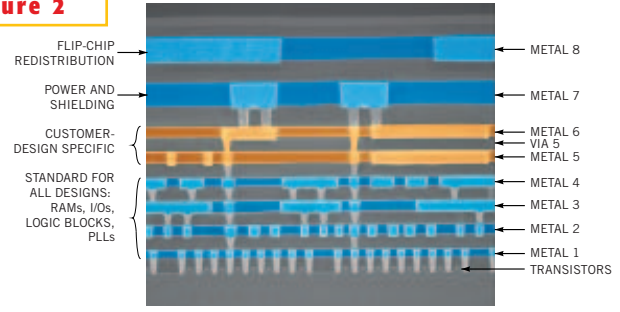


(a)

Figure 2



(b)

By reducing the number of customer-specific masks (a, courtesy Chip Express) defining metal and via layers (b, courtesy Lightspeed Semiconductor), structured-ASIC suppliers claim to enhance their products' flexibility and reduce per-customer costs.