SOCRATES: a Radiation-Tolerant SoC Generator Framework

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As front-end ASIC complexity in HEP experiments grows, there is a shift towards more modular, programmable, and cost-effective designs. This work introduces the SOCRATES platform, a radiation-tolerant SoC generator toolset, centered on SoCMake, a hardware/software build system that automates SoC assembly and verification. Utilizing existing IP blocks, SoCMake generates the interconnects and the software framework to run application code. The platform includes radiation-tolerant IPs and supports fault-tolerant extensions for redundancy and error correction. A prototype ASIC based on the RISC-V Ibex processor, created using SOCRATES in a 28nm CMOS process, validates the toolset through SEE and TID testing.

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