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XIP1113H: AES128/192/256-GCM

Advanced Encryption Standard, Galois Counter Mode IP Core

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Introduction

XIP1113H from Xiphera is a high-throughput Intellectual Property (IP) core implementing the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) [2] in Galois Counter Mode (GCM) [3]. AES-GCM is a widely used cryptographic algorithm for Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD) purposes, as it provides both data confidentiality and authenticity.

XIP1113H has been designed for easy integration with FPGA- and ASIC-based designs in a vendor-agnostic design methodology, and the functionality of XIP1113H does not rely on any FPGA manufacturer-specific features.

Key Features

- **Moderate** resource requirements: The entire XIP1113H requires 50259 4-input Lookup Tables (4LUTs) (Microchip® PolarFire®), and does not require any multipliers, DSPBlocks or internal memory in a typical Microchip® FPGA implementation.
- **Optimized Implementation** utilizing unrolling, pipelining, optimized AES S-box design, and GMAC calculation based on pipelined Karatsuba multipliers enable extremely high performance.
- **Performance:** XIP1113H achieves a throughput in the Gbps range[1], for example 17.82+ Gbps in Microchip® PolarFire® .
- **Standard Compliance:** XIP1113H is fully compliant with both the Advanced Encryption Algorithm (AES) standard [2], as well as with the Galois Counter Mode (GCM) standard [3].

[1] As is typical for AEAD algorithms, the highest throughput is achieved for long messages.

- **Test lector Compliance:** XIP1113H passes all test vectors specified in [1].
- **128-bit and 256-bit Interfaces** ease the integration of XIP1113H with other high-speed Microchip® FPGA logic.
- **Parametrisable Key Length** in the XIP1113H allows runtime configuration between 128-, 192- and 256-bit keys.

Functionality

The main functionality of XIP1113H depends on the mode of operation. When XIP1113H operates in the encryption and authentication tag calculation mode, it encrypts the incoming plaintext blocks into ciphertext blocks, and also calculates a 128 bits long authentication tag from both the incoming plaintext and associated data. When XIP1113H operates in the decryption and tag validity checking mode, it decrypts the incoming ciphertext blocks into plaintext blocks, and validates the received authentication tag value by calculating the tag from the incoming ciphertext and associated data blocks and comparing the resulting tag value with the received tag value. As defined by the GCM mode of operation, associated data is included in the authentication tag calculation.

XIP1113H can also operate with zero-length associated data, meaning that XIP1113H treats all signals on the input `data_in` as plaintext to be encrypted or as ciphertext to be decrypted. XIP1113H can also operate with zero-length plaintext or ciphertext, in which case it acts only as an authenticator or authentication validity checker.

XIP1113H outputs first the associated data, followed by encrypted plaintext or decrypted ciphertext (depending on the mode of operation), and as the last output the tag value and associated status signals.

Block Diagram

The internal high-level block diagram of XIP1113H is depicted in Figure 1.

Interfaces

The external interfaces of XIP1113H are depicted in Figure 2.

This Product Brief describes a high-level overview of the functionality and capabilities of XIP1113H. Please contact sales@xiphera.com for a complete datasheet with a detailed description of the input and output signals, startup procedure of XIP1113H, example simulation waveforms, and the FPGA resource requirements of your targeted FPGA family.

FPGA Resources and Performance

Table 1 presents the Microchip® FPGA resource requirements for representative implementations on two different Microchip® FPGA architectures. On request, the resource estimates can also be supplied for other Microchip® FPGA families.

‖Libero 2022.1.0.10, default compilation settings, industrial speedgrade.

†$Throughput = f_{MAX} * 128\ bits$; achieved asymptotically with long packets.

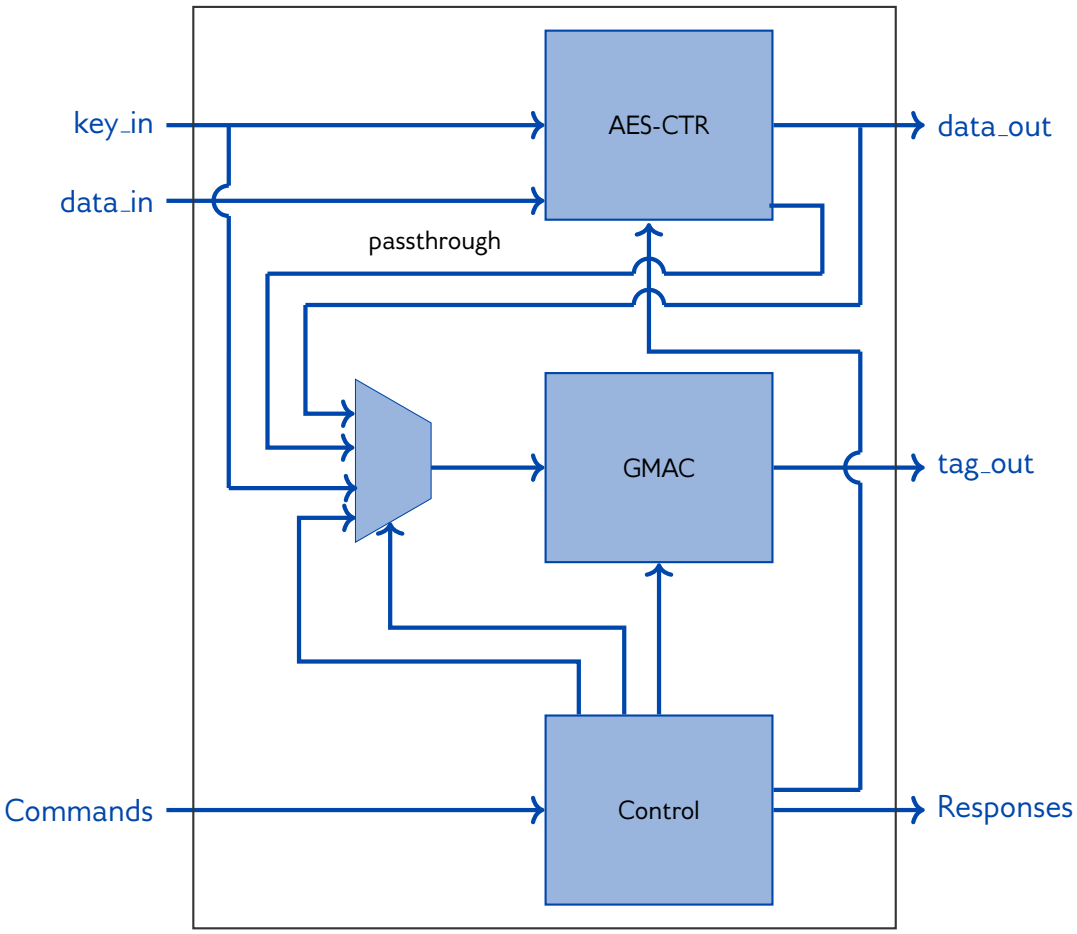

Figure 1: Internal high-level block diagram of XIP1113H

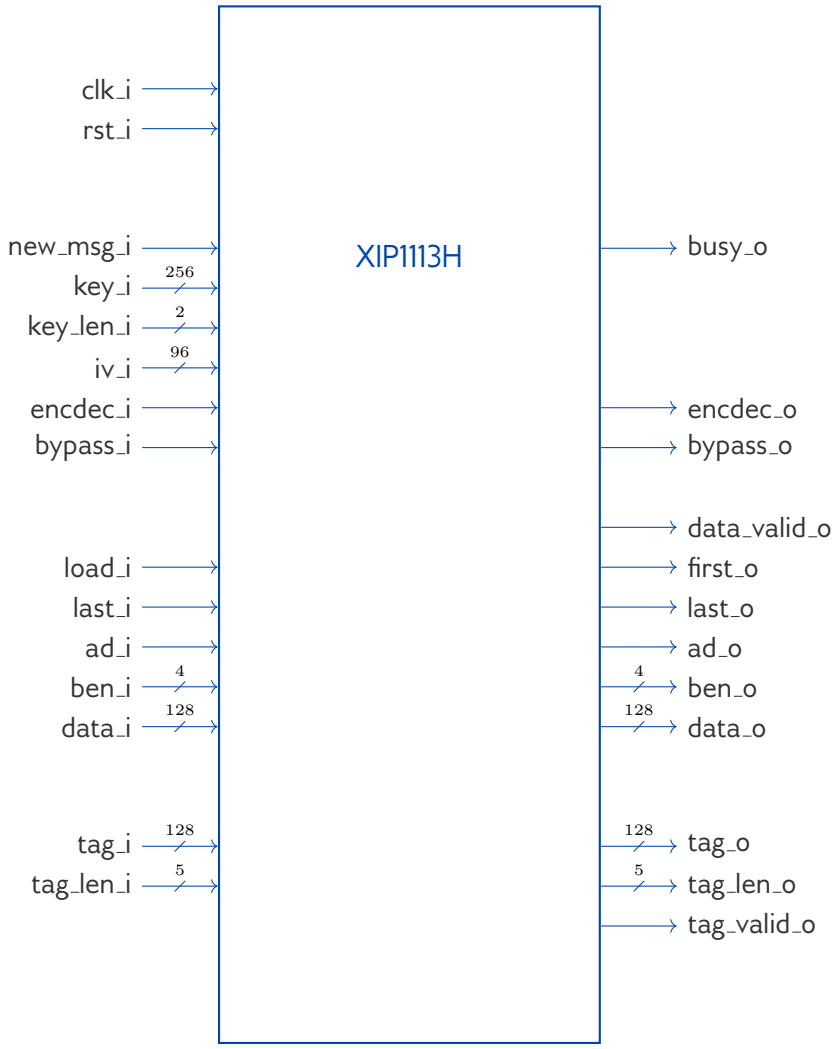

Figure 2: Interface diagram of XIP1113H.

Device	Resources	f_{MAX}	Max. throughput†
Microchip® PolarFire® ‖	50259 4LUT	139.26 MHz	17.82 Gbps

Table 1: Resource usage and performance of XIP1113H on representative Microchip® FPGA families.

Example Use Cases

XIP1113H has several applications, as AES-GCM is a popular AEAD algorithm in a number of standardized communications protocols, including IPSEC, MACSEC and TLS (Transport Layer Security) versions 1.2 and 1.3. Additionally, AES-GCM is used in fibre channel communications and tape storage applications.

Ordering and Deliverables

Please contact sales@xiphera.com for pricing and your preferred delivery method. XIP1113H can be shipped in a number of formats, including netlist, source code, or encrypted source code. Additionally, synthesis scripts, a comprehensive testbench, and a detailed datasheet including an

integration guide are included.

Export Control

XIP1113H protects data confidentiality and is a dual-use product as defined in the Wassenaar Arrangement. Consequently, the export of XIP1113H is controlled by Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 and its subsequent changes.

XIP1113H can be immediately shipped to all European Union member states, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Export to other countries requires authorization from The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and a typical processing time for an export authorization is a few weeks.

About Xiphera

Xiphera specializes in secure and efficient implementations of standardized cryptographic algorithms on Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) and Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs). Our fully in-house designed product portfolio includes individual cryptographic Intellectual Property (IP) cores, as well as comprehensive security solutions built from a combination of individual IP cores.

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