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"0.5-V Analog integrated circuits for nanoscale CMOS technologies"

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Abstract: Semiconductor technology scaling a.k.a. 'Moore's Law' has enabled function density increases and cost reductions by orders of magnitudes, but for shrinking device sizes the operating voltages have to be reduced. As we move into the nanoscale semiconductor technologies, power supply voltages well below 1 V are projected. The design of MOS analog circuits operating from a power supply voltage of 0.5 V is discussed in this talk. The scaling of traditional circuit topologies is not possible anymore and new circuit topologies and biasing strategies have to be developed. Several design examples are presented. The circuit implementations of gate and body-input 0.5 V operational transconductance amplifiers and their robust biasing are discussed. These building blocks are combined for the realization of active varactor-tuned RC filters and continuous-time sigma delta modulators operating from 0.5 V using standard devices with a |VT| of 0.5 V in a standard 0.18 µm CMOS technology.

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