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## Education

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### Princeton University

New Jersey, USA

Ph.D. in Electrical Computer Engineering

2015 - 2020

Research focus: Efficient and Secure Deep Learning

Advisor: Prof. Niraj K. Jha

### Nanyang Technological University

Singapore, SG

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

2011 - 2015

Minor in Business (GPA 4.0/4.0)

Advisor: Prof. Bah Hwee Gwee and Prof Zhiping Lin

### University of California, Berkeley

California, USA

Undergraduate summer exchange

2012

### University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

High school elite exchange program

2007

## Academic Experience

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### NVIDIA, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

Senior Research Scientist (Team lead: Dr. Jan Kautz)

May 2022 - Now

### NVIDIA, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

Research Scientist (Team lead: Dr. Jan Kautz)

May 2020 - Apr 2022

### NVIDIA, Learning and Perception Research (LPR)

Research Intern (Mentor: Dr. Pavlo Molchanov and Dr. Jan Kautz)

May 2019 - Nov 2019

### Alibaba U.S., Machine Learning Team

Research Intern (Mentor: Dr. Weifeng Zhang)

May 2018 - Nov 2018

## Selected Awards

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- 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)

1. **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)

2. 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
3. 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
4. Xin Dong<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Jose Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Deep neural networks are surprisingly reversible: A baseline for zero-shot inversion*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPR Workshop), 2022
5. Ali Hatamizadeh\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, Holger Roth, Wenqi Li, Jan Kautz, Daguang Xu, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Gradient inversion of vision transformers*  
Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPR Workshop), 2022
6. Pavlo Molchanov\*, Jimmy Hall\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, Jan Kautz, Nicolo Fusi, Arash Vahdat  
*HANT: Hardware-aware network transformation*  
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022
7. **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
8. Yerlan Idelbayev<sup>†</sup>, 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
9. Akshay Chawla<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Jose Alvarez  
*Data-free knowledge distillation for object detection*  
Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2021
10. **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)
11. Wenhan Xia, **Hongxu Yin**, Niraj K. Jha  
*Efficient synthesis of compact deep neural networks*  
IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2020
12. 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
13. 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
14. **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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15. 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

16. **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
17. Wenhan Xia, **Hongxu Yin**, Xiaoliang Dai, Niraj K. Jha  
*Fully dynamic inference with deep neural networks*  
IEEE Trans. Emerging Topics in Computing, 2021
18. Xiaoliang Dai\*, **Hongxu Yin\***, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Grow and prune compact, fast, and accurate LSTMs*  
IEEE Trans. Computers, 2020
19. **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
20. Xiaoliang Dai, **Hongxu Yin**, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Incremental learning using a grow-and-prune paradigm with efficient neural networks*  
IEEE Trans. Computers, 2020
21. 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
22. **Hongxu Yin**, Zeyu Wang, and Niraj K. Jha  
*A hierarchical inference model for Internet-of-Things*  
IEEE Trans. Multi-scale Computing Systems, 2018
23. **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
24. 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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25. **Hongxu Yin**, Ozge Akmandor, Arsalan Mosenia, and Niraj K. Jha  
*Smart healthcare*  
Foundations and Trends, 2017

## Preprint (under review)

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26. Huanrui Yang<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Hai Li, Jan Kautz  
*NViT: Vision transformer compression and parameter redistribution*  
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022
27. Maying Shen, **Hongxu Yin**, Pavlo Molchanov, Lei Mao, Jianna Liu, Jose M. Alvarez  
*Structural pruning via latency-saliency Knapsack*  
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022
28. Ali Hatamizadeh, **Hongxu Yin**, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Global context vision transformer*  
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022
29. Xin Dong<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Jose Alvarez, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Deep neural networks are surprisingly reversible: A baseline for zero-shot inversion*  
British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), 2022

30. 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 Trans. Biomedical Imaging submission (TMI), 2022
31. Zhen Dong<sup>†</sup>, **Hongxu Yin**, Arash Vahdat, Jan Kautz, Pavlo Molchanov  
*Efficient transformation of architectures through hardware-aware nonlinear optimization*  
Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2022

## Invited Keynote & Talk

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- *Towards Efficient and Secure Deep Learning*  
Invited Keynote, Design Automation Conference (DAC'59) 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

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- *Pruning Vision Transformers under Latency Budget and a Method to Distribute Parameters across Layers*  
NVIDIA 2022
- *GradViT: Gradient Inversion of Vision Transformers*  
NVIDIA 2022
- *Adaptive Token Depth Adjustment Algorithm for Networks with Transformer Blocks*  
NVIDIA 2022
- *Global Context Model for Transformer Neural Networks*  
NVIDIA 2022
- *Towards Understanding the Risks of Gradient Inversion in Federated Learning*  
NVIDIA 2022

- *When to Prune? A Policy for Early Structural Pruning*  
NVIDIA 2021
- *See Through Gradients: Image Batch Recovery via GradInversion*  
NVIDIA 2021
- *Network similarity metric as a Pruning Indicator*  
NVIDIA 2021
- *Zero-shot Model Inversion for Data-free Distillation*  
NVIDIA 2021
- *MHDeep: Mental Health Disorder Detection System based on Body-Area and Deep Neural Networks*  
Princeton University 2019
- *Optimal MSE Quantization with Fixed Codebook and Rescaling*  
NVIDIA 2020
- *Dreaming Data for Continual Learning*  
NVIDIA 2020
- *Data-Free Knowledge Distillation for Object Detection*  
NVIDIA 2020
- *Hardware-aware Latency Neural Network Pruning*  
NVIDIA 2020
- *Image Generation for Data Free Pruning*  
NVIDIA 2019
- *Hardware-guided Symbiotic Training for Compact, Accurate, yet Execution-efficient LSTMs*  
Alibaba 2019
- *Incremental Learning using a Grow-and-prune Paradigm with Efficient Neural Networks*  
Princeton University 2019
- *DiabDeep: Pervasive Diabetes Diagnosis based on Wearable Medical Sensors and Efficient Neural Networks*  
Princeton University 2019
- *Smart, Secure, yet Energy-efficient Internet-of-Things Sensors*  
Princeton University 2019
- *NeST: A Neural Network Synthesis Tool based on a Grow-and-prune Paradigm*  
Princeton University 2018
- *Grow and Prune Compact, Fast, yet Accurate LSTMs*  
Princeton University 2018
- *A Hierarchical Health Decision support System based on Wearable Medical Sensors and Machine Learning Ensembles*  
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)  
 International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)  
 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)  
 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)  
 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  
 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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### Princeton Senior Thesis Mentees

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

### NVIDIA Research Intern Mentees

Divyam Madaan, New York University	2022-now
Shixing Yu, University of Texas, Austin	2022-now
Annamarie Bair, Carnegie Mellon University	2022-now
Alex Sun, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2022-now
Huanrui Yang, Duke University	2021-2022
Zhen Dong, University of California, Berkeley	2021-2022
Xin Dong, Harvard University	2021-2022
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