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BIO

Juechu (Joy) Dong is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, advised by Prof. Satish Narayanasamy. She studies emerging technologies in computer architecture and systems, with a focus on confidential computing and GPU kernel optimizations. Her research seeks to democratize kernel customization by building flexible and adaptive infrastructure for mapping novel algorithms to GPU hardware.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

(exp.) 2027

Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Satish Narayanasamy

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

2022

B.S., Computer Engineering

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

2022

B.S.E., Computer Engineering, Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 3.99/4.00

Technische Universität Berlin

2020

Visiting Student, Virtual Reality and Game Design

McGill University

2019

Visiting Student, Communication and Interpersonal Skills in Business

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

PyTorch group, Meta Inc.

2024,25

Research Scientist Intern

- Contribute to TorchInductor & Helion DSL.
- Develop new techniques in PyTorch compiler with a focus on GPU performance optimization.
- Design GPU programming language for fast, flexible, and easy-to-use ML kernel authoring.
- Research new techniques for high-performance distributed GPU communication.
- Engage in the open source community to identify user needs and promote new features.

NVIDIA

2022,25

Deep Learning Architect Intern

- Modeled and analyzed next-gen GPU memory features, including distributed shared memory, asynchronous transaction barrier, and Tensor Memory Accelerator (TMA).
- Designed and improved compiler abstractions and programming interfaces for GPU domain-specific languages.
- Developed modular framework for CuTe DSL decoupling algorithmic logic from GPU scheduling, enabling flexible kernel composition and ML framework integration.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors & Recognitions

MLCommons ML and Systems Rising Star

2025

Selected as one of 38 junior researchers worldwide fostering potential in ML and Systems research.

James B. Angell Scholar

2020-23

Paper & Project Awards

Meta 2024 Internship Project Spotlight: FlexDecoding

2024

Awarded as one of 3 outstanding internship projects each year

Fellowships & Scholarships

Rackham Doctoral Intern Fellowship

2025

Rackham International Student Fellowship (12,990 USD)

2023-24

John Wu & and Jane Sun Outstanding Scholarship (100,000 CNY)

2018-22

SJTU Outstanding Academic Performance Scholarship

2018-20

PUBLICATIONS

*=ENQUAL CONTRIBUTION

Conference Papers

[C.1] **Juechu Dong***, Boyuan Feng*, Driss Guessous*, Yanbo Liang*, Horace He. "Flex Attention: A Programming Model for Generating Optimized Attention Kernels". In *Proceedings of Machine Learning and Systems 7*. (MLSys '25) 2025.

[C.2] **Juechu Dong**, Jonathon Rosenblum, Satish Narayanasamy. "[Toleo: Scaling Freshness to Tera-scale Memory Using CXL and PIM](#)". In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems, Volume 4*. (ASPLOS '24) 2024. DOI: 10.1145/3622781.3674180

[C.3] **Juechu Dong***, Xueshen Liu*, Harisankar Sadasivan, Sriranjani Sitaraman, Satish Narayanasamy. "[mm2-gb: GPU Accelerated Minimap2 for Long Read DNA Mapping](#)". In *Proceedings of the 15th ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics*. (BCB '24)¹ 2024.

Journal Articles

[J.1] Jonathon Rosenblum, **Juechu Dong**, Satish Narayanasamy. "SECRET-GWAS: Confidential Computing for Population-Scale GWAS". In *Nature Computer Science*. 2025.

WorkShops

[W.1] **Juechu Dong***, Xueshen Liu*, Harisankar Sadasivan, Sriranjani Sitaraman, Satish Narayanasamy. "[mm2-gb: GPU Accelerated Minimap2 for Long Read DNA Mapping](#)". In *The 1st Workshop on Emerging Computer Systems Challenges and Applications in Biomedicine*. (BioSys @ASPLOS '24) 2024.

Poster

[P.1] **Juechu Dong***, Surya Subramanian. "Kraken: Hackable Triton Kernels for Computation and Multi-GPU Communication Fusion.". In *PyTorch Conference*. 2025.

Technical Reports & Blogs

[T.1] **Joy Dong**, Boyuan Feng, Driss Guessous, Joel Schlosser, Yanbo Liang, Horace He. "FlexAttention Part II: FlexAttention for Inference". In *PyTorch Blogs*. Apr 2025.

¹ACM-BCB is the flagship conference of the ACM SIGBio.

[T.2] Team PyTorch: Driss Guessous, Yanbo Liang, **Joy Dong**, Horace He. "FlexAttention: The Flexibility of PyTorch with the Performance of FlashAttention". In *PyTorch Blogs*. Aug 2024.

Under Submission / Preprints

[PP.1] Jonathon Rosenblum, **Juechu Dong**, Satish Narayanasamy. "HelmsDeep: Isolated Time-Based Defense for Storage Systems". In *submission to The 31st Symposium on Operating Systems Principles*. 2025.

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

[P.1] Juechu Dong. "Navigating the "Software Lottery": Flexible and Adaptable Programming Framework for AI Innovation". In *MLCommons Machine Learning & Systems Rising Star Workshop*. @Meta, Menlo Park. May 2025.

[P.2] Juechu Dong. "Programming Modern GPUs: Tensor Core and Beyond". In *EECS471: Applied Parallel Programming with GPUs, University of Michigan*. Host: Prof. Reetu Das. Apr 2025.

[P.3] Juechu Dong. "Powered by torch.compile: Simple, Flexible & Performant LLM Models". In *EECS483: Compiler Construction, University of Michigan*. Host: Prof. Lingjia Tang. Nov 2024.

PROJECTS

Helion

Python-embedded Domain-Specific Language (DSL) for High-Performance ML Kernels

2025 - Present



- Design and extend higher-level DSL for efficient distributed ML kernels authoring.
- Investigate into in-kernel communication and computation fusion for GPUs (PyTorch conf poster: Kraken)
- Implement cross-device communication/sync abstraction and lowering path in Helion.

GCnC

GPU Kernel DSL Abstraction Bridging Framework

2025 - present



- Designed abstraction framework bridging domain expertise and low-level GPU optimization in CuTe DSL.
- Developed compiler transformation preserving scheduling semantics for high-level kernel customization.
- Implement abstraction lifting data flow graph generator for CuTe DSL, enabling visualization & sync sanitization.
- Targetting submission to ASPLOS 2027

TEACHING

Instructional Aide: Computer Architecture (EECS470)

2021 FA, 2022 WN

Graduate Student Instructor: Applied Parallel Programming with GPUs (EECS471)

2023FA

Graduate Student Instructor: Parallel Computer Architecture (EECS570)

2024WN

SERVICE

Conference Review

International Symposium on Computer Architecture Artifact Evaluation Committee	2025
USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation Artifact Evaluation Committee	2025
Annual Conference on Machine Learning and Systems Artifact Evaluation Committee	2025

Organization

University of Michigan Computer Engineering Lab Reading Group Coordinator	2022-24
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Search Committee

University of Michigan Dean Search Committee	2024
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SKILLS

Programming Languages: C/C++, CUDA, python, Triton, verilog

Technologies/Frameworks:

ML Framework: PyTorch (TorchInductor, TorchDistributed)

GPU DSL: Helion, CuTeDSL, cuTile, Triton, ThunderKittens, CUDA, PTX

GPU Tuning: nsight-compute/nsight-sys, omniperf/omnitrace/rocprof

Simulation Software: SniperSim, DRAMSim, pinplay

Confidential Computing: Open Enclave SDK, Intel SGX

Architectures: AMD CDNA2 Instinct GPU, NVIDIA Hopper/Blackwell, Intel Xeon Phi, Out-of-order CPU

Compiler Design: MLIR, CUTLASS IR, TileIR, Helion IR