

How to estimate width of a power straps during floorplanning

Peak current demand + Sheet resistance < mitigate Pwr EM

Inputs:

- 1) I = Peak current
- IR drop limit (budget)
- Resistivity (Rho)
- Current Density limit (Jmax)

2) Vmax = I peak X R

3) $R = \rho \cdot (L) / W \cdot t$

4) Req'd. Strap width (W) = $\rho \frac{L}{t \cdot R} = \rho \frac{L \cdot (I)}{t \cdot (V_{drop})} = R_{sh} \frac{L \cdot (I)}{(\Delta V_{maxdrop})}$

5) Parallel power straps (Wtotal) = $\rho \frac{L \cdot (I)}{t \cdot (V_{drop}) \times N}$

$$W_{IR} = 0.1 \Omega/\square \times \frac{500\mu m \times 100mA}{50mV (5\% \text{ drop of } 1V)} = 100\mu m$$

$R =$ using Sheet Resistance

$$R = R_{sh} \frac{L}{W} \text{ ohms}$$

Power EM = add more parallel Stripes

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R_{sh} is the sheet resistance of the metal layer = resistivity rho divided by the thickness of the routing layer

$$R_{sh} = \frac{\rho}{\text{thickness}}$$