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## Research Interests

Deep Learning, High-Performance Computing, Program Analysis, Formal Methods.

## Education

2010–2016 **PhD, Computer Science and Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India.*

Thesis: *Translation Validation of Optimizing Transformations of Programs using Equivalence Checking*

Supervisors: Prof. Chittaranjan Mandal and Prof. Dipankar Sarkar

GPA: 9.28/10 (based on courses taken)

2004–2008 **B.Tech.(Honors), Computer Science and Engineering**, *Heritage Institute of Technology, (West Bengal University of Technology).*

Thesis: *TDMA Scheduling in Wireless Sensor Networks*

Supervisor: Prof. Nabanita Das, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

GPA: 8.49/10

## Professional Experience

Sep 2020–  
present **Data Science Foundation**, *Walmart Labs.*

Designation: Staff Data Scientist

Domains: High performance computing, machine learning, data science

Jan 2020–  
Aug 2020 **Artificial Intelligence Products Group**, *Intel Corp.*

Designation: Senior Deep Learning R&D Engineer

2015–2019 **Parallel Computing Lab**, *Intel Labs.*

Designation: Research Scientist

Domains: Parallel programming, code optimization, deep learning

2009–2012 **Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy**, *Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.*

Designation: Senior Research Fellow

Project Title: Extending the scope of equivalence checking in complex embedded system design verification

Sponsor: Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India

2008–2009 **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.**

Designation: Assistant System Engineer

Project Title: Database management for McGraw-Hill Education

## Awards/Achievements

2021 Nominated for Best Poster Award in the conference DeLTA 2021

2020 Elevated to IEEE Senior Member

2019 Gordy Award (Intel Labs' highest award)

2019 Invited paper in the journal Supercomputing Frontiers and Innovations

- 2019 Best Research Poster Award in “Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning” track in the conference ISC 2019
- 2018 Divisional Recognition Award from Intel
- 2018 Techno Inventor Award (PhD) 2017 from India Electronics & Semiconductor Association (IESA)
- 2018 Best PhD Thesis Award at VLSI Design 2018
- 2017 Invited to present our TSE 2017 paper at Foundations of Software Engineering 2017
- 2015 Best PhD Forum Paper Award in the conference ISVLSI 2015
- 2013 Best Paper Award in the conference I-CARE 2013
- 2012 TCS Research Fellowship

## Selected Publications

### Journals

- 1 **Kunal Banerjee**, Evangelos Georganas, Dhiraj D. Kalamkar, Barukh Ziv, Eden Segal, Cristina Anderson, Alexander Heinecke.  
Optimizing Deep Learning RNN Topologies on Intel Architecture.  
*Supercomputing Frontiers and Innovations*, vol. 6, no. 3, 2019, pages: 64–85, **invited paper**.
- 2 Ramanuj Chouksey, Chandan Karfa, **Kunal Banerjee**, Pankaj Kalita, Purandar Bhaduri.  
A Counter-Example Generation Procedure for Path based Equivalence Checkers.  
*IET Software*, vol. 13, no. 4, 2019, pages: 280–285.
- 3 **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Deriving Bisimulation Relations from Path Extension Based Equivalence Checkers.  
*IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)*, vol. 43, no. 10, 2017, pages: 946–953.
- 4 **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Deriving Bisimulation Relations from Path Based Equivalence Checkers.  
*Formal Aspects of Computing (FAOC)*, vol. 29, no. 2, 2017, pages: 365–379.
- 5 Soumyadip Bandyopadhyay, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal, **Kunal Banerjee**, Krishnam Raju Duddu.  
A Path Construction Algorithm for Translation Validation using PRES+ Models.  
*Parallel Processing Letters (PPL)*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2016, pages: 1–25.
- 6 **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Extending the FSM D Framework for Validating Code Motions of Array-Handling Programs.  
*IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, vol. 33, no. 12, 2014, pages: 2015–2019.
- 7 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chandan Karfa, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Verification of Code Motion Techniques using Value Propagation.  
*IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, vol. 33, no. 8, 2014, pages: 1180–1193.
- 8 Chandan Karfa, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Verification of Loop and Arithmetic Transformations of Array-Intensive Behaviours.  
*IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, vol. 32, no. 11, 2013, pages: 1787–1800.

### Conferences / Workshops

- 1 Pranay Dugar, Rajesh Shreedhar Bhat, Asit Sharad Tarsode, Uddipto Dutta, **Kunal Banerjee**, Anirban Chatterjee, Vijay Srinivas Agneeswaran.  
From Pixels To Words: A Scalable Journey Of Text Information From Product Images To Retail Catalog.  
*International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*, Queensland, Australia, 2021, (accepted).
- 2 **Kunal Banerjee**, Vishak Prasad C, Rishi Raj Gupta, Karthik Vyas, Anushree H, Biswajit Mishra.  
Exploring Alternatives to Softmax Function.  
*Deep Learning Theory and Applications (DeLTA)*, Online, 2021, pages: 81–86, **(nominated for Best Poster Award)**.

- 3 Arkadip Basu, **Kunal Banerjee**.  
Designing a Bot for Efficient Distribution of Service Requests.  
*Bots in Software Engineering (BotSE)*, Madrid, Spain, 2021, pages: 16–20.
- 4 Evangelos Georganas, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Sasikanth Avancha, Anand Venkat, Michael Anderson, Greg Henry, Hans Pabst, Alexander Heinecke.  
Harnessing Deep Learning via a Single Building Block.  
*International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS)*, New Orleans, USA, 2020, pages: 222–233.  
(Preliminary version accepted as research poster in SuperComputing 2019.)
- 5 Brunno F Goldstein, Sudarshan Srinivasan, Dipankar Das, **Kunal Banerjee**, Leandro Santiago, Victor C. Ferreira, Alexandre S. Nery, Sandip Kundu, Felipe M. G. Franca.  
Reliability Evaluation of Compressed Deep Learning Models.  
*Latin American Symposium on Circuits and Systems (LASCAS)*, San Jose, Costa Rica, 2020, pages: 1–5.
- 6 Dhiraj Kalamkar, **Kunal Banerjee**, Sudarshan Srinivasan, Srinivas Sridharan, Evangelos Georganas, Mikhail E. Smorkalov, Cong Xu, Alexander Heinecke.  
Training Google Neural Machine Translation on an Intel CPU Cluster.  
*International Conference on Cluster Computing (CLUSTER)*, Albuquerque, USA, 2019, pages: 1–10.
- 7 Evangelos Georganas, Sasikanth Avancha, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Greg Henry, Hans Pabst, Alexander Heinecke.  
Anatomy Of High-Performance Deep Learning Convolutions On SIMD Architectures.  
*International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC)*, Dallas, USA, 2018, pages: 66:1–66:12.
- 8 **Kunal Banerjee**, Ramanuj Chouksey, Chandan Karfa, Pankaj Kumar Kalita.  
Poster: Automatic Detection of Inverse Operations while Avoiding Loop Unrolling.  
*International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018, pages: 175–176.
- 9 Dipankar Das, Naveen Mellemupudi, Dheevatsa Mudigere, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Sasikanth Avancha, **Kunal Banerjee**, Srinivas Sridharan, Karthik Vaidyanathan, Bharat Kaul, Evangelos Georganas, Alexander Heinecke, Pradeep Dubey, Jesus Corbal, Nikita Shustrov, Roma Dubtsov, Evarist Fomenko, Vadim Pirogov.  
Mixed Precision Training of Convolutional Neural Networks using Integer Operations.  
*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, Vancouver, Canada, 2018, pages: 1–11.
- 10 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Dipankar Sarkar.  
An Equivalence Checking Framework for Array-Intensive Programs.  
*Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis (ATVA)*, Pune, India, 2017, pages: 84–90.
- 11 Soumyadip Bandyopadhyay, Santonu Sarkar, **Kunal Banerjee**.  
An End-to-end Formal Verifier for Parallel Programs.  
*International Conference on Software Technologies (ICSOFT)*, Madrid, Spain, 2017, pages: 388–393.
- 12 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Dipankar Sarkar.  
Translation Validation of Loop and Arithmetic Transformations in the Presence of Recurrences.  
*Languages, Compilers, Tools and Theory for Embedded Systems (LCTES)*, Santa Barbara, USA, 2016, pages: 31–40.
- 13 **Kunal Banerjee**, Soumyadip Banerjee, Santonu Sarkar.  
Data-Race Detection: The Missing Piece for an End-to-End Semantic Equivalence Checker for Parallelizing Transformations of Array-Intensive Programs.  
*International Workshop on Libraries, Languages and Compilers for Array Programming (ARRAY)*, Santa Barbara, USA, 2016, pages: 1–8.
- 14 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Dipankar Sarkar.  
A Translation Validation Framework for Symbolic Value Propagation Based Equivalence Checking of FSM-DAs.  
*Source Code Analysis and Manipulation (SCAM)*, Bremen, Germany, 2015, pages: 247–252.
- 15 Soumyadip Bandyopadhyay, Dipankar Sarkar, **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
A Path-Based Equivalence Checking Method for Petri net based Models of Programs.  
*International Conference on Software Engineering and Applications (ICSOFT-EA)*, Colmar, France, 2015, pages: 319–329.

- 16 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Dipankar Sarkar.  
Translation Validation of Transformations of Embedded System Specifications using Equivalence Checking.  
*IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI)*, Montpellier, France, 2015, pages: 183–186, **(received Best PhD Forum Paper Award)**.
- 17 Partha De, **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Debdeep Mukhopadhyay.  
Circuits and Synthesis Mechanism for Hardware Design to Counter Power Analysis Attacks.  
*Euromicro Conference on Digital System Design (DSD)*, Verona, Italy, 2014, pages: 520–527.
- 18 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Dipankar Sarkar.  
Extending the Scope of Translation Validation by Augmenting Path Based Equivalence Checkers with SMT Solvers.  
*International Symposium on VLSI Design and Test (VDATE)*, Coimbatore, India, 2014, pages: 1–6.
- 19 Chandan Karfa, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Experimentation with SMT Solvers and Theorem Provers for Verification of Loop and Arithmetic Transformations.  
*IBM Collaborative Academia Research Exchange (I-CARE)*, Delhi, India, 2013, pages: 3:1–3:4, **(received Best Paper Award)**.
- 20 Partha De, **Kunal Banerjee**, Chittaranjan Mandal, Debdeep Mukhopadhyay.  
Designing DPA Resistant Circuits Using BDD Architecture and Bottom Pre-charge Logic.  
*Euromicro Conference on Digital System Design (DSD)*, Santander, Spain, 2013, pages: 641–644.
- 21 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chandan Karfa, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
A Value Propagation Based Equivalence Checking Method for Verification of Code Motion Techniques.  
*International Symposium on Electronic System Design (ISED)*, Kolkata, India, 2012, pages: 67–71.
- 22 Chandan Karfa, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dipankar Sarkar, Chittaranjan Mandal.  
Equivalence Checking of Array-Intensive Programs.  
*IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI)*, Chennai, India, 2011, pages: 156–161.

## Others

- 1 Abhisek Kundu, Sudarshan Srinivasan, Eric C. Qin, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Naveen K. Mellempudi, Dipankar Das, **Kunal Banerjee**, Bharat Kaul, Pradeep Dubey.  
K-TanH: Hardware Efficient Activations For Deep Learning.  
*arXiv:1909.07729*, pages: 1–11.
- 2 Dhiraj Kalamkar, Dheevatsa Mudigere, Naveen Mellempudi, Dipankar Das, **Kunal Banerjee**, Sasikanth Avancha, Dharma Teja Vooturi, Nataraj Jammalamadaka, Jianyu Huang, Hector Yuen, Jiyang Yang, Jongsoo Park, Alexander Heinecke, Evangelos Georganas, Sudarshan Srinivasan, Abhisek Kundu, Misha Smelyanskiy, Bharat Kaul, Pradeep Dubey.  
A Study of BFLOAT16 for Deep Learning Training.  
*arXiv:1905.12322*, pages: 1–10.
- 3 **Kunal Banerjee**, Chandan Karfa.  
A Quick Introduction to Functional Verification of Array-Intensive Programs.  
*arXiv:1905.09137*, pages: 1–7.
- 4 **Kunal Banerjee**, Evangelos Georganas, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Alexander Heinecke.  
Optimizing Deep Learning LSTM Topologies on Intel Xeon Architecture.  
*ISC High Performance*, Frankfurt, Germany, 2019, pages: 1, **(received Best Research Poster Award in “Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning” track)**.
- 5 Alexander Heinecke, Evangelos Georganas, **Kunal Banerjee**, Dhiraj Kalamkar, Narayanan Sundaram, Anand Venkat, Greg Henry, Hans Pabst.  
Understanding the Performance of Small Convolution Operations for CNN on Intel Architecture.  
*International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis (SC)*, Denver, USA, 2017, (Research Poster).
- 6 Abhisek Kundu, **Kunal Banerjee**, Naveen Mellempudi, Dheevatsa Mudigere, Dipankar Das, Bharat Kaul, Pradeep Dubey.  
Ternary Residual Networks.  
*arXiv:1707.04679*, pages: 1–19.  
(Accepted as extended abstract in SysML 2018. Presented at Intel AI DevCon 2018.)

7 **Kunal Banerjee.**

An Equivalence Checking Mechanism for Handling Recurrences in Array-Intensive Programs.  
*Principles of Programming Languages (POPL): Student Research Competition*, Mumbai, India, 2015,  
pages: 1–2.

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## Professional Memberships

IEEE Senior Member

ACM Member

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## Tutorials / Talks

- 1 Compiler-agnostic Translation Validation, *Innovations in Software Engineering Conference (ISEC)*, Hyderabad, India, 2018.
- 2 Translation Validation of Embedded System Specifications using Equivalence Checking, *Tata Research Development and Design Centre (TRDDC)*, Pune, India, 2014.
- 3 Translation Validation using Path Based Equivalence Checkers Augmented with SMT Solvers, *Formal Methods Update Meeting 2014*, Kharagpur, India, 2014.

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## Technical Skills

Programming: C, C++, Java, Python, PL/SQL, Scheme, Prolog, Lisp, Visual Basic and others along with some scripting and markup languages

Tools: ACL2, Caffe, CUDD, CVC, ISL, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Yices, Z3

Languages: Bengali, English, Hindi