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## Education

### National Taiwan University

Sept 2022 – May 2024

*Master of Science in Electronics Engineering*

*Taipei City, Taiwan*

- **Relevant Coursework:** Advanced Digital Signal Processing(Python), Computer Vision(Python), Fault-Tolerant Computing(C++), Digital Signal Processing in VLSI Design(C++), Advanced Integrated Circuit Design(Verilog, Python), Computer Aided Analysis & Optimization of Integrated Circuit(C++), Computer-aided VLSI System Design(Verilog)
- **Thesis Research:** VLSI Power Delivery Network Optimization (TSMC Joint Developed Project)

### Yuan-Ze University

Sept 2016 – Aug 2021

*Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering*

*Taoyuan City, Taiwan*

- **Relevant Coursework:** Machine Learning and Its Applications(Python)

## Experience

### Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd (TSMC)

July 2023 – Aug 2023

*Intern Digital Designer at Design Technology Platform / Design Flow Signoff Department*

*Hsinchu City, Taiwan*

- Developed a spice tool that achieves a 39x speed improvement while maintaining zero error compared to the commercial golden tool.
- Won fourth place in TSMC Internship competition.

### Electronic Design Automation Camp

Aug 2022

*Vice Chairman*

*Taipei City, Taiwan*

- Organized the Electronic Design Automation Camp, co-hosted by National Taiwan University and the IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA), to foster discussions in the Electronic Design Automation field among students from various universities.

### Cadence Design Systems, Inc

July 2022 – Sept 2022

*Software Engineer Intern*

*Hsinchu City, Taiwan*

- Research Relationship between heat effect and metal layer density
- Study how to connect power and thermal models between Cadence's Voltus & Celsius

### Foxconn Technology Group

July 2019 – Aug 2019

*Software Engineer Intern*

*Taoyuan City, Taiwan*

- Developed a fire risk assessment and early warning expert system, employing computer vision to detect potential hazards accurately.
- Integrated advanced sensor technology to monitor environmental conditions, significantly enhancing the system's predictive capabilities and reliability.

## Honors & Awards

### TSMC Internship Competition

Aug 2023

*Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company*

*Hsinchu City, Taiwan*

- Won fourth place(Honorable Mention) in TSMC internship competition.

### Undergraduate Graduation Project Competition

Mar 2019

*Yuan Ze University Department of Electrical Engineering*

*Taoyuan City, Taiwan*

- Led the team and got third place in the graduation thematic competition.

### ActInSpace: Largest Worldwide Space Application Hackathon

Mar 2018

*French Space Agency (CNES) & National Space Program Office (NSPO)*

*Taipei City, Taiwan*

- Led the team and got Third place in the Taiwan regional competition

### Student Engineering Thesis Competition

Dec 2017

*College of Electrical and Communication Engineering & College of Engineering, Yuan Ze University*

*Taoyuan City, Taiwan*

- Got the first prize in a student engineering thesis competition.

## Thesis

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### **VLSI Power Delivery Network Optimization** | C++, Python, Matlab, CUDA

- Cooperated TSMC Joint Developed Project (JDP) with Design Flow Signoff Department (DFSD)
- Proposed a power grid optimization method to improve chip reliability on voltage drop issues
- Developed a tool that achieves a 223x speed improvement while maintaining zero error compared to the commercial golden tool Hspice.
- Experimental results from the test case in the IBM and 2023 The CAD Contest at ICCAD show that, compared to before adjustment, our optimization method has significantly improved the voltage drop issue and saved up to 0.3% of the area.

## Projects

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### **Image Recognition on STM32 Microcontrollers** | Python, TensorFlow Lite, TinyML

- In this project, we have designed a neural network based on MobileNetV2 that can perform an image recognition task (CIFAR-10) and deploy it on STM32 MCU.
- In our MobileNetV2-based model, we can keep the accuracy to 0.881667 and the average latency at 578ms.
- We also can achieve an accuracy of 0.9 in EfficientNet and successfully use the pruning and quantized method to reduce the model size by 4x.

### **Fault Effect Mitigation on Deep Neural Network** | Python, Verilog, Pytorch, TinyML

- In this work, we proposed a method combining two fault-tolerant techniques from previous research: range restriction (Ranger) and weight pruning.
- We have successfully fitted Ranger into the TinyML platform and optimized unaligned pruning for memory boundaries into one DNN model.

### **2023 CAD Contest Problem D @ IEEE/ACM ICCAD: Fixed-Outline Floorplanning with Rectilinear Soft Blocks** | C++

- In the design flow of the silicon chip, floorplanning plays an essential role in providing specific analysis of the chip area and wirelength between modules in the earlier stage before the placement and routing.
- In this project, we use the 'scan' technology to find vacant space and put soft blocks in the fixed region. Finally, we successfully finished the floorplanning process of the three cases and significantly optimized the total half-perimeter wirelength (HPWL).

### **Gauss-Seidel Iteration Machine** | Verilog

- Led the team to solve the Gauss-Seidel Iteration Machine circuit developed by MediaTek in the NTU CVSD final project.
- Completed a chip design from RTL architecture design to synthesis, verification, placing, routing, and DRC checking.

## Publications

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### **Ocean Climate CubeSat Constellation (OCCC) Mission**

Oct 2022

*Conference: Preliminary Workshop for Mission Idea Contest 8th Istanbul Technical Universit, Ayazaga Campus, Istanbul, Turkey*

## Technical Skills

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**Programming Languages:** C/C++, MATLAB, Verilog, Python

**Library:** Eigen, Gurobi, CPLEX, PyTorch, Tensorflow, CVXPY, OpenCV, Scipy, Numpy

**Concepts:** Computer Vision, Computer Architecture, Fault tolerance, SPICE simulation & optimization, RC reduction, Edge Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks, API