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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering

Working on efficient hardware architectures for machine learning. Advised by Prof. H. T. Kung ([link](#))

Cambridge, MA

2021–PRESENT

Federal University of Pernambuco

B.Sc. in Electronics Engineering

1st out of 40 students, GPA 8.90/10. Senior Thesis: *iOwlT: Sound Geolocalization System* ([link](#)).

Recife, Brazil

2016–2021

RESEARCH

Detailed information can be found [here](#).

Computing in Memory

Harvard University

Working on the algorithmic-level to improve efficiency of deep neural network deployment in the crossbar architecture. Particularly interested in reducing bottlenecks such as data conversions, nonidealities, programming time and weight mapping.

2021–PRESENT

iOwlT: Sound Geolocalization System ([link](#))

Federal University of Pernambuco

Developed a system using neural networks, adaptive filtering and real-time processing in FPGAs to recognize sound events and determine gun shooters location on a mobile application. Earned 3 international awards at InnovateFPGA 2019 in China (Top 0.7%).

2019–2020

Lock-in: Nano-Volt Signal Amplifier ([link](#))

Federal University of Pernambuco

Design and optimization of a phase-sensitive lock-in amplifier advised by the former Minister of Science and Technology of Brazil Prof. Sergio Rezende to investigate magnetic properties of IrMn/Py thin films using MOKE technique.

2019–2020

iTraffic: Smart Semaphore Network ([link](#))

Federal University of Pernambuco

Design and proposal of an internet of things intelligent system to dynamically choose traffic lights timing to optimize vehicle flow on urban roads using genetic algorithm. Achieved 130% improvement in the average speed of cars in tested tracks.

2017

Maracatronics: Robotics Team ([link](#))

Federal University of Pernambuco

Member of the collective autonomous soccer sub-team, acting on robots control on Tiva-C microcontroller, computer vision mapping and tracking, and intelligent robots decision-making strategies. Achieved 5th Place at XVI Latin American Robotics Competition.

2017

PUBLICATIONS

- [2] **Matheus Farias**, H. T. Kung, “A Distribution-Based Efficient Programming of Sorted Compute-in-Memory Crossbars”, *in submission*.
- [1] **Matheus Farias**, H. T. Kung, “Sorted Weight Sectioning for Energy-Efficient DNNs on Compute-in-Memory Crossbars”, *in submission*.

CONFERENCES

- 2. **2019 International Conference on Field-Programmable Technology** Tianjin, China
- 1. **VII Brazilian Symposium on Computing Systems Engineering** Curitiba, Brazil

TEACHING

Harvard University

CS205 – *High Performance Computing*

SPRING 2023

Federal University of Pernambuco

ES456 – *Machine Learning*

FALL 2020

MA326 – *Complex Variables and Applications*

2018–2019

FI007 – *Physics II: Gravitation, Waves and Thermodynamics*

2017–2018

MA026 – *Calculus I: Limits, Derivatives and Integrals*

FALL 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Neurotech

Recife, Brazil

Machine Learning Intern

2020–2021

Served as workshop instructor and collaborated adding +5 machine learning algorithms to production.

Espaço Diferencial

Recife, Brazil

Co-Founder and Teacher

2016–2018

Idealized a non-profit school for underprivileged students in basic engineering classes. Managed the action strategy planning that impacted over 200 students with a team of 10 teachers. Taught Physics at the undergraduate level.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Bronze Medal at the Online Young Physicists' Tournament

2023

Online

8th place at the Online Young Physicists' Tournament 2023.

Silver Medal at the International Young Physicists' Tournament (Physics World Cup)

2023

Murree, Pakistan

2nd place at the 36th International Young Physicists' Tournament 2023 Pakistan.

Behring Foundation Fellowship

2021–PRESENT

Harvard University

Honored by the Behring Foundation with a fellowship to cover my graduate studies at Harvard.

Silver Award at InnovateFPGA 2019 Contest (Grand Finals)

2019

Tianjin, China

2nd out of 270 teams with iOwlT: Sound Geolocalization System.

Silver Award at InnovateFPGA 2019 Contest (Regional Finals)

2019

Americas

2nd out of 40 teams with iOwlT: Sound Geolocalization System.

Community Award at InnovateFPGA 2019 Contest

2019

Americas

Elected as best project by the community with iOwlT: Sound Geolocalization System.

PIBIC/CNPq funding to do research

2019

Brazil

Awarded by national government funding to do research for Lock-in: Nano-Volt Signal Amplifier.

5th Place at XVI Latin American Robotics Competition

2017

Latin America

In the Small Size League category of autonomous soccer with Maracatronics: Robotics Project.

1st Place at Embedded Systems Regional Contest

2017

Brazil

1st out of 14 teams with iTraffic: Smart Semaphore Network.

Honorable Mention at Brazilian Physics Olympiad

2015

Brazil

One of the 180 medalists over more than 300,000 contestants.