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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE RESEARCHER | FPGA/PARALLEL COMPUTING LAB

Sept. 2020 – Present | Los Angeles, CA

Currently working with **Professor Prasanna** on Graph Neural Network (GNN) training acceleration on heterogeneous platforms (Publication [1]-[5]).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER | DIGITAL CIRCUIT DESIGN

Sept. 2018 – July. 2020 | Taipei, Taiwan

Worked with **Professor Yi-Chang Lu** on hardware accelerator for DNA sequence alignment.

- Designed Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) for sequence alignment (Publication [7]).
- Implemented Smith-Waterman algorithm using systolic array. [\[Link\]](#)

Worked with **Professor Tzi-Dar Chiueh** on digital circuit design.

- Taped-out a 5 stage pipelined RISC-V CPU on a 1.5mm×1.5mm chip with 180nm technology. [\[Link\]](#)
- Performed the entire IC design flow, from RTL design to synthesis, place& route, verification and tape-out.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Yi-Chien Lin and Viktor Prasanna. *HyScale-GNN: A Scalable Hybrid GNN Training System on Single-Node Heterogeneous Architecture*. In IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS), 2023.
- [2] Yi-Chien Lin, Bingyi Zhang, and Viktor Prasanna. *HitGNN: High-throughput GNN Training Framework on CPU+Multi-FPGA Heterogeneous Platform*. In IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS), 2023 [\[Under Review\]](#).
- [3] Yi-Chien Lin, Bingyi Zhang, and Viktor Prasanna. *Accelerating GNN Training on CPU+Multi-FPGA Heterogeneous Platform*. In Latin American High Performance Computing Conference (CARLA), 2022.
- [4] Yi-Chien Lin, Bingyi Zhang, and Viktor Prasanna. *HP-GNN: Generating High Throughput GNN Training Implementation on CPU-FPGA Heterogeneous Platform*. In ACM International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA), 2022.
- [5] Yi-Chien Lin, Bingyi Zhang, and Viktor Prasanna. *GCN Inference Acceleration using High-Level Synthesis*. In IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference (HPEC), 2021.
- [6] Yi-Chien Lin, Chih-Hung Lin, Ling-Yu Wu, and Chih-Shiuan Lee. *Face Orientation-based Cursor Positioning on Display Screens* (WIPO Patent No. WO/2021/145855). 2021.
- [7] Jing-Ping Wu, Yi-Chien Lin, Ying-Wei Wu, Shih-Wei Hsieh, Ching-Hsuan Tai, and Yi-Chang Lu. *A Memory-Efficient Accelerator for DNA Sequence Alignment with Two-Piece Affine Gap Tracebacks*. In IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS), 2021.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

September 2020 - August 2025 (anticipated) | Los Angeles, CA • Cum. GPA: 3.88/4.0

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY | B.S. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

September 2016 - June 2020 | Taipei, Taiwan • Cum. GPA: 3.75/4.3

WORK EXPERIENCE & SERVICES

REGISTRATION CHAIR | THE 31ST IEEE FCCM CONFERENCE

May 2023 | Los Angeles, CA

STUDENT VOLUNTEER | THE 37TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL PARALLEL & DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING SYMPOSIUM

May 2023 | St. Petersburg, FL

CONFERENCE/JOURNAL REVIEWER

2020 - Present

- IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS)
- ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA)
- International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC)
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (TCSVT)
- IEEE International Conference on Application-specific Systems, Architectures, and Processors (ASAP)

HEWLETT & PACKARD INC.(HP) | ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING R&D INTERN

July 2019 – July 2020 | Taipei, Taiwan

Proposed a software design to enhance cursor movement efficiency; this idea has been patented by HP (Publication [6]).

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- EE451: Parallel and Distributed Computation
- EE457: Computer Systems Organization

AWARDS

VITERBI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING FELLOWSHIP

Los Angeles, CA. 2020

NTUEE UNDERGRADUATE INNOVATION AWARD THIRD PRIZE

Taipei, Taiwan. 2019

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

SOFTWARE

C/C++ • Python

PARALLEL PROGRAMMING

Pthreads • MPI • OpenMP • CUDA

HARDWARE

Verilog/SystemVerilog • High-Level Synthesis • oneAPI

HARDWARE DESIGN TOOLS

Xilinx Vitis • Cadence NC-Verilog • Synopsis Design Compiler • Cadence Innovous