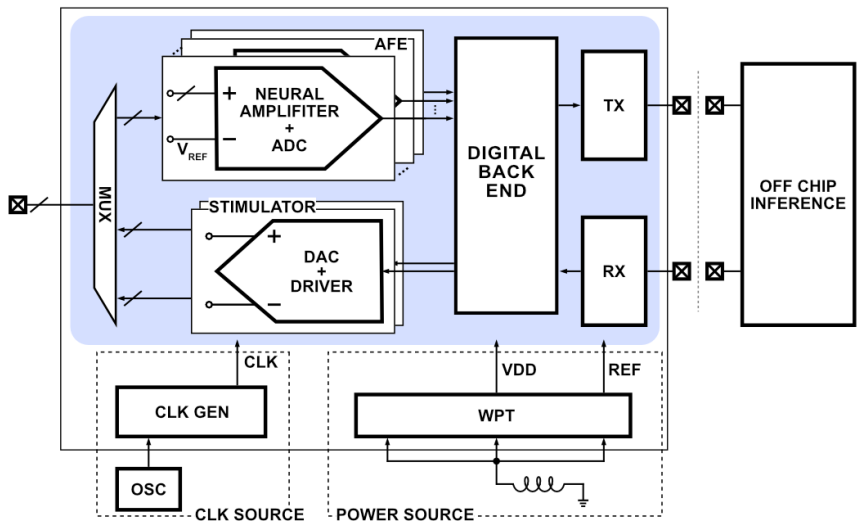


Project Title	Chronically Implantable Biomedical Interface IC
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Project Description	 <p>The diagram illustrates the architecture of the chronically implantable interface IC. It is divided into several functional blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFE (Analog Front-End): Contains a Neural Amplifier + ADC and a Stimulator + DAC Driver. It interfaces with an X/NM multiplexer. Digital Back End: Receives data from the AFE and sends it to the TX (transmitter). It also receives data from the RX (receiver) and sends it back to the AFE. Power Source: Includes a WPT (Wireless Power Transfer) block connected to VDD and REF pins, and an OSC (Oscillator) block connected to the CLK GEN (Clock Generator). Off-Chip Inference: A separate block that communicates with the IC via wireless links (indicated by dashed lines and boxes). </p> <p>Figure: Envisioned chronically implantable interface IC.</p> <p>Professor Genov's team is building an artificially intelligent closed-loop peripheral neural-interfacing IC, which enables one to "listen in" and "modify" messages sent between the brain and various organs. Application examples include blocking chronic pain signals, restoring motor function in paralyzed patients and treating intractable disorders such as intractable epilepsy and autoimmune disease. The project features a fully implantable IC that supports simultaneous recording and stimulation, with on-chip machine learning algorithms, wireless powering and data transfer.</p> <p>As shown in the figure, we are designing a multi-channel analog front-end (AFE) with low-noise preamplifiers and high-resolution analog-to-digital converters (ADCs). For a closed-loop operation, this system also incorporates a neural stimulator. The IC is powered and configured through a wireless power delivery and data transfer system, enabling its the fully implantable functionality.</p> <p>Students will participate in analog/digital IC design, layout design, PCB design, and chip testing. This is a great opportunity to contribute to a chip design project where parts of your work may end up in fabrication.</p>
Pre-requisite	Background/ affiliations in ECE/Eng.Sci./CS with experience/ interests in any points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analog/digital IC design, layout design • Machine learning and data processing • PCB-level circuit design and hardware testing • (Very important) Enthusiastic, independent learner, and strong soft skills.
Number of positions	3 (three) students
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