

# Grover on Sparkle

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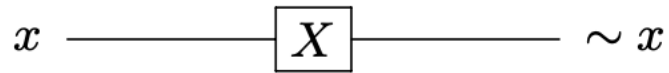
# Motivation (Introduction)

- **Quantum computers develop and Grover search algorithm appeared**
  - Grover search algorithm can reduce the complexity of searching for a secret key by as much as square root( $\sqrt{\quad}$ ) in a symmetric cryptosystem.
  - The safety of ciphers based on these hard problems is threatened.
- **Studies are underway to analyze threats to the Grover algorithm for symmetric cryptosystem**
  - The field of research has expanded to lightweight ciphers in recent years.
- **KNOT is the only quantum implementation of AEAD**
  - Implementation of AEAD of SPARKLE(NIST LWC final candidate) as a quantum circuit

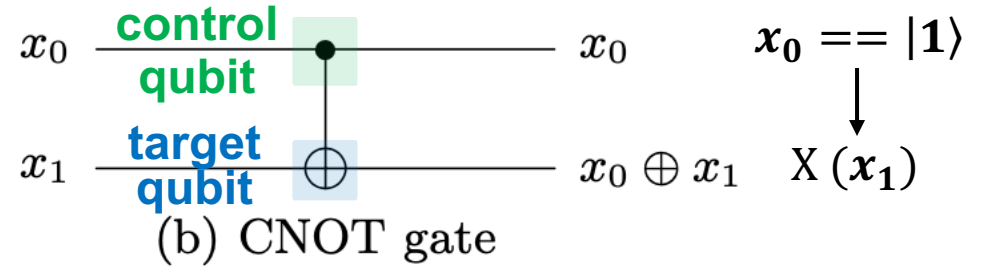
# Contribution (Introduction)

- **Reported first quantum implementation of all parameters of SCHWAEMM**
  - SCHWAEMM is AEAD of lightweight block cipher SPARKLE
- **Optimized the quantum circuit by reducing the depth and the number of qubits**
  - Used inverse operations and fake padding
  - Implemented quantum additions in parallel
- **Estimated the quantum resources & evaluated the post-quantum security level**
  - Based on NIST security requirements
  - Applied Grover's search algorithm to proposed quantum circuit

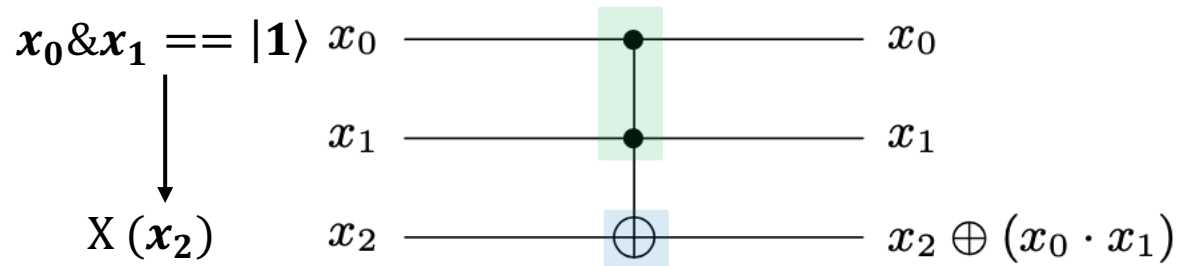
# Quantum Gates (Background)



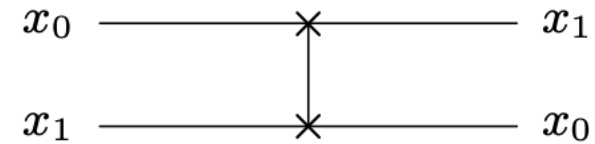
(a) X (NOT) gate



(b) CNOT gate



(c) Toffoli gate



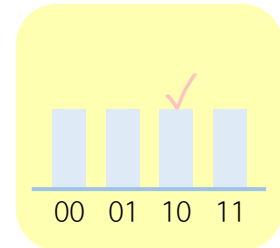
(d) Swap gate

Fig. 1: Quantum gates

# Grover's Algorithm for key search (Background)

1. Through the use of Hadamard gates, n-qubit key has the same amplitude at all state of the qubits

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



2.  $f(x) = 1$ , sign of the solution key is changed to negative

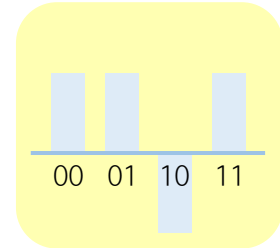
Oracle

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{superpositioned key } Enc(key) = c \\ 0 & \text{if } \text{superpositioned key } Enc(key) \neq c \end{cases}$$

known ciphertext

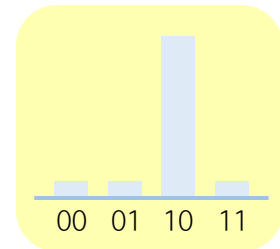
ciphertext — comparison

The diagram illustrates the oracle function  $f(x)$ . It takes a 'superpositioned key' (enclosed in a green box) and compares it with a 'known ciphertext'  $c$  (in a red box). The result is 1 if they match and 0 otherwise. The 'ciphertext' label is in green, and the 'comparison' label is in black.



3. Amplify the amplitude of the negative sign state

$$U_f(|\psi\rangle |-\rangle) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle |-\rangle$$



# SPARKLE Permutation 1) Alzette

**Algorithm 3** Quantum implementation of SPAKRLE256<sub>r</sub>.

**Input:** 128-qubit  $x_{0\sim3}$ , and  $y_{0\sim3}$ , Adder carry  $ac_{0\sim3}$ , Constant  $c_{0\sim7}$

**Output:**  $x, y$

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1: for  $i = 0$  to  $r$  do
2:    $y_0 \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(y_0, c_{(i\%8)})$ 
3:    $y_1 \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(y_1, i)$ 
4:   // Parallel Alzettes
5:    $(x_0, y_0) \leftarrow \text{Alzette}(x_0, y_0, c_0, ac_0)$ 
6:    $(x_1, y_1) \leftarrow \text{Alzette}(x_1, y_0, c_1, ac_1)$ 
7:    $(x_2, y_2) \leftarrow \text{Alzette}(x_2, y_0, c_2, ac_2)$ 
8:    $(x_3, y_3) \leftarrow \text{Alzette}(x_3, y_0, c_3, ac_3)$ 
9:   // Linear Diffusion Layer
10:   $(x_{0\sim3}, y_{0\sim3}) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_4(x_{0\sim3}, y_{0\sim3})$ 
11: end for
12: return  $x, y$ 
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allocate 4 carry qubits  
→ reduce depth

**Algorithm 1** Quantum implementation of Alzette.

**Input:** 32-qubit  $x$  and  $y$ , Constant  $c$ , Adder carry  $ac$

**Output:**  $x, y$

```
1:  $x \leftarrow \text{ADD}((y \ggg 31), x, ac)$ 
2:  $y \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}((x \ggg 24), y)$ 
3:  $x \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(x, c)$ 
4:  $x \leftarrow \text{ADD}((y \ggg 17), x, ac)$ 
5:  $y \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}((x \ggg 17), y)$ 
6:  $x \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(x, c)$ 
7:  $x \leftarrow \text{ADD}(y, x, ac)$ 
8:  $y \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}((x \ggg 31), y)$ 
9:  $x \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(x, c)$ 
10:  $x \leftarrow \text{ADD}((y \ggg 24), x, ac)$ 
11:  $y \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}((x \ggg 16), y)$ 
12:  $x \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(x, c)$ 
13: return  $x, y$ 
```

**1-branch**

$$\begin{aligned} x &\leftarrow x + (y \ggg 31) \\ y &\leftarrow y \oplus (x \ggg 24) \\ x &\leftarrow x \oplus c \end{aligned}$$

**Addition – CDKM ripple-carry adder**  
**Rotation – logical Swap**  
**XOR – CNOT gate**

# SPARKLE Permutation 2) Diffusion operator

## Algorithm 3 Quantum implementation of SPARKLE2

**Input:** 128-qubit  $x_{0\sim 3}$ , and  $y_{0\sim 3}$ , Adder carry  $ac_{0\sim 3}$ , Const

**Output:**  $x, y$

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2:    $y_0 \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(y_0, c_{(i\%8)})$ 
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9:   // Linear Diffusion Layer
10:   $(x_{0\sim 3}, y_{0\sim 3}) \leftarrow \mathcal{L}_4(x_{0\sim 3}, y_{0\sim 3})$ 

11: end for
12: return  $x, y$ 

```

## Algorithm 2 Quantum implementation of $\mathcal{L}_4$ .

**Input:** 128-qubit  $x_{0\sim 3}$ , and  $y_{0\sim 3}$

**Output:**  $x, y$

```

1: // Feistel round
2: Transform  $x_0$ :
3:   $x_0 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(x_1, x_0)$ 
4:   $x_{0L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(x_{0R}, x_{0L})$ 
5:   $y_{2R} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(x_{0L}, y_{2R})$ 
6:   $y_{2L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(x_{0R}, y_{2L})$ 
7:   $y_2 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(y_0, y_2)$ 
8:   $y_{3R} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(x_{0L}, y_{3R})$ 
9:   $y_{3L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(x_{0R}, y_{3L})$ 
10:  $y_3 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(y_1, y_3)$ 
11: Reverse(transform  $x_0$ )

12: Transform  $y_0$ :
13:   $y_0 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(y_1, y_0)$ 
14:   $y_{0L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(y_{0R}, y_{0L})$ 
15:   $x_{2R} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(y_{0L}, x_{2R})$ 
16:   $x_{2L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(y_{0R}, x_{2L})$ 
17:   $x_2 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(x_0, x_2)$ 
18:   $x_{3R} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(y_{0L}, x_{3R})$ 
19:   $x_{3L} \leftarrow \text{CNOT16}(y_{0R}, x_{3L})$ 
20:   $x_3 \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(x_1, x_3)$ 
21: Reverse(transform  $y_0$ )

22: // Branch permutation
23:  $(x_0, x_2) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(x_0, x_2)$ 
24:  $(x_1, x_3) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(x_1, x_3)$ 
25:  $(y_0, y_2) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(y_0, y_2)$ 
26:  $(y_1, y_3) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(y_1, y_3)$ 
27:  $(x_0, x_1) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(x_0, x_1)$ 
28:  $(y_0, y_1) \leftarrow \text{SWAP32}(y_0, y_1)$ 
29: return  $x, y$ 

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$$t_x \leftarrow (t_x \oplus (t_x \ll 16) \lll 16)$$

▷ Compute()

calculate only necessary gates  
→ save CNOT gates

▷ Uncompute()

▷ Compute()

▷ Uncompute()

Inverse operator  
→ save 2 qubits

$$t_x = x_0, t_y = y_0$$

SWAP gate





# Padding Data & State Initialization

## Padding Data

$r$ : length of block ( $i = -|M| - 1 \bmod r$ )

$$\text{Pad}_r(M) = M || 00000001 || 0^i$$

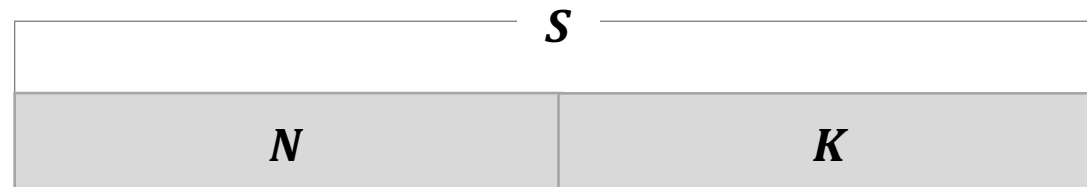
- The padded Associated data/Message are only used in  $\rho_1$  function  $\rightarrow$  “fake padding”
- Don't allocate padding qubits to compute only useful data in  $\rho_1 \rightarrow$  **save 32 CNOT gates**

## State Initialization

Inner state  $S$ , Nonce  $N$ , Key  $K$

- use CNOT gates

$$S = N || K$$



# Processing of associated data

## Processing of associated data

**Algorithm 4** Quantum implementation of processing of associated data.

**Input:** State  $S$ , Associated data  $A$ , Constant of  $A$   $const_A$

**Output:**  $S$

1:  $S_R \leftarrow \text{AddConstant}(const_A, S_R)$

calculate only corresponding point (CNOT gates  $\rightarrow$  X gate)  
 $\rightarrow$  save gate resources & qubits

2: //  $\rho_1(S_L, A)$

3:  $S_L \leftarrow \text{SWAP64}(S_{L1}, S_{L2})$

4:  $S_{L1} \leftarrow \text{CNOT64}(S_{L2}, S_{L1})$

5:  $S_L \leftarrow \text{CNOT32}(A, S_L)$

6:  $S_L \leftarrow \text{X}(S_L)$

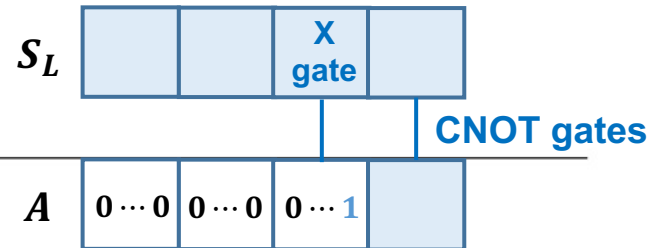
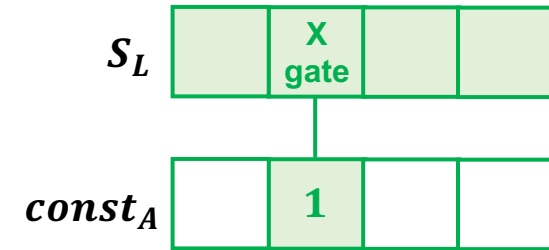
7:  $S_L \leftarrow \text{CNOT128}(S_R, S_L)$

calculate only corresponding point  
1 qubit(padded data '1'): CNOT gates  $\rightarrow$  X gate  
 $\rightarrow$  save CNOT gates

8: // SPRAKLE Permutation

9:  $S \leftarrow \text{SPARKLE256}_{10}(S)$

10: return  $S$



# Encrypting & Finalization

## Encrypting

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**Algorithm 5** Quantum implementation of encrypting and finalization.

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**Input:** State  $S$ , Message  $M$ , Constant of  $M$   $const_M$ , Key  $K$ , Ciphertext  $C$

**Output:**  $C||S_R$

1: **Encrypting:**

2:     $//C \leftarrow trunc_t(\rho_2(S_L, M))$

3:     $C \leftarrow$  Allocate new qubits of length  $|M|$

4:     $AddConstant(M(\text{classical}), C)$

5:     $C \leftarrow CNOT32(S_L, C)$

**[copy  $M(\text{classical})$  to  $C$ ] use X gates instead of CNOT gates  
→ save gate resources**

## Finalization

6: **Finalization:**

7:     $S_R \leftarrow AddConstant(const_M, S_R)$

**calculate only corresponding point (CNOT gates → X gate)  
→ save gate resources & qubits**

8:     $// \rho_1(S_L, M)$

9:     $S_L \leftarrow SWAP64(S_{L1}, S_{L2})$

10:     $S_{L1} \leftarrow CNOT64(S_{L2}, S_{L1})$

11:     $S_L \leftarrow CNOT32(M, S_L)$

12:     $S_L \leftarrow X(S_L)$

13:     $S_L \leftarrow CNOT128(S_R, S_L)$

14:     $//SPARKLE$  Permutation

15:     $S \leftarrow SPARKLE256_{10}(S)$

16:     $//S_R \oplus K$

17:     $S_R \leftarrow CNOT128(K, S_R)$

18: **return**  $C||S_R$

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# Cost Estimation for Grover Key Search

## <Oracle operation>

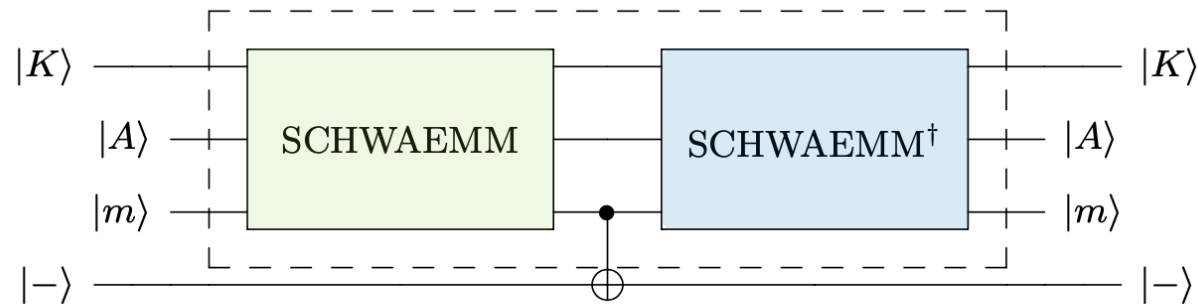


Fig. 3: Grover's oracle on SCHWAEMM

**Encryption operation**  $\rightarrow$  **Reverse operation**

$\Rightarrow$  **SCHWAEMM quantum circuit works X 2**

# Cost Estimation for Grover Key Search

Table 1: Quantum resources required for SCHWAEMM quantum circuits in detail.

Cipher	#CNOT	#1qCliff	# $T$	$T$ -depth	#qubits	Full depth
SCHWAEMM-128/128	278,656	94,511	204,960	9,760	612	59,687
SCHWAEMM-256/128	460,744	156,497	338,184	10,736	870	65,783
SCHWAEMM-192/192	460,680	156,497	338,184	10,736	870	65,783
SCHWAEMM-256/256	670,688	227,606	491,904	11,712	1,128	71,906

Table 2: Quantum resources required for Grover's oracle on SCHWAEMM

Cipher	#CNOT	#1qCliff	# $T$	$T$ -depth	#qubits	Full depth
SCHWAEMM-128/128	557,312	189,022	409,920	19,520	613	119,374
SCHWAEMM-256/128	921,488	312,994	676,368	21,472	871	131,566
SCHWAEMM-192/192	921,360	312,994	676,368	21,472	871	131,566
SCHWAEMM-256/256	1,341,376	455,212	983,808	23,424	1,129	143,812

X 2

# Cost Estimation for Grover Key Search

Table 3: Quantum resources required for Grover's key search on SCHWAEMM

Cipher	Total gates	Total depth	Cost	NIST security	
SCHWAEMM-128/128	$1.732 \cdot 2^{83}$	$1.431 \cdot 2^{80}$	$1.239 \cdot 2^{164}$	$2^{170}$	AES-128
SCHWAEMM-256/128	$1.431 \cdot 2^{84}$	$1.577 \cdot 2^{80}$	$1.128 \cdot 2^{165}$	$2^{170}$	
SCHWAEMM-192/192	$1.431 \cdot 2^{116}$	$1.577 \cdot 2^{112}$	$1.128 \cdot 2^{229}$	$2^{233}$	AES-192
SCHWAEMM-256/256	$1.041 \cdot 2^{149}$	$1.723 \cdot 2^{144}$	$1.795 \cdot 2^{293}$	$2^{298}$	AES-256

$$\text{Attack cost} = \text{Total gates} \times \text{Total depth}$$

[NIST's post-quantum security requirements]

Ciphers should be comparable to or higher than the Grover attack cost for AES

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Attack is possible with **fewer** quantum **resources**

⇒ Appropriate security level **cannot** be **achieved**

SCHWAEMM is exposed to attack at a **lower cost** than AES with same key size.



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<Table 3> NIST security

- AES attack cost estimated by NIST is the result of **2016**
- If the **results** of significantly **reducing** the quantum attack **cost** are presented, the estimated cost in post-quantum security requirements should be **conservatively evaluated**.
- Recently, Implementations for **optimizing quantum circuits** for AES have been proposed.
- Compared with the attack cost for **Jaques** et al's AES estimated, **SCHWAEMM achieves** an **appropriate**.

# Conclusion

## Conclusion

- Our implementation has been optimized by applying **various techniques** to minimize the cost
- **Focused** on reducing the **depth complexity** as well as the **qubit complexity**.

## Future work

- Analyzing the cost of Grover's attack for **other final candidate** algorithms of NIST **LWC**
- Evaluating the post-quantum security strength for other final candidate algorithms of NIST LWC

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**Q & A**