

EDA In Crisis –

-- Should I Stay Or Should I Go ?

DAC 09 Panel:
A Personal
Perspective



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Personal Perspective:

- ✓ **Early 2008 (BI): Left Cadence to find next big thing.**
 - *Hot Areas at the time: Social Networking ? Cleantech?*
 - *How does this connect with 25+ years EDA/Semiconductors ?*
 - *How does one stretch into new areas while still leveraging core competencies ?*
- ✓ **Last 15 months have developed a perspective on topic**
- ✓ **Conclusions:**
 - *The next big markets will likely need EDA technology*
 - *We may not call it EDA*



“Map of Industry”:

✓ **High Level:**

- *\$1 Trillion Electronics marketplace*
- *\$200 Billion Semi-Conductor*
- *\$4 Billion EDA*

✓ **Market Driven by “Mega markets”**

- *Information Technology (first wave)*
- *Internet Backbone (second wave)*
- *Mobile Consumer (third wave)*

✓ **All three Markets saturating and commoditizing (that was before the recent recession)**



EDA Market Drivers:

✓ **Information Technology: IDM focused (internal EDA teams dominate)**

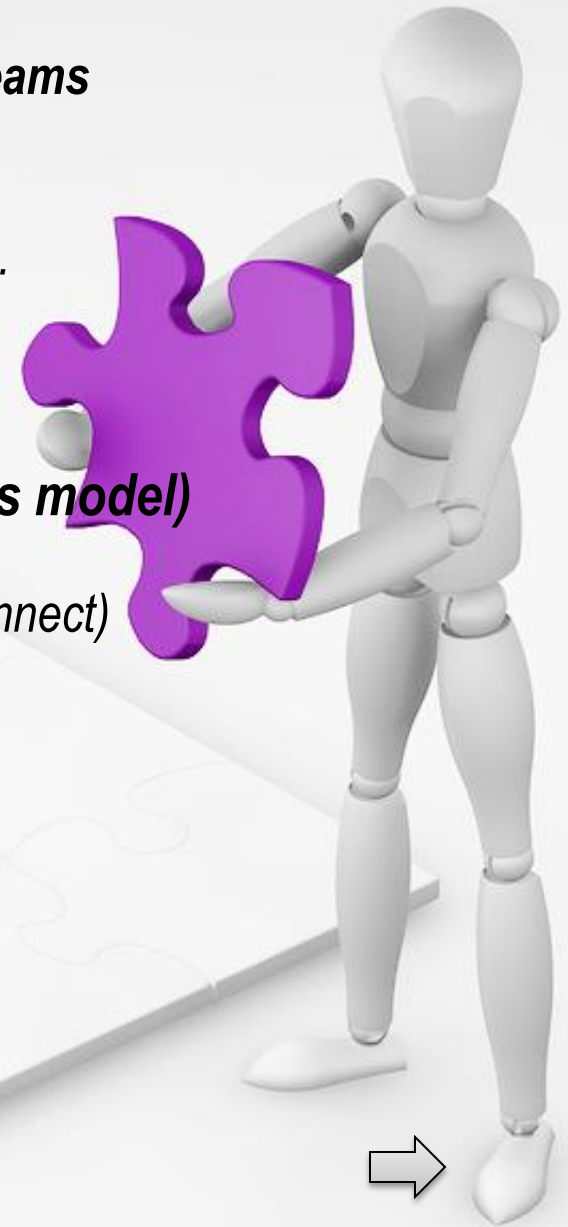
- *Growth Driver: EDA from internal to commercial context.*
- *Growth Driver: Productivity in the digital flow*

✓ **Internet Backbone: Standard Parts Focused (fabless model)**

- *Growth Driver: Mixed Signal (high performance interconnect)*
- *Growth Driver: FPGA fabrics*

✓ **Consumer Mobile:**

- *Growth Driver: low-power design*
- *Growth Driver: RF design*



EDA Business Observations:

- ✓ ***Market inherently low growth (many sins committed in order to accelerate growth)***
- ✓ ***Market is not really a market (rather it is a collection of micro-markets)***
 - *Open to startups in new areas*
 - *Very difficult to displace incumbent*
- ✓ ***Previously “niche” technologies can quickly grow based on end vertical market growth.***
 - *Ex: Analog, Mixed-Signal, RF*



EDA Business Drivers: Successful Product Flow

✓ **Timeframe:**

- Year 1-2: *R&D development*
- Year 3: *Seed FAE, 3-4 customers...\$2-3M revenue*
- Year 4: *Ramp sales force... \$10-12M in revenue*
- Year 5-12: *Cash Cow stage...excellent margins..*
- Year 13-15: *time for re-architecture..*

✓ **Lessons:**

- *It is a long road*
- *Solution needs to be available when market “pops”*



What does this all lead to ?

✓ *What are the key next mega-markets ?*

■ *My Guess:*

- Consumer Medical Devices (Health Care)
- Electronic Grid Infrastructure (Energy)

✓ *Key Characteristics of both markets:*

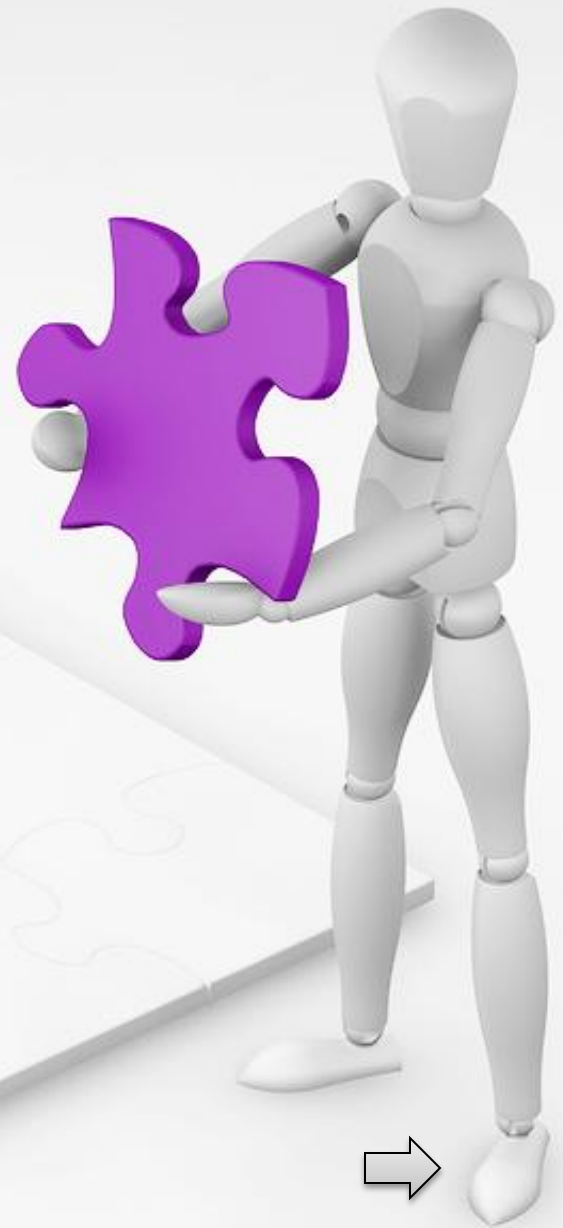
- *Potential for large volume (parts and data)*
- *Currently consumes a very large percentage of GDP*
- *Technology has potential for a significant solution.*



What does this mean from a technology POV?

✓ **Medical:**

- *Traditionally uninteresting market due to limited volume*
- *Missing many of the key innovations developed in IT*
- *A stratified view of health treatment does not exist.*
- *Medical EDA anyone ?*
- *Lots of opportunity... and lots of challenges*



What does this mean from a technology POV?

✓ **Energy:**

- *Headline: Many inefficiencies between generation and consumption...some say 50% loss*
- *Lots of spaces of focus (generation, materials, etc)*
- *Smart Management of devices, homes, cities, regions can lead to significant savings*



What does this mean from design POV ?

✓ ***Products have different stress points vs today's "mega" markets***

■ *Lifetime of Products (10+ years not unusual)*

- Reliability
- Obsolescence
- Evolvability

■ *Design Style looks like old style control systems*

- Sensor, Analog, DSP, Control, drive control

■ *Product Lifecycle Management has increased importance*

✓ ***Significant opportunities for design automation***



What am I doing ?

✓ **Making bets in core technologies important in these spaces ?**

- *Wireless Power:* www.wipower.com
- *Medical Infrastructure:* www.etrolz.com
- *Excellent learning vehicles*

✓ **Making Bets in EDA**

- *EDA for LLC products:* www.systemcenteringsolutions.com
- *Manufacturing for “low volume”:* www.direct2silicon.com

✓ **Thinking about how EDA will evolve with Mcad, PLM, ESW**

- *Intel/Windriver and IBM/Rational are interesting transactions*



What should you do?

✓ **Develop your own world view**

- *mine may well be flawed!*
- *mine is developed based on my own perspective*

✓ **Establish clearly your key core competencies**

✓ **Position yourself to be educated quickly:**

- *University/Research community useful for technology ramp up.*
- *Investor Information (10K, etc) useful for business ramp up*
- *Network through your core competencies*

✓ **Test your world view often !**



Thank You.....



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