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Ring Amplifier (R)evolution

ABSTRACT

IC designers are a creative bunch. We will continue to see new/interesting circuit architectures into the future. Regarding amplifiers, there is a growing trend in the direction of dynamic amplifiers. One can categorize ring amplifier as one such type which maintains a closed loop dynamics/accuracy. Ringamp was first introduced at ISSCC in 2012. Significant advancements have been made since that time. A number of implementations have demonstrated unprecedented efficiency in residue amplification of cascaded ADCs. Publications are now appearing from different authors from around the world. This presentation will start with ringamp basics/review, and build from there to various implementation examples, including the latest developments on this topic.

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