iOS.

To enable WebGPU go to:

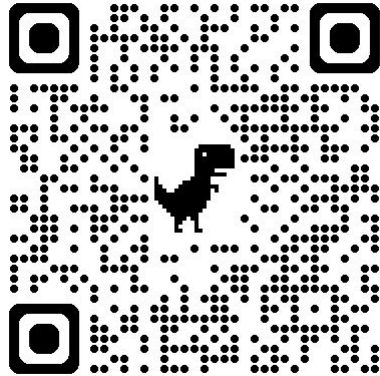
Settings > Apps > Safari > Advanced > Feature Flags

or for iOS versions lower than 18:

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Ligetrone ZK Development Platform

- ✓ Build **Anywhere** – All you need is a browser.
- ✓ Build in **Any Language** – C/C++, Rust, Circom
- ✓ Run **Everywhere** – Mobile, Laptop, Server, Raspberry PI

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