

# SM4

## SM4 Cipher Engine

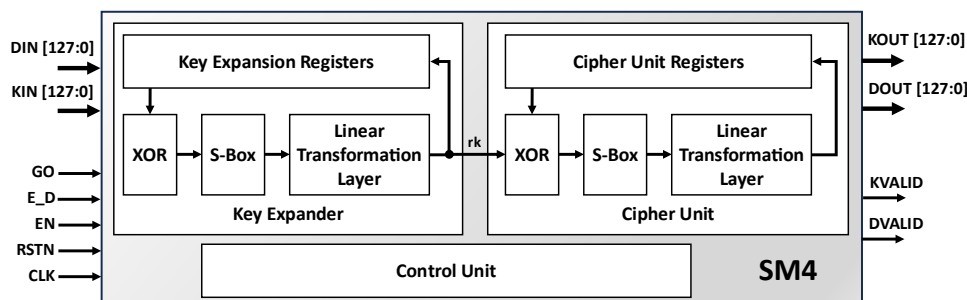
The SM4 IP core implements a custom hardware accelerator for the SM4 symmetric block cipher, specified in Chinese national standard GB/T 32907-2016, and ISO/IEC 18033-3:2010/Amd 1:2021.

Designed for easy integration, the core, internally expanding the 128-bit key, is capable of both encryption and decryption and features a simple handshake input and output data interface. To further simplify integration, CAST separately offers interface bridges to AMBA™ AXI4-Stream and integration with DMA engines to facilitate operation as a memory-mapped peripheral.

The core is available in a **Fast** version (SM4-F), offering a throughput of 4 bits/cycle, while a **High-throughput** version (SM4-X) operating at 128 bits/cycle is optionally available. Variants supporting different cipher modes provisioned by NIST SP 800-38 recommendations (i.e. ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB, CTR, GCM, CCM, XTS) are optionally available for both versions.

The SM4 is rigorously verified, LINT-clean and scan-ready. It is straightforward to implement on any technology as it is a strictly synchronous design using only rising clock edges, an asynchronous reset line and requires no special timing constraints.

### Block Diagram



### Applications

The SM4 IP core is a versatile symmetric block cipher engine that can be deployed across diverse security-critical domains, which require compact solutions with high-throughput. Application areas include: IoT devices, Wireless Networking (WAPI), Secure communications (encrypted messaging, VoIP, VPNs), Trusted Platform Modules (TPMs), Mobile baseband processors, Data storage security (flash memory, SSDs, and encrypted storage solutions), Digital Payment Systems (e-payment terminals, smart cards, mobile payment apps).

### Export Permits

This core implements encryption functions and as such it is subject to export control regulations. Export to your country may or may not require a special export license. Please contact CAST to determine what applies in your specific case.

## FEATURES

### Security Mechanism Support

- Encryption/Decryption per:
  - Chinese national standard GB/T 32907-2016, and
  - ISO/IEC 18033-3:2010/Amd 1:2021

### Versions and Variants

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  - SM4-F: 4-bits/cycle
  - SM4-X: 128-bits/cycle
- Variants (different cipher modes):
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### Fast & Compact

- 8Gbps with less than 10k eq. gates on modern technologies (SM4-F)

### Easy Integration and Trouble-Free Technology Mapping

- Simple handshake interface
- Bridges to AXI4 Stream and DMA integration separately available
- Fully synchronous, single-clock domain, re-usable design
- No false or multicycle timing paths, scan-ready, LINT-clean

### Deliverables

- VHDL or Verilog source code
- HDL testbench
- C model and test-vector generator
- Simulation and synthesis scripts
- Documentation

### Implementation Results

The SM4 core can be mapped to any ASIC technology. The following are sample ASIC pre-layout results reported from synthesis with a silicon vendor design kit under typical conditions, with all core I/Os assumed to be routed on-chip.

ASIC Technology	Logic Resources	Memory Resources	Frequency	Throughput
Samsung 5nm	8.5k eq. gates	-	2.0 GHz	8 Gbps
TSMC 7nm	9.9k eq. gates	-	1.6 GHz	6.4 Gbps
TSMC 16nm	7.7k eq. gates	-	1.0 GHz	4 Gbps
TSMC 40nm	13.8k eq. gates	-	1.0 GHz	4 Gbps

The provided figures do not represent the higher speed or smaller area for the core. Please contact CAST to get characterization data for your target configuration and technology.