

# Depth Optimized Quantum Circuits for HIGHT and LEA

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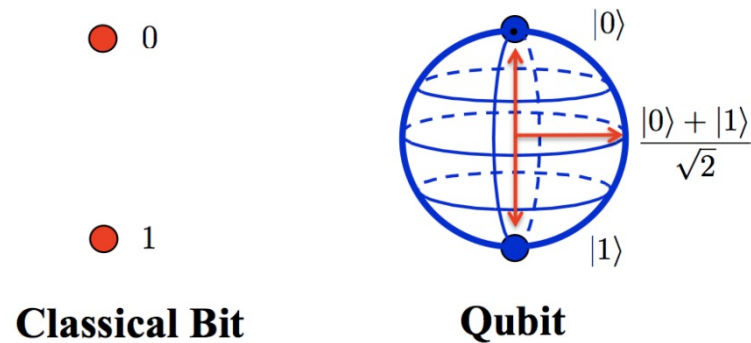
# Contributions

- **Depth-optimized quantum circuits for LEA and HIGHT**
  - **We achieve depth reductions of 48% and 74% for HIGHT and LEA, respectively.**
- **Multiple methods for effectively reducing circuit depth are gathered in this work.**
  - **The implementation methods can be adopted for generic quantum circuit implementations.**
- **The required quantum complexities for HIGHT and LEA are redefined in this work.**
  - **Post-quantum security level for HIGHT and LEA are re-evaluated.**

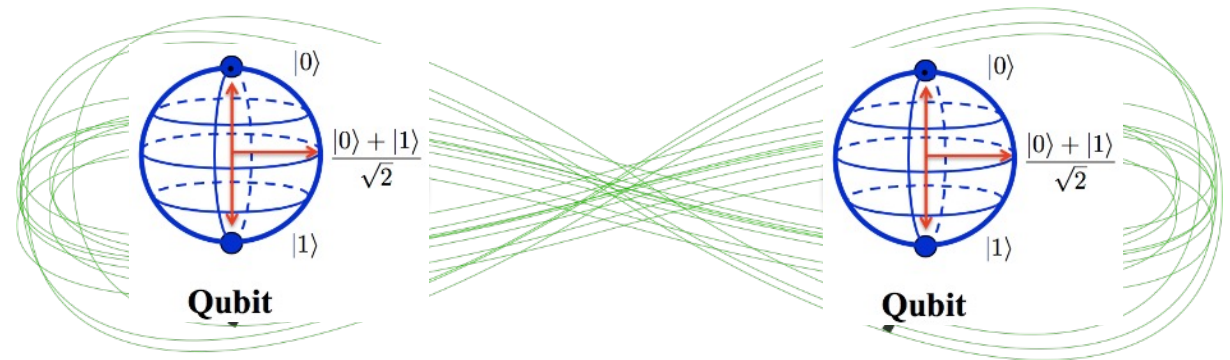
# Quantum Computing

- Qubit (Quantum bit)

- Superposition

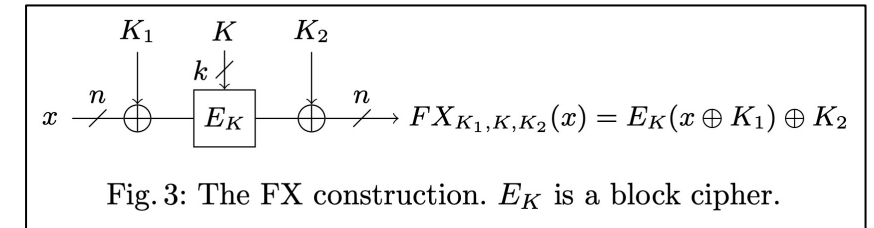
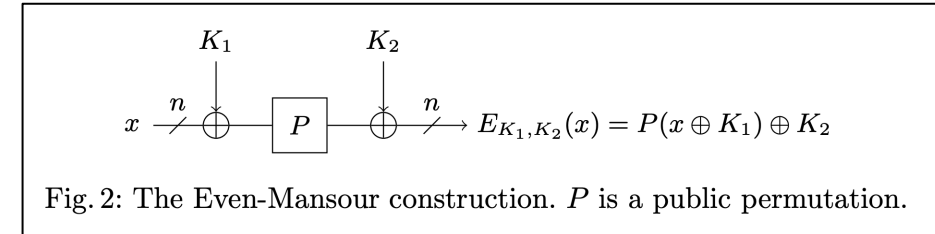
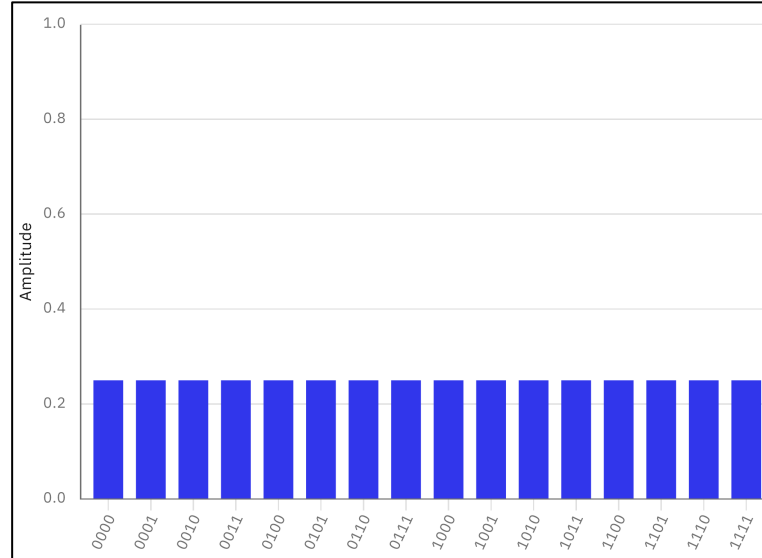
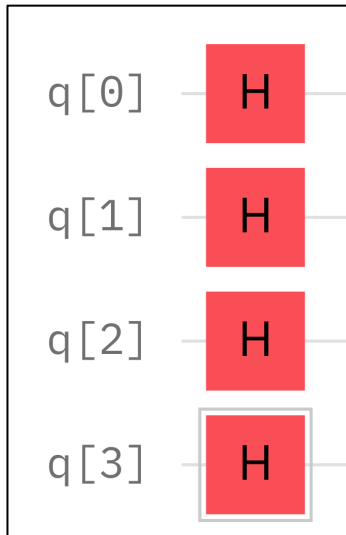


- Entanglement



# Quantum Computing

- $n$ -qubit with superposition state?

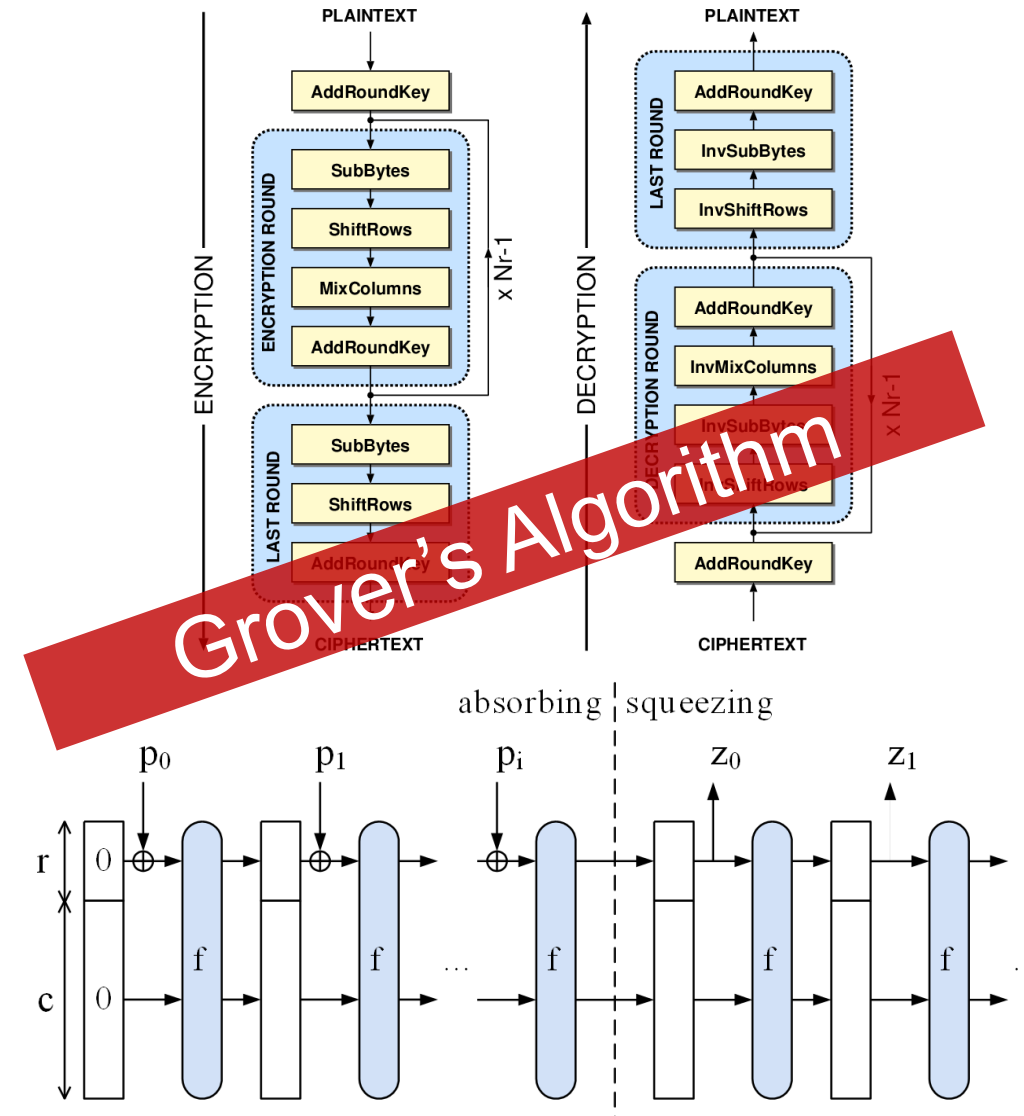
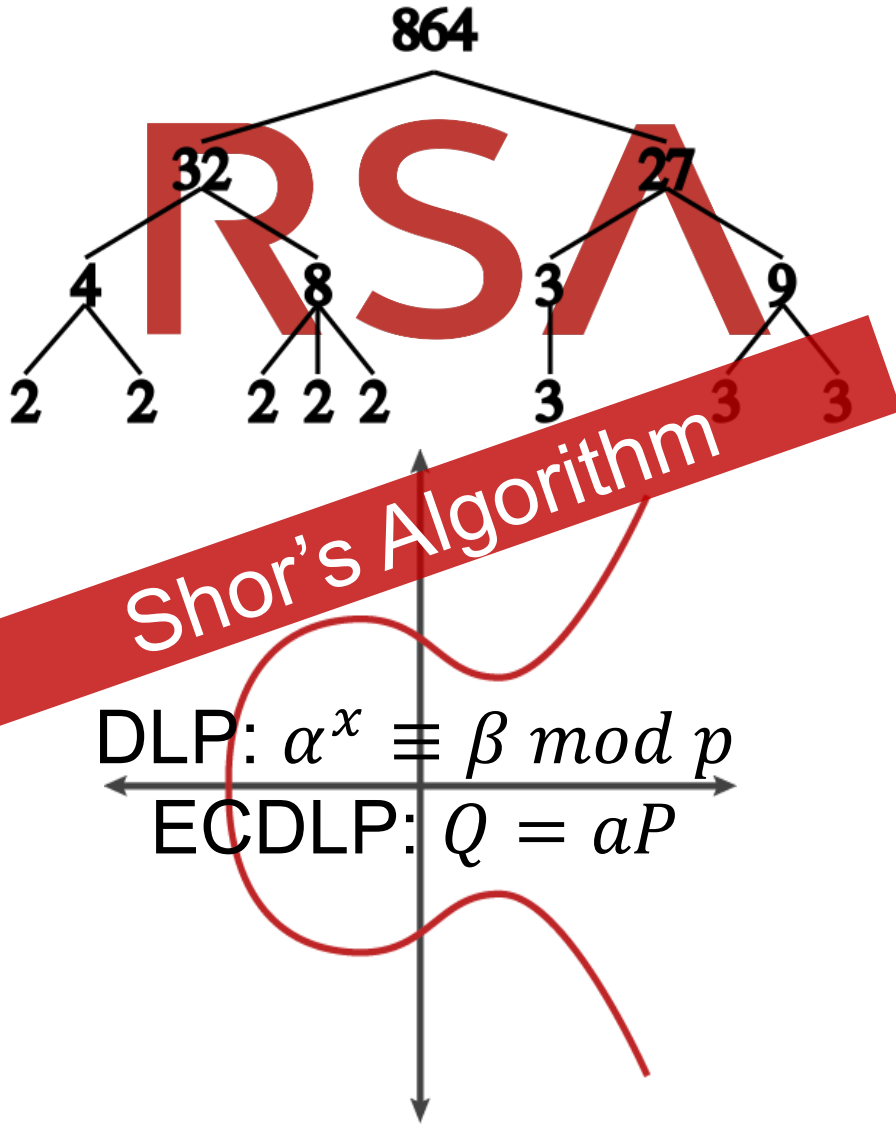


We can prepare  $2^n$  states (as probability) at once!

With proper quantum algorithm? (Shor, Grover, Simon etc...)

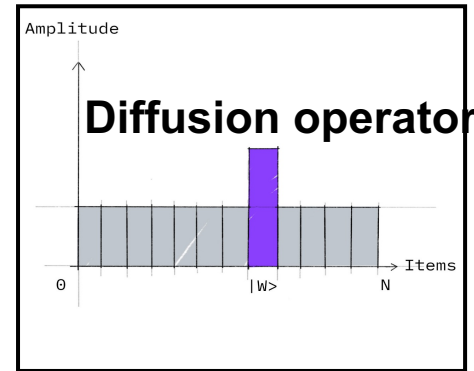
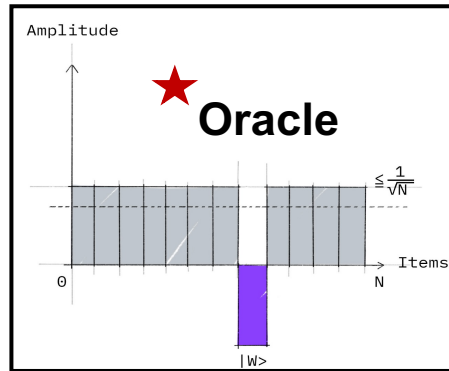
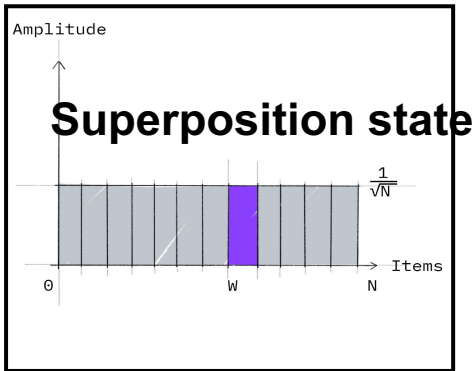
→ Meaningful result can be achieved

# Cryptosystems in Quantum World



# Grover's Algorithm

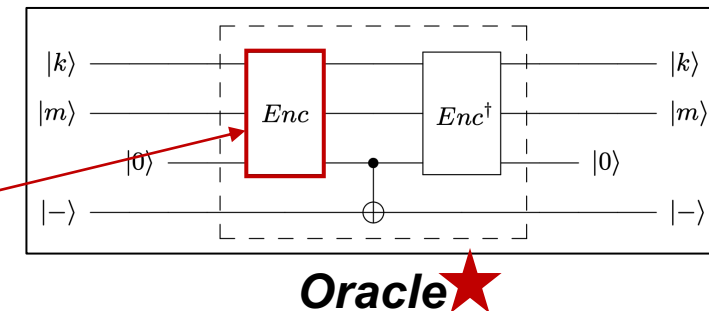
- Search complexity for  $N$  data elements
  - Classical:  $O(N)$  → **Quantum (Grover):  $O(\sqrt{N})$**



- Grover's key search for Symmetric key ciphers ( $k$ -bit key)
  - Prepare  $k$ -qubit in a superposition state (by using *Hadamard* gates)

$$|\psi\rangle = H^{\otimes k} |0\rangle^{\otimes k} = \left( \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2^{k/2}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^k-1} |x\rangle$$

- Implement a **quantum circuit for the target cipher**, then encrypt  $\sqrt{2^k}$  times  
 → **Optimization target** ★



# Maximum Depth (MAXDEPTH)

- In Grover's search (single instance), numerous quantum queries are performed in sequential
  - **Total depth = Time-complexity.**
- NIST suggests the parameter, namely **MAXDEPTH (Maximum Depth)**

Level 1: $2^{40}$ Depth	MAXDEPTH	Cycle time (faster →)		
		$1\mu\text{s}$	200ns	1ns
Level 3: $2^{64}$ Depth	$2^{40}$	12.7 days	<b>2.55 days</b>	18.3 mins
	$2^{48}$	8.92 years	<b>1.78 years</b>	3.26 days
Level 5: $2^{96}$ Depth	$2^{56}$	2,280 years	457 years	2.28 years
	$2^{64}$	585,000 years	117,000 years	585 years

 : near-term and plausible

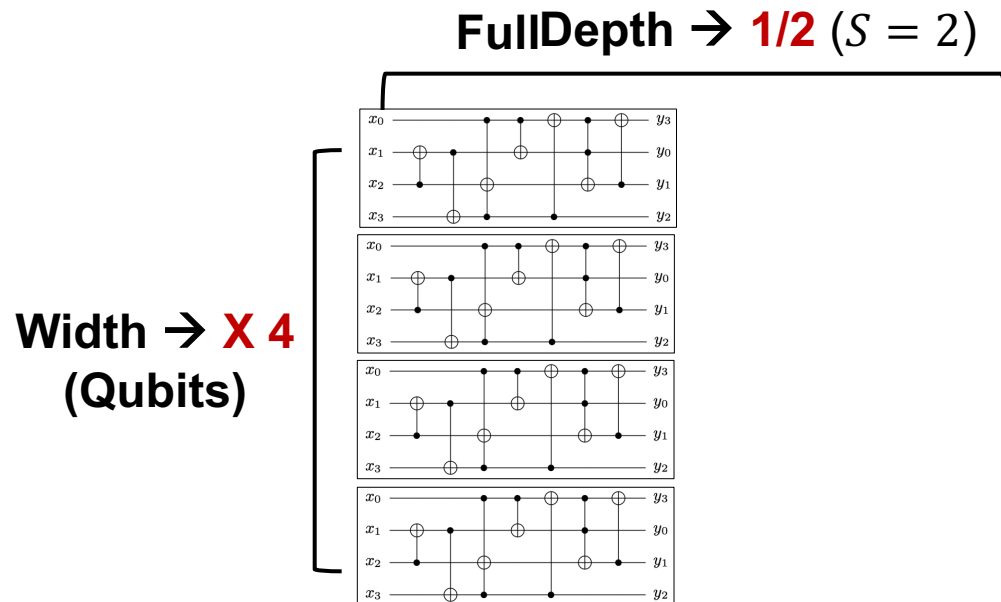
- If we do not satisfy the MAXDEPTH, Parallelization of Grover's search is required
  - Unfortunately, **Parallelization of Grover's search is poor**



# Grover parallelization

- **Poor performance** of Grover parallelization
  - If we operate Grover Instances of  $S$  in parallel, depth is only reduced by  $\sqrt{S}$ .  
→ The **DW-cost (Depth  $\times$  Width)** is transformed to the  **$D^2W$ -cost (Depth<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  Width)**

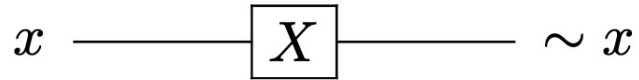
Example) if we want to **reduce the depth by half (i.e., 1/2)**, width is **increased by a factor of 4 (S=4)**



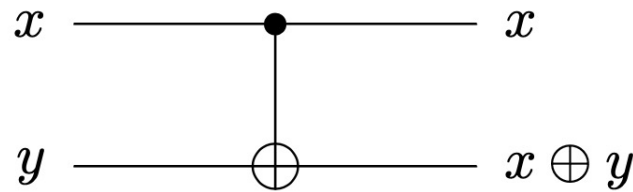
This is why we should optimize the depth for Grover's key search !!

# Basic Quantum Gates

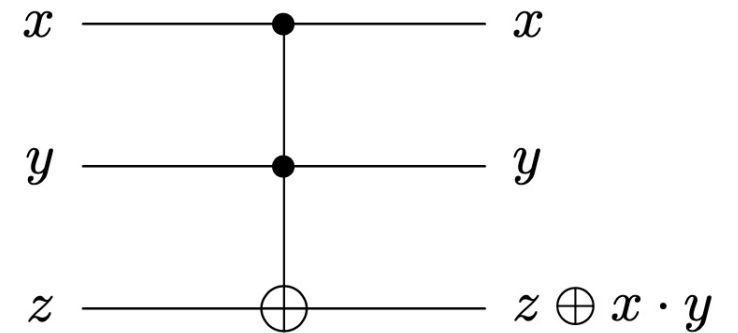
- The **NOT (X) gate** replaces **classical NOT operation**
- The **CNOT gate** replaces **classical XOR operation**
- The **Toffoli gate** replaces **classical AND operation**



(a) X (NOT) gate



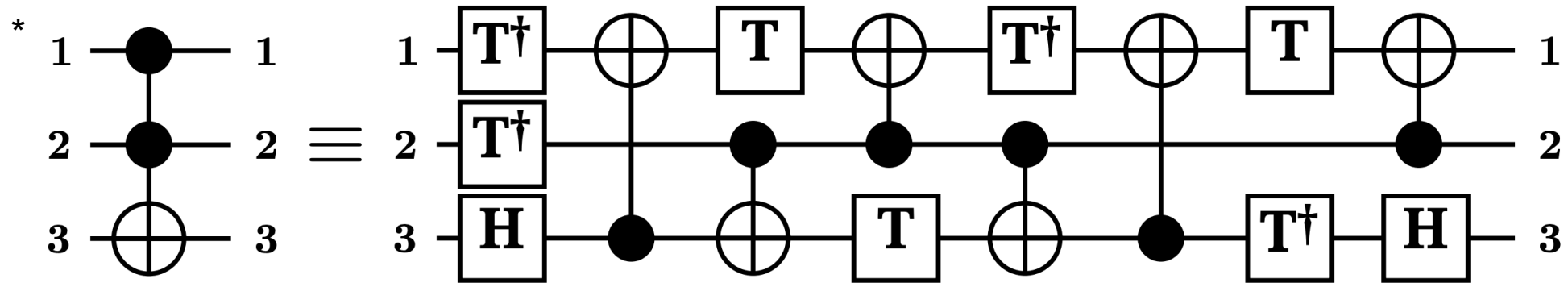
(b) CNOT gate



(c) Toffoli (CCNOT) gate

# Toffoli gate

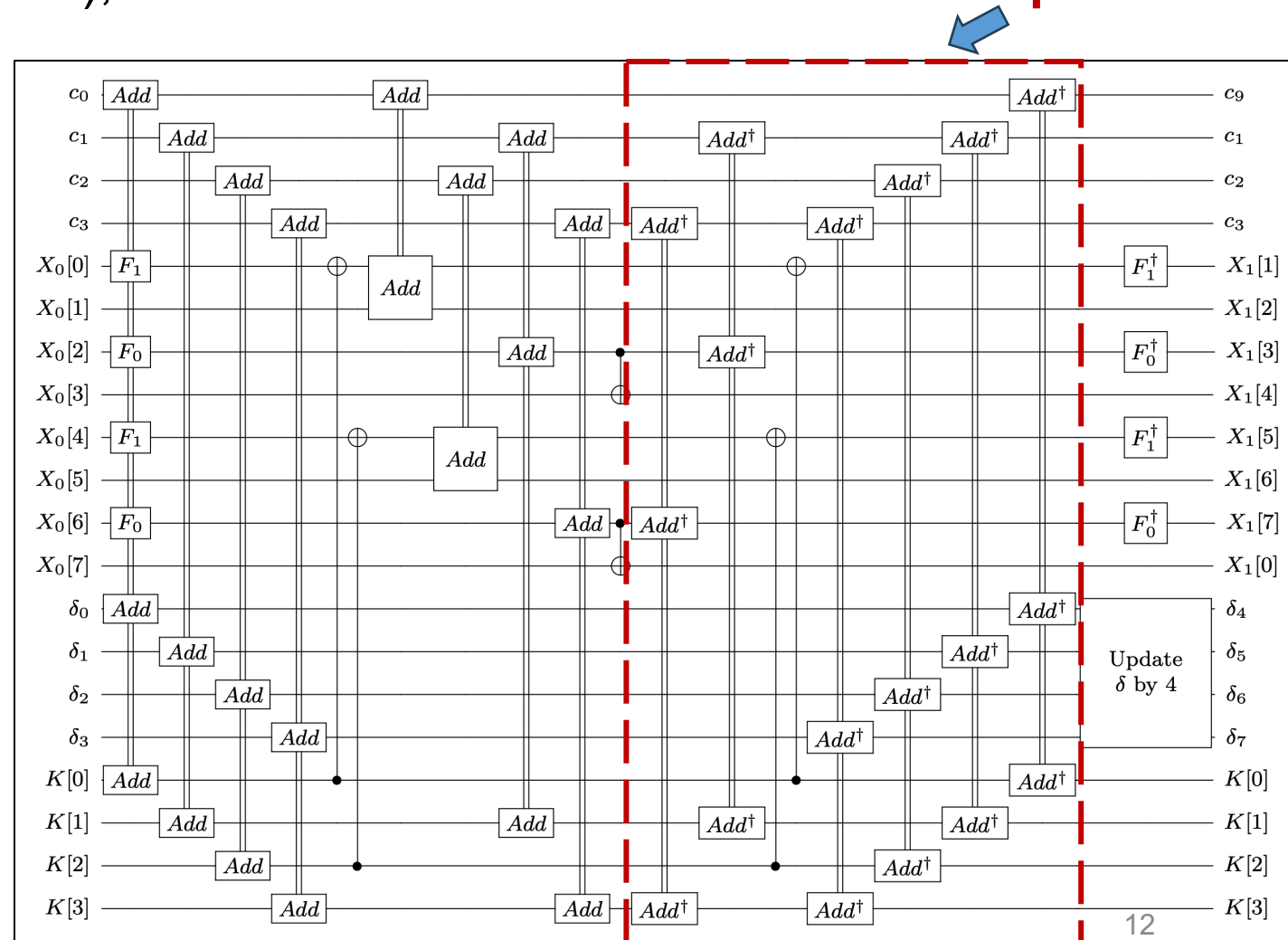
- Actually, the Toffoli gates are **more complex** than other quantum gates



(a) Toffoli gate ( $T$ -depth 4, total depth 8).

# HIGHT quantum circuit

- We present a **Shallow architecture** for HIGHT
  - In the previous implementation (QIP'22), there is an overhead for the **reverse operation**
- In quantum implementations, the reverse operation is often utilized to initialize ancilla qubits and reuse them.
- In our Shallow architecture, **there is no depth overhead for the reverse operation.**



# HIGHT quantum circuit

- In the previous work, **the subsequent round function is delayed** until the completion of the reverse operation of the current round function.
  - Since the current and subsequent round functions **share the ancilla qubits each other**.

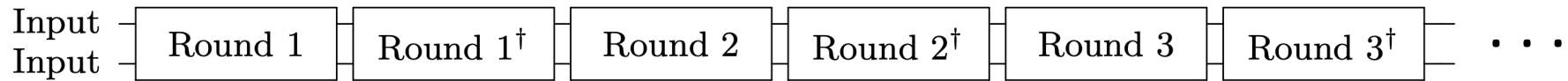


Fig. 2: The regular architecture adopted in [13]

- In the shallow architecture, the reverse operation of **the current round function is performed simultaneously with the subsequent round function** (i.e., in parallel).
  - we run **two sets of ancilla qubits** by allocating additional ancilla qubits for the subsequent round function.

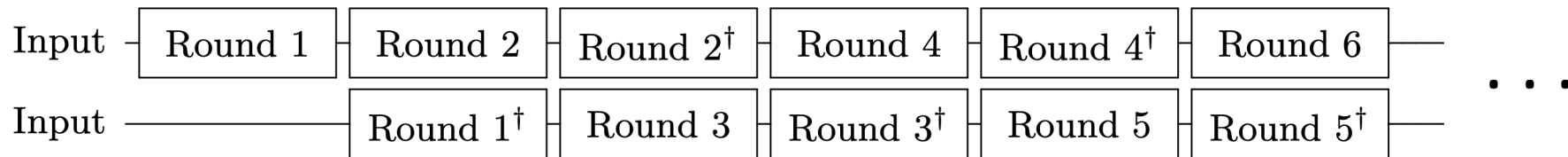


Fig. 3: The shallow architecture adopted in this work.

# HIGHT quantum circuit

In HIGHT, linear layer operations which called  $F_0(X)$  and  $F_1(X)$  are given by:

$$F_0(x) = (x \lll 1) \oplus (x \lll 2) \oplus (x \lll 7)$$

$$F_1(x) = (x \lll 3) \oplus (x \lll 4) \oplus (x \lll 6)$$

In the previous work, **in-place implementation** was presented

→ **low qubit count** **but high circuit depth.**

We present an **out-of-place implementation**

→ **reduce the depth** **but increases the qubit count** (but we reuse them)

Operation	Source	#CNOT	#Qubit (reuse)	Depth
$F_0$	[14] and [13]	21	8	15
$F_0$	Ours	24	16 (8)	3
$F_1$	[14] and [13]	24	8	17
$F_1$	[14] and [13]	24	16 (8)	3

# HIGHT quantum circuit

- We **effectively reduce the Toffoli/full depth** by allocating additional ancilla qubits.
  - **48% depth reduction**
  - All of the trade of metrics;  $TD-M$ ,  $FD-M$ ,  $TD^2-M$ ,  $FD^2-M$  are optimized.

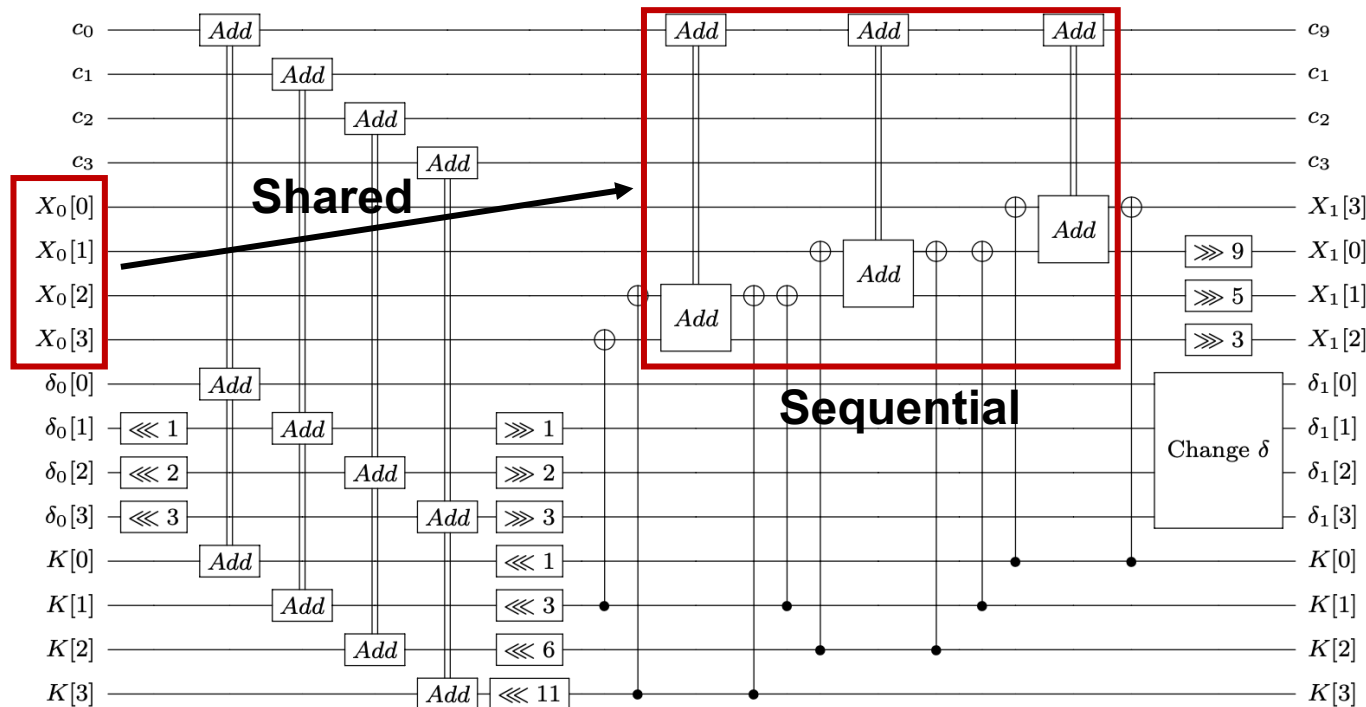
Source	#CNOT	#1qCliff	#T	Toffoli depth ( $TD$ )	#Qubit ( $M$ )	Full depth ( $FD$ )	$TD-M$	$FD-M$	$TD^2-M$	$FD^2-M$
[14]	64,799	13,444	50,176	.	201	68,415	.	$1.639 \cdot 2^{23}$	.	$1.711 \cdot 2^{39}$
[13]	57,558	16,144	40,540	1,664	228	14,058	$1.447 \cdot 2^{18}$	$1.528 \cdot 2^{21}$	$1.176 \cdot 2^{29}$	$1.311 \cdot 2^{35}$
<b>Ours</b>	57,440	16,598	40,422	<b>832</b>	296	<b>7,308</b>	<b><math>1.879 \cdot 2^{17}</math></b>	<b><math>1.031 \cdot 2^{21}</math></b>	<b><math>1.527 \cdot 2^{27}</math></b>	<b><math>1.84 \cdot 2^{33}</math></b>

TABLE II: Quantum resources required for implementations of HIGHT.

# LEA quantum circuit

## Parallel Additions for Round Function

- In the previous implementation, **sequential additions** are performed.
  - Since the **inputs ( $X_0[0] \sim [3]$ ) are shared** in the three additions.



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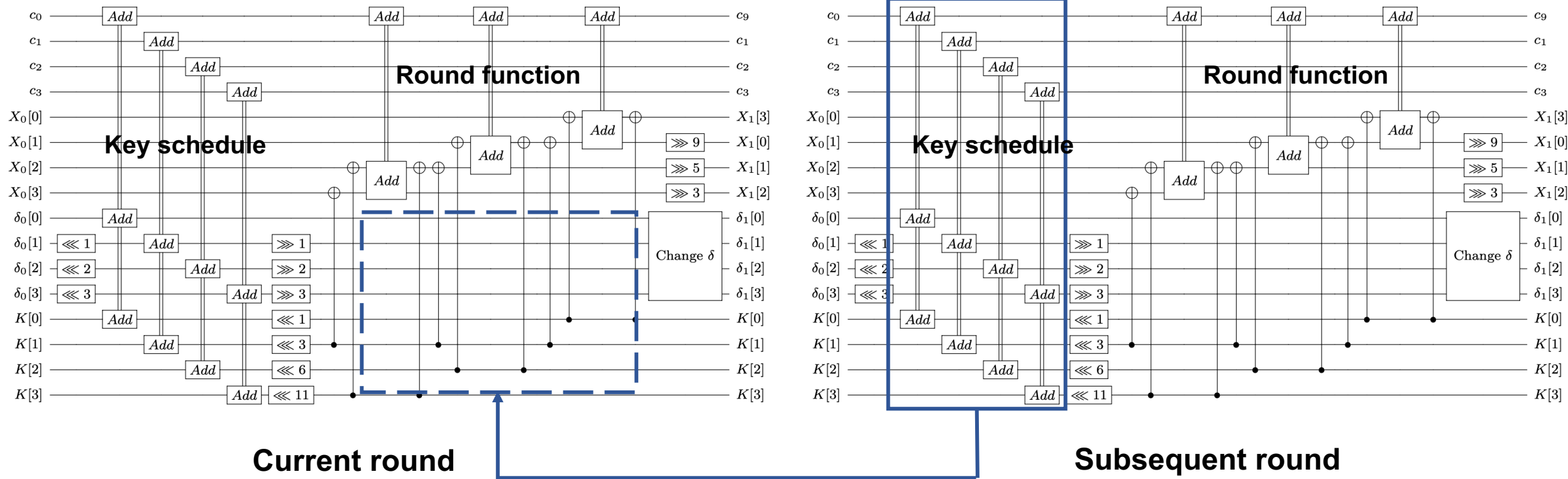
- $X_{i+1}[0] \leftarrow ((X_i[0] \oplus K_i[0]) \boxplus (X_i[1] \oplus K_i[1])) \lll 9$
- $X_{i+1}[1] \leftarrow ((X_i[1] \oplus K_i[2]) \boxplus (X_i[2] \oplus K_i[3])) \ggg 5$
- $X_{i+1}[2] \leftarrow ((X_i[2] \oplus K_i[4]) \boxplus (X_i[3] \oplus K_i[5])) \ggg 3$
- $X_{i+1}[3] \leftarrow X_i[0]$

- We perform the **three additions in parallel**.
  - To enable this, **we copy inputs ( $X_0[0] \sim [3]$ )** before the additions.



# LEA quantum circuit

- The subsequent key schedule and the current round function can be executed in parallel.
  - As we did before, to enable this, we allocate additional ancilla qubits.



# LEA quantum circuit

- We significantly reduce the Toffoli/full depth by allocating additional ancilla qubits.
  - 74% depth reduction**
  - Due to the **significant increases in qubit count**, the trade of metrics,  **$TD-M$ ,  $FD-M$ , increases**
  - However, **thanks to the depth optimization**, the trade-off metrics for parallelization,  **$TD^2-M$ ,  $FD^2-M$ , are optimized.**

Cipher	Source	#CNOT	#1qCliff	#T	Toffoli depth ( $TD$ )	#Qubit ( $M$ )	Full depth ( $FD$ )	$TD-M$	$FD-M$	$TD^2-M$	$FD^2-M$
LEA-128	[14]	94,104	30,592	71,736	.	289	82,825	.	$1.427 \cdot 2^{24}$	.	$1.803 \cdot 2^{40}$
	[13]	94,104	31,588	71,736	5856	388	47,401	$1.083 \cdot 2^{21}$	$1.096 \cdot 2^{24}$	$1.549 \cdot 2^{33}$	$1.586 \cdot 2^{39}$
	<b>Ours</b>	94,104	31,588	71,736	<b>1,464</b>	2,695	<b>12,326</b>	$1.881 \cdot 2^{21}$	$1.98 \cdot 2^{24}$	<b><math>1.345 \cdot 2^{32}</math></b>	<b><math>1.49 \cdot 2^{38}</math></b>
LEA-192	[14]	138,852	45,758	107,604	.	353	124,181	.	$1.306 \cdot 2^{25}$	.	$1.238 \cdot 2^{42}$
	[13]	138,852	47,748	107,604	6832	518	55,301	$1.688 \cdot 2^{21}$	$1.707 \cdot 2^{24}$	$1.407 \cdot 2^{34}$	$1.441 \cdot 2^{40}$
	<b>Ours</b>	138,852	47,748	107,604	<b>1,708</b>	3,209	<b>14,298</b>	$1.307 \cdot 2^{22}$	$1.367 \cdot 2^{25}$	<b><math>1.09 \cdot 2^{33}</math></b>	<b><math>1.193 \cdot 2^{39}</math></b>
LEA-256	[14]	156,672	36,753	129,024	.	417	175,234	.	$1.089 \cdot 2^{26}$	.	$1.456 \cdot 2^{43}$
	[13]	158,688	54,630	122,976	7808	582	63,108	$1.083 \cdot 2^{22}$	$1.095 \cdot 2^{25}$	$1.033 \cdot 2^{35}$	$1.054 \cdot 2^{41}$
	<b>Ours</b>	158,688	54,630	122,976	<b>1,952</b>	3,657	<b>16,257</b>	$1.702 \cdot 2^{22}$	$1.772 \cdot 2^{25}$	<b><math>1.622 \cdot 2^{33}</math></b>	<b><math>1.758 \cdot 2^{39}</math></b>

TABLE III: Quantum resources required for implementations of LEA.

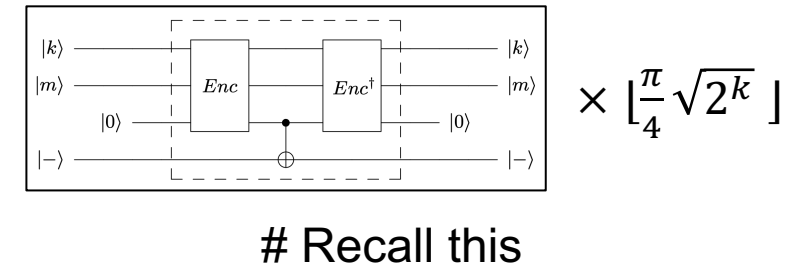
# Evaluation of Post-Quantum Security

- Based on the optimized quantum circuits for Grover's key search, we estimate required resources for quantum key search.

**Grover's key search ( $k$ -bit key) are estimated as follows: Quantum circuit  $\times 2 \times \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4} \sqrt{2^k} \rfloor$ .**

Cipher	Total gates	Total depth	Complexity	NIST level
HIGHT	$1.372 \cdot 2^{81}$	$1.402 \cdot 2^{77}$	<b><math>1.924 \cdot 2^{158}</math></b>	Level 1 ( $2^{157}$ )
LEA-128	$1.183 \cdot 2^{82}$	$1.182 \cdot 2^{78}$	<b><math>1.398 \cdot 2^{160}</math></b>	Level 1 ( $2^{157}$ )
LEA-192	$1.763 \cdot 2^{114}$	$1.371 \cdot 2^{110}$	<b><math>1.209 \cdot 2^{225}</math></b>	Level 3 ( $2^{221}$ )
LEA-256	$1.008 \cdot 2^{147}$	$1.558 \cdot 2^{142}$	<b><math>1.57 \cdot 2^{289}</math></b>	Level 5 ( $2^{285}$ )

TABLE IV: Quantum resources required for Grover's key search for HIGHT and LEA.



- We evaluate the post- quantum security level suggested by NIST.
  - Level 1, 3, and 5** correspond to the attack complexity for **AES-128, -192, and -256**, respectively.
  - HIGHT and LEA achieve the appropriate post-quantum security** level according to the key size.

# Conclusion

- **Multiple techniques** are gathered in this work **to effectively reduce circuit depth.**  
(such as shallow architecture and copying for parallel operation)
- **Depth-optimized quantum circuits** offer optimal performance for Grover's key search.
  - We provide the **lowest quantum attack complexity** and the **best trade-off performance** for major metrics **under the depth constraint.**
- **We re-evaluate post-quantum security for HIGHT and LEA** (with NIST standard).
  - The quantum circuit of the target cipher is a **fundamental block in quantum cryptanalysis.**
  - Thus, the quantum circuits in this work can be utilized for other quantum algorithms (not only for Grover's exhaustive search).

Thank you!