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RESEARCH INTEREST

- AI-enabled Hardware Design Automation
- Software/Hardware Co-design for Efficient AI

EDUCATION

- **Georgia Tech** Atlanta, GA, USA
PhD, Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Yingyan Lin Aug. 2023 – May. 2025
- **Rice University** Houston, TX, USA
MS, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Advisor: Prof. Yingyan Lin Jan. 2020 – May 2023
- **Rice University** Houston, TX, USA
BS, Electrical and Computer Engineering Aug. 2015 – May 2019

EXPERIENCES

- **Research Intern, Meta** Mentor: Dr. Yuecheng Li
Reconfigurable hardware acceleration for VR mobile telepresence pipeline May 2022 - Dec 2022; May 2024 - Present
 - Designed the run-time reconfigurable architecture for improved hardware resource reuse
 - Designed the fine-grained operation scheduling for model-to-hardware mapping
 - Designed RTL-verified performance modeling for flexible DSE
 - Constructed design automation flow to auto generate the arch design and scheduling given Pytorch models
 - Worked with a hybrid of Catapult HLS, Vivado, RTL, C++ and Python for the whole flow
- **Ph.D. Intern, PNNL** Mentor: Dr. Ang Li
Multi-FPGA acceleration for scalable Graph Neural Networks implementation Jan 2022 – May 2022
 - Designed the multi-FPGA architecture for large GNN acceleration
 - Implemented from arch design to final board deployment (fixed model-to-hardware mapping)
 - Worked with Xilinx HLS and Vivado for arch, and Pynq for deployment
- **System Engineer Intern, PHAZR, Inc.** Mentor: Dr. Robert Daniels
5G Millimeter wave systems for the licensed-bands in the 24-40 GHz May 2018 – Aug 2018
- **Research Assistant, Rice University** Mentor: Dr. Joseph Cavallaro
Parallel Hardware Applications in Science and Technology (PHAST) Jan 2017 – May 2018

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Y. Zhang**, Y. Fu, Z. Yu, K. Zhao, C. Wan, C. Li, Y. Lin, “INVITED: Data4AIGChip: An Automated Data Generation and Validation Flow for LLM-assisted Hardware Design”, *The 58th Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, 2024.
2. **Y. Zhang**, Z. Yu, Y. Fu, C. Wan, Y. Lin, “MG-Verilog: Multi-grained Dataset Towards Enhanced LLM-assisted Verilog Generation”, Best Paper, *1st IEEE International Workshop on LLM-Aided Design (LAD)*, 2024.
3. **Y. Zhang**, X. Zhang, P. Xu, Y. Zhao, C. Hao, D. Chen, Y. Lin, “AutoAI2C: An Automated Hardware Generator for DNN Acceleration On Both FPGA and ASIC”, *IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD)*, 2024.
4. Y. Fu*, **Y. Zhang***, Z. Yu*, S. Li, Z. Ye, C. Li, C. Wan, Y. Lin, “GPT4AIGChip: Towards Next-Generation AI Accelerator Design Automation via Large Language Models”, *ACM/IEEE International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD)*, 2023.
5. Y. Zhao, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Fu, X. Ouyang, C. Wan, S. Wu, A. Banta, M. John, A. Post, M. Razavi, J. Cavallaro, B. Aazhang, Y. Lin, “e-G2C: A 0.14-to-8.31 uJ/Inference NN-based Processor with Continuous On-chip Adaptation for Anomaly Detection and ECG Conversion from EGM”, *IEEE Symposium on VLSI Technology and Circuits (VLSI)*, 2022.
6. H. You, Y. Zhao, Z. Yu, C. Wang, Y. Fu, J. Yuan, S. Wu, S. Zhang, **Y. Zhang**, C. Li, V. Boominathan, A. Veeraraghavan, Z. Li, Y. Lin, “EyeCoD: Eye Tracking System Acceleration via FlatCam-Based Algorithm and Accelerator Co-Design”, *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA)*, 2022.

7. H. You, T. Geng, **Y. Zhang**, A. Li, Y. Lin, “GCoD: Graph Convolutional Network Acceleration via Dedicated Algorithm and Accelerator Co-Design”, *IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)*, 2022.
8. **Y. Zhang**, H. You, Y. Fu, T. Geng, A. Li, Y. Lin, “G-CoS: GNN-Accelerator Co-Search Towards Both Better Accuracy and Efficiency”, *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)*, 2021.
9. **Y. Zhang**, Y. Fu, W. Jiang, C. Li, H. You, M. Li, V. Chandra, Y. Lin, DIAN: “Differentiable Accelerator-Network Co-Search Towards Maximal DNN Efficiency”, *ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED)*, 2021.
10. **Y. Zhang**, A. Benta, Y. Fu, M. John, A. Post, M. Razavi, J. Cavallaro, B. Aazhang, Y. Lin, “RT-RCG: Neural Network and Accelerator Search Towards Effective and Real-time ECG Reconstruction from Intracardiac Electrograms”, *The ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems (JETC)*, 2021.
11. Y. Fu, **Y. Zhang**, H. You, Y. Lin, “Auto-NBA: Efficient and Effective Search Over The Joint Space of Networks, Bitwidths, and Accelerators”, *The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2021.
12. Y. Fu, **Y. Zhang**, C. Li, Z. Yu, Y. Lin, “A3C-S: Automated Agent Accelerator Co-Search towards Efficient Deep Reinforcement Learning”, *The 58th Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, 2021.
13. Y. Fu, Z. Yu, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Jiang, C. Li, Y. Liang, M. Jiang, Z. Wang, Y. Lin, “InstantNet: Automated Generation and Deployment of Instantaneously Switchable-Precision Networks”, *The 58th Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, 2021.
14. T. Geng, C. Wu, **Y. Zhang**, C. Tang, C. Xie, H. You, M. Herbordt, Y. Lin, A. Li, “I-GCN: A Graph Convolutional Network Accelerator with Runtime Locality Enhancement through Islandization”, *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO)*, 2021.
15. M. Li, Z. Yu, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Fu, Y. Lin, “O-HAS: Optical Hardware Accelerator Search for Boosting Both Acceleration Performance and Development Speed”, *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD)*, 2021.
16. C. Li, Z. Yu, Y. Fu, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Zhao, H. You, Q. Yu, Y. Wang, Y. Lin, “HW-NAS-Bench: Hardware-Aware Neural Architecture Search Benchmark”, *The International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2021.
17. H. You, X. Chen, **Y. Zhang**, C. Li, S. Li, Z. Liu, Z. Wang, Y. Lin, “ShiftAddNet: A Hardware-Inspired Deep Network”, *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020.
18. Y. Zhao, C. Li, Y. Wang, P. Xu, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Lin, “DNN-Chip Predictor: A Multi-grained Graph-based Performance Simulator for DNN Accelerators”, *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2020.
19. P. Xu, Y. Zhao, C. Hao, X. Zhang, Z. Guan, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Wang, D. Chen, Y. Lin, “AutoDNNchip: An Automated DNN Chip Predictor and Builder for Both FPGAs and ASICs”, *ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA)*, 2020.

AWARDS

- Distinction in Research and Creative Work May. 2019

TEACHING

- ELEC 327: Implementation of Digital Systems (*Teaching Assistant*) 2018 Spring
- ELEC 539: Introduction to Communication Networks (*Teaching Assistant*) 2020 Fall
- ELEC 515: Embedded Machine Learning (*Teaching Assistant*) 2020 Fall
- ELEC 515: Embedded Machine Learning (*Teaching Assistant*) 2021 Fall
- ELEC 526: High Performance Computer Architecture (*Teaching Assistant*) 2022 Spring