



# Reconfigurable pseudo biotic key encryption mechanism for cryptography applications

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## Abstract

Pseudo biotic cryptography will be an advanced crypto-analytic model, as it is presently increasing bimolecular computation, since its process energize and can verify future generation network computing. Nowadays, the data protection has become very important such that an unbreakable encryption technology should be designed in order to provide security for the data. A new paradigm in cryptography to secure information was introduced through biological structure called central dogma of molecular biology. DNA cryptographic system gains more popularity with enhanced features like, high storage capacity, security level, and more time to break the crypto system. This paper proposes new pseudo biotic DNA based crypto mechanism. This DNA computing created good path for storing large information, correspondence and high energy efficiency. The proposed method, message is converted to Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA), Messenger Ribonucleic acid (mRNA), and Transpose Ribonucleic acid (tRNA) standards. A part of converted message is spliced unsymmetrical to produce a random key at each stage. The sliced unsymmetrical key generation mechanism relies on the genetic information. The process involves in splicing the message and generating multiple sequence of keys from different stages which are random in order to enhance the degree of security. Cracking possibility of the algorithm is less due to pseudo random key generation mechanism and cipher both were merged in protein form. Proposed Algorithm utilizes less public key infrastructure, and communicated between Alice and Bob. Algorithm was designed, using Verilog HDL; Synthesized & Simulated in Vivado and hardware implementation is targeted to Zync FPGA architecture.

**Keywords:** DNA cryptography with symmetric key, DNA, mRNA, FPGA.

## 1. Introduction

The modern world is evolving with advanced technologies such as e-commerce, net banking and social networking. The faster growth in the internet technology allows the user to access the entire information that is transmitted through the internet and information on network can withstand to several attacks such as brute force attack, black hole attack, spoofing of IP etc. Evolution in internet led to increase in number of hackers, attackers and network security has become a major issue in present era and therefore high cryptographic algorithms are to be used to provide a secure transmission of data. Transfer of personal information through communication channel is necessary. We are not sure about whatever information that was transferred through the communication channel is secured. In such situation, network security is mandatory to overcome unauthorised access of confidential information. In order to offer high security 1.Cryptography and 2.Steganography are the two prominent and efficient methods. (1) Cryptography is an art of transferring information secretly over vulnerable channels. It is used for communicating through an untrusted network which can be understandable only by the admin.(2) Steganography is an art of hiding the actual data using duplicate data. There are handful numbers of algorithms for providing information security over

communication channels. Security is the main factor for the transfer of information among several people using those algorithms. However, those algorithms are not enough to provide security for the information. A great work has already done on the pictography, resulting many security algorithms which include RSA, DES and ECC have been design to attain secrecy. Despite these algorithms need very complex mathematical computation of higher order prime numbers and the problem related to elliptical curve, for which research is still going on to find required solution. In addition the RSA algorithm is the best one to calculate high prime factors depending on intractability. Therefore to protect the information, it is very much necessary to develop an unbreakable cryptosystem. Therefore new cryptographic algorithms are required. DNA cryptography is the emerging and unbreakable cryptographic technique which provides high security introduced by Adleman.

## 2. Literature survey

Every stream of network security is searching for the development of unbreakable cryptosystems in order to safeguard the data during transmission through network. DNA computing has been studied in different fields over many years. For example, in 2016 [1] E.Suresh Babu, developed a Inspired Pseudo Biotic DNA Based

Cryptographic Mechanism Against Adaptive Cryptographic Attacks. which consists of key slicing from message, provides high confidentiality for the algorithm[2]. In 2015 [3] Asish Aich, Alo Sen, Satya Ranjan Dash and Satchidananda Dehuri developed a cryptographic algorithm consisting of two stages. First stage is to encrypt the plain transcript using a random key generator and second stage is to re-encrypt the encrypted information with the DNA sequence to generate the cipher text. DNA molecules are inbuilt having exceptional energy efficiency, huge parallelism and immense information density. These characteristics will add on security like authentication, encryption and many more. There are few theories and studies by researchers explained briefly. [4] Sreeja C.S in 2014 discussed various DNA cryptography methods and proposed a pseudo biotic DNA based cryptographic algorithm which consists of both slicing and padding techniques with complimentary procedures which provides high confidentiality for the algorithm.[5] Sabari Pramanik in 2012 developed a cryptographic method using padding, DNA structure and DNA hybridisation scheme which lessens the time complexity.[6] Darpan Anand in 2013 analysed digital signature algorithms and applications of identity based cryptography based on bilinear computation. This paper also viewed encryption applications in mobile networks and other wireless systems. [7] Mandeep Singh Narula in 2014 developed an enhanced version of Triple-DES and DES as they are extensively used and implemented the cryptographic circuit using Verilog HDL.

### 3. Scope of DNA based cryptography

Cryptanalyst are capable of cryptanalyzing the modern cryptosystems and now the globe is searching for new methods to have secrecy for the information it carries. In order to bring trustable technology for unbreakable procedures, cryptography is mainly used in the areas of bimolecular computation. The process of DNA computing involves in bimolecular computation, which uses biological methods in order to perform massive sequential computations. Nowadays, the importance of parallelism is tremendously rising. The cryptanalyst can easily cryptanalyze the advanced systems and today the whole globe is waiting for different ways to provide network security to get the entire information, in order to secure the data it translates. The main reason for using bimolecular computation along with cryptography is to provide the technology having unbreakable algorithms. This cryptography could be an advanced cryptanalytic model from newly rising bimolecular computation as this process can verify upcoming computations [8].

### 4. Central dogma of molecular biology

Data Communication between alice and bob protected from hackers uses several cryptography techniques [9]. Central Dogma of Molecular Biology (CDBM) spreads the complexity and inserts some biological properties in cryptography like DNA replication, transcription and translation methodologies shown in figure 1. Among the existing techniques DNA cryptography techniques have high security level, storage capacity, and more time for hackers to break the crypto system to decrypt the original message from cipher.

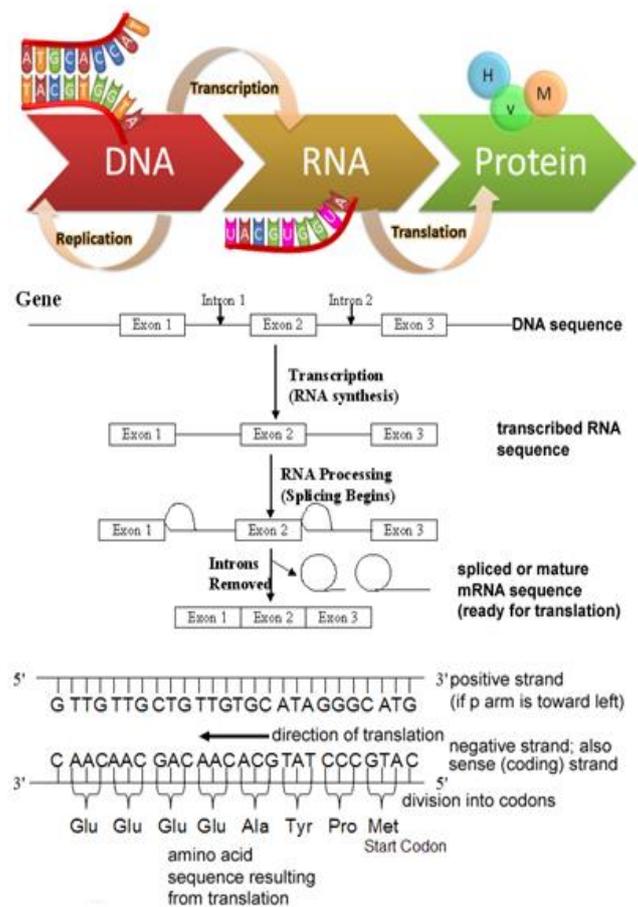


Fig. 1: Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

#### 4.1 Background of CDBM

The process of converting DNA molecules into protein sequence by excluding Introns and merging Exons is called Central Dogma of Molecular Biology [10]. Genetic code is made up of Codons which are three letter codes. Biological molecules DNA and RNA have triplets which are called as codons. The conversion involves in two stages Transcription and Translation. Transcription is the process of converting DNA sequence to mRNA sequence and Translation is the process of converting mRNA to protein sequence.

#### 4.2 Nucleic Acid

Nucleic acids are a cluster of biomolecules which are being part of the cell nucleus. These nucleic acids are long polymers made up of monomeric elements (units) known as nucleotides: A (adenine), C (cytosine), G (guanine), T (thymine) and U (uracil). There are two types of nucleic acids present in the cell nucleus: They are DNA and RNA.

##### 4.2.1 DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid)

The DNA is the biological molecule that possesses all the genetic information of the cell and it is responsible for transfer genetics from the parents, to their offspring.



Fig. 2: DNA Structure

Its molecule is composed with 4 nucleotides (A, C, G, T) having double-helix structure shown in figure 2. Because of chemical affinity Adenine pair up with Thymine and Cytosine with Guanine. Table 1 shows the Nucleotide to Binary Conversion of nucleotides (A, C, G, and T).

Table 1: Nucleotide to Binary Conversion

Nucleotide	Binary Equivalent
A	00
C	01
G	10
T	11

4.2.2 RNA (Ribonucleic Acid)

The RNA is also a biological molecule composed of the nucleotides C, A, G, and U. The only difference between DNA and RNA is Thymine is replaced with Uracil. There are two types of RNA. They are mRNA and tRNA. In this study we make use of mRNA form. Mainly works on basis of complementary rule [11].

A. MRNA

Messenger RNA is a xerox copy of DNA, except the T (Thymine) is replaced with nucleotide U (Uracil). The process of converting DNA to MRNA is called a transcription. MRNA is a Single Standard [12].

B. TRNA

Transfer RNA is the key to decrypt the code word in mRNA. tRNA reads the codons and binds to particular amino acid.

C. Codons

During Protein synthesis three DNA or RNA nucleotides maps to suitable amino acids called codons.

D. Anti-Codons

Transfer RNA contains a covalent bond attachment of amino acid that corresponds to anticodon sequence shown in figure 3. Codons in mRNA, Anticodons in tRNA match amino acid is added to growing protein.

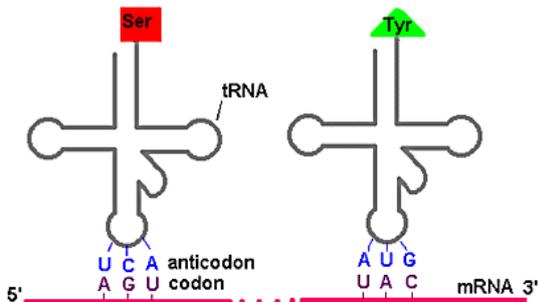


Fig. 3: Codons & Anticodons

E. Protein sequence

Three nucleotides in DNA and mRNA sequence maps to appropriate amino acids forms into one protein. The process of

converting mRNA into protein form is called translation shown in figure 4.

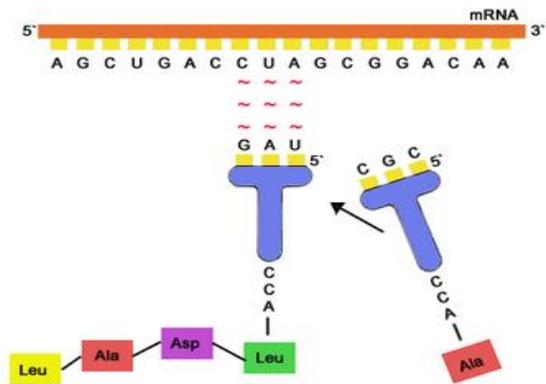


Fig. 4: Translation

4. Proposed Model

The private key cryptographic working algorithm based on pseudo biotic DNA is addressed in this paper against some particular cipher attacks. The pseudo biotic key encryption mechanism of DNA based cryptography uses DNA computation by knowing that it had created good path in large correspondence. This biotic cryptography depends on genetic information. When compared to the actual biological DNA sequence, the proposed mechanism utilise DNA terminology and mechanism of DNA. This experimental analysis shows that it is very efficient in computation, storage, transmission and protects from attacks. Key generation mechanism plays a crucial role in securing data in any cryptography techniques. From literature survey authors proposed key slicing mechanism and simulated on software. In this paper two methods were proposed namely Pseudo Biotic Three Stage Key Generation Mechanism (PBTSKGM). Pseudo Biotic Single Stage Key Generation Mechanism (PBSSKGM).

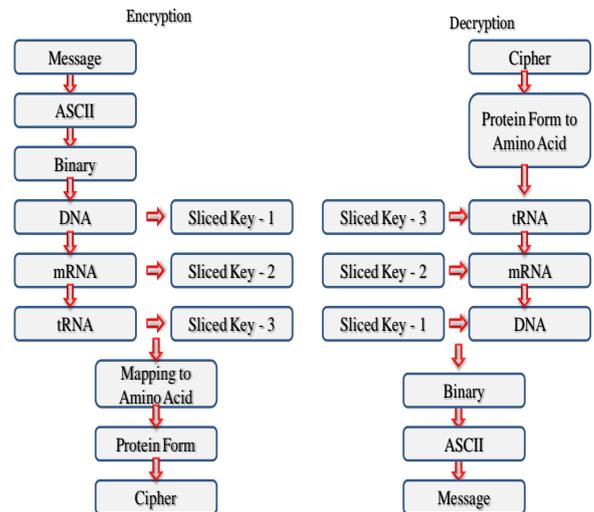


Fig. 5: Pseudo Biotic Three Stage Key Generation Mechanism

PBTSKGM the proposed design using RNA splicing introns are removed and all exons are concatenated and converted into protein form. Message is converted into DNA, mRNA and tRNA forms. In this method the message is converted to Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA), Messenger Ribonucleic acid (MRNA), and Transpose Ribonucleic acid (TRNA) standards. A part of converted message is spliced unsymmetrical to produce a random key at each stage. Final Key in protein form is generated from three random keys and encrypted to protect from cipher attacks. Key generation can be done using manual method and arbitrary method from DNA-mRNA-tRNA sequences shown in figure 5. In manual method

user can have a priority to generate random key and cipher in protein form. In arbitrary method key is generated based on LFSR. In PBSSKGM keys are sliced at single stage concatenated mRNA stage in various positions after performing left and right circular shifts, and converted into protein form along with cipher and transmitted in channel shown in figure 6.

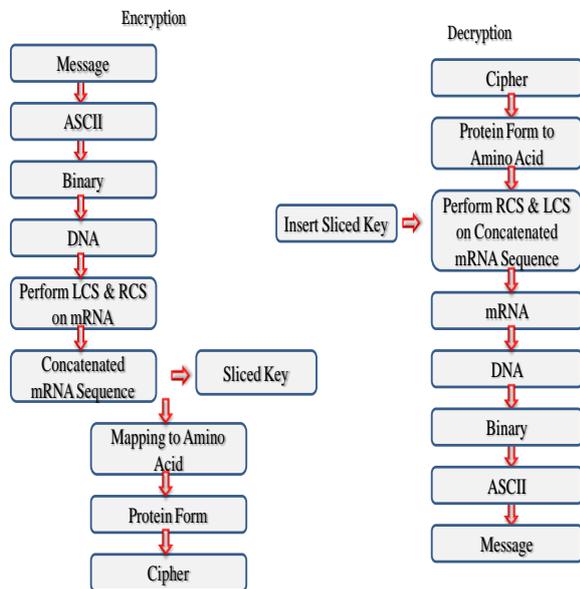


Fig. 6: Pseudo Biotic Single Stage Key Generation Mechanism

**Pseudo Biotic Three Stage Key Generation Mechanism**

**Encryption Example – Method - I:**

**MESSAGE:** KL University

**ASCII to Binary Conversion:**

K L U n i v e r s i t y

**ASCII to Decimal**

75 76 85 110 105 118 101 114 115 105 116 121

**Decimal to Binary**

01001011 01001100 01010101 01101110 01101001  
01110110 01100101 01110010 01110011 01101001  
01110100 01111001

**Binary to DNA form**

CAGT CATA CCCC CGTG CGGC  
CTCG CGCC CTAG CTCT  
CGGC CTCA CTGC

**KEY K1:** Slicing of the DNA sequences gives key K1

1 3 12 C G T

**DNA Conversion**

AAC ACT AGA CGT

**Protein to Amino acid**

asn thr arg arg

**LEFT PART L1:**

CAG TCA TAC CCC GCG GCC TCG CGC CCT AGC TAT  
CGG CCT CAC TGC

**Protein to Amino acid**

Gln ser tyr pro ala ala ser arg pro ser tyr arg pro his  
cys

**STEP2 : m RNA Conversion**

**KEY K2 :** Slicing of left part L1 gives key K2, then 1 3 30  
UAU

AAC AAG CGT UAU

**Protein to Amino acid**

asn lys arg tyr

**LEFT PART L2:**

CAG UCA UAC CCC GCG GCC UCG CGC CCU  
AGC CGG CCU CAC UGC

**Protein to Amino acid**

Gln ser tyr pro ala ala ser arg pro ser  
arg pro his cys

**STEP 3: Transpose**

CAG UCA UAC CCC GCG GCC UCG CGC CCU  
AGC CGG CCU CAC UGC

**DNA to Binary form**

01 00 10 11 01 00 11 00 01 01 01 01 10 01 10 10 01 01 11 01  
10 01 10 01 01 01 11 00 10 01 01 10 10 01 01 11 01 00 01 11 10  
01

**Transpose**

10 11 01 00 10 11 00 11 10 10 10 10 01 10 01 01 10 10 00 10 01  
10 01 10 10 10 00 11 01 10 10 01 01 10 10 00 10 11 10 00 01 10

**Binary to DNA form**

GUC AGU AUG GGG CGC CGG AGC GCG GGA UCG GCC  
GGA GUG ACG

**KEY K3:** Slicing of the transposed sequence gives key K3, then

1 3 15 CGG

**DNA Conversion**

AAC ACT AGG CGG

**Protein to Amino acid**

Asn thr arg arg

**LEFT PART L3:**

GUC AGU AUG GGG CGC AGC GCG GGA UCG GCC GGA  
GUG ACG

**Protein to Amino acid**

Val ser met gly arg ser ala gly ser ala gly val thr

**Final Encrypted Key ( K1 K2 K3)**

asn thr arg arg asn lys arg tyr asn thr arg arg

**Cipher :**

val ser met gly arg ser ala gly ser ala gly val thr

**Merged cipher and key :**

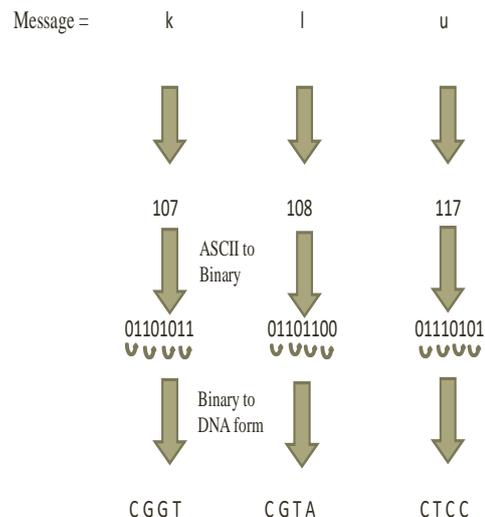
Cipher is placed first and key is placed next, then merged data will be :

val ser met gly arg ser ala gly ser ala gly val thr  
asn thr arg arg asn lys arg tyr asn thr arg arg

The above example depicts encryption of method -I by performing reverse operation decrypts the original message.

**Pseudo Biotic Single Stage Key Generation Mechanism**

**Encryption Example– Method - II:**











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