

# MIKE (DEYUAN) HE

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## EDUCATION

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ

2022 – Est. 2027

*Ph.D.* in Computer Science

*M.A.* in Computer Science, est. 2024

Advisor: Prof. Aarti Gupta

Fields of study: Compilers; Formal Verification; Distributed Systems; Equality Saturation

**University of Washington**, Seattle, WA

2018 – 2022

*B.S.* in Computer Science, GPA: 3.89/4.0 (CUM LAUDE)

Advisors: Prof. Zachary Tatlock & Dr. Steven Lyubomirsky

Selected Honor: CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, Honorable Mention (2022)

## RESEARCH

**CATS<sub>TAIL</sub>: Synthesizing Packet Programs via Equality Saturation**

June. 2023 – Now

**TL;DR** CATS<sub>TAIL</sub> is an equality saturation-based P4 program synthesizer. Previous works use SKETCH to synthesize the program, which takes too long to make debugging on actual hardware possible. Compared with SKETCH, CATS<sub>TAIL</sub> is up to **30x/2000x** faster (preliminary) in finding the optimal stage allocation for Intel Tofino/Domino (Banzai ALU). I lead the design and implementation of CATS<sub>TAIL</sub>.

**Verifying correctness of SW/HW mappings**

June. 2023 – Now

**TL;DR** hex is a language for accelerator operation explication and a tool for verifying the software-hardware mapping correctness. My contribution and work in progress are

- Implemented a case study for FlexASR pooling instructions and verified its correctness against the software implementations
- Designing memory layout mapping invariant inference/generation algorithm

**Improving Term Extraction with Acyclic Constraints**

Sep. 2022 – Feb. 2023

**TL;DR** To have a better term extraction algorithm for egg, an equality saturation framework, we devise the encoding using Weighted partial MaxSAT and include a set of *Acyclic constraints* that ensures the acyclicity of the extracted optimal term. Our encoding demonstrates better solver time ( $\sim 3\times$  speed up) for the case study of extracting tensor programs. My contributions include

- Devised the constraint
- Optimized the constraints with Tesitin encoding, which exponentially reduces the search space.
- Developed the application-agnostic term extractor
- Implemented the case study using Glenside examples
- Authored the workshop paper at **PLDI EGRAPHS'23**

**3LA: Application-level Validation of Accelerator Designs**

June. 2021 – June. 2022

**TL;DR** 3LA is a software/hardware co-verification methodology for DL accelerators that aids hardware developers in performing early-stage application-level debugging. My contributions are

- Lead the development of Flexible matching
- Extended Glenside to support a more diverse set of input models
- Implemented the compilation pipeline for VTA
- Implemented handwritten digit recognition (on CIFAR) and image classification (on ImageNet) for VTA. Passed the mapping validation using 3LA.
- Co-authored a **ASPLOS LATTE'21** workshop paper
- Co-authored a paper under review at **ACM TODAES**.

## Dynamic Tensor Rematerialization

Jan. 2020 – Oct. 2020

**TL;DR** Dynamic Tensor Materialization (DTR) is an online, heuristic-based checkpointing algorithm that enables DL inference under constrained memory budgets. My contributions are

- Identified problems in the PyTorch DTR implementation
- Designed the evaluation framework for DTR and extended the case studies to multiple new DL applications (e.g. Unrolled GAN, UNet)
- Co-authored the paper published at **ICLR'21**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Mike He**, Haichen Dong, Sharad Malik, and Aarti Gupta. *Improving Term Extraction with Acyclic Constraints*, 2023 [Paper]
- **[submitted to ACM TODAES]**Bo-Yuan Huang\*, Steven Lyubomirsky\*, Yi Li, **Mike He**, Thierry Tambe, Gus Henry Smith, Akash Gaonkar, Vishal Canumalla, Gu-Yeon Wei, Aarti Gupta, Sharad Malik, and Zachary Tatlock. *Application-Level Validation of Accelerator Designs Using a Formal Software/Hardware Interface*, 2022 [Pre-print]
- Bo-Yuan Huang\*, Steven Lyubomirsky\*, Thierry Tambe\*, Yi Li, **Mike He**, Gus Smith, Gu-Yeon Wei, Aarti Gupta, Sharad Malik, and Zachary Tatlock. *From DSLs to Accelerator-rich Platform Implementations: Addressing the Mapping Gap*, 2021 [Paper]
- Marisa Kirisame\*, Steven Lyubomirsky\*, Altan Haan\*, Jennifer Brennan, **Mike He**, Jared Roesch, Tianqi Chen, and Zachary Tatlock. *Dynamic Tensor Rematerialization*, 2021 [ArXiv]

## SERVICE

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- AEC member of POPL'24, MLSys'23, MICRO'21
- Mentor of the Ph.D. application mentoring program (Princeton, 2023)

## INTERNSHIPS

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### Taichi Graphics, Remote and Beijing, China

June. 2022 – Sep. 2022

Compiler R&D Intern (C++/Python)

- Refactored the intermediate representation (IR) of Taichi Language
- Implemented standalone **Tensor type** for better compilation speed
- Adapted **compiler passes** (e.g. Load/Store forwarding, Dead code elimination, reaching definition, etc.) to optimize for tensor type expressions
- Implemented **LLVM**-based code generation for tensor type for Superword-level vectorization

### Intel Labs, Hillsboro, OR

Mar. 2022 – June. 2022

Formal Verification Research Intern (Formal Methods/Python/Dafny)

Developed the **Pyrope** framework for **correct-by-construction** hardware modeling.

- Facilitated **correct-by-construction** hardware modeling purely in Python
- Encoded the correctness proof of (multi-)montgomery reduction algorithm in Python and **verified successfully by compiling to Dafny**
- Unified “sources of truth” for correctness proofs and programming model implementations

### UWPLSE, Seattle, WA

Oct. 2019 – Sep. 2021

Research Assistant (PL/Compiler)

Responsible for conducting research with Prof. Zachary Tatlock, specifically,

- Implemented evaluations in the Dynamic Tensor Rematerialization project
- Designed a flexible matching algorithm for domain-specific language compilers.
- Led research projects with other undergraduate students
- Attended and presented at reading groups

## SELECTED PROJECTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

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CATS <sub>TAIL</sub> : Synthesizing Packet Programs via Equality Saturation	( <b>Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Music Scores</b> : Reverse engineering of some arrangements	( <b>Lilypond</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>flexmatch</b> : Flexible offload pattern matching for DNNs	( <b>Python, Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>egg-taichi</b> : Towards automated super-optimization for Taichi programs	( <b>Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>taichi*</b> : High-performance parallel computing in Python	( <b>C++, Python</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Glenside*</b> : Term rewriting for tensor programs	( <b>Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>veripy</b> : auto-active verification for Python programs	( <b>Python</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>dtlc</b> : Dependently-typed lambda calculus	( <b>OCaml</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Sager</b> : A demonic graph synthesizer for worst-case performance	( <b>ROSETTE, Racket</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Ruxl*</b> : Applicatives, Monads and a “Future” for Rust	( <b>Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Lambda Calculus</b> : UTLC, STLC and System F in OCaml	( <b>OCaml</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>SimGE</b> : DTR for memory movement optimization	( <b>Rust</b> ) <a href="#">GitHub</a>
<b>Multi-Paxos</b> : Implementation of Multi-Paxos in Java	( <b>Java</b> ) CSE 452
<b>ETH Client</b> : Implementation of an ETH-like Blockchain	( <b>Rust</b> ) COS 471
	More on my <a href="#">GitHub</a>
	★ : Contributor


## TEACHING

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- [COS 516: Automated Reasoning about Software](#) (TA, Princeton University)
- [CSE 505: Principles of Programming Languages](#) (TA, University of Washington)

## SKILLS

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- **Languages**: C/C++, Python, Rust, OCaml, Coq, Dafny, etc. (Open to other languages)
- **Compiler & Applied PL**: Equality Saturation, Static Analysis, Computer-aided Reasoning, SMT
- **PL Theory**: Formal Verification, Type Theory, Mathematical Logic
- **Systems**: Distributed Systems, Machine Learning Systems, Data Center Systems
- **Others**: Algorithms and Data Structures
- **Fun Fact**: I am more seasoned in playing the violin than coding ; I have:
  1. a Lv.9 certificate\* (similar to [ABRSM](#) Grade 8) certified by [Central Conservative of Music](#);
  2. > **20-year** violin solo experience;
  3. Multiple 1st Prizes (various local competitions in Beijing) and a Silver medal (Beijing regional)<sup>†</sup>;
  4. 6-year experience with symphony orchestras; 3-year experience as *the 2nd Principal Violinist*;
  5. 3-year experience with a piano quartet/quintet and multiple string quartets (with 1 CD made);
  6. ~ 4 public concerts with a philharmonic orchestra\* at the [National Centre for the Performing Arts](#), Beijing, China.

\* : The highest level for non-professionals

<sup>†</sup> : Awarded during middle and high school years.

★ : The Beijing National Day School Philharmonic Orchestra