## LOWER AND SIMULATE LLHD USING MLIR

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The current hardware design workflow is sparse, with tools being mostly monolithic and proprietary. This introduces unnecessary redundancies, as well as possible implementation discrepancies between tools. LLHD [2] brings a simple IR, yet still able to fully capture existing HDLs. MLIR [1] provides a powerful and open source infrastructure to implement LLHD and enable a new and open source HDL workflow.

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