



SoC DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS

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- Design Level
 - RTL / Behavioral > **Architectural / VC Evaluation**
- Design Team
 - Small, Focused > Multidisciplinary > **Multi-Group, Multidisciplinary**
- Primary Design
 - Custom Logic > Blocks, Custom Interface > **Interface to System / Bus**
- Design Reuse
 - Opportunistic Soft, Firm and Hard > **Planned Firm and Hard**
- Optimization Focus
 - Synthesis, Gate-level > Floor planning, Block Architecture > **System Architecture**



SoC TEST CHARACTERISTICS

- Test Architecture
 - Scan/JTAG/BIST/Custom
 - > **Hierarchical**, Parallel scan/JTAG/BIST/custom
- Bus Architecture
 - Custom > **Standardized / Multiple app-specific**
- Verification Level
 - Gate/RTL > Bus functional/RTL/Gate
 - > **Mixed** (ISS to RTL with H/W and S/W)
- Partitioning Focus
 - Synthesis limitation > **Functions / Communication**



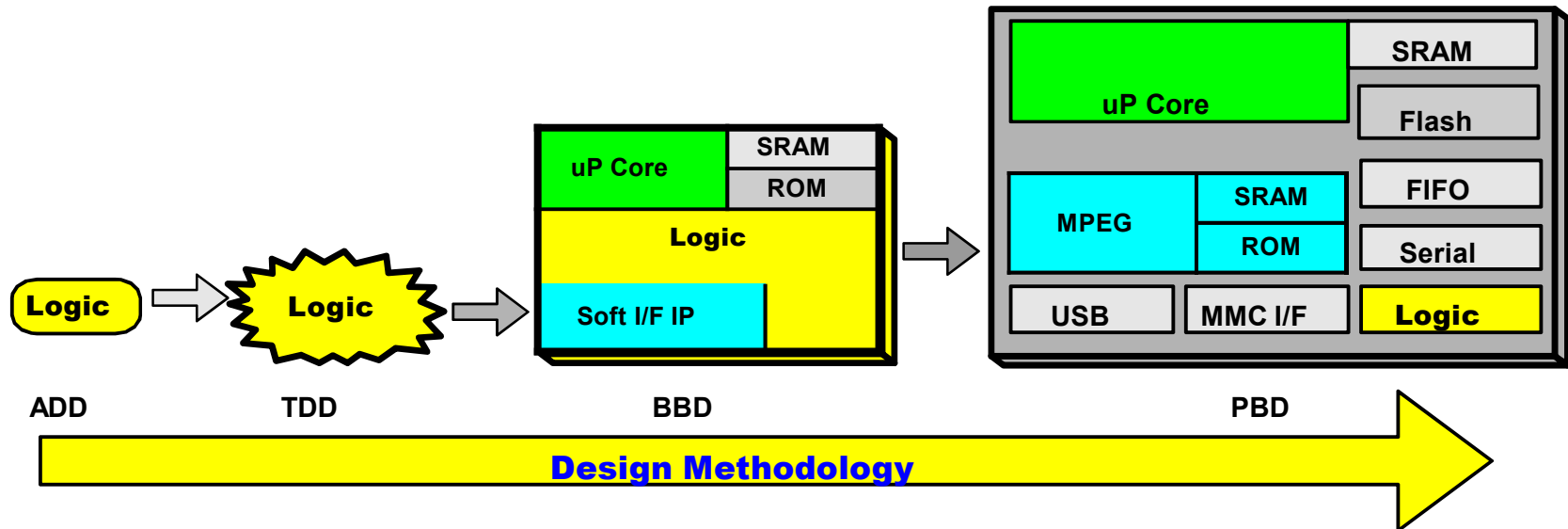
SoC LAYOUT CHARACTERISTICS

- Placement
 - Flat > Flat with limited hierarchical > **Hierarchical**
- Routing
 - Flat > Flat with limited hierarchical > **Hierarchical**
- Timing
 - Flat > Flat with limited hierarchical > **Hierarchical**
- Physical Verification
 - Flat > Flat with limited hierarchical > **Hierarchical**



TRANSITION OF SoC DESIGN METHODOLOGY

- From area-driven to timing-driven design
- From block-based to platform-based design



SoC DESIGN METHODOLOGY

- Transition of Design Methodology
 - ADD > TDD > BBD > **PBD**
- Reuse-the key to SoC design
 - Personal > Source > Core > **Virtual Component**
- Integration approach
 - IP-Centric vs. Integration-Centric Approach
- SoC and productivity
 - **Executable specification**
 - Test automation
 - Real-world stimuli
 - Higher-level algorithmic system modeling

