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A Review of HDL-Based System for Real-Time Image Processing used in Tumors Screening

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- The use of hardware description languages to provide digital image processing results is a recent technique that offers a direct connection to reconfigurable hardware implementation.
- This paper presents a real time system for digital image processing using Verilog hardware description language that can be followed by immediate hardware implementation possibility.
- With our study we intend to contribute to the diagnoses of noninvasive methods in pre-operator stage, using modern VLSI technologies with applications in medical imaging.



- The paper focuses on image enhancement methods such as contrast and brightness transformation, inverting and pseudo-coloring images, described and simulated using Verilog hardware description language.
- The scope of our proposed real-time configurable system is for medical applications but can be used in any other area in which the speed of image processing in real time is necessary or vital.
- The real-time configurable system proposed in this paper provides a topical solution, being complementary, alongside the other classical processes for real-time applications.



- The FPGA have become a complex platform that involves multiple hardware and software components and offers the ability to develop the most adequate circuit architecture for digital image processing systems.
- The reconfigurable hardware is directly configured using Hardware Description Languages (HDL): Verilog and VHSIC-HDL (VHDL).
- The advantage of reconfigurable hardware (field programmable gate array - FPGA), is that the hardware can be changed based on the computational needs and allows the acceleration to be achieved by a processor.



- High flexibility provided by hardware description languages allows the designers to logically describe much easier the system functionality, to simulate and evaluate the processing performances using appropriate development and test environments.
- The modern FPGA is a good choice for embedded real-time imaging systems because they offers sufficient resources in order to allow the systems to be implemented on a single FPGA.
- Using HDL-based platform for image processing is a quite new approach extending the field of digital design to signal processing simulation.



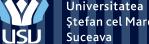
Previous Works

- A class of basic image processing operators that process an image so that the result is more suitable than the original image for a specific application were described in previous works:
 - I. Chiuchisan and M. Cerlinca, *"Implementation of Real-Time System for Medical Image Processing using Verilog Hardware Description Language,"* Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biophysics and Bioengineering (BIO'13), ISSN: 1790-5125, ISBN: 978-960-474-326-1, pp.66-69, Chania, Creta, Greece, 2013.
 I. Chiuchisan, *"A New FPGA-based Real-Time Configurable System for Medical Image*
 - I. Chiuchisán, "A New FPGA-based Real-Time Configurable System for Medical Image Processing," Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on e-Health and Bioengineering – EHB 2013, ISBN 978-1-4799-2373-1, Iași, Romania, 2013.
 - I. Chiuchisan, "Implementation of Medical Image Processing Algorithm on Reconfigurable Hardware," Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on e-Health and Bioengineering – EHB 2013, ISBN 978-1-4799-2373-1, Iași, Romania, 2013.
 - I. Chiuchisan, M. Cerlinca, A.D. Potorac and A. Graur, "Image Enhancement Methods Approach using Verilog Hardware Description Language," Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Development and Application Systems, ISSN: 1844-5039, pp. 144-148, Suceava, Romania, 2012.



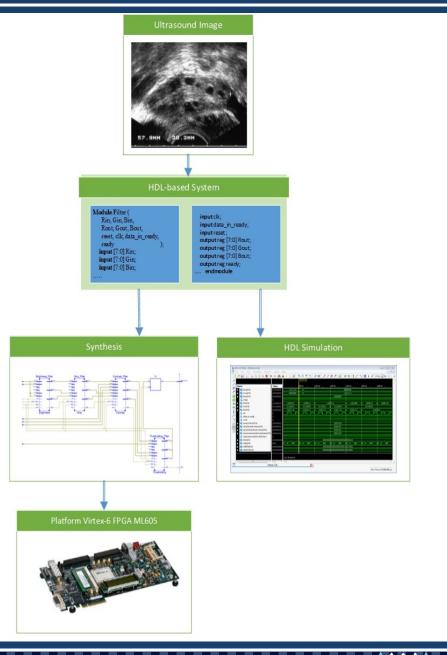
HDL-Based System Description

- The system proposed in this paper is described in Verilog hardware description language at Register Transfer Level (RTL) and the images are digital processed by switching the order of filters and processing them to improve image in order to assist the medical specialists in diagnosis.
- The basic image processing operators, that for our system represent the filters, are described and used as internal components.
- This components are connected in a pipeline structure, with the possibility of amending the order of filters and the parameters of each filter features.



HDL-Based System Description

- The configurable system includes 4 filters in order to improve the ultrasound image by switching and processing them by a series of filters.
- Using a single control input the system achieves to inter-change filters "on-the-fly", meaning that the design is dynamically reconfigured.



HDL-Based System Description

Verilog (code	for	filters	order	in	the	system
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input [7:0] Filter order; assign PseudoColor order = Filter order [1:0]; assign Contrast order = Filter order [3:2]; assign Invert order = Filter order [5:4]; assign Brightness order = Filter order [7:6];

Verilog code for output vector described using continuous assignment

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assign RGB Out2[0] = PseudoColor filter order== 2?
RoutPseudoColor: Contrast filter order ==
                                            22
RoutContrast: Invert filter order== 2? RoutInvert:
RoutBrightness;
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assign RGB Out2[1] = PseudoColor filter order== 2?
GoutPseudoColor: Contrast filter order == 2?
GoutContrast: Invert filter order== 2? GoutInvert:
GoutBrightness;
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assign RGB Out2[2] = PseudoColor filter order== 2? BoutPseudoColorare: Contrast filter order == 2? BoutContrast: Invert filter order== 2? BoutInvert: BoutBrightness;



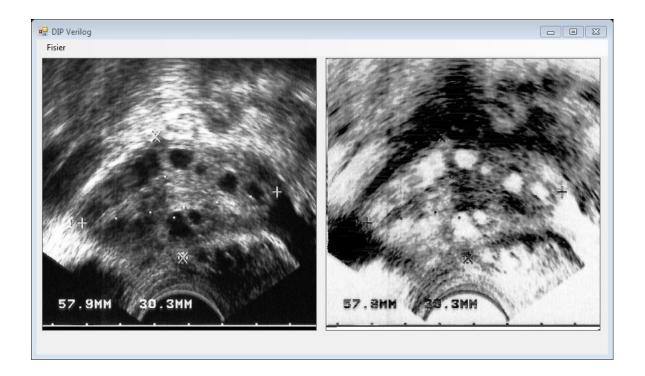
HDL-Based System Description

- In order to transform the initial image into a binary image that can be handled by the Verilog language we developed an application that converts images from Bitmap-format into a binaryformat and stores them into an external file.
- The binary-file was applied as vector to the Verilog models.
- The output file was similarly converted and viewed using the same application, to show the original image and the results of the enhancement methods.



HDL-Based System Description

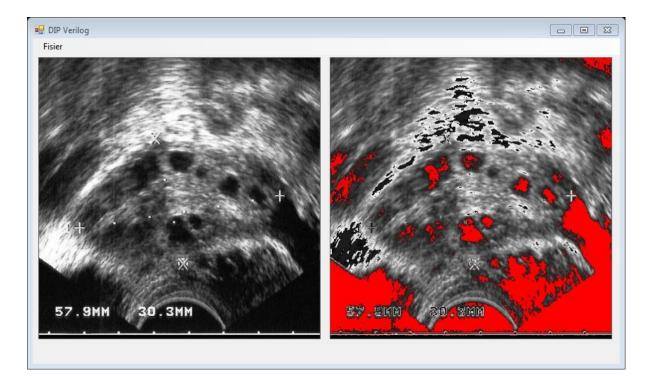
 Some of these filters have been encapsulated within the design tools and then applied to an ultrasound image in order to achieving efficient FPGA implementation in terms of area, speed and throughput rates and the parameters applied to filters are constant and were set by the user.





HDL-Based System Description

 The class of digital processing algorithms described in our work is limited to basic algorithms, but further research on complex image processing algorithms will be performed.





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Conclusions

- The solution proposed in this paper offer a partial shift from imaging systems based on Digital Signal Processors (DSP) to image processing systems based on Reconfigurable Hardware (FPGA).
- The greater future potential of our proposed system lies in fact that it is not necessary to use an additional processor dedicated to image processing, which could slow down the flow:
- image acquisition → preprocessing the image → image use in order to establish a decision which can be human-type (in the case of a diagnosis based on medical images) or non-human (in the case of an industrial process).



Conclusions

- The most important advantage of the proposed system is due to the fact that processing is always related with a hardware structure with immediate implementation availability and is not generated based on a mathematical only model.
- More, the use of digital design tools in signal processing simulations is offering a shorter way to the final implementation of processing circuit.



Conclusions

- The technique described in this paper is part of a larger research oriented on the use of hardware description languages in signal processing simulations area.
- Other hardware processing simulations are to be studied as future work in order to evaluate and prove the advantage of this kind of approach.
- Extend the complex digital CAD tools into the signal processing field are offering not only a different developing solution but also a new larger implementation method which has to be considered together with the future digital technologies.



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Abstract: Potentially malignant ovarian tumors are rare entities with an excellent prognosis, which depends by the tumor stage of diagnoses. There are currently limited data about tumor type identified intra-

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