









attack on Grostl is Semi-Free-Start Collision and pre-image as appear in differences of the second permutation that found in Grostl-256, and Grostl-512, to investigate an upper bound of collision resistances and preimage resistance.

3. Compared with JH hash function, which is considered an optimal to improve the upper bounds of the collision, pre-image, and second pre-image via indifferntibility compression function of random oracle, through the suffix-free in padding rule in one permutation. Due to the rebound attack property, security of padding and final truncation that to be as sponge operation to prevent any attack threat on JH. However, Table 1 shows the estimation in collision of compression function and an improvement in the hash function for each elements-sorting complexity that investigated from following equations:

$$Adv_H^{col} = \theta \left( \frac{q^2}{2^n} + \frac{q^3}{2^{L-m}} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } Adv_H^{pre}, Adv_H^{sec} = \theta \left( \frac{q}{2^n} + \frac{q^3}{2^{L-m}} \right) \quad (2)$$

4. Where,  $Adv$  is Adversary to make  $q$  forward or backward of the random permutation,  $attack \in \{pre, sec, col\}$ ,  $H$  hash function,  $n$  output lengths of {224, 256, 384, and 512},  $L$  length of block,  $m$  Maximum of block, and  $\theta$  is theta, for each collision, pre-image and second pre-image resistances, respectively. In contrast, the Keccak hash function has no vulnerabilities in security, due to the sponge construction against the generic attacks. However, this structure has property leads to be more flexibility and simplicity for in-differentiability bound of hash function or (zero-sums) in length output, and tradeoff between bit-rate and security. For example, the bounds of the output in hash function are no more than  $n = 512$ , but the bounds in in-differentiability are varying between 512 and 1024. This is because the Constrained Input Constrained Output's (CICO) resistance against different attacks. However, to be an ideal security bound of in-differentiability random oracle and an optimal permutation for collision resistance, preimage resistance, second preimage resistance, etc. in compression function.

5. However, the Skein contestant assumed an ideal security from random oracle in tweakable block cipher from boomerang distinguishers' attacks of the compression function. This propriety has proved the collision resistance in the ideal cipher model, and preserved the based preimage awareness approach for any security bounds in the compression function, thus represented in this equation:

$$Adv_H^{col} = \theta(q^2 / 2^n) \quad (3)$$

## B. Comparison of Finalist SHA-3 in Structures and Designs

Table 2 presents some similarities and differences between the five candidates of finalist SHA-3, and it is concluded in the following comparison:

TABLE II: ANALYSIS OF THE STRUCTURE AND DESIGN OF FINALIST SHA-3 CANDIDATES

| Hash Algorithm | Message Digits in bits  | Block M. Size      | Word Size (bits)       | Round of Compression | Construction the Design                    |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Blake-224      | 224                     | $< 2^{64}$         |                        |                      | Wide-pipe of ChaCha Stream Cipher to HAIFA |
| Blake-256      | 256                     | $< 2^{64}$         | 32                     | 14                   |  |
| Blake-384      | 384                     | $< 2^{128}$        | 64                     | 16                   |  |
| Blake-512      | 512                     | $< 2^{128}$        |                        |                      |  |
| Grøstl-224     | 512-bits                | $2^{8 \times 64}$  | 64                     | 9                    | Wide-pipe of chop-MD and AES block cipher  |
| Grøstl-256     |                         |                    |                        |                      |  |
| Grøstl-384     | 1024-bits               | $2^{16 \times 64}$ | 128                    | 10                   |  |
| Grøstl-512     |                         |                    |                        |                      |  |
| JH-224         | 224                     | 256                | 64                     | 16                   | Bijective of generalized AES block cipher  |
| JH-256         | 256                     | 512                |                        |                      |  |
| JH-384         | 384                     | 1024               | 128                    | 42                   |  |
| JH-512         | 512                     |                    |                        |                      |  |
| Keccak-224     | 25-50                   | $2^{176}$          | 64-bits                | 6                    | sponge&parazoa of hypercube HAIFA design   |
| Keccak-256     | 200                     | $2^{320}$          | words $\times$ 32      | 7                    |  |
| Keccak-384     | 800                     | $2^{508}$          | bits                   | 8                    |  |
| Keccak-512     | 1600                    |                    | processer              |                      |  |
| Skein-256      | Support any length size | 256                | Block                  | 72                   | Tweakable block cipher Threefish and UBI   |
| Skein-512      |                         | 512                | message                | 72                   |  |
| Skein-1024     |                         | 1024               | size $\times$ 128 bits | 80                   |  |

1. Each member of this list has product four-message digest fixed size of {224, 256, 384, and 512} hash function from arbitrary value, except Skein, and Keccak hash functions which have different states. Such as, three internal sizes of {224, 512, and 1024} to product random output length for Skein, and Keccak hash function has product of limited output seven values in {25, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1600} [9].

2. The designs of this group based on Rijndael block cipher of the basic Merkle-Damgard serial construction, except Keccak, which is a hypercube of sponge construction, which build the three-dimensional array.

3. The compression function for each candidate has different behavior than another, due to the different mode process of these hash function. As illustrated in the following discussion:

i) The compression function of BLAKE hash function is a wide-pipe structure, where BLAKE-256 has 14 rounds and BLAKE-512 has 16 of ChaCha stream cipher in minimize self-

similarity, and this will increase the resistance collision attacks. However, BLAKE has limitation in message length such as  $2^{64}$  and  $2^{128}$  for BLAKE-256 and BLAKE-512 respectively and that considered the same message length of SHA-2. Moreover, BLAKE breaks self-similarity by using a round-reliant permutation the message and the constants. This prevents attacks that utilize the similarity among round functions, thus, BLAKE is non-ideal for compression function and does not achieve the progress that pleasant from this group for long time [4]-[7].

ii) In Grostl hash function, the compression function combines wide-pipe design and chop-Merkle-Damagrd to construct the two different permutations P and Q for short message digest, and for long message digest in four round transformations for matrix of size  $8 \times 8$  of the 256-bit, and  $8 \times 16$  of the 512-bit, respectively. Thus, the permutations are regarding an ideal construction for collision resistant, within the exceptional diffusion and confusion properties [6], [5].

iii) Whereas, JHcompression function is constructed from bijective function (a large block cipher with constant key), which is considered a look like-sponge structure from three constants of 42 round function of  $R_d$ , in an S-box layer, a liner transformation layer, and a permutation layer, this structure is quite efficient which easier to analyze security of differential attack.

iv) The compression function of Keccak hash function has structured from a seven set of Keccak- $f$  permutations to construct the Keccak sponge design [10]. This design has many advantages for a hash function compared to other constructions, because of its characters in absorbing and squeezing for different input length data. Keccak can generates different output lengths; as well as flexibility, to increase the security level by increasing the capacity of bit rate in comparable permutation, in other words, it is constructed of permutation or transformation in simple round of similar block cipher without an iterated of compression function, or key schedule.

v) The Skein compression function uses Unique Block Iteration (UBI) mode, which configured inside every tweakable block cipher separately in different permutations. For example, Skein-256 and Skein-512 have 72 rounds, secretly to build Threefish, whereas, the Skein-1024 has 80 rounds totally. This mode is a chaining of threefish to process an arbitrary input size to a fixed output size. This property has directly addresses many attacks on this hash function [11].

In summary, the behavior for all this list of hash function has different performance through these constructions, but in general, they have similar principles from basic structures for building these hash function like block cipher to distribute the messages words in different method. In contract, Keccak hash function has different behavior in structure for cryptanalysis

operation, which has the sponge construction of absorbing and squeezing, flip-flops, with inverts for messages distribution.

### C. Comparison of Finalist SHA-3 in Performance and Cost

The analysis of Table 3 which clarified the differential between the speeds of last round SHA-3 candidate's performance for two messages size with the group applications to achieve the clock frequencies MHz/ps. on Virtex 7 from Xilinx library of FPGAs device for all round 2 SHA-3 designs [6]. Where Speed for Max. M-256 represented the speed cycles value for maximum message; while the Speed for Min. M-64 to represent the speed cycles value for minimize messages.

TABLE III: ANALYSIS AND DIFFERENTIAL IN PERFORMED SPEED OF FINALIST SHA-3 CANDIDATES

| Hash Algorithms                    | Speed for Max. message $2^{256}$ , $2^{512}$ MHz/ps | Speed for short message $2^{64}$ MHz/ps | Hash Applications                       |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| BLAKE-224/256<br>BLAKE-384/512     | 21.31<br>21.62-20.98                                | 390.50<br>625.88                        | Website links of Perl, PHP, Java script |
| Groestl-224/256<br>Groestl-384/512 | 62.19<br>106.80                                     | 939.88<br>2565.25                       | Intel AES-NI Instructions of CPU        |
| JH-224/256<br>JH-384/512           | 161.55<br>161.47                                    | 2762.50<br>2764.38                      | Message Authentication Code (MAC)       |
| Keccak-256<br>Keccak-512           | 45.37<br>33.12                                      | 1110.00<br>715.78                       | lightweight                             |
| Skein-256<br>Skein-512             | 23.09<br>-  | 374.38<br>539.38                        | multi-processor system                  |

For these comparisons, the study provides an efficient performance of final round SHA-3 to certain the base of the clock frequencies and number of clock cycles consumed in the hardware and software. However, to evaluate these algorithms through the wide differential between the candidates performed, in 256 bytes and 512 bytes as standardizations for each candidate, to recognize between each other in recent area as the following:

1. Seldom, differences between the BLAKE and Skein in speed/memory, as illustrated in table 3 and Figure 1, they show the minimize speed cycles value in limited area of different message sizes in short and long messages in both 256 bytes and 512 bytes. For example, BLAKE candidate has fixed and small set of constants in the memory to implement the short message and long message [8], [9]. Due to, BLAKE hash function has "*parallelism mechanism*" to reduce

the number of computation steps. Whereas, Skein hash function has different behavior in speed than to consume the memory area, which considered an optional "hash-tree" approach speed up parallelizable implementations, twice as fast as SHA-512 and three times faster than SHA-256. As a result, for both candidates have an optimal speed value for short messages than the long message, that means in long message no need big number of rounds to distribute the data message. While, the short message need many rounds for distributing the message in different memory space. Therefore, the hash functions spend different rounds to implement the message in hardware. Thus, in BLAKE hash function has rather implemented in speed/space than in speed/memory [11].

2. However, Grostl and Keccak have approximately similar speed values in different area size for both candidates in short and long messages for version 256. Such as, Grostl hash function has efficiently implemented on 128-bit, 64, 32, and 8-bit architectures, for utilizing parallelism round transformations in resource of memory, registers and speed. That leads to increase the speed with utilizing area for shorting message. Otherwise, Keccak hash function has high level of parallelism with weak in diffusion bits for different slices; due to it. It has the inverter properties in translation of the z-direction to map the inner bit structure that leads to slowly in speed[10].

3. Through Figure 1, JH hash function has high level in Cycles/byte for speed/ message trade-off with relatively equals of both JH versions.

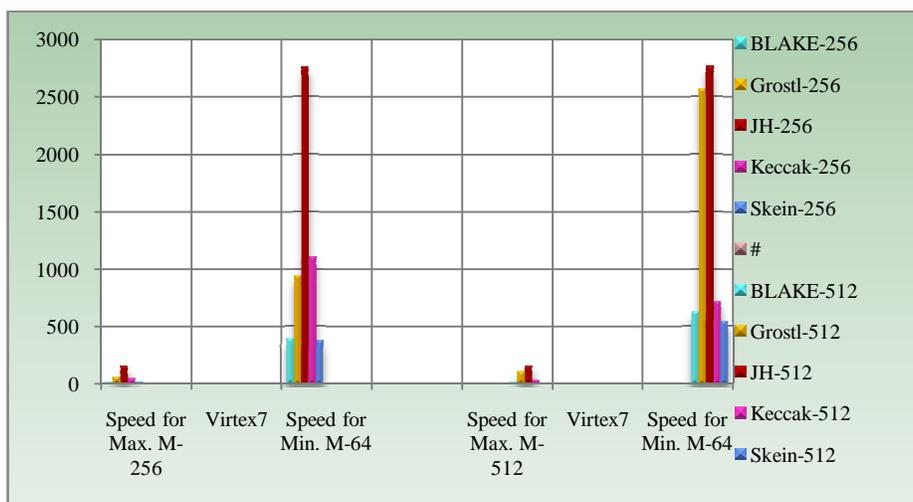


FIGURE I: CHART DIAGRAM FOR ANALYSIS SPEED OF FINALIST SHA-3 IN SPEED CYCLES IN BYTE

However, it is high level in 4 times compared to other candidates in both versions (256 and 512). Whereas, the JH-512 has been increased one time more than Grostl-512 in short message. Because the JH has prototype in the AES design methodology that has simplest approach to design an efficient large block cipher (in hardware and software) from small components.

However, to extend for three or four dimensions to achieve a block cipher in 512-bit or 2048-bit block size. However, in all finalist candidates have implemented on the Virtex-7 2000T from the sequence of FPGAs family to reduce the costs and an optimizing performance in (low power consumption to process and high speed), with an efficient applicable in industry and technology advance. In addition, this group has implemented in basic CPU, language of C and C++ for each BLAKE, Keccak, and Skein with Grostl and JH, respectively.

## **V. FINDINGS AND RESULTS**

The main finding from this analysis and comparison study denotes that the hash function is an optimized conception, which included;

1. Excluded BLAKE and Skein from the future selection of ending 2012, due to the low speed of performance implementations for both hash functions.

2. Keccak has no vulnerabilities in security and efficient structure, as NIST discussed in March of 2012, with average speed of implemented in the same hardware due to the inverter property.

3. Grostl hash function has tight in security, tight in structure cause depended on the permutation, but has contradiction behaviors speed for different messages sizes, such as higher speed in 512 than 256 in the same message size.

4. Whereas, the JH achieves an efficient implementation of the sponge structure in simple design, ideal security, and equals in high speed in both sizes in short size or maximum size, of 256 and 512 bits of message digest, in low cost.

## **VI. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK**

In conclusion, the study presented the comprehensive comparative study of the finalist SHA-3 candidates within the research measurements in FSMFHF. However, these measurements have different factors to investigate the NIST requirements to choose the final candidate in the end of this year 2012 and start of 2013. Therefore, from this comparison and analysis are discussed in previous sections. There are enough scope for future researchers based on this paper and there might be numerous ways to develop the described approach. For the possible future works, pertaining in this area such as;

1. Applying the similar way and similar factors have measurements on the rest families of hash function.

2. It is unlikely that it will have a new generation of hash functions like SHA-4 competition before 2030.

3. However, the comparison between hash functions will not be limited only to the fundamentals algorithm families' types or their security characteristic in future work. The comparative studies will be helpful whenever extending for more approaches; for example, hash table, DHT, and tree (BST, Heap, Zero-Knowledge ...etc.).

Thus, to support the knowledge existing in the security algorithms field by knowing the different hash functions' types and their algorithm implementations to increase the researchers' knowledge of the cryptography field; even so, it is crucial for security applications.

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