

YUCHEN LIU

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EDUCATION

Princeton University

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering (expected August 2022)

Research interest: Efficient Deep Learning, Machine Learning for Systems

Supervisor: Prof. S.Y. Kung and Prof. David Wentzlaff

September 2017 – Present

Princeton, NJ, U.S.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Engineering

Minor: Business, Information Technology

Major GPA: 4.078/4.30

September 2013 – June 2017

Hong Kong

EXPERIENCE

Adobe Research

Research Intern in Computer Vision

Supervisor: Dr. Federico Perazzi and Dr. Zhixin Shu

May – November 2020

San Francisco, CA, U.S.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Summer Research Student

Supervisor: Prof. Dina Katabi

June – August 2016

Cambridge, MA, U.S.

PUBLICATIONS

P.1. Yuchen Liu, Zhixin Shu, Yijun Li, Zhe Lin, Federico Perazzi, and S.Y. Kung. “Content-Aware GAN Compression”. Paper Accepted to *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, CVPR 2021*. ([paper](#))

P.2. Yuchen Liu, David Wentzlaff and S.Y. Kung. “Class-Discriminative Network Compression”. Under Review.

P.3. Yuchen Liu, S.Y. Kung and David Wentzlaff. “Evolving Transferable Pruning Functions”. Under Review.

P.4. Yuchen Liu, David Wentzlaff and S.Y. Kung. “Rethinking Class-Discrimination Based CNN Channel Pruning”. *ArXiv 2020*. ([arxiv](#))

P.5. S.Y. Kung, Zejiang Hou and Yuchen Liu. “Methodical Design and Trimming of Deep Learning Networks: Enhancing External BP learning with Internal Omnipresent-Supervision Training Paradigm”. In Proceedings of the *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing, ICASSP 2019*. ([pdf](#))

P.6. Chen-Yu Hsu, Yuchen Liu, Zachary Kabelac, Rumen Hristov, Dina Katabi, and Christine Liu. “Extracting Gait Velocity and Stride Length from Surrounding Radio Signals”. In Proceedings of the *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, CHI 2017*. ([pdf](#))

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Content-Aware GAN Compression

Supervisor: Dr. Federico Perazzi and Dr. Zhixin Shu

May – November 2020

Adobe Research, Adobe, U.S.

- Develop a content-aware strategy to compress state-of-the-art generative adversarial networks (GANs), StyleGAN2.
- Keyword: StyleGAN2, network compression, image editing. Paper accepted to *CVPR 2021* ([paper](#)).

Evolving Neural Networks for Memory Prefetching

Supervisor: Prof. David Wentzlaff

September 2020 – Present

ELE Dept., Princeton University, U.S.

- Evolve neural network structures for memory prefetching.
- Keyword: SPEC CPU benchmark, evolution strategy, workload analysis, memory access pattern.

Evolving Transferable Pruning Functions

Supervisor: Prof. David Wentzlaff

August 2019 – June 2020

ELE Dept., Princeton University, U.S.

- Learn novel and transferable closed-form pruning functions by an evolution strategy.
- Functions evolved on small datasets (e.g., CIFAR) are transferable to more challenging one (e.g., ImageNet).
- Keyword: MobileNet-V2, channel pruning, genetic programming. Paper under review.

Rethinking Class-Discrimination Based CNN Channel Pruning

Supervisor: Prof. S.Y. Kung

August 2019 – April 2020

ELE Dept., Princeton University, U.S.

- Generalize uni-variate two-class discriminant functions for deep convolutional network’s channel pruning.

- Keyword: ResNet-50, channel pruning, discriminant functions. Paper at ([arxiv](#)).

Methodical Design and Trimming of Deep Learning Networks

Supervisor: Prof. S.Y. Kung

August 2018 – February 2019
ELE Dept., Princeton University, U.S.

- Introduce an internal omnipresent-supervision training paradigm for neural network's growing and trimming.
- Keyword: Channel pruning, channel growing, hidden layer's supervision. Paper published in *ICASSP 2019* ([pdf](#)).

Gait Parameters Extraction Using RF Signal

Supervisor: Prof. Dina Katabi

June 2016 – November 2016
CSAIL, MIT, U.S.

- Extract gait velocity and stride length using wireless signals reflected from the human body.
- Keyword: Wireless sensing, continuous monitoring. Paper published in *CHI 2017* ([pdf](#)).

HONORS & AWARDS

HKUST Outstanding Undergraduate

Awarded to top 3% of graduating undergraduate students.

May 2017

The 14th National Challenge Cup, National Round, Third Prize

Innovation competition joined by more than 2.5 million students from over 3,000 institutions

October 2015

HKUST 2015 President's Cup, Gold Award

University undergraduate innovative research competition, involving more than 40 groups of students

June 2015

The 6th HKUST Robot Design Contest, Silver Prize

University robot design contest with over 100 participants

December 2014

Scholarship Scheme for Continuing Undergraduate Students

Awarded to the top 5% of students

2013 – 2017

Dean's List

Acknowledgement from HKUST's dean to students with excellent academic performance

2014 – 2017

HKSAR Reaching Out Award

Awarded to students with international research experience

June 2016

EXCHANGE/VISITING

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA, U.S.

June – August 2016

Cornell University, NY, U.S.

August – December 2015

Peking University, Beijing, China

June – August 2014

SKILLS & TEST SCORES

Programming	C/C++, Python, HTML/CSS, Javascript, VHDL, Verilog, Android, UNIX shell script
Tools and libraries	TensorFlow, PyTorch, OpenCV, MATLAB, Mathematica, iPython, ROS
Languages	Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Native), English (Proficient)