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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Circuit Reliability, Analog and Mixed-signal IC design, Digital circuit design,  
Wafer Level Reliability, Device modeling, characterization, Evaluation and Analysis

6+ years of strong hands-on experience with DFR (Design For Reliability) as reliability engineer in Quality & Reliability team, Foundry Business, Samsung Electronics

## EDUCATION

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Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2016	<b>SOGANG UNIVERSITY</b> <i>B.S., Electronic Engineering</i>	Seoul, Republic of Korea
-	<b>Graduated with Honors</b>	<b>GPA(Major) 3.9/4.0, GPA(Total) 3.84/4.0</b> (1 out of 21, 130 credits)
Jan. 2015 – May. 2015	<b>UNIVERSITY of CONNECTICUT</b> <i>Exchange Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	Storrs, CT, USA <b>GPA (Major) 4.0/4.0</b>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Aug. 2016 – Present	<b>SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS</b> <i>Technology Quality &amp; Reliability Engineer</i>	Republic of Korea
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### Implemented circuit aging environment

- Built up aging PDK components based on accelerated Si test results up to 3nm GAA technology

### Improved the coverage and accuracy of transistor's aging models

- Implemented aging models including HCI(Hot Carrier Injection), BTI(Bias Temperature Instability) degradation and TDDB(Time Dependent Dielectric Breakdown) ppm calculation on FinFET Technology
- Improved consistency of Model to Hardware Correlation (MHC) with ring oscillators' frequency degradation
- Provide layout-based self-heat models and simulation environments collaborating with device reliability group
- Implemented statistical aging simulation tools to support process variation based on wafer level Si test results

### Provided IP and product-level reliability verification methods

- Guided aging-aware circuit design methods contributing to Samsung's Exynos devices from 14nm to 4nm technology
- Reviewed HCI body-effect and implemented aging models in simulation environments to support 1.8V and 3.3V GPIO by stacking Single Gate devices for 3nm GAA technology
- Collaborated with a Design Technology group to provide guidance of reliability timing margin for Application Processor devices with critical path aging simulation. Put efforts to provide realistic timing margin analyzing BTI effects
- Provided aging-aware verification methods in real operating conditions: Multi-step aging and Power-Down mode simulation methods causing HCI degradation and aging-induced Vt mismatch in ICs
- Implemented verification methods to support overdrive voltage memory IPs such as eFUSE, OTP and MRAM.

Oct. 2021 – Dec. 2021	<b>SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS</b> <i>Dispatch, Design Enablement Team</i>	Republic of Korea
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- Dispatched to RF device modeling group to enhance RF device reliability in both DC and AC simulation
- Extracted binning and global models for 8nm RF technology

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| Jul. 2016 – Aug. 2016   | <b>SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS</b><br><i>Intern, Technology Quality &amp; Reliability Group</i>                 | <b>Republic of Korea</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed enhancing dynamic device voltage check methodology by analyzing bias check simulation environment</li> </ul>  |   |                          |
| Jan. 2016 – Jun. 2016   | <b>SOGANG UNIVERSITY</b><br><i>Undergraduate student research, Signal Processing Systems Laboratory</i> | <b>Republic of Korea</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implemented real-time high-speed and high-resolution ultrasound image processing in equipment by using CUDA GPU language (Advisor: Taekyung Song)</li> </ul> |   |                          |

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Dean's List, Sogang University
- Full National Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Korea Student Aid Foundation (KSAF), 2014~2016; 20,000 USD
- Honors Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Sogang University, 2012~2015; 10,000 USD

## PUBLICATION

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- Shim, H., Jo, J., Kim, Y., Jeong, B., **Shon, M.**, Jiang, H., & Pae, S., Aging-aware design verification methods under real product operating conditions. In *2019 IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium (IRPS)*, pp. 1-4, 2019

## ENGINEERING SKILLS & TOOLS

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- Development of customized reliability simulation tools from Cadence and Synopsys
  - Data analysis. Automation script for aging model implementation
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| <b>Circuit Netlisting</b>           | Finesim; Hspice; Spectre             |
| <b>Reliability Simulation Tools</b> | RelXpert; MOSRA; OMI; Spectre-native |
| <b>Tool Packages</b>                | Cadence Virtuoso; MATLAB             |
| <b>High level-languages</b>         | Python; C                            |
| <b>Scripting Languages</b>          | Perl; TCL                            |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS</b>  | <b>Republic of Korea</b> |
| <i>Education Mentor</i>   | Jan. 2020 – Mar. 2020    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dispatched as a mentor for SVP(Samsung Value Program) mentoring new employees</li> <li>- Presented lectures of global business manners and etiquettes, also managed time schedules for education programs</li> <li>- Performed the role of facilitator providing guidance in team projects to bring out members' creativity and abilities</li> </ul> |                          |
| <b>SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS</b>  | <b>Republic of Korea</b> |
| <i>Education Mentor</i>   | Jan. 2022 – Mar. 2022    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dispatched as a sub-course manager for GNEC(Global New Employee Course)</li> <li>- Presented lectures of communication skills and creative thinking</li> </ul>   |                          |
| <b>SAMSUNG SQUASH CLUB</b>  | <b>Republic of Korea</b> |
| <i>Chief of a Club; Playing Coach</i>   | Jan. 2017 – Present      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Held squash competitions for Samsung squash clubs and year-end parties managing club members and finance; Provide lessons</li> </ul>   |                          |

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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- Proficient in English, Native in Korean
- IBT TOEFL : 102 (Reading: 26, Listening: 29, Speaking: 21, Writing: 26)
- New GRE : 154(Verbal Reasoning)/168(Quantitative Reasoning)/4.0(Analytical Writing)