

# UHDM

Universal Hardware Data Model

[github.com/alainmarcel/UHDM](https://github.com/alainmarcel/UHDM)

Interface in between parsers (SureLog...) and tools

For every SystemVerilog Object in the IEEE 1800-2017 Object Model, this tool creates:

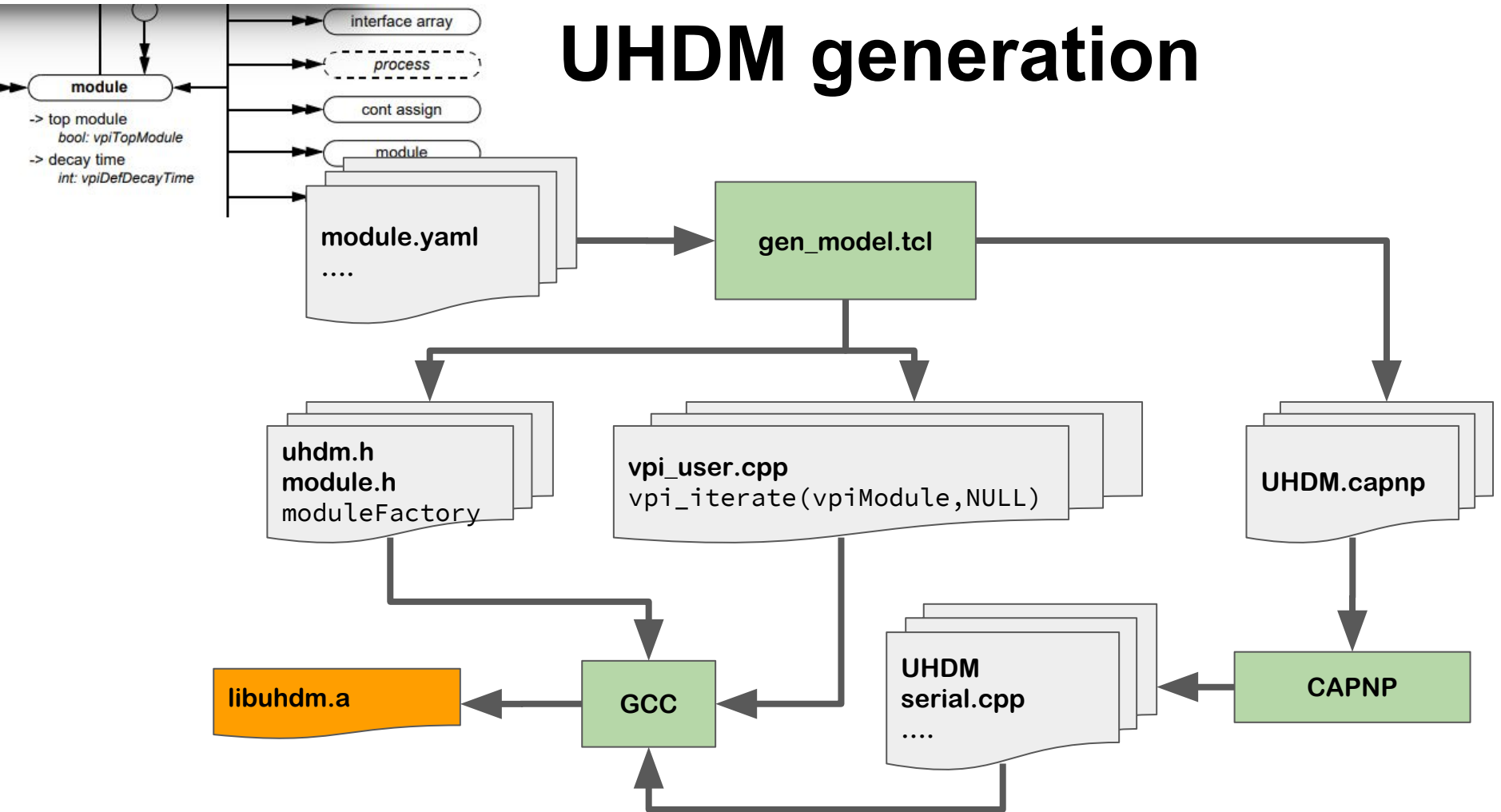
- a C++ class,
- corresponding VPI access (vpi\_iterate, vpi\_get, vpi\_handle...)
- Serialization using Cap'n Proto mechanism
- Walker (Decompiler) producing human readable output
- Listener Design Pattern
- Optional Elaborator/Uniquification (pre or post serialization)

## How?

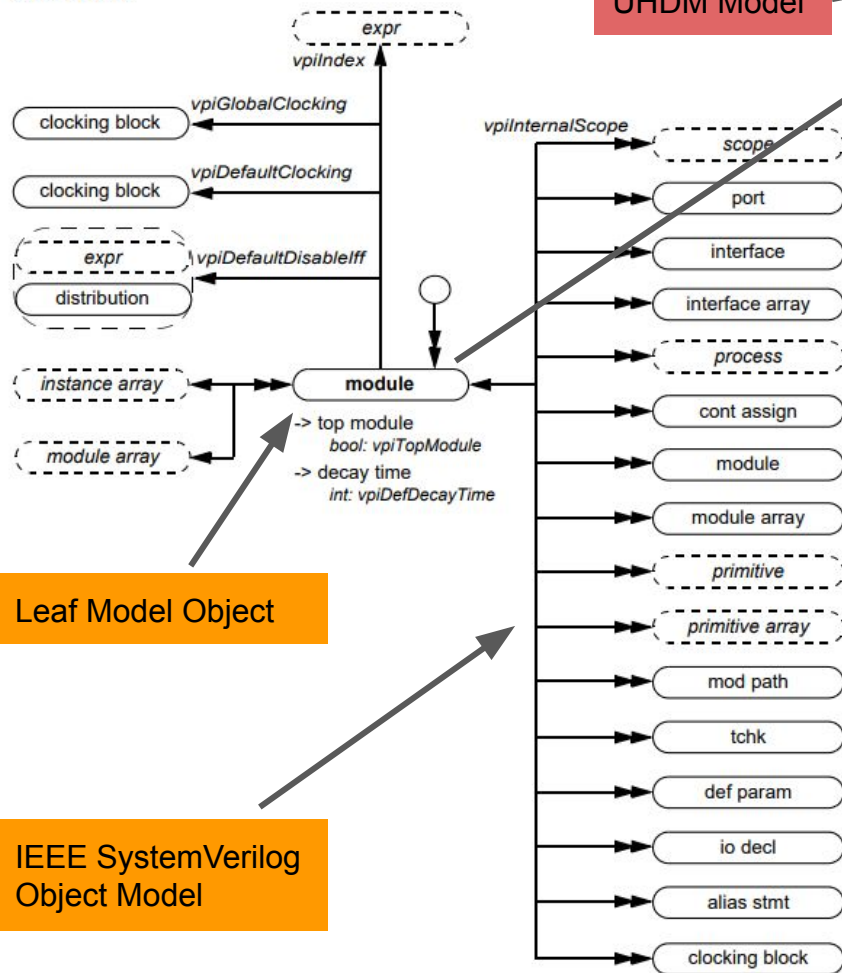
- The Object Model is captured in YAML-like form
- A script generates all the code automatically.
- In-memory data model is read/write even after deserialization

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# UHDM generation

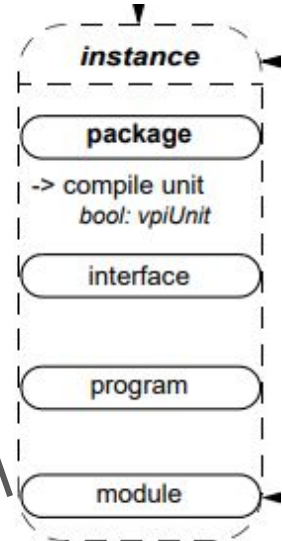


### 37.5 Module



UHD Model

```
obj_def: module
- extends: instance
- property: index
  name: index
  vpi: vpiIndex
  type: unsigned int
  card: 1
- property: type
  name: vpiModule
  vpi: vpiType
  type: unsigned int
  card: 1
- property: top_module
  name: top module
  type: bool
  vpi: vpiTopModule
  card: 1
- property: decay_time
  name: decay time
  type: int
  vpi: vpiDefDecayTime
  card: 1
- obj_ref: global_clocking
  name: global clocking
  vpi: vpiGlobalClocking
  type: clocking_block
  card: 1
- obj_ref: default_clocking
  name: default clocking
  vpi: vpiDefaultClocking
  type: clocking_block
  card: 1
- class_ref: expr_dist
  name: expr distribution
  vpi: vpiDefaultDisableIf
```



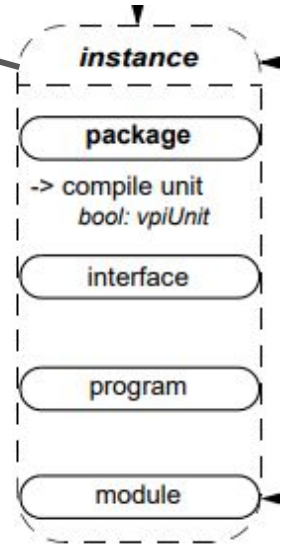
The "instance" diagram shows that "module" inherits from "instance"

Leaf Model Object

IEEE SystemVerilog Object Model

All objects have a type field matching their name by default (camelization), but model writer can override

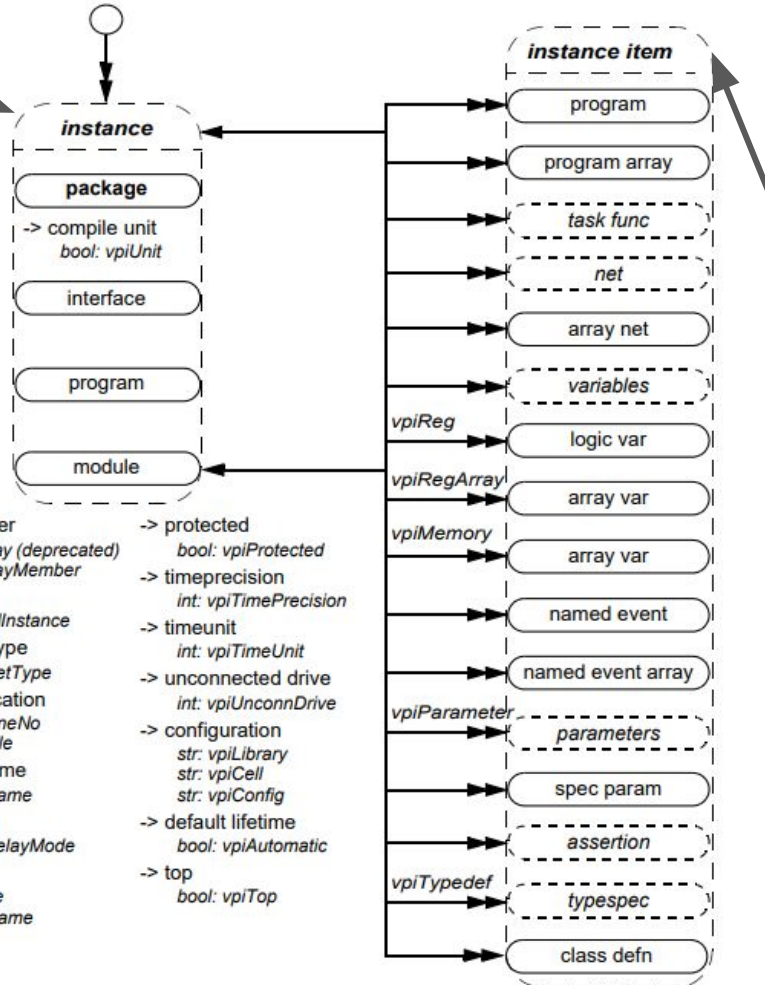
```
- obj_def: package
- extends: instance
- property: type
  name: vpiPackage
  vpi: vpiType
  type: unsigned int
  card: 1
- property: compile_unit
  name: compile unit
  vpi: vpiUnit
  type: bool
  card: 1
```



Virtual Object (Class), cannot be instantiated

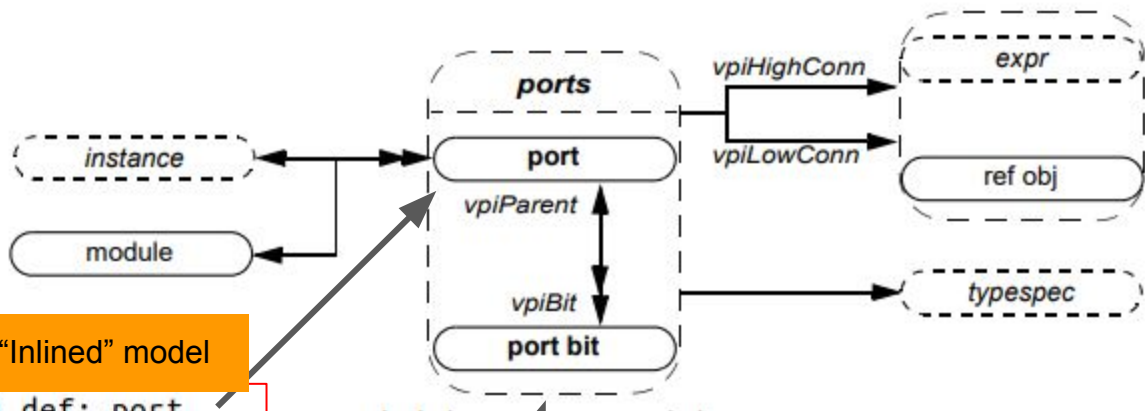
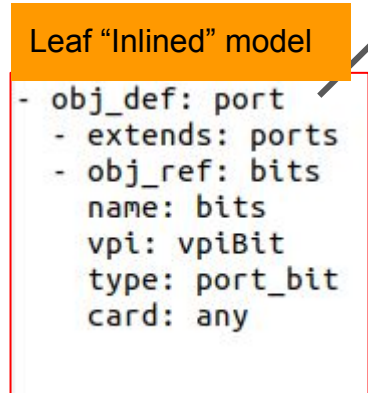
```
class_def: instance
- extends: scope
- property: definition_name
  name: definition name
  vpi: vpiDefName
  type: string
  card: 1
- property: array_member
  name: array member
  vpi: vpiArrayMember
  type: bool
  card: 1
- property: cell
  name: cell
  vpi: vpiCellInstance
  type: bool
  card: 1
- property: default_net_type
  name: default net type
  vpi: vpiDefNetType
  type: int
  card: 1
- property: definition_location_file
  name: definition location file
  vpi: vpiDefFile
  type: string
  card: 1
- property: definition_location_line
  name: definition location line
  vpi: vpiDefLineNo
```

-> array member	-> protected
bool: vpiArray (deprecated)	bool: vpiProtected
bool: vpiArrayMember	
-> cell	-> timeprecision
bool: vpiCellInstance	int: vpiTimePrecision
-> default net type	-> timeunit
int: vpiDefNetType	int: vpiTimeUnit
-> definition location	-> unconnected drive
int: vpiDefLineNo	int: vpiUnconnDrive
str: vpiDefFile	-> configuration
-> definition name	str: vpiLibrary
str: vpiDefName	str: vpiCell
-> delay mode	str: vpiConfig
int: vpiDefDelayMode	-> default lifetime
-> name	bool: vpiAutomatic
str: vpiName	-> top
str: vpiFullName	bool: vpiTop



Named Group (think void\*)

```
- group_def: instance_item
- obj_ref: program
- obj_ref: program_array
- class_ref: task_func
- class_ref: net
- class_ref: array_net
- class_ref: variables
- obj_ref: logic_var
- obj_ref: array_var
- obj_ref: named_event
- obj_ref: named_event_array
- class_ref: parameters
- obj_ref: spec_param
- class_ref: assertion
- class_ref: typespec
- class_ref: class_defn
```



Unnamed group (we give a representative name)

```
- group_def: expr_ref_obj_group
- class_ref: expr
- obj_ref: ref_obj
```

```
- class_def: ports
- property: index
  name: index
  vpi: vpiPortIndex
  type: unsigned int
  card: 1
.....
- property: explicitly_named
  name: name
  vpi: vpiExplicitName
  type: string
  card: 1
- group_ref: high_conn
  name: high conn
  vpi: vpiHighConn
  type: expr_ref_obj_group
  card: 1
- group_ref: low_conn
  name: low conn
  vpi: vpiLowConn
  type: expr_ref_obj_group
```

# UHDM APIs

## Populate UHDM:

```
std::vector<vpiHandle> build_designs (Serializer& s) {  
    std::vector<vpiHandle> designs;  
    design* d = s.MakeDesign();  
    d->VpiName("design1");  
  
    //-----  
    // Module definition M1 (non elaborated)  
    module* m1 = s.MakeModule();  
    {  
        m1->VpiDefName("M1");  
        m1->VpiParent(d);  
        m1->VpiFile("fake1.sv");  
        m1->VpiLineNo(10);  
    }  
}
```

## VPI:

```
unsigned int objectType = vpi_get(vpiType, obj_h);  
if (objectType == vpiModule) {  
    if (const int n = vpi_get(vpiTopModule, obj_h)) ...  
    vpiHandle itr = vpi_iterate(vpiPort,obj_h);  
    while (vpiHandle obj = vpi_scan(itr) ) {  
        ...  
        release_handle(obj);  
    }  
}
```

## Main:

```
Serializer serializer;  
const std::vector<vpiHandle>& designs = build_designs(serializer);
```

```
cout << "DUMP Design content (Pre elab):\n";  
visit_designs(designs);
```

```
ElaboratorListener* listener = new ElaboratorListener(&serializer, true);  
listen_designs(designs,listener);
```

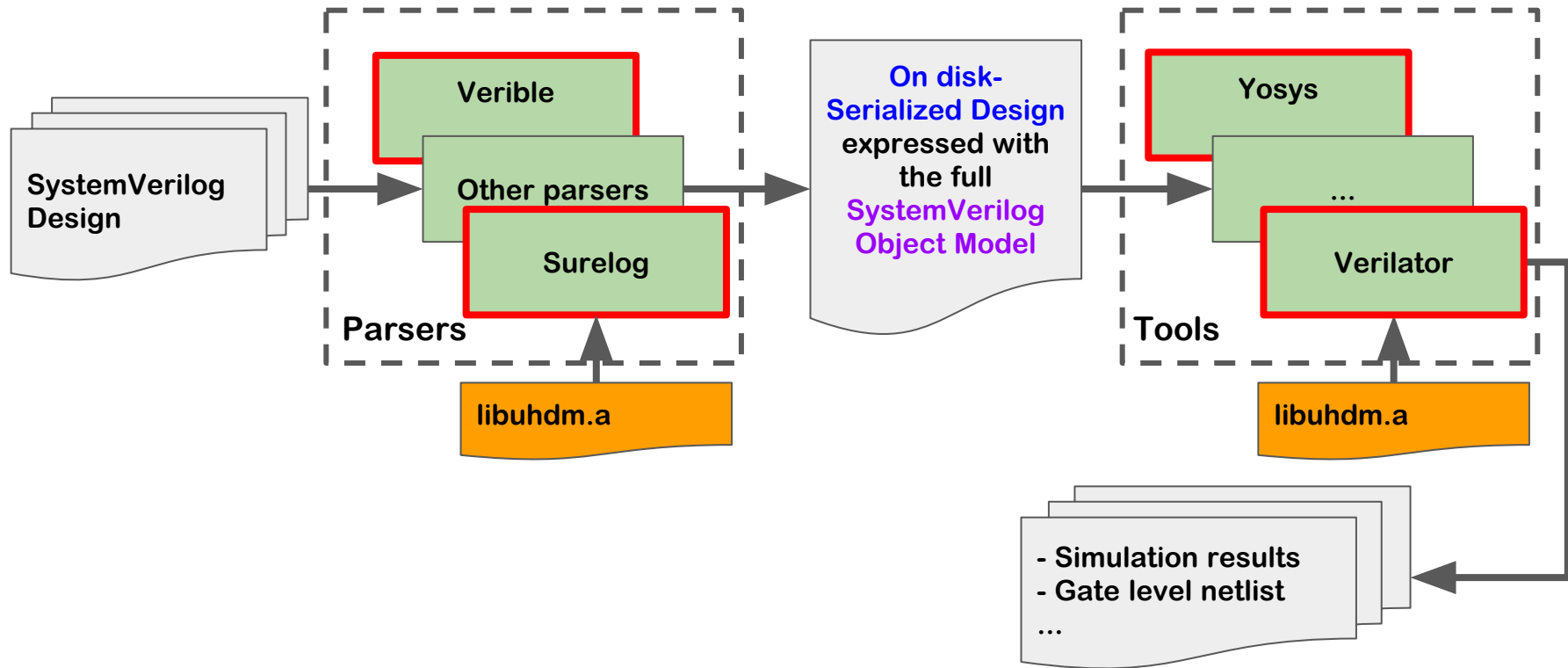
```
MyVpiListener* listener = new MyVpiListener();  
listen_designs(designs,listener);
```

## Custom Listener:

```
class MyVpiListener : public VpiListener {  
protected:  
    void enterModule(const module* object, const BaseClass* parent,  
        vpiHandle handle, vpiHandle parentHandle) override {  
        const char* const parentName = vpi_get_str(vpiName, parentHandle);  
        std::cout << "Module: " << object->VpiName()  
            << ", parent: " << ((parentName != nullptr) ? parentName : "") << std::endl;
```



# UHDM in the Compiler flow





# SureLog

First parser supporting UHDM database: **SureLog**

SystemVerilog Parser + Preprocessor

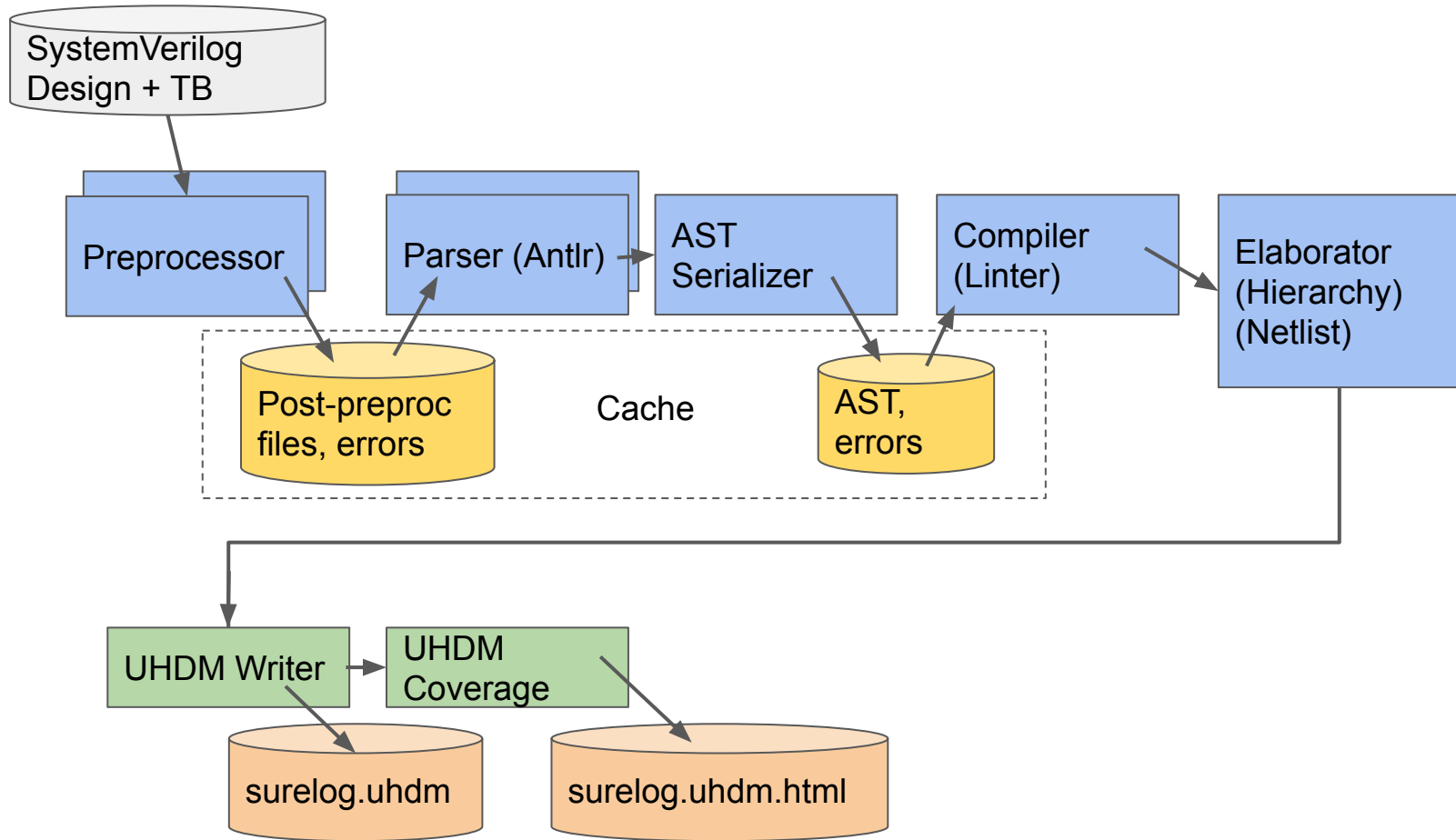
[github.com/alainmarcel/Surelog](https://github.com/alainmarcel/Surelog)

Written in C++

ANTLR with multithreading + incremental (persistent ASTs)

Semantic checks, Datatype binding, Design & UVM  
Elaboration, Python API, UHDM on-disk compiled  
output

# SureLog Architecture



# SureLog AST and UHDM dump example

Test:

```
module top(input a);  
endmodule
```

AST:

```
n<> u<0> t<Null_rule> p<14> s<13> l<1>  
n<> u<1> t<Module_keyword> p<10> s<2> l<1>  
n<top> u<2> t<StringConst> p<10> s<9> l<1>  
n<> u<3> t<PortDir_Inp> p<6> s<5> l<1>  
n<> u<4> t<Data_type_or_implicit> p<5> l<1>  
n<> u<5> t<Net_port_type> p<6> c<4> l<1>  
n<> u<6> t<Net_port_header> p<8> c<3> s<7> l<1>  
n<a> u<7> t<StringConst> p<8> l<1>  
n<> u<8> t<Ansi_port_declaration> p<9> c<6> l<1>  
n<> u<9> t<List_of_port_declarations> p<10> c<8> l<1>  
n<> u<10> t<Module_ansi_header> p<11> c<1> l<1>  
n<> u<11> t<Module_declaration> p<12> c<10> l<1>  
n<> u<12> t<Description> p<13> c<11> l<1>  
n<> u<13> t<Source_text> p<14> c<12> l<1>  
n<> u<14> t<Top_level_rule> l<1>
```

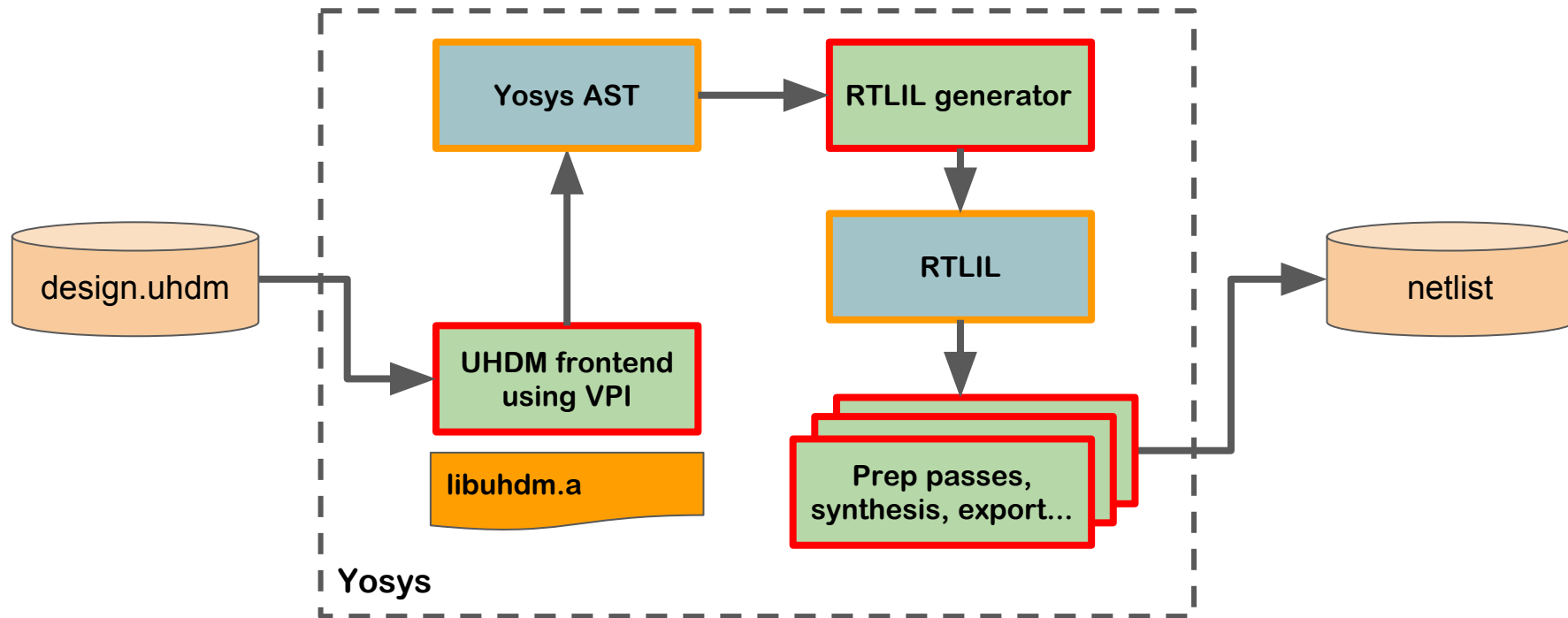
UHDM dump:

```
|uhdmtopModules:  
\_module: work@top (work@top) tests/ScratchPad.sv:1:  
|vpiDefName:work@top  
|vpiName:work@top  
|vpiPort:  
\_port: (a), line:1, parent:work@top  
|vpiName:a  
|vpiDirection:1  
|vpiLowConn:  
\_ref_obj:  
|vpiActual:  
|_logic_net: (work@top.a), line:1, parent:work@top  
|vpiName:a  
|vpiFullName:work@top.a  
|vpiNet:  
\_logic_net: (work@top.a), line:1, parent:work@top
```

# UHDM-Yosys

<https://github.com/alainmarcel/uhdm-integration>

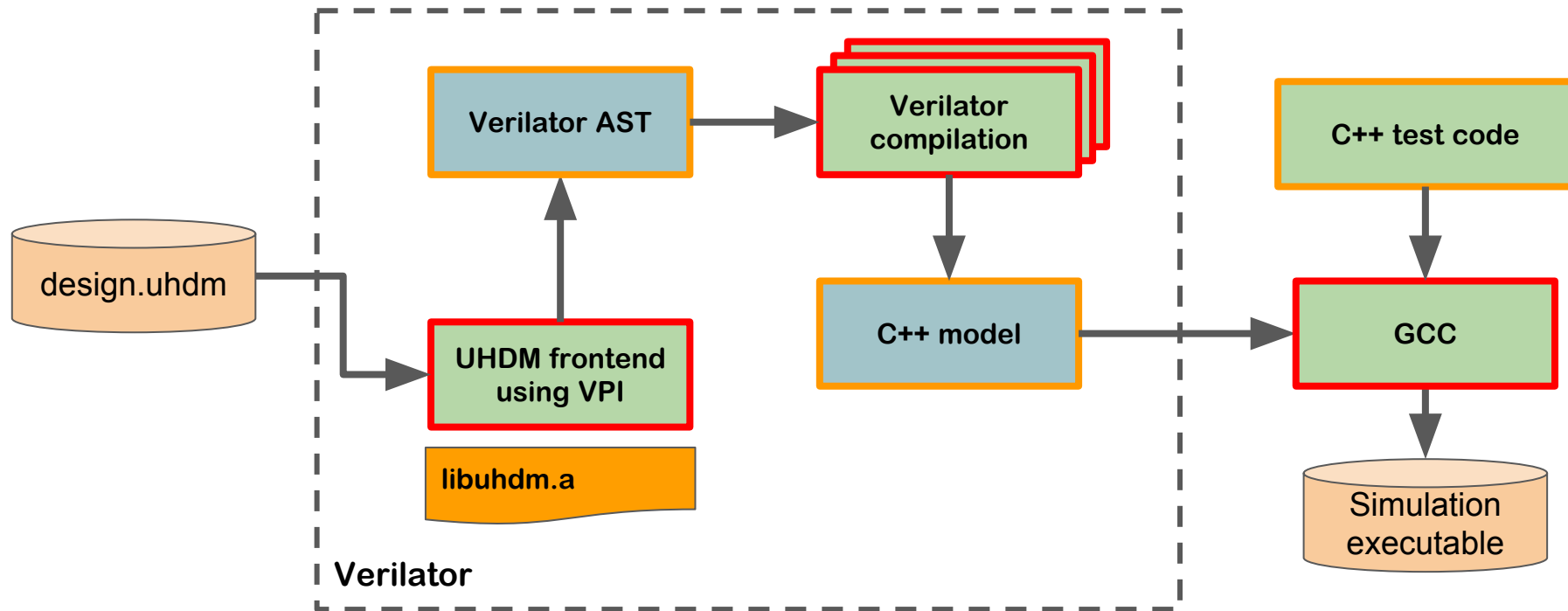
<https://github.com/antmicro/yosys/tree/uhdm-yosys>



# UHDM-Verilator

<https://github.com/alainmarcel/uhdm-integration>

<https://github.com/antmicro/verilator/tree/uhdm-verilator>

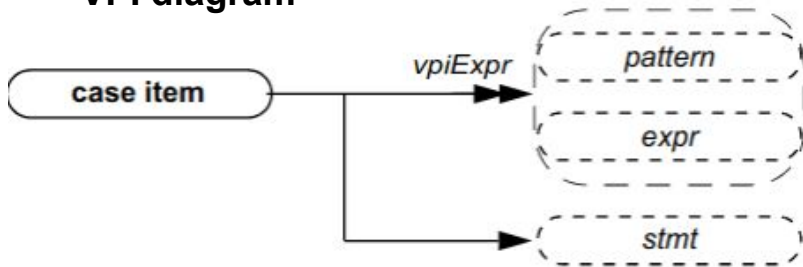


# UHDM-Verilator

<https://github.com/alainmarcel/uhdh-integration>

<https://github.com/antmicro/verilator/tree/uhdh-verilator>

## VPI diagram



- Frontend walks the design tree (based on vpi\_visitor example in UHDM)
- Functions provided for retrieving one-to-many, one-to-one relations
- UHDM AST is translated into Verilog AST, replacing Verilator parser
- The rest of Verilator flow is not modified
- Same idea for Yosys

## Verilator UHDM frontend

```
case vpiCaseItem: {
    AstNode* expressionNode = nullptr;
    visit_one_to_many({vpiExpr}, obj_h, visited, top_nodes,
        [&](AstNode* item){
            if (item) {
                if (expressionNode == nullptr) {
                    expressionNode = item;
                } else {
                    expressionNode->addNextNull(item);
                }
            }
        });
    AstNode* bodyNode = nullptr;
    visit_one_to_one({vpiStmt}, obj_h, visited, top_nodes,
        [&](AstNode* node){
            bodyNode = node;
        });
    return new AstCaseItem(new FileLine("uhdm"),
        expressionNode,
        bodyNode);
}
```

# UHDM, Yosys, Verilator Coverage

## Overall Coverage: 97.3%

Cov: 31.4% [../src/lowrisc\\_prim\\_diff\\_decode 0/rtl/prim\\_diff\\_decode.sv](#)  
Cov: 36.1% [../src/lowrisc\\_ip\\_aes 0.6/rtl/aes\\_sbox.sv](#)  
Cov: 42.1% [../src/lowrisc\\_ibex\\_ibex\\_core 0.1/rtl/ibex\\_alu.sv](#)  
Cov: 45.8% [../src/lowrisc\\_prim\\_all 0.1/rtl/prim\\_present.sv](#)  
Cov: 53.6% [../src/lowrisc\\_prim\\_generic\\_rom 0/rtl/prim\\_generic\\_rom.sv](#)  
Cov: 56.9% [../src/lowrisc\\_ip\\_padctrl\\_component 0.1/rtl/padring.sv](#)  
Cov: 59.6% [../src/lowrisc\\_ibex\\_ibex\\_icache 0.1/rtl/ibex\\_icache.sv](#)  
Cov: 60% [../src/lowrisc\\_prim\\_xilinx\\_clock\\_mux2 0/rtl/prim\\_xilinx\\_clock\\_mux2.sv](#)  
Cov: 62.5% [../src/lowrisc\\_prim\\_xilinx\\_clock\\_gating 0/rtl/prim\\_xilinx\\_clock\\_gating.sv](#)

File level coverage and ranking

*Each stage expresses its coverage relatively to the previous stage data structure:*

*UHDM cov  $\approx$  UHDM nodes / AST nodes (source lines)*

*Yosys cov  $\approx$  Yosys nodes / UHDM nodes*

*Verilator cov  $\approx$  Verilator nodes / UHDM nodes*

## Detailed line coverage

```
260:
261:    // Dataram
262:    assign data_req_ic0    = lookup_req_ic0 | fill_req_ic0;
263:    assign data_index_ic0 = tag_index_ic0;
264:    assign data_banks_ic0 = tag_banks_ic0;
265:    assign data_write_ic0 = tag_write_ic0;
266:
267:    // Append ECC checkbits to write data if required
268:    if (ICacheECC) begin : gen_ecc_wdata
269:
270:        // Tagram ECC
271:        // Reuse the same ecc encoding module for larger cache sizes by padding with zeros
272:        logic [21:0]      tag_ecc_input_padded;
273:        logic [27:0]      tag_ecc_output_padded;
274:        logic [22-TAG_SIZE:0] tag_ecc_output_unused;
275:
```



# sv-tests

<https://symbiflow.github.io/sv-tests/>

Test suite to check compliance with the SystemVerilog LRM by chapter as well as some real-world cores and test-cases.

Search:

		icarus	moore	moore_parse	odin	slang	surelog	sv2v zachys	sv_parser	tree_sitter_verilog	uhdmverilator	uhdmvosys	verible	verilator	yosys	yosysv
Ariane RISC-V core	ariane	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Imported from Basejump STL	basejump	75/320	88/320	295/320	0/320	95/320	307/320	306/320	314/320	0/320	69/320	68/320	316/320	111/320	0/320	164/320
BlackParrot RISC-V core	black-parrot	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	2/6	6/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6
Lowrisc chip with Ibex core	earlgrey	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
FX68K m68k core	fx68k	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1
Imported from hdlConvortor	hdlconv	55/306	54/306	148/306	9/306	111/306	284/306	94/306	306/306	191/306	70/306	70/306	261/306	89/306	44/306	48/306
Ibex RISC-V core	ibex	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	1/1
Tests imported from ivtest	ivtest	1587/1639	405/1639	1334/1639	173/1639	1306/1639	1659/2206	1324/1639	1637/1639	28/1639	818/2206	79/1639	1617/1639	1481/2206	729/2206	730/2206
RSD RISC-V core	rsd	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Various sanity checks	sanity	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
SCR1 RISC-V core	scr1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
SweRV RISC-V core	swerv	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Taiga RISC-V core	taiga	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1	0/1	0/1	0/1
Imported from utd-SystemVerilog	utd-sv	121/295	15/295	292/295	103/295	121/295	294/295	288/295	295/295	272/295	113/295	119/295	294/295	125/295	286/295	286/295
Tests imported from UVM	uvm	3/152	3/152	3/152	3/152	3/152	146/163	3/152	39/152	3/152	14/163	3/152	132/152	14/163	14/163	14/163
uvm_agent examples	uvm-agents	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	0/3	0/3
UVM tests using assertions	uvm-assertions	0/26	0/26	0/26	0/26	0/26	26/37	0/26	26/26	0/26	11/37	0/26	12/26	11/37	11/37	11/37
Particular UVM classes	uvm-classes	0/36	0/36	0/36	0/36	0/36	36/36	0/36	2/36	0/36	0/36	0/36	36/36	0/36	0/36	0/36
UVM Prerequisites	uvm-req	147/276	195/297	264/297	17/297	234/297	293/308	195/297	295/297	160/276	73/308	67/276	271/276	224/308	74/308	83/308
uvm_scoreboard examples	uvm-scoreboards	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	0/3	0/3	3/3	0/3	0/3	0/3
Tests imported from Yosys	yosys	171/186	51/186	156/186	72/186	174/186	186/186	173/186	184/186	164/186	126/186	161/186	178/186	176/186	154/186	154/186

# Future?

Frontend  
“Language Support”

Backend  
Synthesizable



Verible

Surelog

Synthesizable  
Bridge

Yosys

Feature  
Extraction  
Common  
Functionality

Counters /  
Muxes / etc

Verilator

Backend  
Simulatable

Icarus

New distributed  
Simulator 1

VHDL

Chisel

UVM