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Ph.D. Candidate ◊ School of Computer Science ◊ Peking University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Optimization methods for ASIC designs. [TCAD'25, DAC'25, ISPD'25, ICCAD'24, ASP-DAC'23]
- Modeling and Optimization for FPGA CAD. [ISEDA'24, TCAS-I'24, ASICON'23, ASP-DAC'23, TCAD'23, JEIT'23, DAC'22]
- GPU-acceleration EDA. [DAC'21]

EDUCATION

Peking University

Ph.D. student, School of Computer Science

Supervisor: [Prof. Yibo Lin](#)

Sept. 2021 – Present

Beijing, China

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Visiting Student at Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Topics: Electrostatics-based global placement for FPGAs

Supervisor: [Prof. Bei Yu](#)

Sept. 2020 – June 2021

Hong Kong, China

Peking University

B.Sc. in Computer Science, Outstanding Undergraduate Graduates in Beijing (top %1)

Experience: High performance computing team of Peking University (2019 – 2021)

Sept. 2017 – June 2021

Beijing, China

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Conference Papers

[C1] **RUPlace: Optimizing Routability via Unified Placement and Routing Formulation.**

Yifan Chen, **Jing Mai**, Zuodong Zhang, Yibo Lin.

Design Automation Conference (DAC 2025). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C2] **LEGALM: Efficient Legalization for Mixed-Cell-Height Circuits with Linearized Augmented Lagrangian Method.**

Jing Mai, Chunyuan Zhao, Zuodong Zhang, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin, Runsheng Wang, and Ru Huang.

International Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD 2025). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C3] **MORPH: More Robust ASIC Placement for Hybrid Region Constraint Management.**

Jing Mai, Zuodong Zhang, Yibo Lin, Runsheng Wang, and Ru Huang.

International Conference on Computer-Aided Design (ICCAD 2024). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C4] **OpenPARF 3.0: Robust Multi-Electrostatics Based FPGA Macro Placement Considering Cascaded Macros Groups and Fence Regions.**

Jing Mai, Jiarui Wang, Yifan Chen, Zizheng Guo, Xun Jiang, Yun Liang, and Yibo Lin.

International Symposium of Electronics Design Automation (ISEDA 2024). *International Symposium of Electronics Design Automation (ISEDA 2024, **Best Paper Award**)*. [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C5] **OpenPARF: An Open-Source Placement and Routing Framework for Large-Scale Heterogeneous FPGAs with Deep Learning Toolkit. (Invited Paper)**

Jing Mai*, Jiarui Wang*, Zhixiong Di, Guojie Luo, Yun Liang and Yibo Lin.

International Conference on ASIC (ASICON 2023). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

[C6] **A Robust FPGA Router with Concurrent Intra-CLB Rerouting.**

Jiarui Wang, **Jing Mai**, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin.

Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC 2023). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C7] **MacroRank: Ranking Macro Placement Solutions Leveraging Translation Equivariancy.**

Yifan Chen, **Jing Mai**, Xiaohan Gao, Muhan Zhang, Yibo Lin.

Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC 2023). [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C8] **Multi-Electrostatic FPGA Placement Considering SLICEL-SLICEM Heterogeneity and Clock Feasibility.**

Jing Mai, Yibai Meng, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin.

Design Automation Conference (DAC 2023) [\[paper\]](#) [\[slides\]](#)

[C9] **Ultrafast CPU/GPU Kernels for Density Accumulation in Placement.**
Zizheng Guo*, **Jing Mai***, Yibo Lin.
Design Automation Conference (DAC 2021) [paper]

Journal Papers

[J1] **LEGALM 2.0: A Versatile Augmented Lagrangian Method-Based Methodology for Mixed-Cell-Height Legalization.**
Jing Mai, Chuanyuan Zhao, Zuodong Zhang, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin, and Runsheng Wang.
IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD 2025).

[J2] **A Robust FPGA Router with Optimization of High-Fanout Nets and Intra-CLB Connections.**
Xun Jiang, Jiarui Wang, **Jing Mai**, Zhixiong Di, and Yibo Lin.
IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD 2024). [paper]

[J3] **LEAPS: Topological-Layout-Adaptable Multi-Die FPGA Placement for Super Long Line Minimization.**
Zhixiong Di, Runzhe Tao, **Jing Mai**, Lin Chen, Yibo Lin.
IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers (TCAS-I 2024). [paper]

[J4] **Multi-Electrostatic FPGA Placement Considering SLICEL-SLICEM Heterogeneity, Clock Feasibility, and Timing Optimization.**
Jing Mai, Jiarui Wang, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin.
IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD 2023). [paper]

[J5] **OpenPARF: An Open-Source Placement and Routing Framework for Large-Scale Heterogeneous FPGAs with Deep Learning Toolkit.**
Jing Mai*, Jiarui Wang*, Zhixiong Di, Yibo Lin.
Journal of Electronics and Information Technology (JEIT 2023).

[J6] **Critique of “Planetary Normal Mode Computation: Parallel Algorithms, Performance, and Reproducibility” by SCC Team From Peking University.**
Yihua Cheng, Zejia Fan, **Jing Mai**, Yifan Wu, Pengcheng Xu, Yuxuan Yan, Zhenxin Fu, Yun Liang.
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS 2021).

Book Chapters

[B1] **Deep Learning Framework for Placement, Machine Learning Applications in Electronic Design Automation. (Invited Book Chapter)**
Yibo Lin, Zizheng Guo and **Jing Mai**
Springer, 2023, edited by Haoxing Ren and Jiang Hu.

(* denotes alphabetical ordering or equal contribution)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| • Research Intern at NVIDIA Research Group | June 2025 – Present |
| Topics: AI for chip design and GPU-acceleration EDA | Santa Clara, CA, US |
| Mentor: Mark Ren & Yi-chen Lu | |
| • Research Intern at ByteDance Seed | June 2024 – May 2025 |
| Topics: Code generation and autogpt applications with large language models | Beijing, China |
| Mentor: Liang Xiang & Kai Shen | |

AWARDS

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| • ACM SIGDA CADathlon Contest at ICCAD 2024 (Olympic games of EDA), First Place | Oct 2024 |
| • IEEE/ACM FPGA Macro-Placement Contest at MLCAD 2023, Second Place | Sept 2023 |
| • Ubiquant Challenge 2023 九坤投资量化交易联赛, First Place | Sept 2023 |
| • International Student Cluster (ISC) Competition at SC 2019, Winning Prize | Nov 2019 |
| • The 43rd ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Competition, Gold Award | Oct 2018 |

HONORS

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| • Honors for Merit Student 三好学生, <i>Peking University</i> | Sept 2023 |
| • Ubiquant Scholarship 九坤奖学金 (top 15%) | Sept 2023 |
| • Industry Contribution Award 产业贡献奖, <i>Department Scholarship</i> | April 2023 |

- Honors for Outstanding Undergraduate Graduates in Beijing 北京市优秀毕业生 (top 1%) May 2021
- Honors for Outstanding Undergraduate Graduates in Peking University 北京大学优秀毕业生 May 2021
- Xiaomi Scholarship 小米奖学金 Dec 2020
- Honors for Merit Student 三好学生, *Peking University* (top 5%) Dec 2020
- Honors for Merit Student 三好学生, *Peking University* (top 5%) Dec 2019
- Honors for Outstanding Academic Performance 优秀科研奖, *Peking University* Dec 2018

OPEN-SOURCE CONTRIBUTION

OpenPARF [\[code\]](#) Sept. 2021 – Present
 PKU-IDEA Group, advised by [Prof. Yibo Lin](#) Beijing, China

- An SOTA open-source placement and routing framework for large-scale heterogeneous FPGAs with deep learning toolkit PyTorch.

INVITED TALKS

- Advanced Open-Source FPGA HLS and Physical Implementation Tool, *ISED'A'25 Tutorial* May 2025
- Modeling and Robust Optimization of Placement Problems under Complex Constraints, *Cadence Inc.* Aug. 2024
- A Complete FPGA Placement and Routing Tutorial: Starting from *OpenPARF* Series, *HUAWEI Inc.* [\[slides\]](#) Jun. 2024

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Associate captain of the ice hockey team *Fire kirin* 火麒麟 in Peking University 2023 – 2024
- Staff of the ACM-ICPC World Final 2018

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Softwares

C/C++, Python, Pytorch, Go, L^AT_EX, Git, Docker, Data Analysis/Visualization(Pandas), JavaScript/HTML

Machine Learning and GPU

PyTorch, JAX, CUDA, MLIR, Triton

Languages

Mandarin, Cantonese, English, Japanese

hobbies

Ice hockey, Badminton

Last updated in March 2025.