Yi-Chun Liao

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EDUCATION

National Taiwan University (NTU)

Taipei, Taiwan

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Information Engineering (CSIE)

Sep. 2021 - Dec. 2025

• Overall GPA: 3.90/4.30, Last 60 GPA: 4.10/4.30

PUBLICATIONS

Yi-Chun Liao, Chieh-Lin Tsai, Yuan-Hao Chang, Camélia Slimani, Jalil Boukhobza, and Tei-Wei Kuo. "RETEN-TION: Resource-Efficient Tree-Based Ensemble Model Acceleration with Content-Addressable Memory," Under review by *IEEE Transactions on IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems*, 2025, doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2506.05994

Yi-Chun Liao, Chieh-Lin Tsai, Yuan-Hao Chang, Camélia Slimani, Jalil Boukhobza, and Tei-Wei Kuo. 2025. "Practicalizing Tree-Based Model Acceleration with CAM through Model Pruning and Data Placement Optimization." In International Conference on Hardware/Software Codesign and System Synthesis (CODES+ISSS '25), September 28-October 3, 2025, Taipei, Taiwan. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 2 pages. doi:10.1145/3742873.3758342

Hong-Wei Li, Ping-Ting Liu, Bo-Wei Lin, **Yi-Chun Liao**, and Yennun Huang. "IPMES: A Tool for Incremental TTP Detection Over the System Audit Event Stream," 2024 54th Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN), Brisbane, Australia, 2024, pp. 265-273, doi:10.1109/DSN58291.2024.00036.

HONORS

First Place of 2025 Bachelor Thesis Award

Taipei, Taiwan

National Taiwan University

Jun. 2025

• Distinguished through a three-stage selection process and recognized as one of the top 2 in the CSIE Department, the best in the College of EECS, and one of the top 6 university-wide.

Appier Enterprise Award

Taipei, Taiwan

National Taiwan University

Jun. 2025

• Received the Most Potential Award from Appier in the departmental independent study exhibition.

Dean's List Award

Taipei, Taiwan

National Taiwan University

Sep. 2024

• Ranked 1/155 in the department for both Spring and Fall 2024 semesters.

Irving T. Ho Memorial Scholarship

Taipei, Taiwan

National Taiwan University

Sep. 2024

• Awarded to 3 students in the department for academic excellence.

First Place of AUO Enterprise Award

Taipei, Taiwan

MakeNTU 2024 (Makerthon)

May 2024

- Designed an in-car RPG game for AUO smart windows to enhance the travel experience.
- Integrated gesture recognition models, speech-text transformation, OpenAI GPT assistant, FastAPI, Flutter, and Pygame.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern

Indiana, United States

University of Notre Dame, Advisor: Prof. Xiaobo Sharon Hu

May 2025 - Present

- Conduct independent research on realizing in-memory hyperdimensional computing with content-addressable memory through hardware/software co-design to achieve resource-efficient and reliable acceleration.
- Contribute to the extension of open-source content-addressable memory simulator CAMASim, focusing on data placement optimization with approaches proposed in the first-authored paper RETENTION.

Research Assistant Taipei, Taiwan

Academia Sinica, Advisors: Prof. Yuan-Hao Chang and Prof. Tei-Wei Kuo

Apr. 2024 - Present

- Conduct independent research on accelerating tree-based ensemble model inference with content-addressable memory to achieve resource-efficient acceleration.
- Improved space efficiency by $4.35 \times$ to $207.12 \times$ with less than 3% accuracy degradation by introducing RETENTION. The first-authored paper is currently under review by TCAD.

Research Assistant Taipei, Taiwan

Academia Sinica, Advisor: Prof. Yennun Huang

Jul. 2023 - Jun. 2024

- Collaborated on developing intrusion detection tool IPMES to detect incremental TTPs in system audit event streams. The co-authored paper was published in DSN 2024.
- Constructed an automatic system attack scenario generator independently to record hundreds of TTP attacks. The system is subsequently utilized for synthesizing system attack datasets.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Taipei, Taiwan

Computer Architecture, Lecturer: Prof. Chia-Lin Yang

Sep. 2024 - Jan. 2025

- Supported the instruction of the Computer Architecture course at NTU, enrolled by over 100 students.
- Led weekly discussion sessions, designed and graded assignments, quizzes, and exams.
- Provided voluntary office hours, exceeding 10 hours per week during exam periods.

Teaching Assistant Taipei, Taiwan

APCS Camp

Jul. 2022/23 - Aug. 2022/23

- Provided TA hours for over 300 C++ beginners during two-week crash courses.
- Adapted teaching strategies including programming problem solving and customized course reviews to meet the diverse needs and skill levels of students.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

President Taipei, Taiwan

NTU CSIE Department Student Association

Aug. 2023 - Jul. 2024

- Directed the student council of the CSIE department.
- Promoted student welfare and represented over 600 students in faculty meetings, contributing to departmental decisions.

Vice President Taipei, Taiwan

NTU EECS College Student Association

Aug. 2023 - Jul. 2024

• Represented over 1500 students in college faculty meetings and helped shape student-related policies.

President Taipei, Taiwan

NTU Cancer Children Service Club

Feb. 2023 - Jul. 2023

- Led a 50-member service club, managing budget allocation and arranging educational and recreational activities.
- Worked with Childhood Cancer Foundation R.O.C., organizing voluntary services to reduce the burden of parents.

Vice Coordinator Taipei, Taiwan

NTU CSIE Camp

Feb. 2023 - Jul. 2023

- Organized a 6-day camp for over 100 high school students with a 50-member staff team.
- Designed activities to introduce students to the CSIE department and provide insights into university life.

SKILLS

- Language Proficiency: English (Proficient, TOEFL iBT 112/120), Mandarin (Native), Japanese (Advanced)
- Technical Skills: C, C++, Python, Java, Git, Linux, JavaScript, PyTorch, NumPy, scikit-learn
- Soft Skills: Resilient, Leadership, Management, Communication, Critical Thinking, Teamwork