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RESEARCH INTERESTS

On-device AI, AI for systems, AI-assisted wireless communication systems

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. student, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Advisor: Prof. Wei Gao

On-going

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei, Anhui,
B.E., Electronic Information Engineering

July 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2019-present

Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Pittsburgh

- Designing a selective training scheme that can accelerate on-device neural network training.
- Developed and implemented an offloading scheme that allows extremely weak devices (e.g., MCUs with <1MB memory) to achieve real-time (<20ms) neural network inference. It is the first work that leverages Explainable AI to speed up neural network inference on weak devices.
- Developed and implemented a backscatter system that leverages neural network inference to improve its RF energy efficiency by up to 3.5x. The neural network is tailored based on the domain knowledge of backscatter communication, and hence is very lightweight and can be effectively trained even with a limited amount of data.

PUBLICATIONS

Conference Papers

(*) indicates equal contributions

1. **Kai Huang**, Wei Gao. "Real-time Neural Network Inference on Extremely Weak Devices: Agile Offloading with Explainable AI." In Proceedings of the 26th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom) 2022. (To appear)
2. **Kai Huang**, Ruihong Chen, Wei Gao. "RAScatter: Achieving Energy-Efficient Backscatter Readers via AI-Assisted Power Adaptation." In 2022 IEEE/ACM Seventh International Conference on Internet-of-Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI), pp. 1-13. IEEE, 2022.
3. Song, Xingzhe, **Kai Huang**, Wei Gao. "FaceListener: Recognizing Human Facial Expressions via Acoustic Sensing on Commodity Headphones." In 2022 21st ACM/IEEE International Conference on Information Processing in Sensor Networks (IPSN), pp. 145-157. IEEE, 2022.
4. Boyuan Yang, Ruihong Chen, **Kai Huang**, Jun Yang, Wei Gao. "Eavesdropping user credentials via GPU side channels on smartphones." In Proceedings of the 27th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), pp. 285-299. 2022.
5. Yihao Liu*, **Kai Huang***, Xingzhe Song, Boyuan Yang, Wei Gao. "MagHacker: eavesdropping on stylus pen writing via magnetic sensing from commodity mobile devices." In Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys), pp. 148-160. 2020.

In Submission

1. Chen Ruihong, **Kai Huang**, Wei Gao. "AiFi: AI-Enabled Interference Cancellation in WiFi Networks with Commodity PHY-Layer Information."

PUBLIC SPEAKING **Presentations**

1. "RAScatter: Achieving Energy-Efficient Backscatter Readers via AI-Assisted Power Adaptation." In 2022 IEEE/ACM Seventh International Conference on Internet-of-Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI), Virtual, May 2022
2. "Towards Real-time Neural Network Inference on Extremely Weak Devices", Elijah Group Meeting, Dept. of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, November 2021
3. "Tailoring Neural Network Designs to Computing System Domains", Elijah Group Meeting, Dept. of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, March 2021

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Teaching:

- **Teaching Assistant**, ECE1175 - Embedded Systems Design Spring 2021
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Pittsburgh
- **Teaching Assistant**, ECE1175 - Embedded Systems Design Fall 2020
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Pittsburgh
- **Teaching Assistant**, ECE0202 - Embedded Processors and Interfacing Spring 2020
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Pittsburgh

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing

Conference Reviewer

- IEEE International Conference on Mobile Ad-Hoc and Smart Systems (MASS) 2022,
- IEEE Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), 2022, 2023