



Edge Detection ASIC

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1 Executive Summary

We are designing a low energy application-specific integrated circuit that will operate as an auxiliary unit as part of a system on chip inside any camera - including security camera, or digital camera. The goal of this design is to give the ability of real-time still image manipulation to optical devices (computer monitors, surveillance camera, digital cameras, computer vision applications, etc.). The ASIC Image Processor has wide range of possible commercial and industrial applications. It can be used to interface over AHB bus on a system powered by ARM-based microprocessor to provide additional processing power. It can also be used to operate an image processing operations that requires processing of countless images repeatedly over time – for instance, if you want to process 2 images taken every 5 seconds for the next 5 years and feed that data into a hard drive (may require additional hardware. This is a critical point because if only one functionality is needed to be performed, ASIC architecture can provide order-of-magnitude reduction in power consumption compared to traditional methods. In addition, hardware implementation of image processing is done in more “real-time” fashion that it’s (generally) slower software counterpart. In industrial environment, it can be used as part of a system that inspect manufactured parts in the manufacturing line, in real-time. Our design of the ASIC Image Processor will be optimized for speed, because size doesn’t matter to us. It is trying to provide a “real-time” processing capability and supports wide range of image processing instruction sets and can be controlled by any ARM microprocessor over the AHB Bus.

This design is appropriate for ASIC because a microcontroller is too expensive for industrial applications, and consume too much power for commercial applications. In addition, when developing computer vision or image processing applications, a microcontrollers are too slow compared to ASIC because the system require almost instantaneous response. To perform this task it will require a SRAM interface, an ARM processor with AHB bus, and an expertise in image processing. The rest of this proposal contains extensive detail on the implementation of each block and their requirements, design specifications and image processing techniques used.

2.0 System Usage Diagram

The ASIC Image Processor interfaces with images on SRAM and the processor over the AHB bus.

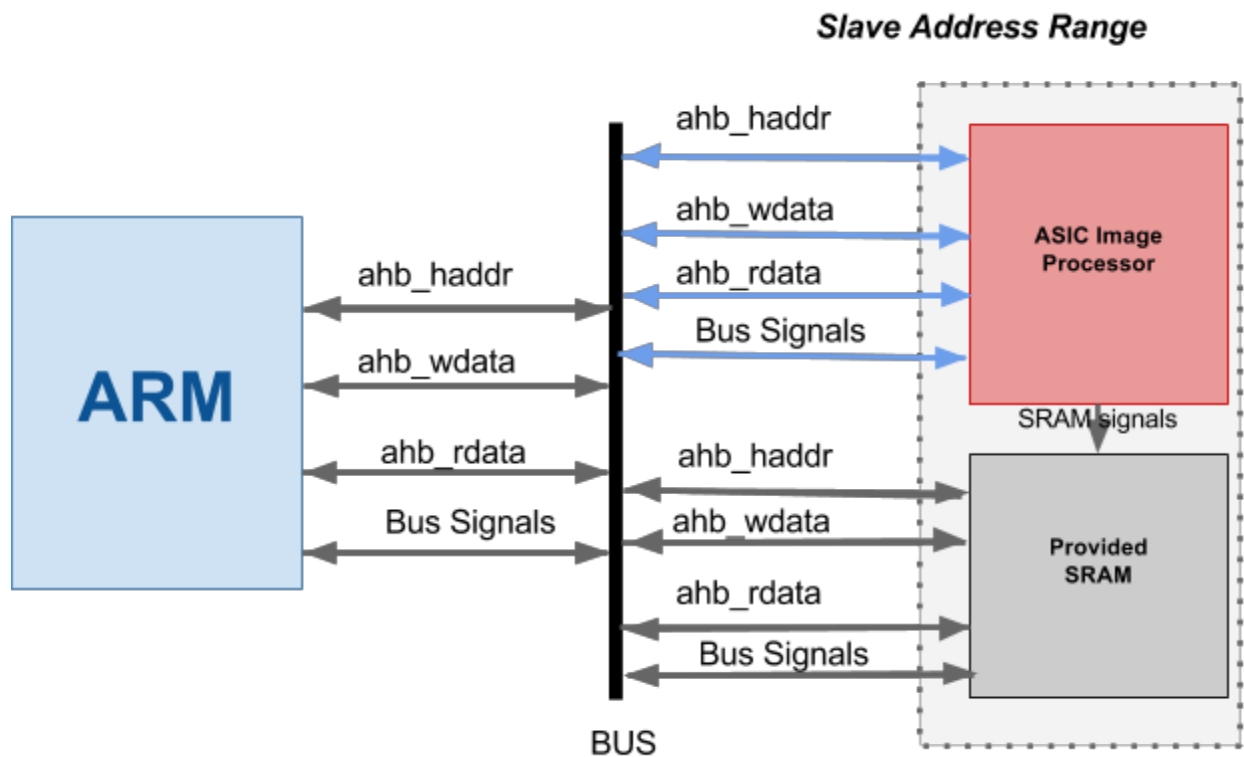


Fig 2.0.1 System Usage Diagram

2.2 Operational Characteristics

2.2.1 Introduction - Canny Edge Detection Algorithm

Canny edge detection consists of 4 major parts performed in sequence:

- Noise reduction (blur)
- Finding gradient magnitude and angle
- Non maximum suppression
- Hysteresis

These steps are explained more in depth below.

- **Noise Reduction**

Canny edge detector is susceptible to noise present in raw unprocessed image data. To overcome this Gaussian blur is applied by using convolution. For this project the mask for Gaussian blur was chosen so that it is fast and efficient.

| | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|---|
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 16 | 32 | 16 | 4 |
| 8 | 32 | 64 | 32 | 8 |
| 4 | 16 | 32 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 |

Fig 2.2.1.1 Gaussian mask used

To further increase performance, this 2D gaussian mask is separated into 2 1D gaussian masks since it is separable.

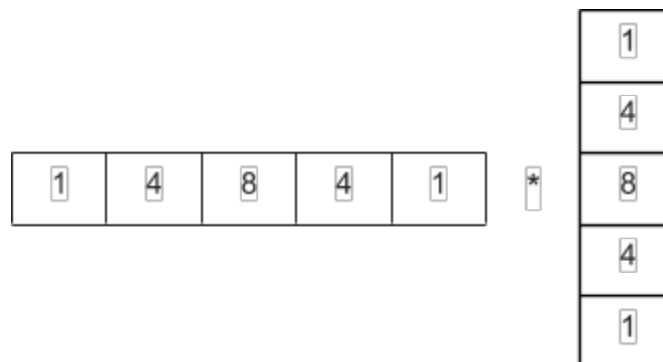


Fig 2.2.1.2 Separation of Gaussian Mask

- **Finding Gradient Magnitude and Angle**

This is the most important step in canny edge detection. It involves finding the rate at which color intensity changes from pixel to pixel. To compute this first the gradients in the X and Y directions are computed separately. This is done by convoluting the image with sobel masks:

| | | |
|----|---|----|
| -1 | 0 | +1 |
| -2 | 0 | +2 |
| -1 | 0 | +1 |

G_x

| | | |
|----|----|----|
| +1 | +2 | +1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -1 | -2 | -1 |

G_y

Fig 2.2.1.3 Gradient Weighting

<http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/HIPR2/figs/sobmasks.gif>

The magnitude is then approximated by adding their absolute values.

$$G = |G_x| + |G_y|$$

The gradient angle is computed by finding the range in which the arctan of G_y/G_x lies.

- **Non maximum suppression**

One of the features that sets canny edge detection apart from the others is its edge thinning technique. Non maximum suppression helps thin edges into one pixel wide edges resulting in clear prominent edges. This is performed by comparing the gradient magnitude of each pixel with the gradient magnitudes of the two pixels along the direction perpendicular to the direction of the edge.

- **Hysteresis**

Hysteresis is used to trace the edges in such a way that discontinuities in edges are kept to a minimum. This is achieved by using 2 thresholds as opposed to one to determine whether a pixel is an edge. If the pixel is adjacent to a pixel (in the direction of the edge angle) that has already been marked as an edge, then a low threshold is used to determine if it is an edge. Otherwise a higher threshold is used.

2.2.2 High level Sequence of steps

A pipelined architecture is used to perform canny edge detection as illustrated in the diagram below. The dotted line indicates the position of the image in the “canvas”. Pixels

outside the boundaries of the image are simply copies of the pixel value at the corresponding edges. The result of each stage feeds into the next stage.

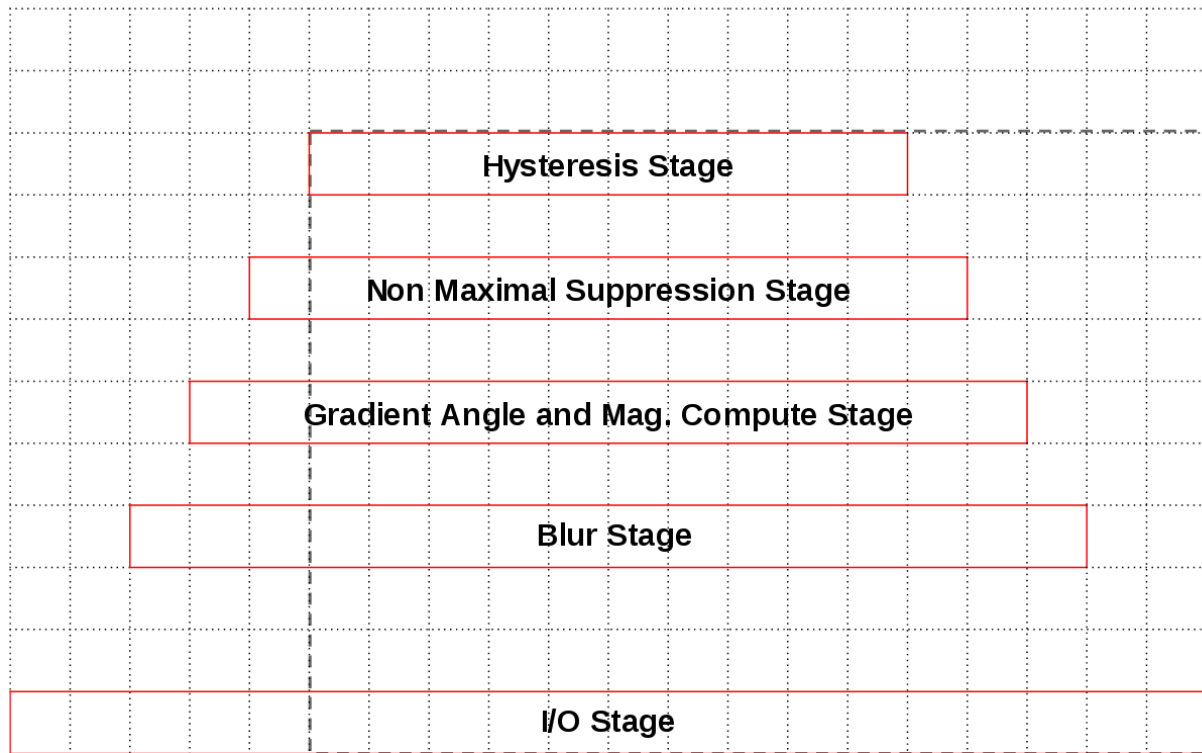


Fig 2.2.2.1 Final Stage of Pipeline

The image is processed 10 horizontal pixels at a time. Since the algorithm requires the knowledge of “context” or knowledge of the pixels around it, 20 pixels are read in each phase. Since a blur mask of size 5 is used, it results in a loss of 2 pixels on either side. The blur phase caches the last 5 rows read to serve as context for the middle row (row being processed). The gradient stage uses a 3*3 mask and so loses only one pixel on either side. The non-maximum suppression stage also needs to compare each pixel with its adjacent pixels and so results in an output of 12 pixels. Similarly, Hysteresis the final stage relies on pixels adjacent to it to determine whether a pixel should be marked as an edge. This gives us 10 pixels of the final processed image.

2.2.3 Ports of Major Blocks

Block Name: Initializer

- **Description:** The purpose of the initializer is to initiate start edge detection request from the processor over the AHB bus. It assigns the Image Processing chip a range of address that the processor may send data to. To initiate a processing request, the processor must send information about the image for example: where it is located on SRAM, the width and the height. Once all the necessary information is received, the initializer activates the controller to kickstart the image processing pipeline.
- **Port Description:**

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| ahb_hclk | Input | Bus Clock |
| ahb_htrans | Input | Transfer Type |
| ahb_hburst | Input | Toggle Burst mode on and off |
| ahb_hwrite | Input | Transfer Direction |
| ahb_hprot | Input | Protection Control |
| ahb_haddr | Input | Address Bus |
| ahb_hwdata | Input | Write Data Bus |
| ahb_hrdata | Input | Read Data Bus |
| ahb_hgrant | Input | Bus Grant |
| ahb_hlock | Input | Locks Transfer Request |
| ahb_hbusreq | Input | Bus Requests |
| ahb_hready | Output | Slave is ready |

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|
| ahb_hresp | Output | Transfer Response |
| width | Output | Width of Image Size |
| height | Output | Height of Image Size |
| readStartAddress | Output | Start address of image to read |
| writeStartAddress | Output | Start address of where to write image |
| filterType | Output | What type of filter is needed |
| final_enable | Output | Enable's other blocks to start processing data |

Block Name: pixelcontroller

- **Description:** The purpose of the pixel controller is to manage the pixel input output as part of the image processing pipeline. As the name implies, the pixel controller has an SRAM interface and fetches or writes required number of pixels to and from SRAM continuously. In addition, since the top level design of the Image Processing chip should support color images but the pipeline only work with grayscale images, this is the point where each pixels are combinationally stepped down to grayscale. The pixel controllers take *number of pixel* wanted to read or write as input. It also takes *the offset pixel to begin reading or writing from* as input. Pixel Controller will throw out a return a series of requested pixels onto a 20 bytes wide output port which can be accessed by blocks that wish to access those pixels. Once the read operation is over, it performs a write operation. The requesting block can specify the data to be written in a 20 bytes wide input port. Each bytes correspond to a single grayscale pixel.
- **Port Description:**

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| clk | Input | System Clock |
| enable | Input | Enable to start block |
| data_in | Input | Requested pixels to be written to SRAM |
| address_write_offset | Input | Starting address to write to |
| address_read_offset | Input | Starting address to read from |
| num_pix_read | Input | How many pixels to read |
| num_pix_write | Input | How many pixels to write |
| data_out | Output | Requested pixels form SRAM |

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| read_now | Output | Flag pixel data as must be read now |
| end_of_operations | Output | Finish signal |
| address | Output | |
| w_data | Output | |
| r_data | Input | |
| read_enable | Output | Enable read function |
| write_enable | Output | Enable write function |

Block Name: blur_controller

- **Description:**

This module applies the gaussian blur mask described earlier. It tries uses 4 blur filters. First blurring in the X direction is performed, the result is added to the cache of previously X blurred rows and then Y blur is performed.

- **Port Description:**

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| clk | Input | System Clock |
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| anchor_moving | Input | Enabled when ancor has moved |
| anchor_y | Input | Vertical position of anchor |
| blur_in | Output | Input pixels to be blurred |
| blur_out | Output | Blurred pixels |
| blur_final | Output | Final clock cycle for blur block |

Block Name: gradient_controller

- **Description:**

This module computes the X and Y gradients using Sobel masks and then uses the results to compute the gradient magnitude and angle.

- **Port Description:**

| Signal | Direction | Description |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| clk | Input | System Clock |
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| anchor_moving | Input | Tells when the anchor moves to start filtering |
| anchor_y | Input | Vertical position of anchor |
| gradient_in | Input | Output from Blur Module |
| gradient_angle | Output | Gradient angle output |
| gradient_mag | Output | Gradient magnitude output |
| gradient_x | Output | Gradient across the x axis |
| gradient_y | Output | Gradient across the y axis |
| gradient_final | Output | Enabled on last clock cycle to tell that block is done |

Block Name: nms_controller

- **Description:**

This module performs Non Maximum Suppression. It also caches the gradient angles and finds the corresponding gradient angle for the current output.

- **Port Description:**

| Signals | Direction | Description |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| clk | Input | System Clock |
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| anchor_moving | Input | Tells when anchor moves to start filtering |
| gradient_angle | Input | Output angle from gradient block |
| gradient_mag | Input | Output magnitude from gradient block |
| nms_angle_out | Output | Non-Maximal Suppression angle output |
| nms_out | Output | Non-Maximal Suppression pixel output |
| nms_final | Output | Enabled on last clock cycle to tell that block is done |

Block Name: hyst_controller

- **Description:**

This module performs hysteresis by caching the previous outputs of this module. As mentioned earlier if an adjacent pixel along the gradient has been marked as an edge a lower threshold is used.

- **Port Description:**

| Signals | Direction | Description |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| clk | Input | System Clock |
| n_rst | Input | Asynchronous Negative Edge Reset |
| gradient_angle | Input | The angle of the gradient |
| hyst_in | Input | Output from Non-Maximal Suppression |
| hyst_out | Output | Output from hysteresis |
| hyst_final | Output | Enabled on last clock cycle to tell that block is done |

2.3 Requirements

The main intended application of our ASIC Image Processor is primarily to provide a fast real-time image processing capability to optical devices, which have many industrial and commercial applications such as computer vision, manufacturing, digital or surveillance cameras and more. Hence, speed is the number one priority in our design. Secondary priority would be power consumption. Since the chip has a possibility of being utilized in factory condition, it must be able to withstand high temperature swing.

Area target: 1.5mm x 1.5mm

Pin count: 14

Max throughput: 230,400 bytes per second

Since the application of this chip in commercial and industrial environment may require handling of realistic images, we estimate the input and output images to be 8 bit deep (number of bits used to represent color in a single pixel), containing 28 image (1280x720), the image will contain 921,600 pixels and it would need 7,372,800 bits (921,600 bytes) to represent the entire image. Say we operate on 400 MHz clock and we transfer 1 bit/cycle (serial). We should be able to process 1/4 portion of the image every second. So approximately, a 720p bitmap image of depth 8 will be able to be processed at around 4 to 5 seconds.

3.1 Design Architecture

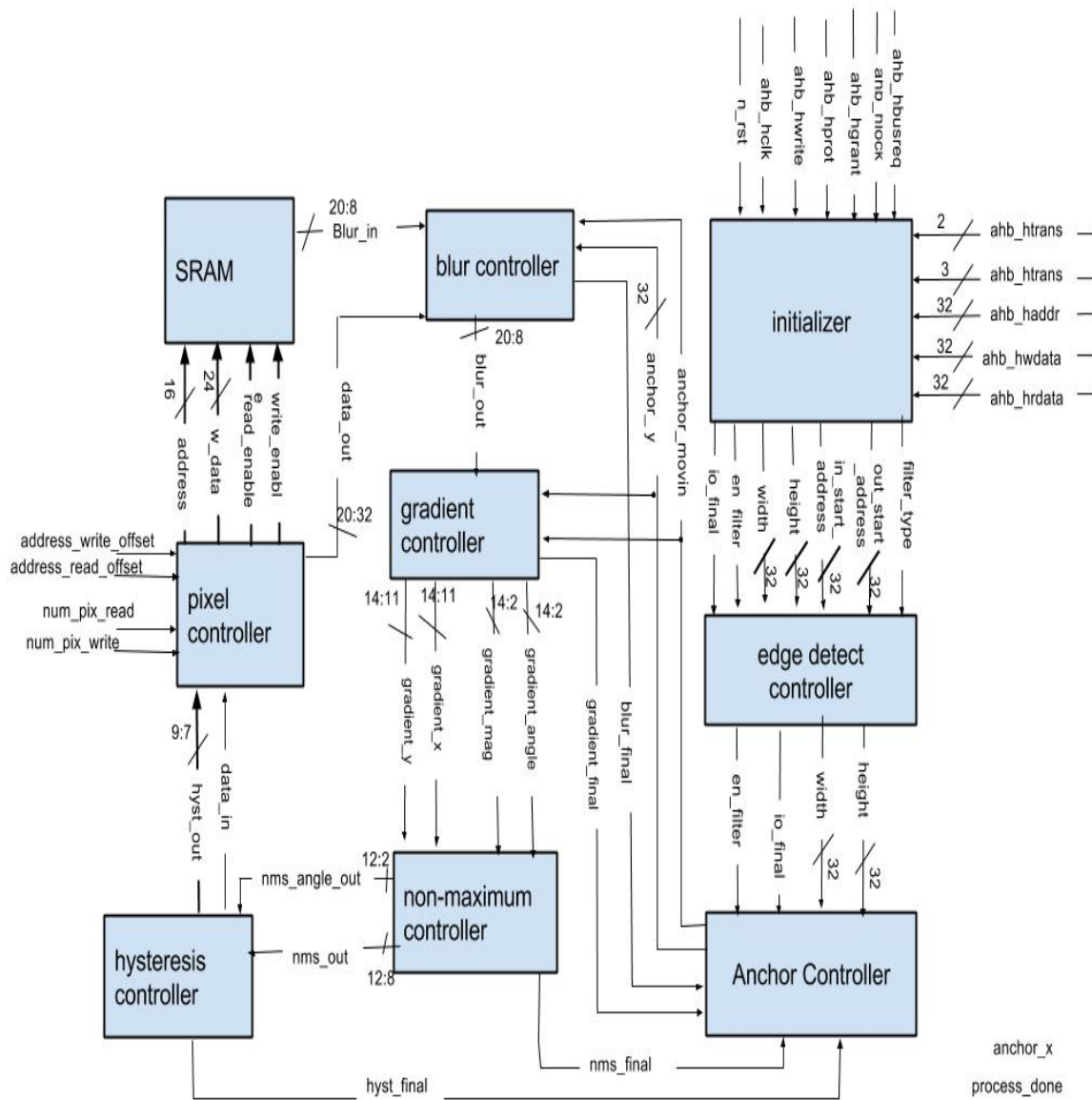


Fig 3.1.0 Design Architecture

3.2 Functional Block Diagrams

3.2.0 Top Level Block Diagram

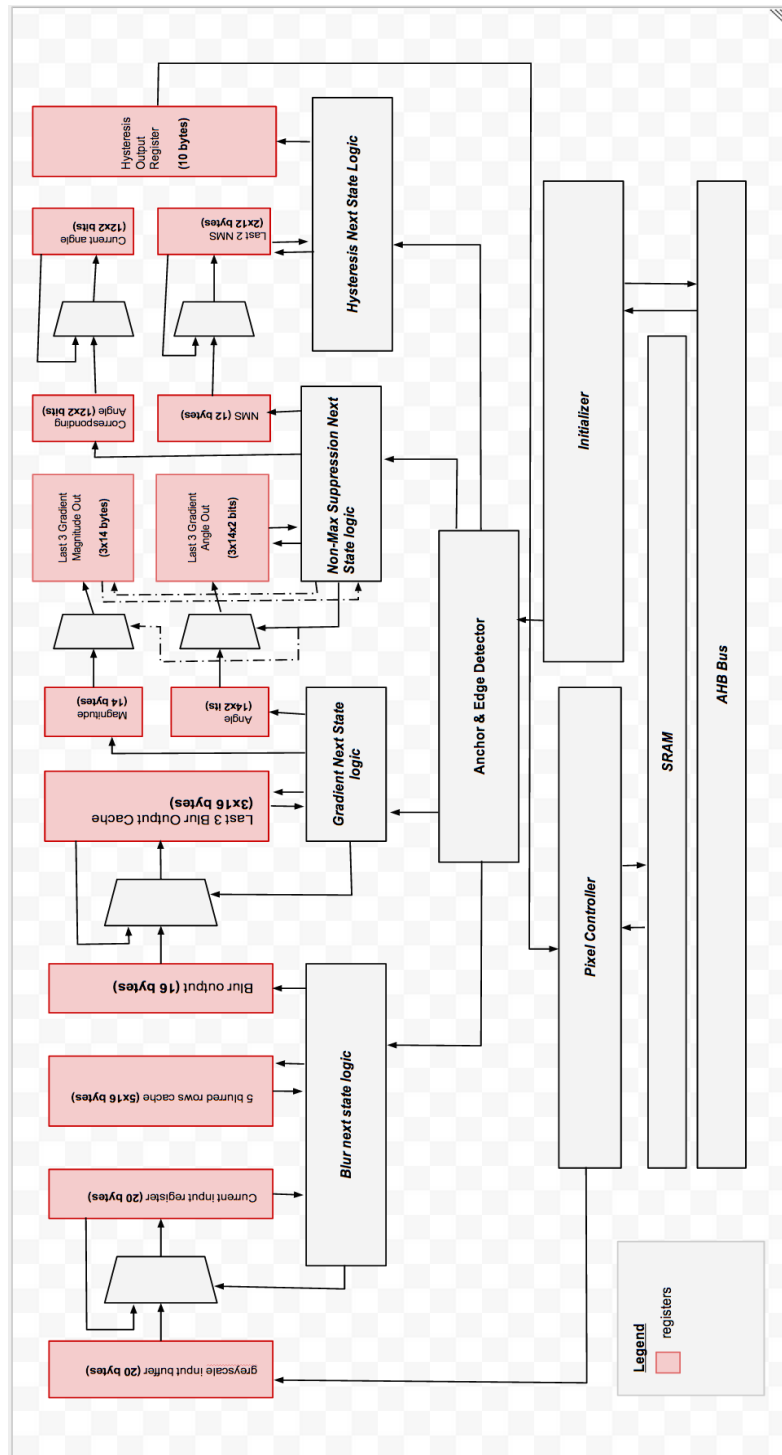


Fig 3.2.0 Top Level Block Diagram

3.2.1 Block Diagram for Blur Controller Module

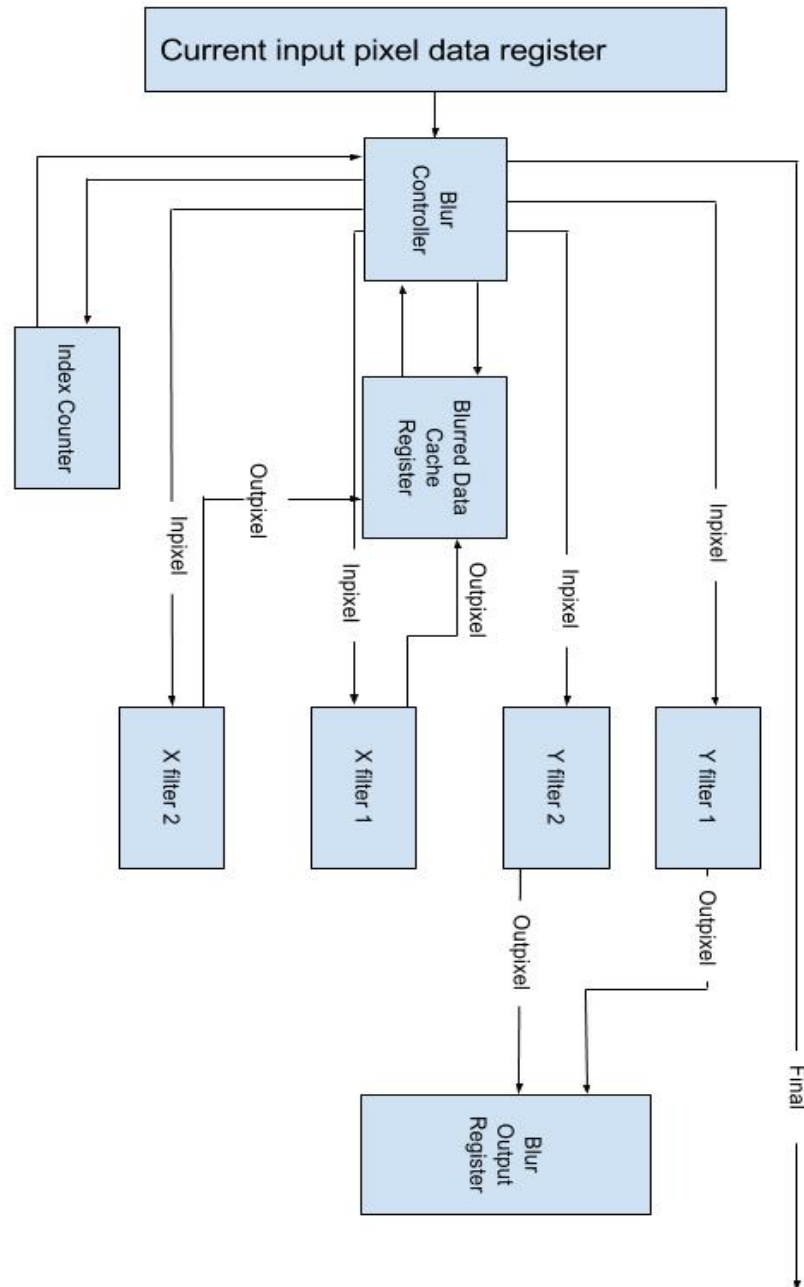


Figure 3.2.1 Blur Controller Block Diagram

3.2.2 Block Diagram for Gradient Controller Module

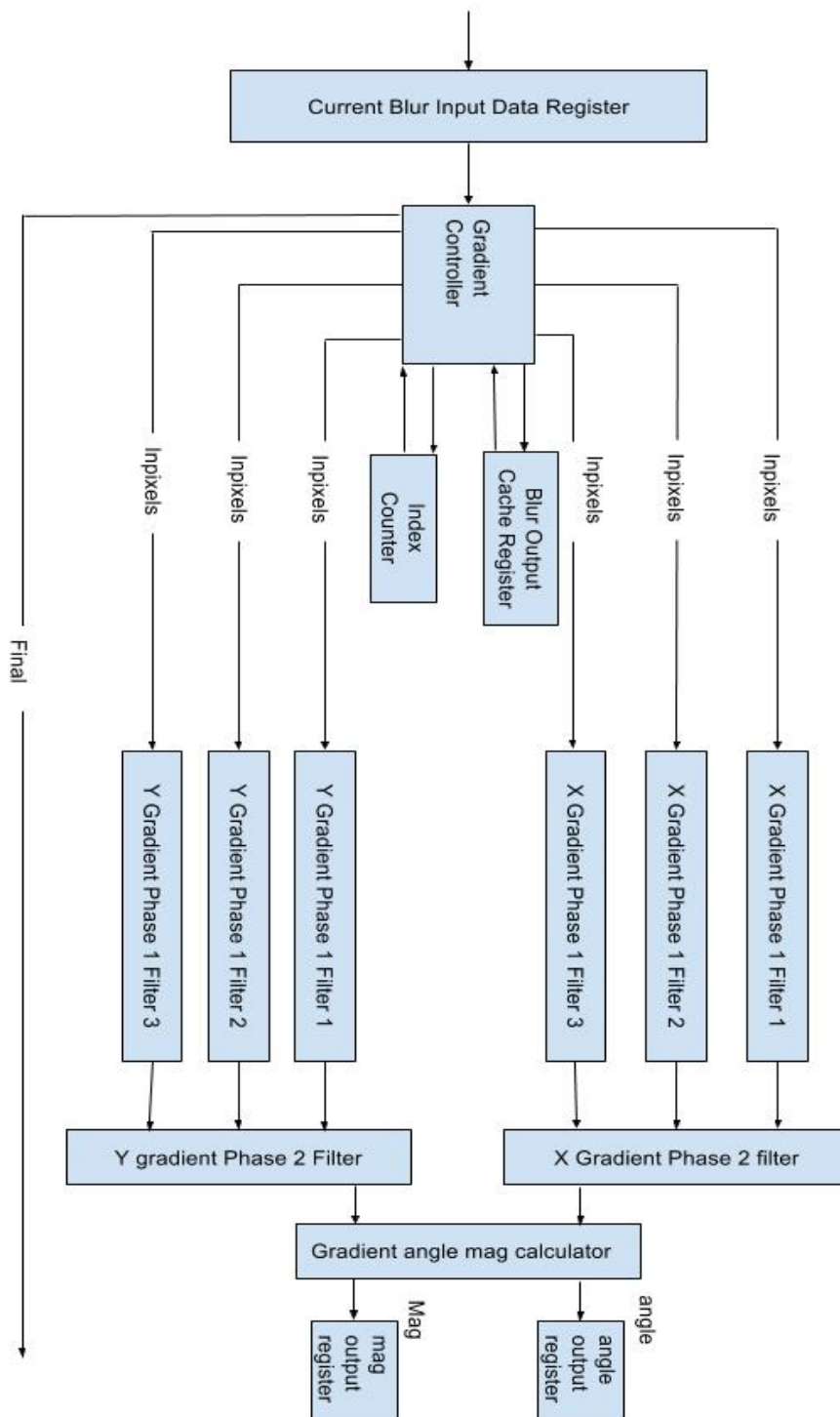


Fig 3.2.2 Gradient Controller Block Diagram

3.2.3 Block Diagram for Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS) Controller Module

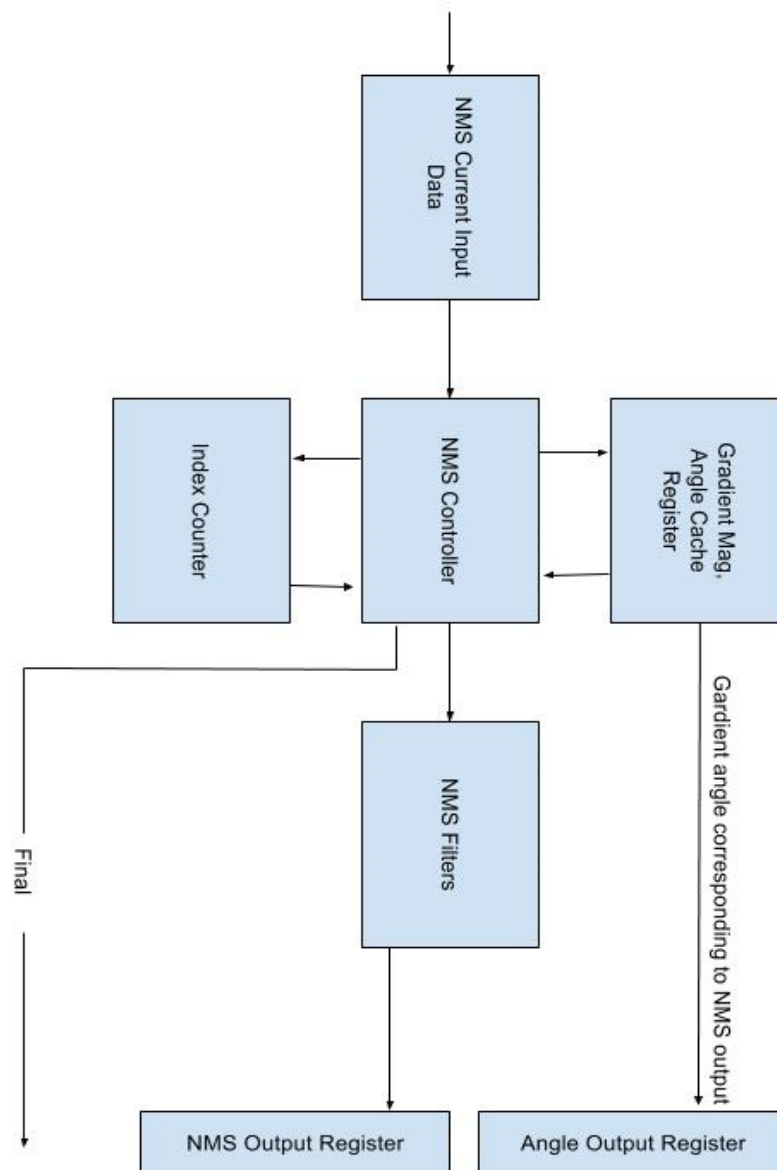


Fig 3.2.3 Non-Maximal Suppression Block Diagram

3.2.4 Block Diagram for Hysteresis Controller Module

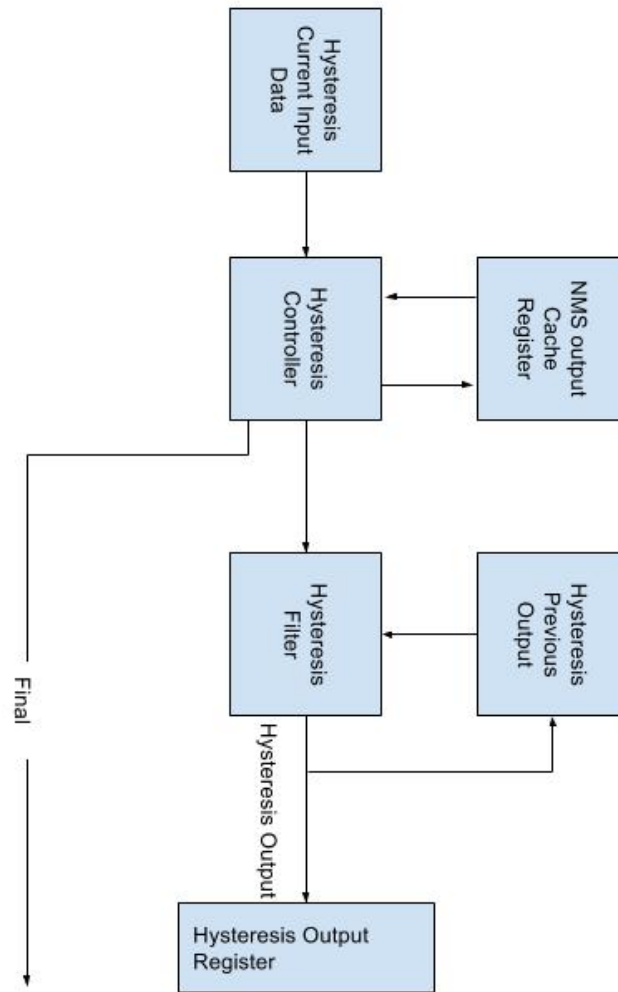


Fig 3.2.4 Hysteresis Controller Block Diagram

3.2.5 Block Diagram for Blur Module

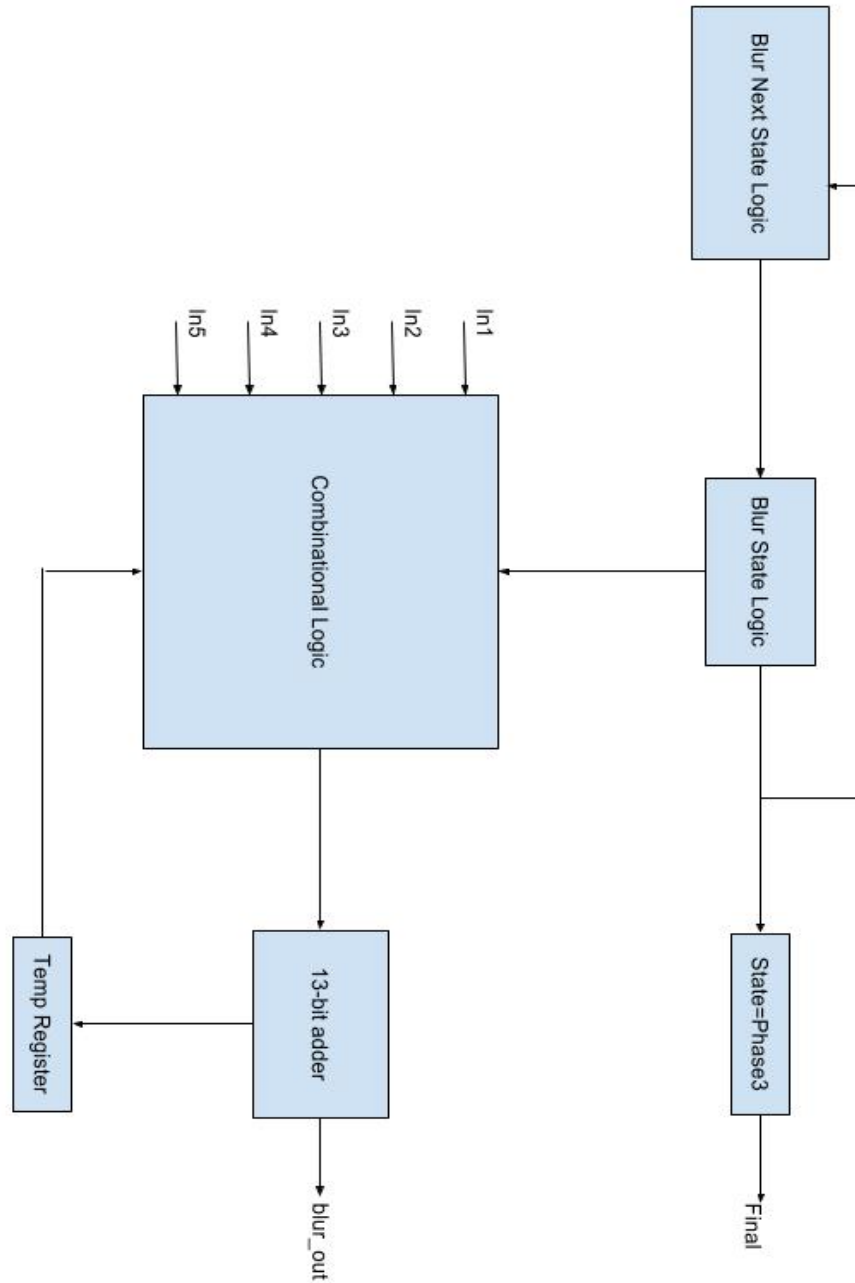


Fig 3.2.5 Blur Module Block Diagram

3.2.6 Block Diagram for Gradient Sub Module

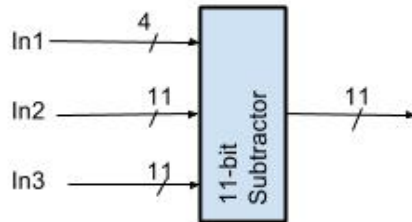


Fig 3.2.6 Gradient Sub Block Diagram

3.2.7 Block Diagram for Gradient Weight Module

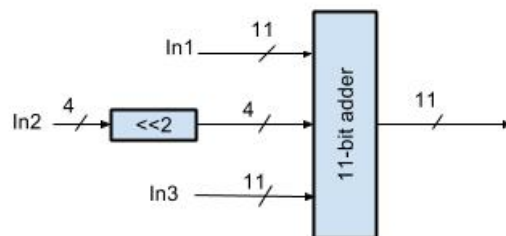


Fig 3.2.7 Gradient Weight Block Diagram

3.2.8 Block Diagram for Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS) Module

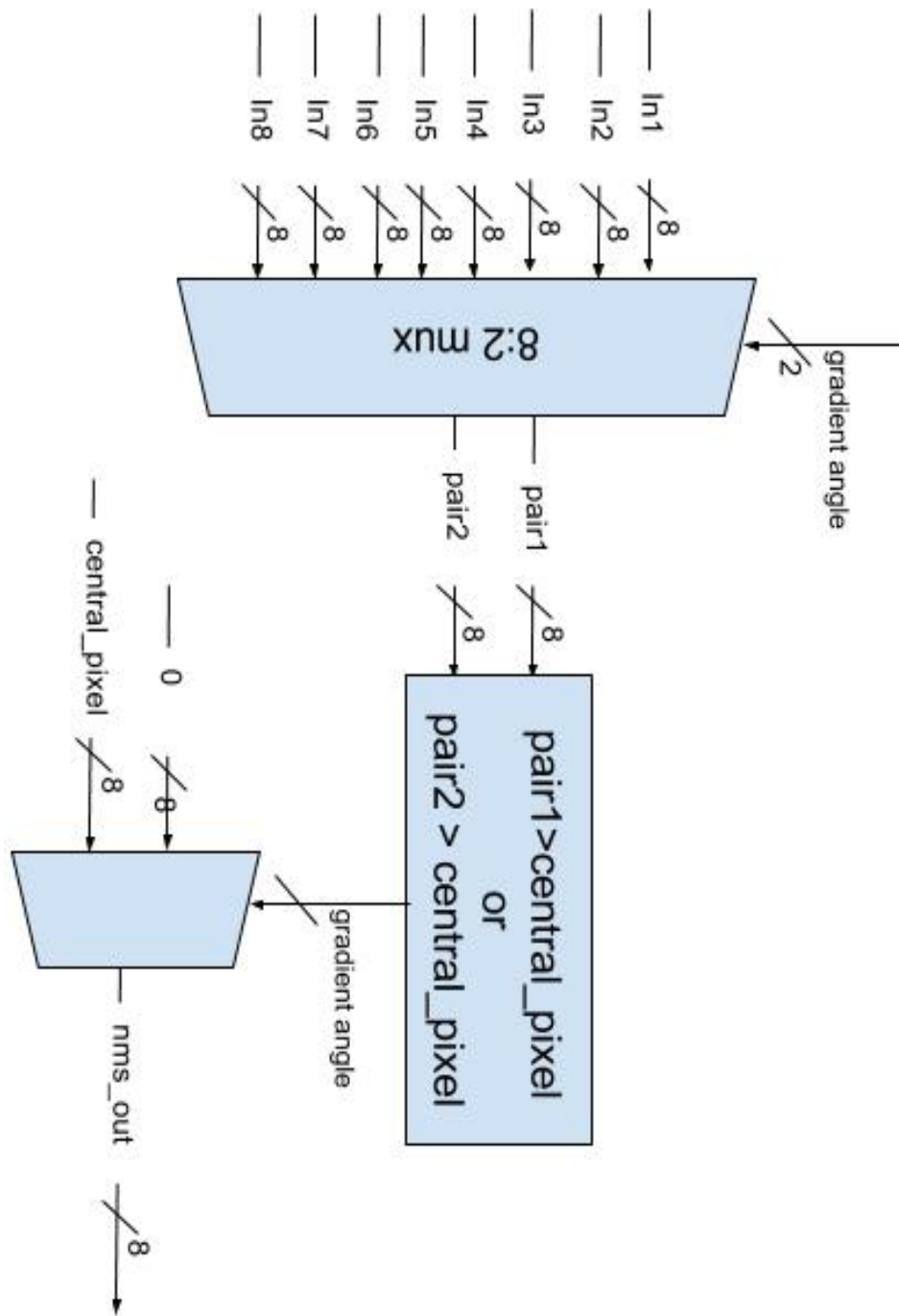


Fig 3.2.8 Non-Maximal Suppression Block Diagram

3.2.9 Block Diagram for Hysteresis Module

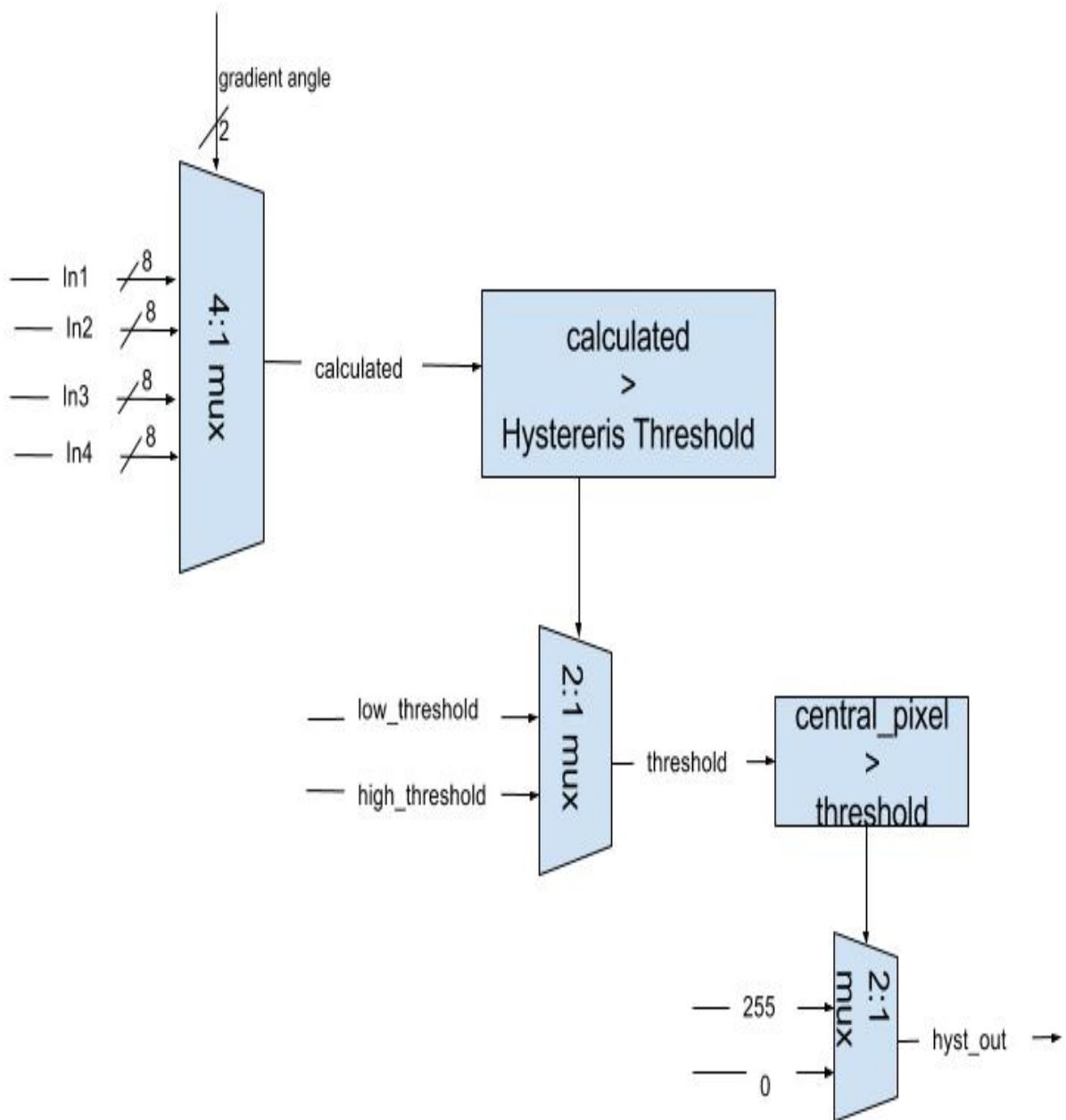


Fig 3.2.9 Hysteresis Block Diagram

3.3 Standards and Protocols

3.3.1 AMBA AHB Bus Protocol: AHB bus protocol was needed for our design to work with the mobile ARM Processor. AHB stands for Advanced High-Performance Bus. This protocol adds many features to the AMBA bus protocols already available. These additions make transferring data quicker and more seamless. The AHB protocol delivers an address and then data, but while the previous data is being transferred the next address is already on the bus. This allows the process to take half the time needed with an earlier AMBA bus protocol.

3.3.2 On-Chip SRAM: The On-chip SRAM allows for faster access to much more data. With the SRAM being on chip a custom bus interface was able to be implemented to allow the transfer of data to and from the design without tying up the AHB bus. However, due to time constraint we were not able to implement the “memory-map everything” aspect of the AHB paradigm.

3.4 Timing and Area Budget

| Critical Path Constraint (Design Budget) | Area Constraint (Design Budget) (ns) | Critical Path Constraint (Final Synthesis) (mm ²) | Area Constraint (Final Synthesis) (mm ²) | Critical Path Arrival Time (Encounter) (ns) | Area (Encounter) (mm ²) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11.5 ns | 38.71 | 4.91 | 8.715 | 6.689 | 14.39 mm ² |

Since some of the blocks were not connected, but all the majors block were connected, we expect the following results for summation of the following chip areas to be an acceptable estimation of the entire chip area.

| Block name | Synthesis Area (mm ²) | Encounter Block Area (mm ²) | Critical Path Delay (synthesis) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Initializer | 0.0327 | 0.21911 | 1.73 |
| Pixel Controller | 0.3835 | 1.38321 | 3.46 |
| Edge Detection and its sub-blocks | 8.2988 | 12.7951 | 4.91 |

4. Verification

4.1 Initializer

The purpose of the initializer is to initiate start edge detection request from the processor over the AHB bus. The initializer also ensure that all necessary information is provided before initiating the image processing pipeline.

To verify that this is correct, we construct a testbench that emulate the ARM processor. Data is sent over the AHB address and data line, and appropriate bus signals such as HREADY and HRESP are triggered.

Finally, once all information about the image is received the initializer should be able to notify the anchor controller that the processing may begin, this is done via a single bit enable signal so testing it is trivial.

In addition, the initializer must be able to detect invalid data or irrelevant data sent form the ARM processor as part of the image's metadata. To test this, we look at the state transition of the Initializer when these unexpected events occur. (See *Appendix B*)

4.2 Pixel Controller

To verify that this blocks work as expected we construct a testbench that loads images into SRAM and does continuous read operation and capture the output from this block and rewrite them into an image. If this is correct, we should get a grayscale copy of the original image initially dumped in SRAM (See *Waveform Appendix B 1.1*). Input-output images are tabulated in *Table figure Appendix B 2.1*. As shown and discussed in Appendix B 2.1, the Pixel Controller produces grayscale image that is imperfect by misplacing last few columns of the original image. This issue was not resolved at time of writing this report.

To verify that this blocks can read and write continuously, we write a testbench to simulate a read operation and write operation and observe the SRAM dump before and after (See *Waveform Appendix B 1.1.2*). If N pixels is requested, N pixels must be fetched accordingly. This has been achieved in the result.

Finally, to verify that the calculation is sound, we use a python script to calculate the sequence of all grayscale pixels and compare with the one calculated by hardware.

4.3 Gaussian Blur

Verification of the gaussian blur module was done by generating a random stream of bytes to simulate an image stream. This was done to be sure that the module can handle all possible outputs and so that the tests covers as many possible scenarios as possible. The expected results were calculated by computing the gaussian blur in the Verilog test bench. The 2D convolution of the random image stream with the selected gaussian kernel was then compared with the results of the block. Since a maximum error of -9 was expected due to 2 passes through 1D convolution in which integer division was being performed, it was checked whether each resulting pixel was within the range of $\text{expected_value} - 9$ to expected_value . All the test cases passed for both the source and mapped versions of the module.

4.4 Gradient

The gradient module was verified in a manner similar to the blur module. A random stream of bytes was generated and the expected X and Y gradients were computed along with the expected total gradient magnitude. Gradient angle was not tested intensively since the X and Y gradients were being tested individually and the combinational logic computing angle was small.

The expected values (*see Section 2.2.1 for calculation detail*) were then compared with the computed X, Y gradients and the magnitudes.

All the test cases passed for both the source and mapped versions of the module.

4.5 Non-maximum suppression

Non maximum suppression was tested by running it on a specially crafted input data. The data was essentially a transition from zero gradient to max gradient and back to zero gradient in the horizontal direction. The expected result (*see Section 2.2.1 for calculation detail*) was that the module would just select the peak in the middle and zero out the rest of the image which would be an indication of correct functioning of the block. The test case passed for both source and mapped versions of the module.

4.6 Hysteresis

Hysteresis was tested using a special input image very similar to the input image used for testing non maximum suppression. The difference was that this time we expected not a single row getting selected but multiple rows as long as their gradients are above the minimum threshold.

In the test case that was used two rows were selected as expected.

4.7 Edge Detection

Edge detection block is the top level module for the edge detection component. Correct working of this module involves both Blur, Gradient, Non maximum suppression and hysteresis to work together as well as Anchor controller to work correctly. Consequently the testing of this module was done in 2 phases. First a very simple test case was created modeling an image sample. This was simply a white filled rectangle in a white background. The expected result was a hollow white rectangle in a black background. Both the source and mapped versions of the code passed this test with a success rate of more than 98% (98% of pixels correctly computed).

The second phase was to read real bmp images from the disk and feed it into the edge detection block and visually verify that the output was correct. We did this for about 6 images and the results were as expected for source.

The mapped version took a long time to complete so we focused on the source results since all the individual blocks were working correctly for both source and mapped versions.

5. Layout

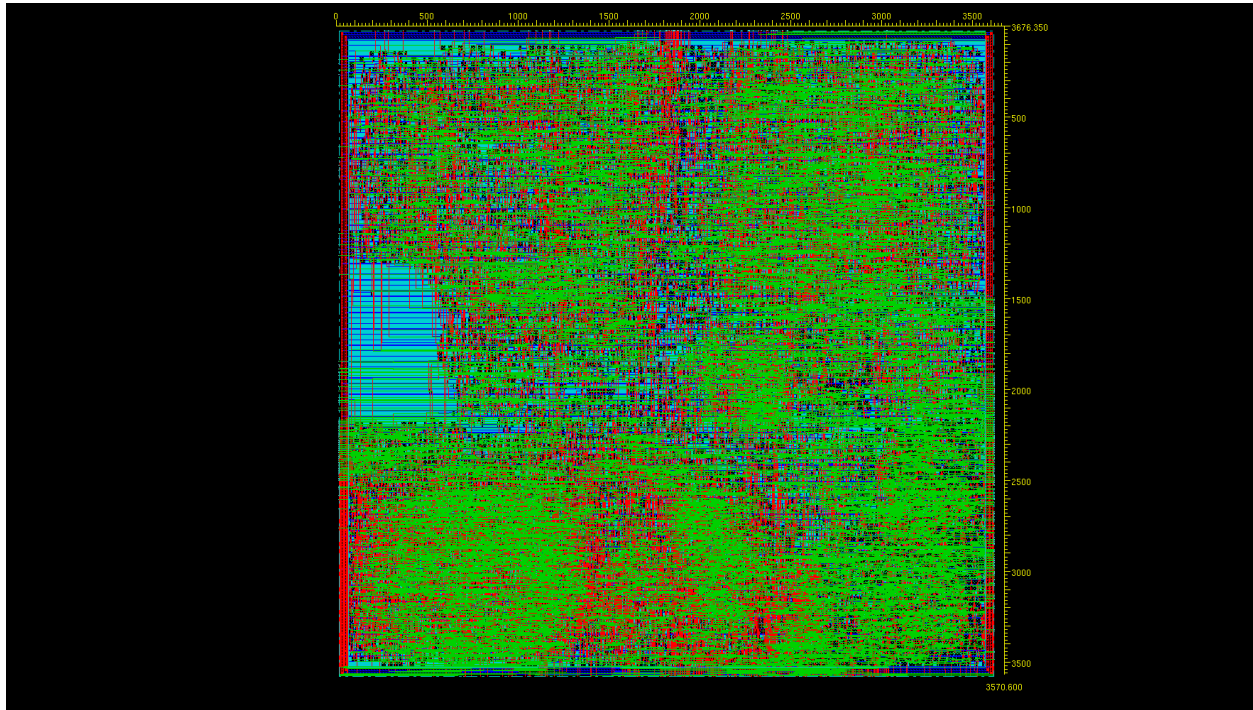


Fig 5.1 Layout for Edge Detection Block

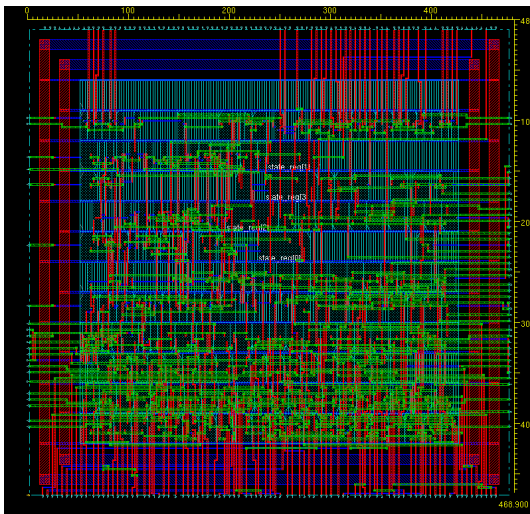


Fig 5.2 Layout for Initializer

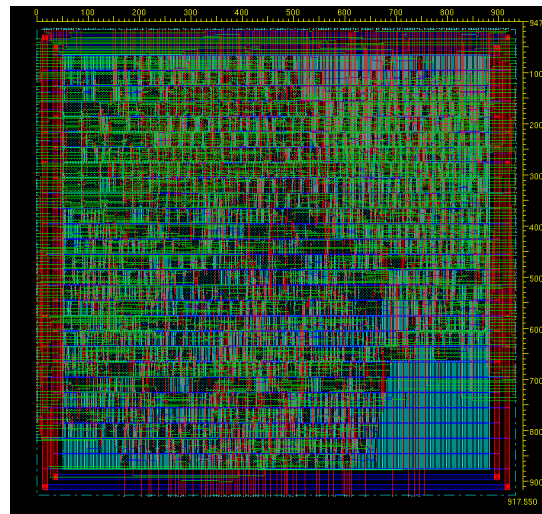


Fig 5.3 Layout for Pixel Controller

6. Results

Success criteria that were fulfilled are as follow.

| | Status | Comments |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Respond to processor's image processing request. | Yes | Initializer can receive information about image and receive start request from processor. |
| 2. Process input images according to settings. | No | Not applicable since not all blocks were connected. |
| 3. Gaussian blur is performed correctly. | Yes | Gaussian blur output is as expected. |
| 4. Edge detection is performed correctly. | Yes | Edge detection produces image output that appears as expected by visual verification. |
| 5. Respond to relevant AHB bus signals. | Partially | Can communicate over the bus with the master, and can respond with appropriate response but is not memory mapped and may not respond to all combinations of bus signals. |

7. Appendix A - Data Sheets

Account and directory where all of the files are located: mg81/ece337/Project

Full Project Repository: <https://github.com/sidharthms/asic-edge-detector>

Top level structural VERILOG code : N/A

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Initializer Block | source/initializer.sv |
| Gaussian Blur Block | source/blur.sv |
| Gradient Block | source/gradient_controller.sv |
| Gradient Mag Angle | source/gradient_mag_angle.sv |
| Gradient Sub Block | source/gradient_sub.sv |
| Gradient Weight | source/gradient_weight.sv |
| Hysteresis Block | source/hyst_controller.sv |
| Hysteresis Calculations | source/hyst.sv |
| Non-Maximal Suppression | source/nms_controller.sv |
| NMS Calculations | source/nms.sv |

Test Benches:

| | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| blur controller test | source/tb_blur_controller.sv |
| edge detect controller test | source/tb_edge_detect.sv |
| gradient controller test | source/tb_gradient_controller.sv |
| hysteresis controller test | source/tb_hyst_controller.sv |
| initializer block test | source/tb_initializer.sv |
| non-maximum suppression controller test | source/tb_nms_controller.sv |

Misc Scripts:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| image unpacking | source/generate |
| image unpacking | source/generate.py |
| image unpack and repack | source/image_str_converter.py |
| memory dump to byte stream | mem2img.sh |
| testbench image reconstruction | reconstructX.sh |

Report Files:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| final project report | docs/Report.pdf |
| preliminary presentation | docs/PreliminaryPresentation |
| final presentation | docs/FinalPresentation |

Table 2-1 AMBA AHB signals

| Name | Source | Description |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HCLK Bus clock | Clock source | This clock times all bus transfers. All signal timings are related to the rising edge of HCLK . |
| HRESETn Reset | Reset controller | The bus reset signal is active LOW and is used to reset the system and the bus. This is the only active LOW signal. |
| HADDR[31:0] Address bus | Master | The 32-bit system address bus. |
| HTRANS[1:0] Transfer type | Master | Indicates the type of the current transfer, which can be NONSEQUENTIAL, SEQUENTIAL, IDLE or BUSY. |
| HWRITE Transfer direction | Master | When HIGH this signal indicates a write transfer and when LOW a read transfer. |
| HSIZE[2:0] Transfer size | Master | Indicates the size of the transfer, which is typically byte (8-bit), halfword (16-bit) or word (32-bit). The protocol allows for larger transfer sizes up to a maximum of 1024 bits. |
| HBURST[2:0] Burst type | Master | Indicates if the transfer forms part of a burst. Four, eight and sixteen beat bursts are supported and the burst may be either incrementing or wrapping. |
| HPROT[3:0] Protection control | Master | The protection control signals provide additional information about a bus access and are primarily intended for use by any module that wishes to implement some level of protection. The signals indicate if the transfer is an opcode fetch or data access, as well as if the transfer is a privileged mode access or user mode access. For bus masters with a memory management unit these signals also indicate whether the current access is cacheable or bufferable. |

Table 2-1 AMBA AHB signals (continued)

| Name | Source | Description |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HWDATA[31:0] Write data bus | Master | The write data bus is used to transfer data from the master to the bus slaves during write operations. A minimum data bus width of 32 bits is recommended. However, this may easily be extended to allow for higher bandwidth operation. |
| HSELx Slave select | Decoder | Each AHB slave has its own slave select signal and this signal indicates that the current transfer is intended for the selected slave. This signal is simply a combinatorial decode of the address bus. |
| HRDATA[31:0] Read data bus | Slave | The read data bus is used to transfer data from bus slaves to the bus master during read operations. A minimum data bus width of 32 bits is recommended. However, this may easily be extended to allow for higher bandwidth operation. |
| HREADY Transfer done | Slave | When HIGH the HREADY signal indicates that a transfer has finished on the bus. This signal may be driven LOW to extend a transfer. Note: Slaves on the bus require HREADY as both an input and an output signal. |
| HRESP[1:0] Transfer response | Slave | The transfer response provides additional information on the status of a transfer. Four different responses are provided, OKAY, ERROR, RETRY and SPLIT. |

Table 3-5 Response encoding

| HRESP[1] | HRESP[0] | Response | Description |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | OKAY | When HREADY is HIGH this shows the transfer has completed successfully. The OKAY response is also used for any additional cycles that are inserted, with HREADY LOW, prior to giving one of the three other responses. |
| 0 | 1 | ERROR | This response shows an error has occurred. The error condition should be signalled to the bus master so that it is aware the transfer has been unsuccessful. A two-cycle response is required for an error condition. |
| 1 | 0 | RETRY | The RETRY response shows the transfer has not yet completed, so the bus master should retry the transfer. The master should continue to retry the transfer until it completes. A two-cycle RETRY response is required. |
| 1 | 1 | SPLIT | The transfer has not yet completed successfully. The bus master must retry the transfer when it is next granted access to the bus. The slave will request access to the bus on behalf of the master when the transfer can complete. A two-cycle SPLIT response is required. |

8. Appendix B (Simulation results)

Appendix B1 Waveforms

B1.1 Waveform for Pixel Controller block (Source Simulation)

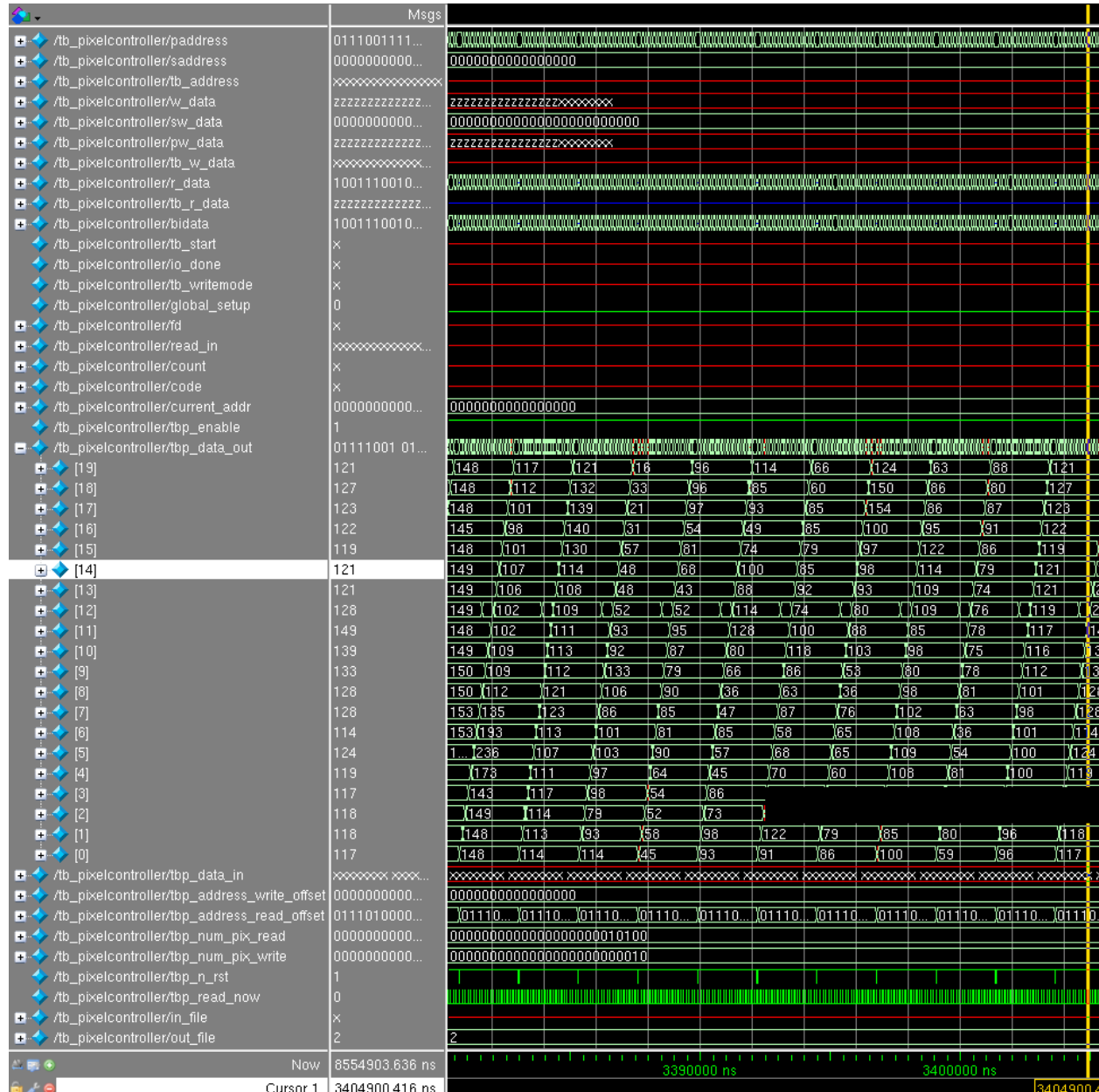


Fig B1.1 Mapped Waveform Pixel Controller

Mapped Waveform - the data_out output is expanded and each pixels can be seen cascading. In this case the testbench requests for 20 continuous pixels from pixel 0 to

the last pixel in the image in the SRAM. The greyscale pixel value is calculated combinationally using bit shift to achieve similar effect as averaging all RGB values. The result produced at the end of this operation is shown in Figure B2.2 Testcase 5.

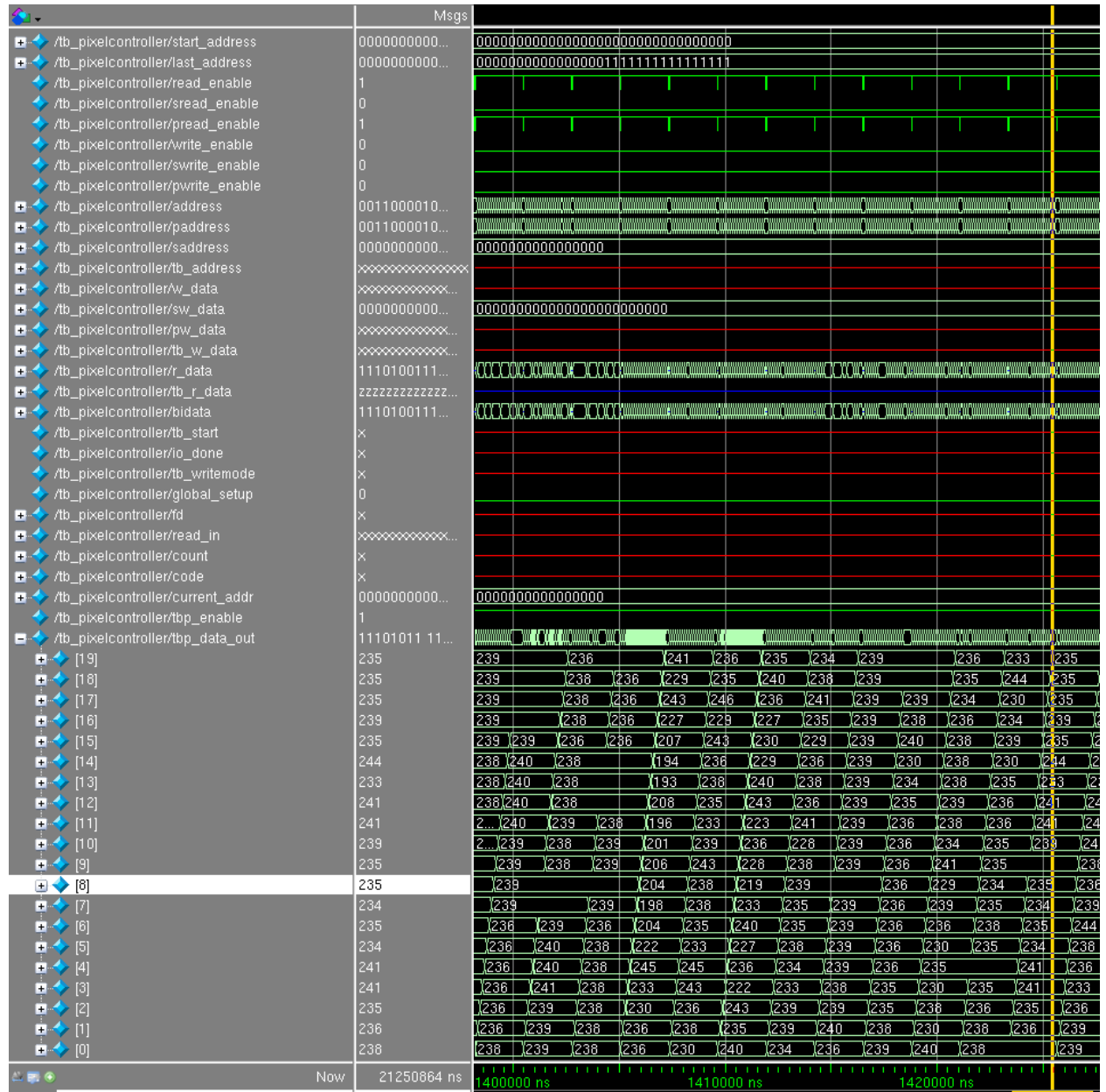


Fig B1.1.2 Source Waveform Pixel Controller

Source Simulation Waveform - This produces identical result as the mapped version.

B1.1.2 - Pixel Controller (continued)

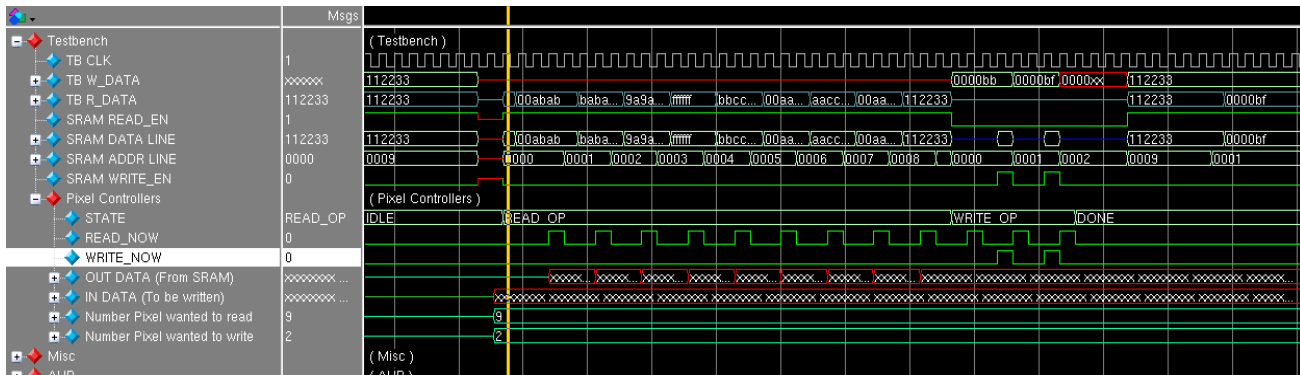


Figure B1.1.3 **Testing Read Write** - This simulation above is a simplified testbench that tests a single read and single write operation continuously. Below is the states of the SRAM before and after the IO operations, addresses beyond 0x08 are truncated to save space.

| Before | After |
|-----------|-----------|
| 0:00ABAB; | 0:0000BB; |
| 1:BABABA; | 1:0000BF; |
| 2:9A9A9A; | 2:9A9A9A; |
| 3:FFFFFF; | 3:FFFFFF; |
| 4:BBCCDD; | 4:BBCCDD; |
| 5:00AABB; | 5:00AABB; |
| 6:AACCDD; | 6:AACCDD; |
| 7:00AABB; | 7:00AABB; |
| 8:112233; | 8:112233; |

B2.1 Waveform for Hysteresis Block

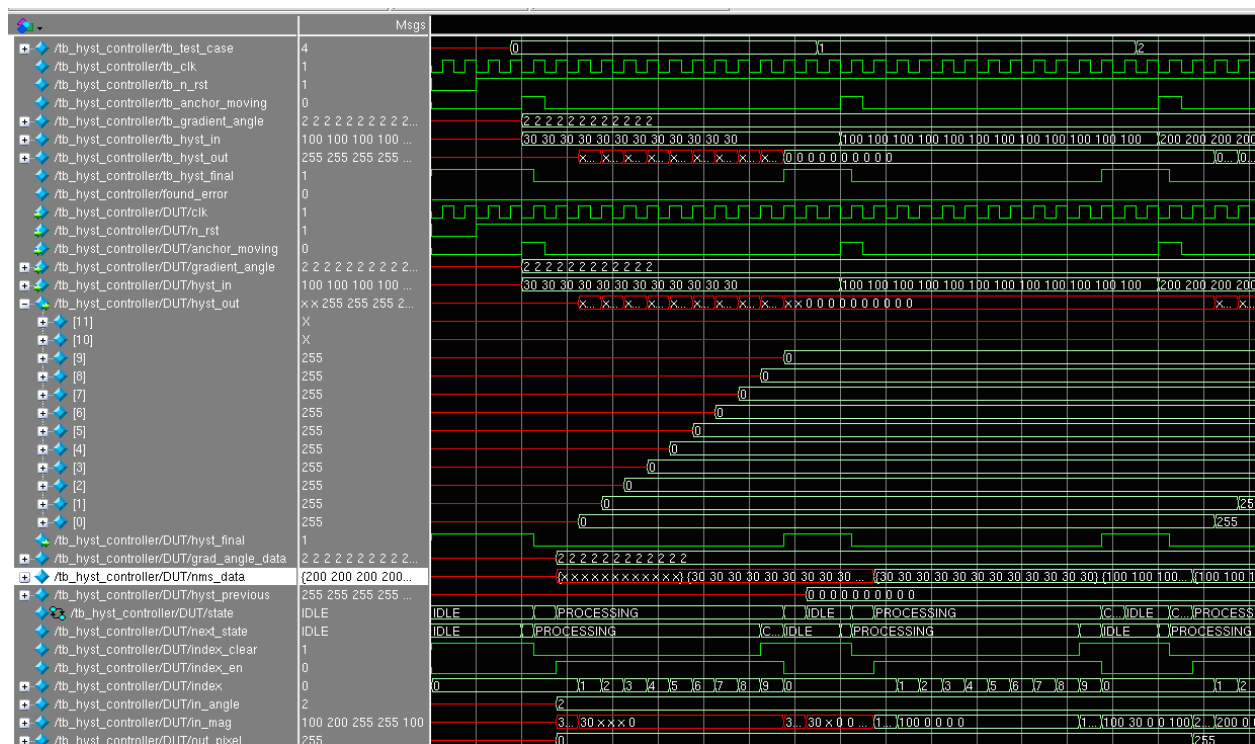


Figure B2.1.1 Source Simulation

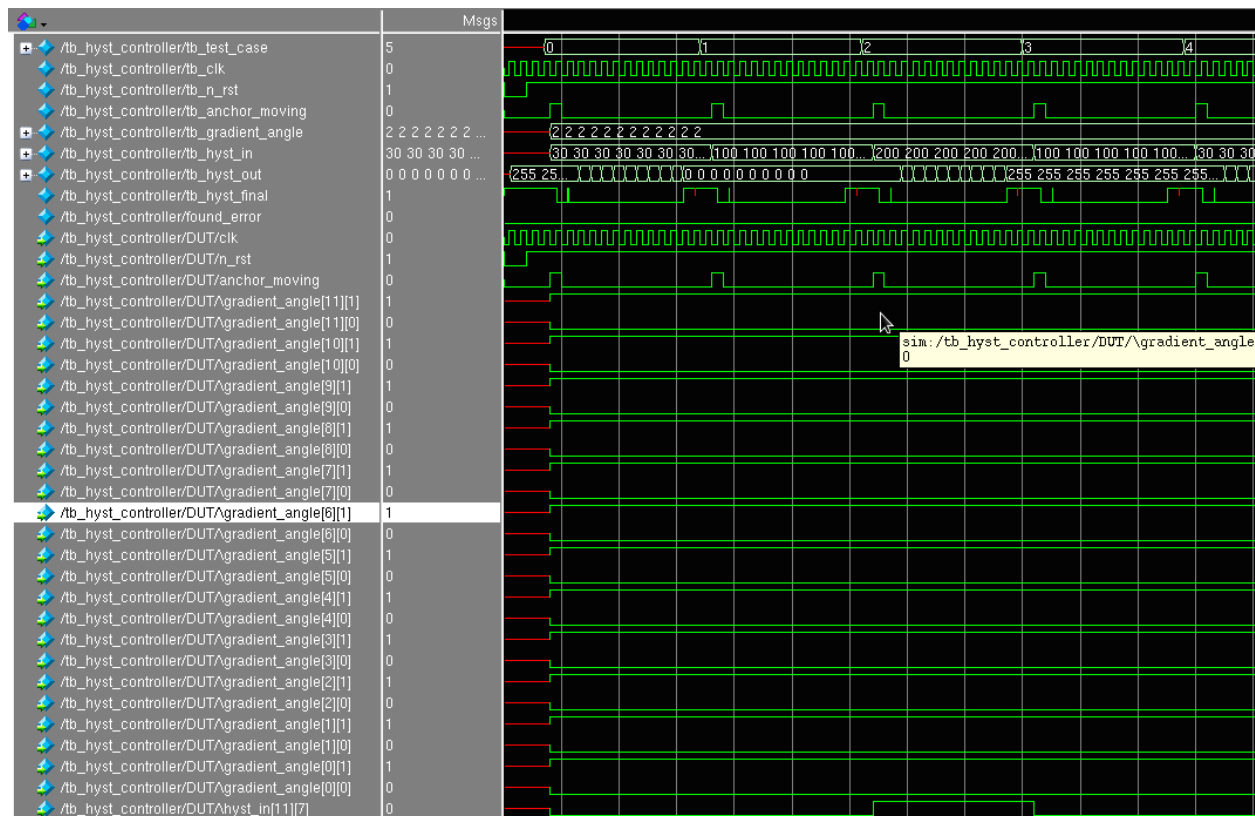


Figure B2.1.2 Mapped Simulation

B3.1 Waveform for Edge Detection

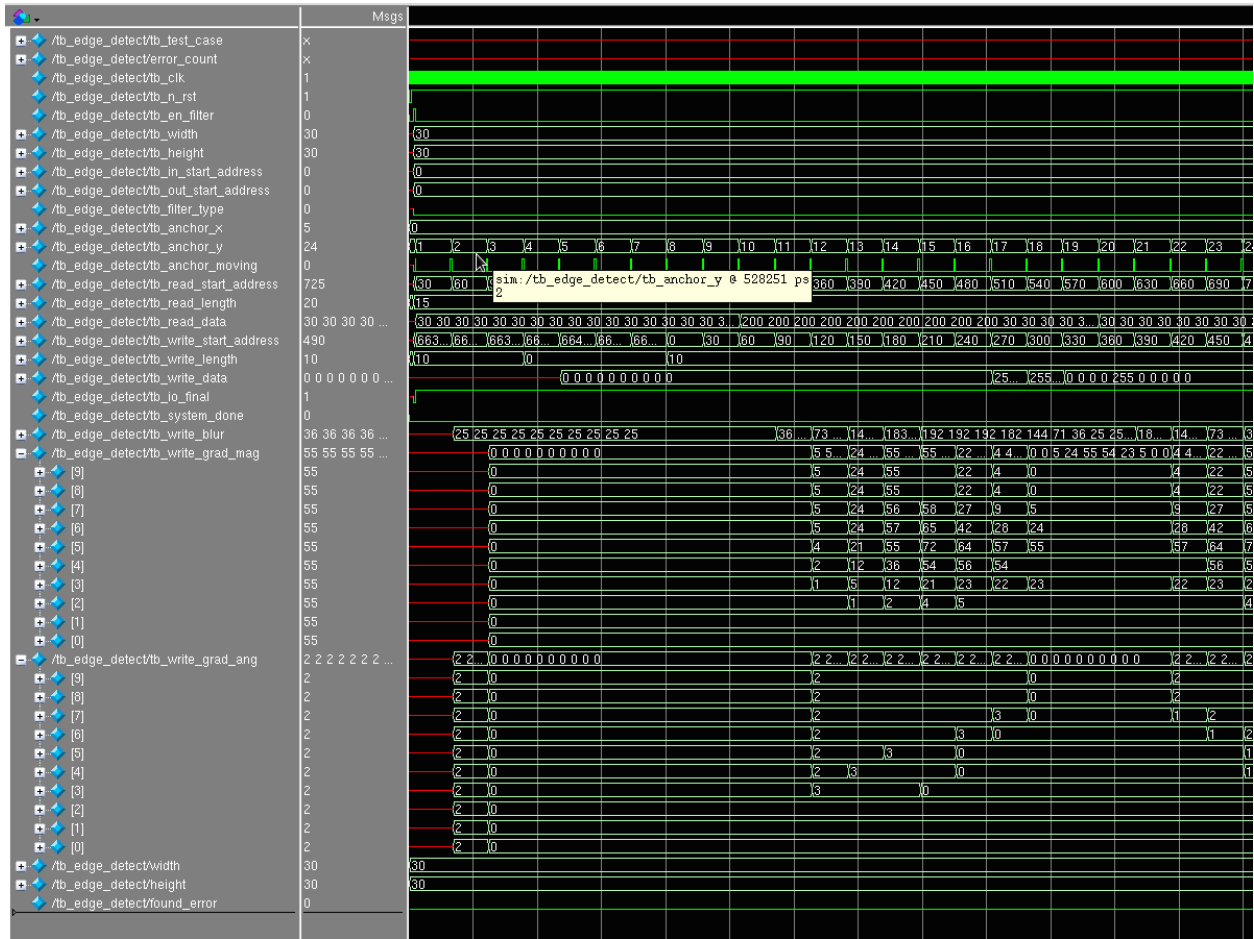


Figure B3.1.1 Source Simulation - Edge Detection

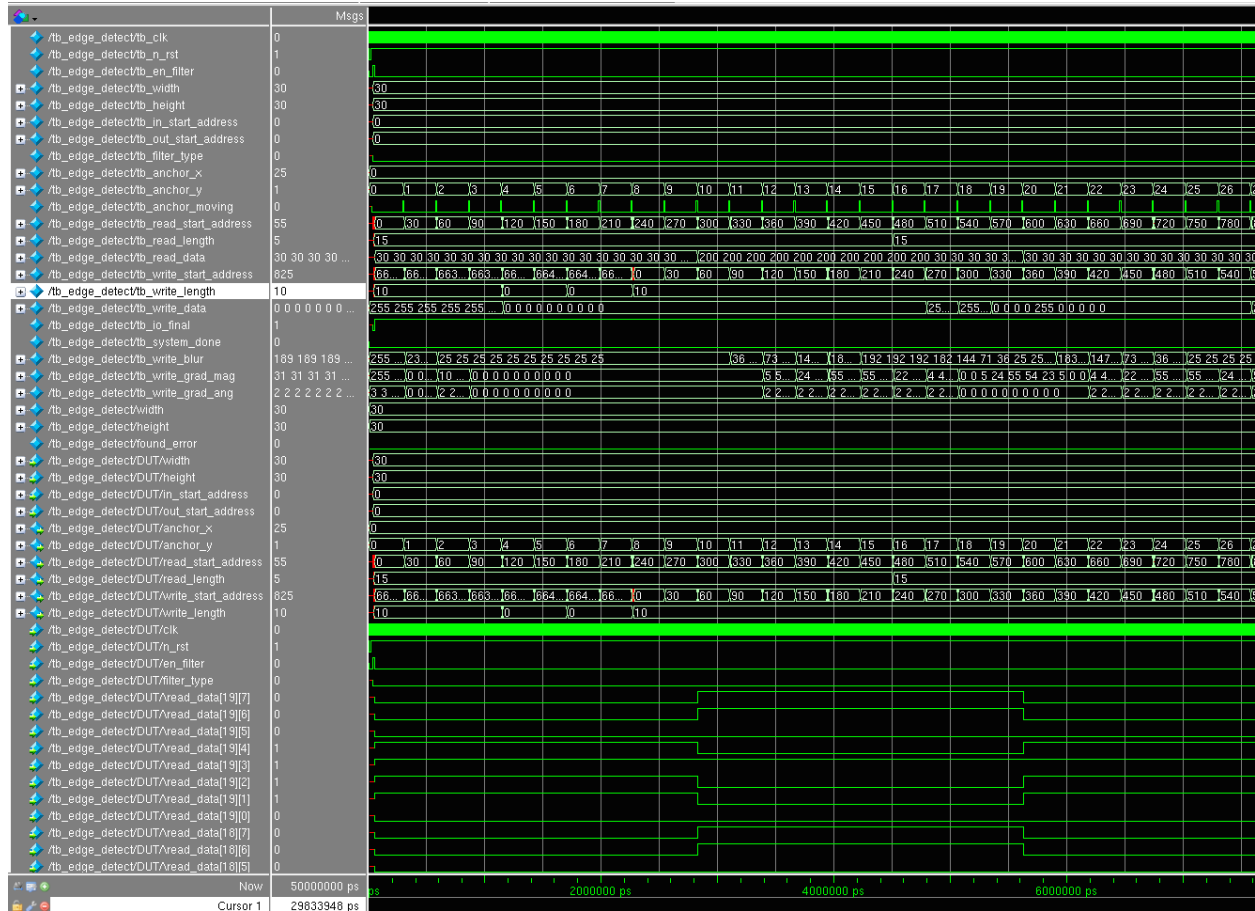


Figure B3.1.1 Mapped Simulation - Edge Detection

B4.1 Waveform for Gradient Controller

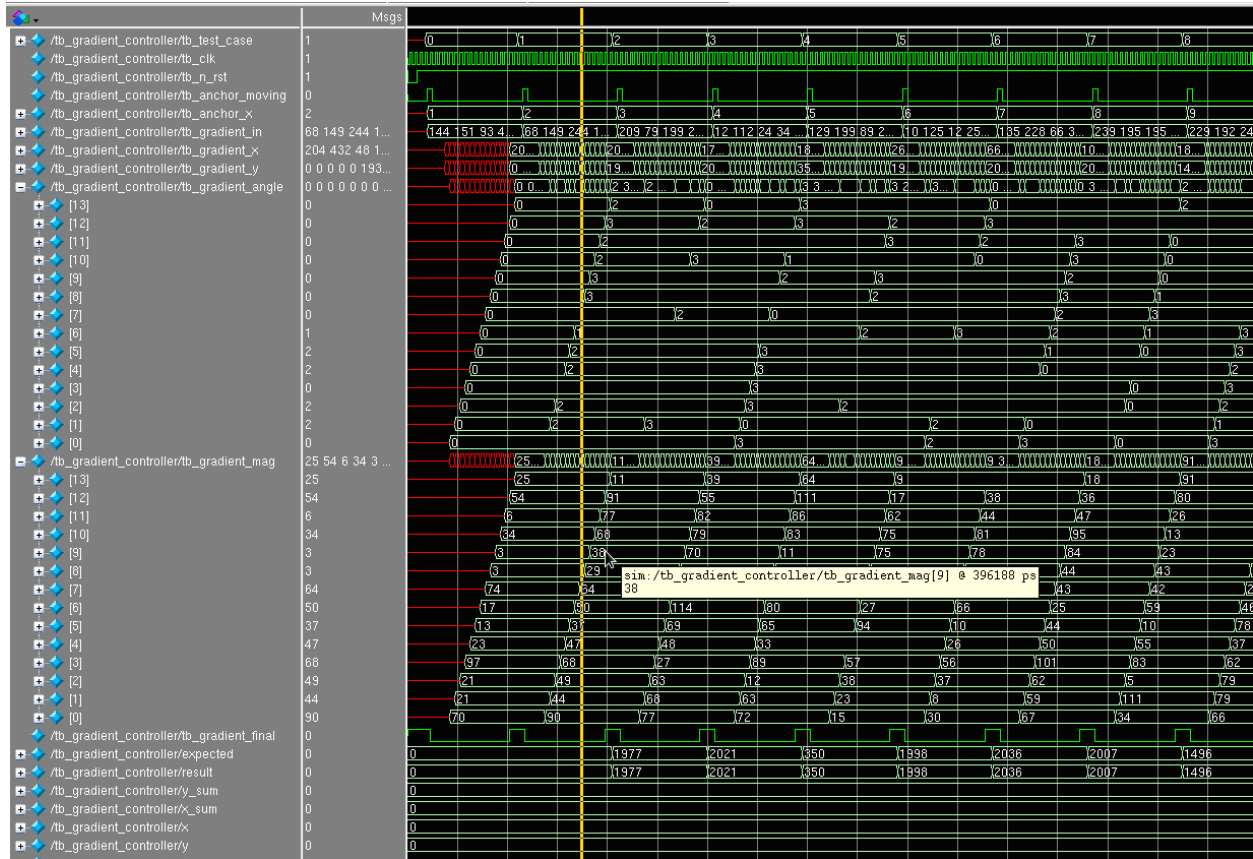


Figure B4.1.1 Source Simulation - Gradient Block

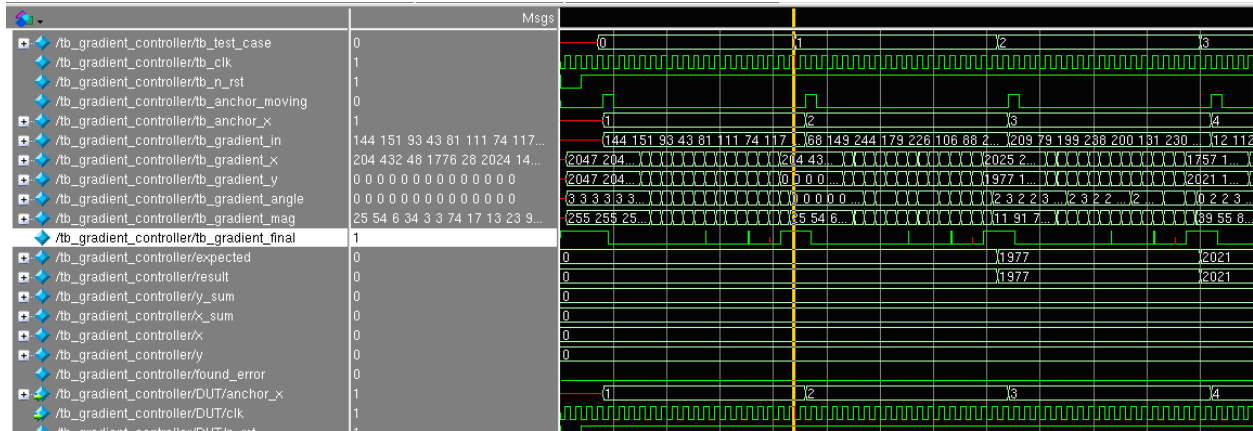


Figure B4.1.2 Mapped Simulation - Gradient Block

B5.1 Waveform for Blur

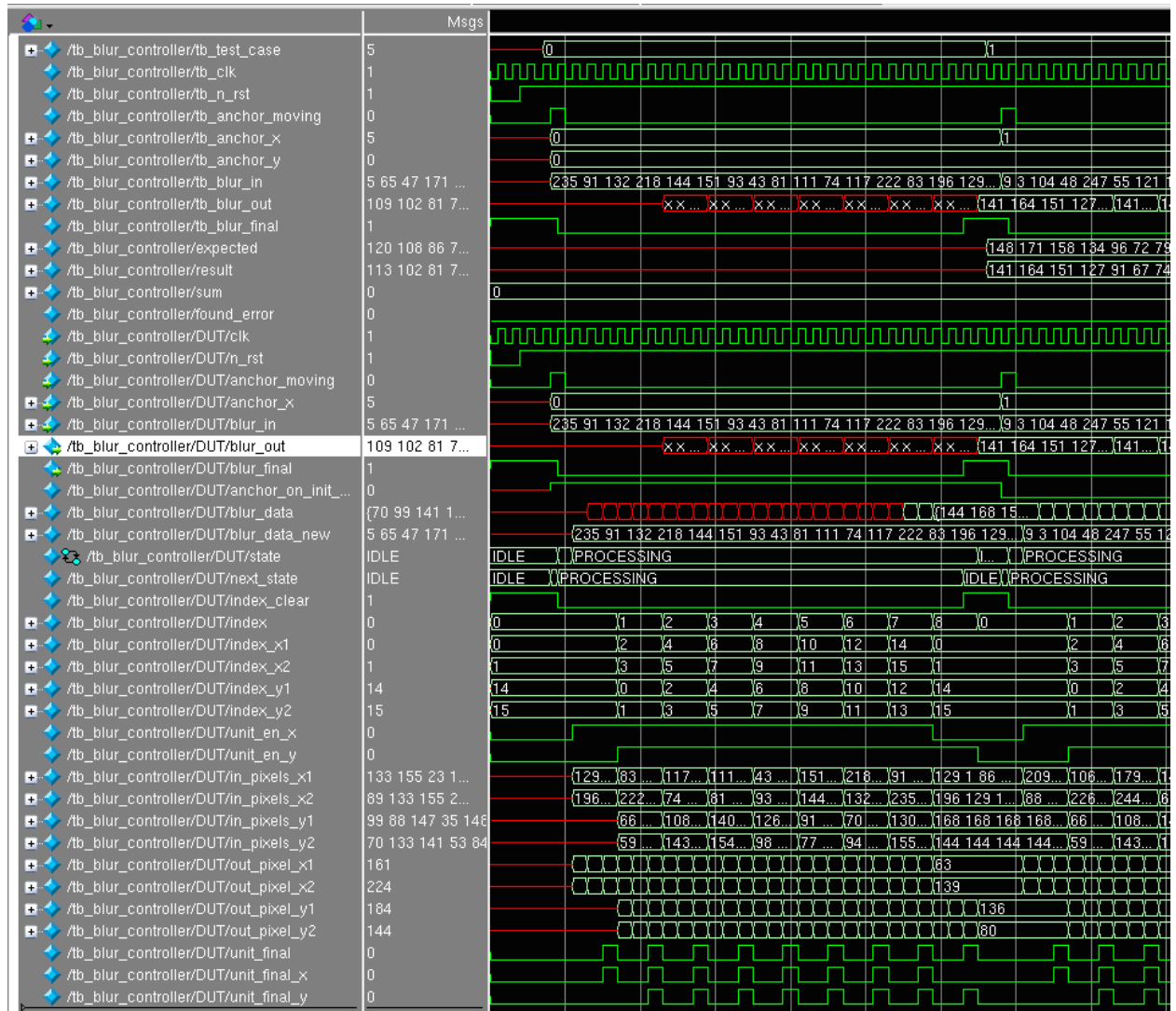


Figure B5.1 Source Simulation - Blur

B6.1 Waveform for Non-Max Suppression

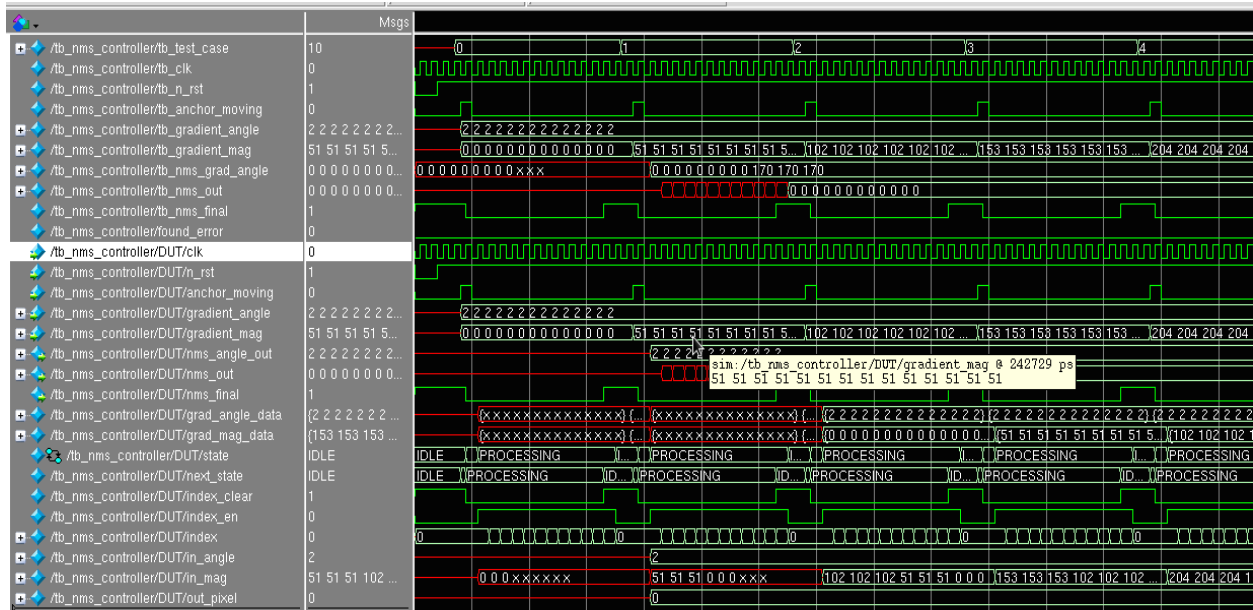


Figure B6.1.1 Source Simulation - NMS

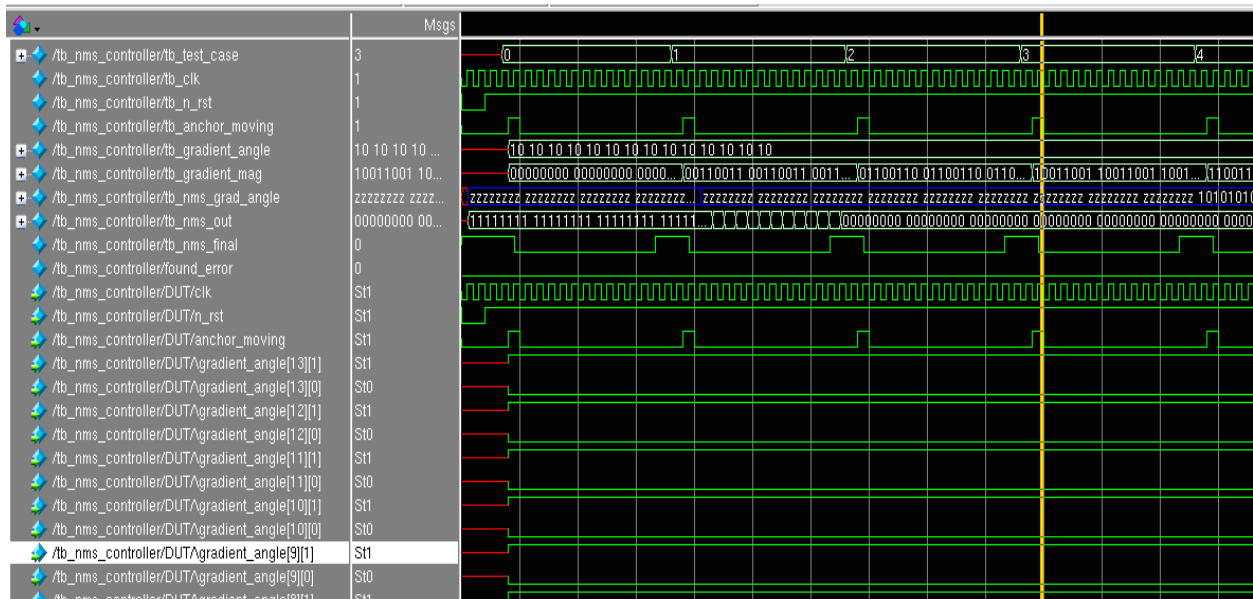


Figure B6.1.2 Mapped Simulation - NMS

B7.0 Waveform for Initializer

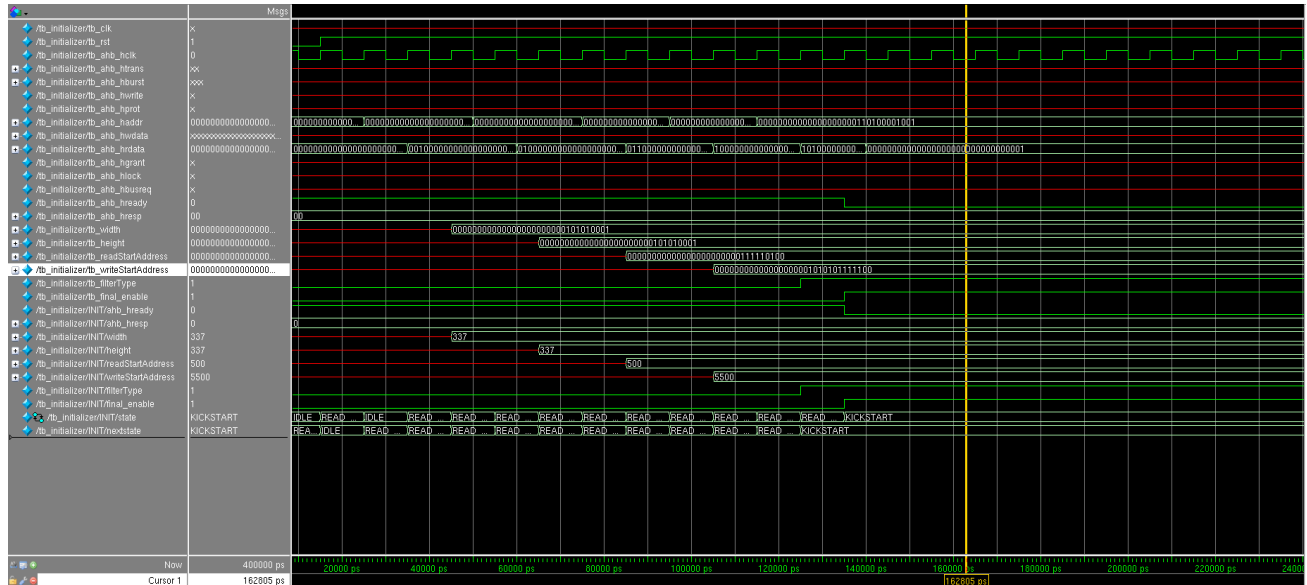


Figure B7.0.1 source simulation - initializer

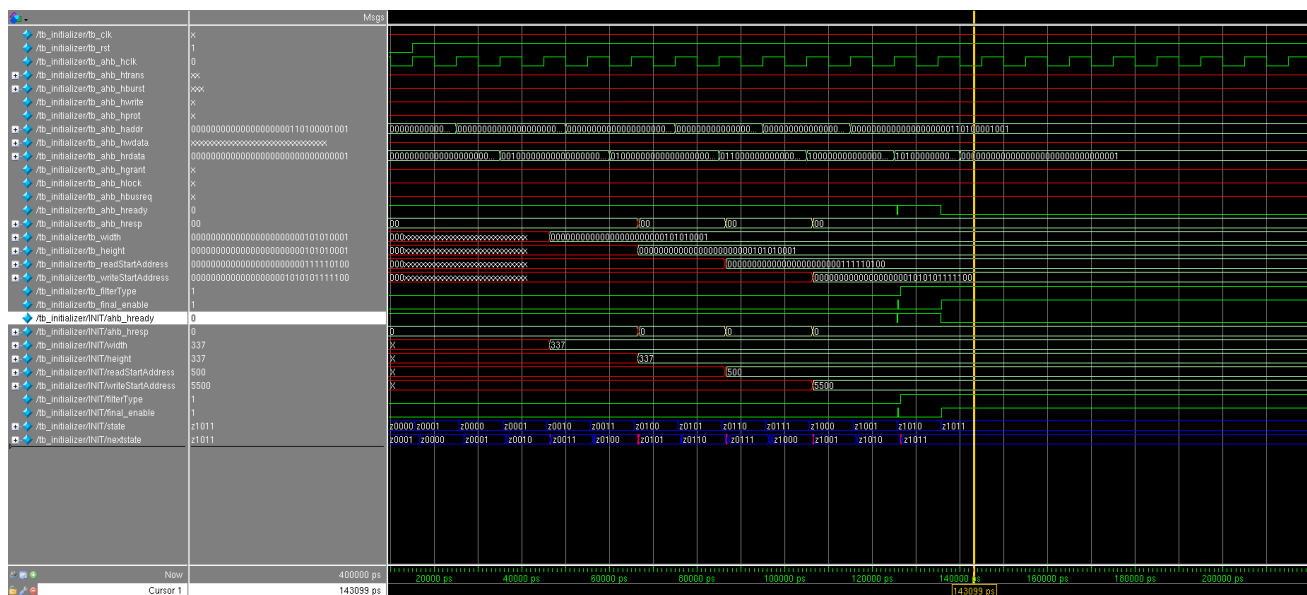


Figure B7.0.2 mapped simulation - initializes

Appendix B2.1 - Testing with Images

Edge Detection block outputs and its intermediate stage. Please note that the pixelcontroller block and the edge detection block were **not** directly connected in hardware to produce these outputs, but the testbench was the one that acts as a *glue* between these two processes as a proof of concept.

Also note that there is imperfection in stage 2 (*see next page*), where the Pixelcontroller block was unable to produce the image in perfect manner (offset issue, that was not resolved). Edge detection could be performed on these imperfect images with no problem (shown in Testcase 5). However, to better demo the capability of the edge detection block a software-based solution was implemented to correct these imperfections in stage 2.

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Testcase 1

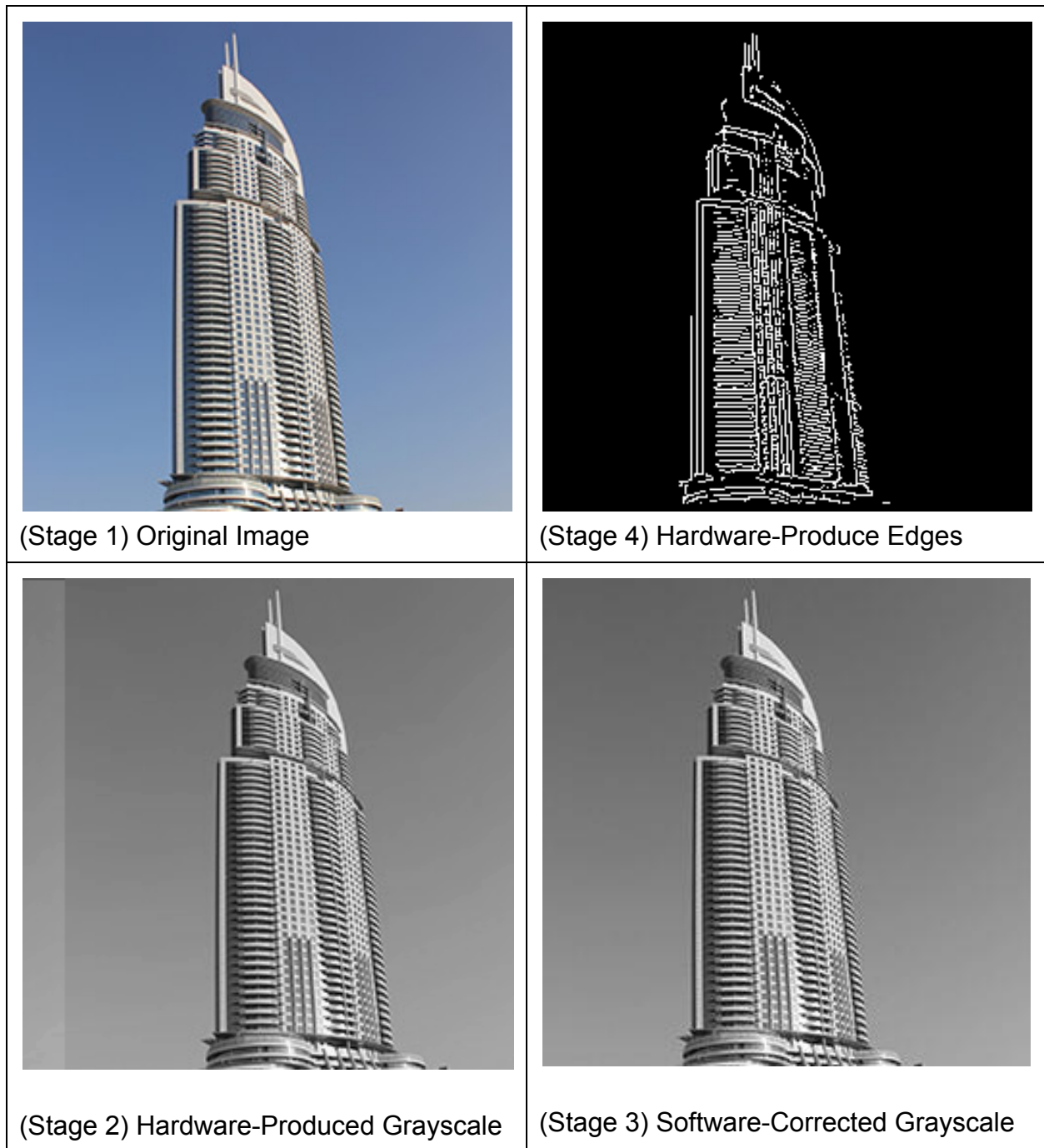


Fig B2.1.1 Tower

Testcase 3

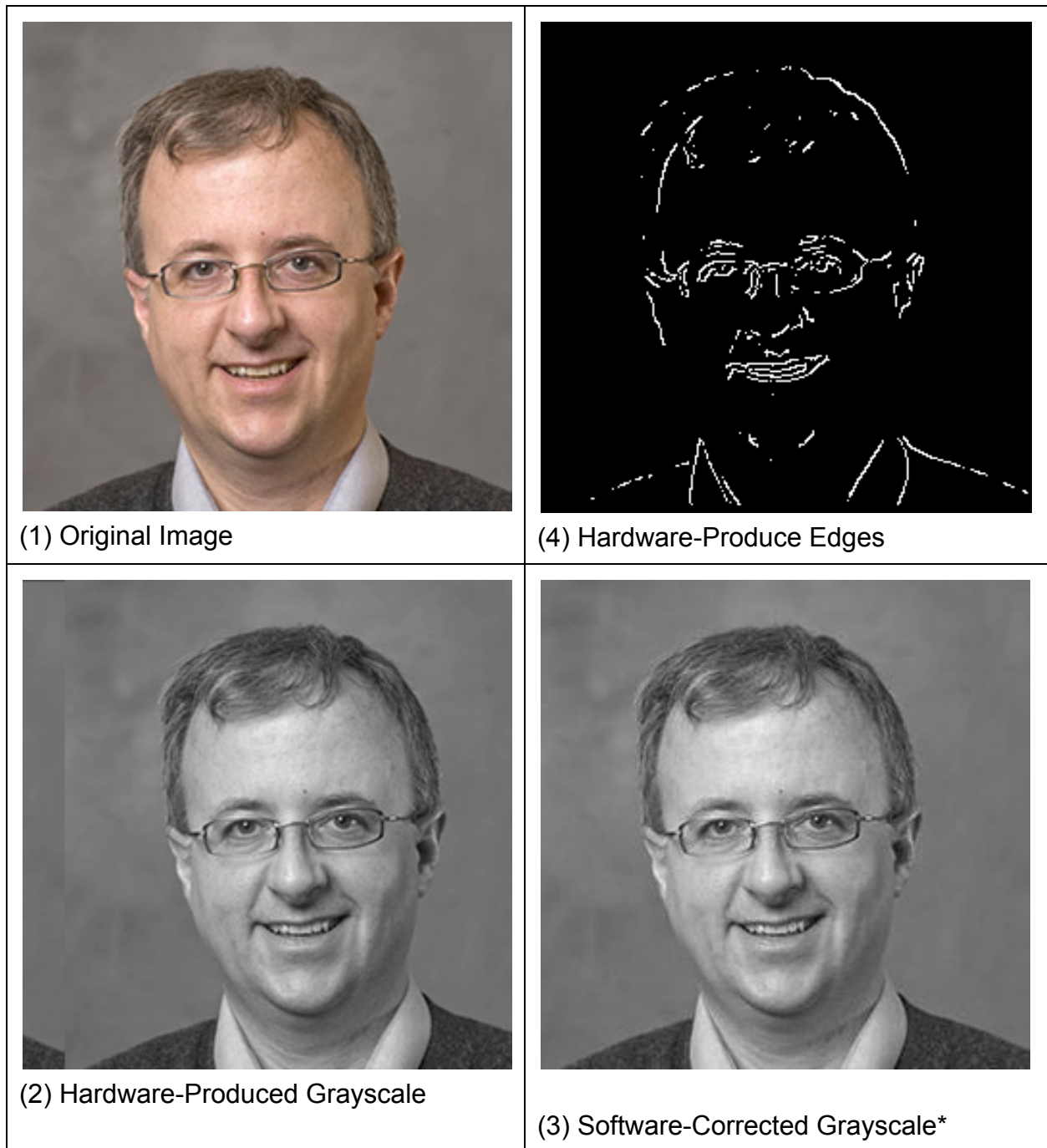


Fig B2.1.2 Dr. Johnson

Testcase 2

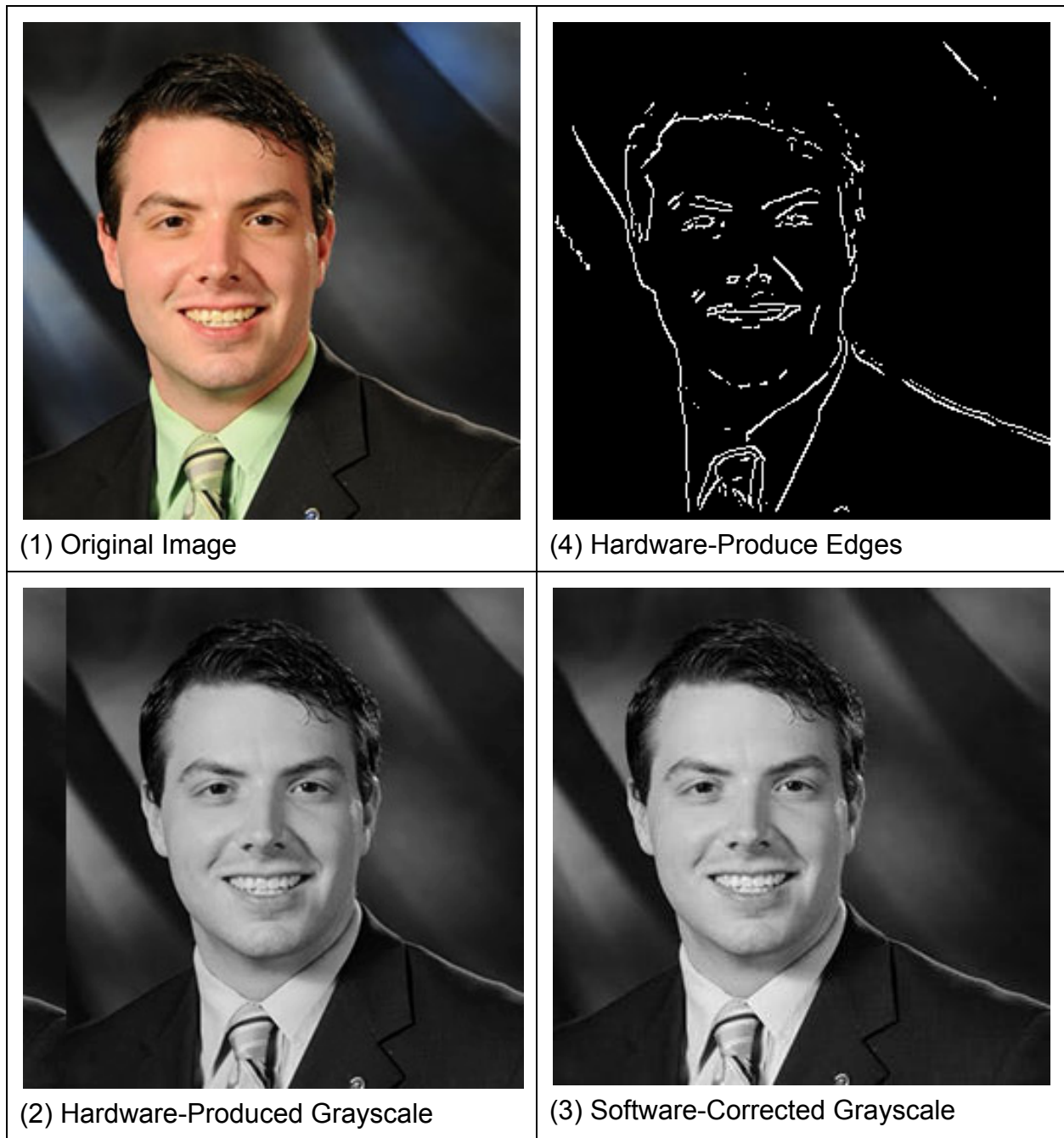


Fig 2.1.3 Tim Pritchett

Testcase 4

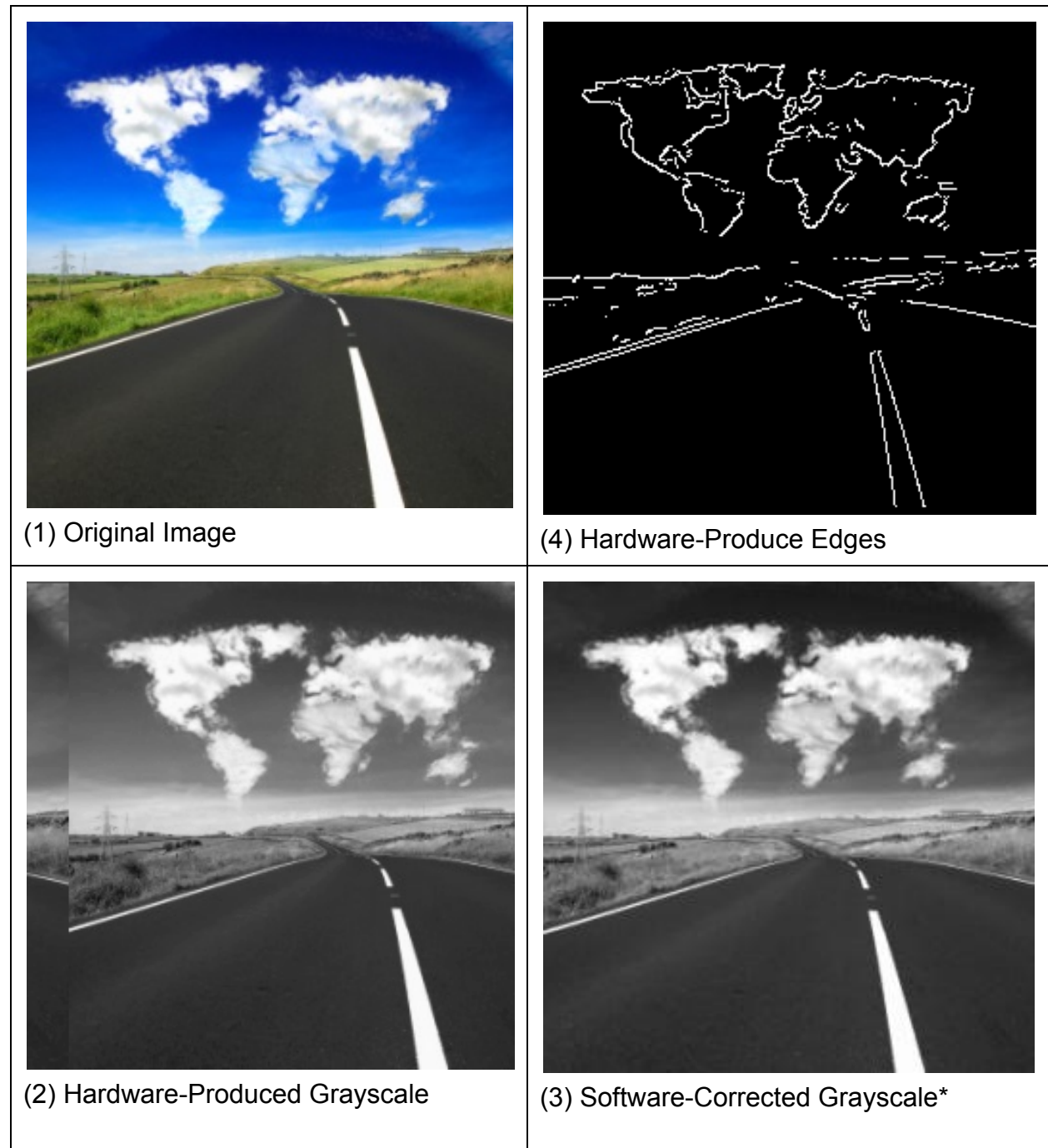


Fig B2.1.4 Road with World Clouds

Testcase 5 (As shown on cover page)

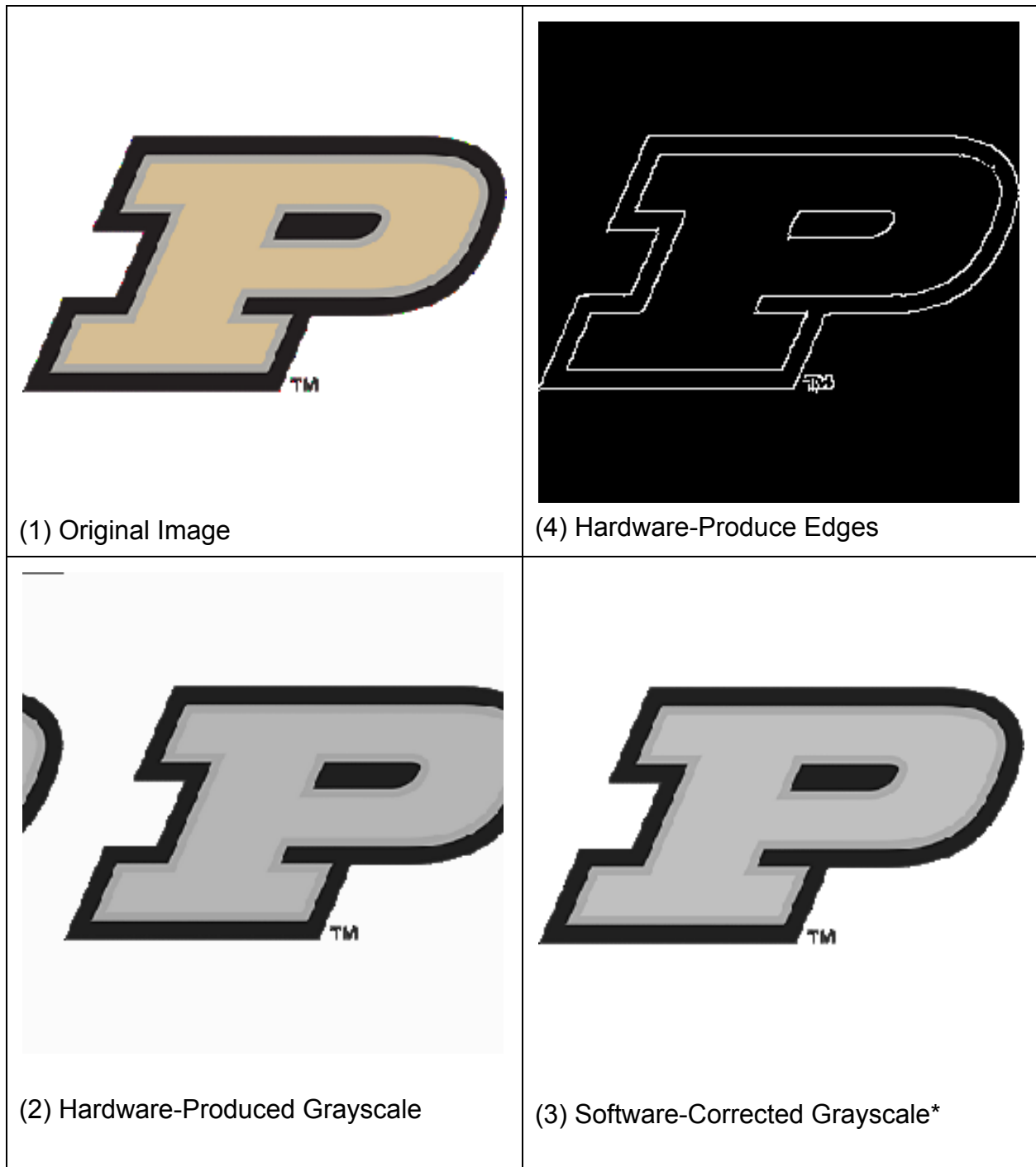


Fig 2.1.5 Purdue Motion "P"

Testcase 6

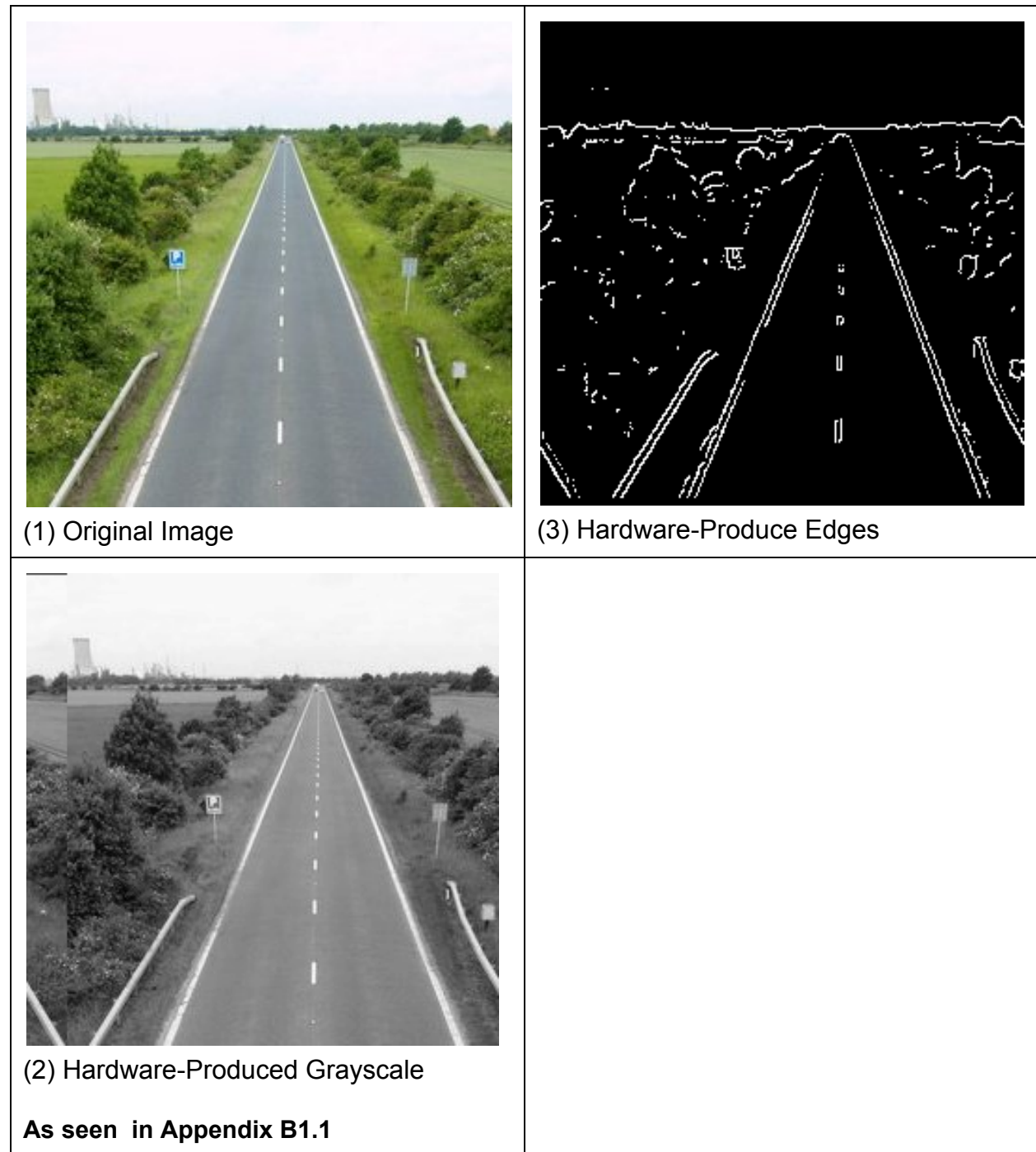


Fig B2.1.6 Road with Trees

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