



Characterizing Front-end and Back-end Circuit Aging: Direct Technology Transfer to SRC Companies

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BIO

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ABSTRACT

In this talk, I will give an update on my group's latest research on characterizing front-end and back-end CMOS reliability issues and discuss our technology transfer efforts with SRC member companies. The specific topics I will cover are as follows.

1. A synthesizable silicon odometer for monitoring aging effects in high reliability SoC products
2. Power grid electromigration characterization for EDA model parameter tuning
3. On-chip heater design and control for accelerated circuit testing