

AMS Design

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Progress in nanoelectronics

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progress in manufacturing technology + progress in design technology

CHALLENGE: increase (speed-up) design capability

Main issues :

New designs (function and specifications) due to diversification of devices and multifunctionality of systems

Yield improvement: process variation (distribution of transistor parameters)

Reliability and Aging effects (lifetime), stress history of the device

Foundry -dependent processes

Model is essential for designing

Structural modeling with lumped elements

Behavioral modeling

Hierarchical modeling

Model should not become a bottleneck: it should be available and fast !



Bottlenecks

Availability and speed of models
Yield and Aging analysis
Synthesis and optimization

Roadmap (ITRS):

- Interactive and semi-automatic AMS design (circuit structure, place and route, yield and reliability)
- Standardized modeling and analysis of physical effects (including aging) and complex performance features
- Parametric models and simulation of complex AMS blocks
- Simulators with sensitivity analysis capabilities
- Enhanced simulation speed

Some money should come to design technology !