

# Hongxu (Danny) Yin

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## Experience

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### NVIDIA Research

Staff Research Scientist, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

*Apr. 2024 - Now*

### NVIDIA Research

Senior Research Scientist, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

*May 2022 - Mar. 2024*

### NVIDIA Research

Research Scientist, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

*May 2020 - Apr. 2022*

### NVIDIA Research

Research Intern, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

*May 2019 - Nov. 2019*

### Alibaba U.S.

Research Intern, Machine Learning Team

*May 2018 - Nov. 2018*

## Education

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### Princeton University

Ph.D. in Electrical Computer Engineering, advised by Prof. Niraj K. Jha

Research focus: Efficient and Secure Deep Learning

New Jersey, USA

*2015 - 2020*

### Nanyang Technological University

B.Eng in Electronic & Electronics Engineering (GPA 3.9/4.0, dean's lister all four years)

Minor in Business (GPA 4.0/4.0)

Singapore, SG

*2011 - 2015*

### University of California, Berkeley

Undergraduate summer exchange

California, USA

*2012*

### University of Cambridge

High school elite exchange program

Cambridge, UK

*2007*

## Selected Awards

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- 36 Kr Top 100 Global Outstanding Chinese Awards *2022*
- Forbes Top 60 Elite Chinese North America *2021*
- Princeton ECE Best Dissertation Award Finalist (Top-3 in department) *2020*
- Princeton Yan Huo \*94 Fellowship (Top-3 in department) *2019*
- Princeton Natural Science and Foundation Fellowship *2015-2017*
- Gold Medal - Defense Science and Technology *2015*
- Gold Medal - Thomas Asia Pacific Holdings *2015*
- Department Dean's Lister Award *2011-2015*
- Nanyang Best Industrial Orientation Award *2014*
- Nanyang Presidential Scholar with Highest Distinction *2012-2015*

## Conference Publications

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(\*: equal contribution; †: advised intern)

46. Ji Lin<sup>†</sup>\*, **Hongxu Yin**\*, Wei Ping, Yao Lu, Pavlo Molchanov, Andrew Tao, Huizi Mao, Jan Kautz, Mohammad Shoeybi, Song Han  
*VILA: On pre-training for visual language models*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2024
45. Qiushan Guo<sup>†</sup>, Shalini De Mello\*, **Hongxu Yin**\*, Wonmin Byeon, Ka Chun Cheung, Yizhou Yu, Ping Luo, Sifei Liu  
*RegionGPT: Towards region understanding vision language model*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2024

44. Shih-Yang Liu<sup>†</sup>, Chien-Yi Wang, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Yu-Chiang Frank Wang, Kwang-Ting Cheng, Min-Hung Chen  
*DoRA: Weight-decomposed low-rank adaptation*  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024  
(**Oral Presentation - top 1.5% paper**)
43. Jingwen Sun<sup>†</sup>, Ziyue Xu, **Hongxu Yin**, Dong Yang, Daguang Xu, Yiran Chen, Holger R. Roth  
*FedBPT: Efficient federated black-box prompt tuning for large language models*  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024  
AAAI Symposium, 2024 (**Best Paper Award**)
42. Ruisi Cai<sup>†</sup>, Saurav Muralidharan, Greg Henrich, **Hongxu Yin**, Zhangyang Wang, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*FlexTron: Many-in-One flexible large language models*  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024  
(**Oral Presentation - top 1.5% paper**)
41. De-an Huang, Shijia Liao, Subhashree Radhakrishnan, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Zhiding Yu, Jan Kautz  
*LITA: Language instructed temporal-localization assistant*  
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2024
40. Anna Bair<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Maying Shen, Pavlo Molchanov, Jose M. Alvarez  
*Adaptive sharpness-aware pruning for robust sparse networks*  
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024
39. Ali Hatamizadeh, Greg Heinrich, **Hongxu Yin**, Andrew Tao, Jose M. Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*FasterViT: Fast vision transformers with hierarchical attention*  
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024
38. Jiaming Song, Qinsheng Zhang, **Hongxu Yin**, Morteza Mardani, Ming-yu Liu, Jan Kautz, Yongxin Chen, Arash Vahdat  
*Loss-guided diffusion models for Plug-and-Play controllable generation*  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023
37. Ali Hatamizadeh, **Hongxu Yin**, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Global context vision transformer*  
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023
36. Divyam Madaan<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Wonmin Byeon, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Heterogeneous continual learning*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023  
(**Highlight - top 2.5% paper**)
35. Huanrui Yang<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Hai Li, Jan Kautz  
*NViT: Vision transformer compression and parameter redistribution*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023
34. Paul Micaelli<sup>†</sup>, Pavlo Molchanov, Arash Vahdat, **Hongxu Yin**, Jan Kautz  
*Recurrence without recurrence: stable video landmark detection with deep equilibrium models*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023
33. Xin Dong<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Jose Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Privacy vulnerability of split computing to data-free model inversion attacks*  
British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), 2022
32. Maying Shen\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, Pavlo Molchanov, Lei Mao, Jianna Liu, Jose Alvarez  
*Structural pruning via latency-saliency Knapsack*  
Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022
31. **Hongxu Yin**, Arash Vahdat, Jose Alvarez, Arun Mallya, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*A-ViT: Adaptive tokens for efficient vision transformer*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022  
(**Oral Presentation**)
30. Ali Hatamizadeh\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, Holger Roth, Wenqi Li, Jan Kautz, Daguang Xu, Pavlo Molchanov  
*GradViT: Gradient inversion of vision transformers*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022

29. Maying Shen, Pavlo Molchanov, **Hongxu Yin**, Jose Alvarez  
*When to prune? A policy towards early structural pruning*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022
28. Pavlo Molchanov\*, Jimmy Hall\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, Jan Kautz, Nicolo Fusi, Arash Vahdat  
*HANT: Hardware-aware network transformation*  
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022
27. **Hongxu Yin**, Arun Mallya, Arash Vahdat, Jose Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*See through gradients: Image batch recovery via GradInversion*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2021
26. Yerlan Idelbayev†, Pavlo Molchanov, Maying Shen, **Hongxu Yin**, M. C. Perpinan, Jose Alvarez  
*Optimal quantization using scaled codebook*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2021
25. Akshay Chawla†, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Jose Alvarez  
*Data-free knowledge distillation for object detection*  
Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2021
24. **Hongxu Yin**, Arun Mallya, Arash Vahdat, Jose Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Dreaming to distill: Data-free knowledge transfer via DeepInversion*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020  
(**Oral Presentation**)
23. Wenhan Xia, **Hongxu Yin**, Niraj K. Jha  
*Efficient synthesis of compact deep neural networks*  
IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2020
22. Xiaoliang Dai, Peizhao Zhang, Bichen Wu, **Hongxu Yin**, Fei Sun, Yanghan Wang, Marat Dukhan, Yunqing Hu, Yiming Wu, Yangqing Jia, Peter Vajda, Matt Uyttendaele, Niraj K. Jha  
*ChamNet: Towards efficient network design through platform-aware model adaptation*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2019
21. Ozge Akmandor, **Hongxu Yin**, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Simultaneously ensuring smartness, security, and energy efficiency in Internet-of-Things sensors*  
IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC), 2017
20. **Hongxu Yin**, Bah Hwee Gwee, Zhiping Lin, Kumar Anil, Galul R. Sirajudeen, and Choo M. S. See  
*Novel real-time system design for floating-point sub-Nyquist multi-coset signal blind reconstruction*  
IEEE Int. Symp. on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS), 2015  
(**Oral Presentation**)

## Journal Publications

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19. Ali Hatamizadeh, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Andriy Myronenko, Wenqi Li, Prerna Dogra, Andrew Feng, Mona G Flores, Jan Kautz, Daguang Xu, Holger R. Roth  
*Do gradient inversion attacks make federated learning unsafe?*  
IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, 2023
18. Shayan Hassantabar, Joe Zhang, **Hongxu Yin**, Niraj K. Jha  
*MHDeep: Mental health disorder detection system based on body-area and deep neural networks*  
ACM Transactions on Embedded Computing Systems, 2022
17. **Hongxu Yin**, Guoyang Chen, Yingmin Li, Shuai Che, Weifeng Zhang, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Hardware-guided symbiotic training for compact, accurate, yet execution-efficient LSTMs*  
IEEE Trans. Emerging Topics in Computing, 2021
16. Wenhan Xia, **Hongxu Yin**, Xiaoliang Dai, Niraj K. Jha  
*Fully dynamic inference with deep neural networks*  
IEEE Trans. Emerging Topics in Computing, 2021
15. Xiaoliang Dai\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Grow and prune compact, fast, and accurate LSTMs*  
IEEE Trans. Computers, 2020
14. **Hongxu Yin**, Bilal Mukadam, Xiaoliang Dai, and Niraj K. Jha  
*DiabDeep: Pervasive diabetes diagnosis based on wearable medical sensors and efficient neural networks*  
IEEE Trans. Emerging Topics in Computing, 2020

13. Xiaoliang Dai, **Hongxu Yin**, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Incremental learning using a grow-and-prune paradigm with efficient neural networks*  
IEEE Trans. Computers, 2020
12. Xiaoliang Dai, **Hongxu Yin**, and Niraj K. Jha  
*NeST: A neural network synthesis tool based on a grow-and-prune paradigm*  
IEEE Trans. Computers, 2019
11. **Hongxu Yin**, Zeyu Wang, and Niraj K. Jha  
*A hierarchical inference model for Internet-of-Things*  
IEEE Trans. Multi-scale Computing Systems, 2018
10. **Hongxu Yin** and Niraj K. Jha  
*A health decision support system for disease diagnosis based on wearable medical sensors and machine learning ensembles*  
IEEE Trans. Multi-scale Computing Systems, 2017
9. Ozge Akmandor, **Hongxu Yin** and Niraj K. Jha  
*Smart, secure, yet energy-efficient, Internet-of-Things sensors*  
IEEE Trans. Multi-scale Computing Systems, 2017

## Book Chapter

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8. **Hongxu Yin**, Ozge Akmandor, Arsalan Mosenia, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Smart healthcare*  
Foundations and Trends, 2017

## Preprint (publicly available & under review)

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7. Hanrong Ye<sup>†</sup>, De-An Huang, Yao Lu, Zhiding Yu, Wei Ping, Andrew Tao, Jan Kautz, Song Han, Dan Xu, Pavlo Molchanov, **Hongxu Yin**  
*X-VILA: Cross-Modality alignment for large language model*  
preprint, 2024
6. Yunhao Fang<sup>†\*</sup>, Ligeng Zhu<sup>\*</sup>, Yao Lu, Yan Wang, Pavlo Molchanov, Jang Hyun Cho, Marco Pavone, Song Han, **Hongxu Yin**  
*VILA<sup>2</sup>: VILA augmented VILA*  
preprint, 2024
5. An-Chieh Cheng<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Yang Fu, Qiushan Guo, Ruihan Yang, Jan Kautz, Xiaolong Wang, Sifei Liu  
*SpatialRGPT: Grounded spatial reasoning in vision language model*  
preprint, 2024
4. Xinlong Sun<sup>†</sup>, Maying Shen, **Hongxu Yin**, Lei Mao, Pavlo Molchanov, Jose M Alvarez  
*Towards dynamic sparsification by iterative prune-grow lookAheads*  
preprint, 2023
3. Xinlong Sun<sup>†</sup>, Maying Shen, **Hongxu Yin**, Lei Mao, Pavlo Molchanov, Jose M Alvarez  
*Towards dynamic sparsification by iterative prune-grow lookAheads*  
preprint, 2023
2. Yazhou Xing<sup>†</sup>, Amrita Mazumdar, Anjul Patney, Chao Liu, **Hongxu Yin**, Qifeng Chen, Jan Kautz, Iuri Frosio  
*Online overexposed pixels hallucination in videos with adaptive reference frame selection*  
preprint, 2023
1. Zhen Dong<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Arash Vahdat, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Efficient transformation of architectures through hardware-aware nonlinear optimization*  
preprint, 2022

## Workshop & Tutorial Organizer

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- *Efficient Deep Learning for Foundation Models Workshop*  
ECCV 2024 2024
- *Efficient Computer Vision Workshop*  
CVPR 2024 2024
- *Full-Stack, GPU-based Acceleration of Deep Learning Tutorial*  
CVPR 2024 2024

- *Data-efficient Learning for Large Model Tutorial*  
ICCV 2023 2023
- *Full-Stack, GPU-based Acceleration of Deep Learning Tutorial*  
CVPR 2023 2023
- *Transformers for Vision Workshop*  
CVPR 2022 2022

## Invited Keynote & Talk (till Dec. 2022)

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- *Efficient Deep Learning*  
Invited Panelist, Open Compute Project (OCP) Global Summit Oct. 2022
- *Towards Efficient and Secure Deep Learning*  
Invited Keynote, Design & Automation Conference (DAC'60) Jul. 2022
- *Towards Efficient and Secure Deep Nets*  
University of British Columbia ECE Department May 2022
- *Inverting Deep Nets*  
Princeton University, Department of Computer Science research groups Aug. 2021
- *See through Gradients*  
Europe ML meeting Apr. 2021
- *Dreaming to Distill*  
Synced AI (largest AI media in Asia) Jul. 2020
- *Dreaming to Distill*  
Facebook AR/VR Jun. 2020
- *Making Neural Networks Efficient*  
Alibaba Cloud / Platform AI group Feb. 2020
- *Efficient Neural Networks*  
NVIDIA Research, Facebook Research Dec. 2019
- *Efficient Neural Networks*  
Baidu Research, ByteDance A.I. Lab US Dec. 2019
- *Efficient Neural Networks*  
Alibaba A.I. Research, Kwai Lab Nov. 2019
- *Applied Machine Learning: From Theory to Practice*  
Invited Keynote, IEEE Circuits and Systems Society (Singapore Chapter) Feb. 2018
- *A Health Decision Support System for Disease Diagnosis*  
New Jersey Tech Council Jun. 2016

## Patents (till Jun. 2022)

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25. *Pruning Neural Networks*  
NVIDIA 2022
24. *Neural Network Training Technique*  
NVIDIA 2022
23. *Techniques to Identify Data used to Train One or More Neural Networks*  
NVIDIA 2022
22. *Pruning Vision Transformers under Latency Budget and a Method to Distribute Parameters across Layers*  
NVIDIA 2022
21. *GradViT: Gradient Inversion of Vision Transformers*  
NVIDIA 2022
20. *Adaptive Token Depth Adjustment Algorithm for Networks with Transformer Blocks*  
NVIDIA 2022
19. *Global Context Model for Transformer Neural Networks*  
NVIDIA 2022

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| 18. <i>Towards Understanding the Risks of Gradient Inversion in Federated Learning</i><br>NVIDIA   | 2022 |
| 17. <i>When to Prune? A Policy for Early Structural Pruning</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2021 |
| 16. <i>See Through Gradients: Image Batch Recovery via GradInversion</i><br>NVIDIA   | 2021 |
| 15. <i>Network similarity metric as a Pruning Indicator</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2021 |
| 14. <i>Zero-shot Model Inversion for Data-free Distillation</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2021 |
| 13. <i>MHDeep: Mental Health Disorder Detection System based on Body-Area and Deep Neural Networks</i><br>Princeton University                   | 2019 |
| 12. <i>Optimal MSE Quantization with Fixed Codebook and Rescaling</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2020 |
| 11. <i>Dreaming Data for Continual Learning</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2020 |
| 10. <i>Data-Free Knowledge Distillation for Object Detection</i><br>NVIDIA   | 2020 |
| 9. <i>Hardware-aware Latency Neural Network Pruning</i><br>NVIDIA  | 2020 |
| 8. <i>Image Generation for Data Free Pruning</i><br>NVIDIA   | 2019 |
| 7. <i>Hardware-guided Symbiotic Training for Compact, Accurate, yet Execution-efficient LSTMs</i><br>Alibaba                                     | 2019 |
| 6. <i>Incremental Learning using a Grow-and-prune Paradigm with Efficient Neural Networks</i><br>Princeton University                            | 2019 |
| 5. <i>DiabDeep: Pervasive Diabetes Diagnosis based on Wearable Medical Sensors and Efficient Neural Networks</i><br>Princeton University         | 2019 |
| 4. <i>Smart, Secure, yet Energy-efficient Internet-of-Things Sensors</i><br>Princeton University   | 2019 |
| 3. <i>NeST: A Neural Network Synthesis Tool based on a Grow-and-prune Paradigm</i><br>Princeton University                                       | 2018 |
| 2. <i>Grow and Prune Compact, Fast, yet Accurate LSTMs</i><br>Princeton University   | 2018 |
| 1. <i>A Hierarchical Health Decision support System based on Wearable Medical Sensors and Machine Learning Ensembles</i><br>Princeton University | 2017 |

## Academic Services

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### Teaching Assistant - Princeton University

ELE 364, Machine Learning for Predictive Data Analytics

Fall, 17-18

ELE464, Embedded Computing

Spring, 16-17

### Conference Reviewer & Committee

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)  
 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)  
 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)  
 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)  
 International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)  
 European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)  
 British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)  
 Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)  
 AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)  
 Design Automation Conference (DAC)  
 High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)

#### **Journal Reviewer & Committee**

IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence  
 IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems  
 International Journal of Computer Vision  
 IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics  
 IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing  
 IEEE Sensors Journal  
 IEEE Consumer Electronics Magazine  
 International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools  
 International Journal of Systems Architecture  
 International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management  
 International Journal of Electronic Imaging

## **Mentorship**

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#### **NVIDIA Research Mentees**

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| Baifeng Shi, University of California, Berkeley            | 2023-2024 |
| Hanrong Ye, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | 2023-2024 |
| Ji Lin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology              | 2022-2023 |
| Huanrui Yang, Duke University                              | 2021-2022 |
| Zhen Dong, University of California, Berkeley              | 2021-2022 |
| Xin Dong, Harvard University                               | 2021-2022 |
| Annamarie Bair, Carnegie Mellon University                 | 2022-2023 |
| Divyam Madaan, New York University                         | 2022-2023 |
| Paul Micaelli, University of Edingburgh                    | 2021-2022 |
| Yerlan Idelbayev, University of California, Merced         | 2020-2021 |
| Vu Nguyen, Stony Brooks University                         | 2020-2021 |
| Akshay Chawla, Carnegie Mellon University                  | 2020-2021 |

#### **Princeton Senior Thesis Mentees**

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| Joe Zhang, now Ph.D. at Stanford                        | 2019-2020 |
| Hari Santhanam, now Ph.D. at University of Pennsylvania | 2019-2020 |
| Frederick Hertan, now at SIG Trading                    | 2018-2019 |
| Kyle Johnson, now at Princeton University               | 2018-2019 |
| Bilal Mukadam, now at Microsoft                         | 2018-2019 |
| Chloe Song, now at Astra Inc.                           | 2017-2018 |