Enter the Threshold The NIST Threshold Cryptography Project

National Institute of Standards and Technology

NIST Threshold Cryptography Workshop 2019 (#NTCW2019) March 11, 2019 @ NIST campus, Gaithersburg MD, USA

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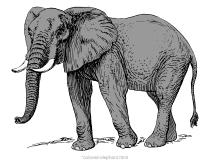
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How can we oppose single-points of failure?





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- secret keys never in one place;
- operation withstands several compromised components;
- resistance against side-channel attacks

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- 2018-July: Draft online for public comments
- 2018-October: Received comments from 13 external sources
- > 2019-March: Final version online, along with "diff" and received comments



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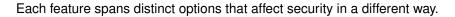


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Even if all nodes are initially compromised, (e.g., leaky) a threshold scheme may still be effective, if it increases the cost of exploitation



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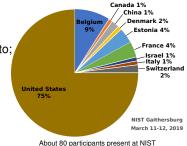
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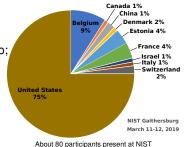
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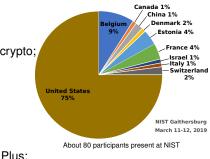
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- 2 invited keynotes
- 2 feedback moments

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	12:25-13:45	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
I4. Threshold	13:45-14:35	25'	Adaptively secure threshold sig	Subm. paper	8
	13.40-14.30	25'	Threshold ECDSA using SMPC	Subm. paper	9
I5. Panel DSS	14:35-15:35	60'	Threshold protocols for DSS	Subm. panel	10
	15:35-16:05	30'	Afternoon coffee break		-
I6. Validation	16:05–16:45	40'	Crypto validation	NIST	11
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	08:00-09:00	75'	Badge pick-up; light refreshments		-
Opening	09:00-09:10	10'	CSD welcoming	NIST	1
		15'	The TC project	NIST	2
11. Threshold	09:10-10:40	50'	TC prime time?	Invited	3
Schemes				keynote	Ŭ
		25'	Platform for robust TC	Subm. pres.	4
	10:40-11:10	30'	Morning coffee break		-
I2. NIST	11:10-12:00	30'	NIST crypto standards	NIST	5
	11.10-12.00	20'	Update on EC and PQC	NIST	6
 Threshold PQ 	12:00-12:25	25'	PQ distributed encryption scheme	Subm. paper	7
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I7. Discussion	16:45–17:30	45'	Open discussion	NIST	12

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Signatures	10.40-14.00	25'	Threshold ECDSA using SMPC	Subm. paper	9
I5. Panel DSS	14:35–15:35	60'	Threshold protocols for DSS	Subm. panel	10
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—	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)	_	-
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	15:10-15:40	30'	Afternoon coffee break	—	-
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	08:00-08:45	75'	Light refreshments		-
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25				14
circuit design	00.45-10.25				15
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	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break	—	-
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	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25	25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
circuit design	00.45-10.25	25'	TC for combined physical attacks	Subm. pres.	15
		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
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		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25	25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
	06.45-10.25	25'	TC for combined physical attacks	Subm. pres.	15
		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
II.3. Other threshold					18
primitives					19
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II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
II.3. Other threshold	10:00 14:00	25'	Leakage resilient secret-sharing	Subm. paper	18
primitives	13:30-14:20	25'	Symmetric-key encryption	Subm. paper	19
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25	25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
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		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
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	13:30-14:20	25'	Symmetric-key encryption	Subm. paper	19
		50'	Multi-Sigs in Bitcoin	Invited keynote	20
II.4. TC apps	14:20-16:55	30'	Afternoon coffee break		-
and experience	14.20-10.33				21
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25	25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
	06.45-10.25	25'	TC for combined physical attacks	Subm. pres.	15
		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
II.3. Other threshold	13:30-14:20	25'	Leakage resilient secret-sharing	Subm. paper	18
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		50'	Multi-Sigs in Bitcoin	keynote	20
II.4. TC apps	14:20-16:55	30'	Afternoon coffee break	—	-
and experience	14:20-16:55	25'	SplitKey case study (national eID)	Subm. pres.	21
		25'	TC for cloud & crypto-currencies	Subm. pres.	22
		25'	Practice-based recommendations	Subm. pres.	23
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II.1. Threshold	08:45-10:25	25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
	00.45-10.25	25'	TC for combined physical attacks	Subm. pres.	15
		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break		-
II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)		-
II.3. Other threshold	13:30-14:20	25'	Leakage resilient secret-sharing	Subm. paper	18
		25'	Symmetric-key encryption	Subm. paper	19
		50'	Multi-Sigs in Bitcoin	Invited keynote	20
II.4. TC apps	1100 10 55	30'	Afternoon coffee break		-
	14:20-16:55	25'	SplitKey case study (national eID)	Subm. pres.	21
		25'	TC for cloud & crypto-currencies	Subm. pres.	22
		25'	Practice-based recommendations	Subm. pres. Subm. pres. Subm. pres. Subm. panel Subm. paper Subm. paper Invited keynote Subm. pres.	23
Closing	16:55-17:15	20'	Final remarks	NIST	24

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II.1. Threshold circuit design	08:45–10:25	25'	Tradeoffs shares/area/latency	Subm. pres.	13
		25'	Pitfalls of TC in hardware	Subm. pres.	14
		25'	TC for combined physical attacks	Subm. pres.	15
		25'	VerMI: Verification tool	Subm. pres.	16
—	10:25-10:55	30'	Morning coffee break	—	-
II.2. Panel on TIS	10:55-12:10	75'	Theory of implementation security	Subm. panel	17
—	12:10-13:30	80'	Lunch break (@ heritage room)	—	-
II.3. Other threshold primitives	13:30–14:20	25'	Leakage resilient secret-sharing	Subm. paper	18
		25'	Symmetric-key encryption	Subm. paper	19
II.4. TC apps and experience	14:20–16:55	50'	Multi-Sigs in Bitcoin	Invited keynote	20
		30'	Afternoon coffee break	—	-
		25'	SplitKey case study (national eID)	Subm. pres.	21
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