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EDUCATION

•Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Sep. 2016-Aug. 2021

Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Advisor: Dr. Hyuk-Jae Lee; Co-advisor: Dr. Hyun Kim
- Dissertation: Mitigating Disturbance Errors and Enhancing RMW Performance for PCM

•Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Sep. 2011 - Aug. 2016

B.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering

WORK EXPERIENCE

•Secure and Advanced Computer Architecture Group, North Carolina State University

Feb. 2023 - Present

Postdoctoral researcher

Raleigh

- Mentor: Dr. Amro Awad

•Inter-university Research Center, Seoul National University

Sep. 2021 - Feb. 2023

Postdoctoral researcher

Seoul, South Korea

- Mentor: Dr. Hyuk-Jae Lee
- I also served the mandatory military service as a Technical Research Personnel.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Disaggregated memory, disaggregation, hardware security, Compute-Express Link (CXL), non-volatile memory, memory system, computer architecture

RESEARCH PROJECTS

•Enabling Secure and Efficient Sharing of Accelerators in Expeditionary Systems

Sponsor: Office of Naval Research, United States

- Mar. 2023 - Present
- Development of secure hardware in an accelerator-rich architecture
- Development of secure GPU with CXL memory expansion
- Mentoring students research

•Towards Secure, Crash Recoverable and High-Performance Memory Systems in Future Expeditionary Tactical Systems

Sponsor: Office of Naval Research, United States

- Mar. 2023 - Present
- Development of user-transparent secure compiler
- Mentoring students research

•Parallel Architecture for Native Data-Graph Analytics Operation

Sponsor: AMD Research, United States

- Mar. 2023 - Present
- Development of high-performance and secure access control in disaggregated memory systems
- Mentoring students research

•Optimization of Type-3 Compute Express Link (CXL) Add-In Card (AIC) Memory

Sponsor: SK Hynix

- Feb. 2022 - Jan. 2023
- Developed an in-house simulation platform for CXL memory devices
- Broke down the performance of the CXL-attached system under various scenarios
- Optimization of memory-centric workloads (e.g., NLP) on the CXL-attached system

•Development of Open Convergence Memory Solution and Platform for Next-Generation Memories

Sponsor: Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (MOTIE), South Korea

- April. 2020 - Dec. 2022
- Developed a high-performance and low-power PCM-based computer architecture for CNN inference
- Developed reliable PCM-based systems

•DRAM/PRAM Heterogeneous Memory Architecture and Controller IC Design Technology R&D

Sponsor: Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (MOTIE), South Korea

- July. 2017 - Dec. 2021
- Constructed reliable PRAM technologies concerning endurance and write/read disturbance errors
- Developed an FPGA-based heterogeneous memory system emulation platform

•Architecture Exploration of a Hardwired PCM Controller

Sponsor: SK Hynix

- July. 2020 - June. 2021
- Characterized the performance of the in-house PCM controller simulator developed in the previous year
- Minimized the performance overhead of accessing the DRAM-based address translation table in the PCM controller

•PRAM Memory Scheduler Modeling and its Verification against RTL

Sponsor: SK Hynix

- July. 2019 - June. 2020
- Developed an in-house, functional- and cycle-accurate PCM controller simulator
- Validated functionality and cycle accuracy against the industrial RTL simulation trace

•Schemes for Managing Metadata in PCRAM Software Wear-leveling

Sponsor: SK Hynix

- July. 2017 - June. 2018
- Developed a PCRAM simulation environment using NVMain and gem5
- Minimized the performance overhead of the read-modify-write module in a PCRAM system
- Enhanced the lifetime of PCRAM with the table-based and static wear-leveling

•Management on Non-volatile Memory Systems

Sponsor: SK Hynix

- Sep. 2016 - June. 2017
- Developed a hot address-based wear-leveling for PRAM

•Development of Parallel Processing Techniques for Computational Imaging

Sponsor: Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute (KERI), South Korea

- Sep. 2016 - Nov. 2017
- Developed an algorithm for improving the image quality under surgery environment
- Accelerated the above algorithm using FPGA

PUBLICATIONS (* DENOTES CO-FIRST AUTHOR)

•Conference

- Faiz Alam*, Hyokeun Lee*, Abhishek Bhattacharjee, and Amro Awad, "*CryptoMMU: Enabling Scalable and Secure Access Control of Third-Party Accelerators*," IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO), Oct-Nov. 2023 (Accepted).
- Shubham Nema, Shiva Kaushik Chunduru, Charan Kodigal, Gwendolyn Voskuilen, Scott Himmert, Hyokeun Lee, Amro Awad, and Clayton Hughes, "*ERAS: A Flexible and Scalable Framework for Seamless Integration of RTL models with Structural Simulation Toolkit*," IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization, Oct. 2023 (Poster, To Appear).
- Hyokeun Lee, Kwanseok Choi, Hyuk-Jae Lee, and Jaewoong Sim, "*SDM: Sharing-enabled Disaggregated Memory System with Cache Coherent Compute Express Link*," International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT), Oct. 2023 (To Appear).
- Hyokeun Lee, Hyungsuk Kim, Seokbo Shim, Seungyong Lee, Dosun Hong, Hyuk-Jae Lee, and Hyun Kim, "*PCMC-sim: An Accurate Phase-Change Memory Controller Simulator and its Performance Analysis*," IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software (ISPASS), May. 2022.
- Hyeon Gi Seong, Hyokeun Lee, Hyun Kim, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*Analysis of Hardware Prefetchers Suitable for CNN Applications*," IEEE/IEIE International Conference on Consumer Electronics-Asia (ICCE-Asia), Nov. 2021.
- Hyokeun Lee, Seungyong Lee, Moonsoo Kim, Hyun Kim, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*IMDB: A Low-Cost In-Module Disturbance Barrier for Mitigating Write Disturbance Errors in Phase-Change Memory*," Design Automation Conference (DAC, work-in-progress session), July. 2020.
- Hyokeun Lee, Donghyeon Lee, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*A Predictive Initialization of Hidden State Parameters in a Hidden Markov Model for Hand Gesture Recognition*," IEEE/IEIE International Conference on Consumer Electronics-Asia (ICCE-Asia), June. 2018.

•Journal

- Hyokeun Lee, Seungyong Lee, Byeongki Song, Moonsoo Kim, Seokbo Shim, Hyuk-Jae Lee, and Hyun Kim, "*An In-Module Disturbance Barrier for Mitigating Write Disturbance in Phase-Change Memory*," IEEE Transactions on Computers, April. 2023.

- Hyokeun Lee, Hyuk-Jae Lee, and Hyun Kim, "*A Read Disturbance Tolerant Phase Change Memory System for CNN Inference Workloads*," Journal of Semiconductor Technology and Science, Aug. 2022.
- Moonsoo Kim, Hyokeun Lee, Hyun Kim, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*WL-WD: Wear-Leveling Solution to Mitigate Write Disturbance Errors for Phase-Change Memory*," IEEE Access, Feb. 2022.
- Seungyong Lee, Hyokeun Lee, Hyuk-Jae Lee, Hyun Kim, "*Evaluation of Various Workloads in Filebench Suitable for Phase-change Memory*," IEIE Transactions on Smart Processing & Computing, April. 2021.
- Hyokeun Lee, Hyunmin Jung, Hyuk-Jae Lee, and Hyun Kim, "*Bit-width Reduction in Write Counters for Wear Leveling in a Phase-change Memory System*," IEIE Transactions on Smart Processing & Computing, Oct. 2020.
- Jinwoo Park, Hyokeun Lee, Boyeal Kim, Dong-Goo Kang, Seung Oh Jin, Hyun Kim, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*A Low-Cost and High-Throughput FPGA Implementation of the Retinex Algorithm for Real-Time Video Enhancement*," IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration Systems, Jan. 2020.
- Hyokeun Lee, Moonsoo Kim, Hyunchul Kim, Hyun Kim, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*Integration and Boost of a Read-Modify-Write Module in Phase Change Memory System*," IEEE Transactions on Computers, Dec. 2019.
- Sunwoong Kim, Hyunmin Jung, Woojae Shin, Hyokeun Lee, and Hyuk-Jae Lee, "*HAD-TWL: Hot Address Detection-based Wear Leveling for Phase-Change Memory Systems with Low Latency*," IEEE Computer Architecture Letters, July. 2019.

•Patents

- "*Mitigating Write Disturbance Errors of Phase-Change Memory Module*," US Patent, No. 11462266, Oct. 2022. (Granted)
- "*Semiconductor Memory Device Performing Command Merging and Operating Method Thereof*," US Patent, No. 11055025, July. 2021. (Granted)
- "*Semiconductor Device for Managing Cold Addresses of Nonvolatile Memory Device*," US Patent, No. 10877698, Dec. 2020. (Granted)
- "*Semiconductor Device for Managing Wear Leveling Operation of a Nonvolatile Memory Device*," US Patent, No. 10713159, July. 2020. (Granted)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

•2024

- Reviewer, International Conference on Electronics, Information, and Communication (ICEIC)

•2023

- Program Committee, The 41st IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)
- Reviewer, IEEE Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS)
- Reviewer, IEIE Transactions on Smart Processing and Computing

•2022

- Session Chair, The 40th IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)
- Program Committee, The 40th IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD)
- Reviewer, Elsevier Microelectronics Journal
- Reviewer, IEEE Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS)

•2021

- Reviewer, Material Research Bulletin, Journal, Elsevier
- Technical Program Committee, IEEE /IEIE International Conference on Consumer Electronics Asia (ICCE-ASIA)
- Reviewer, IEIE Transactions on Smart Processing and Computing

LECTURES & INVITED TALKS

- "*Disaggregation and its Security for Large-Scale Computing Systems*," Korea University, South Korea, Aug. 2023.
- "*CXL-enabled Sharing in a Multi-Host Disaggregated Memory System*," Seoul National University GoGE Workshop: Future Generation Security Computing Systems, Aug. 2023.
- "*Introduction to Computer Architecture Simulators and Use of Gem5*," North Carolina State University (ECE 096), United States, Mar. 2023.
- "*Bitwidth Reduction of Write Counters of Wear Leveling in a Phase-Change Memory System*," KSPC, South Korea, Sep. 2022.
- "*Introduction to Computer Architecture Simulators and their Examples*," University of Seoul, South Korea, Jun. 2022.

AWARDS

– First Prize in Haedong Best Paper Award (Academic Research Work), Nov. 2021.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: C++, C, Verilog, Python

Architecture Simulators: NVMain, PCMCsim, DRAMsim3, McSimA+, MacSim, gem5

Commercial Software: ModelSim, Vivado, Quartus

Languages: English (Professional working proficiency), Korean (Native), Chinese (Bilingual)