

Integrated RF Circuits and Systems Design

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Topics:

1. **Introduction to Radio Communications**
2. **Review of CMOS Technology and Device Modeling for High-Speed Applications**
3. **Basic Concepts in RF Design:** Effects of Nonlinearity, Noise Modeling in Amplifiers, Noise Figure, Sensitivity and Dynamic Range, Passive RLC Circuits and Impedance Transformation, Scattering Parameters and Smith Chart, Integrated Passive Components
4. **Transceiver Architectures:** General Considerations, Receiver Architectures (Heterodyne, Direct Conversion, Low-IF, Image Reject, Digital-IF, Subsampling, ...), Transmitter Architectures (Direct Upconversion, Two-Step Transmitters, ...)
5. **Low Noise Amplifiers (LNAs):** LNA Design Metrics and Stability Factors, High-Speed Broadband and Narrowband Amplifiers, Narrowband and Wideband LNA Topologies, CMOS LNA Design
6. **Mixers:** General Considerations, Passive Downconversion Mixers, Active Downconversion Mixers, Improved Mixer Topologies, Upconversion Mixers
7. **Oscillators:** Basic Principles and Performance Parameters, Topologies (Ring, Colpitts, VCO, Quadrature, ...), Noise in Voltage-Controlled Oscillators (Phase Noise, ...)
8. **Power Amplifiers:** General Considerations, Different Classes of Operation, Linearization Techniques

Texts:

1. Behzad Razavi, *RF Microelectronics*, Upper Saddle River, Prentice Hall, Second Edition, 2012.
2. Thomas H. Lee, *The Design of CMOS Radio-Frequency Integrated Circuits*, Second Edition, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2004.

References:

3. H. Darabi, *Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits and Systems*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2015.
4. B. Leung, *VLSI for Wireless Communication*, Second Edition, Springer, 2011.
5. J. W. M. Rogers and C. Plett, *Radio Frequency Integrated Circuit Design*, Second Edition, Artech House, 2010.
6. F. Ellinger, *Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits and Technologies*, Second Edition, Springer, 2008.
7. B. Razavi, *Design of CMOS Phase-Locked Loops*, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
8. B. Razavi, *Design of Integrated Circuits for Optical Communications*, Second Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2012.
9. T. Ytterdal, Y. Cheng, and T. A. Fjeldly, *Device Modeling for Analog and RF CMOS Circuit Design*, John Wiley & Sons, 2003.
10. Class Presentation Slides and Selected Publications

Requirement:

Electronics III

Grading:

Homeworks: 10%

Projects: 15%

Midterm: 35%

Final: 40%