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interests

Microfluidics
MEMS Design & Fabrication
FPGA Design & Verification

education

ETH Zurich, CH
Doctoral candidate
Jan, 2018 - Ongoing

ETH Zurich, CH
Master of science
Sept, 2015 - Dec, 2017
Micro- and Nanosystems

IIIT Allahabad, INDIA
Bachelor of technology
Aug, 2009 - Jun, 2013
Electronics and Communication
9.35/10

Kendriya Vidyalaya No.2 GCF
Grade 12th
July, 2008 - May, 2009
95%

skills

Programming
Matlab
LabVIEW
Python
C/C++
Verilog HDL

Softwares
Comsol Multiphysics
AutoCAD
Solidworks
Cadence Allegro
Debussy

industrial experience

Juniper Networks
Hardware Engineer Aug, 2013 – Aug, 2015
- Ownership of high quality hardware from concept to production.
- Design and verification of control path FPGA.
- Design and testing of high speed PCBs.
- Collaboration with PCB layout, Mechanical, Software, Testing and Manufacturing teams.

National Instruments
Application Engineer Intern Jun, 2009 – Jul, 2009
- Design and verification of FPGA on PXI systems.
- Real-time signal processing using LabVIEW.

projects

Microfluidics

On-demand digital barcodes in droplets
Prof. Andrew deMello, ETH Zurich Mar, 2017 – Ongoing
Designed and characterized a novel digital droplet barcoding approach based on the number and fluorescent color of small polymer beads, rather than the concentration of different fluorophores in a single bead. Moving from an analog to a digital approach provides an enormous gain in the number of obtainable barcodes. The digital barcodes are generated by encapsulating a specific number of fluorescent beads in a droplet. The polymer beads are produced by photo-polymerizing monomer droplets generated on-demand.

Microfluidic platform for the large-scale screening of C. *elegans*
Prof. Andrew deMello, ETH Zurich Apr, 2016 – Jul, 2016
Developed an automated platform for the screening of C. *elegans*. The platform, consisting of a microfluidic chip and custom control software, was able to process on average 8 worms per minute and a total of 400 worms in an experiment. Worms were loaded using a pressure-based delivery system and an on-chip trap system consisting of two hydraulic valves positioned next to or on top of the microfluidic channel. Both the worm loading and trapping was controlled by an image based LabVIEW algorithm.

MEMS design & fabrication

Fabrication and characterization of MEMS acoustic sensors
Prof. Christofer Hierold, ETH Zurich Feb, 2016 – Aug, 2016
Aided in the development of coupled mass-based MEMS acoustic sensors. The tasks included design of test structures, etching (RIE) of devices, imaging using SEM, and characterization via Laser Doppler Vibrometer.

Design of a 2-D micromirror structure
Prof. B. R. Singh, IIITA July, 2012 – Nov, 2012
Designed and simulated a micromirror structure in COMSOL Multiphysics. The mirror was based on electrothermal actuation and designed to provide smooth, large, and stable angular movements in a 2-D plane for optical coherence tomography (OCT). The layout was designed in L-Edit and a 3-D model was generated after defining a process definition.

Fabrication and characterization of a MEMS accelerometer
Embedded MEMS Lab (Practical Course), ETH Zurich Oct, 2015 – Nov, 2015

Board design & verification

Design of 4X100GE CXP optics based physical interface card
Juniper Networks, Bangalore Sep, 2013 – Jul, 2015
Designed and tested a high-speed PCB that housed four 100GE CXP optical interfaces, Regenerative repeaters (retimers), a control path FPGA, and associated clocking, power and miscellaneous control devices.

relevant courses

Embedded MEMS Lab
Microsystem Technology
Nanosystems
Nano-Optics
Biomicrofluidics
Nanorobotics
Devices and Systems
Biosensors and Bioelectronics
Embedded System Design
VLSI Design
Semiconductor Devices
Digital Electronics
Computer Organization
Microprocessor Programming
Digital Signal Processing
Signals and Systems
Digital and Analog
Communication
Antenna and Wave Propagation
Radio Frequency and Microwave
EM Fields and Waves

Qualification of 48 port 10 GE interface test module
Juniper Networks, Bangalore Apr, 2013 – Jun, 2013
Tested PCB which was used for validating various types of interfaces such as 10GE, I2C, SGMII, PCIe and MDIO. The board housed regenerative repeaters for looping back 10GE traffic, control path CPLD, and various power loads.

FPGA design & verification
Implementation of a JPEG encoder
Dr. Neteesh Purohit, IIITA Jan, 2012 – May, 2012
Developed a fast and efficient architecture for JPEG and implemented it on a Vertex 5 FPGA. It consists of 2-D discrete cosine transform (DCT), quantization, and entropy encoding blocks. It has a 2-Stage pipeline. The DCT and quantization block were implemented without using any hardware multiplier. The Run-length and Huffman encoding block were combined for delay reduction and are triggered at positive and negative clock cycles respectively.

Simultaneous generation of arbitrary waveforms across 32 analog channels in a PXI system
National Instrument, Bangalore Jun, 2012 – Jul, 2012
The PXI system has four 7831R reconfigurable PXI modules each having 8 analog output channels and a Vertex 5 FPGA. The data was read simultaneously by four FPGAs using Direct Memory Access(DMA) lines and outputted synchronously at a rate of 1 Msamples/s using hardware and software triggers. The FPGAs were programmed using the LabVIEW FPGA tool.

awards

ETH-Scholarship, 2017
Juniper Hardware Engineering Spot Award, 2015
IIIT-A Academic Excellence Award, 2010
President's Scout, 2007