MEMS Device Design

Explore Concepts

Optimize Designs

Predict Yield

The Challenge

MEMS development takes too long...

- Conventional FEA (finite element analysis) is time consuming, even for assessing basic behavior...
- Full multi-physics coupling is approximated or ignored (this can make or break devices)
- Transient simulations are often infeasible because they take too long
- Yield studies are not performed
- Numerous, time consuming in-fab learning cycles are used in place of simulation
- Market windows are missed!

The Solution

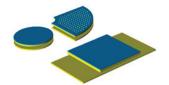
Reduce development time using MEMS+ models

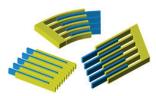
- Assemble models from a library of MEMS-specific, highorder, parametric finite elements
- MEMS+ models are compact (10s to 1,000s unknowns) and simulate really fast (> 100X faster than FEA)
- The same model runs in multiple simulators: MEMS+, MATLAB, Simulink, and Cadence Virtuoso
- Fully coupled multi physics: mechanics, electrostatics, piezo, thermal, gas damping, packaging and more...
- Non-linear effects included: mechanical and electrostatic; pull-in, lift-off, spring softening; quadrature, frequency hysteresis, ...



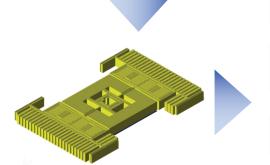








Everything needed to assemble multi-physics models of complex, real-world sensor and actuator designs



MEMS+ Simulator



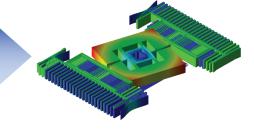
MATLAB/Simulink

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Virtuoso

Exported ROM for Verilog-A and Simulink

Complete analysis options: DC, modal, AC, and transient, pull-in/lift-off, frequency hysteresis



3D animation and X-Y graphing from all simulators

Intuitive, process-aware, 3D interface for assembling parametric models

The simulation speed of MEMS+ models opens exciting new possibilities for concept exploration, design optimization and yield analysis



Closed Loop

Corner Cases

Noise Analysis

The Challenge

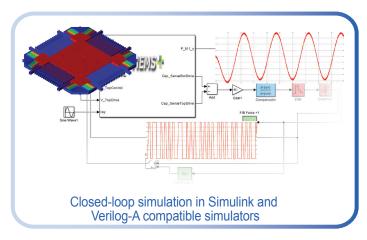
Months are wasted on hand-crafting different MEMS device models for system and IC designers.

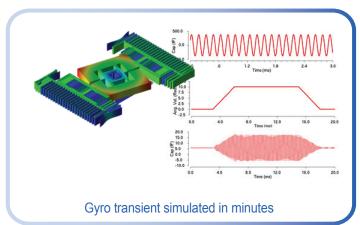
- Different models for different users...
 - System designers use MATLAB/Simulink
 - IC designers use SPICE or Verilog-A
 - MEMS designers use FEA
- Hand-crafted MEMS models for Simulink, SPICE, or Verilog-A are common practice. These are...
 - Inaccurate due to over-simplification: Degrees of freedom and non-linear effects are neglected
 - Not parametric with respect to design or environment variables
 - Prone to human error and rapidly go out of sync between design groups

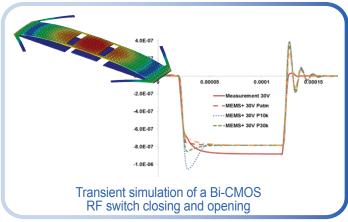
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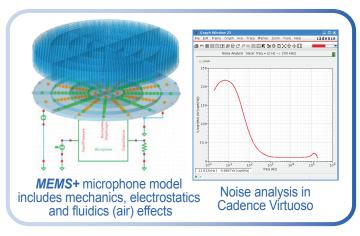
Use **MEMS+** to generate one model for everyone. **Save months and avoid design errors.**

- A single MEMS+ model is the source for all formats: MATLAB, Simulink and Verilog-A
 - Redundant modeling effort is eliminated
- Generated ROMs are tunable for accuracy versus simulation speed
 - Selectively include mechanical degrees of freedom and non-linear effects
 - Selectively expose design and environment variables in system and circuit symbols
- A source of human error is removed and it's easier for design teams to stay in sync









MEMS+ takes MEMS+IC co-design to a whole new level!

