

A Gridless Channel Router with the Consideration of Crosstalk

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ABSTRACT

The interconnection spacing in a VLSI chip becomes denser as the VLSI fabrication technology rapidly evolves. This makes the effect of crosstalks on performance and even on yield in VLSI design and manufacturing increase. The increase of crosstalk will lead to circuit unexpcted circuit behavior and decrease of yield. Consequently, reduction of crosstalks between interconnection wires becomes more and more important in today's VLSI design. In usage, wires and vias must be placed on tracks and column in grided channel routing. But the same distance between two wires can not use the chip area effectively, so it is unfavorable for crosstalk reduction. In this paper, we propose an algorithm for gridless channel router with crosstalk reduction effectively. In this kind router, the space between two nets are variable. Placing nets according to the weighted constraint graph, a weight in the graph means the distance between two nets. We can calculate crosstalk in each net by built graph. When a net needs to reduce crosstalk, we can increase the distance between another nets. In the graph, it means increase the weight in a edge. In experimental results, the parameters of a channel are given. After all nets are placed by this algorithm, the crosstalk of each net is smaller than crosstalk constraint. The height are close to the height without crosstalk consideration.

Keywords : crosstalk ; gridless channel routing ; weighted constraint graph

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