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Secured Hardware Accelerators for DSP and Image Processing Applications

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IP Core Protection and Hardware-Assisted Security for Consumer Electronics

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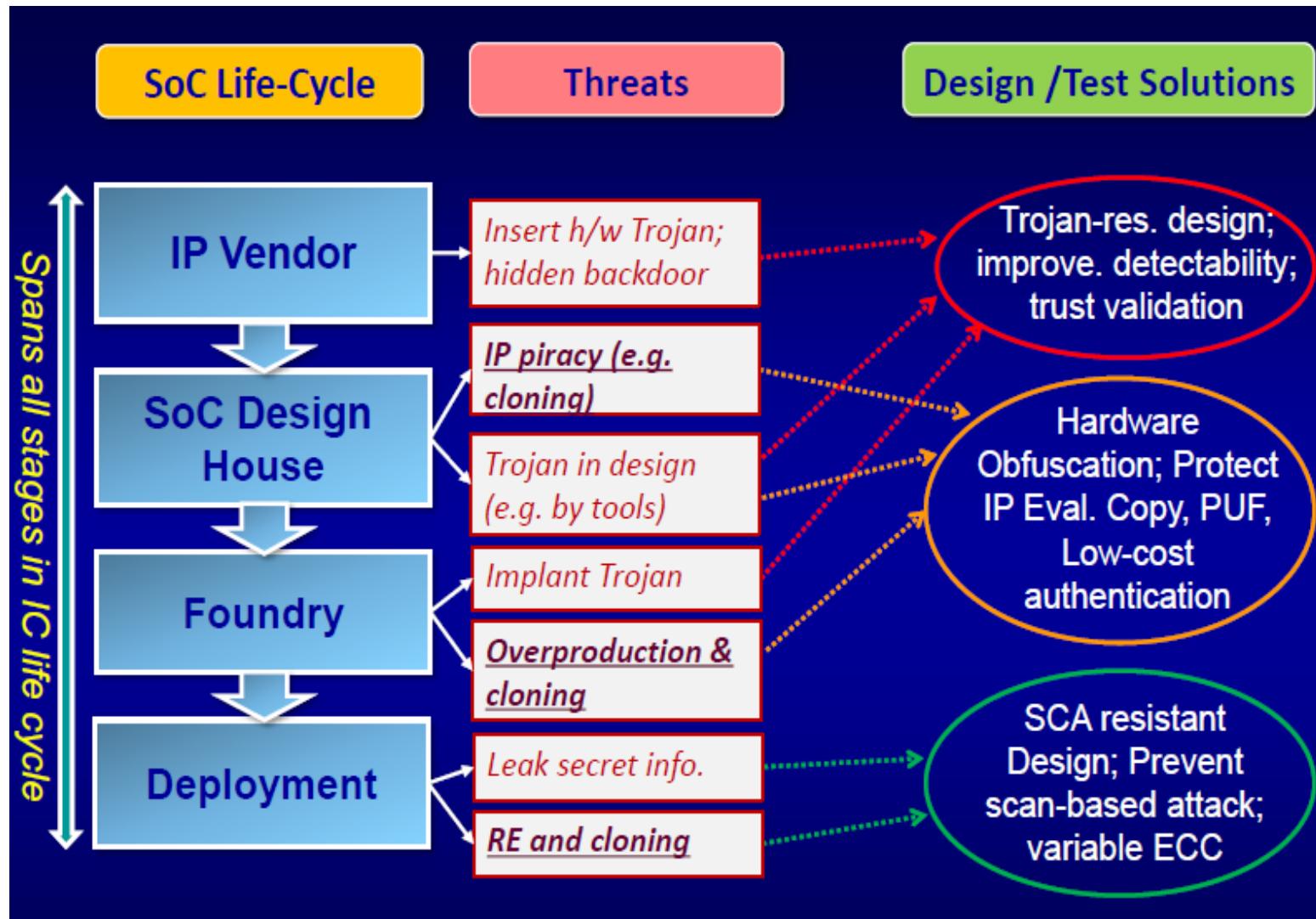
Introduction

- Hardware Security and Intellectual Property (IP) Core protection is an emerging area of research for semiconductor community that focusses on protecting designs against standard threats such as reverse engineering, counterfeit, forgery, malicious hardware modification etc.
- Hardware security is broadly classified into two types: (a) authentication based approaches (b) obfuscation based approaches.
- The second type of hardware security approach i.e. obfuscation can again be further sub-divided into two types: (i) structural obfuscation (ii) functional obfuscation. Structural obfuscation transforms a design into one that is functionally equivalent to the original but is significantly more difficult to reverse engineer (RE), while the second one is active protection type that locks the design through a secret key.

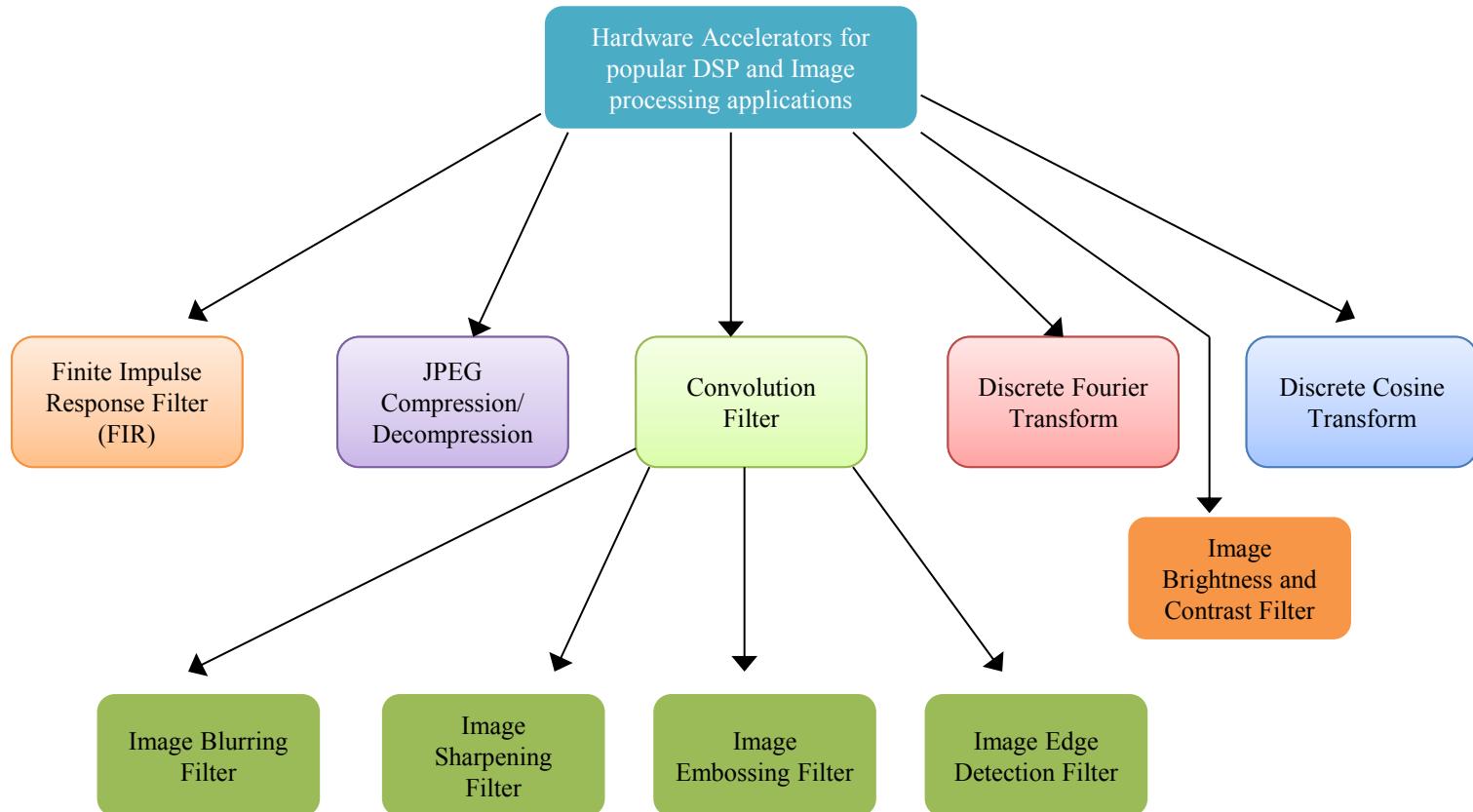
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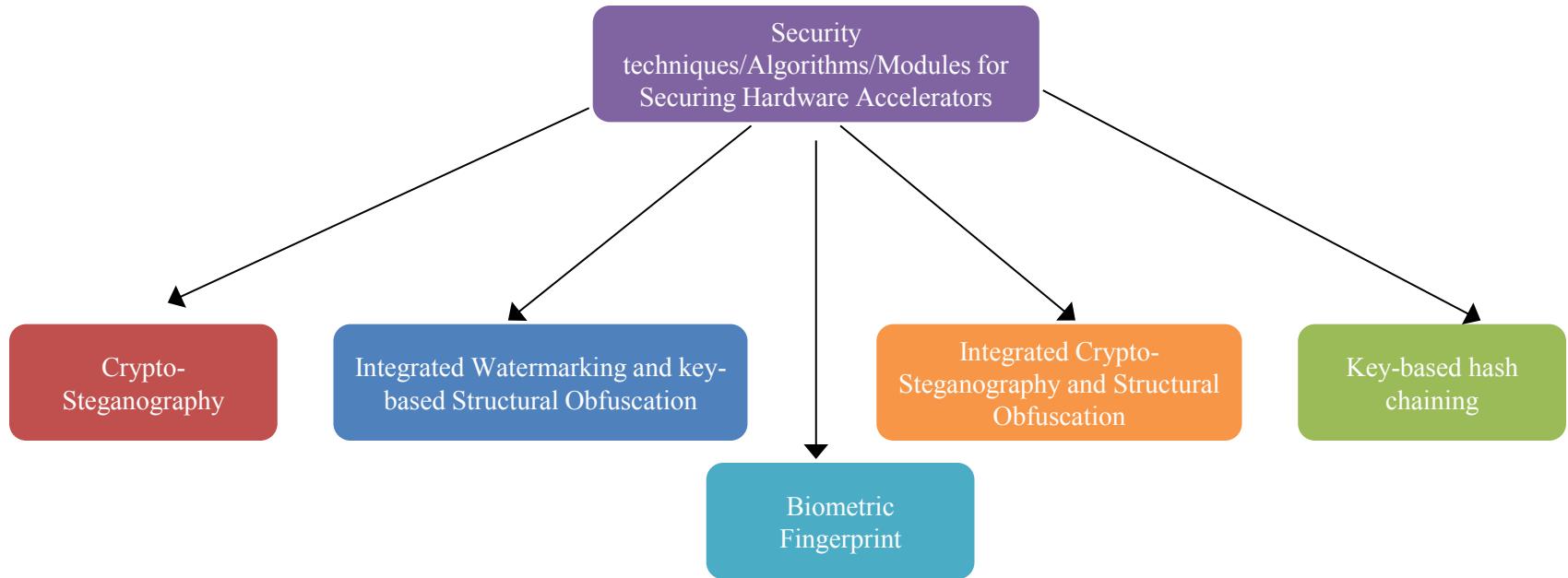
IP Core Protection and Hardware Security



Hardware accelerators: Example



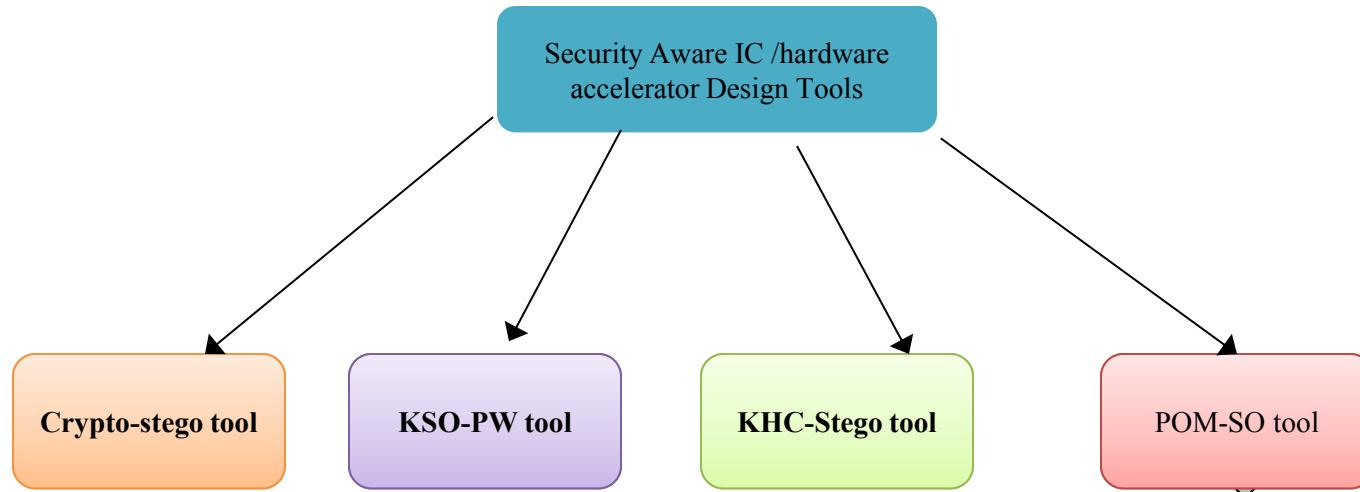
Hardware security techniques for securing hardware accelerators



Our in-house hardware security tools for designing secured accelerators

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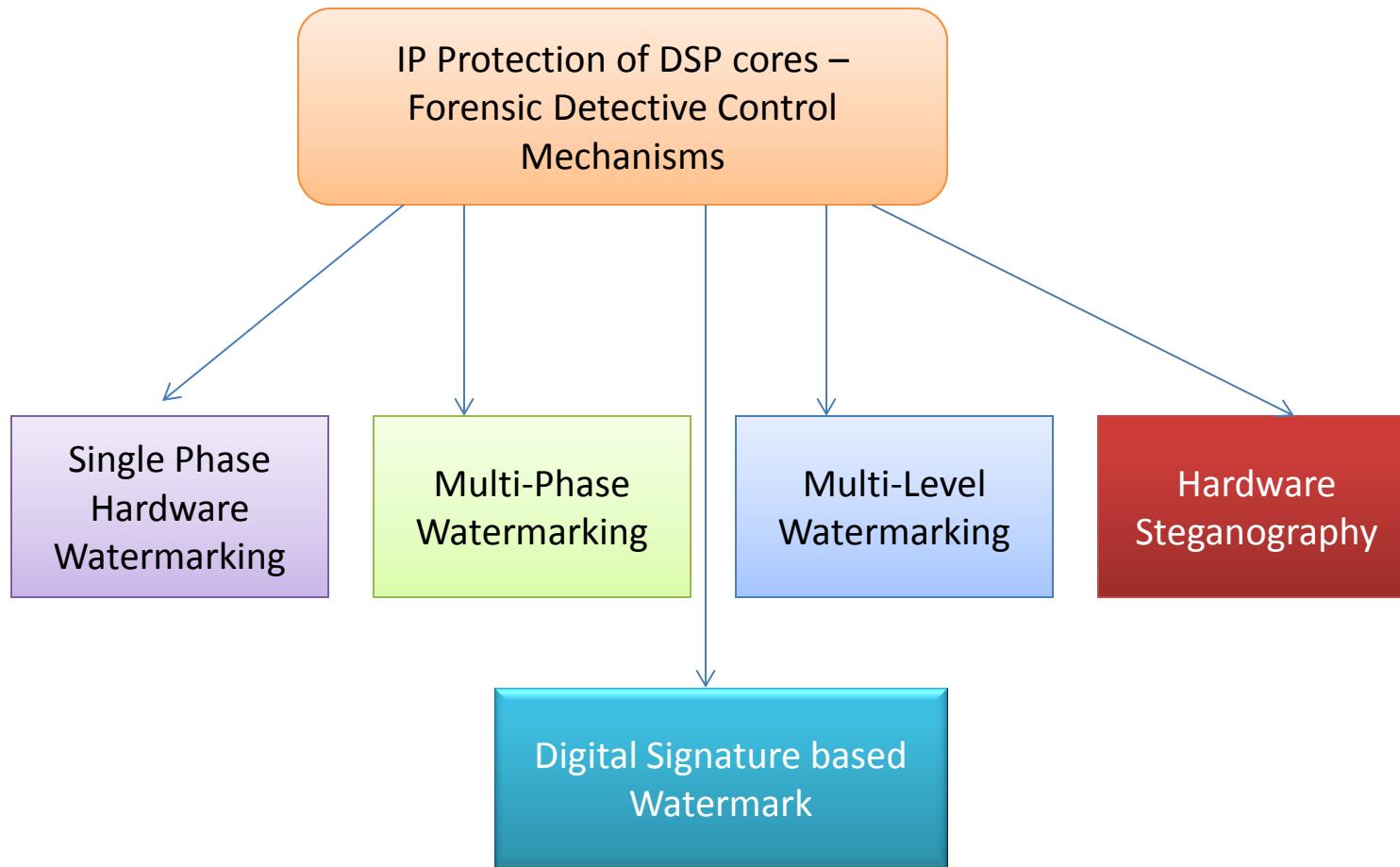
Crypto-steganography
tool for DSP hardware
accelerators

Key-driven structural
obfuscation and physical
level watermarking tool

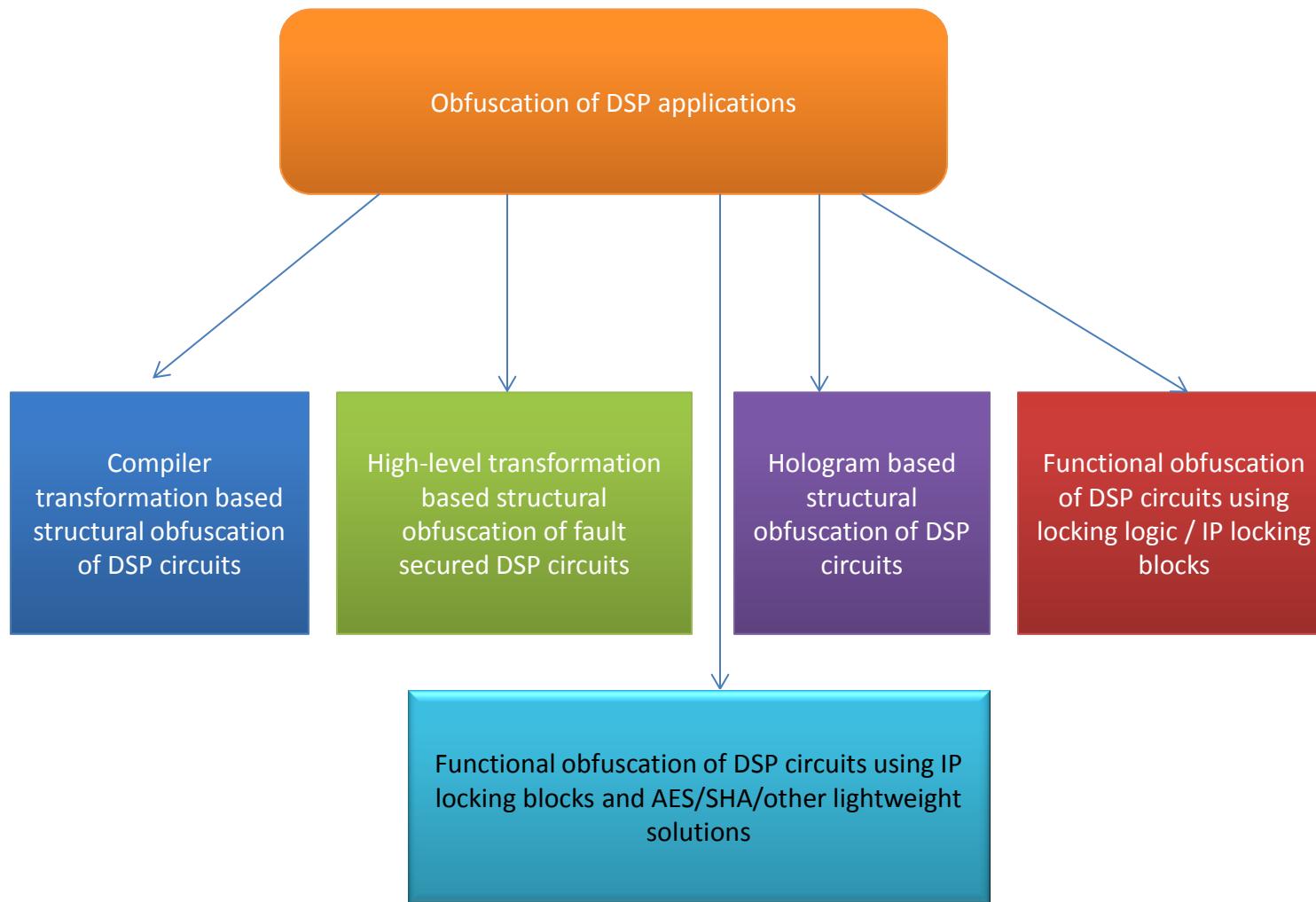
Key-triggered Hash-
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Steganography tool

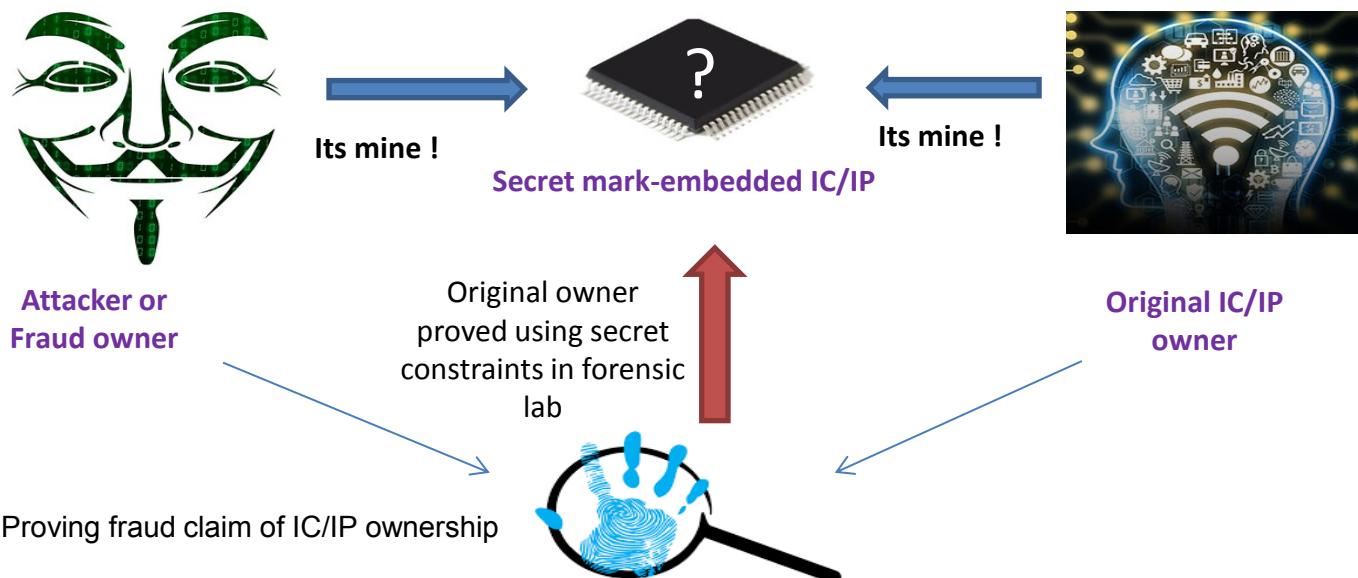
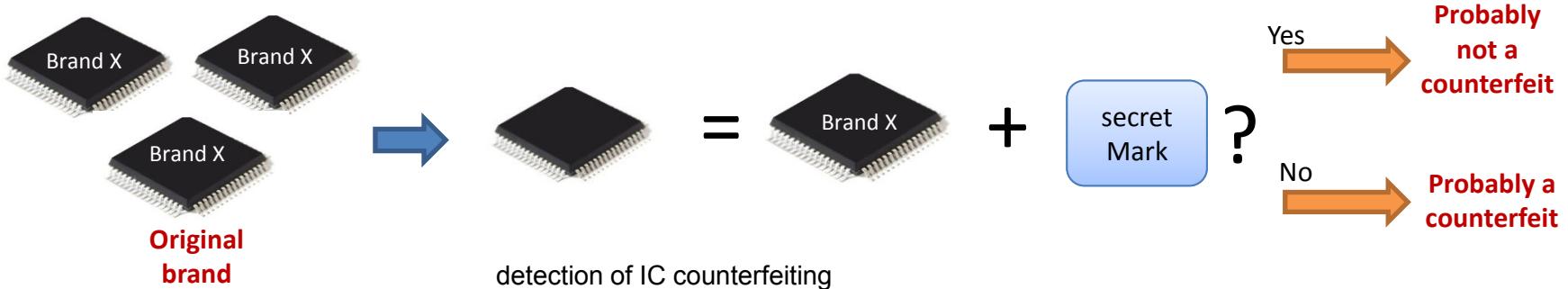
Pseudo operation mixing
based structural
obfuscation tool

IP Protection of DSP cores – Forensic Detective Control Mechanisms

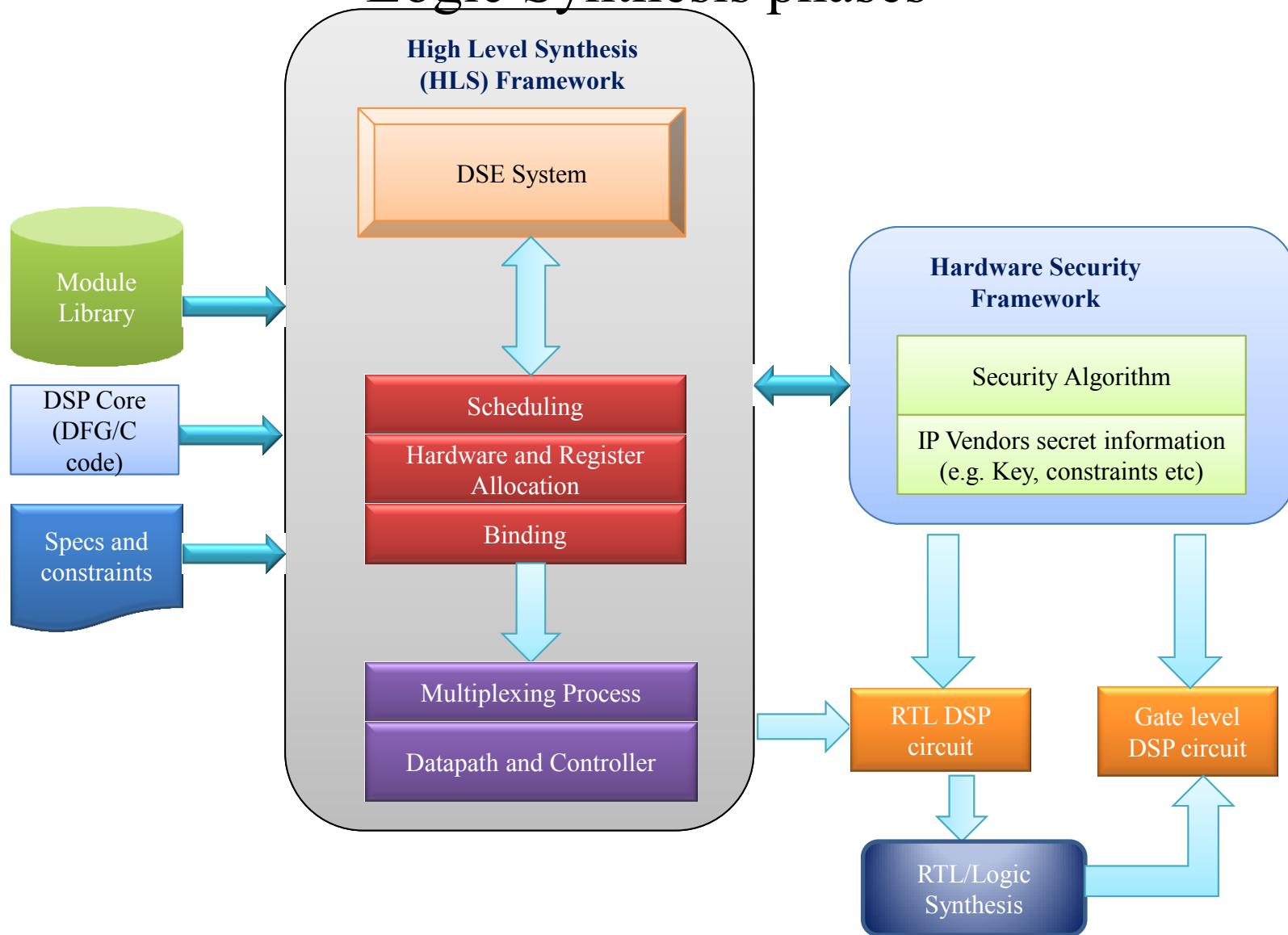


Hardware Security of DSP applications using Obfuscation

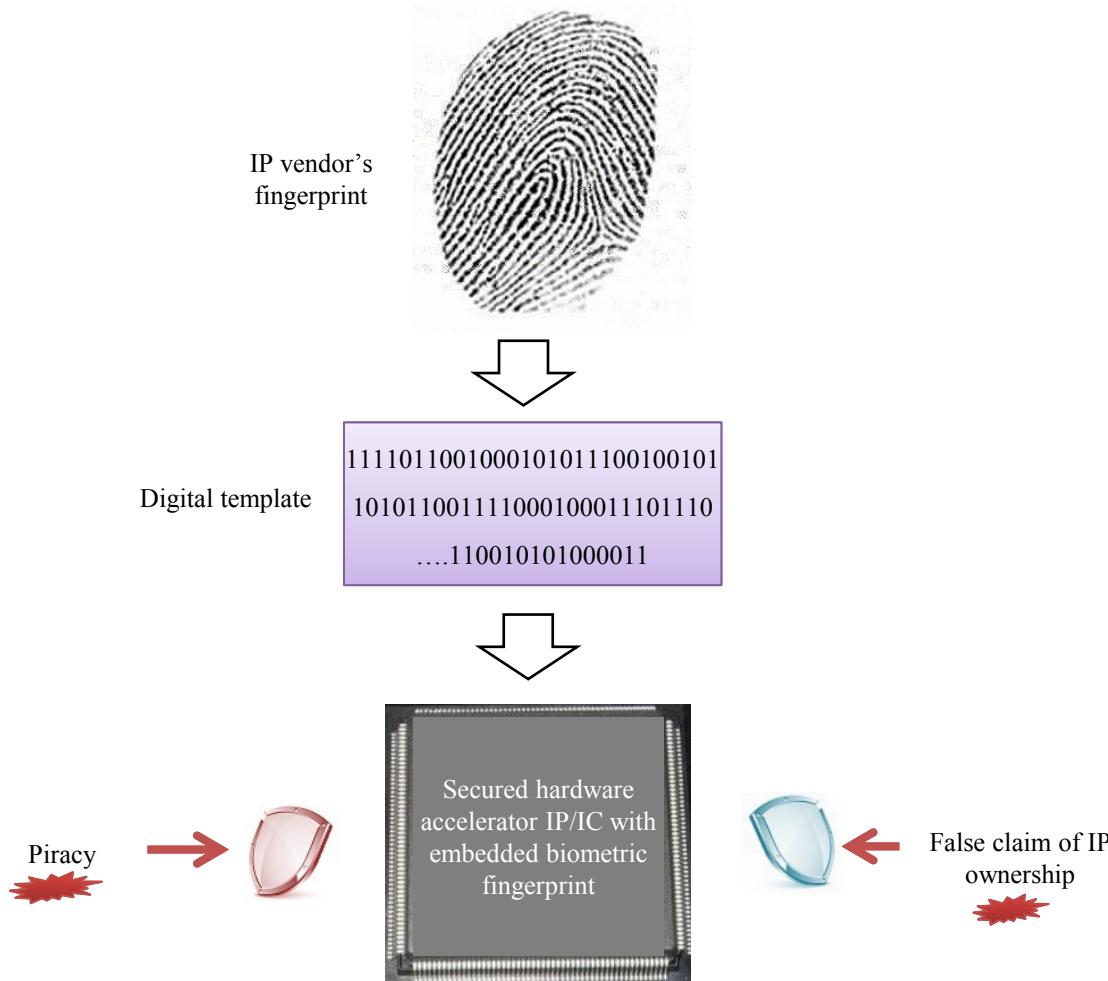




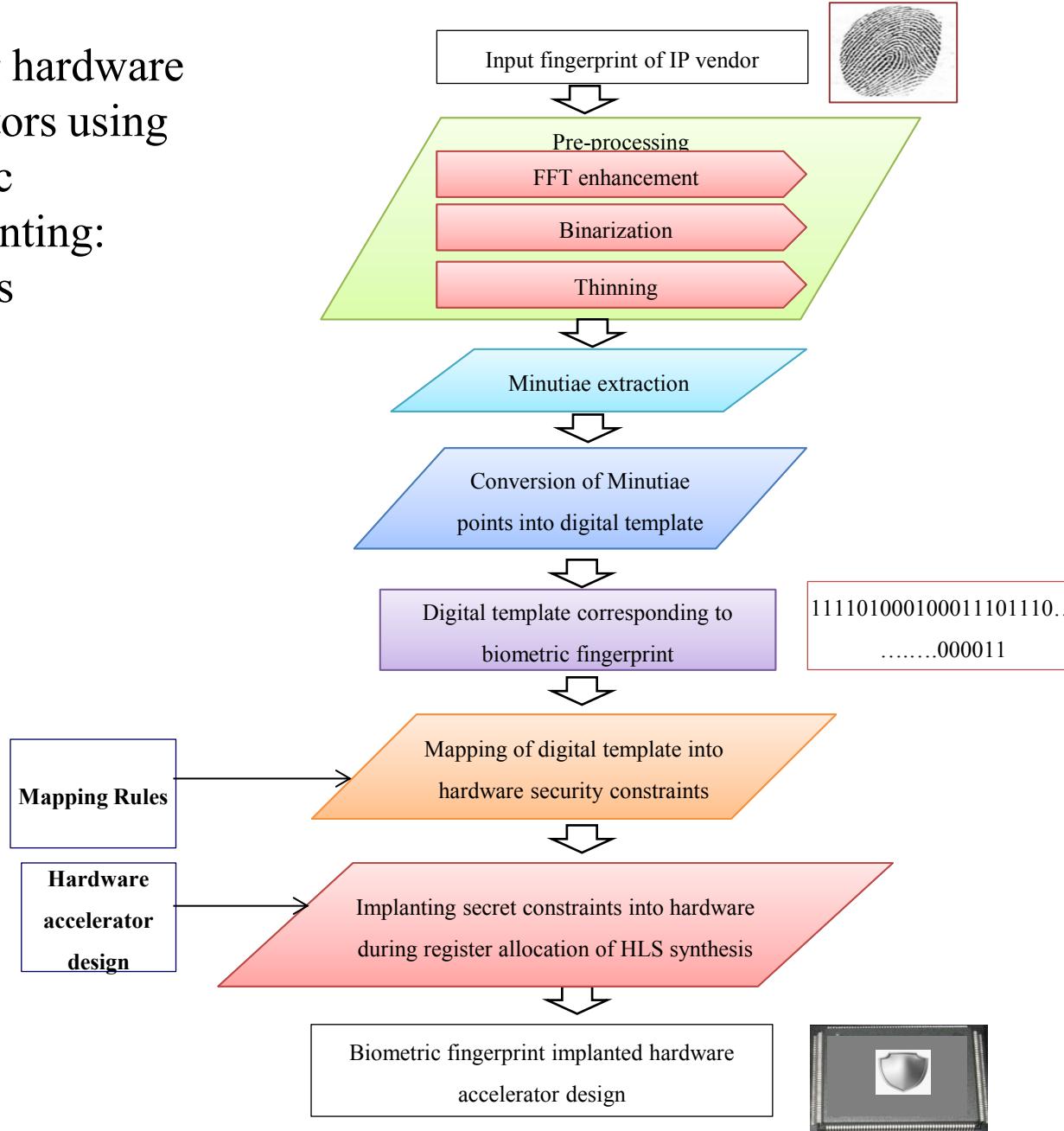
Hardware Security Algorithms integrated with HLS and Logic Synthesis phases



Securing hardware accelerators using biometric fingerprinting: Forensics



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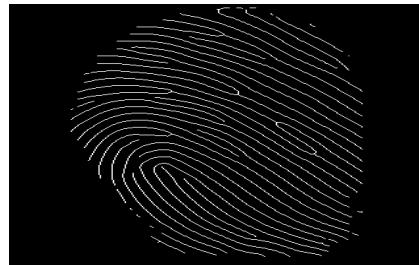




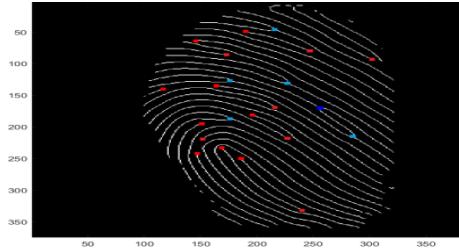
(a) Input fingerprint image (101_1)



(b) Binary image

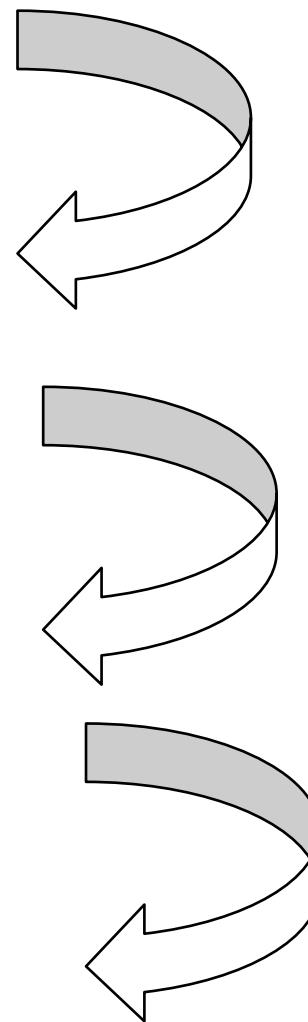


(c) Thinned image



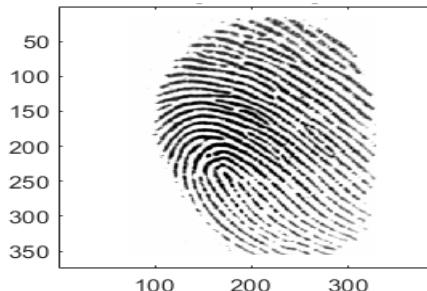
(d) Minutiae points

Securing hardware accelerators using biometric fingerprinting:
Forensics: An example



Minutiae points extraction flow (a) Captured fingerprint image (b) Binary fingerprint image post enhancement (c) Fingerprint image post applying thinning (d) Fingerprint image with minutiae points located

Secret biometric constraints for various fingerprint images



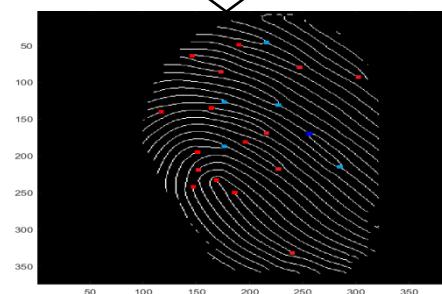
Fingerprint image (101_1)



Fingerprint image: 101_2



Fingerprint image: 101_8



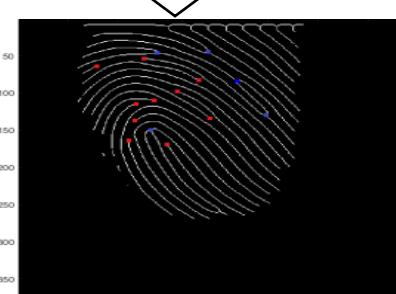
Minutiae points=22

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Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =526 bits)

#0s= 224
#1s= 302

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP



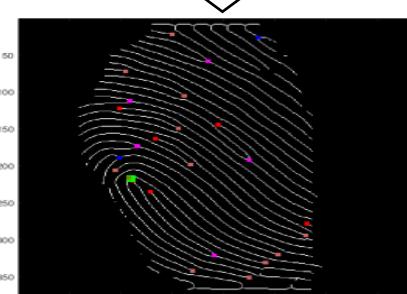
Minutiae points=15

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10111.....01001111101111

Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =350 bits)

#0s= 148
#1s= 202

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP



Minutiae points=24

10010110101101101001110101
011010.....11010111111110

Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =555 bits)

#0s= 242
#1s= 312

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP

Secret biometric constraints for fingerprints of different fingers of an individual



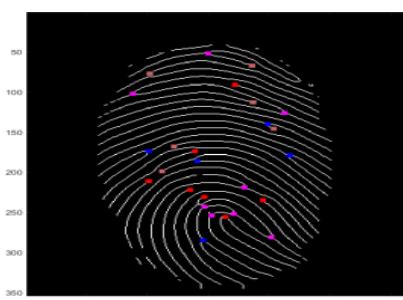
Fingerprint image: Little_R



Fingerprint image: Middle_R



Fingerprint image: Ring_R



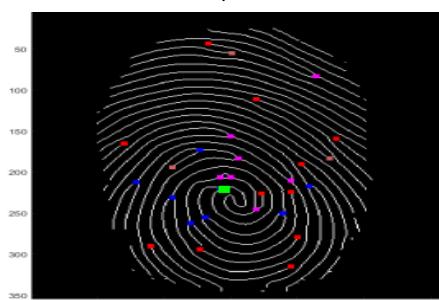
Minutiae points=26

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Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =640 bits)

#0s= 274
#1s= 366

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP



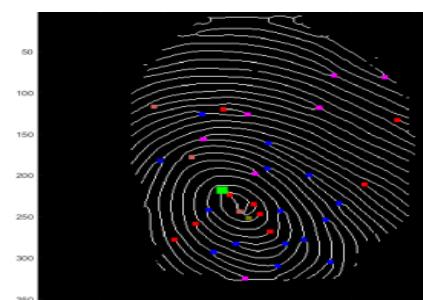
Minutiae points=29

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Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =721 bits)

#0s= 292
#1s= 429

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP



Minutiae points=35

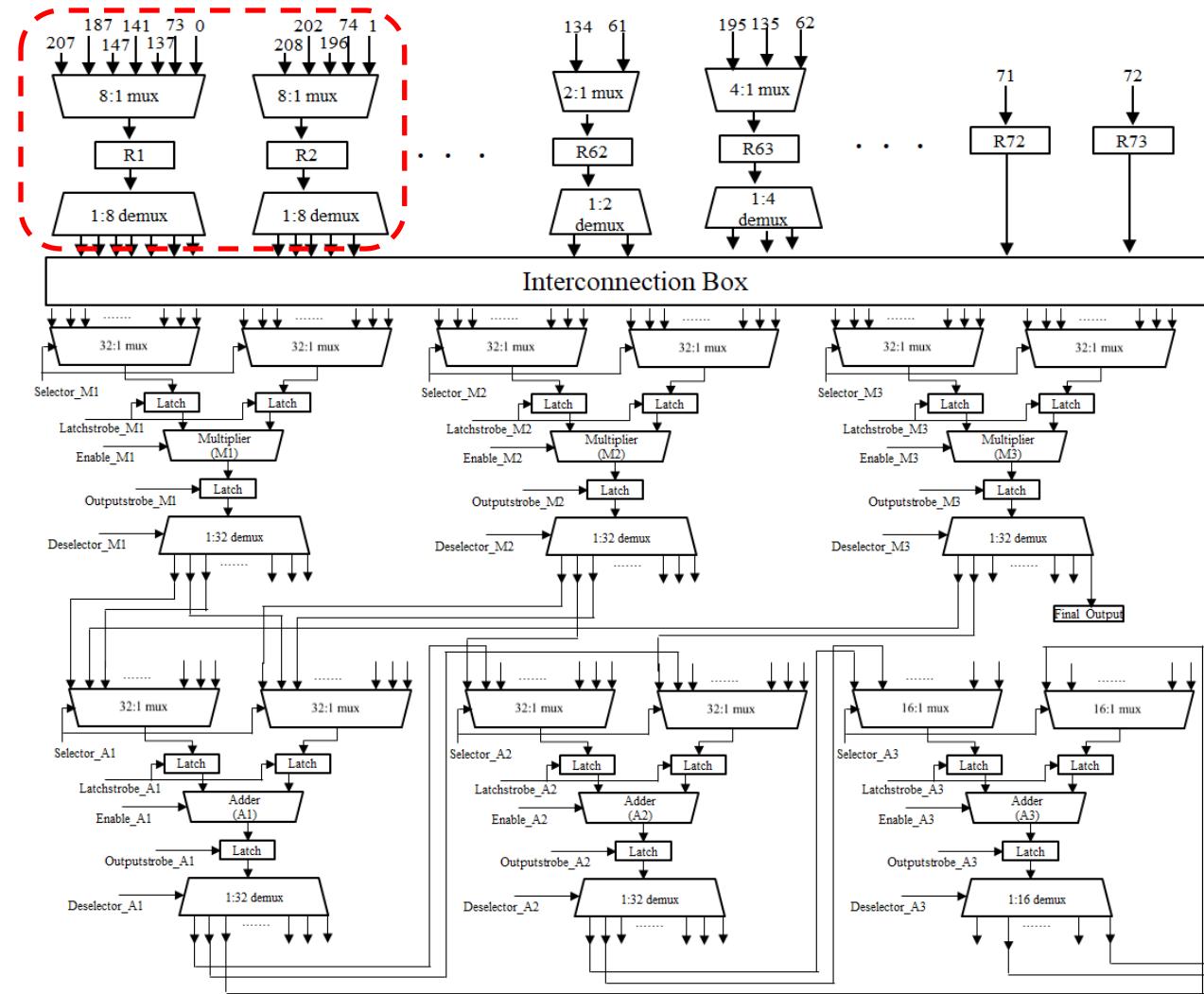
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01101000101111100

Corresponding Digital Template
(Total size =895 bits)

#0s= 386
#1s= 509

Secret biometric constraints
for IC/IP

Secured datapath of JPEG compression hardware accelerator implanted with biometric fingerprint



Detecting Biometric Fingerprint in a hardware accelerator

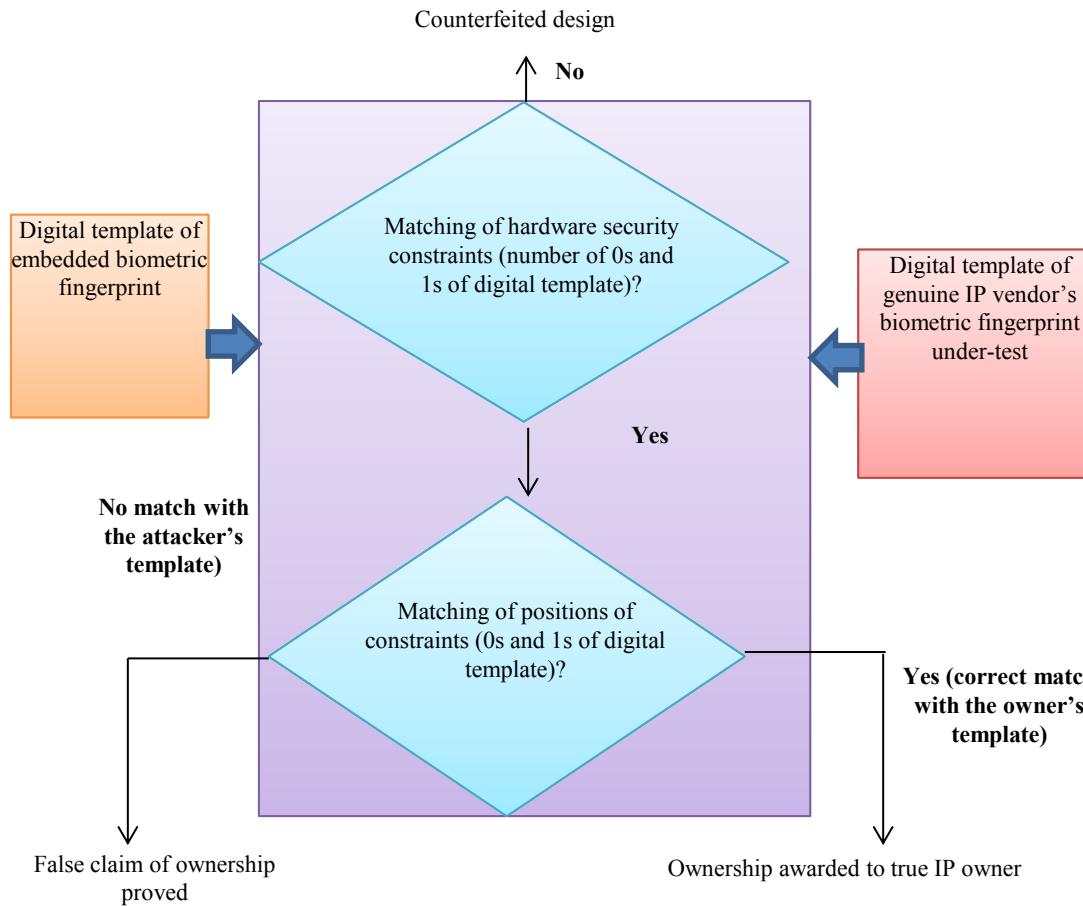
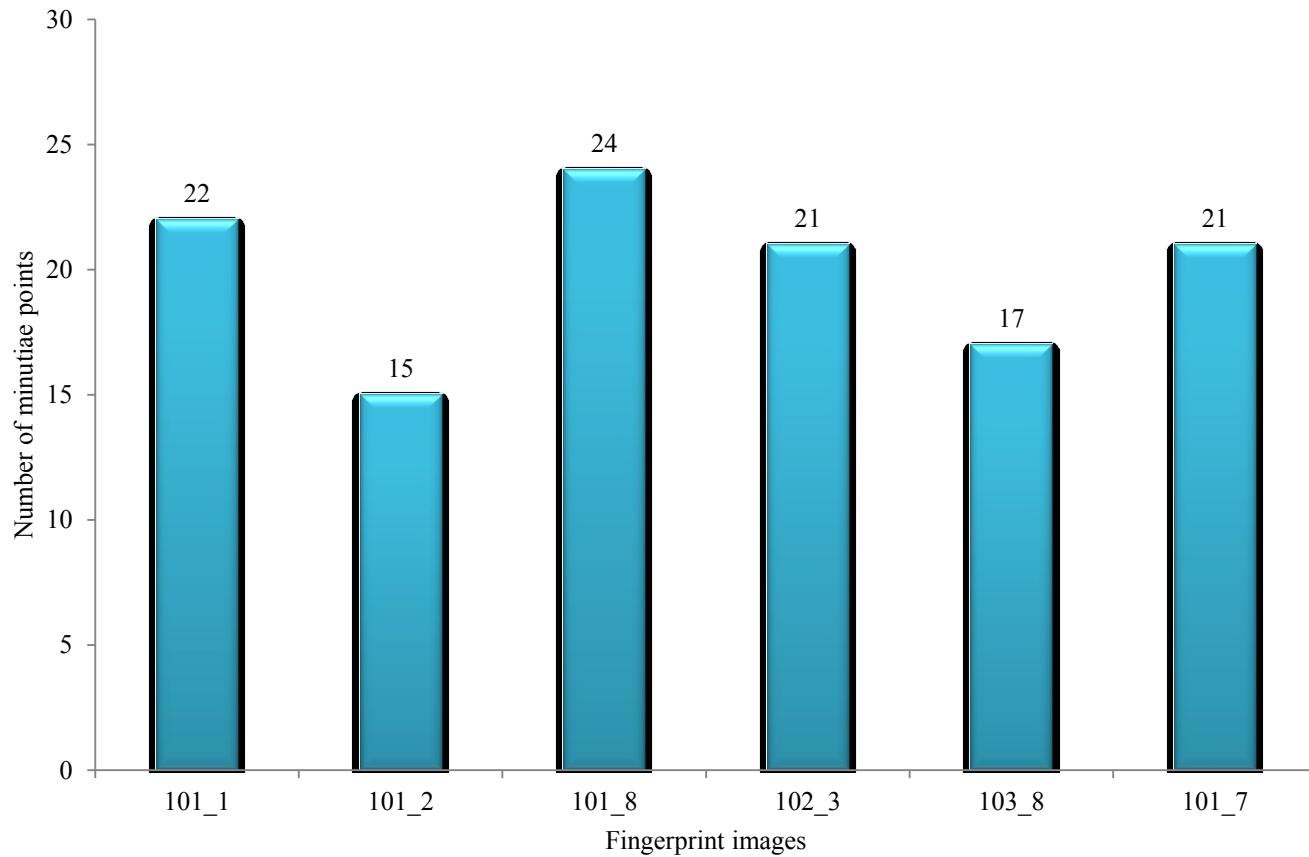
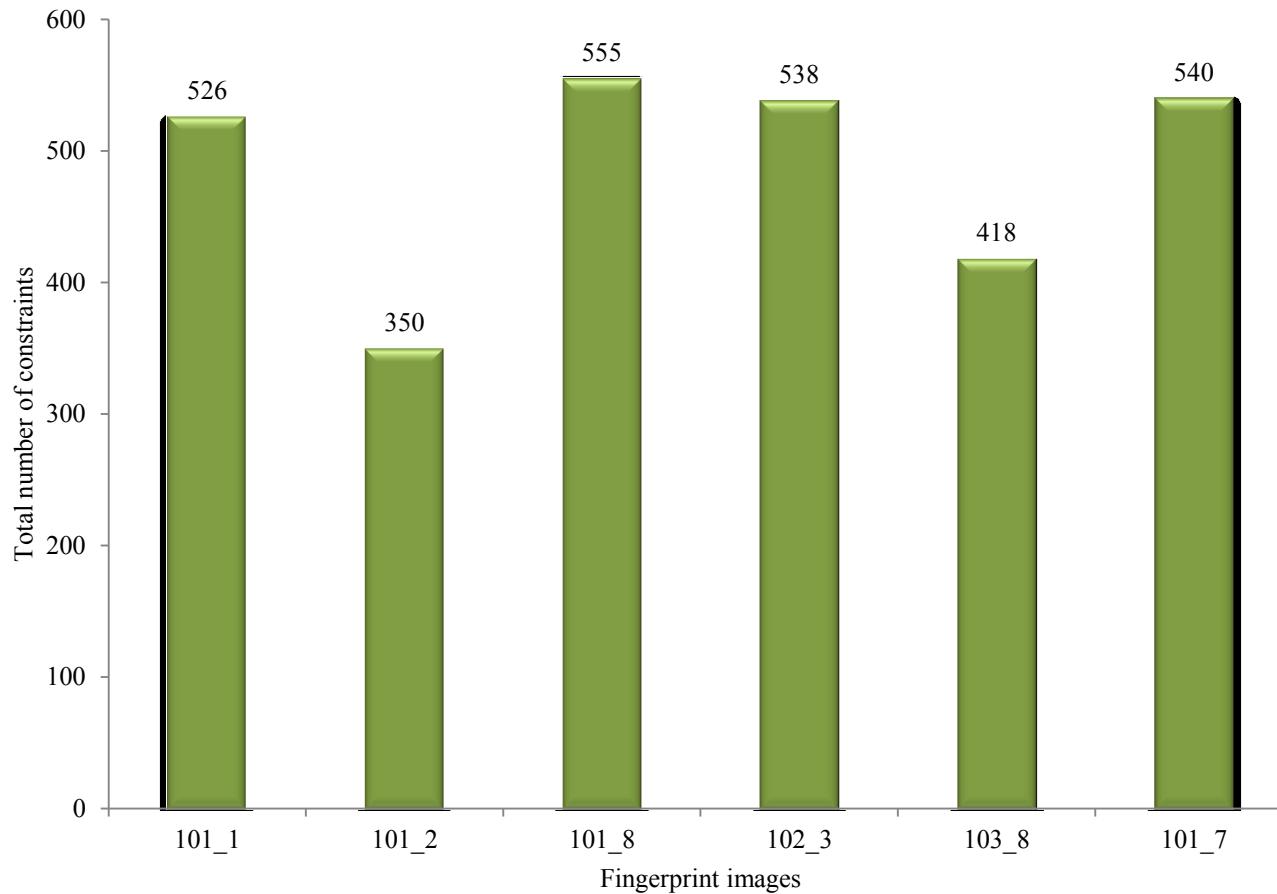


Fig. 9. Proving true IP ownership using proposed detection approach

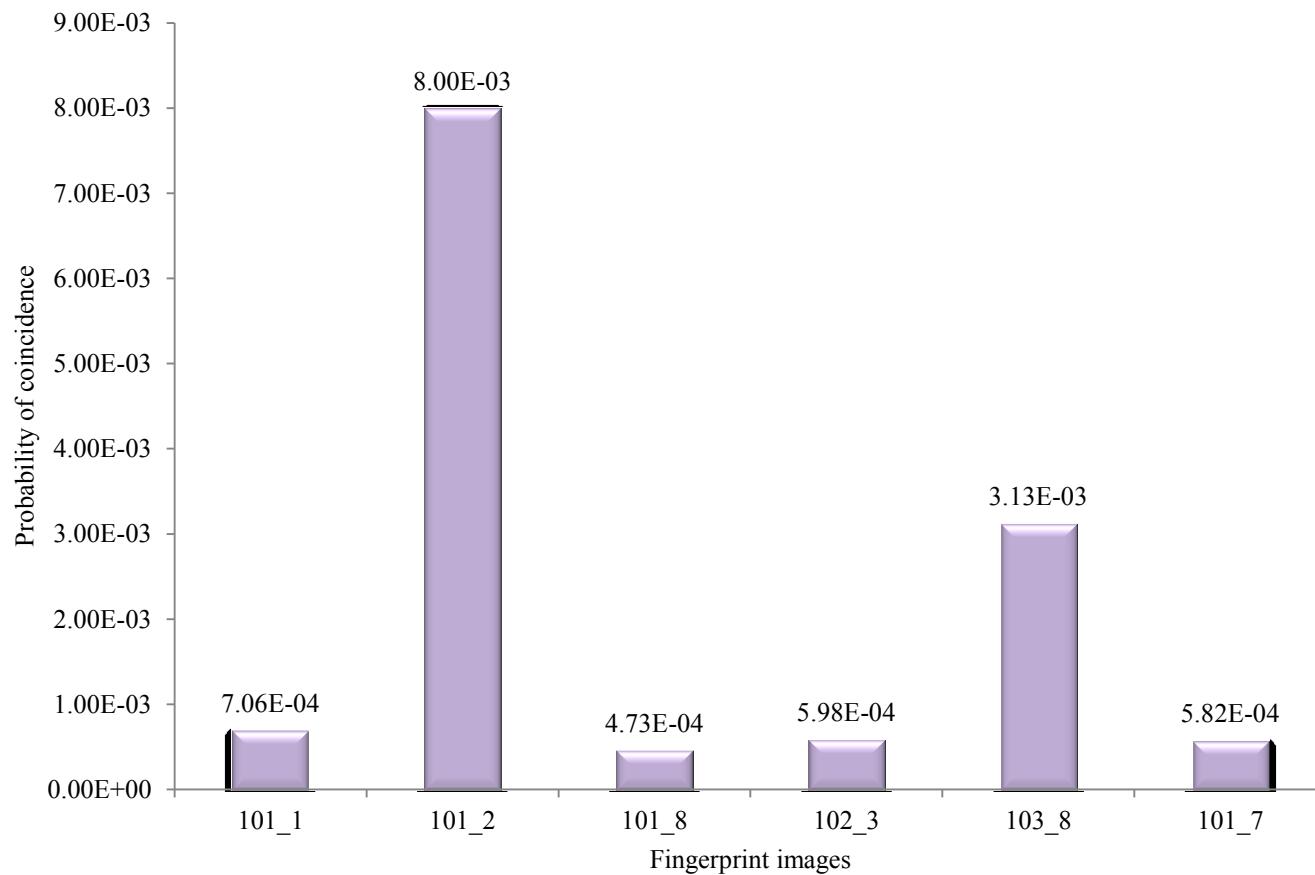
Variation in number of minutiae points for different fingerprint images



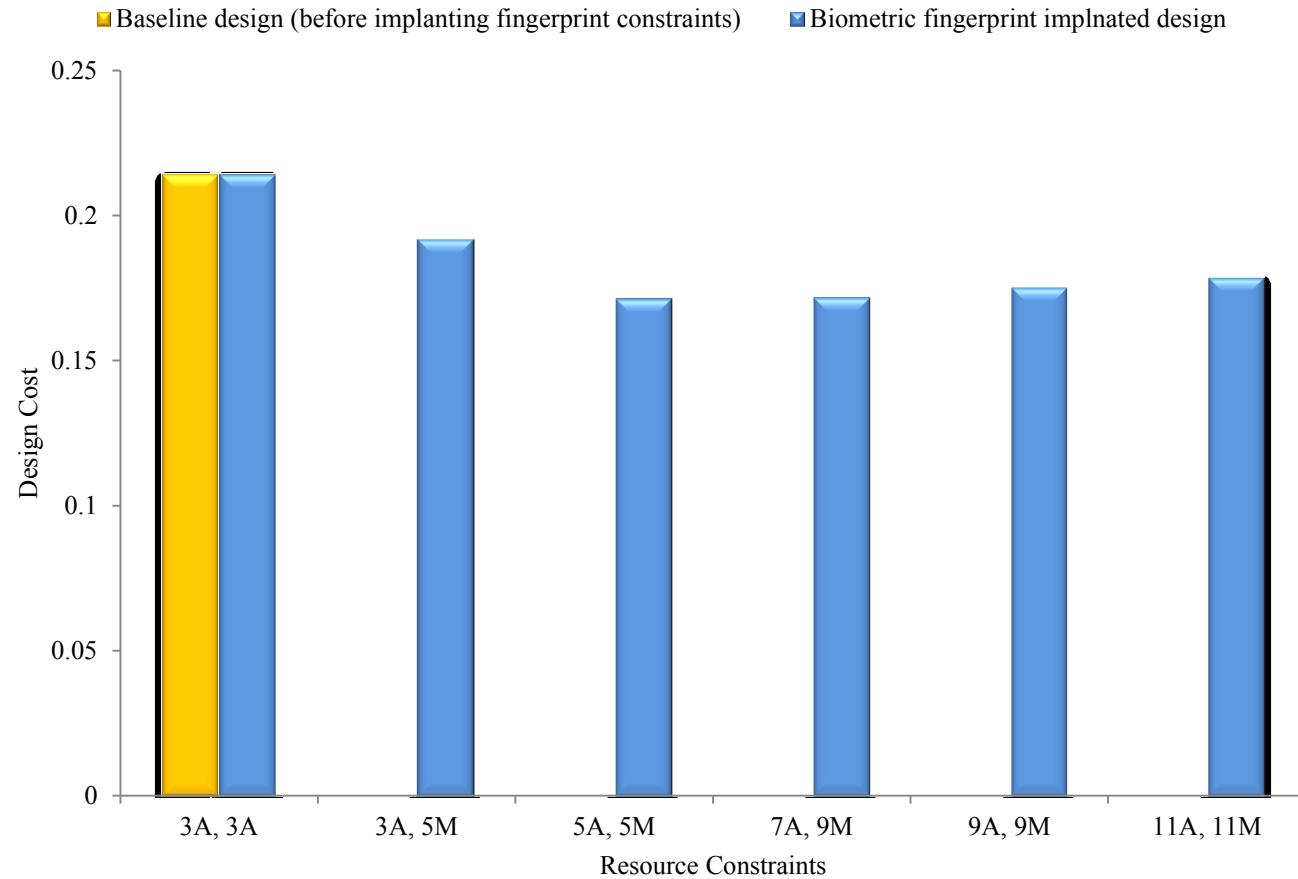
Variation in total number of constraints (k1) for different fingerprint images



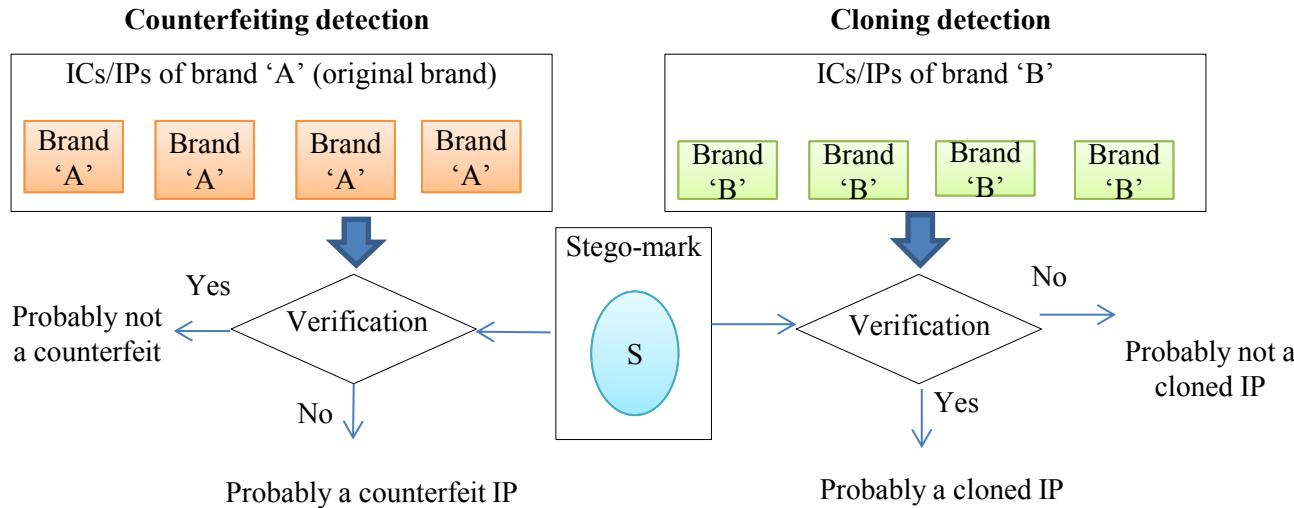
Variation in probability of coincidence for different fingerprint images



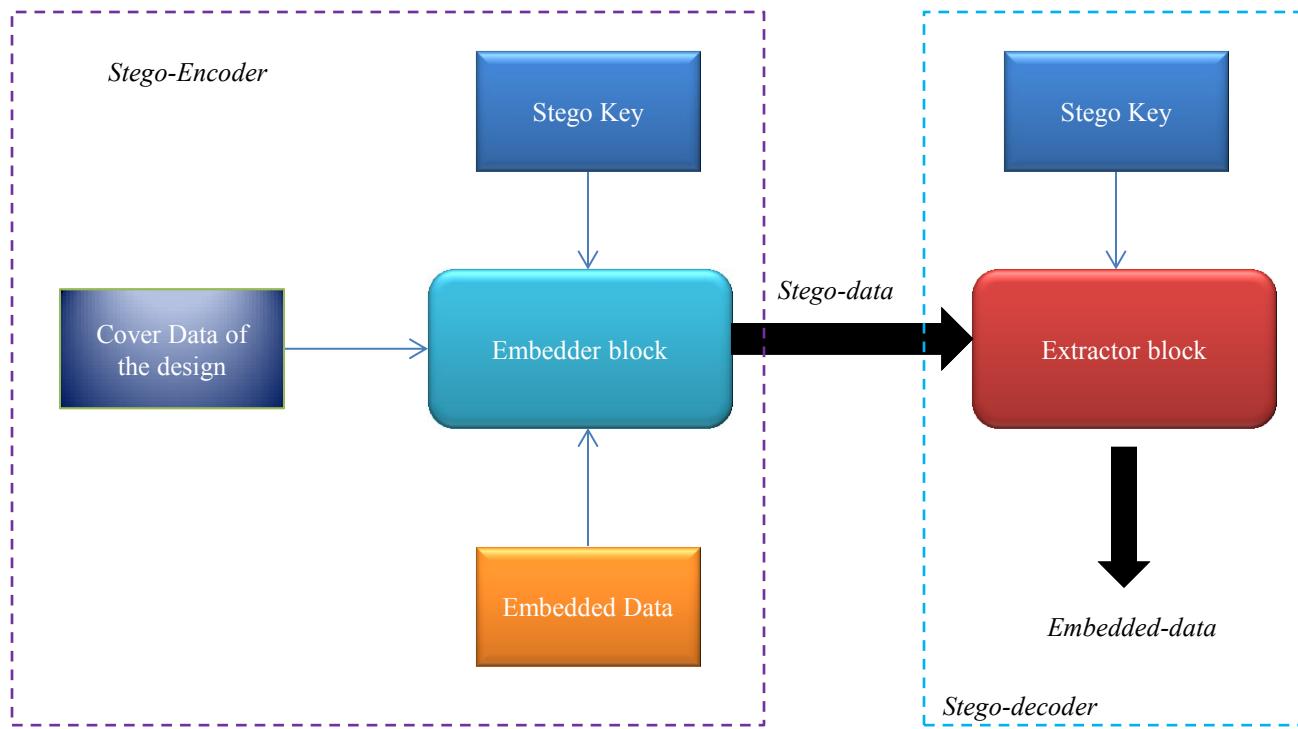
Comparison of design cost of JPEG compression hardware accelerator before and after implanting fingerprint constraints



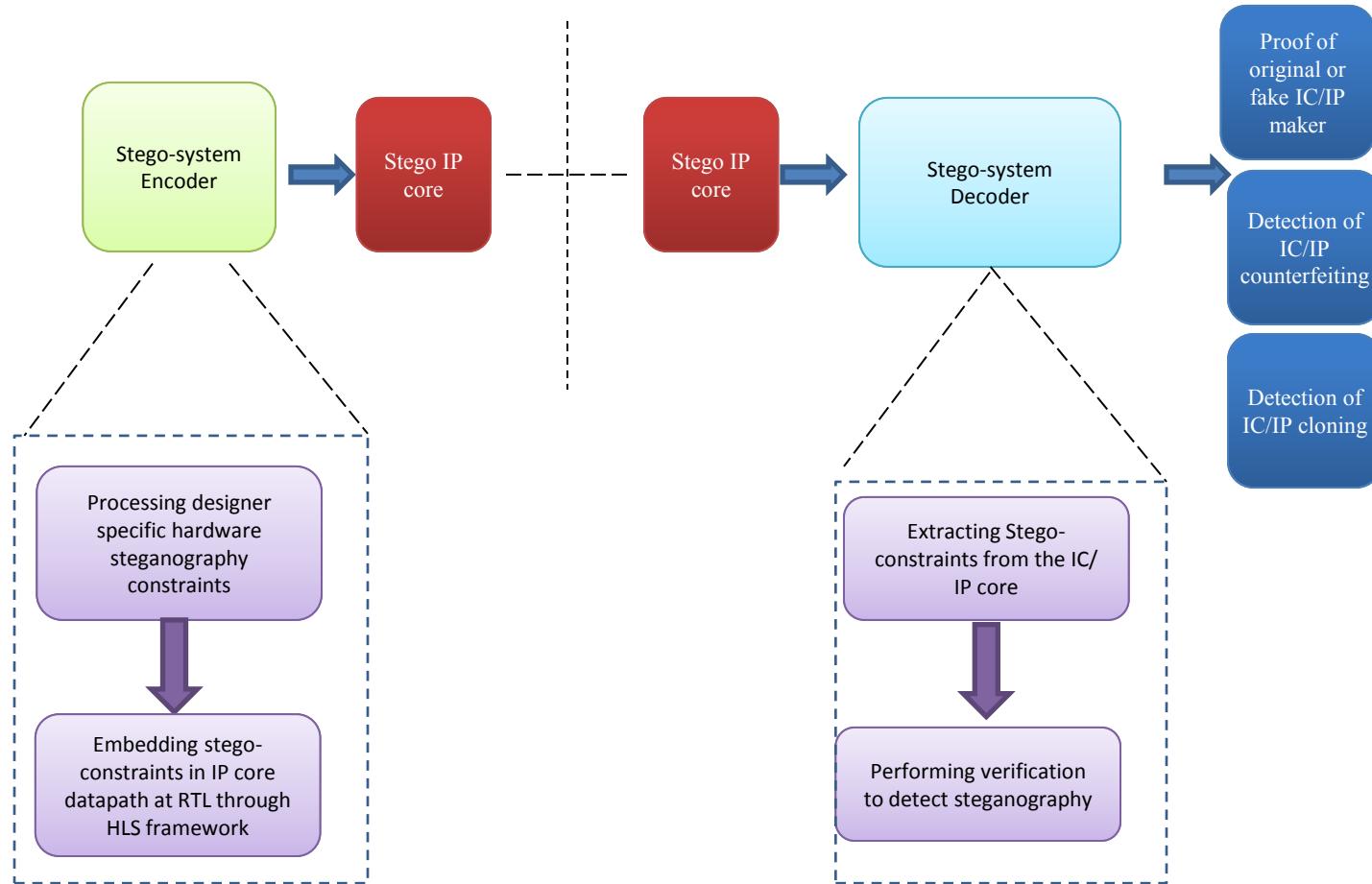
Counterfeiting/cloning detection using proposed steganography



Basic Steganography Model



Hardware Steganography Encoding-Decoding Process

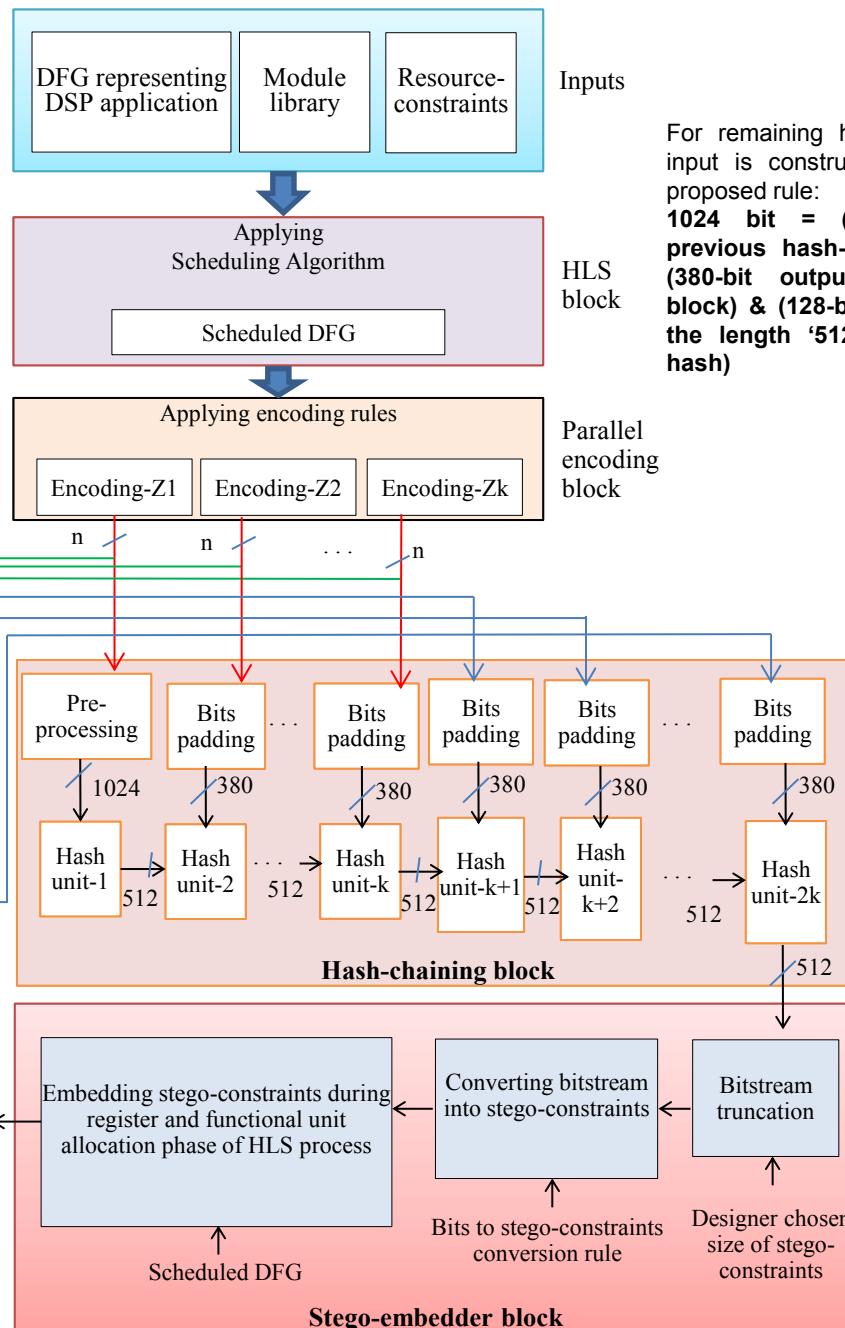
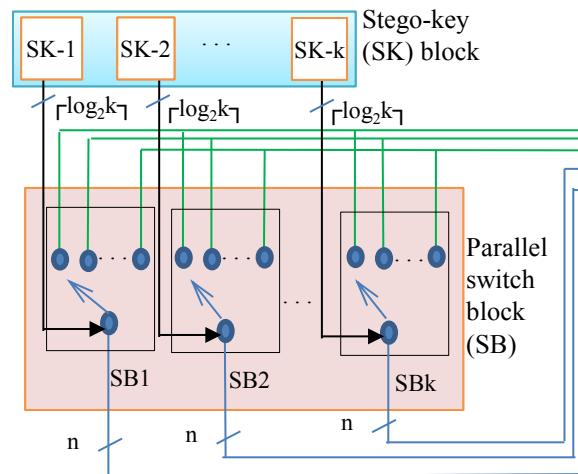


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Securing DSP cores using key-triggered hash-chaining based steganography

The length of the bitstream is equal to the number of operations (m) present in the respective DSP application. Further, 'm' bits of the encoded bitstream is converted into 1024 bits using following preprocessing rule: (a) m-bit chunk is appended with '1' followed by sequence of '0' bits to generate 896 bits (b) the 896-bit chunk is appended with 128-bit representation of the length 'm' of encoded bitstream to obtain 1024 bits. The 1024 bits are fed to first hash-block of hash-chaining.



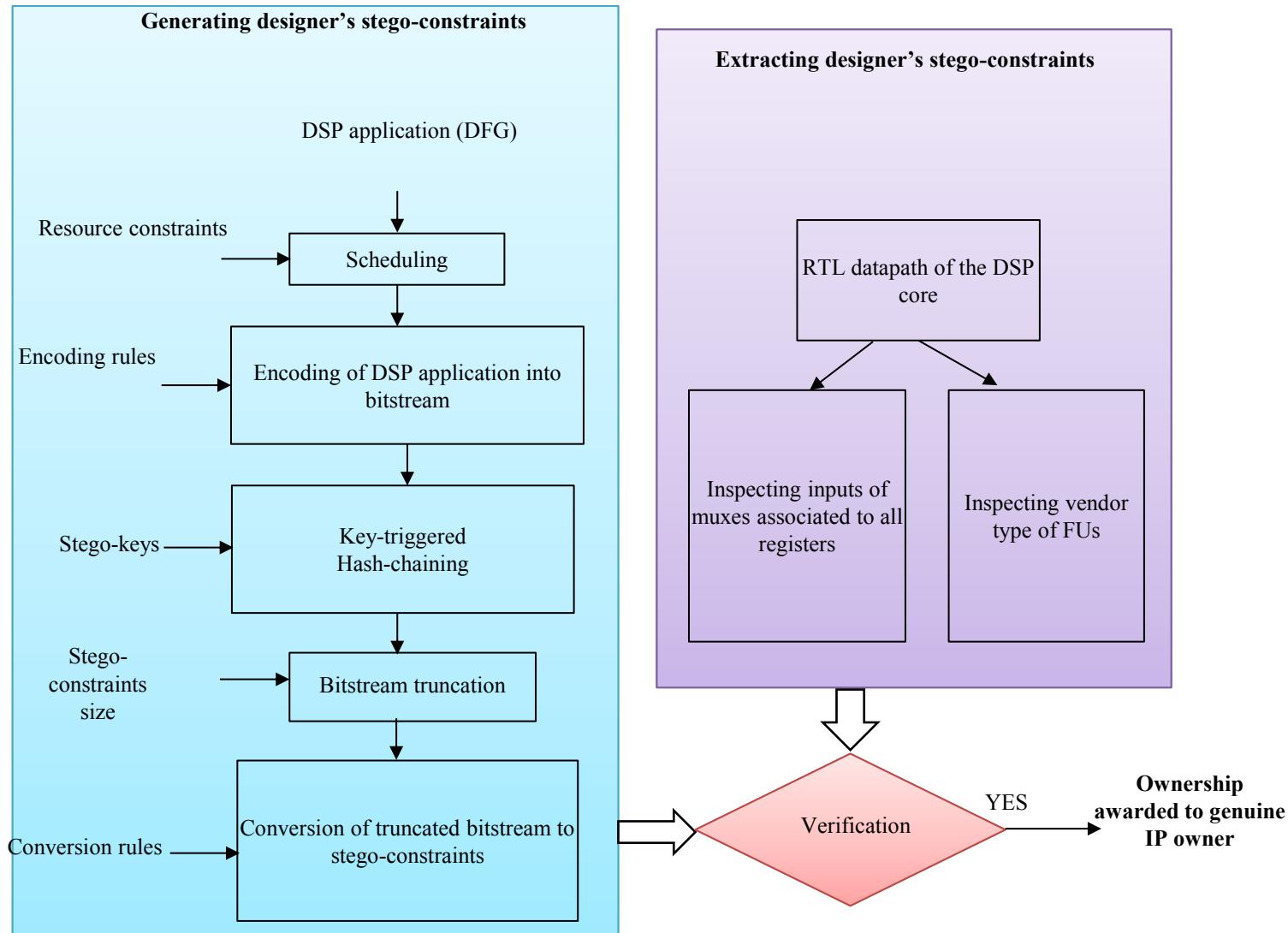
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Encoding in steganography

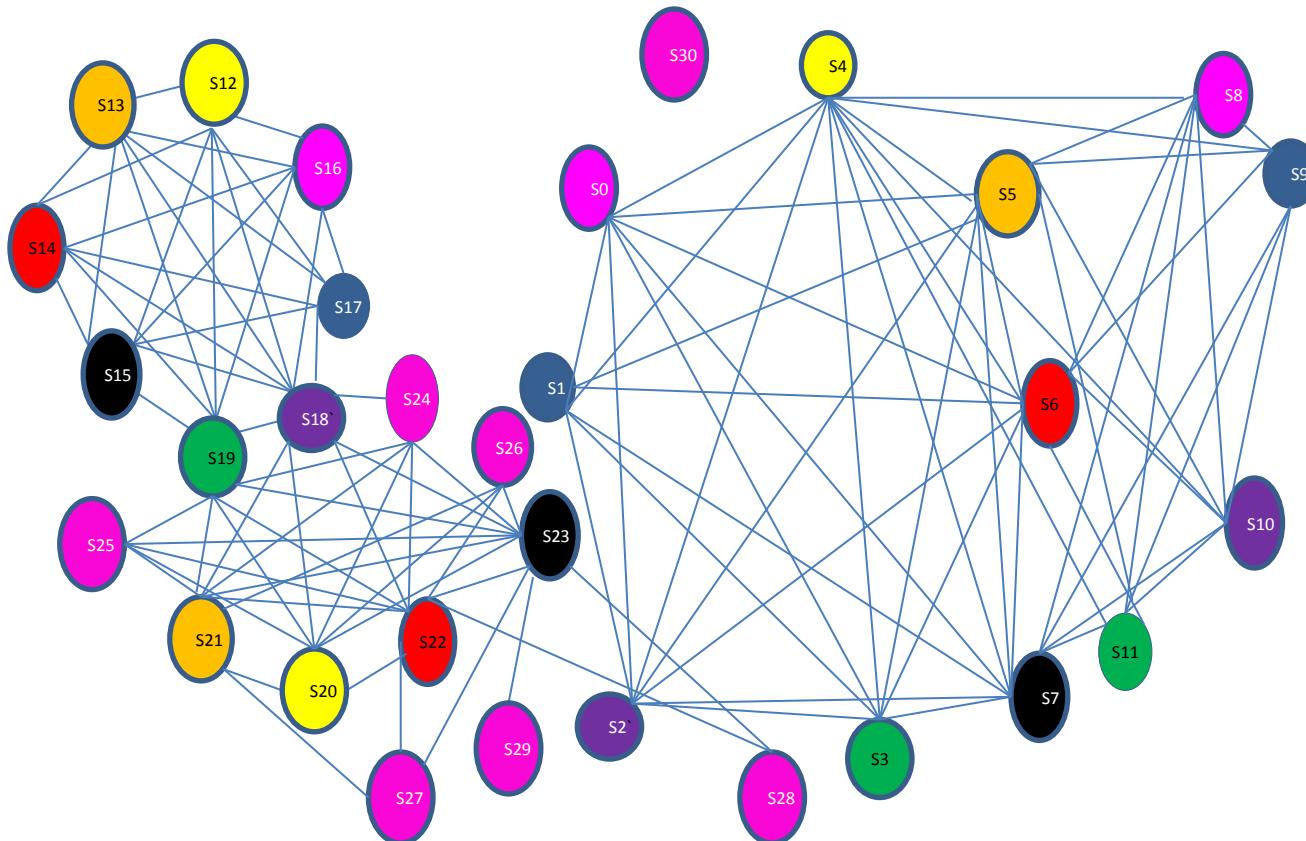
ENCODING RULES TO CONVERT DSP APPLICATION INTO BITSTREAM REPRESENTATIONS

Proposed encoding	Encoding rule (Condition and encoded bit)	
E1	If opn# and corresponding CS # are both even	0
	Otherwise	1
E2	If opn# and corresponding CS# are of same parity (both even or both odd parity)	0
	If opn# and corresponding CS# are of different parity	1
E3	If opn# and corresponding CS # are both odd	0
	Otherwise	1
E4	If opn# and corresponding CS# are of different parity	0
	If opn# and corresponding CS# are of same parity	1
E5	If opn# and corresponding CS# are both prime	0
	Otherwise	1
E6	If opn# and corresponding CS# are both prime	1
	Otherwise	0
E7	If GCD of opn# and corresponding CS# is 1	0
	If GCD of opn# and corresponding CS# is not 1	1
E8	If (opn#) mod (corresponding CS#) is 0	0
	If (opn#) mod (corresponding CS#) is not 0	1
E9	If CS# is equal to 2 nd odd sequence of opn#	0
	Otherwise	1

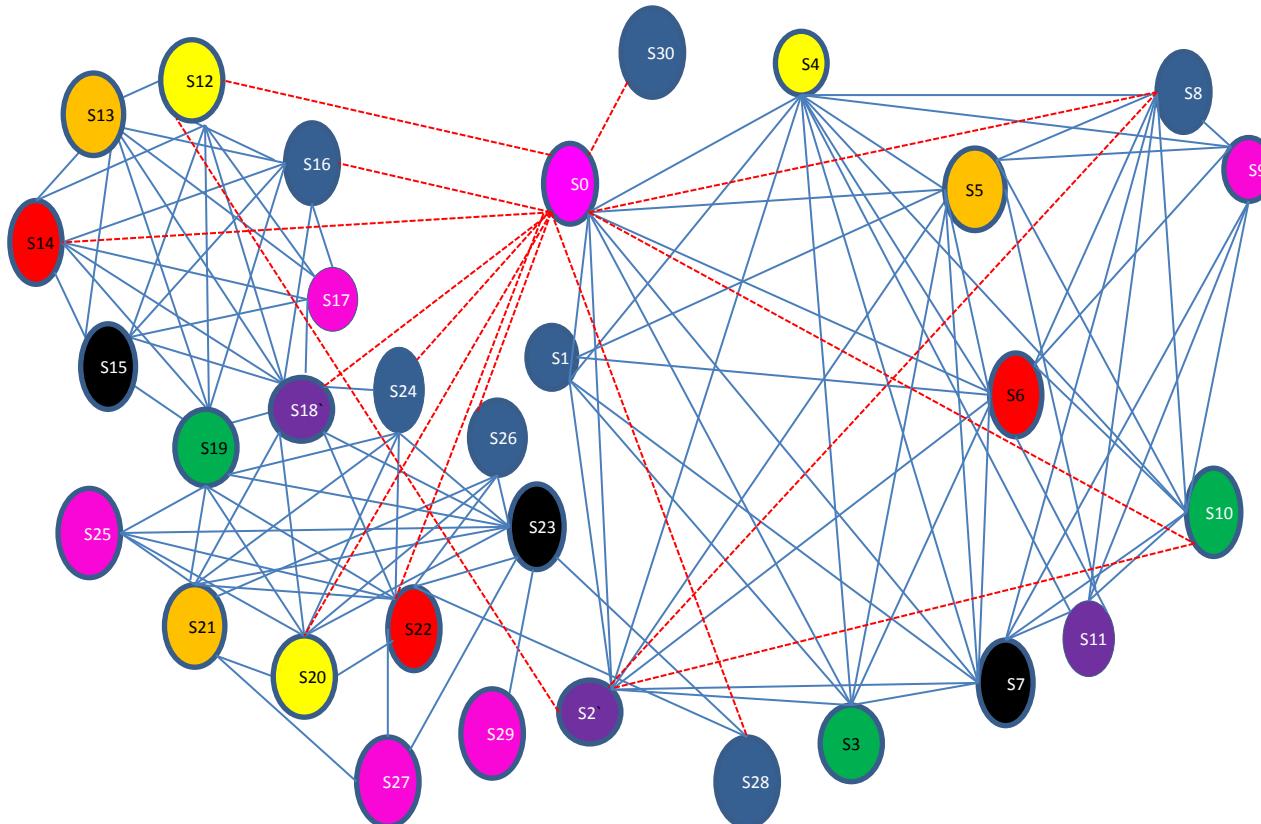
Detection process of steganography



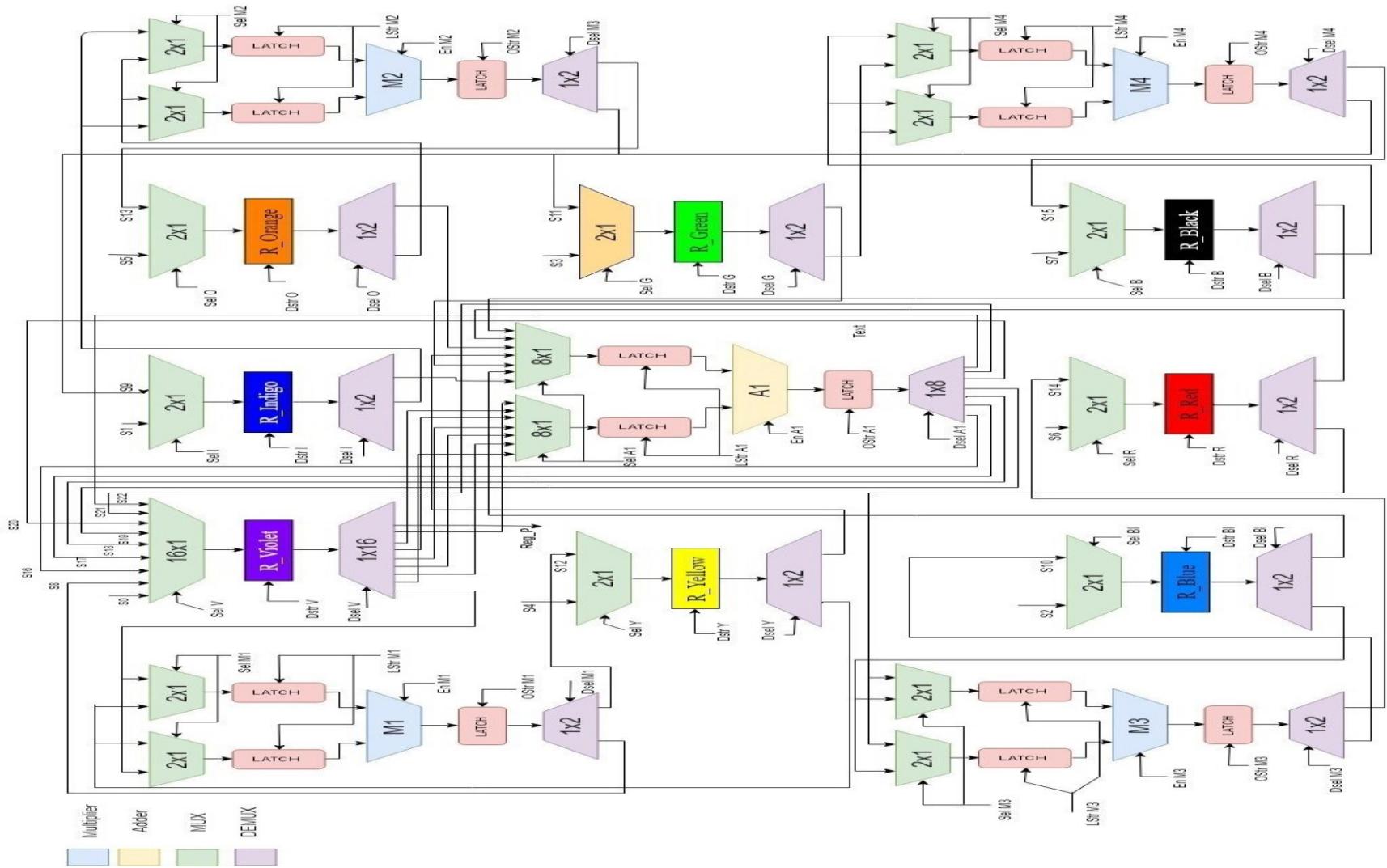
CIG of FIR filter hardware accelerator (IP core) before steganography



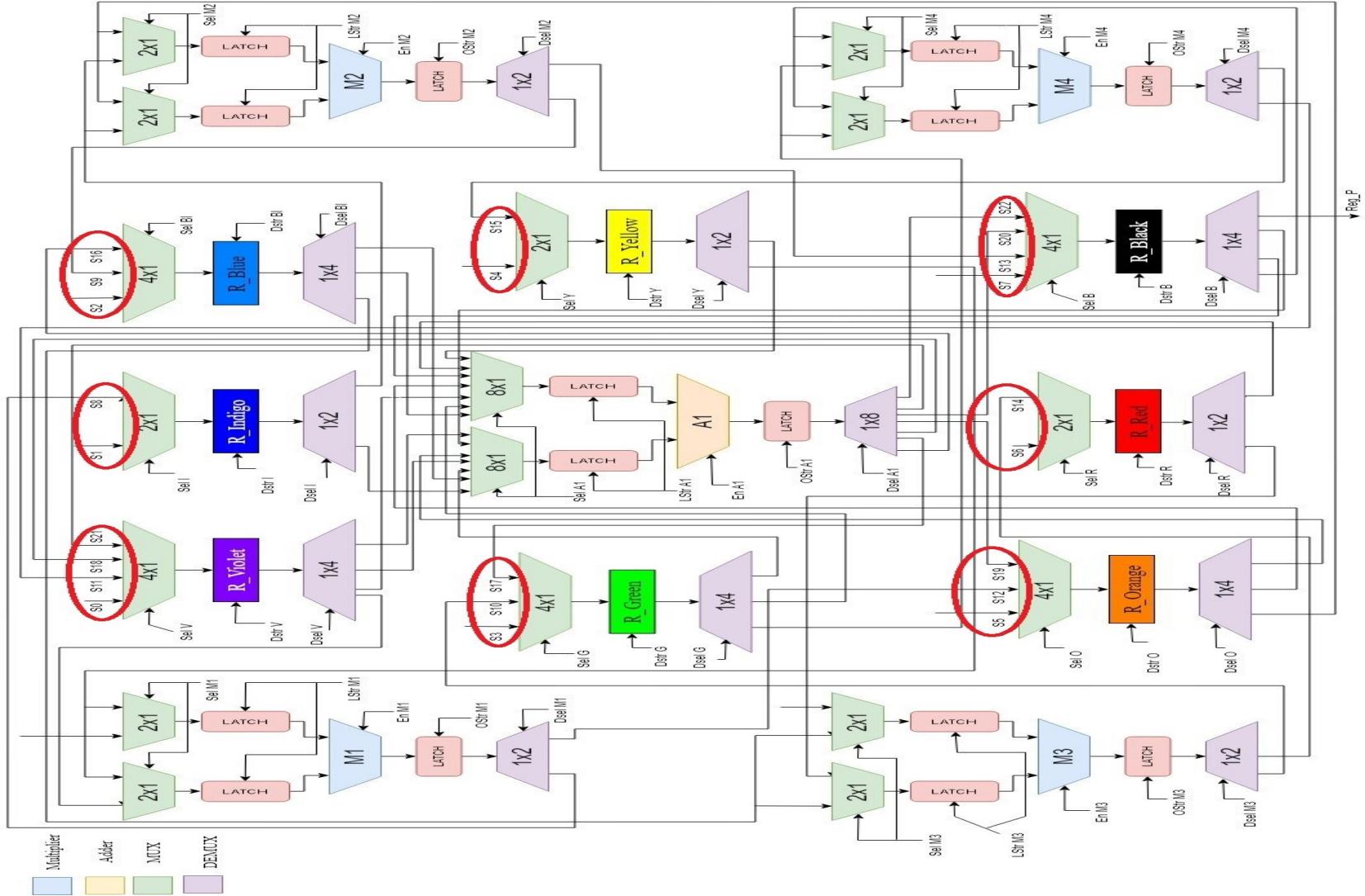
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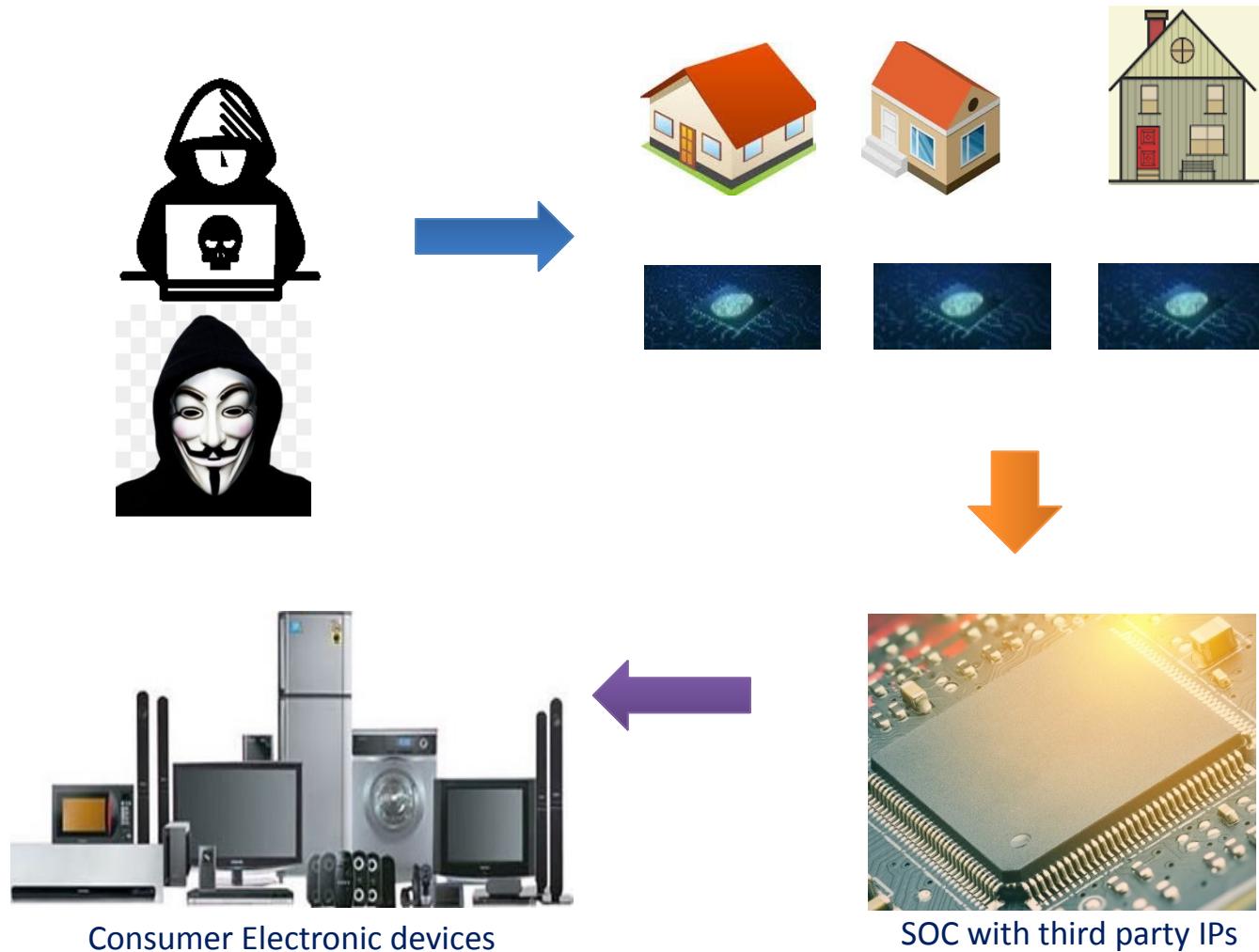
RTL datapath of 8-point DCT before



RTL datapath of 8-point DCT after Steganography



IP core protection using Digital Signature



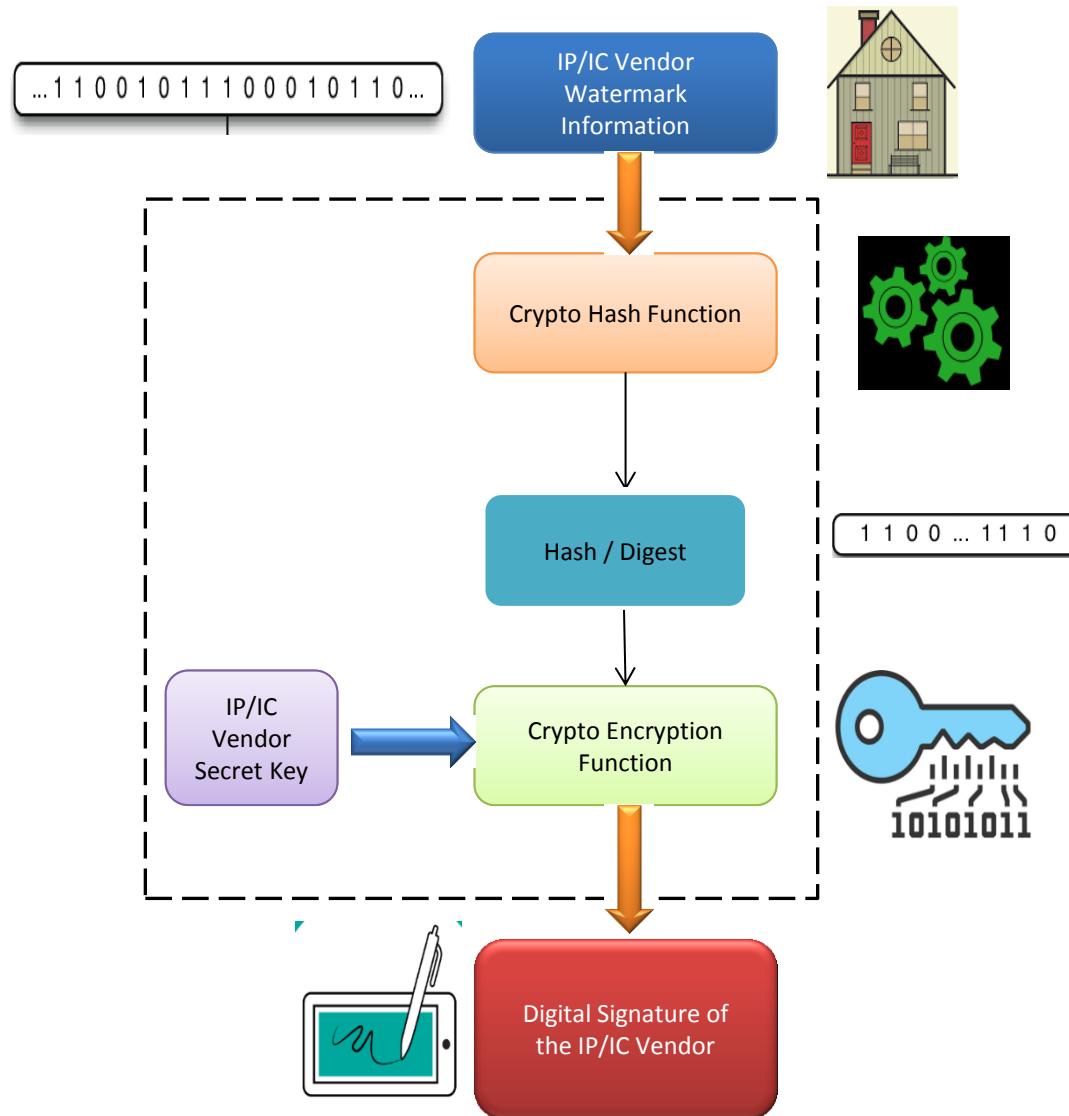
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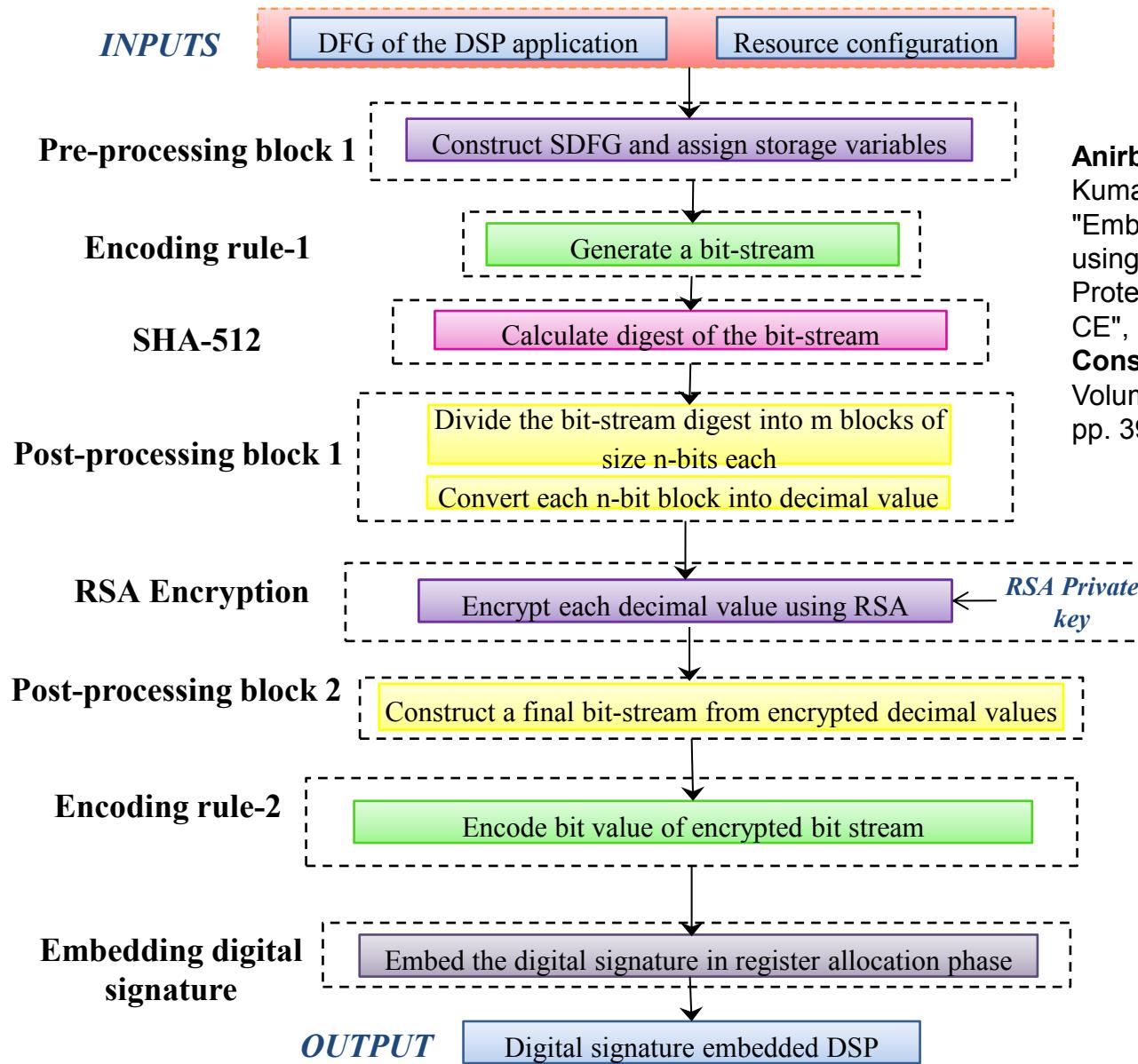
- A novel crypto digital signature approach is presented which incorporates following security modules
 - Crypto hash function- SHA-512
 - Crypto encryption function- RSA
 - Encoding

- The generic steps of generating digital signature:
 - Generate a Bit-stream representation of DSP Core.
 - Performing SHA-512
 - Post-processing Step1
 - RSA Encryption
 - Post-processing Step 2

High-level process of creating digital signature for IP cores



Flow of the approach



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Performing SHA-512 and Post Processing-1

➤ Performing SHA-512

- Generates decimal digest of DSP core
- The collision resistance and deterministic properties of SHA-512 ensures that the generated hash digest carrying vendor secret mark is unique for an IP core design.

➤ Post-Processing-1

- Divide the bitstream digest into m blocks of size n bits each
- Convert each n-bit block into decimal value

RSA Encryption

- RSA is an asymmetric key encryption algorithm in which two distinct keys (private key and public key) are involved in the cryptography.
- It is used to sign the hash digest of vendor secret mark information to ensure authentication of the genuine owner.

Inputs (128 bits) and outputs of RSA module

RSA Decimal Input	Encrypted Decimal Output	Encrypted Binary Equivalent
328629211327023509667307560 016780722176	259269232367594955022606516 388222677830	110000110000110.....011001 101000110
338967726051337675217876235 804913696768	103304422214721939828321919 365106451481	100110110110111.....100010 000011001
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140476292891867587341382251 85020455483	289411796889479622387067677 582110256178	110110011011101.....110110 000110010

Post-processing Block 2

- The encrypted decimal values— output of RSA module— are provided as input to the post-processing block 2.
- Each decimal value is converted to binary and these individual binary streams are concatenated to form a single bit-stream.
- This encrypted-hashed bit-stream is referred to as **Digital Signature**. The digital signature size can be selected based on vendor's choice from the continuous bit-stream.
- For instance, if the vendor selects digital signature size as 15, then the first 15 bits of the bit-stream is the digital signature.

Embedding Digital Signature

Having created the digital signature, the next step is to embed it in the design. The steps to implant the digital signature are stated below:

- **Mapping the digital signature bits to watermarking constraints**

- Using the following encoding rule:
 - If bit = '0', then additional edge is added between node pair (prime, prime) in a colored interval graph.
 - If bit = '1', then additional edge is added between node pair (even, even) in a colored interval graph.

- **Embedding the watermarking constraints.**

- Watermark constraints are embedded in register allocation step during HLS (And it is performed through colored interval graph framework).
 - These hidden constraints act as additional constraints to be imposed besides the regular design constraints of the design

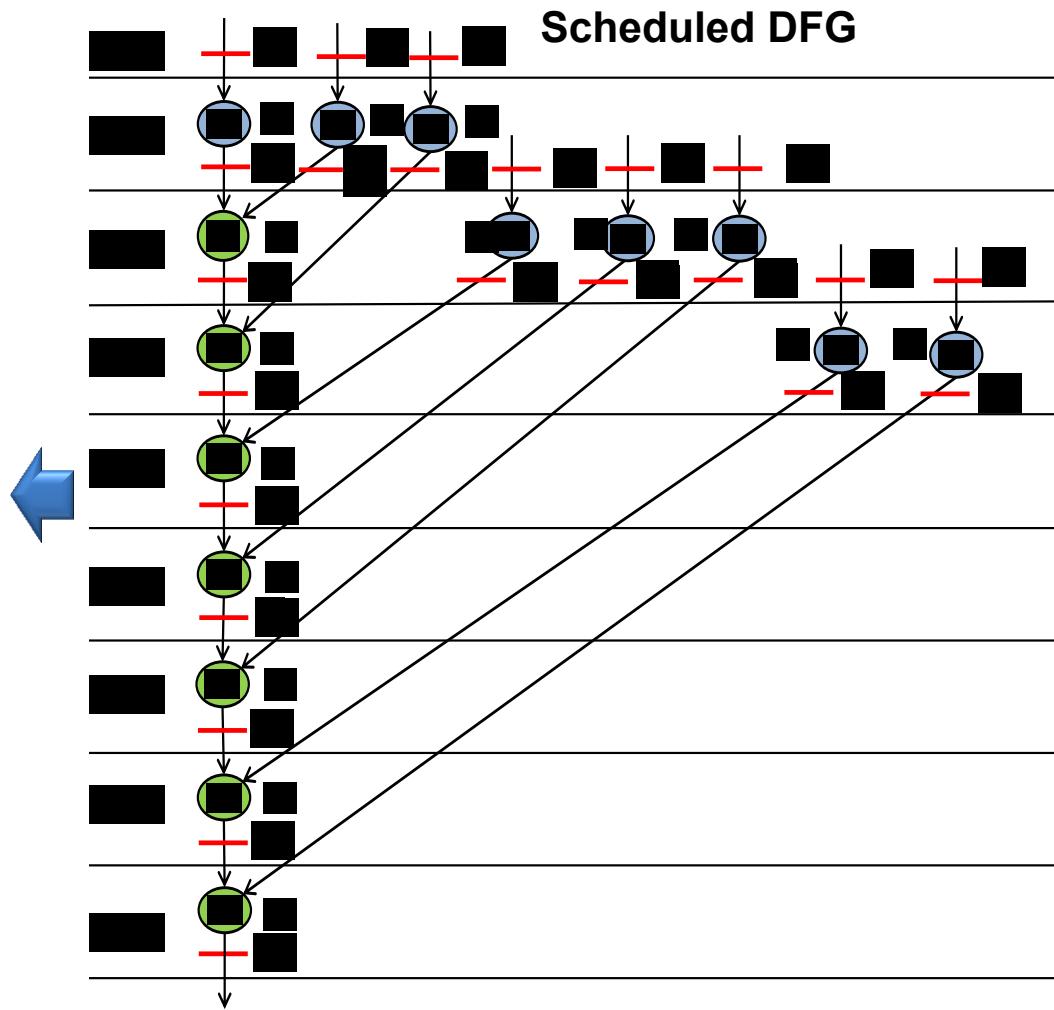
Bit stream Generation

- Based on encoding rule-1

Operation number (OPN)	Corresponding control step (CS) number	Encoded bit
Even	Even	0
Odd	Even	1
Even	Odd	1
Odd	Odd	0

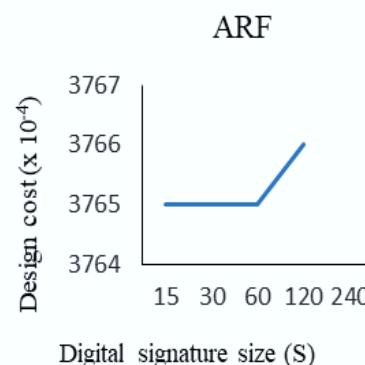
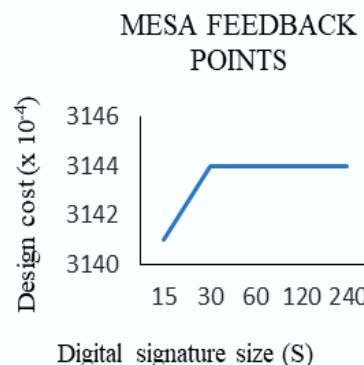
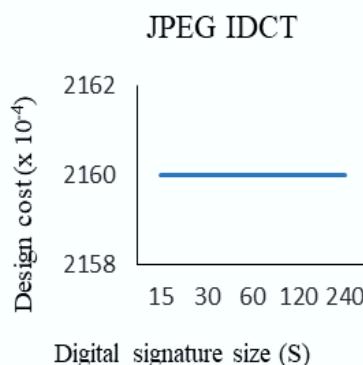
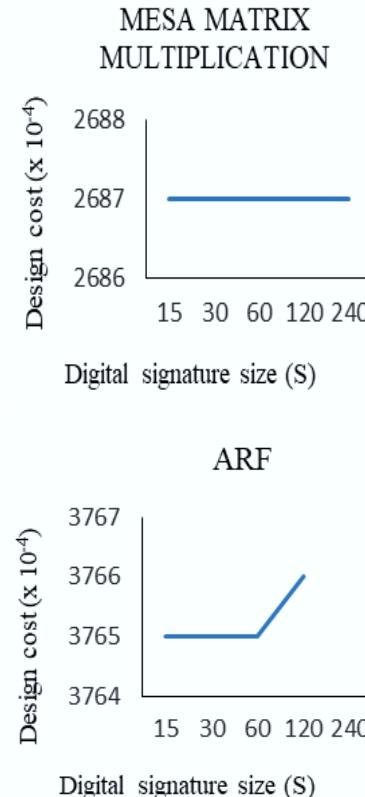
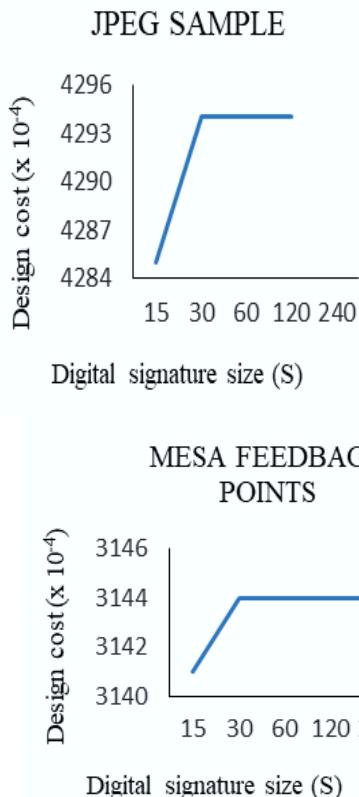
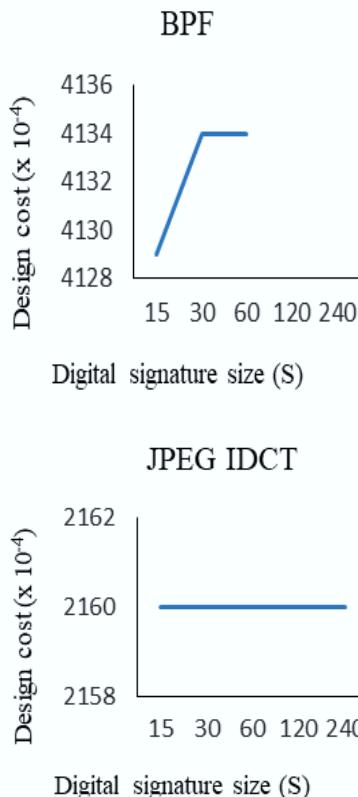
Generating the Bit-stream of DCT Core

Operation Number	Control Step Number	Bit generated
1	1	0
2	1	1
3	2	1
4	1	1
5	3	0
6	2	0
7	4	1
8	2	0
9	5	0
10	2	0
11	6	1
12	3	1
13	7	0
14	3	1
15	8	1



Experimental Results

➤ Graphical Representation of Design Cost for different benchmarks



Design cost	
$C_f(X_i) = \phi_1 \frac{L_T}{L_{max}} + \phi_2 \frac{A_T}{A_{max}}$	
L_T = design latency	
A_T = hardware area	
L_{max} = maximum execution latency	
A_{max} = maximum hardware area.	
ϕ_1, ϕ_2 represent the user specified weights both fixed at 0.5 to assign equal preference	

Experimental Results

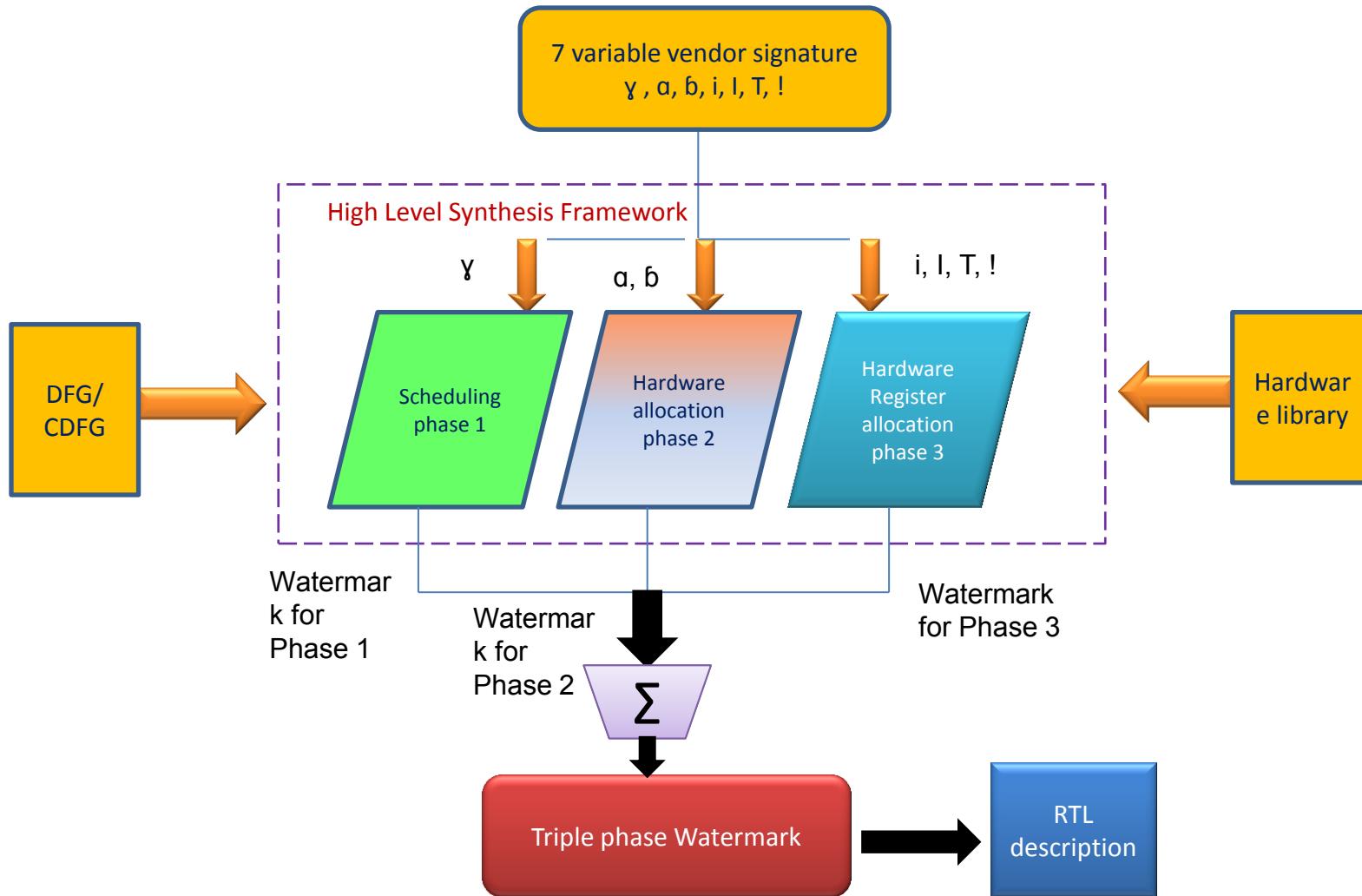
➤ Evaluation of Robustness Using Probability of Coincidence (Pc)

$$P_c = \left(1 - \frac{1}{c}\right)^S$$

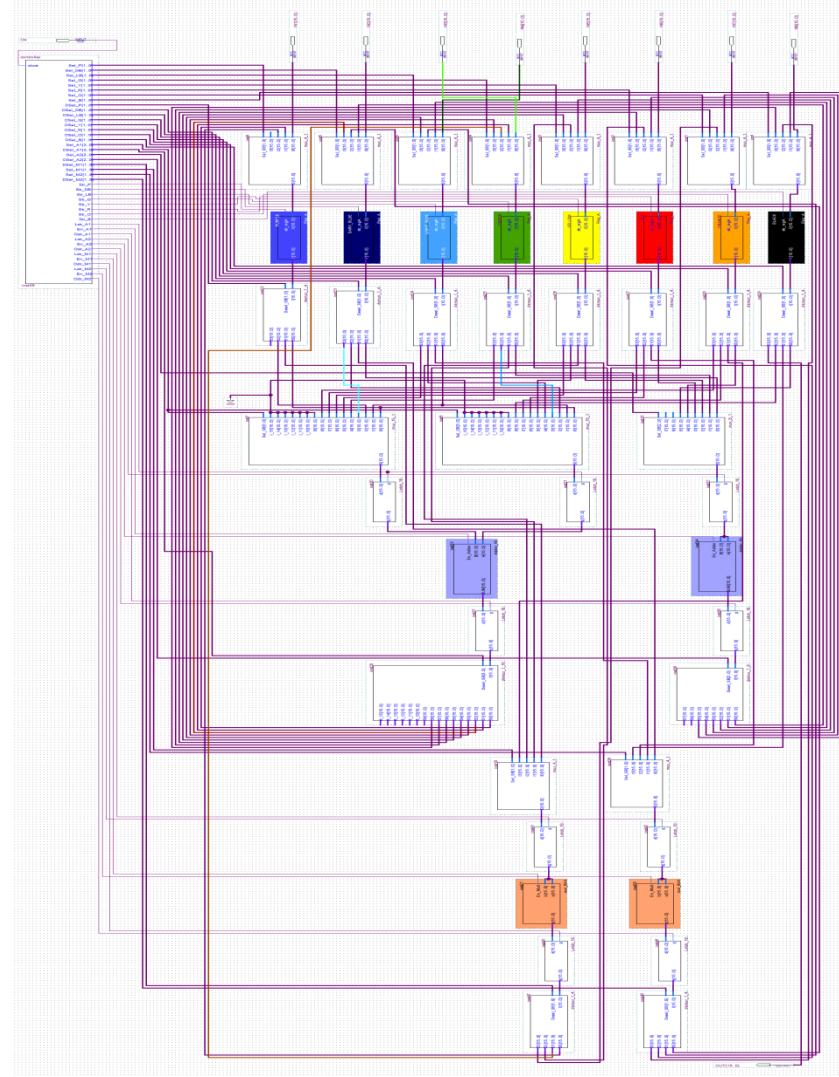
‘c’ denotes the number of colours used in the CIG and
 ‘S’ denotes the digital signature size

Benchmarks	c	Size of Digital signature (S)				
		S = 15	S = 30	S = 60	S = 120	S = 240
		P _c	P _c	P _c	P _c	P _c
BPF	6	0.0649	4.2127x10 ⁻³	1.7747x10 ⁻⁵	3.1496x10 ⁻¹⁰	9.9198x10 ⁻²⁰
JPEG SAMPLE	10	0.2059	0.0424	1.7970x10 ⁻³	3.2292x10 ⁻⁶	1.0428x10 ⁻¹¹
JPEG IDCT	29	0.5907	0.3490	0.1218	0.0148	2.1999x10 ⁻⁴
MESA FEEDBACK POINTS	17	0.4028	0.1622	0.0263	6.9267x10 ⁻⁴	4.7979x10 ⁻⁷
ARF	8	0.1349	0.0182	3.3150x10 ⁻⁴	1.0989x10 ⁻⁷	1.2076x10 ⁻¹⁴
MESA MATRIX MULTIPLICATION	23	0.5134	0.2635	0.0695	4.8237x10 ⁻³	2.3268x10 ⁻⁵

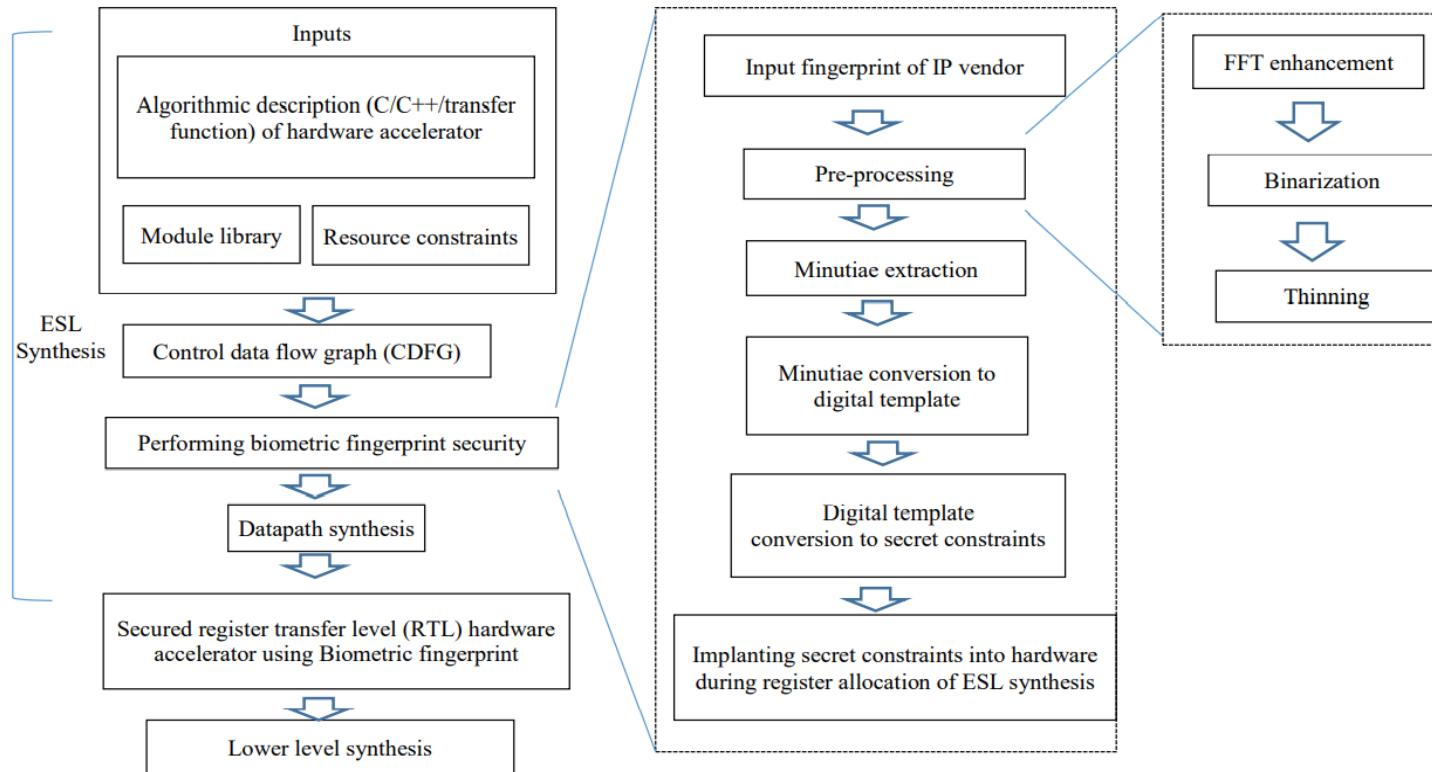
High level overview of triple phase watermarking



Watermarked FIR Vs Non-Watermarked FIR at RTL



Biometric Fingerprint for Hardware Security



- (i) **FFT enhancement:** The use of FFT on sets of pixels of the fingerprint image allows reconnection of broken ridges; finely separates the parallel ridges and also makes the ridges thick.
- (ii) **Binarization:** The image with only two intensity values is called as binary image. This image usually shows only black or white, where black is represented by 0 and white is represented by 255. The elementary principle of binarization is to compare the pixel intensities with the threshold, and setting the pixels whose intensities are less than threshold, to 0 and the other to 255.
- (iii) **Thinning:** In this process, the thickness of ridge lines is reduced to one pixel width by deleting pixels at the edge of ridge lines.

Processing the Biometric Fingerprint



Original Image

Binarization



Setting pixel intensity to
0 or 1



Binary Image

Thinning



Reducing ridge line
thickness to 1 pixel

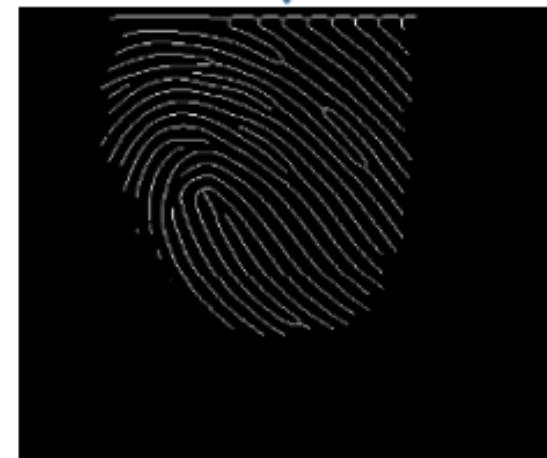


Minutiae Points

Minutiae point
extraction

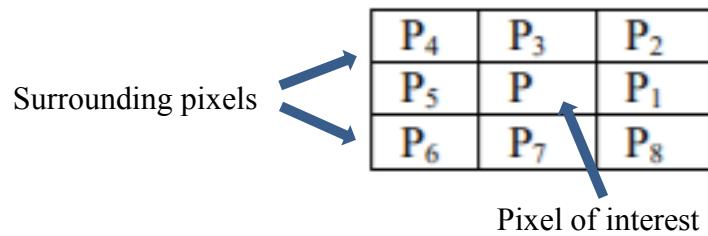


Applying CN algorithm to
obtain ridge endings and
bifurcations



Thinned Image

Extracting Minutiae Points

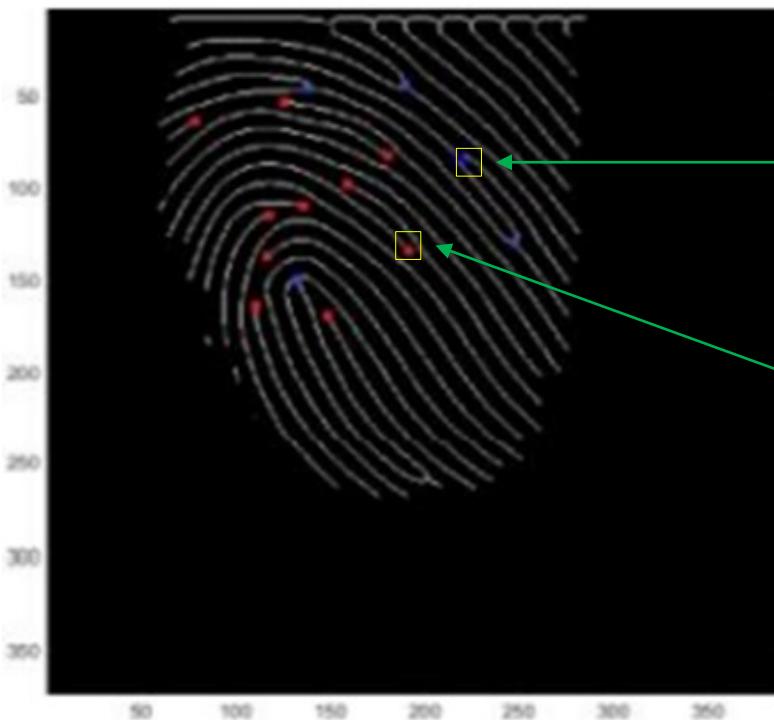


Crossing Number (CN)
algorithm

$$CN = 0.5 * \sum_{i=1}^8 |P_i - P_{i+1}|$$

P_i is the pixel value of the surrounding pixel.

$P_i = 0$ or 1 and $P_1 = P_9$

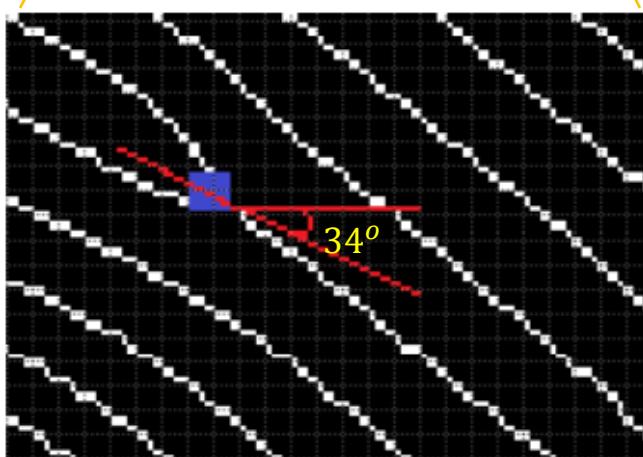
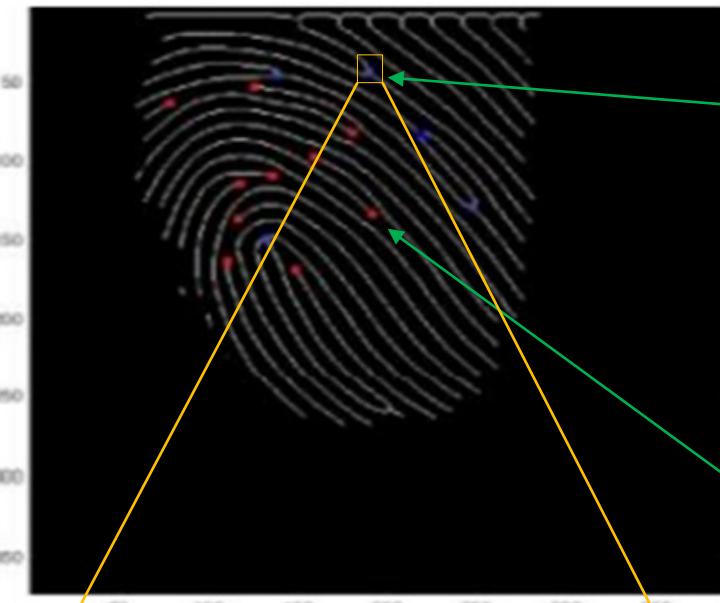


$CN = 3 \rightarrow$ Ridge Bifurcation

$CN = 1 \rightarrow$ Ridge Ending

Constructing the Digital Template

The ridge angle of first minutiae point has been measured clock-wise from the horizontal axis



DIGITAL TEMPLATE OF INDIVIDUAL MINUTIAE POINTS REPRESENTING HARDWARE SECURITY CONSTRAINTS

x, y	m	Minutiae type name	d	Minutiae position in binary (digital template representing hardware constraints) $Z = (x \parallel y \parallel m \parallel d)$
190, 45	3	bifurcation	34	1011111010110111100010
139, 46	3	bifurcation	9	10001011101110111001
126, 54	1	ending	189	1111110110110111011101
79, 64	1	ending	327	10011111000000110100 0111
181, 83	1	ending	38	1011010110100111100110
219, 84	3	bifurcation	225	1101101110101001111100001
159, 98	1	ending	214	100111111100010111010110
136, 110	1	ending	15	10001000110111011111
118, 115	1	ending	334	111011011100111101001110
248, 130	3	bifurcation	50	111110001000001011110010
192, 134	1	ending	46	1100000010000110110 1110
117, 137	1	ending	135	111010110001001110000111
132, 150	3	bifurcation	138	10000100100101101110001010
111, 164	1	ending	267	11011111010 01001100001011
149, 169	1	ending	239	10010101101010011111011111

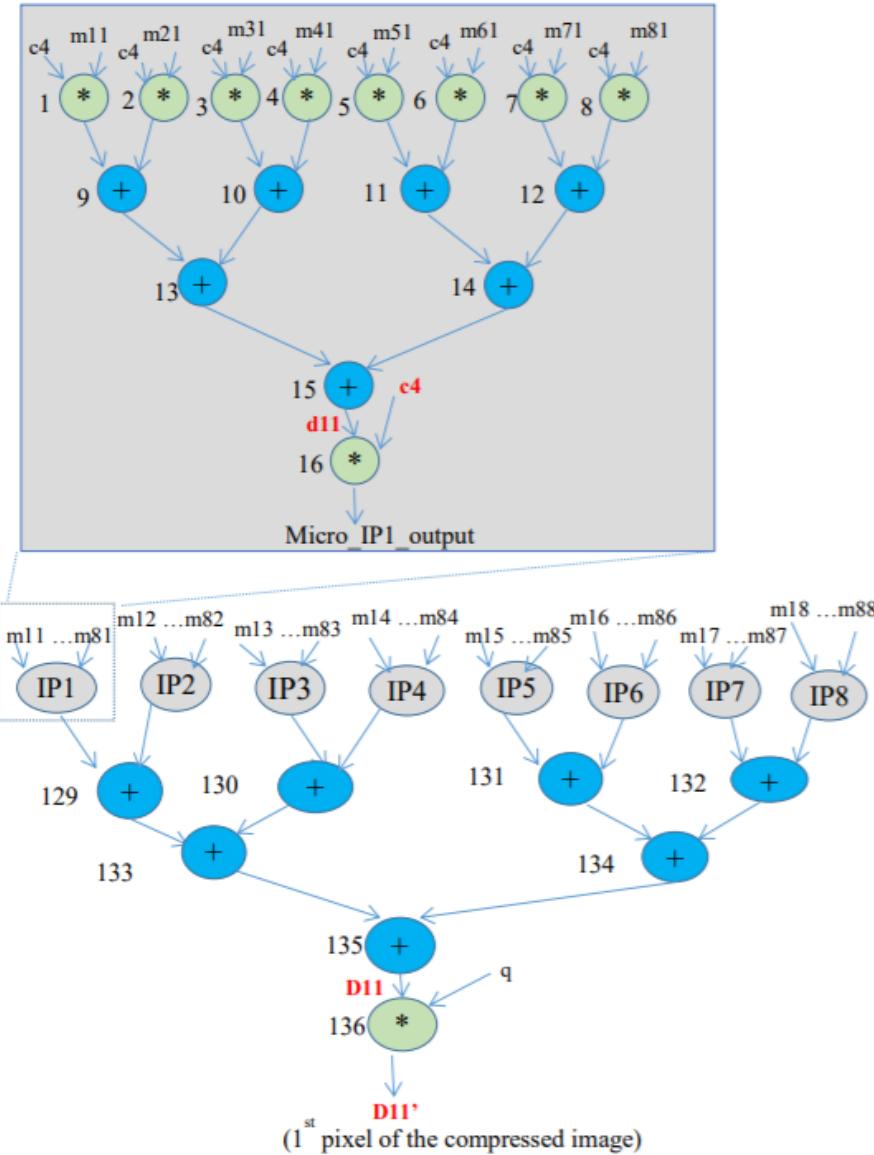
X co-ordinate(x) Minutiae type(m)
Y co-ordinate(y) Angle(d)

Digital template obtained by concatenating templates of all 15 minutiae points

10111110101101110001010001011101110111001111110110110110111101100111110000001101
00011110110101101001111001101101110101001111100011001111110001011101011010001
000110111011111110110111001111010011101111100010000010111100101100000010000110110
111011101011000100111000011110000100100101101110010101101111101001001100001011100
1010110101001111101111

350 bits, 148 zeros and 202 ones

JPEG CODEC Compression Algorithm



C_4	C_4	C_4	C_4	C_4	C_4	C_4	C_4
C_1	C_3	C_5	C_7	$-C_7$	$-C_5$	$-C_3$	$-C_1$
C_2	C_6	$-C_6$	$-C_2$	$-C_2$	$-C_6$	$-C_6$	C_2
C_3	$-C_7$	$-C_1$	$-C_5$	C_5	C_1	C_7	$-C_3$
C_4	$-C_4$	$-C_4$	C_4	C_4	$-C_4$	$-C_4$	C_4
C_5	$-C_1$	C_7	C_3	$-C_3$	$-C_7$	C_1	$-C_5$
C_6	$-C_2$	C_2	$-C_6$	$-C_6$	C_2	$-C_2$	C_6
C_7	$-C_5$	C_3	$-C_1$	C_1	$-C_3$	C_5	$-C_7$

2D- DCT coefficient matrix 'C'

- Post multiplying the 1st pixel (D11) of DCT transformed matrix with the quantization coefficient 'q', the 1st pixel (D11') of the compressed image is generated.
- Post quantization, the quantized image is converted to 1-D array using zigzag scanning and run length encoding is applied to obtain bit stream of the compressed image for storage purpose.
- In order to reconstruct the original image from the stored compressed image data, run length decoding followed by inverse zigzag scanning, inverse quantization and inverse DCT transformation are performed in the JPEG decompression process.
- The JPEG compression hardware comprises of 8 micro-IPs underneath. Each micro-IP performs 16 operations and total operations in the entire JPEG CODEC IP core are 136.

Embedding Security Constraints into JPEG CODEC

DIGITAL TEMPLATE TO HARDWARE SECURITY CONSTRAINTS MAPPING RULES

Bit	Mapping rules
0	Embed an edge between node pair (even, even) into the CIG (during register allocation of ESL synthesis)
1	Embed an edge between node pair (odd, odd) into the CIG (during register allocation of ESL synthesis)

148 zeroes → 148 even-even edges → (0,2), (0,4), . . . (0,208), (2,4), (2,6), (2,88), (2,90)
202 ones → 202 odd-odd edges → (1,3), (1,5), . . . (1,207), (3,5), (3,7), (3,199), (3,201)

RESOURCES IN THE RTL DATAPATH OF JPEG COMPRESSION HARDWARE (PRE AND POST EMBEDDING BIOMETRIC FINGERPRINT CONSTRAINTS)

Resources pre-embedding security constraints				Resources post-embedding security constraints			
FUs	# of registers	Multiplexers	Demultiplexers	FUs	# of registers	Multiplexers	Demultiplexers
3M, 3A	73	# 32x1 Muxes=10 # 16x1 Muxes=3 # 8x1 Muxes =7 # 4x1 Muxes =24 # 2x1 Muxes =32	# 1x32 Demuxes=5 # 1x16 Demuxes=2 # 1x8 Demuxes=7 # 1x4 Demuxes=24 # 1x2 Demuxes=32	3M, 3A	73	# 32x1 Muxes=10 # 16x1 Muxes=2 # 8x1 Muxes =9 # 4x1 Muxes =24 # 2x1 Muxes =31	# 1x32 Demuxes=5 # 1x16 Demuxes=1 # 1x8 Demuxes=9 # 1x4 Demuxes=24 # 1x2 Demuxes=31

As JPEG CODEC is a huge hardware accelerator, there is no overhead of registers.

Control steps (0-30)

CS	Pre-embedding		Post-embedding	
	R 1	R 2	R 1	R 2
23	196	--	--	196
24	196	--	--	196
25	202	--	--	202
26	202	--	--	202
27	202	--	--	202
28	202	--	--	202
29	207	--	207	--
30	208	--	--	208

R: Register

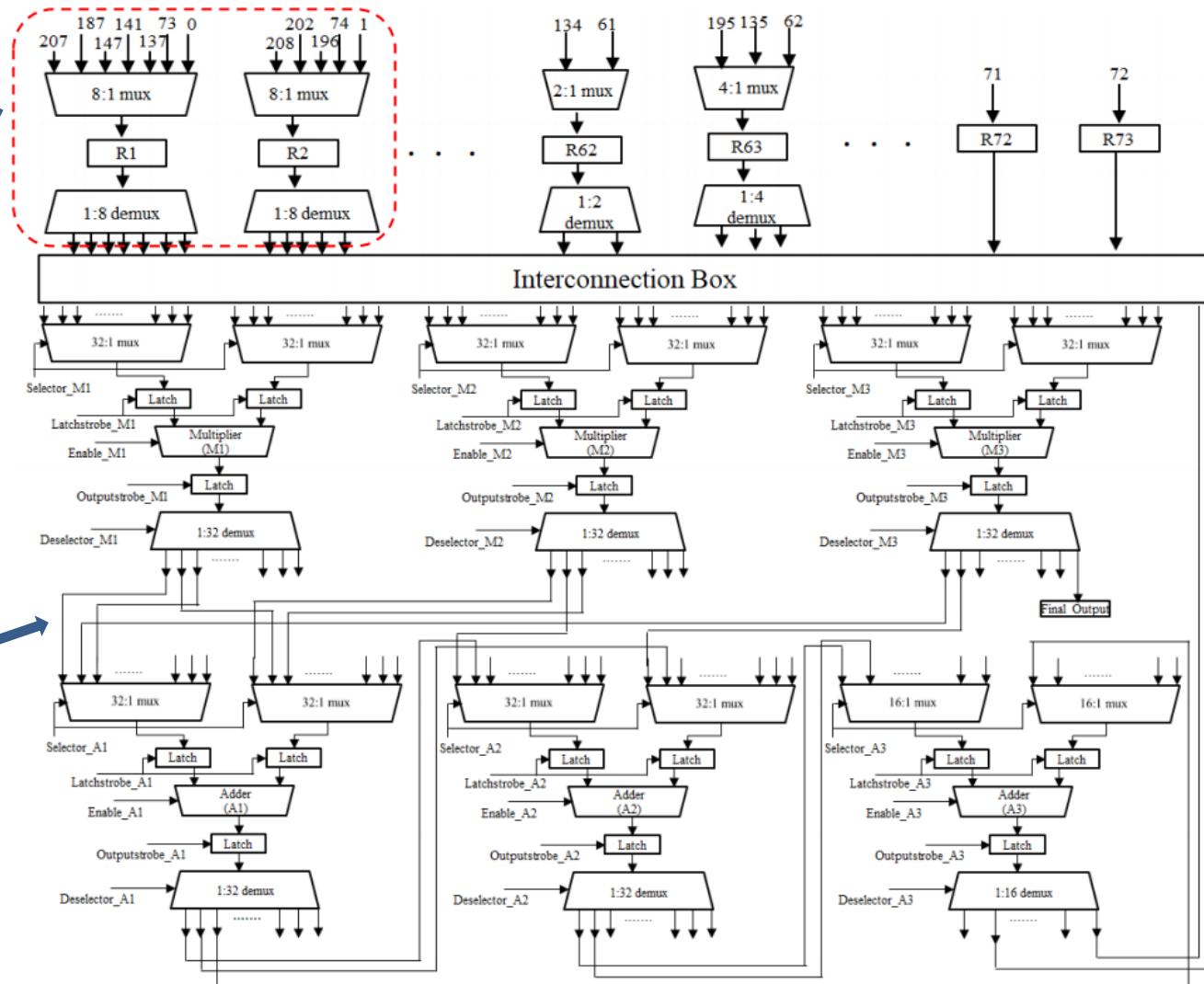
Notice that storage variables 196, 202 and 208 had to be shifted from R1 to R2 to accommodate edges (0,196), (0,202) & (0,208).

Since the design is very large, hence there isn't much change in register allocation and there is no design overhead.

- Register allocation of storage variables
- (0-208) post embedding during ESL synthesis of JPEG compression hardware accelerator

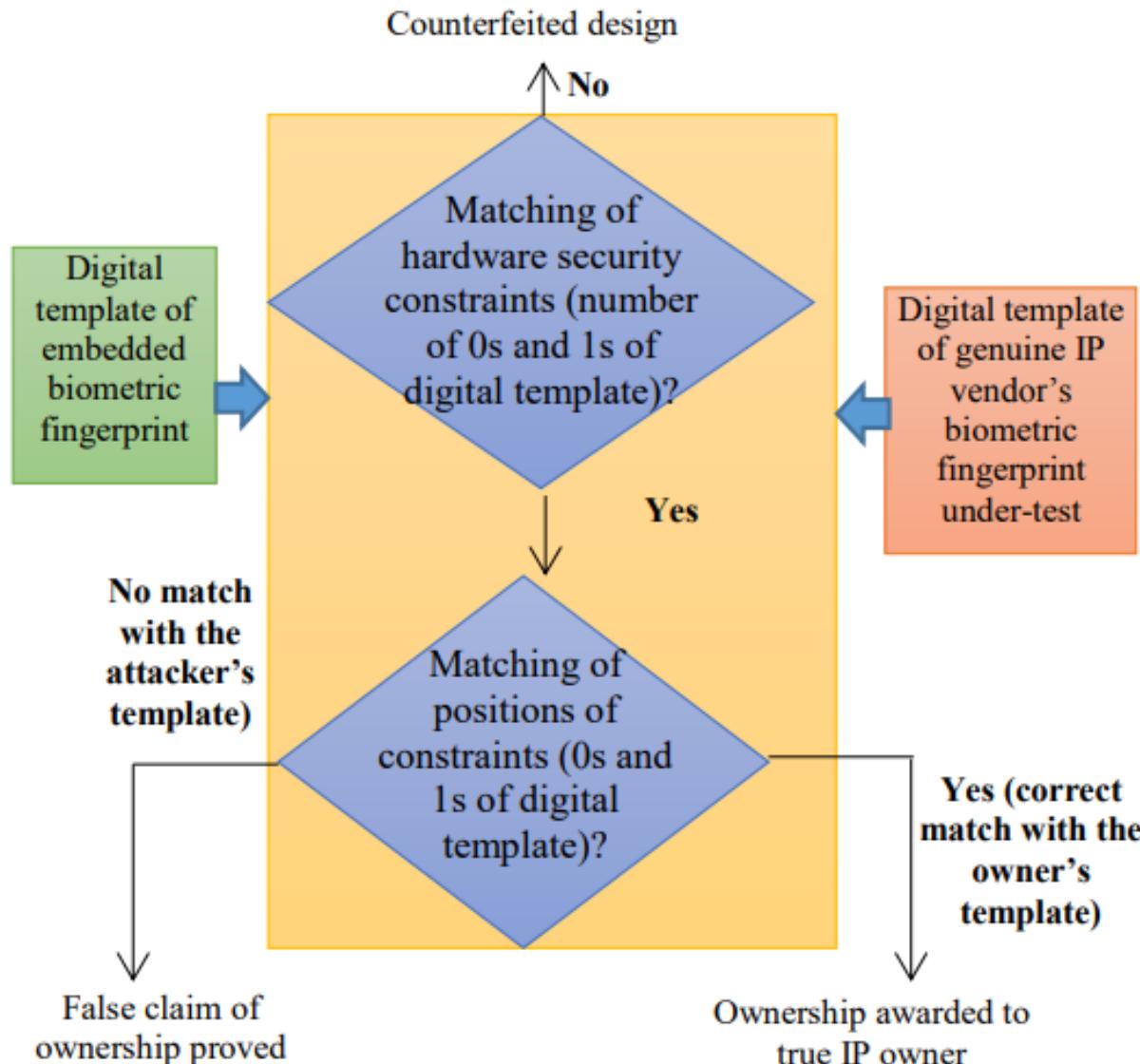
RTL Datapath of the Secured Design

The red box highlights the changes in register allocation amongst R1 and R2.



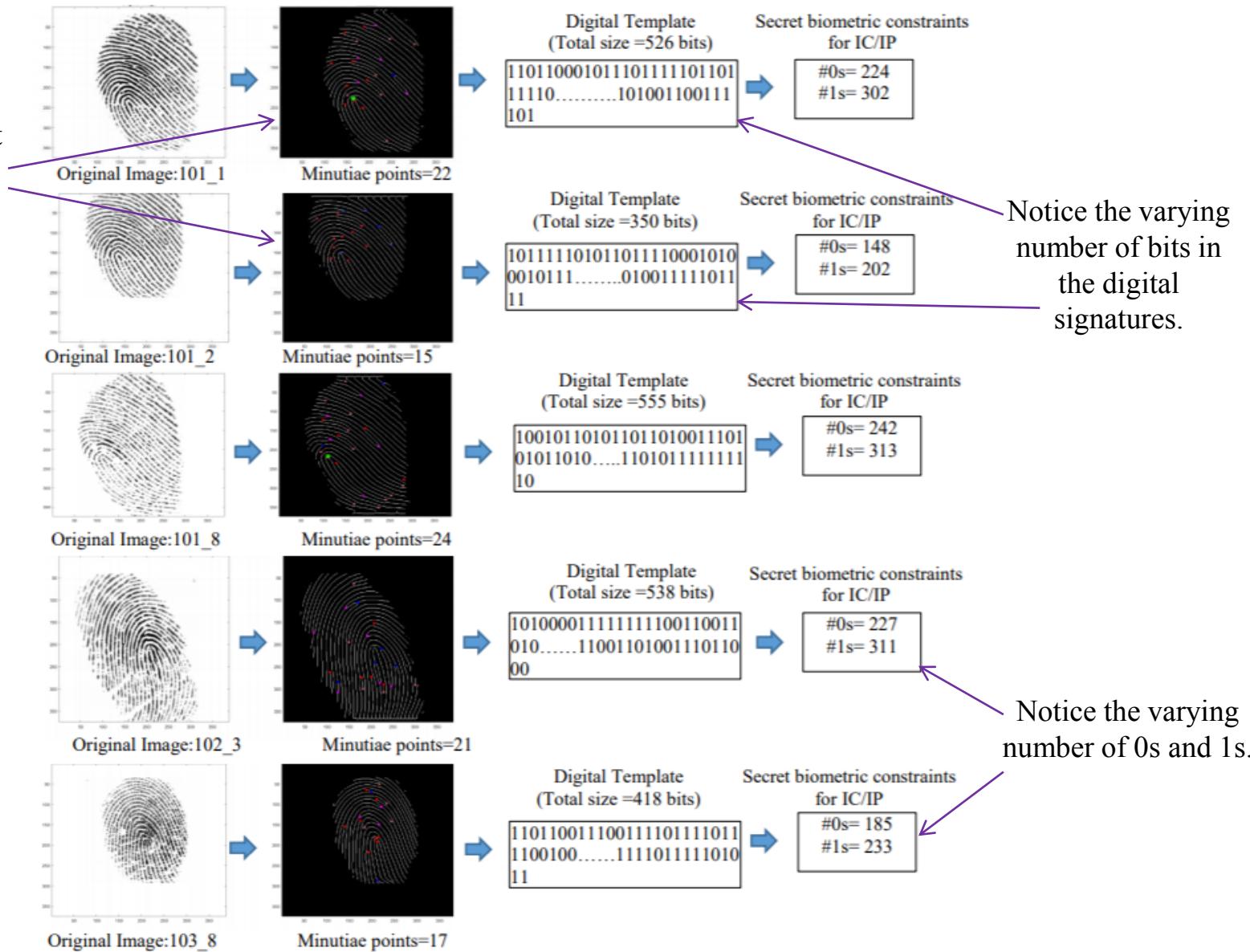
Notice how rest of the design hardware is unaffected. Further security constraints can be added by using much larger digital signature templates.

Detection of Biometric Fingerprint



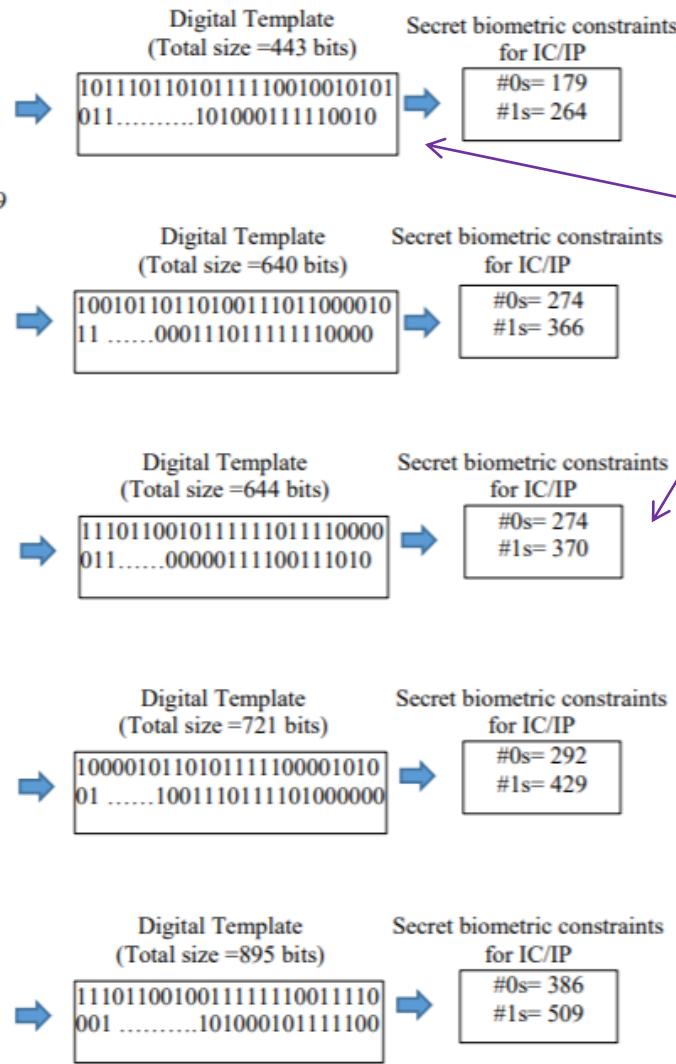
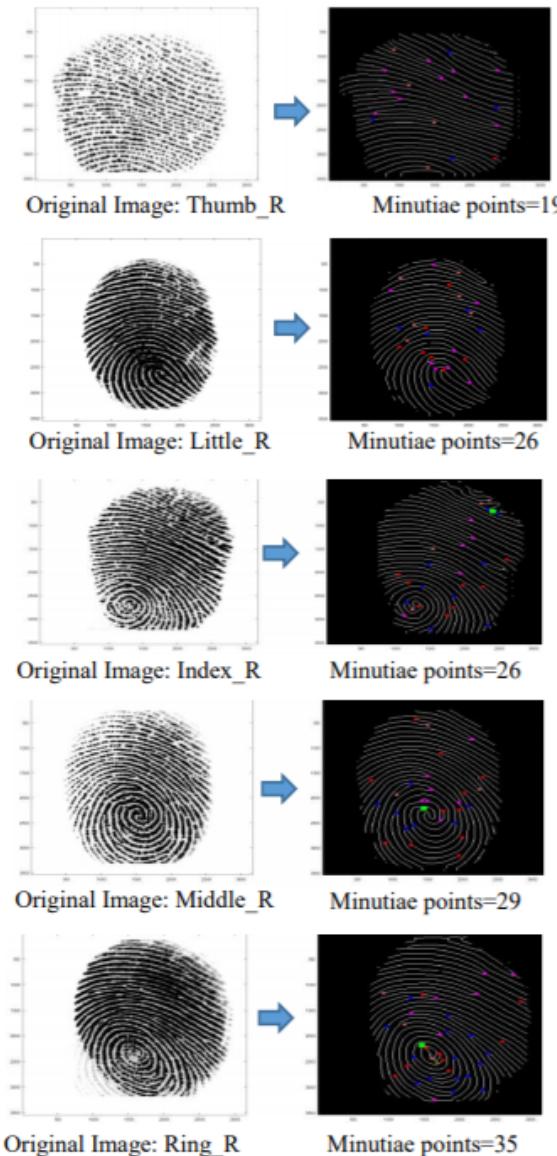
Biometric Fingerprints of 5 different people

Notice how different fingerprints have different sets of minutiae points.



As fingerprints are naturally unique, there is bound to be atleast one difference at some bit position in the digital template, thereby nullifying claims for IP ownership.

Biometric Fingerprints of 5 fingers of the same person



Notice how varied the fingerprints of different fingers of the same person are.

Notice that the Ring finger has the most minutiae points while the Thumb has the least. Hence, a design secured using the Ring finger is more secure.

Security Analysis

$$\text{Probability of Coincidence, } P_C = \left(1 - \frac{1}{R}\right)^{f1} * \left(1 - \frac{1}{\pi_{i=1}^n N(Fi)}\right)^{f2}$$

R → number of colors/ registers in original CIG,

f1 → number of additional edges embedded into the CIG (in register allocation phase)

f2 → number of constraints embedded in the functional unit (FU) vendor allocation phase.

n total types of FU

VARIATION IN PC OF PROPOSED APPROACH FOR DIFFERENT FINGERPRINTS

SELECTED FROM DATABASE			
Fingerprint image	# Minutiae points (M)	Total constraints (f1)	Probability of coincidence (Pc)
101_1	22	526	7.06E-4
101_2	15	350	8.00E-3
101_8	24	555	4.73E-4
102_3	21	538	5.98E-4
103_8	17	418	3.13E-3
101_7	21	540	5.82E-4

IMPACT OF FINGERPRINT OF DIFFERENT FINGERS OF SAME PERSON ON PC

Fingerprint image	# Minutiae points (M)	Total constraints (f1)	Pc
Thumb_R	19	443	2.22E-3
Little_R	26	640	1.46E-4
Index_R	26	644	1.38E-4
Middle_R	29	721	4.79E-5
Ring_R	35	895	4.35E-6

Comparison of proposed approach with Crypto-Steganography based approach [20]

Approaches	Total constraints	Pc	Approximate run time
Related work [20]	W=20	3.0e-1	~400 ms
	W=40	9.8e-2	
	W=60	1.9e-2	
	W=80	3.7e-3	
	W=100	1.7e-3	
Proposed work	M=35	4.35e-6	~185 ms

Note: The probability of coincidence represents the probability of coincidentally detecting hardware security constraints in an unsecured design. Since we don't want any coincidence between signatures of original IP vendor and adversary, it is desirable for Pc to be as low as possible.

Design Cost Analysis

$$\text{Design Cost, } C_d(F_i) = w_1 \frac{D_T}{D_{max}} + w_2 \frac{A_T}{A_{max}}$$

D_T & A_T → design delay and area respectively

A_{max} and D_{max} → maximum area and delay

w_1 and w_2 → user defined weights (both kept at 0.5 to assign equal preference).

DESIGN COST OF JPEG COMPRESSION HARDWARE PRE AND POST EMBEDDING BIOMETRIC FINGERPRINT CONSTRAINTS

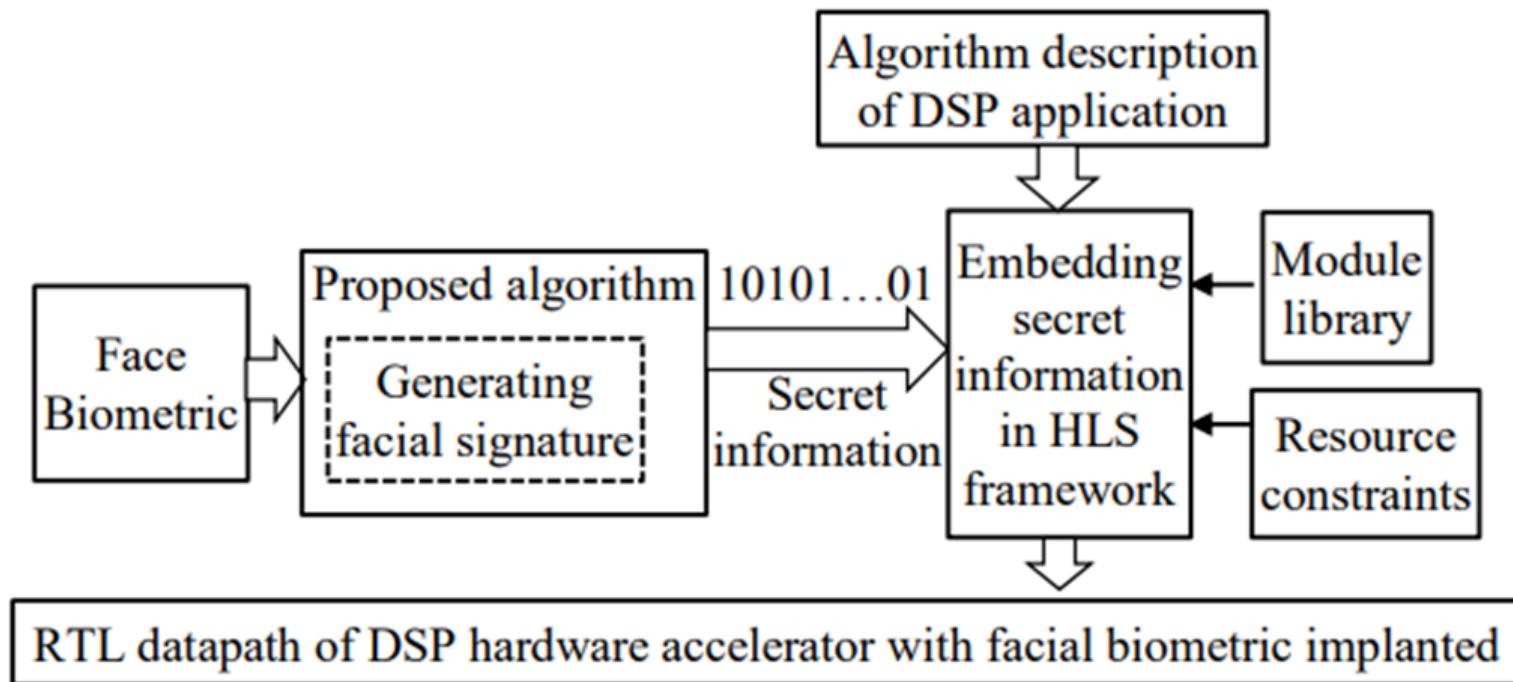
Resource constraints	# of registers in baseline JPEG	# of registers in fingerprint implanted JPEG	Design cost of baseline JPEG	Design cost of fingerprint implanted JPEG	Estimated % overhead
3A, 3A	73	73	0.214	0.214	0%
3A, 5M	73	73	0.1917	0.1917	0%
5A, 5M	73	73	0.1713	0.1713	0%
7A, 9M	73	73	0.1718	0.1718	0%
9A, 9M	73	73	0.1752	0.1752	0%
11A, 11M	73	73	0.1785	0.1785	0%

Notice how there is no design overhead for JPEG, implying that the proposed approach is apt for

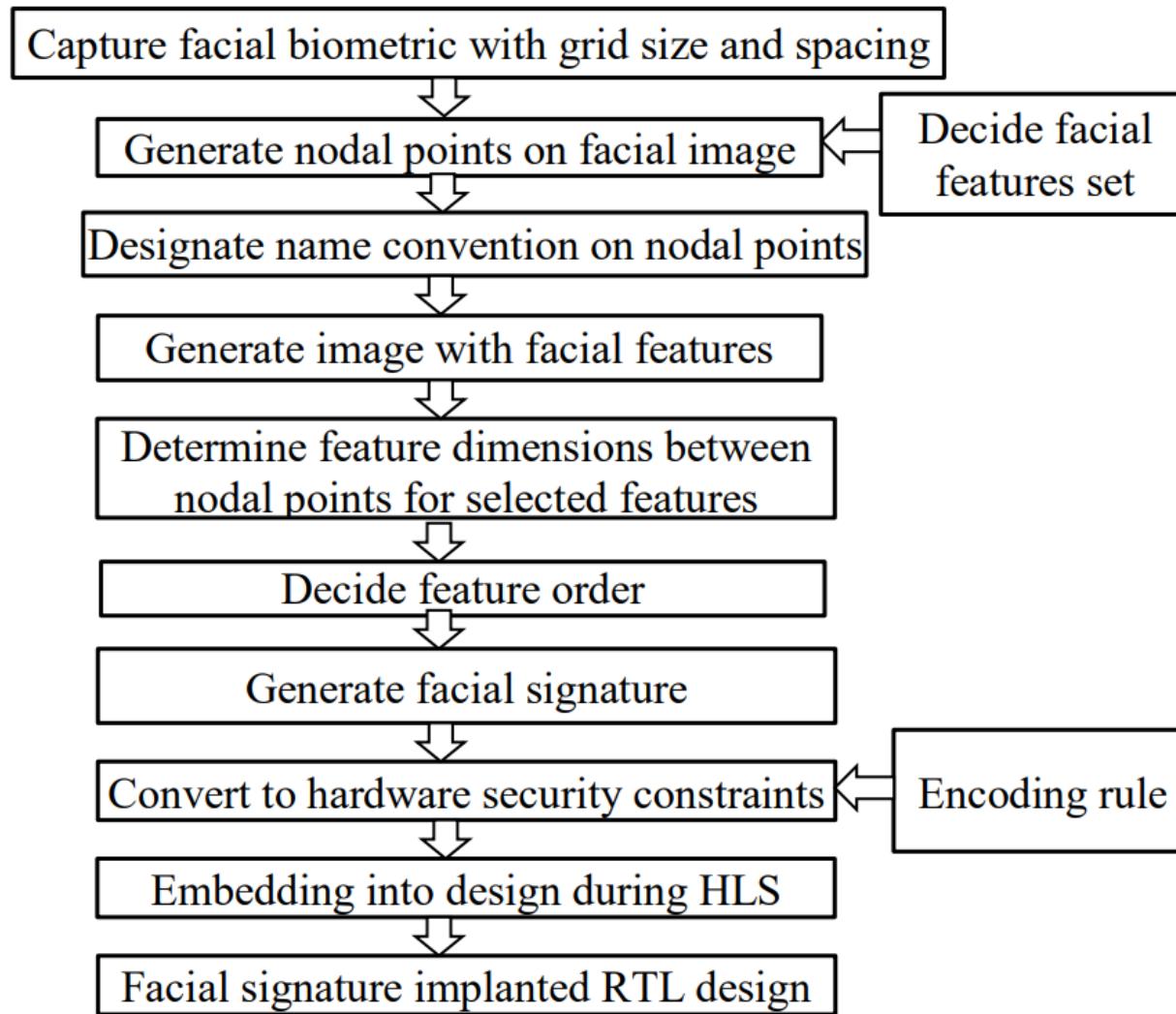
Facial Biometric for Hardware Security

- First approach in the literature that leverages unique facial biometric information to secure hardware accelerators.
- Contact-less mechanism for securing hardware accelerators.
- Low implementation complexity and higher robustness during authentication/verification process.
- Zero dependence on external factors.
- Non-vulnerable and non-replicable technique.

Overview of the Facial Biometric Approach

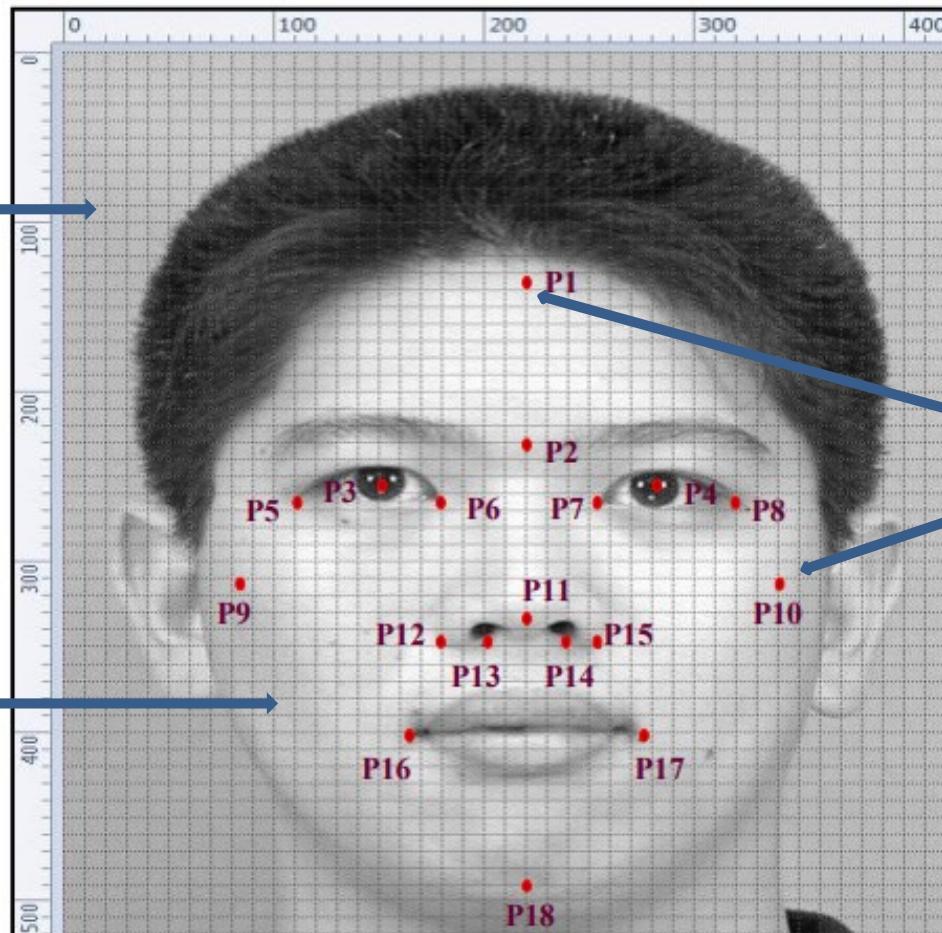


Flow of the proposed Face Biometric Approach



Generating Nodal Points

Grid Spacing (Used to calculate the Facial distance Biometric between nodes)



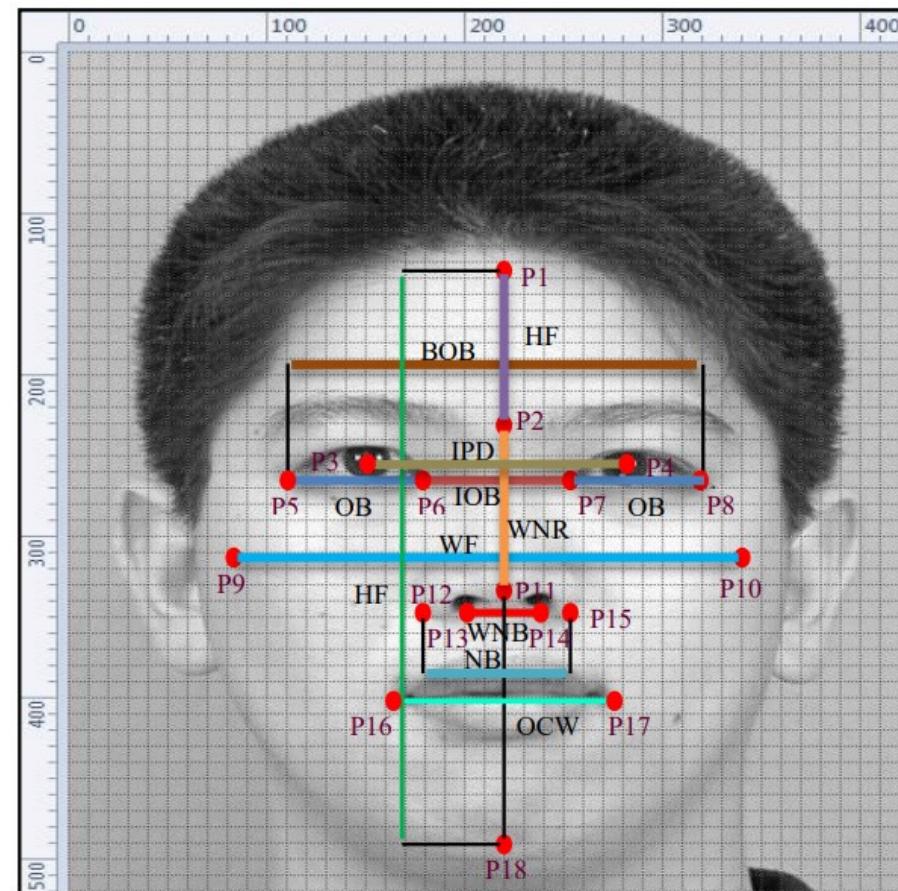
Naming the generated nodal points on the facial biometric image according to

Determining Facial Features



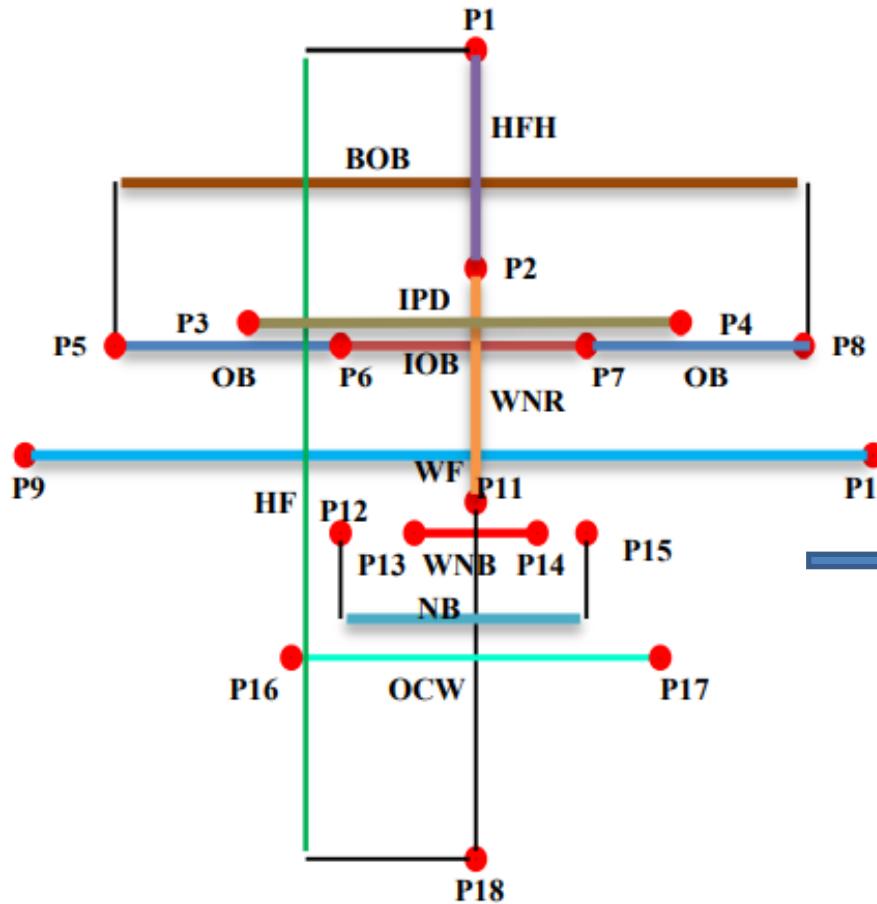
VENDOR'S SELECTED ELEVEN FACIAL FEATURES, CORRESPONDING NODAL POINTS AND CO-ORDINATES

S. no.	Facial features	Naming convention of nodal points	Co-ordinates (x1,y1)- (x2,y2)
1	HFH: Height of Forehead	(P1) – (P2)	(220, 135)- (220, 230)
2	HF: Height of Face	(P1) – (P18)	(220, 135)- (220, 490)
3	WNR: Width of Nasal Ridge	(P2) – (P11)	(220, 230)- (220, 335)
4	IPD: Inter Pupillary Distance	(P3) – (P4)	(150, 255)- (280, 255)
5	OB: Ocular Breadth	(P5) – (P6)	(110,265)- (180, 265)
6	BOB: Bio-Ocular Breadth	(P5) – (P8)	(110, 265)-(320, 265)
7	IOB: Inter Ocular Breadth	(P6) –(P7)	(180, 265)-(255, 265)
8	WF: Width of face	(P9) – (P10)	(85, 315)- (340,315)
9	WNB: Width of Nasal Base	(P13) – (P14)	(200, 350)-(240, 350)
10	NB: Nasal Breadth	(P12) – (P15)	(180, 350)- (255, 350)
11	OCW: Oral Commissure Width	(P16) – (P17)	(165, 405)- (275, 405)



Plotting the selected features on the Facial Biometric.

Measuring Facial Feature Dimensions and Conversion into Binary Representation



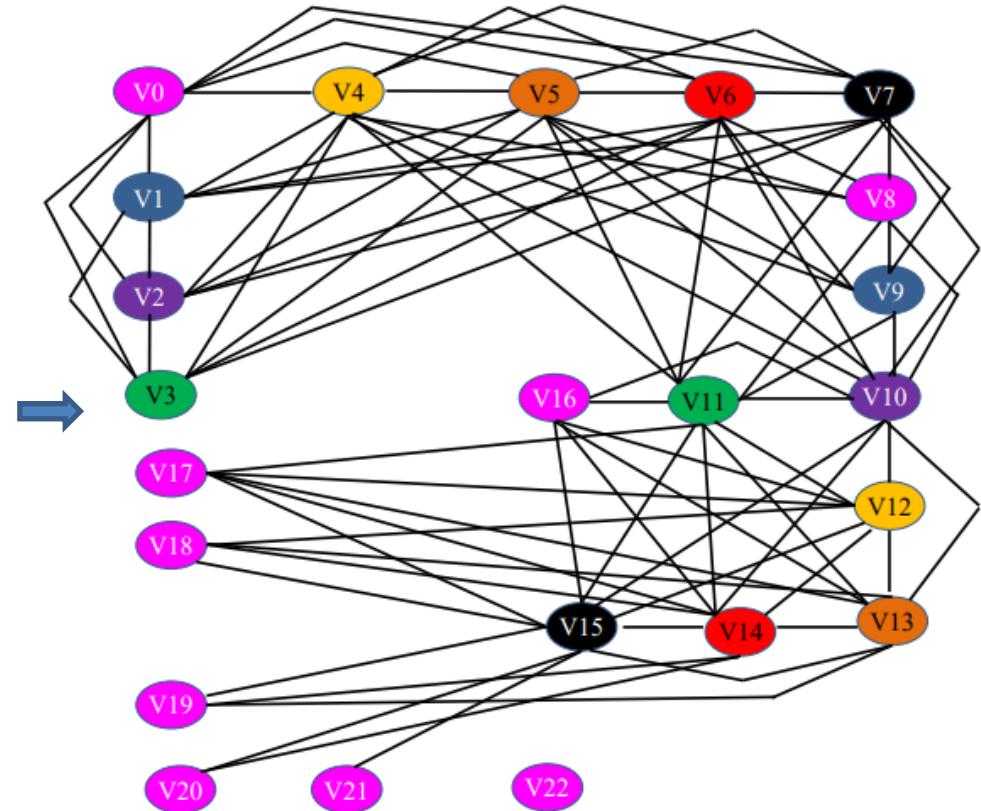
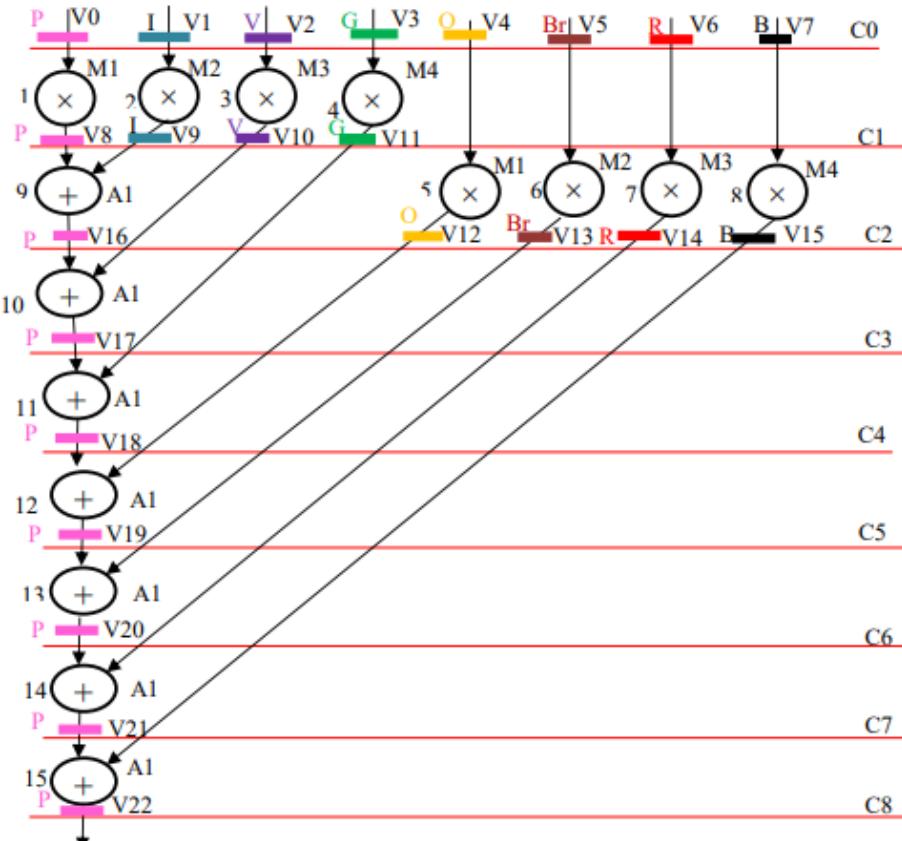
FEATURE DIMENSION AND CORRESPONDING BINARY REPRESENTATION OF VENDOR's SELECTED FACIAL FEATURES

S. no.	Facial features	Feature dimension (Manhattan distance)= $ x_2-x_1 + y_2-y_1 $	Binary representation
1	HFH	95	1011111
2	HF	355	101100011
3	WNR	105	1101001
4	IPD	130	10000010
5	OB	70	1000110
6	BOB	210	11010010
7	IOB	75	1001011
8	WF	255	11111111
9	WNB	40	101000
10	NB	75	1001011
11	OCW	110	1101110

Notice the varying lengths of feature dimensions in their binary representations. This lack of uniformity is an advantage as the adversary has no clue about the points of concatenation, making extraction of individual dimensions impossible.

Skeleton of the vendor's selected eleven facial

Converting Scheduled Data Flow Graph to Coloured Interval Graph



CIG showing edges between storage variables existing in the same time span

Notice 'V15' has most edges (10) as it shares time span with 10 storage variables and 'V22' has no edges because it doesn't share its time span with any other storage variable.

Deciding Feature Order and Generating Digital Template

11 facial features

HFH & IPD & BOB & IOB & OB & WNR & WF & HF & WNB & NB & OC



10111111000001011010010100101110001101101001111111110110001110100010010111101110

11 features, 81 bits (34 zeroes and 47 ones)

OB & HF & WNB & IPD & OC & NB & IOB & BOB & WF & HFH & WNR



1000110101100011101000100000010110111010010111001011111111011111111011001

11 features, 81 bits (34 zeroes and 47 ones)

WNB & WNR & HFH & OC & HF & IOB



101000110100110111111011101011000111001011

6 features, 43 bits (17 zeroes and 26 ones), sufficient enough to secure small designs.

Embedding Security Constraints into the CIG

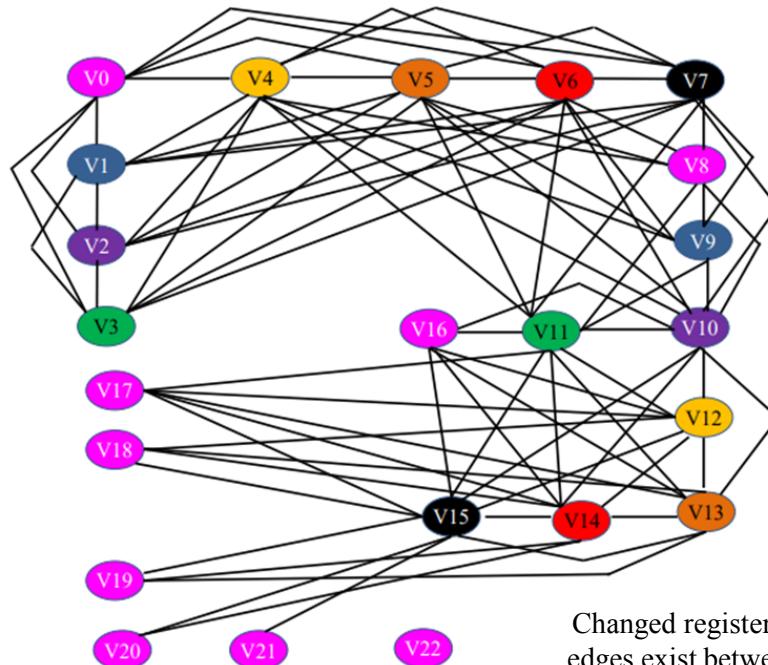
ENCODING OF FACIAL SIGNATURE INTO HARDWARE SECURITY CONSTRAINTS

Bit	Encoding rules
0	Encoded as an edge between node pair (even, even) into the CIG
1	Encoded as an edge between node pair (odd, odd) into the CIG

101111110000010110100101001011100011011010011111111110110001110100010010111101110

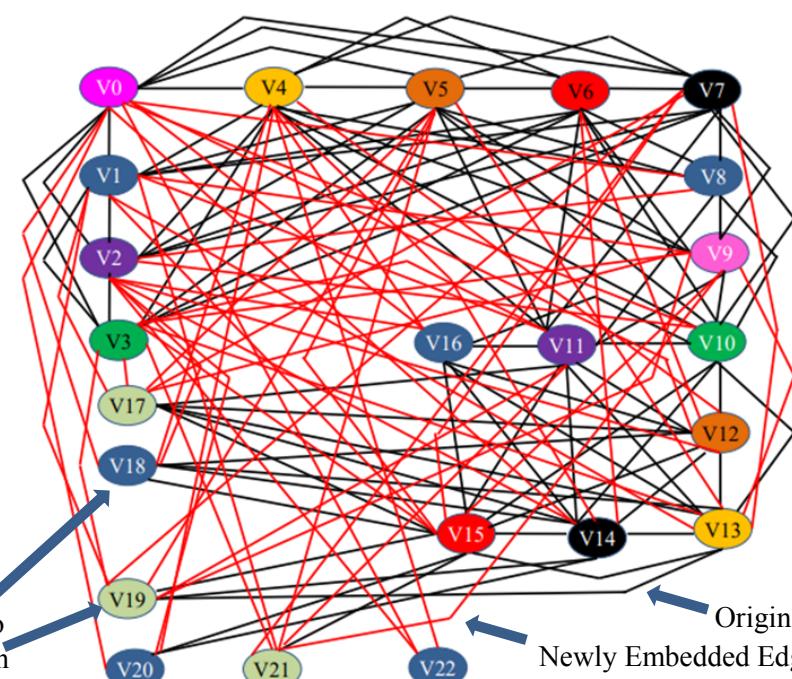
34 zeroes \rightarrow 34 even-even edges \rightarrow (0,2), (0,4), . . . (0,22), (2,4), (2,6), (6,12), (6,14)

47 ones \rightarrow 47 odd-odd edges \rightarrow (1,3), (1,5), . . . (1,21), (3,5), (3,7), (13,15), (13,17)



Original CIG

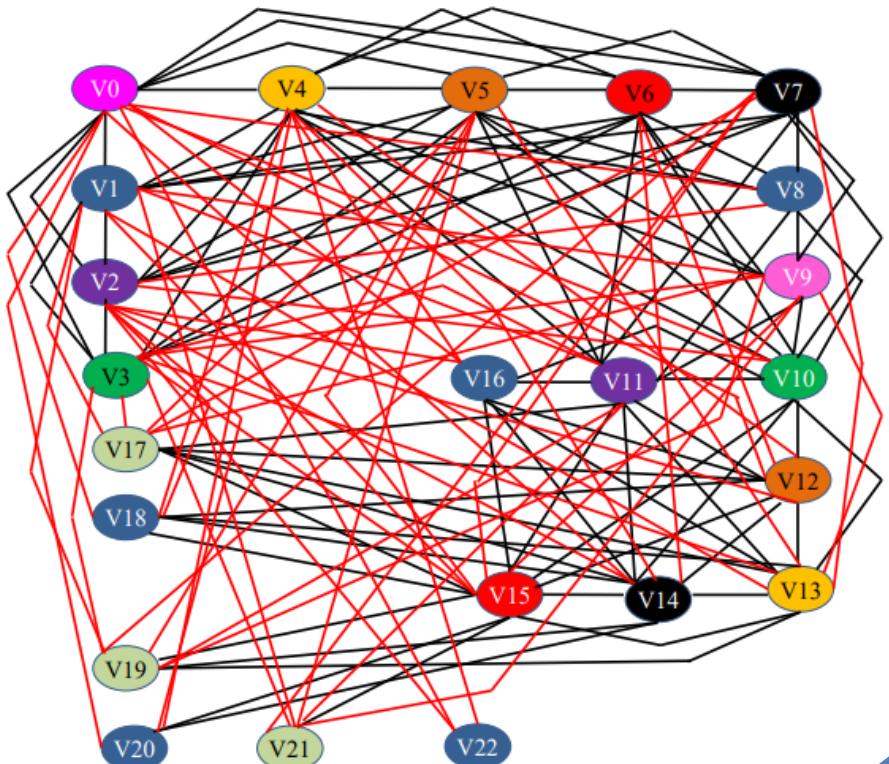
Changed registers to ensure no edges exist between registers in the same time span



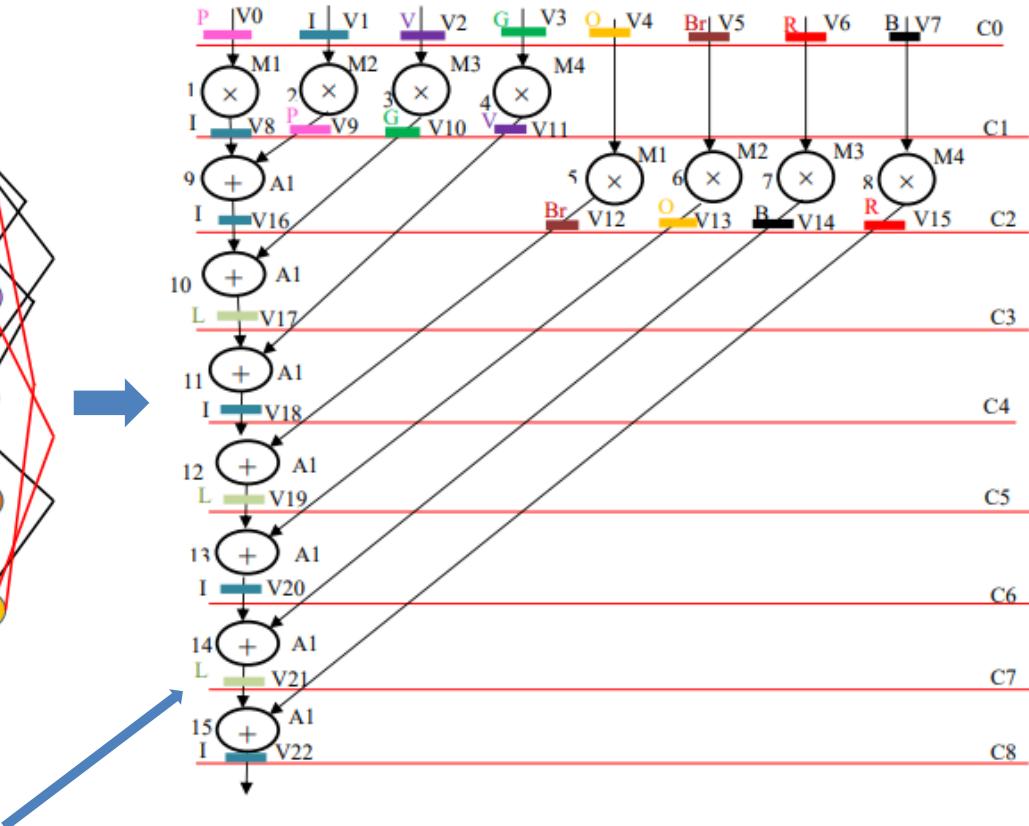
CIG after embedding the above mentioned edges (shown in red)

Original Edge
Newly Embedded Edge

Modifying the SDFG to Accommodate the Newly Embedded Edges



An extra register, 'Lime' (L) had to be incorporated and hence, an overhead of 1.



Scheduled Data Flow Graph constructed from the CIG after embedding secret hardware security constraints in the form of red edges.

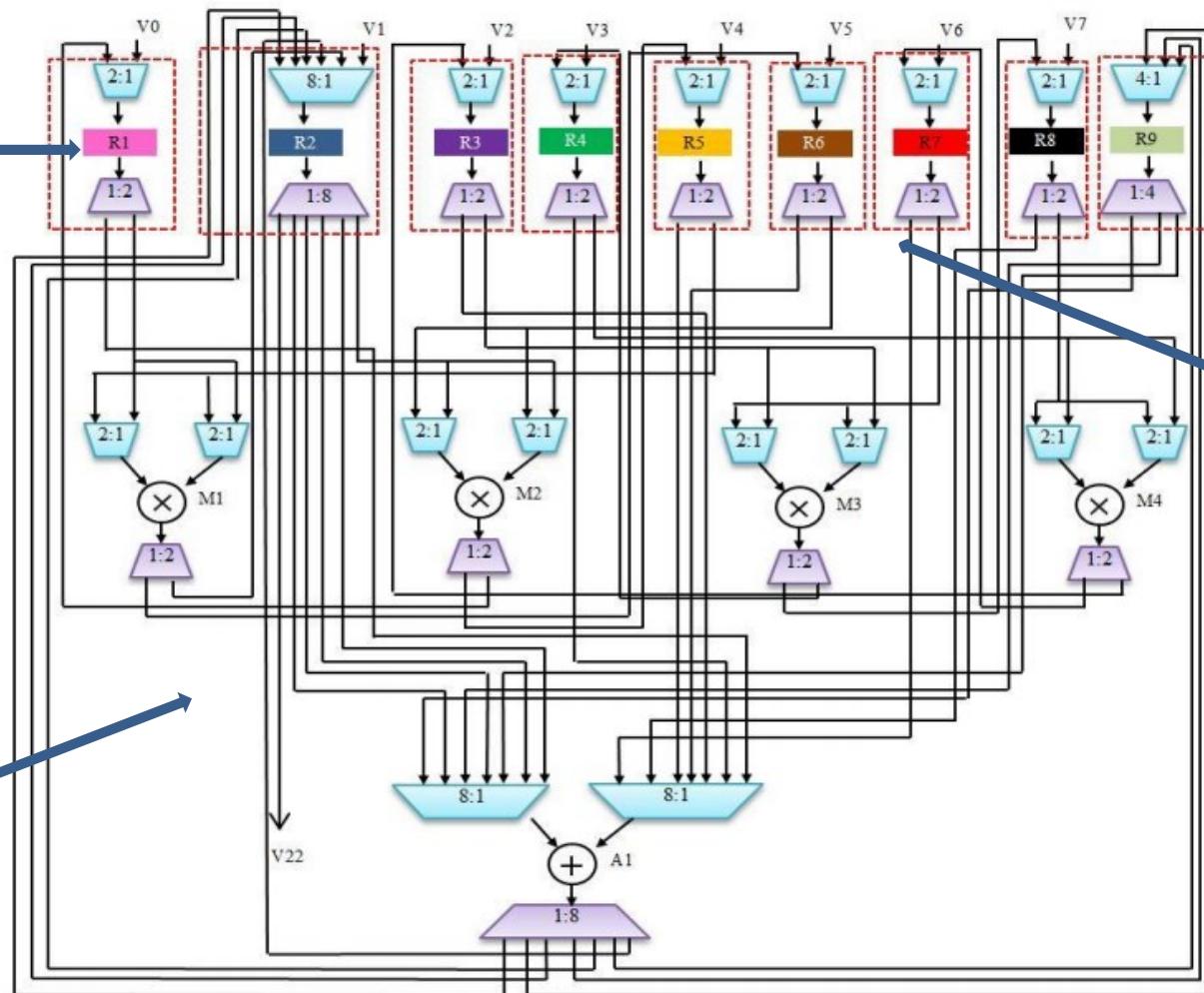
RTL Datapath of the Secured Design

R1, which previously had 9 inputs now has only 2

New register, R9 added as a result of securing the design.

The red boxes show the changes in variables allotted to registers as a result of the embedded facial biometric. Notice how inconspicuous the hardware security constraints are.

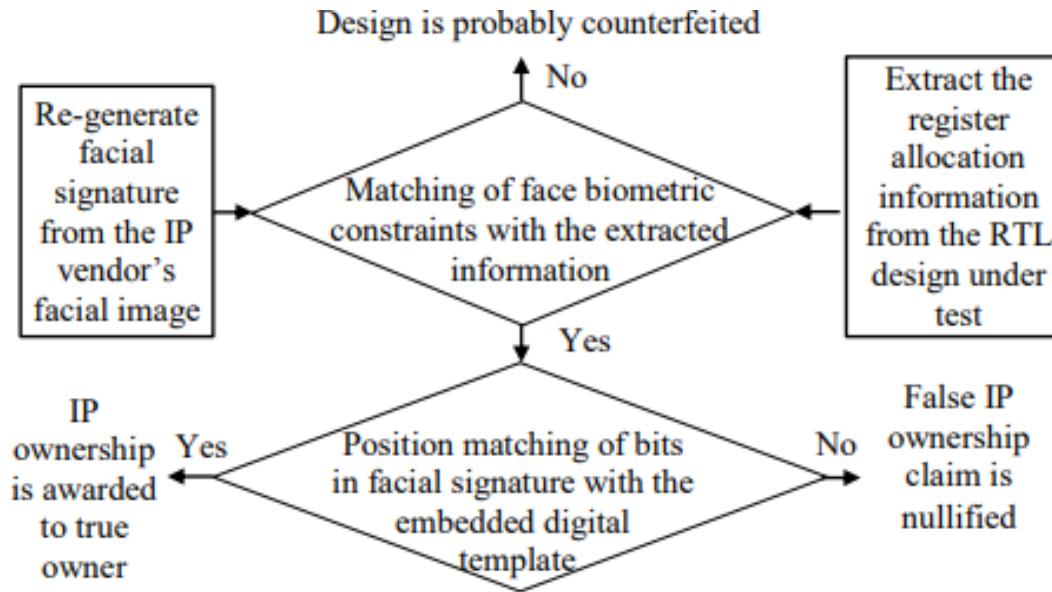
Notice there is no change in the number of functional units.



RESOURCES IN THE RTL DATAPATH OF 8-POINT DCT (PRE AND POST EMBEDDING FACIAL BIOMETRIC CONSTRAINTS)

Resources pre-embedding security constraints				Resources post-embedding security constraints			
FUs	# of registers	Multiplexers	Demultiplexers	FUs	# of registers	Multiplexers	Demultiplexers
4M 1A	8	# 16x1 Muxes=1 # 8x1 Muxes=2 # 2x1 Muxes =15	# 1x16 Demuxes=1 # 1x8 Demuxes=1 # 1x2 Demuxes=11	4M 1A	9	# 8x1 Muxes =3 # 4x1 Muxes =1 # 2x1 Muxes =15	# 1x8 Demuxes=2 # 1x4 Demuxes=1 # 1x2 Demuxes=11

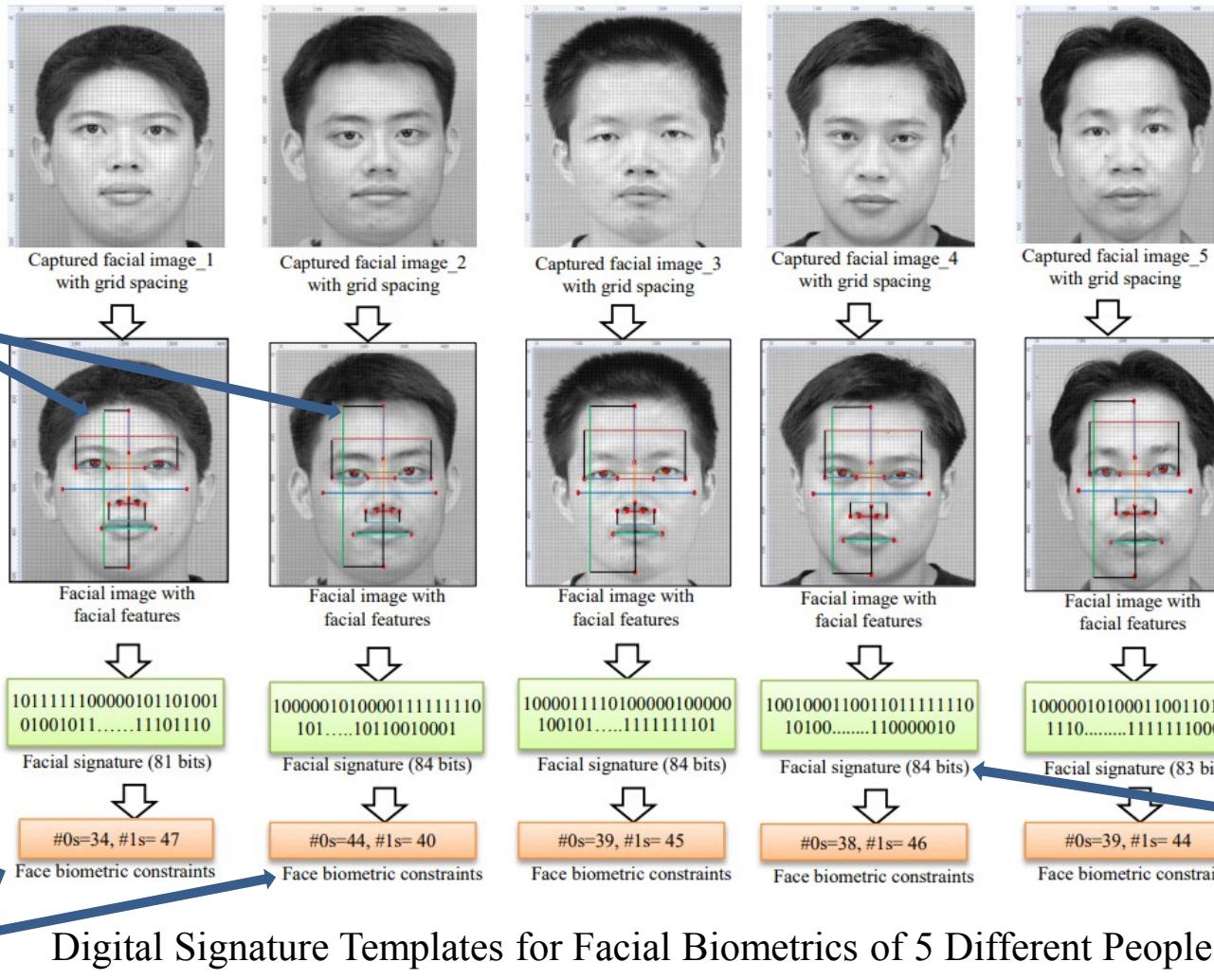
Detection of Face Biometric Embedded into Design



Too many details to be known to the adversary:

- Precise coordinates of the nodal points
- Type of features selected
- Ordering of the features
- Number of 0s and 1s
- Positions of 0s and 1s
- Grid size and spacing

Impact of Varying Facial Signature on Generated Hardware Security Constraints



More the number of features included, more likely the templates are bound to differ at atleast one bit position, thereby enhancing security.

Security Analysis

$$\text{Probability of Coincidence, } P_c = \left(1 - \frac{1}{h}\right)^g$$

$h \rightarrow$ number of registers in the CIG before implanting secret constraints

$g \rightarrow$ number of secret constraint edges added to the CIG

Variation in P_c for DCT for different facial images with same number of features

Bench-marks	Max. constraints	Pc	
		Proposed	[4]
8-point DCT	30	1.8E-2	1.8E-2
8-point IDCT	30	1.8E-2	1.8E-2
FIR	40	4.7E-3	4.7E-3
MPEG	54	1.8E-2	1.8E-2

Comparison of P_c w.r.t Fingerprint Biometric Approach [4]

Facial images	# facial features	constraints (g)	Pc
Image_1	11	81	2.01E-5
Image_2	11	84	1.34E-5
Image_3	11	84	1.34E-5
Image_4	11	84	1.34E-5
Image_5	11	83	1.54E-5

Comparison of P_c w.r.t Hardware Steganography [18] for the facial Image 1 to Image 5

Bench-marks	# colors (registers)	Proposed work						Related work [18]	
		Image_1		Image_2, 3, and 4		Image_5		# stego-constraints	Pc
8-point DCT	8	81	2.01E-5	84	1.34E-5	83	1.54E-5	13	1.8E-1
8-point IDCT	8	81	2.01E-5	84	1.34E-5	83	1.54E-5	24	4.1E-2
FIR	8	81	2.01E-5	84	1.34E-5	83	1.54E-5	43	3.2E-3
MPEG	14	81	2.47E-3	84	1.98E-3	83	2.13E-3	13	1.8E-1
								24	4.1E-2
								43	3.2E-3
								20	6.9E-2
								57	4.9E-4
								21	2.1E-1
								52	2.1E-2
								59	1.3E-2

Notice how P_c decreases as number of constraints increase.



Note: The probability of coincidence represents the probability of coincidentally detecting hardware security constraints in an unsecured design. Since we don't want any coincidence between signatures of original IP vendor and adversary, it is desirable for P_c to be as low as possible.

Design Cost Analysis

$$\text{Design Cost, } C_f(Z_i) = \omega_1 \frac{L_d}{L_m} + \omega_2 \frac{A_d}{A_m}$$

Z_i → resource constraints

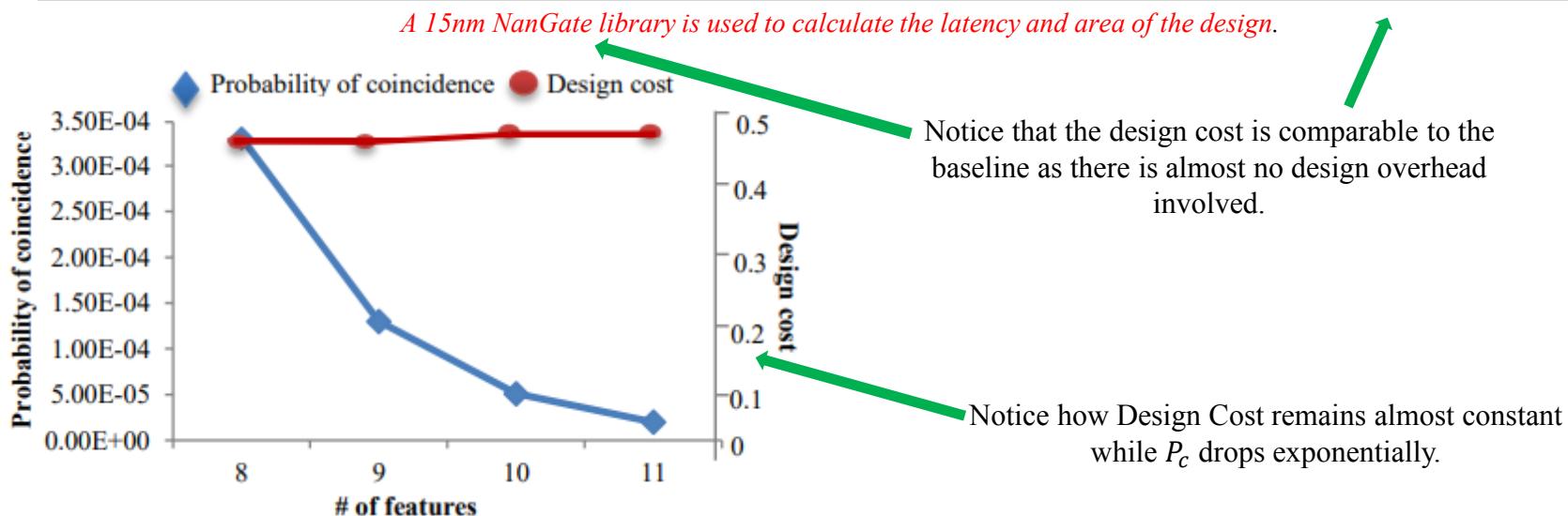
A_d and L_d → design area and latency respectively

A_m and L_m → maximum area and latency of the design respectively

ω_1 and ω_2 → weights of latency and area in the cost function

Design Cost Comparison of Facial Biometric Approach [4] with Fingerprint Biometric Approach and Baseline

Benchmarks	Design cost of pre-embedded design (baseline)	Design cost of fingerprint biometric approach [4]	Design cost of proposed facial biometric approach
8-point DCT	0.4721	0.5327	0.4727
8-point IDCT	0.4721	0.5327	0.4727
FIR	0.4443	0.4939	0.4443
MPEG	0.37046	0.37080	0.37080



Our CAD tools

Some CAD tools designed by us and hosted @ University of Florida – Cybersecurity Center, USA:

<https://cadforassurance.org/tools/ip-ic-protection/crypto-steganography-tool/>

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Conclusion

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Thank you