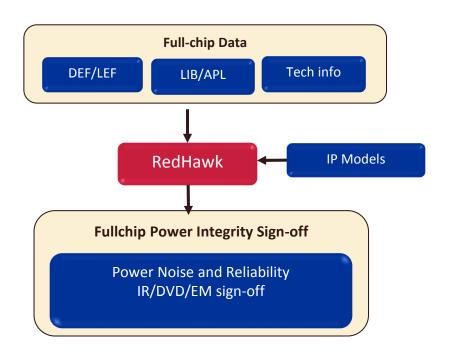
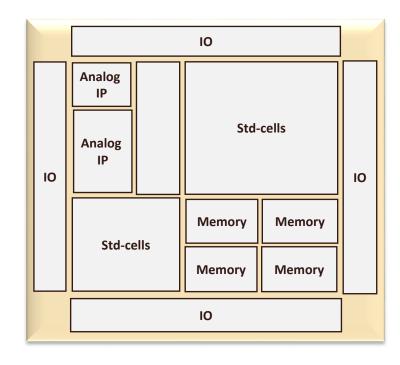


IP Modeling in RedHawk

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Need for IP Modeling





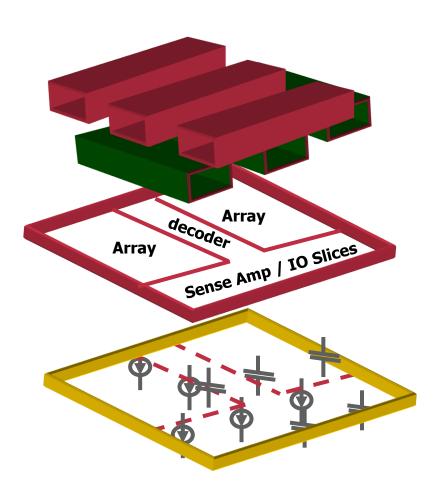
- Increased sharing of core and IP power supply domains
- IP models significantly affect the accuracy of full-chip analysis



IP Modeling Challenges

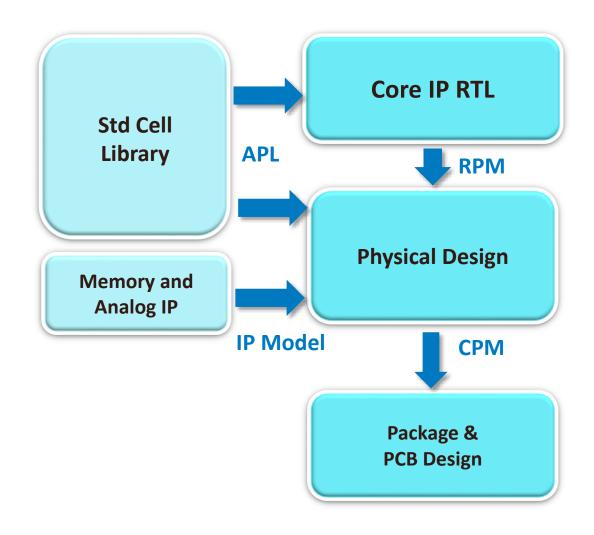
How to model power grid inside IP?

- How to characterize current signatures & decaps?
- How to capture the temporal and spatial behaviour of switching activity?

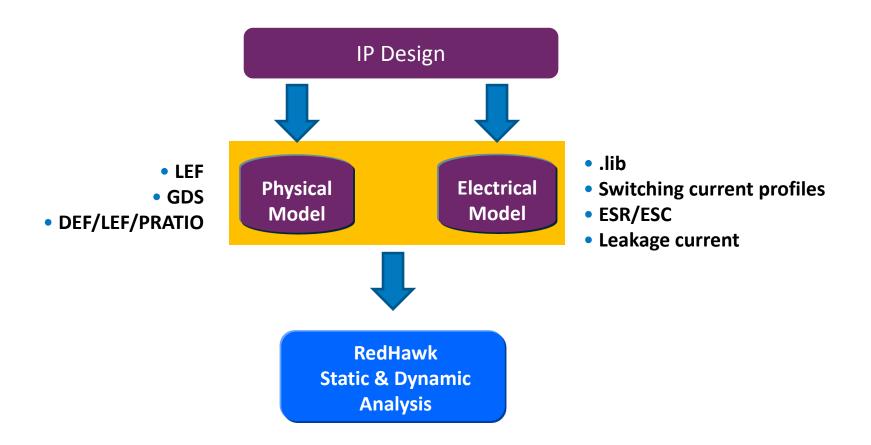




Apache's IP Model Exchange EcoSystem



IP Models for RedHawk



Physical Modeling Options

Approach	Feature	Typical design application
Lef view	LEF shapes for Power gridCurrent/decap at pins	
gds2rh	Full GDSII power gridCurrent/decap at pins	RDL layersIO cells
gds2rh –m	 Full GDSII power grid Spatial distribution of current/decap on lowest metal layer 	Memories
Totem (cell_view)	Xtor based spice charReduced distribution	CAM/TCAMS/Complex IP blocks/los
Totem (mmx_view)	Xtor based spice charXtor based distribution	Critical CAMS/TCAMS/RF/IP

Electrical Modeling Options

Approach	Feature	Typical design application
.lib	Triangular current profileNo ESR/ESC	➤ Small/General purpose IOs
AVM/lib2avm	Current profile, cap based on lib/data-sheet tables	➤ Small, Single VDD, RF/SRAM
Sim2iprof + Ace	 IP level current profile from spice char Cap char through ace 	➤ Memories/IPs/IOs
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PHYSICAL MODELING (NON TOTEM)

Physical Model Creation

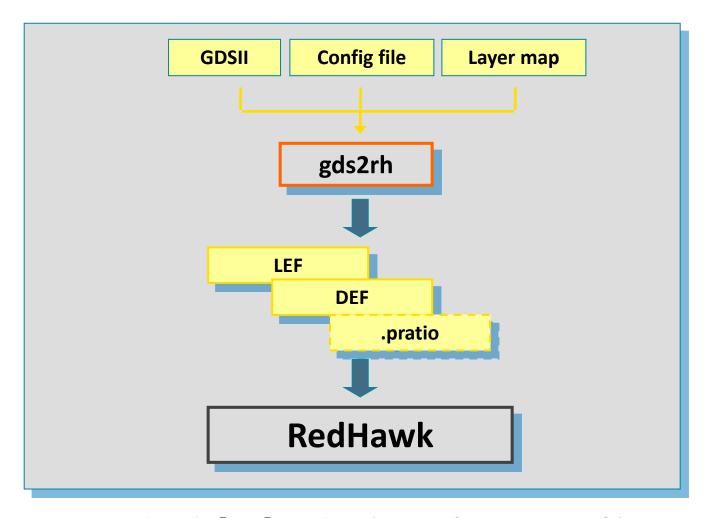
- RedHawk is primarily a LEF/DEF cell-based flow
- Can take in GDS (Graphical Database System) data as input
- Translates to DEF format using Apache utilities (gds2rh)
- GDS to DEF translations done for:
 - RDL layers
 - I/O cells
 - memory blocks
 - Custom macros and hard IPs

Physical Modeling (non-Totem) Options

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gds2rh Input/Output



Usage: gds2rh [-m] <gds2rh_configuration_file>



gds2rh Methods

gds2rh <configuration file>

Use for:

- RDL layers
- I/O cells
- gds2rh -m <configuration file>

Use for:

- memory blocks
- Custom macros and hard IPs

gds2rh Input and Output Data

Input data

- Configuration file
- GDS file (individual or combined)
- LEF file
- Layer mapping file
- Output data [create in a central area for all groups to use]
 - <block_name>.def
 - <block_name>_adsgds.lef

gds2rh Configuration File

Extract for one cell

```
TOP_CELL top_cell
GDS_MAP_FILE < layermap>
LEF_FILE <lef>
If specified, creates a LEF file along with
DEF
VDD NETS {
VDD
GND_NETS {
VSS
```

Extract for many cells

```
TOP CELL {
<cell 1>
<cell 2>
GDS_MAP_FILE < layermap>
LEF FILE <lef>
If specified, creates a LEF file along with
DEF
VDD_NETS {
VDD
GND_NETS {
VSS
```

Creating GDSII Layer Map File

Syntax

```
<Layer_name> <Layer_type> <Layer_number> <Text_layer_number>
```

If no text layer number is available, it can be replaced by "-". An example layer map file is shown below. Please refer to manual for more details.

Example

```
#Layer_name Layer_type Layer_number Text_layer_number METAL1 m 1:5;10:0 11:1;13

VIA1 v 2;12 - (10 10)

METAL2 m 13:0;15:50 -

VIA2 v 3:12;3:43 -
```

In the above specification,

- Layer_type can be 'm' for metal, 'v' for via
- Layer_number and Text_layer_number can be specified for several layer-datatype pairs and for several layer numbers separated by ';' (semi-colon).
- Layer and datatype are separated by ':' (colon).
- Text_layer_number can be ignored by inserting a dash '-'.



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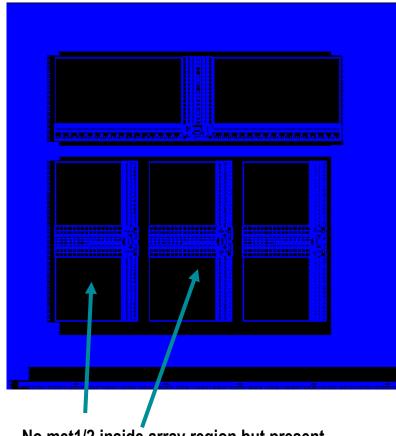
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- <bloom>block_name>_adsgds.pratio

gds2rh -m Configuration File

```
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GDS_MAP_FILE < layermap >
LEF_FILE <lef>
If specified, creates a LEF file along with DEF
VDD_NETS {
VDD
GND_NETS {
VSS
MEMORY_BIT_CELL
```

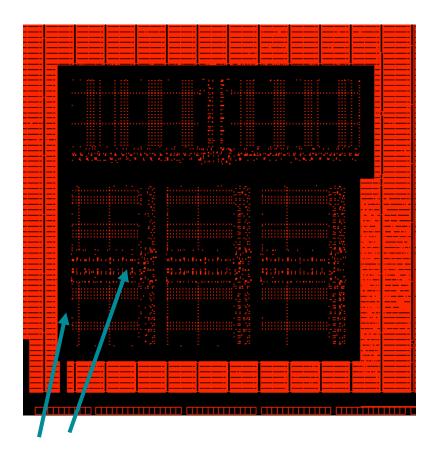
Physical Model Creation

Controlled Power Grid Extraction



No met1/2 inside array region but present elsewhere

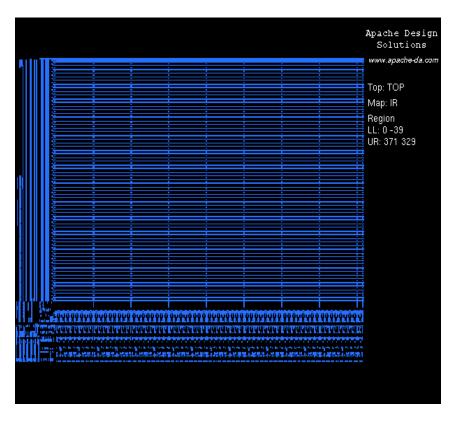
Current source / decap insertion



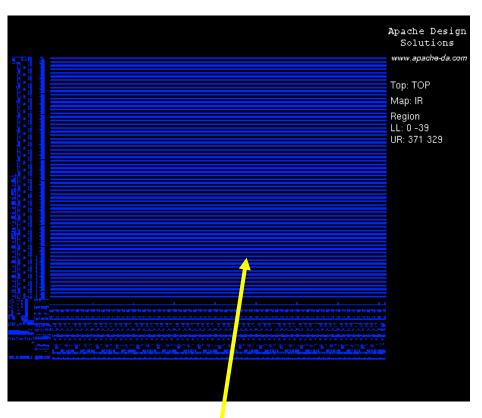
Instances (decaps and current sources) inserted in the memory block

Physical Model Creation

Metal2



Metal1



Consider Metal1 and above everywhere

Consider Metal2 and above in memory array regions => metal1 has straps over array





ELECTRICAL MODELING (NON TOTEM)

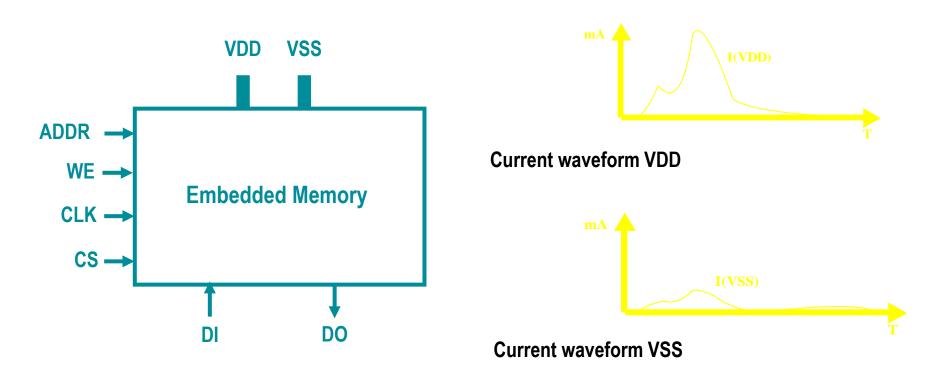


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Memory Power Model Basics



One current waveform per power port (i.e. total current profile for the memory macro)



Memory Power Model

- For each memory master, each voltage, and each vector input subset:
 - Current profile
 - Intrinsic decap data
 - Leakage current value
- Typical vector subset
 - Write operation
 - Read operation
 - NOP (stand-by) operation

Memory Characterization

Characterization for current profile creation

Triangular profiles	Lib or user specified power
Data sheet based (AVM)	Triangular / Trapezoidal profiles
Translation of user data (sim2iprof)	Functional statement based translation of pre-characterized current profiles

Apache Virtual Model (AVM)

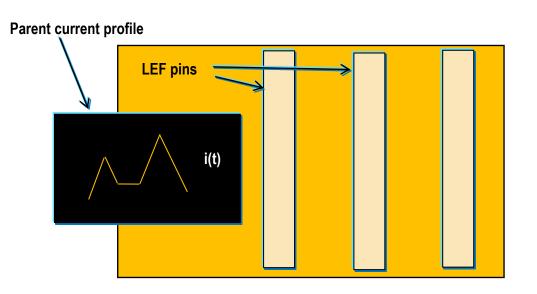
- Apache Virtual Model (AVM) utility offers a rule based approach for generating current profiles for memories within the RedHawk flow
- AVM offers a desirable compromise between the detailed accuracy of sim2iprof and Liberty based power
- AVM uses the timing and power information from data sheets or LIB
 - For LIB, use "LIB2AVM 1" in GSR (Default ON)
- Generates current waveforms that contain two triangular waveforms - one for memory decode and the second waveform for memory read/write
- Waveform shape can optionally be trapezoidal too



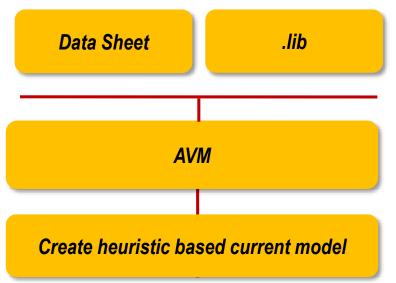
AVM Model

AVM (Apache Virtual Model)

- Current profile generated based on datasheet
- Trapezoidal or dual-triangle waveforms for different families of memories
- Current profile controlled by switching charge, timing data and memory type
- Current is assigned to LEF pins of macro cell



Electrical model creation in AVM Flow





AVM (Cont'd)

Sample AVM Configuration file:

```
<name of memory | register file | block | IP>
EQUIV GATE COUNT <integer number>
MEMORY TYPE
                 <SRAM|IP|ReqFile|..>
VDD.
                 <voltage value>
Cpd read
                 <effective charging cap for read operation>
Cpd write
                 <effective charging cap for write operation>
                 <effective charging cap for standby operation>
Cpd standby
                 <setup time>
tsu
ck2q delay
                 <access time>
                 <average input rise time>
tr_q
tf q
                 <average input fall time>
                 <average output load>
Cload
       [ BC | WC | TC | SS | FF | TT ]
PROCESS
                 [user specified leakage current in A]
ьеакаде і
WAVEFORM TYPE
                 [trapezoidal | triangular (default)]
Peak I write/read/standby
                  [user specified peak current value]
Peak T write/read/standby
                 [user specified time at which peak happens]
                 [user specified decap]
C_decap
```

AVM (Cont'd)

AVM config file generation

- RedHawk automatically generates AVM config file for memories using the timing and power info from their .libs (Path: adsPower/avm.conf in run directory)
- User can choose to provide his own config file for some or all memories in design in which case they take precedence. GSR Keyword:

```
APL_FILES {
  <path/to/avm/config/file> avm
}
```

- Besides, GSR keyword LIB2AVM can be set to '0' to turn-off automatic generation of AVM config file by RedHawk.
 - LIB2AVM [0/OFF | 1/TRIANGULAR | 2 /TRAPEZOIDAL]



AVM (Cont'd)

AVM usage

- RedHawk internally generates current profile (vmemory.current) and cdev (vmemory.cdev) for memories by running utility called avm on the AVM config file.
- AVM can also be run outside (avm <avm_configuration_file>)
 to create current and cdev files which can be imported in
 RedHawk through GSR

sim2iprof

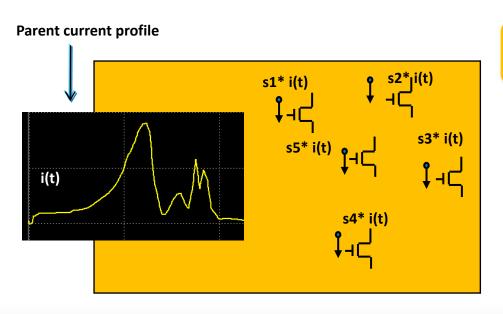
 sim2iprof can be used to obtain characterization data for memory with a faster run time

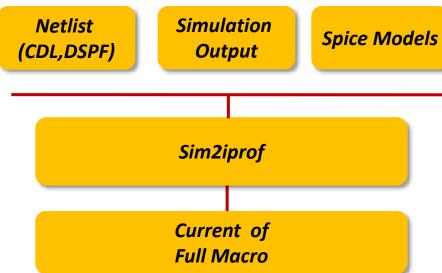
- sim2iprof utility uses third-party simulation output files, such as fsdb, .out, tr0, or pwl format files as inputs to obtain Read/Write/Standby mode data for memories
- Generates current profiles in *a <cell>.current* file for RedHawk power analysis.

sim2iprof

SIM2IPROF

- Accurate current profile of macro is captured from spice simulation
- Current distribution is based on via/contact densities in design
- Scaled currents i(t) is modeled at each pin locations
 Sim2iprof Flow







Running sim2iprof

- To run the sim2iprof utility, use the following invocation:
- The Vdd current waveform is extracted and converted to RedHawk <cell>.current format.

 To get decap information, you can specify the '-avm' option, which runs the AVM utility to get decap values, ESR and leakage power and write the data to the <cell>.cdev file

sim2iprof

Sample configuration file

```
#-- sim2iprof configuration file generated by
sim2iprof_setup.pl on Thu Feb 1 15:23:41 PST 2007
CELL (sram128×32) {
FILENAME {
# <filename> [<vdd1>=<vdd1_v2> <vdd2>=<vdd2_v2>...]
dram.s0.fsdb vdd=1.15 vddo=1.05
dram.s1.fsdb vdd=1.1 vddo=1.0
SLEW {
11ps
LOAD {
15fF
CDEV {
|vpwr vgnd {
CO = 1.0p
C1 = 2.0p
R0 = 400.21
                             Optional
R1 = 395
LEAKO = 1.0e-6
LEAK1 = 4.2uA
ivdd vgnd {
CO = 3.0p
C1 = 5.0p
R0 = 621
R1 = 385
LEAKO = 2.0e-6
LEAK1 = 4.2uA
} // end of CDEV
} // end of cell
SIM_TIME {
READ 1e-12
WRITE 1e-12
STANDBY-H 1e-12
STANDBY-L 2e-12
VDD_PIN vpwr ivdd
VSS_PIN vgnd
DURATION 500e−12
```

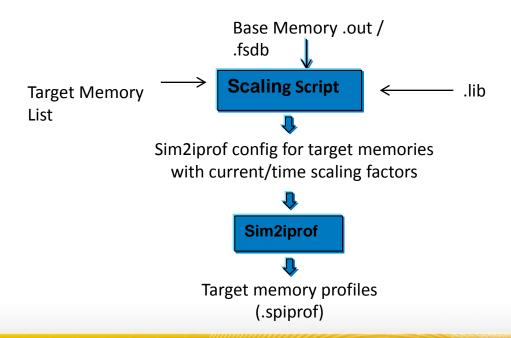
Sample current profile





Sim2iprof: Energy/Time scaling based Current profile

- Simulation data may be available for few memories
- Sim2iprof allows scaling available profile in time/magnitude to create current profile for other memories with similar architecture
- Current (magnitude) and Time scaling factors can be derived from lib energy and delay values using script





Sim2iprof: Scaling Flow contd..

Script usage:

perl scale_mem_profile.pl -baseName <memoryName> -fsdbFile
<fileName.fsdb> -targetMemList <MemListFile> -blib <bmemlib> -tlib
<tmemlib> -configDataFile <file>

-baseName : Name of memory that correspons to base current

waveforms (.fsdb/.out/.ta0 file).

-targetMemList : File containing target memory list

-blib : Base memory liberty file for target memory

-tlib : Target memory liberty file for target

memory

-fsdbFile : Simulation output file (fsdb/out) containing base

PG currrent waveforms.

-configDataFile : Filename containing sim2iprof config data

(optional)



Sim2iprof: Scaling Flow contd...

The config data file can contain following:

```
CUSTOM STATE SIM TIME {
c00 "(!cs n & we n & scan n & clk)" clk 220n 230n
c01 "(!cs_n & !we_n & scan_n & clk)" clk 100n 110n
c10 "(!scan n & clk)" clk 620n 630n
standby trig "(cs n & scan n & clk)" clk 60n 70n
SPICE2LEF PIN MAP {
vvddx sram vddx_sram
vvssx sram vssx sram
VDD PIN vvddx sram
VSS PIN vvssx sram
IPROF SAMPLING MODE accurate
LEAKAGE 0
DATAVERSION 7v1 pwl
peak_tolerance 0.05
width tolerance 0.1
RATIO 0.1
```

Sim2iprof: Scaling Flow contd..

Example:

```
perl scale_mem_profile.pl \
    -baseName sram1111 \
    -fsdbFile base_mem/power_scan_capture.out \
    -targetMemList tmem.list \
    -blib ../base_lib_link \
    -tlib ../target_lib_link \
    -configDataFile ../../simconfig.data
```

tmem.list:

```
sram1111_12
sram1111_13
sram1111_14
sram1111_15
```

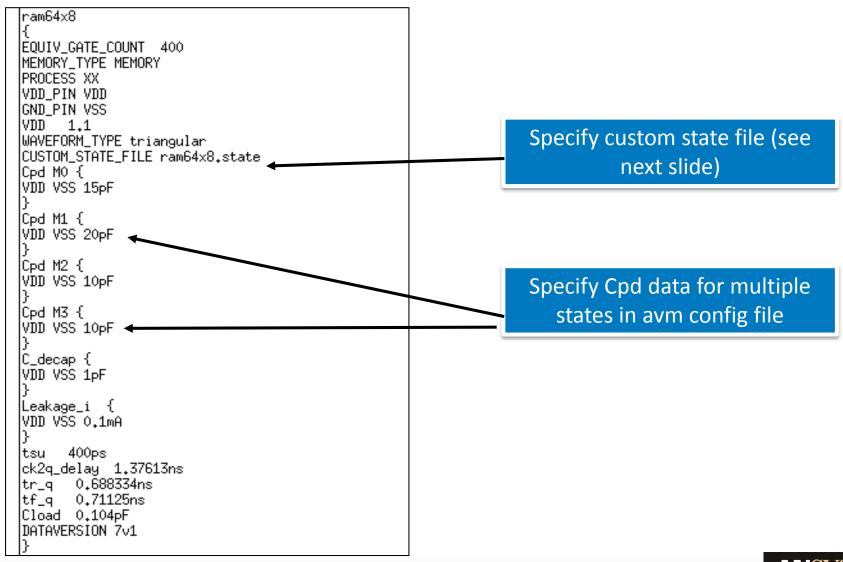
Multi-State support

- Multi-state provides the ability to have more than four current profile modes
- AVM/sim2iprof/APLMMX provide support for multi-state current profile capturing for custom and/or memory blocks
- Power calculation and Voltage drop analysis honors both the state in GSC (Global Switching Constraint)or the state in VCDbased mode

Multi-state current profile generation

- Following are the new keywords required for multi-state current profile generation:
 - Sim2iprof: CUSTOM_STATE_SIM_FUNC or CUSTOM_STAE_SIM_TIME
 - AVM: CUSTOM_STATE_FILE
- Sample config files in next few slides

Sample multi-state AVM config file



Sample multi-state AVM config file (Cont'd)

```
cell ram64x8 {

MO "(((CEN & !WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M1 "(((!CEN & WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M3 "(((!CEN & !WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

}

cell dup_ram64x8 {

MO "(((CEN & !WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M1 "(((!CEN & WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M2 "(((CEN & WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M3 "(((!CEN & !WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

M3 "(((!CEN & !WEN)) & CLK)" "CLK" "NA"

}
```

Specify Custom states and corresponding equations in custom state file

Sample Multi-State sim2iprof configuration file

```
CELL REGION1 {
        FILENAME {
        ./input_REGION1.pwl vdd_i=1.08
        CDEV {
                vdd_i vss {
                CO = 400p
                C1 = 400p
                R0 = 450
                R1 = 450
                LEAK0 = 0.001
                LEAK1 = 0.001
        3
CUSTOM_STATE_SIM_TIME {
MO A&B CLK Oe-12 5140e-12
M1 HA&B CLK 5160e-12 10280e-12
M2 A&!B CLK 10300e-12 15420e-12
M3 !A&!B CLK 15440e-12 20580e-12
VDD_PIN vdd_i
VSS_PIN vss
CURRENT_SCALING_FACTOR 2
```

Multi-state current profile Usage

- For Vector less analysis: One can specify an instance to be switching in any of the valid states (state for which current profile is generated) using GSC file. Sample GSC_FILE contents:
 - #<inst_name> <state symbol>
 - Instance1 WRITE
 - Instance2 M0
- For VCD based analysis, activity on all control pins associated with states are automatically tracked (from VCD) inside RH;
 Whenever a valid event (state) occurs as read/write/etc, corresponding current profile is automatically used.

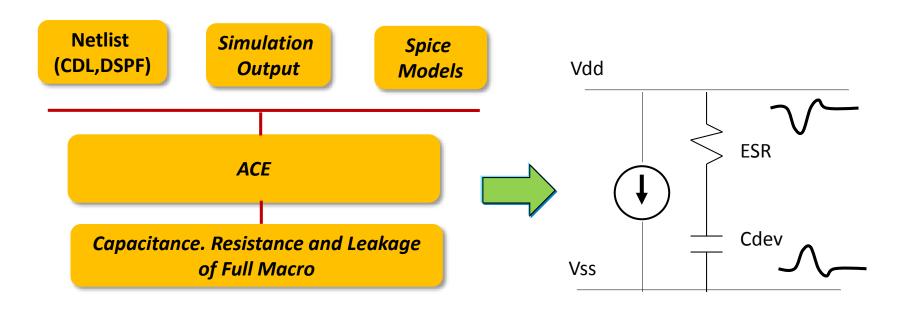
ACE

- Estimates the P/G pin intrinsic and intentional decap values for all types of memory through spice simulation
- uses a unique tracing algorithm to find the P/G network in a cell and generates various types of capacitance and effective resistance values for the cell in APL format, as well as an estimate of leakage current
- also traces R elements in power/ground nets using DSPF (Detailed Standard Parasitic Format) information (*|NET, *|I
 ...) to identify relevant capacitance
- can recognize header/footer switches embedded inside a memory or a functional block
 - especially useful for low-power design



ACE Flow

Electrical model creation in ACE Flow



ACE config File

Sample ACE configuration file settings are shown below:

```
EXTERN_POWER_NETS vdd
INTERNAL_POWER_NET Xblockl.net_int Xblock2.net_int
VP_PAIRING (Xblockl.net_int vdd) (Xblock2.net_int vdd)
EXTERN_GROUND_NETS vss
VDDVALUE vdd 0.85
switch_sub SWITCH
```

```
INCLUDE ./input_data/models.inc
SUBCKT ./input_data/spi
```



Running ACE Characterization

- The command for invoking ACE from a UNIX command line is:
 - ace [-d] [-o <outfile>] [-toggle_rate <On_fraction>] [-pwc]
 <cellname>.smin
- ACE generates three files in the APL result directory:
 - <cellname>.mcap APL's CDEV file format (pin-based capacitance) to be imported into RedHawk
 - <cellname>.ace.mmx more detailed pin capacitance data (intentional, intrinsic, parasitic) to be imported into MMX
 - <cellname>.ace.decap detailed intentional decap information



Summary of Library Creation Activities (Non -Totem)

Memory Physical Views

Creation of DEF views of memory and other custom blocks

Utility	Input Data	Output Data
gds2rh -m	Configuration file GDS file Layer mapping file LEF view	<macro_name>_adsgds.def <macro_name>_adsgds.lef <macro_name>_adsgds.pratio</macro_name></macro_name></macro_name>

I/O Cell Physical Views

Creation of DEF views of I/O cells

Utility	Input Data	Output Data
gds2rh	Configuration file GDS file Layer mapping file LEF view	<macro_name>.def <macro_name>_adsgds.lef</macro_name></macro_name>

Electrical Models for Memory cells

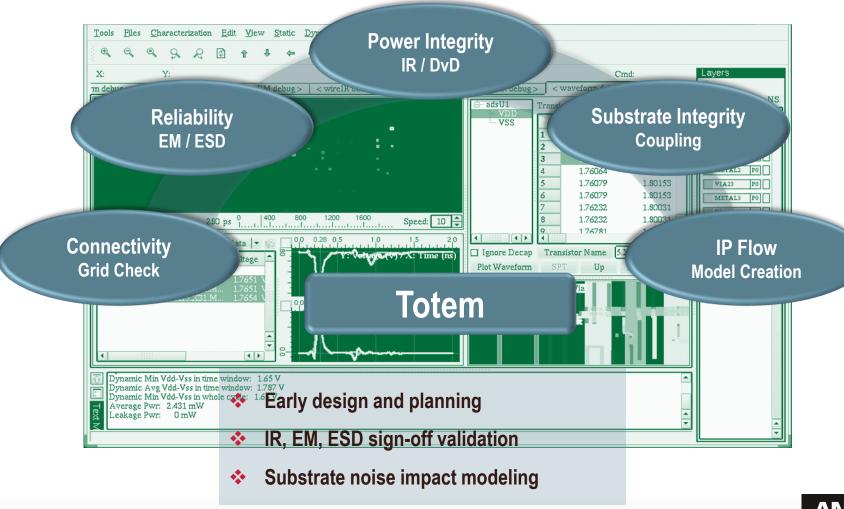
APL Library Characterization

Utility	Input Data	Output Data
sim2iprof	Functional statements (.lib) Spice characterization data Decap/Leakage estimates	cell.spcurrent cell.cdev
AVM	Datasheet parameters avm.conf	None for user
ACE	Netlist (CDL,DSPF) Simulation Output Spice Models	cell.mcap cell.ace.mmx cell.ace.decap

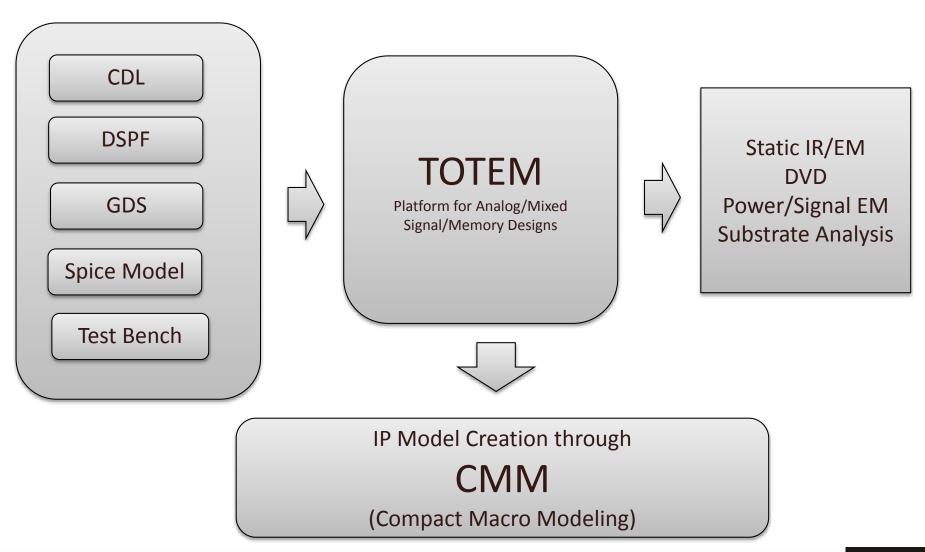


TOTEM CMM (Transistor level Integrated "Electrical + Physical" Model)

Totem™: Power Noise and Reliability Analysis for Custom and Mixed Signal Designs



Totem Transistor Level IP Modeling



Totem CMM

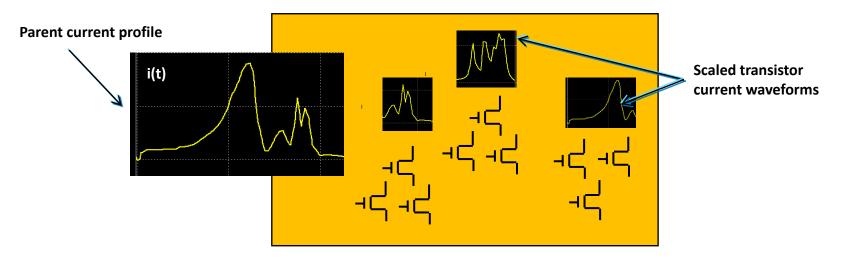
- Totem CMM or 'Custom Macro Model': A compact optimized power model that contains both electrical and physical data
- Two types of CMM models can be generated
 - Totem cell_view
 - Totem mmx_view
- Totem 'cell_view' preserves transistor switching/toggling information based on peak current demand of each transistor during simulation
 - Optimized for runtime for full-chip SoC analysis
 - Improved runtime and good accuracy at SoC level analysis
- The Totem 'mmx_view' preserves detailed transistor-level switching information for each device
 - Optimized for accuracy for IP validation and selective SoC analysis
 - Runtime penalty on SoCs due to detailed transistor behavior



Totem CMM – cell_view

Totem CMM (cell_view)

- Spice simulation based current profile for macro
- Single (cell level) current profile for entire macro is captured
- Current sinks created at transistor or higher level metal with weights based on switching state
- Capacitance of intrinsic and intentional decaps are modeled

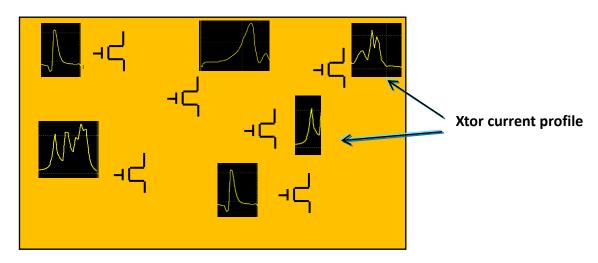




Totem CMM – mmx_view

Totem CMM (mmx_view)

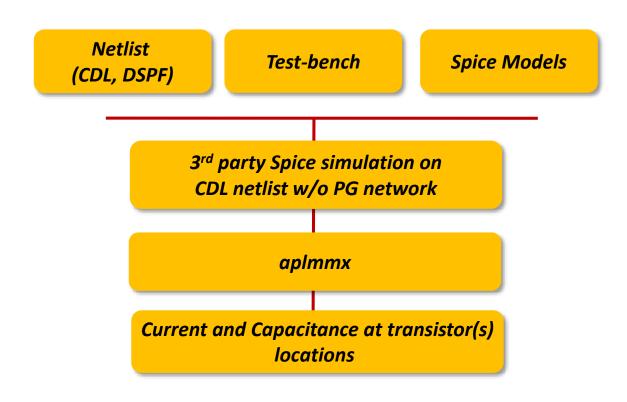
- Spice simulation based current profile for macro
- Individual transistor currents are captured during simulation
- True transistor currents i(t) is modeled at transistor locations
- Capacitance of intrinsic and intentional decaps are modeled





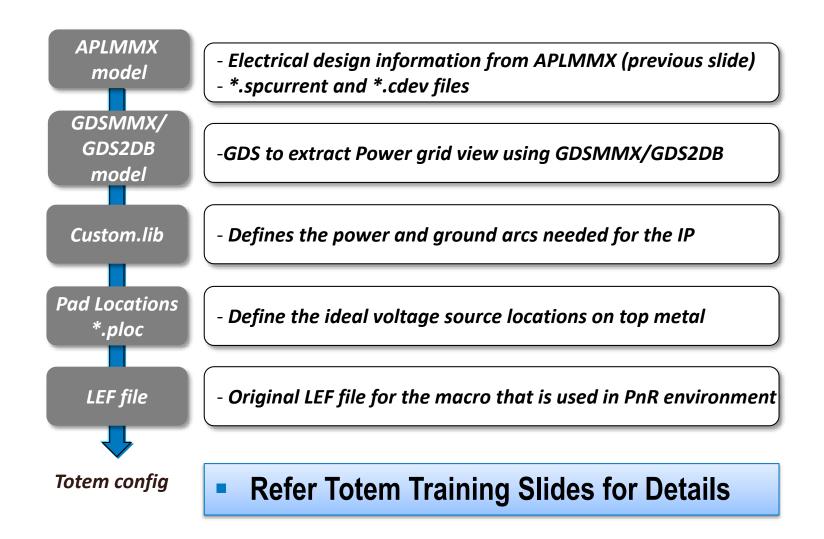
Current Modeling MMX Flow

Electrical model creation in MMX Flow





Required Input Data



RedHawk Analysis Flow: Using Totem Models

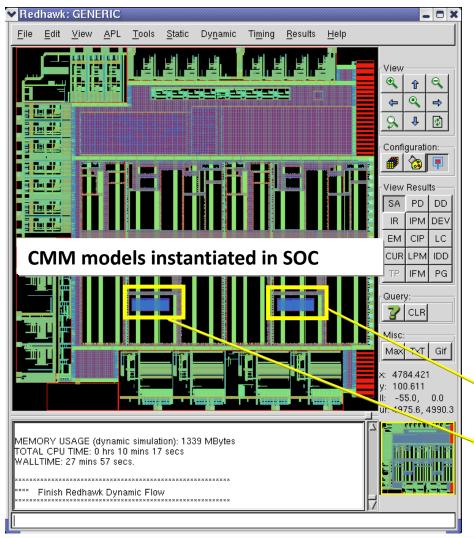
• The model pointers are specified inside the top level gsr file using the CMM_CELLS construct:

Example:

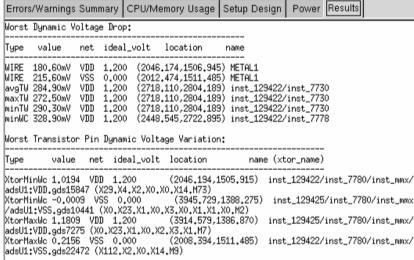
- In the above example, MEM_A is using the cell_view and MEM_B is using the mmx_view mode.
- Original/Reduced/Compact controls model reduction for capacity and accuracy tradeoff with reduced being default (reasonably good accuracy)
- MEM_A and MEM_B should not be defined under the GDS_CELLS and APL_FILES section in the gsr



SoC Integration Example



Instance level voltage drop report



Xtor level voltage drop report inside MMX block

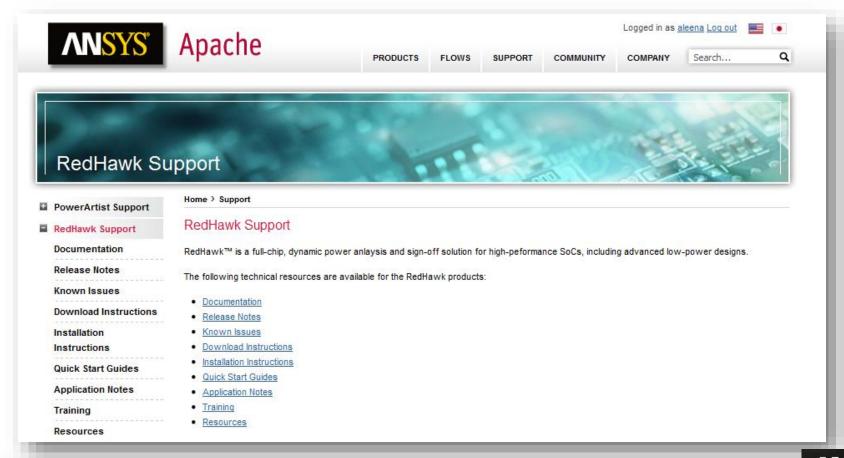
MEM_A → cell_view model

MEM B → mmx view model



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Thank You!!!