

Some selected topics for the VLSI course.

1. MOS theory

NMOS and CMOS Technology
I-V curve and threshold voltage
devices -- gates, Transmission gates etc.

2. CMOS processing steps

design rules
layout, Euler path and other layout
issues

3. Basic circuit concepts

-- sheet resistance
-- capacitance
-- delays (pSpice and empirical models)

4. Misc. topics

-- Buffer design
-- Electrostatic Protection
-- Pad design
-- Scaling of MOS circuits
-- Power dissipation

5. Other forms of CMOS logic

-- Pseudo-nMOS logic
-- Dynamic Logic
-- Clocked CMOS logic
-- Domino and n-p logic
-- BiCMOS logic

6. Verilog

some working knowledge
of the behavioral and the
data-flow models