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Waterloo, ON

## Summary

MASc student with a focus on Integrated Circuit design. Has taped out a mixed signal design on TSMC 65nm (SRAM). Grad coursework focused on analog & RF/Microwave. Comfortable with scripting languages for electronic design automation. Previous experiences in PCB design and firmware.

# Education

#### **University of Waterloo**

MASc, Electrical Engineering, 2019-Present (Expected August 2020) BASc, Electrical Engineering, 2013-2018

## Research

#### Waterloo CDR Group

Low voltage, offset tolerant SRAM sense amplifiers

## **Courses & Projects**

#### **Advanced Analog Integrated Circuits**

OTA, 50uA current reference, 2 stage differential amp with CMFB, switch-cap 2x S/H

#### **RF Integrated Circuits**

2GHz differential LNA, on-chip transformer, 900MHz RF to 1MHz IF FET switch mixer, 1.9-2GHz LC Tank VCO (1MHz Phase Noise <-125 dBc/Hz)

#### Nonlinear Microwave/RF Circuits and Devices

Theory & techniques for characterization, design, and simulation of nonlinear circuits. Course project is a diode double balanced mixer for WiFi band (2.4-2.5GHz)

#### **Data Converters**

System level design and specification of ADC/DAC, characterization of key specifications (ex: ENOB, DNL, INL, SFDR), over/undersampling, frequency selection

### Skills

Analog / Mixed Signal, Digital, RF Integrated Circuits, PCB Design, Firmware Schematic Capture, Layout AMS Simulation, Verification, Monte Carlo TSMC 65nm

## Tools

ADS, LTSpice, EAGLE, KiCad Cadence Virtuoso, Encounter SoC, Innovus Calibre DRC, LVS

### Languages

Python, C/C++, SKILL, MATLAB, TCL, Verilog, VerilogA, VerilogAMS, Bash, Shell scripts

### Experience

# Graduate Research Assistant

#### Waterloo CDR Group

- Design and tapeout of a full custom SRAM block on TSMC 65nm in order to test new sense amplifier ideas, optimizing for 0.4V or lower operation
- Followed a schematic-driven Analog-On-Top flow with Cadence Virtuoso
- Used Verilog and Innovus for block implementation of some digital subcomponents, and top-level integration of the whole chip with other students' work
- Performed simulations with Spectre and VerilogAMS
- Monte Carlo simulations of V<sub>th</sub> mismatch, and post-processing data with Python
- Wrote SKILL and TCL scripts to assist with block implementations and top-level integration
- Designed a testbench PCB for the chip using KiCad

#### Software/Hardware Developer

#### **Clear Blue Technologies Inc.**

- Designed hardware and software for an automated testing rig that performed black-box testing of load management functionality for the company's core product
- Expanded software infrastructure for automated hardware/firmware QA
- Developed test equipment drivers for use in various QA systems

#### Staff Hardware Engineer (Intern)

#### **Nuvation Engineering**

#### · Developed a battery discharge model that directed the design of a Megawattscale battery pack for a multi-million dollar Energy Storage System (ESS)

- Designed the full ECAD/MCAD solution for a control interface product
- Determined product requirements and captured them in product proposals and hardware description documents (HDD)
- Conducted schematic and PCB layout reviews

#### Firmware Developer (Intern) **Cognitive Systems Corp.**

- SDR firmware development in C on a custom DSP vector processor
- · Primarily worked on a 4G LTE stack, implementing highly optimized routines that met the ETSI/3GPP LTE specifications
- Contributed significantly to a 67% overall speed improvement of the stack, with individual blocks having up to 200x speed and memory improvements over previous implementations

# Hardware Designer (Intern)

#### Ecologix

- Circuit design and PCB layout on multiple projects, including a 20kW HVAC system power supply with power factor correction, and an LCD keypad interface board for use in all future products
- Designed circuits, schematic, and PCB layout using EAGLE
- Selected components, sourced components, and minimized design costs
- Tested, debugged, and repaired faulty boards

# Jan-Apr 2016

# Cambridge, ON

Sept-Dec 2017

Waterloo, ON

May-Dec 2018

Toronto, ON

# Sept-Dec 2016 Waterloo, ON