

# Optimized Quantum Implementation of SEED

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# Introduction & Contribution

- **Grover's algorithm** reduce in the complexity of symmetric key cryptographic attacks to the square root.
  - This raises increasing challenges in considering symmetric key cryptography as secure.
- Establish secure **post-quantum** cryptographic systems.
  - There is a need for quantum **post-quantum security** evaluations of cryptographic algorithms.
- In this paper, we propose an optimized quantum circuits for **SEED**.
  - We assess the **post-quantum security** strength of SEED in accordance with NIST criteria.

# Introduction & Contribution

## 1. Quantum Circuit Implementation of SEED

→ We demonstrate **the first implementation** of a quantum circuit for SEED, which is the one of Korean cipher.

## 2. Low-Depth Implementation of SEED

→ In our quantum circuit implementation of SEED, we focus on optimizing **Toffoli depth** and **full depth**.

## 3. Post-quantum Security Assessment of SEED

→ We estimate **the cost of Grover's key search** using an our implemented quantum circuit

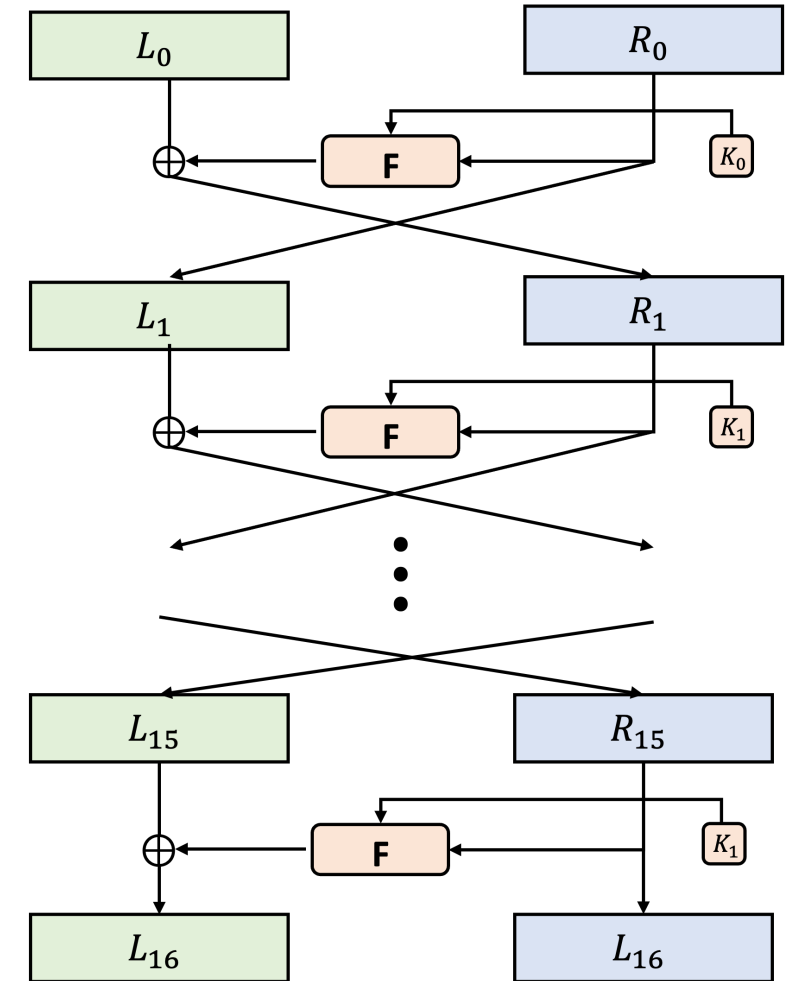
→ We compare the estimated cost of Grover's key search for SEED with the **security levels** defined by NIST.

# Background

- **SEED**

- SEED is a block cipher of **Feistel structure**.
- Each round has a round function  $F$ .
- A 128-bit block is **divided** into 64-bit blocks.
  - The right 64-bit block ( $R_0$ ) serves as the input to the  $F$  function with 64-bit round key.
  - The output of  $F$  function is XORed to the left 64-bit block ( $L_0$ ).

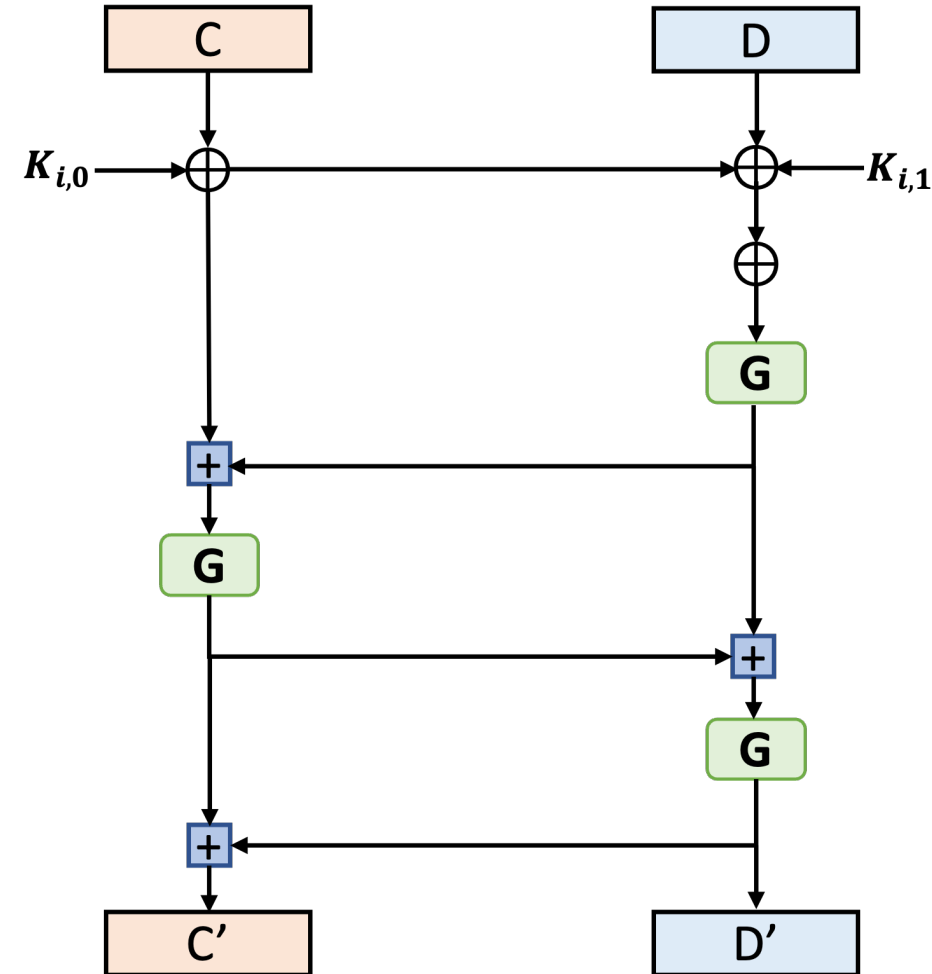
Cipher	block size	key size	rounds
SEED	128	128	16



# Background

- **F function**

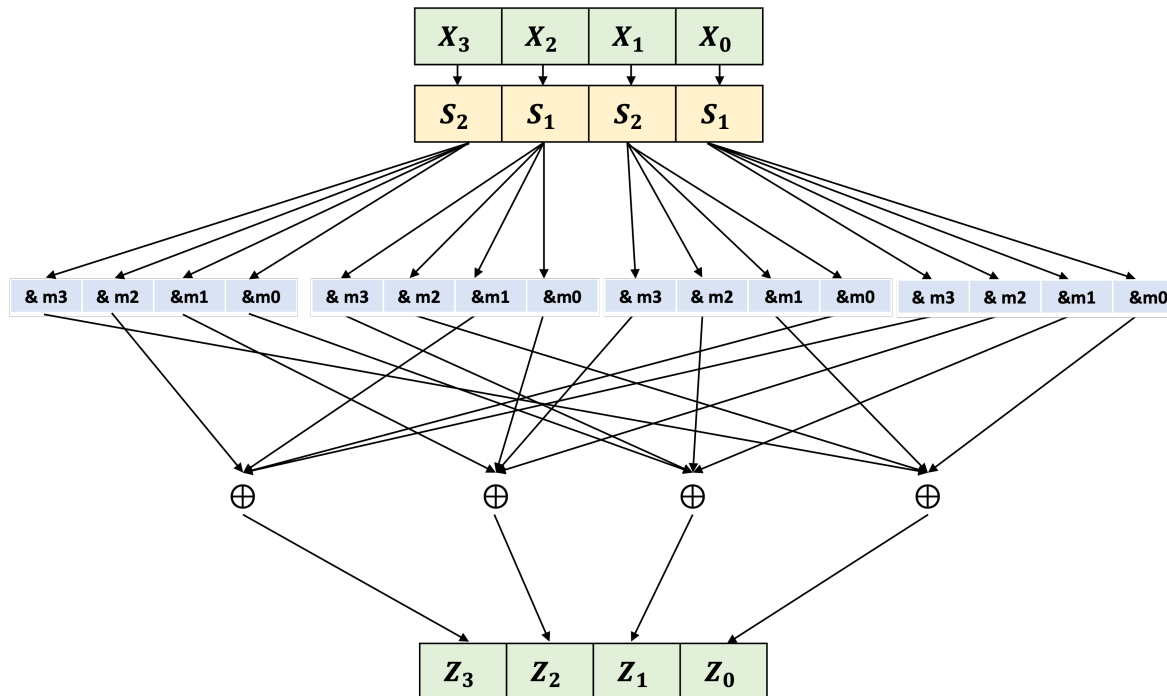
- The input of F function is 64-bit block and 64-bit round key  $RK_i (K_{i,0}, K_{i,1})$
- The 64-bit block is **divided** into two 32-bit blocks (C, D)
  - Each block is XORed with the round key.
- The F function consists of **XOR operations** ( $\oplus$ ), **modular additions** ( $\boxplus$ ), and **G functions**.



# Background

## • G function

- The 32-bit input block of the G function is **divided** into **8-bit** blocks ( $X_{0-3}$ )
- Each block becomes input for the **S-boxes**.
- The output values of the S-boxes are **ANDed** (&) with the constants  $m_{0-3}$ ,
- The results of these **AND** operations are XORed with each other to compute the final output (i.e.,  $Z_{0-3}$ ).



$$Y_3 = S_2(X_3), Y_2 = S_1(X_2), Y_1 = S_2(X_1), Y_0 = S_1(X_0)$$

$$Z_3 = (Y_0 \& m_3) \oplus (Y_1 \& m_0) \oplus (Y_2 \& m_1) \oplus (Y_3 \& m_2)$$

$$Z_2 = (Y_0 \& m_2) \oplus (Y_1 \& m_3) \oplus (Y_2 \& m_0) \oplus (Y_3 \& m_1)$$

$$Z_1 = (Y_0 \& m_1) \oplus (Y_1 \& m_2) \oplus (Y_2 \& m_3) \oplus (Y_3 \& m_0)$$

$$Z_0 = (Y_0 \& m_0) \oplus (Y_1 \& m_1) \oplus (Y_2 \& m_2) \oplus (Y_3 \& m_3)$$

# Background

- **S-boxes**

- It involves **exponentiation**, **matrix-vector multiplication**, and XORing a single constant.
- Specifically, two distinct **S-boxes (S1 and S2)** are employed, which are calculated as follows:

$$S_1(x) = A^{(1)} \cdot x^{247} \oplus 169, \quad S_2(x) = A^{(2)} \cdot x^{251} \oplus 56$$

- We use the primitive polynomial  $\mathbb{F}_{28}/ x^8 + x^6 + x^2 + x + 1$

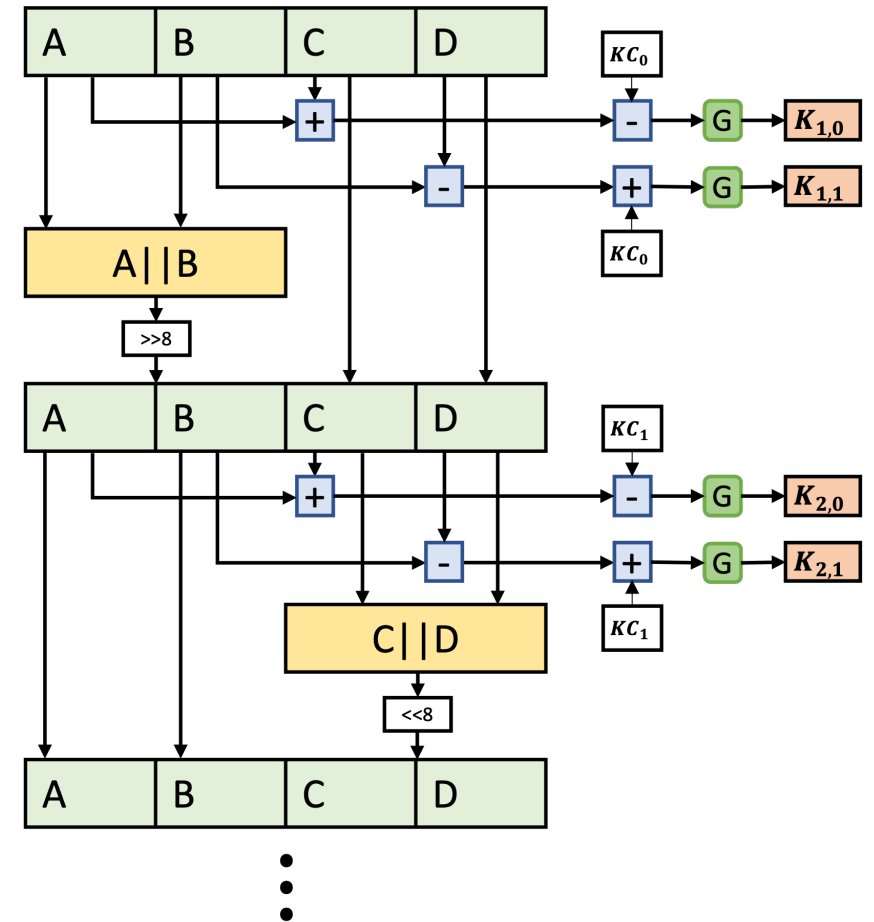
$$A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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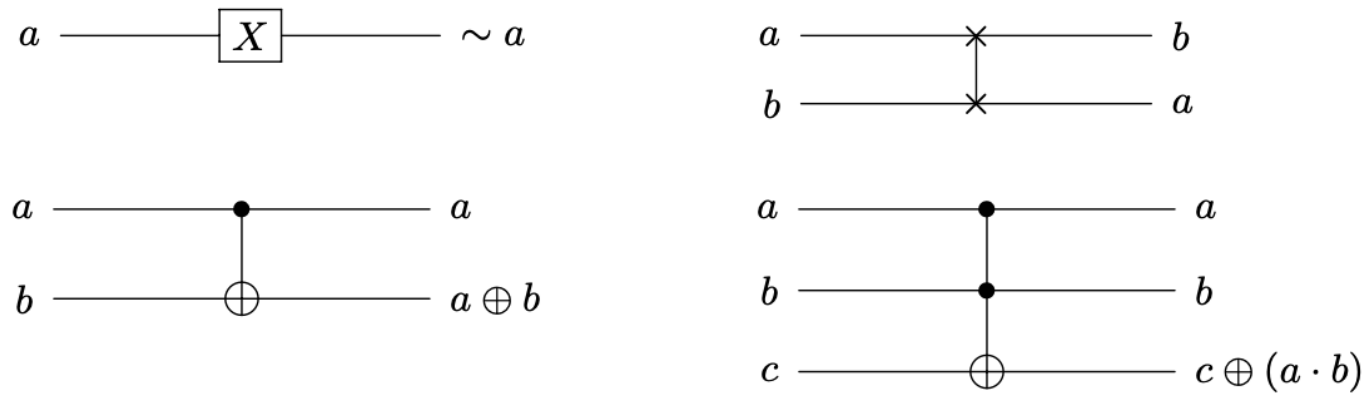
- **Key Schedule**

- The 128-bit key is **divided** into **four** blocks.  
( $A||B||C||D$ , where  $||$  denotes concatenation)
- Key constant values( $KC_i$ ) are utilized.
- Operations such as **shift** ( $\gg$ ,  $\ll$ ), **modular addition**,  
**modular subtraction** ( $\boxminus$ ), and **G function** are applied.

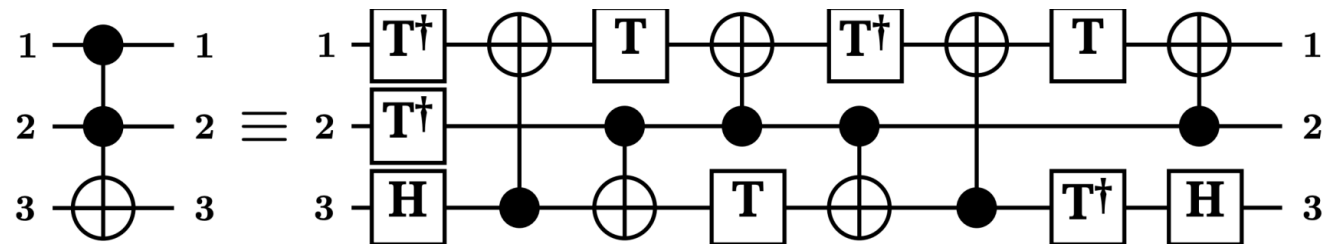


# Background : Quantum gates

- **Quantum gates** commonly used for implementing quantum circuits of block ciphers  
 → This is not an exhaustive list of all possible gates that can be used.



**Fig. 5:** Quantum gates: X (left top), Swap (right top), CNOT (left bottom) and Toffoli (right bottom) gates.



Toffoli gate decomposition (T- depth 4, total depth 8)

# Background : Grover's key search

- Key search using Grover's Algorithm

1. Prepare a k-qubit key in a **superposition state** using **Hadamard gates**.

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

2. This circuit encrypts a known plaintext(p) in a **superposition state** using a pre-prepared key, producing ciphertexts for every possible key value.

If the ciphertext matches the expected ciphertext, the sign of the desired key state to be recovered is **negated**.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Enc_{key}(p) = c \\ 0 & \text{if } Enc_{key}(p) \neq c \end{cases} \quad U_f(|\psi\rangle |-\rangle) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle |-\rangle$$

3. The Diffusion Operator serves to **amplify the amplitude** of the target key state indicated by the oracle, identifying it by flipping the sign of said amplitude to negative.

# Background : NIST criteria

- **The NIST criteria for quantum attack complexity.**
  - **Level - 1** ( $2^{170} \rightarrow 2^{157}$ )
    - attacks on the security definition must require resources comparable to AES-128 key search.
  - **Level - 3** ( $2^{233} \rightarrow 2^{221}$ )
    - attacks on the security definition must require resources comparable to AES-192 key search.
  - **Level - 5** ( $2^{298} \rightarrow 2^{285}$ )
    - attacks on the security definition must require resources comparable to AES-256 key search.



# Proposed Method

- **Implementation of S-box**

- In quantum computers, the utilization of **look-up table** for implementing S-boxes **is not appropriate**.  
→ We employ quantum gates to implement the S-boxes based on **Boolean expression**

- Equations for S-boxes (primitive polynomials  $p(x) : \mathbb{F}_{2^8} / x^8 + x^6 + x^2 + x + 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(x) &= A^{(1)} \cdot x^{247} \oplus 169 & x^{-1} &\equiv x^{254} \bmod p(x) \\ S_2(x) &= A^{(2)} \cdot x^{251} \oplus 56 & (x^{-1})^8 &\equiv x^{257} \bmod p(x) \\ & & (x^{-1})^4 &\equiv x^{251} \bmod p(x) \end{aligned}$$

- We use **Itoh-Tsujii algorithm** to compute  $x^{-1}$

$$x^{-1} = x^{254} = ((x \cdot x^2) \cdot (x \cdot x^2)^4 \cdot (x \cdot x^2)^{16} \cdot x^{64})^2$$

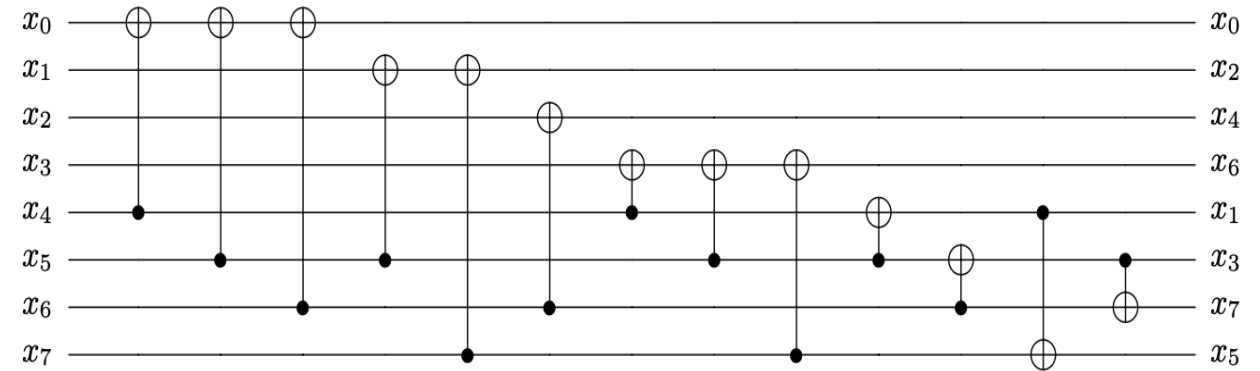
→ **Squaring and multiplication**

# Proposed Method

## • Squaring in a S-box

- In squaring, modular reduction can be employed **PLU factorization** because it is a linear operation.  
 → Without allocating additional ancilla qubits (i.e., **in-place**), **using only CNOT gates**.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 000011110 \\ 000011100 \\ 01000101 \\ 000001110 \\ 00100010 \\ 00001101 \\ 00011101 \\ 00000100 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 100000000 \\ 00001000 \\ 01000000 \\ 00000100 \\ 00100000 \\ 00000001 \\ 00010000 \\ 00000010 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 100000000 \\ 01000000 \\ 00100000 \\ 00010000 \\ 00001000 \\ 00000100 \\ 00000100 \\ 00001001 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 100011110 \\ 01000101 \\ 00100010 \\ 00011101 \\ 00001100 \\ 00000110 \\ 00000010 \\ 00000001 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Fig. 6:** Squaring in  $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}/(x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + x + 1)$

# Proposed Method

- **Multiplication in a S-box**

- We apply **WISA'22 [Jang et al.] multiplication**

- optimized with a **Toffoli depth of one** for any field size.

- WISA'22[Jang et al.] multiplication

- Using the **Karatsuba algorithm recursively** and allocating additional ancilla qubits.

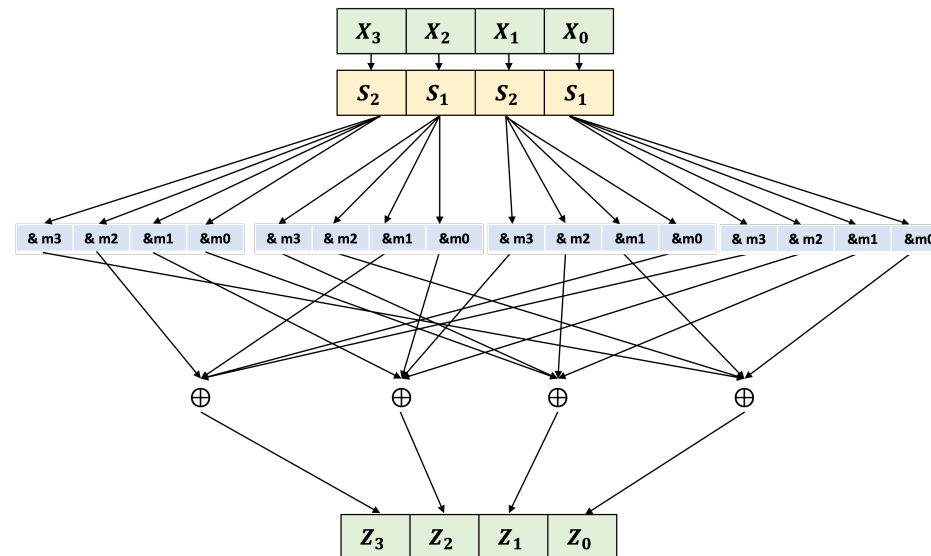
- All the AND operations become independent and the operations of **all Toffoli gates in parallel.**

- The allocated ancilla qubits can be **reused** through **reverse operations.**

# Proposed Method

- **Implementation of G function**

- Each S-box requires **38 ancilla qubits** (specifically for **multiplication**).
  - Ancilla qubits can be initialized using **reverse operations** in WISA'22 multiplication, enabling their reuse.
- S-boxes are executed sequentially → **increasing the depth**.
  - We optimize the depth by **parallelizing four S-boxes**.
  - This is achieved by allocating a total of **152 (38 × 4)** ancilla qubits at first.

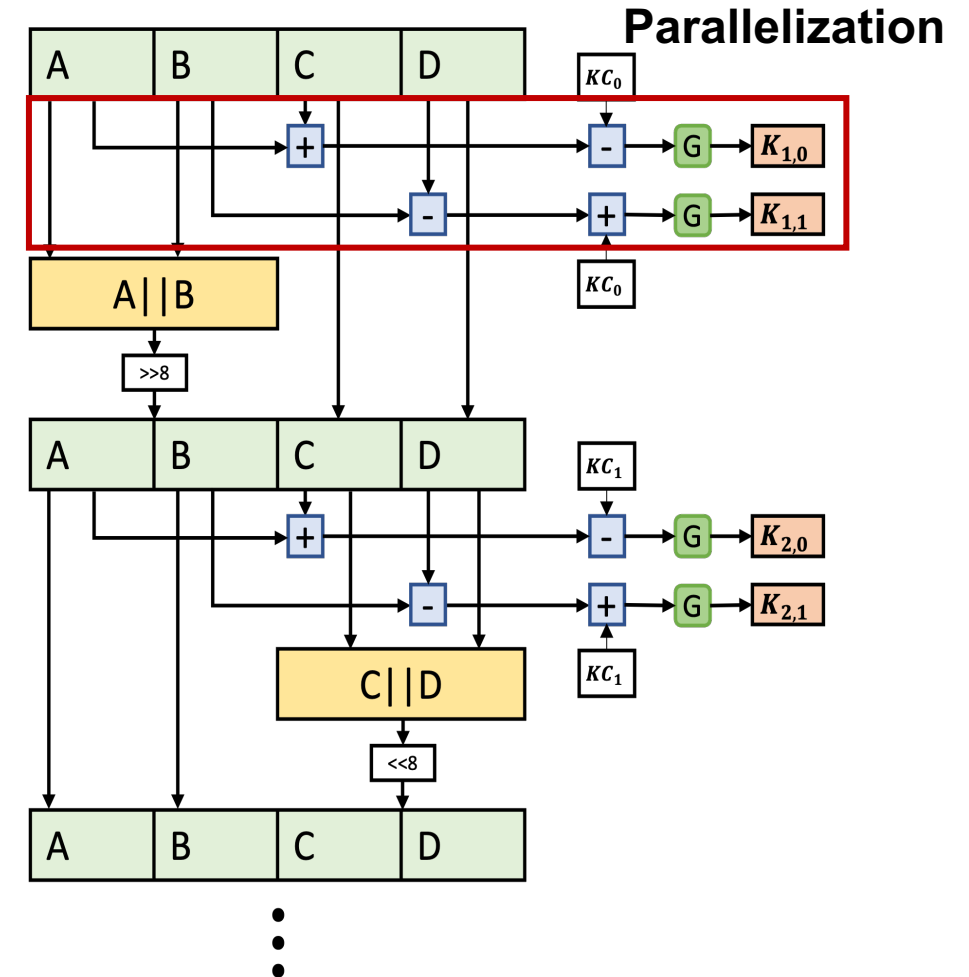




# Proposed Method

## • Implementation of Key Schedule

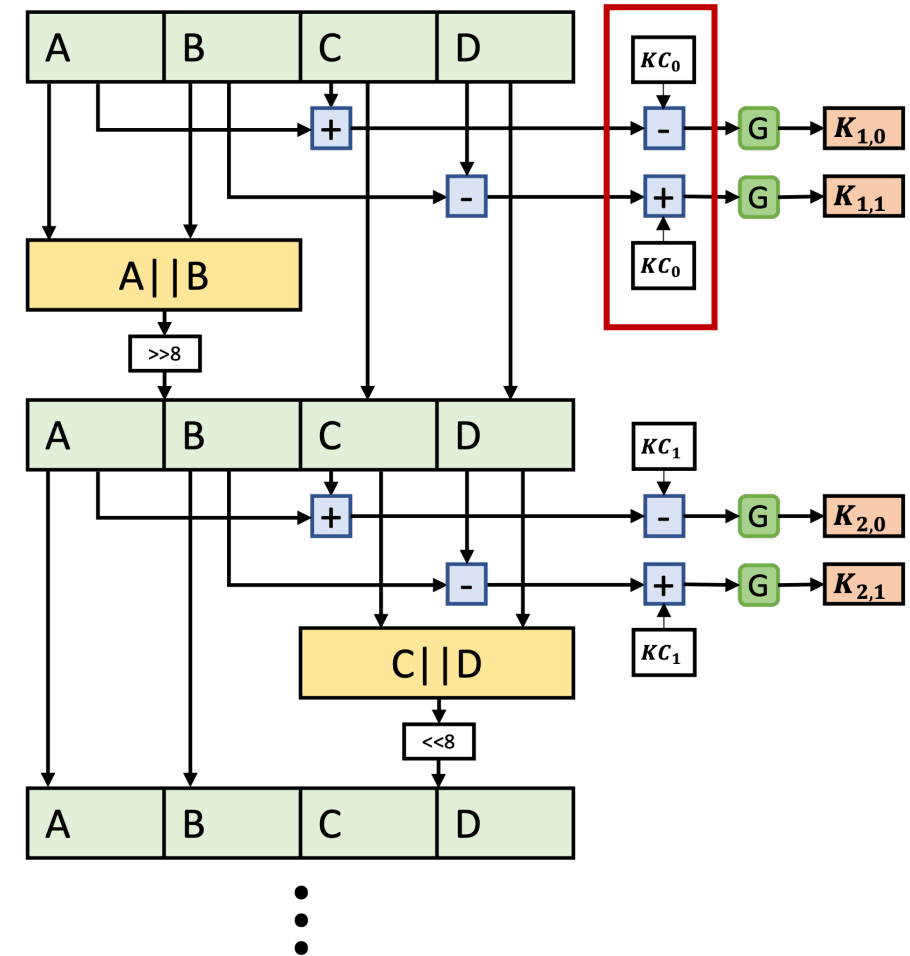
- Two 32-qubit subkeys ( $K_{i,0}$ ,  $K_{i,1}$ ) are generated.
- The implementation is **parallelized** by operating two processes **simultaneously**.
  - We allocate two sets of 152 ancilla qubits(**152 x 2**)
  - **reduce the circuit depth**
- We utilize the **CDKM adder** for addition in quantum.
  - Only **one** ancilla qubit is needed
- We utilize the **logical Swap** that change the index of qubits.
  - Instead of Swap gates



# Proposed Method

## • Implementation of Key Schedule

- For quantum addition, we allocate **two pairs of qubits** ( $32 \times 2$ ) to store the **KeyConstant** values (using on  $K_{i,0}, K_{i,1}$  respectively).
- Different KeyConstant values used in each round.
  - allocate and store new qubits every time.
  - Instead, we utilize **reverse operations**
    - initialize and reuse the qubits.
  - The **reverse operation** for the KeyConstant of quantum state involves only **X gates**.
  - a trivial overhead on the circuit depth.



# Performance & Evaluation

- **Estimation of the quantum resources required for SEED**

- We focus on reducing the **Toffoli depth** and **full depth**. (Trade-off with qubits)

→ For the **trade-off**, we report the **TD-M** and **FD-M** cost.

(TD-M : Toffoli Depth x qubit, FD-M : Full Depth x qubit)

- **NCT(NOT, CNOT, Toffoli) level**

**Table 1:** Required quantum resources for SEED quantum circuit implementation

Cipher	#X	#CNOT	#Toffoli	Toffoli depth	#Qubit	Depth	<i>TD-M</i> cost
SEED	8116	409,520	41,392	321	41,496	11,837	13,320,216

- **Clifford + T level**

**Table 2:** Required decomposed quantum resources for SEED quantum circuit implementation

Cipher	#Clifford	# <i>T</i>	<i>T</i> -depth	#Qubit	Full depth	<i>FD-M</i> cost
SEED	748,740	289,680	1,284	41,496	34,566	1,434,350,736

# Performance & Evaluation

- **Grover's key search**

- Grover's key search cost: the quantum resources  $\times 2 \times \left\lceil \frac{\pi}{4} \sqrt{2^k} \right\rceil$
- The Grover's key search attack cost for SEED is  $1.291 \cdot 2^{164}$

→ **SEED can be evaluated as achieving post-quantum security Level 1.**

**Table 3:** Cost of the Grover's key search for SEED

Cipher	Total gates	Total depth	Cost (complexity)	#Qubit	<i>TD-M</i> cost	<i>FD-M</i> cost
SEED	$1.559 \cdot 2^{84}$	$1.657 \cdot 2^{79}$	$1.291 \cdot 2^{164}$	41,497	$1.246 \cdot 2^{88}$	$1.049 \cdot 2^{95}$

# Conclusion

- This paper presents the **first implementation** of a quantum circuit for **SEED**.
- We focus on optimizing **Toffoli and full depths**.
  - Utilizing **parallelization** and optimized **multiplication, squaring** and an **adder**.
- We analyze the cost of Grover's key search attack.
  - We confirm that SEED achieves post-quantum security **Level 1**.

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