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Education

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Sept. 2016 - present

Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

Pasadena, CA

California Institute of Technology

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B.S. Electrical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0

June 2016

- Selected Coursework: Senior Thesis (MICS Lab), Machine Learning and Data Mining, Embedded Systems (FPGA Oscilloscope), Advanced Digital Systems (AVR Processor in VHDL), Mixed-mode Integrated Circuits, Feedback and Control Circuits, Signal-Processing Systems, Combinatorial Analysis, Stochastic Processes, Discrete Differential Geometry, Quantum Computation
- Activities/Awards: ACM-ICPC (international collegiate programming contest Honorable Mention at internationals, 2016, Thailand; 1st place team at regionals, 2015; 4th place team, 2014), The Kiyo and Eiko Tomiyasu SURF Scholar award (Caltech, 2015), member of Tau Beta Pi honor society

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Alexandria, VA

Senior Research in Computer Science, GPA: 4.45

Sept. 2008 - June 2012

Work and Experience

Caltech (Azita Emami MICS Lab), Named Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

Summer 2015

- Designed and simulated a novel PLL-based potentiostat for measuring dopamine concentrations in vivo.
- Used Cadence Virtuoso with 45nm CMOS predictive models.

Jane Street Capital, Software Developer Intern

Summer 2014

- Completed two projects (1) fault-tolerant distributed lock server to replace NFS locks; (2) plugin support for the internal trader tool as well as a plugin ecosystem for trader developers with version control.
- Used OCaml (including the Async monad, RPCs, DynLoader).

Google (Research Division), Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2013

- Developed image processing techniques to clean a sequence of object photos to QA specifications, allowing for a much larger class of object image sequences to be processed; currently for Google Shopping.
- Used C++, OpenCV, and the Ceres non-linear solver library.

Naval Research Laboratory, Intern, High Performance Computing

Summer 2011, 2012

- Summer 2012: Built a molecular dynamics simulation in C; compared different integration step algorithms including brute force, linked cell, and monotonic Lagrangian grid.
- Summer 2011: Created an MPI (Message Passing Interface) library for parallel operations on a grid in C++, tested on a wave propagation simulation, then analyzed its efficiency.

California Institute of Technology, Teaching Assistant

2014, 2015

- Algorithms: Lectured and created course materials for topics including graph algorithms, greedy algorithms, dynamic programming, flow networks, and linear programming.
- *Electronics Laboratory:* Conducted homework and laboratory sessions in topics including discrete analog components, op-amp circuits, and differential amplifier circuits.

Projects

Schematic and layout for implantable Potentiostat, fabricated in TSMC 65nm	Spring 2016
Design and construction of reflow oven utilizing a fully-analog PI-controller	Spring 2016
Potentiostat utilizing an all-digital phase-locked loop in 45nm CMOS technology	$Summer\ 2015$
Design and construction of 1kW Solid-state Tesla coil	$Summer\ 2015$
6-8 GHz all-digital delay-locked loop in 45nm CMOS technology, group project	$Spring \ 2015$
8-bit AVR-compatible processor in VHDL for a Xilinx FPGA, group project	$Winter\ 2015$
5MHz bandwidth FPGA-based oscilloscope, designed and built from scratch	Spring 2014
Robotrike firmware (interrupt-based OS written exclusively in x86 assembly)	Fall 2013

Tools and Languages

C/C++, Java, Python, OCaml, Haskell, VHDL/Verilog, x86 Assembly, IATEX, Mathematica, Git, Bash, OpenCV, MPI (parallelization platform), Altium, Altera and Xilinx toolchains, SPCIE, Cadence Virtuoso