



# GAME OF TORSIONS

A SONG OF CURVES AND FIELDS

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# Pairing groups

Let  $\mathbb{G}_1 = \langle P \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2 = \langle Q \rangle$  be  $r$ -torsion groups and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  be a group of prime order  $r$ .

## A general pairing

$$e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$$

Pairings are instantiated using **families** of pairing-friendly elliptic curves, such as **BN curves** [Barreto and Naehrig, 2005].

**The Realm of the Pairings** [Aranha et al., 2013] established the state-of-the-art in pairing implementations for years to come.

We thought everything was fine and dandy at the realm...

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- The **Cyclotomisters** [Freeman et al., 2010]

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# Battle of the Brothers



Operation	BN-254	BN-382	BN-446
$e(P, Q)$ (M+F)	$583+406=989$	$1950+1291=3241$	$3196+1871=5067$

**Table 1:** Timings from RELIC in  $10^3$  cycles in Skylake processor measured as average of  $10^4$  executions (HT and TB disabled).

# Battle of the Bastards

Parameters suggested by [Barbulescu and Duquesne, 2017]: curves BLS12-461 and KSS16-340.



Operation	KSS16-340	BLS12-461
$e(P, Q)$ (M+F)	1567+3856=5423	2547+2604=5151

**Table 2:** Timings from RELIC in  $10^3$  cycles in Skylake processor measured as average of  $10^4$  executions (HT and TB disabled).

In the Game of Torsions, either you  
win, or you're not cited.

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