

PnR and STA Flow for a Structured ASIC Platform

Project Presentation

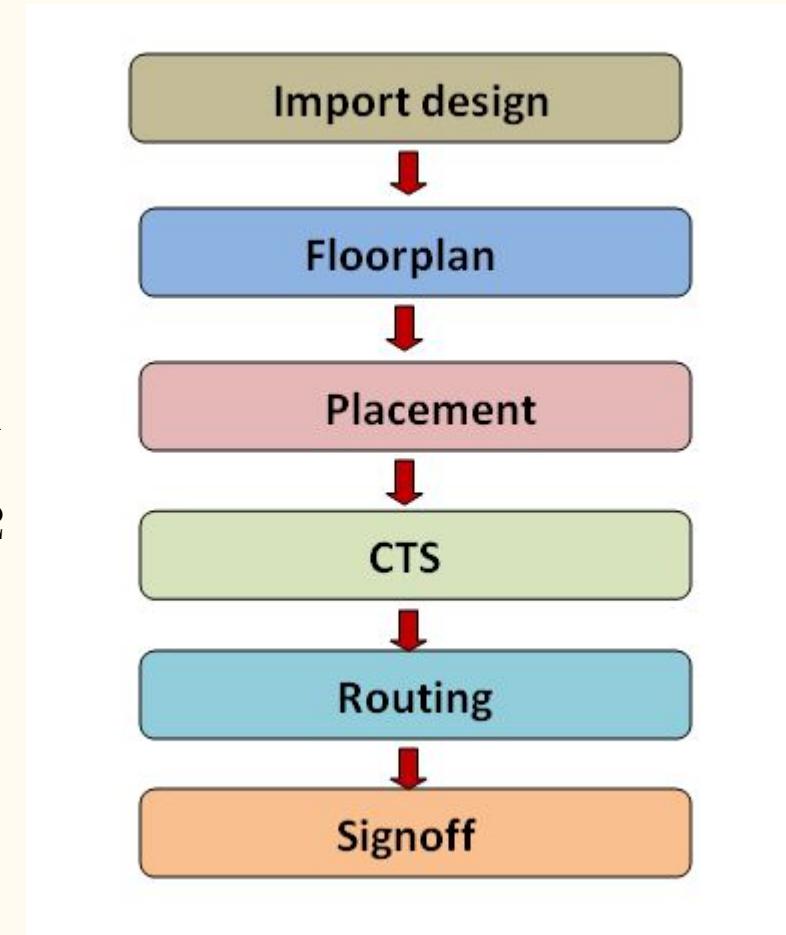
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Recap



Checkpoint 1

Checkpoint 2



Phase 4 - Deliverables Status

Deliverable	Status	Comments
<u>make_def.py</u>	Complete	Generates *_fixed.def correctly
rename.py	Complete	Named “rename_verilog_cells” for clarity
route.tcl	Complete	
Global routing	Complete	Produces *_routed.def
Detailed Routing	Partially complete	Works on small designs only
extract_parasitics → .spef	Complete	SPEF files are ~1.5M lines each
report_congestion → *_congestion.rpt	Not Working	Not functional
Congestion heatmap (*_congestion.png)	Completed	Obtained from openroad gui

Phase 5 - Deliverables Status

Deliverable	Status	Issue
sta.tcl	Generated - Partially	For small designs only
SDC files	Generated	Generic: works for all designs after detailed routing
Setup timing report	Generated	*_setup_timing.rpt (1600+ lines)
Hold timing report	Generated	*_hold_timing.rpt
Clock skew report	Generated	*_clock_skew.rpt
WNS/TNS reports	Generated	*_worst_slack.rpt, *_total_negative_slack.rpt
Power report	Generated	*_power.rpt
Slack histogram (*_slack.png)	Created	Slide 12
Critical path overlay (*_critical_path.png)	Created	Slide 11

Phase 3

Clock Tree Synthesis

Objective: Deliver clock signal to all DFFs with minimal skew

- Inputs:

- Placed DFF locations (sinks)
- Available unused buffers in fabric

- Algorithm: H-Tree

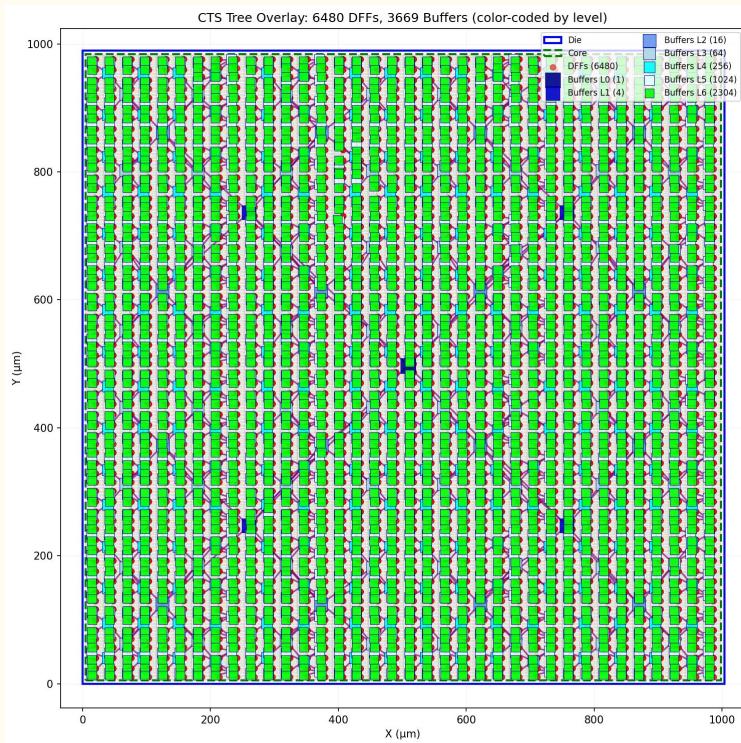
1. Recursively partition sinks into quadrants
2. Find geometric centroid of each partition
3. Claim nearest unused buffer at centroid
4. Repeat until all sinks connected

Output:

Metric	Arith	expanded_6502
CTS Buffers Used	3,669	3,669
Tree Depth	6 levels	6 levels
DFF Sinks	6,480	6,480
Clock Skew	0.27 ns	0.28 ns

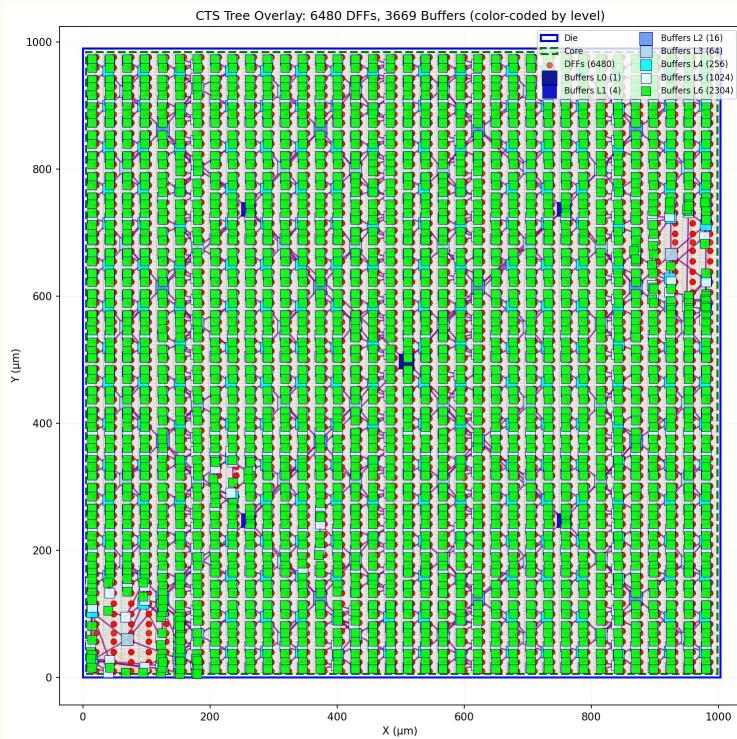
CTS Visualization

arith

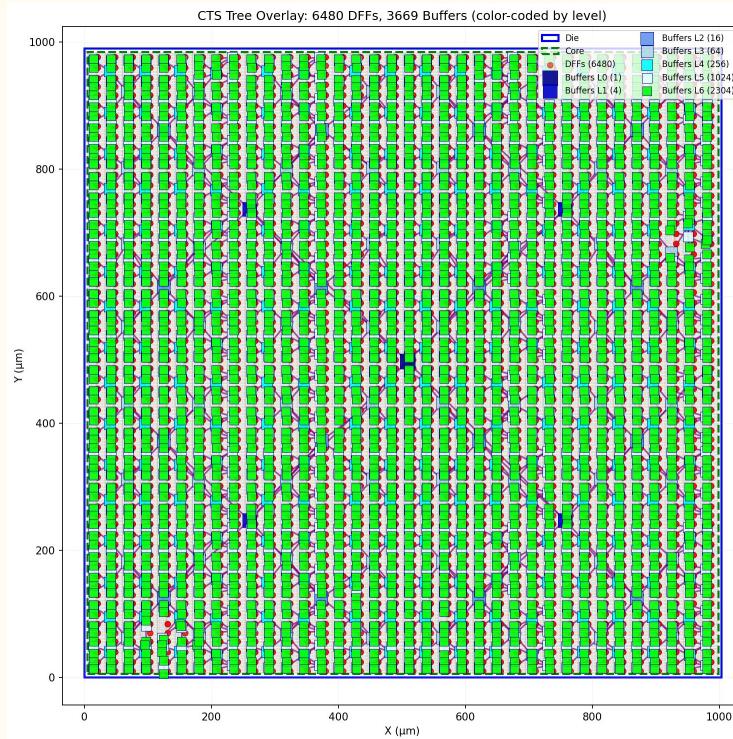


CTS Visualization

6502



Z80



Phase 4

Routing

- DEF Generation (make_def.py):
 - Die area, rows, tracks
 - All I/O pins (+ FIXED)
 - All fabric components (+ FIXED) - used and unused
- OpenROAD Flow (route.tcl):
 - Global routing → Detailed routing
 - Parasitic extraction → .spef
 - Congestion reporting
- Outputs:
 - _fixed.def - Input to router
 - _routed.def - Final routed design
 - _congestion.rpt - Routing congestion data

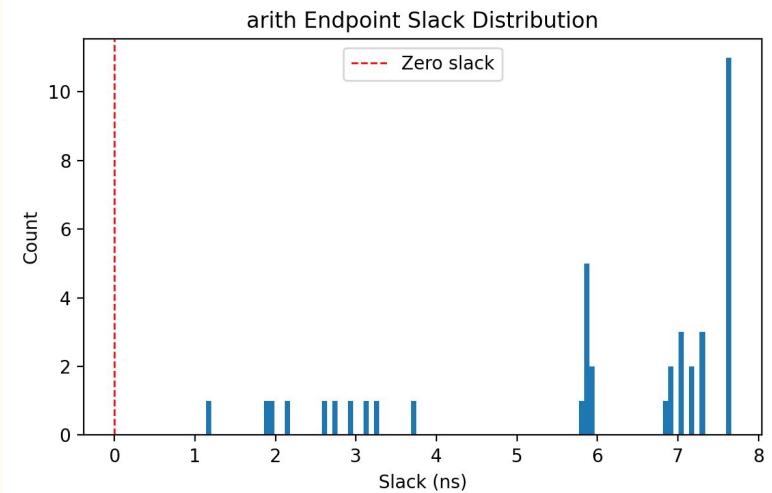
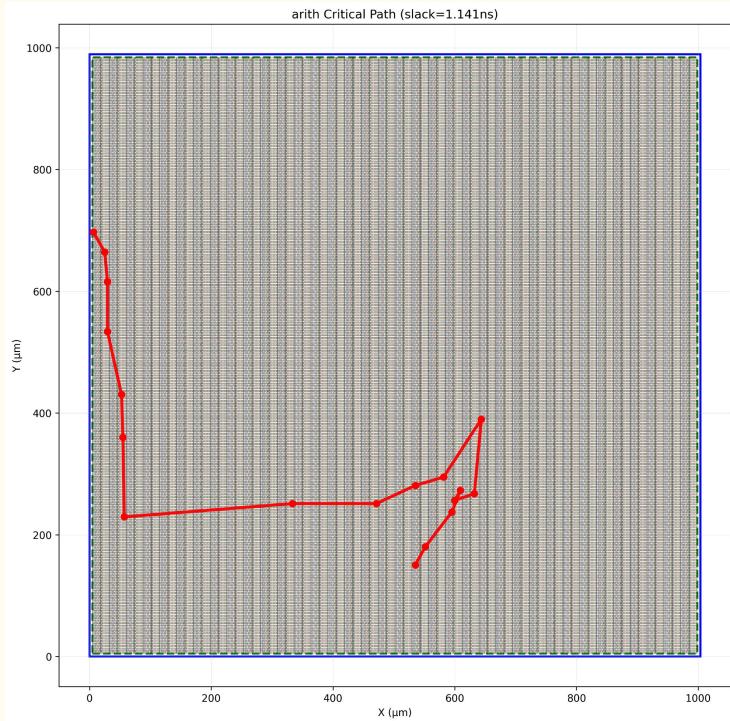
Results

[insert openroad routing screenshot here]

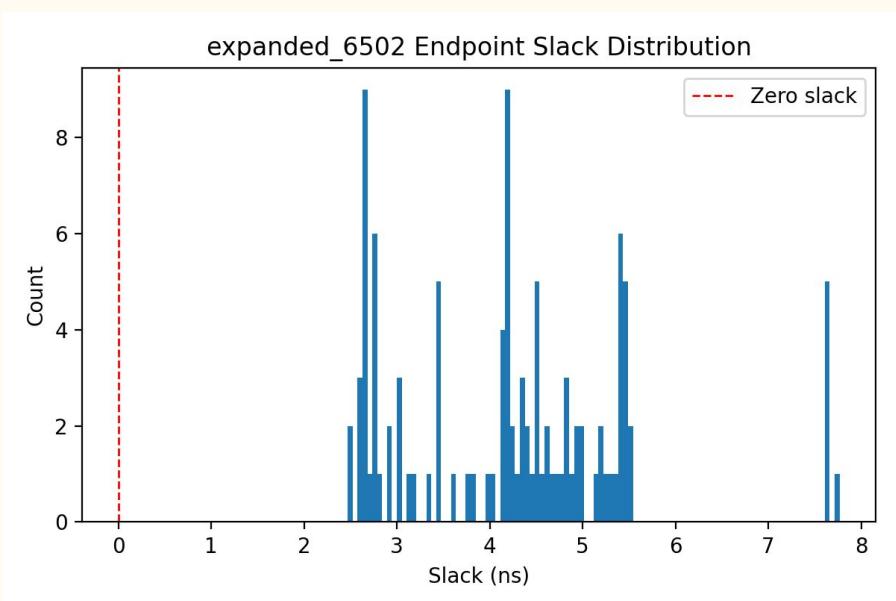
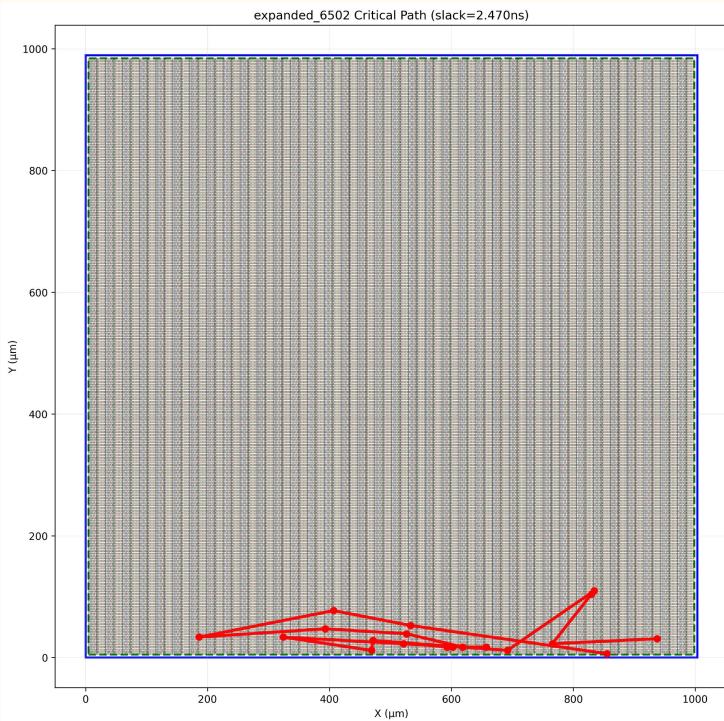
Design	Routed DEF Lines	DRC Violations	Status
arith	669,499	0	Clean
expanded_6502	737,751	0	Clean
6502	134,142	3,821	Shorts
z80	139,122	N/A	N/A

Phase 5

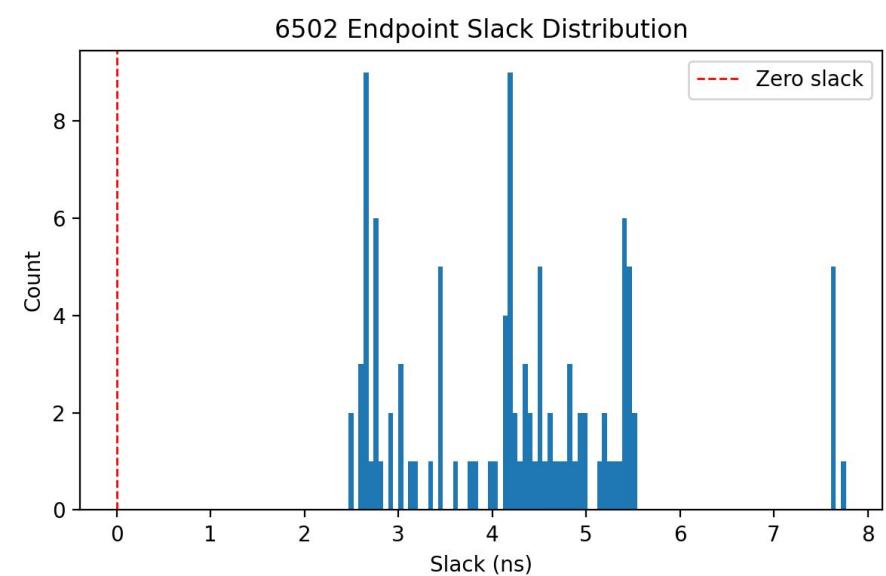
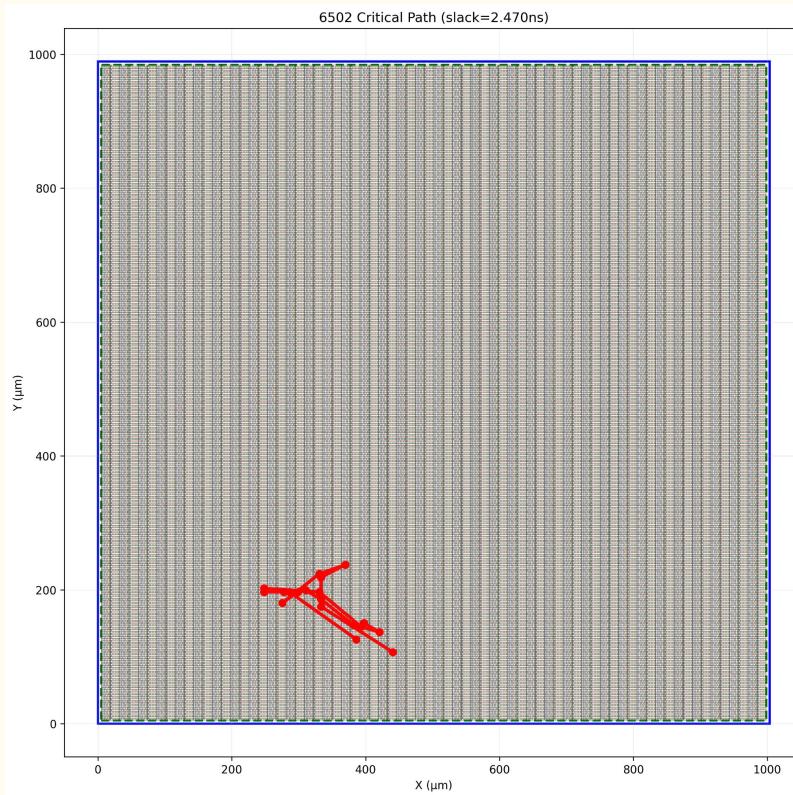
Static Timing Analysis - arith



Static Timing Analysis Results - Expanded 6502



Static Timing Analysis - 6502



Static Timing Analysis Results

Design	WNS (ns)	TNS (ns)	Status
arith	+1.14	0.00	MET
6502	+2.47	0.00	MET
expanded_6502	+2.47	0.00	MET

Clock Period: 10 ns (100 MHz target)

- Positive WNS = timing margin (no violations)
- TNS = 0 = no failing paths
- All completed designs achieve timing closure

HPWL run time analysis

Design	Format	Calculated HPWL	Processor	Cores	RAM	GPU	Checkpoint Reached	Runtime
Arith	SA Optimized	Total wire length = 591410 um.	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H (2.30 GHz)	14	16GB	NVIDIA RTX 3060 Laptop GPU	Detailed Routing - 0 Violations	Elapsed time: 2386 seconds (39 minutes)
6502	SA Optimized	Total wire length = 906315 um.	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-12900H	24	64GB	NVIDIA RTX 3090 GPU	Detailed Routing - 3821 Violations	Elapsed time: 30874 (514 minutes)
6502	Expanded Greedy	Total wire length = 1342275 um.	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H (2.30 GHz)	14	16GB	NVIDIA RTX 3060 Laptop GPU	Detailed Routing - 0 Violations	Elapsed time: 3568 seconds (59 minutes)
z80	SA Optimized	Total wire length: 2128429 um.	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H (2.30 GHz)	14	16GB	NVIDIA RTX 3060 Laptop GPU	Global Routing	Elapsed time: 15733 seconds (262 minutes)
aes_128	SA Optimized	Total wire length = 10016384 um	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H (2.30 GHz)	14	16GB	NVIDIA RTX 3060 Laptop GPU	Global Routing	Elapsed time: 34584 seconds (576 minutes)
soc	SA Optimized	Total wire length = 20059167 um.	12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-12900H	24	64GB	NVIDIA RTX 3090 GPU	Global Routing	Elapsed time: 37073 seconds (618 minutes)

Power Distribution Analysis

Design	Sequential	Combinational	Clock	Total
arith	0.14 mW (0.8%)	0.16 mW (0.8%)	18.2 mW (98.4%)	18.5 mW
6502	1.01 mW (4.3%)	4.46 mW (18.7%)	18.3 mW (77.0%)	23.8 mW
expanded_6502	1.01 mW (4.3%)	4.46 mW (18.7%)	18.3 mW (77.0%)	23.8 mW