

1. INTRODUCTION

A Multi-Processor System on Chip (MPSoC) is a System on Chip (SoC) which includes multiple Processing Units (PU). As such, it is a Multi-Core System-on-Chip. All PUs are linked to each other by a Network on Chip (NoC). These technologies meet the performance needs of multimedia applications, telecommunication architectures or network security.

2. PROJECTS

2.1. CORE-OR1K

2.1.1. Definition

The OpenRISC implementation has a 32/64 bit Microarchitecture, 5 stages data pipeline and an Instruction Set Architecture based on Reduced Instruction Set Computer. Compatible with Wishbone Bus. Only For Researching.

2.1.2. RISC Pipeline

In computer science, instruction pipelining is a technique for implementing instruction-level parallelism within a PU. Pipelining attempts to keep every part of the processor busy with some instruction by dividing incoming instructions into a series of sequential steps performed by different PUs with different parts of instructions processed in parallel. It allows faster PU throughput than would otherwise be possible at a given clock rate.

Typical	Modified	Module
FETCH	FETCH	or1k_cache_lru or1k_fetch_cappuccino or1k_icache or1k_immu
DECODE	DECODE	or1k_decode
EXECUTE & CONTROL	EXECUTE & WRITE-BACK	or1k_execute_alu or1k_execute_ctrl_cappuccino or1k_rf_cappuccino or1k_wb_mux_cappuccino
MEMORY	MEMORY	or1k_dcache or1k_dmmu or1k_lsu_cappuccino
WRITE-BACK	CONTROL	or1k_store_buffer or1k_cfgrs

Typical	Modified	Module
		or1k_ctrl_cappuccino
		or1k_pcu
		or1k_pic
		or1k_ticktimer

- IF – Instruction Fetch Unit : Send out the PC and fetch the instruction from memory into the Instruction Register (IR); increment the PC to address the next sequential instruction. The IR is used to hold the next instruction that will be needed on subsequent clock cycles; likewise the register NPC is used to hold the next sequential PC.
- ID – Instruction Decode Unit : Decode the instruction and access the register file to read the registers. This unit gets instruction from IF, and extracts opcode and operand from that instruction. It also retrieves register values if requested by the operation.
- EX – Execution Unit : The ALU operates on the operands prepared in prior cycle, performing one functions depending on instruction type.
- MEM – Memory Access Unit : Instructions active in this unit are loads, stores and branches.
- WB – WriteBack Unit : Write the result into the register file, whether it comes from the memory system or from the ALU.

2.1.3. CORE-OR1K Organization

The CORE-OR1K is based on the Harvard architecture, which is a computer architecture with separate storage and signal pathways for instructions and data. The implementation is heavily modular, with each particular functional block of the design being contained within its own HDL module or modules. The OR1K implementation was developed in order to provide a better platform for processor component development than previous implementations.

Core	Module description
or1k_core	Top-level, instantiatng bus interfaces, data cache and CPU
...or1k_dcache	Data cache implementation
...or1k_bus_if_xx	Bus interface, depending on desired bus standard
...or1k_cpu	Pipeline implementation wrapper
....or1k_cpu_xx	Pipeline implementation, depending on configuration
.....or1k_fetch_xx	Pipeline-implementation-dependent fetch stage
.....or1k_decode	Generic decode stage
.....or1k_execute_alu	Generic ALU for execute stage
.....or1k_lsu_xx	Pipeline-implementation-dependent load/store unit

Core	Module description
.....or1k_wb_mux_xx	Pipeline-implementation-dependent writeback stage mux
.....or1k_rf_xx	Pipeline-implementation-dependent register file
.....or1k_ctrl_xx	Pipeline-implementation-dependent control stage

In a Harvard architecture, there is no need to make the two memories share characteristics. In particular, the word width, timing, implementation technology, and memory address structure can differ. In some systems, instructions for pre-programmed tasks can be stored in read-only memory while data memory generally requires read-write memory. In some systems, there is much more instruction memory than data memory so instruction addresses are wider than data addresses.

2.1.4. Parameters

2.1.4.1. Basic Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default	Values
OPTION_OPERAND_WIDTH	CPU data and address widths	32	32, 64
OPTION_CPU0	CPU pipeline core	CAPPUCCINO	CAPPUCCINO
OPTION_RESET_PC	Program Counter upon reset	0x100	N

2.1.4.2. Caching Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default	Values
FEATURE_DATACACHE	Enable memory access data caching	NONE	ENABLED
OPTION_DCACHE_BLOCK_WIDTH	Address width of a cache block	5	n
OPTION_DCACHE_SET_WIDTH	Set address width	9	n
OPTION_DCACHE_WAYS	Number of blocks per set	2	n
OPTION_DCACHE_LIMIT_WIDTH	Maximum address width	32	n
OPTION_DCACHE_SNOOP	Bus snooping for cache coherency	NONE	ENABLED
FEATURE_INSTRUCTIONCACHE	Memory access instruction caching	NONE	ENABLED
OPTION_ICACHE_BLOCK_WIDTH	Address width of a cache block	5	n
OPTION_ICACHE_SET_WIDTH	Set address width	9	n
OPTION_ICACHE_WAYS	Number of blocks per set	2	n
OPTION_ICACHE_LIMIT_WIDTH	Maximum address width	32	n

2.1.4.3. Memory Management Unit (MMU) Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default	Values
FEATURE_DMMU	Enable the data bus MMU	NONE	ENABLED
FEATURE_DMMU_HW_TLB_RELOAD	Enable hardware TLB reload	NONE	ENABLED
OPTION_DMMU_SET_WIDTH	Set address width	6	n
OPTION_DMMU_WAYS	Number of ways per set	1	n
FEATURE_IMMU	Enable the instruction bus MMU	NONE	ENABLED
FEATURE_IMMU_HW_TLB_RELOAD	Enable hardware TLB reload	NONE	ENABLED
OPTION_IMMU_SET_WIDTH	Set address width	6	n
OPTION_IMMU_WAYS	Number of ways per set	1	n

2.1.4.4. System Bus Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
FEATURE_STORE_BUFFER	Load store unit store buffer	ENABLED
OPTION_STORE_BUFFER_DEPTH_WIDTH	Load store unit store buffer depth	8
BUS_IF_TYPE	Bus interface type	WISHBONE32
IBUS_WB_TYPE	Instruction bus interface	B3_READ_BURSTING
DBUS_WB_TYPE	Data bus interface type option	CLASSIC

2.1.4.5. Hardware Unit Configuration Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
FEATURE_TRACEPORT_EXEC	Traceport hardware interface	NONE
FEATURE_DEBUGUNIT	Hardware breakpoints and debug unit	NONE
FEATURE_PERFCOUNTERS	Performance counters unit	NONE
OPTION_PERFCOUNTERS_NUM	Performance counters to generate	0
FEATURE_TIMER	Internal OpenRISC timer	ENABLED
FEATURE_PIC	Internal OpenRISC PIC	ENABLED
OPTION_PIC_TRIGGER	PIC trigger mode	LEVEL
OPTION_PIC_NMI_WIDTH	Non maskable interrupts width	0
OPTION_RF_CLEAR_ON_INIT	clearing all registers on initialization	0
OPTION_RF_NUM_SHADOW_GPR	Number of shadow register files	0
OPTION_RF_ADDR_WIDTH	Address width of the register file	5
OPTION_RF_WORDS	Number of registers in the register file	32
FEATURE_FASTCONTEXTS	Fast context switching of register sets	NONE
FEATURE_MULTICORE	coreid and numcores SPR registers	NONE
FEATURE_FPU	FPU, for cappuccino pipeline only	NONE
OPTION_FTOI_ROUNDING	Rounding behavior for lf.ftoi.s	CPP
FEATURE_BRANCH_PREDICTOR	Branch predictor implementation	SIMPLE

Note: C/C++ double to integer conversion assumes truncation (rounding

toward zero). The default (CPP) value of `OPTION_FTOI_ROUNDING` forces toward zero rounding mode exclusively for `lf.ftoi.s` instruction regardless of rounding mode bits of `FPCSR`. While with `IEEE` value `lf.ftoi.s` performs conversion in according with rounding mode bits of `FPCSR`. And these bits are nearest-even rounding mode by default. All other floating point instructions always perform rounding in according with rounding mode bits of `FPCSR`.

2.1.4.6. Exception Handling Options

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>FEATURE_DSX</code>	Enable setting the <code>SR[DSX]</code> flag	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_RANGE</code>	Enable checking and raising range exceptions	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_OVERFLOW</code>	Enable checking and raising overflow exceptions	ENABLED

2.1.4.7. ALU Configuration Options

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>FEATURE_MULTIPLIER</code>	Specify the multiplier implementation	THREESTAGE
<code>FEATURE_DIVIDER</code>	Specify the divider implementation	SERIAL
<code>OPTION_SHIFTER</code>	Specify the shifter implementation	BARREL
<code>FEATURE_CARRY_FLAG</code>	Enable checking and setting the carry flag	ENABLED

2.1.4.8. Instruction Enabling Options

Parameter	Description	Default
<code>FEATURE_MAC</code>	<code>1.mac*</code> multiply accumulate instructions	NONE
<code>FEATURE_SYSCALL</code>	<code>1.sys</code> OS syscall instruction	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_TRAP</code>	<code>1.trap</code> instruction	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_ADDC</code>	<code>1.addc</code> add with carry flag instruction	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_SRA</code>	<code>1.sra</code> shift right arithmetic instruction	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_ROR</code>	<code>1.ror*</code> rotate right instructions	NONE
<code>FEATURE_EXT</code>	<code>1.ext*</code> sign extend instructions	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CMOV</code>	<code>1.cmov</code> conditional move instruction	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_FFL1</code>	<code>1.f[f1]1</code> find first/last set bit instructions	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_ATOMIC</code>	<code>1.lwa</code> and <code>1.swa</code> atomic instructions	ENABLED
<code>FEATURE_CUST1</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CUST2</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CUST3</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CUST4</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CUST5</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE
<code>FEATURE_CUST6</code>	<code>1.cust*</code> custom instruction	NONE

Parameter	Description	Default
FEATURE_CUST7	1.cust* custom instruction	NONE
FEATURE_CUST8	1.cust* custom instruction	NONE

2.2. INSTRUCTION CACHE

2.2.1 Instruction INPUTS/OUTPUTS AMBA4 AXI-Lite Bus

2.2.1.1. Signals of the Read and Write Address channels

Write Port	Read Port	Size	Direction	Description
AWID	ARID	AXI_ID_WIDTH	Output	Address ID, to identify multiple streams
AWADDR	ARADDR	AXI_ADDR_WIDTH	Output	Address of the first beat of the burst
AWLEN	ARLEN	8	Output	Number of beats inside the burst
AWSIZE	ARSIZE	3	Output	Size of each beat
AWBURST	ARBURST	2	Output	Type of the burst
AWLOCK	ARLOCK	1	Output	Lock type, to provide atomic operations
AWCACHE	ARCACHE	4	Output	Memory type, progress through the system
AWPROT	ARPROT	3	Output	Protection type
AWQOS	ARQOS	4	Output	Quality of Service of the transaction
AWREGION	ARREGION	4	Output	Region identifier, physical to logical
AWUSER	ARUSER	AXI_USER_WIDTH	Output	User-defined data
AWVALID	ARVALID	1	Output	xVALID handshake signal
AWREADY	ARREADY	1	Input	xREADY handshake signal

2.2.1.2. Signals of the Read and Write Data channels

Write Port	Read Port	Size	Direction	Description
WID	RID	AXI_ID_WIDTH	Output	Data ID, to identify multiple streams
WDATA	RDATA	AXI_DATA_WIDTH	Output	Read/Write data
--	RRESP	2	Output	Read response, current RDATA status
WSTRB	--	AXI_STRB_WIDTH	Output	Byte strobe, WDATA signal
WLAST	RLAST	1	Output	Last beat identifier
WUSER	RUSER	AXI_USER_WIDTH	Output	User-defined data
WVALID	RVALID	1	Output	xVALID handshake signal
WREADY	RREADY	1	Input	xREADY handshake signal

2.2.1.3. Signals of the Write Response channel

Write Port	Size	Direction	Description
BID	AXI_ID_WIDTH	Input	Write response ID, to identify multiple streams
BRESP	2	Input	Write response, to specify the burst status
BUSER	AXI_USER_WIDTH	Input	User-defined data
BVALID	1	Input	xVALID handshake signal
BREADY	1	Output	xREADY handshake signal

2.2.2. Instruction INPUTS/OUTPUTS AMBA3 AHB-Lite Bus

Port	Size	Direction	Description
HRESETn	1	Input	Asynchronous Active Low Reset
HCLK	1	Input	System Clock Input
IHSEL	1	Output	Instruction Bus Select
IHADDR	PLEN	Output	Instruction Address Bus
IHRDATA	XLEN	Input	Instruction Read Data Bus
IHWDATA	XLEN	Output	Instruction Write Data Bus
IHWRITE	1	Output	Instruction Write Select
IHSIZE	3	Output	Instruction Transfer Size
IHBURST	3	Output	Instruction Transfer Burst Size
IHPROT	4	Output	Instruction Transfer Protection Level
IHTRANS	2	Output	Instruction Transfer Type
IHMASTLOCK	1	Output	Instruction Transfer Master Lock
IHREADY	1	Input	Instruction Slave Ready Indicator
IHRESP	1	Input	Instruction Transfer Response

2.2.3. Instruction INPUTS/OUTPUTS Wishbone Bus

Port	Size	Direction	Description
rst	1	Input	Synchronous Active High Reset
clk	1	Input	System Clock Input
iadr	AW	Input	Instruction Address Bus
idati	DW	Input	Instruction Input Bus
idato	DW	Output	Instruction Output Bus
isel	DW/8	Input	Byte Select Signals
iwe	1	Input	Write Enable Input
istb	1	Input	Strobe Signal/Core Select Input
icyc	1	Input	Valid Bus Cycle Input
iack	1	Output	Bus Cycle Acknowledge Output
ierr	1	Output	Bus Cycle Error Output

Port	Size	Direction	Description
iint	1	Output	Interrupt Signal Output

2.3. DATA CACHE

2.3.1. Data INPUTS/OUTPUTS AMBA4 AXI-Lite Bus

2.3.1.1. Signals of the Read and Write Address channels

Write Port	Read Port	Size	Direction	Description
AWID	ARID	AXI_ID_WIDTH	Output	Address ID, to identify multiple streams
AWADDR	ARADDR	AXI_ADDR_WIDTH	Output	Address of the first beat of the burst
AWLEN	ARLEN	8	Output	Number of beats inside the burst
AWSIZE	ARSIZE	3	Output	Size of each beat
AWBURST	ARBURST	2	Output	Type of the burst
AWLOCK	ARLOCK	1	Output	Lock type, to provide atomic operations
AWCACHE	ARCACHE	4	Output	Memory type, progress through the system
AWPROT	ARPROT	3	Output	Protection type
AWQOS	ARQOS	4	Output	Quality of Service of the transaction
AWREGION	ARREGION	4	Output	Region identifier, physical to logical
AWUSER	ARUSER	AXI_USER_WIDTH	Output	User-defined data
AWVALID	ARVALID	1	Output	xVALID handshake signal
AWREADY	ARREADY	1	Input	xREADY handshake signal

2.3.1.2. Signals of the Read and Write Data channels

Write Port	Read Port	Size	Direction	Description
WID	RID	AXI_ID_WIDTH	Output	Data ID, to identify multiple streams
WDATA	RDATA	AXI_DATA_WIDTH	Output	Read/Write data
--	RRESP	2	Output	Read response, current RDATA status
WSTRB	--	AXI_STRB_WIDTH	Output	Byte strobe, WDATA signal
WLAST	RLAST	1	Output	Last beat identifier
WUSER	RUSER	AXI_USER_WIDTH	Output	User-defined data
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WREADY	RREADY	1	Input	xREADY handshake signal

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2.3.2. Data INPUTS/OUTPUTS AMBA3 AHB-Lite Bus

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HRESETn	1	Input	Asynchronous Active Low Reset
HCLK	1	Input	System Clock Input
DHSEL	1	Output	Data Bus Select
DHADDR	PLEN	Output	Data Address Bus
DHRDATA	XLEN	Input	Data Read Data Bus
DHWDATA	XLEN	Output	Data Write Data Bus
DHWRITE	1	Output	Data Write Select
DHSIZE	3	Output	Data Transfer Size
DHBURST	3	Output	Data Transfer Burst Size
DHPROT	4	Output	Data Transfer Protection Level
DHTRANS	2	Output	Data Transfer Type
DHMASTLOCK	1	Output	Data Transfer Master Lock
DHREADY	1	Input	Data Slave Ready Indicator
DHRESP	1	Input	Data Transfer Response

2.3.3. Data INPUTS/OUTPUTS Wishbone Bus

Port	Size	Direction	Description
rst	1	Input	Synchronous Active High Reset
clk	1	Input	System Clock Input
dadr	AW	Input	Data Address Bus
ddati	DW	Input	Data Input Bus
ddato	DW	Output	Data Output Bus
dsel	DW/8	Input	Byte Select Signals
dwe	1	Input	Write Enable Input
dstb	1	Input	Strobe Signal/Core Select Input
dcyc	1	Input	Valid Bus Cycle Input
dack	1	Output	Bus Cycle Acknowledge Output
derr	1	Output	Bus Cycle Error Output
dint	1	Output	Interrupt Signal Output

2.4. OPENRISC ARCHITECTURE

2.4.1. Library

2.4.2. Toolchain

2.4.3. Software

3. WORKFLOW

1. System Level (SystemC/SystemVerilog)

The System Level abstraction of a system only looks at its biggest building blocks like processing units or peripheral devices. At this level the circuit is usually described using traditional programming languages like SystemC or SystemVerilog. Sometimes special software libraries are used that are aimed at simulation circuits on the system level. The IEEE 1685-2009 standard defines the IP-XACT file format that can be used to represent designs on the system level and building blocks that can be used in such system level designs.

2. Behavioral & Register Transfer Level (VHDL/Verilog)

At the Behavioural Level abstraction a language aimed at hardware description such as Verilog or VHDL is used to describe the circuit, but so-called behavioural modeling is used in at least part of the circuit description. In behavioural modeling there must be a language feature that allows for imperative programming to be used to describe data paths and registers. This is the always -block in Verilog and the process -block in VHDL.

A design in Register Transfer Level representation is usually stored using HDLs like Verilog and VHDL. But only a very limited subset of features is used, namely minimalistic always blocks (Verilog) or process blocks (VHDL) that model the register type used and unconditional assignments for the datapath logic. The use of HDLs on this level simplifies simulation as no additional tools are required to simulate a design in Register Transfer Level representation.

3. Logical Gate

At the Logical Gate Level the design is represented by a netlist that uses only cells from a small number of single-bit cells, such as basic logic gates (AND, OR, NOT, XOR, etc.) and registers (usually D-Type Flip-flops). A number of netlist formats exists that can be used on this level such as the Electronic Design Interchange Format (EDIF), but for ease of simulation often a HDL netlist is used. The latter is a HDL file (Verilog or VHDL) that only uses the most basic language constructs for instantiation and connecting of cells.

4. Physical Gate

On the Physical Gate Level only gates are used that are physically available on the target architecture. In some cases this may only be NAND, NOR and NOT gates as well as D-Type registers. In the case of an FPGA-based design the Physical Gate Level representation is a netlist of LUTs with optional output registers, as these are the basic building blocks of FPGA logic cells.

5. Switch Level

A Switch Level representation of a circuit is a netlist utilizing single transistors as cells. Switch Level modeling is possible in Verilog and VHDL, but is seldom used in modern designs, as in modern digital ASIC or FPGA flows the physical gates are considered the atomic build blocks of the logic circuit.

3.1. FRONT-END OPEN SOURCE TOOLS

3.1.1. Modeling System Level of Hardware

A System Description Language Editor is a computer tool that allows to generate software code. A System Description Language is a formal language, which comprises a Programming Language (input), producing a Hardware Description (output). Programming languages are used in computer programming to implement algorithms. The description of a programming language is split into the two components of syntax (form) and semantics (meaning).

System Description Language Editor

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/emacs-mirror/emacs
```

3.1.2. Simulating System Level of Hardware

A System Description Language Simulator (translator) is a computer program that translates computer code written in a Programming Language (the source language) into a Hardware Description Language (the target language). The compiler is primarily used for programs that translate source code from a high-level programming language to a low-level language to create an executable program.

SystemVerilog System Description Language Simulator

type:

```
git clone http://git.veripool.org/git/verilator
```

```
cd verilator
autoconf
./configure
make
```

```

sudo make install

cd sim/verilog/regression/wb/vtor
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/verilog/regression/ahb3/vtor
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/verilog/regression/axi4/vtor
source SIMULATE-IT

```

3.1.3. Verifying System Level of Hardware

A UVM standard improves interoperability and reduces the cost of repurchasing and rewriting IP for each new project or Electronic Design Automation tool. It also makes it easier to reuse verification components. The UVM Class Library provides generic utilities, such as component hierarchy, Transaction Library Model or configuration database, which enable the user to create virtually any structure wanted for the testbench.

SystemVerilog System Description Language Verifier

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/QueenField/UVM
```

3.1.4. Describing Register Transfer Level of Hardware

A Hardware Description Language Editor is any editor that allows to generate hardware code. Hardware Description Language is a specialized computer language used to describe the structure and behavior of digital logic circuits. It allows for the synthesis of a HDL into a netlist, which can then be synthesized, placed and routed to produce the set of masks used to create an integrated circuit.

Hardware Description Language Editor

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/emacs-mirror/emacs
```

3.1.5. Simulating Register Transfer Level of Hardware

A Hardware Description Language Simulator uses mathematical models to replicate the behavior of an actual hardware device. Simulation software allows for modeling of circuit operation and is an invaluable analysis tool. Simulating a circuit's behavior before actually building it can greatly improve design efficiency by making faulty designs known as such, and providing insight into the behavior of electronics circuit designs.

VHDL Hardware Description Language Simulator

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/ghdl/ghdl
```

```
cd ghdl
./configure --prefix=/usr/local
make
sudo make install

cd sim/vhdl/regression/wb/ghdl
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/vhdl/regression/ahb3/ghdl
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/vhdl/regression/axi4/ghdl
source SIMULATE-IT
```

Verilog Hardware Description Language Simulator

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/steveicarus/iverilog
```

```
cd iverilog
sh autoconf.sh
./configure
make
sudo make install

cd sim/verilog/regression/wb/iverilog
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/verilog/regression/ahb3/iverilog
source SIMULATE-IT

cd sim/verilog/regression/axi4/iverilog
source SIMULATE-IT
```

3.1.6. Synthesizing Register Transfer Level of Hardware

A Hardware Description Language Synthesizer turns a RTL implementation into a Logical Gate Level implementation. Logical design is a step in the standard design cycle in which the functional design of an electronic circuit is converted into the representation which captures logic operations, arithmetic operations, control flow, etc. In EDA parts of the logical design is automated using synthesis tools based on the behavioral description of the circuit.

Verilog Hardware Description Language Synthesizer

```
type:
git clone https://github.com/YosysHQ/yosys

cd yosys
make
sudo make install

cd synthesis/yosys
source SYNTHESIZE-IT
```

3.1.7. Optimizing Register Transfer Level of Hardware

A Hardware Description Language Optimizer finds an equivalent representation of the specified logic circuit under specified constraints (minimum area, pre-specified delay). This tool combines scalable logic optimization based on And-Inverter Graphs (AIGs), optimal-delay DAG-based technology mapping for look-up tables and standard cells, and innovative algorithms for sequential synthesis and verification.

Verilog Hardware Description Language Optimizer

```
type:
git clone https://github.com/YosysHQ/yosys

cd yosys
make
sudo make install

cd synthesis/yosys
source SYNTHESIZE-IT
```

3.1.8. Verifying Register Transfer Level of Hardware

A Hardware Description Language Verifier proves or disproves the correctness of intended algorithms underlying a hardware system with respect to a certain formal specification or property, using formal methods of mathematics. Formal verification uses modern techniques (SAT/SMT solvers, BDDs, etc.) to prove correctness by essentially doing an exhaustive search through the entire possible input space (formal proof).

Verilog Hardware Description Language Verifier

```
type:
git clone https://github.com/YosysHQ/SymbiYosys
```

3.2. BACK-END OPEN SOURCE TOOLS

Library

type:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

```
sudo apt install bison cmake flex freeglut3-dev libcairo2-dev libgsl-dev \
libncurses-dev libx11-dev m4 python-tk python3-tk swig tcl tcl-dev tk-dev tcsh
```

Back-End Workflow Qflow

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/qflow
```

```
cd qflow
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

```
mkdir qflow
cd qflow
```

3.2.1. Planning Switch Level of Hardware

A Floor-Planner of an Integrated Circuit (IC) is a schematic representation of tentative placement of its major functional blocks. In modern electronic design process floor-plans are created during the floor-planning design stage, an early stage in the hierarchical approach to Integrated Circuit design. Depending on the design methodology being followed, the actual definition of a floor-plan may differ.

Floor-Planner

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/magic
```

```
cd magic
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.2. Placing Switch Level of Hardware

A Standard Cell Placer takes a given synthesized circuit netlist together with a technology library and produces a valid placement layout. The layout is optimized according to the aforementioned objectives and ready for cell resizing and buffering, a step essential for timing and signal integrity satisfaction. Physical design flow are iterated a number of times until design closure is achieved.

Standard Cell Placer

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/rubund/graywolf
```

```
cd graywolf
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.3. Timing Switch Level of Hardware

A Standard Cell Timing-Analizer is a simulation method of computing the expected timing of a digital circuit without requiring a simulation of the full circuit. High-performance integrated circuits have traditionally been characterized by the clock frequency at which they operate. Measuring the ability of a circuit to operate at the specified speed requires an ability to measure, during the design process, its delay at numerous steps.

Standard Cell Timing-Analizer

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/The-OpenROAD-Project/OpenSTA
```

```
cd OpenSTA
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.4. Routing Switch Level of Hardware

A Standard Cell Router takes pre-existing polygons consisting of pins on cells, and pre-existing wiring called pre-routes. Each of these polygons are associated

with a net. The primary task of the router is to create geometries such that all terminals assigned to the same net are connected, no terminals assigned to different nets are connected, and all design rules are obeyed.

Standard Cell Router

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/qrouter
```

```
cd qrouter
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.5. Simulating Switch Level of Hardware

A Standard Cell Simulator treats transistors as ideal switches. Extracted capacitance and lumped resistance values are used to make the switch a little bit more realistic than the ideal, using the RC time constants to predict the relative timing of events. This simulator represents a circuit in terms of its exact transistor structure but describes the electrical behavior in a highly idealized way.

Standard Cell Simulator

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/irsim
```

```
cd irsim
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.6. Verifying Switch Level of Hardware LVS

A Standard Cell Verifier compares netlists, a process known as LVS (Layout vs. Schematic). This step ensures that the geometry that has been laid out matches the expected circuit. The greatest need for LVS is in large analog or mixed-signal circuits that cannot be simulated in reasonable time. LVS can be done faster than simulation, and provides feedback that makes it easier to find errors.

Standard Cell Verifier

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/netgen
```

```
cd netgen
./configure
make
sudo make install

cd synthesis/qflow
source FLOW-IT
```

3.2.7. Checking Switch Level of Hardware DRC

A Standard Cell Checker is a geometric constraint imposed on Printed Circuit Board (PCB) and Integrated Circuit (IC) designers to ensure their designs function properly, reliably, and can be produced with acceptable yield. Design Rules for production are developed by hardware engineers based on the capability of their processes to realize design intent. Design Rule Checking (DRC) is used to ensure that designers do not violate design rules.

Standard Cell Checker

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/magic
```

```
cd magic
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

3.2.8. Printing Switch Level of Hardware GDS

A Standard Cell Editor allows to print a set of standard cells. The standard cell methodology is an abstraction, whereby a low-level VLSI layout is encapsulated into a logical representation. A standard cell is a group of transistor and interconnect structures that provides a boolean logic function (AND, OR, XOR, XNOR, inverters) or a storage function (flipflop or latch).

Standard Cell Editor

type:

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/magic
```

```
cd magic
./configure
make
sudo make install
```

4. CONCLUSION

4.1. FOR WINDOWS USERS!

1. Settings → Apps → Apps & features → Related settings, Programs and Features → Turn Windows features on or off → Windows Subsystem for Linux
2. Microsoft Store → INSTALL UBUNTU

Library type:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

```
sudo apt install bison cmake flex freeglut3-dev libcairo2-dev libgsl-dev \
libncurses-dev libx11-dev m4 python-tk python3-tk swig tcl tcl-dev tk-dev tcsh
```

4.1.1. Front-End

type:

```
sudo apt install verilator
sudo apt install iverilog
sudo apt install ghdl
```

```
cd /mnt/c/./sim/verilog/regression/wb/iverilog
source SIMULATE-IT
```

```
sudo apt install yosys
```

```
cd /mnt/c/./synthesis/yosys
source SYNTHESIZE-IT
```

4.1.2. Back-End

type:

```
mkdir qflow
cd qflow
```

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/magic
git clone https://github.com/rubund/graywolf
git clone https://github.com/The-OpenROAD-Project/OpenSTA
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/qrouter
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/irsim
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/netgen
```

```
git clone https://github.com/RTimothyEdwards/qflow  
cd /mnt/c/./synthesis/qflow  
source FLOW-IT
```