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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Emerging Hardware for High-Performance, Efficient Computing

- Efficient AI hardware design
- Electronic-photonic mixed-signal computing platform design

Efficient Algorithm, Co-Design & Automation

- Hardware-software co-design & automation (for photonics, post-CMOS electronics, quantum)
- Efficient ML model/algorithm
- AI/ML for hardware design & electronic-photonic design automation

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, TX, USA

Aug. 2018 – May 2023

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Advisor: David Z. Pan

Co-advisor: Ray T. Chen

(GPA 4.0/4.0)

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Sep. 2014 – Jun. 2018

B.E., Department of Microelectronic Science and Engineering

(GPA: 3.91/4.0)

(Rank top 2/71)

AWARDS AND HONORS

FSE Top 5% Teaching Award	ASU	2025
Winner at AIM Photonics QFlex Design Competition	AIM Photonics	2025
NVIDIA Academic Grant Program Award	NVIDIA	2025
Best Paper Award Candidate (1 out of 12)	DATE	2025
Graduate School Outstanding Dissertation Award	UT Austin	2024
3rd Place at DAC Ph.D. Forum	DAC	2023
MLSys Student Travel Award	MLSys	2023
Margarida Jacome Dissertation Prize	UT Austin	2023
Winner at Robert S. Hilbert Memorial Optical Design Competition	Synopsys	2022
Donald O. Pederson Best Paper Award	IEEE TCAD	2021
Cockrell School Graduate Student Fellowship	UT Austin	2021
First Place at ACM Student Research Competition Grand Finals	ACM	2021
Best Poster Award at NSF Workshop on Machine Learning Hardware	NSF Workshop	2020
First Place at ACM/SIGDA Student Research Competition	ACM/SIGDA	2020
7th Place at IWLS Contest on Machine Learning+Logic Synthesis	IWLS	2020
DAC Young Fellow	DAC	2020,2021
Best Paper Finalist (1 out of 6)	DAC	2020
Best Paper Award	ASP-DAC	2020
4th Place, System Design Contest on Low Power Object Detection	DAC-SDC	2019
First Prize Scholarship	Fudan University	2017–2018
2nd & 3rd Prize, National Mathematical Contest in Modeling	Fudan University	2016–2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University, AZ, USA

Aug 2023 – Present

Assistant Professor, School of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering

- Director of the Co-design, Automation, and Optimization across System, Technology, and Intelligence Lab ([ScopeX](#)) at ASU.

Nvidia Inc., CA, USA

May 2022 – Oct 2022

Research Intern, ASIC & VLSI Research Team

- Hardware-efficient Transformer compression for natural language processing

Meta Platforms Inc., CA, USA

May 2021 – Dec 2021

Research Intern, Meta reality labs, FAST AI team

- Efficient multi-scale Vision Transformer design for high-performance computer vision

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Emerging Hardware for Efficient Computing

Open-source library for photonic AI computing: [TorchONN](#) [J10], [SimPhony](#) [C68]

Contribute to library for quantum machine learning: [TorchQuantum](#) [C33]

Electronic-photonic NN accelerator [J16], [J14]–[J12], [J7], [C67], [C58], [C52], [C42], [C16], [C9], [C5], [C2]

Photonic in-memory computing [J11], [C24]

Co-Design & Optimization for Emerging Hardware

Reliability and efficiency-driven model-circuit co-optimization flow [J13], [J64], [C61], [C34], [C27], [C5], [C1]

Machine learning-enabled hardware simulation, performance prediction, and design [J21], [J15], [C59], [C37], [C33]

Automated circuit/architecture design [C60], [C34], [C26], [C25]

Efficient on-chip/on-device training for self-learnable AI hardware [J17], [C28], [C23], [C18], [C11], [C10]

Electronic-photonic design automation (EPDA) toolchain: PIC Router [LiDAR](#) [C62], AI-assisted photonic inverse design [MAPS](#) [C65]

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor

- Guest Editor at ACM TODAES Special Issue on Co-Design and Design Automation for Optical/Photonic Computing Systems, 2025.

Organizer/Co-Organizer

- Organizer of Tutorial "A Journey to Optical Computing: From Physics Fundamentals to Hardware-Software Co-Design, Automation, and Application" at ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023.
- Organizer of Optical/Photonic Computing System (OPTSys) Seminar Series, 2023.
- Co-organizer of Focus Session "AI-Driven Design Evolution: Benchmarking and Infrastructure for the Next Era of Semiconductors and Photonics" at IEEE Design, Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE), 2025.
- Co-organizer of Special Session "LLM-Aided Design" at IEEE VLSI Test Symposium (VTS), 2025.
- Co-chair of Ph.D. Forum at ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2025.
- Co-organizer of OpenCircuit Workshop at ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2024

Session Chair

- ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2025.
- IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD), 2023.
- ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Machine Learning for CAD (MLCAD), 2024.
- The Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO), 2025.

Working Group Member

- NSF AI Institute TILOS Ethics and Early Career Development, 2022.

Local Arrangement Co-Chair

- IEEE CASS Seasonal School: AI/ML for IC Design and EDA, 2022.

Technical Program Committee Member

- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2024
- ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2024, 2025
- IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD), 2023, 2024, 2025
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2023, 2024
- ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2023
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2024, 2025
- The Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO), 2025

Reviewer

- IEEE Transaction on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)
- ACM Transactions on Design Automation of Electronic Systems (TODAES)
- ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC)
- IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers (TCAS-1)
- IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI)
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)
- ACM Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (GLSVLSI)
- ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems (JETC)
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
- IEEE / CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR)
- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
- International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)
- Nature Communications (Nat. Commun.)
- Science Advances (Sci. Adv.)
- Scientific Reports (Sci. Rep.)
- IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics (JSTQE)
- Journal of Lightwave Technology (JLT)
- Applied Physics Letters (APL)

- APL Materials (APL MS)
- APL Machine Learning (APL ML)
- IEEE Photonics Technology Letters (PTL)
- Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (EAAI)
- Integration, the VLSI journal
- Neural Networks

Reviewer for Funding Agency

- The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), 2025.
- The Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) within the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science, 2024.

University Committee

- 2024 Fall ASU ECEE Student Research Awards committee, 2024.
- ASU Computer Engineering (CEN) Graduate Program Committee (GPC), 2025.
- PhD Student Qualifying Exam Committee, 2024, 2025.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant (UT Austin)	EE382M: VLSI Physical Design Automation	Spring 2022
Instructor (ASU)	EEE425/591: Digital Systems and Circuits	Fall 2023
Instructor (ASU)	EEE525: VLSI Design	Spring 2024
Instructor (ASU)	EEE598: Algorithm/Hardware Co-Design and Design Automation for Emerging AI Hardware	Fall 2024
Instructor (ASU)	EEE525: VLSI Design	Spring 2025
Instructor (ASU)	EEE598: Algorithm/Hardware Co-Design and Design Automation for Emerging AI Hardware	Fall 2025

INVITED TALKS

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- “Toward Lifelong-Sustainable Electronic-Photonic AI Systems via Extreme Efficiency, Reconfigurability, and Robustness” [Invited Special Session Talk](#), IEEE International Conference on Computer Design, Nov. 12, 2025.
 - “Toward Electronic-Photonic Design Automation for Large-Scale Photonic Integrated Circuits Layout Synthesis” Flexcompute Invited Seminar, Nov. 07, 2025.
 - “Cross-Layer Co-Design and Design Automation Toward Reconfigurable, Robust, and Scalable Heterogeneous Electronic-Photonic AI Eco-systems” Invited Talk, ASU/UA Microelectronics Workshop, Aug. 22, 2025.
 - “Toward intelligent electronic-photonic design automation for large-scale photonic integrated circuits: from device inverse design to physical layout generation” Invited Talk, [SPIE Optical Design Automation \(ODA\) Conference](#), Aug. 04, 2025.
 - “SparseC-AFM: a deep learning method for fast and accurate characterization of MoS2 with conductive atomic force microscopy” Invited Talk, [SPIE Low-Dimensional Materials and Devices Conference](#), Aug. 06, 2025.
 - “Electronic-Photonic Heterogeneous Computing Systems for Generative AI Acceleration” Special Session Talk, [IEEE VLSI Test Symposium \(VTS\)](#), Apr. 28, 2025.
 - “MAPS: Multi-Fidelity AI-Augmented Photonic Simulation and Inverse Design Infrastructure”, [DATE Focused Session Invited Talk](#), Mar. 31, 2025.
 - “Intelligent Electronic-Photonic Design Automation Toolflow for Next-Generation Photonic Integrated Circuits” Invited LSIP Tech Talk, Hewlett Packard Labs, Mar. 24, 2025.

- “Cross-Layer Co-design and Design Automation toward Reconfigurable, Robust, and Secure Heterogeneous Electronic-Photonic AI Eco-System,” [Optical/Photonic Interconnects for Computing Systems \(OPTICS\) Workshop](#), Invited Talk, online, Nov. 15, 2024.
- “Cross-Layer Co-Design and Design Automation Toward Reconfigurable, Robust, and Secure Heterogeneous Electronic-Photonic AI Eco-systems,” [The 4th International Workshop on High Performance Chiplet and Interconnect Architectures \(HiPChips\)](#), Invited Talk, Austin, TX, Nov. 02, 2024.
- “Cross-Layer Hardware / Algorithm Co-Design and Design Automation for Photonic AI Computing Systems,” [Open Compute Project Future Technologies Initiative, AI HW-SW CoDesign](#), Invited Talk, online, May 17, 2024.
- “Cross-Layer Hardware / Software Co-Design and Design Automation for Photonic AI Computing Systems,” [OpenCircuit Workshop at ASPLOS](#), Invited Talk, Apr. 27, 2024.
- “Bridging Photonics and AI via Cross-Layer Hardware / Software Co-Design and Intelligent Design Automation,” Online Guest Lecture at Optimization and Machine Learning in VLSI Design Automation Course, Peking University, online, Dec. 12, 2023.
- “[Light-AI Interaction: Bridging Photonics and Artificial Intelligence via Cross-Layer Hardware/Software Co-Design](#),” [Rutgers Efficient AI \(REFAI\) Seminar](#), online, Dec. 5, 2023.
- “Light-AI Interaction: Bridging Photonics and Artificial Intelligence via Cross-Layer Hardware/Software Co-Design,” [Photonics & Advanced Intelligent Systems Workshop \(PAIS\) & Wiley](#), online, Dec. 1, 2023.
- “[Tutorial: A Journey to Optical Computing: From Physics Fundamentals to Hardware-Software Co-Design, Automation, and Application](#),” IEEE/ACM Design Automation Conference (DAC) Tutorial, San Francisco, Jul. 10, 2023.
- “Light-AI Interaction: The Convergence of Photonic AI and Cross-layer Circuit-Architecture-Algorithm Co-design,” SPIE Photonics West Invited Talk, San Francisco, Feb. 1, 2023
- “Light-AI Interaction: Bridging Photonics and Artificial Intelligence via Cross-Layer Circuit-Architecture-Algorithm Co-Design,” LSIP Tech Talk, Hewlett Packard Labs, Dec. 16, 2022
- “[Light-AI Interaction: The Convergence of Photonic Deep Learning and Cross-Layer Design Automation](#),” ACCESS and CEDA Joint Seminar, Hong Kong, July 29, 2022
- “NeurOLight: A Physics-Agnostic Neural Operator Enabling Parametric Photonic Device Simulation,” Nvidia AI Research, Oct. 12, 2022
- “L2ight: Enabling On-Chip Learning for Optical Neural Networks via Efficient in-situ Subspace Optimization,” Cornell Univ., Jan. 19, 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- [J25] Hongjian Zhou, Haoyu Yang, Ziang Yin, Nicholas Gangi, Zhaoran (Rena) Huang, Haoxing Ren, Joaquin Matres, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[LiDAR 2.0: Hierarchical Curvy Waveguide Detailed Routing for Large-Scale Photonic Integrated Circuits](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Oct. 2025.
- [J24] Chun-Ju Yang, Hanqing Zhu, Shupeng Ning, **Jiaqi Gu**, Chenghao Feng, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[MediONN: An Integrated Photonic Chip Optical Neural Network for Deep Learning-Based Semantic Segmentation in Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer](#),” *Biomedical Optics Express*, Sep. 2025.
- [J23] Zhengqi Gao, **Jiaqi Gu**, Luca Daniel, Ron Rohrer, and Duane S. Boning, “[SPIPE: Differentiable SPICE-Level Co-Simulation Program for Integrated Photonics and Electronics](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Aug. 2025.
- [J22] Shupeng Ning, Hanqing Zhu, Chenghao Feng, **Jiaqi Gu**, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Hardware-efficient photonic tensor core: accelerating deep neural networks with structured compression](#),” *Optica*, Jul. 2025.

- [J21] Pingchuan Ma, Haoyu Yang, Zhengqi Gao, Duane S. Boning, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[PIC²O-Sim: A Physics-Inspired Causality-Aware Dynamic Convolutional Neural Operator for Ultra-Fast Photonic Device FDTD Simulation](#),” *APL Photonics*, Feb. 2025.
- [J20] Amir Begović, Meng Zhang, Dennis Yin, Nicholas Gangi, **Jiaqi Gu**, and Z. Rena Huang, “[Foundry fabricated compact slow-light Mach-Zehnder modulator and photodetector for on-chip analog photonic computing](#),” *Optics Express (OE)*, Nov. 2024.
- [J19] Zhengqi Gao, **Jiaqi Gu**, Zhengxing Zhang, David Z. Pan, and Duane S. Boning, “[Selecting robust silicon photonic designs after Bayesian optimization without extra simulations](#),” *Optics Express (OE)*, Sep. 2024. (**Editor’s Pick**)
- [J18] Shupeng Ning, Hanqing Zhu, Chenghao Feng, **Jiaqi Gu**, Zhixing Jiang, Zhoufeng Ying, Jason Midkiff, Sourabh Jain, May H. Hlaing, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Photonic-Electronic Integrated Circuits for High-Performance Computing and AI Accelerator](#),” *IEEE Journal of Lightwave Technology (JLT)*, Jul. 2024.
- [J17] Haotian Lu, Sanmitra Banerjee, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[DOCTOR: Dynamic On-Chip Temporal Variation Remediation Toward Self-Corrected Photonic Tensor Accelerators](#),” *IEEE Journal of Lightwave Technology (JLT)*, Jun. 2024.
- [J16] Meng Zhang*, Dennis Yin*, Nicholas Gangi, Amir Begović, Alexander Chen, Zhaoran Rena Huang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[TeMPO: Efficient Time-Multiplexed Dynamic Photonic Tensor Core for Edge AI with Compact Slow-Light Electro-Optic Modulator](#),” *Journal of Applied Physics (JAP)*, Jun. 2024. (*Equal Contribution)
- [J15] **Jiaqi Gu**, Hanqing Zhu, Chenghao Feng, Zixuan Jiang, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[M³ICRO: Machine Learning-Enabled Compact Photonic Tensor Core based on PRegrammable Multi-Operand Multimode Interference](#),” *APL Machine Learning*, Jan. 2024.
- [J14] Chenghao Feng, **Jiaqi Gu**, Hanqing Zhu, Rongxing Tang, Shupeng Ning, May Hlaing, Jason Midkiff, Sourabh Jain, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Integrated Multi-Operand Optical Neurons for Scalable and Hardware-Efficient Deep Learning](#),” *Nanophotonics*, Dec. 2023.
- [J13] Chenghao Feng*, **Jiaqi Gu***, Hanqing Zhu, Zhoufeng Ying, Zheng Zhao, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[A compact butterfly-style silicon photonic-electronic neural chip for hardware-efficient deep learning](#),” *ACS Photonics*, Nov. 2022. (*Equal Contribution)
- [J12] **Jiaqi Gu**, Chenghao Feng, Hanqing Zhu, Zheng Zhao, Zhoufeng Ying, Mingjie Liu, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[SqueezeLight: A Multi-Operand Ring-Based Optical Neural Network with Cross-Layer Scalability](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Jul. 2022.
- [J11] Hanqing Zhu, **Jiaqi Gu**, Chenghao Feng, Mingjie Liu, Zixuan Jiang, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[ELight: Towards Efficient and Aging-Resilient Photonic In-Memory Neurocomputing](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Jun. 2022.
- [J10] **Jiaqi Gu**, Chenghao Feng, Hanqing Zhu, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[Light in AI: Toward Efficient Neurocomputing with Optical Neural Networks - A Tutorial](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems-II: Express Briefs (TCAS-II)*, Apr. 2022.
- [J9] Chenghao Feng, Zhoufeng Ying, Zheng Zhao, **Jiaqi Gu**, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Towards high-speed and energy-efficient computing: A WDM-based scalable on-chip silicon integrated optical comparator](#),” *Laser & Photonics Reviews*, Jun. 2021.
- [J8] Zhoufeng Ying, Chenghao Feng, Zheng Zhao, **Jiaqi Gu**, Richard Soref, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Sequential logic and pipelining in chip-based electronic-photonic digital computing](#),” *IEEE Photonics Journal*, Oct. 2020.
- [J7] **Jiaqi Gu**, Zheng Zhao, Chenghao Feng, Zhoufeng Ying, Mingjie Liu, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[Towards Hardware-Efficient Optical Neural Networks: Beyond FFT Architecture via Joint Learnability](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, 2020.
- [J6] Chenghao Feng, Zhoufeng Ying, Zheng Zhao, **Jiaqi Gu**, Ray T. Chen, and David Z. Pan, “[Wavelength-division-multiplexing \(WDM\)-based integrated electronic-photonic switching network \(EPSN\) for high-speed data processing and transportation](#),” *Nanophotonics*, Aug. 2020.
- [J5] Yibo Lin, Zixuan Jiang, **Jiaqi Gu**, Wuxi Li, Shounak Dhar, Haoxing Ren, Bruce Khailany, and David Z. Pan, “[DREAMPlace: Deep Learning Toolkit-Enabled GPU Acceleration for Modern VLSI Placement](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Jun. 2020. (**Best Paper Award**)

- [J4] Zhoufeng Ying, Chenghao Feng, Zheng Zhao, Shounak Dhar, Hamed Dalir, **Jiaqi Gu**, Yue Cheng, Richard Soref, David Z. Pan, and Ray T. Chen, “[Electronic-photonic Arithmetic Logic Unit for High-speed Computing](#),” *Nature Communications*, Apr. 2020.
- [J3] Yibo Lin, Wuxi Li, **Jiaqi Gu**, Mark Ren, Brucek Khailany, and David Z. Pan, “[ABCDPlace: Accelerated Batch-based Concurrent Detailed Placement on Multi-threaded CPUs and GPUs](#),” *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, Feb. 2020.
- [J2] Ruoyao Wang, Zhenghan Fang, **Jiaqi Gu**, Yi Guo, Shicong Zhou, Yuanyuan Wang, Cai Chang, and Jinhua Yu, “[High-resolution Image Reconstruction for Portable Ultrasound Imaging Devices](#),” *EURASIP Journal on Advances in Signal Processing*, Dec. 2019.
- [J1] **Jiaqi Gu**, Zeju Li, Yuanyuan Wang, Haowei Yang, Zhongwei Qiao, and Jinhua Yu, “[Deep Generative Adversarial Networks for Thin-section Infant MR Image Reconstruction](#),” *IEEE Access*, May 2019.

Refereed Conference Papers

- [C77] Hongjian Zhou, Haoyu Yang, Nicholas Gangi, Bowen Liu, Meng Zhang, Haoxing Ren, Xu Wang, Rena Huang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Photonics-Aware Planning-Guided Automated Electrical Routing for Large-Scale Active Photonic Integrated Circuits](#),” *ACM International Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD)*, Mar. 2026. (Acceptance Rate: 34.1%)
- [C76] Ziang Yin, Hongjian Zhou, Nicholas Gangi, Meng Zhang, Jeff Zhang, Rena Huang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Toward Large-Scale Photonics-Empowered AI Systems: From Physical Design Automation to System-Algorithm Co-Exploration](#),” *SPIE Photonics West, Optical Interconnects and Packaging*, Jan. 2026. (Invited)
- [C75] Hongjian Zhou, Ziang Yin, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Democratizing Electronic-Photonic AI Systems: An Open-Source AI-Infused Cross-Layer Co-Design and Design Automation Toolflow](#),” *SPIE Photonics West, AI and Optical Data Sciences VII*, Jan. 2026. (Invited)
- [C74] Ziang Yin, Hongjian Zhou, Chetan Choppali Sudarshan, Vidya Chhabria, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Toward Lifelong-Sustainable Electronic-Photonic AI Systems via Extreme Efficiency, Reconfigurability, and Robustness](#),” *IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)*, Nov. 2025.
- [C73] Hongjian Zhou, Haoyu Yang, Gangi Nicholas, Haoxing Ren, Huang Rena, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Apollo: Automated Routing-Informed Placement for Large-Scale Photonic Integrated Circuits](#),” *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)*, Nov. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 24.7%)
- [C72] Hongjian Zhou, Pingchuan Ma, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[Toward Intelligent Electronic-Photonic Design Automation for Large-Scale Photonic Integrated Circuits: from Device Inverse Design to Physical Layout Generation](#),” *SPIE Optical Design Automation (ODA)*, Aug. 2025. (Invited Paper)
- [C71] Levi Harris, Md Jayed Hossain, Mufan Qiu, Ruichen Zhang, Pingchuan Ma, Tianlong Chen, **Jiaqi Gu**, Seth Ariel Tongay, and Umberto Celano, “[SparseC-AFM: a deep learning method for fast and accurate characterization of MoS2 with conductive atomic force microscopy](#),” *SPIE Low-Dimensional Materials and Devices Conference*, Aug. 2025. (Invited Paper)
- [C70] Farshad Firouzi, David Z. Pan, **Jiaqi Gu**, Bahar Farahani, Jayeeta Chaudhuri, Ziang Yin, Pingchuan Ma, Peter Domanski, and Krishnendu Chakrabarty, “[ChipMind: LLMs for Agile Chip Design](#),” *IEEE VLSI Test Symposium (VTS)*, Apr. 2025.
- [C69] Junyao Zhang, Hanrui Wang, Qi Ding, **Jiaqi Gu**, Reouven Assouly, William D. Oliver, Song Han, Kenneth R. Brown, Hai ”Helen” Li, and Yiran Chen, “[Qplacer: Frequency-Aware Component Placement for Superconducting Quantum Computers](#),” *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA)*, Jun. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 22.3%)
- [C68] Ziang Yin, Meng Zhang, Amir Begovic, Rena Huang, Jeff Zhang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[SimPhony: A Device-Circuit-Architecture Cross-Layer Modeling and Simulation Framework for Heterogeneous Electronic-Photonic AI System](#),” *ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, Jun. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 22.5%)
- [C67] Ziang Yin, Yu Yao, Jeff Zhang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[CHORD: Composable Hybrid Optical Reconfigurable Diffractive Framework For Optical Neural Network](#),” *ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, Jun. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 22.5%)
- [C66] Shupeng Ning, Hanqing Zhu, Ziang Yin, Chenghao Feng, Spencer Denton, David Z. Pan, **Jiaqi Gu**, and Ray T. Chen, “[Microring-Based Multi-Operand Optical Neurons with On-Chip Trainable Nonlinearity](#),” *Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO)*, May 2025.

- [C65] Pingchuan Ma, Zhengqi Gao, Haoyu Yang, Meng Zhang, Mark Ren, Rena Huang, Duane S. Boning, and Jiaqi Gu, “[MAPS: Multi-Fidelity AI-Augmented Photonic Simulation and Inverse Design Infrastructure](#),” *IEEE/ACM Proceedings Design, Automation and Test in Europe (DATE)*, Mar. 2025.
- [C64] Pingchuan Ma, Zhengqi Gao, Amir Begovic, Meng Zhang, Haoyu Yang, Haoxing Ren, Rena Huang, Duane S. Boning, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[BOSON⁻¹: Understanding and Enabling Physically-Robust Photonic Inverse Design with Adaptive Variation-Aware Subspace Optimization](#),” *IEEE/ACM Proceedings Design, Automation and Test in Europe (DATE)*, Mar. 2025.
- [C63] Junyao Zhang, Guanglei Zhou, Feng Cheng, Jonathan Hao-Cheng Ku, Qi Ding, **Jiaqi Gu**, Hanrui Wang, Hai (Helen) Li, and Yiran Chen, “[qGDP: Quantum Legalization and Detailed Placement for Superconducting Quantum Computers](#),” *IEEE/ACM Proceedings Design, Automation and Test in Europe (DATE)*, Mar. 2025. (**Best Paper Candidate**)
- [C62] Hongjian Zhou, Keren Zhu, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[LiDAR: Automated Curvy Waveguide Detailed Routing for Large-Scale Photonic Integrated Circuits](#),” *ACM International Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD)*, Mar. 2025.
- [C61] Haotian Lu, Ziang Yin, Partho Bhoumik, Sanmitra Banerjee, Krishnendu Chakrabarty, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[The Unlikely Hero: Nonidealities in Analog Photonic Neural Networks as Built-in Adversarial Defenders](#),” *IEEE/ACM Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASPDAC)*, Jan. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 28.62%)
- [C60] Ziyang Jiang, Pingchuan Ma, Meng Zhang, Rena Huang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[ADEPT-Z: Zero-Shot Automated Circuit Topology Search for Pareto-Optimal Photonic Tensor Cores](#),” *IEEE/ACM Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASPDAC)*, Jan. 2025. (Acceptance Rate: 28.62%)
- [C59] Hanqing Zhu, Wenyan Cong, Guojin Chen, Shupeng Ning, Ray T. Chen, **Jiaqi Gu**, and David Z. Pan, “[PACE: Pacing Operator Learning to Accurate Optical Field Simulation for Complicated Photonic Devices](#),” *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Dec. 2024. (Acceptance Rate: 25.8%)
- [C58] Ziang Yin, Nicholas Gangi, Meng Zhang, Jeff Zhang, Rena Huang, and **Jiaqi Gu**, “[SCATTER: Algorithm-Circuit Co-Sparse Photonic Accelerator with Thermal-Tolerant, Power-Efficient In-situ Light Redistribution](#),” *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)*, Jun. 2024. (Acceptance Rate: 24%)
- [C57] Hanrui Wang, Pengyu Liu, Bochen Tan, Yilian Liu, **Jiaqi Gu**, David Z. Pan, Jason Cong, Umüt Acar, and Song Han, “[Atomique: A Quantum Compiler for Reconfigurable Neutral Atom Arrays](#),” *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA)*, Jun. 2024.
- [C56] Hanrui Wang, Bochen Tan, Pengyu Liu, Yilian Liu, **Jiaqi Gu**, Jason Cong, and Song Han, “[Q-Pilot: Field Programmable Quantum Array Compilation with Flying Ancillas](#),” *ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, Jun. 2024. (Acceptance Rate: 25%)
- [C55] Meng Zhang, Amir Begović, Dennis Yin, Nicholas Gangi, **Jiaqi Gu**, and Rena Huang, “[Foundry Manufactured 6-bit Resolution, 150um Long SlowLight Electro-Optic Modulator for On-Chip Photonic Tensor Computing](#),” *Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics (CLEO)*, May 2024.
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