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Implementation of LVCMOS based 4 Bit FPGA Based ALU on SP 701 Board for New Digital Age Technologies

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Abstract: ***Objectives:*** *The 4-bit ALU of a RISC processor is designed as shown by the researcher in this paper. The 4-bit ALU used in this work can perform* 2^4 *= 16 various arithmetic and logical operations, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division as well as logical AND, OR, NAND, NOR, NOT, XOR, XNOR, INCREMENT, DECREMENT, ROTATE LEFT, and ROTATE RIGHT.* ***Methods:*** *The author used the Vivado simulation tools with the Verilog HDL language to build the FPGA-based ALU, and the SP701 Spartan FPGA board was used to implement the entire design. It has been implemented to use energy-efficient IO standard approaches.* ***Findings:*** *By calculating the overall power usage at the pre- and post-levels, this research has developed a new method for building energy-efficient FPGA-based ALUs. Author utilized Vivado simulation tool for this investigation. The SP701 FPGA board has also been used to implement this idea.* ***Novelty:*** *The Internet of Things and other emerging digital era technologies will undoubtedly benefit from this research work, and its energy efficient design will support environmental initiatives.*

Keywords: SP701, FPGA, VIVADO, RISC, LVCMOS, Verilog

I. INTRODUCTION

In today era the usage of microprocessors is on demand so, it would be always challenge to design high speed and high-performance arithmetic logic unit (ALU). Basic arithmetic operations are accomplished by standalone hardware in all recent processors. With response to rapid arithmetic hardware, processors have now on memory (cache) that allows them to achieve major speed improvements by minimizing data access delay from primary memory. The primary goal of this project is to inscribe the blueprint of functional blocks. In the design of such a digital system, an Arithmetic Logical Unit is a fundamental subsystem.

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It is a combinational logic unit and a fundamental component of a microprocessor that conducts arithmetic and logic operations. ALUs are now becoming smaller and more advanced in order to allow the developer for the development of even much more powerful but compact systems and processors. All types of microprocessors are used in various applications for arithmetic computation like Add, Multiply, Divide and subtract as well as logical operations such as XOR, NAND, AND, OR, NOT.

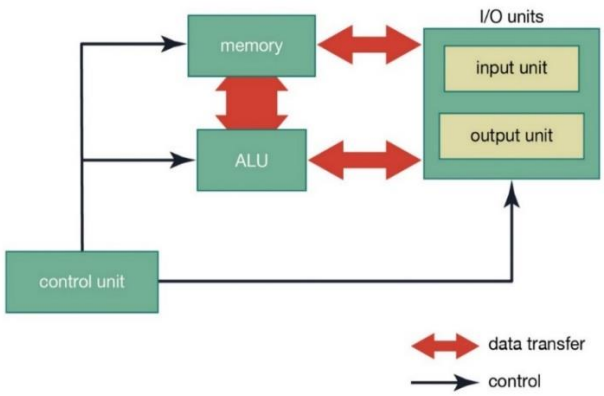


Figure 1: Working of ALU

The ALU is a central part of CPU (Central Processing Unit). ALUs in today's CPUs and graphics processing units (GPUs) are extremely powerful and complicated, with a single unit containing multiple ALUs shown in Figure 1. VHDL is used to design the ALU in this research work. VHDL is also called hardware description language which is used to design several different digital components that is used in electrical circuit design. The ALU is designed using the Mixed Modeling Style. For HDL design, synthesis and analysis of an ALU here Xilinx ISE (Integrated Software Environment) has been used. It allows developers to integrate their prototypes, execute timing evaluation, and evaluate RTL illustrations.

The ALU is implemented in parallel through using different functional unit that executes specific functions like addition, subtraction, and so on. Data operands are given to the respective unit that corresponds to particular operation to generate a desire result and transmits it to the ALU's output lines. Select lines are used to choose among different operations. A modular design is utilized to fabricate the ALU, which comprises of smaller, more accessible blocks, which could be recycled.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] High Performance FIFO Design for Processor through Voltage Scaling Technique [2]HSTL IO Standards Based Processor Specific Green Counter [3]Capacitance Scaling Based Low Power Comparator Design on 28nm FPGA [4] SSTL Based Energy Efficient FIFO Design for High-performance Processor of Portable Devices [5] Energy Efficient CRC Design for Processor of Workstation, and Server using LVCMOS [6] Cyclic redundancy check is a basic requirement for speed-optimized computation [7] Memory controller logic includes a CRC component configured to enable the CRC processes on the individual ranks [8] Speed-optimized computation of cyclic redundancy check codes [9] Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) False Detection Reduction in Communication Systems [10] Researcher developed an instruction set architecture for programmable cyclic redundancy check (CRC) computation [11] An Approach for Testing Programmable/Configurable Field Programmable Gate Arrays [12] SSTL Based Energy Efficient FIFO Design for High Performance Processor of Portable Devices.

III. TOOLS REQUIRED

3.1. SP701 Evaluation Board

Most designs are becoming increasingly concerned about power. Lowering power increases cost and reliability, as well as facilitating higher performance, in addition to fulfilling supply and thermal restrictions. The Xilinx® 7 Series FPGAs meet the design goals for an increasingly wide range of applications with breakthrough reductions in power consumption. The XC7S100FGGA676 device, a member of the Xilinx® 7 series FPGA family, used in the SP701 evaluation board shown in Figure 2.

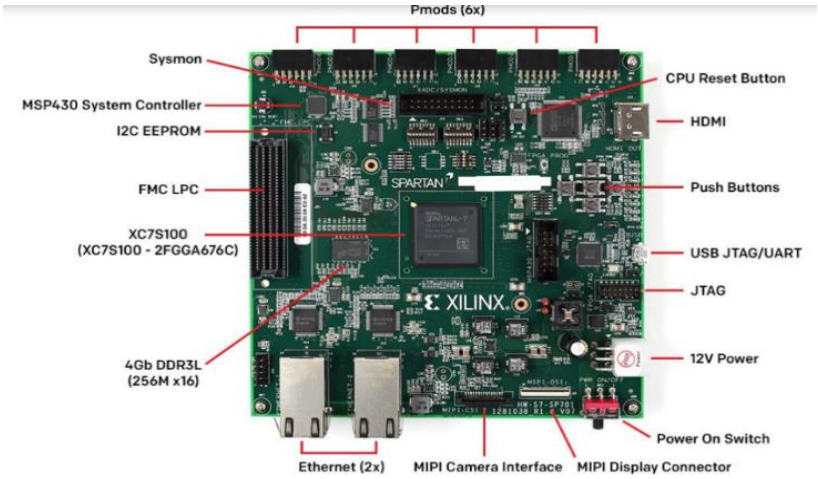


Figure 2: SP701 Evaluation Board.

3.2. Vivado

Vivado is software that is produced by Xilinx for the analysis and synthesis of hardware description language designs. It is popularly used to design, program, and debug Xilinx's line of FPGA. It provides a complex integrated development environment (IDE) tool for the process of FPGA design and its implementation. If we talk about its origin, it was introduced to the world in April 2012 with software to hardware level tools that can be used for various purposed. It is based on the TCL scripting language. The eye-catching feature of Vivado is a high-level synthesis that includes a tool chain that helps to convert C code into programmable logic. It consists of many features that prove rich and excellent in High-Level Synthesis. It can be used for different purposes like designing some prototypes, hardware-software co-simulation, attaching peripherals to the board. Figure 3. shows the Vivado home screen.

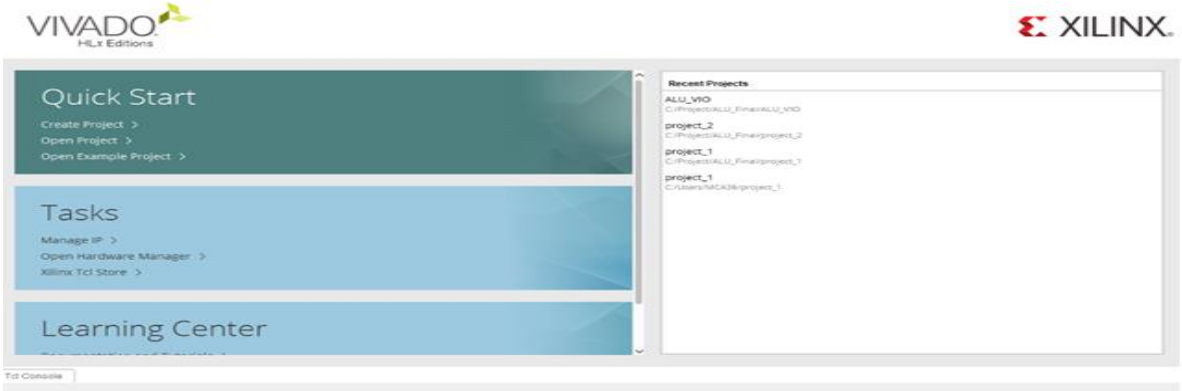


Figure 3: Vivado IDE home Screen

IV. DESIGN METHODOLOGY

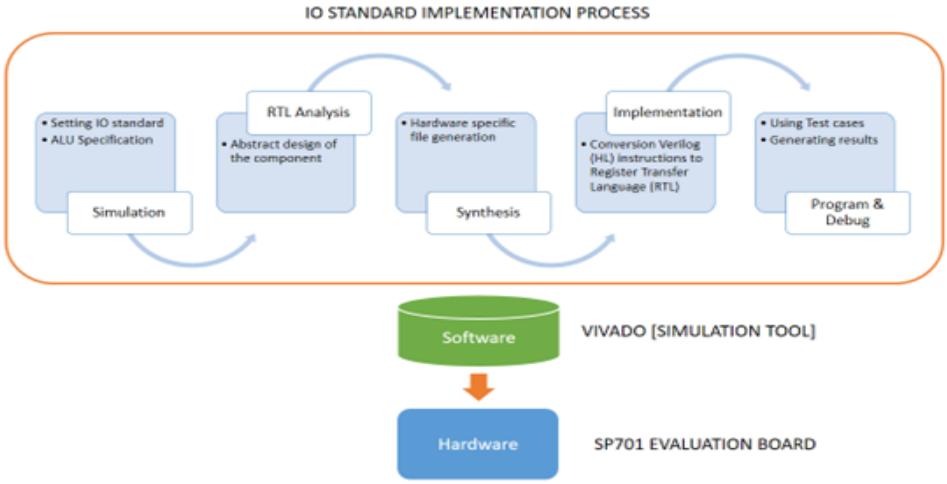
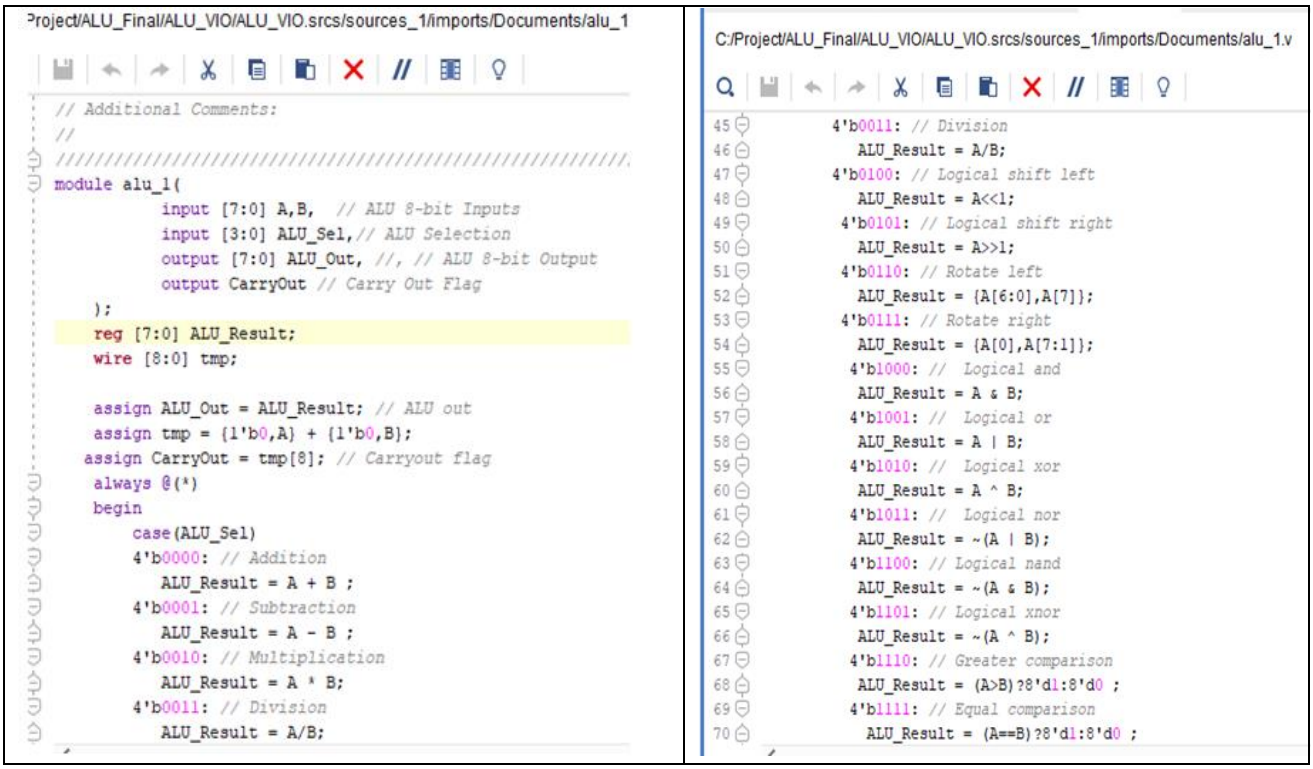


Figure 4: Design Methodology of FPGA based ALU

In Figure 4. the author has shown the research methodology of the FPGA based ALU and below he is described every process into details.

4.1 Simulation

One of the most powerful analysis tools accessible to those in charge of the design and/or operation of complex processes or systems is simulation. The Xilinx High Level Synthesis Vivado Tool is used to develop and simulate the ALU in Verilog language. Figure 5. shown the Verilog code of ALU.



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// Additional Comments:
//
//////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
module alu_1(
          input [7:0] A,B,  // ALU 8-bit Inputs
          input [3:0] ALU_Sel,// ALU Selection
          output [7:0] ALU_Out, //, // ALU 8-bit Output
          output CarryOut // Carry Out Flag
    );
    reg [7:0] ALU_Result;
    wire [8:0] tmp;

    assign ALU_Out = ALU_Result; // ALU out
    assign tmp = {1'b0,A} + {1'b0,B};
   assign CarryOut = tmp[8]; // Carryout flag
    always @(*)
    begin
        case(ALU_Sel)
        4'b0000: // Addition
           ALU_Result = A + B ;
        4'b0001: // Subtraction
           ALU_Result = A - B ;
        4'b0010: // Multiplication
           ALU_Result = A * B;
        4'b0011: // Division
           ALU_Result = A/B;
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        4'b0011: // Division
           ALU_Result = A/B;
        4'b0100: // Logical shift left
           ALU_Result = A<<1;
         4'b0101: // Logical shift right
           ALU_Result = A>>1;
        4'b0110: // Rotate left
           ALU_Result = {A[6:0],A[7]};
        4'b0111: // Rotate right
           ALU_Result = {A[0],A[7:1]};
         4'b1000: //  Logical and
           ALU_Result = A & B;
        4'b1001: //  Logical or
           ALU_Result = A | B;
        4'b1010: //  Logical xor
           ALU_Result = A ^ B;
        4'b1011: //  Logical nor
           ALU_Result = ~(A | B);
        4'b1100: // Logical nand
           ALU_Result = ~(A & B);
        4'b1101: // Logical xnor
           ALU_Result = ~(A ^ B);
        4'b1110: // Greater comparison
           ALU_Result = (A>B)?8'd1:8'd0 ;
        4'b1111: // Equal comparison
            ALU_Result = (A==B)?8'd1:8'd0 ;
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Figure 5: Verilog code of ALU

4.2 RTL Analysis

The register-transfer level (RTL) is a design abstraction that represents the flow of digital signals (data) between hardware registers and the logical operations performed on those signals in a synchronous digital circuit. For each step of the design, the Vivado IDE supports "one click" execution. Following synthesis, the file is co-simulated once again to acquire Verilog files and so examine the RTL Schematic shown in Figure 6.

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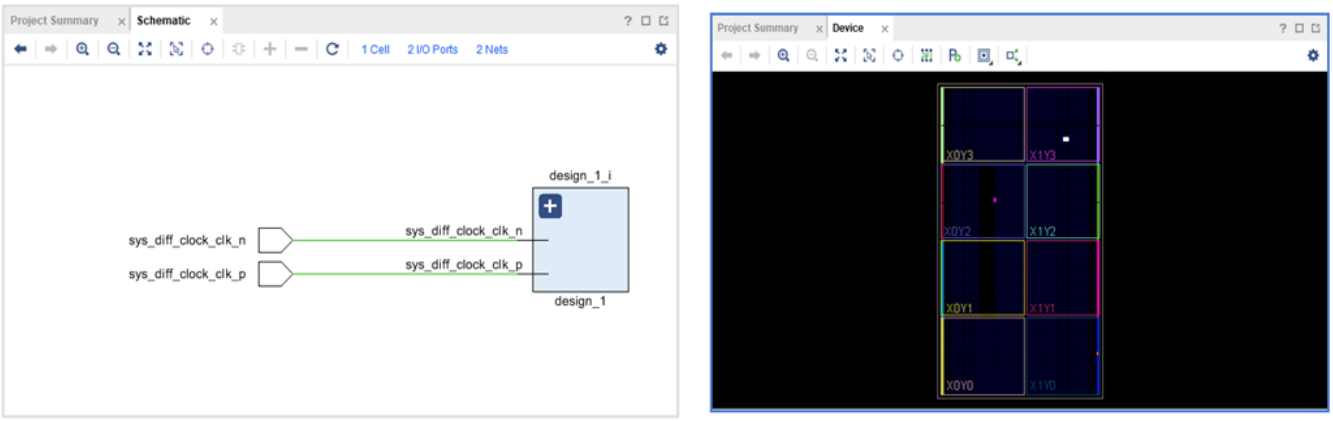

Figure 6: RTL Analysis and Synthesized Design of ALU Design of ALU

4.3 Synthesis

The act of combining parts to form something substantial is known as synthesis shown in Figure 5.8.

4.4 Implementation

ALU is a digital electrical circuit that can do arithmetic and binary values calculations. The Vivado HLS is built on converting a high-level language implementation into a register transfer level implementation described in Figure 7.

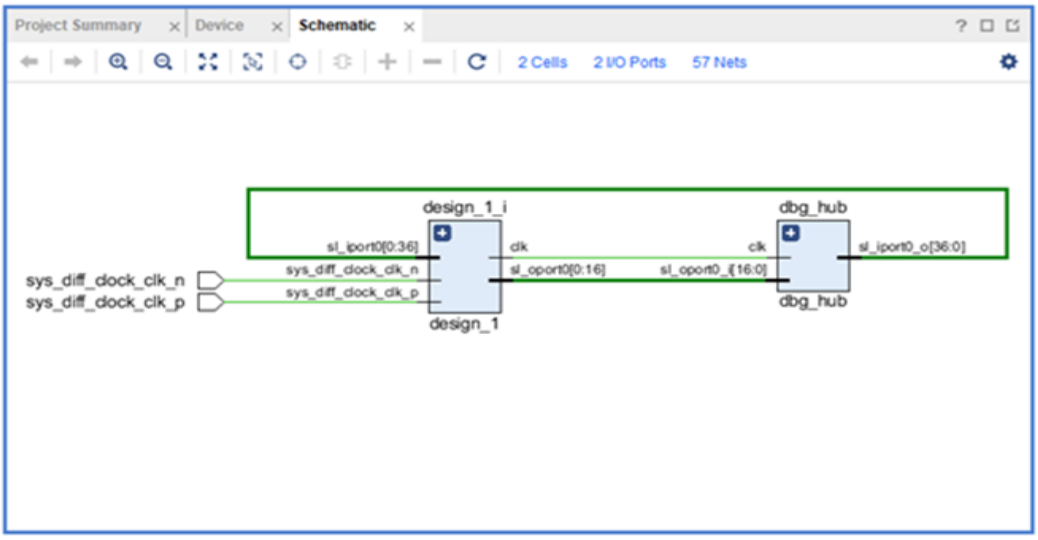

Figure 7: Implementation phase of ALU

4.5 Program and Debug

Internal FPGA signals may be monitored and driven in real time using the Virtual Input/output (VIO) debug function.

4.6 Setting Clock

Clock signals control the outputs of the sequential circuit. That is it determines when and how the memory elements change their outputs. If a sequential circuit is not having any clock signal as input, the output of the circuit will change randomly. Figure 8. shows the code for setting clock for the ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit) circuit.

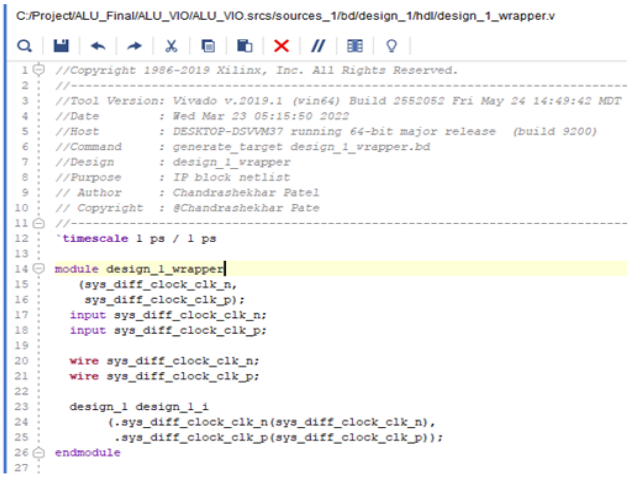

Figure 8: Setting clock for the ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit) circuit.

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4.7 I/O Pin Planning

The I/O planning features include: an integrated design environment (IDE) to create, configure, assign and manage the I/O Ports and clock logic objects in the design. In Figure 9. shown the code for I/O planning for FPGA based ALU in Vivado IDE.

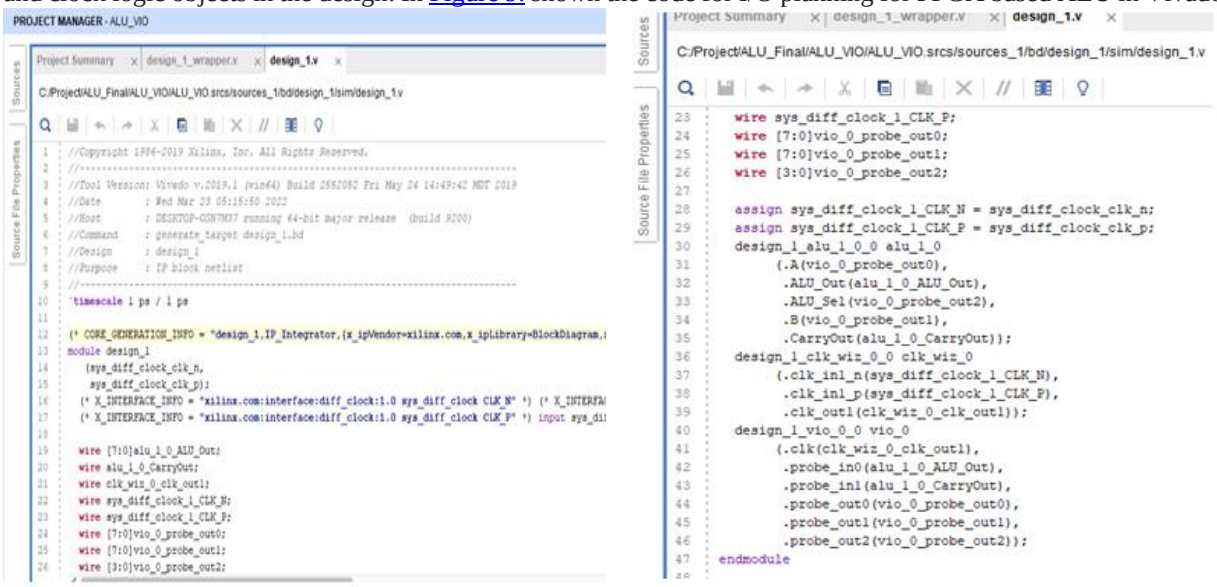


Figure 9: Setting I/O Pin planning for the ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit) circuit.

4.8 Generating Block Design

In Vivado, a *Hierarchical Block* is a block design within a block design. These blocks allow engineers to partition their designs into separate functional groups. This guide steps through the process of adding a pre-existing hierarchical block to a block design, recreating its example software application, and running the design in hardware illustrates in Figure 10.

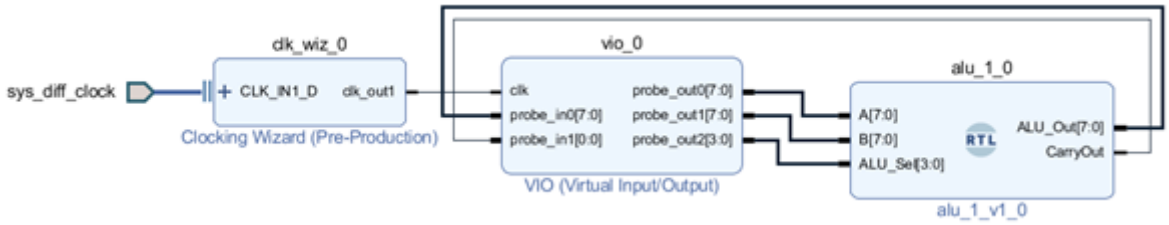


Figure 10: Generating Block design of FPGA based ALU

A bit stream file contains not only the bits needed to configure an FPGA, but also human-readable fields that describe those bits. In fact, the FPGA configuration process is described using an assembly-like instruction set. This note is an attempt to lead you through it's. bit stream file is analogous to an executable programme on a high level. A bit stream, like the ELF format, has its own format for describing its contents. It's worth noting that the file format is openly described. As a result, you may examine the contents of a bitstream file and comprehend the stages involved in configuring the FPGA.

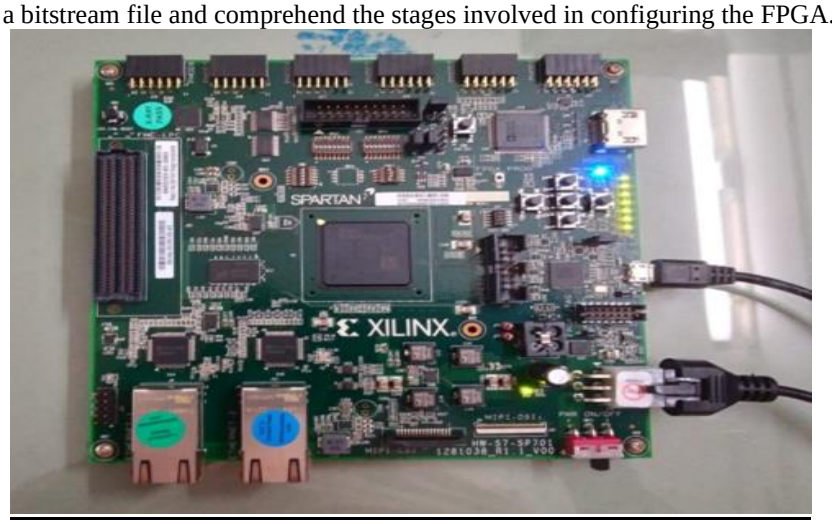


Figure 11: Implementation of ALU with SP701 FPGA Board

Figure 11. and Figure 12. shows the implementation of FPGA based ALU on SP701 FPGA Board in the premises of IoT lab Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya.

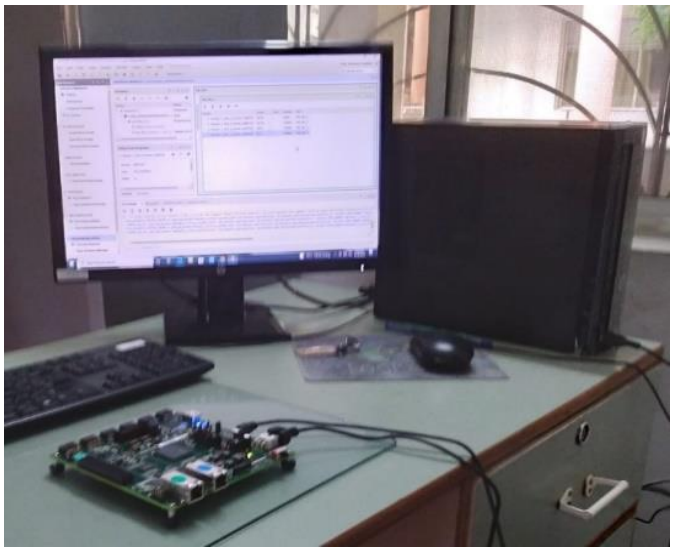
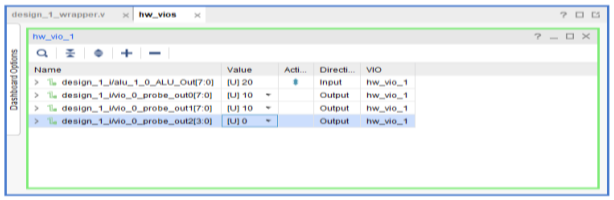
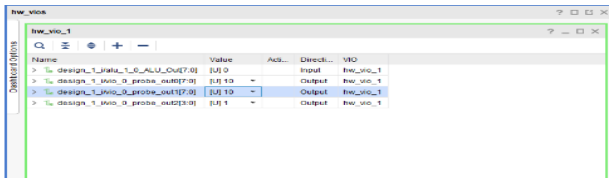
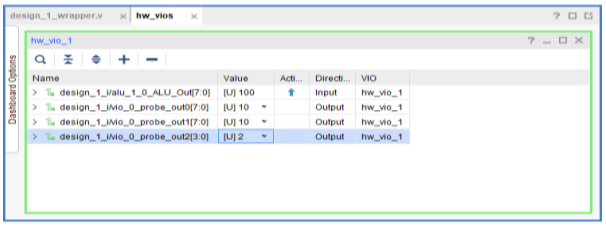
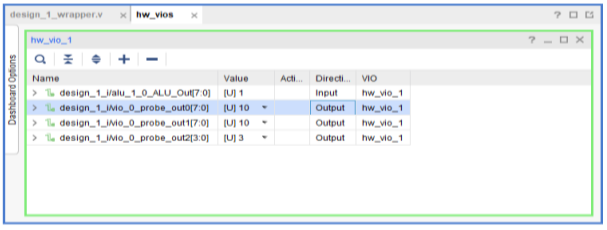


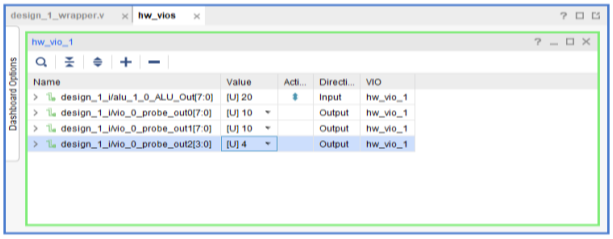
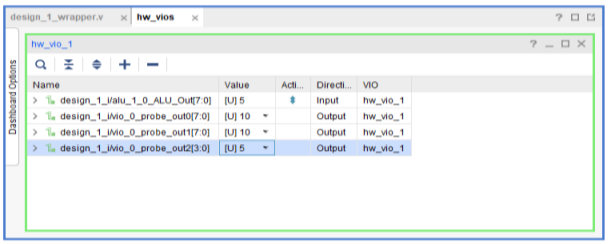
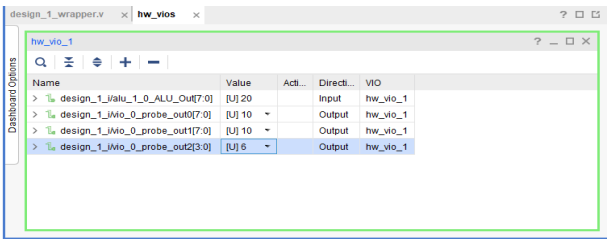
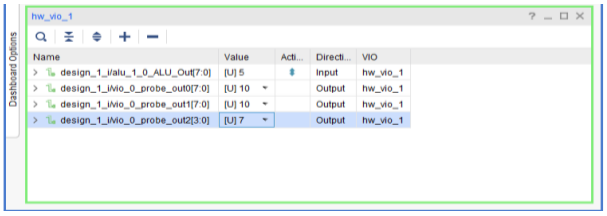
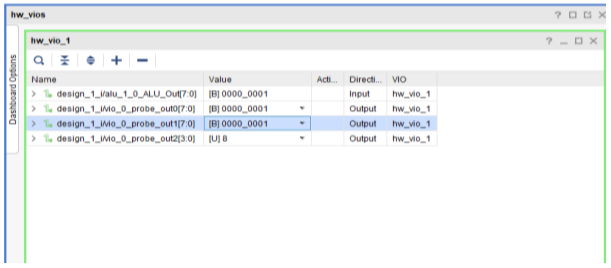
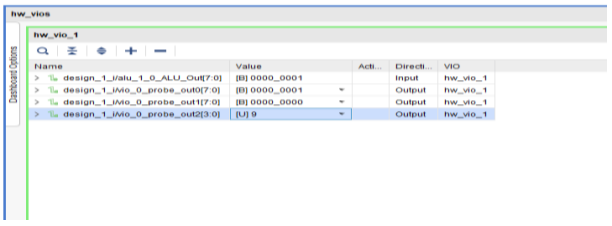
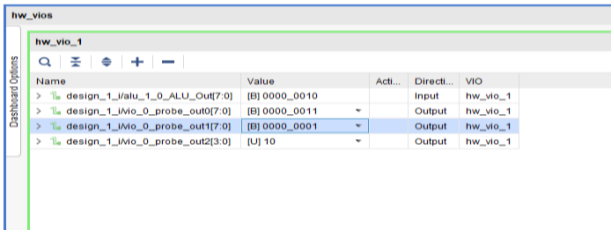
Figure 12: Complete Environment of FPGA based ALU

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

During the ALU design researcher work with 4 bit ALU so the total number operation is 2^4=16. Table 1 shown all the operation performed by the ALU with I/O (Input & Output) with its simulation result.

Table 1: Simulation result by FPGA based Arithmetic Logic Unit

S.N.	Operation	Input (1)	Input (2)	Output	Simulation Result
1	ADD	10	10	20	
2	SUBTRACTION	10	10	0	
3	MULTIPLICATION	10	10	100	
4	DIVISION	10	10	1	

5	BINARY SHIFT LEFT	10	10	20	
6	BINARY SHIFT RIGHT	10	10	5	
7	ROTATAE LEFT	10	10	20	
8	ROTATE RIGHT	10	10	5	
9	LOGICAL AND	10	10	0000_0001	
10	LOGICAL OR	10	10	0000_0001	
11	LOGICAL XOR	10	10	0000_0010	

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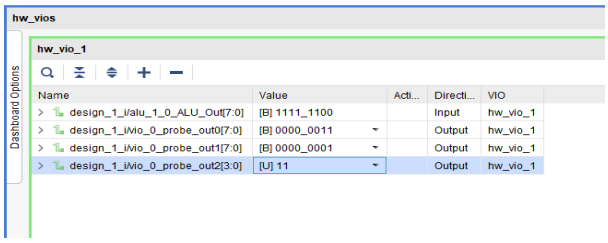
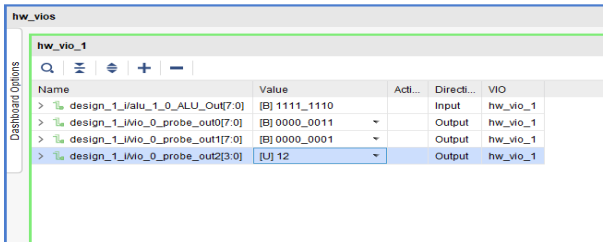
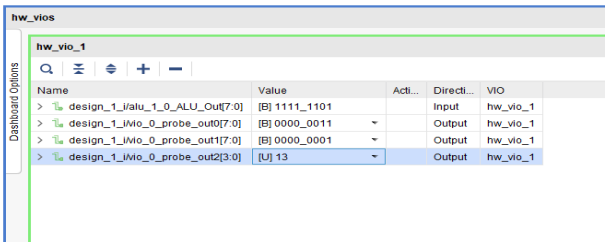
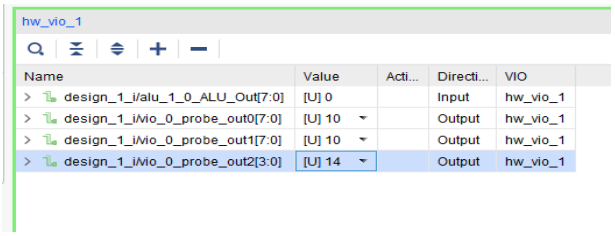
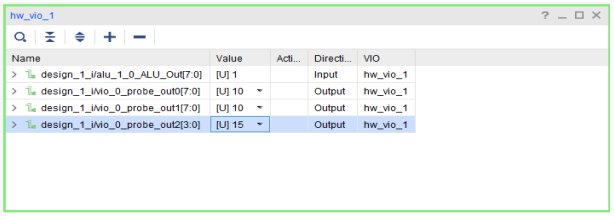
12	LOGICAL NOR	10	10	1111_1100	
13	LOGICAL NAND	10	10	1111_1110	
14	Logical XNOR	10	10	1111_1101	
15	Greater Comparison	10	10	0	
16	Equal Comparison	10	10	1	

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper presents a novel concept for a 4-bit ALU for a processor. An SP701 FPGA board has been used to implement this concept. The primary goal of this effort is to use IO industry standards to decrease the ALU's power consumption. To do this, the researcher determined the best IO standard (LVCMOS) for the ALU by calculating the total power usage using several IO standards. The researcher is additionally attempting to improve the design architecture so that new features may be introduced without modifying the hardware.

FUTURE SCOPE

In this research work researcher has designed ALU on Spartan board but in future this work can be carry forward with some advanced board like Artix-7 Boards. And instead of Io Standard techniques we can do change at architectural level to improve this research work.

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