

# Yifan Yuan

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## Educational Backgrounds

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- MS/PhD, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, UIUC *August 2017 – Present*
  - Major: Computer Architecture and System
  - Advisor: Prof. Nam Sung Kim
- Bachelor, Institute of VLSI Design, Zhejiang University *September 2014 – June 2018*
  - Major: Electronic Information Engineering

## Research Interest

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- In-Network Computing, High-Performance Network Platform
- FPGA and Accelerator Design

## Publications

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- M. Alian, **Y. Yuan**, J. Zhang, R. Wang, M. Jung, N. S. Kim. Data Direct I/O Characterization for Future I/O System Exploration, *ISPASS'20*
- **Y. Yuan**, Y. Wang, R. Wang, J. Huang. HALO: Accelerating Flow Classification for Scalable Packet Processing in NFV, *ISCA'19*
- Y. Li\*, **Y. Yuan**\*, I. Liu, D. Chen, A. Schwing, J. Huang. Accelerating Distributed Reinforcement Learning with In-Switch Computing, *NSDI'19 poster, ISCA'19 paper* (\*: Equal contribution)
- X. Wang, **Y. Yuan**, Y. Zhou, C. C. Coats, J. Huang. Project Almanac: A Time-Traveling Solid-State Drive, *EuroSys'19*
- Y. Li, J. Park, M. Alian, **Y. Yuan**, Q. Zheng, P. Pan, R. Wang, A. Schwing, H. Esmaeilzadeh, N. S. Kim. A Network-Centric Hardware/Algorithm Co-Design to Accelerate Distributed Training of Deep Neural Networks, *MICRO'18*

## Patents

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- Y. Wang, R. Wang, T.-Y. C. Tai, **Y. Yuan**, P. Pathak, S. Vedantham, C. Macnamara. Workload Scheduler for Memory Allocation, *US Patent App. 16/799,745, filed Feb. 2020*
- R. Wang, **Y. Yuan**, Y. Wang, T.-Y. C. Tai. Techniques for Data Consistency and Durability over Distributed Persistent Memory System, *US Patent App. 62/884,095, filed Aug. 2019*
- R. Wang, A. J. Herdrich, T.-Y. C. Tai, Y. Wang, R. Kondapalli, A. Bachmutsky, **Y. Yuan**. Offload of Data Lookup Operations, *US Patent App. 16/207,065, filed Nov. 2018*

## Work Experiences

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- Microsoft Research *June 2020 – August 2020*
  - Research Intern at Systems Research Group, Redmond, WA
  - Explored new functionality of commodity programmable switch for distributed ML learning.
- Intel Labs *May 2019 – August 2019*  
*May 2018 – August 2018*
  - Research Intern at Networking Performance Lab, Hillsboro, OR
  - Conducted research on next generation high-performance network platform and I/O system.

## Skills and Techniques

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- *Programming languages:* C/C++, Verilog HDL, VHDL, Python, P4, Shell script, LaTeX, Matlab, etc.
- *Development skills:* Unix/Linux, FPGA, CUDA, programmable switch, gem5 simulator, sniper simulator, etc.

## Selected Courses

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- Computer Architecture; High-speed and Programmable Networks; Advanced Memory and Storage System; Distributed System; Advanced Computer Networks; Applied Parallel Programming; Computer Security; System-on-Chip Design; Introduction to VLSI Design; Digital System Design; Embedded System; Artificial Intelligence

## Awards and Honors

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- NSDI'20 Student Travel Grant *2020*
- OSDI'18 Student Travel Grant *2018*
- Scholarship for Academic Excellence *2016*
- Third Prize in University Robot Contest *2016*
- Scholarship for Academic Excellence *2015*