

ScaleHLS-HIDA: From PyTorch/C++ to Highly-optimized HLS Accelerators and **Xcelo™**: A New HLS Tool with Full Automation

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Tutorial Information

- Github Repository: <https://github.com/UIUC-ChenLab/ScaleHLS-HIDA>
- ScaleHLS Paper (HPCA'22): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.11673>
- HIDA Paper (ASPLOS'24): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.03379>
- Other Related Papers: DAC'22, DAC'23, Trets'23, ISPD'23
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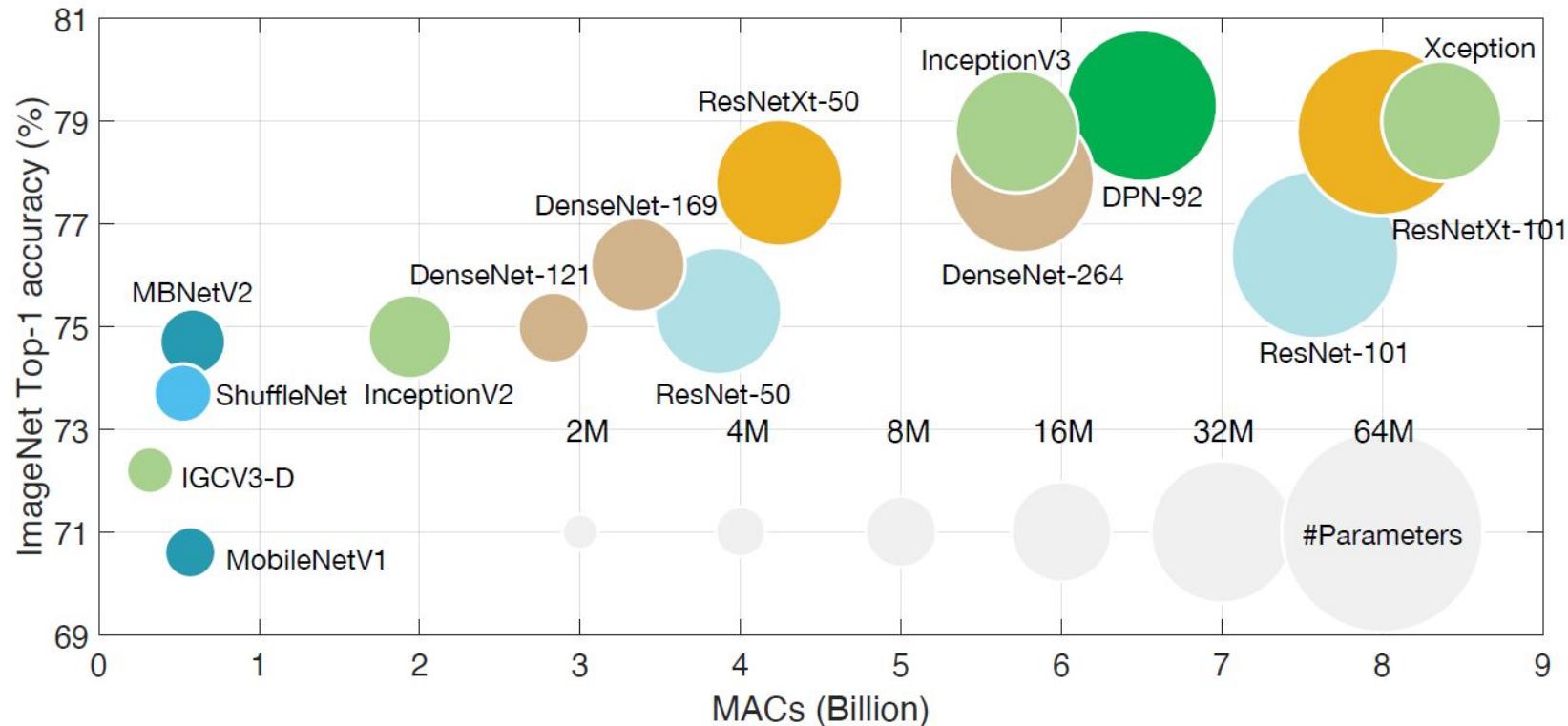
Tutorial Outline

- Background
- Motivation
- ScaleHLS: A Scalable High-level Synthesis Framework on MLIR
 - Multi-level HLS IR and Optimization
 - Single-kernel Design Space Exploration (DSE)
 - Single-kernel DSE Demo and Walkthrough
- HIDA: A Dataflow Compiler for High-level Synthesis
 - Dataflow IR and Optimization
 - Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE
 - HIDA for Versal ACAP
- XceloTM: A New HLS Tool with Full Automation

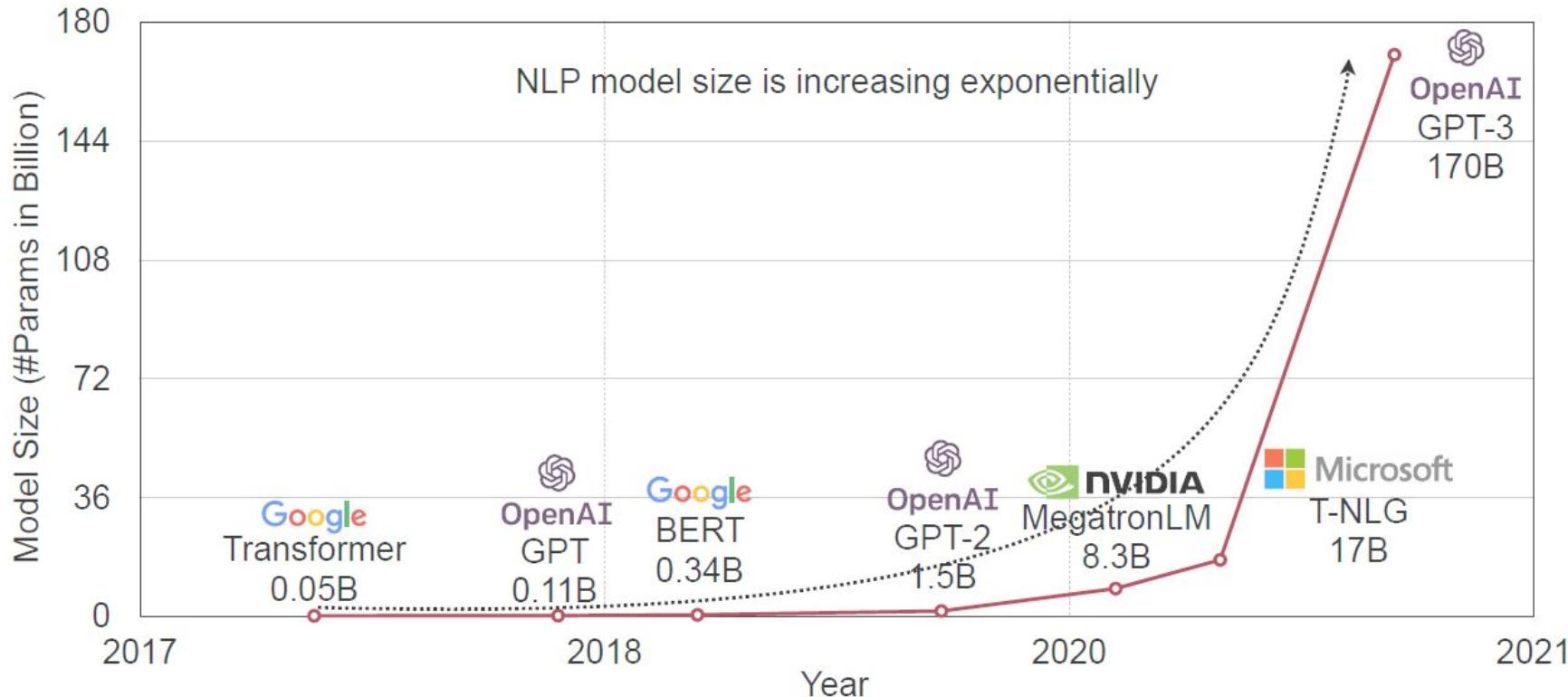
Section 1:

Background

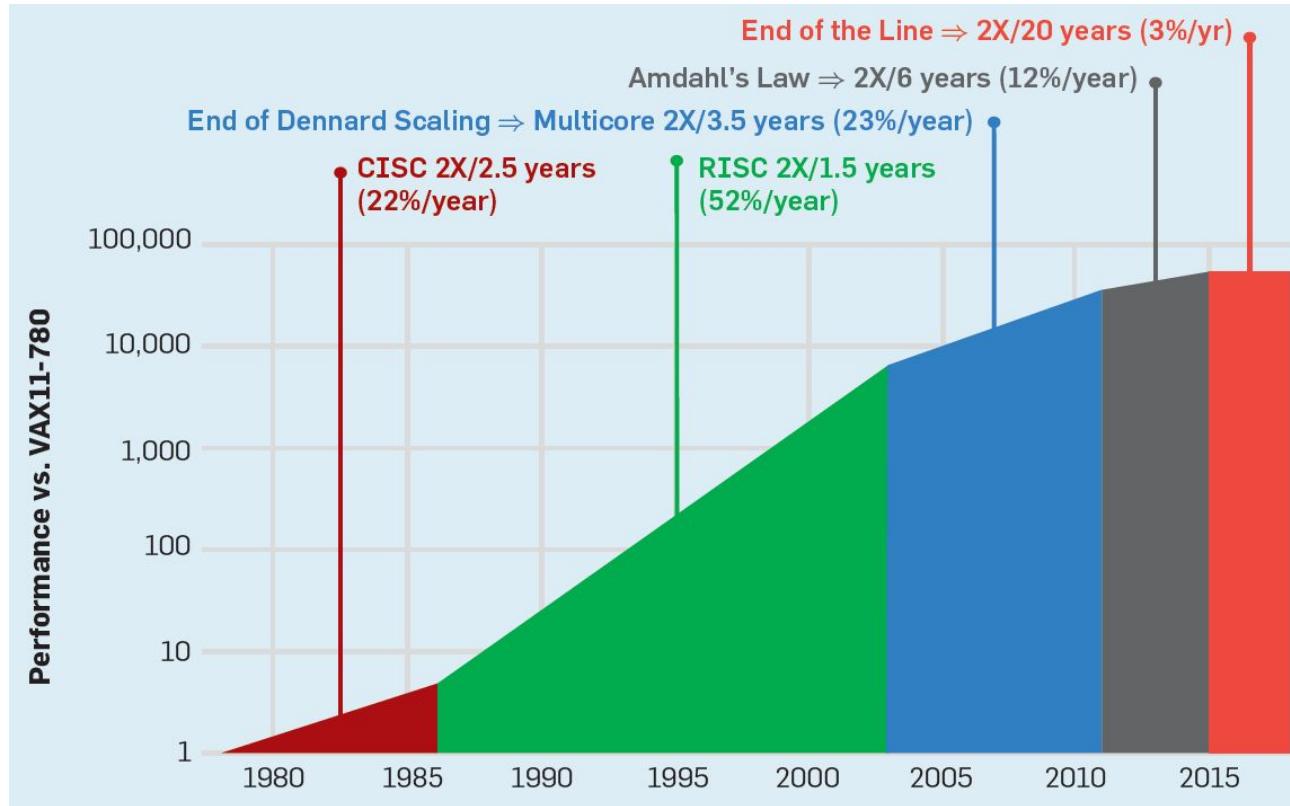
Computational cost of DNNs is growing



Model size of language models is growing exponentially



Need for domain-specific accelerators



- A New Golden Age for Computer Architecture [Hennessy et al., IEEE 2020]

Design Productivity and Quality Gap

▪ Design Productivity Gap

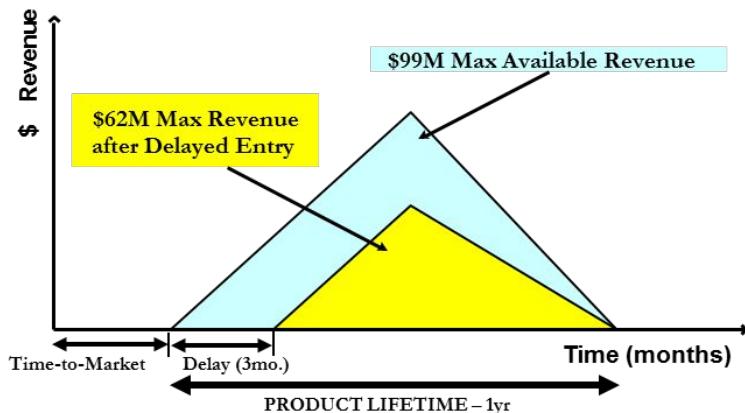
- Increasing complexity of designs
- Reduced time-to-market

▪ Verification/Predictability Gap

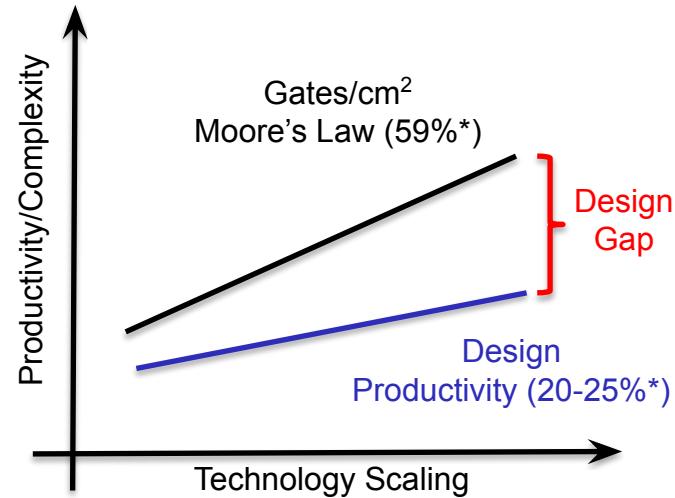
- Delayed final tapeout

▪ Quality Gap

- RTL focusing on limited architecture alternatives



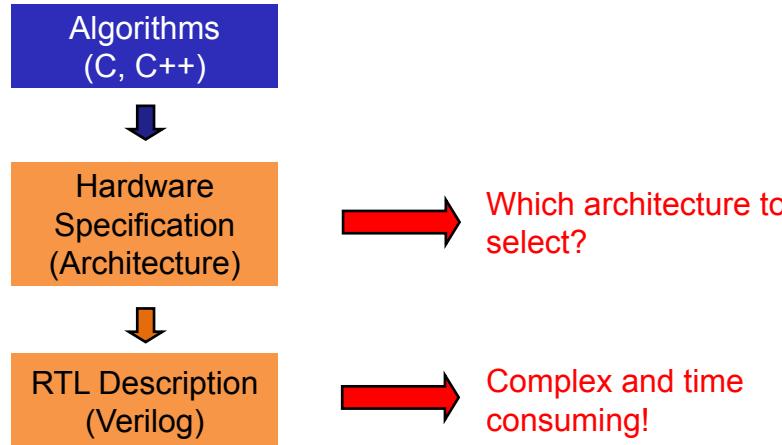
Source: Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse



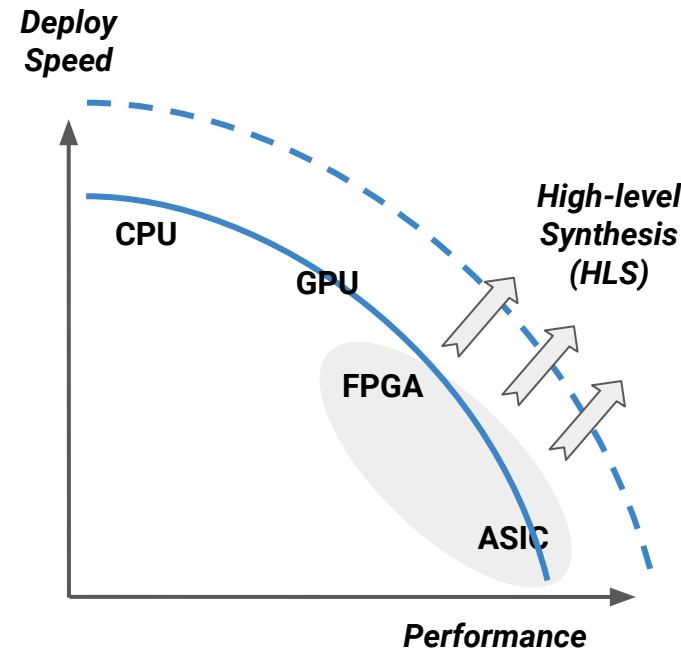
* Compound Annual Growth Rate

Source: Semico Research Corp.

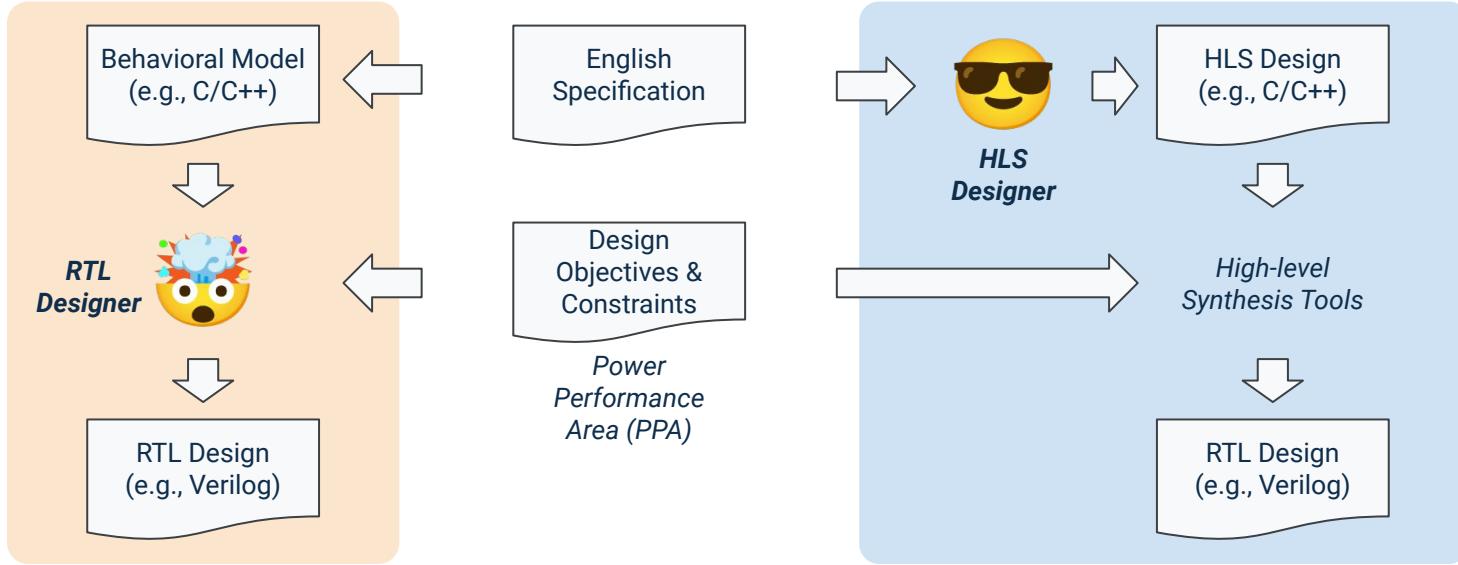
Need for High-level Synthesis Methodology



Platform	Normalized Speed-Up	Normalized Performance/Watt	Development Time in Days
FPGA	545:1	1090:1	60
GPU	50:1	21:1	3
GPP	1:1	1:1	1



High-level Synthesis (HLS)



RTL Design Flow

- **Manual** optimization and scheduling
 - **Long** design cycle
 - **Low** portability against different PDK or PPA requirements
- PDK: Process design kit.

HLS Design Flow

- **Automated** optimization and scheduling
- **Short** design cycle
- **High** portability against different PDK or PPA requirements

Need for Higher-level Transformation

High-level
Programming
Framework

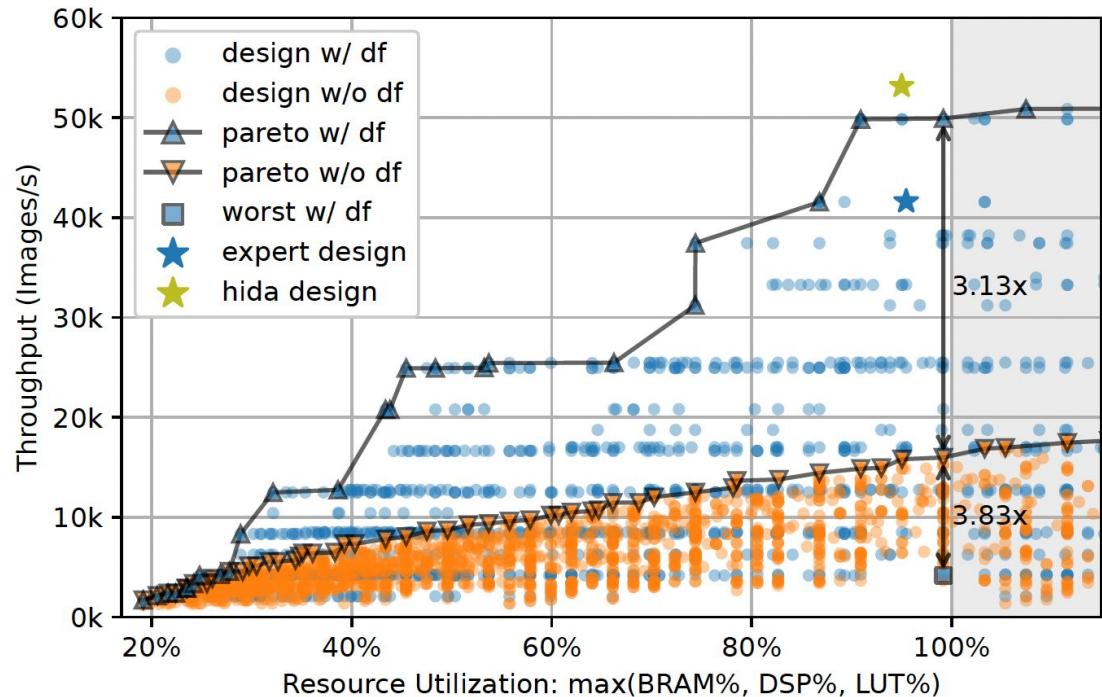
PyTorch, etc.

*Huge
Abstraction
Gap*

Traditional HLS
Tools

Vitis HLS,
Intel HLS, etc

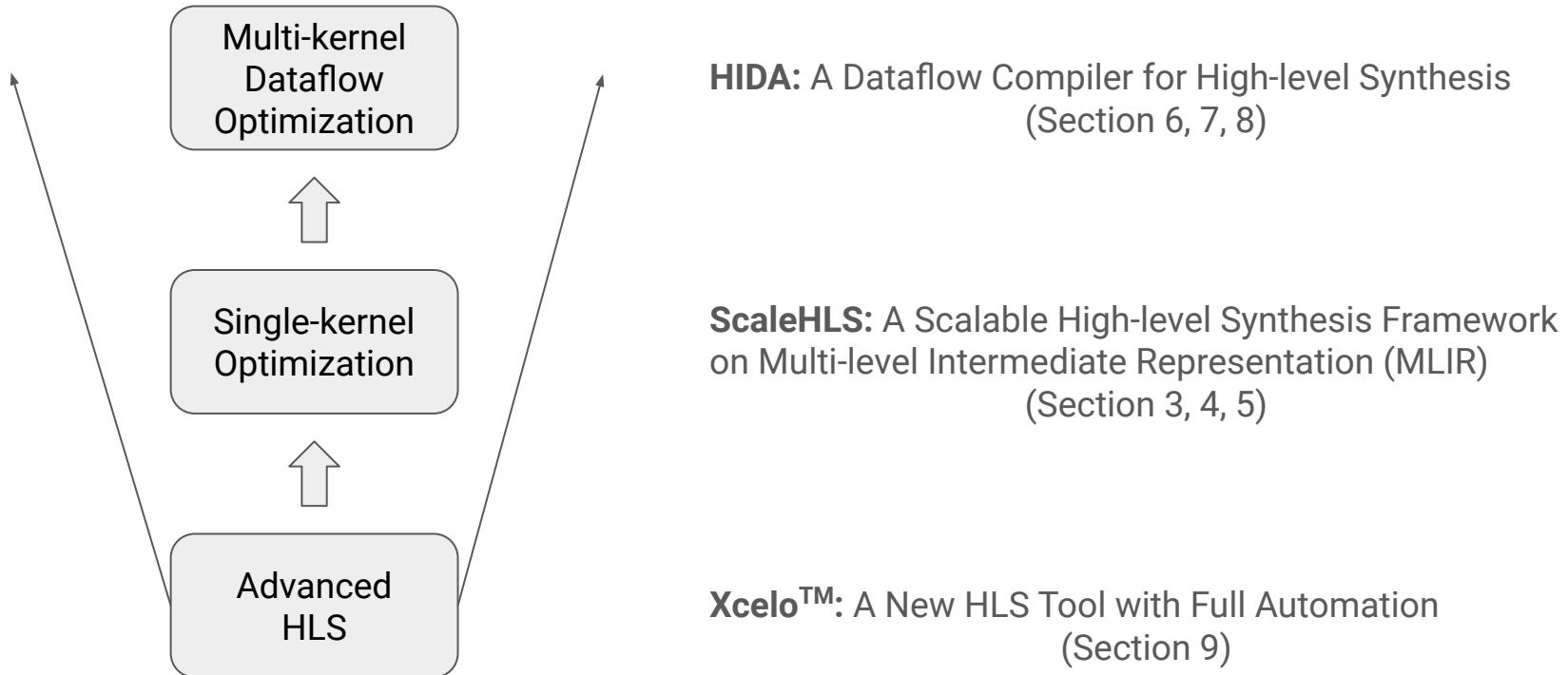
RTL Design



Design Space Profiling of LeNet Accelerator on PYNQ-Z2

- DF: Dataflow, task-level pipelining

Overview of the Proposed Toolchain



Section 2:

Motivation

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Loop pipeline, unroll
Function pipeline, inline
Array partition, etc.

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Generate RTL with  and etc.
Pipeline II is 5 and overall latency is 183,296

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Loop perfectization
Loop tile, skew, etc.

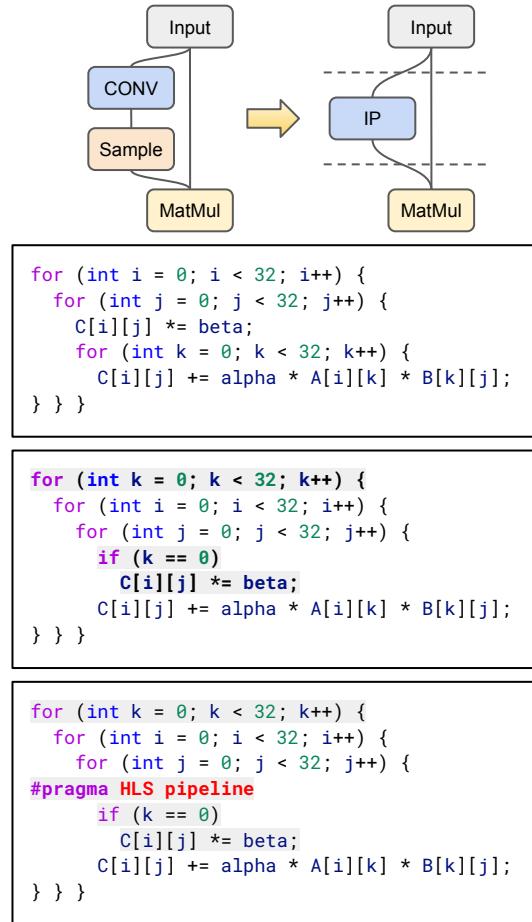
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Motivation (Cont.)

Difficulties:

- Low-productive and error-pronning
- Hard to enable automated design space exploration (DSE)
- NOT scalable! ☹

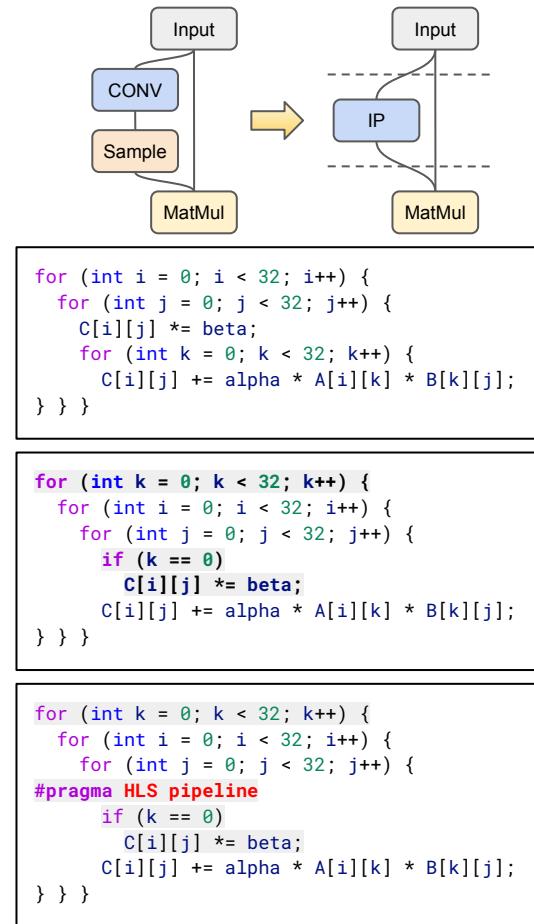


Solve problems at
the ‘correct’ level
AND automate it



Approaches of ScaleHLS:

- Represent HLS designs at multiple levels of abstractions
- Make the *multi-level* optimizations automated and parameterized
- Enable an automated DSE
- End-to-end high-level analysis and optimization flow



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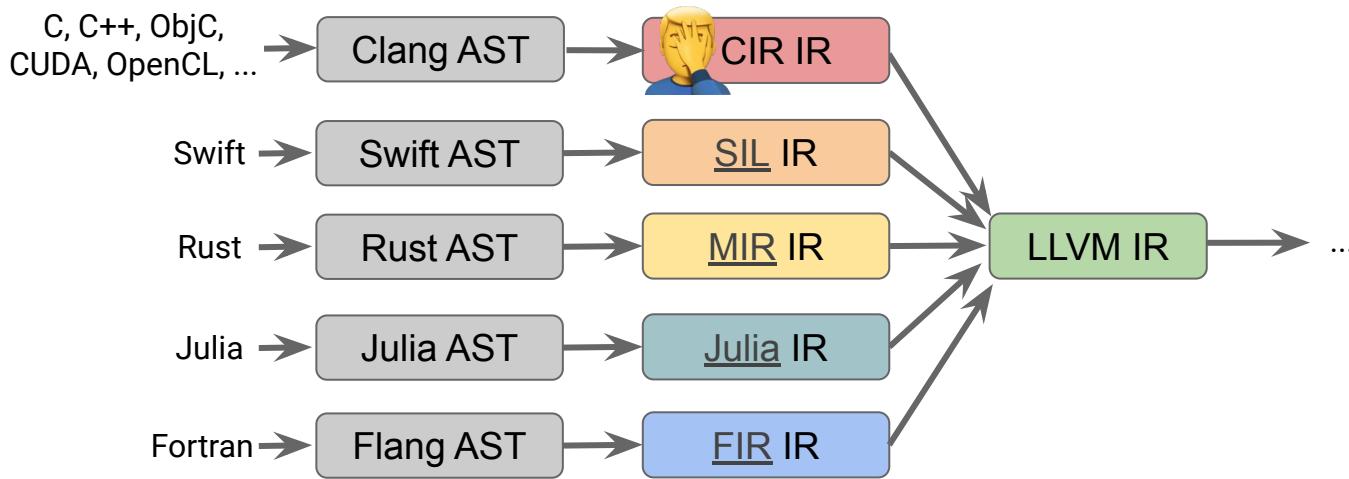
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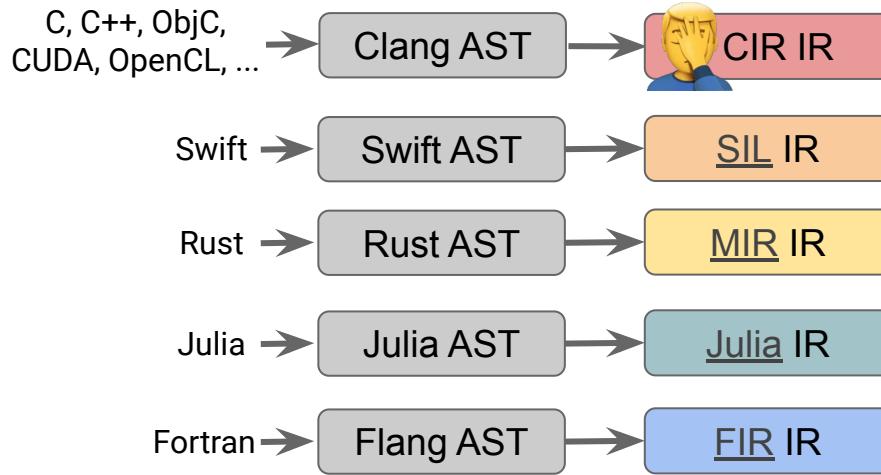
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From LLVM to MLIR



- More and more programming languages demand customized IR for optimization.
- The IR for different languages have different abstraction level.
- Language-specific IR can be lowered to LLVM for back-end code generation.

From LLVM to MLIR (Cont.)

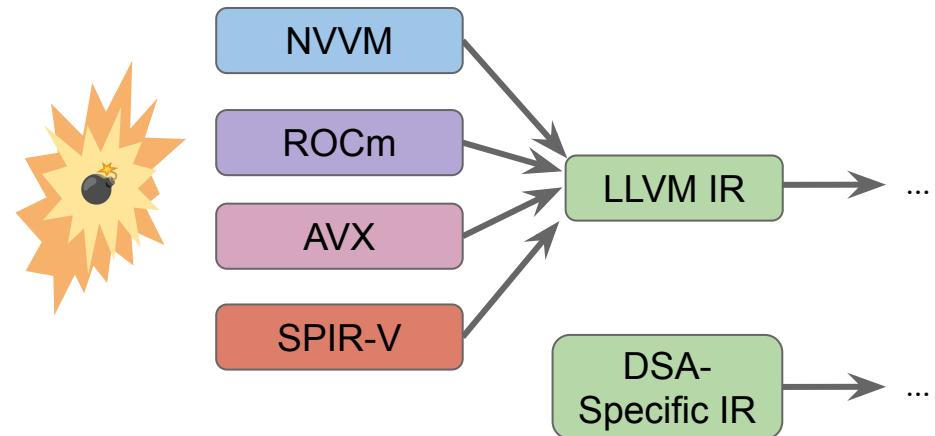


NVVM: IR for Nvidia GPU

ROCM: IR for AMD GPU

AVX: IR for Intel vector extension

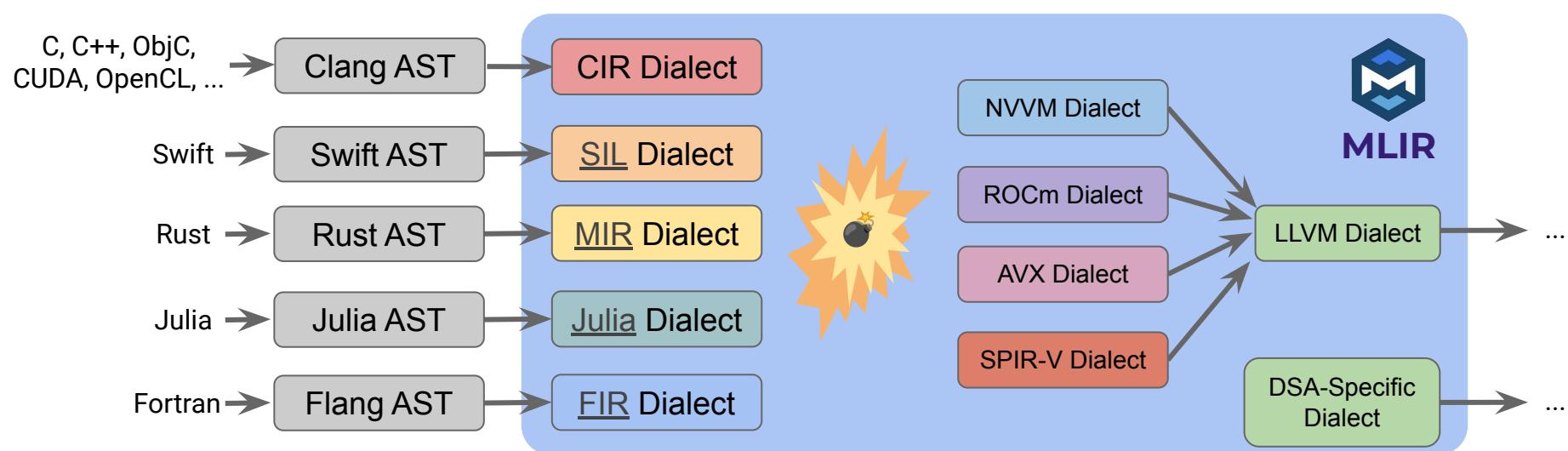
SPIR-V: Standard Portable IR for parallel compilation



- Different back-ends demand customized IR for optimization
- DSAs (Domain-Specific Accelerator) even cannot use LLVM for generating back-end codes and demand their own IR for code generation

Severe Fragmentation: IRs have different implementations and “frameworks”

MLIR: “Meta IR” and Compiler Infrastructure



MLIR is a “**Meta IR**” and compiler infrastructure for:

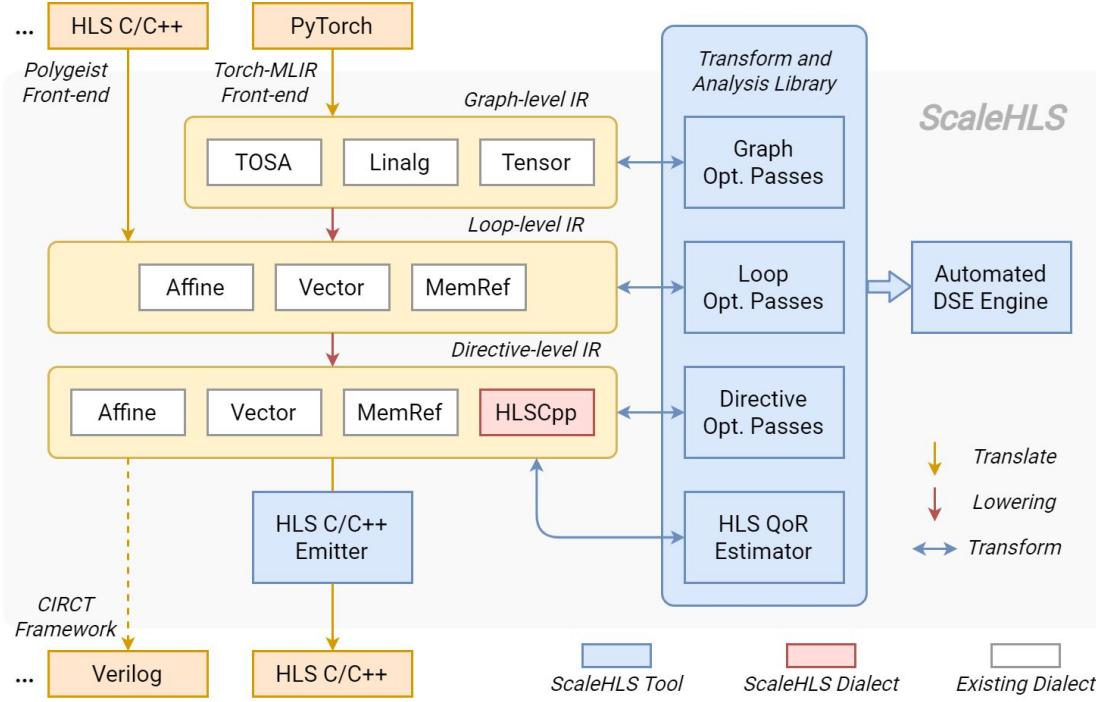


- Design and implement **dialect**
- Optimization and transform inside of a **dialect**
- Conversion between different **dialects**
- Code generation of **dialect**

Section 3:

Multi-level HLS IR and Optimization

ScaleHLS Framework: Overview

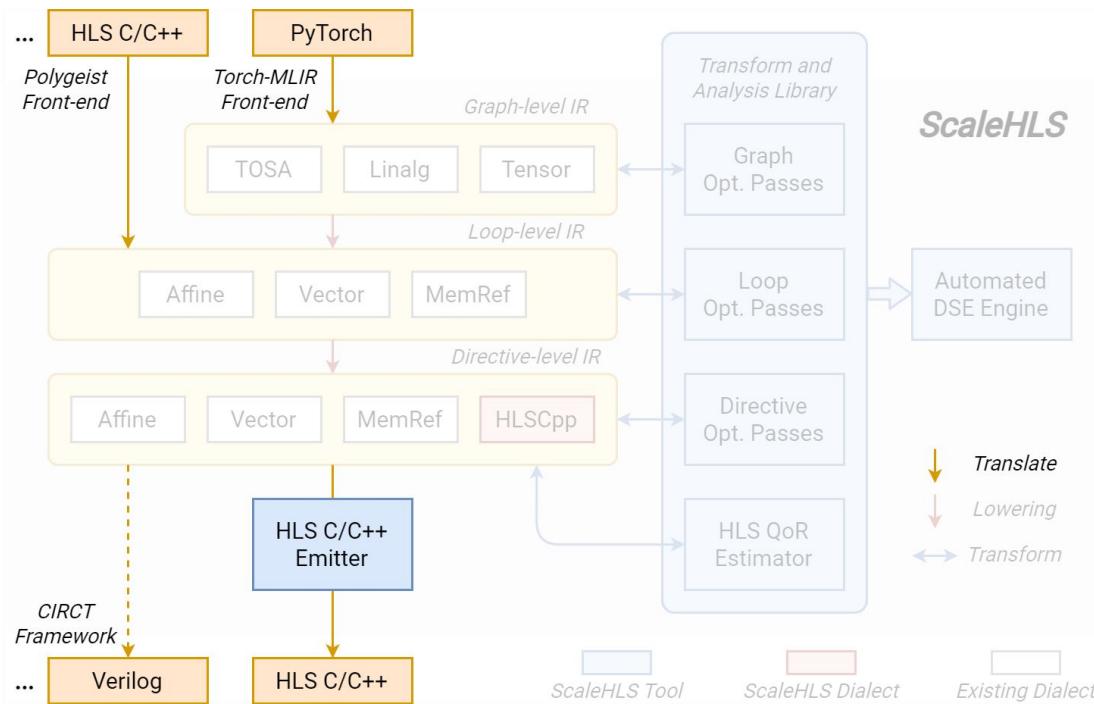


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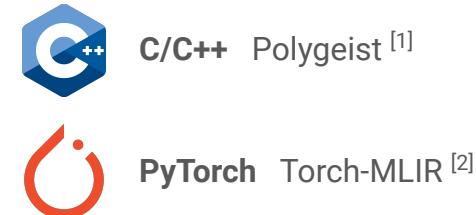
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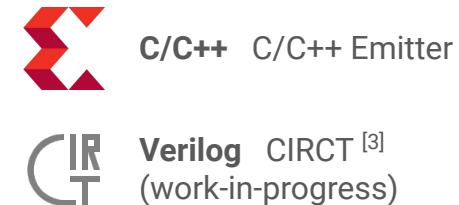
ScaleHLS Framework: Integration



Inputs



Outputs

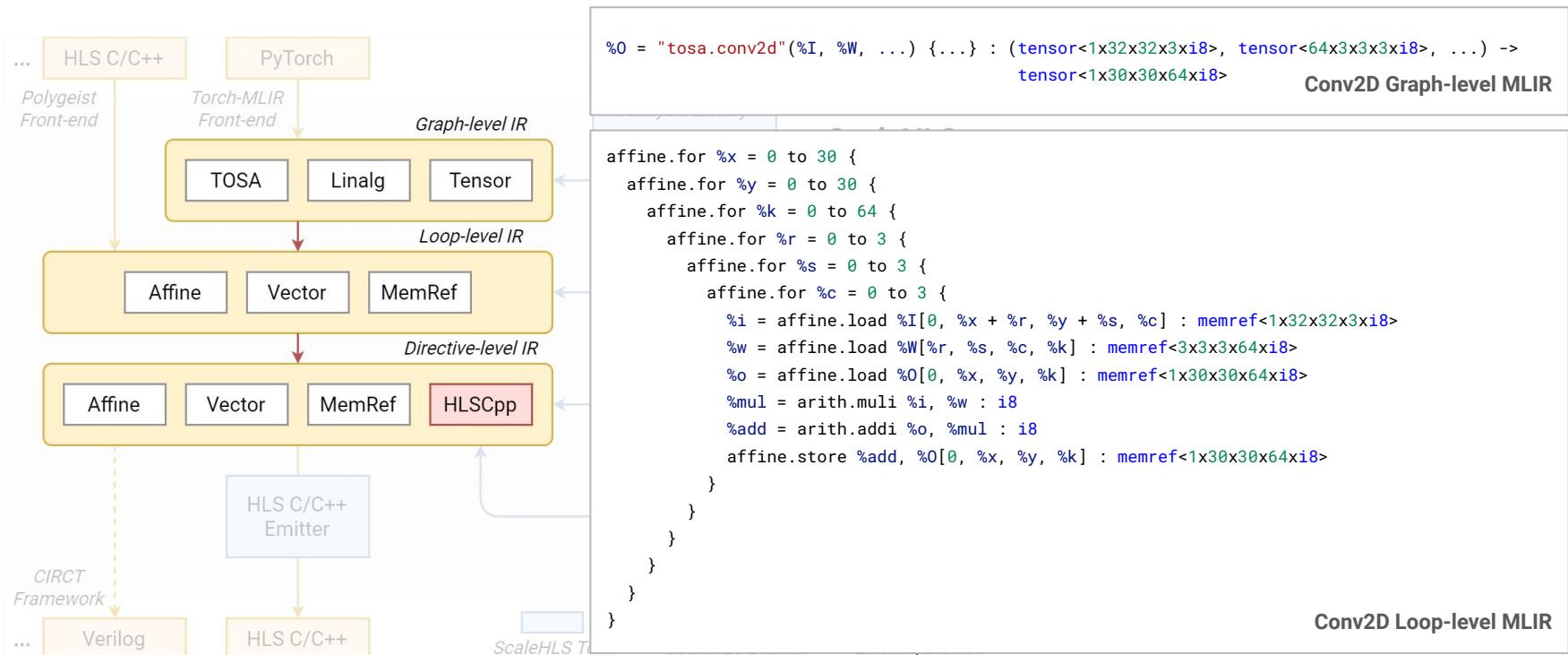


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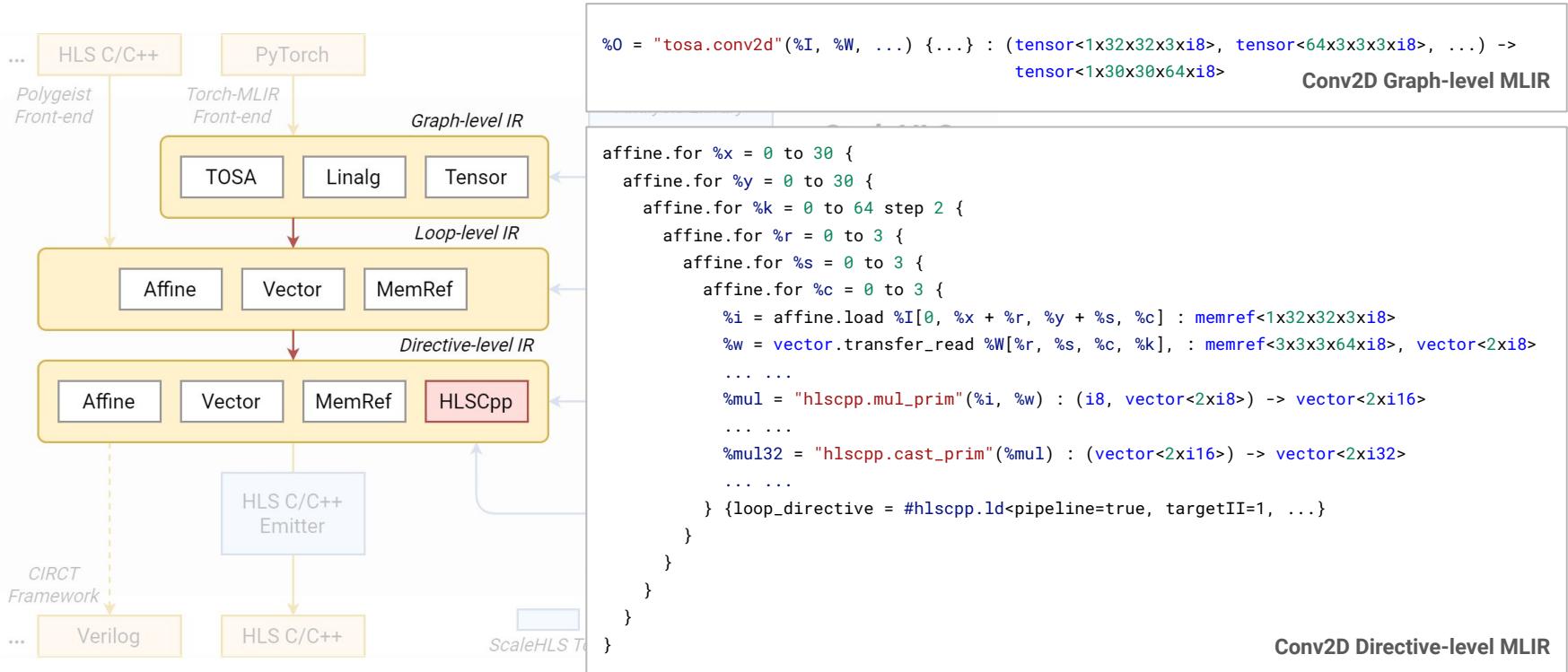
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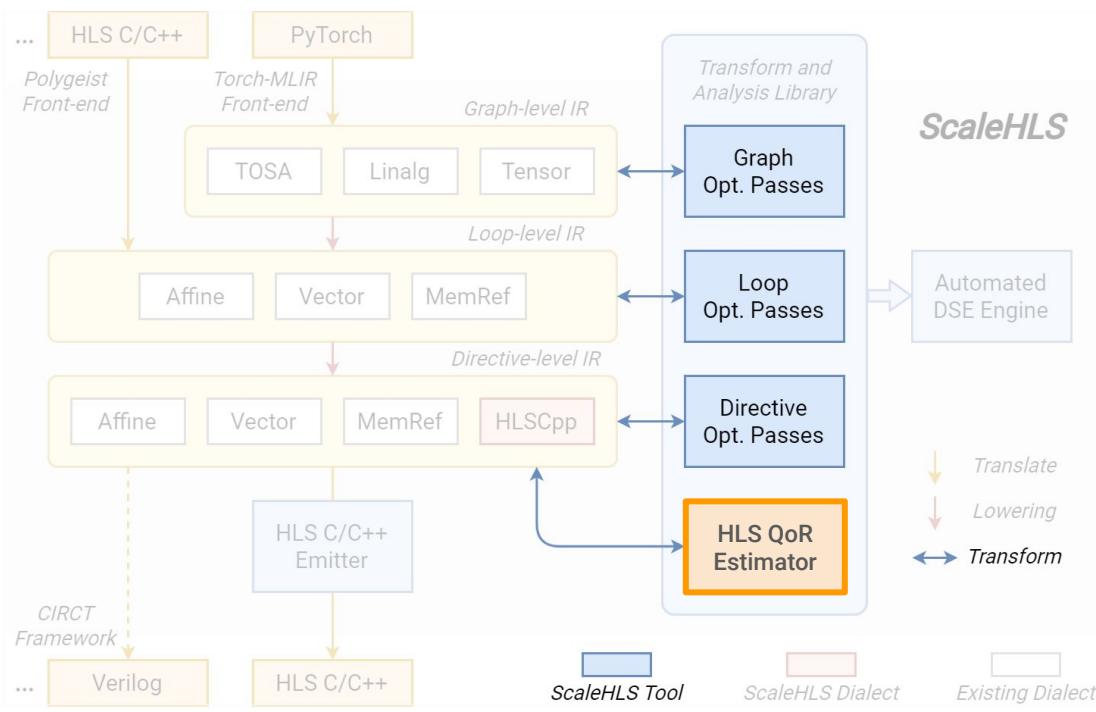
ScaleHLS Framework: Representation



ScaleHLS Framework: Representation (Cont'd)



ScaleHLS Framework: Optimization



Level	ScaleHLS Passes
Graph	-simplify-tosa-graph -legalize-dataflow -split-function
Loop	-affine-loop-perfectization -remove-variable-bound -affine-loop-tile -affine-loop-order-opt -affine-loop-unroll-jam -simplify-affine-if -affine-store-forward -simplify-memref-access
Directive	-loop-pipelining -function-pipelining -array-partition -create-hlscpp-primitive -qor-estimation

ScaleHLS Optimizations

	Passes	Target	Parameters
Graph	-legalize-dataflow -split-function	function function	insert-copy min-gran
Loop	-affine-loop-perfectization -affine-loop-order-opt -remove-variable-bound -affine-loop-tile -affine-loop-unroll	loop band loop band loop band loop loop	- perm-map - tile-size unroll-factor
Direct.	-loop-pipelining -func-pipelining -array-partition	loop function function	target-ii target-ii part-factors
Misc.	-simplify-affine-if -affine-store-forward -simplify-memref-access -canonicalize -cse	function function function function	- - - -

Boldface ones are new passes provided by us, while others are MLIR built-in passes.

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```

Baseline C

Loop and
Directive
Opt in MLIR



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    #pragma HLS interface bram port=C
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    #pragma HLS resource variable=C core=ram_s2p_bram

    #pragma HLS array_partition variable=A cyclic factor=2 dim=2
    #pragma HLS resource variable=A core=ram_s2p_bram

    for (int k = 0; k < 32; k += 2) {
        for (int i = 0; i < 32; i += 1) {
            for (int j = 0; j < 32; j += 1) {
                #pragma HLS pipeline II = 3
                if ((i - j) >= 0) {
                    int v7 = C[i][j];
                    int v8 = beta * v7;
                    int v9 = A[i][k];
                    int v10 = A[j][k];
                    int v11 = (k == 0) ? v8 : v7;
                    int v12 = alpha * v9;
                    int v13 = v12 * v10;
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                    C[i][j] = v19;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Optimized C
emitted by the
C/C++ emitter

ScaleHLS Optimizations (Cont.)

Loop Order Permutation

- The minimum II (Initiation Interval) of a loop pipeline can be calculated as:

$$II_{min} = \max_d \left(\left\lceil \frac{Delay_d}{Distance_d} \right\rceil \right)$$

- $Delay_d$ and $Distance_d$ are the scheduling delay and distance (calculated from the dependency vector) of each loop-carried dependency d .
- To achieve a smaller II , the loop order permutation pass performs affine analysis and attempt to permute loops associated with loop-carried dependencies in order to maximize the $Distance$.

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Loop order permutation; Loop unroll
Remove variable loop bound

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ScaleHLS Optimizations (Cont.)

Loop Pipelining

- Apply loop pipelining directives to a loop and set a targeted initiation interval.
- In the IR of ScaleHLS, directives are represented using the HLSCpp dialect. In the example, the pipelined %j loop is represented as:

```
affine.for %j = 0 to 32 {  
    ...  
} attributes {loop_directive = #hlscpp.ld<pipeline=1,  
targetII=3, dataflow=0, flatten=0, ... ... >}
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Loop pipeline

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ScaleHLS Optimizations (Cont.)

Array Partition

- Array partition is one of the most important directives because the memories requires enough bandwidth to comply with the computation parallelism.
- The array partition pass analyzes the accessing pattern of each array and automatically select suitable partition fashion and factor.
- In the example, the %A array is accessed at address $[i, k]$ and $[i, k+1]$ simultaneously after pipelined, thus %A array is cyclically partitioned with two.

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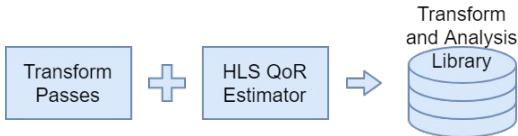
Simplify if ops;
Store ops forward;
Simplify memref ops

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ScaleHLS Optimizations (Cont.)

Transform and Analysis Library

- Apart from the optimizations, ScaleHLS provides a QoR estimator based on an ALAP scheduling algorithm. The memory ports are considered as non-shareable resources and constrained in the scheduling.
- The interfaces of all optimization passes and the QoR estimator are packaged into a library, which can be called by the DSE engine to generate and evaluate design points.



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                C[i][j] += alpha * A[i][k] * A[j][k];  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Baseline C

Loop and Directive Opt in MLIR



Loop perfectization

```
void syrk(int alpha, int beta, int C[32][32], int A[32][32]) {  
    #pragma HLS interface s_axilite port=return bundle=ctrl  
    #pragma HLS interface s_axilite port=alpha bundle=ctrl  
    #pragma HLS interface s_axilite port=beta bundle=ctrl  
    #pragma HLS interface bram port=C  
    #pragma HLS interface bram port=A  
  
    #pragma HLS resource variable=C core=ram_s2p_bram  
  
    #pragma HLS array_partition variable=A cyclic factor=2 dim=2  
    #pragma HLS resource variable=A core=ram_s2p_bram
```

Array partition

```
for (int k = 0; k < 32; k += 2) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < 32; i += 1) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < 32; j += 1) {  
            #pragma HLS pipeline II = 3  
            if ((i - j) >= 0) {  
                int v7 = C[i][j];  
                int v8 = beta * v7;  
                int v9 = A[i][k];  
                int v10 = A[j][k];  
                int v11 = (k == 0) ? v8 : v7;  
                int v12 = alpha * v9;  
                int v13 = v12 * v10;  
                int v14 = v11 + v13;  
                int v15 = A[i][(k + 1)];  
                int v16 = A[j][(k + 1)];  
                int v17 = alpha * v15;  
                int v18 = v17 * v16;  
                int v19 = v14 + v18;  
                C[i][j] = v19;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Loop order permutation; Loop unroll

Remove variable loop bound

Loop pipeline

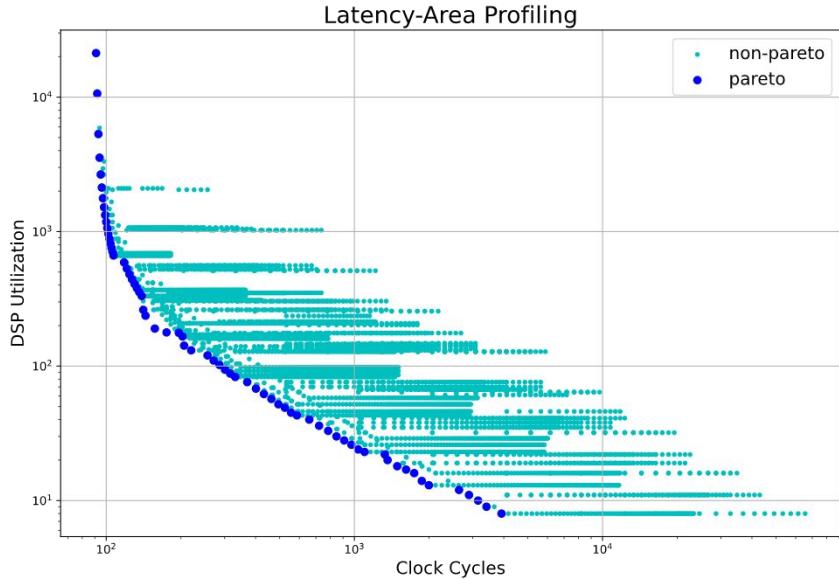
Simplify if ops;
Store ops forward;
Simplify memref ops

Optimized C
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C/C++ emitter

Section 4:

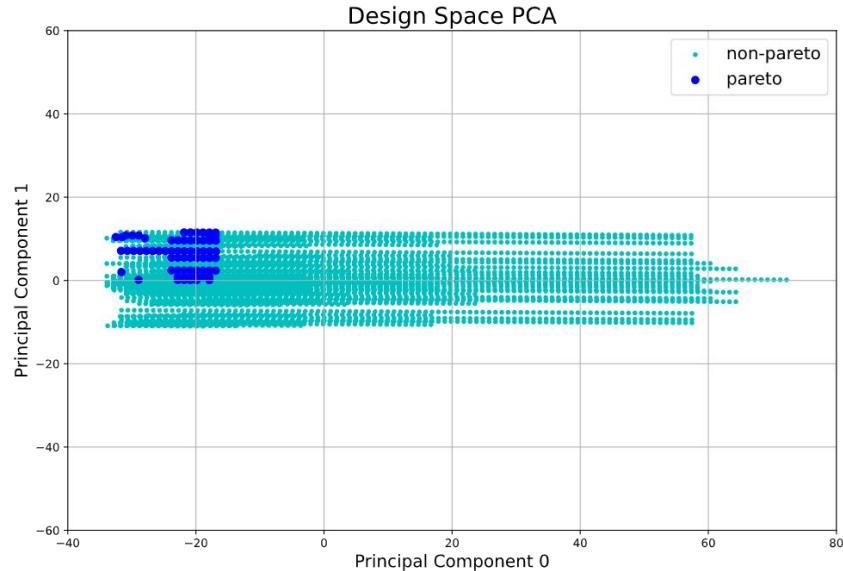
Single-kernel Design Space Exploration (DSE)

Intra-node Design Space Exploration



Pareto frontier of a GEMM kernel

- Latency and area are profiled for each design point
- Dark blue points are Pareto points
- Loop perfectization, loop order permutation, loop tiling, loop pipelining, and array partition passes are involved

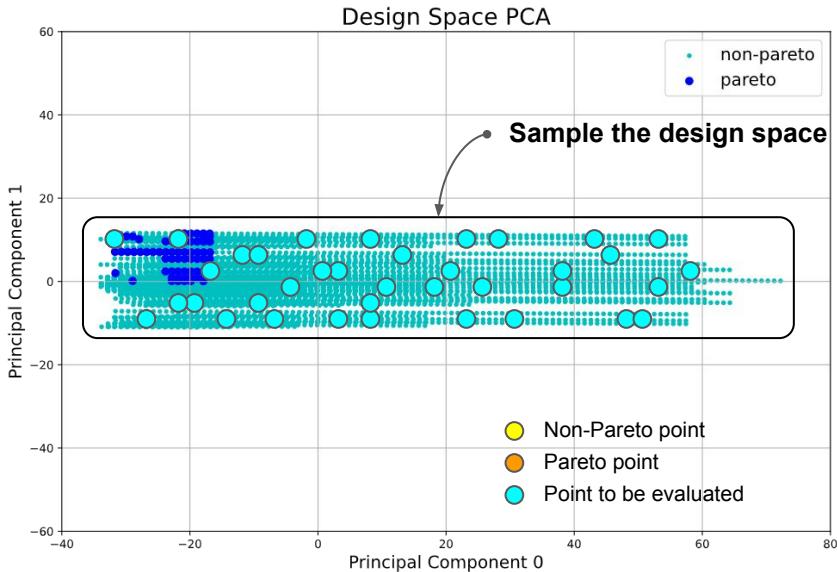


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- Pareto points are located at a corner of the design space, the variance of Pareto points is much smaller than the overall variance

Intra-node Design Space Exploration (Cont.)

DSE algorithm:

1. Sample the whole design space and evaluate each sampled design point with the QoR estimator

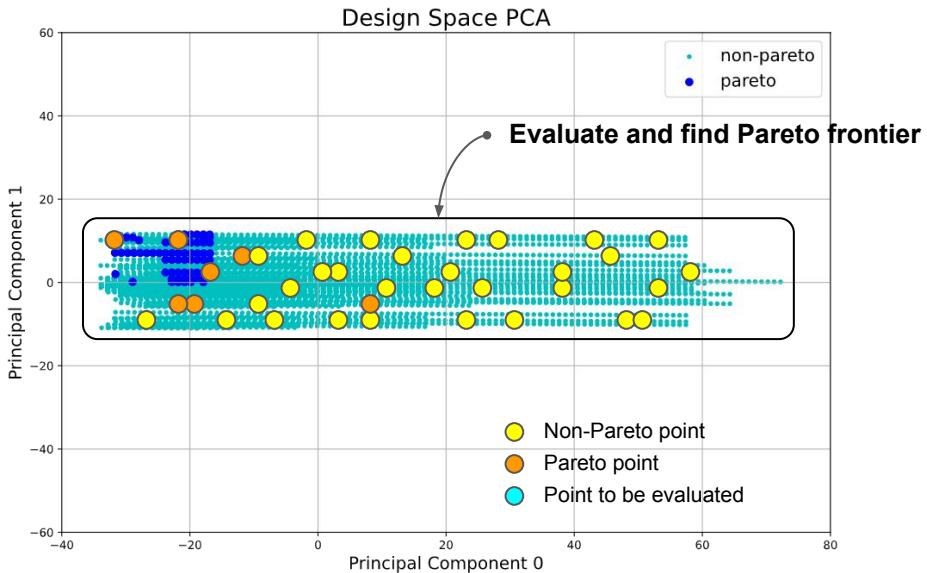


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DSE algorithm:

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2. Extract the Pareto frontier from all evaluated design points

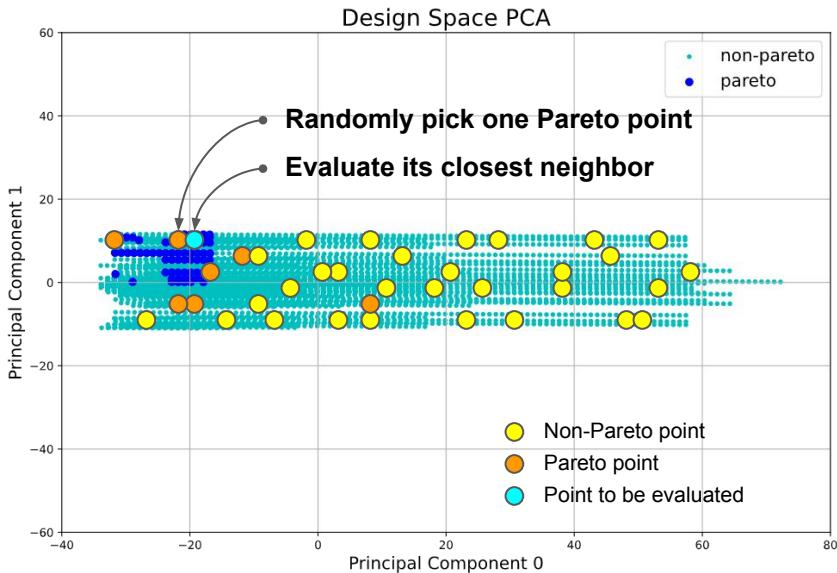


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Intra-node Design Space Exploration (Cont.)

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3. Evaluate the closest neighbor of a randomly selected design point in the current Pareto frontier

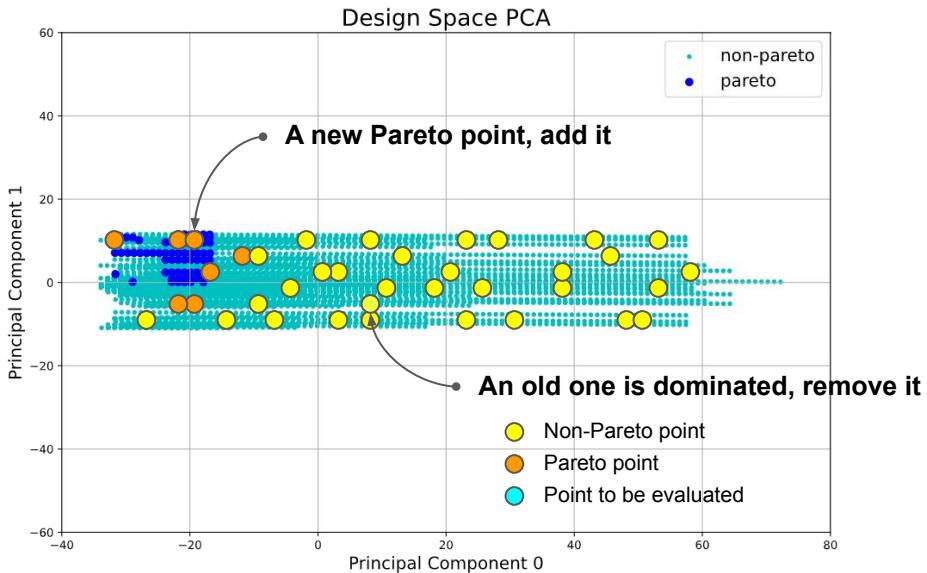


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4. Repeat step (2) and (3) to update the discovered Pareto frontier



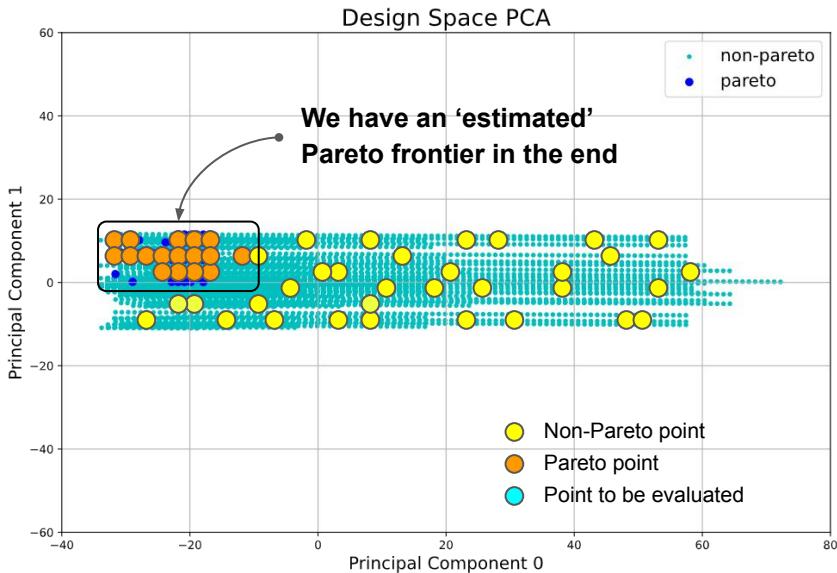
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2. Extract the Pareto frontier from all evaluated design points
3. Evaluate the closest neighbor of a randomly selected design point in the current Pareto frontier
4. Repeat step (2) and (3) to update the discovered Pareto frontier
5. Stop when no eligible neighbor can be found or meeting the early-termination criteria

Given the **Transform and Analysis Library** provided by ScaleHLS, the DSE engine can be extended to support other optimization algorithms in the future.



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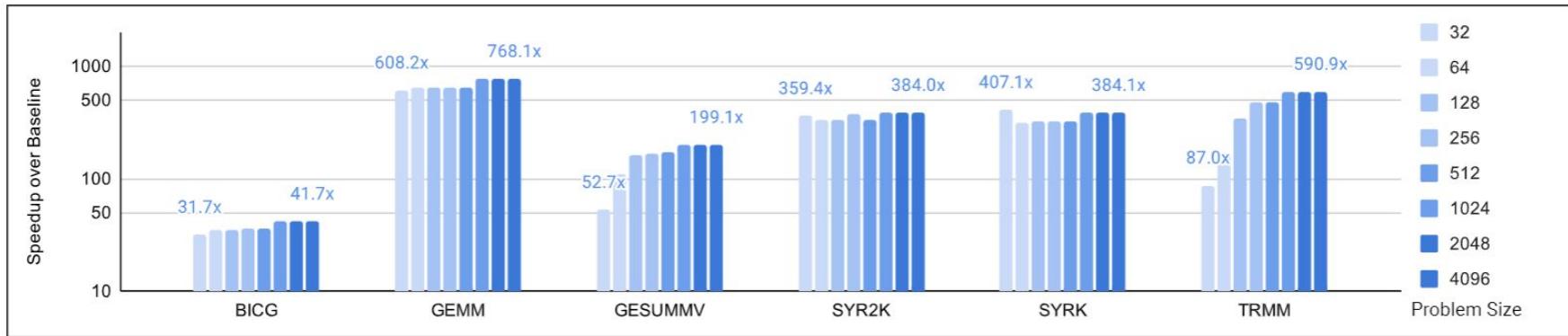
Single-Kernel DSE Results

Kernel	Prob. Size	Speedup	LP	RVB	Perm. Map	Tiling Sizes	Pipeline II	Array Partition
BICG	4096	41.7×	No	No	[1, 0]	[16, 8]	43	$A:[8, 16], s:[16], q:[8], p:[16], r:[8]$
GEMM	4096	768.1×	Yes	No	[1, 2, 0]	[8, 1, 16]	3	$C:[1, 16], A:[1, 8], B:[8, 16]$
GESUMMV	4096	199.1×	Yes	No	[1, 0]	[8, 16]	9	$A:[16, 8], B:[16, 8], tmp:[16], x:[8], y:[16]$
SYR2K	4096	384.0×	Yes	Yes	[1, 2, 0]	[8, 4, 4]	8	$C:[4, 4], A:[4, 8], B:[4, 8]$
SYRK	4096	384.1×	Yes	Yes	[1, 2, 0]	[64, 1, 1]	3	$C:[1, 1], A:[1, 64]$
TRMM	4096	590.9×	Yes	Yes	[1, 2, 0]	[4, 4, 32]	13	$A:[4, 4], B:[4, 32]$

DSE results of PolyBench-C computation kernels

1. The target platform is Xilinx XC7Z020 FPGA, which is an edge FPGA with 4.9 Mb memories, 220 DSPs, and 53,200 LUTs. The data types of all kernels are single-precision floating-points.
2. Among all six benchmarks, a **speedup** ranging from 41.7× to 768.1× is obtained compared to the baseline design, which is the original computation kernel from PolyBench-C without the optimization of DSE.
3. **LP** and **RVB** denote Loop Perfectization and Remove Variable Bound, respectively.
4. In the Loop Order Optimization (**Perm. Map**), the i -th loop in the loop nest is permuted to location $PermMap[i]$, where locations are from the outermost loop to inner.

Single-Kernel DSE Results (Cont.)



Scalability study of computation kernels

1. The problem sizes of computation kernels are scaled from 32 to 4096 and the DSE engine is launched to search for the optimal solutions under each problem size.
2. For BICG, GEMM, SYR2K, and SYRK benchmarks, the DSE engine can achieve stable speedup under all problem sizes.
3. For GESUMMV and TRMM, the speedups are limited by the small problem sizes.

Section 5:

Single-kernel DSE Demo and Walkthrough

PolyBench SYRK Benchmark DSE Demo

```
void syrk(
    float alpha,
    float beta,
    float C[N][N],
    float A[N][M]) {
#pragma scop
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j <= i; j++) {
            C[i][j] *= beta;
            for (int k = 0; k < M; k++) {
                C[i][j] += alpha * A[i][k] * A[j][k];
            }
        }
    }
#pragma endscop
}
```

SYRK Kernel

```
$ cgeist syrk.c \
    -function=syrk -S \
    -memref-fullrank \
    -raise-scf-to-affine | \

scalehls-opt \
    -debug-only=scalehls \
    -scalehls-dse-pipeline=
        "top-func=syrk target-spec=./config.json" | \

scalehls-translate \
    -scalehls-emit-hlscpp
    -emit-vitis-directives=true \
> syrk-opt.cpp
```

ScaleHLS Optimization Pipeline

DSE Walkthrough: Kernel Modification

```
void kernel_syrk(
    int n, int m,
    DATA_TYPE alpha,
    DATA_TYPE beta,
    DATA_TYPE POLYBENCH_2D(C, N, N, n, n),
    DATA_TYPE POLYBENCH_2D(A, N, M, n, m))
{
    int i, j, k;

#pragma scop
    for (i = 0; i < _PB_N; i++) {
        for (j = 0; j <= i; j++)
            C[i][j] *= beta;
        for (k = 0; k < _PB_M; k++) {
            for (j = 0; j <= i; j++)
                C[i][j] += alpha * A[i][k] * A[j][k];
        }
    }
#pragma endscop
}
```

Original SYRK kernel

```
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    float alpha,
    float beta,
    float C[N][N],
    float A[N][M])
{
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            }
        }
    }
#pragma endscop
}
```

Modified SYRK kernel

SYRK DSE Walkthrough: Add Configuration File

```
{  
    "__output_num": "The number of output designs",  
    "output_num    "__max_init_parallel": "The maximum loop parallelism in the initial sampling",  
    "max_init_parallel    "__max_expl_parallel": "The maximum loop parallelism in the exploration",  
    "max_expl_parallel    "__max_loop_parallel": "The maximum unroll factor of each loop",  
    "max_loop_parallel    "__max_iter_num": "The maximum iteration number in the exploration",  
    "max_iter_num    "__max_distance": "The maximum distance when searching for neighbor design points",  
    "max_distance    "__directive_only": "Only enable directive optimizations",  
    "directive_only    "__resource_constr": "Enable resource constraints",  
    "resource_constr(to be continued)
```

Hyper Parameters Configuration

SYRK DSE Walkthrough: Add Configuration File (Cont.)

```
(continued)
    "frequency": "100MHz",
    "dsp": 220,
    "bram": 280,
    "dsp_usage": {
        "fadd": 2, "fmul": 3, "fdiv": 0, "fcmp": 0, "fexp": 7
    },
    "100MHz": {
        "fadd": 4, "fmul": 3, "fdiv": 15, "fcmp": 1, "fexp": 8
    }
}
```

Profiled from
micro-benchmarking

Target Platform Configuration

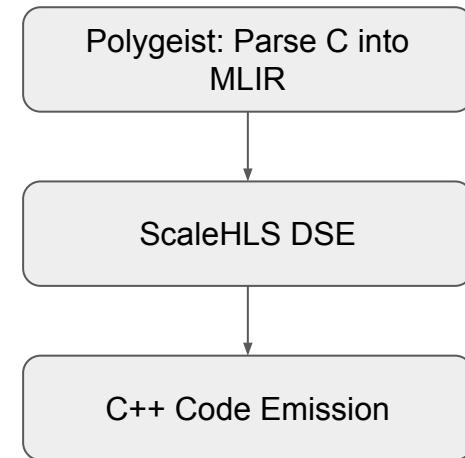
SYRK DSE Walkthrough: Compilation

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scalehls-translate \
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> syrk_opt.cpp
```

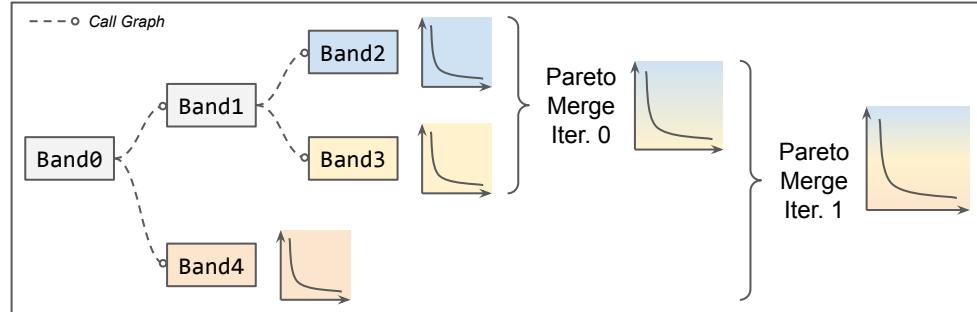
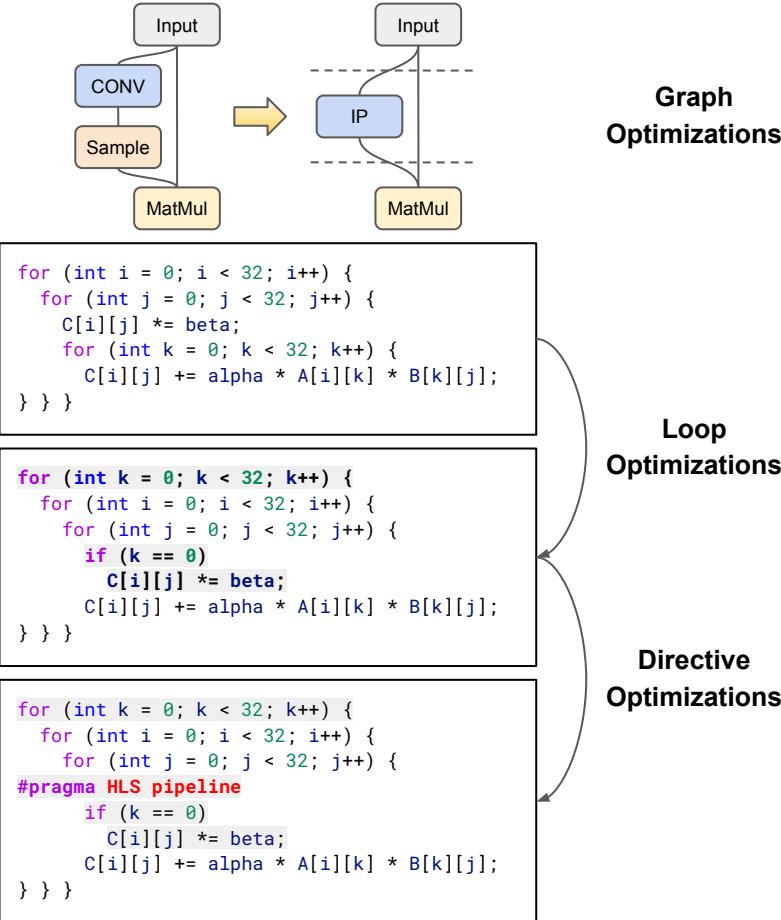
ScaleHLS Optimization Pipeline



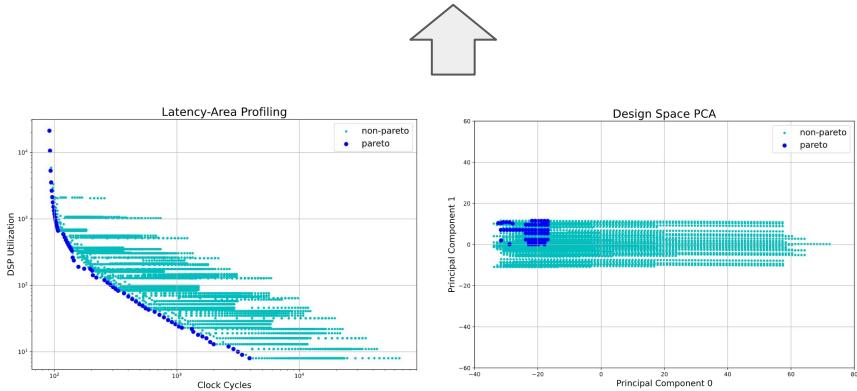
Section 6:

Dataflow IR and Optimization

Recap: Limitations of ScaleHLS DSE



Step (2) Global multi-kernel Pareto curving merging



Step (1) Local single-kernel *loop* and *directive* DSE

Recap: Limitations of ScaleHLS DSE (Cont.)

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4         A[i][k] = ...; // Load array A.
5
6 float B[16][16];
7 NODE1_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
8     NODE1_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
9         B[k][j] = ...; // Load array B.
10
11 float C[16][16];
12 NODE2_I: for (int i=0; i<16; i++)
13     NODE2_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
14         NODE2_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
15             C[i][j] = A[i*2][k] * B[k][j];
```

Inter-kernel Correlation

- Node0 is connected to Node2 through buffer A
 - If buffer A is on-chip, the partition strategy of A is HIGHLY correlated with the parallel strategies of both Node0 and Node2
- Node1 is connected to Node2 through buffer B
 - Same as above
- Node0, 1, and 2 have different trip count: $32*16$, $16*16$, and $16*16*16$
 - To enable efficient pipeline execution of Node0, 1, and 2, their latencies after parallelization should be similar

Connectedness

Intensity

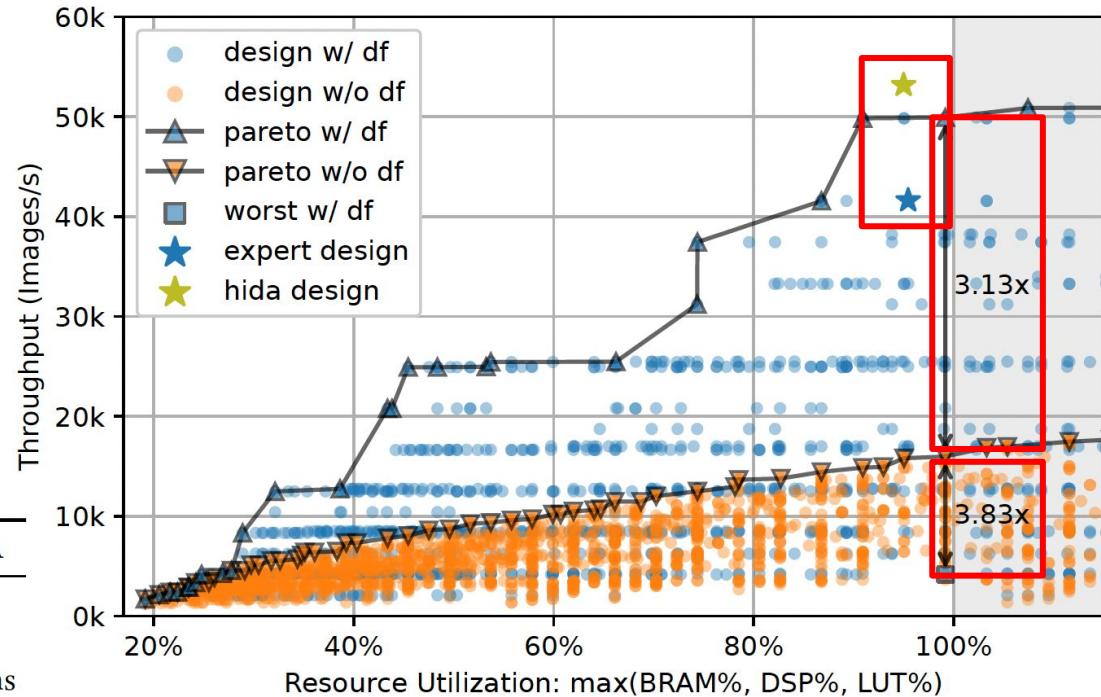
Simply merging the local Pareto curves will not work well!

Motivation: Designing dataflow architecture is hard! (Cont.)

Manual LeNet Accelerator Design

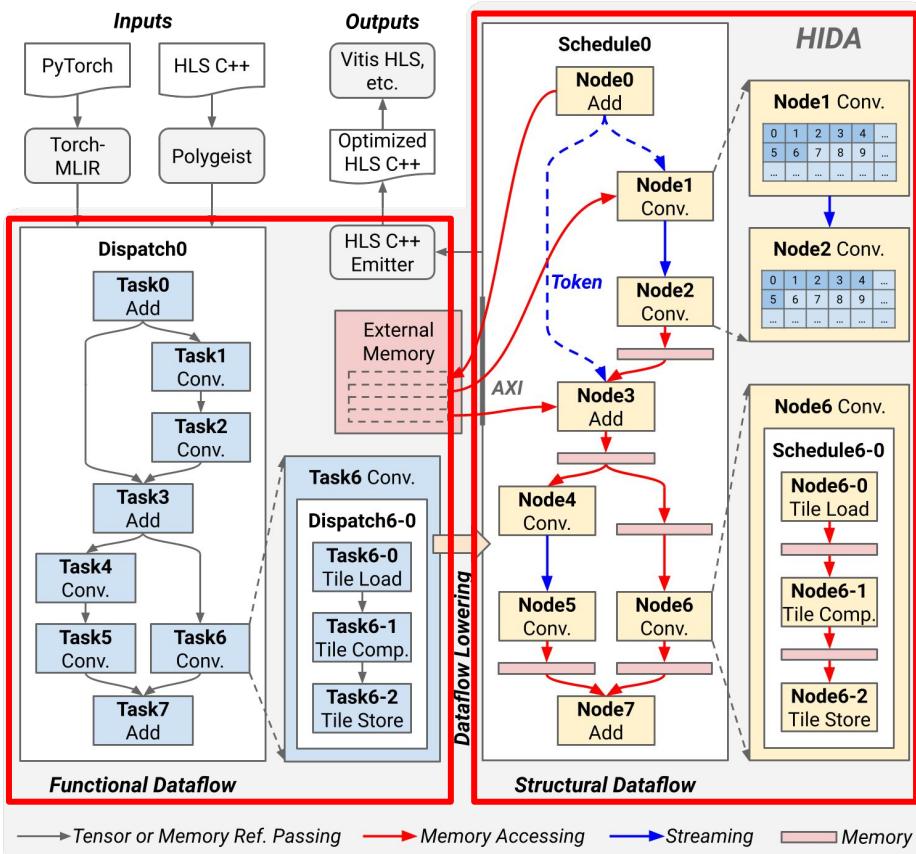
- Dataflow designs are Pareto-dominating
- Dataflow cannot guarantee a good trade-off
- Dataflow design space is difficult to comprehend
- Automated tool outperforms exhaustive search

	Expert	Exhaustive	HIDA
Resource Util.	95.5%	99.2%	95.0%
Throu. (Imgs/s)	41.6k	49.9k	53.2k
Develop Cycle	40 hours	210 hours	9.9 mins



Productivity Performance Scalability

Dataflow IR



High-level Dataflow Optimizations



Task fusion
Task splitting
... ...

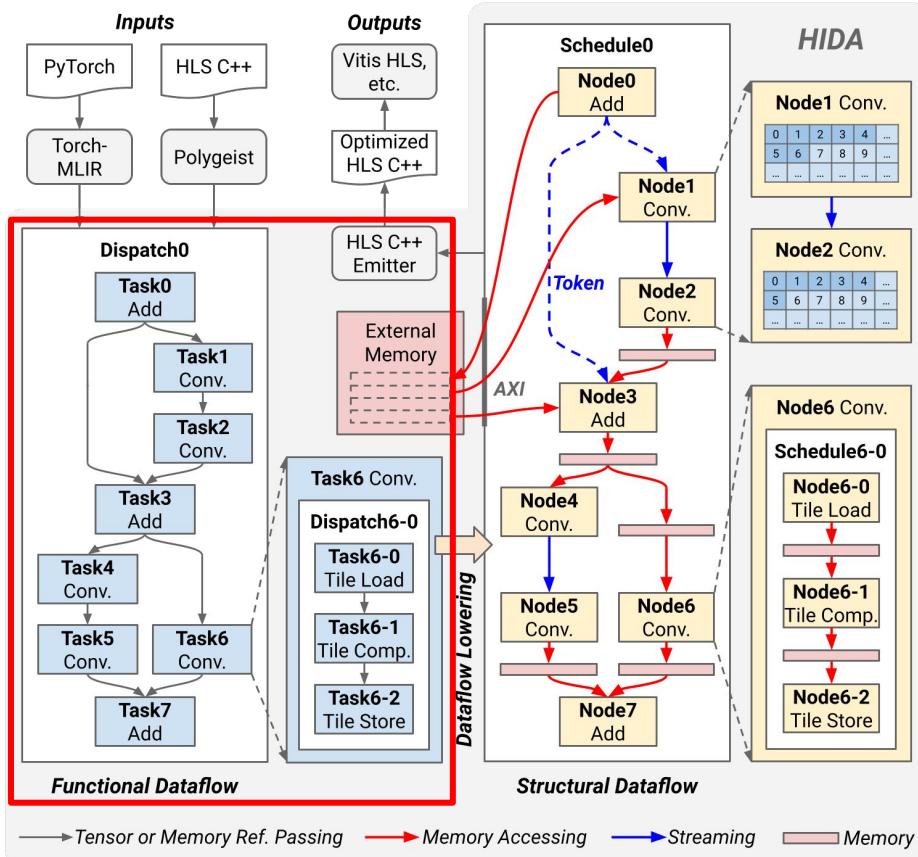
Low-level Dataflow Optimizations

Parallelization
Buffer optimization
Data movement
... ...

Two-level dataflow representation

- Functional dataflow
 - Capture high-level dataflow characteristics
 - Efficient dataflow manipulation
- Structural dataflow
 - Capture low-level micro-architectures
 - Efficient scheduling and parallelization

Dataflow IR: Functional Dataflow

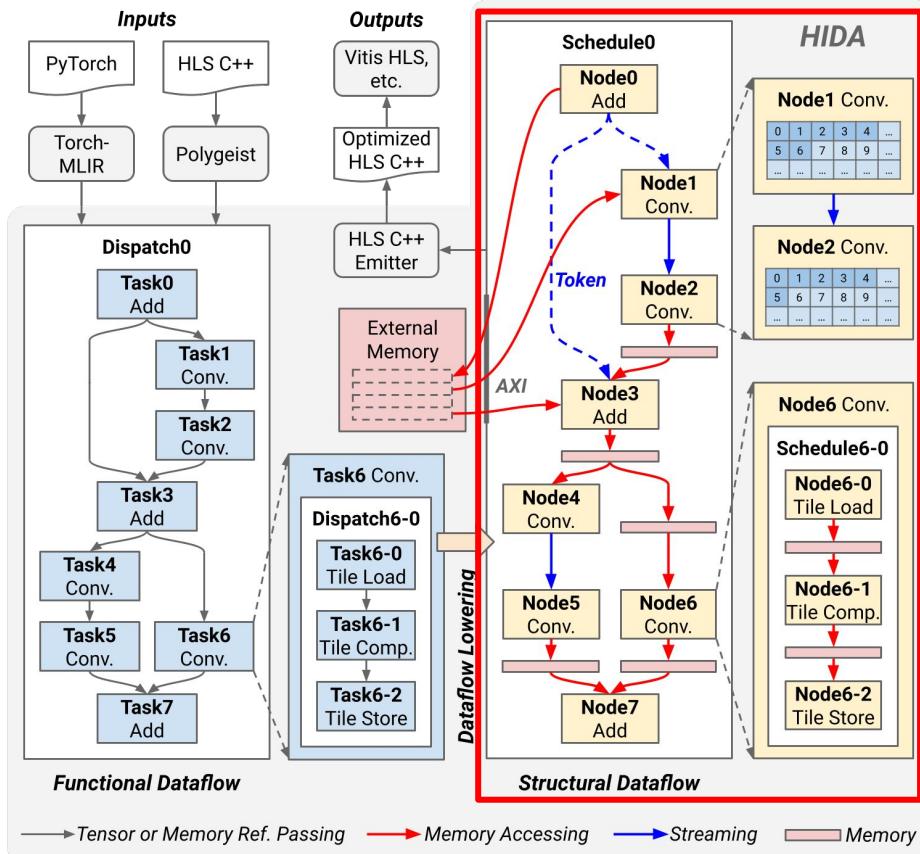


```
%tensor = hida.task() : tensor<64x64xi18> { ... }  
hida.task() { ... %tensor ... }
```

Functional Dataflow

- Hierarchical structure
 - Support multiple levels of dataflow
 - Inside of Task6, the tile load, computation, and store are further dataflowed
- Transparent from above
 - All tasks share the same global context
 - Support efficient task fusion and splitting

Dataflow IR: Structural Dataflow



```
%buffer = hida.buffer : memref<64x64xi8, ...>
hida.node() -> (%buffer : memref<64x64xi8, ...>) { ... }
hida.node(%buffer : memref<64x64xi8, ...>) -> () { ... }
```

Structural Dataflow

- Explicit buffer representation
 - Support both memory-mapped and stream buffers
- Isolated from above
 - Each node has its own context
 - Decouple inter-node and intra-node dataflow optimization

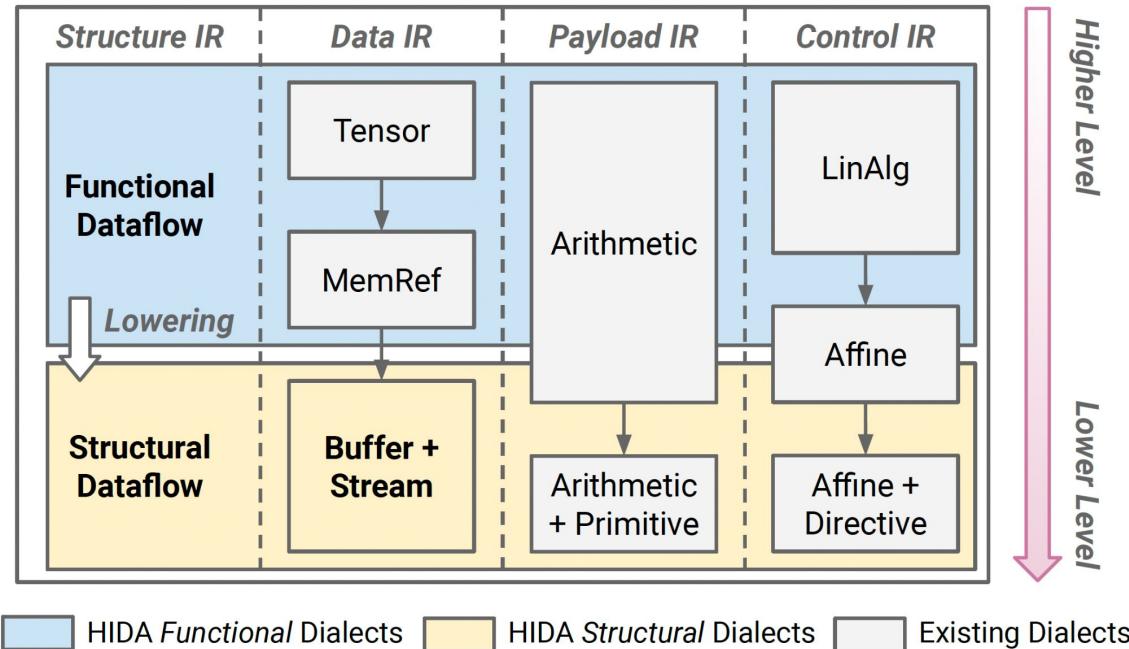
Dataflow IR: Structural Dataflow (Cont.)

<code>hida.buffer {depth = 3} : memref<64x64xi8, #hida.partition<[cyclic, block], [4, 4]>, #hida.layout<[8, 8], [1, 2]>, #hida.mem<bram_t2p>></code>	Number of Stages	Buffer Shape	Partition Fashions	Partition Factors	Tiling Factors	Vectorization Factors	Buffer Placement
<code>hida.stream : hida.stream<i1, 3></code>	Stream Type	Number of Entries	<code>hida.node(%buffer<2> : memref<...>, %stream : hida.stream<i1, 3>) -> (...) [...] { ... }</code>	RO Arg List (Arg1	Arg1 Buffer Port	Arg1 Type	Arg2

* buffer, stream, and node operation syntax in structural dataflow. RO and RW denote read-only and read-write.

- Multi-stage buffer representation
 - Support complicated schedulings, e.g., multi-line buffer
- Affine-based partition, tiling, and vectorization representation
 - Support automatic buffer optimization upon affine analyses
- Explicit buffer memory effect representation
 - Avoid unnecessary inter-node analysis

Dataflow IR: Integration with MLIR Dialects

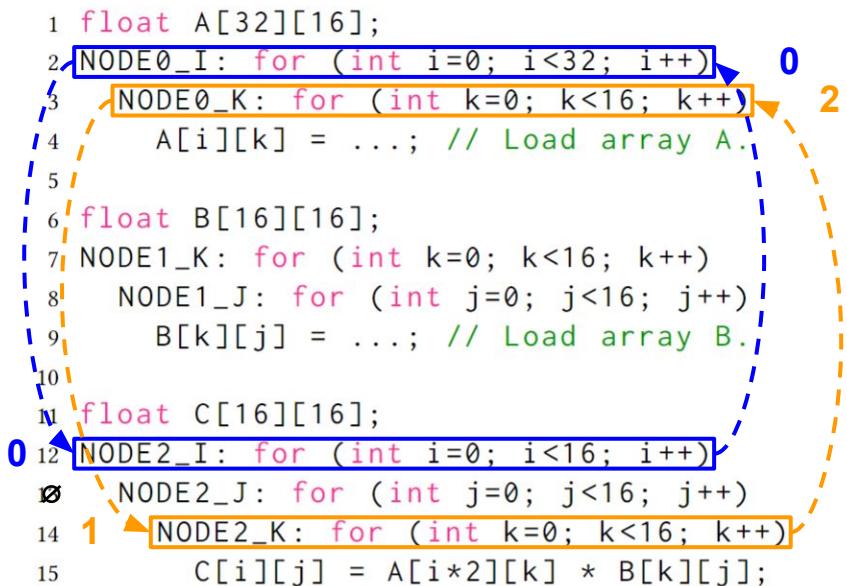


Section 7:

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE

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```



Step (1) Connectedness Analysis

Source	Target	Buffer	Permutation Map		Scaling Map	
			S-to-T	T-to-S	S-to-T	T-to-S
Node0	Node2	A	[0, 0, 1]	[0, 2]	[0.5, 1]	[2, 0, 1]
Node1	Node2	B	[0, 1, 0]	[2, 1]	[1, 1]	[0, 1, 1]

- **Permutation Map**
 - Record the alignment between loops

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

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- **Permutation Map**
 - Record the alignment between loops
- **Scaling Map**
 - Record the alignment between strides
- **Affine Analysis-based**
 - Demand preprocessing: Loop normalize and perfectize, memory canonicalize

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

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```

Step (2) Node Sorting

Node	Connectedness	Intensity
Node0	1	512
Node1	1	256
Node2	2	4096

- **Descending Order of Connectedness**
 - Higher-connectedness node will affect more nodes
- **Intensity as Tie-breaker**
 - Higher-intensity nodes are more computationally complex, being more sensitive to optimization
- **Order: Node2 -> Node0 -> Node1**

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

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```

Step (3) Node Parallelization

- Assuming maximum parallel factor is 32
- Node2 Parallelization: [4, 8, 1]
 - Overall parallel factor is 32
 - Local DSE without constraints
 - Solution unroll factors: [4, 8, 1]

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

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1 float A[32][16];
2 NODE0_I: for (int i=0; i<32; i++)
3     NODE0_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
4         A[i][k] = ...; // Load array A.
5
6 float B[16][16];
7 NODE1_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
8     NODE1_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
9         B[k][j] = ...; // Load array B.
10
11 float C[16][16];
12 NODE2_I: for (int i=0; i<16; i++)
13     NODE2_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
14     NODE2_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
15         C[i][j] = A[i*2][k] * B[k][j];
```

Step (3) Node Parallelization

- Assuming maximum parallel factor is 32
- Node2 Parallelization: [4, 8, 1]
- Node0 Parallelization: [4, 1]
 - Overall parallel factor is 4, calculated from intensities of Node0 and 2 ($32*512/4096$)
 - Local DSE with connectedness constraints, the unroll factors must NOT be mutually indivisible with constraints
 - Multiply with scaling map:
 - $[4, 8, 1] \odot [2, \emptyset, 1] = [8, \emptyset, 1]$
 - Permute with permutation map:
 - $\text{permute}([8, \emptyset, 1], [0, 2]) = [8, 1]$
 - Solution unroll factors: [4, 1]

Source	Target	Buffer	Permutation Map		Scaling Map	
			S-to-T	T-to-S	S-to-T	T-to-S
Node0	Node2	A	[0, ∅, 1]	[0, 2]	[0.5, 1]	[2, ∅, 1]
Node1	Node2	B	[∅, 1, 0]	[2, 1]	[1, 1]	[∅, 1, 1]

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

```
1 float A[32][16];
2 NODE0_I: for (int i=0; i<32; i++)
3     NODE0_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
4         A[i][k] = ...; // Load array A.
5
6 float B[16][16];
7 NODE1_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
8     NODE1_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
9         B[k][j] = ...; // Load array B.
10
11 float C[16][16];
12 NODE2_I: for (int i=0; i<16; i++)
13     NODE2_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
14     NODE2_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
15         C[i][j] = A[i*2][k] * B[k][j];
```

Step (3) Node Parallelization

- Assuming maximum parallel factor is 32
- Node2 Parallelization: [4, 8, 1]
- Node0 Parallelization: [4, 1]
- Node1 Parallelization: [1, 2]
 - Overall parallel factor is 2, calculated from intensities of Node0 and 1 ($32*256/4096$)
 - Local DSE with connectedness constraints
 - Solution unroll factors: [1, 2]

Source	Target	Buffer	Permutation Map		Scaling Map	
			S-to-T	T-to-S	S-to-T	T-to-S
Node0	Node2	A	[0, 0, 1]	[0, 2]	[0.5, 1]	[2, 0, 1]
Node1	Node2	B	[0, 1, 0]	[2, 1]	[1, 1]	[0, 1, 1]

Multi-kernel Dataflow-aware DSE (Cont.)

```

1 float A[32][16];
2 NODE0_I: for (int i=0; i<32; i++)
3     NODE0_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
4         A[i][k] = ...; // Load array A.
5
6 float B[16][16];
7 NODE1_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
8     NODE1_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
9         B[k][j] = ...; // Load array B.
10
11 float C[16][16];
12 NODE2_I: for (int i=0; i<16; i++)
13     NODE2_J: for (int j=0; j<16; j++)
14         NODE2_K: for (int k=0; k<16; k++)
15             C[i][j] = A[i*2][k] * B[k][j];

```

Step (3) Node Parallelization

Node	Intensity	Parallel Factor		Loop Unroll Factors			
		w/o IA	w/ IA	IA+CA	IA	CA	Naive
Node0	512	32	4	[4, 1]	[2, 2]	[8, 4]	[4, 8]
Node1	256	32	2	[1, 2]	[1, 2]	[4, 8]	[4, 8]
Node2	4,096	32	32	[4, 8, 1]	[4, 8, 1]	[4, 8, 1]	[4, 8, 1]

Intensity-aware (IA)
Connectedness-aware (CA)
HIDA DSE

Naive
DSE

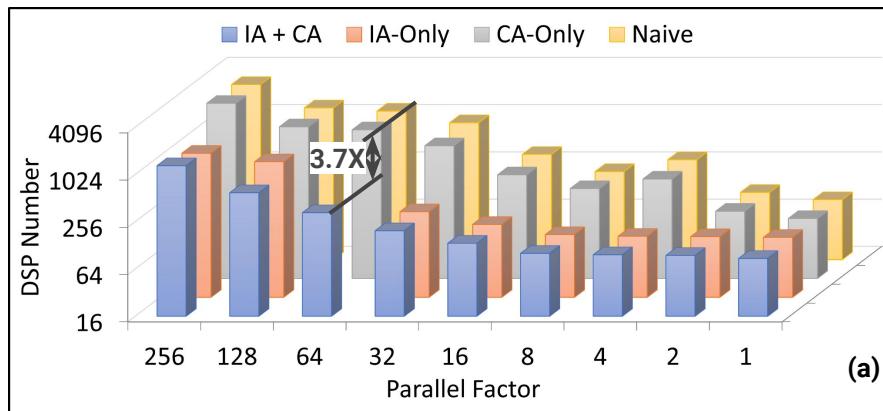
Array	Array Partition Factors				Bank Number			
	IA+CA	IA	CA	Naive	IA+CA	IA	CA	Naive
A	[8, 1]	[8, 2]	[8, 4]	[8, 8]	8	16	32	64
B	[1, 8]	[2, 8]	[4, 8]	[8, 8]	8	16	32	64
C	[4, 8]	[4, 8]	[4, 8]	[4, 8]	32	32	32	32

8x

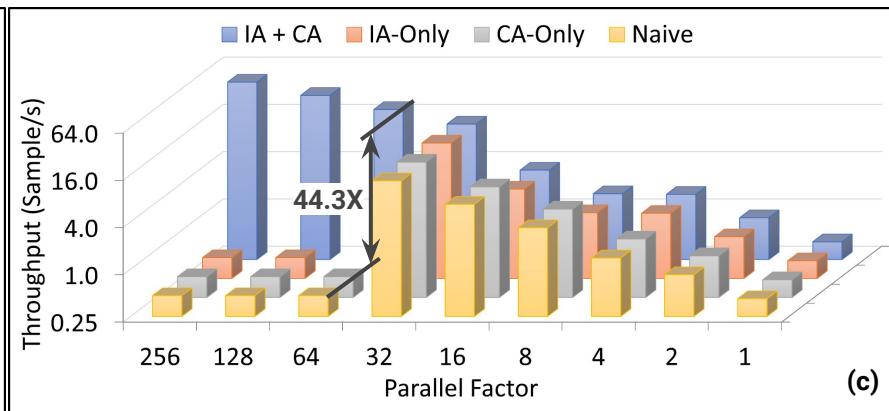
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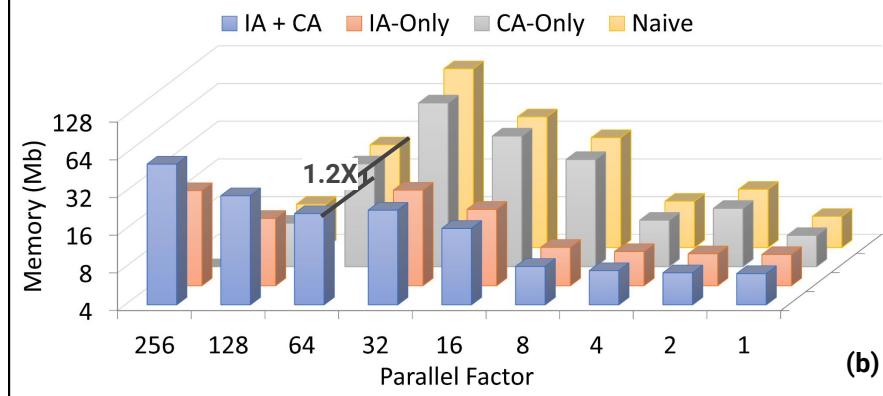
ResNet-18 Ablation Study on HIDA



(a)



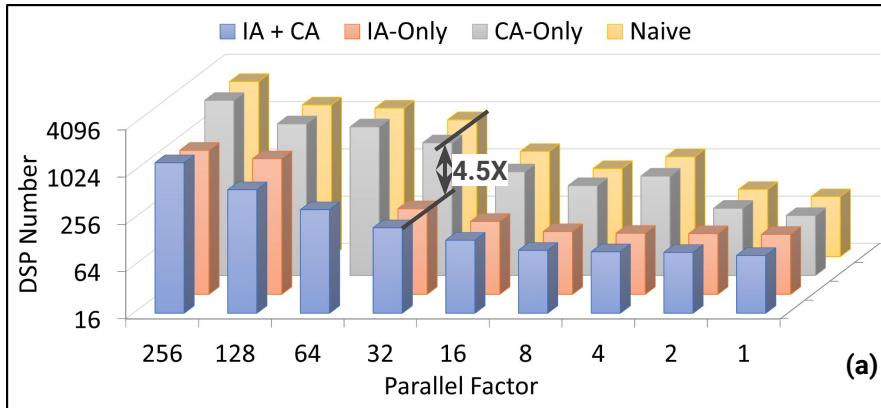
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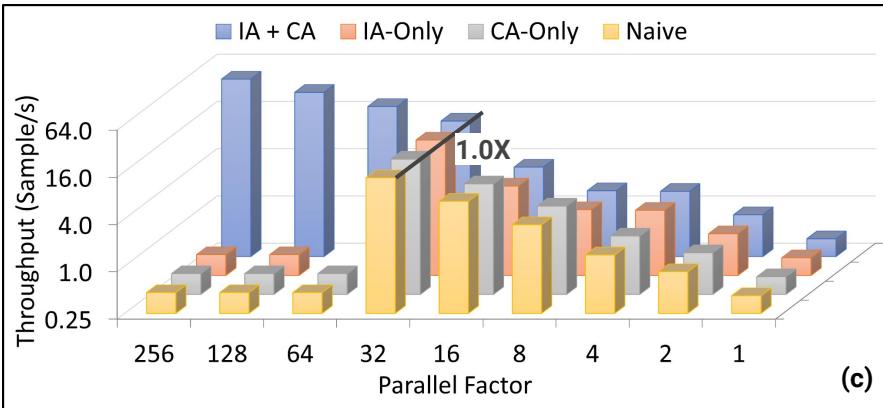
(b)

- IA+CA parallelization can determine whether the solution is scalable

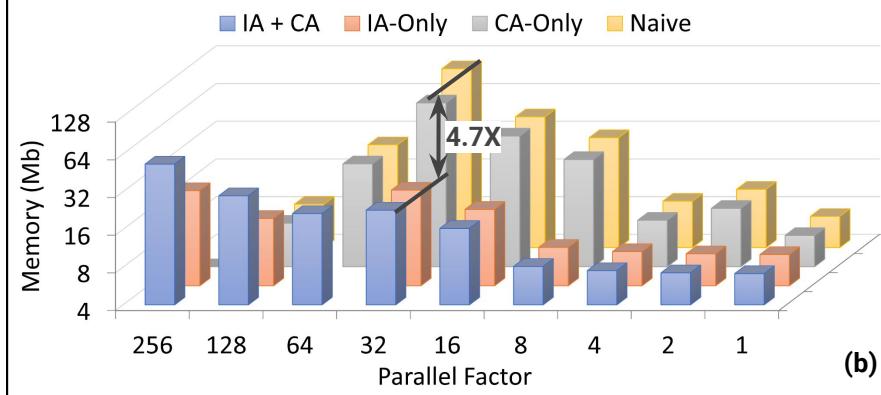
ResNet-18 Ablation Study on HIDA (Cont.)



(a)



(c)



(b)

- IA+CA parallelization can determine whether the solution is scalable
- IA+CA parallelization can significantly reduce resource utilization

Dataflow-aware Results on DNN Models

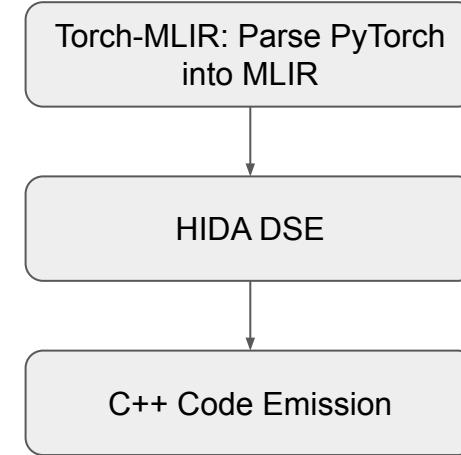
Model	HIDA Compile Time (s)	LUT Number	DSP Number	Throughput (Samples/s)*			HIDA	DSP Efficiency*	
				HIDA	DNNBuilder [75]	ScaleHLS [68]		DNNBuilder [75]	ScaleHLS [68]
ResNet-18	83.1	142.1k	667	45.4	-	3.3 (13.88×)	73.8%	-	5.2% (14.24×)
MobileNet	110.8	132.9k	518	137.4	-	15.4 (8.90×)	75.5%	-	9.6% (7.88×)
ZFNet	116.2	103.8k	639	90.4	112.2 (0.81×)	-	82.8%	79.7% (1.04×)	-
VGG-16	199.9	266.2k	1118	48.3	27.7 (1.74×)	6.9 (6.99×)	102.1%	96.2% (1.06×)	18.6% (5.49×)
YOLO	188.2	202.8k	904	33.7	22.1 (1.52×)	-	94.3%	86.0% (1.10×)	-
MLP	40.9	21.0k	164	938.9	-	152.6 (6.15×)	90.0%	-	17.6% (5.10×)
Geo. Mean	108.7				1.29×	8.54×		1.07×	7.49×

* Numbers in () show throughput/DSP efficiency improvements of HIDA over others.

PyTorch Model Compilation

```
$ python3 resnet18.py |\  
scalehls-opt \  
-hida-pytorch-pipeline=  
"top-func=forward  
loop-tile-size=8  
loop-unroll-factor=4  
external-buffer-threshold=1024" |\  
scalehls-translate \  
-scalehls-emit-hlscpp \  
-emit-vitis-directives \  
> resnet18.cpp
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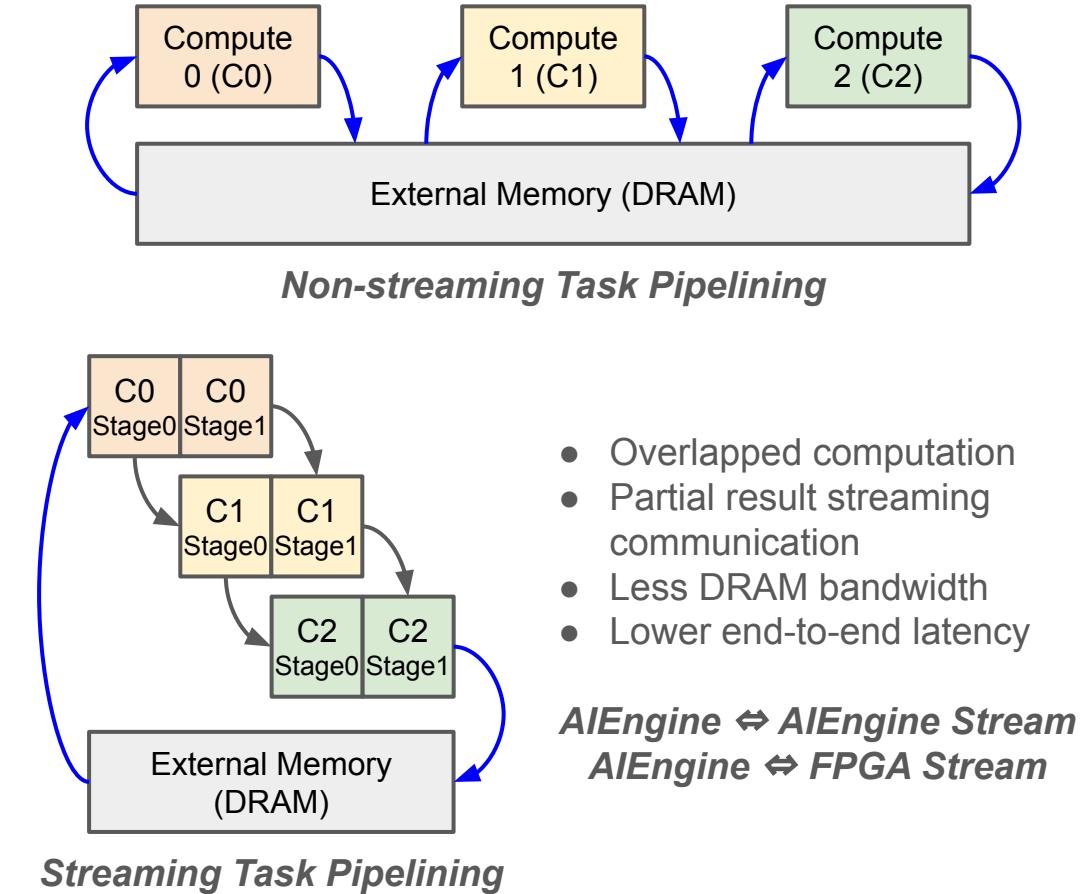
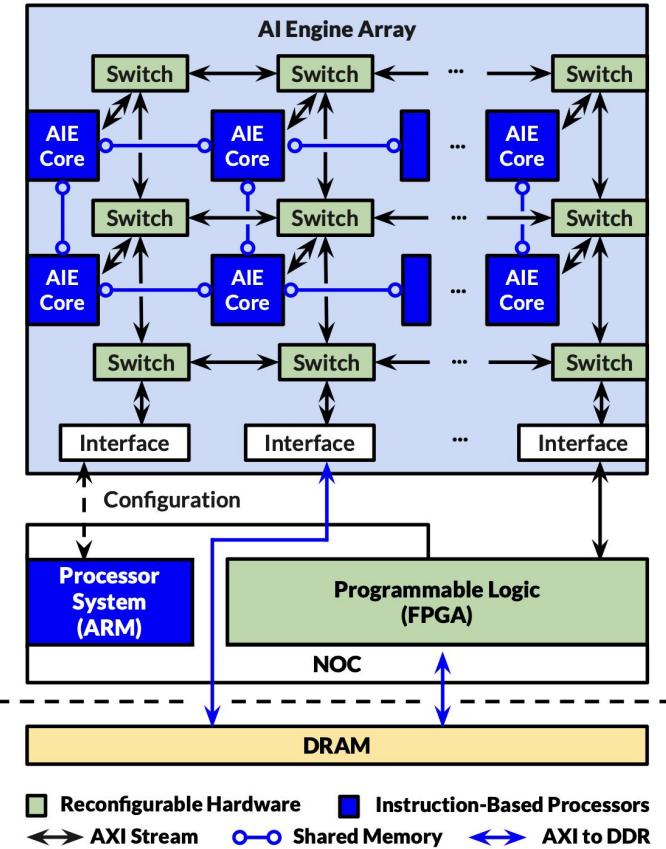
PyTorch Optimization Pipeline



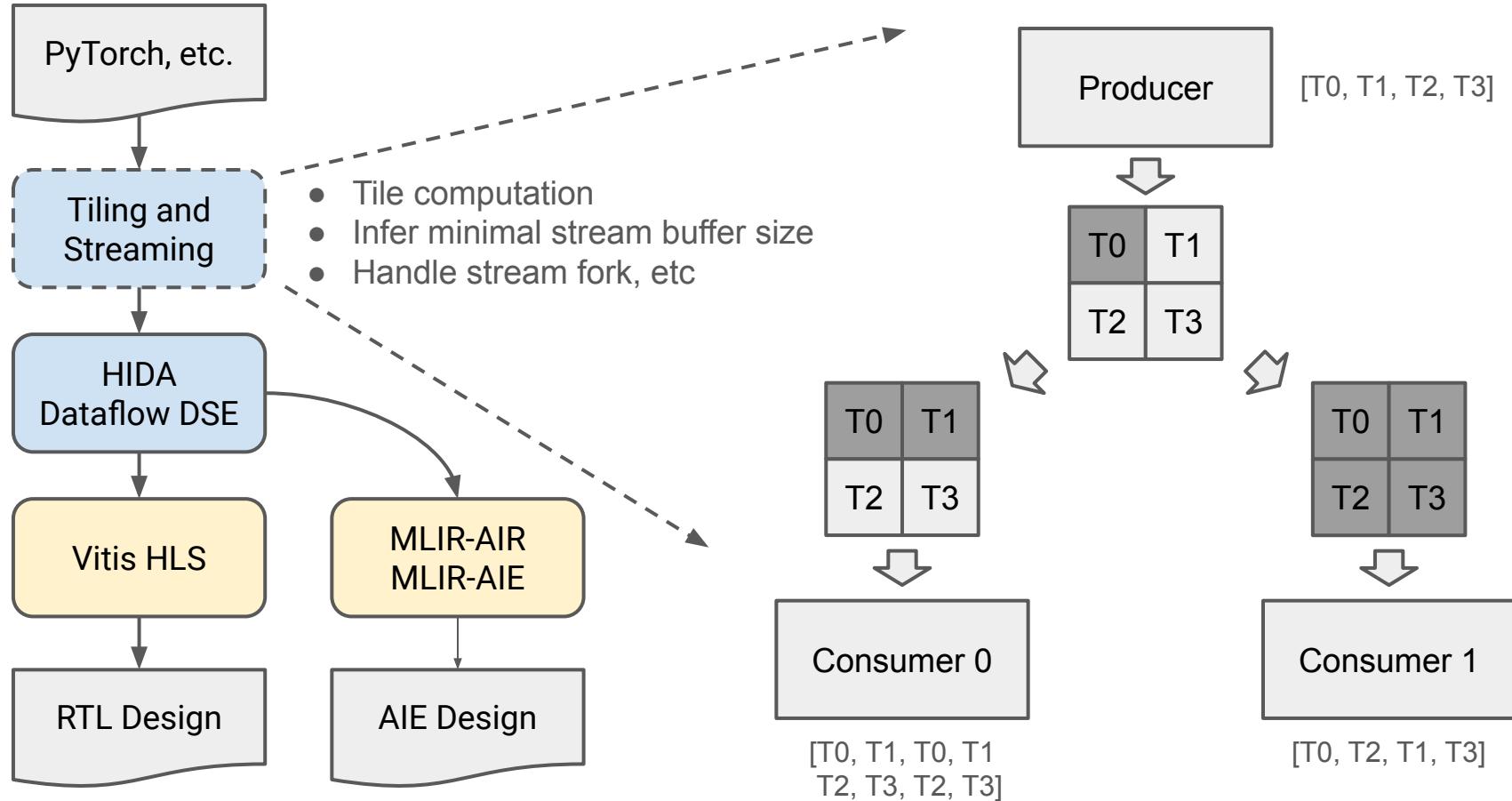
Section 8:

HIDA for Versal ACAP

Keep Data on Chip!



Automated Stream Inference and Implementation



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Tutorial Information

- Github Repository: <https://github.com/UIUC-ChenLab/ScaleHLS-HIDA>
- ScaleHLS Paper (HPCA'22): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.11673>
- HIDA Paper (ASPLOS'24): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.03379>
- Other Related Papers: DAC'22, DAC'23, Trets'23, ISPD'23
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Section 9:

Xcelo™: A New HLS Tool with Full Automation