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Education

- Jan 1999 – Dec 2006: **Ph. D**, Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- July 1996-Jan 1998: **M. E** Electrical Engineering (Microelectronics), Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani
- July 1991 – July 1995: **B. E**, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

Current Research Interests:

- Novel device/circuit co-design methodologies
- Variation aware VLSI circuit design methodology
- Delay and timing models for VLSI circuits
- CMOS VCO Design and Modeling
- Near threshold VLSI circuit design

Professional Background:

| From | To | Designation | Organisation |
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| 2006 | 2007 | Sr. Research Engineer | IIT Bombay |
| 2007 | 2008 | Sr. Design Engineer | Freescall Semiconductor India (Earstwhile Semiconductor Division of Motorola Inc.) |
| 2008 | 2014 | Assistant Professor | IIT Roorkee |
| 2014 | Present | Associate Professor | IIT Roorkee |

Publications:

IPs:

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10. Arvind Sharma, Naushad Alam, Sudeb Dasgupta, Bulusu Anand, "Multifinger MOSFETs' Optimization Considering Stress and INWE in Static CMOS Circuits", IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, PP, no. 99, 2016.
11. Baljit Kaur, Arvind Sharma, Naushad Alam, Sanjeev K. Manhas, Bulusu Anand, "A Variation Aware Timing Model for a 2-Input NAND Gate and Its Use in Sub-65nm CMOS Standard Cell Characterization", Microelectronics Journal (Elsevier), vol. 53, pp. 45-55, 2016.
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13. Baljit Kaur, Naushad Alam, S. K. Manhas, Bulusu Anand, "Efficient ECSM characterization considering voltage, temperature and mechanical stress variability," IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems – I, pp. 3407-3415, December 2014.
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17. Ashwani Kumar, Vishvendra Kumar, Bulusu Anand, S. Manhas, "Nitrogen-Terminated Semiconducting Zigzag GNR FET With Negative Differential Resistance," *IEEE Transactions on Nanotechnology*, pp. 16-22, January 2014.
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19. Menka, Bulusu Anand and Dasgupta S., "Two Dimensional Analytical Modeling for Asymmetric 3T and 4T Double Gate Tunnel FET in Subthreshold Region: Potential and Electric Field", *Microelectronics Journal* (In press).
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Selected Publications in International Conferences:

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2. Lalit M. Dani, N. Mishra, S.K. Banchhor, S. Miryala, A. Doneria, Bulusu Anand, "Design and Characterization of Bulk Driven MOS Varactor Based VCO at Near Threshold Regime," IEEE-S3S, San Francisco, October 2018.
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19. S. Maheshwaram, S.K. Manhas, G. Kaushal, and B. Anand, "Vertical Nanowire MOSFET Parasitic Resistance Modeling," in *Proc. IEEE EDSSC* 2013, Hong Kong.
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28. Sandeep Miryala, Baljeeth Kaur, Bulusu Anand and Sanjeev Manhas, "Efficient Nanoscale VLSI Standard Cell Library Characterization Using a Novel Delay Model," Proceedings of IEEE ISQED 2011.
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Sponsored Projects:

1. “Nanoscale FinFET device and circuit design methodology”

PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: DST Cost: Rs. 20.40 Lakh Status: Completed

Description: Our aim is to build a quantitative link between device and circuit level performance of FinFETs. We propose to do this by developing models of FinFET device parasitics and using these to develop circuit delay and power models.

2. “A robust methodology for nanoscale VLSI circuit design considering layout dependent systematic variations”

PI: Anand Bulusu, Co-PI: Sudeb Dasgupta Sponsor: DST Cost: Rs. 38.37 Lakh Status: Ongoing

Description: Our aim in this project is to model timing performance parameters of circuits with layout parameters in CMOS technologies having process induced mechanical stress. Using such models, we would propose methods to improve the performance of circuits in such CMOS technologies.

3. “Remote Detection of Humans Trapped Under Debris in Disaster Affected Areas Using RF Sensing of Cardiopulmonary Motion.” (SMPD-C2SD)

PI: Sudeb Dasgupta, Co-PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: MIETY (formerly DIETY) Cost: Rs. 5 Cr. Status: Ongoing

Description: In this project, we propose an RF sensing based system which can identify the number and depths of living persons trapped inside debris due to disasters such as earthquakes etc. The presence of human life can be ascertained by the virtue of its vital signs such as respiration rate and heartbeats. We propose to use a system applying single band RF sensors with on-chip processing. All the parts of the system (except PA and antenna) would be implemented within a CMOS SoC.

4. ICT Academy

PI: Sanjeev Manhas Co-PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: MIETY (formerly DIETY) Cost: Rs. 7 Cr. Status: Ongoing

Description: In this project, the faculty and graduates of academic institutions in Uttarakhand, Himachal and Jammu and Kashmir would be imparted course and skill training.

5. Advanced MOS Physics and its application to device modeling (Consultancy)

PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: SCL, Chandigarh, ISRO Cost: Rs. 1.7 Lakh

Description: Classes and discussion on advanced MOS physics and modeling for SCL’s CMOS technology.

6. Development and Efficient Characterization of Floating Body (FB) and Dynamic Threshold (DT) CMOS Partially Depleted Silicon-On-Insulator (PDSOI) Standard Cell Libraries

PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: DST Cost: Rs. 49 Lakhs (Project approved, Transfer of funds awaited)

Description: PDSOI technology is being developed in India by SCL Chandigarh for its radiation hard nature. The project aims for the design enablement of the PDSOI technology and its early circuit design for process and PDK improvement. We will consider the PDSOI floating body effects rigorously.

7. An energy efficient IoT processor build using an optimized near-threshold voltage standard cell library

PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: IMPRINT-2 (DST) Cost: Rs. 54 Lakhs (Project approved, Transfer of funds awaited)

Description: This project involves the development of a near threshold standard cell library an IoT processor in a 28 nm CMOS process and in SCL's 180 nm CMOS process.

8. A robust and scalable VLSI test methodology for high performance CMOS designs considering spatial and temporal variations

PI: Anand Bulusu Sponsor: Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC) Cost: \$34321

Description: Timing models of planar, FDSOI and FinFET standard cells would be developed, considering interconnects. These would estimate spatial and temporal variations through V_{th} , μ_0 and RCs. A reduced set of critical paths, obtained from a super set of STA identified paths, would be picked for timing aware ATPG test vector generation.

Ph.Ds Supervised:

| Area | Scholar Name | Status of Ph.D |
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| Mixed Signal Design | Ravi | Ongoing |
| Energy Harvesting System and Power Management Circuits | Kartikay Mani Tripathi | Ongoing |
| Circuits for compute-in-memory | Neha Gupta | Ongoing |
| Variation Aware Efficient Standard Cell Characterization | Lomash Chandra Acharya | Ongoing |
| NCFET Device Circuit Interaction | Amit Kumar Behera | Ongoing |
| Near Threshold Standard Cell Design | Mahipal Dargupally | Ongoing |
| NC-Tunnel FET Device Circuit Interaction | Khoirom Johnson | Ongoing |
| Radiation Hard Circuit Design at Cryogenic Temperature | Ashutosh Yadav | Ongoing |
| Analog Circuit Design in PDSOI Technologies | HS Jattana | Ongoing |
| Circuit Design for In-Memory Computation | Dinesh Kushwaha | Ongoing |
| NCFET Device-Circuit Interaction | Nitanshu Chauhan | Ongoing |
| Tunnel FET Device-Circuit Interaction | Abhishek Acharya | Awarded |
| FinFET Device-Circuit interaction (Analog Domain) | Shashank Banerjee | Awarded |
| FinFET Device-Circuit interaction in Near Threshold Digital Domain | Sarita Yadav | Ongoing |

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| CMOS PLL Design | Neeraj Mishra | Awarded |
| Low Voltage CMOS VCO Design | Lalit Dani | Awarded |
| Near Threshold CMOS Digital Circuit Design and Analysis | Inder Chaudhary | Awarded |
| Mechanical Stress Aware Nanoscale VLSI Circuit Design Methodologies | Arvind Sharma | Awarded |
| Modeling of FinFET device parasitics | Archana Pandey | Awarded |
| TunnelFET device-circuit co-design | Menaka | Awarded |
| Device-circuit co-design of Silicon Nanowire transistor | Satish Maheshwaram | Awarded |
| Performance models for nanoscale VLSI circuits | Baljit Kaur | Awarded |
| Robust circuit design methodology for nanoscale VLSI technologies | Naushad Alam | Awarded |

Ph.D Thesis:

Evaluating DTMOS in solving the voltage scaling problem: A circuit performance perspective

Supervisor: Prof. Madhav P. Desai, EE Department, IIT Bombay.

Increasing circuit speed by scaling is resulting in the problem of exponentially increasing the leakage power in sub-1V technologies. One of the proposed solutions to this problem is Dynamic-Threshold-MOSFET (DTMOS), which is also compatible with conventional CMOS technology. In DTMOS, a forward bias is applied to the body of a MOSFET when it is ON. This results in an increased drive current in a DTMOS device while the leakage current is not affected. However, a study of its impact at the circuit level, while considering the DTMOS device bodies in detail, has not been done thus far. In this work we compare the performance of an optimized DTMOS circuit with that of its conventional equivalent while considering the loading and parasitic effects of the DTMOS device body. We first optimize the DTMOS device design such that circuit performance is maximized. For this, we propose a novel figure-of-merit (FoM) for the device and show that by optimizing this FoM we obtain device design parameters which maximize logic gate performance. We must now compare the projected performance of DTMOS and conventional implementations of an arbitrary logic circuit. For this, we derive simple but accurate delay and input capacitance models for DTMOS logic gates. These delay models incorporate the effect of the body parasitics, and can be used to project the behaviour of logic circuits. Thus, in our work, we establish a quantitative link between DTMOS device performance and circuit level performance. Based on this approach, in a 50nm drawn gate length technology, we conclude that DTMOS is a *partial* solution to the voltage scaling problem and can be used to reduce the leakage power significantly if an overhead in area can be tolerated. We also observe that in PDSOI technology, the DTMOS device

can be more effective than the body-tied-to-source device in eliminating the floating body (FB) and kink effects, if the area overhead can be tolerated.

Pre-IITR Research Experience:

- Jul 2006 – March 2007 (Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay)

Project Name Comparison of performance of CMOS and NMOS technologies
Designation Senior Research Engineer
Supervisor Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao
Description With technology scaling the static power consumption of CMOS has already become about half of the total power consumption. The simpler NMOS technology, which was discarded due to its static current, thus becomes relevant again. The aim of this project is to explore if NMOS logic can reduce power consumption as compared to CMOS. This involves optimizing threshold voltages of devices for NMOS logic, optimizing NMOS circuits and comparing representative NMOS and CMOS circuits.

- March 2007 – April 2008 (Freescale Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd.)

Project Name A metric for sensitivity of standard cells to process variations
Designation Senior Design Engineer
Supervisor Dr. Surya Veeraraghavan and Dr. Bhuwan Agarwal
Description The standard cell library is characterized (for all process corners) early on in the design cycle in today's modern technologies. However, even at a technology node, process parameters keep changing due to a gradual "maturing" of technology. It is not possible to repeatedly perform the characterization of standard cell libraries as the process matures. The aim of this project is to propose a "metric" for each standard cell, which can give a "measure" of sensitivity of its delay/power characteristics to process variations at each corner.

- November 2007 – February 2008 (Freescale Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd.)

Project Name Optimum standard cell design in sub-100nm CMOS LP technologies
Designation Senior Design Engineer
Supervisor Dr. Surya Veeraraghavan and Dr. Bhuwan Agrawal
Description With CMOS technology scaling beyond 100nm, several second-order effects, such as well-proximity, narrow width or stress effects become important. In Low Power (LP) CMOS, technologies, the value of local interconnect capacitance is also larger relative to other contributors. Due to these effects, traditional design and layout methodologies for standard cell library fail to produce desired performance. We proposed

a method of standard cell design and layout for sub-100nm LP CMOS technologies.

- March 2008 – November 2008 (Freescale Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd)

Project Name Impact of WPE and stress effects in 45nm CMOS circuits
Designation Senior Design Engineer
Supervisor Dr. Surya Veeraraghavan and Dr. Bhuwan Agrawal
Description Starting from 65nm bulk and PDSOI CMOS technologies, MOSFET instance parameter related to Well-Proximity Effect (WPE), stress effect and polysilicon corner rounding are being extracted from layout. However, this increases the time of extraction significantly. In this project, we would study the circuit impact of these effects from measured Silicon data obtained from several ring-oscillators in a test-chip. Our goal is to propose cases, if any, in which the extraction of these parameters is not needed.

Collaboration/Joint Work with Industry:

| Topic | Organisation |
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| Process variation aware Standard Cell extraction | Freescale Semiconductor India Pvt. Ltd. |
| Tunnel FET Device Modeling | ST Microelectronics |
| CMOS VCO Design | ST Microelectronics |
| High Speed Circuits | Global Foundries |
| SRAM Memory Reliability | ARM |
| AI Chip Design | Proficient Design LLC, USA |
| Near Threshold Voltage Library Design | Einfochips, SCL Chandigarh |

Teaching Experience:

- Digital VLSI Circuit Design (PG)
- Analog VLSI Circuit Design (PG)
- Analog Circuits (UG)
- Semiconductor Devices (UG)
- Fundamentals of Microelectronics (UG)
- Fundamentals of Electronics (UG)
- Network Theory (UG)
- Automatic Control Systems (UG)

Other Relevant Experience

- Designed a 0.25 μ m bulk technology *test-chip* with DTMOS circuits. The chip also contained test circuits to validate a technique for interconnect coupling capacitance measurement (CBCCM). The test-chip was fabricated by TSMC and was characterized in IIT Bombay.
- Worked with SPICE, process simulators (TSUPREM4, ISE-DIOS, 3-D TAURUS PROCESS), device simulators (MEDICI, ISE-DESSIS), Layout Editors (MAGIC and Cadence Virtuoso), Schematic Editors, Layout-vs.-Schematic tools.
- Reviewer of research publications for in IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, IEEE Electron Device Letters, ISLPED, A-SSCC, VLSI Design Conference etc
- Faculty advisor of IEEE Student Branch, IIT Roorkee and IEEE CAS Student Chapter, IIT Roorkee.

Pre-Ph.D Work Experience

- October 1995 - June 1996 (Geonics India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai)
Designation: Engineer
Description: My job was to maintain and assist in designing marine instrumentation systems for laying underwater pipelines in the Gulf of Kutch.
- February 1998 – October 1998 (IBM Global Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore)
Designation: Design Engineer
Description: I was responsible for modifying the layout of 0.35 μ m standard cell library cells after the technology was improved to use Copper interconnect instead of the earlier Aluminum interconnect lines.

References

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