

# Tanner EDA Solutions General MEMS Overview



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#### **Corporate Overview & History**



SIEMENS Ingenuity for life

- Tanner EDA solutions have been in the market since 1988, 30 years.
- Widely used for analog/mixedsignal ICs and MEMS.
- 1,000+ of customers in 67 countries
- Tanner EDA was acquired by Mentor Graphics March 3, 2015
- Mentor joined Siemens in February, 2017



#### **Worldwide Locations**





#### **Tanner EDA Solutions Overview**

#### **Analog/Mixed-Signal IC Design**

 A complete analog & mixed-signal IC design environment in one highly-integrated end-to-end flow

#### **MEMS Design and Modeling**

Tanner EDA offers proven, powerful MEMS tools from mask design to 3D model creation for visualization and export to FEM analysis and MEMS-IC co-simulation

- Internet of Things (IoT)
- RF Applications
- MEMS Design & 3D Modeling
- Automotive
- Life Sciences
- Sensors & IC
- Military, Aerospace, Space
- Power Management
- Imaging & Displays
- Consumer Electronics
- Industrial



#### How Tanner Tools Address IoT Designs



- Top-down design of MEMS, analog, and digital in a single tool flow for all the design on a single die or multiple dies
- Co-design first level packaging of MEMS die and ASIC die
- The MEMS design tool leader with layout features for MEMS including true-curve support, 3D model creation, all-angle & equation based DRC, and co-simulation of MEMS and IC
- Support and PDKs from specialty foundries like X-Fab, TowerJazz, ON-Semi, and MEMS fabs Restricted © 2018 Mentor Graphics Corporation





#### **Breakthroughs with Tanner EDA**





"With L-Edit, I can go from concept to finished GDSII in about two weeks. There's never been anything as easy to use as Tanner tools."

Pete Loeppert Vice President R&D Knowles Acoustics







### **Souvenir Olympic Torch by MEMSIC**

- Electronics and MEMS on the same die
- Low cost, high volume, low size, low power

#### **Accelerometer Chip**





Images courtesy of Yongyao Cai, Director, Technology Partnership and Development, MEMSIC, Inc.

#### **Olympic Torch in Action**









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#### **Combining Techniques – TPMS Sensor**

- Single die handles analog,
   ADC, power management,
   digital control, and RF
- Co-designed with MEMS pressure sensor, combined into a single IC package
- Only external components are passives, battery, and antenna





Source: Swindon Silicon Systems



# **MEMS DESIGN FLOW**

#### **Design Flow - Other MEMS Tools**

- How Can I Get 2D Layout Masks From My 3D Model?
- How Can I Be Certain My Layout Masks Will Fabricate My 3D MEMS Structure?



2D Mask Layout

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#### **Design Flow - Tanner/SoftMEMS**



Always Work From Layout Masks Which Are Used For Fabrication
No Translating The 3D Model To 2D Layout Masks = Less Risk



#### **MEMS Design Flow – Bottom-Up Methodology**



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#### **MEMS Design Flow – Top-down Methodology**



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# **MEMS LAYOUT**

#### L-Edit MEMS – Full Custom All-Angle Layout Editor

- The Only Tool Developed *Specifically* for MEMS and IC Design
- True Curve Support
- Technology Configurable
- Enhanced Boolean Operations
- Advanced Editing Support:
  - Object Snapping
  - Base Point
  - Alignment
- GDSII, CIF, EPS & DXF support
- Programmable Interface



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#### **L-Edit - All-Angle Generate Layers**



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#### **Curve Representations**

- True Curved Polygon Representation
- Curved Object Types
- Graphical Editing Comparable With AutoCAD
- Textual Editing Of Curves

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#### **Reconstruct Curves From All-angle Edges**





### L-Edit – Object Snapping and Basepoint

Object Snap

- Snap cursor to object features
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  - intersection
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- Base Points for Precise
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#### **Complex Construction**





#### **L-Edit - All-Angle Generate Layers**



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#### **DXF Import/Export**

- DXF Import With Boundary Reconstruction
  - Some CAD Tools Fracture
     Polygons Into Edges
     During Export
  - Connects Adjoining Edges
     Within A Tolerance
     Together Into A Filled
     Polygon
  - Can reconstruct curves from a series of all-angle edges





### **L-Edit - DRC for MEMS**

- All Angle Design Rule Checking
- Check for minimum spacing between any type of polygonal objects on various layers.
- Find design flaws immediately!
- Complex DRC rules can be created and customized to meet proprietary MEMS fabrication processes.
- Development and maintenance of technology files easily manageable.





#### **Tanner Calibre One**

- Run Calibre nmDRC<sup>™</sup>
   And Calibre nmLVS<sup>™</sup>
   Directly From L-Edit
- Use Calibre RVE<sup>™</sup> To
   View Calibre DRC, LVS,
   And PEX Results In
   L-Edit And S-Edit
- Access to equation based DRC (eqDRC) capability
- Foundry qualified signoff





#### DRC

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- Customary IC DRC rules produce large amounts of false errors in MEMS/Photonics designs
- False positive errors can mask the actual design error
- Equation based DRC (eqDRC) solves problem
- MEMS context sensitive rules
- Support device specific rules, e.g., fillets, mechanical rules
- Capture expert knowledge





*False positives from standard DRC run* 





Real Error – need to fix!



# MEMS LAYOUT TOOLS

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#### **SoftMEMS Solid Modeler Pro**

- MEMS toolbar
  - Arbitrary curves
  - Microfluidics and other MEMS technologies
- Easy MEMS
  - MEMS specific tasks such as adding release holes for Plates
- Library Palette
  - Basic layout generators for many MEMS devices creates layout you
     can use as a starting point and then modify for your specific design





#### Libraries

- Supports SPICE, Verilog-A, VHDL-AMS, Matlab
- 3-View System of each component:
  - Schematic
  - Simulation models
  - Parameterized Layout
- Library creation by users with examples from us
- Important to encapsulate design rules in the library





#### **Design Rules and Guidelines**

- DRC checks manufacturing rules, spacing, surround, size, etc.
- MEMS context sensitive rules
- Support device specific rules, e.g., fillets, pad rules
- Capture expert knowledge





# MEMS 3D TOOLS

#### **Solid Modeling with SoftMEMS**

- Create a 3D Solid model from masks and fabrication process description
- Gives 3D graphical representation of MEMS fabrication process
- Embedded in L-Edit
- Multiple views and cross-section
- Snapshot of model can be output
- Output may be sent to FEM/BEM programs for 3D Analysis





#### **Fabrication Process Editor**

- Describes fabrication processing steps and sequence
- Commands:
  - Wafer manipulation
  - Deposit: Conformal, Snowfall, Fill
  - Etch: Isotropic, Aniostropic, Dry, etc
  - Implant
  - Grow
  - Mechanical Polish
  - Electroplating
  - Wafer Stacking

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#### Mask/Process Co-design

- Designers and process engineers collaborate
- Process compatibility checked
- Find fabrication issues
- Communicate between fab & design house
- Predict shape, predict performance











#### **Virtual Prototyping**

- New designers can learn
- Example: Improperly anchored Pad

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Label

Wafer Deposit Nitride

Deposit Poly0







Source: Joel Kubby, UCSC



#### **Material Properties**

- Material properties depend on deposition conditions unique to fab process
- Pre-stress in materials effect performance
- Important to simulate using the correct material properties
- CAD can help to characterize materials







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#### Package Modeling

- MEMS package determines device performance
- Co-Design MEMS + Package
- Energy Harvester
  - Visual The Device
  - Communicate With The Fab
  - Create 3D Model of MEMS And Package For FEM Analysis
  - Virtual Prototyping
  - Coupled Fluid-Mechanical-**Piezo-Electric Simulation**











#### **MEMS Packaging – Mechanical Robustness**





softMEMS Source: MicroGen



# SYSTEM LEVEL SIMULATION

#### **MEMS & IC Co-Simulation**

- Schematics can contain both IC & MEMS Devices
- IC modeled using standard TSMC IC SPICE models
- MEMS modeled using behavioral descriptions with mechanical, electrostatic, magnetic, fluidic disciplines
- MEMS models



- No universal primitives as in digital design
- Primitives may exist in application areas
  - i.e. beam, gaps, plate



#### **Approach to System Modeling**

- Models can be used in T-Spice
  - No universal primitives as in digital design
  - Primitives may exist in application areas – i.e. beam, gaps, plate
- Create libraries of models when possible
- Supports Parametric, Transient, AC, and Noise Analysis
- Describe models with
  - SPICE
  - Verilog-A





#### **System Modeling- Circuits and Sensors**



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# **MODEL BUILDER**

#### **System Model Builder**

Creates a model ready for simulation from analytical equations
 Outputs model in SPICE, C, Verilog-A, or VHDL-AMS

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#### **Compact Model Creation**

- MEMS must be analyzed in 3D
- Translate Results From A Coupled-Finite Element/Boundary Element Model Simulation To Behavioral Model



#### **Compact Model Builder**

- Reduced Order Model Generation From FEM Results
- Handles Coupled Electrostatic-Structural Reduction

Top plate

Plate

Computed capacitance

- Handles Multiple Degrees Of Freedoms
- Linear Combination of Models
- Pull-In Voltage Computation



Plane of symetry (xz)





#### **Compact Model Builder-Assembly**





#### **Compact Model Builder-Parametric models**





#### **Example-Coupled Magnetic-Mechanical MEMS**

- Magnetic Actuator
- Couple magnetics to mechanics
- Enable system simulation



System design trade-offs







Source: Advanced Micro sensors



# **DESIGN KITS FOR MEMS**

#### **Document Fabrication Process**

Creates HTML document from Process Description showing materials used and a cross-section of each fabrication step
Process Documentation for: PolyMUMPs :

Etch Poly0 SoftMEMS MEMS Pro Library 3D Tools 2D Tools Easy M Technology Manager Date of generation: 03/23/17 16:53:32 3D Process Steps Edit Material Database General Layers Materials Preset Wafers Deposit Metal Detect True Curves Show Intermediate Units: micron Edit Preset Wafers Foundry: SoftMEMS Sten Edit Process Definition **Author: SoftMEMS** # Label Step Name: Wafe Document Process Wafer Command: Wafer **Organization: SoftMEMS** Deposit Poly0 Mechanical Polish Etch Poly0 Export Process to EXCEL Deposit Metal Wafer ID: W1 **Revision No: 1.00** Mechanical Polis Deposit Poly1 Use preset Wafer: Set 3D Area **Units System: SI** Etch Poly1 Sacrificial Etch Mask Name: substrate Clear 3D Area Deposit Metal Units for steps: micron Deposit Poly1 Target View 3D Model Fixed Thicknes View Cross Section **Materials List** Defeature 3D Model Delete Model Etch Poly1 Substrate Export 3D Model Poly0 -Enable Poly0 + Add Step Sacrificial Etch Metal Comment: This is a wafe Poly1 Deposit Metal 



Wafer Step

Deposit Poly0

#### **Design Kits**

- Standardize information exchange, even if not for standard process
- Modeling formats, material properties, design rules
- Tech Transfer success the more that is documented the higher success rate





# DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURABILITY FOR MEMS

#### **Statistical Analysis**

- Statistical analysis based on process/mask variations
  - Incorporates statistical data from foundries
  - Monte Carlo, Yield analyses

#### Enables users to:

- Develop process corners for simulation
- Design centering
- Calculate sensitivity





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#### **Parasitic Extraction and LVS**

- MEMS devices must be simulated with their environment
- Problems occur if details left out
- Parasitics in multiple energy domains: thermal, electronic etc.
- Re-simulate after extraction of parasitics
- Create "multi-physics" netlist with parasitics included







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### **Design for Manufacturing**

- Process and Mask Design changes to Improve Yield
- Sensitivity-What parameters need to be controlled?
- Design Centering- Variation Tolerant designs
- Design Optimization used to generate layout that is most tolerant







#### **Tunable Filter for WDM Applications**

#### Tunable filtering:

- The distance between two mirrors determines the range of frequencies that are filtered out
- The distance between two mirrors is controlled by electrostatic actuation





#### **Tunable Filter 3D Design**

- Top electrode: metal ring suspended on three support arms
- Bottom electrode: polysilicon ring
- Top/bottom mirrors: layers of polysilicon, oxide, and nitride





# IC TOOL FLOW

#### **Design Flow**



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