

FuncTeller: How Well Does eFPGA Hide Functionality?

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What are the biggest hardware security threats?

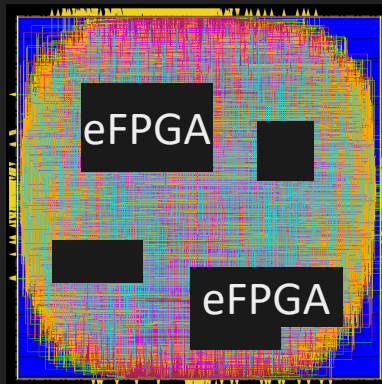
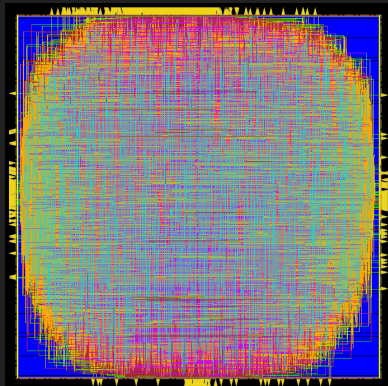
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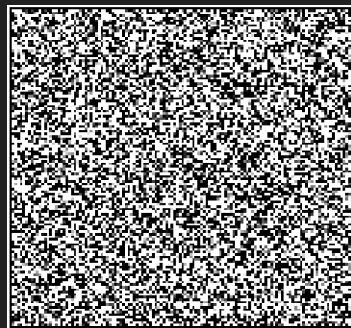
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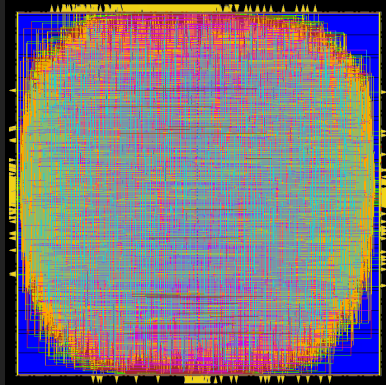
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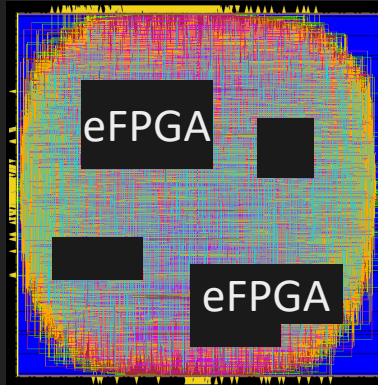
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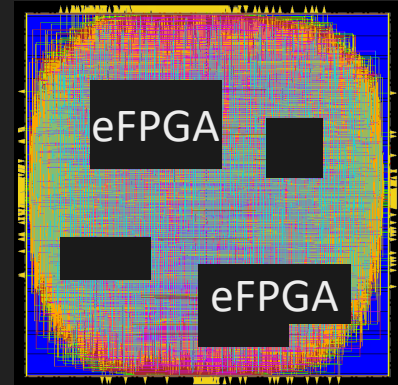
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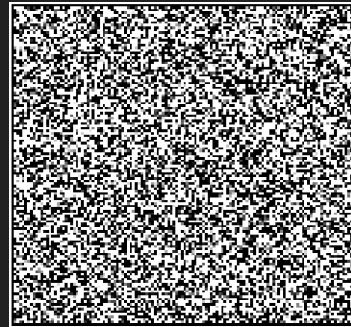
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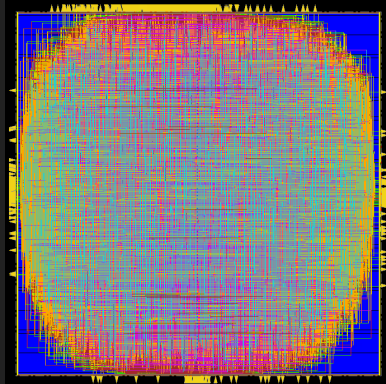
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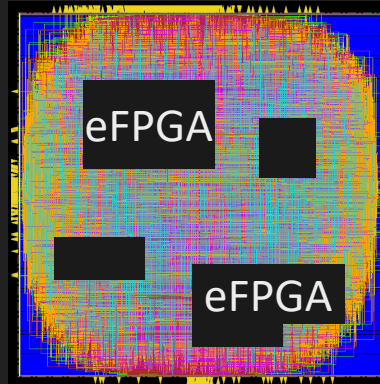
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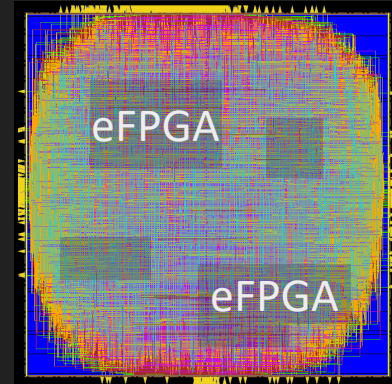
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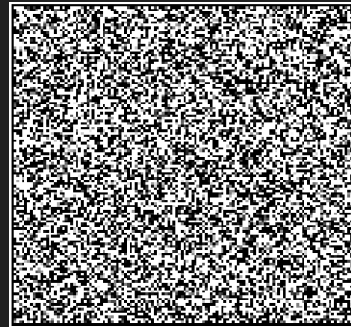
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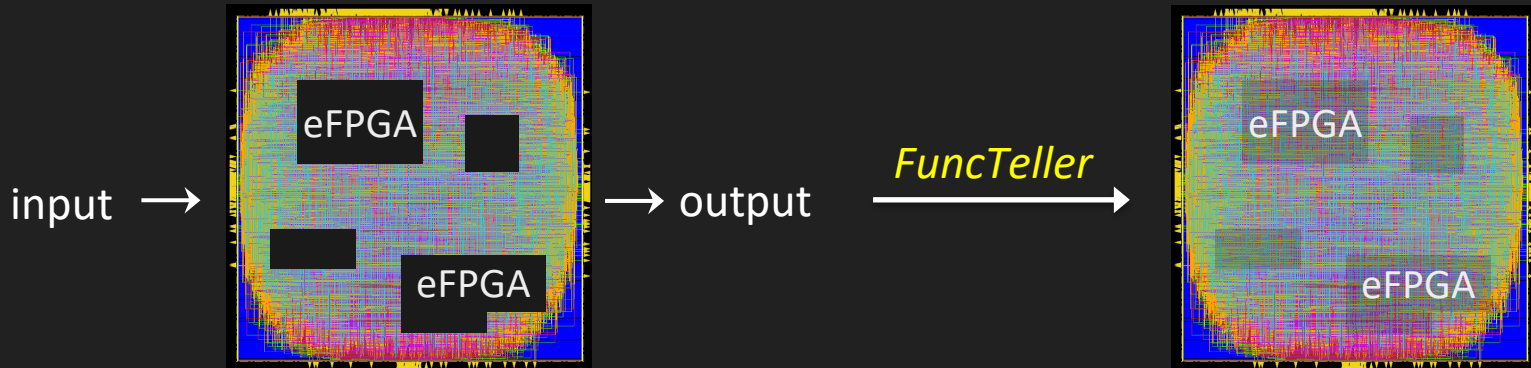
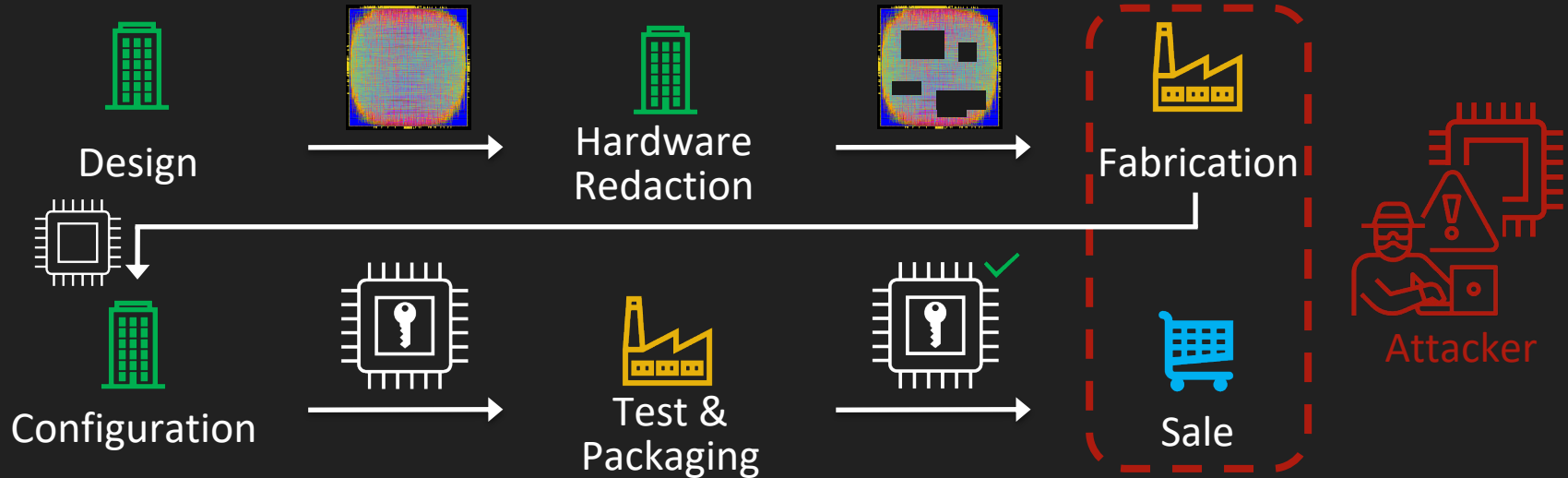
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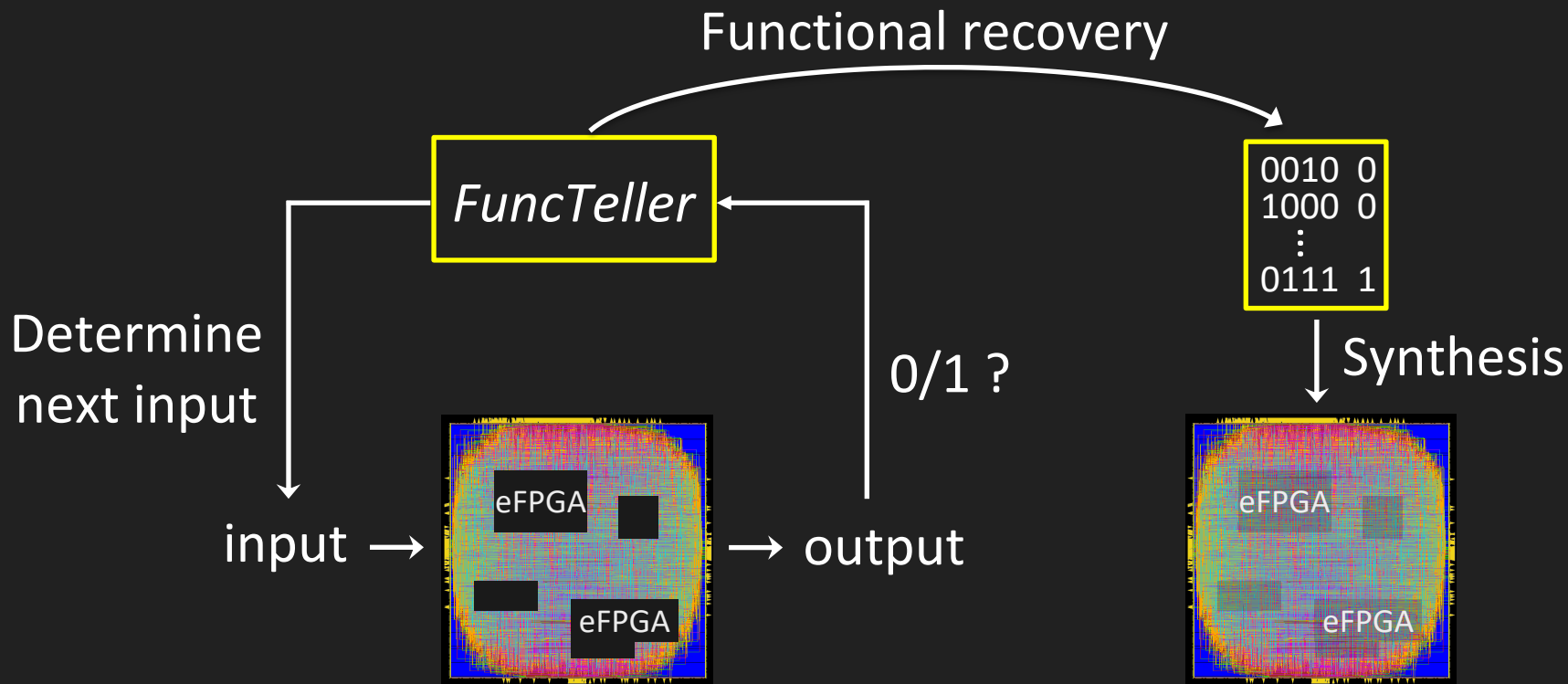
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Redaction and *FuncTeller* in IC Supply Chain



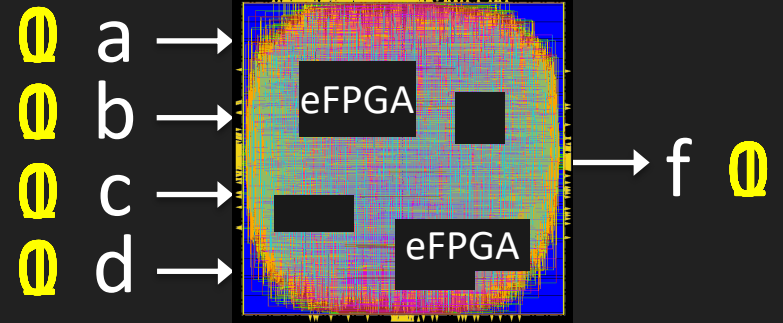
High-Level Approach



Challenge: exponential query complexity!

Proposed Attack: *FuncTeller*

cd \ ab	00	01	11	10
00	0	0	0	0
01	0	1	0	0
11	1	1	1	1
10	0	0	0	0



Observation: 1s are clustered, and clusters distribute closely!

Proposed Attack: *FuncTeller*

Random query

cd \ ab	00	01	11	10
00	0	0	0	0
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FuncTeller

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FuncTeller

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The *FuncTeller* table highlights the 1s in green. A dashed blue circle encloses the 1s at (01,01) and (11,01). Yellow arrows indicate a path from (11,01) to (11,11) and then to (11,01), suggesting a search for a specific pattern.

Proposed Attack: *FuncTeller*

Random query

cd \ ab	00	01	11	10
00	0	0	0	0
01	0	1	0	0
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16 queries

FuncTeller

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00	0	0	0	0
01	0	1	0	0
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12 queries

Experimental Results

Performance of *FuncTeller*

	Circuit	# inputs	# outputs	Time (h)	Accuracy (%)
Academic	c432	36	7	0.09	99.86
	c880	60	26	1.06	96.12
	c1355	41	32	1.01	50.77
	c1908	33	25	1.00	81.82
	c7552	207	107	1.25	86.66
	b14	277	299	1.39	92.46
	b20	522	512	9.92	84.10
Industrial	MIPS	430	407	1.84	95.49
	IBEX	1,386	1,385	72.85	90.96
	GPS	9,707	9,731	44.44	68.89

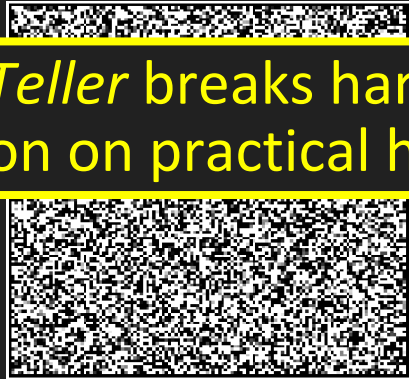
Accuracy > 90% on the IBEX processor

Real-World Application

Gaussian blur on the image with image processing circuit



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FuncTeller

FuncTeller breaks hardware redaction on practical hardware.



Thank you!!



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