

CAD HW4 - Modeling Mixed-Signal System and Simulating with AMS

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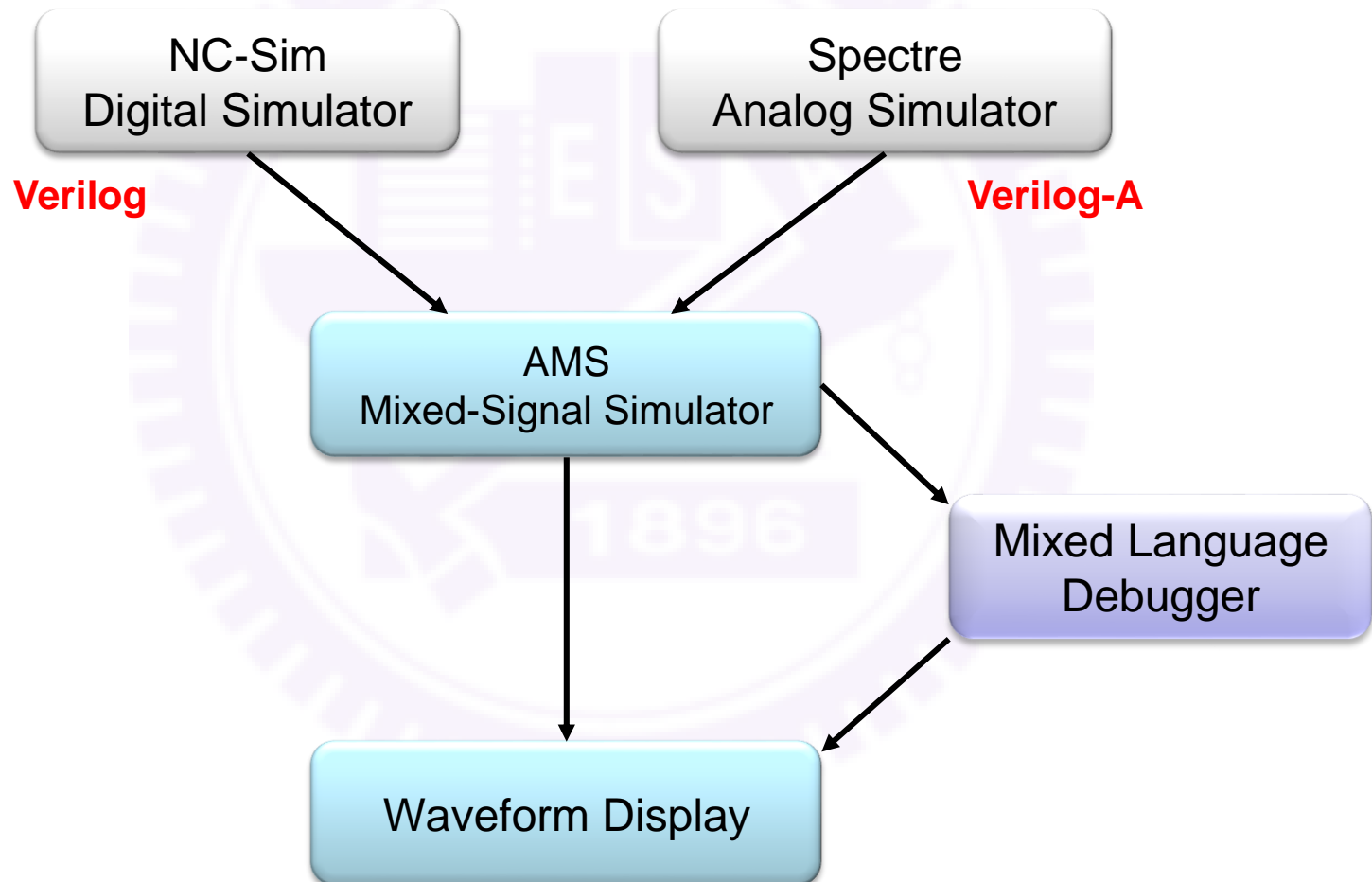
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What is AMS Designer

- Top-down system-on-chip simulation for complex mixed-signal designs
- A single executable simulator incorporating the fastest in digital and most flexible analog simulation capability
 - Digital: NC-Sim
 - Analog: Spectre
- Simulation of complex designs incorporating any and all of the following:
 - Verilog, VHDL
 - Verilog-A, Verilog-AMS, VHDL-AMS
 - Spectre
 - SPICE
 - Composer schematics

What is AMS Designer(cont.)



Mixed-Signal Simulation with Model

- The mixed-signal behavioral model simulation can verify:
 - System behavior is correct or not?
 - System requirement is met or not?
 - System performance is satisfied or not?
- Weaknesses:
 - Only time domain information can be obtained directly
 - All behavioral model should be converted into time domain
 - Other characteristics might be calculated from time domain data

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Environment Setting

- NC-Verilog / Verilog-XL
 - e.g `> source /usr/cad/cadence/CIC/incisiv.cshrc`
- Spectre
 - e.g `> source /usr/cad/cadence/CIC/mmsim.cshrc`
- Composer / Virtuoso
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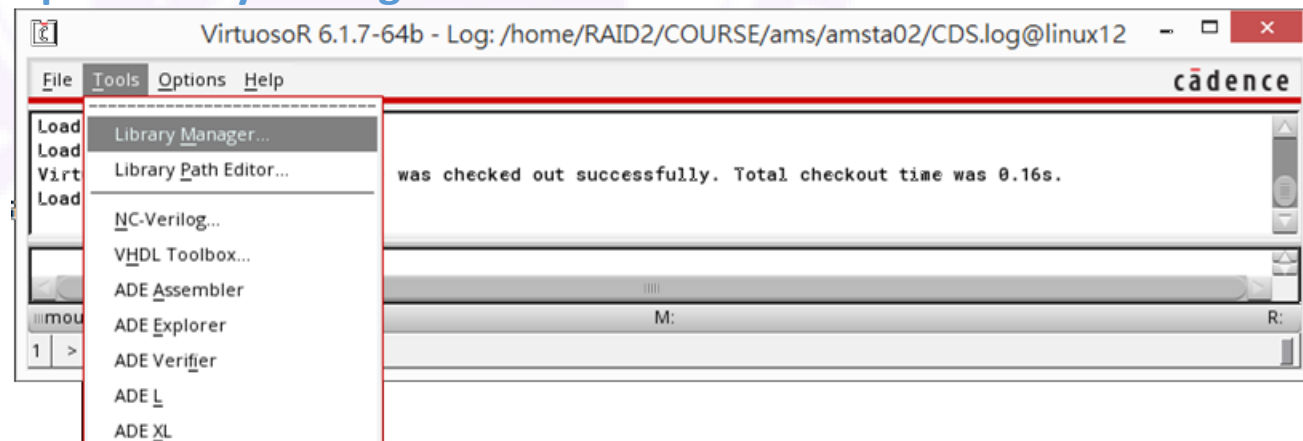
Simulation Flow

Step 1. > virtuoso &

Step 2. Open library manager

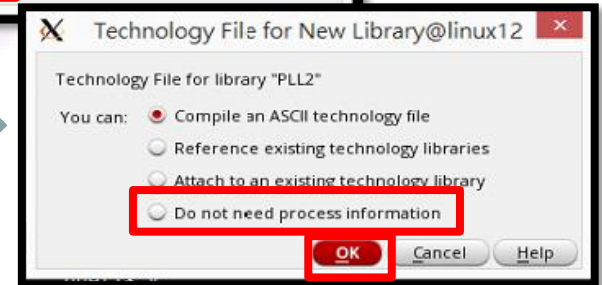
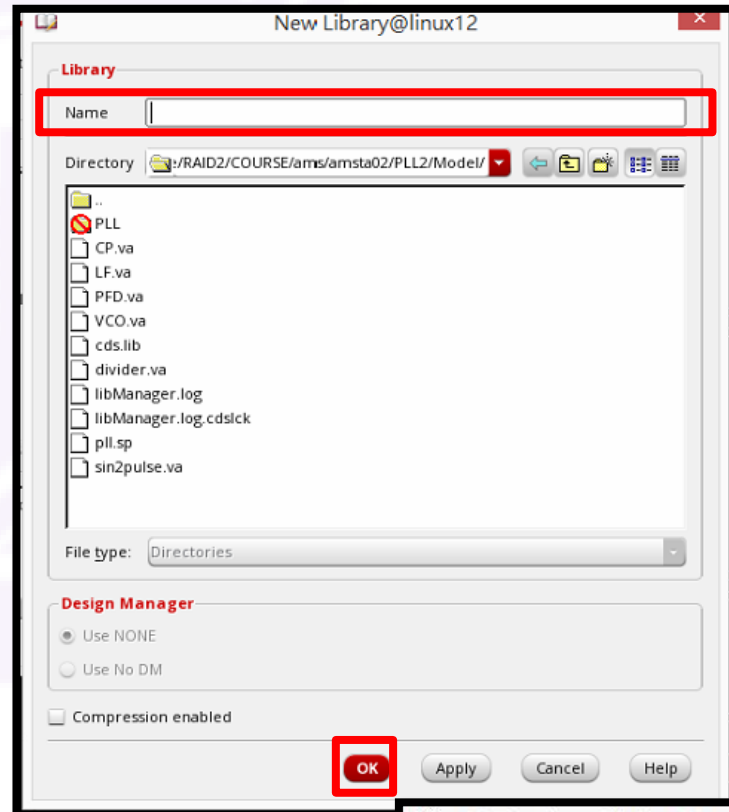
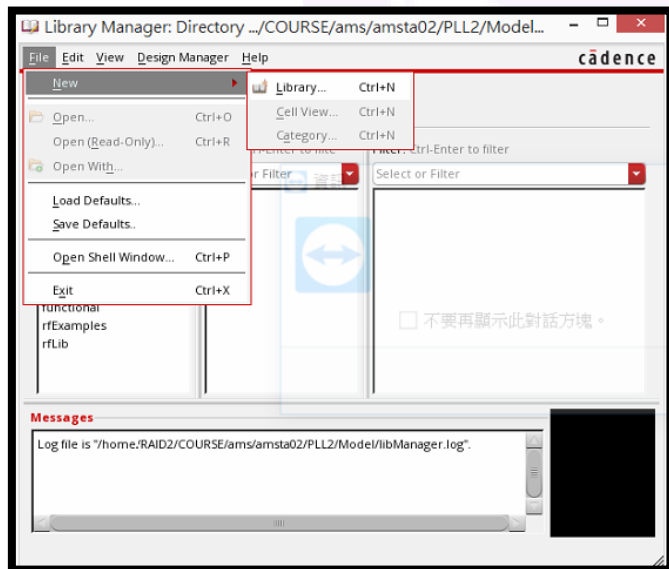
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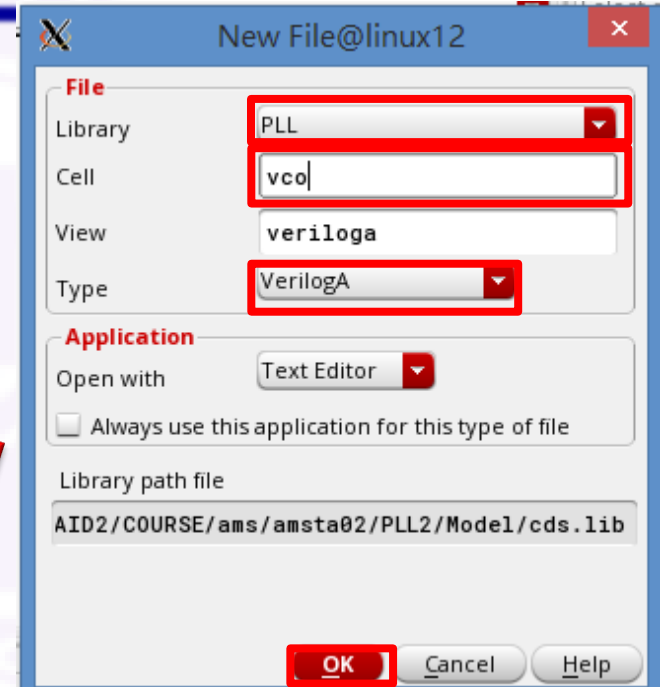
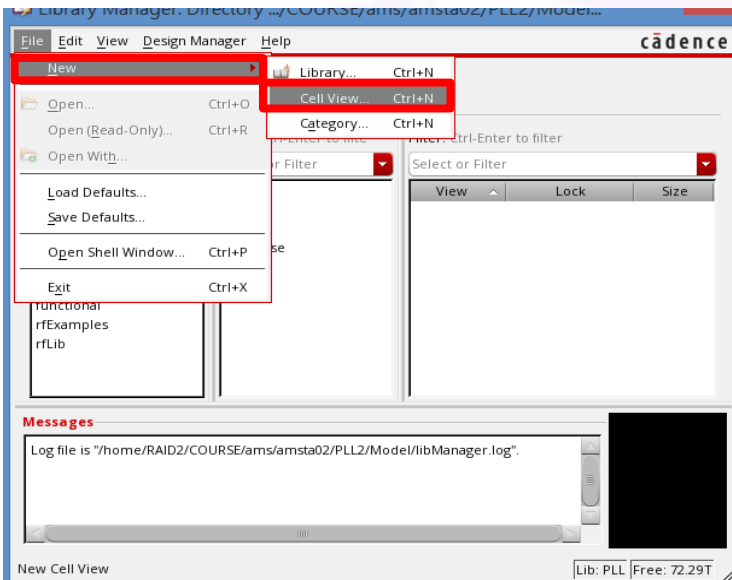
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Create Verilog-A Cells

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Create a new cell view

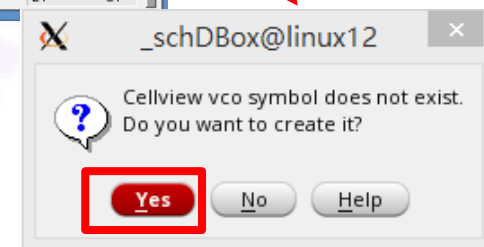
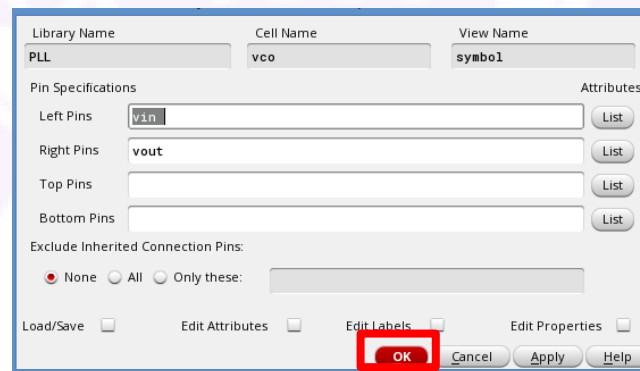
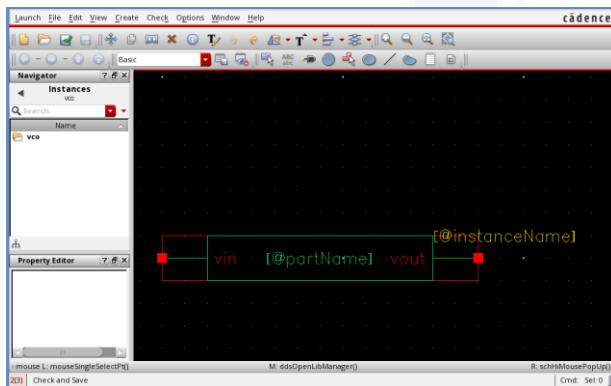
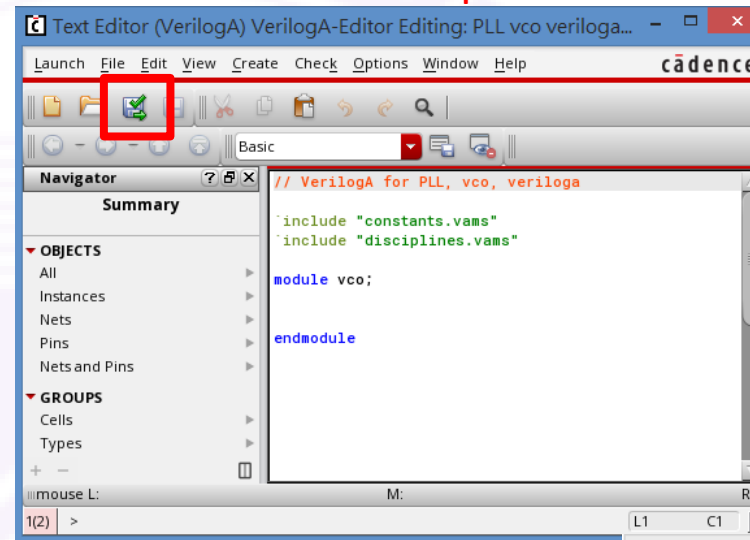


1. Choose your library
2. Input the name on the Cell Name column
3. Choose the **VerilogA** type for Analog model
4. OK

Designing with Verilog-A

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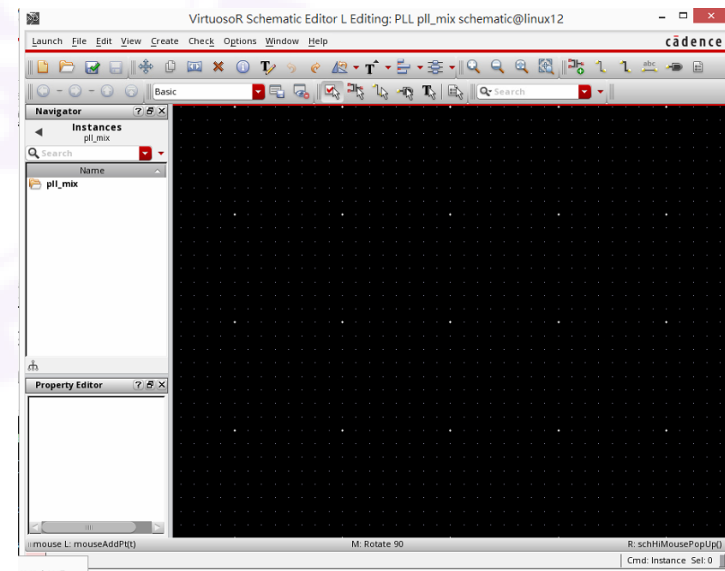
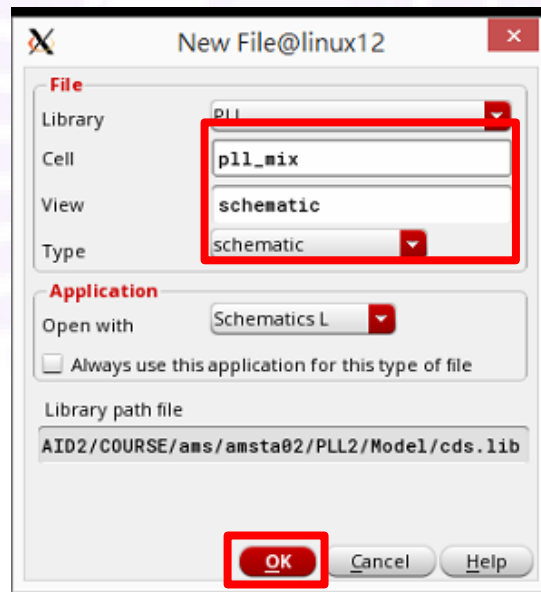
Enter behavioral description



Create Top Cell - Schematic

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 - Config
- Set ADE

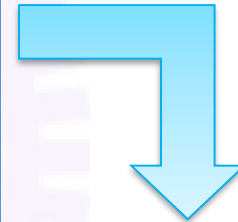
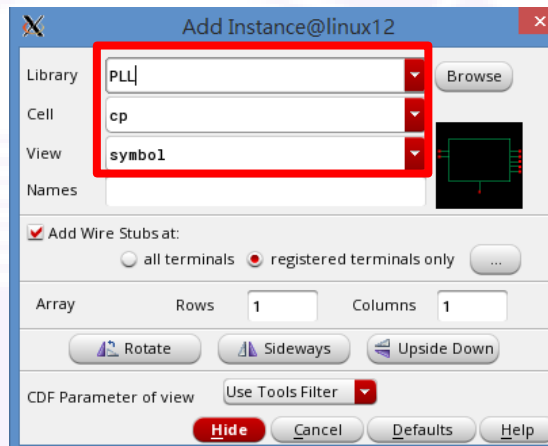
Input the name on the Cell Name column and choose the Schematic



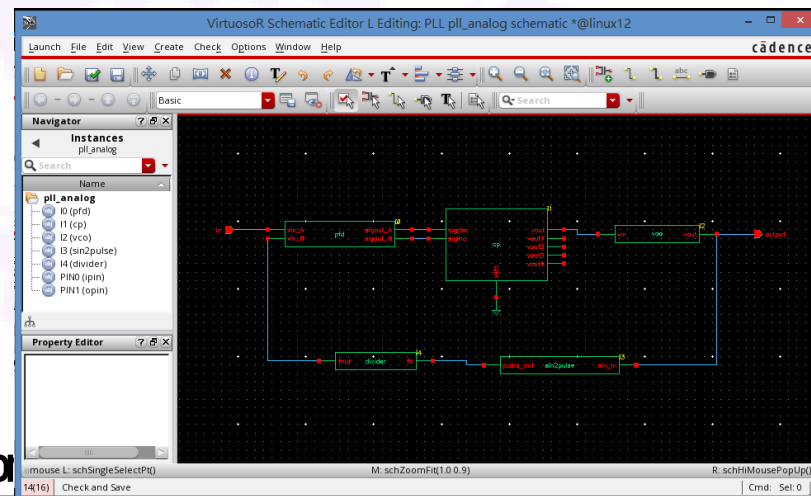
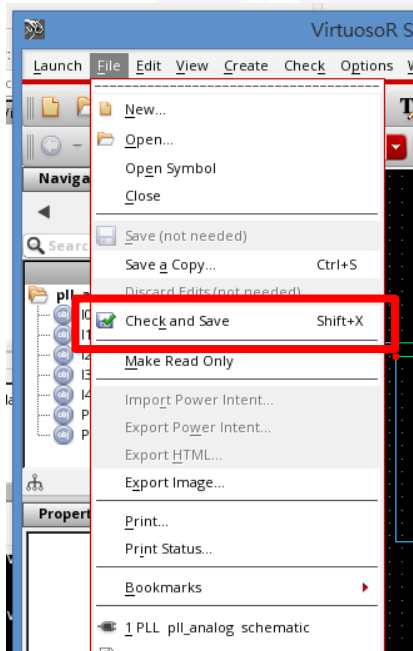
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 - **Schematic**
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Add Instance: Create → instance (i)

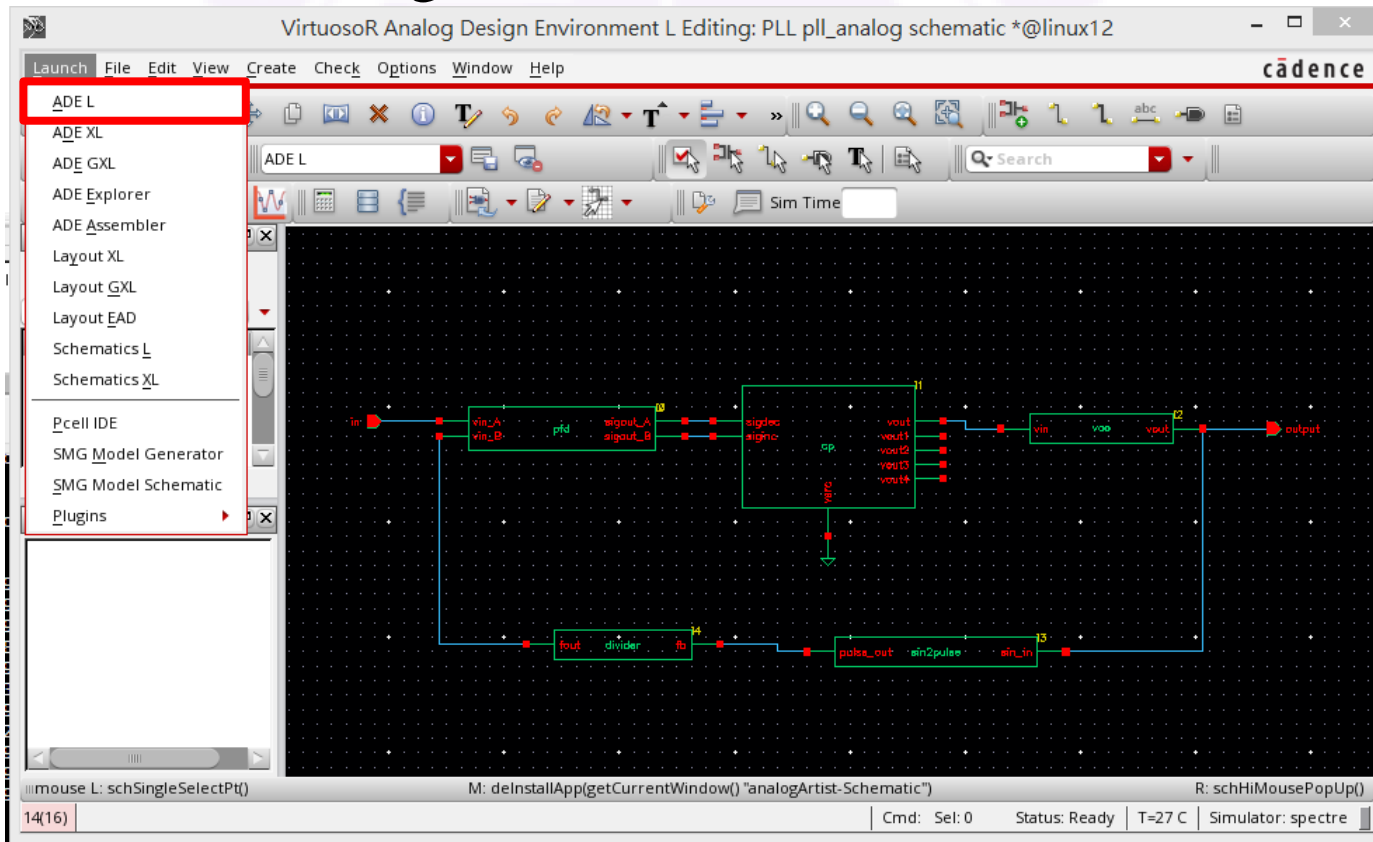


Add connection: Create → wire (w) gnd in the “basic” library
Add input/output: Create → pin (p)

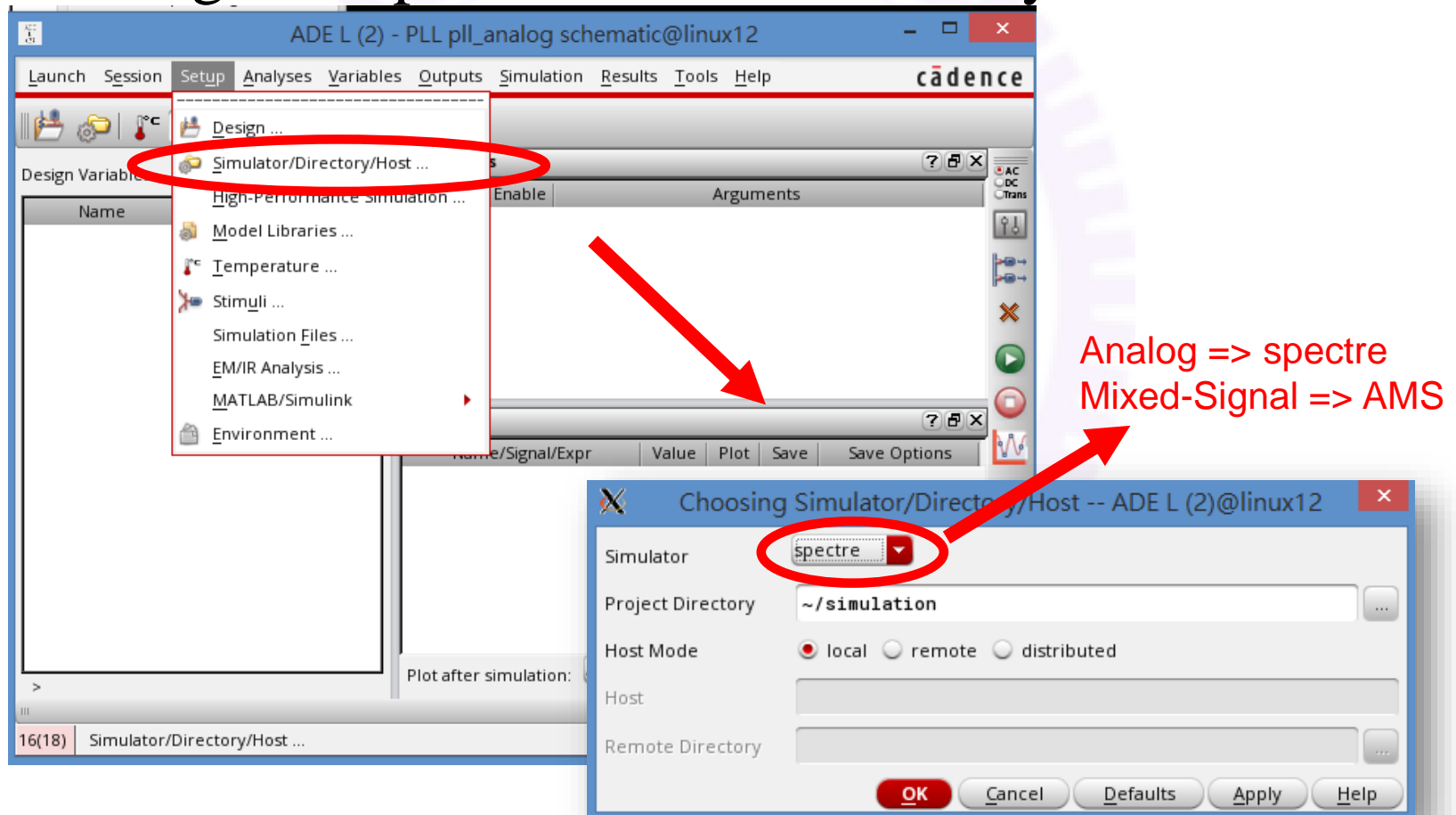


Simulation Environment

- Open Analog Design Environment (ADE) in schematic editing window



- Through Setup -> Simulator/Directory/Host

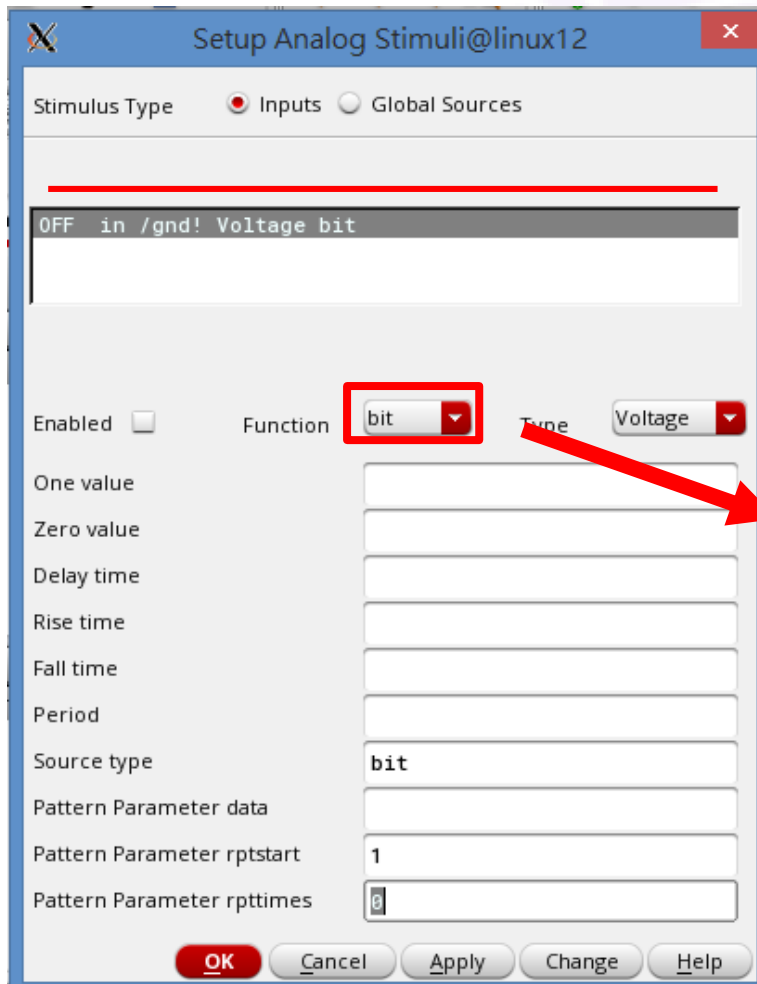


Give input information(1/2)

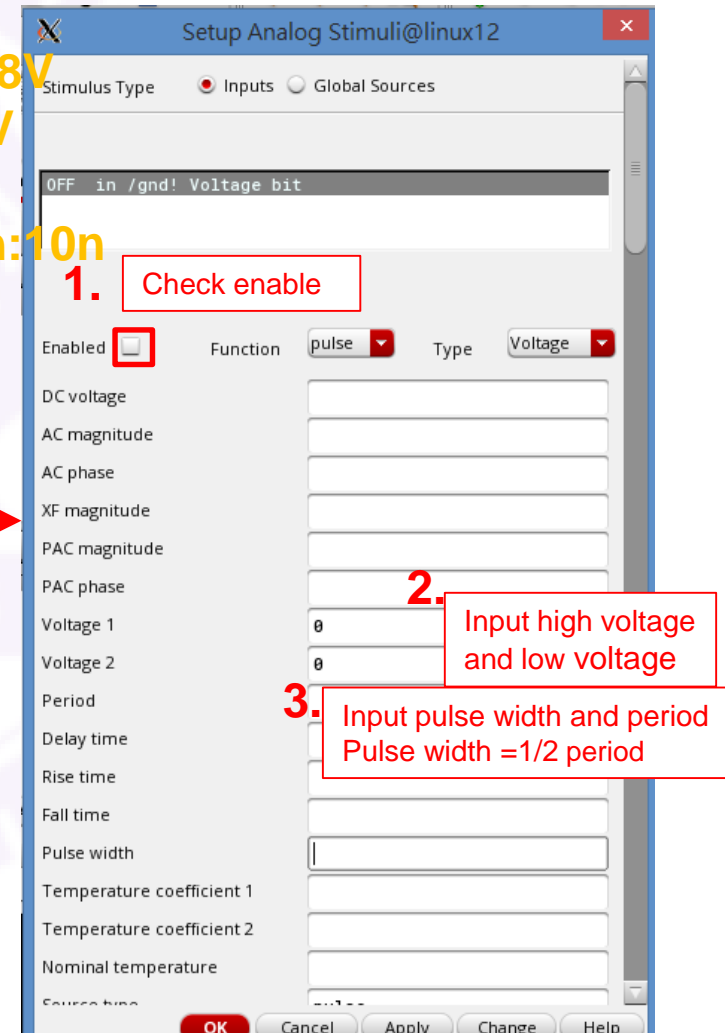
The screenshot shows the Cadence ADE L (2) - PLL pll_analog schematic@linux12 interface. The 'Setup' menu is open, and the 'Stimuli ...' option is highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this option to the 'Setup Analog Stimuli@linux12' dialog box. The dialog box has 'Stimulus Type' set to 'Inputs' and 'Global Sources'. The 'Stimulus' field is set to 'in /gnd! Voltage bit', with 'in' highlighted by a red box and labeled 'Input pin name in schematic'. The 'Function' is set to 'bit' and the 'Type' is set to 'Voltage'. The 'Enabled' checkbox is unchecked. The 'One value', 'Zero value', 'Delay time', 'Rise time', 'Fall time', and 'Period' fields are empty. The 'Source type' is set to 'bit'. The 'Pattern Parameter data' field is empty. The 'Pattern Parameter rptstart' is set to '1' and the 'Pattern Parameter rpttimes' is set to '0'. The 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', 'Change', and 'Help' buttons are at the bottom.

If choose spectre as simulator, there only has stimuli

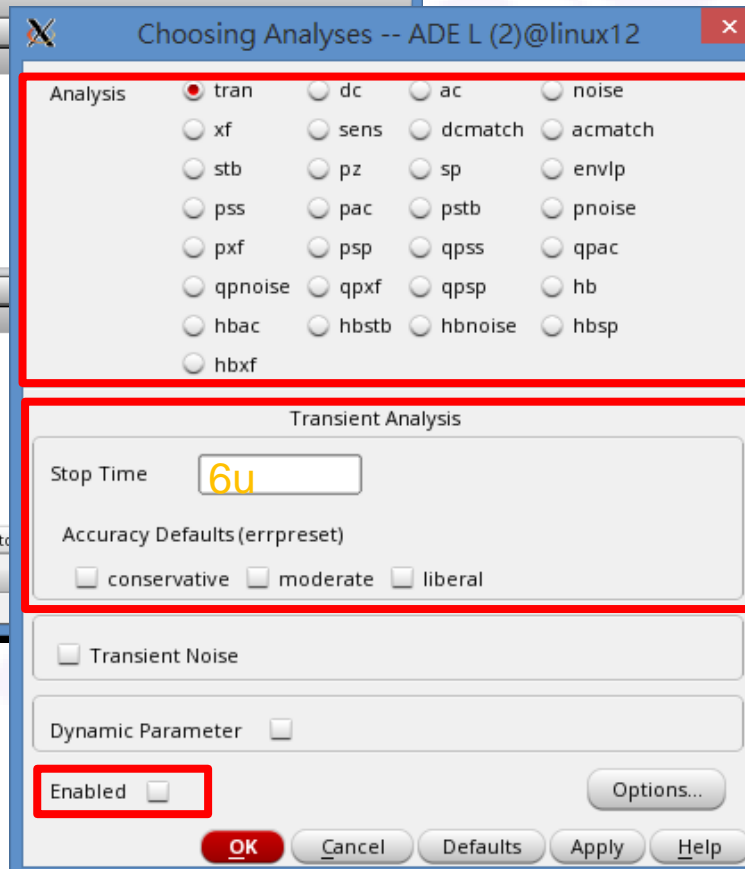
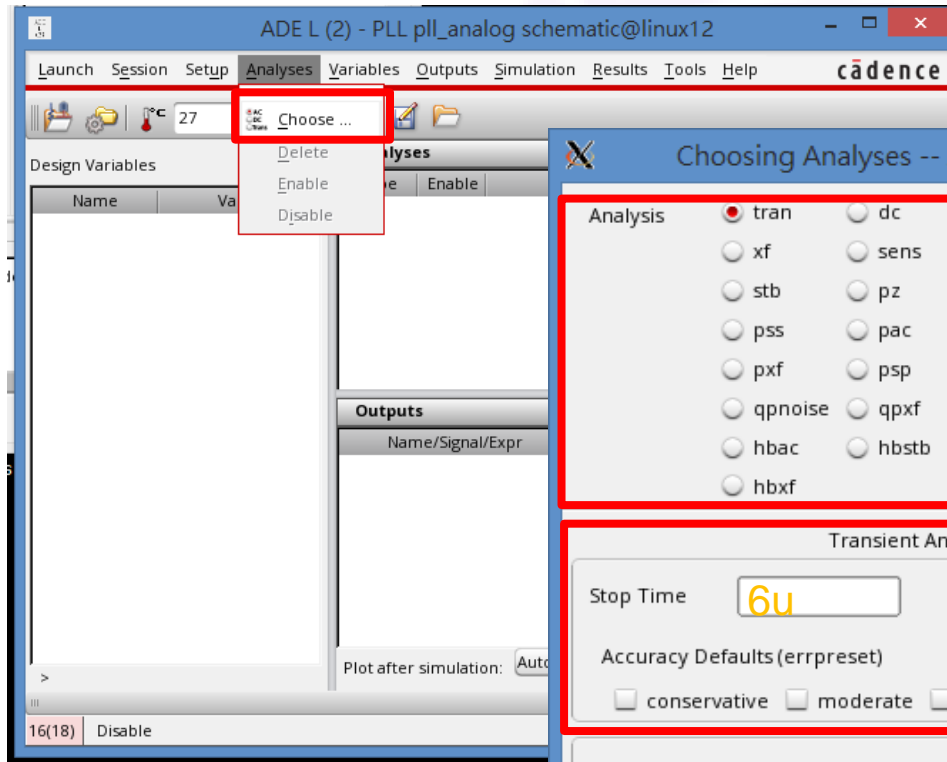
Give input information(2/2)



Voltage1:1.8V
Voltage2:0V
Period:20n
Pulse width:10n



Choose Analysis Type

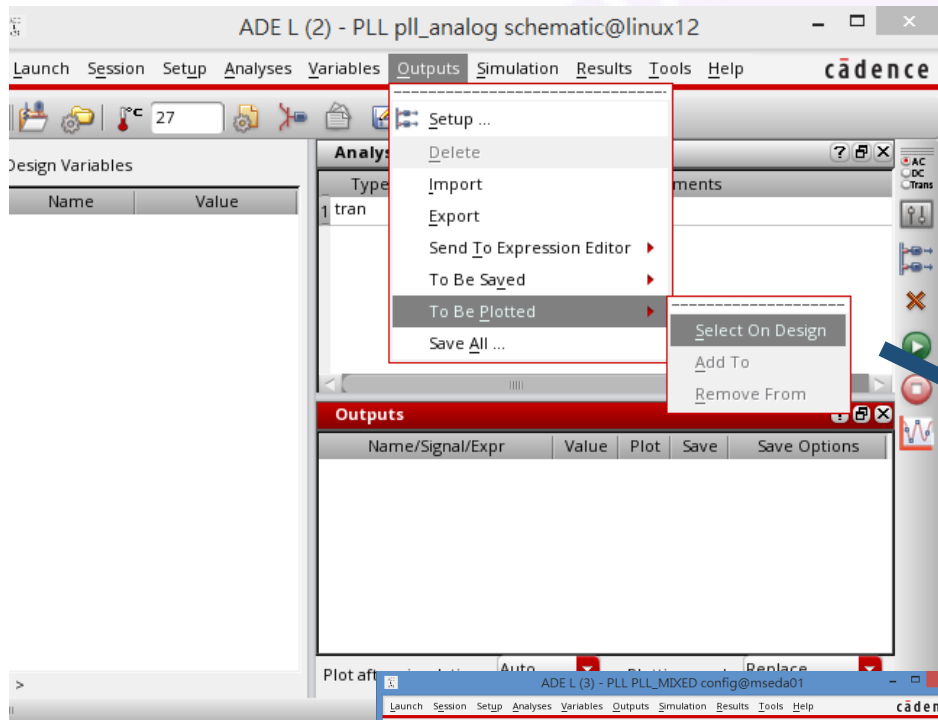


Choose tran analysis

Set the simulation time and the accuracy flag

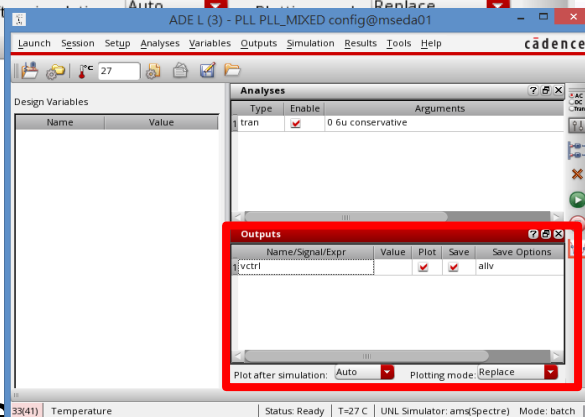
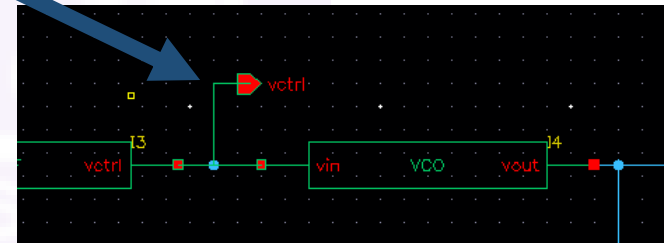
Check enable to simulation

Save Output Nodes



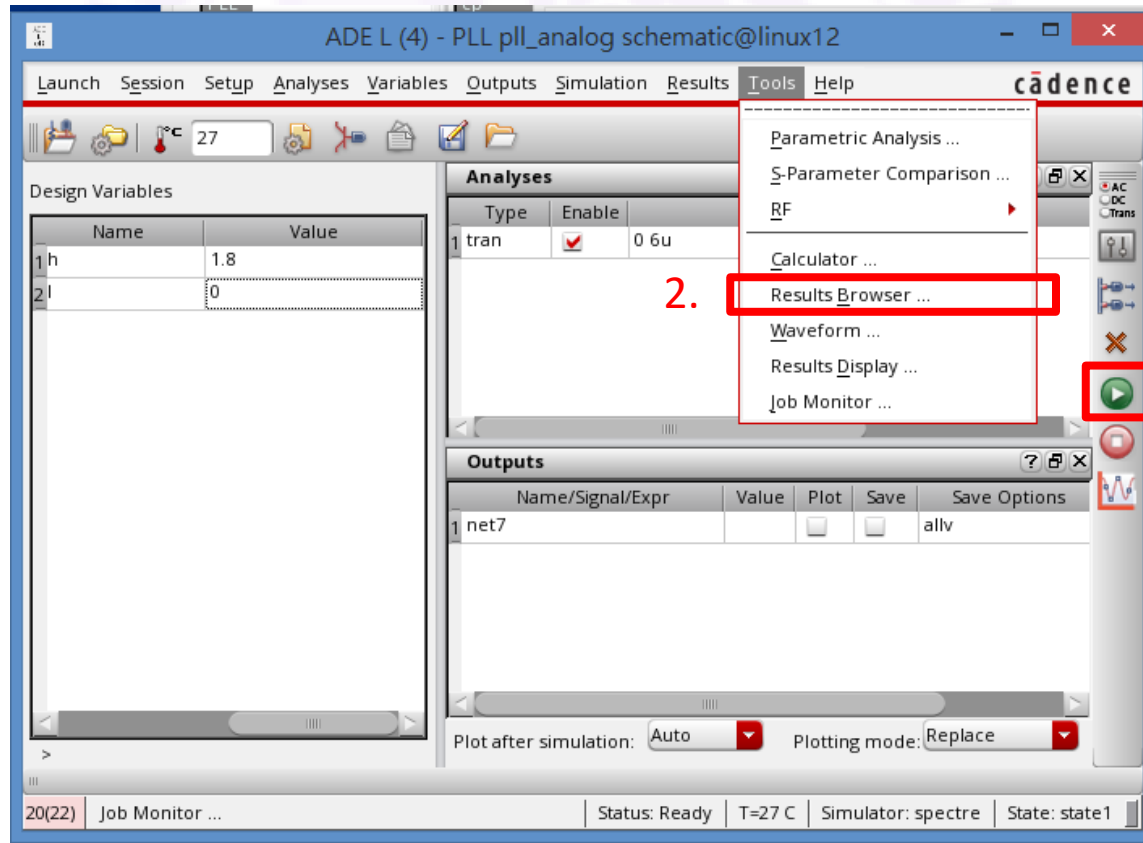
To Be Plotted:

- Select on **line or node**
- Press **Esc** to cancel



Submit the Simulation

- Execute the simulation job with Run
- Tools → Results Brower



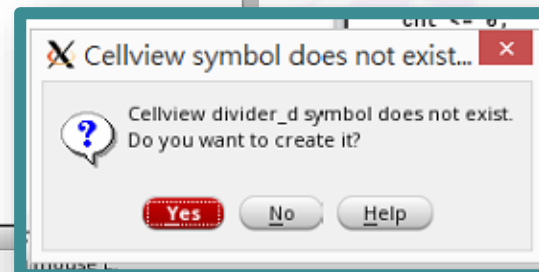
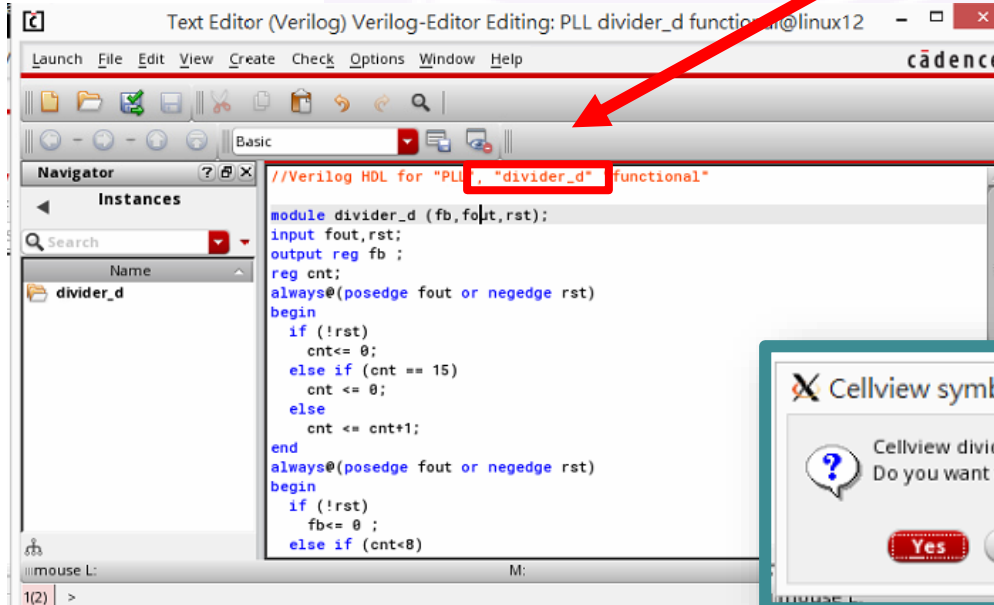
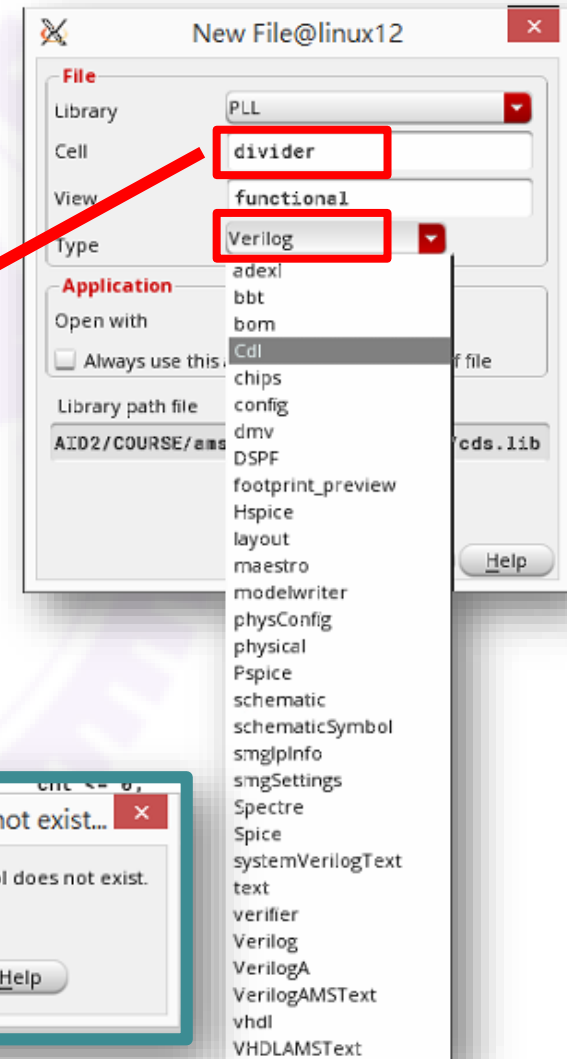
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Create Verilog Cells

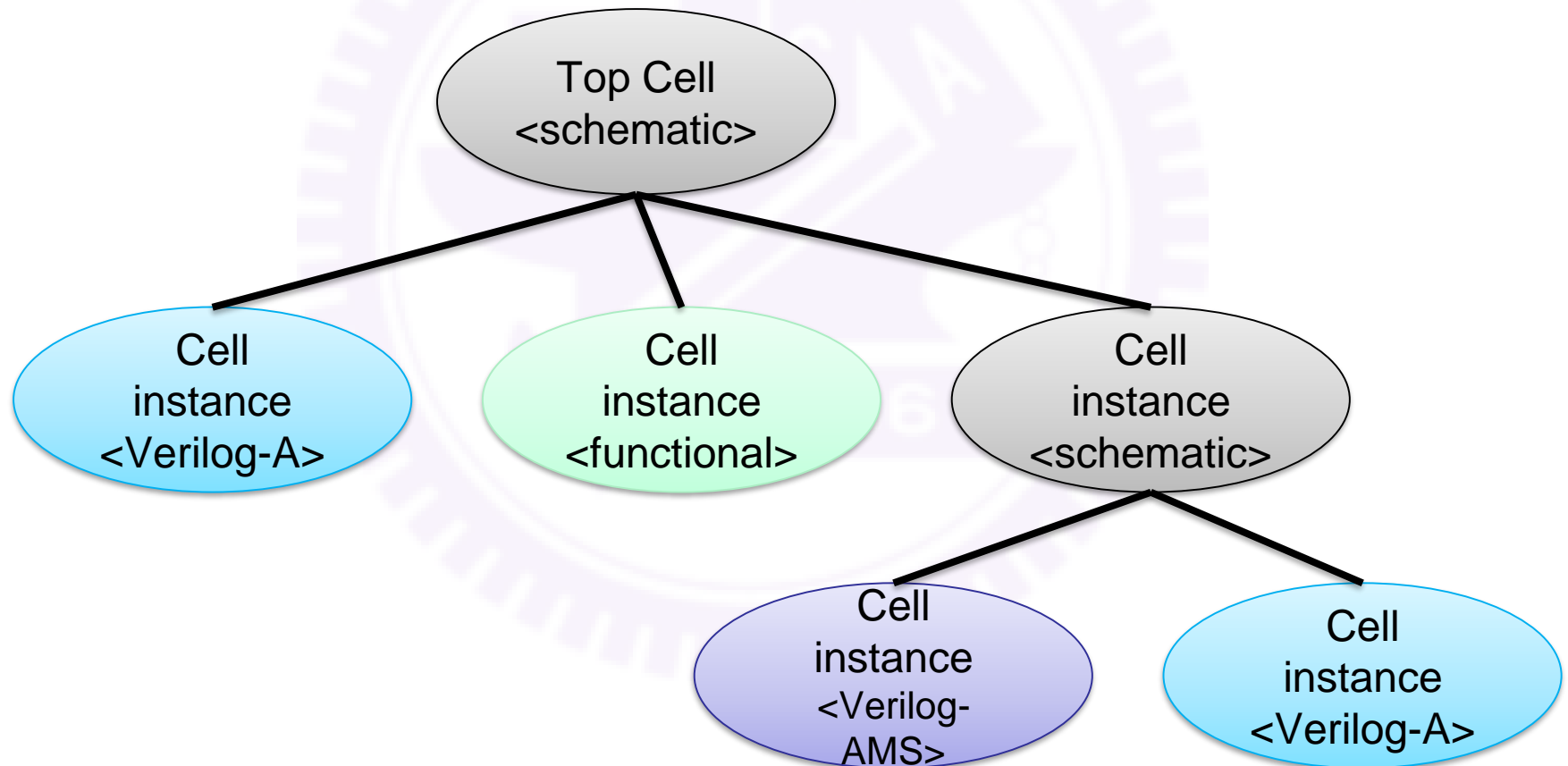
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The cell name must be the same



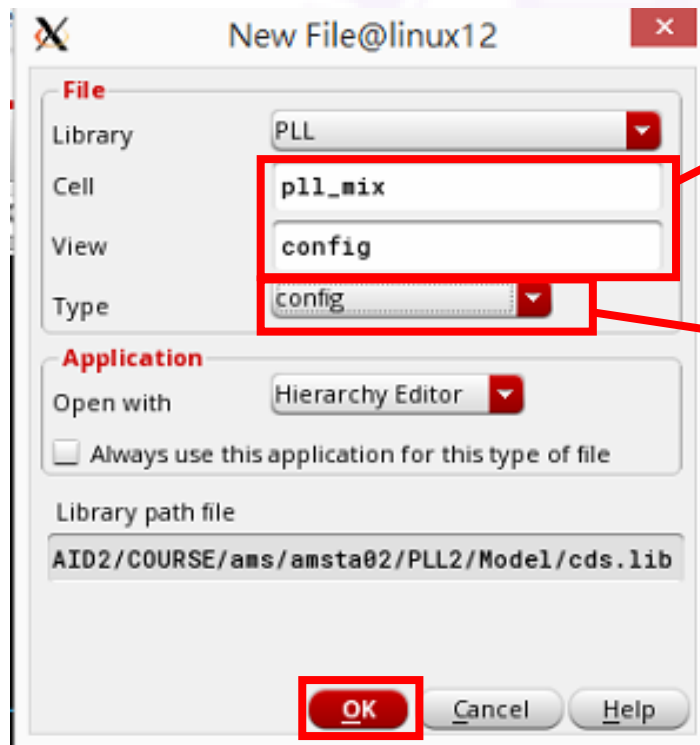
Design Hierarchy – AMS

- Before creating the top schematic cell (add instance and connection), creating a config view for AMS simulation



Create Config View for Simulation

- The mixed-signal simulation hierarchy is controlled by **Hierarchy-Editor**
 - It must have to be defined in the **config** cell view.



Cell name is top schematic cell for simulation

Choose **config** type

Set New Configuration

Top Cell

Library: PLL
Cell: pll_mix
View: schematic

Global Bindings

Library List:
View List:
Stop List:
Constraint List:

Description

OK Cancel **Use Template** Help

Select schematic view of top cell

Bottom view

Top Cell

Library: PLL
Cell: pll_mix
View: schematic

Global Bindings

Library List: PLL
View List: nal systemVerilog schematic veriloga vhdl vhdhams wreal
Stop List: symbol
Constraint List:

Description

Default config view template for AMS netlist(s) in ADE.
Note:
Please remember to replace Top Cell Library, Cell, and View fields with the actual names used by your design.

OK Cancel Use Template Help

change to your library

Template

Name: AMS
From File: /usr/local/share/cdssetup/hierEditor/templates/AMS

OK Cancel Apply Help

Select AMS simulator in template

Configuration Setting

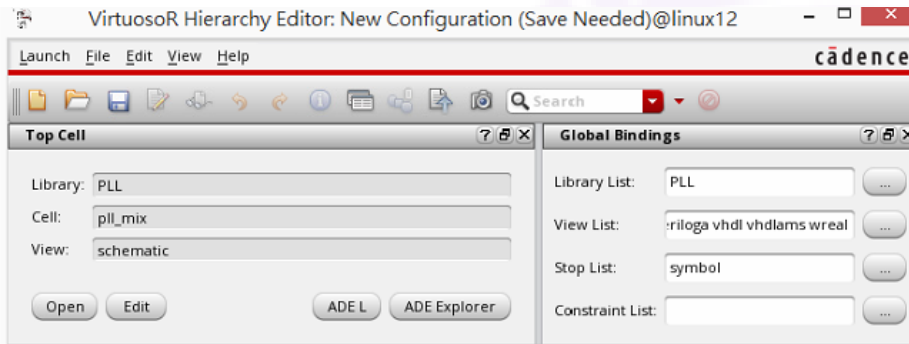


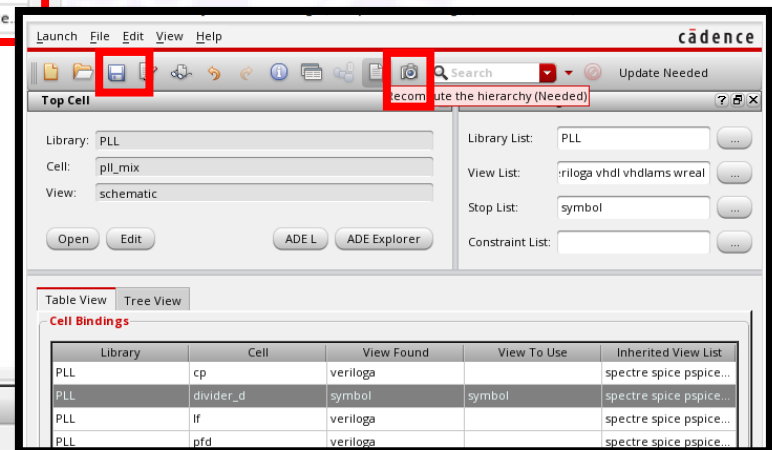
Table View Tree View

Cell Bindings

Library	Cell	View Found	View To Use	Inherited View List
PLL	cp	veriloga		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	divider_d	functional		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	If	veriloga		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	pdf	veriloga		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	pll_mix	schematic		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	sin2pulse	veriloga		spectre spice pspice...
PLL	vco	veriloga		spectre spice pspice...

The hierarchy-editor will list all cells and views in the cell bindings

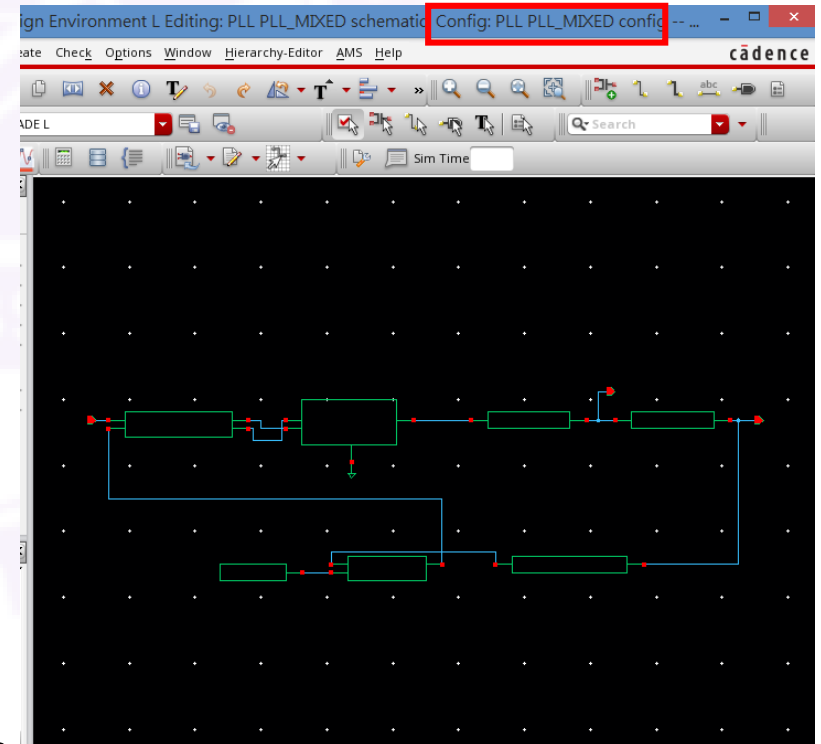
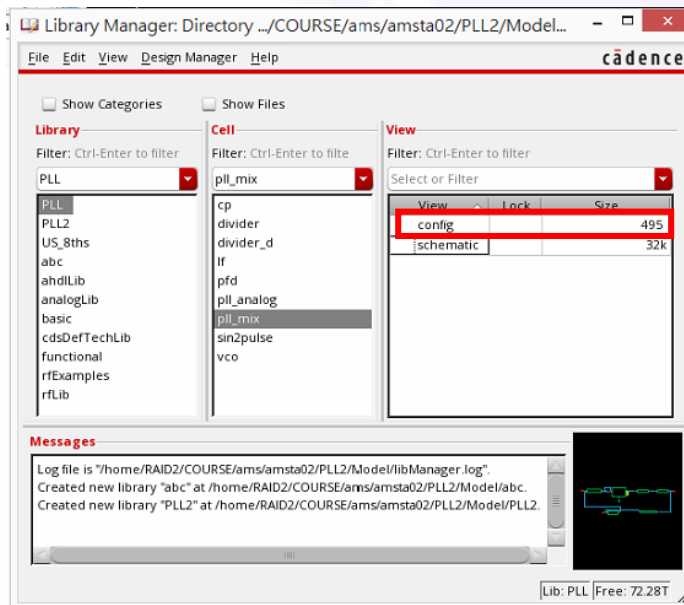
Must to save and recompute!



Open Simulation Tool

- Finish create config
 - Click config at library manager to open simulation tool
 - The simulation steps are the same as analog
 - Except give input information

Confirm the title has "config"



Digital Stimulus

- Create a behavioral or functional view for the stimulus block
 - The stimulus (Verilog) could be created to symbol view as the same procedure with digital cell

```
//Verilog HDL for "PLL", "stimulus_D" "functional"

`timescale 1ns/10ps
module stimulus_D (rst);
output rst;
reg rst;
initial begin
    rst=1'b0;
    #1 rst=1'b1;
end
endmodule
```

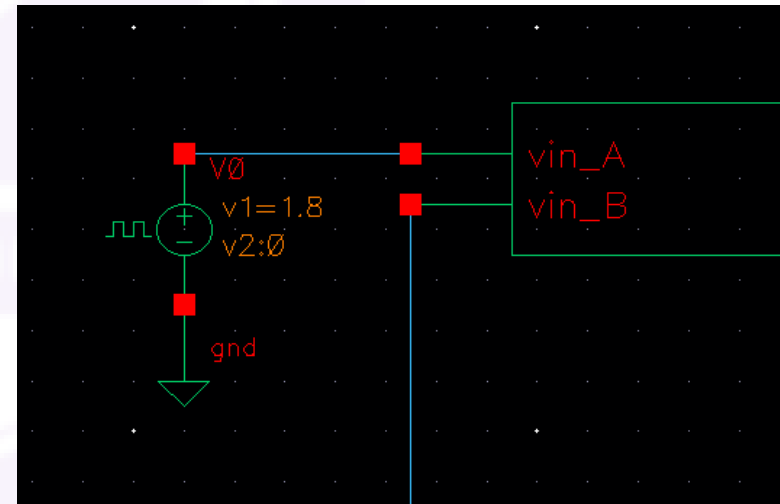
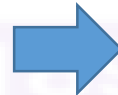
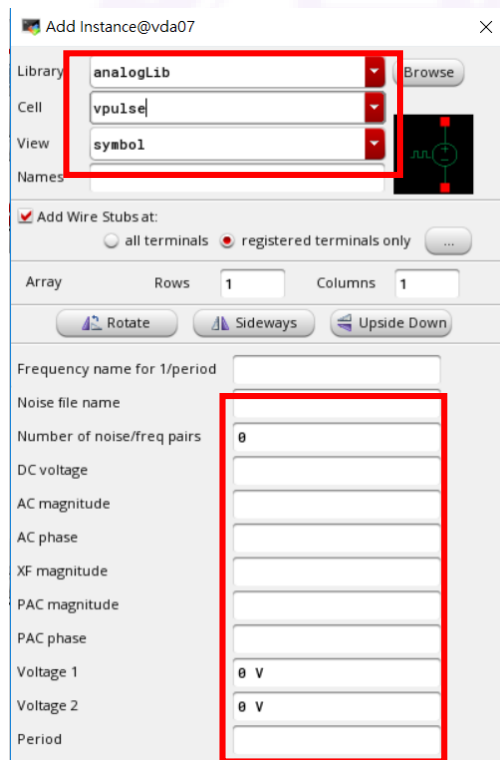
Analog Stimulus

- The analog stimulus can be added as circuit instance

Add Instance

Choose
analogLib
& vpulse cell

Set
voltage &
frequency



1. Setup

- ✓ Simulator choose AMS

2. Analysis

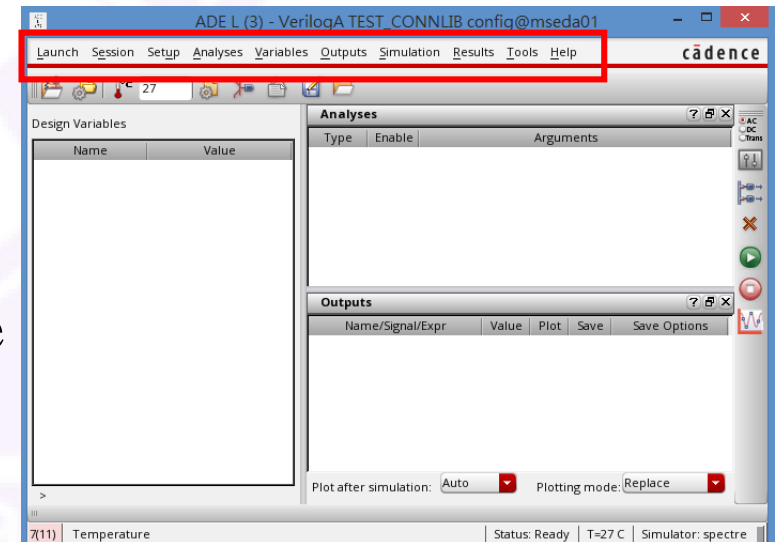
- ✓ Tran analysis
- ✓ Set simulation time and enable

3. Outputs

- ✓ Save all or select on design

4. Run

5. Waveform viewer

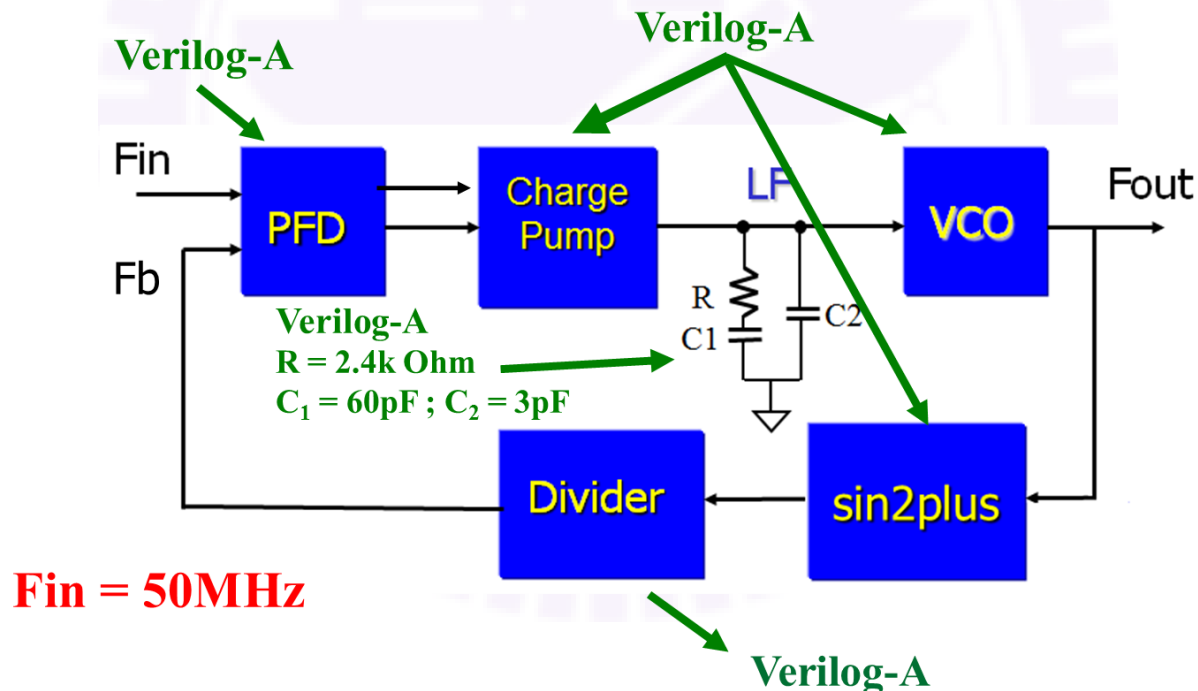


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PLL Analog Model

- All Verilog-A models are given
 - PFD, CP, LF, VCO, sin2plus, divider
- Import the Verilog-A models and setup ADE



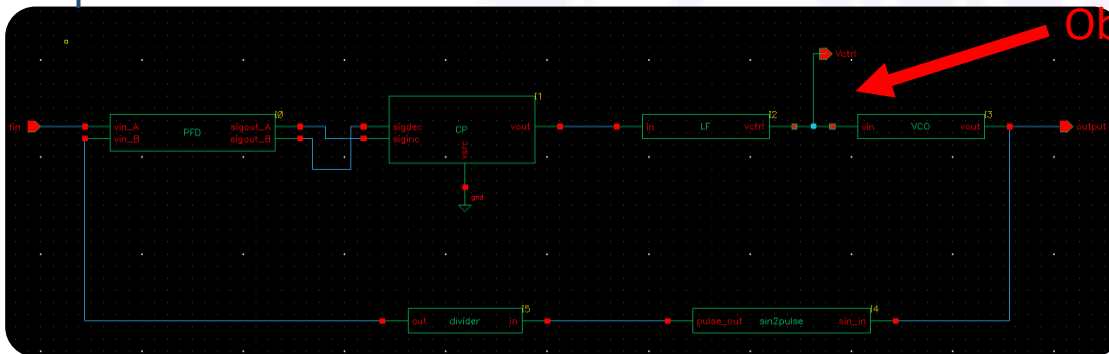
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 - Connect dn (*sigout_B*) signal of PFD to *sigdec* signal of CP
 - Connect *in* signal of *divider* to *sin2pulse*
 - Charge pump(CP)
 - Connect vsrc to GND
- VDD = 1.8V GND = 0V
- Simulator: **spectre**
- Input
 - **Fin=50M Hz : Set the ADE Stimuli**
- Simulation time $\geq 6\mu\text{s}$
 - Related to the lock time of PLL

Results

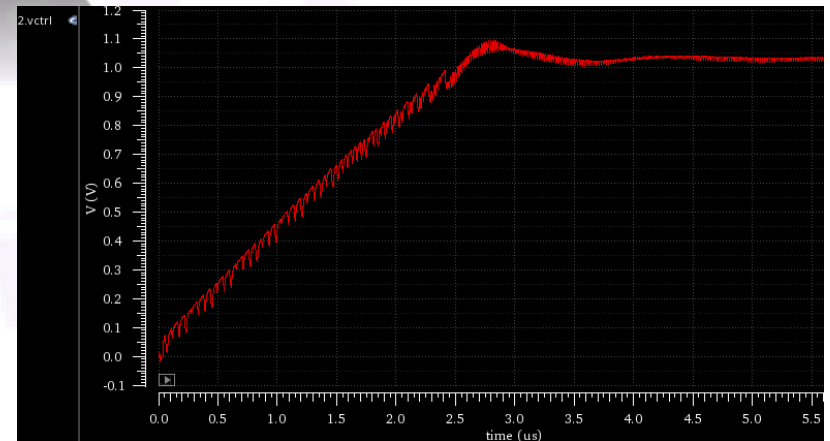
- Show the waveform of vctrl signal and schematic view

Top schematic cell



Observe the waveform of Vctrl

Open Results Brower

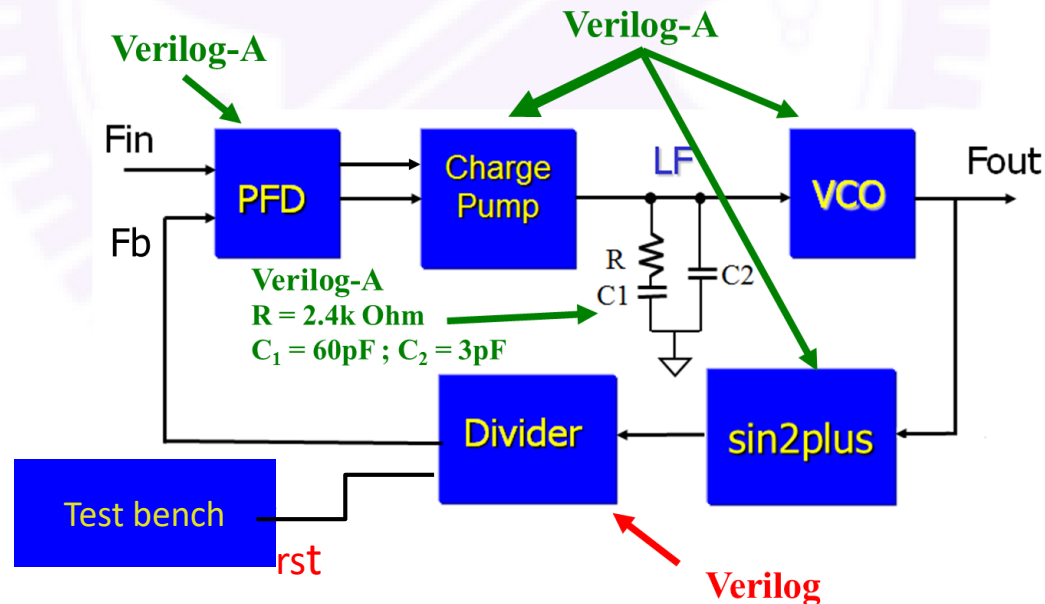


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PLL Mixed-Signal Model

- All models are given
 - Analog model (Verilog-A): PFD, CP, LF, VCO, sin2plus
 - Digital model (Verilog): divider
- Import all models and create a testbench
 - Testbench : generate **rst** signal for divider



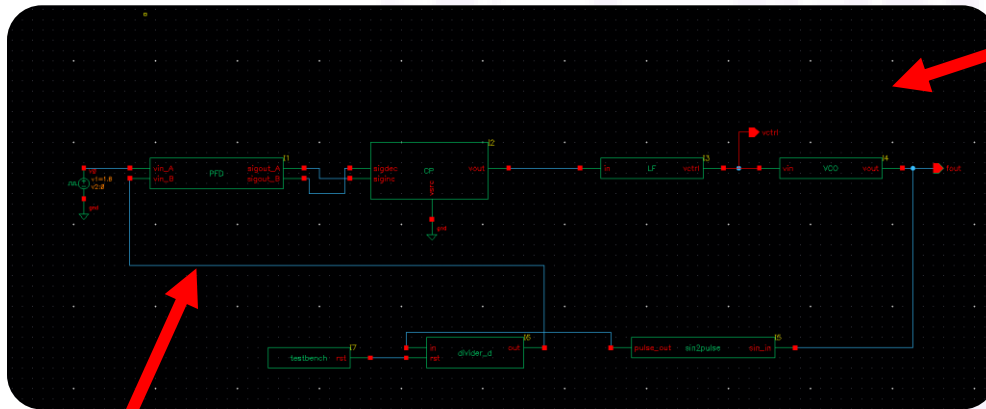
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- Simulator: AMS
- Input
 - Fin=50M Hz, Adding voltage source instance
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 - Related to the lock time of PLL

Results

- Show the waveform of vctrl, output of the divider and schematic view

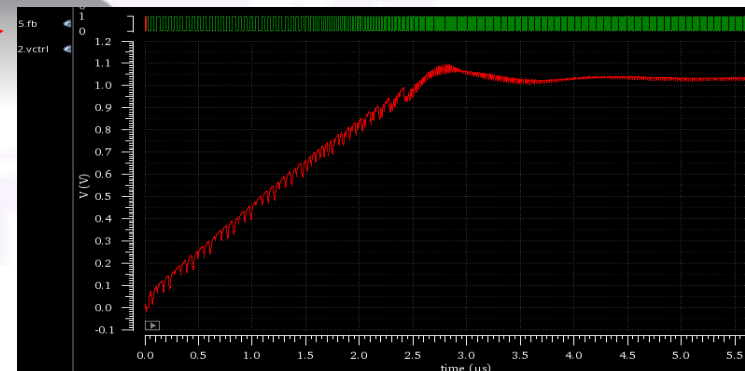
Top schematic cellview



Observe the waveform of Vctrl

Observe the output of divider.v

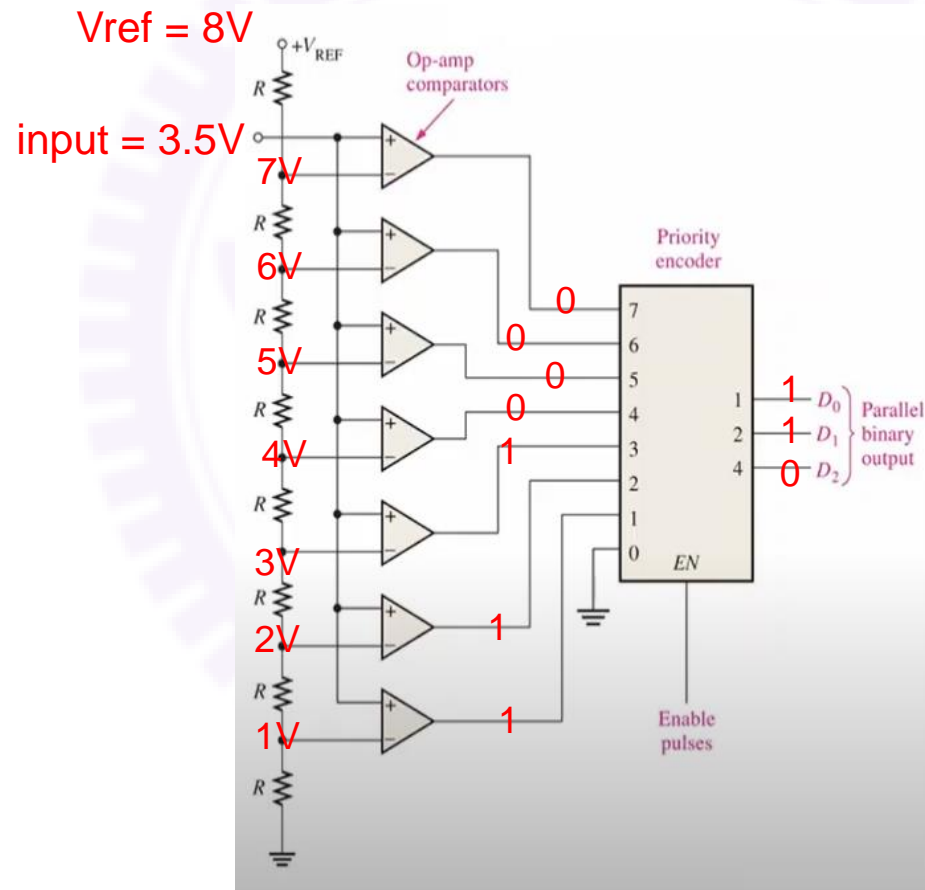
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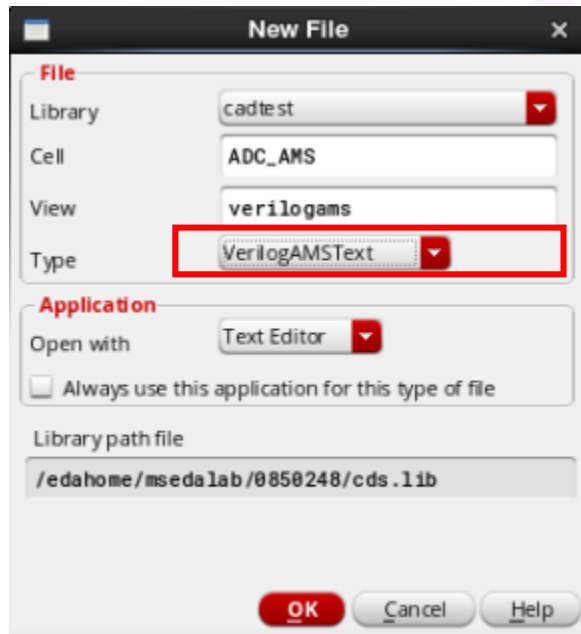
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Description



Type : AMS



```
connectmodule a2d(i,o);  
  parameter vdd = 1.0;  
  ddiscrete    o;  
  input        i;  
  output       o;  
  reg          o;  
  electrical   i;  
  always begin  @(cross(V(i) - vdd/2,+1))o = 1; end  
  always begin  @(cross(V(i) - vdd/2,-1))o = 0; end  
endmodule
```

A red arrow points from the 'output o;' and 'reg o;' lines in the code to the text 'Support output reg'.

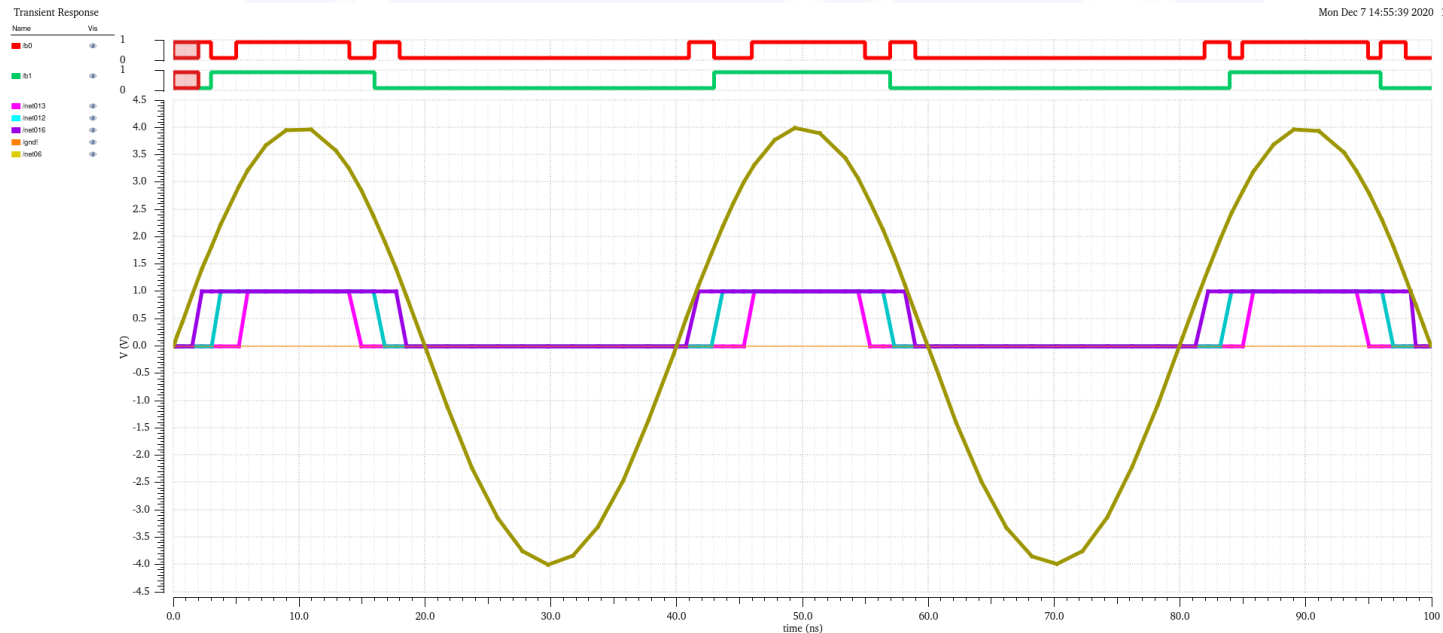
Parameters of ADC Model

- Input : sin wave
- Amplitude : 4V, Frequency : 25M
- Output : 2 bit output
- R=1k, Vref=4V
- Analysis Type : tran, 100n
- Simulator: **AMS**

B1,B0 (bit)	Input (V)
00	0
01	1V
10	2V
11	3V

Results

- Hand in:
 - The waveform of outputs of comparators, Encoder and Input
 - Schematic cellview



Hand in

- Please upload a compressed file includes:
 - **Programming files** (Verilog and Verilog-A files)
 - Lab2: Stimuli (testbench.v)
 - Lab3: Encoder file(.vams or .v), comparator file(.vams or .va)
 - **Mini report**
 - Three simulation waveforms
 - Lab1: Analog simulation (Vctrl)
 - Lab2: Mixed-signal simulation (Vctrl & output of the divider)
 - Lab3: ADC(outputs of comparators, Encoder and Input)
 - Three schematic cellviews
 - What you have learned from this homework
 - Questions and solutions
- **Deadline: 23:55, January 8, 2023**