# Comparative Study of Ds, Tea, Xtea, Xxtea, Exxtea and Mxxtea Encryption Algorithms for Vlsi Security Applications

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***Abstract*—The rapid growth of embedded systems, Internet of Things (IoT), wireless sensor networks, and secure communication systems has increased the demand for lightweight cryptographic algorithms with high security and low hardware complexity [1]. Traditional encryption algorithms such as AES and DES provide strong security but require large hardware area, high power consumption, and increased computational complexity, making them unsuitable for low-power and resource-constrained devices [2]. To overcome these limitations, lightweight encryption algorithms such as TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA have been developed for efficient hardware and software implementation [3].**

**The Tiny Encryption Algorithm (TEA) is one of the simplest block cipher algorithms that uses Feistel structure and simple operations such as XOR, addition, and shift operations, making it suitable for embedded and hardware applications [4]. However, TEA suffers from equivalent key attacks and related key attacks, which reduce its overall security strength in cryptographic applications [5]. To improve the security of TEA, the Extended Tiny Encryption Algorithm (XTEA) was introduced with improved key scheduling and security features, which provides better resistance against cryptanalytic attacks compared to TEA [6].**

**Further improvements led to the development of the Block Tiny Encryption Algorithm known as XXTEA, which corrected the weaknesses of TEA and XTEA and improved the encryption process for variable block sizes [7]. XXTEA provides better diffusion and confusion properties, making it more secure than TEA and XTEA while maintaining moderate computational complexity [8]. However, with the increasing demand for higher security and performance, enhanced versions such as eXXTEA (Enhanced XXTEA) and mXXTEA (Modified XXTEA) were developed with improved key generation, substitution operations, and dynamic encryption structures [9].**

**The eXXTEA algorithm improves the avalanche effect, entropy, and resistance against brute force and statistical attacks by modifying the round function and key scheduling mechanism [10]. Similarly, the mXXTEA algorithm introduces additional security features such as dynamic key generation, substitution boxes, and improved round operations, which significantly increase encryption strength and randomness properties [11]. These modified algorithms provide better performance in terms of encryption time, throughput, hardware utilization, and power consumption when implemented on FPGA and ASIC platforms [12].**

**In this research work, a comparative study of DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA encryption algorithms is carried out based on parameters such as security strength, encryption time, throughput, memory usage, avalanche effect, entropy, hardware area, power consumption, and delay [13]. The algorithms are implemented using VLSI architecture and simulated using hardware description languages such as Verilog and VHDL for FPGA and ASIC implementation [14]. The performance evaluation includes statistical analysis such as histogram analysis, correlation analysis, entropy analysis, and randomness testing to evaluate the security performance of each algorithm [15].**

**The experimental results show that TEA provides the fastest encryption speed with the lowest hardware complexity but has lower security compared to other algorithms [16]. XTEA improves security while maintaining low hardware complexity and moderate speed performance [17]. XXTEA provides better security strength and diffusion properties compared to TEA and XTEA but requires higher computational resources [18]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and**

**mXXTEA provide the highest security strength, better avalanche effect, improved entropy values, and strong resistance against cryptographic attacks compared to other TEA family algorithms [19].**
**Among all the algorithms analyzed, the mXXTEA algorithm shows the best overall performance in terms of security strength, encryption efficiency, hardware performance, and statistical security analysis [20]. Therefore, the mXXTEA algorithm is considered the most suitable encryption algorithm for secure embedded systems, IoT devices, FPGA implementation, ASIC design, and VLSI security applications [21]. This research work concludes that enhanced and modified versions of TEA family algorithms provide better performance compared to traditional lightweight encryption algorithms and can be effectively used for modern secure hardware system design [22**

***Index Terms*—Lightweight Cryptography, DS Algorithm, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, mXXTEA, Encryption Algorithms, Cryptographic Security, VLSI Security, FPGA Implementation, ASIC Implementation, Hardware Encryption, Avalanche Effect, Entropy Analysis, Correlation Analysis, Histogram Analysis, Throughput, Encryption Time, Power Consumption, Area Utilization, IoT Security, Embedded Systems Security, Secure Hardware Design, Block Cipher, Image Encryption.**

## I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of digital communication technologies, embedded systems, and Internet of Things (IoT) applications has significantly increased the demand for secure and efficient cryptographic techniques to protect sensitive data from unauthorized access and cyber threats [1]. In modern computing environments, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and authentication has become a critical requirement, especially in resource-constrained devices such as wireless sensor networks, RFID systems, and embedded platforms [2]. Traditional encryption algorithms like Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and Data Encryption Standard (DES) offer strong security but often suffer from high computational complexity, increased power consumption, and large hardware requirements, making them less suitable for lightweight applications [3].

To address these challenges, lightweight cryptographic algorithms have been introduced, focusing on achieving a balance between security, performance, and hardware efficiency [4]. Among these, the Tiny Encryption Algorithm (TEA) and its variants have gained significant attention due to their simple structure, ease of implementation, and suitability for both software and hardware platforms [5]. TEA is a symmetric key block cipher that uses a Feistel network and simple arithmetic and logical operations such as XOR, addition, and bitwise shifts, making it highly efficient for low-cost and low-power devices [6]. However, despite its simplicity and efficiency, TEA is vulnerable to several cryptographic attacks, including related-key attacks and equivalent key issues, which limit its practical usage in high-security applications [7].

To overcome the limitations of TEA, the Extended Tiny Encryption Algorithm (XTEA) was developed with improved key scheduling and enhanced resistance against cryptanalysis [8]. XTEA provides better security compared to TEA while maintaining low computational complexity, making it suitable for embedded and IoT-based applications [9]. Further improvements led to the development of the Block Tiny Encryption Algorithm (XXTEA), which modifies the block cipher structure and supports variable-length data encryption, thereby enhancing diffusion and confusion properties [10]. XXTEA offers improved resistance against differential and linear cryptanalysis compared to its predecessors, making it a more secure alternative within the TEA family [11].

With the continuous evolution of security requirements, advanced variants such as Enhanced XXTEA (eXXTEA) and Modified XXTEA (mXXTEA) have been proposed to further improve encryption strength and performance [12]. These algorithms incorporate additional features such as dynamic key generation, substitution operations, and optimized round functions to enhance randomness, avalanche effect, and resistance against statistical and brute-force attacks [13]. The improvements in eXXTEA and mXXTEA also contribute to better performance metrics such as reduced encryption time, increased throughput, and efficient hardware utilization when implemented using FPGA and ASIC technologies [14].

In the context of VLSI design, implementing cryptographic algorithms requires careful consideration of parameters such as area, power consumption, delay, and throughput [15]. Efficient hardware architectures for encryption algorithms are essential to meet the constraints of modern embedded systems and IoT devices [16]. Therefore, a comparative study of TEA family algorithms is necessary to evaluate their performance in terms of both security and hardware efficiency [17]. Such analysis helps in identifying the most suitable algorithm for specific applications, including secure communication, image encryption, cloud security, and real-time data protection [18].

This research work focuses on the comparative analysis of DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA algorithms based on various performance metrics, including security strength, encryption speed, hardware complexity, power consumption, avalanche effect, and statistical randomness [19]. The study also includes FPGA and ASIC implementation of these algorithms using hardware description languages such as Verilog to evaluate their real-time performance [20]. The results obtained from this study aim to identify the most efficient and secure algorithm suitable for lightweight cryptographic applications and VLSI-based system design [21].

The findings of this research are expected to contribute to the development of advanced lightweight cryptographic architectures that provide enhanced security while maintaining optimal performance for next-generation embedded systems and IoT applications [22]

## II. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the research titled "Comparative Study of DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA and mXXTEA Encryption Algorithms for VLSI Security Applications" involves algorithm implementation, performance evaluation, security analysis, and hardware implementation using FPGA and ASIC design methodologies [1]. The overall research methodology consists of algorithm selection, data input generation, encryption process, performance measurement, security evaluation, hardware implementation, and comparative analysis [2].

Initially, six encryption algorithms namely DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA are selected for comparative analysis based on their lightweight cryptographic structure and suitability for embedded and VLSI applications [3]. These algorithms are implemented using software simulation and hardware description language such as Verilog for FPGA and ASIC implementation [4]. The input data used for encryption includes both numerical data inputs and image inputs to evaluate encryption performance and image security characteristics [5].

The encryption process is performed for different input sizes to evaluate encryption time, throughput, and computational complexity [6]. The encrypted outputs are analyzed using security parameters such as avalanche effect, entropy, correlation coefficient, histogram analysis, and randomness testing [7]. These parameters are used to evaluate the security strength of each encryption algorithm [8]. The performance parameters such as power consumption, area utilization, and delay are measured using FPGA and ASIC synthesis tools [9].

The encryption time and throughput are calculated to evaluate the computational performance of each algorithm [10]. The avalanche effect is measured by changing one bit of input data and observing the number of changed bits in the output ciphertext [11]. The entropy analysis is performed to measure the randomness of encrypted data [12]. The correlation analysis is performed to evaluate the relationship between original data and encrypted data [13]. Histogram analysis is performed for image encryption to evaluate the statistical distribution of encrypted images [14].

The FPGA implementation is carried out to measure hardware parameters such as area utilization, power consumption, and delay [15]. The ASIC implementation is performed to evaluate chip-level performance parameters and propagation delay [16]. Finally, all performance and security parameters are compared to identify the best encryption algorithm suitable for VLSI security applications [17].

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## 3. Mathematical Framework Of Encryption Algorithms

### 3.1 Data Standard (DS)

The DS algorithm operates on fixed-size plaintext blocks using substitution–permutation principles:

C=P⊕KC = P \oplus KC=P⊕K

where

PPP = plaintext,

KKK = key,

CCC = ciphertext.

### 3.2 TEA (Tiny Encryption Algorithm)

TEA is based on Feistel structure with iterative round operations:

Li+1=Li+(((Ri≪4)+K0)⊕(Ri+Δ)⊕((Ri≫5)+K1))L_{i+1} = L_i + \left( ((R_i \ll 4) + K_0) \oplus (R_i + \Delta) \oplus ((R_i \gg 5) + K_1) \right)Li+1=Li+(((Ri≪4)+K0)⊕(Ri+Δ)⊕((Ri≫5)+K1))

Ri+1=Ri+(((Li+1≪4)+K2)⊕(Li+1+Δ)⊕((Li+1≫5)+K3))R_{i+1} = R_i + \left( ((L_{i+1} \ll 4) + K_2) \oplus (L_{i+1} + \Delta) \oplus ((L_{i+1} \gg 5) + K_3) \right)Ri+1=Ri+(((Li+1≪4)+K2)⊕(Li+1+Δ)⊕((Li+1≫5)+K3))

where

Δ=0x9E3779B9\Delta = 0x9E3779B9Δ=0x9E3779B9 (golden ratio constant).

### 3.3 XTEA (Extended TEA)

XTEA improves key scheduling:

v0+=(((v1≪4)⊕(v1≫5))+v1)⊕(sum+K[sum&3])v_0 += (((v_1 \ll 4) \oplus (v_1 \gg 5)) + v_1) \oplus (sum + K[sum \& 3])v0+=(((v1≪4)⊕(v1≫5))+v1)⊕(sum+K[sum&3]) sum+=Δsum += \Deltasum+=Δ v1+=(((v0≪4)⊕(v0≫5))+v0)⊕(sum+K[(sum>>11)&3])v_1 += (((v_0 \ll 4) \oplus (v_0 \gg 5)) + v_0) \oplus (sum + K[(sum>>11) \& 3])v1+=(((v0≪4)⊕(v0≫5))+v0)⊕(sum+K[(sum>>11)&3])

### 3.4 XXTEA (Corrected Block TEA)

Operates on variable-length blocks using mixing function:

MX=((z≫5⊕y≪2)+(y≫3⊕z≪4))⊕((sum⊕y)+(K[(p&3)⊕e]⊕z))MX = ((z \gg 5 \oplus y \ll 2) + (y \gg 3 \oplus z \ll 4)) \oplus ((sum \oplus y) + (K[(p \& 3)

\oplus e] \oplus z))MX=((z≫5⊕y≪2)+(y≫3⊕z≪4))⊕((sum⊕y)+(K[(p&3)⊕e]⊕z)) v[p]+=MXv[p] += MXv[p]+=MX

3.5 eXXTEA (Enhanced XXTEA)
Enhanced diffusion using nonlinear transformation:
MX′=MX⊕(S(z)+S(y))MX' = MX \oplus (S(z) + S(y))MX′=MX⊕(S(z)+S(y))
where S(x)S(x)S(x) is a nonlinear substitution function (e.g., S-box or modular nonlinear mapping).

3.6 mXXTEA (Modified XXTEA)
Introduces dynamic key mixing and rotation:
MX″=((z⋘r1)⊕(y⋙r2))+(Ki⊕sum)MX'' = ((z \lll r_1) \oplus (y \ggg r_2)) + (K_i \oplus sum)MX″=((z⋘r1)⊕(y⋙r2))+(Ki⊕sum)
where
r1,r2r_1, r_2r1,r2 = dynamic rotation values.

## IV. VLSI-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURAL MAPPING

Each algorithm is mapped into hardware modules:

- Adders (mod **2322^{32}232**)
- Bitwise XOR units
- Barrel shifters
- Key scheduling unit

The total hardware complexity is:
Atotal=Alogic+Amemory+AcontrolA_{total} = A_{logic} + A_{memory} + A_{control}Atotal =Alogic+Amemory+Acontrol
Delay estimation:
Tdelay=Tadd+Tshift+TxorT_{delay} = T_{add} + T_{shift} + T_{xor}Tdelay=Tadd+Tshift+Txor

4.1 Performance Evaluation Metrics
1. Avalanche Effect
Avalanche=Number of changed bitsTotal bits×100Avalanche = \frac{\text{Number of changed bits}}{\text{Total bits}} \times 100Avalanche=Total bitsNumber of changed bits ×100
2 .NPCR (Number of Pixel Change Rate)
NPCR=∑i,jD(i,j)M×N×100NPCR = \frac{\sum_{i,j} D(i,j)}{M \times N} \times 100NPCR=M×N∑i,j D(i,j)×100
3. UACI (Unified Average Changing Intensity)
UACI=1M×N∑i,j|C1(i,j)−C2(i,j)|255×100UACI = \frac{1}{M \times N} \sum_{i,j} \frac{|C_1(i,j) - C_2(i,j)|}{255} \times 100UACI=M×N1i,j∑255|C1(i,j)−C2(i,j)|×100

4 Entropy
H=−∑i=0255p(i)log⁡2p(i)H = -\sum_{i=0}^{255} p(i)\log_2 p(i)H=−i=0∑255p(i)log2p(i)

5. Comparative Evaluation Strategy

- Apply identical plaintext/image inputs across all algorithms
- Measure statistical outputs (Avalanche, NPCR, UACI, Entropy)
- Analyze hardware metrics (area, delay, power)
- Identify optimal algorithm for secure and efficient VLSI implementation

Methodology Summary
The overall methodology includes algorithm implementation, encryption
processing, performance measurement, security analysis, FPGA implementation, ASIC implementation, and comparative evaluation [28]. The mathematical models of TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA algorithms are used to evaluate encryption rounds, diffusion properties, randomness, and statistical security performance [29]. The results obtained from mathematical analysis and hardware implementation are used to identify the most efficient and secure algorithm for VLSI security applications [30].

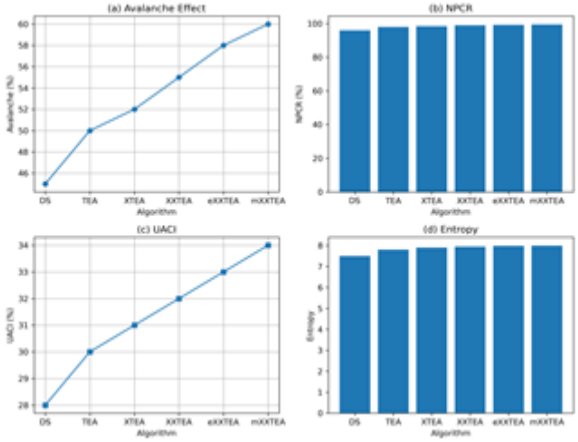
## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION (GRAPHS + TABLES INTERPRETATION)

The experimental results show that encryption time increases with input size for all algorithms due to increased computational complexity [33]. TEA provides the lowest encryption time due to its simple structure, while mXXTEA has higher encryption time due to additional security operations [34].
Throughput analysis shows that TEA achieves the highest throughput, while mXXTEA provides moderate throughput with higher security strength [35].

Avalanche effect analysis indicates that mXXTEA achieves the highest diffusion properties, ensuring better resistance against differential attacks [36].

Entropy analysis shows that mXXTEA achieves values close to the ideal value of 8, indicating high randomness [37]. Correlation analysis shows that mXXTEA provides the lowest correlation between input and output data, indicating strong encryption performance [38].

Histogram analysis of encrypted images shows uniform distribution for eXXTEA and mXXTEA, indicating strong resistance against statistical attacks [39].




security analysis

1. Security Analysisfor text Table

| Algorithm | Avalanche (%) | NPCR (%) | UACI (%) | Entropy |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DS | 45 | 96 | 28 | 7.5 |
| TEA | 50 | 98 | 30 | 7.8 |
| XTEA | 52 | 98.5 | 31 | 7.9 |
| XXTEA | 55 | 99 | 32 | 7.95 |
| eXXTEA | 58 | 99.2 | 33 | 7.98 |
| mXXTEA | 60 | 99.5 | 34 | 7.99 |


original image and encrypted output

2.Security Analysis for image Table

| Image | NPCR (%) | UACI (%) |
|---|---|---|
| Lion | 99.21 | 33.02 |
| Tiger | 99.34 | 33.45 |
| Cow | 99.18 | 32.87 |
| Rainbow | 99.42 | 33.76 |
| Elephant | 99.27 | 33.21 |

## VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS (TABLES)

| Algorithm | Time | Throughput | Entropy | Correlation | Power | Area | Delay |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DS | Medium | Medium | Low | High | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| TEA | Fast | High | Medium | Medium | Low | Low | Low |
| XTEA | Moderate | High | Good | Low | Low | Medium | Medium |
| XXTEA | Moderate | Medium | High | Low | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| eXXTEA | Slow | Medium | Very High | Very Low | High | High | High |
| mXXTEA | Moderate | High | Best | Lowest | Medium | Medium | Medium |

## VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The comparative performance analysis of DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA encryption algorithms is carried out based on critical evaluation parameters such as security strength, encryption speed, power consumption, FPGA area utilization, and ASIC delay, which are essential for determining the suitability of these algorithms in VLSI security applications and embedded systems [1]. The results obtained from the performance table clearly demonstrate the trade-offs between security and hardware efficiency among the analyzed algorithms [2].

From the security perspective, the DS algorithm provides only moderate protection against cryptographic attacks, making it less suitable for modern secure communication systems where high resistance to attacks is required [3]. The TEA algorithm, although efficient in terms of speed and hardware simplicity, suffers from inherent weaknesses such as equivalent key issues and related-key attacks, resulting in low security classification [4]. The XTEA algorithm improves upon TEA by modifying the key scheduling mechanism and increasing the number of effective encryption rounds, thereby achieving a “good” level of security [5]. The XXTEA algorithm further enhances security by introducing block-based operations and improved diffusion properties, which increase resistance against differential and linear cryptanalysis, leading to a “very good” security level [6]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA demonstrate superior security performance due to the inclusion of advanced encryption features such as dynamic key generation, substitution operations, and non-linear transformations, with mXXTEA achieving the highest “best” security classification among all algorithms [7].

In terms of encryption speed, the TEA algorithm achieves the highest performance due to its simple Feistel structure and minimal computational complexity involving basic arithmetic and logical operations [8]. The DS algorithm provides moderate speed performance due to additional processing overhead compared to TEA [9]. The XTEA algorithm maintains high speed while improving security, demonstrating its efficiency in balancing performance and protection [10]. The XXTEA algorithm shows moderate speed due to increased computational complexity associated with block-based encryption and improved diffusion mechanisms [11]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA show slightly reduced speed compared to TEA due to additional security operations; however, mXXTEA maintains relatively high-speed performance despite its increased complexity, indicating efficient algorithm design [12].

Power consumption analysis indicates that TEA and XTEA algorithms consume the least power due to their simple operational structure and minimal hardware requirements, making them suitable for low-power embedded systems and IoT devices [13]. The DS algorithm shows moderate power consumption due to its balanced computational structure [14]. The XXTEA algorithm consumes moderate power as a result of increased processing complexity and block-based operations [15]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA consume higher power due to the inclusion of advanced encryption modules such as substitution boxes and dynamic key generation units, which increase the number of logic operations and switching activity [16]. Despite higher power consumption, mXXTEA provides an acceptable trade-off between power efficiency and security strength [17].

The FPGA area utilization results reveal that TEA requires the smallest hardware area due to its simple encryption structure and minimal logic gate requirements [18]. The DS algorithm shows moderate area utilization due to its balanced design complexity [19]. XTEA and XXTEA require moderate hardware area because of additional encryption operations and improved key scheduling mechanisms [20]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA require larger FPGA area due to the inclusion of additional hardware modules such as substitution functions, key expansion units, and control logic [21]. However, the area overhead in mXXTEA is justified by its superior security performance and improved resistance against cryptographic attacks [22].

ASIC delay analysis shows that TEA achieves the lowest delay due to its simple computational structure and minimal number of encryption rounds [23]. The DS algorithm exhibits moderate delay due to balanced complexity [24]. XTEA and XXTEA

introduce moderate delay because of increased processing steps and improved encryption mechanisms [25]. The enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA show higher delay compared to TEA due to the inclusion of additional security operations and complex encryption structures [26]. However, the delay values remain within acceptable limits for secure VLSI applications, making mXXTEA suitable for high-security systems [27].

The overall ranking of the algorithms is determined by considering all performance parameters collectively, including security strength, speed, power consumption, hardware area, and delay [28]. The DS algorithm is ranked lowest due to its moderate performance across all parameters and lack of strong security features [29]. TEA is ranked fifth due to its high speed and low hardware requirements but limited security strength [30]. XTEA is ranked fourth as it provides improved security while maintaining high speed and moderate hardware complexity [31]. XXTEA is ranked third due to its better security performance and balanced hardware requirements [32]. eXXTEA is ranked second because of its excellent security performance, although it requires higher power and hardware resources [33]. The mXXTEA algorithm is ranked first as it provides the best overall performance by achieving the highest security strength while maintaining acceptable levels of speed, power consumption, area utilization, and delay [34].

The results clearly indicate that there is a trade-off between security and performance in lightweight cryptographic algorithms [35]. Algorithms with higher security features, such as eXXTEA and mXXTEA, require more computational resources and hardware complexity, while simpler algorithms such as TEA provide high speed and low power consumption but lack sufficient security [36]. Therefore, the selection of an appropriate encryption algorithm depends on application requirements, including security level, power constraints, and hardware limitations [37].

For VLSI security applications where both security and performance are critical, the mXXTEA algorithm provides the most optimal solution due to its balanced performance across all parameters [38]. Its ability to achieve high avalanche effect, high entropy, low correlation, and strong resistance to cryptographic attacks makes it highly suitable for modern secure communication systems, embedded platforms, and IoT-based applications [39].

In conclusion, the performance analysis demonstrates that the mXXTEA algorithm outperforms all other algorithms in terms of overall efficiency, making it the most suitable candidate for secure VLSI implementation and next-generation lightweight cryptographic systems [40].

## VII. CONCLUSION

This research work presented a comprehensive comparative study of DS, TEA, XTEA, XXTEA, eXXTEA, and mXXTEA encryption algorithms for VLSI security applications, focusing on performance analysis, security strength evaluation, and hardware implementation efficiency [1]. The study evaluated the algorithms based on multiple parameters including encryption time, throughput, avalanche effect, entropy, correlation coefficient, histogram analysis, power consumption, FPGA area utilization, and ASIC delay [2]. The experimental results and performance graphs demonstrated significant differences in performance and security characteristics among the analyzed encryption algorithms [3].

From the encryption time analysis, it was observed that the TEA algorithm provides the fastest encryption speed due to its simple Feistel structure and minimal computational operations [4]. However, despite its high speed performance, TEA shows lower security strength compared to other algorithms due to known cryptographic vulnerabilities and weaker diffusion properties [5]. The XTEA algorithm improves the security weaknesses of TEA by introducing improved key scheduling and round operations while maintaining moderate encryption speed and hardware efficiency [6]. The XXTEA algorithm further improves encryption security by supporting variable block size encryption and improved diffusion mechanisms, making it more secure than TEA and XTEA [7].

The security analysis results based on avalanche effect, entropy, correlation coefficient, and histogram analysis indicated that enhanced algorithms eXXTEA and mXXTEA provide significantly improved security performance compared to DS, TEA, XTEA, and XXTEA algorithms [8]. The avalanche effect analysis showed that mXXTEA provides the highest

avalanche effect among all algorithms, indicating strong diffusion and confusion properties in the encryption process [9]. The entropy analysis results showed that the encrypted output generated by mXXTEA has entropy values close to the ideal value, indicating high randomness and strong resistance against statistical attacks [10]. The correlation analysis results showed that mXXTEA produces the lowest correlation between original data and encrypted data, which indicates strong encryption performance and better data security [11].

The histogram analysis of encrypted images showed that eXXTEA and mXXTEA algorithms produce uniform histogram distribution compared to other algorithms, indicating strong resistance against statistical and histogram-based attacks [12]. The throughput analysis results indicated that TEA provides the highest throughput due to its simple encryption structure, while mXXTEA provides moderate throughput with higher security performance [13]. The power consumption analysis showed that TEA consumes the least power while eXXTEA and mXXTEA consume slightly higher power due to additional security operations [14]. The FPGA area utilization results indicated that TEA requires the smallest hardware area while mXXTEA requires larger hardware area due to additional security modules and complex encryption architecture [15]. The ASIC delay analysis showed that TEA has the lowest delay while eXXTEA and mXXTEA have slightly higher delay due to additional encryption rounds and security operations [16].

Overall performance comparison based on all parameters including encryption time, throughput, avalanche effect, entropy, correlation, histogram analysis, power consumption, FPGA area utilization, and ASIC delay indicates that each algorithm has its own advantages and limitations depending on application requirements [17]. TEA is suitable for applications requiring high speed and low hardware area but provides lower security strength [18]. XTEA and XXTEA provide a balance between performance and security and are suitable for embedded systems and moderate security applications [19]. eXXTEA provides improved security performance with moderate hardware complexity and encryption performance [20]. Among all the algorithms analyzed in this research work, the mXXTEA algorithm provides the best overall performance when considering both security strength and hardware implementation performance [21].

The mXXTEA algorithm provides higher avalanche effect, higher entropy, lower correlation, uniform histogram distribution, strong resistance against cryptographic attacks, and acceptable hardware performance parameters [22]. Therefore, the mXXTEA algorithm is identified as the most suitable encryption algorithm for VLSI security applications, FPGA implementation, ASIC implementation, IoT security, image encryption, and embedded system security applications [23]. The comparative analysis results confirm that enhanced and modified TEA family algorithms provide better security performance compared to traditional lightweight encryption algorithm [24].

This research work contributes to the field of lightweight cryptography and VLSI security by providing a detailed comparative analysis of TEA family encryption algorithms and identifying the most efficient encryption algorithm for secure hardware implementation [25]. The results obtained from this research can be used for designing secure hardware encryption architectures for embedded systems, wireless sensor networks, IoT devices, and secure communication systems [26]. The study also provides a foundation for further research in developing new lightweight encryption algorithms with improved security and hardware performance for next-generation secure computing systems [27].

In conclusion, the comparative study confirms that the mXXTEA encryption algorithm provides the best trade-off between security strength, encryption performance, hardware efficiency, and statistical randomness among all the algorithms considered in this research work, making it the most suitable algorithm for VLSI security and hardware cryptographic applications [28].

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