

Multipliers for FPGA Machine Learning Applications

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Population density: 3.20 people per km² (Shanghai 2059)



Australia and Europe Area size comparison

Darwin to Perth 4396km · Perth to Adelaide 2707km · Adelaide to Melbourne 726km
Melbourne to Sydney 887km · Sydney to Brisbane 972km · Brisbane to Cairns 1748km



Population: ~25M (2017)
Europe: ~743M (2018)
Shanghai: ~24M (2018)

- › Focuses on how to use parallelism to solve demanding problems
 - Novel architectures, applications and design techniques using VLSI, FPGA and parallel computing technology
- › Research
 - Reconfigurable computing
 - Machine learning
 - Signal processing
- › Collaborations
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A Two Speed Multiplier

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Example: Multiply 118d by 99d

Step1) Initialize	Multiplicand	118d
	Multiplier	<u>99d</u>
Step2) Find partial products		1062d
		<u>1062 d</u>
Step3) Sum up the shifted partial products		11682d

› Shift-and-Add Algorithm

Two's Complement Method

Step1) Initialize	118d = 01110110b
	99d = <u>01100011b</u>
	01110110b
	01110110 b
	00000000 b
Step2) Find partial products	00000000 b
	00000000 b
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	<u>00000000 b</u>
Step3) Sum up the shifted partial products	010110110100010 b

Convert 2's-Comp back to decimal:
0010 1101 1010 0010 = 11682d

- › How can we handle signed multiplication?
- › Could
 - multiply absolute values
 - separately calculate the sign
 - negate if necessary
- › But ...

Signed Multiplication using Booth Recoding

› Booth Recoding

- Reduce the number of partial products by recoding the multiplier operand
- Works for signed numbers

Example: Multiply -118 by -99

Recall, $99 = 0110\ 0011b$

$-99 = 1001\ 1101b$

Radix-2

Booth

Recoding

$-99 = \bar{1}010\ 0\bar{1}1\bar{1}$

Low-order Bit
Last Bit Shifted Out



A_n	A_{n-1}	Partial Product
0	0	0
0	1	+B
1	0	-B
1	1	0

Example of Booth Radix-2 Recoding

Multiply -118 by -99

$$B = -118 = 1000\ 1010b$$

$$-B = 118 = 0111\ 0110b$$

$$A = -99 = 1001\ 1101b$$

$$-99 = \bar{1}010\ 0\bar{1}1\bar{1}$$

> $-99 = (-2^7 + 2^5 - 2^2 + 2^1 - 2^0)$

Sign Extension

Radix-2 Booth

Step1) Initialize

$$-118 = 0111\ 0110b$$

$$-99 = \bar{1}010\ 0\bar{1}1\bar{1}$$

01110110b	-B
①10001010 b	B
01110110 b	-B
00000000 b	0
00000000 b	0
①110001010 b	B
00000000 b	0
01110110 b	-B

Step2) Find partial products

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$$0010110110100010b$$

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- > Similar to Radix-2, but uses looks at two low-order bits at a time (instead of 1)

Recall, $99d = 0110\ 0011b$

1001 1100b

 1b

$-99d = 1001\ 1101b$

Radix-4
 Booth
 Recoding

$-99d = \bar{2}2\bar{1}1$

- > $(-99 = -2 \cdot 4^3 + 2 \cdot 4^2 - 1 \cdot 4^1 + 1 \cdot 4^0)$

Low-order Bits

Last Bit Shifted Out

Y_{i+2}	Y_{i+1}	Y_i	e_i
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	+B
0	1	0	+B
0	1	1	+2B
1	0	0	-2B
1	0	1	-B
1	1	0	-B
1	1	1	0

Example of Booth Radix-4 Multiplication

Example: Multiply -118d by -99d

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= -118d = 1000\ 1010b \\
 -B &= 118d = 0111\ 0110b \\
 2B &= -236d = 1\ 0001\ 0100b \\
 -2B &= 236d = 0\ 1110\ 1100b
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= -99d = 1001\ 1101b \\
 -99d &= \bar{2}\bar{2}\bar{1}1
 \end{aligned}$$

Radix-4 Booth

Step1) Initialize

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -118d = 0111\ 0110b \\
 -99d = \quad \underline{\bar{2}\ \bar{2}\ \bar{1}\ \bar{1}}
 \end{array}$$

Step2) Find partial products

111111	$10001010b$	B
	$01110110\ b$	-B
11	$100010100\ b$	2B
	$011101100\ b$	-
	$0010110110100010\ b$	2B

Step3) Sum up the shifted partial products

Sign Extension

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- Reduces number of partial products by half!

TABLE I: Booth Encoding

Y_{i+2}	Y_{i+1}	Y_i	e_i
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	2
1	0	0	$\bar{2}$
1	0	1	$\bar{1}$
1	1	0	$\bar{1}$
1	1	1	0

$\bar{2}$ and $\bar{1}$ represent -2 and -1 respectively.

Algorithm: Booth Radix-4 Multiplication

Data: y : Multiplier, x : Multiplicand

Result: p : Product

$p = y$;

$e = (P[0] - 2P[1]);$

for $count = 1$ **to** N **do**

$PartialProduct = e * x$;

$p = sra(p, 2)$;

$P[2 * B - 1 : B] += PartialProduct$;

$e = (P[1] + P[0] - 2P[2]);$

end

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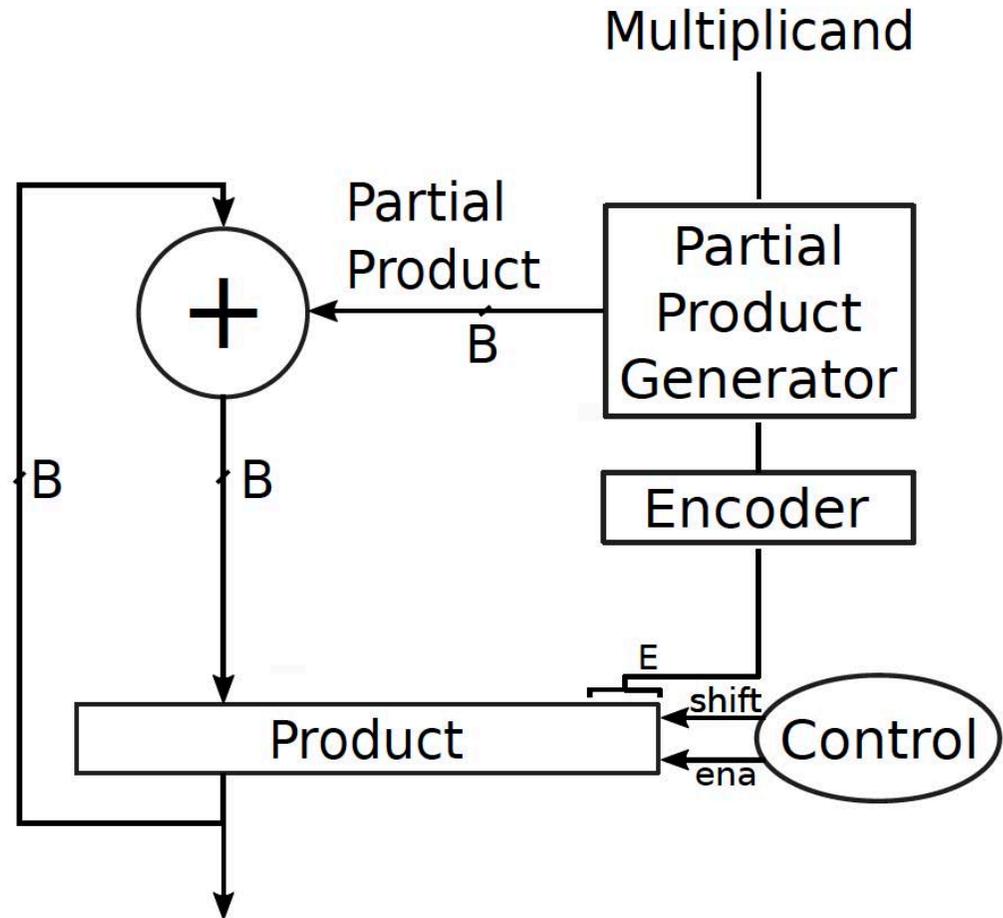
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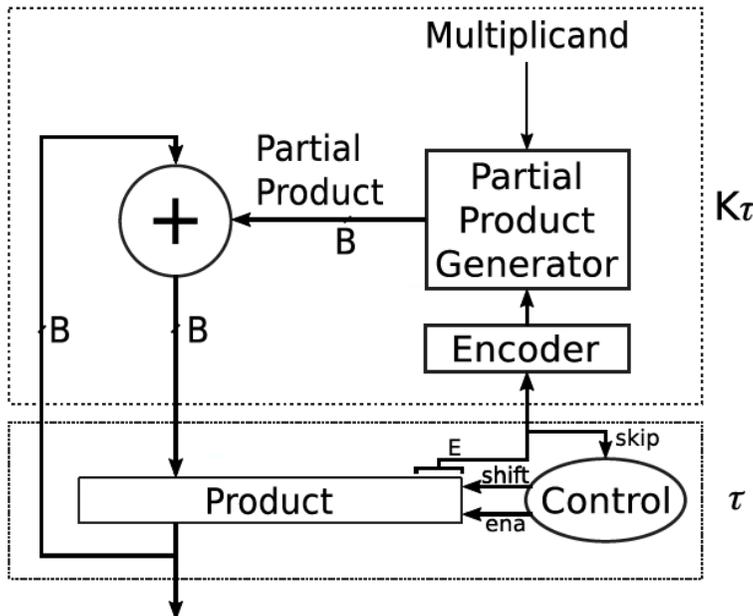
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- Booth Radix-4 datapath split into 2 sections, each with own critical path
- Non-zero encodings take $\bar{K}\tau$ (add) and zero take τ (skip)
- Naturally supports sparse problems



Algorithm: Two Speed Booth Radix-4 Multiplication

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Result: p : Product

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$e = (P[0] - 2P[1]);$

for $count = 1$ **to** N **do**

$p = sra(p,2);$

 // If non-zero encoding, take the $K\tau$
 path, otherwise the τ path

if $e \neq 0$ **then**

 // this path is clocked \bar{K} times

$PartialProduct = e * x;$

$P[2 * B - 1 : B] += PartialProduct;$

end

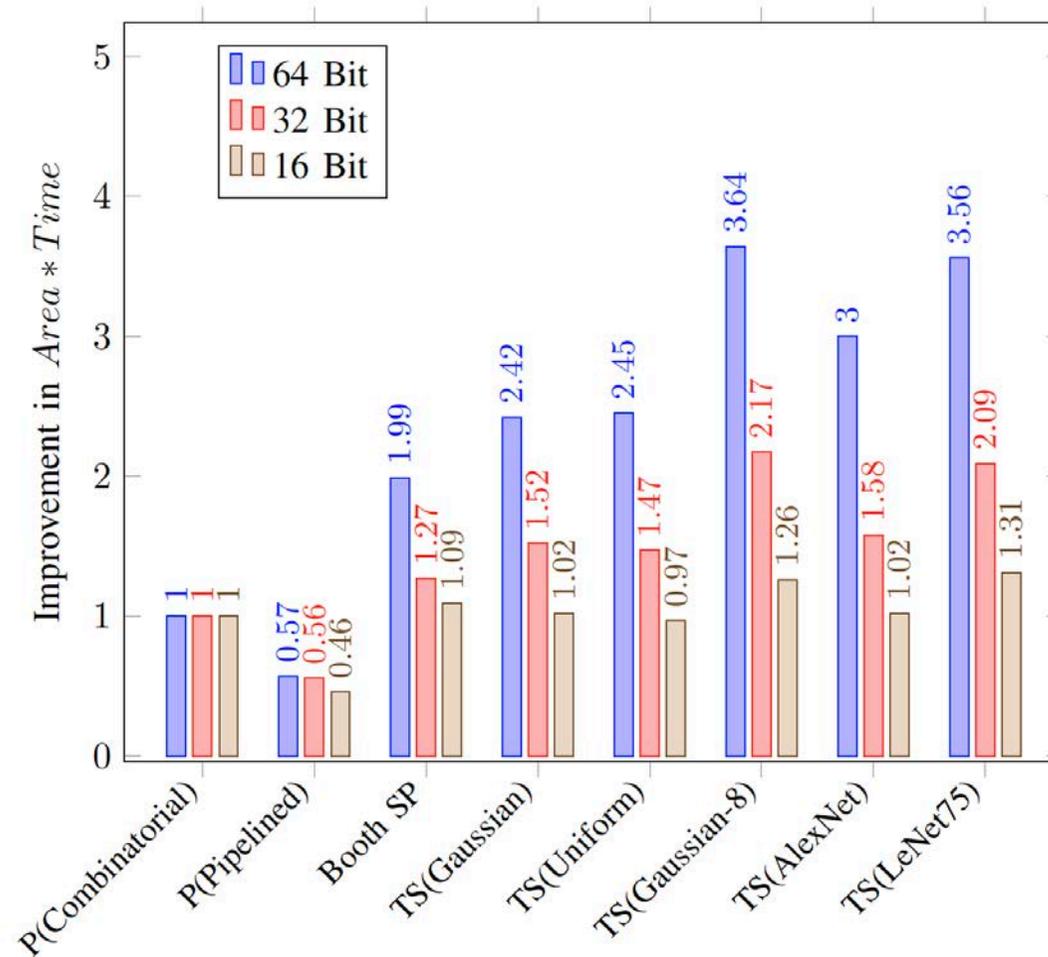
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end

Bit Representation	Action	Time	Partial Product
1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	skip	τ	$0x \times 2^0$
1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0	add	$\tau + \bar{K}\tau$	$1x \times 2^2$
1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0	skip	$2\tau + \bar{K}\tau$	$0x \times 2^4$
1 1 1 1 0 1 0	add	$2\tau + 2\bar{K}\tau$	$1x \times 2^6$
1 1 1 1 0	add	$2\tau + 3\bar{K}\tau$	$-1x \times 2^8$
1 1 1	skip	$3\tau + 3\bar{K}\tau$	$0x \times 2^{10}$

B	Type	Area (LEs)	Max Delay (ns)	Latency (Cycles)	Power (mW)
64	Parallel(Combinatorial)	5104	14.7	1	2.23
	Parallel(Pipelined)	4695	6.99	4**	9.62
	Booth Serial-Parallel	292	3.9	33	2.23
	Two Speed	304	1.83 (τ)	45.2*	5.2
32	Parallel(Combinatorial)	1255	10.2	1	1.33
	Parallel(Pipelined)	1232	4.6	4**	5.07
	Booth Serial-Parallel	156	3.8	17	1.78
	Two Speed	159	1.76 (τ)	25.6*	3.18
16	Parallel(Combinatorial)	319	6.8	1	0.94
	Parallel(Pipelined)	368	3.2	4**	3.49
	Booth Serial-Parallel	81	2.72	9	1.67
	Two Speed	87	1.52 (τ)	14*	4.35

Area * Time Improvement of TSM



- › Variant of the serial-parallel modified radix-4 Booth multiplier
 - › Adds only the non-zero Booth encodings and skips over the zero operations
 - › Two sub-circuits with different critical paths are utilised so that throughput and latency are improved for a subset of multiplier values
 - › For bit widths of 32 and 64, our optimisations can result in a 1.42-3.36x improvement over the standard parallel Booth multiplier
 - › Future work: explore training NN with weights to minimise execution time on TSM
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PIR-DSP: An FPGA DSP block Architecture for Multi-Precision Deep Neural Networks

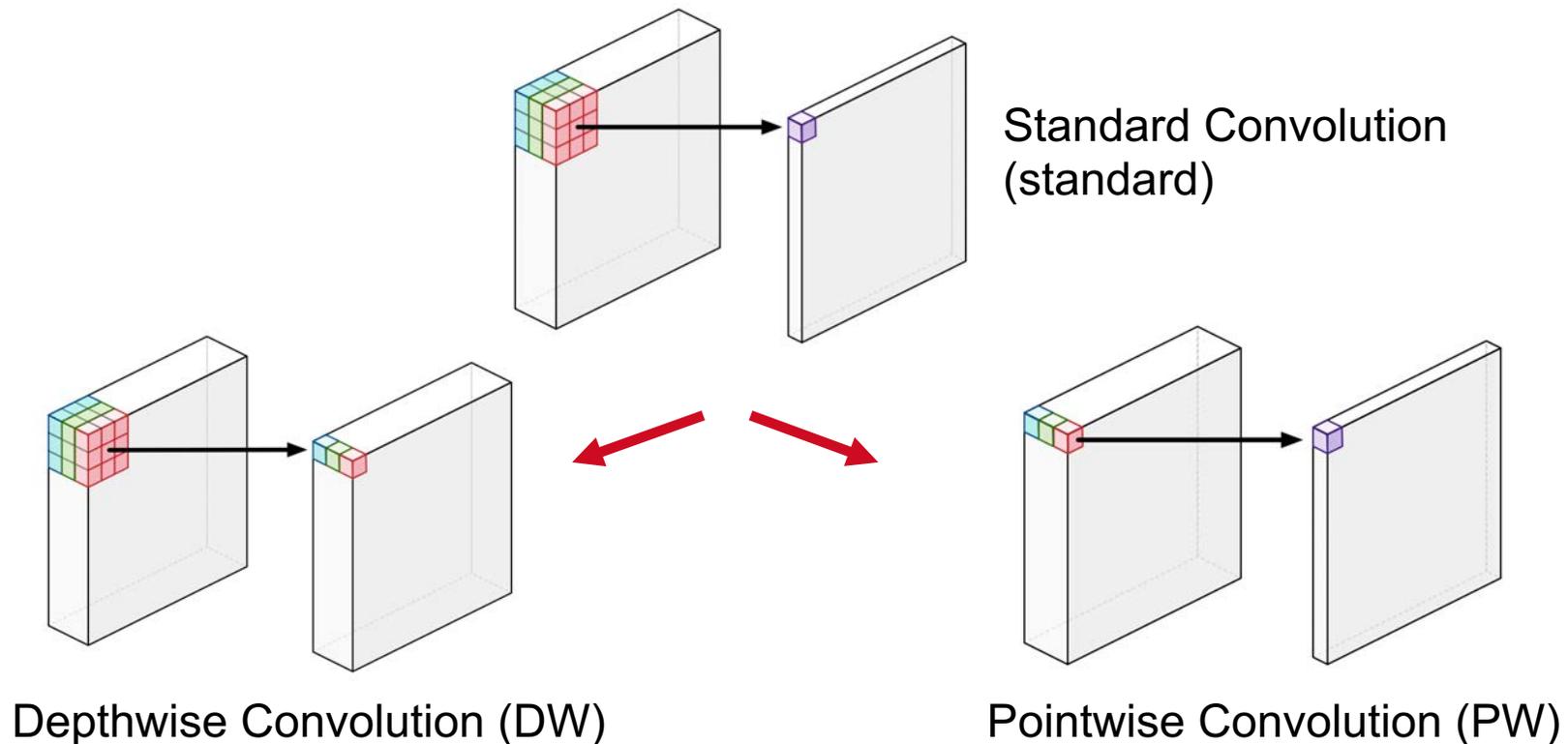
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- › Introduction
- › PIR-DSP Architecture
- › Results
- › Conclusion

- › DNNs for embedded applications share two features to reduce computation and storage requirements
 - Low precision (from 1-16 bits)
 - Depthwise separable convolutions

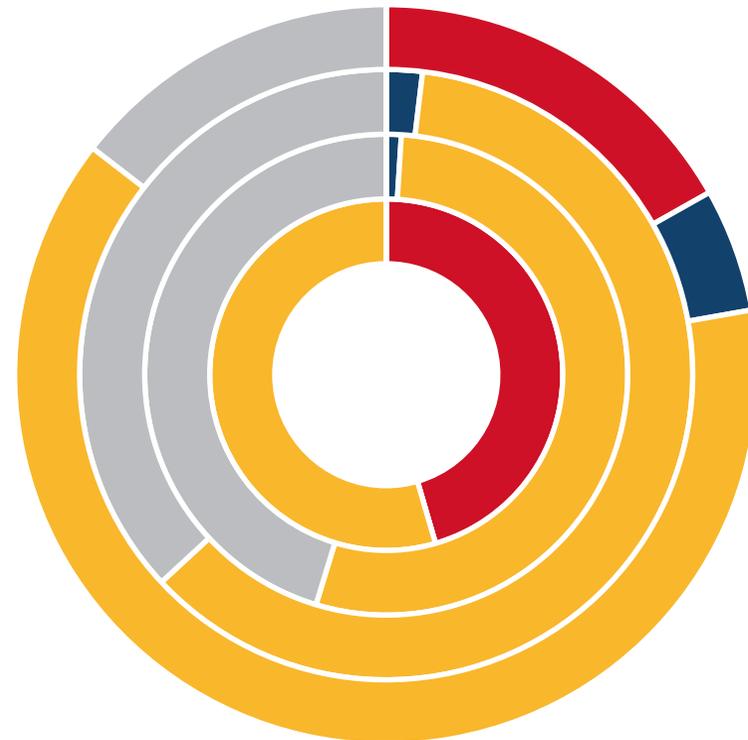
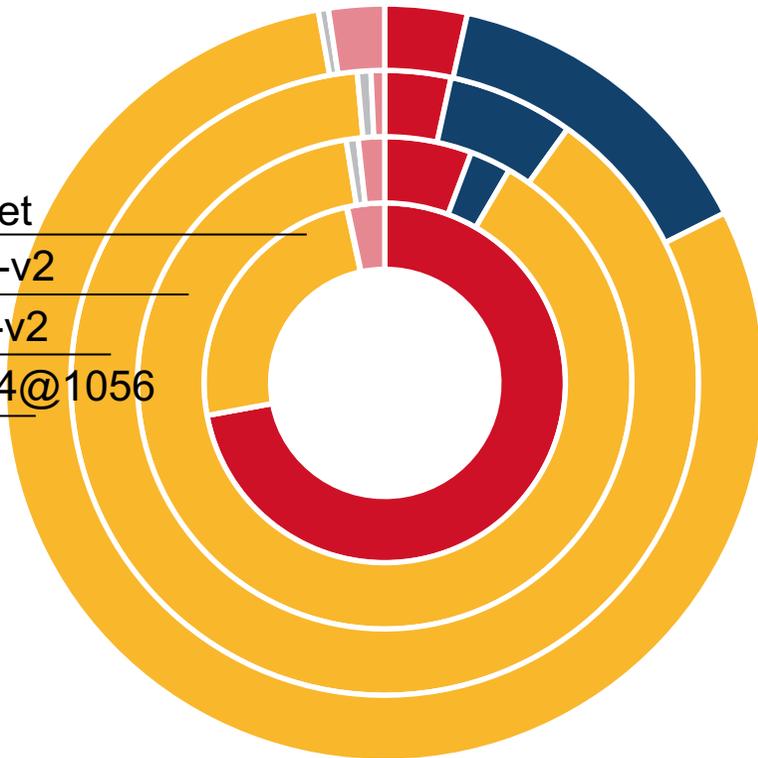


Computation and Storage for Embedded DNNs

Distribution of # of MACs

Distribution of # of parameters

SqueezeNet
 ShuffleNet-v2
 MobileNet-v2
 NASNet-A4@1056



■ Standard ■ DW ■ PW ■ FC ■ Other

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Low-Precision Neural Networks

Imagenet accuracy with binary and ternary weights and 8-bit activations

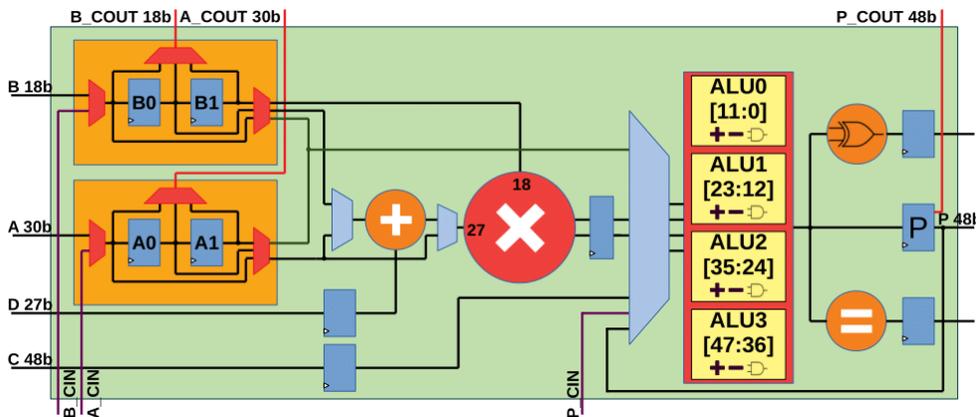
Model		1-8	2-8	Baseline	Reference
AlexNet	Top-1	56.6	58.1	56.6	57.1
	Top-5	79.4	80.8	80.2	80.2
VGG	Top-1	66.2	68.7	69.4	-
	Top-5	87.0	88.5	89.1	-
ResNet-18	Top-1	62.9	67.7	69.1	69.6
	Top-5	84.6	87.8	89.0	89.2

- › Optimise FPGA DSP architecture to better support
 - Efficient implementation of embedded DNNs
 - Wordlengths down to ternary and binary
- › Talk will focus on convolutions

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> Xilinx DSP48

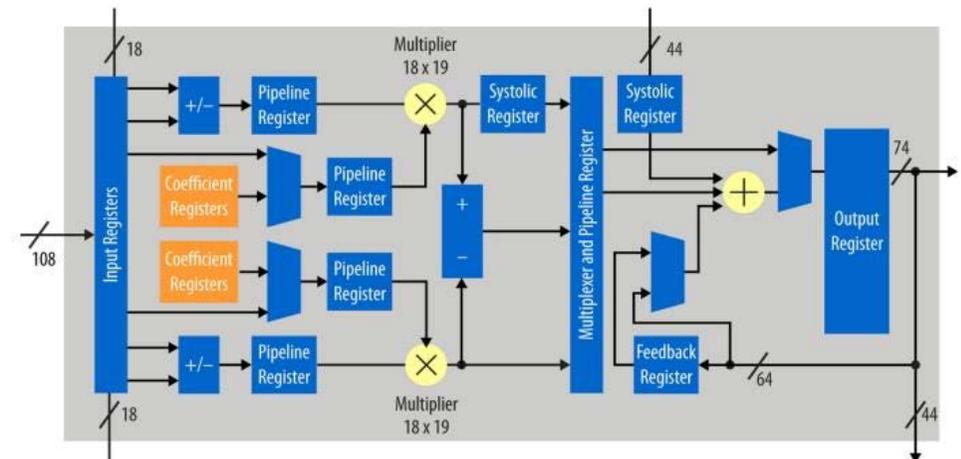
- 27×18 multiplier, 48-bit ALU (Add/Sub/Logic), 27-bit pre-adder, Wide 96bit XOR, 48-bit comparator



- No support for low-precision computations
- No run-time configuration
- 1D arrangement inefficient for implementing 2D systolic arrays

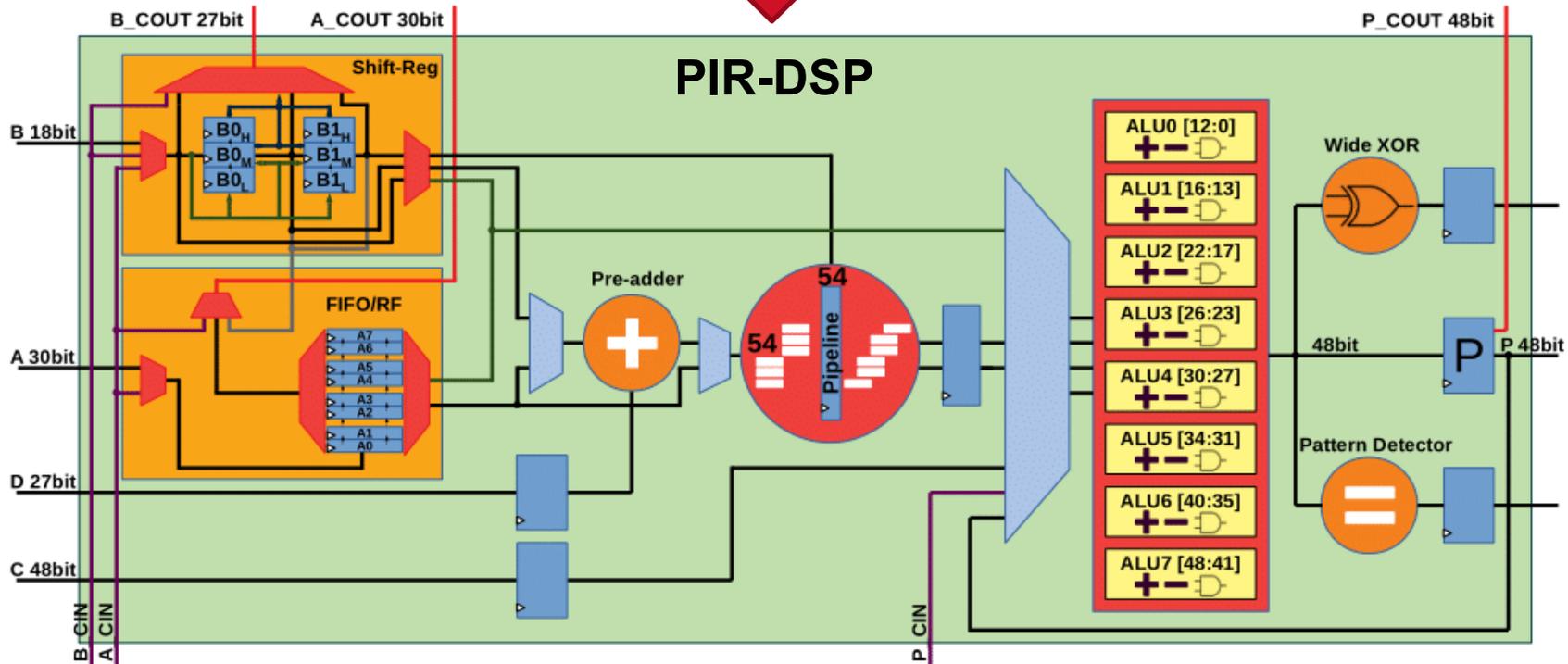
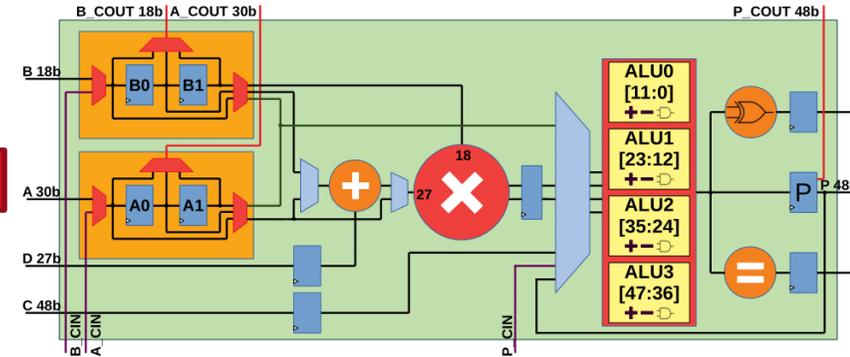
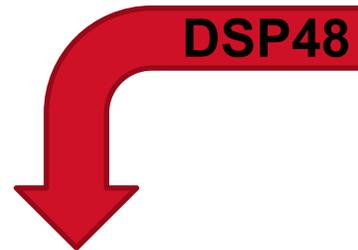
> Intel (Multiprecision)

- 27×27 multiplier decomposable to two 19×18, Compile-time configurable Coefficient registers, Two 18-bit pre-adder, 54-bit adder



> PIR-DSP: Optimized version of DSP48

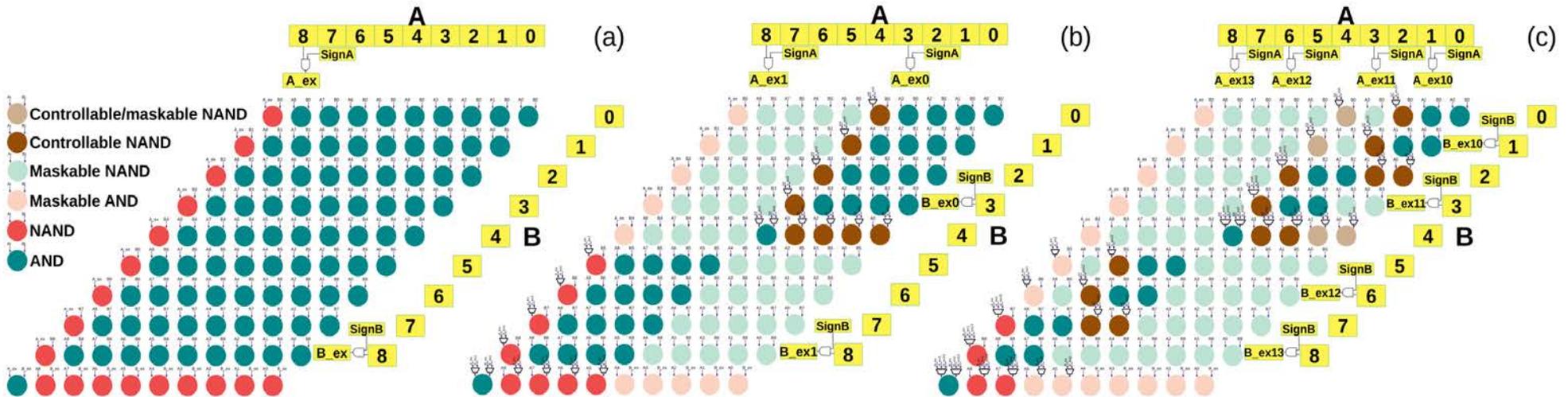
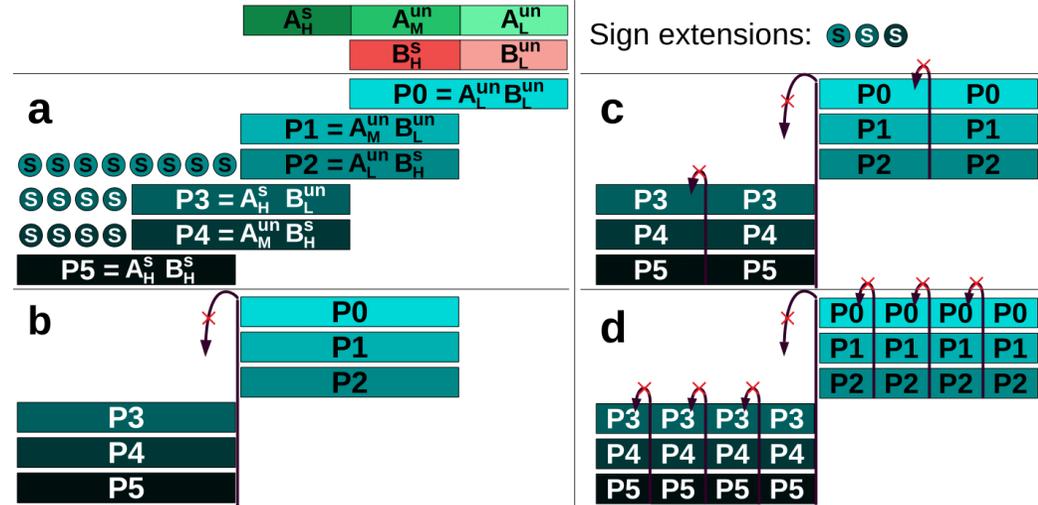
- Precision: Multiplier architecture
- Interconnect: Shift-Reg
- Reuse : RF/FIFO



› Based on two approaches:

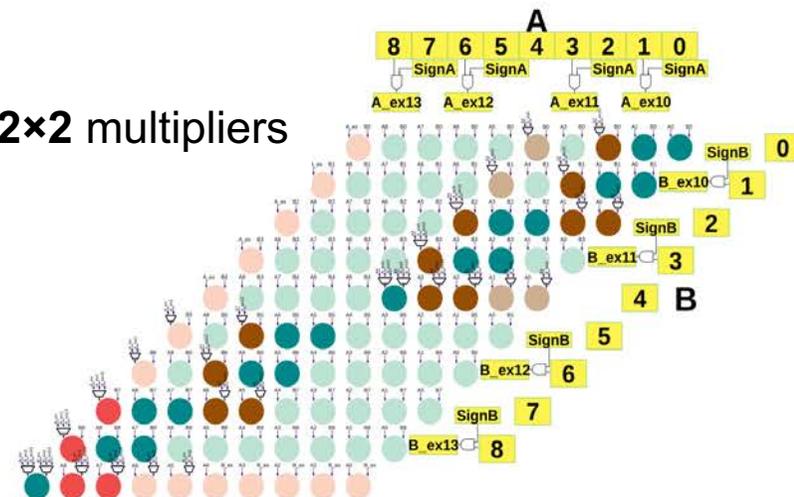
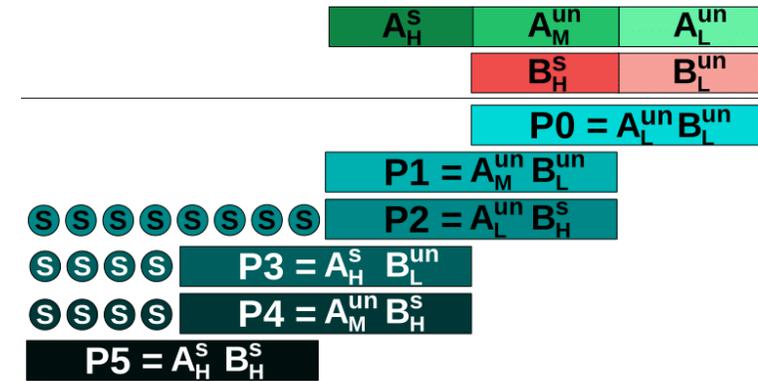
1. Chopping

2. Recursive decomposition



Parameterised Decomposable MAC unit

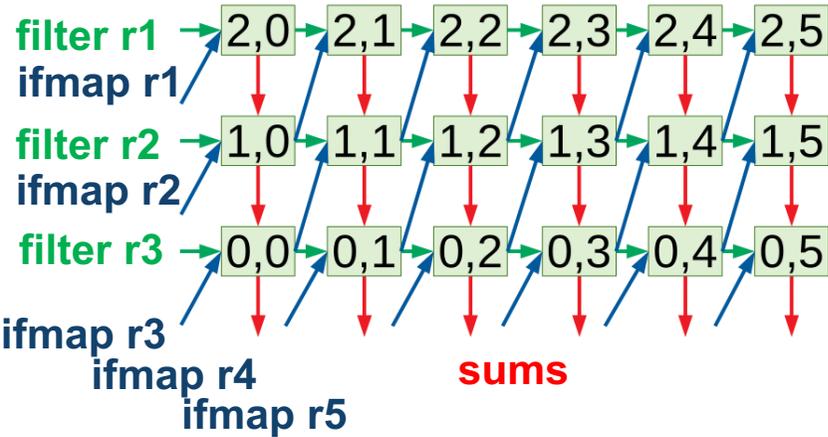
- > Notation: $M \times N C_{ij} D_k$
- > PIR-DSP multiplier: $27 \times 18 C_{32} D_2$
 - Chopping factors 3 and 2 respectively for 27 and 18
 - $(27=9+9+9) \times (18=9+9)$
 - Six 9×9 multiplier
 - Decomposing factor is 2
 - Each 9×9 multiplier decomposes to Two 4×4 or Four 2×2 multipliers
- > **PIR-DSP Modes:**
 - One $27 \times 18 \rightarrow 1$ MAC
 - Two $9 \times 9 + 9 \times 9 + 9 \times 9 \rightarrow 6$ MACs
 - Four $4 \times 4 + 4 \times 4 + 4 \times 4 \rightarrow 12$ MACs
 - Eight $2 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 \rightarrow 24$ MACs



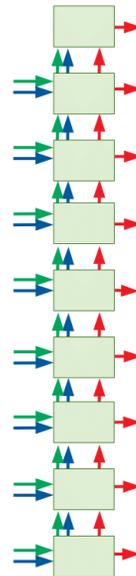
› Three types of convolutions

1- **Depth-wise**: using three PIR-DSPs

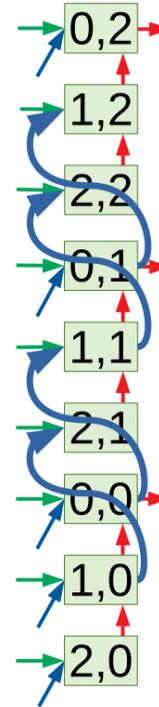
2- **Standard**: based on depth-wise convolution implementation and adding the partial results



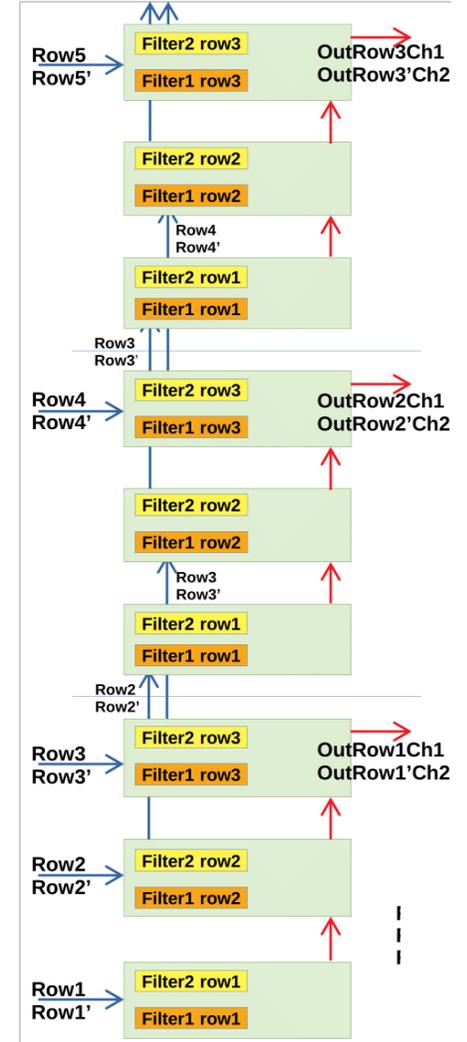
2D systolic array (Eyeriss)



conventional



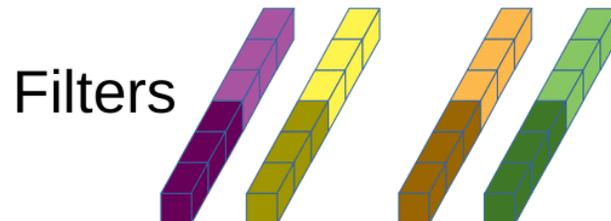
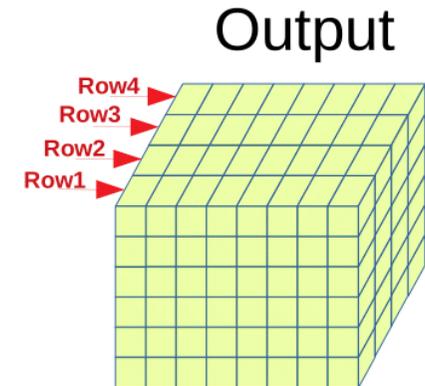
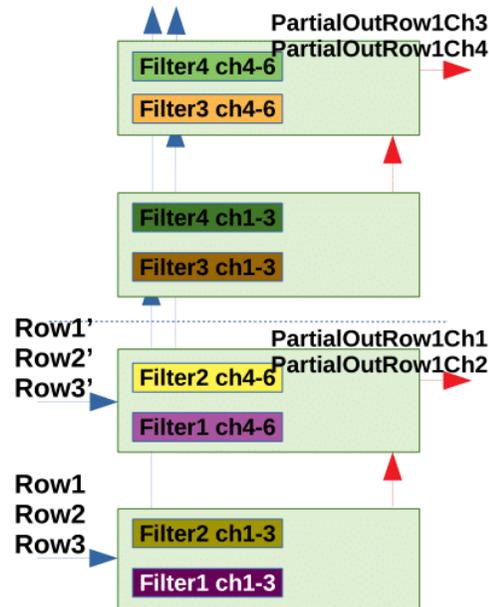
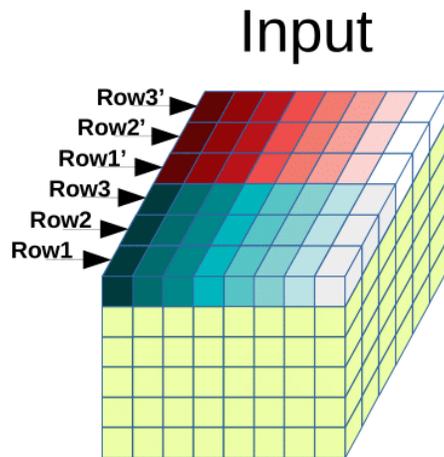
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depthwise convolution

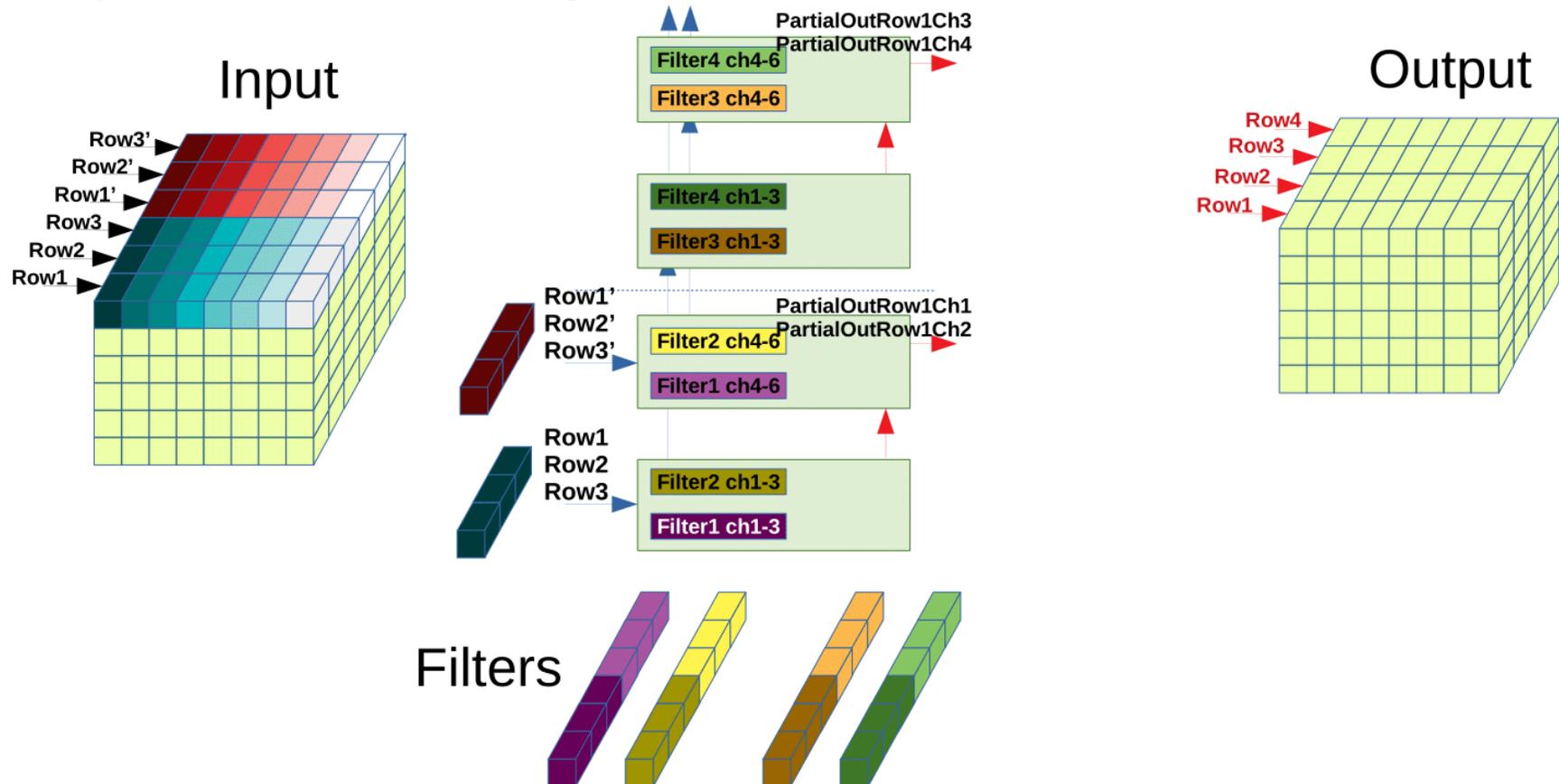
3- Point-wise

Cycle #0



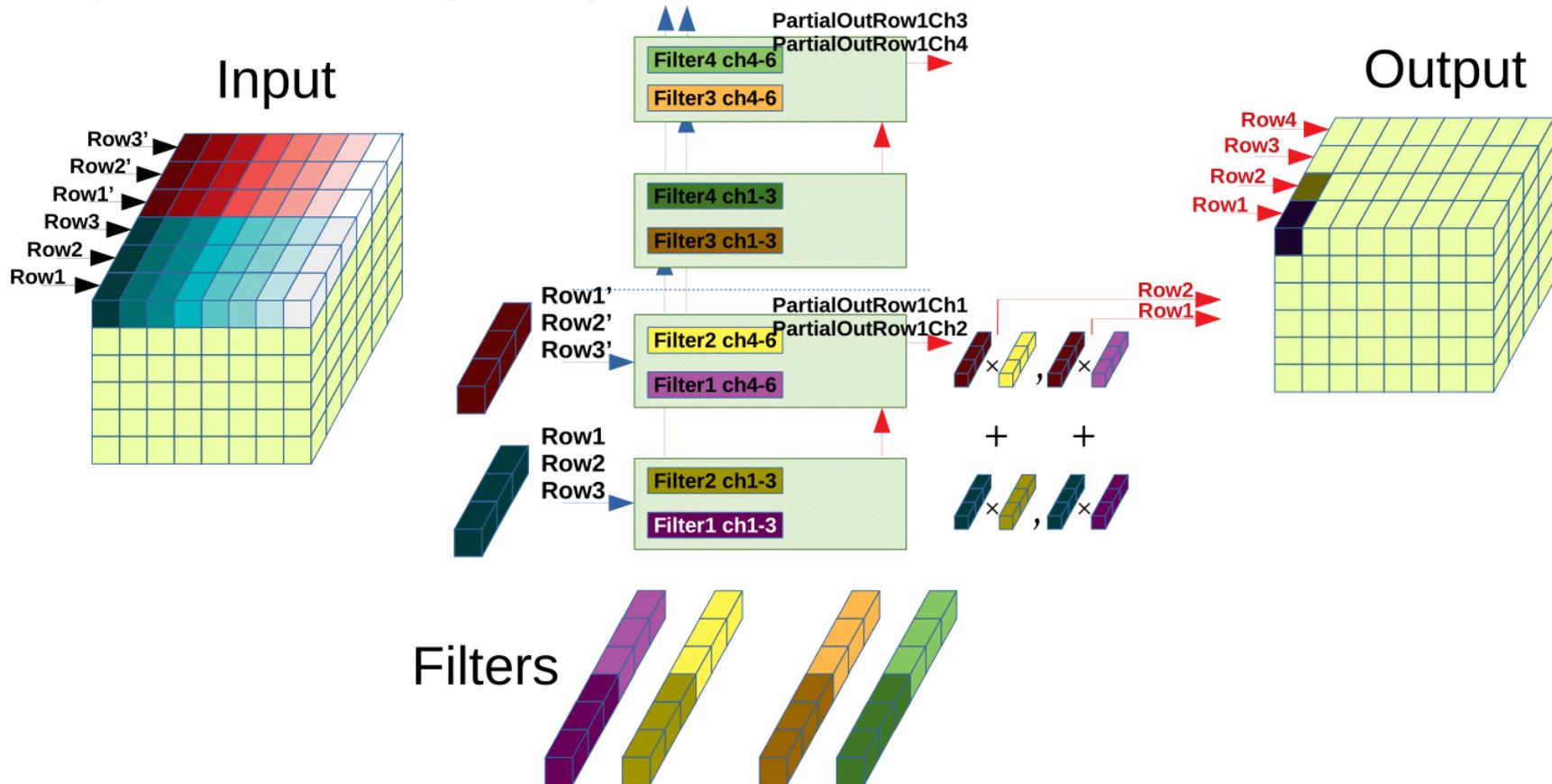
3- Point-wise

Cycle #1 - Streaming



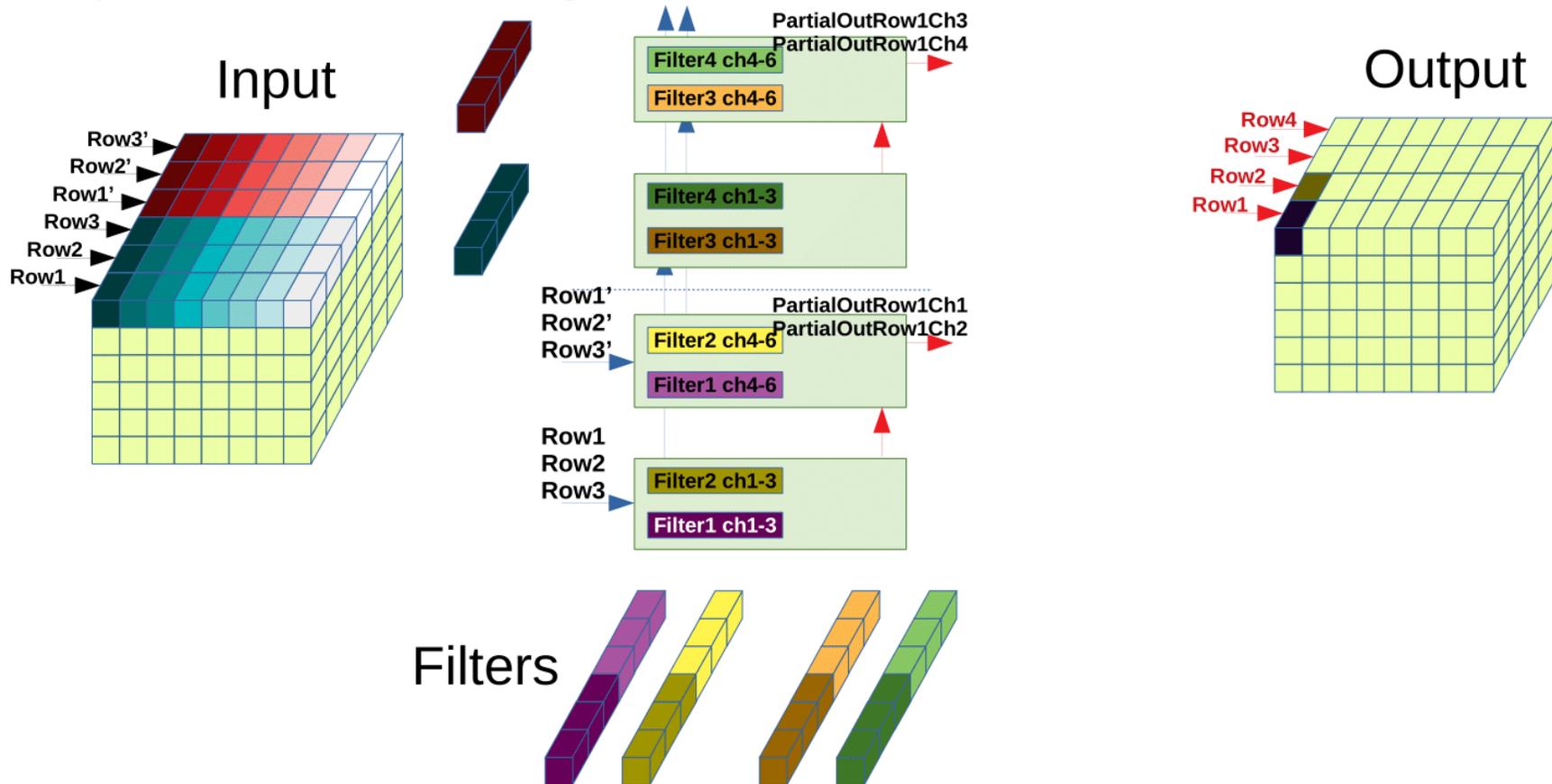
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Cycle #1 - Computing



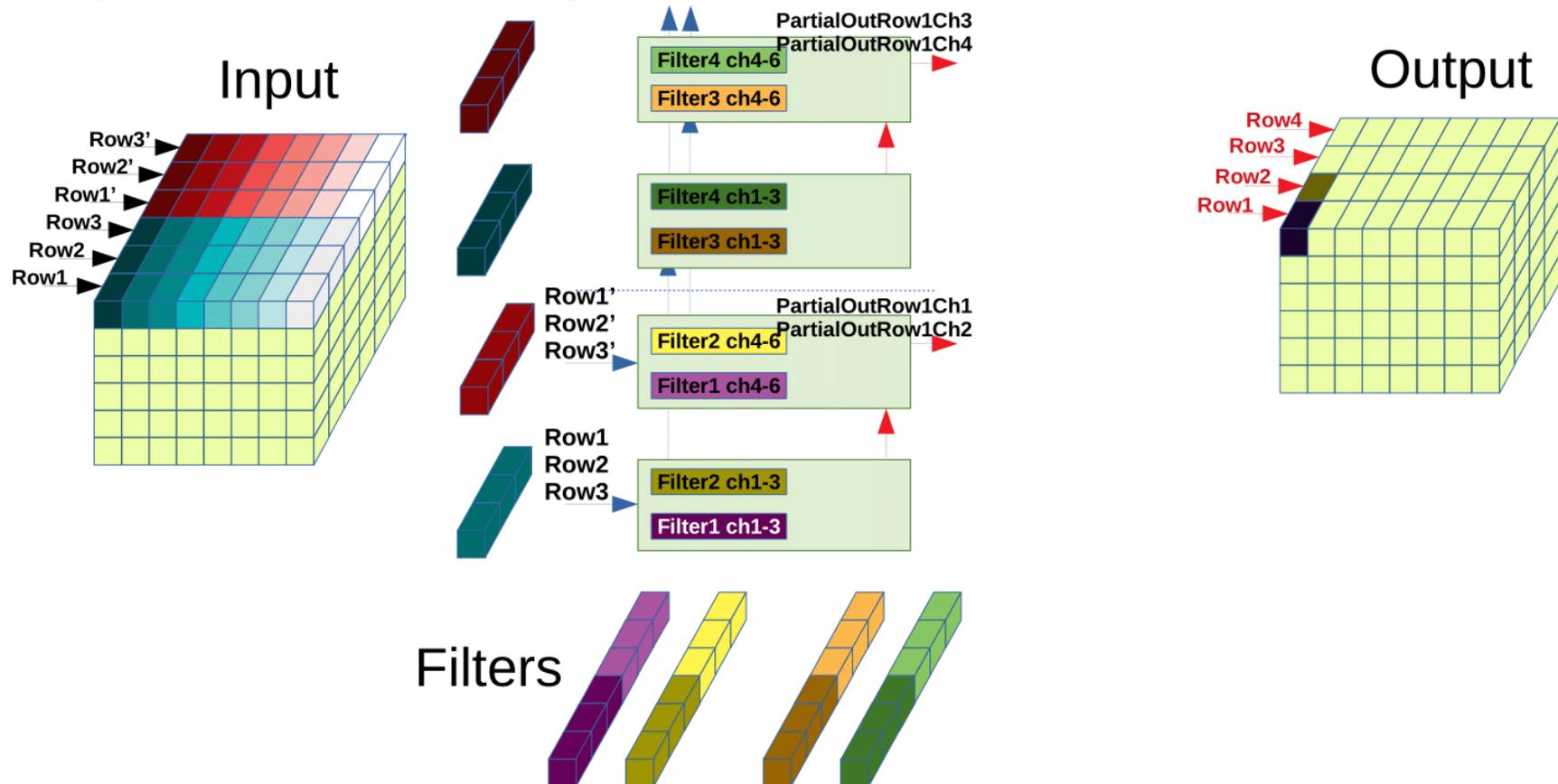
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Cycle #2 - Streaming



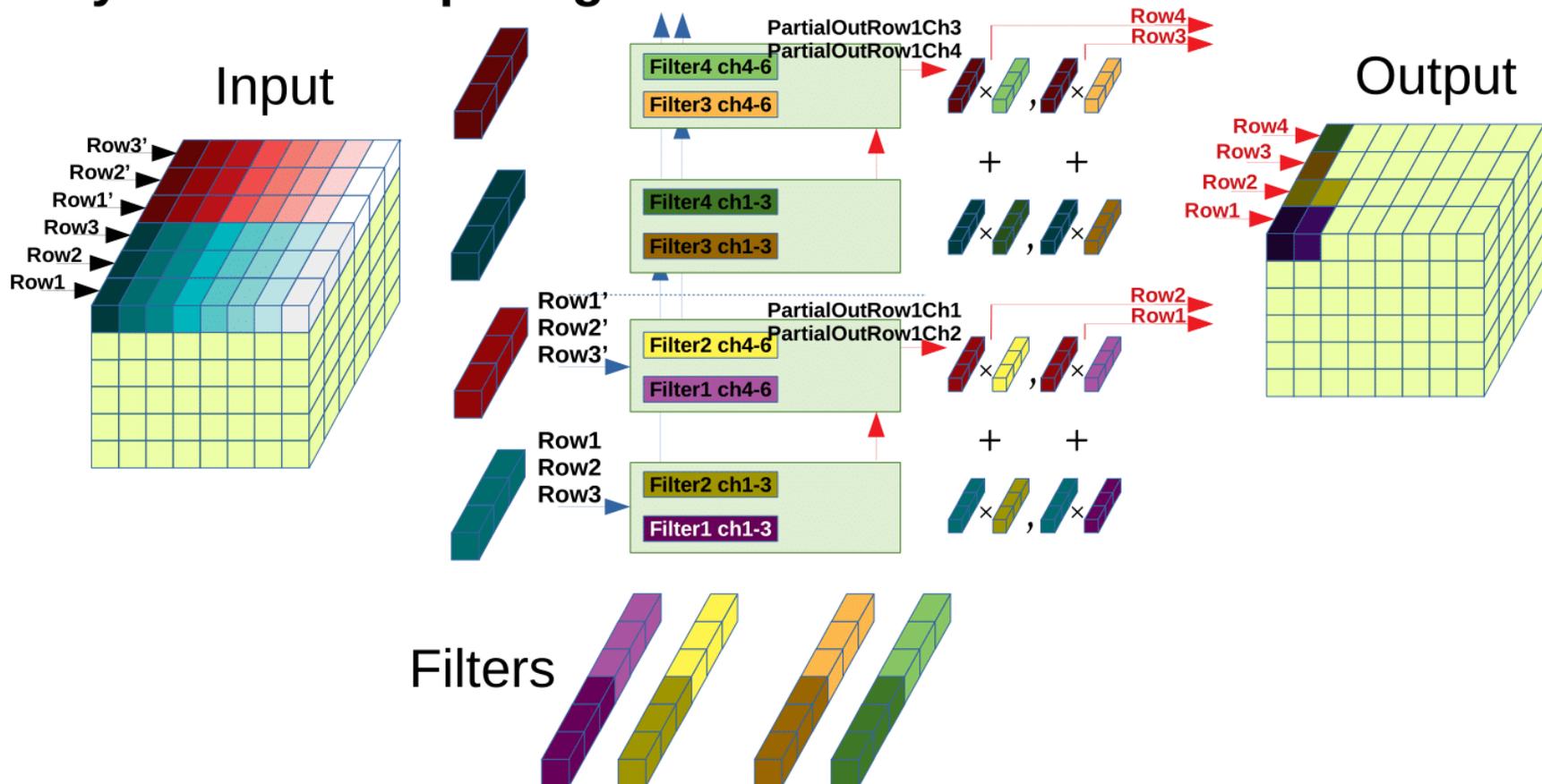
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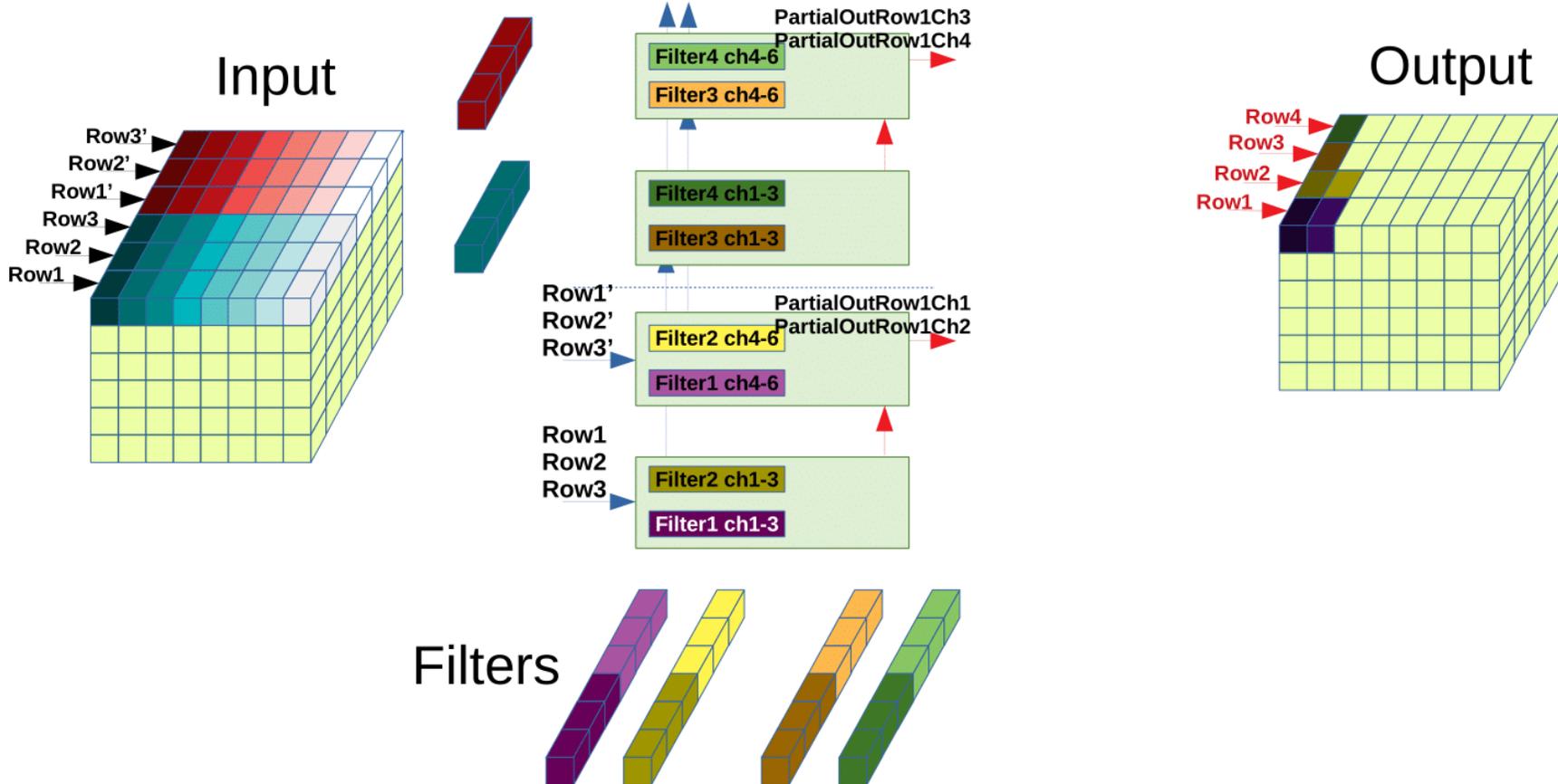
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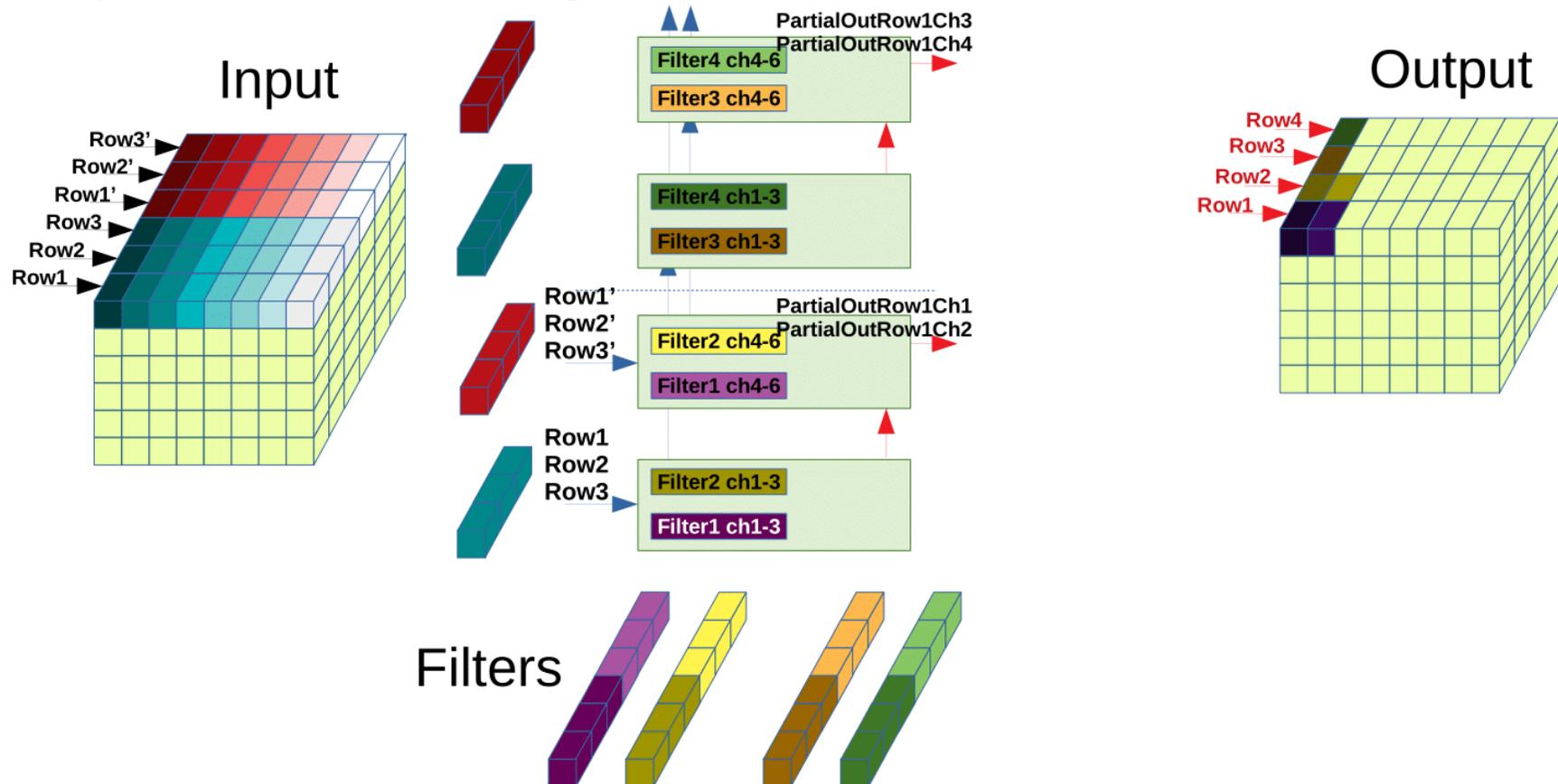
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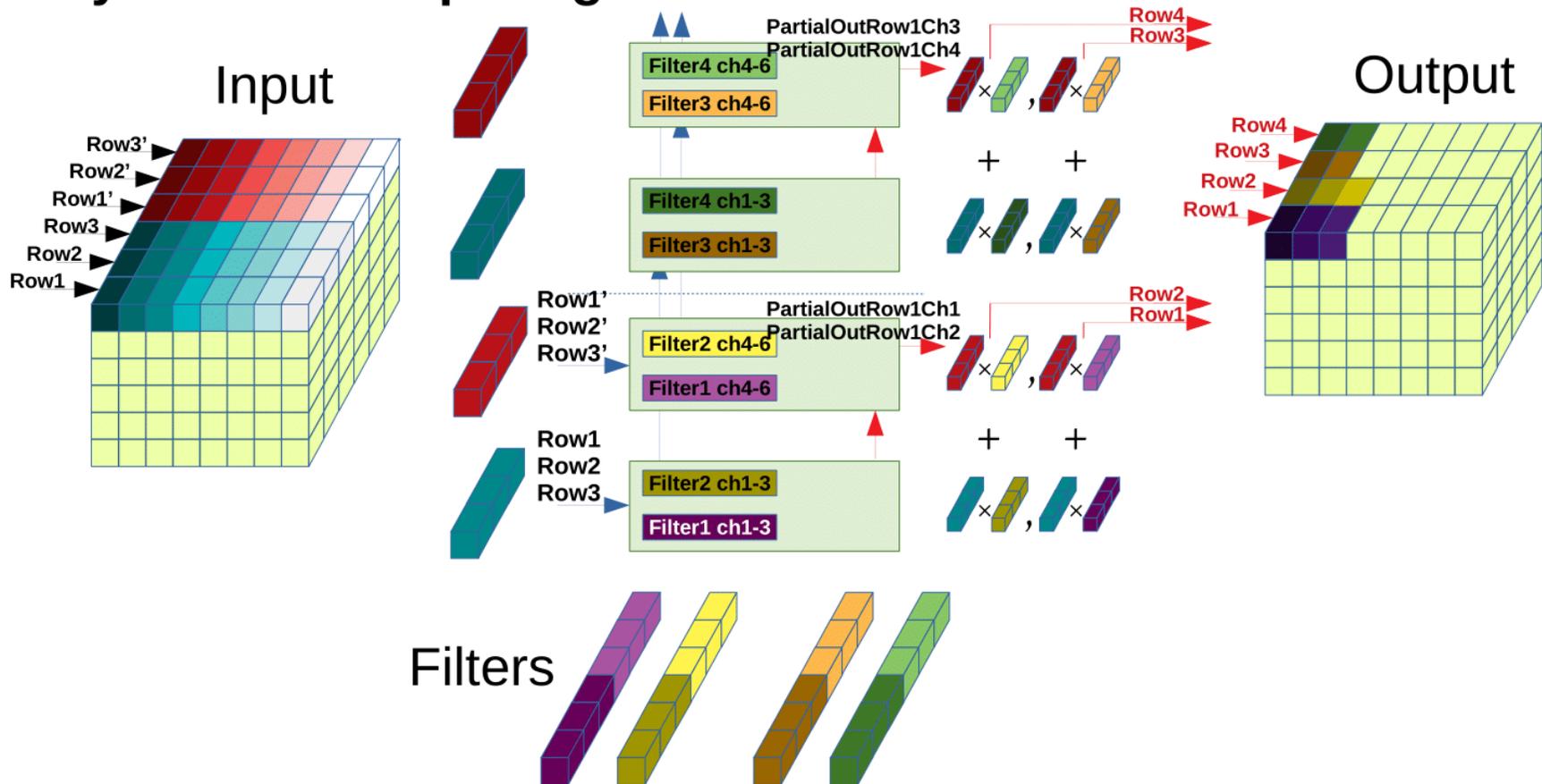
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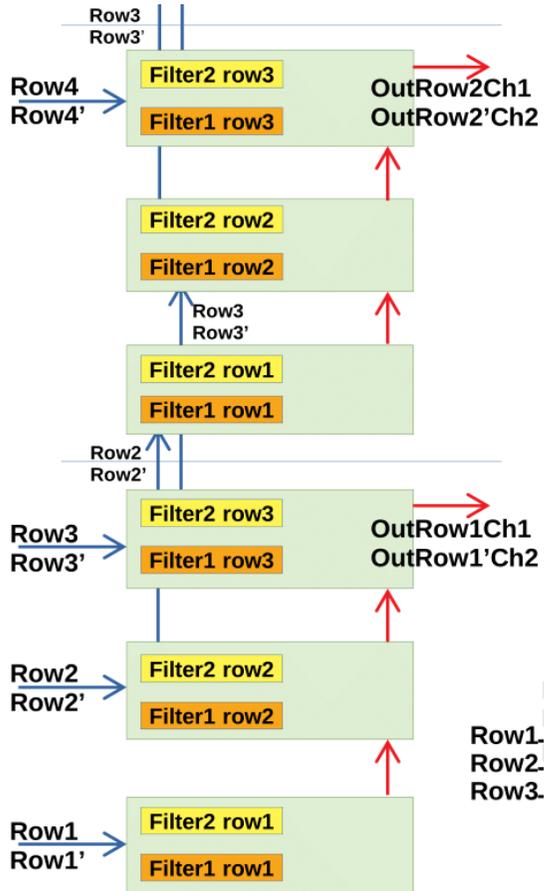
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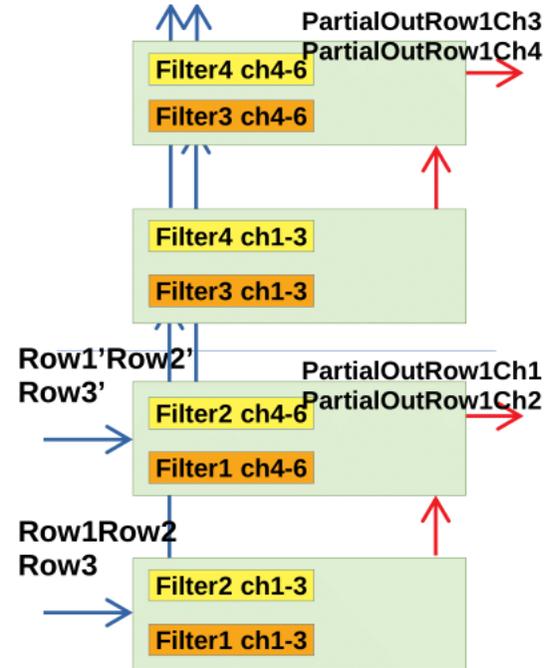
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Depthwise Convolution (DW)



Pointwise Convolution (PW)

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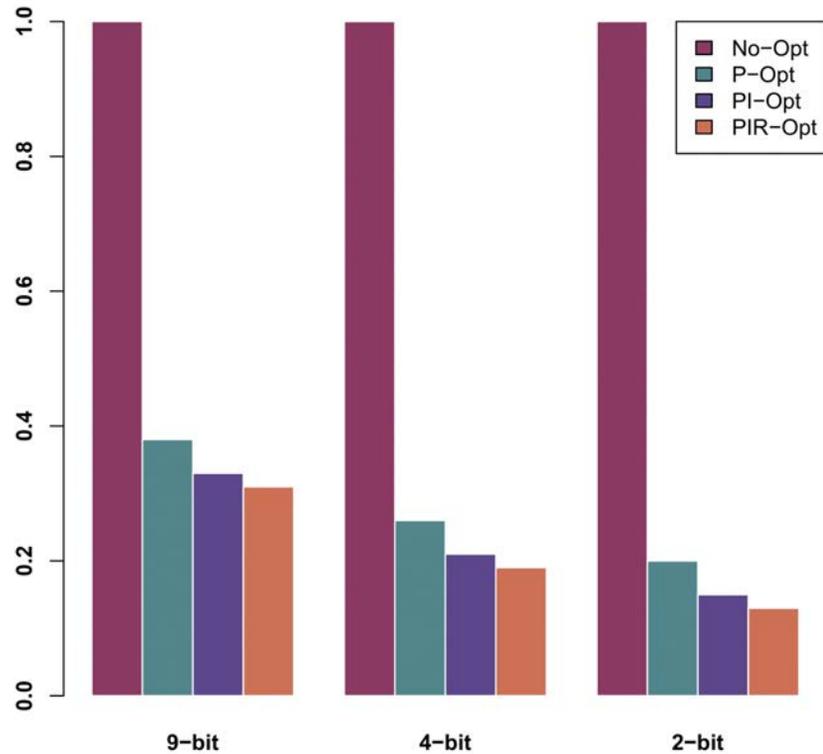
- › SMIC 65-nm standard cell technology
 - Synopsis Design Compiler 2013.12

Version	Area Ratio	Fmax
DSP48E2	1.0	463
+ M27×18C32D2 MAC-IP	1.14	358
+ interconnect	1.18	362
+ reuse	1.28	357

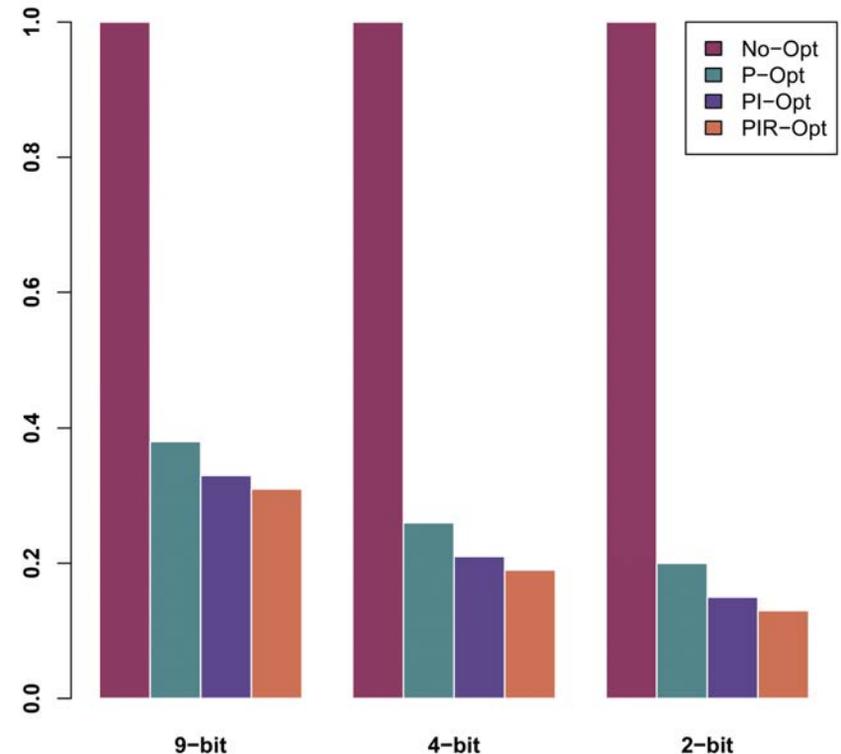
DATA MOVEMENT ENERGY RATIOS IN 65 NM TECHNOLOGY ($1\times = 90\text{fJ}$).

> Other networks are similar

Energy	FF	SR _e	RF _e	Chain	RF	SR	BRAM(B)	MAC
Ratio	1	2	12.5	23	40	44	205	89-22



MobileNet-v2



ShuffleNet-v2

- › Sits between Sharma (low-precision) and Boutros (high-precision)

	Bitfusion [56] ISCA'18	Ours	Boutros [44] FPL'18	Ours
Area	0.24	1	0.77	1
Performance Per Area				
2x2	1	0.4		
4x4	1	0.7	1	1.2
8x8	1	1.4	1	1.2
16x16			1	0.4
27x18			1	0.8

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- › Described optimizations to the DSP48 to support a range of low-precision DNNs and quantified their impact on performance
 - Precision, Interconnect and Reuse
 - designs are available at <http://github.com/raminrasoulinezhad/PIR-DSP>

- › Future research
 - Consider what we can do if we give up DSP48-like functionality
 - Other interconnect optimisations

AddNet: Deep Neural Networks using FPGA-Optimized Multipliers

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- › Reconfigurable constant coefficient multipliers (RCCMs) implement $y = cx$ for a fixed set of coefficients c using only adds and shifts e.g.

$$(x \ll 2) + (x \ll 1) = 6x$$

- › Present FPGA logic element optimised RCCMs which implement large sets c with few resources
 - › When applied to neural networks (AddNet), achieve up to 50% resource savings over traditional 8-bit quantized networks
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Reconfigurable constant coefficient multipliers (RCCM)

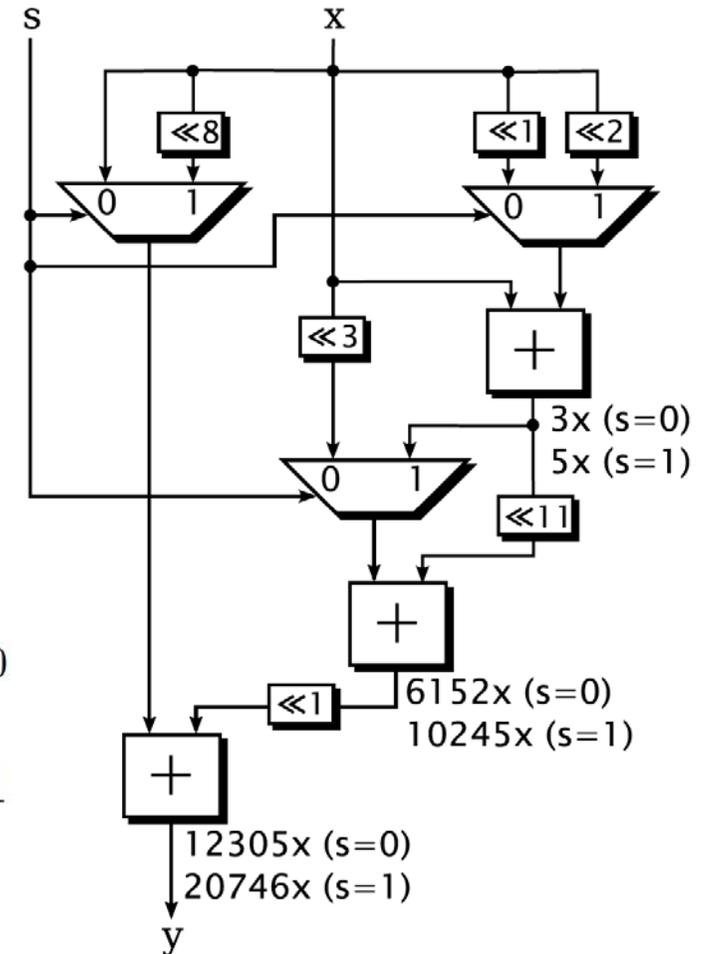
› Another example has the coefficient set $C=\{12305, 20746\}$

› Top adder computes

$$\begin{cases} x + (x \ll 1) = 3x & \text{if } s = 0 \\ x + (x \ll 2) = 5x & \text{if } s = 1 \end{cases}$$

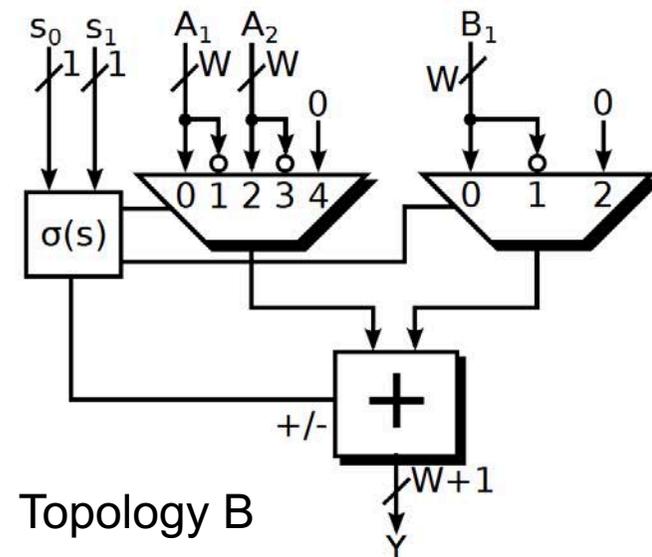
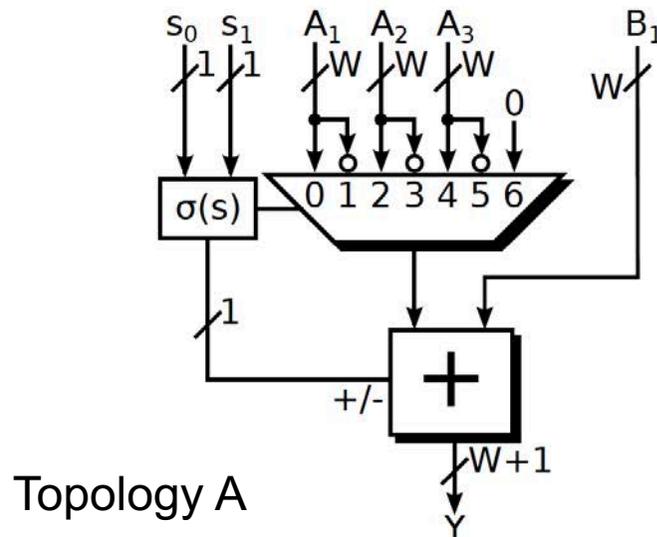
› Bottom adder computes

$$y = \begin{cases} x + ((x \ll 3) + ((x + x \ll 1) \ll 11) \ll 1) = 12305x & \text{if } s = 0 \\ (x \ll 8) + ((x + x \ll 2) + ((x + x \ll 2) \ll 11) \ll 1) = 20746x & \text{if } s = 1 \end{cases}$$

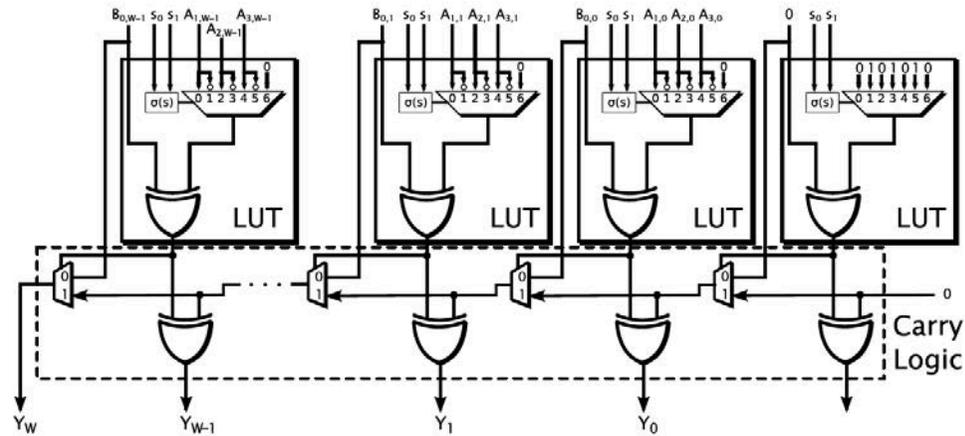


- › Topology A has potentially a larger coefficient set $\pm A_p \pm B_1$ $\sigma(s)$ chooses operation
- › Topology B allows symmetric coefficients around 0 as $A_p - B_1 = -(A_p - B_1)$
- › Maximum possible set size is 2^{w_s}

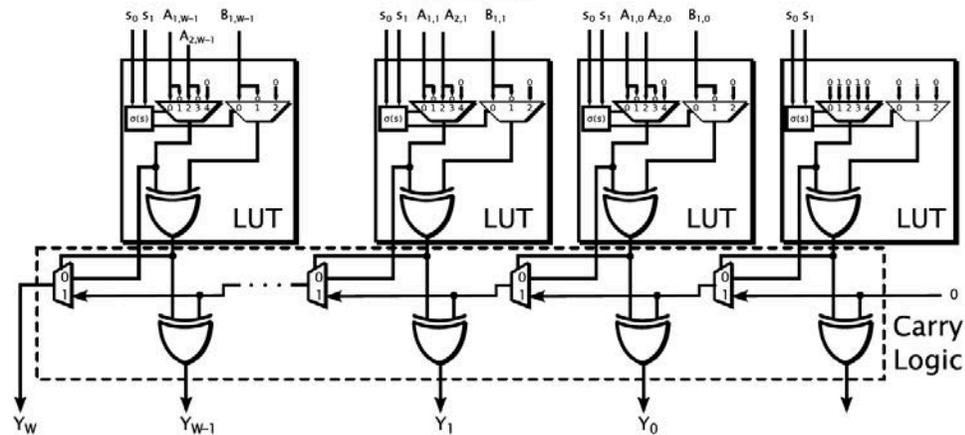
RCCM	w_s	#unique coefficient sets
2-Add	4	1145
3-Add	6	44198
4-Add	8	4040952



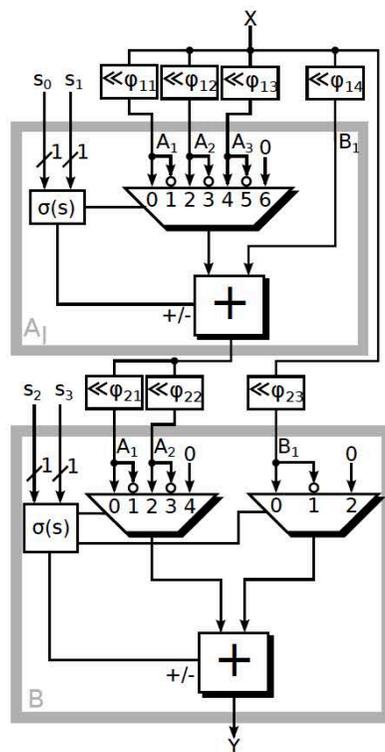
Works for any 6-LUT FPGA such as Xilinx Ultrascale or Intel Stratix X



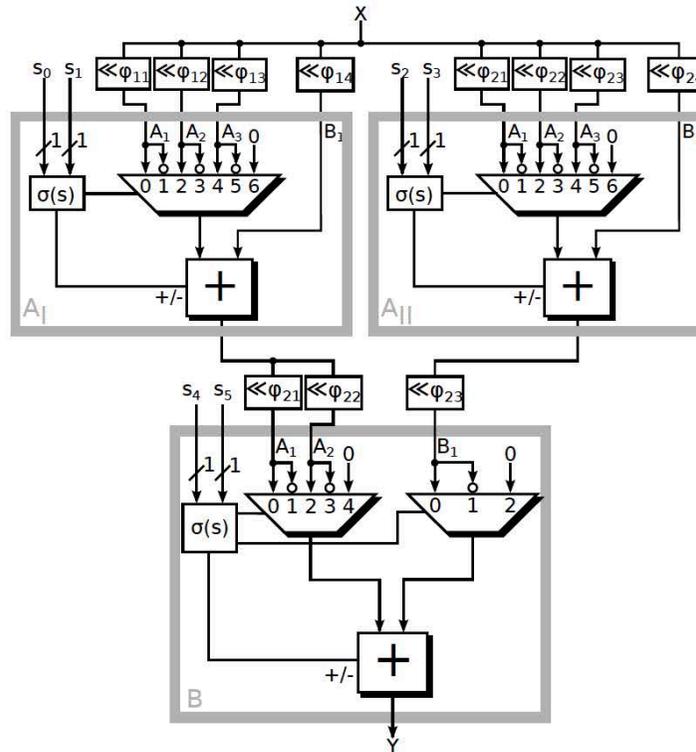
(a) Topology A



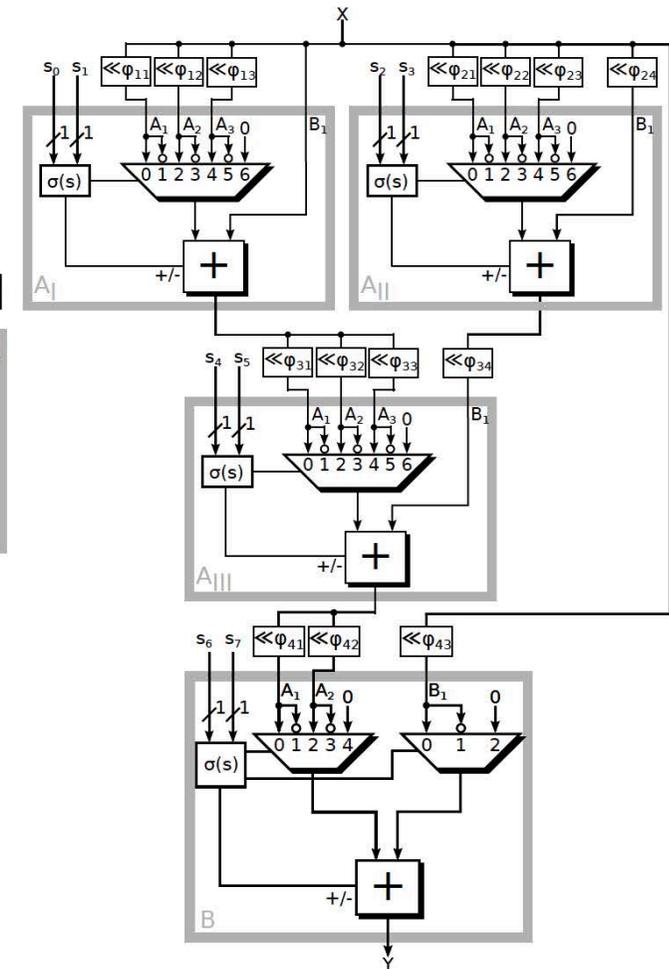
(b) Topology B



(a) 2-Add RCCM



(b) 3-Add RCCM



(c) 4-Add RCCM

- › Weights in a DNN follow a distribution (Gaussian-like)
- › RCCM coefficients can be chosen to match
 - Find best 5 in terms of Kullback-Leibler divergence, then choose set with largest number of coefficients

$$D_{\text{KL}}(P||R) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} P(i) \log \frac{P(i)}{R(i)}$$

RCCM	type	$s_1 \ s_0$				shifts			
		00	01	10	11	φ_{i1}	φ_{i2}	φ_{i3}	φ_{i4}
		2-Add	A_I	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$B1$	0	1
	B	$-A1+B1$	$-A2+B1$	$A1-B1$	$A2-B1$	0	3	2	-
3-Add	A_I	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$-A2+B1$	0	2	3	3
	A_{II}	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$-A1+B1$	0	1	3	0
	B	$-A1+B1$	$-A2+B1$	$A1-B1$	$A2-B1$	0	3	0	-
4-Add	A_I	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$-A3+B1$	0	1	3	0
	A_{II}	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$-A2+B1$	0	1	3	1
	A_{III}	$A1+B1$	$A2+B1$	$A3+B1$	$-A1+B1$	0	1	3	3
	B	$-A1+B1$	$-A2+B1$	$A1-B1$	$A2-B1$	0	3	1	-

arch.	#coeff	Coefficient set (\pm)
2-Add	15	0 1 2 8 28 36 44 92
3-Add	59	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 12 13 14 16 23 29 30 32 63 69 70 72 87 93 94 96 119 125 126 128
4-Add	207	0 1 2 4 5 7 8 9 11 13 14 15 16 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 36 37 38 39 40 46 48 54 58 64 69 70 71 74 75 76 78 80 81 82 84 85 87 94 96 102 114 118 126 134 142 150 166 174 182 190 194 198 206 214 222 230 238 246 258 262 270 278 286 302 310 318 326 334 382 398 446 450 526 566 574 582 614 622 654 662 670 686 694 710 766 782 830 1214

- › Trained using straight-through estimator (STE)

Algorithm 1 Training a CNN using AddNet representations

Initialize: Pre-train model

Set adder size

$c = \text{DistributionMatching}(\sigma(s))$ using (4)

Inputs: Minibatch of inputs & targets (I, Y) , Loss function $L(Y, \hat{Y})$, current weights W_t and learning rate, γ_t

Outputs: Updated W_{t+1} , λ_{t+1} and γ_{t+1}

Forward propagation:

for $l=1$ to L **do**

$Q_l = \text{Quantize}(W_l)$ using (5) and (7)

end for

$\hat{Y} = \text{ForwardPropagation}(I, Y, Q_l)$ using (7)

Backward Propagation:

$\frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial Q_l} = \text{WeightBackward}(Q_l, \frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial \hat{Y}})$

$\frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial \lambda_l} = \text{ScalarBackward}(\frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial Q_l}, \lambda_l, \frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial \hat{Y}})$

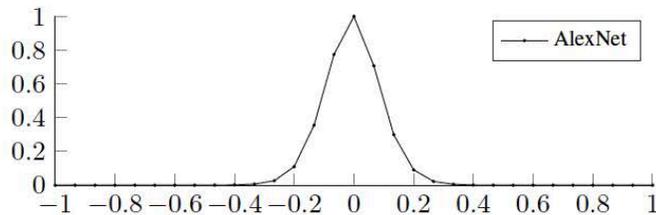
$W_{t+1} = \text{UpdateWeights}(W_t, \frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial Q_l}, \gamma)$

$\lambda_{t+1} = \text{UpdateScalars}(\lambda_t, \frac{\partial \hat{L}}{\partial \lambda_l}, \gamma)$

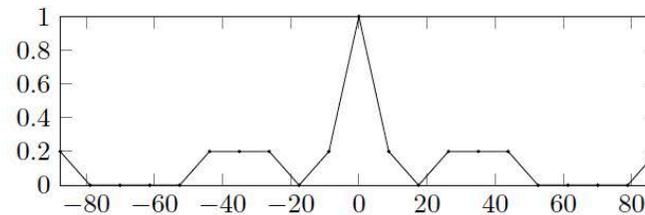
$\gamma_{t+1} = \text{UpdateLearningRate}(\gamma_t, t)$

Distribution-Optimised Coefficient Sets (for Gaussian)

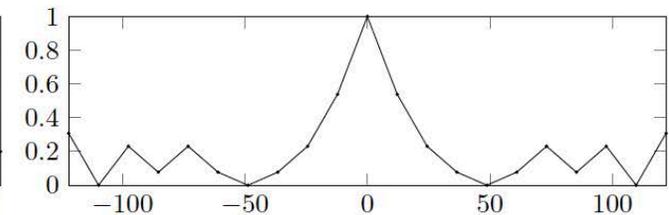
- › AlexNet top1/top5: 53.8%/76.9% (unoptimised) vs 55.8%/79.8% (optimised)



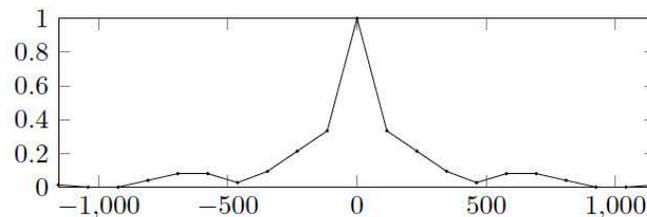
(a) Weights of AlexNet



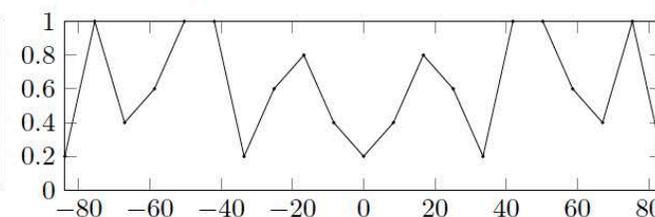
(b) 2-Add – 15 coefficients and optimized



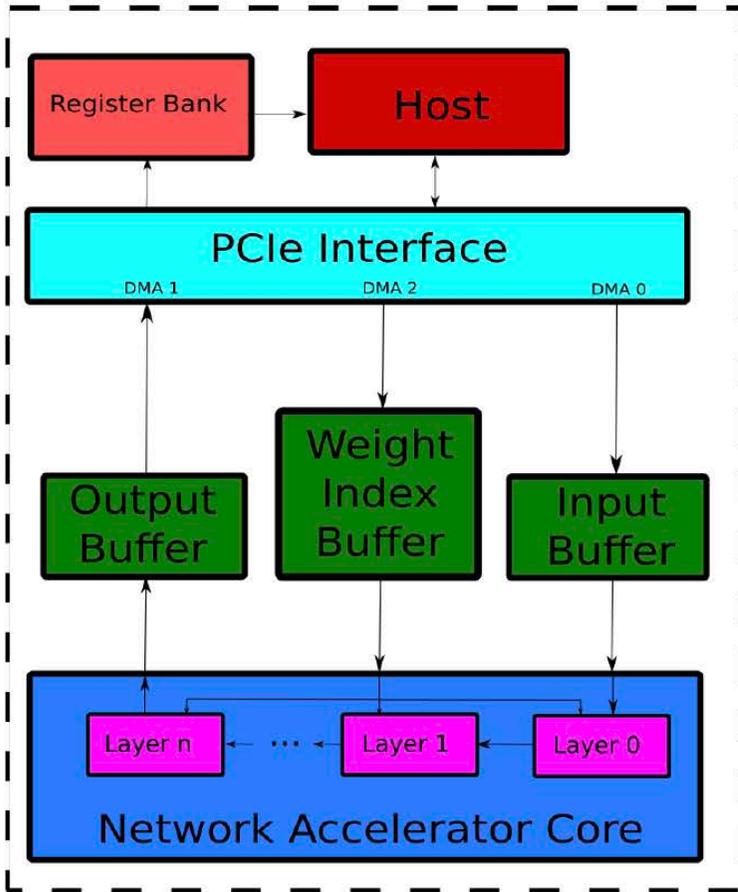
(c) 3-Add – 59 coefficients and optimized



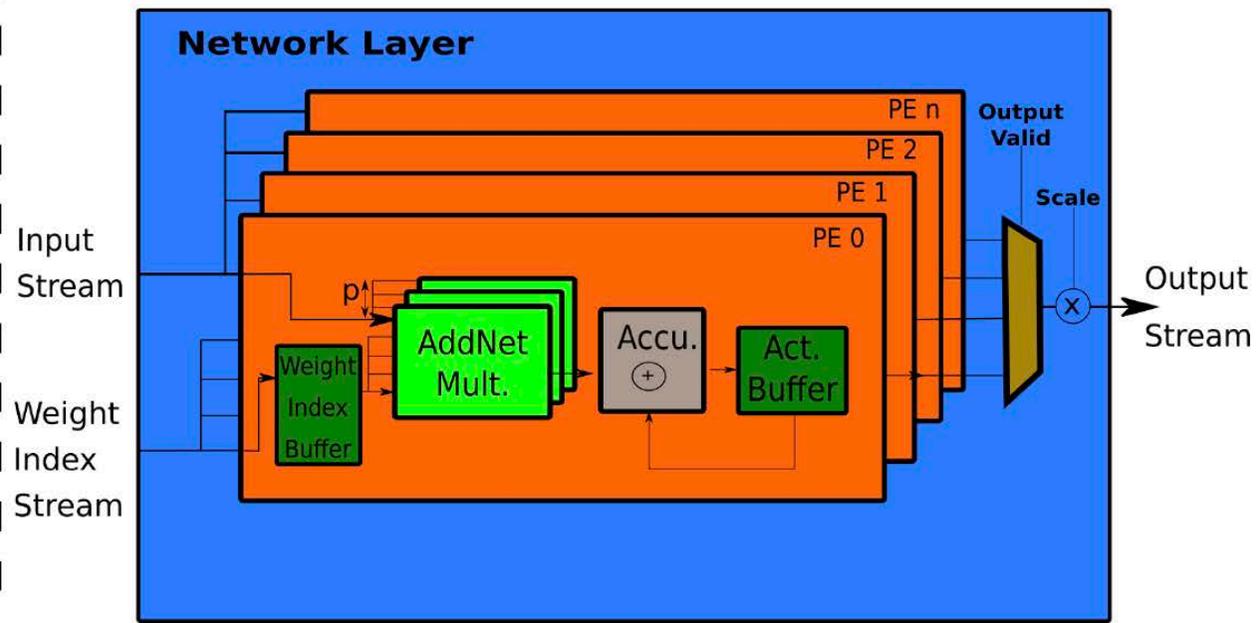
(d) 4-Add – 207 coefficients and optimized



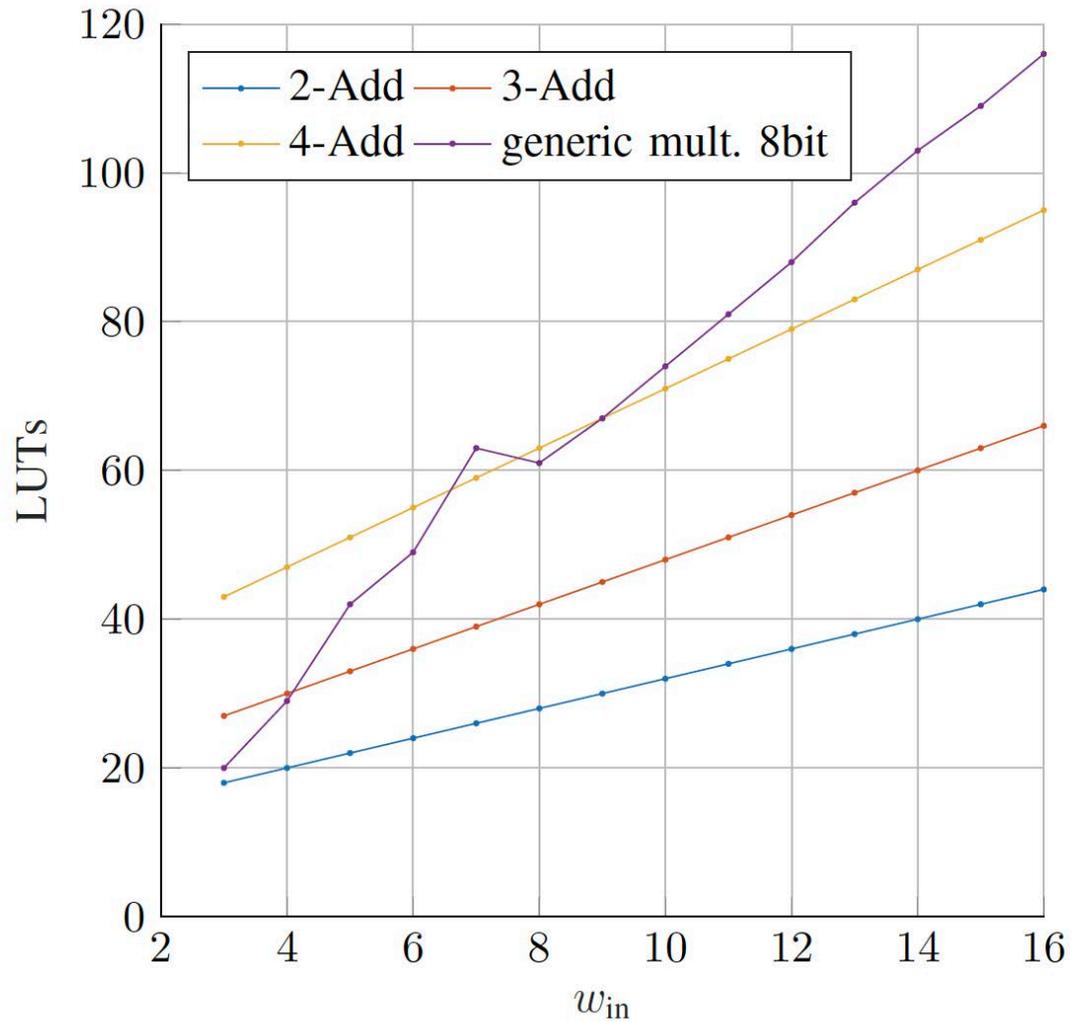
(e) 3-Add – 63 coefficients and unoptimized



(a) AlphaData Library System Design



(b) Network Layer Accelerator Core including AddNet multipliers

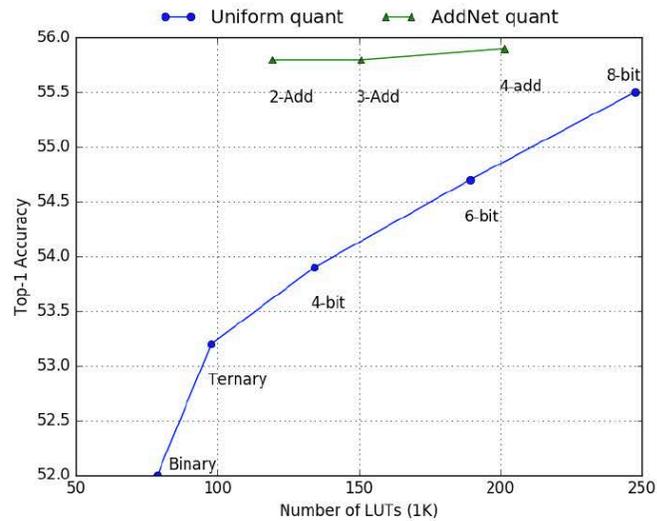


Type	2-Add	3-Add	4-Add
Original	447.43 MHz	483.09 MHz	342.82 MHz
Pipelined	770.42 MHz	578.03 MHz	623.83 MHz

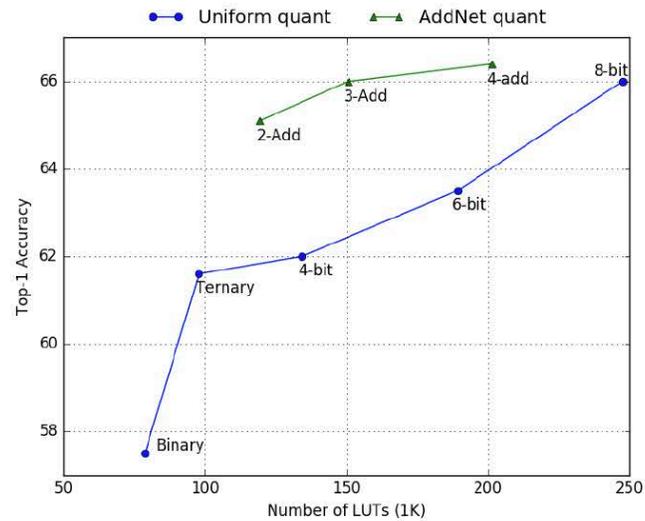
Xilinx KU115	Architecture	2-Add	3-Add	4-Add	8-bit disab. [41].	8-bit enab. [41]
BRAM (2160)	Conv Layer	1154	1154	1154	1154	170
	AlexNet	1365	1557	1557	1557	1229
DSP (5520)	Conv Layer	48	48	48	48	96
	AlexNet	48	48	48	48	3760
LUTs (663K)	Conv Layer	187.0	205.6	255.8	383.0	36.2
	AlexNet	331.7	372.8	430.7	467.1	128.8
Estim. Power	Conv Layer	7.6W	7.6W	7.8W	7.5W	7.2W
	AlexNet	39W	44W	48W	52W	29W

› 8-bit disab. = DSP disabled, 8-bit enab. = DSP enabled

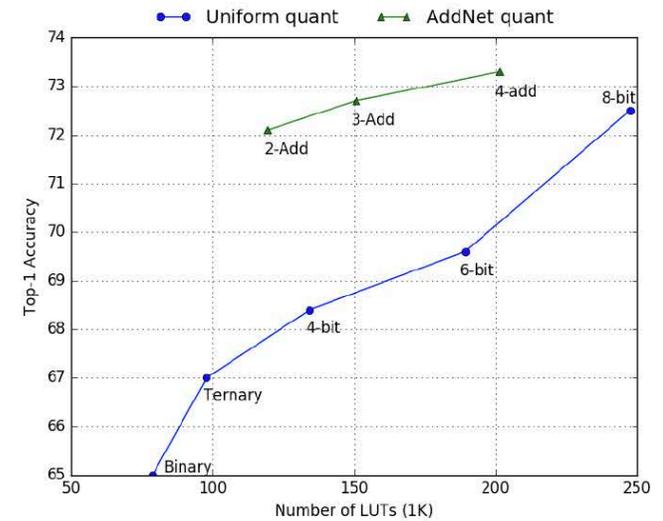
Accuracy-Area Tradeoff Compared with Uniform Multipliers



(a) AlexNet



(b) ResNet-18



(c) ResNet-50

- › Described AddNet which uses constant coefficient multipliers to save area
- › Showed it is advantageous over uniform multipliers
- › Uses trainability of DNNs to match computer architecture

Unrolling Ternary Networks

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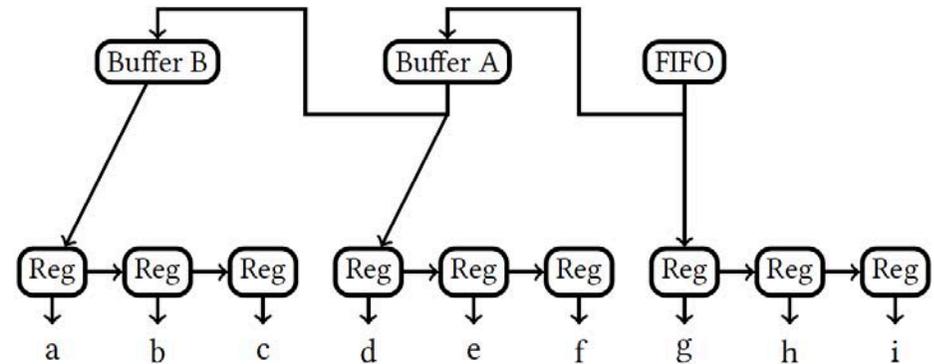


- › Multipliers (and adders) play a key role in the implementation of DNNs
 - › This talk
 - Two speed multiplier with different critical paths for zero and non-zero recodings
 - PIR-DSP block to support a range of precisions
 - AddNet which uses k-levels of shifted values as multipliers
 - **A fully pipelined DNN** implementation with ternary coefficients
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- › Not possible to make fully parallel implementations of a NN on contemporary FPGA due to size
- › Fit entire DNN on FPGA by exploiting unstructured sparsity and the following techniques:
 1. Buffering of streaming inputs in a pipelined manner
 2. Ternary weights implemented as pruned adder trees
 3. Common subexpression merging
 4. 16-bit bit serial arithmetic to minimize accuracy loss with low area
 5. Sparsity control

Implement Pipelined 3x3 Convolution

	→						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
	→						
	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	c	b	a	15	16	17
	18	f	e	d	21	22	23
	24	i	h	g	27	28	29
	30	31	32	33	34	35	



Input FIFO outputs the pixel each cycle to both Buffer A and the first stage of a shift register. Buffer A and Buffer B delay the output by the image width

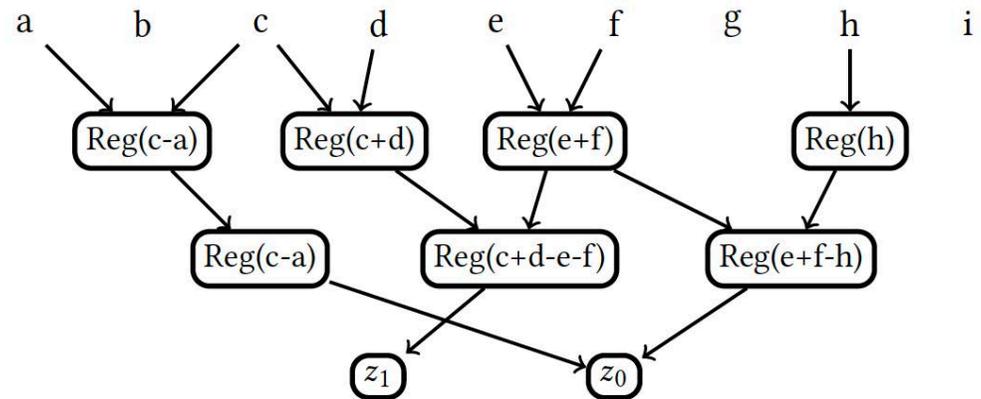
- › Weights are ternary
 - So multiplication with ± 1 is either addition or subtraction
 - Multiplication with 0 makes matrix sparse

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a \times (-1) & b \times 0 & c \times 1 \\ d \times 0 & e \times 1 & f \times 1 \\ g \times 0 & h \times (-1) & i \times 0 \end{array}$$

› Weights are ternary

- Reduces convolution to constructing adder tree
- Subexpression merged to reduce implementation

$a \times (-1)$	$b \times 0$	$c \times 1$
$d \times 0$	$e \times 1$	$f \times 1$
$g \times 0$	$h \times (-1)$	$i \times 0$



Computing $z_0 = c + e + f - (a + h)$ and $z_1 = c + d - e - f$

› RPAG Algorithm

- Greedy algorithm for the related Multiple Constant Multiplication problem
- Looks at all the outputs of a matrix-vector multiplication and calculates the minimal tree depth, d , required to get the results
- Tries to determine the minimum number of terms needed at depth $d - 1$ to compute the terms at depth d and iterates until $d=1$ (whole tree generated)

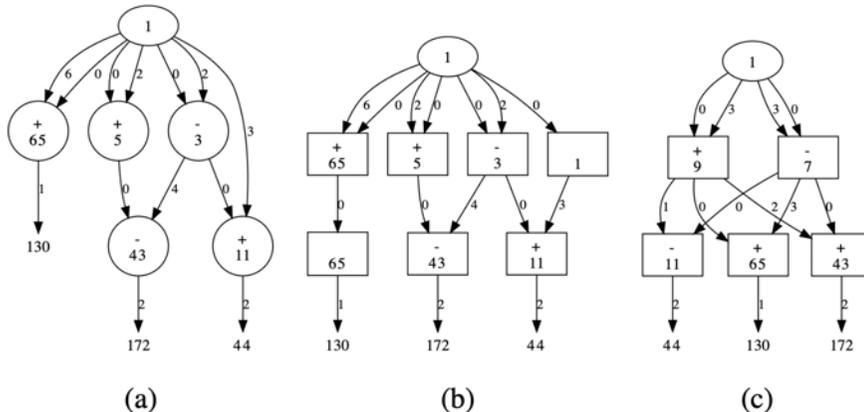


Fig. 1. Graph realizations of coefficient set $\{44, 130, 172\}$: (a) Adder graph obtained by H_{cub} AD min, (b) PAG using ASAP pipelining, (c) optimal PAG

- › Builds multiple adder trees from the inputs to the outputs by creating an adder each iteration
- › Count frequency of all size 2 subexpressions, replace most frequent ($x_6 = x_2 + x_3$)

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 + x_3 \\ x_0 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \\ x_1 + x_5 \\ x_0 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_0 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_6 \\ x_0 + x_4 + x_6 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \\ x_1 + x_5 \\ x_0 + x_6 \\ x_0 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot$$

- › Starts at the outputs and works back to the inputs
- › More computation than TD-CSE but can find larger common subexpressions
- › Largest common subexpression is then selected to be removed e.g. $x_6 = x_0 + x_2 + x_3$ appears twice and is added to the bottom row

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 + x_3 \\ x_0 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \\ x_1 + x_5 \\ x_0 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_0 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 + x_3 \\ x_4 + x_6 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \\ x_1 + x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_0 + x_3 \\ x_1 + x_4 + x_5 \\ x_0 + x_2 + x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

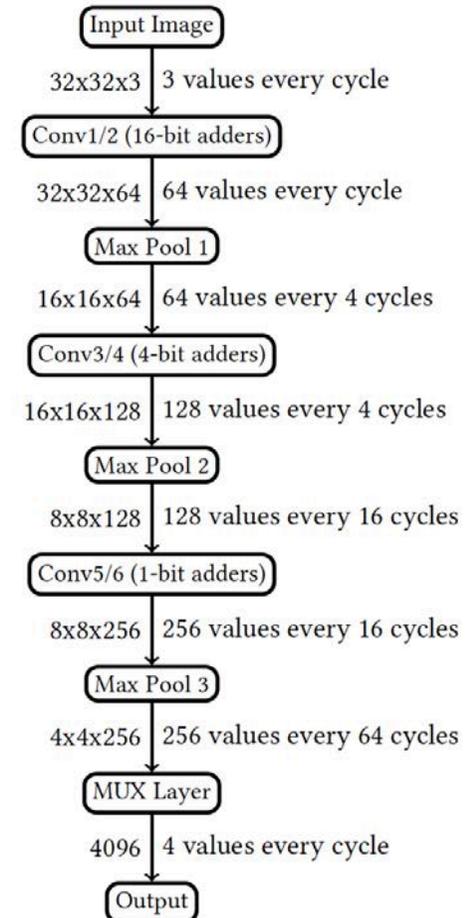
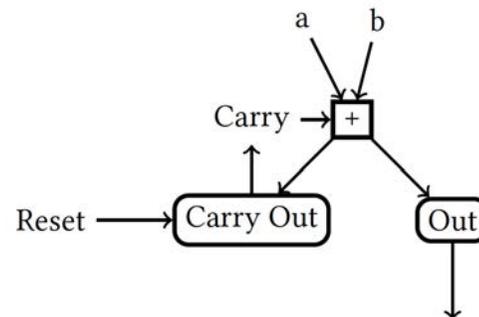
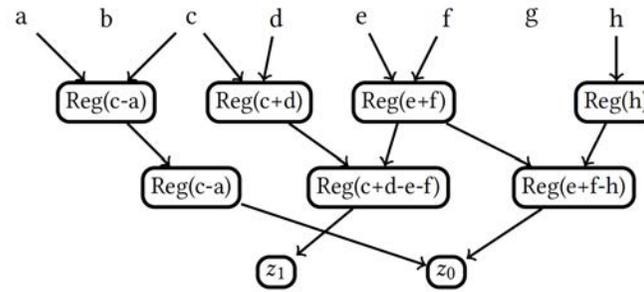
- (1) Compute the number of common terms for each pair of vectors and store this as the *pattern matrix*
- (2) Find the largest value in the pattern matrix and the vectors it corresponds to
- (3) Remove that subexpression from all matching vectors following the process described for the example in Equation 8
- (4) Update the *pattern matrix*
- (5) Go to step 2 until the largest value in the *pattern matrix* is 1

Comparison of CSE Techniques for all Layers

Layer	Method	Adds	Regs	Adds+Regs	Time(s)	Mem(GB)	CLB/148K	FF/2.4M	LUTS/1.2M	P&R(hrs)
1	None	731	137	868	-	-	1400	8723	8272	0.5
	RPAG	451	31	482	64	0.008	894	5764	6260	0.48
	TD-CSE	295	304	599	0.4	0.029	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	295	321	616	0.5	0.03	820	4499	5230	0.45
2	None	8432	249	8681	-	-	15231	119848	116345	1.08
	TD-CSE	3782	1517	5299	24	0.1	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	3686	858	4544	64	0.17	10258	71908	66131	0.93
3	None	17481	491	17972	-	-	15171	102657	77743	1.9
	TD-CSE	8466	2299	10765	89	0.18	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	8492	1878	10370	545	1.1	8772	61965	36611	1.13
4	None	36155	586	36741	-	-	30536	206940	164458	4.25
	TD-CSE	17143	4214	21357	873	0.63	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	17309	3056	20365	2937	6.6	16909	118476	73581	2.68
5	None	71050	1198	72248	-	-	18414	165794	85743	3.86
	TD-CSE	32829	6830	39659	3088	1.2	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	33026	6109	39135	25634	44	7579	89820	39805	1.72
6	None	144813	1270	146083	-	-	35117	335134	180402	11.15
	TD-CSE	62653	13852	76505	26720	4.8	-	-	-	-
	BU-CSE	63832	10103	73935	147390	191.0	13764	160634	74696	3.08

› RPAG too computationally expensive for layers 2-6

- > Used 16-bit fixed point
- > Each layer followed by batch normalization with floating point scaling factor
- > Suppose that for a given layer, p pixels arrive at the same time
 - For $p \geq 1$ have p adder trees in parallel
 - For $p < 1$ word or bit-serial adders can match input rate with hardware resources
 - 4-bit digit serial has 1/4 area
 - 1-bit bit serial has 1/16 area
- > Avoids idle adders



- > VGG-7 network
- > Ternary weights
- > 16-bit activations
- > Accept a single pixel every cycle ($p=1$)
 - $W \times W$ image takes $W \times W$ cycles

Layer	Num Mults	Num Mults	With Sparsity	With CSE
Conv1	$32 \times 32 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 64$	1769472	716800	630784
Conv2	$32 \times 32 \times 3 \times 3 \times 64 \times 64$	37748736	8637440	4653056
Conv3	$16 \times 16 \times 3 \times 3 \times 64 \times 128$	18874368	4559616	2654720
Conv4	$16 \times 16 \times 3 \times 3 \times 128 \times 128$	37748736	9396480	5213440
Conv5	$8 \times 8 \times 3 \times 3 \times 128 \times 256$	18874368	4656768	2504640
Conv6	$8 \times 8 \times 3 \times 3 \times 256 \times 256$	37748736	9356736	4731840
Dense	4096×128	524228	524228	1048456^1
SM	128×10	1280	1280	2560^1
Total	153289924	153 MMACs/Image	38 MMACs/Image	21 MOps/Image

¹ Obtained by converting one MACs to two Ops

Operation	Image Size In	Channel In	Channel Out
Buffer	32x32	3	3
Conv	32x32	3	64
Scale and Shift	32x32	64	64
Buffer	32x32	64	64
Conv	32x32	64	64
Scale and Shift	32x32	64	64
Buffer	32x32	64	64
Max Pool	32x32	64	64
Buffer	16x16	64	64
Conv	16x16	64	128
Scale and Shift	16x16	128	128
Buffer	16x16	128	128
Conv	16x16	128	128
Scale and Shift	16x16	128	128
Buffer	16x16	128	128
Max Pool	16x16	128	128
Buffer	8x8	128	128
Conv	8x8	128	256
Scale and Shift	8x8	256	256
Buffer	8x8	256	256
Conv	8x8	256	256
Scale and Shift	8x8	256	256
Buffer	8x8	256	256
Max Pool	8x8	256	256
FIFO	4x4	256	256
MuxLayer	4x4	256	4096
Dense	1x1	4096	128
Scale and Shift	1x1	128	128
MuxLayer	1x1	128	128
Dense	1x1	128	10

- › CIFAR10 dataset
- › Image padded with 4 pixels each side and randomly cropped back to 32x32
- › Weights are compared with threshold $\Delta^* \approx \epsilon \cdot E(|W|)$
 - 0 if less than threshold, $s(\pm 1)$ otherwise (s is a scaling factor)
- › We introduce the idea of changing ϵ to control sparsity

TNN Type	ϵ	Sparsity (%)	Accuracy
Graham [Graham 2014] (Floating Point)	-	-	96.53%
Li et al. [Li et al. 2016], full-size	0.7	≈ 48	93.1%
Half-size	0.7	≈ 47	91.4%
Half-size	0.8	≈ 52	91.9%
Half-size	1.0	≈ 61	91.7%
Half-size	1.2	≈ 69	91.9%
Half-size	1.4	≈ 76	90.9%
Half-size	1.6	≈ 82	90.3%
Half-size	1.8	≈ 87	90.6%

Layer Type	Input Image Size	Num Filters	ϵ	Sparsity
Conv2D	$32 \times 32 \times 3$	64	0.7	54.7%
Conv2D	$32 \times 32 \times 64$	64	1.4	76.9%
Max Pool	$32 \times 32 \times 64$	64	-	-
Conv2D	$16 \times 16 \times 64$	128	1.4	76.1%
Conv2D	$16 \times 16 \times 128$	128	1.4	75.3%
Max Pool	$16 \times 16 \times 128$	128	-	-
Conv2D	$8 \times 8 \times 128$	256	1.4	75.8%
Conv2D	$8 \times 8 \times 256$	256	1.4	75.4%
Max Pool	$8 \times 8 \times 256$	256	-	-
Dense	4096	128	1.0	76.2%
Softmax	128	10	1.0	58.4%

Layer	% decrease in Adds+Regs	% decrease in CLBs	%decrease in FFs	% decrease in LUTs
1	-29.0	-41.4	-48.4	-36.8
2	-47.7	-32.6	-40.0	-43.2
3	-42.3	-42.1	-39.6	-52.9
4	-44.6	-44.6	-42.3	-55.3
5	-45.8	-58.8	-45.8	-53.6
6	-49.4	-60.8	-52.1	-58.6

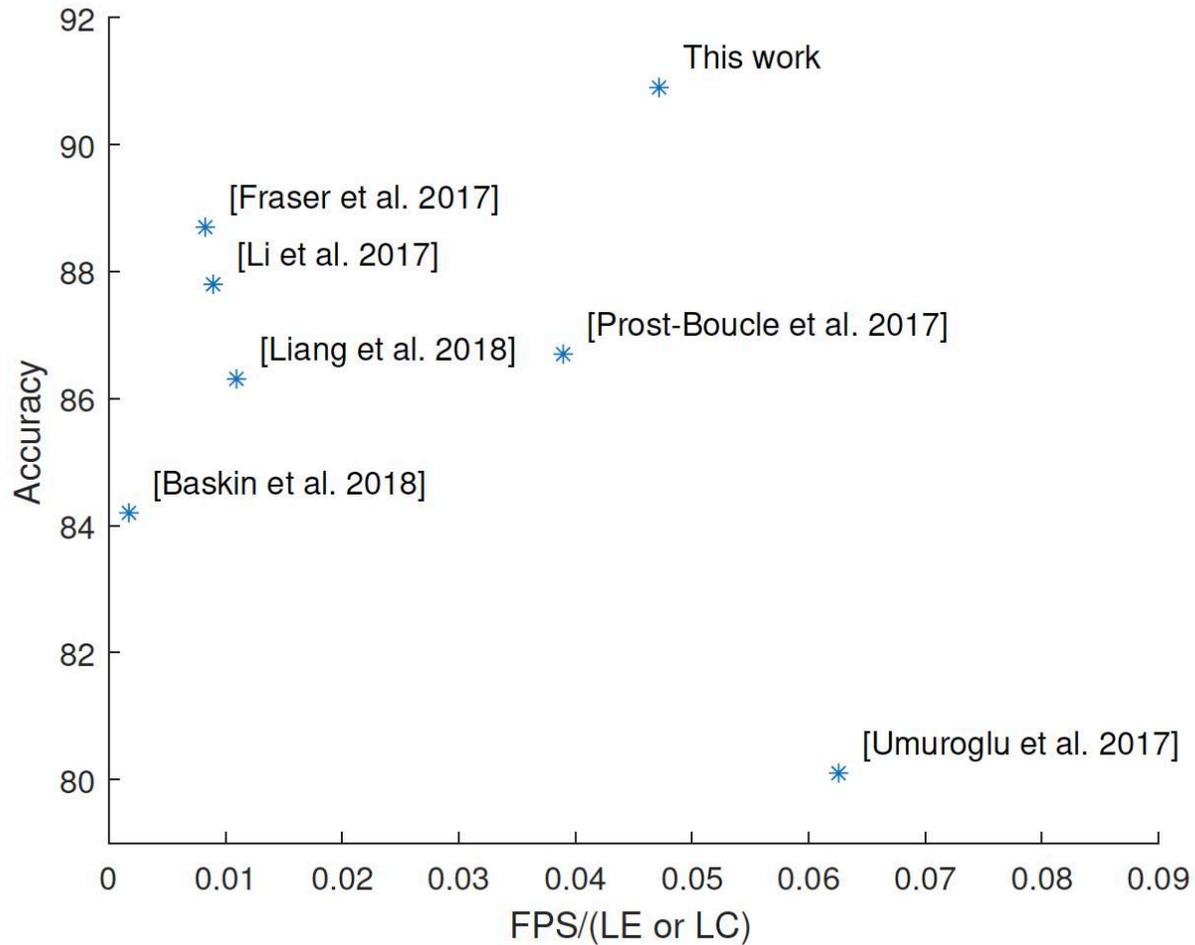
- › System implemented on Ultrascale+ VU9P @ 125 MHz
- › Open Source Verilog generator
 - https://github.com/da-steve101/binary_connect_cifar
- › Generated code using in AWS F1 implementation
 - <https://github.com/da-steve101/aws-fpga>

Block	LUTs/1182240	FFs/2364480
Conv1	3764 (0.3%)	10047 (0.4%)
Conv2	40608 (3.4%)	71827 (3.0%)
Conv3	55341 (4.7%)	56040 (2.4%)
Conv4	111675 (9.4%)	110021 (4.7%)
Conv5	73337 (6.2%)	79233 (3.4%)
Conv6	127932 (10.8%)	139433 (5.9%)
All Conv	535023 (45.3%)	631672 (26.7%)
Dense	12433 (1.1%)	19295 (0.8%)
SM	500 (0.04%)	442 (0.02%)
Whole CNN	549358 (46.5%)	659252 (27.9%)
Whole design	787545 (66.6%)	984443 (41.6%)

Comparison with ASIC and FPGA implementations

Reference	Hardware (mm^2 , nm, LE ⁵ /LC ⁵ $\times 10^6$)	Precision (wghts, actv)	Freq. [MHz]	Latency	TOps/sec A/L/E ⁶	FPS	Accuracy
[Venkatesh et al. 2017]	ASIC(1.09,14,-)	(2,16 ²)	500	-	2.5/2.5/2.5	-	91.6% ³
[Andri et al. 2017]	ASIC(1.9,65,-)	(1,12)	480	-	1.5/1.5/1.5	434	-
[Jouppi et al. 2017]	ASIC(331,28,-)	(8,8)	700	≈ 10 ms	86/86/86 ⁴	-	-
[Baskin et al. 2018]	5SGSD8(1600,28,0.7)	(1,2)	105	-	-	1.2 k ³	84.2%
[Li et al. 2017]	XC7VX690(1806.25,28,0.7)	(1 ¹ , 1)	90	-	7.7/3.9/7.7	6.2 k	87.8%
[Liang et al. 2018]	5SGSD8(1600,28,0.7)	(1,1)	150	-	9.4/4.7/9.4	7.6 k ³	86.31%
[Prost-Boucle et al. 2017]	VC709(1806.25,28,0.7)	(2,2)	250	-	8.4/4.2/8.4	27 k	86.7%
[Umuroglu et al. 2017]	ZC706(961,28,0.35)	(1,1)	200	283 μ s	2.4/1.2/2.4	21.9 k	80.1%
[Fraser et al. 2017]	KU115(1600,20,1.45)	(1,1)	125	671 μ s	14.8/7.4/14.8	12 k	88.7%
This work	VU9P(2256.25,20,2.6)	(2,16)	125	29 μ s	2.5/2.5/37.3	122k	90.9%

¹First layer is fixed point, ²floating point, ³estimated, ⁴ 92 TOps/sec peak, ⁵ LE and LC are from Xilinx or Altera documentation of the FPGAs, ⁶ Actual/Logical/Equivalent



- › Presented method to unroll convolution with ternary weights and make parallel implementation
 - Exploits unstructured sparsity with no overhead
 - Uses CSE, sparsity control and digit serial adders to further reduce area
 - Limited amount of buffering and only loosely dependent on image size
- › As larger FPGAs become available this technique may become more favourable

- › Multipliers form the basis for the computational part of ML
- › Presented a number of different techniques to trade off flexibility, throughput and area
- › First three are applicable to ASICs or FPGA hard blocks but unrolled ternary is FPGA-specific

	Flexibility	Throughput	Area
Two speed	Normal	Normal	Normal
PIR	High	High	High
AddNet	Reduced	High	Low
Unrolled ternary	Ternary	High	Low

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