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# DESIGN WORKFLOW IMPROVEMENTS USING STRUCTURAL MATCHING FOR FAST RE-SYNTHESIS OF ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

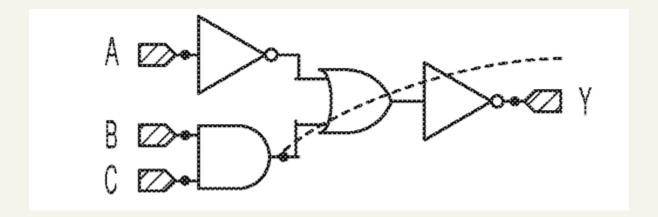
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#### **BACKGROUND**

Electronic circuits are growing in complexity every year. Existing workflows that optimize the design and placement of circuit components are laborious and time-consuming though. Incremental design changes that target device optimization can take many hours to render. Streamlined design workflows that are both fast and able to optimize performance are needed to keep pace with these device improvements. A UC Santa Cruz researcher has developed a new technique, SMatch, to shorten design workflow times with minimal QoR impact.

#### **TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION**

UC Santa Cruz researchers have developed SMatch, a method that uses an incremental FPGA flow to skip placement and routing for matching blocks. This method significantly shortens runtime while maintaining QoR by reducing the overall number of LUTs needed to be placed and routed. SMatch is generally 20x faster than other incremental commercial FPGA flows and is able to deliver many of the changes set by the Anubis benchmark suite in under 30s.



# APPLICATIONS

▶ Electronic design automation workflow for commercial use

# **ADVANTAGES**

- ▶ 16 to 20x faster synthesis, placement, and routing than current state-of-the-art flow, LiveSynth
- ▶ Comparable QoR

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

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#### OTHER INFORMATION

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## **CATEGORIZED AS**

- Computer
  - ▶ Hardware
  - Software

## **RELATED CASES**

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

▶ SMatch: Structural Matching for Fast Resynthesis in FPGAs - 06/02/2019

# ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

Livesynthesis: Towards An Interactive Synthesis Flow

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