

# Synthesis of OWF-based Encryption Schemes

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Use recent advances in automated proving to help discover and verify new constructions for encryption schemes

- build a synthesizer that outputs encryption scheme candidates
- use logic to filter out uninvertible candidates and discover decryption algorithm
- automatically prove IND-CPA security
- test for IND-CCA security

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Grammar for encryption algorithms:

$$e ::= r \mid 0 \mid m \mid f(e) \mid H(e) \mid e \oplus e \mid e \parallel e$$

Our encryption scheme synthesizer:

- generates all possible encryption algorithms requiring  $n$  commands
- uses symbolic logic to eliminate trivially insecure encryption scheme
- uses similar logic to synthesize decryption algorithm

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Deducibility logic rules:

$$\frac{e \vdash e_1 \quad e \vdash e_2}{e \vdash e_1 \parallel e_2} \text{ Conc} \quad \frac{e \vdash e_1 \quad e \vdash e_2}{e \vdash (e_1 \oplus e_2)} \downarrow \text{ Xor} \quad \frac{e \vdash e'}{e \vdash H(e')} \text{ H}$$
$$\frac{e \vdash e_1 \parallel e_2}{e \vdash e_i} \text{ Proj}_i \quad \frac{e \vdash e'}{e \vdash f(e')} f \quad \boxed{\frac{e \vdash f(e')}{e \vdash e'} \text{ finv}}$$

- trivially insecure if you can deduce either  $r$  or  $m$  from ciphertext using non-boxed rules
- discover decryption algorithm by deducing  $m$  using all rules (including boxed)

Proof search analyzes goals of the form  $(c, X, E)$ .

Start with  $(c, X, b = b')$  where  $c$  is expression for ciphertext,  $X$  is a list of all  $H(e)$  in  $c$

A goal is solvable if

- $E$  is  $b = b'$  and  $b$  does not appear in either  $c$  or  $X$ . The probability of  $E$  occurring is  $1/2$ .
- $E$  of the form  $e \in Q_H$  and  $e$  has a uniform random substring of length  $p$ . The probability of  $E$  occurring is bounded by  $|Q_H|/2^p$
- $E$  is of the form  $e \in Q_H$ ,  $f(r_1 \| \dots \| r_n)$  is a substring of  $c$  with all  $r_i$  random, and a non-empty subset  $R \subseteq \{r_1, \dots, r_n\}$  can be deduced from  $e$ . The probability of  $E$  occurring is bounded by the probability of partially inverting  $f$  on  $R$

If goal  $(c, X, E)$  not solvable, modify goal using following rules:

- **Optimistic Sampling:** if  $r$  random,  $r \oplus e$  sub-expression of  $c$  and  $r$  never used elsewhere, replace all instances of  $r \oplus e$  by  $r'$  random
- **Permutation:** if  $r$  random,  $x := f(r)$  and  $r$  never used again, replace by  $x := r'$  for  $r'$  random
- **Failure Event:** find sub-expression  $H(e)$  in  $c$ , set  $c' = c\{r / H(e)\}$  and  $X' = X - H(e)$ , and solve goals  $(c', X', E)$  and  $(c', X', e \in Q_H)$
- \* **Eager Sampling:** remove  $H(e)$  from code of encryption algorithm if  $H(e)$  does not appear in  $c$

If rule \* is not used, we can use EasyCrypt [BGHZ11] to produce proof with exact security bounds.

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## Limitations

- not tight
- unlikely to ever get general enough
- cannot work for IND-CCA schemes that are not plaintext aware



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SIZE	UNFILTERED	FILTERED	CPA (PA)	REDUNDANT CPA (PA)
2	15	1	1 (0)	7 (4)
3	211	17	16 (0)	122 (112)
4	22,856	1,818	1,178 (711)	15,606 (12,682)
5	85,910	2,203	1,653 (1,154)	24,305 (19,996)

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Longer term:

- Use similar technique to generate schemes for larger set of complexity assumptions (Diffie-Hellman, lattices, etc)
- Develop new methods for proving security of encryption schemes with more complex security games (IBE, ABE, etc)
- Synthesis of signature, symmetric encryption, etc...