

Netsol Unveils First Standalone MRAM Using 28nm Process, Shares the Outlook for Standalone MRAM at 2023 MRAM Forum

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At the 2023 MRAM Forum, a key event by the IEEE Magnetics Society tied to the IEDM conference, Mr. Noh, Chief Technology Officer at Netsol, provided an overview of the company's advancements in MRAM technology.

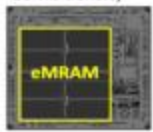



Mr. Noh introduced Netsol's development of its first standalone MRAM, created using 28nm eMRAM technology from Samsung Foundry. He presented the technical characteristics of the product, focusing on its data retention, endurance, resistance to magnetic interference and quality, which have been validated through extensive testing.

He spotlighted the Serial MRAM's adaptability to several SPI interfaces and its remarkably small die size. Mr. Noh pointed out its range of densities from 1Mb to 32Mb and operation speeds of up to 133MHz, achieved with a design optimized for lowest power consumption.

Serial MRAM

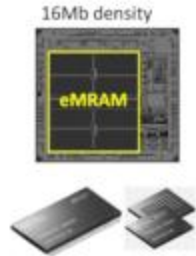
16Mb density

| Feature | |
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| Density | 1Mb, 2Mb, 4Mb, 8Mb, 16Mb, 32Mb |
| Interface | Single, Dual and Quad SPI |
| Performance | 133MHz, 108MHz |
| Voltage | 3.3V, 1.8V |
| Temperature | -40 ~ 85 °C, 105 °C |
| Low power consumption | Read current : 11mA, 8mA Write current : 24mA, 21mA |
| Cell Type | STT-MRAM |
| Process | 28nm eMRAM FDSOI, Samsung Foundry |

Additionally, Mr. Noh introduced the company's asynchronous parallel interface MRAM, which offers quick access times and supports a page mode function for enhanced performance.

Parallel MRAM



Feature

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| Density | 1Mb, 2Mb, 4Mb, 8Mb, 16Mb, 32Mb, 64Mb |
| Interface | Asynchronous - page mode for enhanced performance |
| Performance | Read/Write cycle time : 70ns/240ns |
| Voltage | 3.3V, 1.8V |
| Temperature | -40 ~ 85 °C |
| Low power consumption | Read current : 12mA, 9mA Write current : 15mA, 14mA |
| Cell Type | STT-MRAM |
| Process | 28nm eMRAM FDSOI, Samsung Foundry |

Addressing the critical aspect of magnetic immunity, Mr. Noh conveyed confidence in the robustness of STT-MRAM against strong magnetic fields. This characteristic is crucial for the integrity and longevity of memory storage, particularly in environments with potential magnetic disruption.

Looking ahead, Mr. Noh shared Netsol's perspective on the future of standalone MRAM features and its compatibility with existing memory interfaces. While there are challenges to integrating DRAM functionality with STT-MRAM, alternative configurations need to be considered to optimize performance. Netsol is continuing to explore the potential of MRAM to meet the growing needs for high performance and high density in memory storage solutions.

Mr. Noh revealed Netsol's ongoing project: a 14nm Flash-like MRAM boasting high densities ranging from 128Mb to 1Gb, targeted specifically for the automotive application and expected to be released in the beginning of 2026. .

Mr. Noh's talk at the MRAM Forum showed Netsol's commitment to advancing MRAM technology and its potential in the market.

Netsol MRAM Roadmap

| Product | | | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| STT-MRAM | SPI(nvRAM) | 1Mb~32Mb | 28nm | | | |
| | PPI(nvRAM) | 1Mb~64Mb | 28nm | | | |
| | SPI(Flash-like) | U/C(128Mb~1Gb) | | | | 14nm |
| | OPI(Flash-like) | U/C(128Mb~1Gb) | | | | 14nm |
| SRAM | Asynchronous Fast | 1Mb~32Mb | 55nm | | | |

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