

# Elements of Symmetric Cryptography in the NIST Threshold Call

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# This presentation

**Thank you Christian** for the invitation to give this talk!

We appreciate the opportunity to connect with the International research community!

## Goal/angle:

- ▶ Highlight possibilities of useful research contribution/collaboration
- ▶ Convey perspective from NIST projects: Threshold Crypto, Circuit Complexity, ...

Slides will be made available

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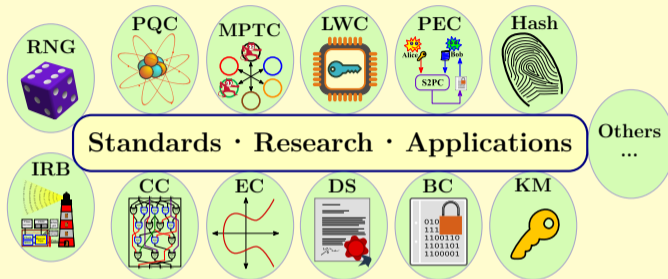


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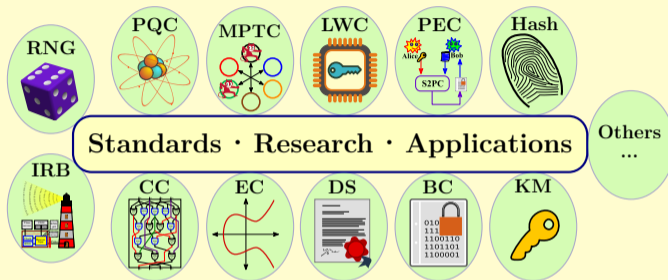


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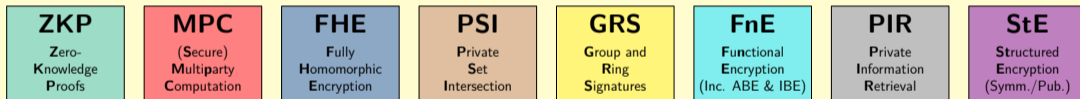
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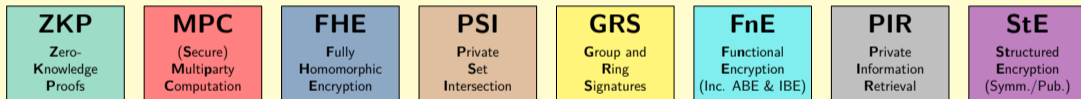
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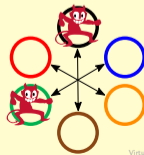
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- ▶ *Threshold Schemes* for diverse Cryptographic Primitives
  1. Split (**secret-share**) the secret/private-key across multiple parties.
  2. Use **MPC** to perform needed operation (with split key), e.g., decrypt.



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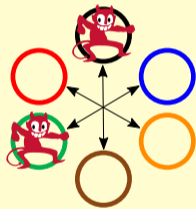
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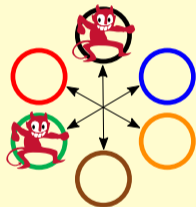
Calling for submissions of threshold schemes for:

- ▶ **[Cat1] Selected NIST-standardized primitives**
- ▶ **[Cat2] Other primitives (including FHE, IBE/ABE, ZKP)**  
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FHE = Fully-homomorphic encryption.

IBE/ABE = Identity/Attribute-based encryption.

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**C1.4: Symmetric** AES encipher/decipher, KDM/KC (for 2KE) [FIPS 197](#), [SP 800-56C Rev2](#), ...

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# Also to be added to Category Cat1

Primitives from NIST draft standards emerging from the PQC and LWC projects:

- ▶ **ML-KEM** (KYBER-based) [Draft FIPS 203](#): *Module-Lattice-Based KEM Standard*
  - ▶ **ML-DSA** (DILITHIUM-based) [Draft FIPS 204](#): *Module-Lattice-Based DSA*
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### Notes:

- ▶ Primitives not designed for threshold-friendliness. How to efficiently thresholdize?
- ▶ **MPTS 2023:** at least one team will submit a Threshold-AES package (based on garbled circuits; might apply stacked garbling [branching] and lookup tables)

**Legend:** AEAD = **A**uthenticated **E**ncryption with **A**ssociated **D**ata. AES = **A**dvanced **E**ncryption **S**tandard. CMAC = Cipher-based **M**AC. HMAC = Keyed-**H**ash **M**AC. KMAC = Keccak-based **M**AC. MAC = **M**essage **A**uthentication **C**ode. MPTS = **M**ulti **P**arty **T**hreshold **S**chemes (Workshop). SHA = **S**ecure **H**ash **A**lgorithm. XOF = extendable **O**utput **F**unction.



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## Notes

- ▶ In the threshold paradigm: How much more efficient can symmetric crypto get?
- ▶ More broadly (advanced crypto): friendliness for MPC, ZKP, FHE, ...

# Example ZKPoKs of interest (related to Cat1)

Related type	Related (sub)sub-category: Primitive	Example ZKPoK (including consistency with public commitments of secret-shares, when applicable)
Keygen	5.1.1: ECC keygen	of discrete-log ( $s$ or $d$ ) of pub key $Q$
	5.1.2: RSA keygen	of factors ( $p, q$ ), or group order $\phi$ , or decryption key $d$
	5.1.3: AES keygen	of secret key $k$ (with regard to secret-sharing commitments)
PKE	5.2.1: RSA encryption	of secret plaintext $m$ (encrypted)
	5.2.2: RSA decryption	of secret-shared plaintext $m$ (after SSO-threshold decryption)
Symmetric	1.4.1: AES enciphering	of secret key $k$ (with regard to plaintext/ciphertext pair)
	1.4.2: Hashing in KDM	of secret pre-image $Z$

Source: Table 12 or NISTIR 8214C ipd

Legend: AES = Advanced Encryption Standard. Cat1 = Category 1. ECC = Elliptic-Curve Cryptography. ipd = initial public draft. keygen = key-generation. KDM = key-derivation mechanism. RSA = Rivest-Shamir Adleman. SSO = Secret-shared output. NISTIR = NIST Internal[ly developed, public] Report. ZKPoK = Zero-knowledge proof of knowledge.

# Other considerations on Symmetric Crypto

- ▶ Threshold Deterministic-EdDSA (in Cat 1): secret nonce is the SHA3-hashing of a secret key. A threshold-friendlier PRF would be useful.
- ▶ {PQC,LWC} vs. initial {MPTC,PEC} processes: different expectations.
- ▶ Analysis of Threshold Call submissions to focus more on reduction proofs / provable MPC, rather than on unproven heuristic constructions.
- ▶ Symmetric Crypto is also of interest to other NIST projects (e.g., Circuit Complexity, next slides).

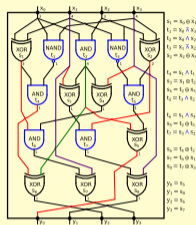
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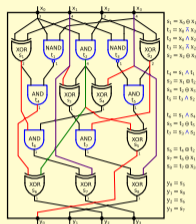
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## Main goals:

1. **Improve understanding** of the circuit complexity of Boolean functions (BFs) and vectorial BFs
2. **Develop new techniques** for constructing better circuits for use by academia and industry.

1. Background

2. Research directions

3. Results

4. Collaborators

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# Boolean circuits as reference material

## The NIST circuit library

AES Implementations

SHA256

Finite field multiplication

Binary polynomial multiplication

Boolean functions

Linear maps

## Example list of circuits of one type (AES)

### AES Implementations

AES S-Boxes	Links	#ANDs	#XOR + #XNOR	#Gates	Depth	AND-Depth
S-Box 1	<a href="#">SLP, Graph</a>	32	83	115	28	6
S-Box 2	<a href="#">SLP</a>	32	81	113	27	6
S-Box 3	<a href="#">SLP, Graph</a>	34	94	128	16	4
S-Box inverse 1	<a href="#">SLP</a>	34	87	121	21	4
S-Box inverse 2	<a href="#">SLP, Graph</a>	34	93	127	16	4

AES Cipher	Links	#ANDs	#XNOR	#XOR	#Gates	Depth	AND-Depth
AES-128(k,m)	<a href="#">SLP</a>	6400	844	21 356	28 600	326	60
AES-128(0,m)	<a href="#">SLP</a>	5120	1620	14 652	21 392	325	60

The AES circuit above is constructed using: (i) the S-Box implementation "forward 2"

([doi:10.1007/s00145-012-9124-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00145-012-9124-7) further improved in 2013 by 2 XORs); and (ii) the MixColumn circuit by Maximov in 2019 ([ia.cr/2019/833](https://ia.cr/2019/833)).

(Example: AES SBox with 32 AND gates)

**We'd like to expand this library**



# Some research interest in circuit complexity

1. AND-optimization of Boolean functions
2. AND-optimization of vectorial Boolean functions
3. XOR-optimization of linear maps
4. Recurrence relations for binary polynomial multiplication

## Lots of interesting fundamental research to do:

- ▶ We haven't departed much from  $\{\text{AND}, \text{XOR}, \mathbb{1}\}$  basis.
- ▶ Can AES SBox be implemented with fewer than 32 AND gates?
- ▶ OMA: Prove that  $x_0 * f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  requires **one more AND** gate than  $f$ .

# Circuit File Format: Upcoming Reference

We intend to specify a reference (not a “standard”) for a circuit file format.

Toy example:

**Figure 1.** Circuit for the majority of three bits

```
1 begin CIRCUIT MAJ3
2 # Description: The majority of three bits
3 Inputs: x1:x3; Outputs: y1; Internal:t1:t3
4 GateSyntax: GateName Output Inputs
5 begin SLP
6   XOR t1 x1 x2; XOR t2 x1 x3; AND t3 t1 t2; XOR y1 t3 x1
7 end SLP end CIRCUIT
```

The colors distinguishing between **input**, **intermediate** and **output** variables are used as an aid, but is not required to interpret the circuit. The line numbers on the left are part of the file format. Both the colors and the line numbers can appear automatically when opening the file in a text editor that can interpret the circuit format.

# Circuit File Format: More examples

## AES SBox (G113, A32, D27, AD6)

```
begin circuit AES-SBOX-FWD-G113-A32-D27-AD6

# Description: AES Sbox Forward
# References: Based on doi:10.1007/s00145-012-
# Tally: 8 inputs, 8 outputs, 113 gates, 32 AND
# Depth(Gate): 27; Depth(AND): 6

Inputs: U0:U7
Outputs: S0:S7
Internal: t1:t105
GateSyntax: GateName Output Inputs

begin SLP
XOR t1 U3 U5
XOR t2 U0 U6
XOR t3 U0 U3
XOR t4 U0 U5
...
end SLP
end circuit
```

## Binary Poly Mult with 11 terms

```
begin circuit Mult-Binary-Poly-11-terms

# Description: Multiplication of two Binary Polynomials with 11 terms
# References: doi:10.1109/TC.2018.2874662
# Tally: 22 inputs, 21 outputs, 186 gates, 78 AND, 108 XOR
# Depth(Gate): 7; Depth(AND): 1

# Input polynomials are  $A = f_0 + f_1*X + f_2*X^2 + \dots + f_{10}*X^{10}$  and  $B = h_0 + h_1*X + h_2*X^2 + \dots + h_{10}*X^{10}$ 
# Output polynomial is the product  $A*B = h_0 + h_1*X + h_2*X^2 + \dots + h_{20}*X^{20}$ 
# Coefficients are over GF2

Inputs: f0:f10 g0:g10
Outputs: h0:h20
Internal: t1:t165
GateSyntax: GateName Output Inputs

begin SLP
AND t1 f2 g2
AND t2 f2 g0
AND t3 f2 g1
...
```

...

# Circuit File Format: rationale

## Why:

- ▶ Uniform format for circuits in the NIST Circuit Library
- ▶ Interoperability for public calls (e.g., the Threshold Call)
- ▶ Include desired features

## Some intended features:

- ▶ Human readable/editable .txt format
- ▶ Succinct specification of ranges of variables
- ▶ Modularity: multiple circuits and subcircuits per file
- ▶ Loops and branching: FOR, IF
- ▶ Parser to unroll circuits

# Masked Circuits (for block-ciphers)

## Plan: create a library of masked circuits

(When masking, the probing of a single wire does not reveal secret info)

- ▶ **Public call:** will ask for masked AES circuits (and maybe others?)
- ▶ **Optimization:** 3 metrics (#rand, #gates, depth)  $\times$  3 masking degrees (1,2,3)
- ▶ **Timeline:** not before the Multi-Party Threshold Call is published.

**Expected result:** public library; a reference for subsequent side-channel attack experiments/discussion.

See details of project scope at: <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/masked-circuits>

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# Selected remarks

- ▶ **Symmetric Crypto** is in scope of the Threshold Call
  - Various optimization paradigms: \*-friendly, with  $* \in \{\text{FHE, ZKP, MPC, ...}\}$ .
- ▶ The process is an **exploration**, before promising standards
  - A gathering of **reference material** (not a competition for a selection).
  - Evaluation will aim to devise **recommendations** for subsequent processes
- ▶ Other NIST projects are also interested in symmetric crypto / circuits
- ▶ Community **participation** is essential (feedback; submissions; analyses)

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- Check also online the “**Foreign Guest Researcher Program**” at nist.gov

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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