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On-Chip Epilepsy Detection: Where Machine Learning Meets Wearable, Patient-Specific Healthcare

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Abstract:

Epilepsy is a severe and chronic neurological disorder that affects over 65 million people

worldwide. Yet current seizure/epilepsy detection and treatment largely relies on a physician interviewing the subject, which is not effective in infant/children group. Moreover, patient-to-patient and age-to-age variation on seizure pattern makes such detection particularly challenging. To expand the beneficiary group to even infants, and also to effectively adapt to each patient, a wearable form-factor, patient-specific system with machine learning is of crucial. However, the wearable environment is challenging for circuit designers due to its unstable skin-electrode interface to begin with. Wet and dry electrodes have significantly different electrical characteristic that needs to be addressed. Also, in such environment, the trade-off between available resource and performance among the components both in analog front-end and in digital back-end is required.

This lecture will cover the design strategies of patient-specific epilepsy detection System-on-Chip. We will first explore the difficulties, limitations and potential pitfalls in wearable interface circuit design, and strategies to overcome such issues. Starting from a 1 op-amp instrumentation amplifier (IA), we will cover various IA circuit topologies and their key metrics to deal with offset compensation. Several state-of-the-art instrumentation amplifiers that emphasize on different parameters will also be discussed. Moving on, we will cover the feature extraction and the patient-specific classification using Machine Learning technique. Finally, an on-chip epilepsy detection and recording sensor SoC will be presented, which integrates all the components covered during the lecture. The lecture will conclude with interesting aspects and opportunities that lie ahead.

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Jerald Yoo (S'05-M'10-SM'15) received the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Department of Electrical Engineering from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, Korea, in 2002, 2007, and 2010, respectively.

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