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DOST: Dynamically Obfuscated Wrapper for Split Test Against IC Piracy

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Motivation

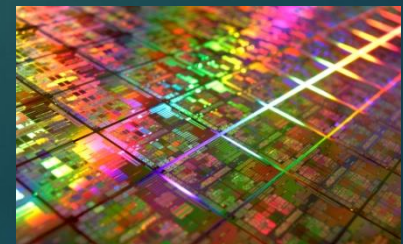
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⬡ Fabless Production Causes Trust Issues

→ Our Objective

- Overproduction
-- Prevents illegal copies from being functional
- Releasing Defective/Out-of-spec IC
-- Prevents defective or out-of-spec devices from being activated
- Cloning
-- Prevents the design from being reverse engineered

[Intel]



[Wirebiters]

Motivation

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- ⬡ Major Solutions to Deal with Fab Attacks
 - Split Manufacturing [10][11]
 - Cost is high; BEOL Can be fully or partly Recovered [12]
 - Metering/Locking [13,14]
 - IC needs to be unlocked before structural test
 - Secure Split Test (SST) [7,8]
 - IC needs to be unlocked before functional test
 - The structural response is uniquely encrypted



Address the Gap left for Defective
/Out-of-spec ICs

The Basic Concepts

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➤ Reduce the data volume of secure structural test



Prevent **DEFECTIVE** IC
from being activated

➤ Allow IP owner to perform final activation
based on the functional test results

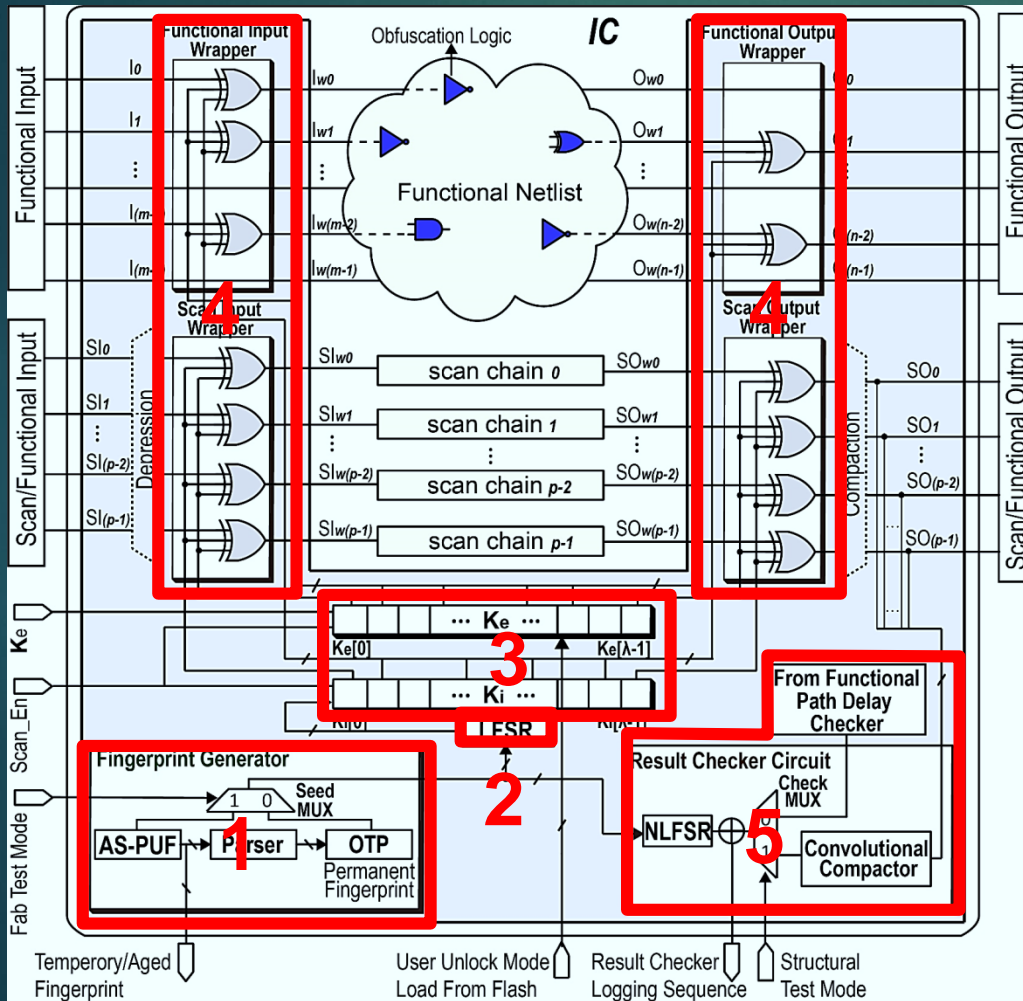


Prevent **OUT-OF-SPEC** IC
from being activated

Architecture

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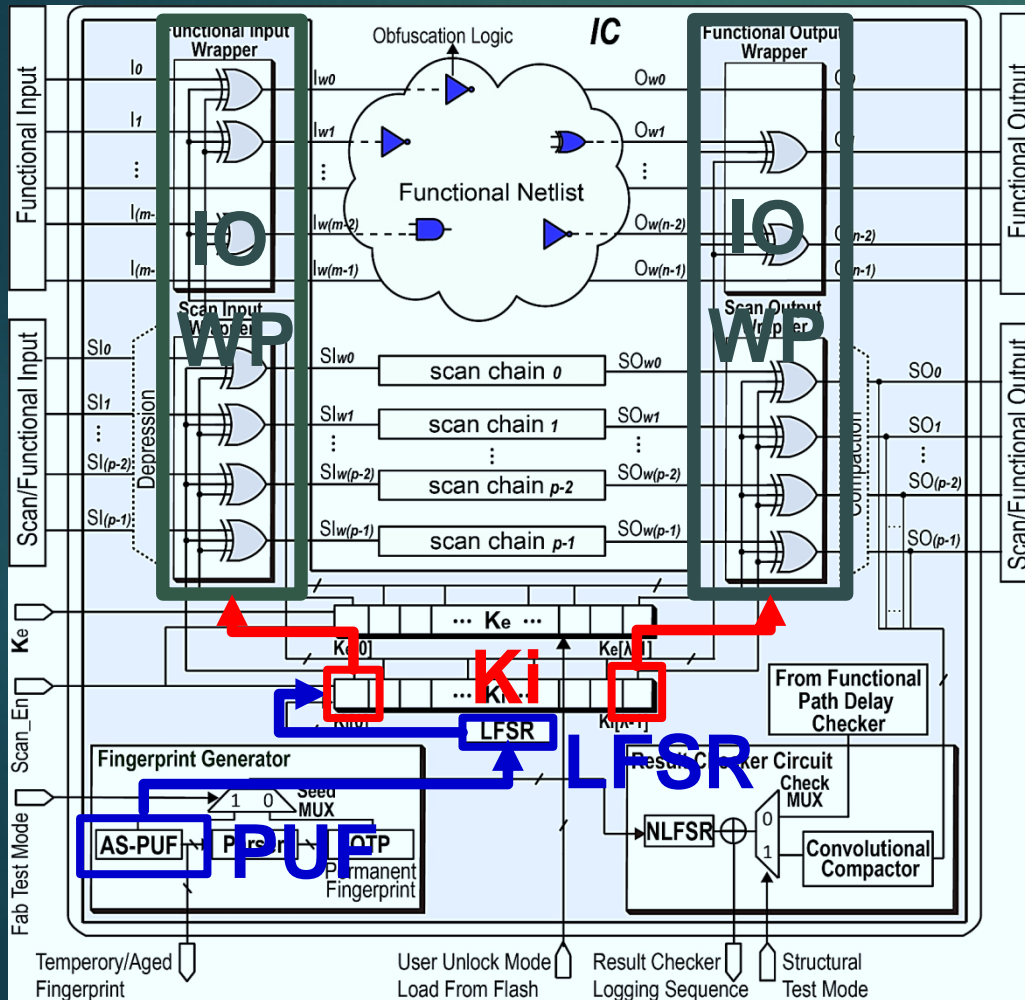
Dynamically Obfuscated Wrapper for Split Test (DOST)



1. Fingerprint Generator
2. LFSR
3. Internal and External Key Registers
4. I/O Wrapper with the Obfuscation Logic
5. Result Checker Circuit

Structural Test with DOST

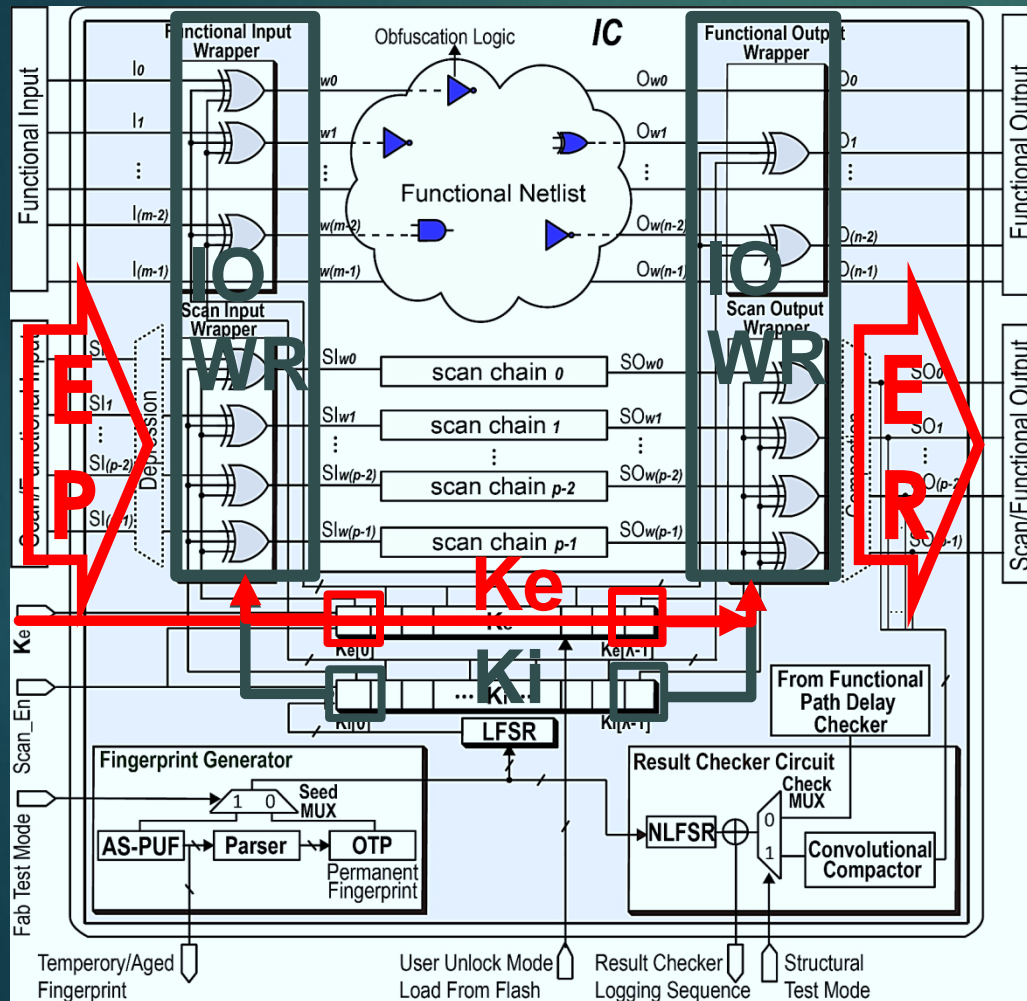
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- The IO Wrapper is uniquely locked by K_i
- The value of K_i is determined by the output of PUF and LFSR

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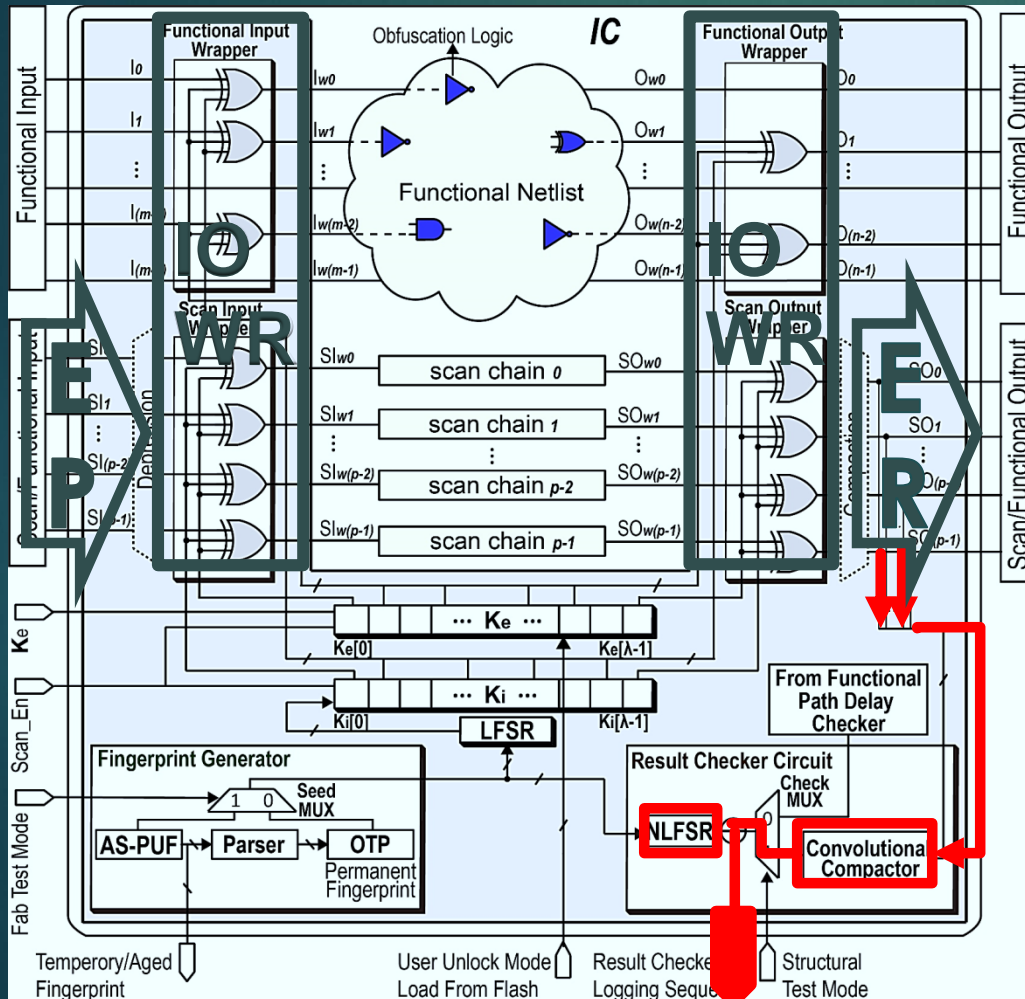
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- The structural test pattern/responses set are universally encrypted for all DUTs.
- A unique K_e is supplied externally to decrypt EP.

Structural Test with DOST

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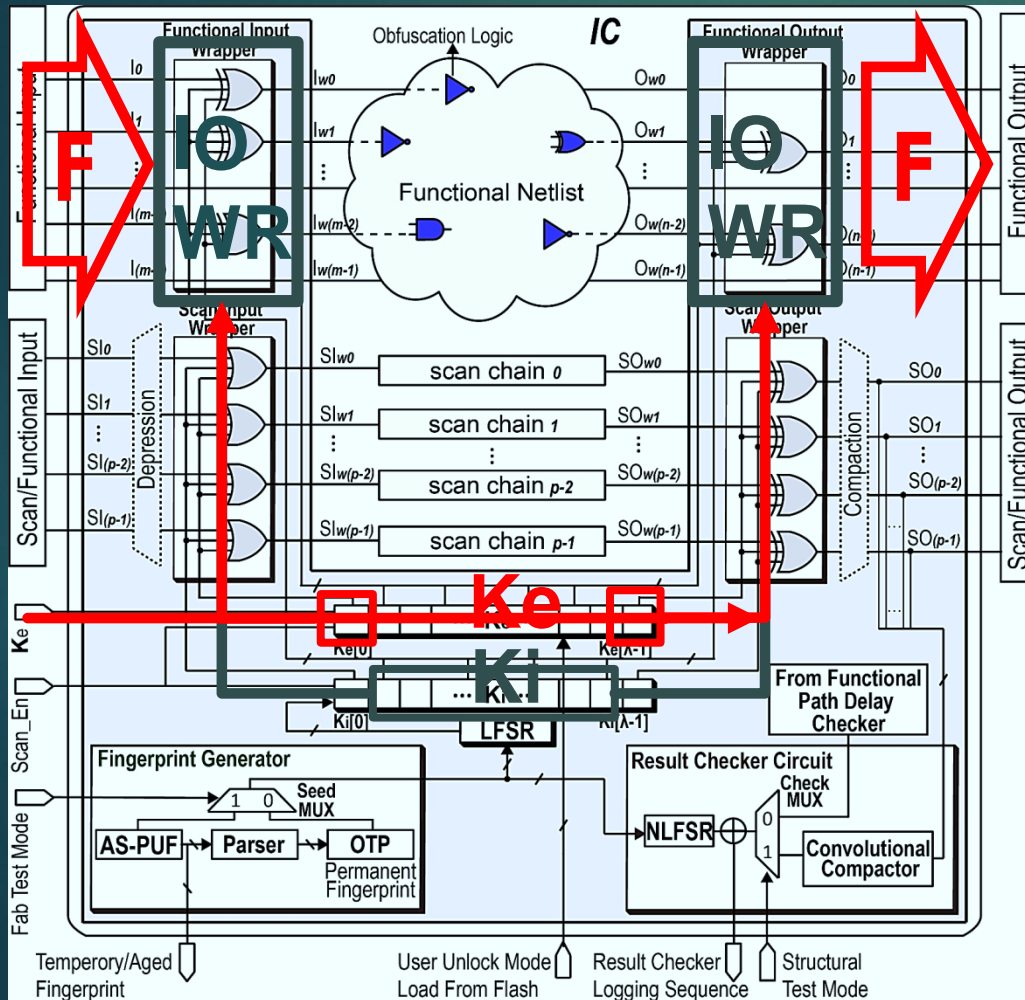
- The encrypted response is compacted into a one-bit sequence.
- The sequence is uniquely encrypted by NLFSR as structural test footprint.

Structural Test Footprint

1011000111000011000010100110001...

Functional Test with DOST

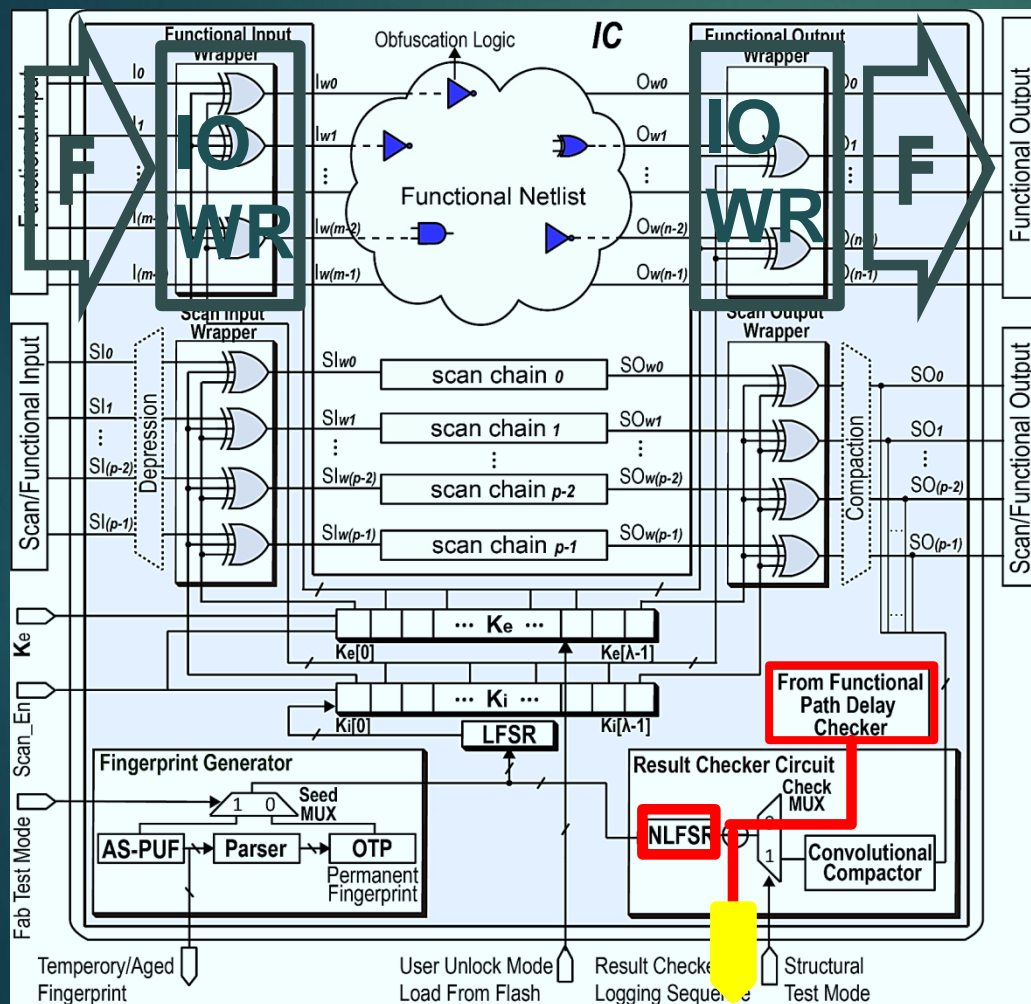
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- Another unique K_e for functional test is applied to unlock the functional IO.
- All functional tests can be applied.

Functional Test with DOST

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- Functional sensors' signatures can be scanned, uniquely encrypted by NLFSR as functional test footprint.

Functional Test Footprint

101100101110001110000110000110001...

Data Logging File

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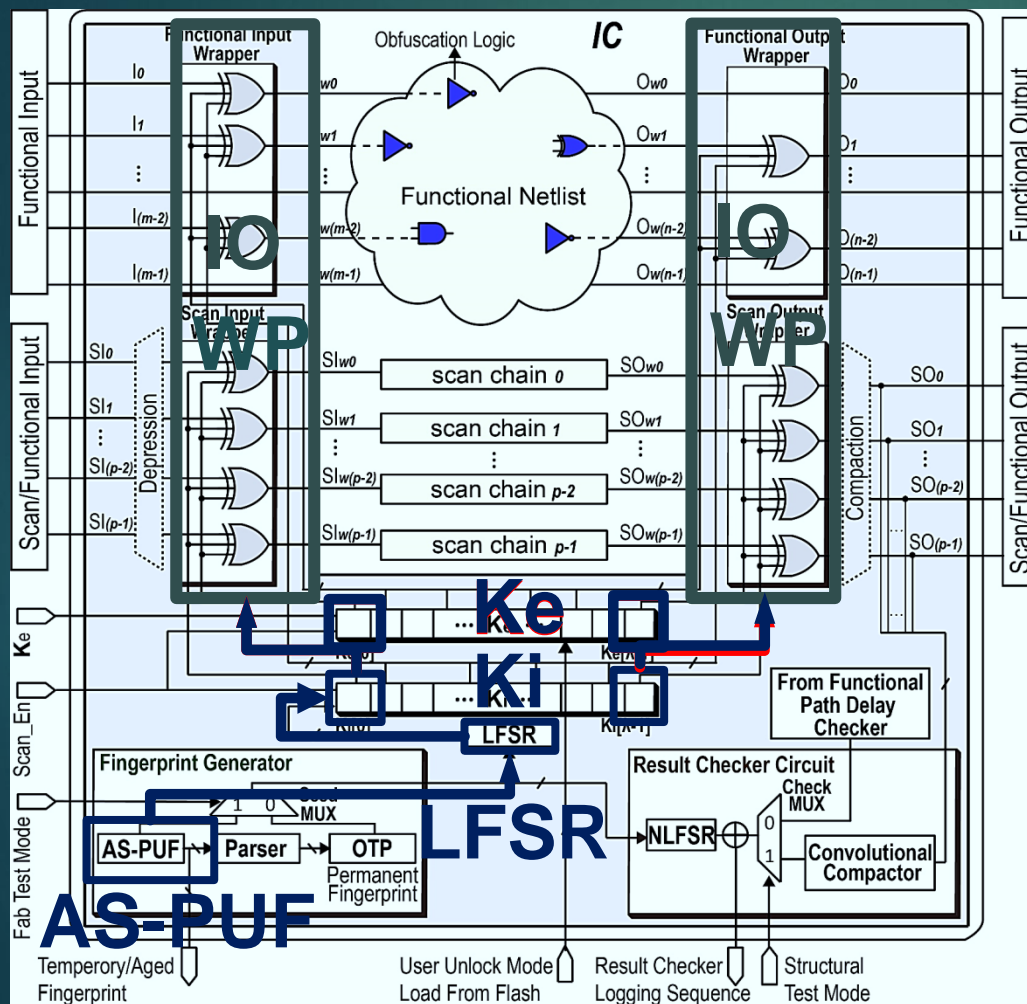
ECID ₁	ECID ₂	ECID _n
AS-PUF Value: 101101..	AS-PUF Value: 101011..	AS-PUF Value: 101001..
K _{es} : 1001010...	K _{es} : 1011010...	K _{es} : 1001010...
K _{ef} : 0101110...	K _{ef} : 0111010...	K _{ef} : 0101110...
FK _e : 1101110...	FK _e : 0101110...	FK _e : 0101110...
Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 101010...	Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 110101...	Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 010110...
Result Checker Logging for Structural Test: 101001...	Result Checker Logging for Structural Test: 011101...	Result Checker Logging for Structural Test: 100101...



Data Volume increase = 1~2 Scan IO

Inactivation Decision

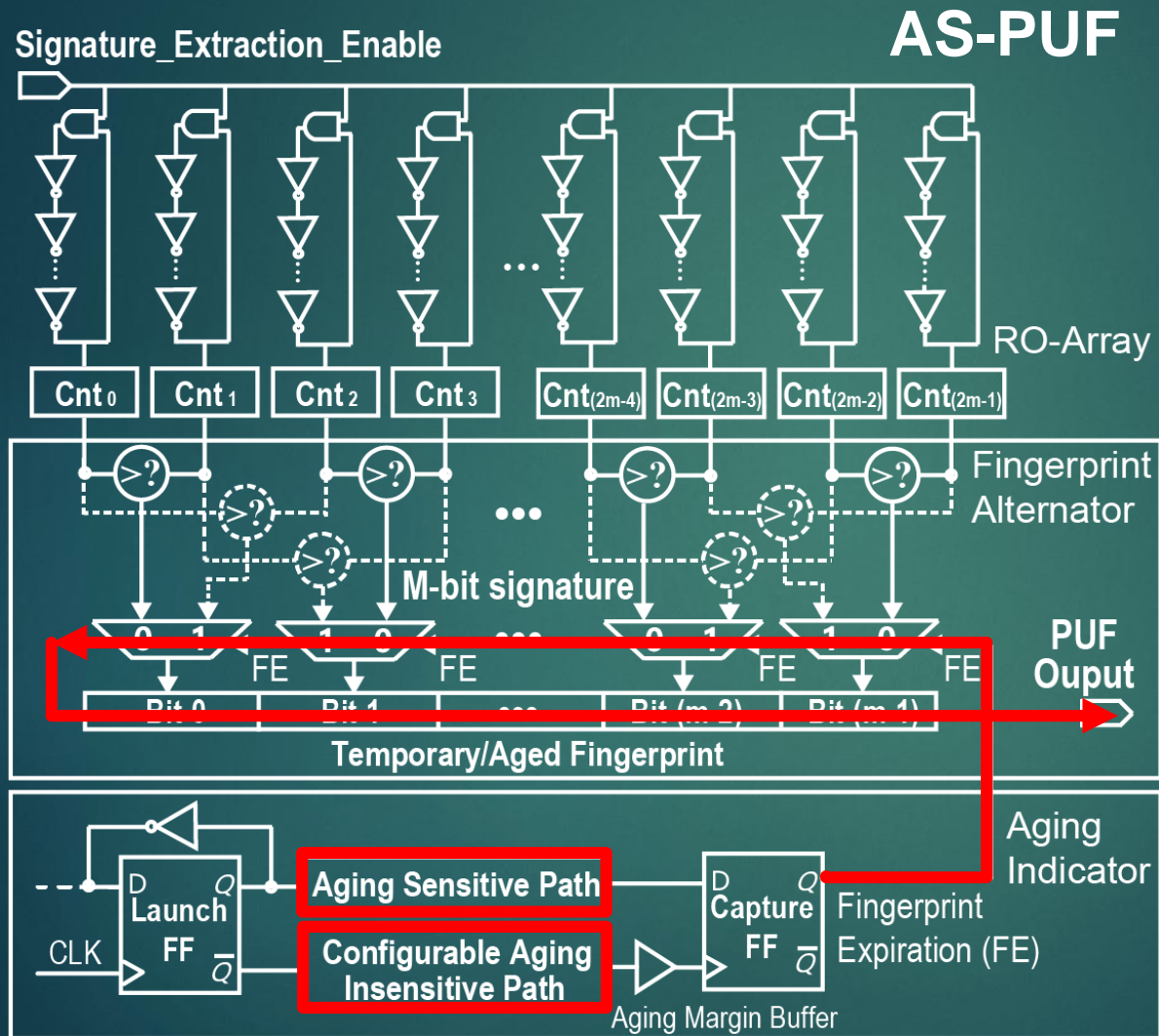
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- Aging sensitive PUF's signature expires after test time window.
- K_i expires.
- The current K_e cannot unlock the IO Wrapper any more.
- The chip is locked again.

Aging Sensitive PUF Design

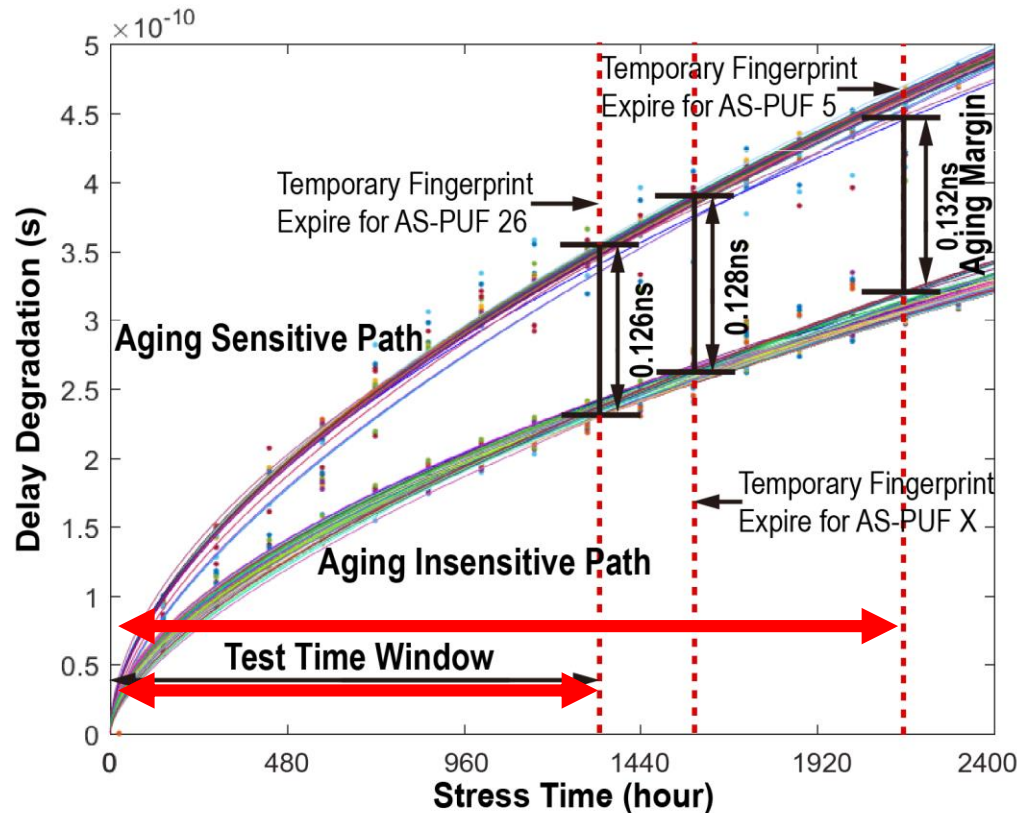
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- The degradation gap between the aging sensitive and insensitive paths increases with aging.
- Flips the PUF signature after IP owner's test time window.

AS-PUF Results

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- Delay degradations of 100 samples, with 30% V_{th} , 10% L, 10% W, and 20% tox variations, at 25°C, 32nm without acceleration.
- The test time window distributes in the range between 1329.3 to 2156.2 hours.

Data Logging File

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ECID ₁	ECID ₂	ECID _n
AS-PUF Value: 101101..	AS-PUF Value: 101011..	AS-PUF Value: 101001..
K _{es} :	K _{es} : 1011010...	K _{es} : 1011010...
K _{ef} :	K _{ef} : 0111010...	K _{ef} : 0111010...
FK _e :	FK _e : 0101110...	FK _e : 0101110...
Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 101010...	Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 101010...	Result Checker Logging for Functional Test: 101010...
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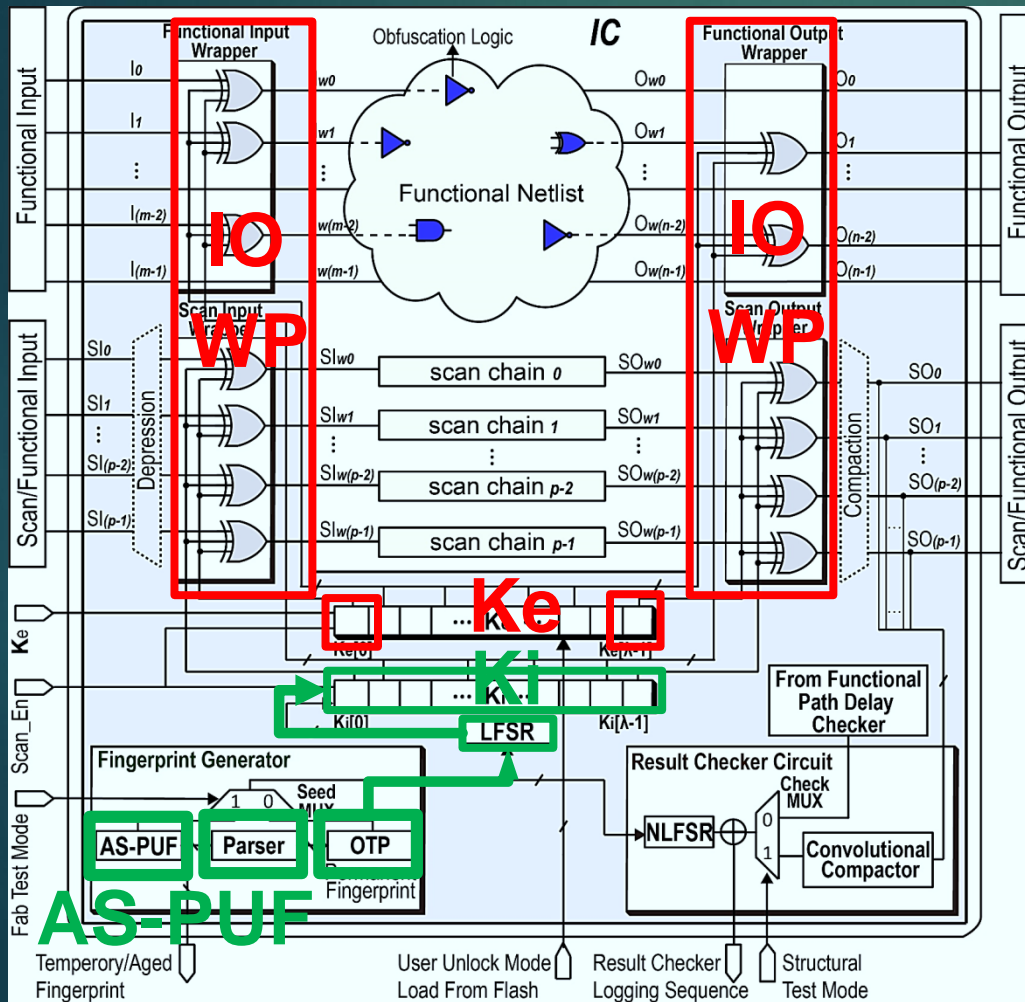


Functional Foot Prints

Structural Foot Prints

IP Owner Activation

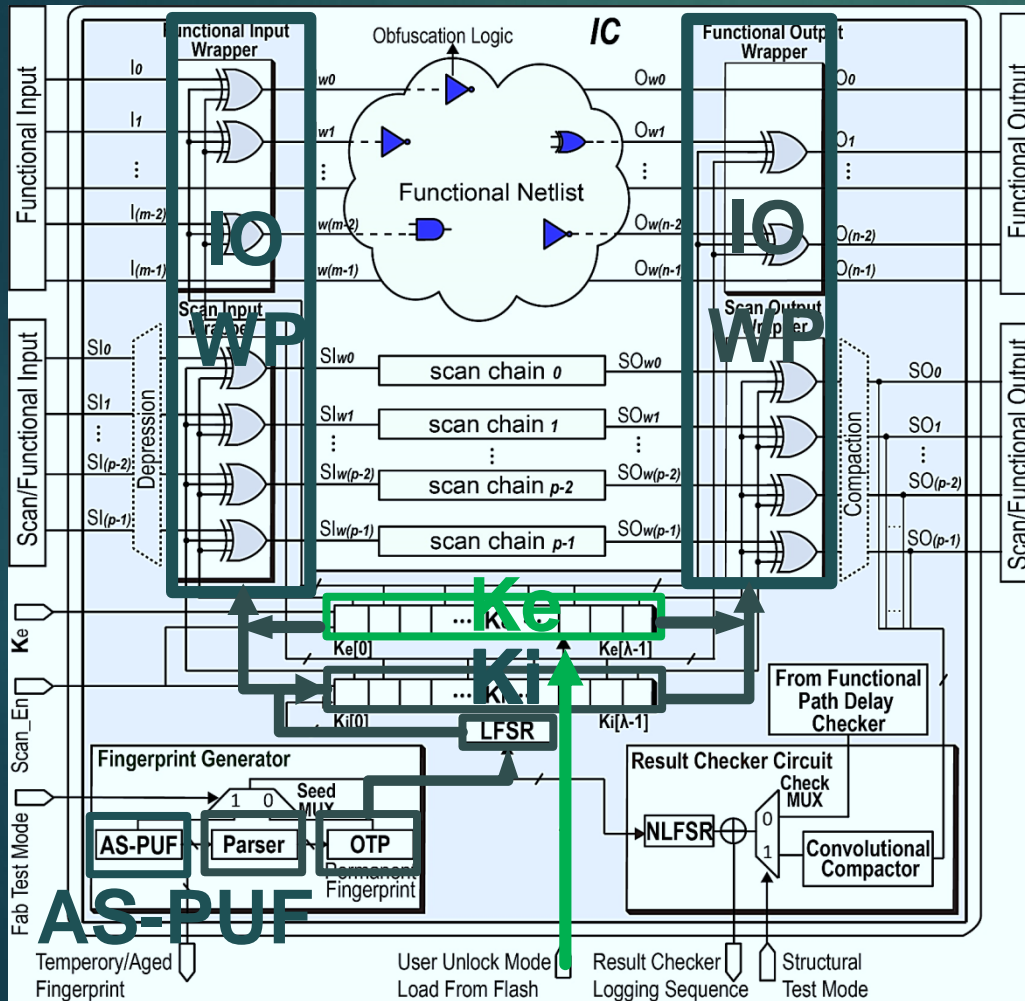
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- Another permanent PUF signature is used to generate K_i .
- This permanent signature is obtained at fresh time by varying the PUF signature and storing it into OTP.

IP Owner Activation

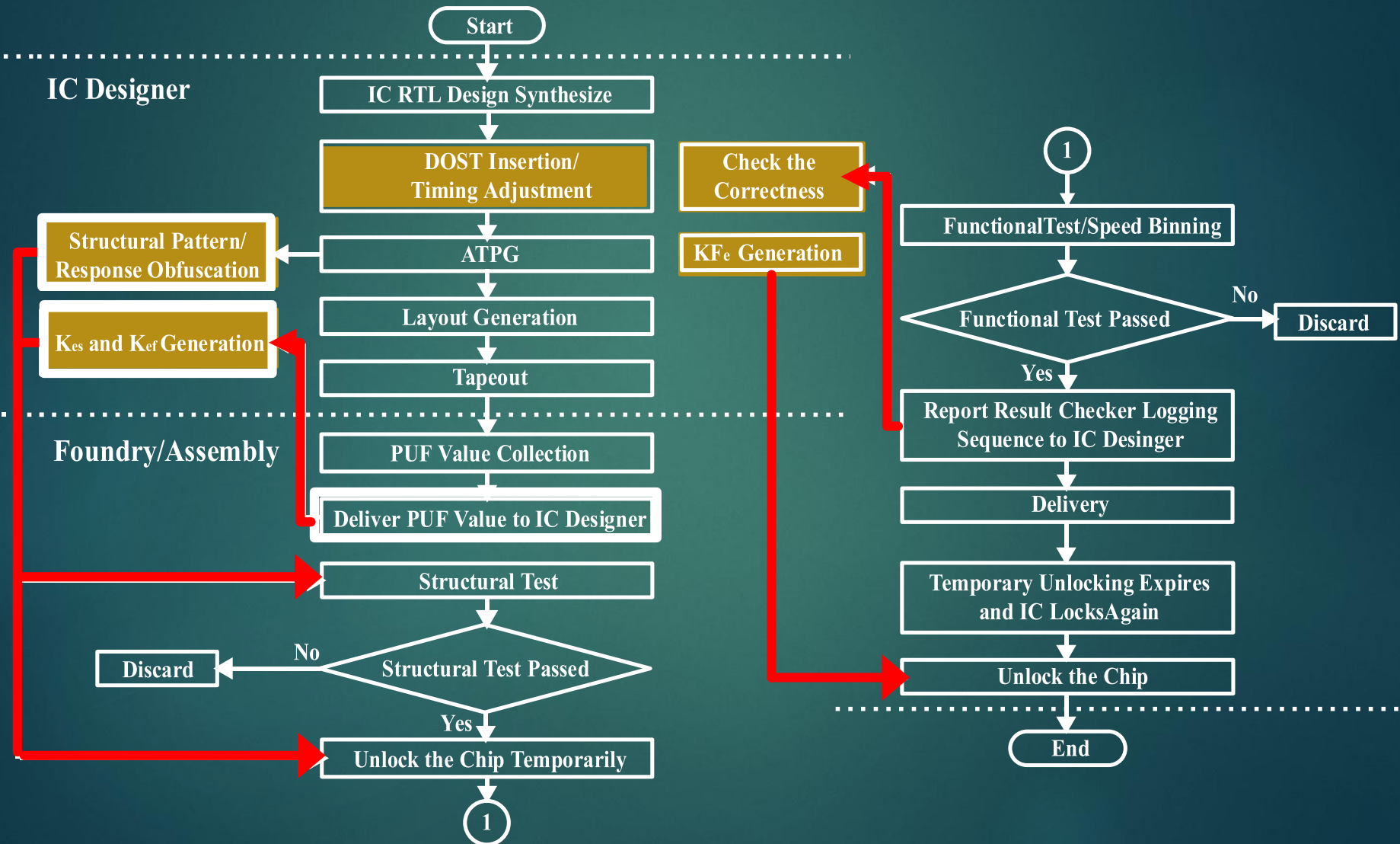
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- The new K_i is known by the IP Owner.
- IP owner assigns an activation K_e for final activation.

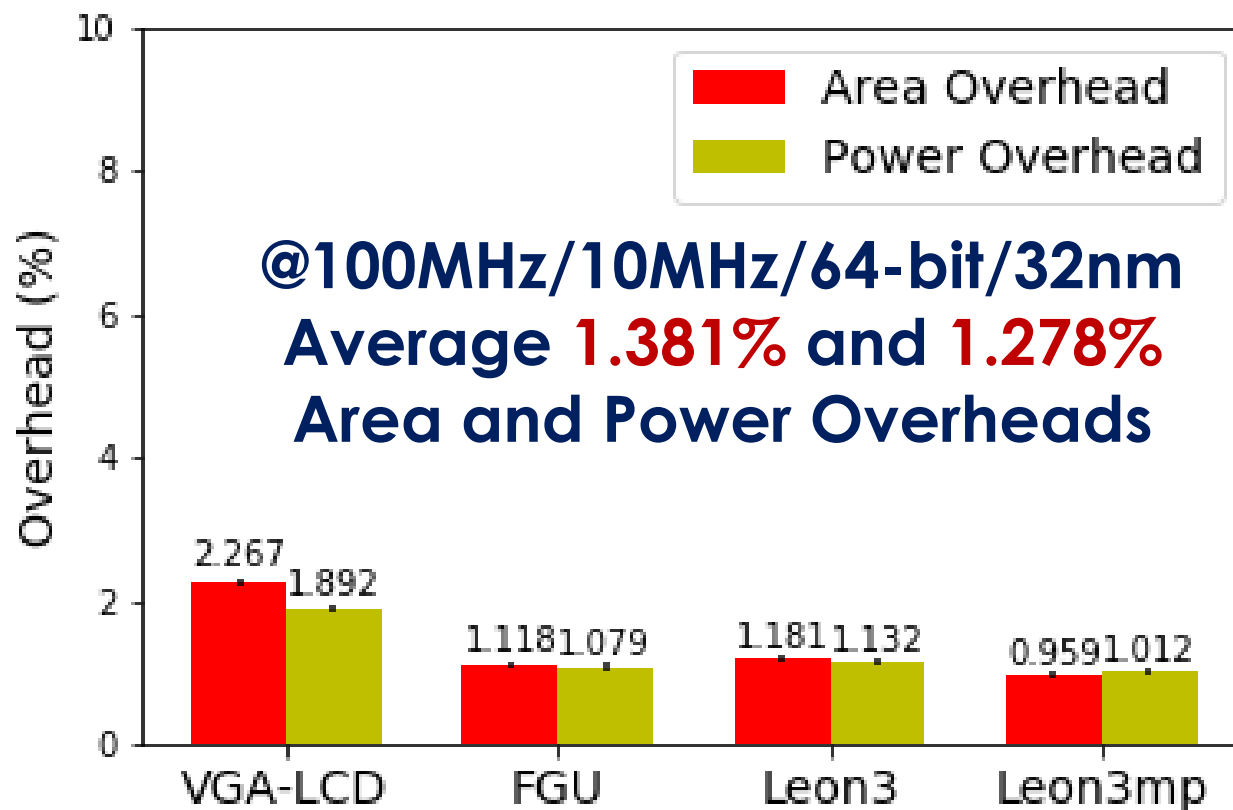
DOST Flow

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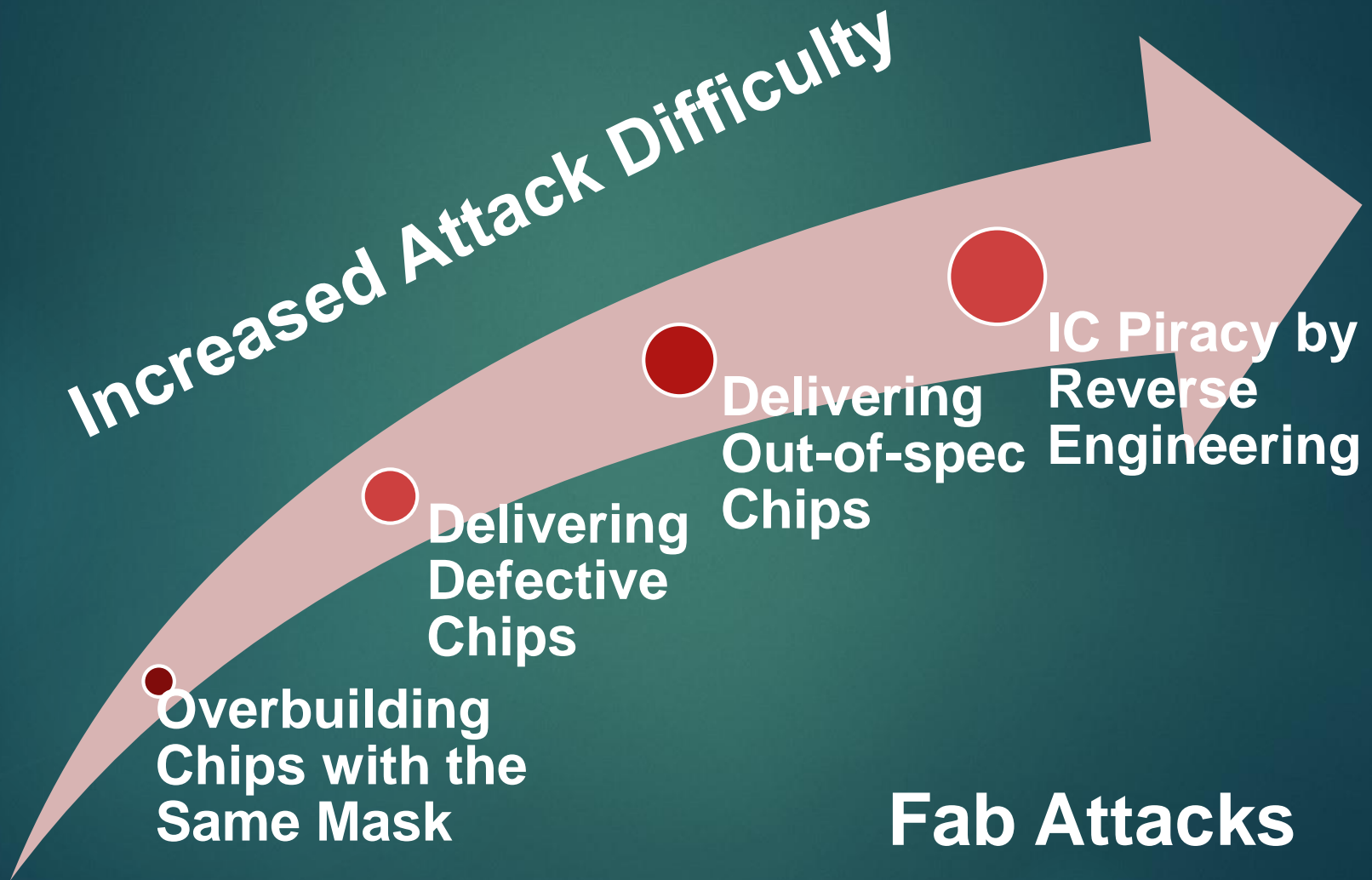
Area and Power Overheads

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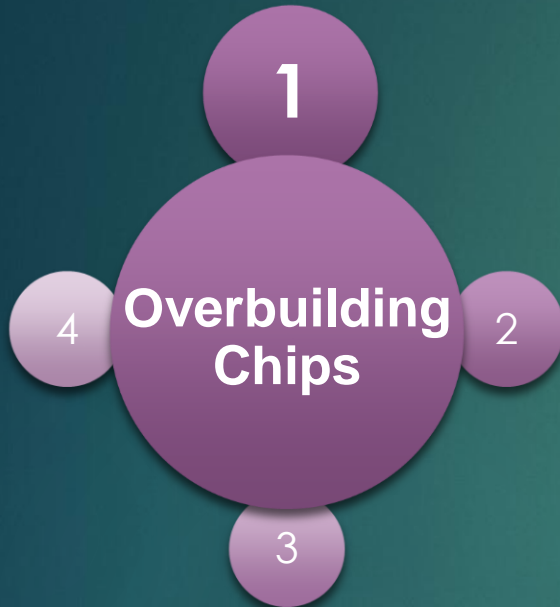
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Fab reuses the mask
to overbuild



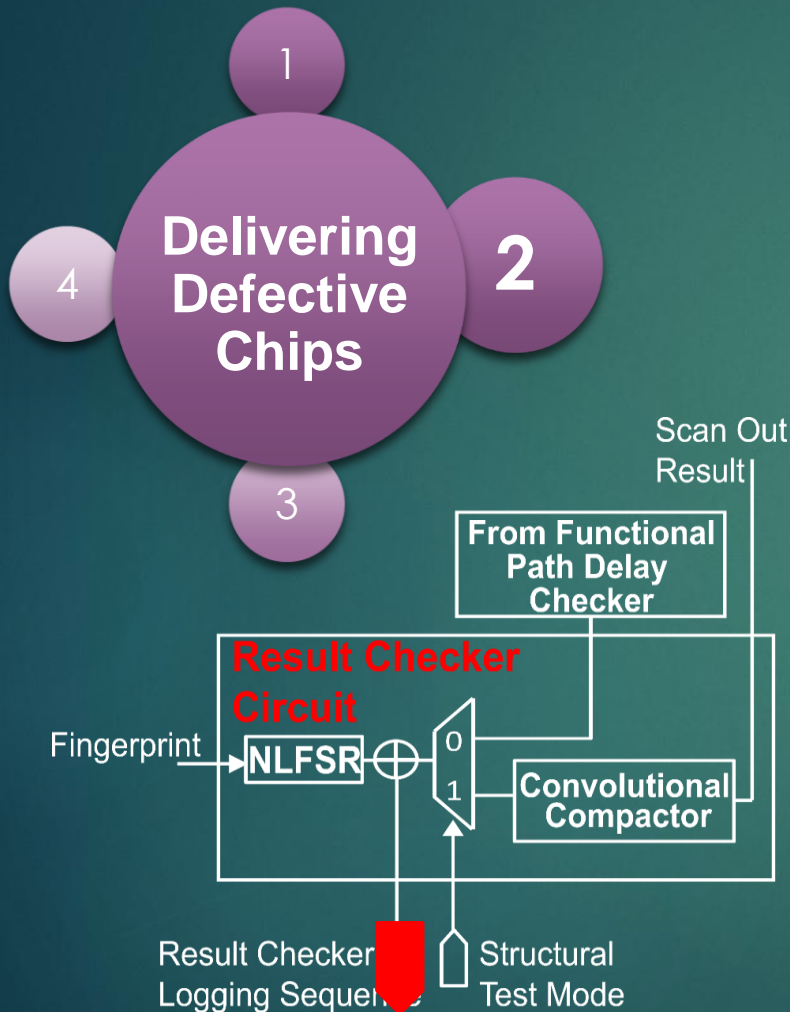
Only contracted
number of *FK_e* are
given



Overbuilding is
prevented

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Foundry may deliver defective chips as fault-free ones

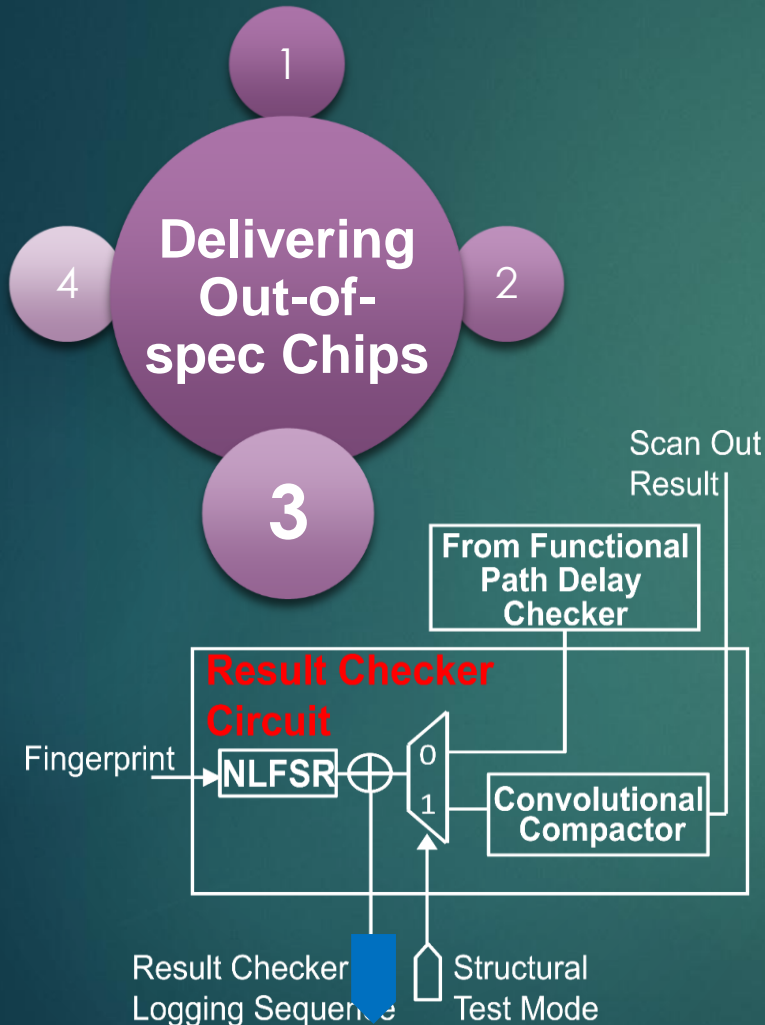
A unique and encrypted structural test logging sequence is included in the report data base

Activated when defect free

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Out-of-spec devices can be labeled as in-spec ones

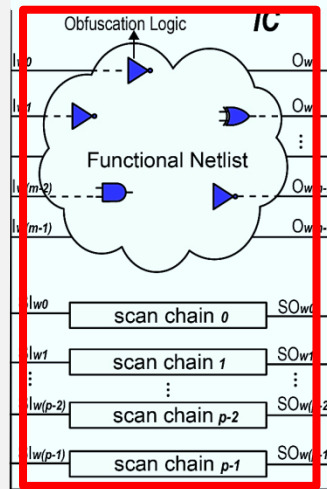
IP owner can verify the uniquely encrypted functional data logging sequence in the data base

FK_e will not be released to out-of-spec devices

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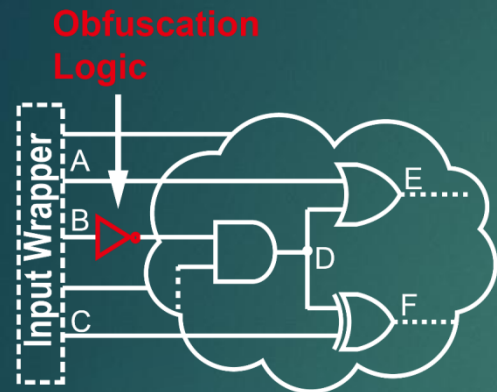
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Untrusted foundry can bypass DOST and extract the netlist in center

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The OL is at primary input



The OL is at logic depth i



The OL is at logic depth i+1

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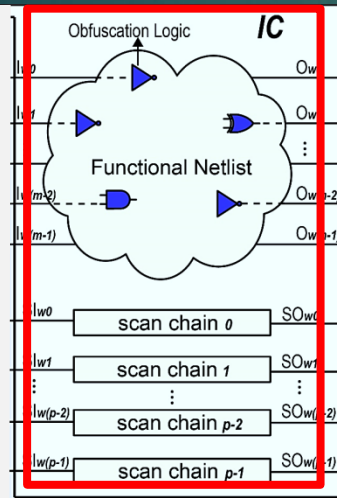
As the IO Wrapper is
configurable by the keys,
we randomly invert the
original netlist's IOs

Move the obfuscation
inverters into larger logic
depth

And even generating
camouflaging inverters at
other inputs and outputs

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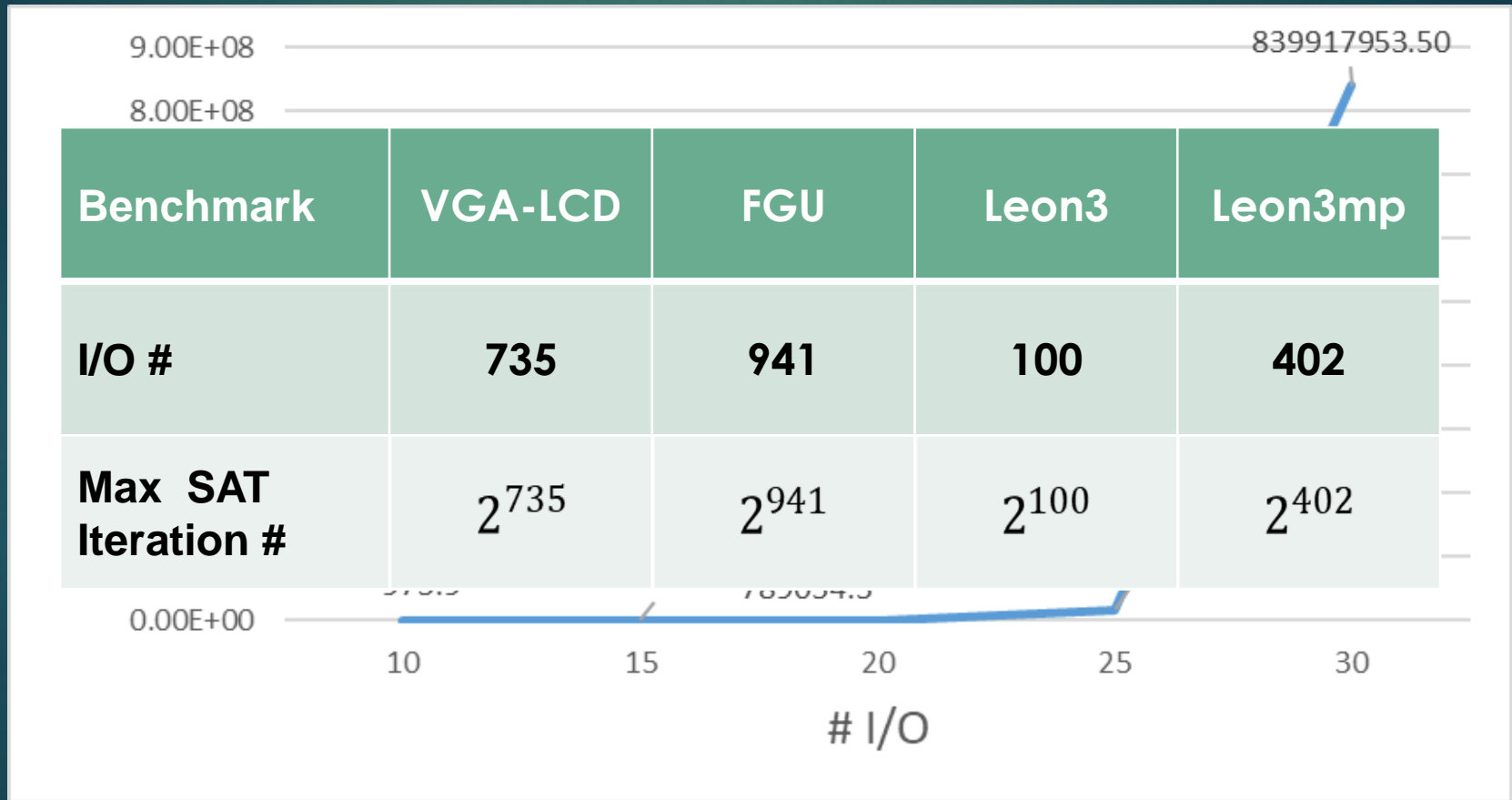
Even DOST is removed,
Obfuscation Logic still
exists

The brute force attack
probability is $1/2^{mn}$

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⬡ SAT Analysis Difficulty for Obfuscation Identification



The average iteration count by randomly selecting keys

Conclusion

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Comparing with Existing Secure Scan Solutions

Metrics	DOST	CSST [7][8]	Hardware Metering [4]	Logic Barrier [17]
Area Overhead	Extra RO-based PUF,	Extra RSA module	Extra FSM logic and PUF (low-medium)	Extra reconfigurable-logic barriers for IOs, lookup table, and PUF (high)
Security during Production Tests	Both structural and functional tests are conducted with protection with extra data volume equals to 1 to 2 scan IOs.		Neither structural or functional tests is conducted with protection. A Large volume of authentication takes place before all tests.	Neither structural or functional tests is conducted with protection. A Large volume of authentication takes place before all tests.
Overproduced IC Deactivation			No. Foundry can produce ICs by claiming lower (than the original) yield.	No. Foundry can overproduce ICs by claiming lower (than the original) yield.
Defective IC Deactivation	Yes		No	No
Out-of-spec (speed) IC Deactivation	Yes		No	No
Extra Work Load for DFT Engineers	Data security against flushing, resetting and FSR hash function attacks.		—	—
Data Exchange Volume between IC Designer and Test Facilities	3 Kes, result checker logging sequence.	All test responses, test and activation keys for each IC.	—	—



Thank You!