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ML4ACCEL: AN OPEN-SOURCE DATASET FOR ML-GUIDED ACCELERATOR DESIGN

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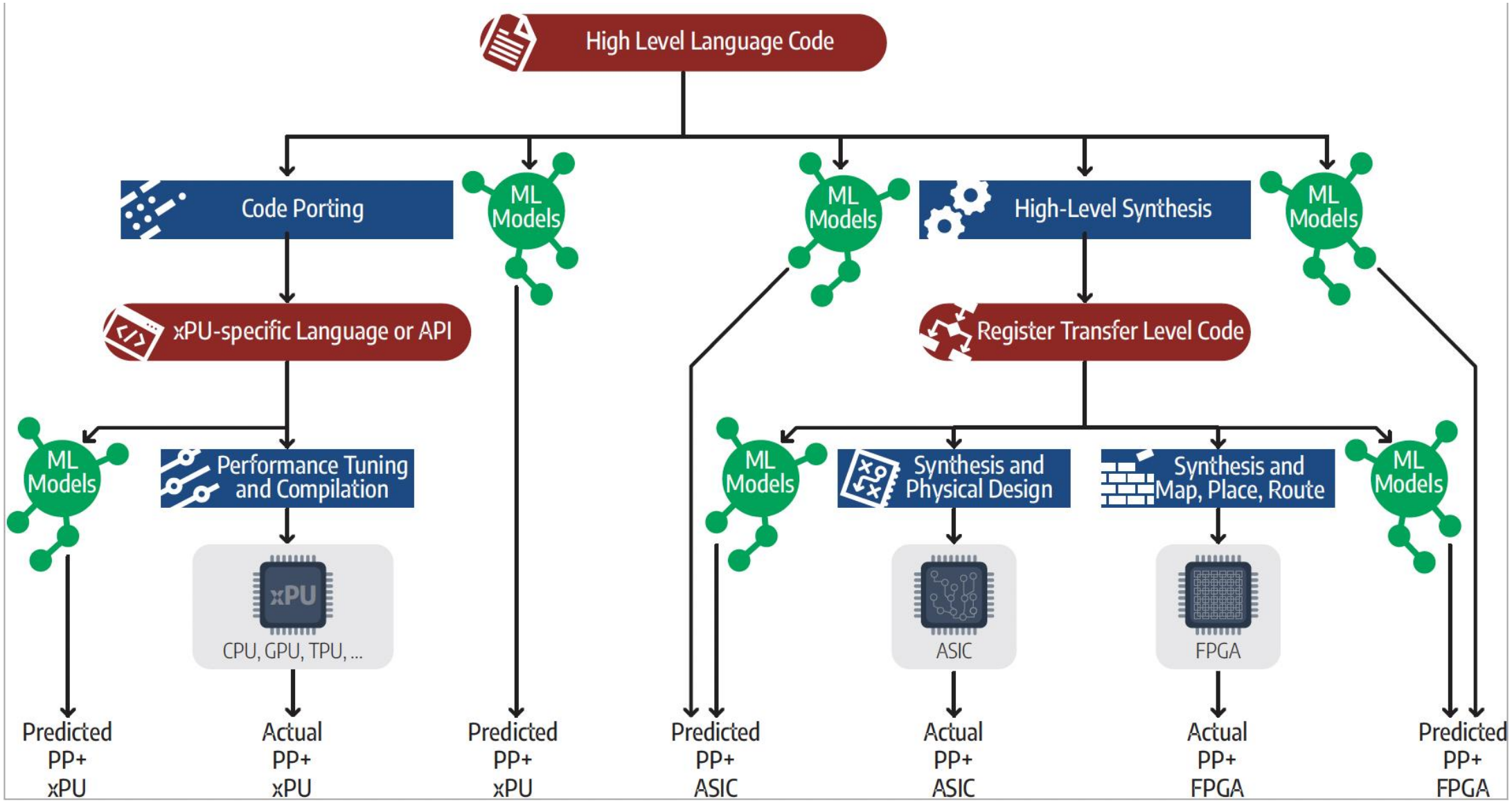

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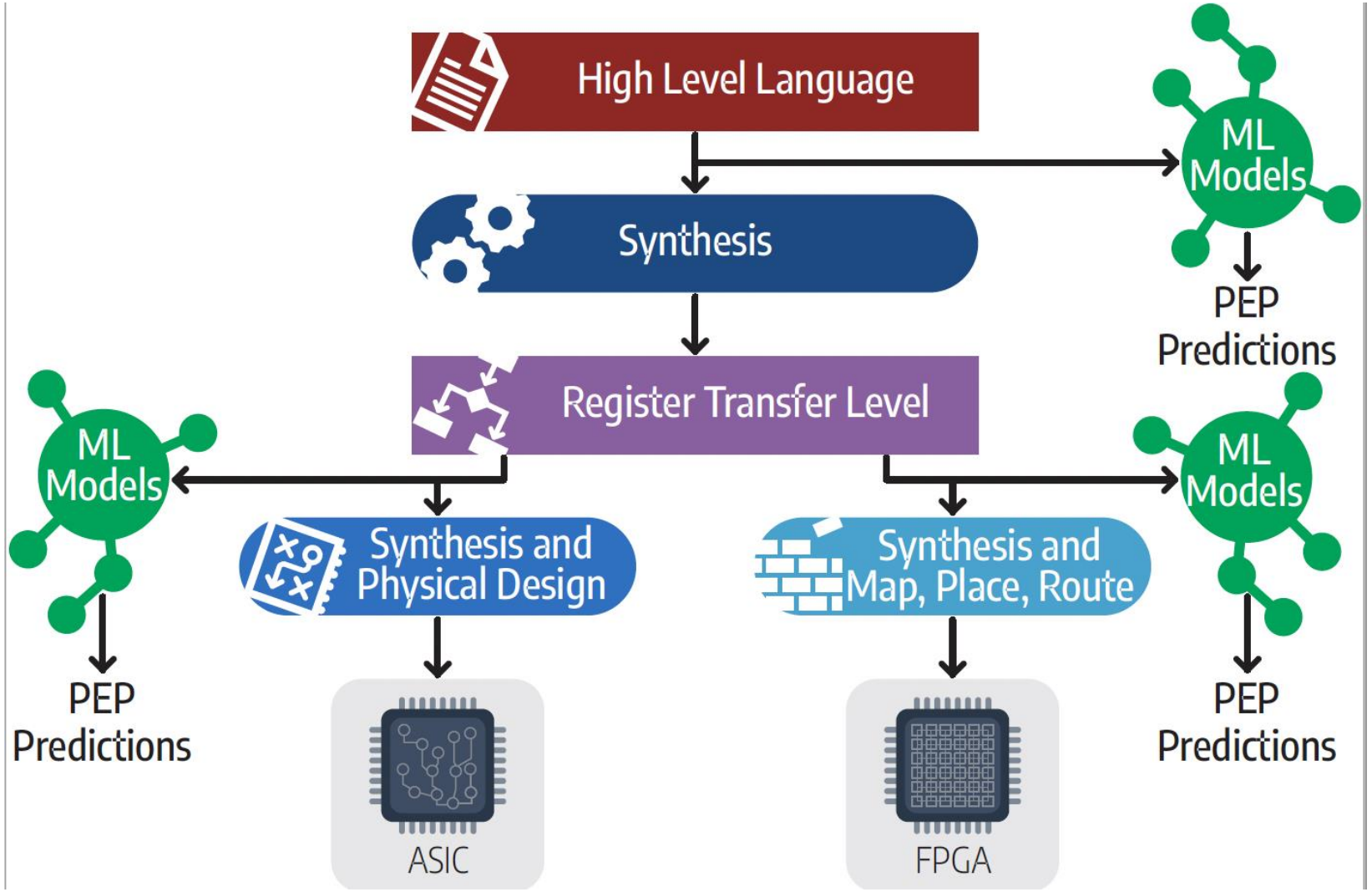
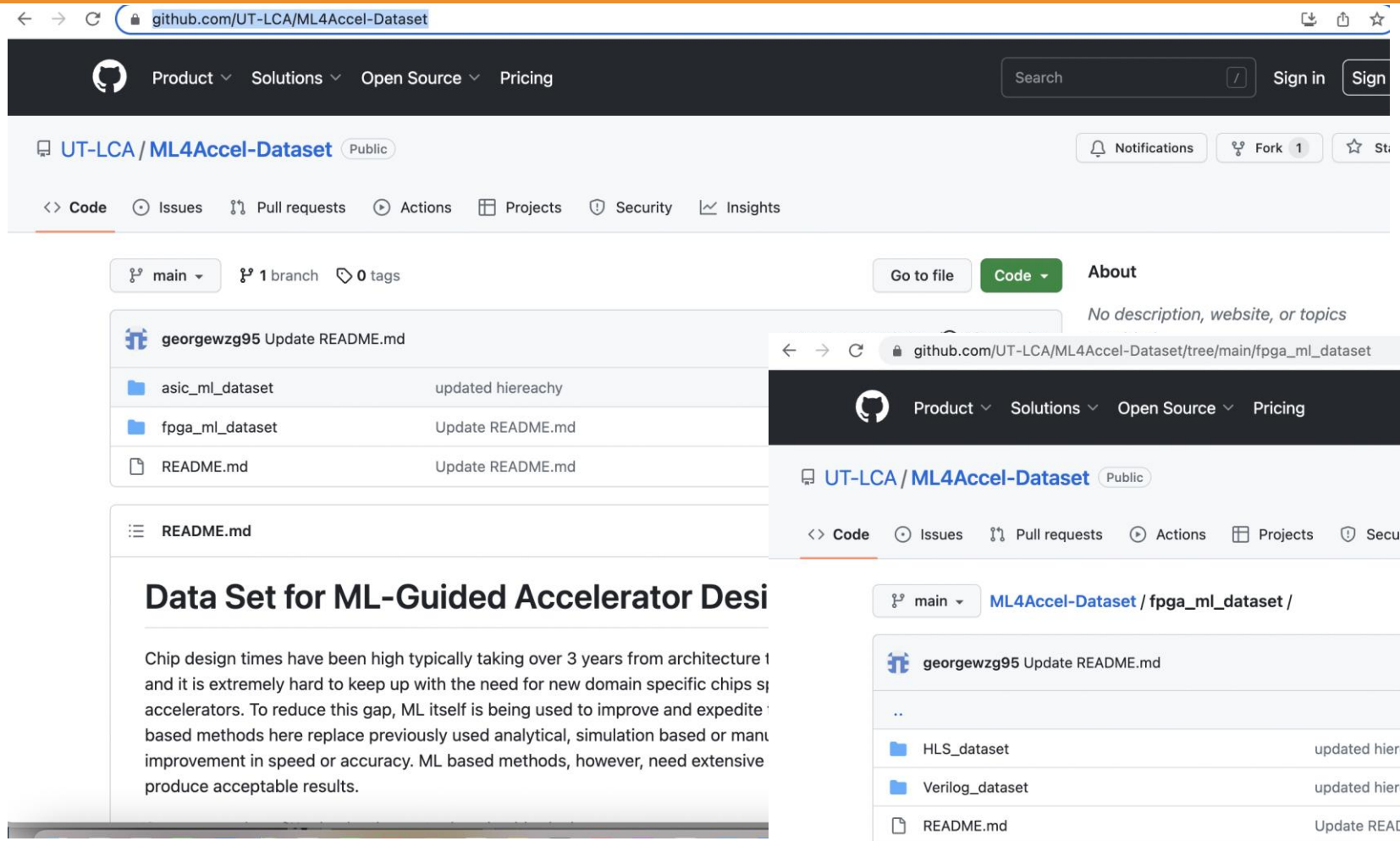


ML for Design

- Performance Estimates
- Power Estimates
- Resource Usage and Timing Estimates
- Operation Delay Estimates
- Congestion Prediction
- DRC Violation Prediction
- IR Drop Prediction
- Estimation of Quality of Synthesis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Chip design times have been high typically taking over 3 years from architecture t
and it is extremely hard to keep up with the need for new domain specific chips sp
accelerators. To reduce this gap, ML itself is being used to improve and expedite
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improvement in speed or accuracy. ML based methods, however, need extensive
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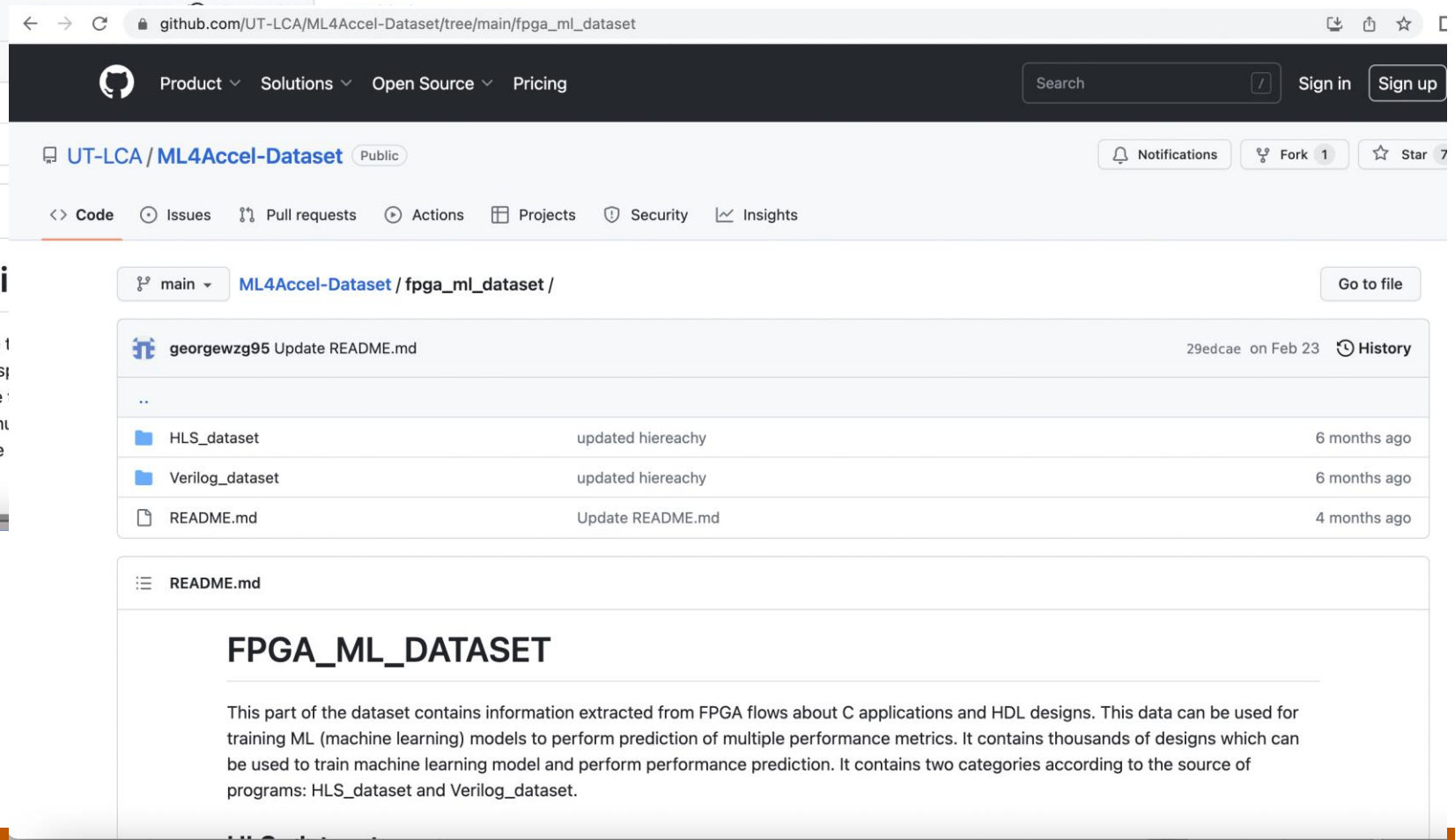
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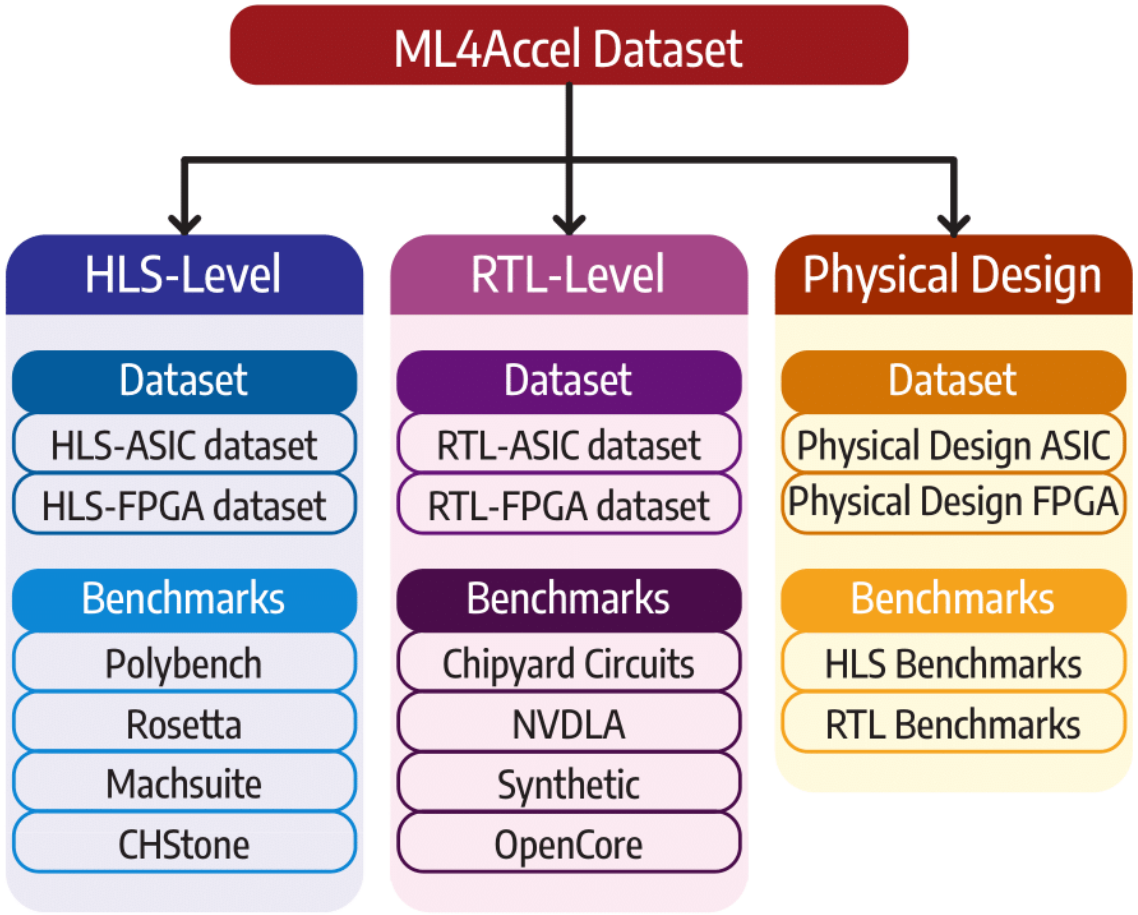
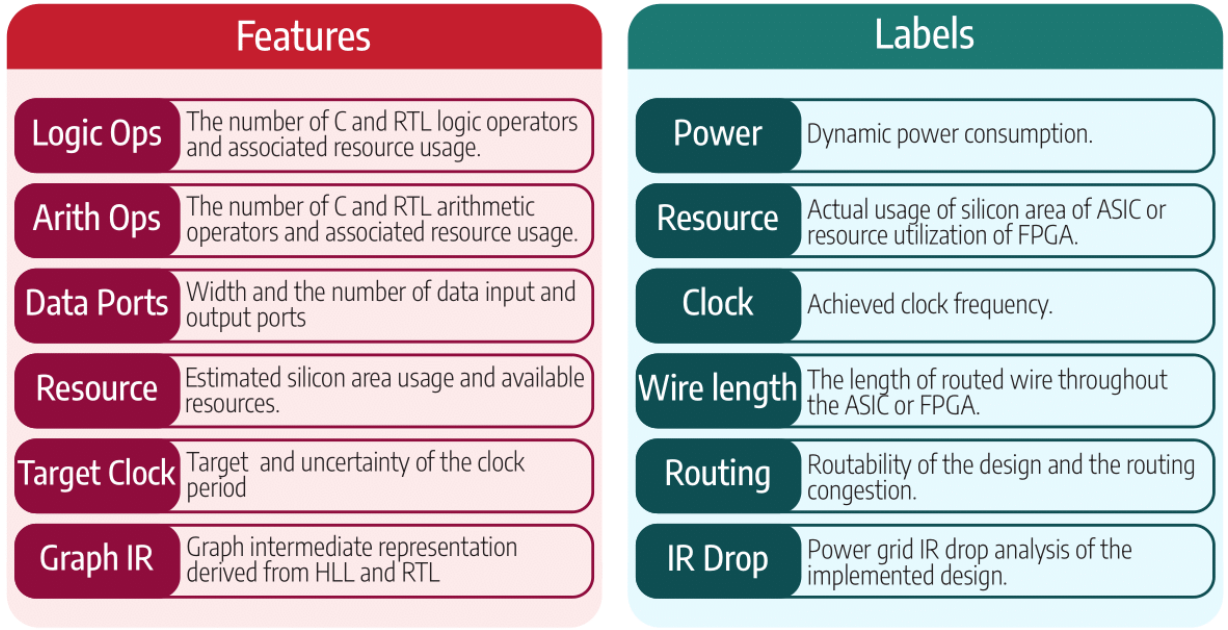
FPGA_ML_DATASET
This part of the dataset contains information extracted from FPGA flows about C applications and HDL designs. This data can be used for training ML (machine learning) models to perform prediction of multiple performance metrics. It contains thousands of designs which can be used to train machine learning model and perform performance prediction. It contains two categories according to the source of programs: HLS_dataset and Verilog_dataset.

Overview of ML4Accel



ML4Accel dataset domains



ML4Accel dataset features and labels

HLS-FPGA dataset: HLSDataset

HLSDataset is a subset of ML4Accel targeting prediction tasks in FPGA via HLS

Work	# Samples	# Sources	Platform & Abstraction level	Tools	Use Case in ML
OpenABC-D	870,000	29	ASIC RTL	OpenROAD	Estimation of quality of a synthesis recipe
CircuitNet	12,960	6	ASIC Physical Design	Synopsys DC	Congestion prediction, DRC violation Prediction, IR drop prediction
Dai	1,300	65	FPGA HLS	Xilinx Vivado	Quality of Results Estimation on one FPGA
MLSBench	6,000	30	FPGA HLS	Xilinx Vivado	NA
Spector	8,300	9	FPGA HLS	Altera OpenCL SDK	NA
Ours	18,876	34	FPGA HLS	Xilinx Vivado	Power Estimates, resource and timing estimation, operation delay estimate, cross-FPGAs studies, and more

Comparison between HLSDataset and prior open-source datasets for training ML models for chip design

Generation of HLSDataset

Category	Details
Num samples	18,876
Num applications	34
Application sources	Polybench, Machsuite, CHStone, Rosetta
FPGAs	Xilinx ZU9EG, XC7V585T
Clock frequency	100MHz
Domains	Multimedia, Arithmetic, Signal Processing, ML
Size	~50GB
Machines	9 16-coe Intel Xeon 5218 2.3GHz with 384GB RAM
Time	More than 1,500 hours
Tools	Xilinx Vivado/Vitis

HLSDataset generation efforts and used tools

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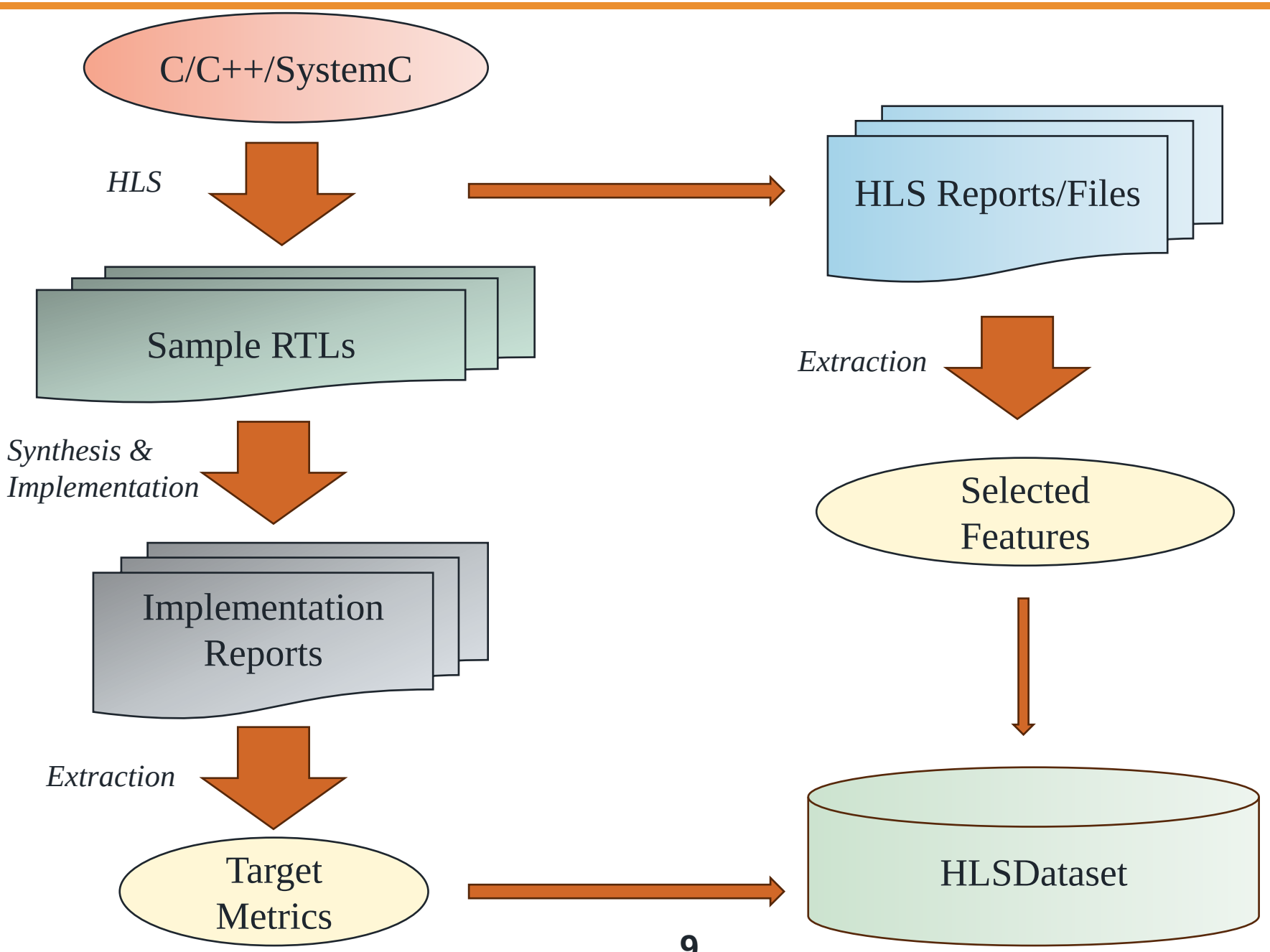

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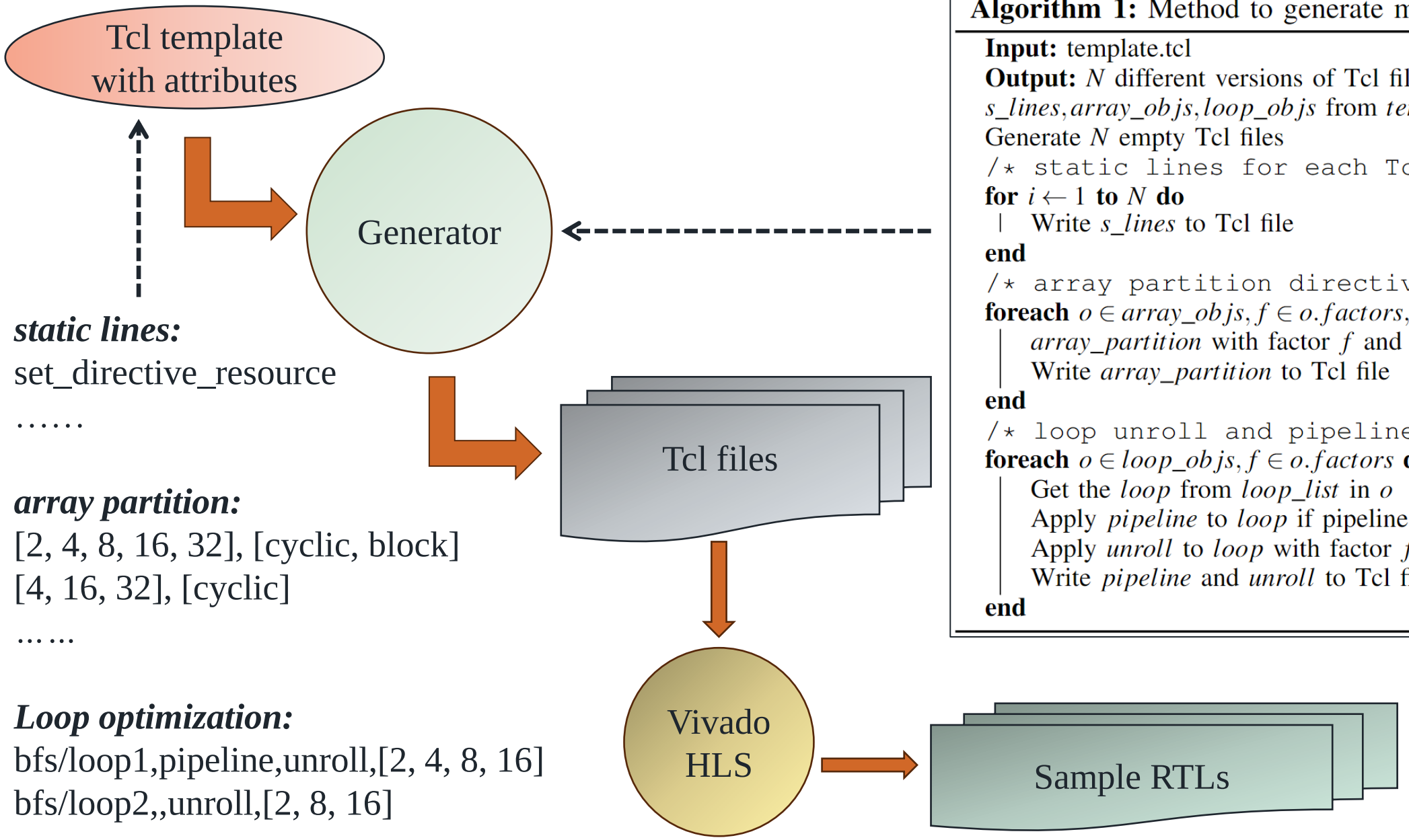
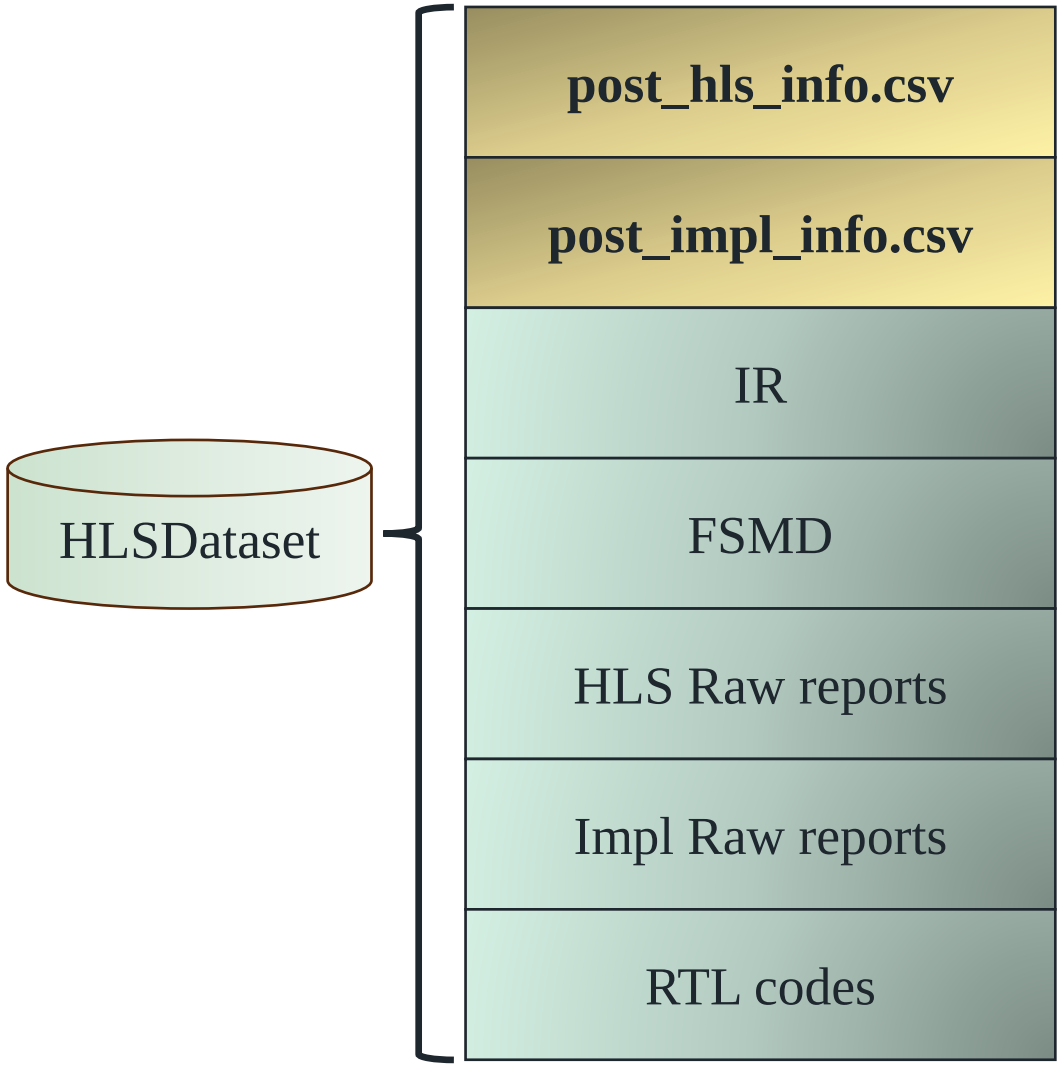


Algorithm 1: Method to generate multiple Tcl files

Input: template.tcl
Output: N different versions of Tcl files
$s\_lines, array\_objs, loop\_objs$ from *template.tcl*;
Generate N empty Tcl files
`/* static lines for each Tcl file */`
for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** N **do**
  Write s_lines to Tcl file
end
`/* array partition directives */`
foreach $o \in array\_objs, f \in o.factors, t \in o.types$ **do**
  $array\_partition$ with factor f and type t
  Write $array\_partition$ to Tcl file
end
`/* loop unroll and pipeline */`
foreach $o \in loop\_objs, f \in o.factors$ **do**
  Get the $loop$ from $loop\_list$ in o
  Apply $pipeline$ to $loop$ if pipeline applies
  Apply $unroll$ to $loop$ with factor f if unroll applies
  Write $pipeline$ and $unroll$ to Tcl file
end

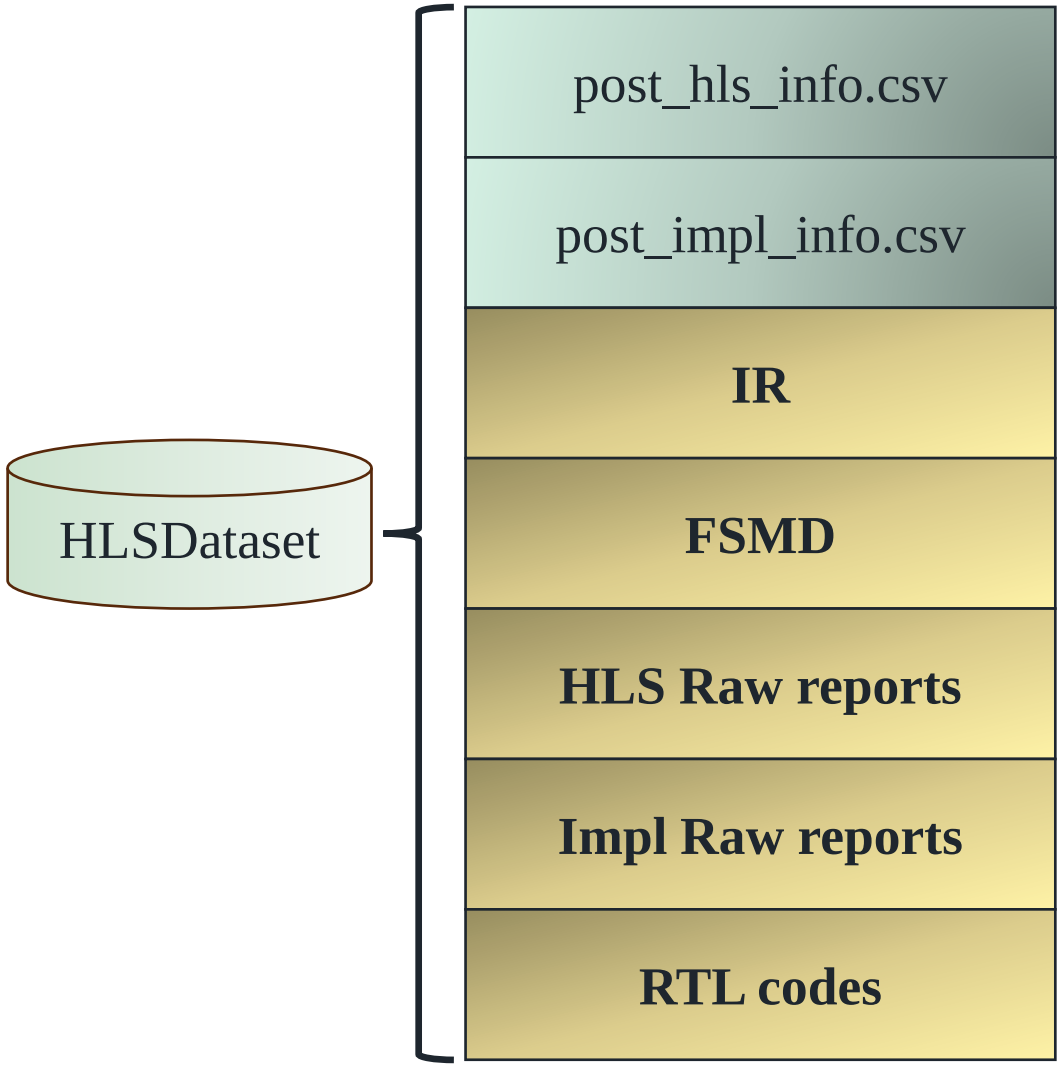
HLSDataset Contents



Category	***post_hls_info.csv* description**
Resource #	Estimated usage and available number of BRAM, DSP, FF and LUT
Clock	Target, estimation and uncertainty of the clock period
Logic ops	The number of C and RTL logic operators and associated resource usage
Arith ops	The number of C and RTL arithmetic operators and associated resource usage
Data ports	Width and the number of data input and output ports

Category	***post_implementation_info.csv* description**
power	Simulation-based dynamic power consumption
Resource #	Actual usage of BRAM, DSP, FF and LUT
Clock	Achieved clock frequency

HLSDataset Contents



IR: IR codes and operator information

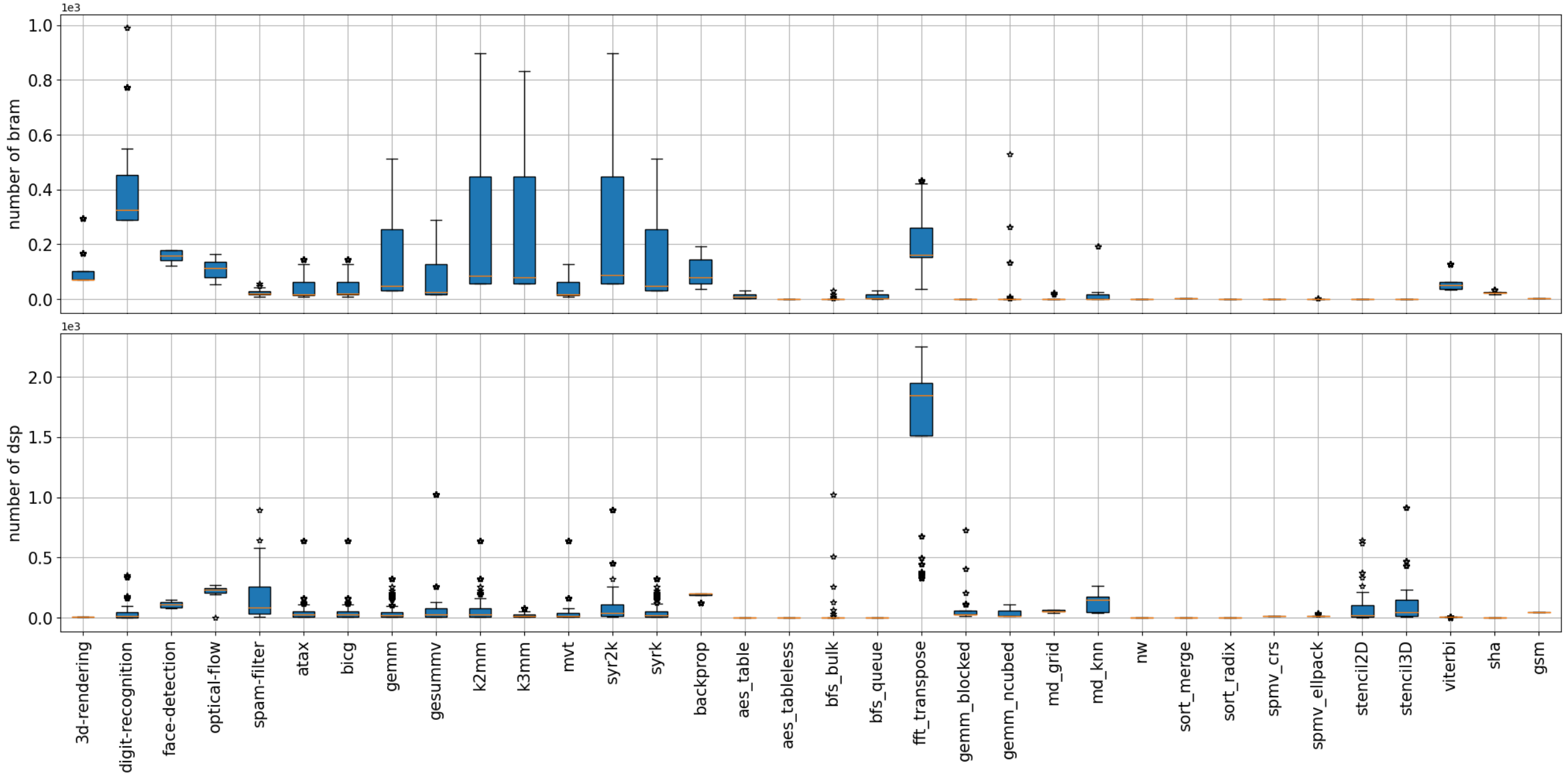
FSMD model: Finite State Machine Datapath model

HLS Raw reports: resource usage estimation from HLS

Impl Raw reports: Resource utilization and timing reports generated after implementation

RTL codes

HLSDataset Resource Distribution for ZU9EG



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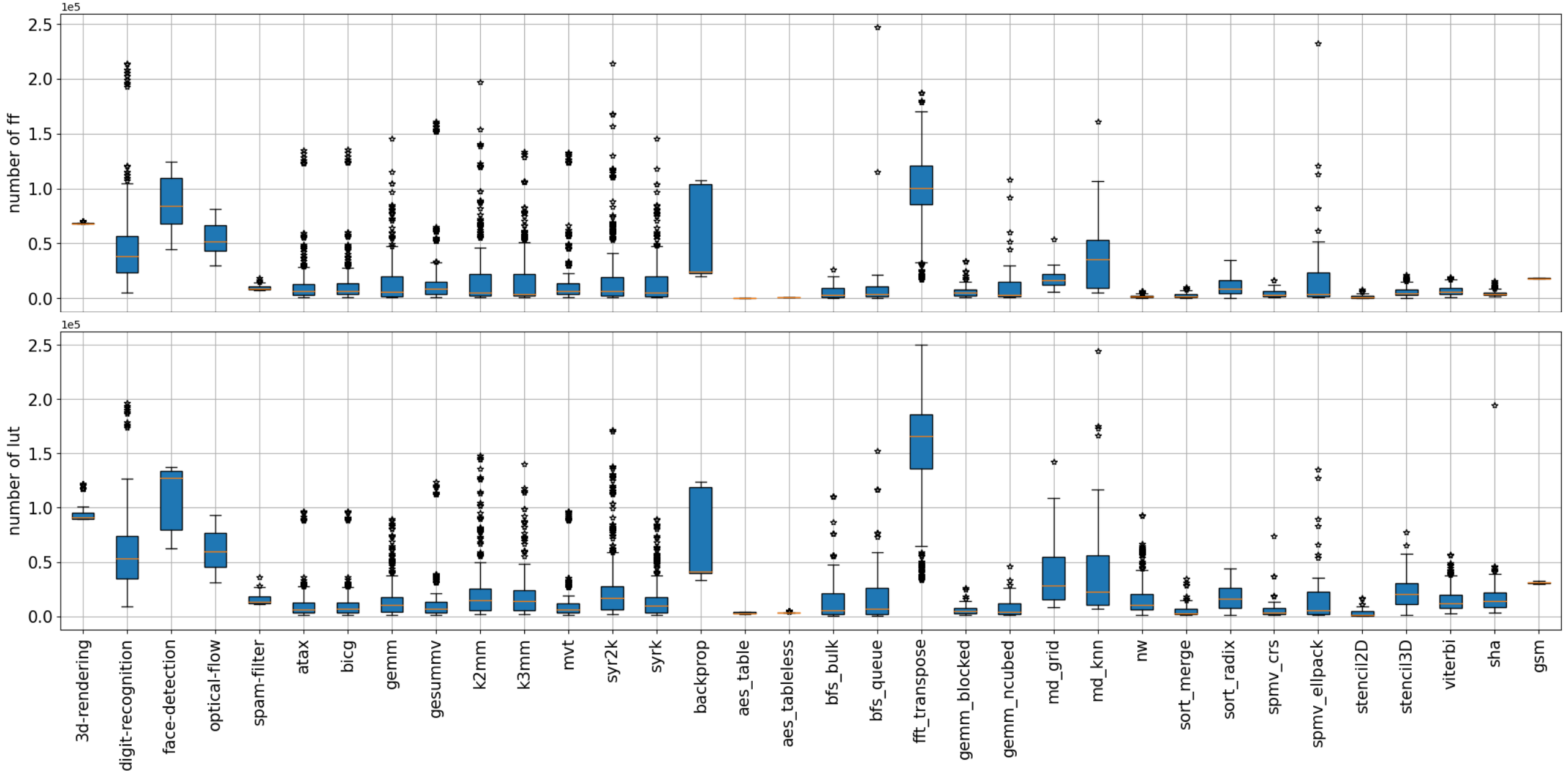


Potential Use Cases with HLSDataset

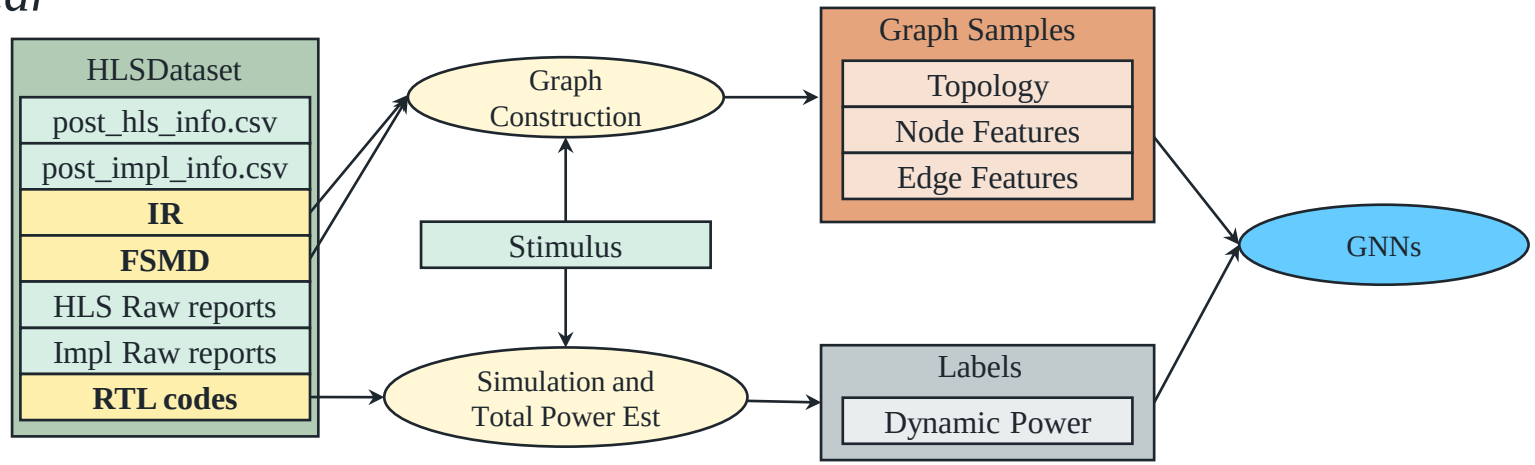
Work	ML model	Task	Feature and source
[1]	Lasso, XGB, ANN	Resource usage and timing	Resource usage estimation for logic ops, arithmetic ops, memory and multiplexer; achieved clock period and uncertainty from **HLS reports**
[2]	GNN	Resource usage and timing	Graph samples based on **IR codes**; operator type, used resource type and timing information from **HLS reports**
[3]	CNN	Power estimates	Resource utilization and clock estimation by **HLS reports**; signal activities track and IR operator information from **IR codes**; RTL operator information from **FSMD model**
[4]	GNN	Power estimates	Signal activities track and IR operator information from **IR codes**, Graph samples built with **IR codes** and **FSMD model**, RTL operators information in **FSMD model**
[5]	GNN	Operation delay	Graph structures, operation type and bitwidth from **IR codes**

- ***Power Estimates***
- ***Resource Utilization Estimates***
- ***Timing and Operation Delay Estimates***

Case Study 1 with HLSDataset

Dynamic Power Estimation using PowerGear

Training setup:
- GNN model from PowerGear [4]
- Polybench subsets from HLSDataset
- 10-fold cross validation
- Trained on Ampere A100



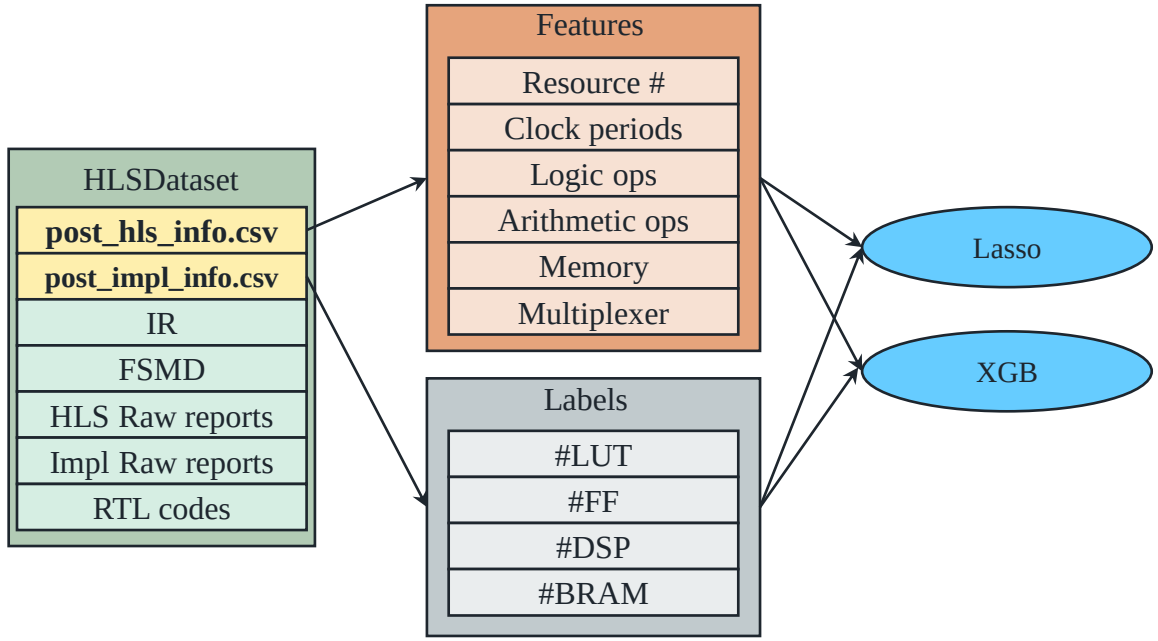
Application	Error of Dynamic Power (%)	
	ZU9EG	XC7V585T
atax	3.89	5.25
bicg	3.90	5.60
gemm	5.24	6.50
gesummv	7.93	9.43
k2mm	4.25	6.00
k3mm	4.15	6.47
mvt	4.64	5.62
syrk	5.31	6.22
syr2k	6.41	6.46
average	**5.08**	**6.40**

Dynamic power estimation errors - Training dataset and testing dataset are from Polybench subset of HLSDataset. Results for ZU9EG and XC7V585T.

Case Study 2 with HLSDataset

Resource Usage estimation

Training setup:
- XGB and Lasso model from S. Dai et al. [1]
- Polybench, Machsuite subsets from HLSDataset
- 10-fold cross validation
- Trained on Ampere A100



Resource	LUT	FF	DSP	BRAM
HLS Estimate	63.2%	34.1%	0.0%	1.8%
XGB	3.2%	2.3%	NA	0.1%
Lasso	13.2%	15.4%	NA	NA

Resource estimation errors - Training dataset and testing dataset are from Machsuite and Polybench subsets of HLSDataset. Results for ZU9EG.

Thanks!

https://github.com/UT-LCA/ML4Accel-Dataset

Project is ongoing at

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