Security of FPGA-as-a-Service Reconfigurable Systems Award #2011561

Challenge:

- Study of security threats that target FPGA-as-a-Service
- Static detection of malicious FPGA bitstreams before they are used to configure FPGAs
- Countermeasures to secure SoCs against untrusted IPs that launch attacks on the trusted IPs

Solution:

- Static analysis and detection of malicious FPGA bitstreams using ML.
- Detect potential malicious \ attacks on FPGA using feature extraction methods
- Dynamic cryptographic authentication and obfuscation support for IP security.

Enhancement of Design Security for

• Detection of static malicious FPGA bitstreams

protection against third-party IPs

• Secure interconnects with authentication support

Scientific Impact:

- Proposed framework supports the following in context of FPGA-as-a-Service:
 - Vulnerability assessment
 - Attack Modeling
 - Prediction and Detection
 - IP Protection

Broader Impact and Broader Participation:

- Research relevant to national cyber security
- Collaboration with industry (Intel, IBM, AMD), technology transfers and two patents
- Outreach among broader scientific community through workshops at MEST, SRC, etc.
- Supporting female PhD student