

# Tutorial 1: Scale-Sim as a library

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## Objective

To demonstrate Scale-sim as a library to build other simulators

## Step 0: Check python version

In your virtual environment please ensure python3

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(scale)
2.Tutorials/ASPLOS-Tutorial/tutorial3

[▶ python -V
Python 3.9.4
```

Install scalesim package

> pip install scalesim

## Overview

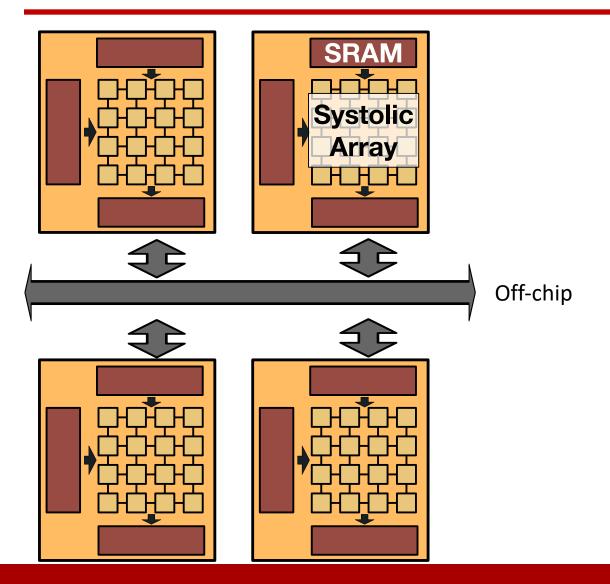
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# High level description

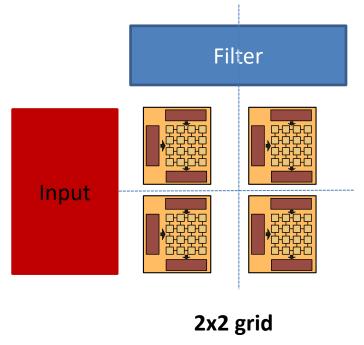


### **System: A four unit distributed array**

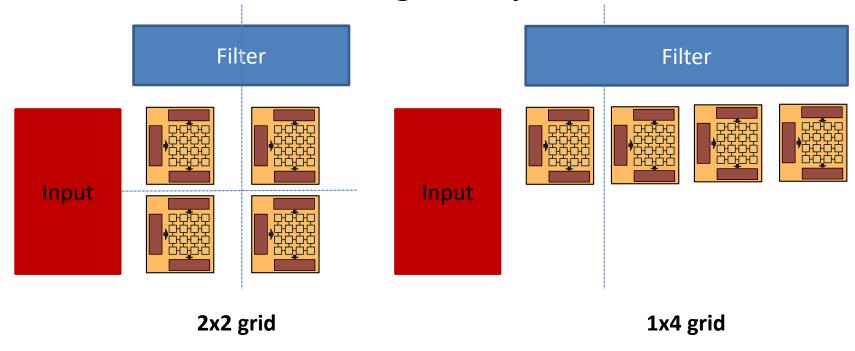
Array dimensions are same as tutorial 1

Parameter	Value
Rows	64
Cols	64
IFMAP SRAM Size	512 KB
Filter SRAM Size	512 KB
OFMAP SRAM Size	512 KB
Dataflow	Output stationary

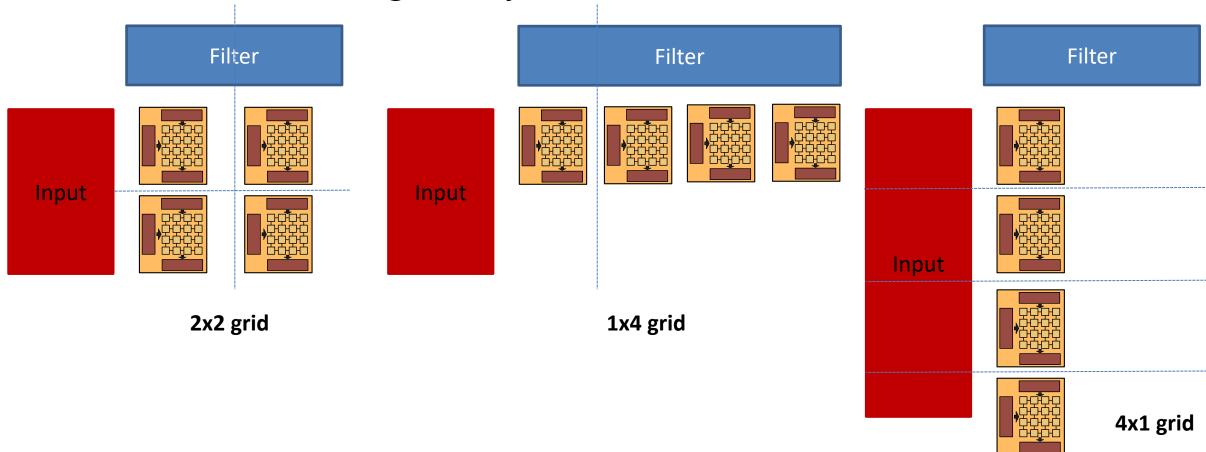
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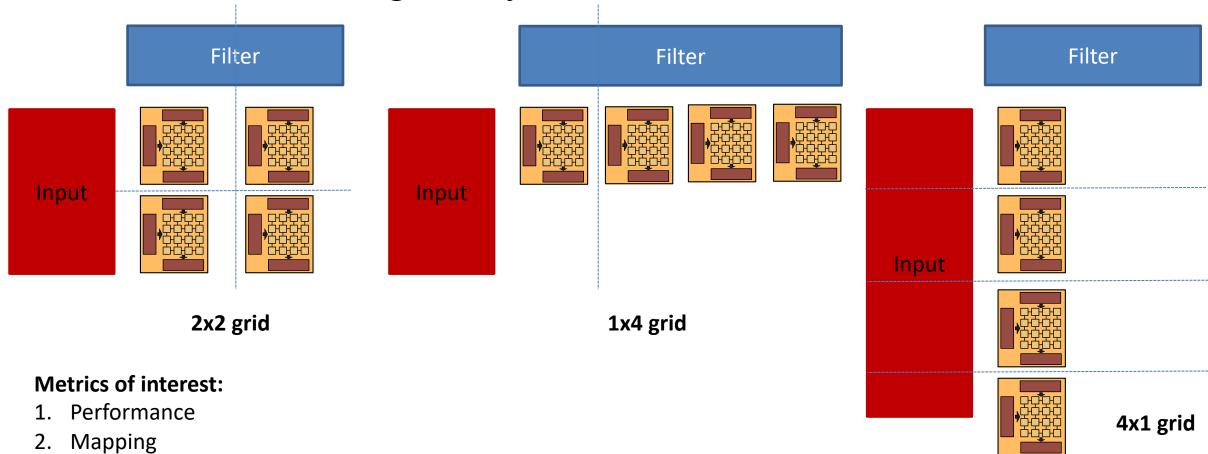


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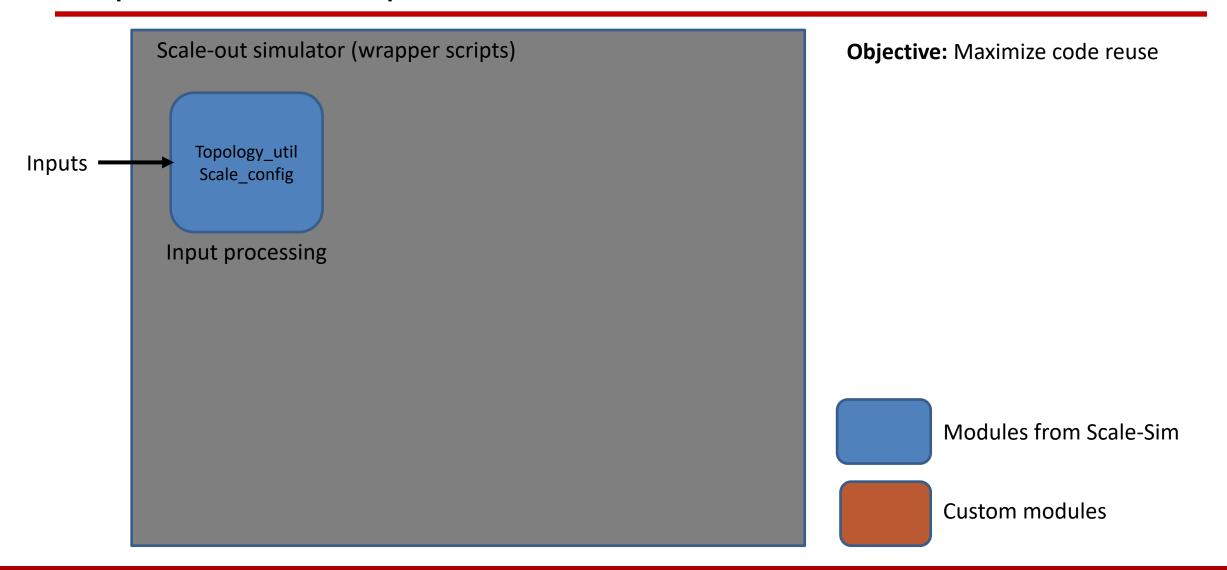
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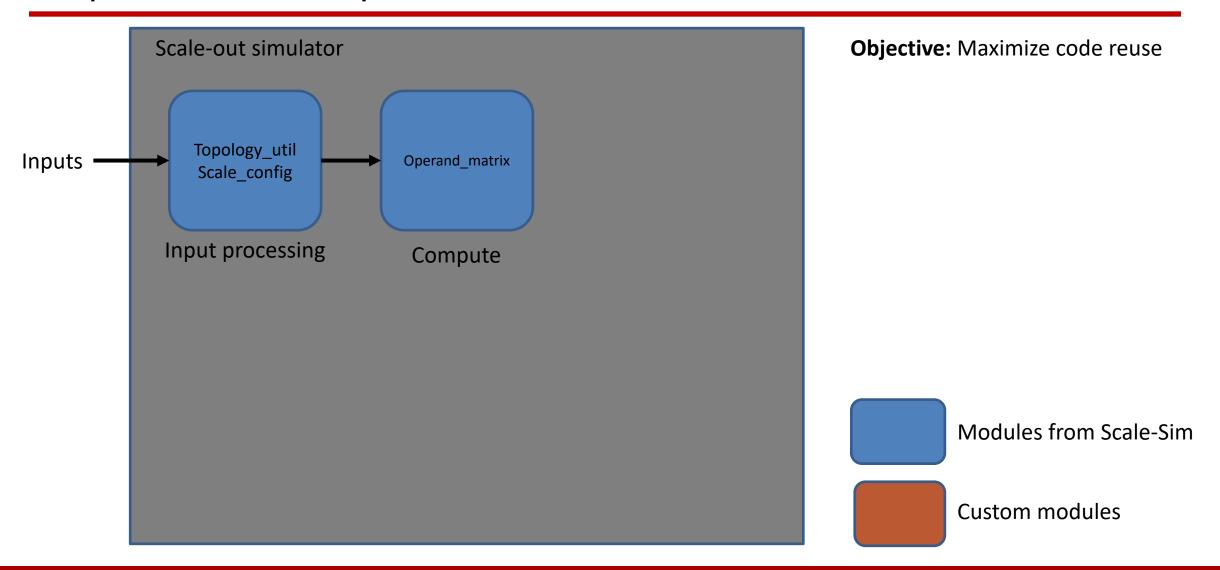
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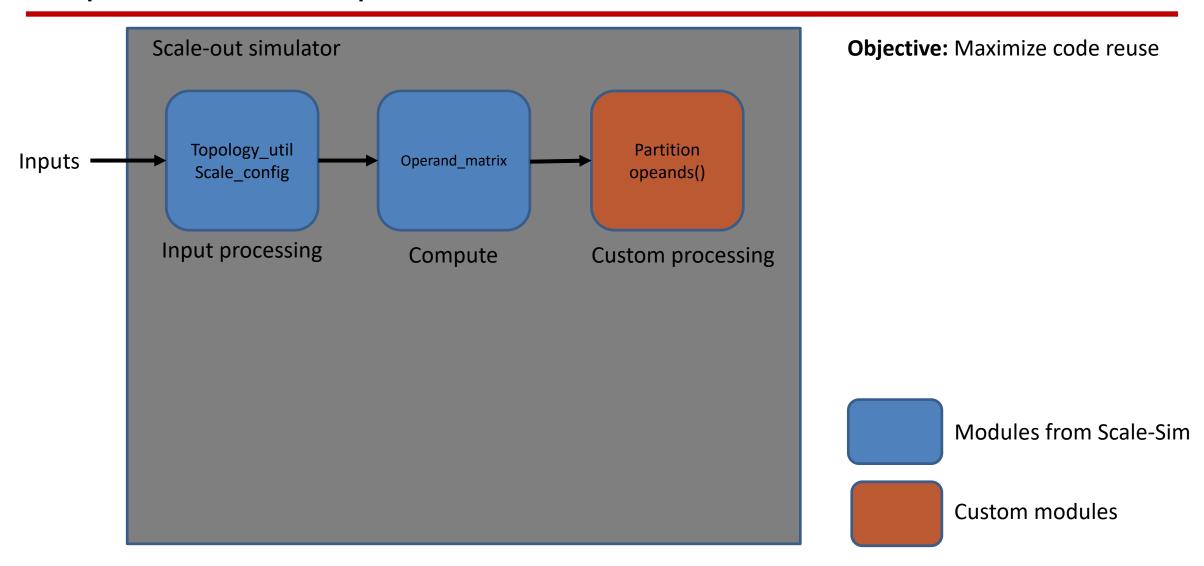
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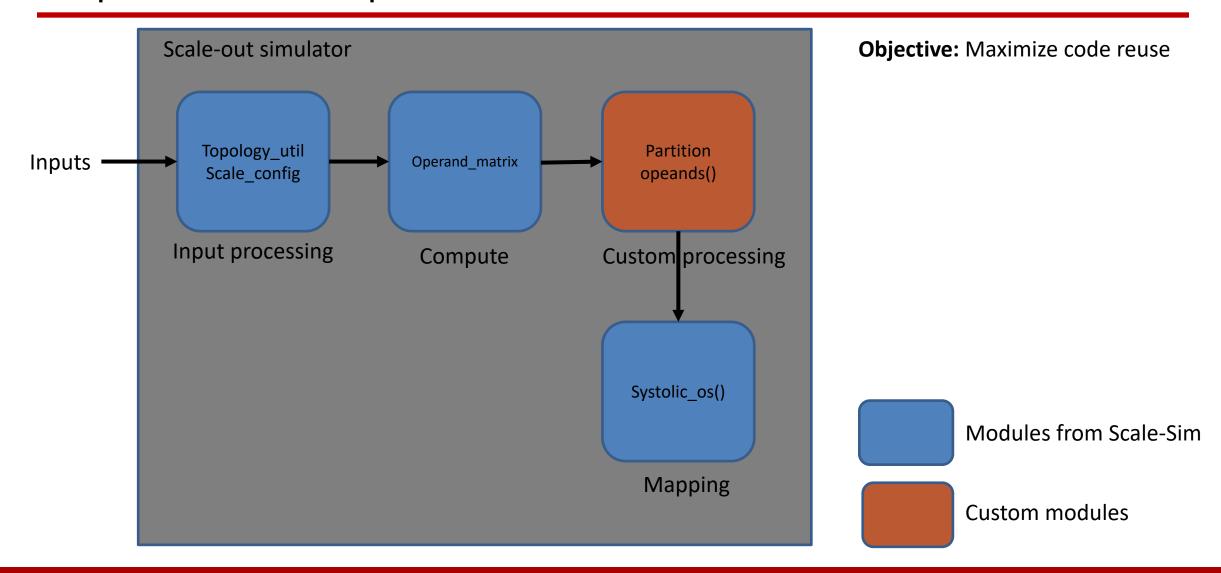
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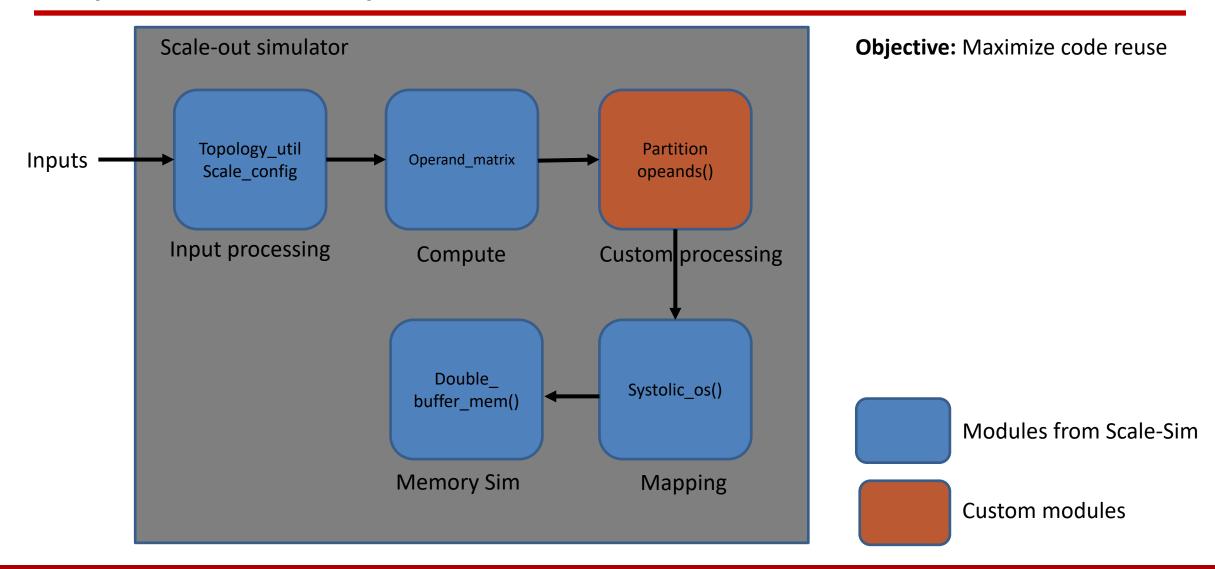
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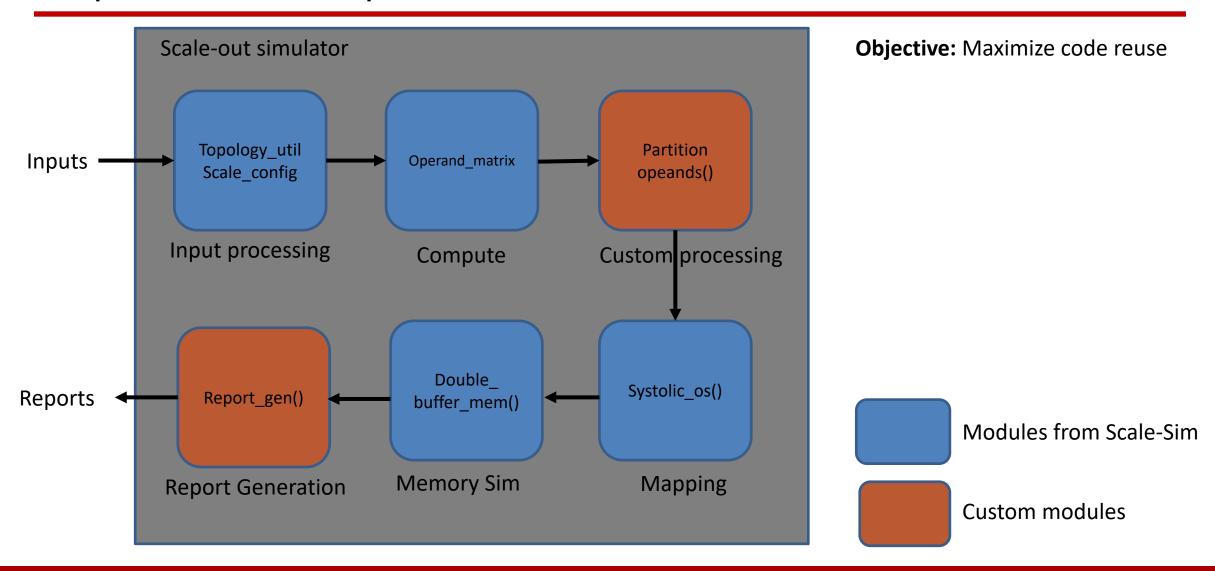


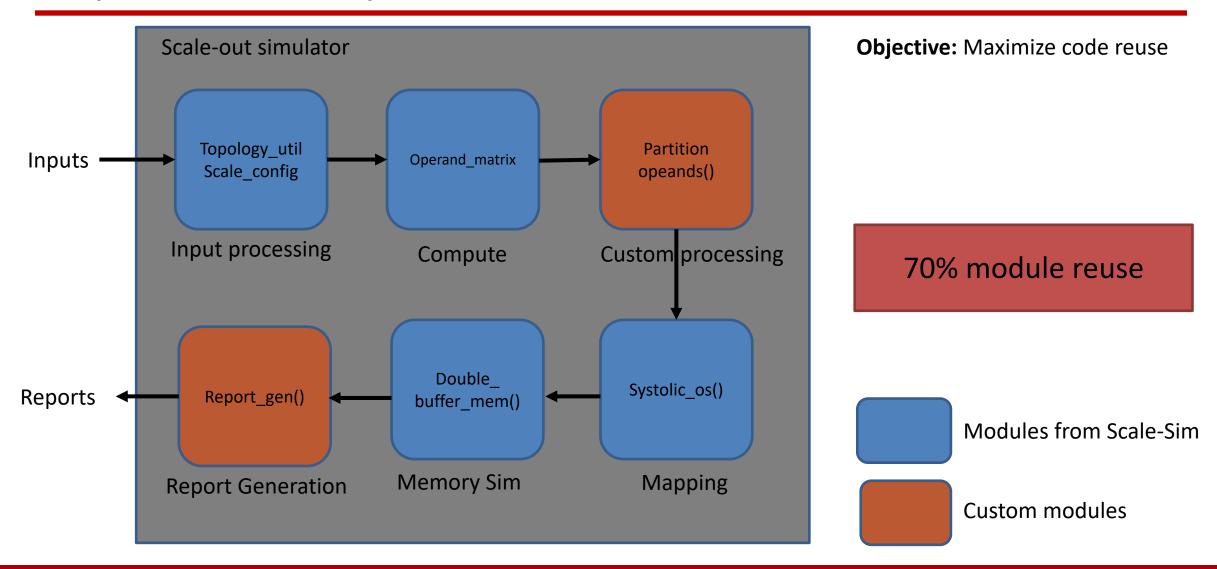












## Step 1: Invoke utilities to read the inputs

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```
## Code for Blank 1
self.topo_obj = topologies()
self.topo_obj.load_arrays(topology_filename)
num_layers=self.topo_obj.get_num_layers()
self.single_arr_cfg = scale_config()
self.single_arr_cfg.read_conf_file(single_arr_config_file)
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## Step 2: Invoke utilities to create operand matrices

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```
## Code for Blank 2
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.0 opmat_obj = opmat()
.1 opmat_obj.set_params(config_obj=self.single_arr_cfg, topoutil_obj=self.topo_obj, layer_id=layer_id)
.2
.3 _, ifmap_op_mat = opmat_obj.get_ifmap_matrix()
.4 _, filter_op_mat = opmat_obj.get_filter_matrix()
.5 _, ofmap_op_mat = opmat_obj.get_ofmap_matrix()
.6
```

## Step 3: Instantiate the compute unit

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arr_id = grid_row_id * self.grid_cols + grid_col_id
print('Running subarray ' + str(arr_id))

ifmap_op_mat_part, filter_op_mat_part, ofmap_op_mat_part =\
self.get_opmat_parts(ifmap_op_mat, filter_op_mat, ofmap_op_mat,
grid_row_id, grid_col_id)

### Blank 3. Instantiate the mapping utilities
## Insert code here>
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##Code for Blank 3

compute_system = systolic_compute_os()

if self.dataflow == 'ws':

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elif self.dataflow == 'is':

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compute_system.set_params(config_obj=self.single_arr_cfg,

ifmap_op_mat=ifmap_op_mat_part,

ifilter_op_mat=filter_op_mat_part,

ofmap_op_mat=ofmap_op_mat_part)

ifmap_demand_mat, filter_demand_mat, ofmap_demand_mat = compute_system.get_demand_matrices()
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## Step 4: Instantiate the memory

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##Code for Blank 4
memory system = mem dbsp()
ifmap buf size kb, filter buf size kb, ofmap buf size kb = self.single arr cfg.get mem sizes()
ifmap buf size bytes = 1024 * ifmap buf size kb
filter buf size bytes = 1024 * filter buf size kb
ofmap buf size bytes = 1024 * ofmap buf size kb
arr row, arr col = self.single arr cfg.get array dims()
ifmap backing bw = 1
filter backing bw = 1
ofmap backing bw = 1
if self.dataflow == 'os' or self.dataflow == 'ws':
    ifmap backing bw = arr row
    filter backing bw = arr col
    ofmap backing bw = arr col
elif self.dataflow == 'is':
    ifmap backing bw = arr col
    filter backing bw = arr row
    ofmap \overline{b}acking \overline{b}w = arr \overline{col}
memory system.set params(
    word size=1,
    ifmap buf size bytes=ifmap buf size bytes,
    filter buf size bytes=filter buf size bytes,
    ofmap buf size bytes=ofmap buf size bytes,
    rd buf active frac=0.5, wr buf active frac=0.5,
    ifmap backing buf bw=ifmap backing bw,
    filter backing buf bw=filter backing bw,
    ofmap backing buf bw=ofmap backing bw,
    verbose=True,
    estimate bandwidth mode=True
memory system.service memory requests(ifmap demand mat, filter demand mat, ofmap demand mat)
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### Command

Run the completed simulator using the following command

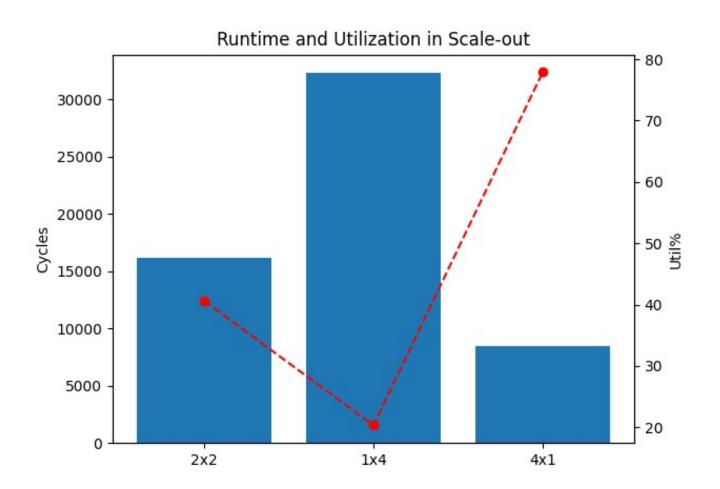
> python tutorial3.py

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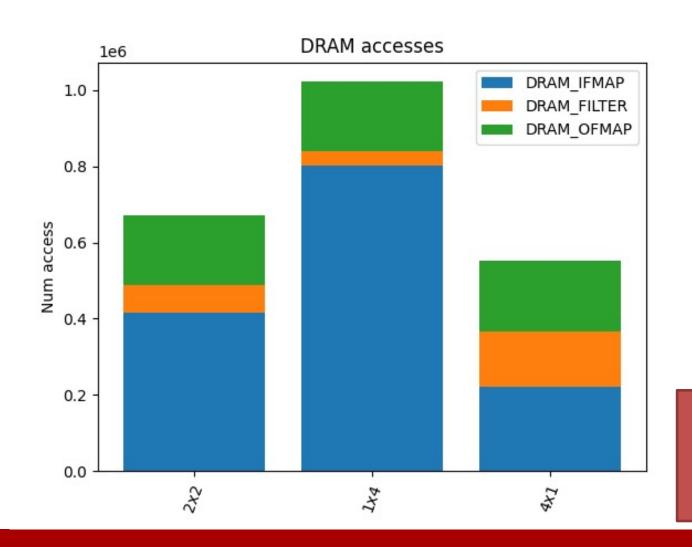
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# Analysis of runtime and Utilization



## Analysis of DRAM accesses



#### **Observations**

- 1. 4x1 is better in terms of DRAM accesses as well
- 2. The difference in DRAM accesses for same operand suggest that there is better reuse in 4x1

SCALE-Sim library support accelerates building custom simulators