Kevin Fronczak

Analog Circuit Designer

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PROFESSIONAL

Synaptics Inc. Rochester, NY

Sr. Mixed Signal IC Design Engineer

February 2014 - Present

Fingerprint Sensing

- Designed a small area, noise-optimized current-mode front-end which helped reduce die cost by nearly 50%
- Designed an innovative multi-level mixing topology to improve SNR
- Drove circuit and system implementation of a small area current-mode front-end in order to prove ability of the new technology to sense a fingerprint (stepping-stone for fingerprint sensor cost reduction)
- Led efforts to evaluate, track, and debug new silicon for any potential issues that could require a metal or all-layer revision, allowing for efficient evaluation of benefits/risks of a potential spin
- Designed a capacitive background cancellation circuit with sub-femtofarad resolution

Touch Sensing

- Designed a small-area current-mode baseline correction circuit for TDDI (Touch and Display Driver IC) in order to reduce die cost and maintain competitive edge in TDDI market
- Designed switched capacitor demodulator and sample-and-hold circuitry for TDDI analog front-ends

Low Power and Reference Circuits

- Architected and led the implementation of an experimental small area, nano-Amp reference architecture (current mirrors, oscillators, etc) with the goal of reducing standby power without sacrificing performance
- Designed a sub 1-V bandgap reference with innovative base-cancellation circuit for TDDI chips
- Aided in development of a top-level mixed-signal verification flow for capacitive fingerprint sensors, allowing teams to efficiently catch system-level bugs before tapeout

Display Drivers

Experience with MIPI DSI from transistor-level design through top-level verification and production test
 General

- Experience working closely and effectively with multidisciplinary teams to ensure smooth silicon design and bring-up all the way through to production
- Have designed circuits in 130nm and 55nm technologies
- Very familiar and comfortable with Cadence design flow for IC design
- Experience using MATLAB for both system design and for testing of ASICs
- Focus on fundamental understanding of circuits for architectural comparisons is a strength (i.e. pencil-and-paper analysis)
- Attended a week-long Continuous-Time Delta Sigma Converter course held by MEAD (taught by Drs. Pavan, Schreier, and Hanumolu).

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Analog Design and Silicon Validation Contractor

June 2013 - February 2014

Performed extensive validation on LDOs, VCOM drivers, LCD level shifters, and high-speed MIPI DSI

EDUCATION

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY

Master of Science and Bachelor of Science, August 2013

GPA: 4.0

Thesis

Stability Analysis of Switched DC-DC Boost Converters for Integrated Circuits

• Investigated small-signal modeling and stability requirements for boost converters, as well as a variety of OTA-based controller topologies, in order to aid in the measurement of boost converter stability on multiple ASICs. Also investigated use of optimization algorithms as a way to improve controller design.

PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- US 9,780,736 Temperature compensated offset cancellation for high-speed amplifiers Issued Oct. 3, 2017
- US 9,817,428 Current-mode Bandgap Reference with Proportional to Absolute Temperature Current and
 Zero Temperature Current Generation Issued Nov. 14, 2017
- US 15/685,937 Mixer Circuit Pending Aug. 24, 2017