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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in ESE, University of Pennsylvania

Aug'16-Jul'18, Aug'21-Dec'24(Expected)

Advisor: Prof. André DeHon

Thesis: Software-like Incremental Refinement on FPGA using Partial Reconfiguration

B.S. in ECE, Carnegie Mellon University

Aug'12-Dec'15

Recipient of David Tuma Project Award – Best ECE Capstone Project Award Graduated with University Honors

Industry Experience AMD, San Jose, CA, USA

May'24-Aug'24

FPGA Architecture Intern

- Explored divide-and-conquer strategy in FPGA implementation to achieve a high clock frequency (>450MHz) for SpMV accelerator that fully utilizes HBM bandwidth of modern datacenter FPGAs
- Identified the limitations of the current FPGA toolchain (Vivado) and FPGA architecture (Alveo U280)

AnaPass, South Korea

Jul'20-Jul'21

SoC Engineer

• RTL verification of Timing Controller IP for Samsung Tablet display

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), South Korea

Research Engineer

CoMira Solutions, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Jun'14-Aug'14

Aug'18-Jul'20

Hardware Engineering Intern

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Software-like Incremental Refinement on FPGA [1]

Feb'23-May'24

Advisor: Prof. André DeHon, University of Pennsylvania

- Proposed a fast incremental refinement strategy for FPGA designs that resembles SW compilation
- Designed a runtime bottleneck identification for HLS dataflow designs using FIFO full/empty counters
- Created a multi-clock system with a NoC (400MHz) and compute kernels (200–400MHz)
- Accelerated design tuning time by $1.3-2.7\times$ while improving application latency by $2.2-12.7\times$

Network-on-a-Chip (NoC) on FPGA [3]

Sep'22-Jan'23

Advisor: Prof. André DeHon, University of Pennsylvania

- Designed a novel asymmetric Butterfly Fat Tree NoC in Verilog that excels in unbalanced traffic
- Analyzed throughput and worst case latency in realistic graph workloads and synthetic traffic patterns
- Achieved up to 76% more throughput than existing Butterfly Fat Tree NoC with the similar resource usage

Parallel FPGA Compilation using Hierarchical Partial Reconfiguration [4]

Jan'22-Aug'22

Advisor: Prof. André DeHon, University of Pennsylvania

- Open-sourced the Makefile/Python/Tcl based FPGA's parallel compilation framework (link)
- Provided flexibility in sizes of compile slots for parallel FPGA compilations, utilizing Xilinx Nested DFX
- Only 2–5 min to compile realistic benchmarks, from HLS to bitstream (2.2–5.3× speedup over Xilinx Vitis)

Accelerating FPGA Compilation using NoC and Partial Reconfiguration [6][7] May'17-Aug'18 Advisor: Prof. André DeHon, University of Pennsylvania

- Designed packet parser, reassembly buffer, and FIFO modules in Verilog for the NoC interface
- Analyzed Xilinx Vivado's compile speed with case studies and revealed the limitations of the vendor tool
- \bullet Showed 4.5× speedup in PnR time over Xilinx Vivado's compilation with a divide-and-conquer approach

Detecting Voltage Anomalies in Scan-Testing Environment on FPGA

Dec'14-Oct'15

Advisor: Prof. Shawn Blanton, CMU

- Implemented a synthesizable, fine-grained voltage sensor on FPGA using carry chains and latches
- Analyzed voltage activities for three different ISCAS'89 circuits in at-speed scan testing environment

Course Projects

HW/SW co-design for VGG16, University of Pennsylvania

Nov'21-Dec'21

- Designed a systolic array based FPGA acceleration kernel for 2D convolution function using HLS
- Demonstrated 11–14.8× performance improvement over the SW baseline of 2D convolution (report link)

Publications	[1] REFINE: Runtime Execution Feedback for INcremental Evolution on FPGA Designs D. Park , A. DeHon	
	ACM Int. Symp. on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA), 2024 – (acceptance rate: 22.5%)	
	[2] ExHiPR: Extended High-level Partial Reconfiguration for Fast Incremental FPGA Compilation Y. Xiao, <u>D. Park</u> , Z. Niu, A. Hota, A. DeHon ACM Transactions on Reconfigurable Technology and Systems (TRETS), 2024	
	[3] Asymmetry in Butterfly Fat Tree FPGA NoC D. Park, Z. Yao, Y. Xiao, A. DeHon IEEE Int. Conf. on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT), 2023	
	[4] Fast and Flexible FPGA development using Hierarchical Partial Reconfiguration D. Park, Y. Xiao, A. DeHon IEEE Int. Conf. on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT), 2022 – (acceptance rate: 25.2%)	
	[5] HiPR: High-level Partial Reconfiguration for Fast Incremental FPGA Compilation Y. Xiao, A. Hota, <u>D. Park</u> , A. DeHon IEEE Int. Conf. on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL), 2022 (<i>Best Paper Candidate</i> : 7.0%)	
	[6] Reducing FPGA Compile Time with Separate Compilation for FPGA Building Blocks Y. Xiao, D. Park , A. Butt, H. Giesen, Z. Han, R. Ding, N. Magnezi, R. Rubin, A. DeHon IEEE Int. Conf. on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT), 2019 – (acceptance rate: 25.0%)	
	[7] Case for Fast FPGA Compilation using Partial Reconfiguration <u>D. Park</u> , Y. Xiao, N. Magnezi, A. DeHon <u>IEEE Int</u> . Conf. on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL), 2018	
Talks	• REFINE: Runtime Execution Feedback for INcremental Evolution on FPGA Designs - at AMD - FPGA Architecture team, San Jose, CA, USA (slides) - at Altera - FPGA Architecture team, San Jose, CA, USA (slides) - at FPGA 2024, Monterey, CA, USA (talk video, slides) • Asymmetry in Butterfly Fat Tree FPGA NoC - at FPT 2023, Yokohama, Japan (virtual) (talk video, slides) • Fast and Flexible FPGA development using Hierarchical Partial Reconfiguration - at FPT 2022, Hong Kong (talk video, slides) - at ESE PhD seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA (slides) • High-level Partial Reconfiguration for Fast Incremental FPGA Compilation - at FPL 2022, Belfast, Northern Ireland (slides) • Case for Fast FPGA Compilation using Partial Reconfiguration - at FPL 2018, Dublin, Ireland (slides) Aug	.'24 .'24 .'23 .'23 .'22 .'22
Awards/ Service	 AKF Scholarship (1st place), KSEA – Andrew Kim Memorial Foundation (slides) Student Recognition Award, University of Pennsylvania Best Presentation Award, Penn ESE PhD seminar (F2022–S2023) Samsung Electronics Global Fellowship with post-graduation employment offer Best Paper Candidate, FPL2022 PhD Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania Best ECE Capstone Project Award (Project: Neural Networks on FPGA), CMU University Honors, CMU Artifact Evaluation Committee for FCCM 2024 Penn ESE PhD students seminar organizer Judge, Research Experience for Undergraduates, University of Pennsylvania 	-'23 -'23 -'22 -'22 '16 '16 '16
TEACHING ASSISTANT	 SoC Architecture (ESE5320), University of Pennsylvania Fall 2021, Fall 2021	014

 ${\rm Skills}$

Hardware Verilog, Vivado, Vitis HLS, Quartus, HDL Simulation tools, OpenCL
 Software C++, Python, PyTorch, scikit-learn, Tcl, Shell scripting