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This talk aims to give an in-depth look into the process, growth, characterization, modeling, and simulation of carbon nanotube as the back-end of line material for both local and global on-chip interconnects. The talk is organized into two parts. The first part provides an in-depth overview of the process and growth of carbon nanotubes and their resistance measurements [1-2, 11-12]. In the second part, the talk is dedicated to investigating carbon nanotubes for digital logic cells such as interconnects for signal, power and ground interconnect material [7-10,18-22]. Due to the low-temperature growth, carbon nanotubes inherit a lot of defects that worsen its electrical resistance and ballistics transport. We investigate the doping of CNTs and show both experimental and simulations results of doped CNTs and their improved resistance [3-6, 13-15, 17]. We compare the performance, power and area metrics of digital logics cells with conventional copper and carbon nanotube interconnects (undoped and doped) to highlight the advantages and limitations of carbon nanotube BEOL interconnects. This talk gives an overview of our group research results achieved in the EU H2020 CONNECT project.

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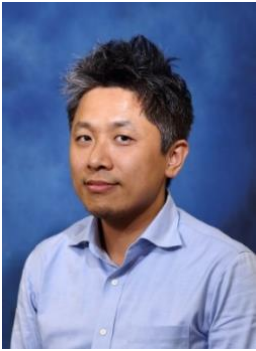
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6. Agenda

January 8, 2020	
14:00--18:00	Conference Registration
18:00--20:00	Welcome Dinner

January 9, 2020		
Venue: Conference Room, 20 / F, Ziction Liberal Hotel		
Time	Content	Speaker
9:00-9:10	Opening speech	Yue Hao Xidan University
9:10-9:30	Appointment and issuance of foreign honorary professors at the 111 base	Yuming Zhang Xidain University
9:30-10:10		Shaojun Wei Tsinghua University
10:10-10:30	Tea break	
10:00-10:40	Gate-Level Simulation with Consideration of Destabilizing Factors	Vazgen Melikyan (NPUA/Synopsis)
10:40-11:20	Optimisation is a Keyword in IoT	Ricardo Reis (UFRGS)
11:20-12:00	Timing closure challenges at advanced process nodes	Yucheng Wang （SMiT）
12:00-14:00	Business lunch and seminar	Dean Yuming Zhang
14:00-14:30	Break	

January 9, 2020		
Venue: Room 221, East Building, Xidian University		
14:30-15:00	**The co-simulation and co-design methods in heterogeneous integration of III-Vs on Si platforms**	**Hongliang Lv Xidian University**
15: 00-15: 30	**VLSI Mask Optimization: From a Deep Learning Perspective/or Accelerating Deep Convolutional Network Inferences**	**Yu Bei Hong Kong University**
15:30-16:00	**Physical Design Automation for Logic Monolithic ICs: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategies**	**Carolina Metzler （UFRGS /Cadence）**
16:00-16:30	**Tea break**	
16:30-17:00	**Capacitance Extraction and Power Grid Analysis Using Statistical and AI Methods**	**Wenjian Yu Tsinghua University**
17:00-17:30	**EDA technology for emerging electronic devices and circuits**	**Quan Chen Southern University of Science and Technology**
17:30-18:00	**Analytical Placement Methods for VLSI Circuit Designs**	**Jianli Chen Fuzhou University**
18:00~20:00	**Dinner**	

**January 10, 2020**
**Venue: Room 221, East Building, Xidian University**
Time	**Content**	**Speaker**
9:00-9:30	**Towards a cloud-native Infrastructure for Open-Source EDA**	**Guojie Luo Peking University**
9:30-10:00	**Machine Learning Based Integrated Circuits Back End Design and Acceleration**	**Yibo Lin Peking University**
10:00-10:30	**Tea break**	
10:30-11:00	**Design and Technology-level Optimization Challenges for Carbon Nanotube Circuits**	**Aida Todri-Sanial (CNRS)**
11:00-11:30	**Emerging Computing Systems: from system analysis to fabricated prototypes**	**Mohamed M. Sabry Aly NTU**
11:30-12:00	**Reliability and DFT of 3D Integrated Circuits**	**Yuanqing Cheng Beihang University**
12:00-12:10	**End of the meeting**	**Dean Yuming Zhang**
12:00-14:30	**Lunch break**	
14:30-18:00	**Visit and exchange**	**Within Xi'an**
18:00-20:00	**Dinner**	