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Full HD HDMI In-Out HW-Accelerated Demos for Zynq System-on-Module TE0715-03-30-1I and Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 Platform

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1. Summary

1.1 Objectives

This application describes use of an evaluation package with 3 edge detection and 3 motion detection video processing designs on the Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform [3] with industrial grade Zynq XC7Z030-1I device on System on Module TE0715-03-30-1I [1]. All demonstrated video processing algorithms have been developed, debugged and tested in Xilinx SDSoC 2015.4 environment [6] for the Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform [3]. Algorithms have been compiled by Xilinx SDSoC 2015.4 System level compiler (based on the Xilinx HLS compiler) to Vivado 2015.4 projects, and compiled by Vivado 2015.4 [5] to bitstreams. The SW access functions controlling the HW accelerators have been exported to the Xilinx SDK 2015.4 [5] SW projects as static .a libraries for standalone ARM Cortex A9 applications. Application note also describes 3 edge detection algorithms coded in format supporting user defined ARM C code which is executing in parallel with the video processing HW paths.

Main objectives of this application note are:

- To demonstrate how to install, compile, modify and use the enclosed SW projects in the SDK 2015.4 [5] for the Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform [3].
- To demonstrate on the EMC2-DP-V2 platform the HW accelerated video processing algorithms and the speedup against reference SW versions running on ARM.
- To demonstrate parallel processing of predefined video processing HW paths executing in parallel with user defined C code on ARM.



Figure 1: Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform with Zynq XC7Z030-1I device and HDMI-HDMI support.



Figure 2: HW accelerated motion detection in Full HD with 60 FPS video processing speed.

Notice the fast moving edges in the face of the rabbit. Edges are marked by red pixels in the output display.

Common setup for all included demos:

- ARM Cortex A9 processor of Xilinx Zynq device XC7Z030-1I executes standalone C application programs performing initialisation and synchronisation of the HW accelerated video processing chain.
- Enclosed C programs can be modified by the user and recompiled in Xilinx SDK 2015.4.
- Compiled demos boot from the micro SD card directly after the power ON.
- Raw video data are provided by a Full HD HDMI source with resolution 1920x1080p60 (laptop).
- Data are processed in HW into the YCrCb 16 bit per pixel format and stored by video DMA (VDMA) controller to input video frame buffers (VFBs) reserved in the DDR3.
- HW DMA controller(s) send data from the input VFBs to the processing accelerators in the programmable logic (PL) part of Zynq.
- Another HW DMA controller(s) send processed data from HW to output VFBs in DDR3.
- Second part of the HW VDMA IP core is sending data to the Full HD display (1920x1080p60).

1.2 Introduction to the demos

Edge detection

The edge detection algorithm is producing B/W Full HD video stream. Edges in each frame are marked as white and remaining part of the figure is set as black.

The edges are detected by a Sobel filter. Each pixel is filtered by a 3x3 2D FIR filter. A nonlinear decision on the output of the filter provides decision if the pixel is part of an edge or not. All computation is performed in fixed point. Input to the Sobel filter is the video signal with each pixel converted to the monochrome 8bit format.

Demos **sh01**, **sh02** and **sh03** provide accelerated HW computation of edge detection with 1, 2 or 3 parallel HW data paths. HW demos are using 1, 2 or 3 DMA HW channels as input from DDR3 to 1, 2 or 3 Sobel filters. Another 1, 2 or 3 DMA HW channels support output from Sobel filters to the DDR3.

Zynq PL resources and the accelerations reached for these HW designs are summarised in sections 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5.

Motion detection

The motion detection algorithm detects and performs visualisation of **moving edges**. The moving edges are identified by two Sobel filters performing FIR filtering (similar to the above described edge detection) on pixels with identical coordinates but from two subsequent video frames. A difference of these filtered results is computed a noise in that signal is filtered by a Median filter.

Resulting signal is used for the nonlinear binary decision if the analysed pixel is part of a moving edge or not. If the pixel is part of a moving edge, it is assigned red colour and merged with the original colour video signal. Resulting output Full HD video signal is unchanged, with the exception of red colour marked moving edges. See *Figure 2*. The fast moving edges in the face of the rabbit are marked by red pixels.

Demos **md01**, **md02** and **md03** provide accelerated HW computation with 1, 2 or 3 parallel HW data paths. HW demos are using 2, 4 or 6 DMA HW channels for reading from **two** sub sequent video frame buffers located both in the DDR3 to 1, 2 or 3 video processing chains of accelerators performing the motion detection.

Another 1, 2 or 3 DMA HW channels perform parallel write of results to the DDR3.

Zynq PL resources and accelerations reached for these HW designs are summarised in sections 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8.

Measurements of acceleration

The acceleration results have been measured as a ratio of the frame per second (FPS) reached by the accelerator and the FPS reached by the initial SW implementation on ARM in the SDSoC 2015.4. In case of SW implementation –O3 optimisation was used. HW support for the HDMI I/O data movement by the dedicated VDMA HW channels was used in all cases.

Performance of SW version of algorithms can be evaluated by booting of the Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform from enclosed BOOT.bin files. Files have been generated in SDSoC 2015.4 environment. The SDSoC 2015.4 source code and the SDSoC 2015.4 platform for the Sundance EMC2-DP-V2 platform are not included. Micro SD card BOOT.bin files are enclosed.

1.3 Project sh01: Edge detection with single HW accelerator

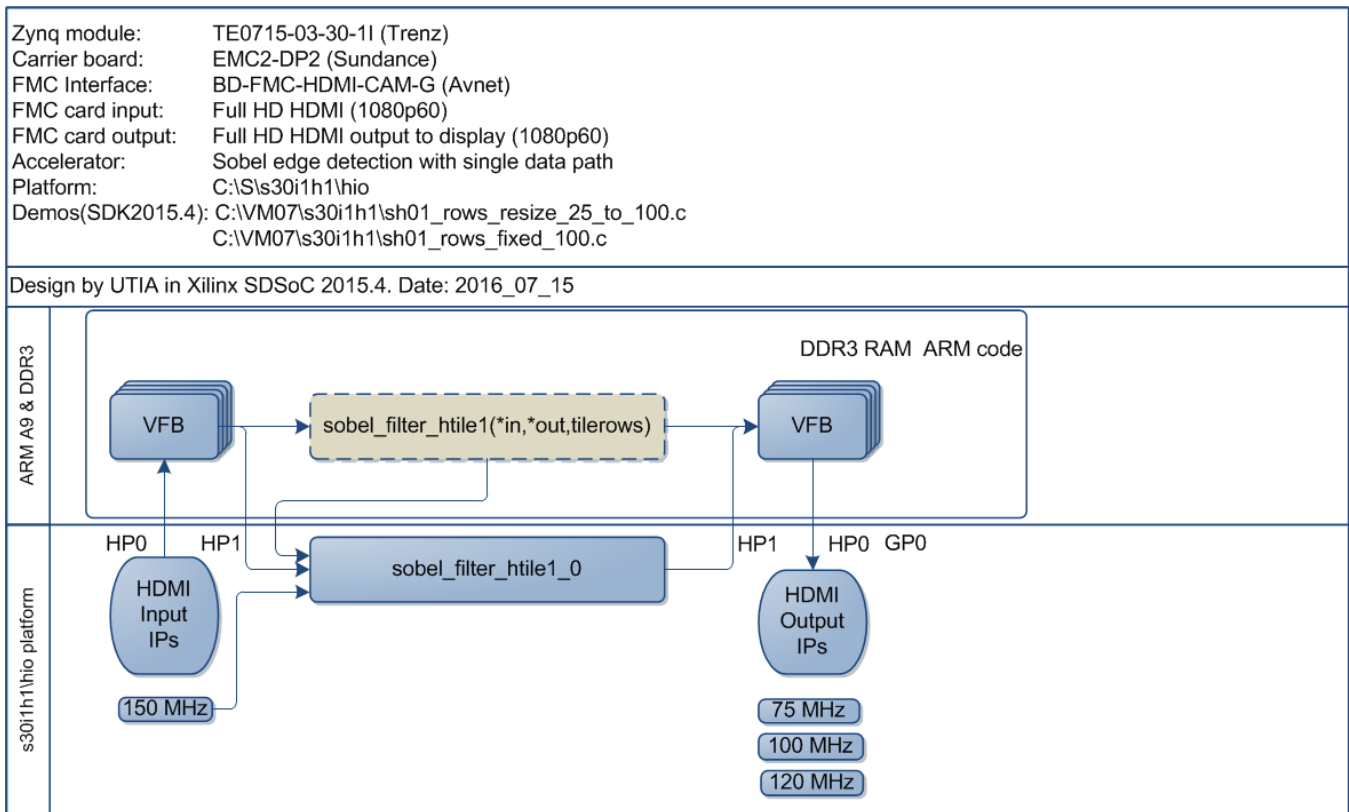


Figure 3: Project sh01 - Edge detection with single HW accelerator.

TE0715-03-30-11 Sobel 1x

Acceleration by HW: 5.64 x



Figure 4: Project sh01 - Acceleration and HW resources used.

1.4 Project sh02: Edge detection with two HW accelerators

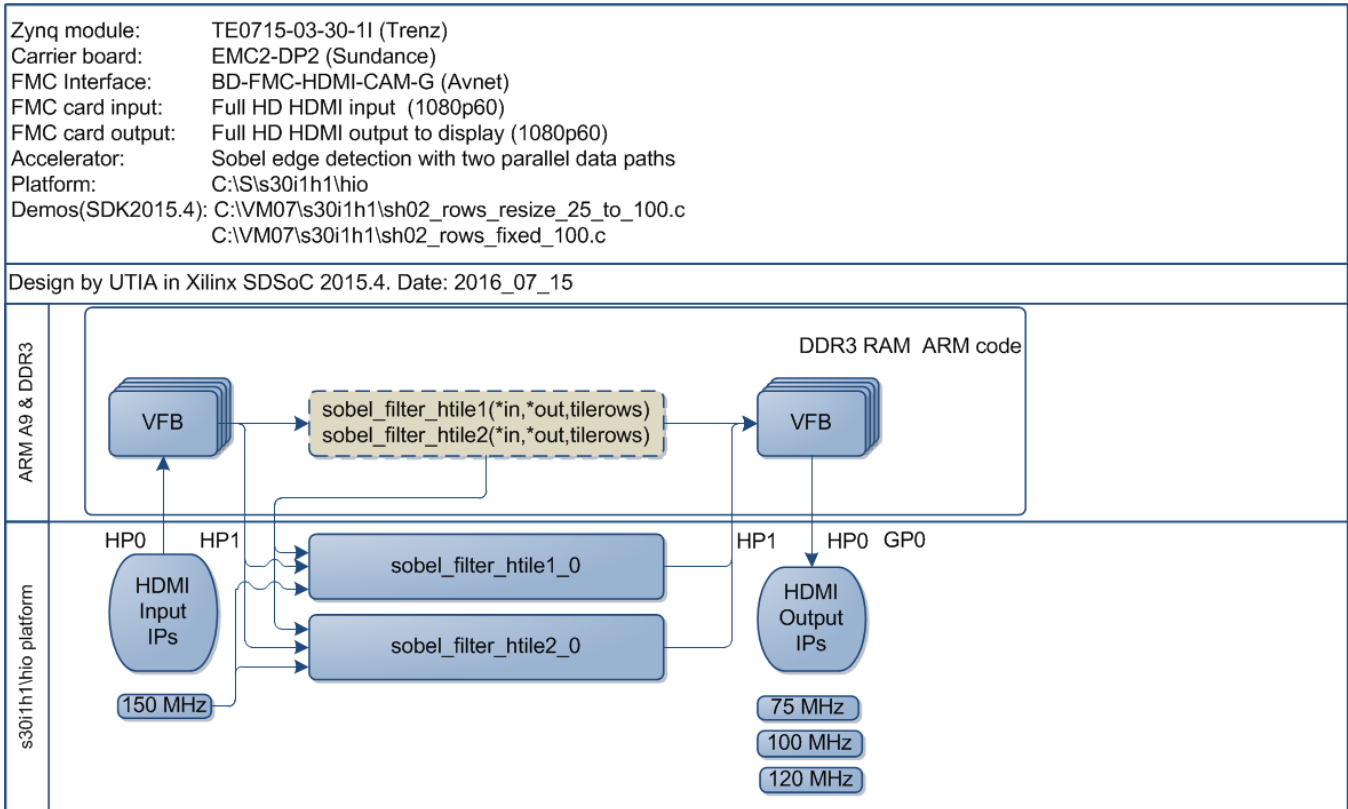


Figure 5: Project sh02 - Edge detection with two HW accelerators.

TE0715-03-30-11 Sobel 2x

Acceleration by HW: 8.14 x

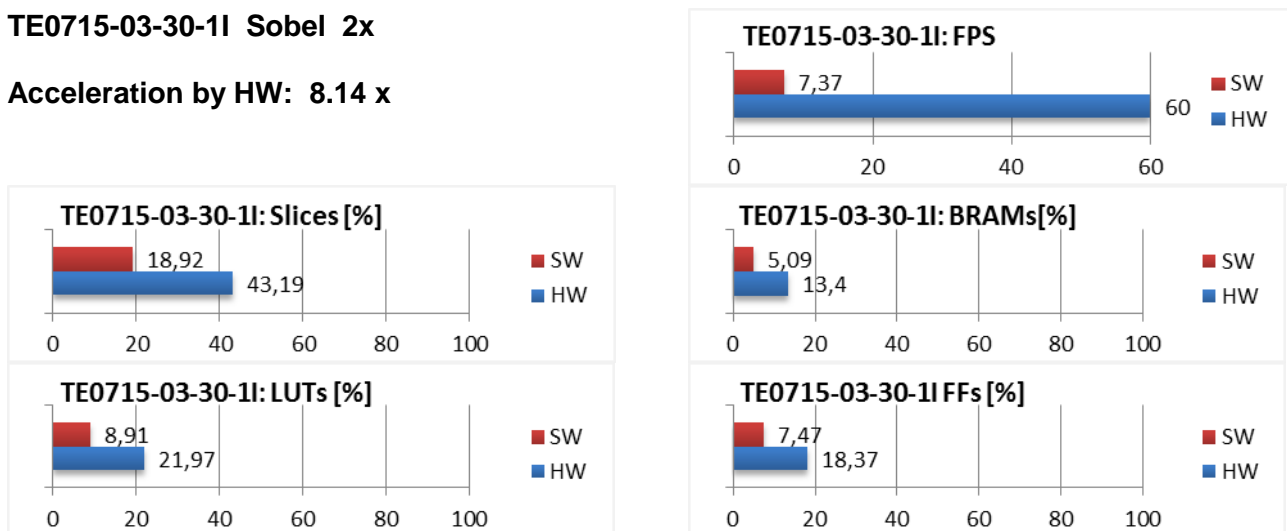


Figure 6: Project sh02 – Acceleration and HW resources used.

1.5 Project sh03: Edge detection with three HW accelerators

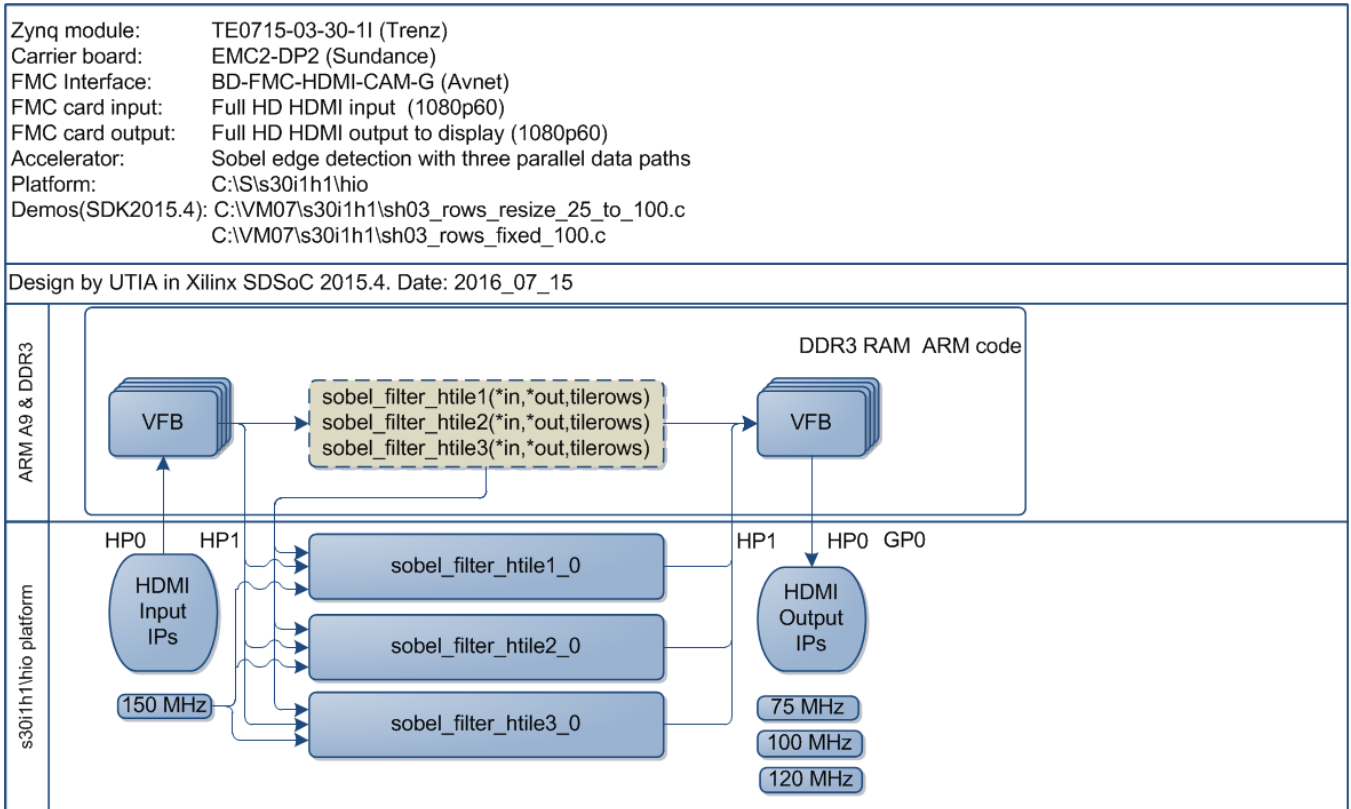


Figure 7: Project sh03 - Edge detection with three HW accelerators.

TE0715-03-30-11 Sobel 3x

Acceleration by HW: 8.09 x

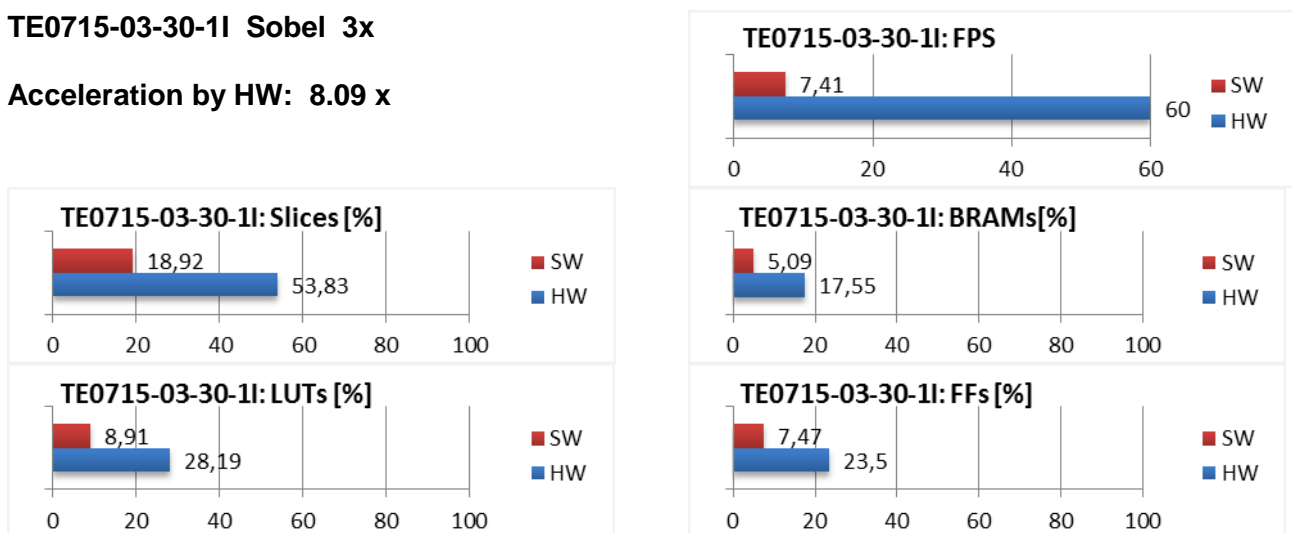


Figure 8: Project sh03 - Acceleration and HW resources used.

1.6 Project md01: Motion detection with single chain of HW accelerators

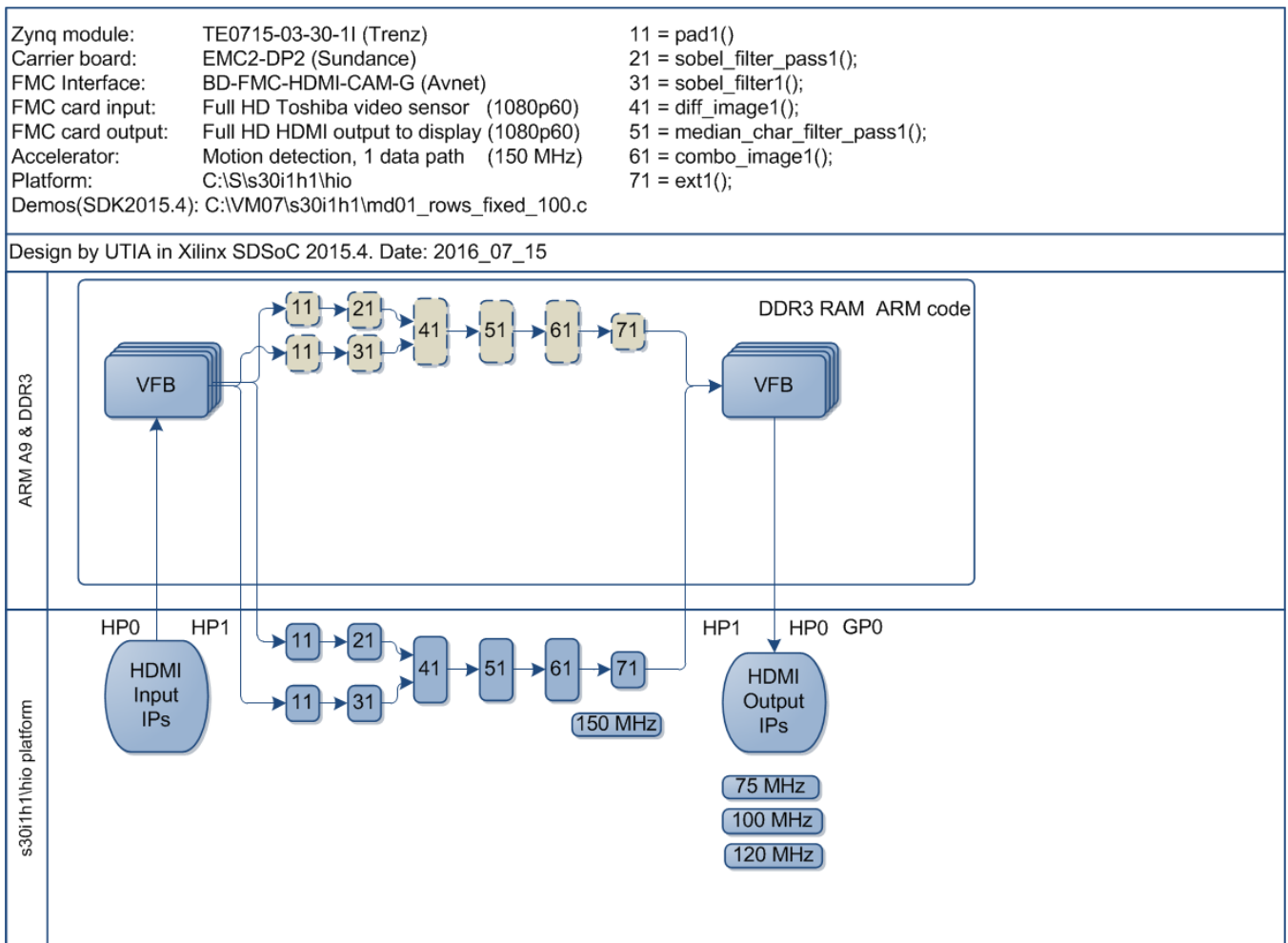


Figure 9: Project md01 - Motion detection with single HW accelerator data path.

TE0715-03-30-11 Motion Detection 1x

Acceleration by HW: 31.2 x

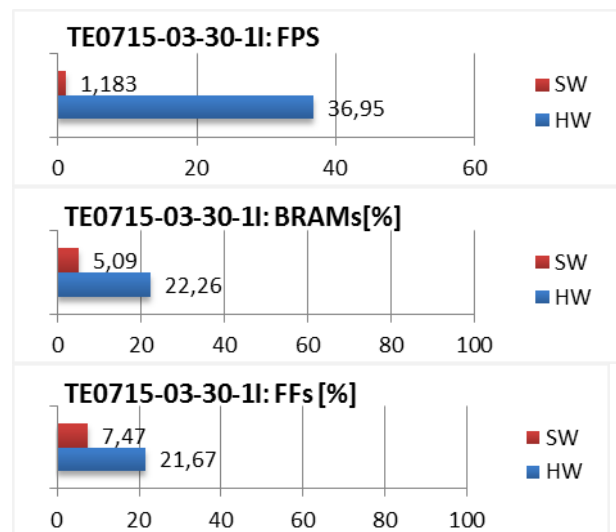
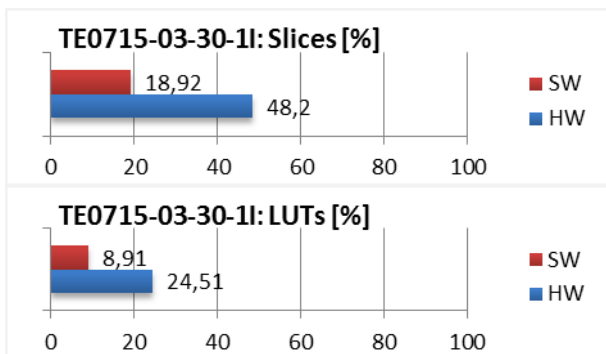


Figure 10: Project md01 - Acceleration and HW resources used.

1.7 Project md02: Motion detection with two chains of HW accelerators

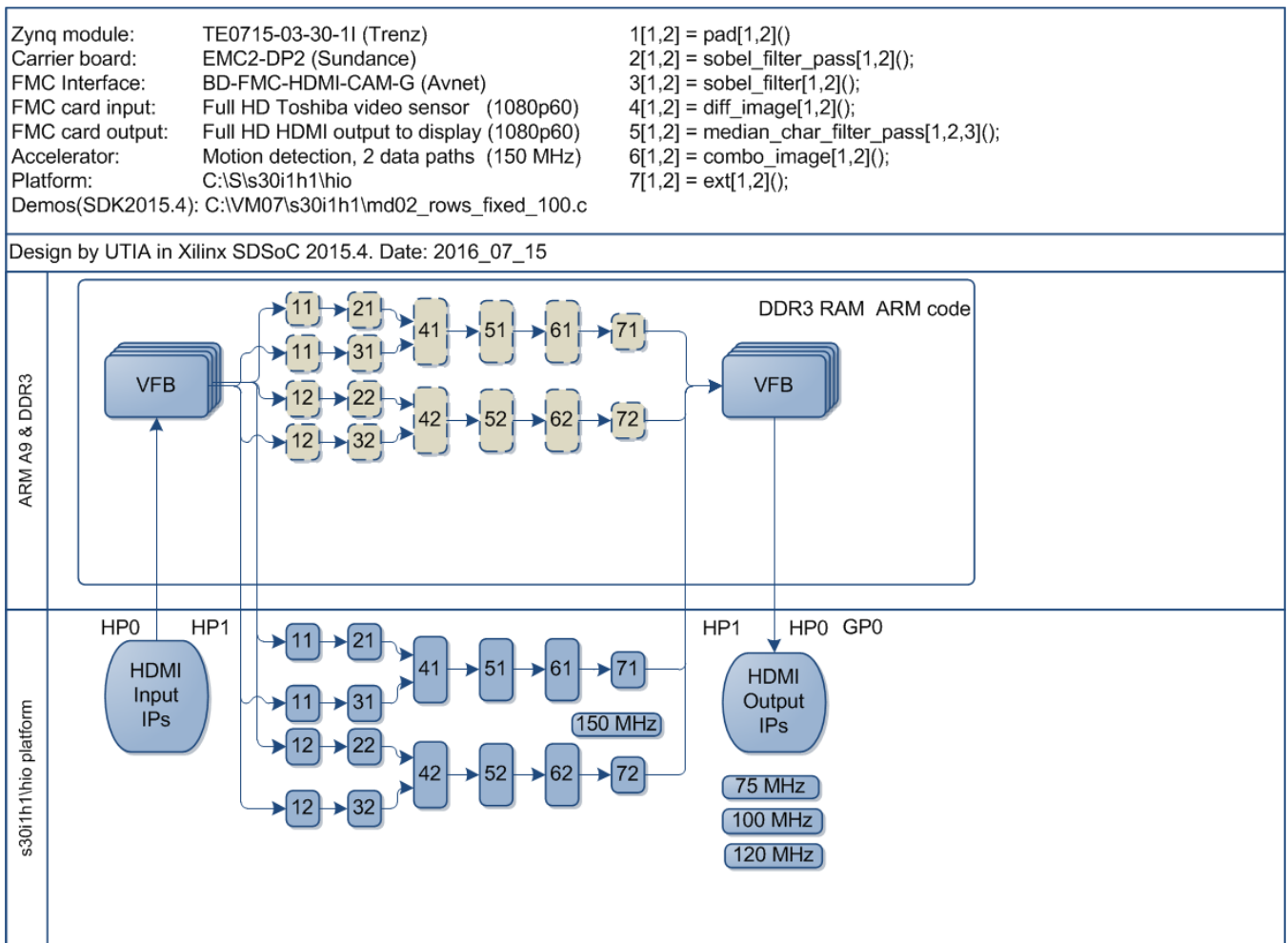


Figure 11: Project md02 - Motion detection with two HW accelerator data paths.

TE0715-03-30-11 Motion Detection 2x

Acceleration by HW: 48.5 x

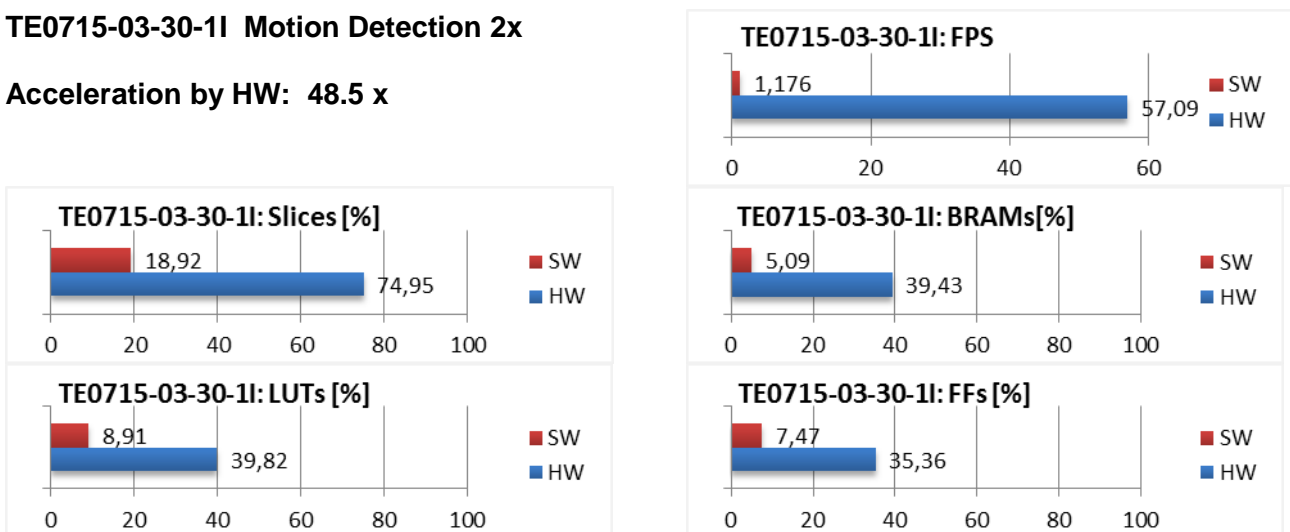


Figure 12: Project md02 - Acceleration and HW resources used.

1.8 Project md03: Motion detection with three chains of HW accelerators

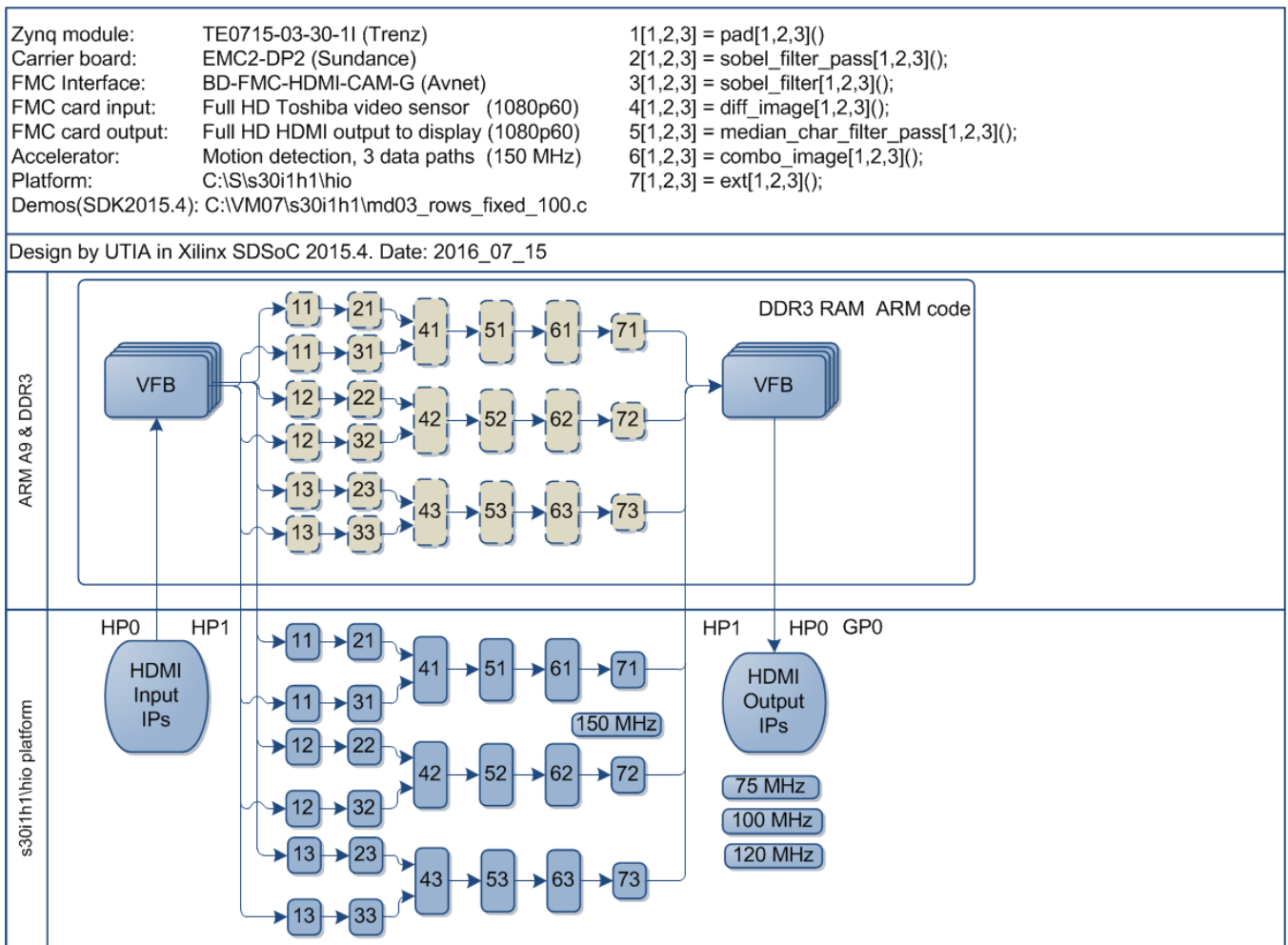


Figure 13: Project md03 - Motion detection with tree HW accelerator data paths.

TE0715-03-30-1l Motion Detection 3x

Acceleration by HW: 51.06 x

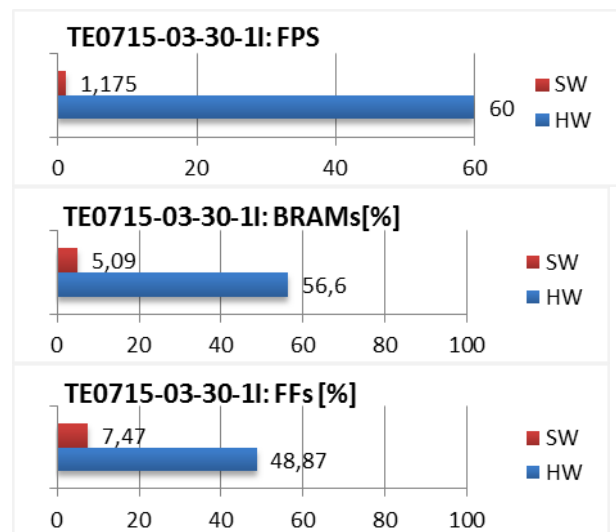
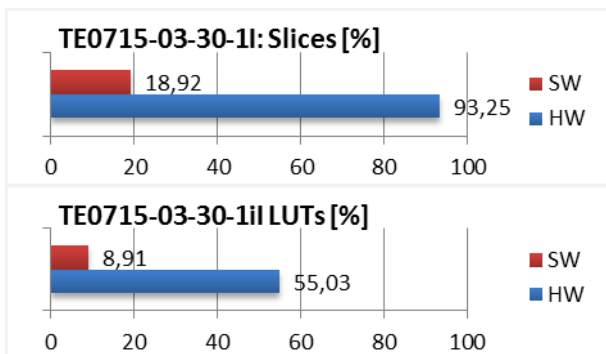


Figure 14: Project md03 - Acceleration and HW resources used.

2. Installation of evaluation package

2.1 Import of SW projects in Xilinx SDK 2015.4

Unzip the evaluation package to directory of your choice.
The directory **C:\VM_07** will be used in this application note.

C:\VM_07\s30i1h1_V54_IMPORT

Create empty directory for Xilinx SDK workspace.

C:\VM_07\s30i1h1

Start Xilinx SDK 2015.4 and select the directory for the SDK 2015.4 workspace. See Figure 15.
Select **C:\VM_07\s30i1h1**

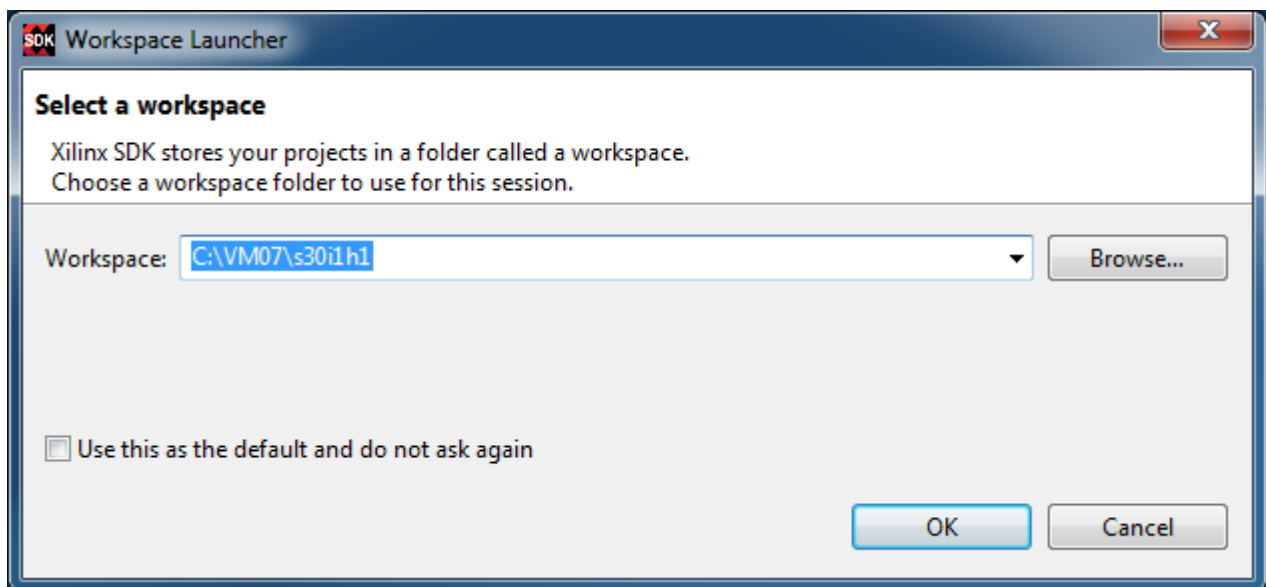


Figure 15: Select the SDK workspace.

HW and SW projects can be imported into SDK now. Select:

File -> Import -> General -> Existing Projects into Workspace

Click on Next button. See Figure 16.

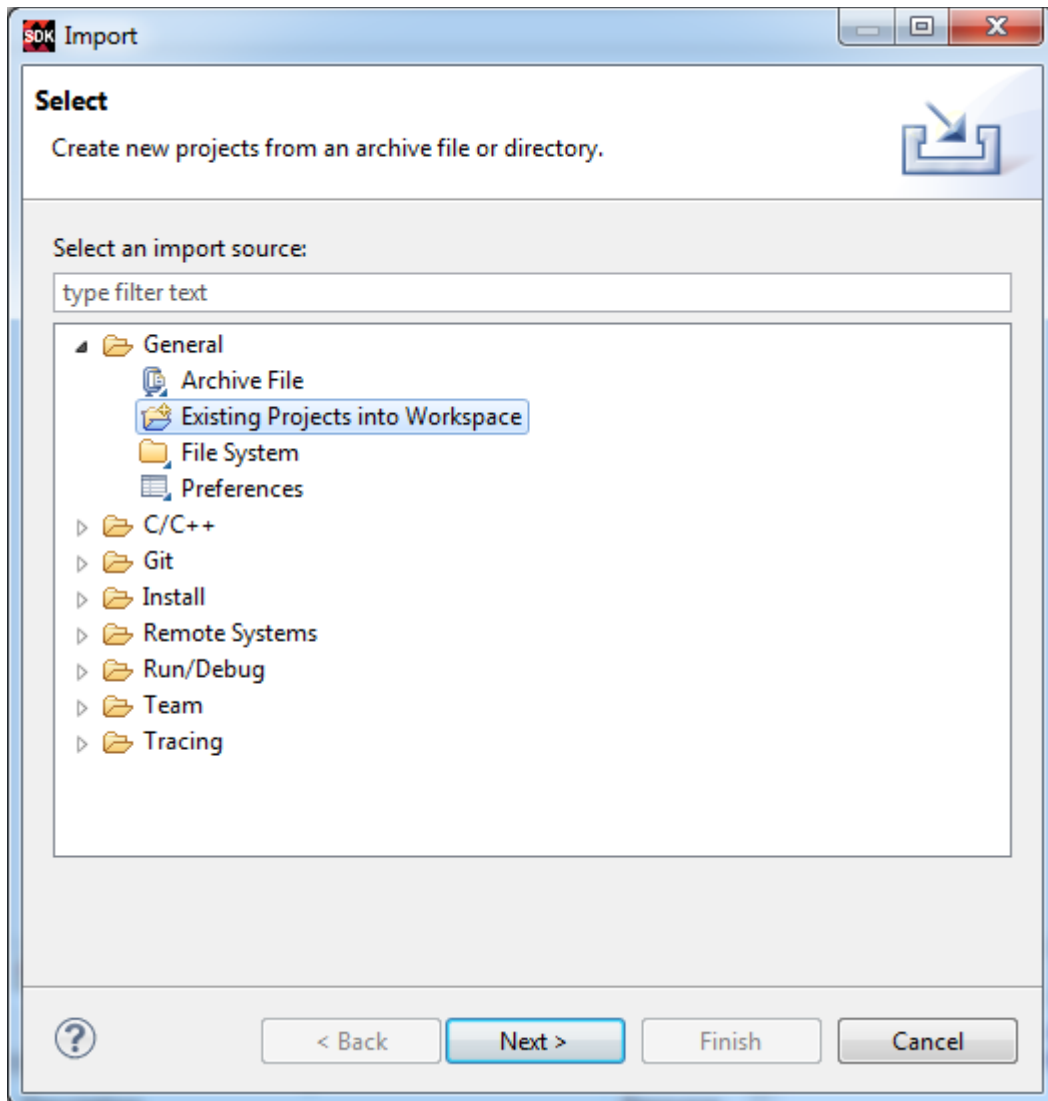


Figure 16: Import existing projects into workspace.

Type directory with projects to be imported. See Figure 17.

C:\VM_07s30i1h1_V54_IMPORT

Set the **“Copy projects into workspace”** check box.
Click on Finish button. See Figure 17.

Projects are imported. Compilation starts automatically. This first compilation of all SDK SW projects can take several minutes to finish. It should finish without errors.

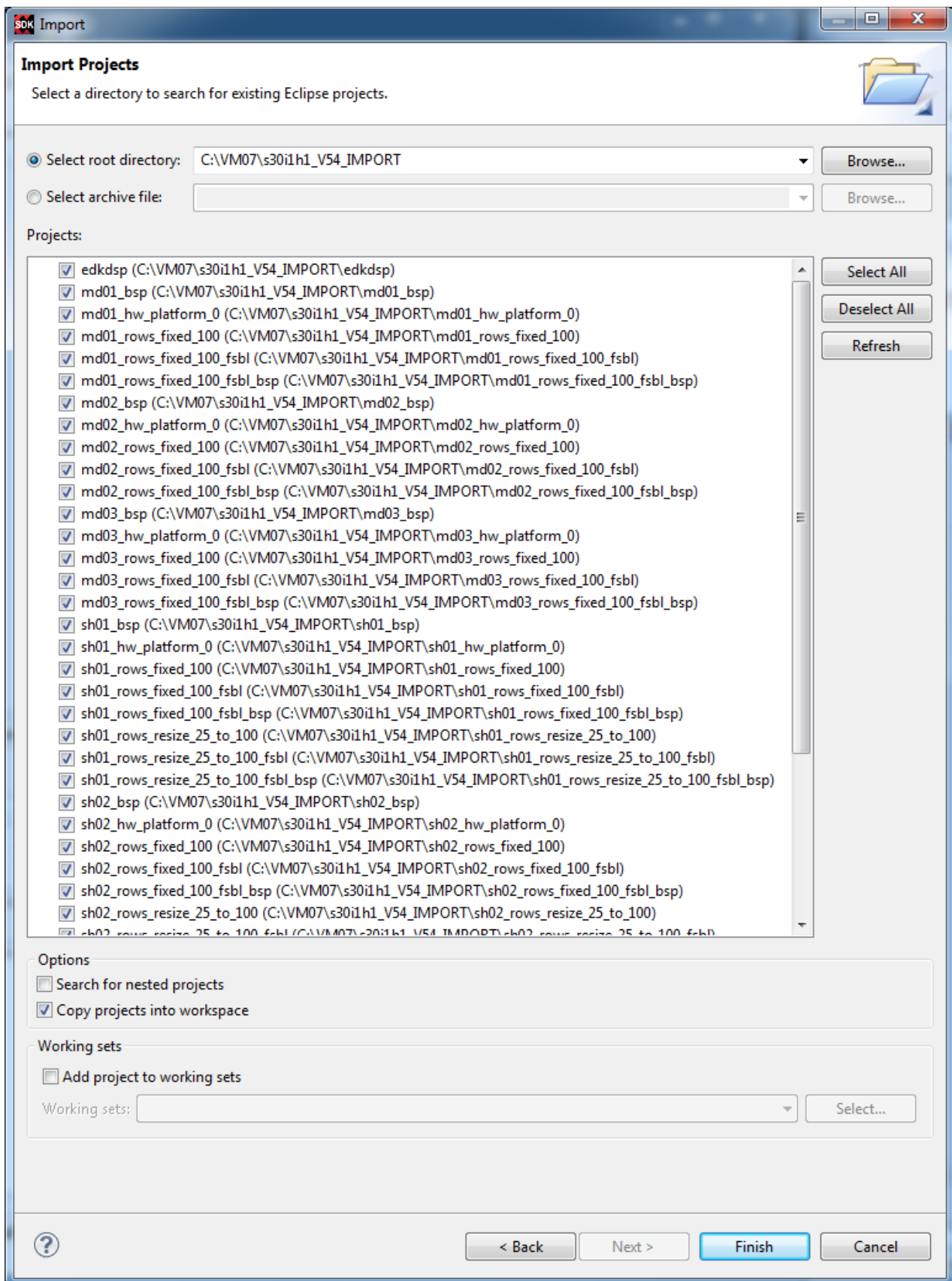


Figure 17: Select “Copy projects into workspace” and finish the import of all projects.

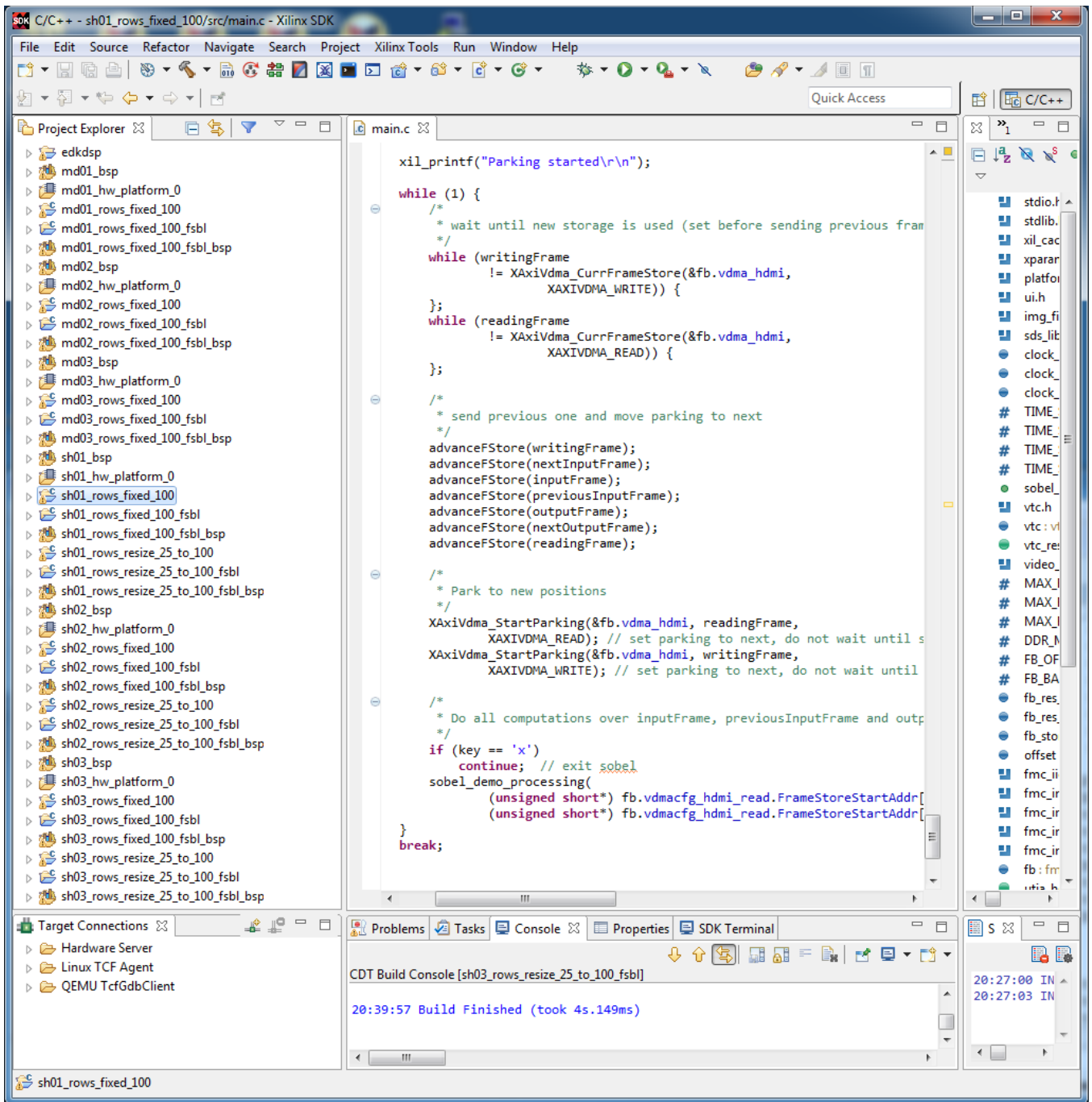


Figure 18: All projects are compiled in debug mode.

SDK 2015.4 compiles all imported demos in debug mode by default.

2.2 Precompiled SW projects

Files for the micro SD card (SW implementation of video processing algorithms on ARM from SDSoc 2015.4) can be found in:

SD_cards\SW\sh01\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\sh02\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\sh03\BOOT.bin

SD_cards\SW\so01\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\so02\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\so03\BOOT.bin

SD_cards\SW\md01\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\md02\BOOT.bin
SD_cards\SW\md03\BOOT.bin

2.3 Precompiled HW projects

Files for the micro SD card (generated in SDK 2015.4 for HW accelerated projects) can be found in:

C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh01_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh01_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh02_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh02_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh03_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\sh03_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin

C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so01_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so01_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so02_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so02_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so03_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\so03_rows_resize_25_to_100_fsb\fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin

C:\VM07\s30i1h1\md01_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\md02_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin
C:\VM07\s30i1h1\md03_rows_fixed_100_fsb\bootimage\BOOT.bin

2.4 Recompile of evaluation HW projects from SW source code in SDK 2015.4

- C code of included evaluation projects can be modified in the SDK 2015.4.
- Evaluation projects can be recompiled in the SDK 2015.4 for Debug or Release configuration.
- Result of the compilation is binary executable elf file for ARM. This file can be packed together with the first stage boot loader executable and bitstream to the updated BOOT.bin file.

The recompiled BOOT.bin is replacing the corresponding initial precompiled BOOT.bin file.

2.5 HW setup

HW setup is using commercially accessible components [1], [2], [3], [4]:

TE0715-03-30-1I, Part: xc7z030sbg485-1I; 1 GByte DDR3; Industrial grade; [1]

Heatsink for TE0715, spring-loaded embedded; [2]

EMC2-DP-V2 Carrier Board, EMC²-DP PC/104 OneBank Carrier for SoC Modules [3]

AES-FMC-HDMI-CAM-G, FMC card with HDMI I/O and CAM interface [4]

EMC2-DP-V2 Carrier Board [3] requires one modification to run the demos on AES-FMC-HDMI-CAM-G with Zynq TE0715-03-30-1I system on module. The modification is related to the swapped polarity of the differential clock signal for the AES-FMC-HDMI-CAM-G FMC board on the Zynq TE0715-03-30-1I SoM module [1].

UTIA can implement these necessary HW modifications for the original EMC2-DP-V2 Carrier Board [3] from Sundance. This requires written e-mail request to kadlec@utia.cas.cz. Request will be first confirmed by UTIA. The interested party has to cover the cost of the shipment of the original EMC2-DP-V2 carrier board. Modification can be done in 5 working days and it is offered free of charge.

2.6 Test demos

To test demos follow these steps:

Initial setup:

- Start with EMC2-DB-V2 with switch-OFF power supply.
- Connect source of the Full HD HDMI signal (usually PC or laptop) to the HDMI IN connector on the AES-FMC-HDMI-CAM-G FMC card.
- Connect Full HD (or DVI) monitor by HDMI cable to the HDMI OUT on the AES-FMC-HDMI-CAM-G FMC card.
- Switch the HDMI monitor ON.
- Connect the carrier board by USB-to-microUSB cable to PC to support serial terminal.

For each demo:

- On PC, copy BOOT.bin file to the top directory of the micro SD card.
- Enter the SD card to the switched off EMC2-DB-V2.
- Switch-ON the power supply for the EMC2-DB-V2 board.
 - The first stage boot loader boots the bitstream and the application to the ARM Cortex A9 processor.
 - The source of 1920x1080p60 video signal (PC or Laptop) connects to the EMC2-DB-V2 board like to a Full HD HDMI monitor.
 - The EMC2-DB-V2 board connects to the Full HD HDMI output monitor. This initial process takes few seconds.
 - The processed video signal is displayed with fixed resolution 1920x1080p60 on the display.
- At this stage it is possible to open and configure the standard serial terminal client (PuTTY or similar) on your PC to see information printed from the currently running application. All applications use identical terminal setting:
 - Speed: 115200 bit/sec; Data bits: 8; Stop bits: 1; Parity: None; Flow control: None.
- On your PC, terminate the terminal client before switch-OFF of the EMC2-DB-V2 board.
- Switch-OFF power supply of EMC2-DB-V2 board to stop the demo.

Additional notes about included demos:

- All evaluation demos have first stage boot loader (FSBL) projects used for initialisation of the Zynq ARM processor, download of the bitstream and download of the application.
- The FSBL projects use the standard project template as provided by the SDK 2015.4.
- Edge detection demo sh01_rows_fixed_100 works on complete frame with single HW accelerator data path.
- Edge detection demo sh01_rows_resize_25_to_100 works with identical HW as demo sh01_rows_fixed_100.
 - The HW data movers are instructed about the number of lines to be processed. SW is writing this information to an AXI-lite configuration register of the data mover IP core.
 - SW scales dynamically the number of micro-lines to be processed.
 - It is tuned from ¼ of frame to the complete frame.
 - Part of the frame which is not processed is automatically propagating the input video signal via the cyclic structure of 8 video frame buffers.
- Edge detection demo sh02_rows_fixed_100 and sh02_rows_resize_25_to_100 work with 2 data paths.
- Edge detection demo sh03_rows_fixed_100 and sh03_rows_resize_25_to_100 work with 3 data paths.
- Demos sh01 sh02 or sh03 are linked with static libraries libsh01.a, libsh02.a or libsh03.a.
- Motion detection demo md01_rows_fixed_100, md02_rows_fixed_100 and md03_rows_fixed_100 work with one, two and three HW video processing chains. These HW chains have only fixed set of processed lines (1x 100%, 2x 50% and 3x 33.3% of the Full HD frame).
- Demos md01 or md02 are linked with static libraries libmd01.a, or libmd02.a.

2.7 Synchronisation of user C code with the video processing HW accelerators

This section describes synchronisation of ARM C code with Video processing accelerators. Two cases or programming models are described.

- Internal synchronisation with parallel HW data paths
- User defined synchronisation with parallel data paths

Internal synchronisation with parallel HW data paths

Consider **sh03_rows_fixed_100** project as an example. Three HW data paths will perform edge detection in parallel on 3 separate areas of a DDR3 video frame. ARM C code is calling function (See Table 1):

C:\VM_07\s30i1h1\sh03_rows_fixed_100\sobel\img_filters.c

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include "frame_size.h"
#include "hw_sobel.h"

void img_process(unsigned short *in1, unsigned short *out1,
                unsigned short *in2, unsigned short *out2,
                unsigned short *in3, unsigned short *out3) {

    _p0_sobel_filter_htile1_0(in1, out1, NUMROWS);
    _p0_sobel_filter_htile2_0(in2, out2, NUMROWS);

    //
    // Some user defined sequential C code for ARM can be inserted here.
    //
    // ARM C code will run in parallel with HW path 1 and HW path 2.
    // However, start of the synchronising HW path 3 is delayed.
    //
    // This programming style can be used,
    // if HW path 1 and HW path 2 are long and
    // HW path 3 together with the sequential ARM C code has together
    // similar total length(in terms of clock cycles)
    // as HW path 1 or HW path 2.
    //
    //

    _p0_sobel_filter_htile3_0(in3, out3, NUMROWS);
}

```

Table 1: Listing of ARM C function using the internal synchronisation with parallel HW data paths.

The three called functions

```

_p0_sobel_filter_htile1_0() // Not blocking, Starts HW path 1
_p0_sobel_filter_htile2_0() // Not blocking, Starts HW path 2
_p0_sobel_filter_htile3_0() // Blocking, Starts HW path 3 waits for 1,2,3.

```

correspond to the three HW video acceleration paths. These functions are NOT independent. Functions have to be called in described fixed order. Each of functions starts its HW data path. However, only the third (last) function is blocking and waits internally for all 3 HW data paths to finish processing and return their results to their section of the output video frame buffer.

All three functions are defined in precompiled libsh03.a static library.

ARM processor is waiting inside of the last call function on this synchronisation point and it cannot be used easily for computation of user defined C code. One possible solution is described next.

User defined synchronisation with parallel data paths

Consider **so03_rows_fixed_100** project as an example of this programming style. Three HW data paths will perform edge detection in parallel on 3 separate areas of a DDR3 video frame. ARM code is calling function (See Table 2):

C:\VM_07\s30i1h1\so03_rows_fixed_100\sobel\img_filters.c

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include "frame_size.h"
#include "hw_sobel.h"

void img_process(unsigned short *fb_in, unsigned short *fb_out) {
#pragma SDS async(1)
    _p0_sobel_filter_htile_2(fb_in,
                              fb_out,
                              NUMTILEROWS);
#pragma SDS async(2)
    _p0_sobel_filter_htile_1(fb_in + NUMTILEROWS*NUMPADCOLS,
                              fb_out + NUMTILEROWS*NUMPADCOLS,
                              NUMTILEROWS);
#pragma SDS async(3)
    _p0_sobel_filter_htile_0(fb_in + 2*NUMTILEROWS*NUMPADCOLS,
                              fb_out + 2*NUMTILEROWS*NUMPADCOLS,
                              NUMTILEROWS);

//
//  USER C code can be inserted here to run in parallel with HW paths.
//  For optimal use, the computing time of each of
//  the three HW paths should be similar as the computing time
//  of the sequential C code executed in parallel on ARM processor here.
//

    sds_wait(1);
    sds_wait(2);
    sds_wait(3);
}

```

Table 2: Listing of ARM C function with user-defined synchronisation of parallel HW data paths.

The three called functions

```

_p0_sobel_filter_htile_2() // Not blocking, Starts HW path 1
_p0_sobel_filter_htile_1() // Not blocking, Starts HW path 2
_p0_sobel_filter_htile_0() // Not Blocking, Starts HW path 3

```

correspond to the three HW video acceleration paths. These functions are independent. Each of functions only starts its HW data path and returns to the main. All three functions are not blocking in this case. All three functions are defined in precompiled libso03.a static library.

The synchronisation point (similar to a barrier in case of SW threads) is implemented separately by three calls to functions `sds_wait(1)`; `sds_wait(2)`; `sds_wait(3)`; . Functions are blocking and each of the functions terminates when the corresponding HW accelerated data path is done.

ARM processor can be programmed with user C code and execute it in parallel to the HW data paths in this case.

Demos supporting synchronous execution of user C on ARM in parallel with accelerated HW:

- Edge detection demo so01_rows_fixed_100 works on complete frame with single HW accelerator data path.
- Edge detection demo so01_rows_resize_25_to_100 works with identical HW as demo so01_rows_fixed_100.
 - The HW data movers are instructed about the number of lines to be processed. SW is writing this information to an AXI-lite configuration register of the data mover IP core.
 - SW scales dynamically the number of micro-lines to be processed.
 - It is tuned from $\frac{1}{4}$ of frame to the complete frame.
 - Part of the frame which is not processed is automatically propagating the input video signal via the cyclic structure of 8 video frame buffers.
- Edge detection demo so02_rows_fixed_100 and so02_rows_resize_25_to_100 work with 2 data paths.
- Edge detection demo so03_rows_fixed_100 and so03_rows_resize_25_to_100 work with 3 data paths.
- All these demos support synchronised parallel execution of user defined C code on ARM while the HW data paths perform accelerated video processing.
- Demos are linked with static library libso01.a, libso02.a or libso03.a.
- Block diagrams, area and acceleration results of these edge detection demos are practically identical to the corresponding demos described in sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.5.

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4. Evaluation license

The **evaluation version of the package** can be downloaded from UTIA www pages free of charge for evaluation of HW accelerated edge detection and motion detection algorithms.

The evaluation package includes SDK 2015.4 SW projects with C source code for ARM Cortex A9 processor (32bit) in standalone mode.

The evaluation package includes these static libraries for ARM Cortex A9 processor (32bit) for standalone mode:

libfmc_imageon.a	SDK 2015.4 UTIA static library with interface functions for video IP cores
libsh01.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project sh01
libsh02.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project sh02
libsh03.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project sh03
libso01.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project so01
libso02.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project so02
libso03.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project so03
libmd01.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project md01
libmd02.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project md02
libmd03.a	SDSoC 2015.4 static library for HW accelerator in project md03

These libraries have no time restriction.
Source code of these libraries is not provided in this evaluation package.

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