

# Che-Kai Liu

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## Education & Selected Awards

### Zhejiang University. B.Eng. (Overseas student)

Hangzhou, Zhejiang, P.R.China

College of Information Science and Electronic Engineering. GPA:3.72/4. Third year/Major GPA: 3.87/4

Sep.2019 - June 2023

- **3 consecutive** Award of Merits for HongKong, Macau, Taiwan, and Overseas Chinese, 2020 Top10%<sup>‡</sup>, 2021 Top 5%\*, 2022 Top 1%<sup>†</sup>.
- Research sponsorship/scholarship from Fellow of IEEE/ACM Prof. X. Sharon Hu, 2022.
- Research scholarship from the University of Notre Dame, 2022.
- **First Place**, ACM Student Research Competition at ACM/IEEE Int'l Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD), 2022.
- **Best** presentation award at ACM/IEEE ESWEEK EIC workshop, 2022.
- Third-Class Scholarship for Award of Merits, 2022 Top 25%\*.
- Outstanding student of innovation 2022, academic records 2022, foreign exchange 2022. Top 30% for each\*.

‡, \*, †: Issued by Ministry of Education, P.R.China. ‡: Ranked 3/30 (among all grades, 17'-19', our dept.). \*: Ranked 2/30 (among all grades, 18'-20', our dept.). †: Ranked 1/100 (among all grades, 19'-21', all engg. dept.). \*: Among 300 students in our dept. **Not** limited to HongKong, Macau, Taiwan, and Overseas Chinese.

## Publications & Patents & Selected Projects

- 1. **Che-Kai Liu**, H. Chen, M. Imani, K. Ni, A. Kazemi, A. F. Laguna, M. Niemier, X. S. Hu, L. Zhao, C. Zhuo and X. Yin. COSIME: FeFET based Associative Memory for In-Memory Cosine Similarity Search. *full paper, Int'l Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD), 2022. (acceptance rate: 22%)*
- 2. H. E. Barkam, S. Yun, P. R. Genssler, Z. Zou, **Che-Kai Liu**, H. Amrouch and M. Imani. HDGIM: Hyperdimensional Genome Sequence Matching on Unreliable Highly-Scaled FeFET. *full paper, accepted to Design Automation and Test in Europe (DATE), 2023. (acceptance rate: 25%)*
- 3. **Che-Kai Liu**, H. E. Barkam, Z. Zou, H. Chen, S. Yun, X. Yin, H. Najafi and M. Imani. Seamless Integration Sensing with Hyperdimensional Computing. *Submitted to Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023*
- 4. M. Issa\*, **Che-Kai Liu**\*, S. Yun, and M. Imani. XSensor: In-Sensor Autoencoder Compression for Compact Information Sensing. **\*: Co-first author**, *Submitted to Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023*
- 5. Z. Xu, C. Li, R. Mao, Z. Yang, **Che-Kai Liu**, M. Imani, C. Zhuo, C. Li and X. Yin. A Reconfigurable Design for In-Memory Nearest Neighbor Search. *Submitted to Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023*
- 6. US Patent/P.R.China Invention Patent, 2022: Computing-in-memory for cosine similarity nearest neighbor search. X. Yin, **Che-Kai Liu**, H. Chen, and C. Zhuo. Pending/No. 202211025181.4
- 7. P.R.China Invention Patent, 2022: Multi-bit in-memory multiplication and XNOR unit. X. Yin, **Che-Kai Liu**, H. Chen, and C. Zhuo. No. 202210390722.7
- 8. P.R.China National Research Program, 2021. **Che-Kai Liu**, and H. Chen. Final defense grade: excellent (Top 20%), granted with 12000 CNY.
- 9. Thesis, 2023: **A Cross-layer design approach in CiM - from circuit to architecture to application**. Advisors: X. Yin, X. S. Hu, M. Imani

## Research Experiences

### Zhejiang University

Zhejiang, P.R.China

Researcher, advisor: Prof. Xunzhao Yin

Dec. 2020 - Present

- **COSIME**: Invent cosine similarity based in-memory engine using FeFET. (see 1 and 6). **Contribution**: Conceive project. All SPICE simulations, including all Monte Carlo simulations. Neurosim C++ simulation. All small signal circuit analysis. All paper write-up. All patent write-ups.
- Invent multi-bit in-memory multiplication cell (see 7). **Contribution**: Conceive project. All SPICE simulation. All patent write-ups.

### University of Notre Dame

Indiana, USA

Researcher, advisor: Prof. X. Sharon Hu

Apr. 2022 - Present (6-8 on campus)

- Reconfigurable FeFET CiM for cosine, dot product, Euclidean, and Manhattan distance. **Contribution**: Conceive project. Investigate equivalent expressions for nearest neighbor search with Sift/Deep/Glove datasets with self-calibrated Python code. GPU benchmark with *Nvidia-smi* tool. Design space exploration for 22nm FeFET programming scheme by using SPICE and transform the problem into optimization in math. (expected to write the paper recently, potential authors: **Che-Kai Liu**\*, Mengyuan Li\*, Kai Ni, X. Sharon Hu)

### University of California, Irvine

California, USA

Researcher, advisor: Prof. Mohsen Imani

Aug. 2022 - Present (8-10 on campus)

- Seamless integration sensing with HDC (see 3). Efficient in-sensor hardware with autoencoder (see 4). **Contribution**: Conceive project. Design architecture for in-sensor radar/lidar in HDC encoding and inference. Adjusting bit-precision for ADC and investigating application-level behavior. HDC algorithm in Python. Paper write-ups. Autoencoder hardware design's energy/area/latency estimation with C++ DNN-Neurosim. Kernel math write-up. Give a [lecture](#) for 11 Ph.D.s regarding compute-in-memory (CiM) in the group meeting.
- **Collaboration**: Content addressable memory for genome sequence matching (see 2). CiM comparison with photonic acceleration with Boston University.

## Skills & Academic Service & Talks & Interests

- Skills** SPICE (Cadence Virtuoso), Python (Pytorch), C, Verilog, Assembly (RISC-V), MATLAB
- Review** IEEE JETCAS x2 (Invited by editors, Prof. S. Yu and Prof. H. Najafi); ACM/IEEE ASP-DAC'23 (Under Prof. M. Imani)
- Talks** ACM/IEEE 41<sup>st</sup> ICCAD'22; Student Research Competition@ICCAD'22; ACM/IEEE ESWEEK'22 EIC workshop
- Interests** Sports (3 basketball champions; Minister of our sports dept.; 90+hr of volunteering). Travel. Discourse.