



An enhanced design for packet
integrity attack detection on
Untrusted Network-on-Chip (NoC)

Hardware Trojan Detection & Localization

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Background

Introduction of Network-on Chip(NoC)


- Network-based communication system
- Improves the scalability and complexity
- Excellent parallelism
- Hidden trouble: hardware Trojan

Problem Statement

- The task was to design an improved trojan detection method in NoC, based on the existing detection and localization ideas.

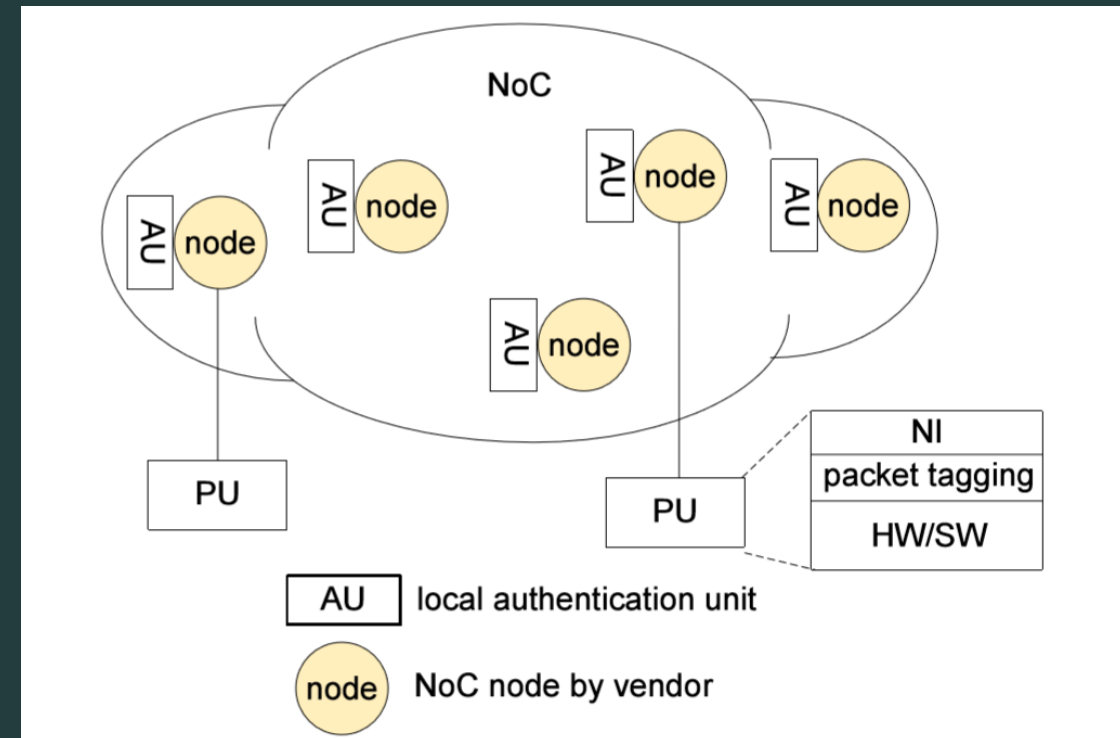
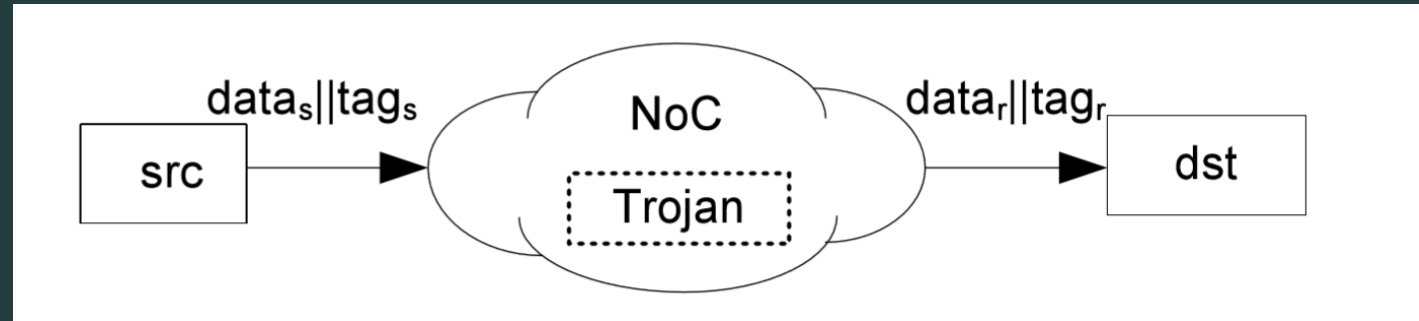


Related works

- Progressive Packet Authentication – Detection
 - Energy Efficient Trojan Detection(EETD) – Localization
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Related Work 1: Authentication

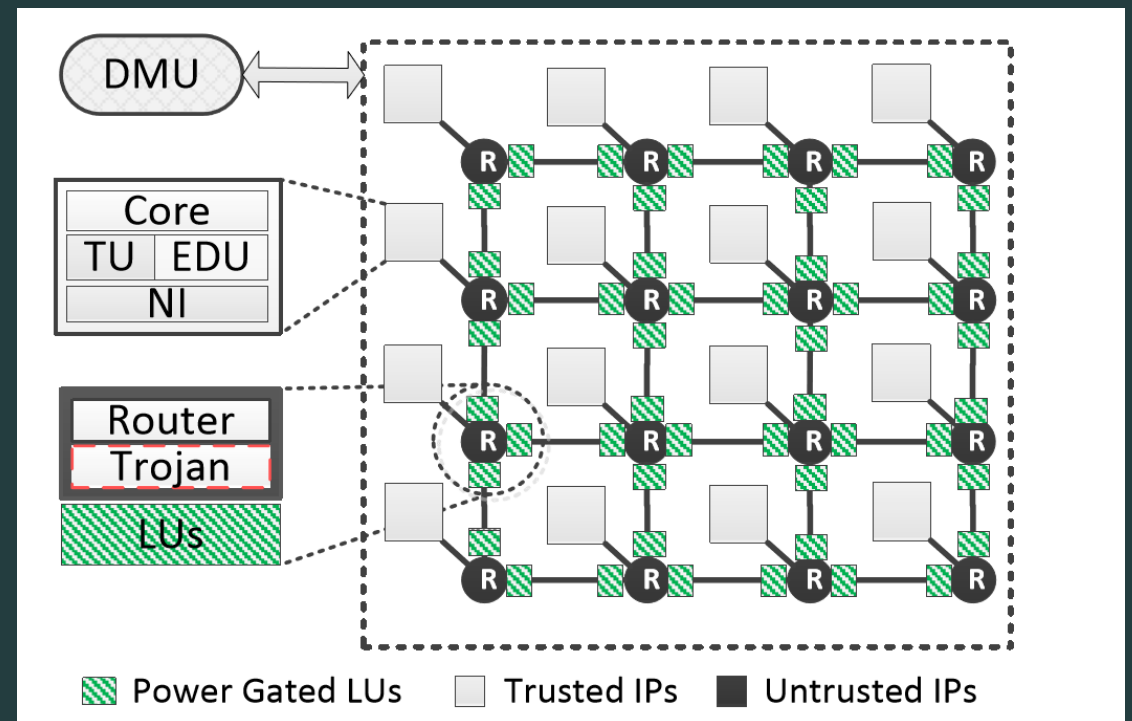
- Traditional
 - Tag the packet data at the source node
 - Transferred over the network to the destination
 - The packet data is authenticated against the tag
- Progressive packet authentication
 - Each node has an authentication unit(AU)
 - Local key in every node



Related work 2:

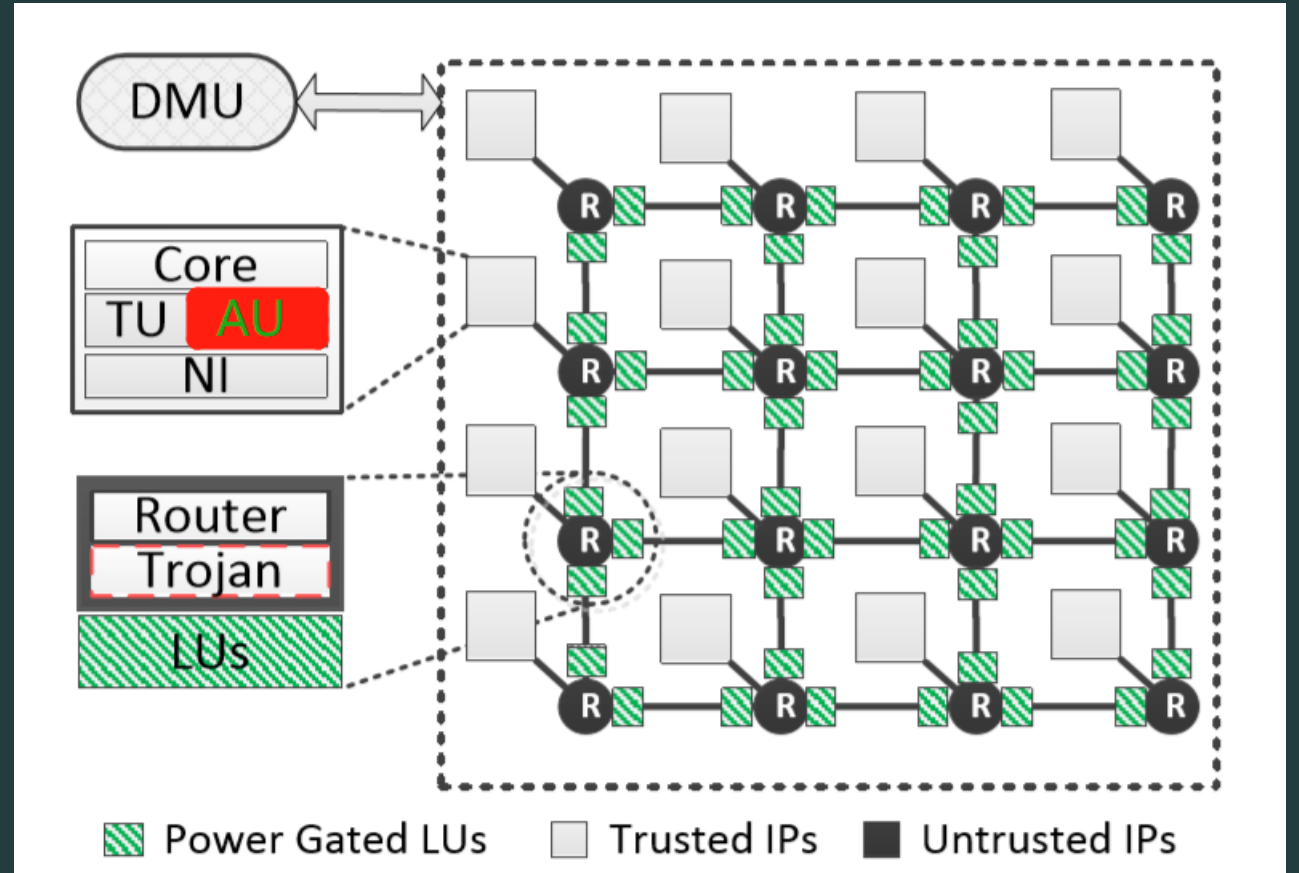
EETD – Energy Efficient Trojan Detection

- Uses selective activation/deactivation of detection units to reduce energy overheads.
- Worm based search algorithm
- Two types of detection units
 - E2E Trojan Detection Units: EDU
 - Localization units: LU



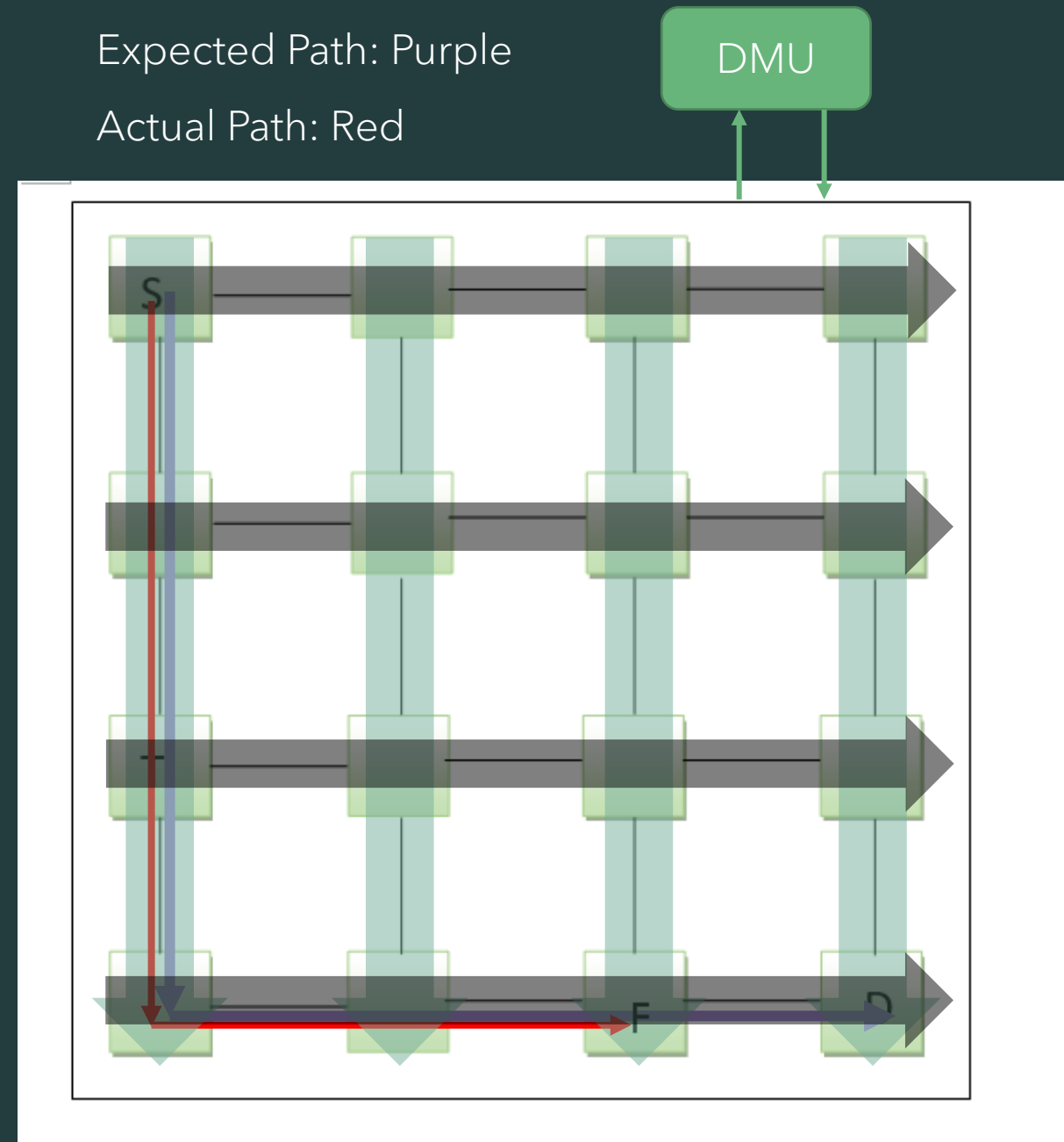
Solution

- Enhanced Design
- Replace EDU with AU



Example Network – Localization Unit (LU)

- S: source node
- D: destination node
- T: Trojan
- F: detects the tampered packet
- Search all rows and columns at a time
- The trojan locates in the intersection



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Components

Architecture

- Packet format
- Network adapters
 - Master
 - Slave
 - Route calculation
 - Interface
- Routers
 - Routing algorithm
- Detection Unit
- Tag table
- Key table
- Python drawing

Packet Format

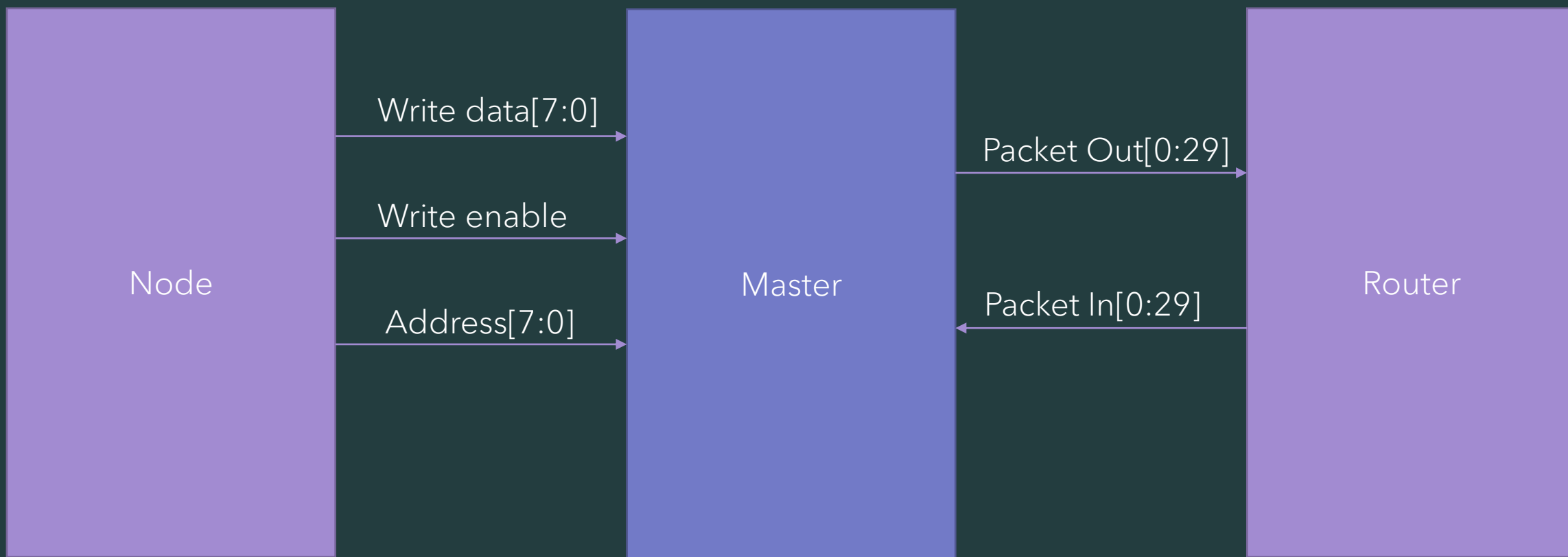
- Packet type: write packet
- Length: 49 bits
- Router Counting: bit-48 to bit-43
- Address in memory: bit-35 to bit-28

48 - 43	42 - 40	39-36	35 - 28	27-0
x/y	flags	Target ID	address	data

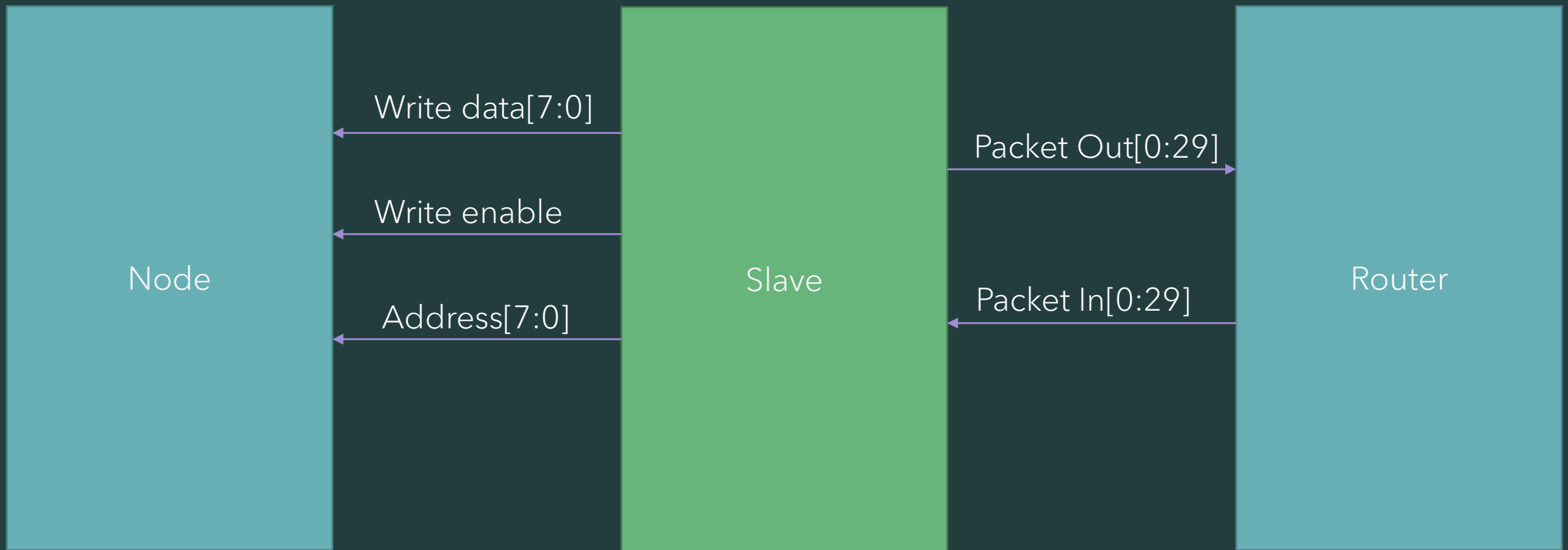
- Packet: 1010 to 1100, with data x"0000111" in addr x"00"

110001	010	1100	0000000	x"0000111"
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Master



Slave



48	47-46	45	44-43
y_sign	y_count	x_sign	x_count

Route Calculation

- Master determines the router counting
- y_sign, x_sign: next direction
 - Positive: 0; Negative: 1
- y_count, x_count: the rest moves
- Packet: 1010 to 1100, with data x"0000111" in addr x"00"

48 - 43	42 - 40	39-36	35 - 28	27-0
110001	010	1100	0000000	x"0000111"

28

27-26

25

24-23

y_sign

y_count

x_sign

x_count

Router Algorithm

- Direction: north, east, south, west

```
if packet_in(22) = '0' and packet_in(21) = '0' and packet_in(20) = '0' then
    direction := 6; -- null
elsif packet_in(27 downto 26) /= "00" then
    if packet_in(28) = '1' then
        direction := 1; -- north
    else
        direction := 3; -- south
    end if;
elsif packet_in(24 downto 23) /= "00" then
    if packet_in(25) = '1' then
        direction := 4; -- west
    else
        direction := 2; -- south
    end if;
else
    direction := 0; -- local
end if;
```


Interface

- Master write to Slave

```
-- write packet from 1111 to 0000 in addr x"00"  
wr <= '1';  
targetid <= "0000";  
wr_data <= "01110011";  
addr <= x"00";
```

- Slave read the write packet

```
if wr = '1' then  
    register_array(to_integer(unsigned(addr(7 downto 0)))) <= wr_data(7 downto 0);  
end if;
```

Detection Unit

- ThresholdTime:
 - $T = a * b * t_0$
 - a: number of input ports
 - b: number of buffer levels in a node => 1
 - t_0 : basic packet latency

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1  Localization Algorithm:
2  input:  The node location where the first tampered packet
3          is detected, (x_f, y_f)
4          NoC Network
5          NoC Parameters
6  outputs: Trojan Location(x_h, y_h)
7
8  T = calThresholdTime(x_f, y_f)
9  activateLU()
10
11 while waitTime < T and Trojanrow is not found
12     and TrojanCol is not found do
13     y = wormMoveAlongCol()
14     x = wormMoveAlongRow()
15 end while
16
17 (x_h, y_h) = (x, y)
```

Tag table

- $\text{sig_flagdata} = \text{flag} + \text{target_id} + \text{data}$

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-- tag table  
-- key : 28, 71, 200, 1, 172, 120, 17, 92, 217, 9, 133, 97, 85, 154, 92, 63  
tag_0 : tag_array(0)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 1 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(0)))), 8));  
tag_1 : tag_array(1)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 2 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(1)))), 8));  
tag_2 : tag_array(2)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 3 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(2)))), 8));  
tag_3 : tag_array(3)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 4 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(3)))), 8));  
tag_4 : tag_array(4)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 5 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(4)))), 8));  
tag_5 : tag_array(5)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 6 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(5)))), 8));  
tag_6 : tag_array(6)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 7 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(6)))), 8));  
tag_7 : tag_array(7)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 8 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(7)))), 8));  
tag_8 : tag_array(8)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 9 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(8)))), 8));  
tag_9 : tag_array(9)    <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 10 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(9)))), 8));  
tag_10 : tag_array(10)  <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 11 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(10)))), 8));  
tag_11 : tag_array(11) <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 12 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(11)))), 8));  
tag_12 : tag_array(12) <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 13 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(12)))), 8));  
tag_13 : tag_array(13) <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 14 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(13)))), 8));  
tag_14 : tag_array(14) <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 15 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(14)))), 8));  
tag_15 : tag_array(15) <= std_logic_vector(TO_UNSIGNED((to_integer(unsigned(sig_flagdata)) + 16 + to_integer(unsigned(key_array(15)))), 8));
```

Key Table

- key :
 - 28, 71, 200, 1,
 - 172, 120, 17, 92,
 - 217, 9, 133, 97,
 - 85, 154, 92, 63

```
key_0 : k0      <= x"1C";
key_1 : k1      <= x"47";
key_2 : k2      <= x"C8";
key_3 : k3      <= x"01";
key_4 : k4      <= x"AC";
key_5 : k5      <= x"78";
key_6 : k6      <= x"11";
key_7 : k7      <= x"5C";
key_8 : k8      <= x"D9";
key_9 : k9      <= x"09";
key_10 : k10    <= x"85";
key_11 : k11    <= x"55";
key_12 : k12    <= x"9A";
key_13 : k13    <= x"5C";
key_14 : k14    <= x"3F";
key_15 : k15    <= x"E7";
```

Python program

- The 'busy' signal from VHDL
 - c_WIDTH: 24
 - File Name: output_result.txt
- Draw the path in the network

```
7 N=4
8 G = nx.grid_2d_graph(N,N)
9 labels=dict(((i,j),i + (N-1-j)*N) for i, j in G.nodes())
10 # node id
11 nx.relabel_nodes(G, labels, False)
12 inds=labels.keys()
13 vals=labels.values()
14 grid_pos=dict(zip(vals, inds)) #Format: {node ID: (i, j)}
15 plt.figure()
16 # initial value
17 df = pd.DataFrame({
18     'value': [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
19 })
20 # read busy from file
21 f = open("output_results.txt", 'r')
22 nums = f.readlines()
23
24 # update value
25 df['value'] = nums
26
27 print("Second Packet from 0100 to 1110")
28 # draw the network
29 nx.draw(G, pos=grid_pos, with_labels=True,
30         edge_color=df['value'], width=5.0, node_size=800)
31 plt.show()
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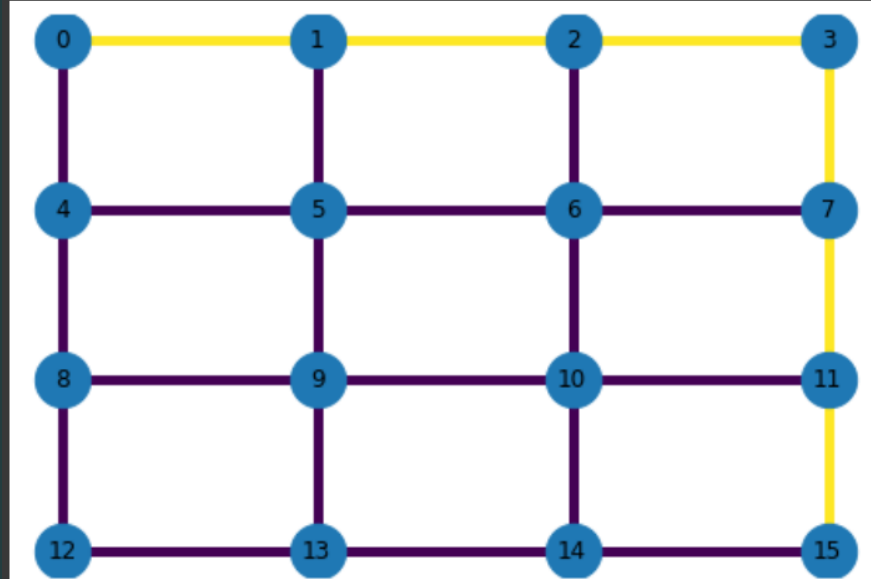

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Testing & Evaluation

Testing

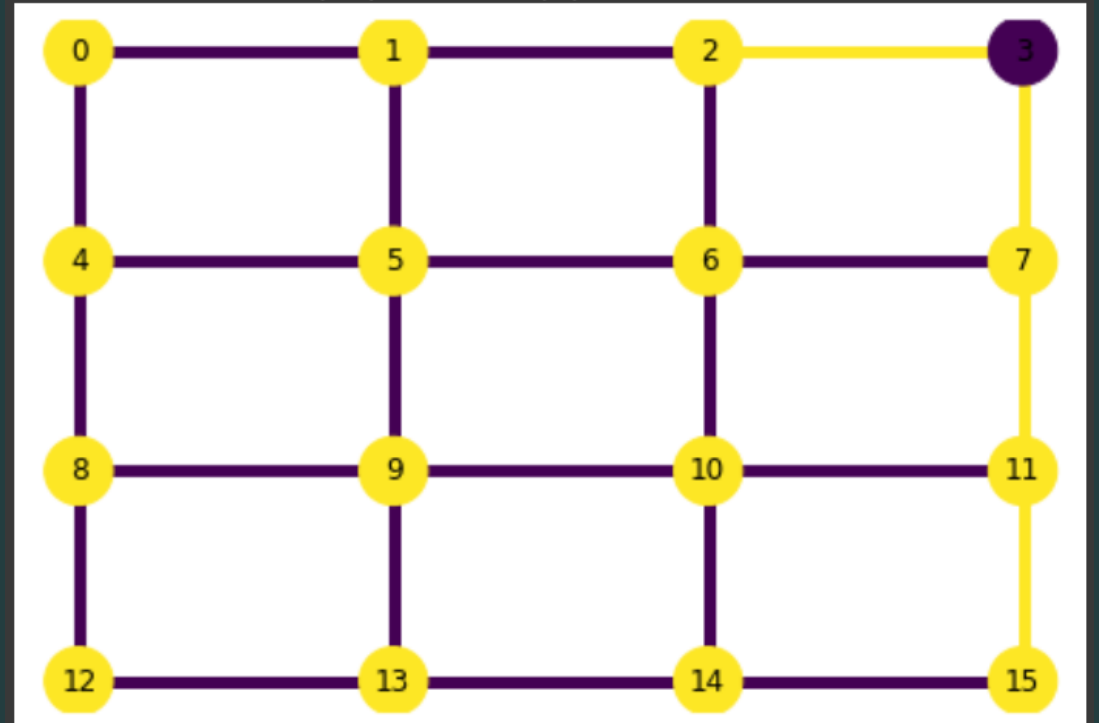
- Test 1: Simple test
 - No trojan in the transfer path

no Trojan in the network
Packet from 1111(15) to 0000(0)



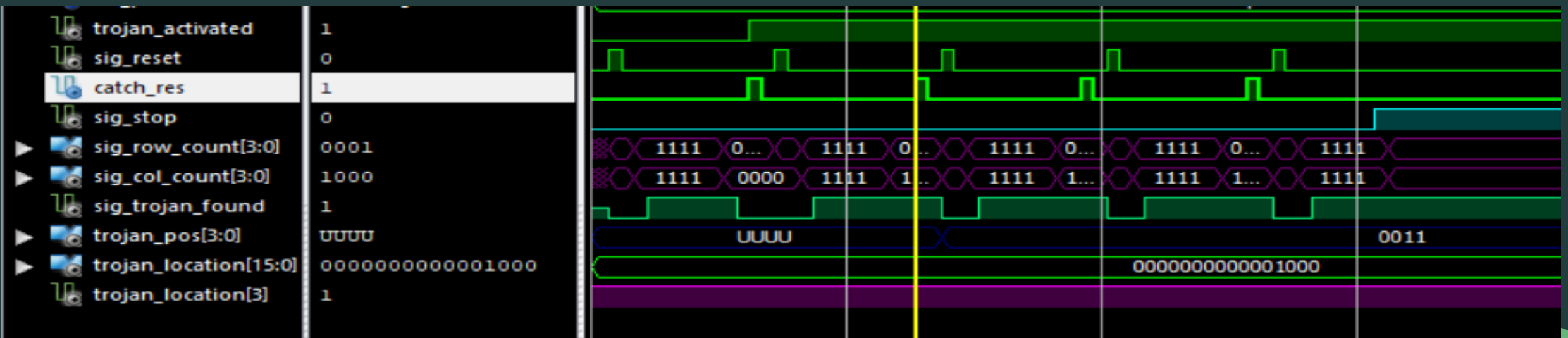
- Trojan in node 3
- Packet is dropped in node 2

Trojan in node 0011(3)
Packet from 1111(15) to 0000(0)



- Job for Localization Unit in test 1

- trojan_activated: DMU received the packet dropped signal
- sig_reset: new reset signal to start the detection in the same network
- catch_res: get the trojan id from the network
- 'sig_stop' is 1: the waiting_time(ThresholdTime) is gone
- sig_row_count/sig_col_count: determines the tampered packets in which row/col
- 'sig_trojan_found': make sure the result is valid
- 'trojan_pos': the trojan id from the detection unit
- 'trojan_location': original trojan location
 - The position in example is in node 3



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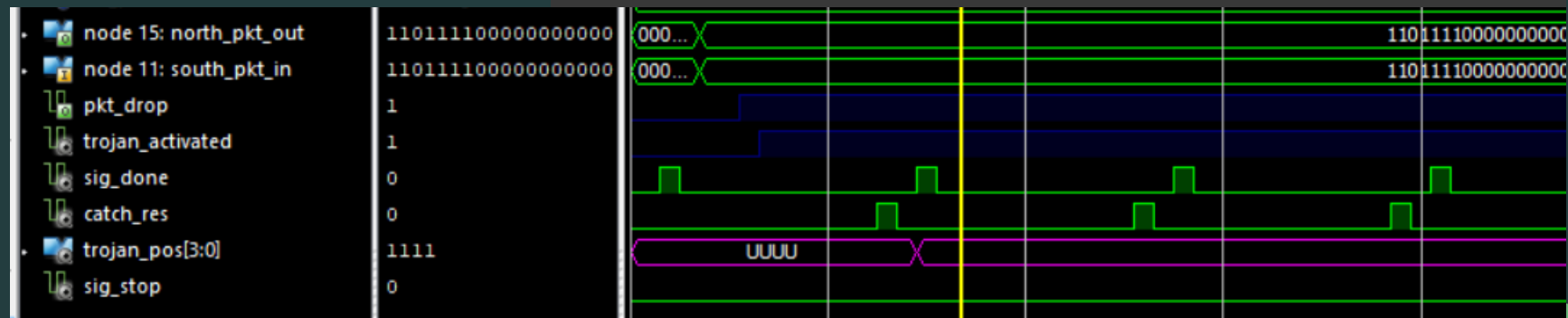
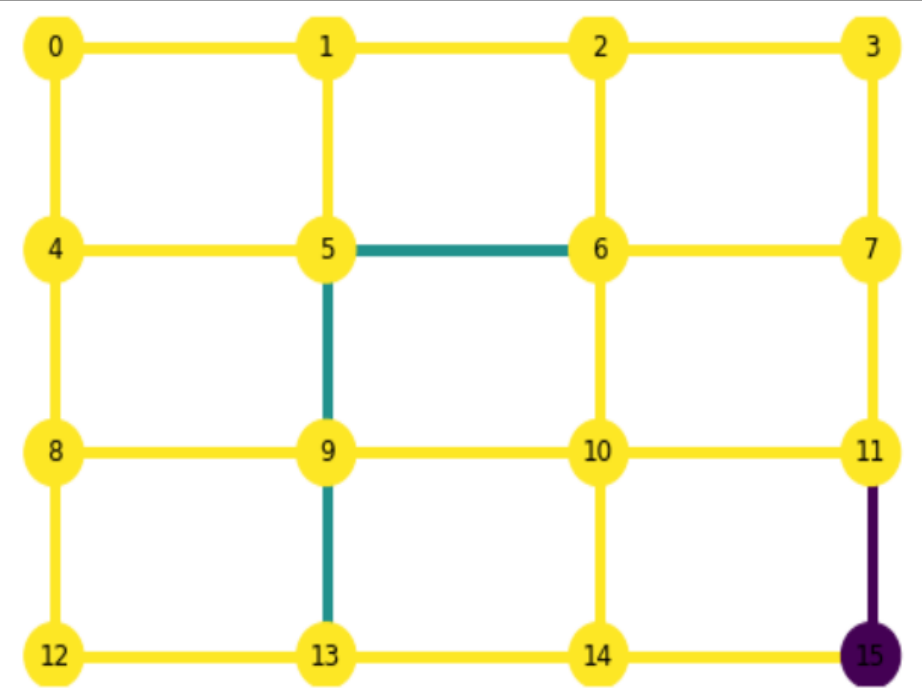
- Testing 2
 - Packets from varies nodes and some pass through trojan but others not
 - Different trojan position
 - Source node
 - Path node
 - Other nodes

- Source node & Other node

Trojan in node 1111(15)

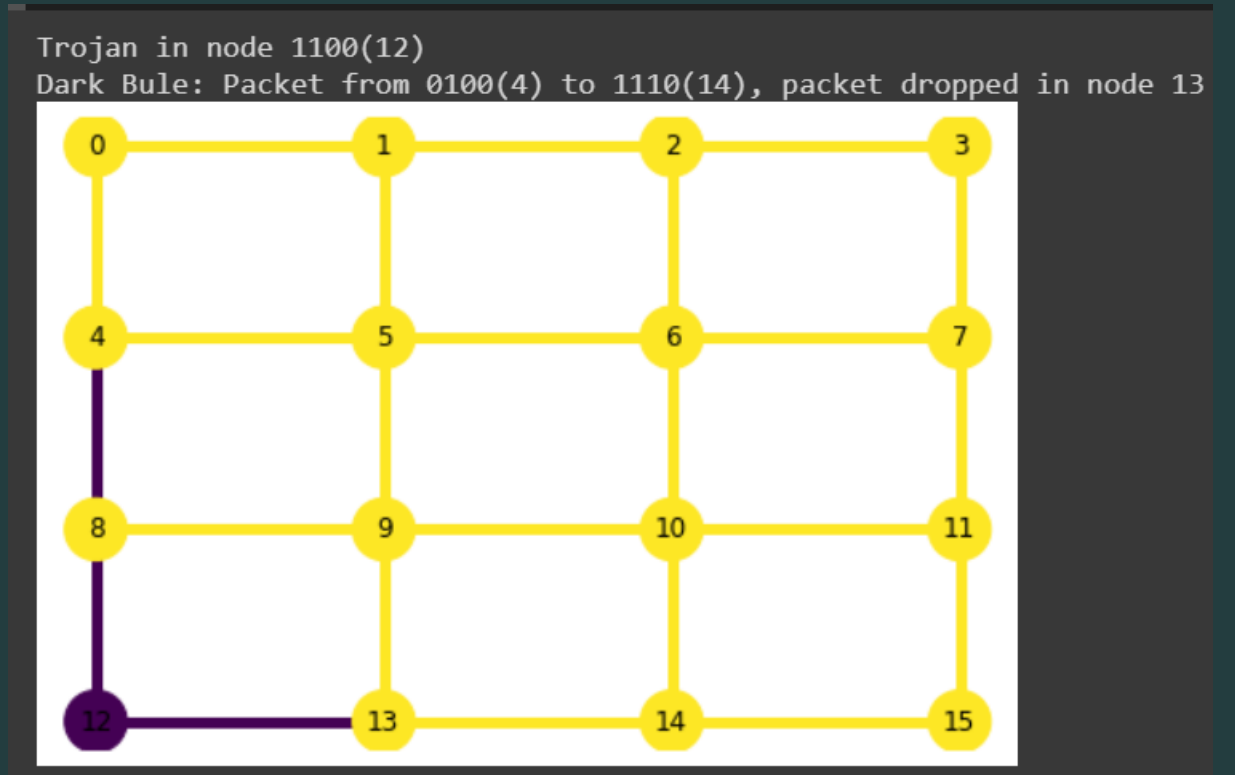
Dark Bule: Packet from 1111(15) to 0000(0), packet dropped in node 11

Sky Bule: Packet from 1101(13) to 0110(6)

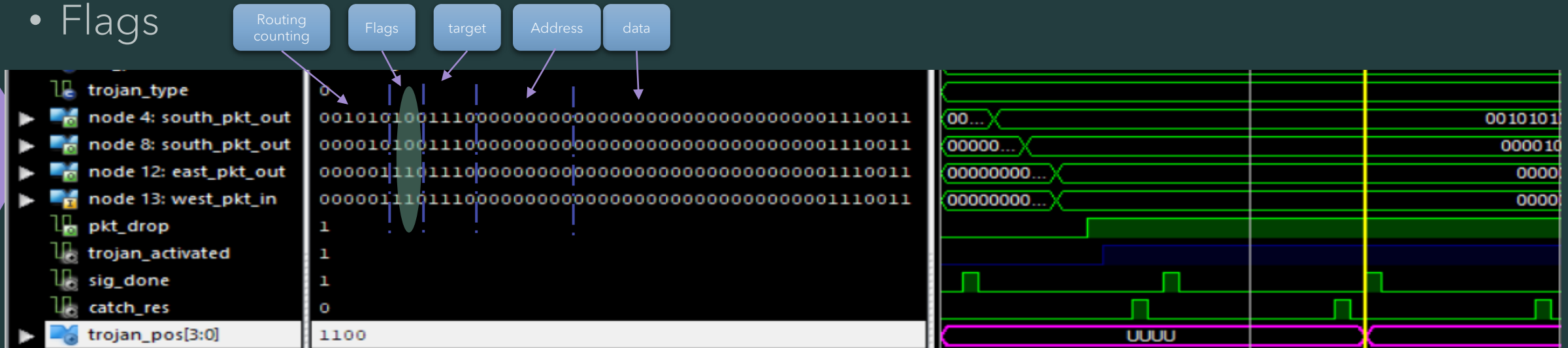


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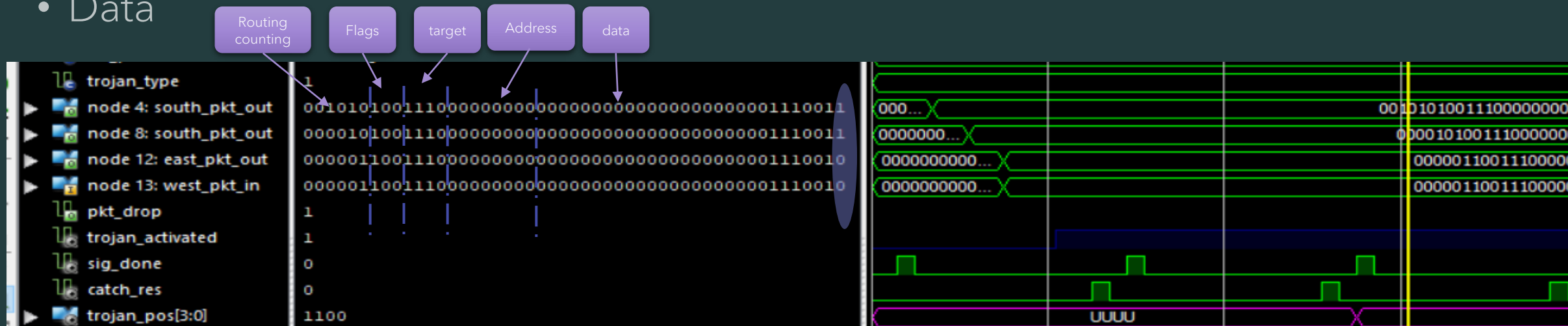
- Testing 3
- Different type of Trojan
 - Trojan type
 - 0: flags
 - 1: data
 - 2: target id



- Flags



- Data



- Target ID

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Evaluation

- Compare to the authentication attack detection
 - High accuracy
 - Narrows the attack path
- Compare to the EETD
 - Low overhead
 - Tag segment is not in the packet
 - The tag is different from node to node

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Timestamp

Plan from Thesis B

Task	Plan Duration	Done?
Produce an Improved Design	2 weeks	Yes
The basic Model	2-3 weeks	Yes
Insert Trojan and Check	0.5-1 week	Yes
Progressive Authentication	2-3 weeks	Yes
Make the data closer to the report	1 week	Yes
A simple Improved Design Demo	2-3 weeks	Yes
Enhancement	1-2 weeks	Yes

Tasks	Expected	Actual
Basic Framework	2 weeks	2 weeks
Detection design implementation	2 weeks	2 weeks
Optimization	1 week	1.5 week
Testing	1 week	1 week
Improvement	2 week	currently

Improvement

- Tag table
 - L: maximum L alive packets in NoC
 - Currently: $L = 1$
 - Status bit: control the use of the tag entries in table
- High level buffers in router – buffer queue
 - In case of the channel is busy
 - A node receives two more packets

ID mod L	node ₀	node ₁	• • •	node _{N-1}	status
0					0
1	tag(1,0)	tag(1,1)		tag(1,N-1)	1
2					
⋮			⋮		
L-1					

Q & A

