

Low Power Scheduling For High-Level Synthesis

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Abstract—Low power design has become a critical factor in the technical and commercial success of modern hardware systems. High Level Synthesis (HLS) involves transforming a behavioral description into a structural RTL-level netlist through scheduling, allocation, and binding [1] [2]. The aim of this paper is to discuss integrated low power methods within the scheduling process of the HLS performed in [3]. The goal is to minimize switching activity and utilize low-power modules while meeting performance constraints, ultimately achieving a balance between size, performance, and energy efficiency. The scheduler discussed is known as the Power Scheduler [1] which identifies mutually exclusive operation paths, analyzes their activity profiles, and partitions them using a compatibility graph and clique search algorithm. Each resulting partition has a controlled activation or deactivation mechanism meaning they can be switched off when not used.

Index Terms—high level synthesis, scheduling, dynamic and static power, clique search algorithm.

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