

DYNAMICALLY EVOLVABLE HARDWARE-SOFTWARE CO-DESIGN BASED CRYPTO SYSTEM THROUGH PARTIAL RECONFIGURATION

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ABSTRACT

Cryptography establishes a secure channel for data communication between sender and receiver. Nowadays, millions of online transactions happen in seconds throughout the world like trading, banking, e-commerce, and social networking etc., exchanges data among users. Evolution in internet led to increase in number of hackers, cyber attacks over network, network security has become a major issue in present era data protection has become significant, such that an unbreakable encryption technology should be designed in order to provide security for the data. The advent of VLSI technology has grown enormously in the last two decades by extending its prominence towards network security where mainly information processing cryptography has gained popularity in this field. This paper presents a module in cryptosystem is partially reconfigurable (PR) in run time which serves two purposes. One module for dynamic key generation mechanisms and second module for inverse permutation block in Data Encryption Standard (DES) and shift rows block in Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) cryptography techniques which play a vital role in data security. A new approach with Deoxyribonucleic Acid(DNA)structure have four nucleotides which are named as A (Adenine), C (Cytosine), G (Guanine) and T (Thymine) are the elements existing in DNA mechanism is applied on both cipher and key are merged and transmitted along a channel in protein form which enhances the security. Run time evolvable hardware like, Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) architecture and its behavior changes dynamically with partial reconfiguration are suitable for wide variety of applications which can configure to implement custom designs and needs. Encryption Techniques are designed using Verilog HDL, synthesized in Xilinx simulated with ISIM simulator and implemented on Virtex FPGA architecture. Dynamic keys and reconfigurable modules are generated by loading Partial bit streams from CF Card are configured to FPGA by issuing commands in serial Terminal through MicroBlaze Processor.

Keywords: *Cryptography, Partial Reconfiguration, AES, DES, DNA, FPGA.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Cryptography mainly aims at maintaining data integrity, non-repudiation, authenticity and confidentiality. Network security gains more significance to overcome cyber attacks from unauthorized access of confidential information. In order to provide high data there are two prominent and efficient methods. (a) Cryptography and (b) Steganography 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. Steganography is an art of hiding the actual data using duplicate data [1]. 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 [2]. However; those algorithms

are not enough to provide security for the information. Widely used cryptographic algorithms like DES, AES and RSA etc., are vulnerable to attacks; therefore new cryptographic algorithms are required. DNA cryptography is the emerging and unbreakable cryptographic technique which provides high security introduced by Adelman [3]. This cryptography could be an advanced cryptanalytic model from newly rising bimolecular computation as this process can verify upcoming computations. Cryptography forms a secure communication channel between Alice and Bob which encrypts information at Alice with key by using variety of algorithms and decrypts the encrypted data (cipher text) with key, then the original message is retrieved back at Bob shown in figure 1.

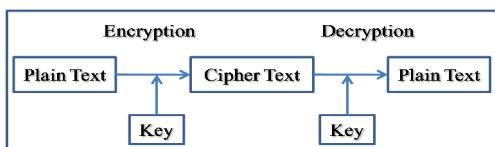


Fig 1: Encryption and Decryption

In Cryptography, the encryption and decryption process should be on sync with each other based on public and private key mechanisms [4].

1.1 Symmetric Encryption Technique

Symmetric Encryption Technique uses a common key i.e., known as pre shared private key between sender and receiver as an agreement. Sender encrypts the message with key produces a cipher which sends to receiver.

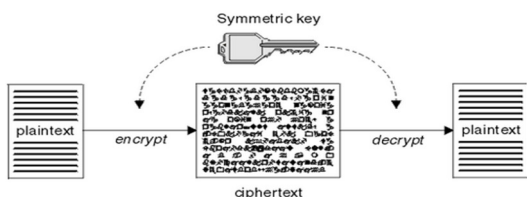


Fig 2: Symmetric Key for Encryption & Decryption.

Receiver performs several permutations on cipher along with key to decrypt the original text message. Same key is used to encode the message with some permutations at encryption and decode the message with reverse permutations to decrypt the message shown in figure 2.

1.2 Asymmetric Encryption Technique

Asymmetric Encryption Technique uses a common key i.e., shared between sender and receiver as an agreement known as private key. Sender uses two different keys. One is private key another one is public key. Sender encrypts the message first with private key produces a pre-cipher later encrypts message with public key produces cipher [5].



Fig 3: Asymmetric Key for Encryption & Decryption.

Section 2 describes the scope and importance of DNA cryptography and brief discussion about types of

DNA. Section 3 defines partial reconfiguration and its classification. Section 4 deals with dynamically evolvable hardware-software co-design flow ingenerating partial bit files for custom design applications. Section 5 discuss about proposed model for PR based cryptosystem. Section 6 handles about evolvable crypto system. Section 7 reveals about simulation results and Section 8 Internal View of Cryptography algorithm using Chipscope pro analyzer, followed by conclusion.

2. SIGNIFICANCE OF DNA CRYPTOGRAPHY

DNA in combination with mathematical algorithms has gone to great lengths in data security and complexity. A gram of DNA contains almost 2^{10} bases which is equivalent to 1TB of data. In this sense, a few grams of DNA are sufficient to store the entire information present in the universe.

2.1 DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid):

A DNA structure consists of only four chemical bases known as Adenine (A), Guanine (G), Cytosine(C), and Thymine (T) shown in figure 4.



Fig 4: DNA Structure

These four nucleotides are complement to each other with the combinations A-T and C-G. This is illustrated more clearly in table 1. It sophisticates the existing cryptography technique which is sure to be hacked in near future [6]. The enormity of DNA makes it almost impossible to break because of its millions of permutations and billions of storages capacity [7]. It also requires less area and low power in hardware implementation and the speed is much higher when combined in right proportions. Any DNA molecule is made up of 20 common protein bases. Basic nomenclature of these bases includes conversion of DNA sequence into amino acids. The uniqueness is that certain base has same triplets which improve the cryptography technique making it more complex to the intriguers.

The proposed methodology proves to have these advantages and functionalities.

DNA sequence to mRNA sequence and Translation is the process of converting mRNA to protein sequence.

Table 1: Nucleotide to Binary Conversion

Nucleotide	Binary Equivalent
A	00
C	01
G	10
T	11

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.

2.3 Background of Central Dogma of Molecular Biology:

Central Dogma of Molecular Biology spreads the complexity and inserts some biological properties in cryptography like DNA replication, transcription and translation methodologies shown in figure 5.

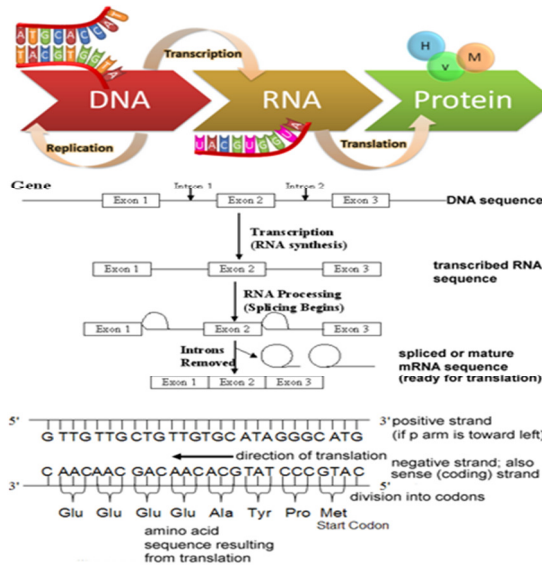


Fig 5: Central Dogma of Molecular Biology Structure

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 [8]. The process of converting DNA molecules into protein sequence is called Central Dogma of Molecular Biology. 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

3. PARTIAL RECONFIGURATION

Partial reconfiguration is a procedure of modifying an area in FPGA without changing any other applications. The functionality of the design flow, it is divided into two types: Static PR and Dynamic PR shown in figure 6. Static partial reconfiguration is inactive while configuring the device, data is loaded partially into FPGA other parts of the device are in shutdown mode. It reverts back to normal mode after reconfiguration process is completed. Dynamic partial reconfiguration is also known as active PR. It allows the change in functionality of a specific part of the device while the rest of the parts of FPGA are still running. Partial bit files are generated from the design flow using the process of Partial Reconfiguration [9].

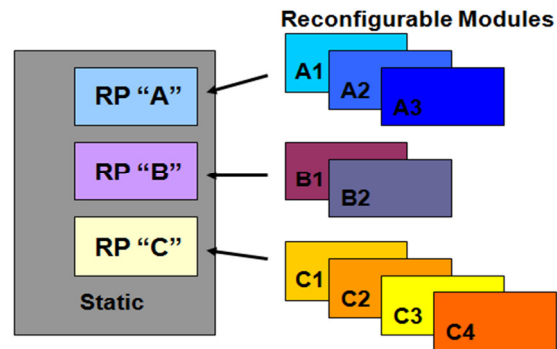


Fig 6: Static and Dynamic Partial Reconfiguration

4. DYNAMICALLY RECONFIGURABLE HARDWARE-SOFTWARE CO-DESIGN

Originate a PR design using Xilinx Platform Studio (XPS) –Embedded Development Kit (EDK), creates a configurable hardware embedded processor system which includes the custom peripherals like Hardware Internal configuration Access Port (HWICAP),RS-232 port etc generates with Netlist and Bitstream using XPS [10]. Integrated Software Environment (ISE) using Verilog hardware description language develops one Reconfigurable Partition and several Reconfigurable Modules (RM) as per the custom logic. In this application two RM performs key generation and runtime inverse permutation / Shift Rows & Shift Columns functions synthesize the RM’s and generate ngc files. Floor plan the design using reconfigurable partition and define pblock with physical constraints on floor plan for the location of RM’s and custom embedded processor using Plan

Ahead tool to produce multiple configurations with full and partial bit streams shown in figure 7 (a). Software Development Kit creates a C/C++ application which runs on processor generates Executable linkable Format (ELF) [11].

Several advantages with PR were, it reduces cost by time multiplex hardware and reduces the power by shutdown the specific area where application was not in use. It offers a flexible system allows customizing in implementing static and dynamic modules.

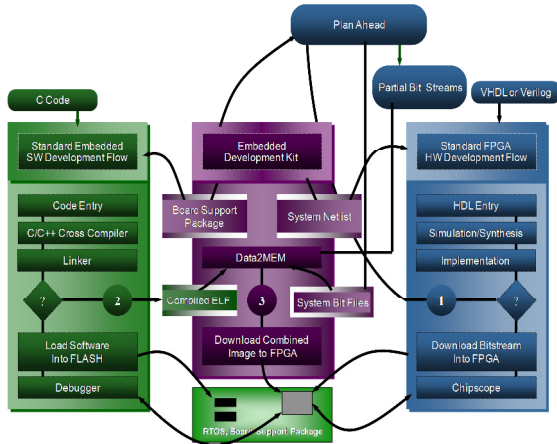


Fig 7 (a): Partial Reconfigurable Hardware-Software Co-Design Flow

Software control configures the FPGA in runtime through ICAP, loads the partial Bit files from CF card to Virtex FPGA rather than using impact tool to load manually. Then it dynamically reconfigures the device by issuing commands in serial communication.

6. EVOLVABLE CRYPTO SYSTEM

In digital design evolvable hardware gains more popularity, it may be seen that FPGA's are to be the target technology. Due to evolvable nature FPGA's suitable for many applications like medical, image processing, configurable system on chip design for satellites, cryptography, digital logic design, gaming application and custom logic designs etc. FPGA internal architecture comprises of configurable logic blocks (CLB's), routing resources and input output blocks. CLB complexity ranges from fine grain to coarse grain depend on architecture. Configuration can be classified into static and dynamic partial reconfiguration. Earlier FPGAs enable complete chip to reconfigure. With introduction to PR, only some (architecture) devices in Xilinx and Altera supports a portion of the chip to be reconfigured, while still remaining area of the chip retains their configured current design. In proposed design an Initial Permutation module in DES algorithm and Shift Rows or Shift Columns module in AES algorithm is partially reconfigured and algorithm is converted to DNA, mRNA. For every three triplets of mRNA amino acids form a protein sequence which enhances the security before transmission in a channel.

5. PROPOSED PR BASED CRYPTOSTEM

Cryptosystem is dynamically reconfigurable with two active reconfigurable modules. Design classification undergoes one static logic and more reconfigurable modules. One reconfigurable module for dynamic key generation for DES and AES encryption techniques suitable in cryptography applications which plays a vital role in data security. Second reconfigurable modules perform runtime inverse permutation for DES and Shift Rows for AES, which enhances the security shown in figure 7 (b).

6.1 Data Encryption Standard (DES)

In addition, Traditional Cryptographic methods have some demerits such as size of the input, computational speed and cost. To overcome these problems this proposed paper describes in detail about the advancements that are made in the DES Algorithm (Data Encryption Standard) using DNA cryptography. Moreover, this paper illustrates about the encryption algorithm (DES) following symmetric key system. Out of two stages in the proposed technique, in first stage the Cipher is generated using conventional DES algorithm and in later stage the key that is used to generate cipher is encrypted using dummy key. The encrypted key and cipher is subjected to DNA computing followed by the protein form [12].

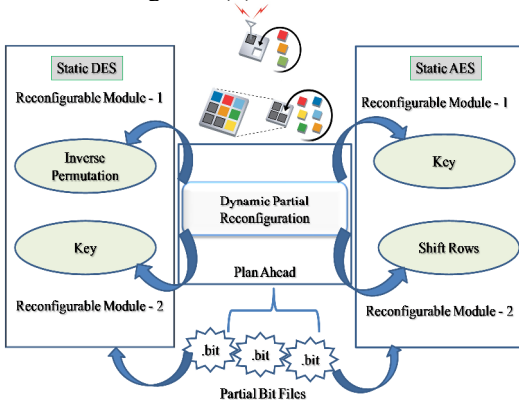


Fig 7 (b): Proposed Dynamically Reconfigurable Crypto System

6.1.1 Importance of Key Cryptography

A binary key of known size is considered. Divide the key into two equal halves to generate a dummy key. Figure 8 describes the Flow Chart for generating final encrypted key.

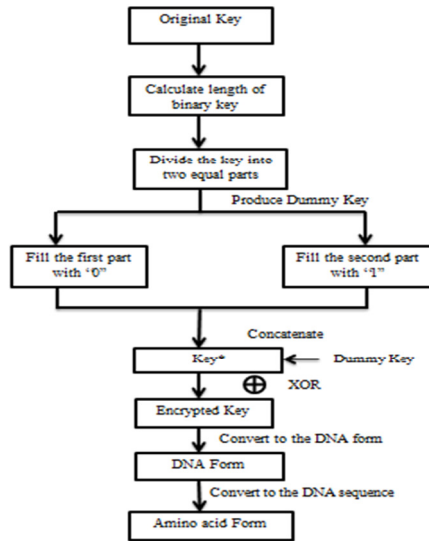


Fig 8: Flow Chart for generating final encrypted key

6.1.2 ALGORITHM

Step1: Consider a plain text message and Key of same size. Key is generated by using Partial Reconfiguration to enhance the security level of cryptography.

Step2: Reduce the key length to 56-bits using PC-1 and generate 16 sub-keys by shifting previous key.

Step 3: By using PC-2 the sub-keys length will be reduced to 48 - bits shown in figure 9.

Step 4: From the Initial Permutation table the message which is to be encrypted is permuted configured using Partial Reconfiguration.

Step 5: This permuted message is now divided into two equal halves L0 and R0.

$$L_n = R_{n-1} \text{-- (Eq.1)}$$

$$R_n = L_{n-1} + F(R_{n-1}, K_n) \text{-- (Eq.2)}$$

Where function F involves in 3 sub-tasks. In first task, expansion of R_n is performed using E-Bit Selection Table. In the next task R_{n-1} is Xored with K_n (sub-key) whose bit length is 48 shown in equation 1 &

2. In the final task the output from second task is loaded into 8 s-boxes i.e., for each 6 bits.

$$K_n(+)\text{E}(R_n-1) = B1B2B3B4B5B6B7B8 \text{--(Eq.3)}$$

where (+) represents xor operation from equation 3 Each block B_n is given as input to the S-Box as shown below $S1(B1)S2(B2)S3(B3)S4(B4)S5(B5)S6(B6)S7(B7)S8(B8)$.

Step 6: These 8 S-Boxes gives 4-bit output which results 32-bit block. Now this block is considered as R_n . This process is repeated 15 times resulting in the generation of R_{16} and L_{16} . Concatenation of R_{16} and L_{16} generates cipher.

Step 7: Each character in the Cipher is represented in the form of **A, C, G, and T** by using codon table.

Step 8: The DNA sequence is converted into mRNA sequence by replacing T with U. Finally protein sequence is generated from amino acids which are coded from RNA sequences.

Step 9: Key is divided into two halves L_k and R_k . If the bit length is odd for L_k , pad with 0 and if the bit length is odd for R_k pad with 1. After padding, concatenate L_k and R_k .

Step 10: Consider a dummy key along with the key obtained after padding. Perform XOR operation between key and dummy key shown in equation 4.

$$Key^* = key + dummy\ key \text{-- (Eq.4)}$$

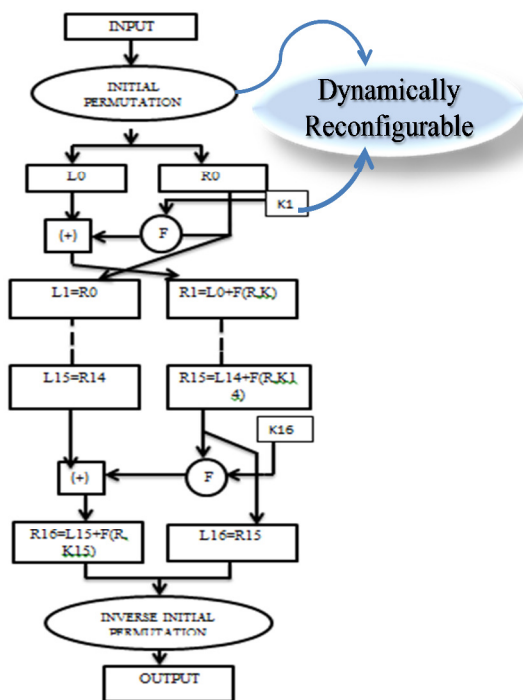


Fig 9: Design flow of DES Algorithm

Step 11: Repeat steps 7-9 for key which results in protein form. The protein form is then converted to amino acid form.

Step 12: Concatenate the protein form of cipher and protein form of key to generate the required Cipher shown in figure 10.

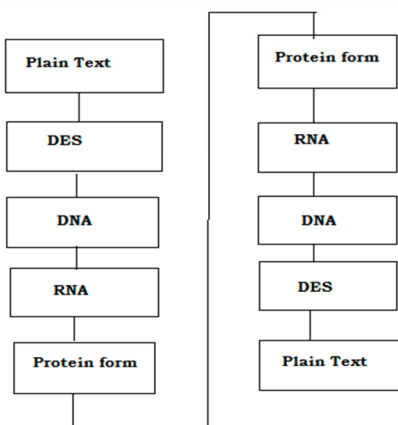


Fig 10:

DES Encryption algorithm using DNA Cryptography.

ILA cores are inserted to 64-bit DNA based DES algorithm to monitor internal signal shown in figure 11. Resources consumed after post implementation of 64-bit DNA based DES algorithm shown in figure 12.

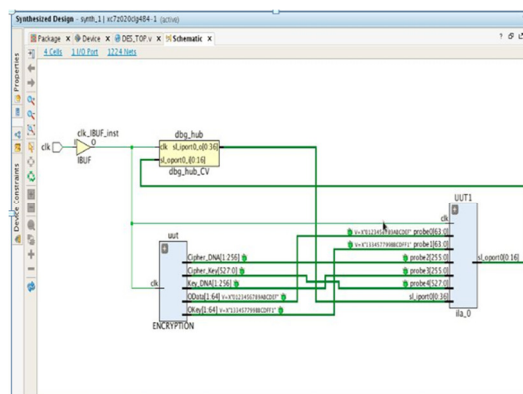


Fig 11: Synthesized design of DES algorithm using DNA Cryptography with Internal Logic Analyzer (ILA)

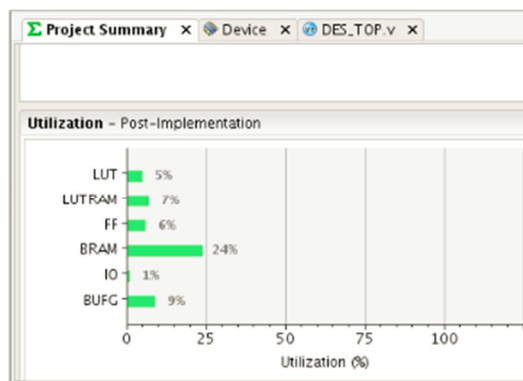


Fig 12: Resources consumed for 64-bit DES algorithm using DNA Cryptography

6.2 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

Multiple iterations of DES obtain triple-DES. It has a key length of 64-bit where the effective key length is only 56-bit. The detailed comparison is shown in Table 2. DES involves initial and final permutations with also round key operations in between. Triple DES in real world can easily be seen in Point of Sale (POS) machines to swipe the cards [13]. They are prone to many attacks due to advancement in technology and their security levels are at stake. AES is the abundantly used present ongoing cryptography technique. The best example to quote is internet banking where 128-bit encryption standards are followed for high security and authentication processes. The present AES uses Rijndael algorithm which cannot be broken till 2050 because of its huge permutation complexity. The unique feature is that it accepts different bit sizes as key length like 128, 192, and 256. Though 256 key sizes are estimated to be more intricate it was broken down by hackers once. So, the most efficient with lesser rounds and least area requirements in FPGA is 128-bit size. The lesser

rounds are attackable at any time so it is enhanced more in this paper through DNA technique.

Table 2: Comparison of different Techniques

Key Length	56 bits	168 bits (k1, k2 & k3) 112 bits (k1 & k2 is same)	128, 192, 256 bits
Block Size	Symmetric Block Cipher	Symmetric Block Cipher	Symmetric Block Cipher
Cipher Type	64 bits	64bits	128, 192, 256 bits
Developed	1977	1978	2000

In AES, round key values for each individual round to perform the round key operation are generated through a separate key generation scheme. The key expansion has Rcon values and intermediate key values. Number of keys generated depends on the number of rounds present in encryption algorithm which in general depends on the bit size. For 128, 192, 256-bit keys there are 10, 12, 14 rounds respectively [14]. Here 128-bit message signal and key are taken in to account. DNA is applied to the AES algorithm after sub bytes operation which is done by using the tables shown in Fig 1. The added DNA sequence undergoes the consecutive operations. Encryption involves four transformations which are the basis points of the complexity of AES algorithm. The input message and key values are taken in the form of hexadecimal values into a 4*4 matrix. For 192 and 256 key lengths, the columns of the matrix increase to 4*6 and 4*8.

transformations present are sub bytes, shift rows, mix columns, add round key. Initially the message signal and key bit are Xored with each other to obtain a single key. Then Sub Bytes, Inverse Sub Bytes tables are added to the sequence. In DNA, the tabular values are not completely loaded but they are added in the final stage there by reducing the complexity of Verilog code and improving its efficiency [15]. Figure 13 illustrated below depicts the systematic process followed to decrypt the original message. The shift rows transformation for 128 and 192 key lengths is performed by circular left shifting the rows. The number of shifts depends upon the row number from 0-3. This phenomenon changes for 256-bit length and it changes to 0, 1, 3, 4 shifts for the rows 0-3 respectively. The decryption mechanism involves inverse shift rows operation. Right circular shift is performed on the previous values and the number shifts and key lengths are same as that are done in encryption. The rows after shifting are clearly indicated in figure 14

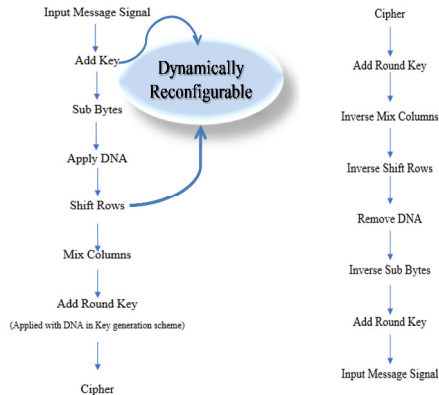


Fig 13: (a) AES Encryption and (b) AES Decryption Mechanism

The algorithm has the dynamism to adapt to any key length because of the constant rows which are always 4 in number. Any transformations that are performed depend on only number of rows in their calculations so that the column of the matrix is not affected. The

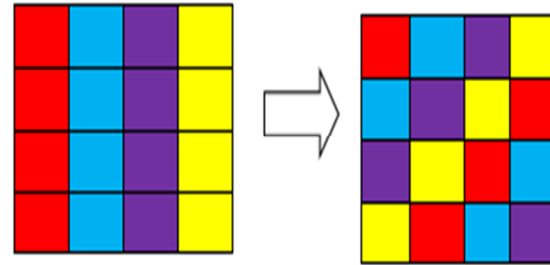


Fig 14: Shift Rows

The entire data in algorithm modifies rapidly with the mix columns step. A different standard polynomial matrix is used for encryption and decryption separately. Here the code is implemented in a way that all the values depend up on a single .02 function which drastically reduces the implementation complexity. The .02 function is as follows shown in equation 5.

$$X \cdot 02 = X \ll 1 \text{ -- (Eq.5) (If left most bit of X is 0)} \\ = \{ X \ll 1 \} \text{ XOR } 0001 \ 1011 \text{ (If left most bit is 1)}$$

The polynomial functions that have to be calculated during encryption are shown below polynomial matrix 7. Totally 16 simple mathematical operations take place to obtain a column of matrix which clearly shows the complexity of the algorithm and its manipulation efficiency. Decryption takes exactly the reverse values of the matrix in encryption which can be simply notable by general hexadecimal table. The heavy calculations that are present become less complicated when .02 functions is used iteratively shown in equation 6. Round keys generated through

key generation scheme are added at the end of each round. In the 10 rounds of 128-bit key, the final key do not involve mix columns step.

$$X.03 = [X.02] \text{ XOR } [X] \text{ -- (Eq.6)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P'_0 \\ P'_1 \\ P'_2 \\ P'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 02 & 01 & 01 & 03 \\ 03 & 02 & 01 & 01 \\ 01 & 03 & 02 & 01 \\ 01 & 01 & 03 & 02 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Polynomial Matrix – (Eq.7)

$$P_0' = 02.P_0 \text{ XOR } 01.P_1 \text{ XOR } 01.P_2 \text{ XOR } 03.P_3$$

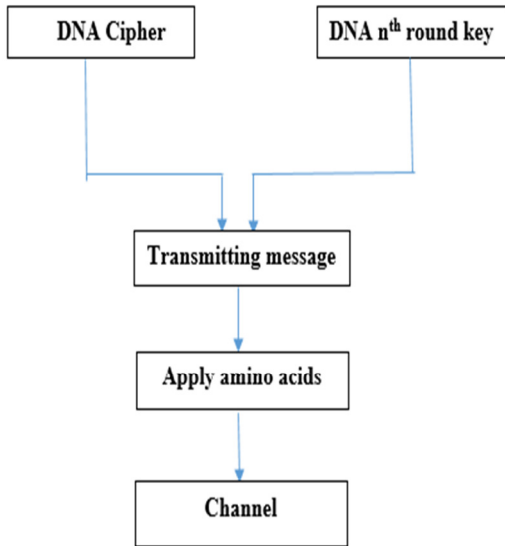


Fig 15: Transmission of Cipher & Key merged in protein form through channel

The cipher generated along with tenth round key is transmitted across the channel by applying amino acids. Amino acids are the protein DNA forms which enhance the DNA bases further leading towards a perfect cryptographic sequence shown in figure 15. The 128-bit output of AES algorithm transforms into 256-bit output because of the addition of DNA after sub bytes mechanism. This DNA cipher is each divided into pairs of three and protein forms. Padding mechanism is entitled to the last pair to make them complete as three and to implement protein bases.

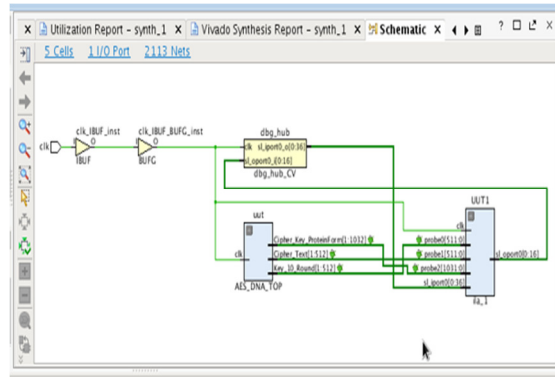


Fig 16: Synthesized design of AES algorithm using DNA cryptography with Internal Logic Analyzer (ILA)

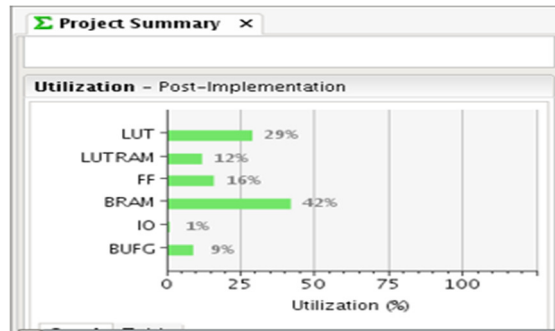


Fig 17: Resources consumed for 128-bit AES algorithm using DNA Cryptography

ILA cores are inserted to 128-bit DNA based AES algorithm to monitor internal signal shown in figure 16. Resources consumed after post implementation of 128-bit DNA based AES algorithm shown in figure 17.

7. SIMULATION RESULTS

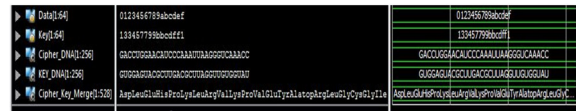


Fig 18: DES Encryption with DNA simulation using Xilinx ISE simulator.

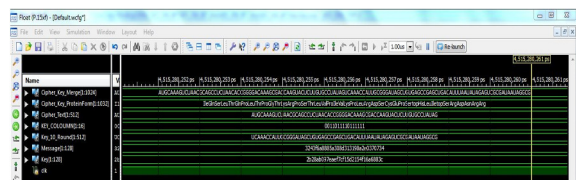


Fig 19: AES Encryption with DNA simulation using Xilinx ISE simulator.

Simulation output of 64- bit DES algorithm Key and Cipher in Protein form shown in figure 18. Simulation output of 128- bit AES algorithm Key and Cipher in Protein form shown in figure 19.

8.FPGA IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNAL VIEW OF CRYPTOGRAPHY ALGORITHM USING CHIPSCOPE PRO ANALYZER

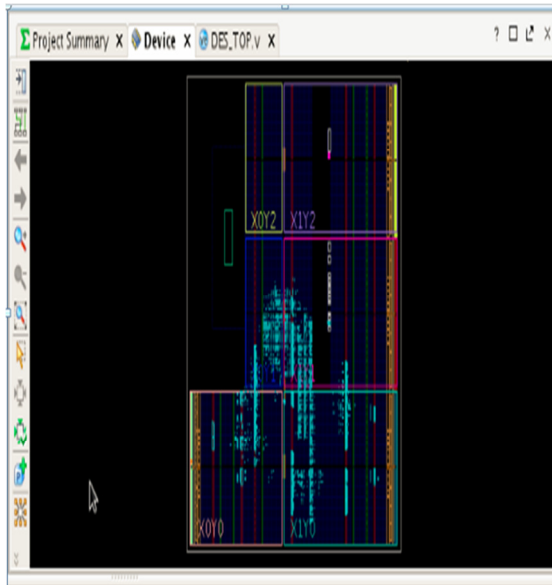


Fig 20: Place and Route occupancy of DES algorithm with DNA

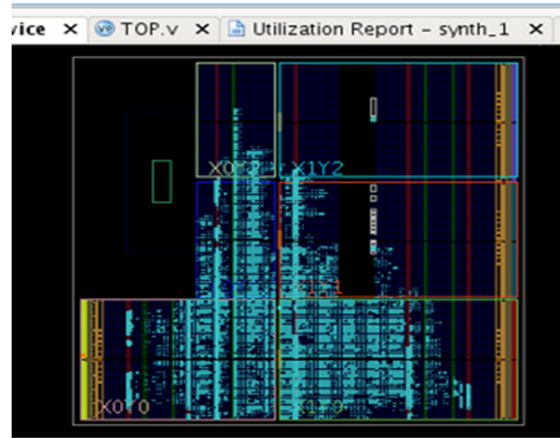


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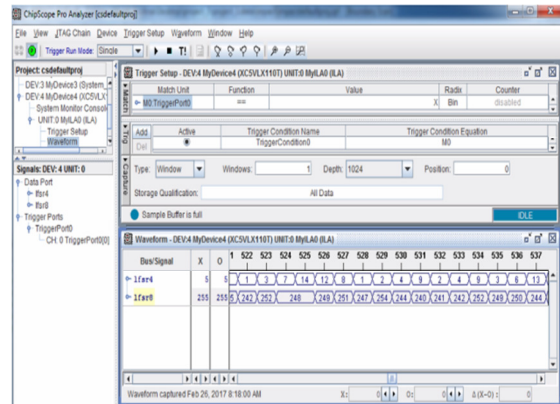


Fig 23: PR based Dynamic Key Generation Mechanism

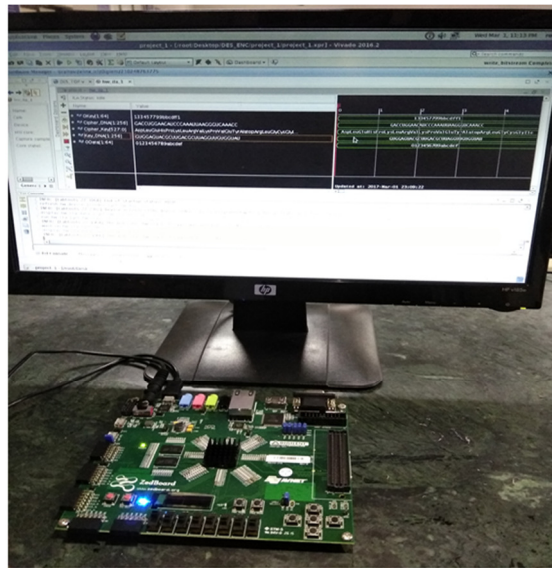


Fig 21: Physical view 64-bitDES algorithm on Zync FPGA architecture.

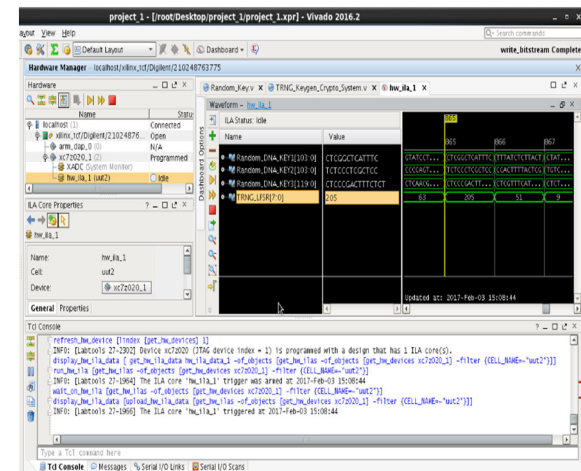


Fig 24: Internal view of Random DNA based Key Generation with Chipscope Pro Analyzer

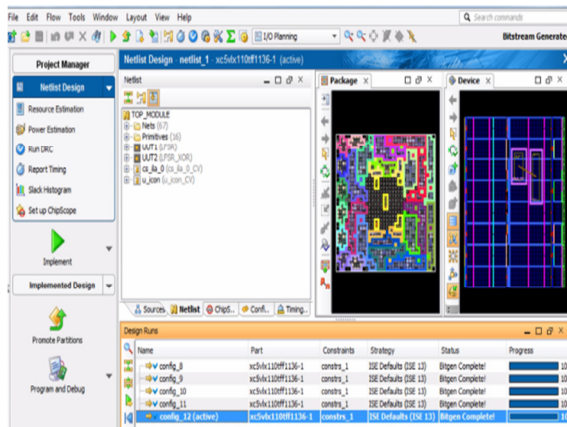


Fig 25: Plan Ahead based dynamic key generation and runtime inverse permutation for DES / Shift Rows & Shift Columns functions for AES algorithm.

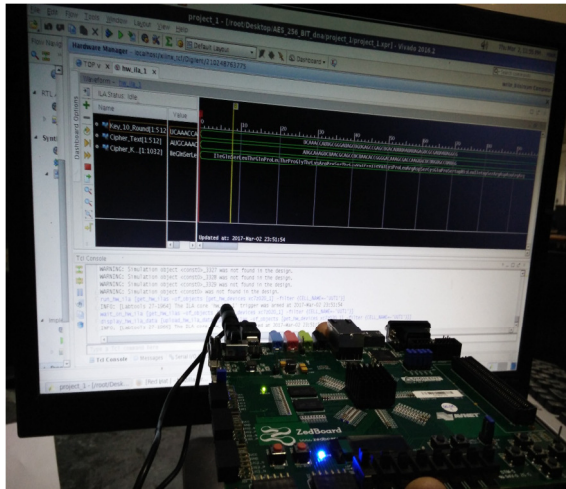


Fig 26: Physical view of 128-bit AES algorithm on Zynq FPGA architecture.

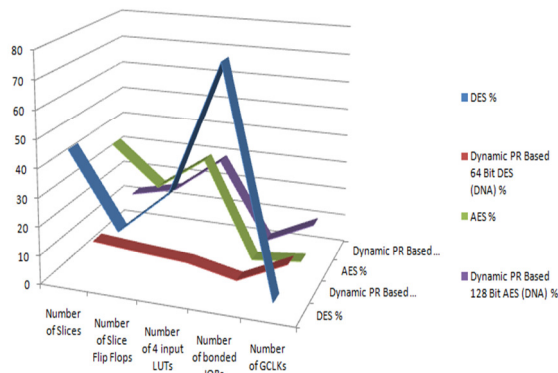


Fig 27: Graphical comparison of Resources utilized for DES, AES Encryption Techniques with and without DNA.

Place and Route occupancy of DES algorithm with DNA is shown in figure 20. FPGA Implementation of 64-bit DES algorithm on Zynq FPGA architecture is shown in figure 21. Place and Route occupancy of AES algorithm with DNA is shown in figure 22. PR based Dynamic Key Generation Mechanism for cryptography techniques are shown in figure 23 and 24. Plan Ahead based PR Floor Plan occupancy shown in figure 25. FPGA Implementation of 128 bit AES algorithm on Zynq FPGA architecture is shown in figure 26. Device Utilization Summary comparison for DES, AES Encryption Techniques with and without DNA is shown in figure 27.

9. CONCLUSION

Evolvable cryptosystem is dynamically reconfigurable with two active reconfigurable modules. Critical procedures to be followed in floor planning the design using reconfigurable partition, and defining pblock with physical constraints on floor plan for the location of Reconfigurable Modules and custom embedded processor using Plan Ahead tool to produce multiple configurations with full and partial bit streams. Design Rule Check and PR Verify procedures prove that global resources like DCM, IO Buffers etc., should be avoided to generate partial bit streams. Design classification undergoes one static logic and more reconfigurable modules. One reconfigurable module for dynamic key generation for DES and AES encryption techniques, which plays a vital role in data security. Second reconfigurable modules perform runtime inverse permutation for DES and Shift Rows/Shift Columns for AES, which enhances the security. Protein bases are added to cipher and nth round key before transmission in a channel. Our proposed method is unique when compared with the traditional encryption techniques with DNA sequence. The encryption techniques are integrated with ILA cores to monitor internal view of signals using Chipscope Pro Logic Analyzer results are tested on Virtex XUPV5LX110T and Zynq Xc7z020 FPGA architecture. Resources utilized for DES, AES Encryption Techniques with PR and DNA occupies less resources in comparison without DNA.

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