Processors, FPGAs, and ASICs
Part 1: Full Custom to PLDs

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Spectrum of IC choices

Flexible, efficient
- Full Custom
- ASIC
- Gate Array
- FPGA
- PLD
- GP Processor
- SP Processor
- Multifunction
- Fixed-function

You choose
- Polygons (Intel)
- Circuit (Sony)
- Wires
- Logic network
- Logic function
- Program (e.g., ARM)
- Program (e.g., DSP)
- Settings (e.g., Ethernet Ctrl.)
- Part number (e.g., 74HCT00)

Cheap, quick to design
An N-Channel MOS Transistor
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Gate at 0V: Off

Oxide (SiO₂)

Gate

Drain (n)  Source (n)

Channel (p)

3 V

Ammeter
An N-Channel MOS Transistor

Gate at 0V: Off

Oxide (SiO$_2$)

Channel (p)

Drain (n)  Source (n)

3 V

Ammeter
An N-Channel MOS Transistor

Gate at 0V: Off

Oxide ($\text{SiO}_2$)

Drain (n)

Source (n)

Channel (p)

Ammeter

3 V

0 V
An N-Channel MOS Transistor

Gate positive: On

Oxide (SiO$_2$)

Gate

Channel (p)

Drain (n)

Source (n)

3 V

Ammeter
CMOS Inverter Layout
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Cross Section Through N-channel FET

Top View
The CMOS NAND Gate

Two-input NAND gate:

A
B
Y
The CMOS NAND Gate

Two-input NAND gate:
two n-FETs in series;
Two-input NAND gate:
two n-FETs in series;
two p-FETs in parallel
The CMOS NAND Gate

Both inputs 1:
Both n-FETs turned on
Output pulled low
Both p-FETs turned off
One input 1, the other 0:
One p-FET turned on
Output pulled high
One n-FET turned on, but does not control output
The CMOS NAND Gate

Both inputs 0:
Both p-FETs turned on
Output pulled high
Full Custom: Intel 4004 Masks (2,250 Transistors)
Full Custom: Intel 4004 Die Photograph
Standard Cell ASICs
Standard
Cell
ASICs
Channeled Gate Arrays
Channeled Gate Arrays
Sea-of-Gates
Gate
Arrays
FPGAs: Floorplan
FPGAs: CLB

Carry and Control Logic

Look-Up Table

D
CK
EC
Q
R
S
O
I3
I4
I2
I1
F5IN
BY
SR
F4
F3
F2
F1
BX
CIN
CLK
CE

COUT
YB
Y
YQ
XB
X
XQ
FPGAs: Routing

Single-length line Switch Matrix connections

Double-length lines in CLB array
PLAs/CPLDs:
The 22v10

Asynchronous Reset
(to all registers)