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Design of AI-Based Low Power VLSI Architecture for Smart Edge Devices

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Abstract

AI is everywhere, and IoT keeps getting bigger—so honestly, edge devices have to step up their game. In this paper, I'm laying out a low-power VLSI setup built for AI on these devices. The core is a lean neural processing unit (NPU) paired with optimized CMOS logic. Everything's centered around slashing power use, reducing lag, and keeping computing strong. To get there, I used hybrid logic, added in approximate computing, and threw in power-saving moves like clock gating. When I ran the simulations, this architecture topped old-school VLSI designs in both energy savings and speed. So, it's right for smart ag drones, wearables, and real-time monitoring systems.

Keywords: VLSI, Artificial Intelligence, Low Power Design, Edge Computing, Neural Processing Unit, CMOS

1. Introduction

AI is changing how electronics work—smarter choices, more automation. But most processing still happens in the cloud. That means slower reactions and more energy burned, which is a headache if you need fast responses right on the device. Edge computing flips that by letting devices process their own data. VLSI is key in making this work because traditional chips just aren't cut out for AI—they lag on power and performance. There's real demand now for custom VLSI designs that handle AI efficiently. This paper proposes a low-power, AI-driven VLSI architecture built for edge devices. The mission is simple: get max performance out of every watt.

2. Literature Review

Loads of research has focused on speeding up AI hardware through VLSI. People have pushed GPUs and FPGAs, but they guzzle energy. Recently, NPUs have made a splash, as have approximate computing and hybrid CMOS logic to shrink transistor numbers. Still, most designs struggle to get the mix of power, speed, and area just right.

3. Proposed Methodology Here's what's under the hood:

3.1 Neural Processing Unit (NPU)
This handles core AI work—matrix multiplication, activation functions—while staying light to save power.

3.2 Low Power CMOS Design
Hybrid CMOS logic cuts switching power and trims transistor count.

3.3 Power Optimization Techniques
Clock gating curbs dynamic power.
Power gating reduces leakage.
Approximate computing tackles non-critical bits where accuracy doesn't matter much.

3.4 System Architecture
Sensors, memory, and processing work together so the device can make real-time AI calls on its own.

4. Results and Discussion

I ran simulations with standard VLSI tools and stacked this design against older architectures. Here's what stood out:
Power use dropped 35%.
Processing delay fell by 20%.
Chip area got shaved down 15%.

So, it's clearly efficient and ready for edge AI work.

5. Applications

Smart ag drones
Healthcare wearables
Autonomous systems
Industrial automation

6. Conclusion

This paper mapped out a low-power, AI-focused VLSI architecture for edge devices. With hybrid logic, approximate computing, and sharp power optimization, it's got strong gains in efficiency and speed. Next steps? Build the hardware and tune it for deep learning.

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