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Title: EDA tools for Secure and Reliable High Level Synthesis Implementations

Abstract: Data protection is not the only concern for cybersecurity; hardware attacks can have equally deleterious effects. Delayed or faulty trafficking of data within hardware components can have serious, even life-threatening consequences: for the Internet of Things, self-driving cars and remote medicine, reliability is one of the primary concerns. Hardware accelerators are increasingly used to meet the demands of cutting-edge technologies. They offload certain tasks onto specialised hardware elements to enhance efficiency compared to using a general-purpose CPU alone. High level synthesis (HLS), an electronic design automation (EDA) tool, takes high-level functional descriptions of a design and turns it into a register-transfer level (RTL) design. The EU-funded SecuReHLS project is developing EDA tools that will enable the rational and automated insertion of protections during an HLS flow to automatically obtain secure and reliable RTL descriptions.



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