

Design and Implementation of VLSI Systems

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Lecture 01: the big picture

- Introduction
- History
- Tour of VLSI Design and Implementation
- IC market
- Design flow

Objectives of the class

- Learn fundamental knowledge on IC design: design flow, fabrication
- How to use commercial design software
- How to code Verilog
- Learn how to design a simple VLSI systems that implement required functionalities.
- Syllabus

Course information

- **Instructor:** Nguyễn Vũ Thắng nvuthang74@yahoo.com
- **FPT:** Mr. Nguyễn Thanh Yên – Head of FPT LSI
- **Books:** CMOS VLSI design, Weste and Harris
- **Grade:**
 - Homeworks: 10%
 - Midterm exam: 30%
 - Practical works and Project: 60%

Introduction

- A VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) system integrates millions of “electronic components” in a small area (few $\text{mm}^2 \rightarrow \text{few cm}^2$).
- What are the design metrics?
 - Circuit Speed / Performance
 - Power consumption
 - Design Area
 - Yield

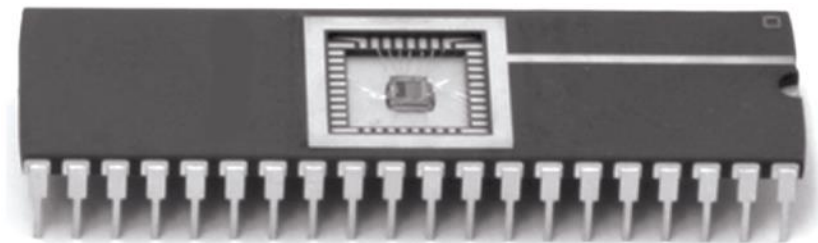
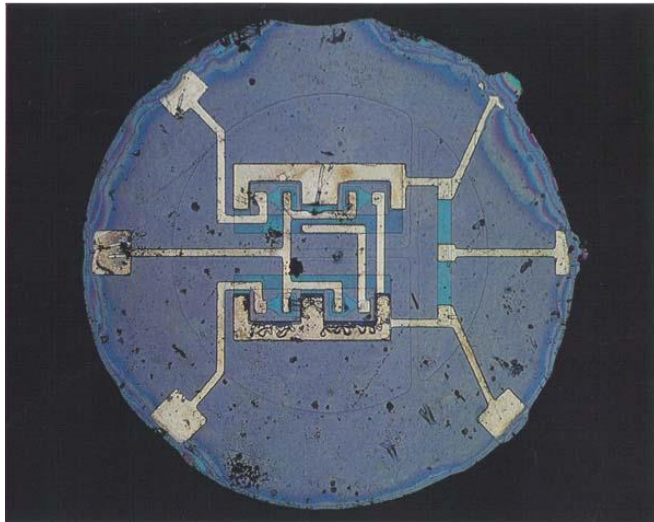


FIG 1.71 Chip in a 40-pin dual-inline package

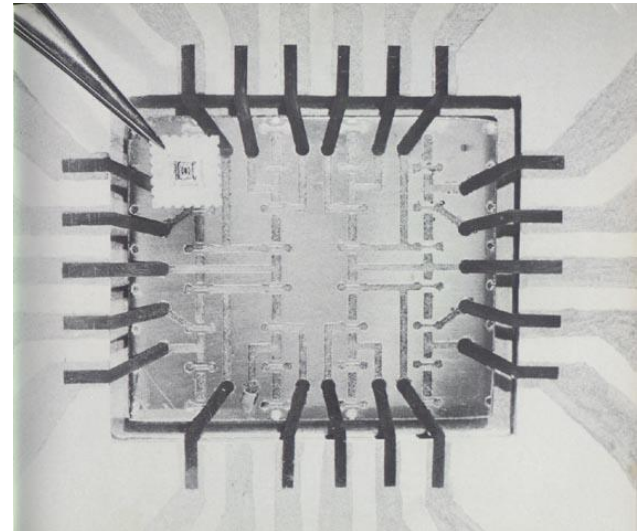
Integrated Circuits

- 1958: Jack Kilby makes the first IC
- 1961: TI and Fairchild introduce the first logic ICs (\$50 in quantity)
- 1962: RCA develops the first MOS transistor
- 1965: the Moores Law

Fairchild bipolar RTL Flip-Flop

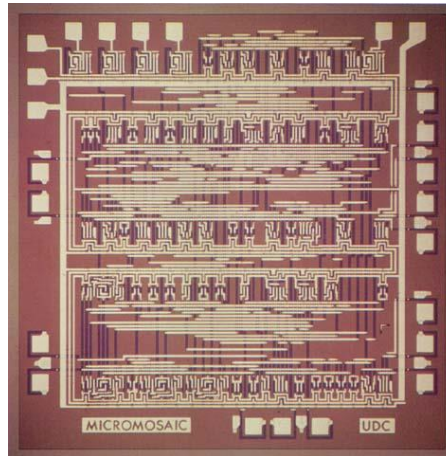


RCA 16-transistor MOSFET IC



Computer-Aided Design

- 1967: Fairchild develops the “Micromosaic” IC using CAD
 - Final AI layer of interconnect could be customized for different applications

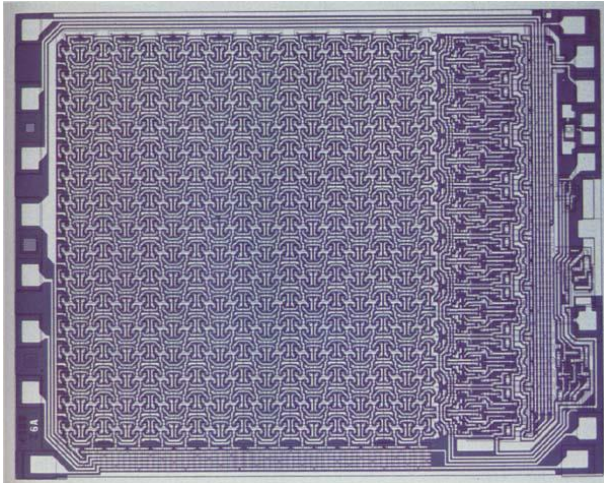


- 1968: Noyce, Moore leave Fairchild, start Intel

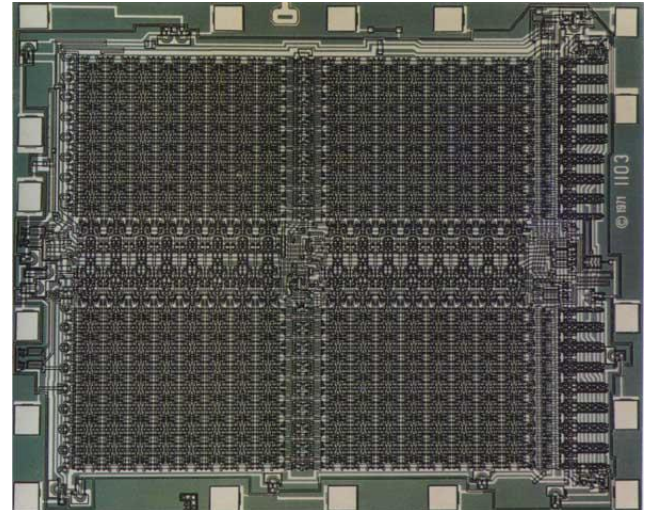
RAMs

- 1970: Fairchild introduces 256-bit Static RAMs
- 1970: Intel starts selling 1K-bit Dynamic RAMs

Fairchild 4100 256-bit SRAM

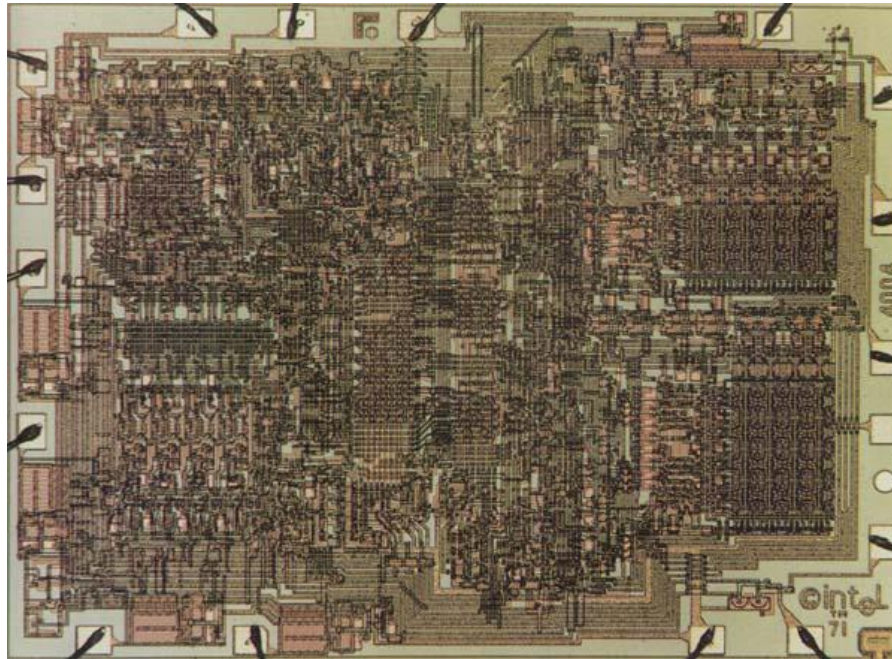


Intel 1103 1K-bit DRAM



The Microprocessor

- 1971: Intel introduces the first Microprocessor: 4004
 - General purpose programmable computer instead of custom chip for Japanese calculator company

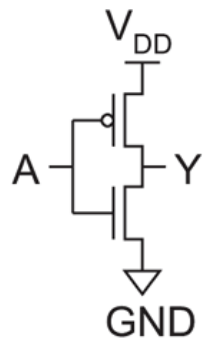
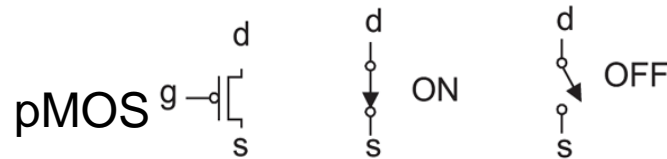
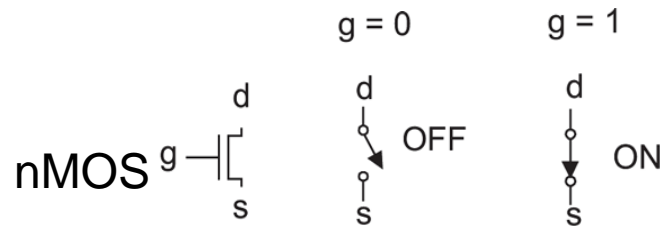


The Microprocessor

- 1975: the first Personal computer and the birth of Microsoft
- 1976: the birth of Apple

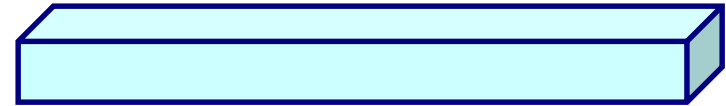
What are VLSI systems composed of?

1. Transistors



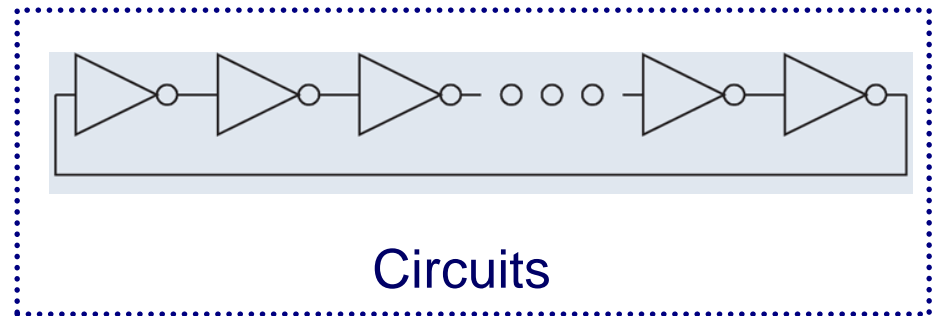
CMOS logic gates

2. Wires

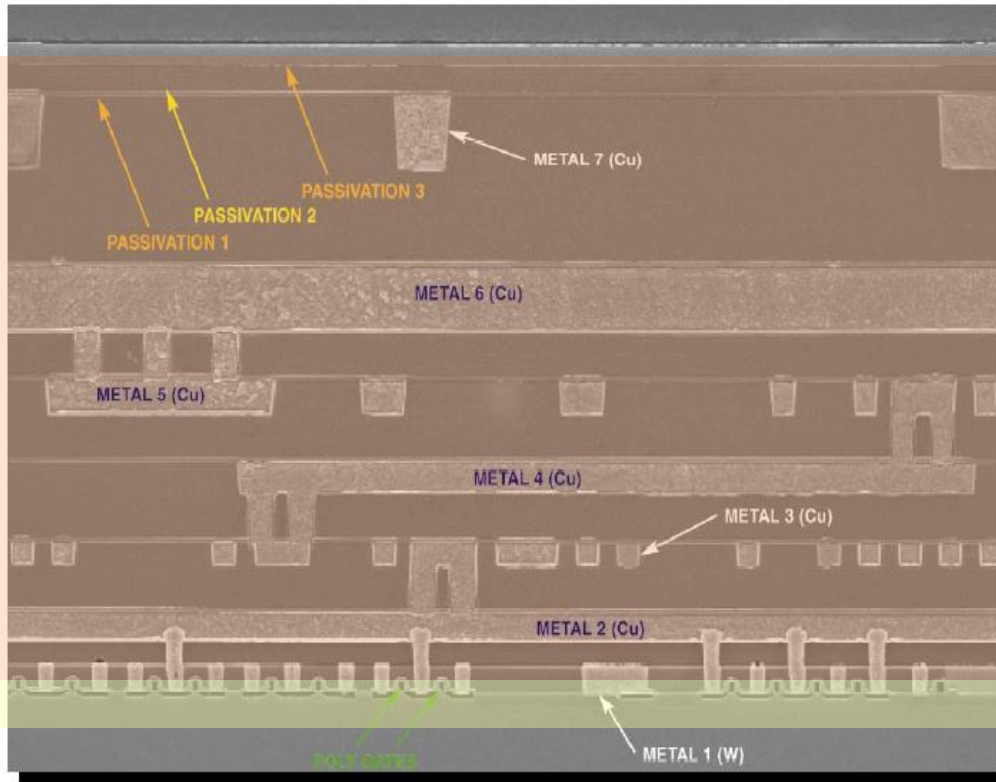


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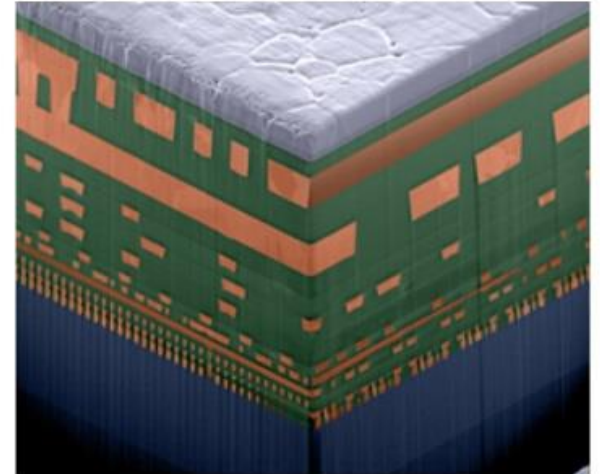
|| design



How does an IC look like from the inside?



wires



transistors



R. Noyce

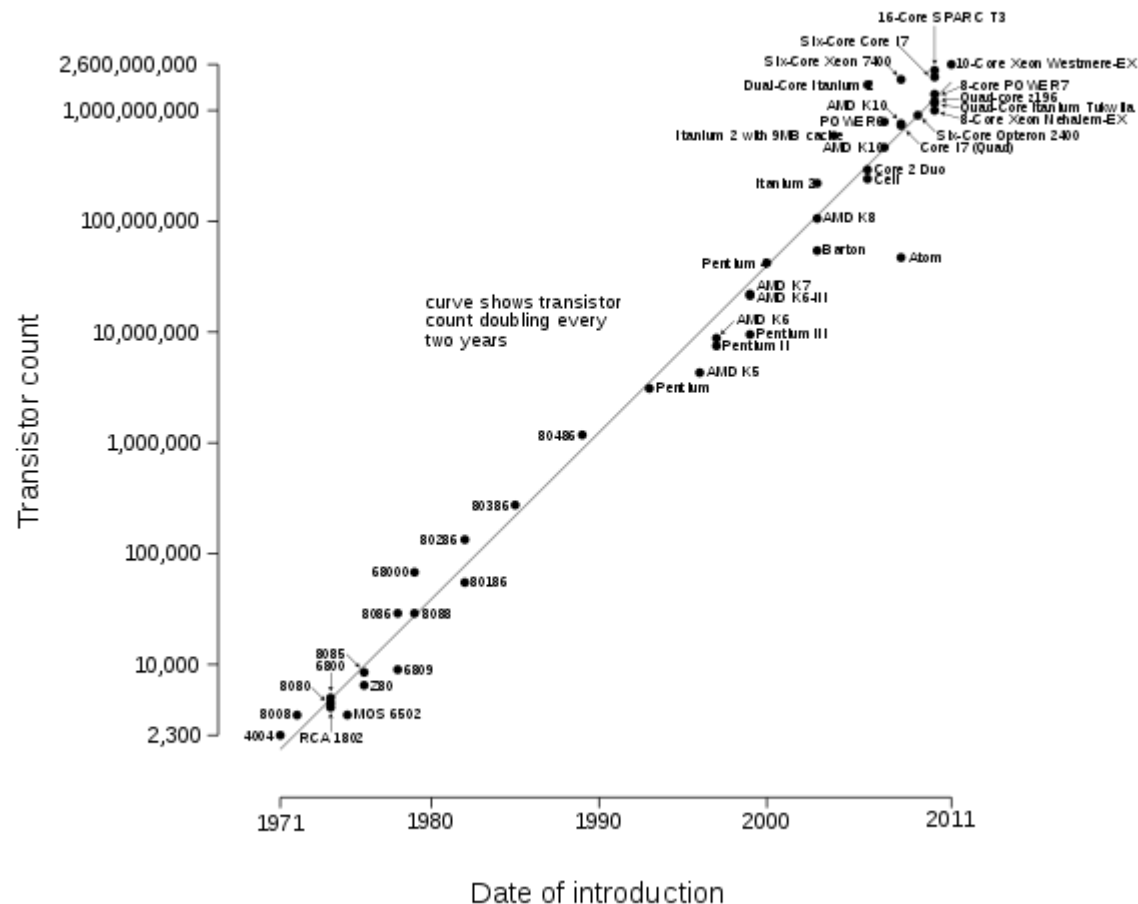


J. Kilby

Moore's Law. The number of transistors in an integrated circuit doubles every 2 years.



Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



Technology scaling

1971: Intel 4004 – 2300 transistors – 10um tech

1979: Motorola 68000 – 68000 trans – 3.5um tech

1982: Intel 80286 – 134k trans – 1.5um tech

1989: Intel 80486 – 1180k trans – 1um tech

1999: AMD K7 – 22M trans – 250nm tech

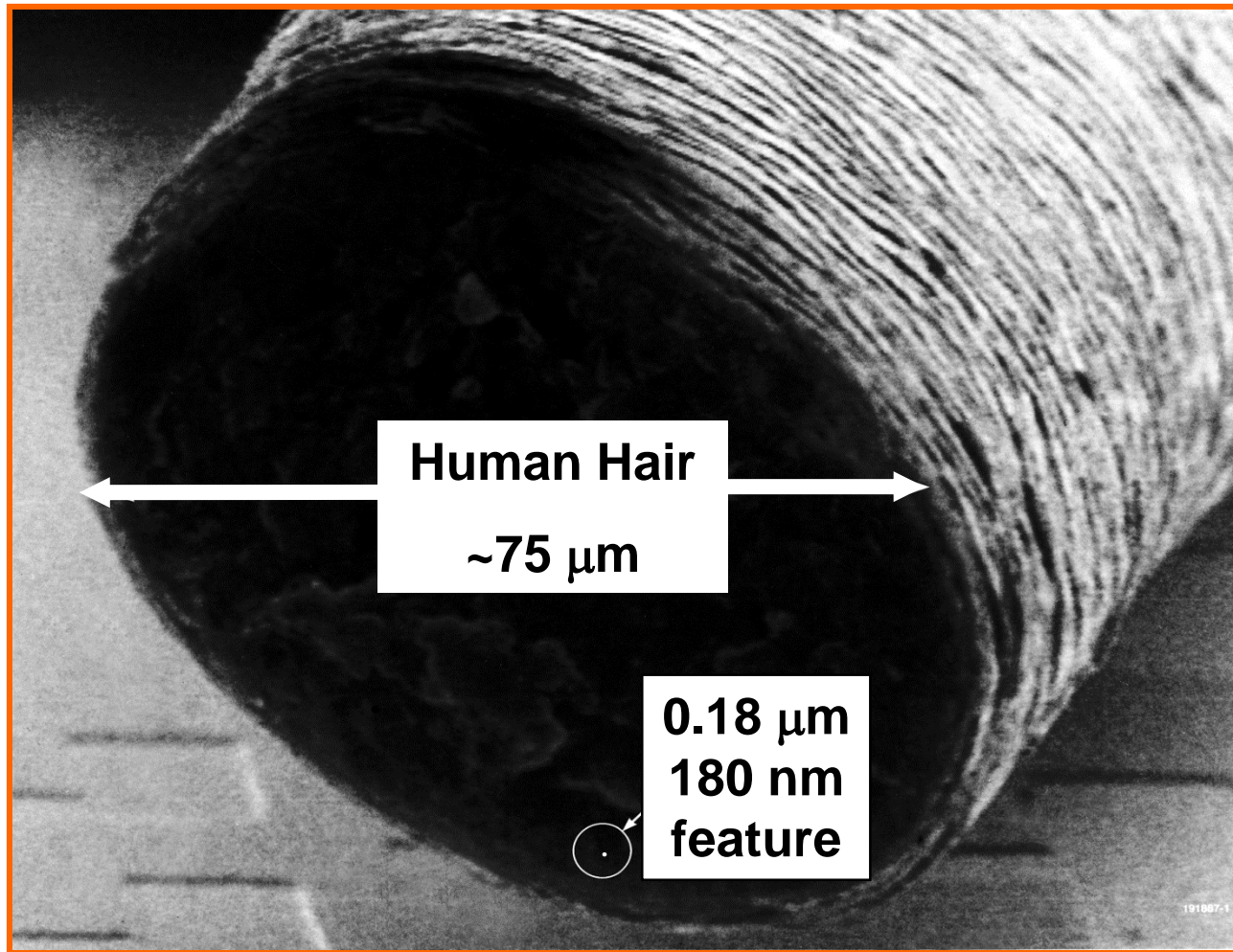
2002: Intel – Itanium – 220M trans – 180nm tech

2010: Sun/Oracle – 16 core Sparc T3 – 1B trans – 40nm tech

2015: Oracle - 32-core Sparc M7 – 10B trans – 20nm tech

2017: AMD - 32-core AMD Epyc – 19.2B trans – 14nm tech

Feature sizes



~40,000 (65-nm node) transistors could fit on cross-section

[C. Keast]

IC market

Top 10 Worldwide Semiconductor Sales Leaders (Excluding Foundries)

1993				2000			2006			2016			2017F		
Rank	Company	Sales (\$B)	Share	Company	Sales (\$B)	Share	Company	Sales (\$B)	Share	Company	Sales (\$B)	Share	Company	Sales (\$B)	Share
1	Intel	\$7.6	9.2%	Intel	\$29.7	13.6%	Intel	\$31.6	11.8%	Intel	\$57.0	15.6%	Samsung	\$65.6	15.0%
2	NEC	\$7.1	8.6%	Toshiba	\$11.0	5.0%	Samsung	\$19.7	7.3%	Samsung	\$44.3	12.1%	Intel	\$61.0	13.9%
3	Toshiba	\$6.3	7.6%	NEC	\$10.9	5.0%	TI	\$13.7	5.1%	Qualcomm (1)	\$15.4	4.2%	SK Hynix	\$26.2	6.0%
4	Motorola	\$5.8	7.0%	Samsung	\$10.6	4.8%	Toshiba	\$10.0	3.7%	Broadcom (1)	\$15.2	4.2%	Micron	\$23.4	5.3%
5	Hitachi	\$5.2	6.3%	TI	\$9.6	4.4%	ST	\$9.9	3.7%	SK Hynix	\$14.9	4.1%	Broadcom (1)	\$17.6	4.0%
6	TI	\$4.0	4.8%	Motorola	\$7.9	3.6%	Renesas	\$8.2	3.1%	Micron	\$13.5	3.7%	Qualcomm (1)	\$17.1	3.9%
7	Samsung	\$3.1	3.8%	ST	\$7.9	3.6%	Hynix	\$7.4	2.8%	TI	\$12.5	3.4%	TI	\$13.9	3.2%
8	Mitsubishi	\$3.0	3.6%	Hitachi	\$7.4	3.4%	Freescale	\$6.1	2.3%	Toshiba	\$10.9	3.0%	Toshiba	\$13.5	3.1%
9	Fujitsu	\$2.9	3.5%	Infineon	\$6.8	3.1%	NXP	\$5.9	2.2%	NXP	\$9.5	2.6%	Nvidia (1)	\$9.2	2.1%
10	Matsushita	\$2.3	2.8%	Philips	\$6.3	2.9%	NEC	\$5.7	2.1%	MediaTek (1)	\$8.8	2.4%	NXP	\$9.2	2.1%
Top 10 Total (\$B)		\$47.2	57.2%	—	\$108.1	49.4%	—	\$118.2	44.1%	—	\$202.1	55.3%	—	\$256.7	58.5%
Semi Market (\$B)		\$82.6	100.0%	—	\$219.0	100.0%	—	\$268.2	100.0%	—	\$365.6	100.0%	—	\$438.5	100.0%

Source: IC Insights

(1) Fabless

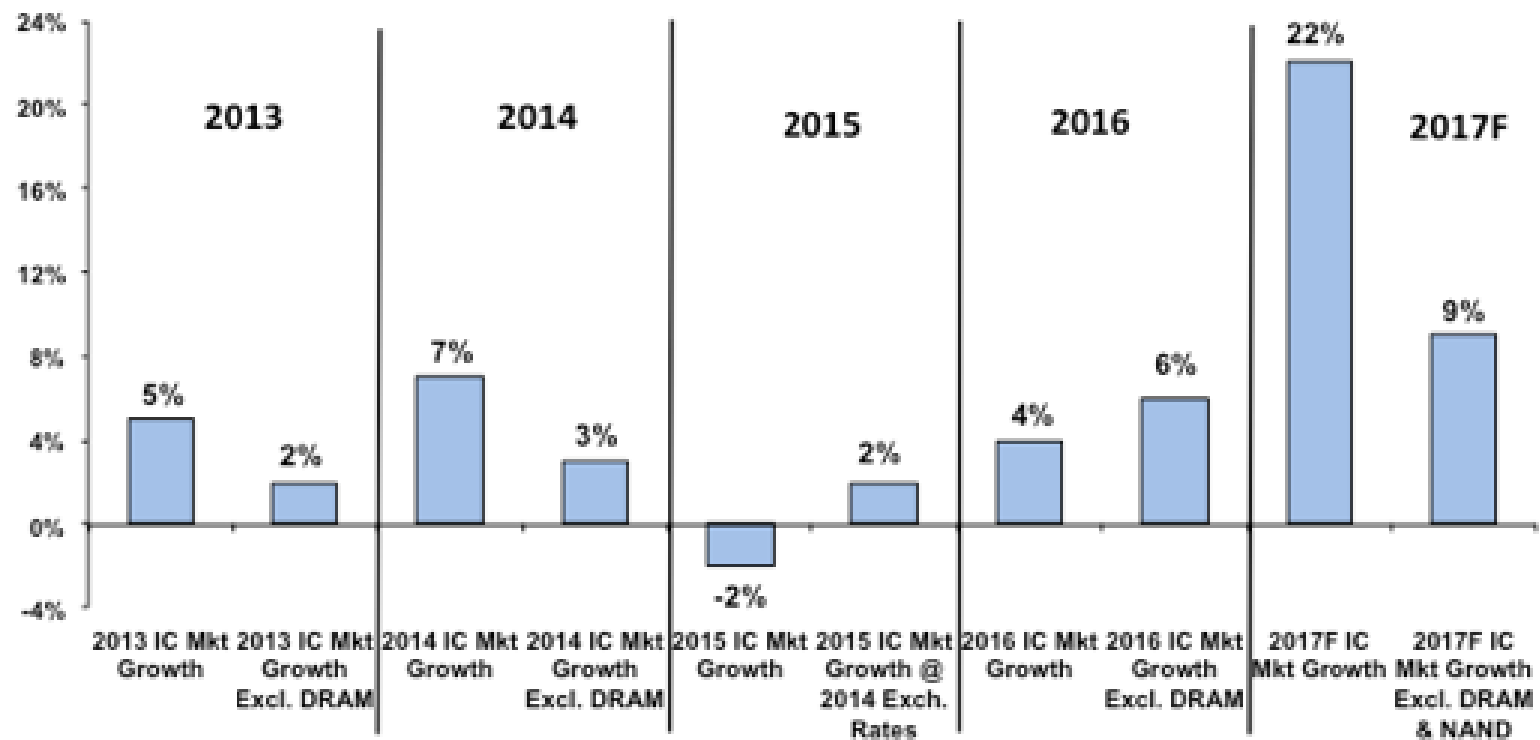
IC market

2017 Rank	2016 Rank	Vendor	2017 Revenue	2017 Market Share (%)	2016 Revenue	2016-2017 Growth (%)
1	2	Samsung Electronics	61,215	14.6	40,104	52.6
2	1	Intel	57,712	13.8	54,091	6.7
3	4	SK Hynix	26,309	6.3	14,700	79.0
4	6	Micron Technology	23,062	5.5	12,950	78.1
5	3	Qualcomm	17,063	4.1	15,415	10.7
6	5	Broadcom	15,490	3.7	13,223	17.1
7	7	Texas Instruments	13,806	3.3	11,901	16.0
8	8	Toshiba	12,813	3.1	9,918	29.2
9	17	Western Digital	9,181	2.2	4,170	120.2
10	9	NXP	8,651	2.1	9,306	-7.0
		Others	174,418	41.6	157,736	10.6
		Total Market	419,720	100.0	343,514	22.2

Source: Gartner (January 2018)

IC market

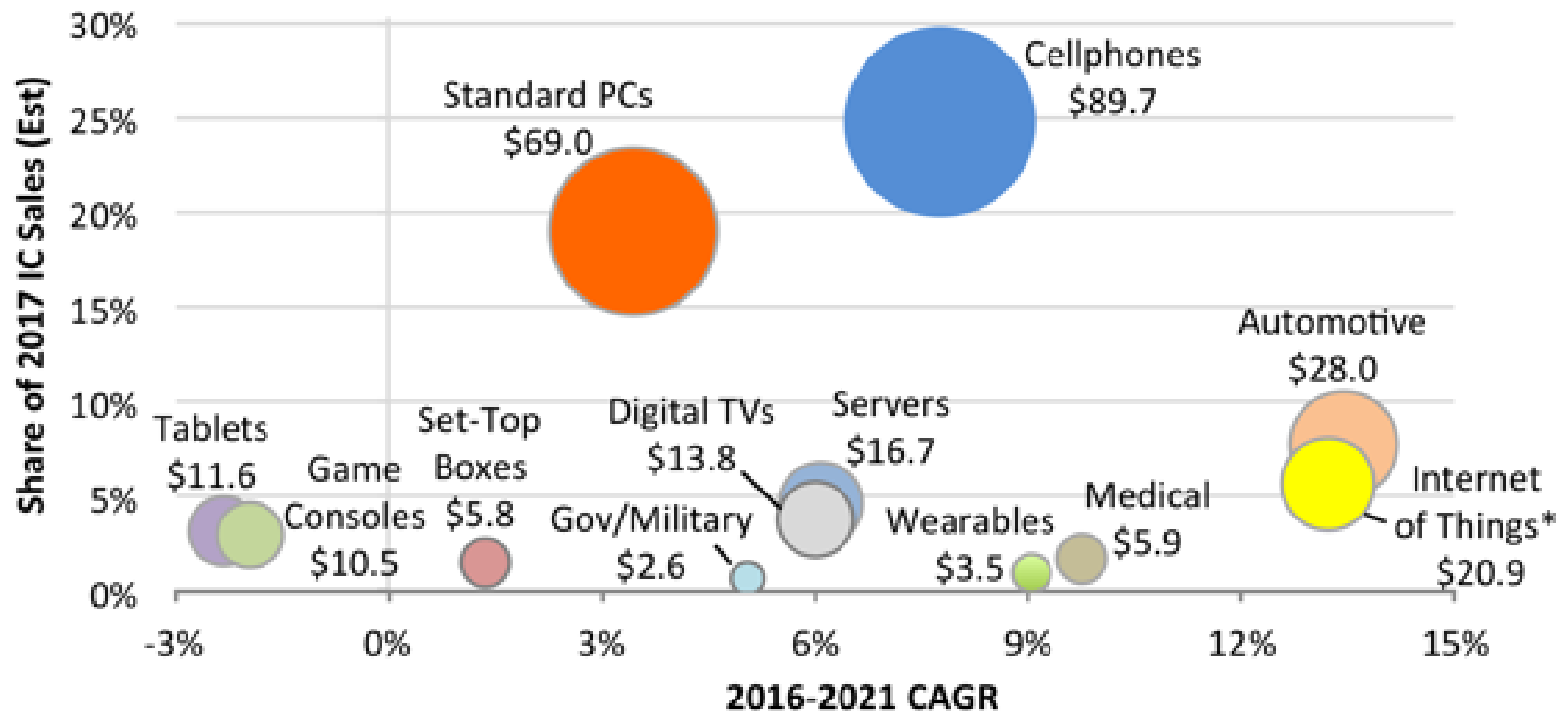
Recent Major Impacts on Worldwide IC Market Growth (\$)



Source: IC Insights

IC market

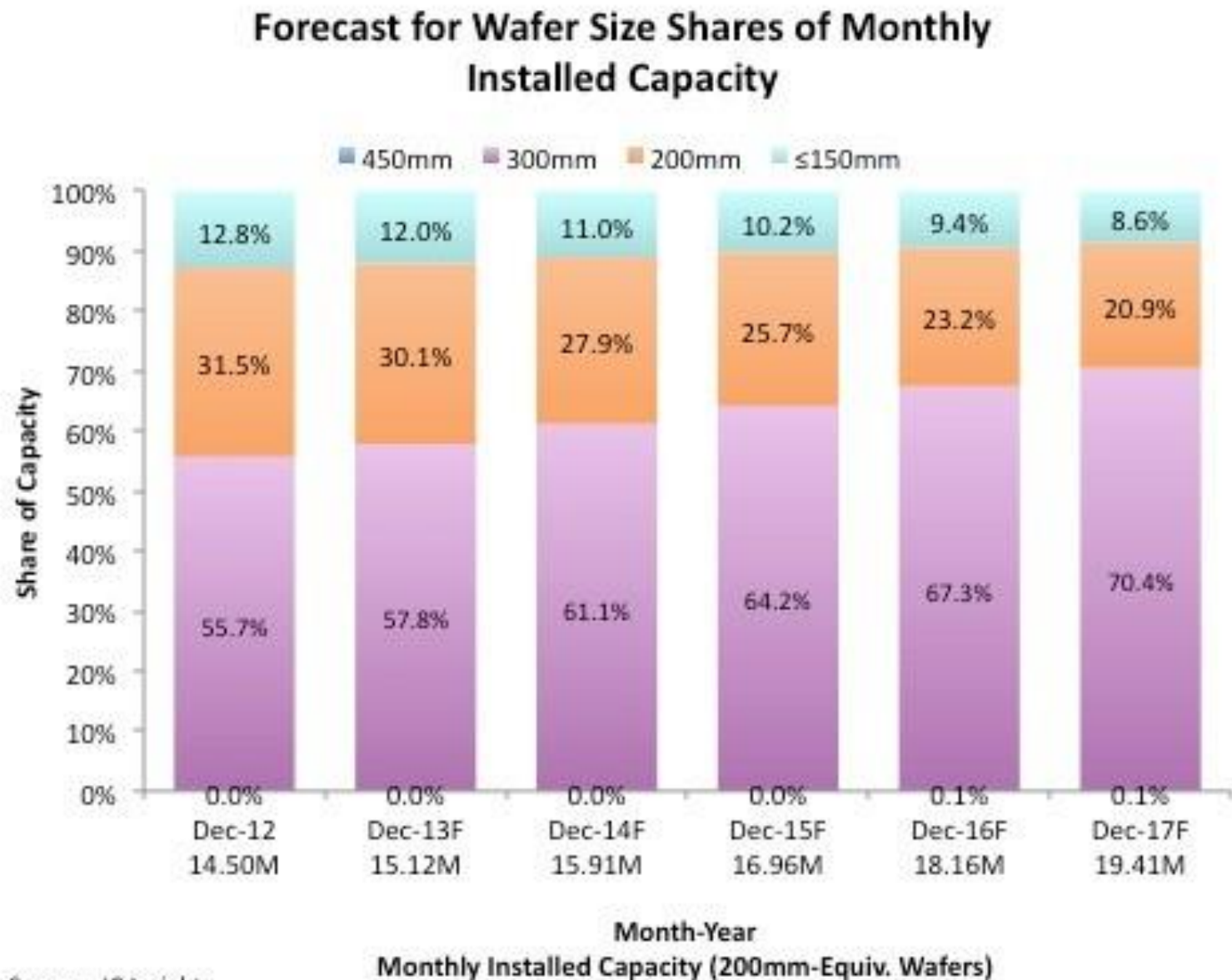
IC End-Use Markets (\$B) and Growth Rates



*Covers only the Internet connection portion of systems.

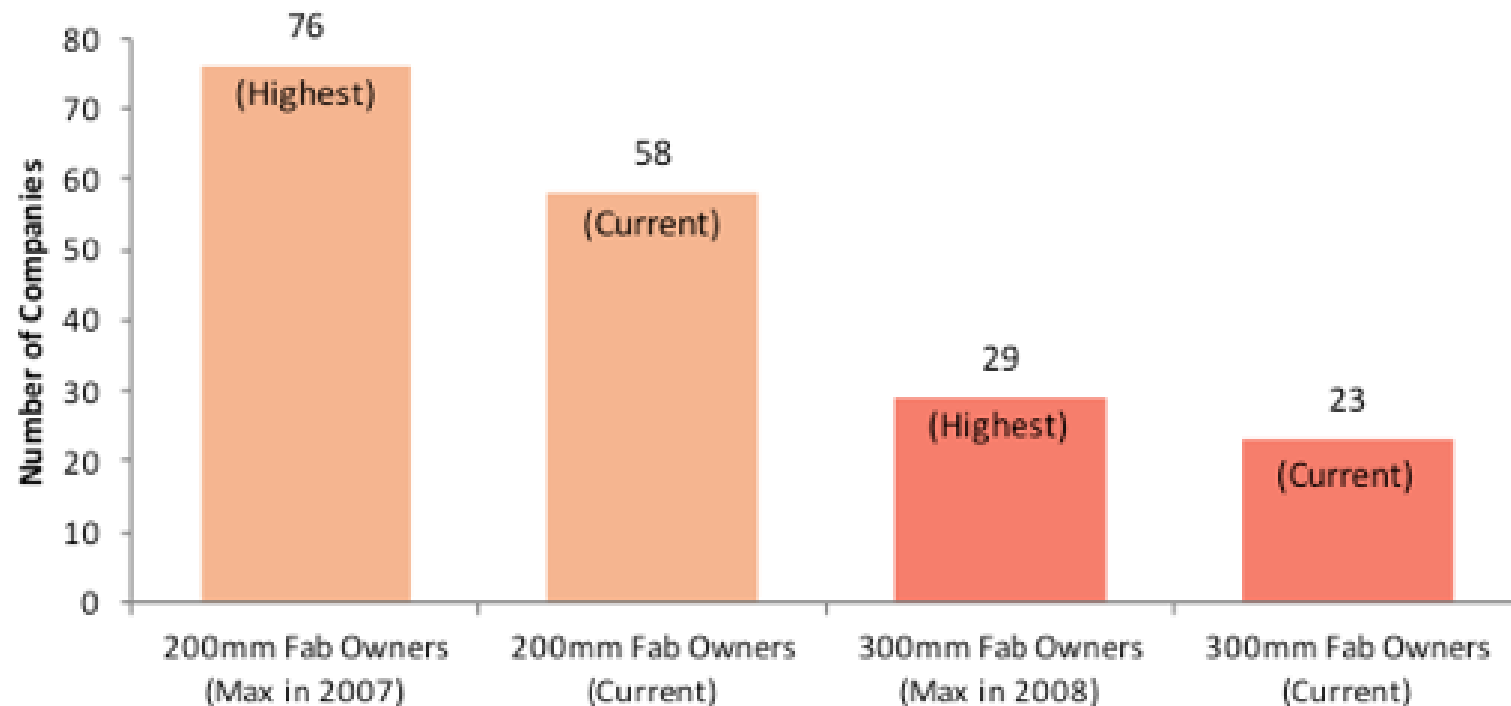
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Silicon wafer size



Silicon wafer size

**Number of IC Companies with 200mm vs. 300mm Fabs
(as of December 2016)**

































Includes pilot- and volume-production-class, but not R&D, fab facilities (IC fabs only).

Each member of joint-venture companies counted separately

Source: IC Insights' *Strategic Reviews* database

Silicon wafer size

Installed Capacity Leaders at Dec-2016 – by Wafer Size (Ranked by Share of Total WW Monthly Installed Capacity)

300mm Wafers			200mm Wafers			≤150mm Wafers		
WW Share	Top 10 Relative	Top 10 in Capacity	WW Share	Top 10 Relative	Top 10 in Capacity	WW Share	Top 10 Relative	Top 10 in Capacity
22%		Samsung	11%		TSMC*	12%		STMicro
14%		Micron*	7%		TI	11%		ON Semi
13%		SK Hynix	6%		STMicro	7%		Panasonic
13%		TSMC	6%		UMC	6%		CR Micro
11%		Toshiba/WD	5%		Infineon	5%		Silan
7%		Intel*	4%		NXP	4%		Renesas
6%		GlobalFoundries	4%		Toshiba	3%		TI
3%		UMC	4%		SMIC	3%		TSMC
2%		Powerchip	4%		Samsung	3%		Rohm/Lapis
2%		SMIC	3%		HHGrace	3%		Toshiba

WW Share is each company's share of total industry capacity for that wafer size.

Blue bars indicate the relative amount of capacity held by each company among the top 10 leaders.

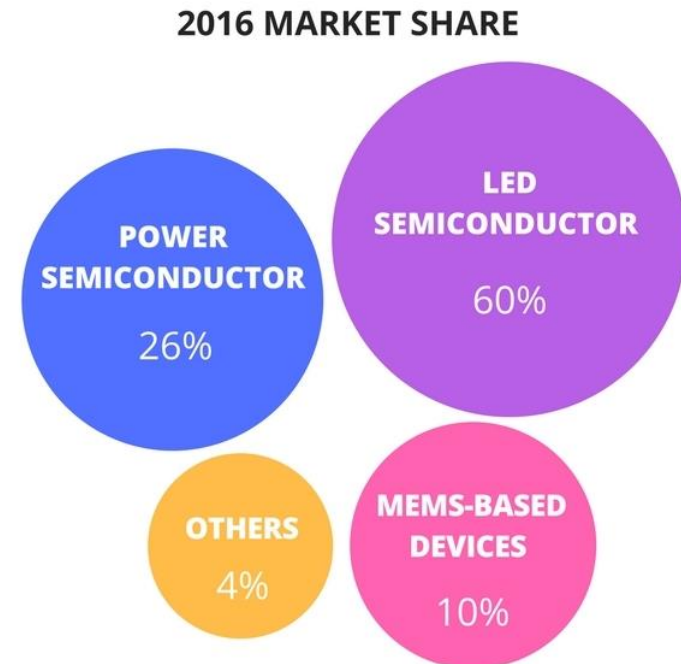
*Includes shares of capacity from joint ventures.

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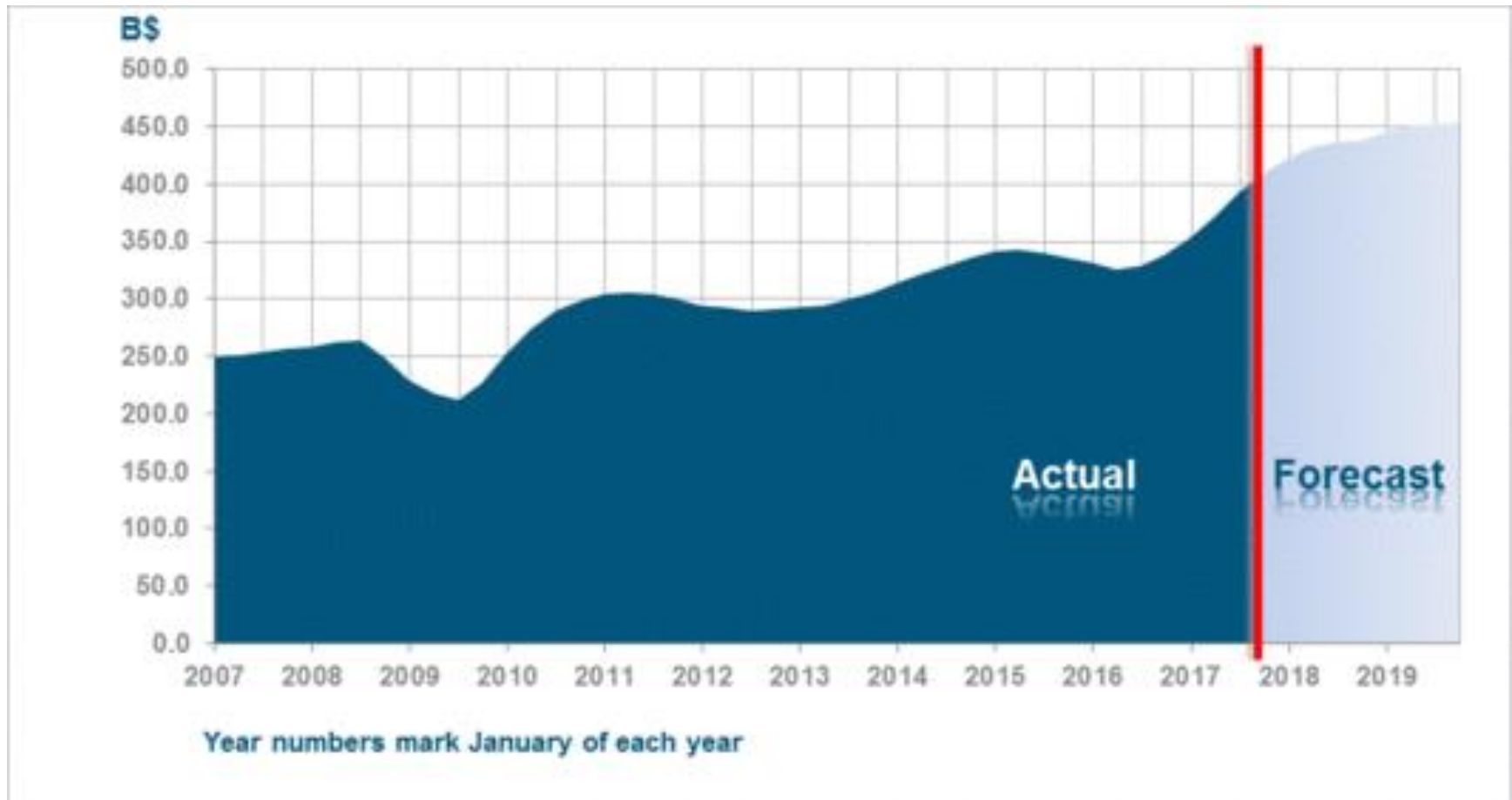
Silicon wafer size

GLOBAL EPI WAFER MARKET BY APPLICATION

APPLICATION	CAGR 2016-2021
LED SEMICONDUCTOR	10.12%
POWER SEMICONDUCTOR	14.69%
MEMS-BASED DEVICES	14.41%



IC industry Revenue



IC revenue vs Market by region

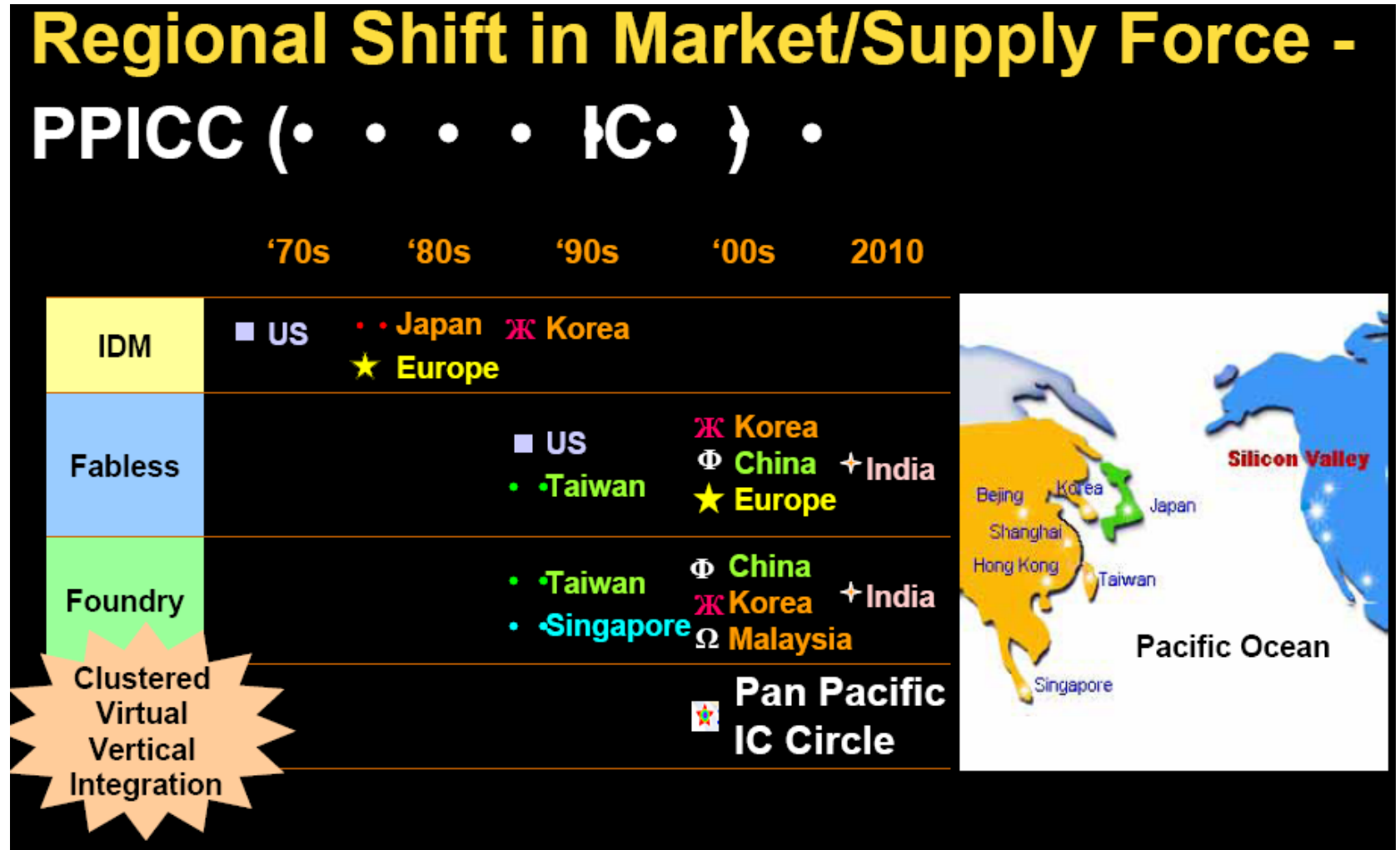
WSTS Forecast Summary

From the autumn 2017 Forecast Meeting, held November 14 to 16, 2017:

Autumn 2017	Amounts in US\$M			Year on Year Growth in %		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Americas	65,537	86,458	95,380	-4.7	31.9	10.3
Europe	32,707	38,048	39,799	-4.5	16.3	4.6
Japan	32,292	36,350	37,990	3.8	12.6	4.5
Asia Pacific	208,395	247,834	264,097	3.6	18.9	6.6
Total World - \$M	338,931	408,691	437,265	1.1	20.6	7.0
Discrete Semiconductors	19,418	21,498	22,490	4.3	10.7	4.6
Optoelectronics	31,994	34,467	37,302	-3.8	7.7	8.2
Sensors	10,821	12,537	13,439	22.7	15.9	7.2
Integrated Circuits	276,698	340,189	364,034	0.8	22.9	7.0
Analog	47,848	52,711	55,909	5.8	10.2	6.1
Micro	60,585	63,147	65,331	-1.2	4.2	3.5
Logic	91,498	101,413	108,467	0.8	10.8	7.0
Memory	76,767	122,918	134,327	-0.6	60.1	9.3
Total Products - \$M	338,931	408,691	437,265	1.1	20.6	7.0

Note: Numbers in the table are rounded to whole millions of dollars, which may cause totals by region and totals by product group to differ slightly.

Regional shift in Market force



Business models for IC companies

Business Models for IC Product Companies

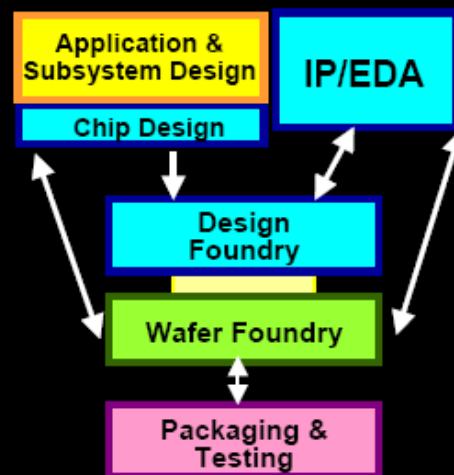
Vertical Integration

IDM
(Integrated Device Manufacturer)



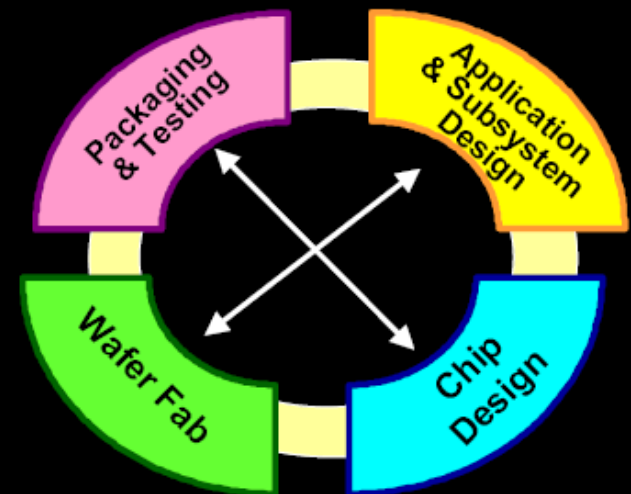
Horizontal Segmentation

Fabless & Foundry



Clustered Virtual Vertical Integration (CVVI)

- Co-Development by Companies
- Interactive Knowledge Domains
- Profit and Loss Sharing



Refer to Dr. Nicky Lu's 2004 ISSCC Paper and FSA Forum 2005

IC development

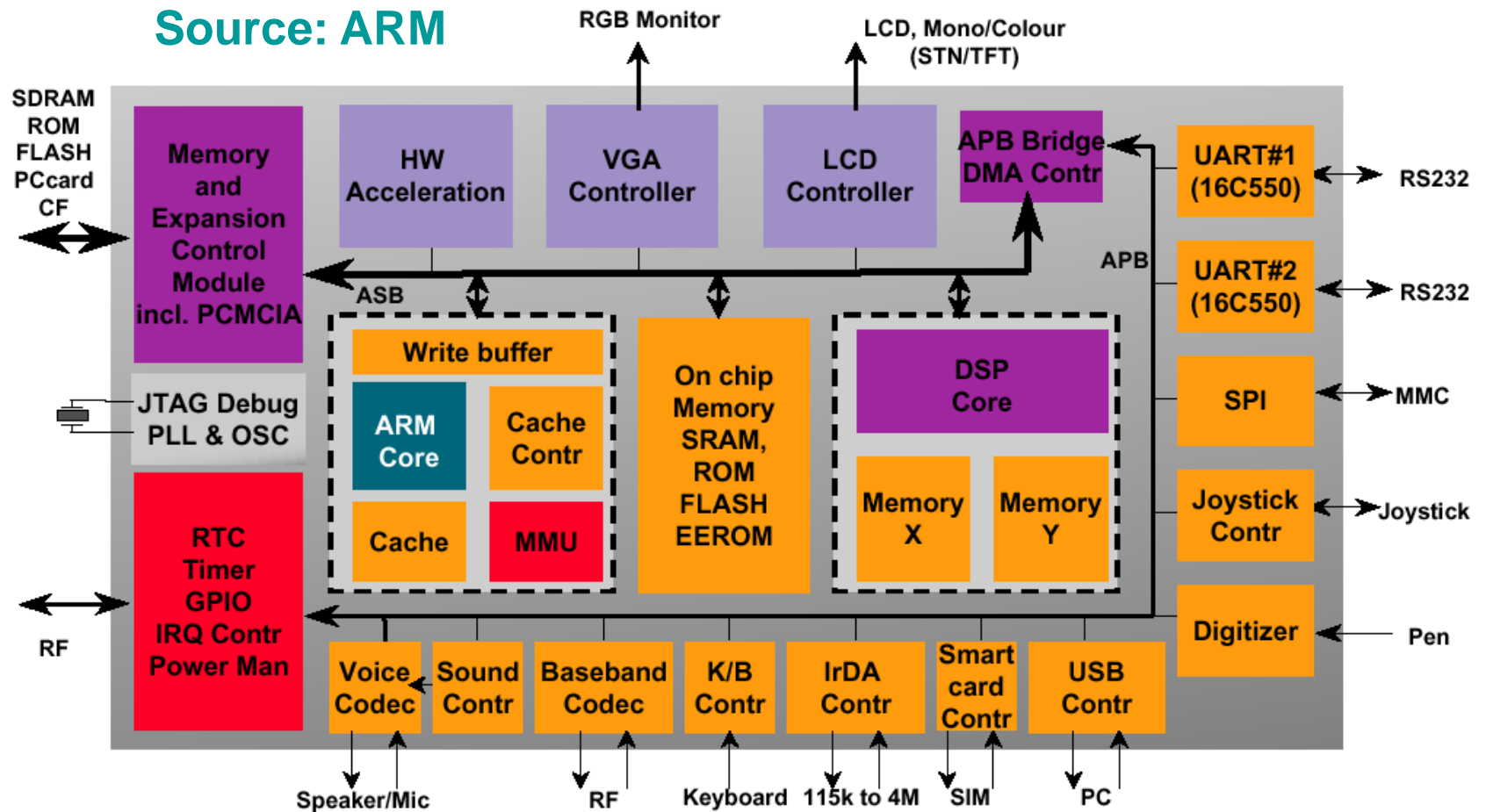
- World:
 - Fabrication to Asia
 - Outsource to Asia, especially to South East of Asia
 - => Vietnam

IC design in Vietnam

- Hanoi:
 - Analog IC : Active Semiconductor, ETA, Viettel
 - Layout and verification: Dolphin
 - Service: FPT LSI, Toshiba
 - Related: Panasonic R&D, Toshiba, Samsung, Viettel, VNPT Tech, VP9
- HCM city:
 - Renesas, ACMM
 - Arrive Technologies, ESilicon ...
 - ICDREC

System on a Chip

Source: ARM



What does it take to design VLSI systems? Same engineering principles you learned so far

1. idea (need)



2. write specifications



3. design system

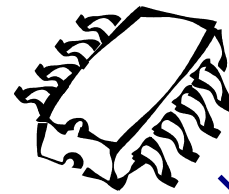


4. analyze/
model system



if satisfactory

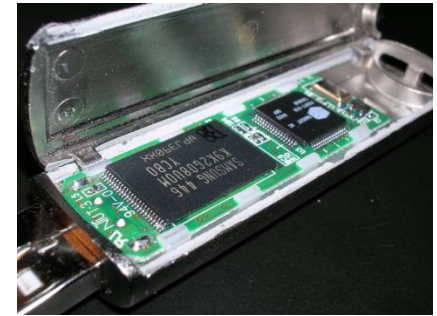
5. Fabrication



6. test / work
as modeled?



1. Applications / Ideas



2. Specifications

- Instruction set
- Interface (I/O pins)
- Organization of the system
- Functionality of each unit in the and how it to communicate to other unit

Format	Example	Encoding					
R	add \$rd, \$ra, \$rb	6	5	5	5	5	6
		0	ra	rb	rd	0	funct
I	beq \$ra, \$rb, imm	6	5	5	16		
		op	ra	rb	imm		
J	j dest	6	26				
		op	dest				

FIG 1.49 Instruction encoding formats

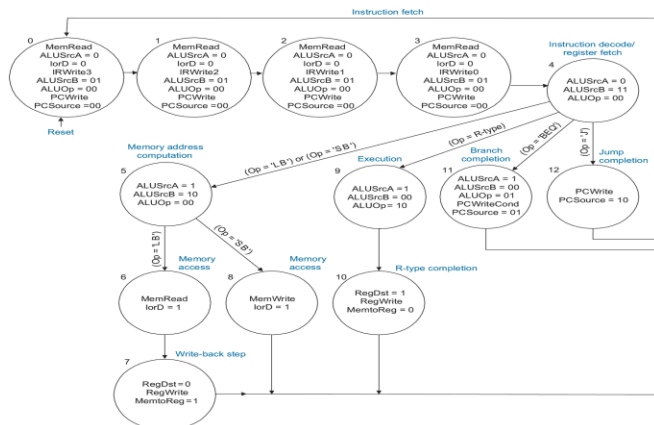
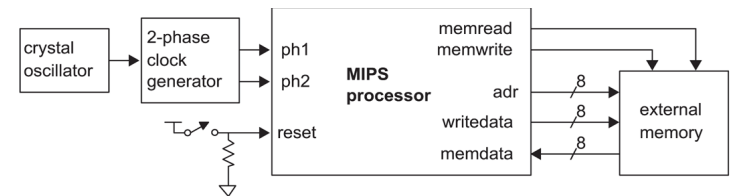


FIG 1.54 Multicycle MIPS control FSM. Reprinted from [Patterson04] with permission from Elsevier.

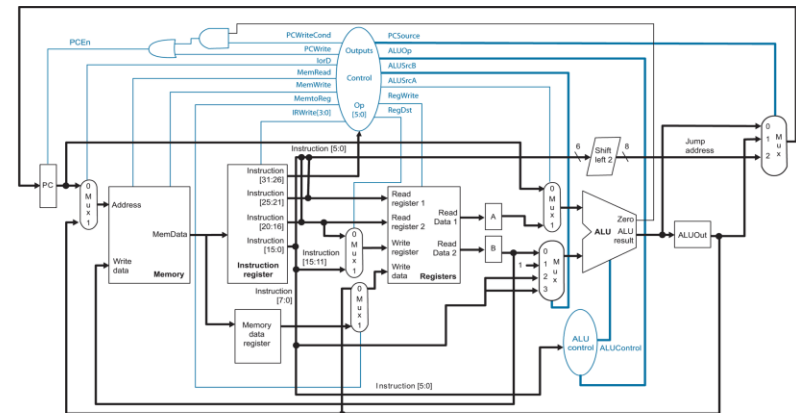
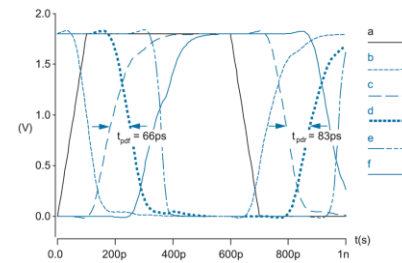


FIG 1.53 Multicycle MIPS microarchitecture. Reprinted from [Patterson04] with permission from Elsevier.

3/4. Design and Analysis

VHDL / Verilog / SystemC



design schematics

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library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.all;
use IEEE.NUMERIC_STD.all;

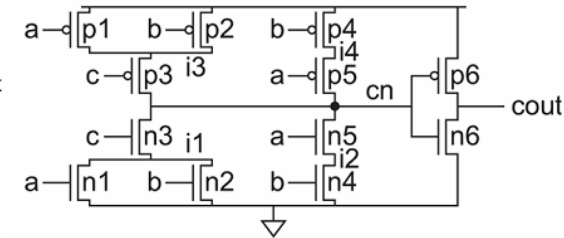
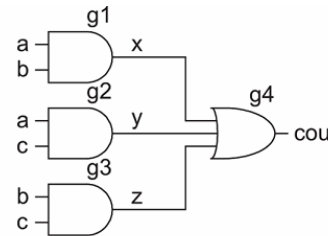
entity liczenie is
    port(
        clk      : in STD_LOGIC;
        start    : in STD_LOGIC;
        stop     : in STD_LOGIC;
        goza     : in STD_LOGIC;
        do1      : in STD_LOGIC;
        cyfra_1  : out STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(0 downto 0);
        cyfra_2  : out STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(0 downto 0);
        wyjscie  : out STD_LOGIC
    );
end entity liczenie;

attribute LOC : string;
attribute LOC of clk      is "P00";
attribute LOC of start    is "P13";
attribute LOC of stop     is "P14";
attribute LOC of goza     is "P15";
attribute LOC of do1      is "P16";
attribute LOC of wyjscie  is "P4";
attribute LOC of cyfra_1  is "P26 P25 P24 P23 P22 P21 P20 P19";
attribute LOC of cyfra_2  is "P26 P25 P24 P23 P22 P21 P20 P19";

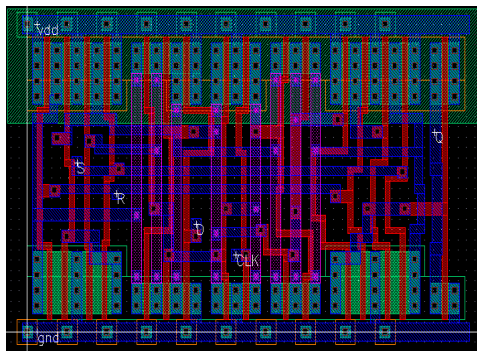
end liczenie;

architecture liczenie of liczenie is
begin
    process(clk, goza, do1, start, stop) is
    begin
        variable liczenie1 : unsigned(0 to 3) := "0000";
        variable liczenie2 : unsigned(0 to 3) := "0000";
        variable liczenie3 : unsigned(0 to 3) := "0000";
        variable liczenie4 : unsigned(0 to 3) := "0000";
        variable cyfra1    : std_logic_vector(0 to 0);
        variable cyfra2    : std_logic_vector(0 to 0);
    end process;
end architecture liczenie;
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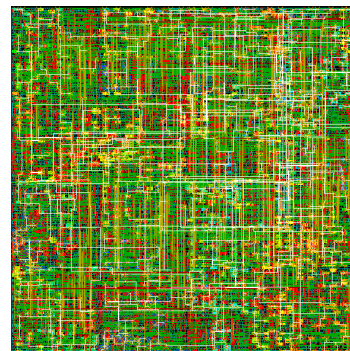
compilation/
synthesis



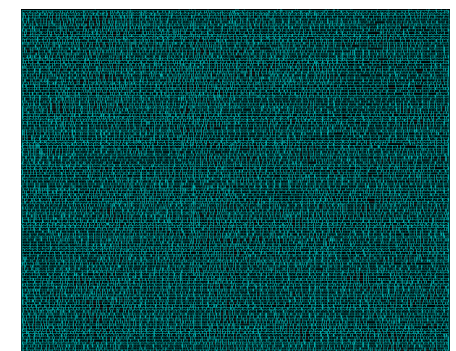
mask layout patterns



find wire routes

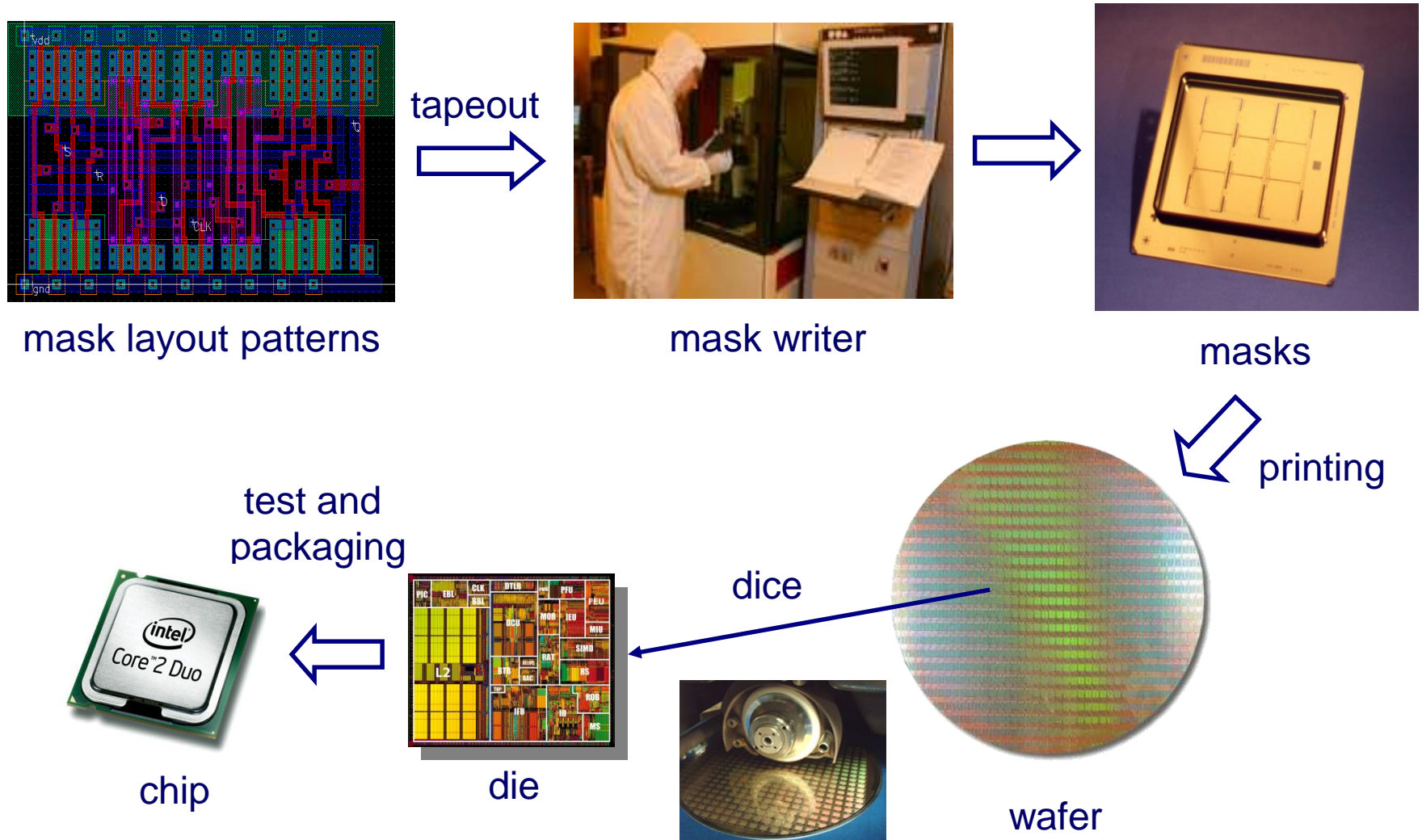


device layout



- Design development is facilitated using Computer-Aided Design (CAD) tools

5. Fabrication



6. Evaluate design and compare to model.



- Check signal integrity
- Power consumption
- Input/output behavior

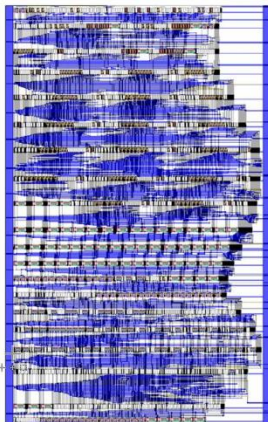


board

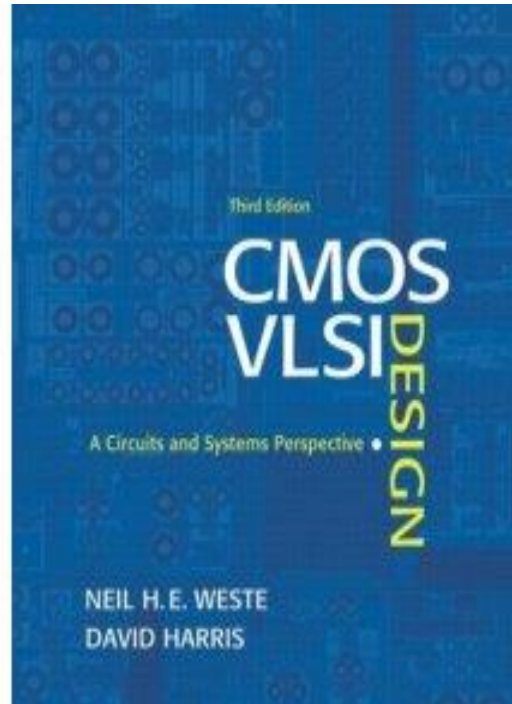
- Does the chip function as it is supposed to be?
- Does it work at desired clock frequency? (can we overclock?)

What are we going to cover in this class?

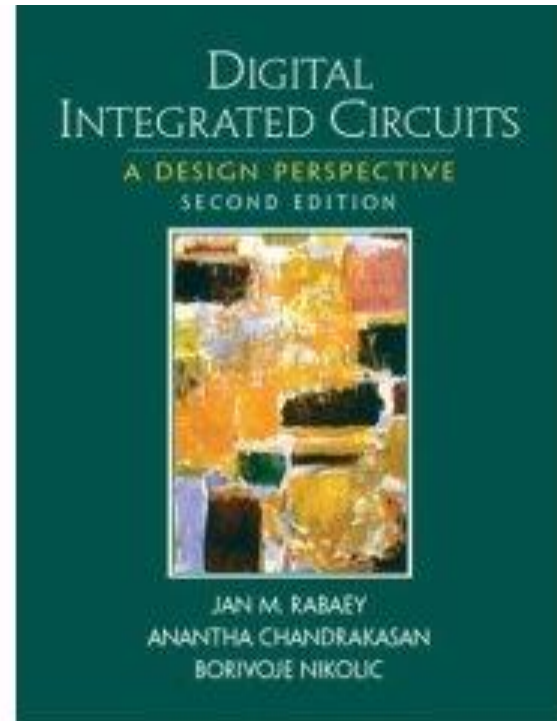
- Overview of VLSI CMOS fabrication
- MOS transistor theory
- VLSI Layout design
- Circuit analysis and performance estimation
- Computer-aided design and analysis tools
- Design project



Textbooks



Recommended



Additional