FAU REU Summer Project

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Cryptography

Information or communication secure

"One way math," i.e. Discrete Logarithm Problem

Current encryption: large, prime integers (RSA, ECC)

Small devices and security

Quantum computers and encryption



Post-Quantum Cryptography and IoT

Public-key encryption vulnerable

Quantum resistant encryption = "Post-Quantum Cryptography"

New methods, same premise

Search for usability, efficiency, and scalability

IoT security - Incredibly dependent

Device resources are limited

My Work - Multiplier Design in VHDL

Exponentiation – large portion of the work in cryptographic schemes Multiplier efficiency – small improvements lead to great efficiency gain

Task: multiplier implementation and improvements

First steps – Theory, math, research papers

Following – VHDL and circuity design

Final – Available improvements