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Digitally Assisted Analog Design for Variation Resilience and Security

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Abstract: In this talk, two recent works on how digital circuit techniques are applied to improve analog IC designs.

The first part will be about how to improve analog IC resilience to variations by incorporating built-in self-optimization implemented by digital circuits. In the second part, a new work on analog IC security will be introduced.

Analog IC is the topmost counterfeited semiconductor product. However, the research attention to analog IC security is far less than that for its digital counterpart. We will show the problem nature difference between analog and digital security.

A SMT based security technique for thwarting analog IC piracy will be introduced.

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