

# MUHAMMAD RASHED

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## SUMMARY

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I am a PhD candidate in Computer Engineering at the University of Central Florida (UCF). My expected graduation date is Spring 2024 and I am on the academic job market for tenure-track assistant professor positions starting Fall 2024. My research interests include EDA for emerging computing paradigms and architectures, computer-aided design, and, artificial intelligence. On these topics, I have **published 18 top-tier journals and conference papers**. I have a total of **10 publications on the prestigious CSRanking list**. My ICCAD paper in 2022 was nominated for the **IEEE/ACM William J. McCalla ICCAD Best Paper Award** and, my DAC paper in 2022 was recognized as a **Publicity Paper** at the conference.

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Central Florida, Orlando</b> PhD in Computer Engineering, Department of ECE Thesis: <i>Towards Energy-Efficient In-Memory Computing Systems using Design Automation</i> Supervisor: Prof. Rickard Ewetz	<i>January 2020 - present</i> <i>(Expected in Spring 2024)</i>
<b>University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio</b> Graduate Coursework, Department of ECE	<i>August 2018 - December 2019</i>
<b>Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology</b> Bachelor of Science, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering	<i>May 2010- September 2015</i>

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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| • IEEE/ACM William J. McCalla <b>ICCAD Best Paper Award Nomination</b>  | 2022      |
| • <b>Best Research Video Award</b> at the Design Automation Conference (DAC)  | 2021      |
| • Acknowledgment of the XORG Paper as a <b>Publicity Paper at DAC</b>   | 2022      |
| • David T. and Jane M. Donaldson Memorial Graduate Scholarship  | 2022      |
| • IEEE/ACM DATE PhD Forum Best Doctoral Dissertation Competition Finalist   | 2023      |
| • IEEE/ACM DAC PhD Forum Best Doctoral Dissertation Competition Finalist  | 2022      |
| • NSF Travel Grant (2021–2024), DATE Travel Grant (2023), UCF SGA Travel Grant (2023–2024), ACM Travel Grant (2022) |           |
| • The Presentation Fellowship by UCF Graduate Studies   | 2021–2023 |
| • 3MT Research Finalist at the University of Texas at San Antonio   | 2019      |
| • Education Board Scholarship for HSC, SSC and JSC result   | 2005–2015 |

## RESEARCH PAPER PUBLICATIONS

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### Major Research Topics:

- Electronic Design Automation (EDA) for Emerging Computing Paradigms
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)
- Computer-aided Design (CAD) for Very Large-Scale Integration (VLSI)
- Computer Architecture

### Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- [P22] [DAC'24] **M Rashed**, S Thijssen, D. Simon, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Execution Sequence Optimization for Processing In-Memory using Parallel Data Preparation", in 61st Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2024. **[CSRanking]**

- [P21] **[DAC'24]** S Thijssen, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Synthesis of Compact Flow-based Computing Circuits from Boolean Expressions", in 61st Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2024. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P20] **[ASP-DAC'24]** S Thijssen, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "READ-based In-Memory Computing using Sentential Decision Diagrams", 29th Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC), 2024. (accepted)
  - [P19] **[ASP-DAC'24]** S Thijssen, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Towards Area-Efficient Path-Based In-Memory Computing using Graph Isomorphisms", 29th Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC), 2024. (accepted)
  - [P18] **[ICCAD'23]** M Rashed, S Thijssen, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Automated Synthesis for In-Memory Computing", 42nd International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), 2023. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P17] **[ICCAD'23]** M Rashed, S Thijssen, SK Jha, H Zheng, and R Ewetz, "Path-based Processing using In-Memory Systolic Arrays for Accelerating Data-Intensive Applications", 42nd International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), 2023. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P16] **[ICCAD'23]** S Thijssen, S. Singireddy, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Verification of Flow-Based Computing Systems using Bounded Model Checking", 42nd International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), 2023. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P15] **[TCAD'23]** M Rashed, S Thijssen, F Yao, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "STREAM: Towards READ-based In-Memory Computing for Streaming Based Processing for Data-Intensive Applications", IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD), 2023
  - [P14] **[TCAD'23]** S Thijssen, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "PATH: Evaluation of Boolean Logic using Path-based In-Memory Computing Systems", IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD), 2023.
  - [P13] **[ICCD'23]** S. Singireddy, M Rashed, S Thijssen, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Input-Aware Flow-Based In-Memory Computing", 41st International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2023.
  - [P12] **[DAC'23]** S Thijssen, M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "UpTime: Towards Flow-based In-Memory Computing with High Fault-Tolerance", in 60th Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P11] **[ASP-DAC'23]** M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Discovering the In-Memory Kernels of 3D Dot-Product Engines", 28th Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC), 2023.
  - [P10] **[ICCAD'22]** M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Logic Synthesis for Digital In-Memory Computing", 41st International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), 2022. **(Best paper nomination)** **[CSRanking]**
  - [P9] **[DAC'22]** M Rashed, A Awad, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Towards Resilient Analog In-Memory Deep Learning via Data Layout Re-Organization", 59th Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2022. **(Publicity Paper)** **[CSRanking]**
  - [P8] **[DATE'22]** M Rashed, SK Jha, F Yao and R Ewetz, "Hybrid Digital-Digital In-Memory Computing", 25th Design Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE), 2022.
  - [P7] **[ASP-DAC'22]** M Rashed, S Thijssen, F Yao, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "STREAM: Towards READ-based In-Memory Computing for Streaming based Data Processing", 27th Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC), 2022.
  - [P6] **[ICCAD'21]** M Rashed, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Hybrid Analog-Digital In-Memory Computing", 40th International Conference On Computer Aided Design (ICCAD), 2021. **[CSRanking]**
  - [P5] **[MICRO'21]** M Chowdhury, M Rashed, A Awad, R Ewetz, and F Yao, "LADDER: Architecting Content and Location-aware Writes for Crossbar Resistive Memories", 54th International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO), 2021. **[CSRanking]**
- Prior to PhD:**
- [P4] **[ICAEE'17]** M Rashed, M Zaman, M Islam and M Raihan, "An analysis on the required reinforcement for embedding a nuclear power plant in a generic power system", 4th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE), 2017.

- [P3] [EICT'17] S Saha, S Ukil and **M Rashed**, "Numerical investigation on the performance of new ultra-thin CZTS solar cell using SCAPS", 3rd International Conference on Electrical Information and Communication Technology (EICT), 2017.
- [P2] [ICAEE'17] A Dewanjee, N Dey, **M Rashed**, A Muhury and J Dhar, "High performance cost effective formalin detector using conductivity property", 4th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE), 2017.
- [P1] [ICECE'16] M Nadim, **M Rashed**, A Muhury and S Mominuzzaman, "Estimation of optimum tilt angle for PV cell: A study in perspective of Bangladesh", 9th International Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (ICECE), 2016.

### Under Review/Submission Publications:

- [U4] [TCAD'23] **M Rashed**, S Thijssen, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "LOGIC: Logic Synthesis for Digital In-Memory Computing", IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD), 2023. (under review).
- [U3] S Thijssen, **M Rashed**, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Efficient Runtime Management of Crossbars for Path-based In-Memory Computing". (under submission)
- [U2] S Thijssen, **M Rashed**, SK Jha, and R Ewetz, "Efficient Runtime Management of Crossbars for Path-based In-Memory Computing". (under submission)
- [U1] H. Chugh, **M Rashed**, F. Yao, and R Ewetz, "Side Channel Attack in ReRAM Crossbar". (under submission)

### TALKS/POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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| [T3] [DATE'22] PhD Forum, in 26th Design Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE) | 2023 |
| [T2] [DAC'22] PhD Forum, in 59th Design Automation Conference (DAC)                      | 2022 |
| [T1] [DAC'21] Young Fellow Program, in 58th Design Automation Conference (DAC)           | 2021 |

### GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING EXPERIENCE

I have assisted my supervisor Prof. Rickard Ewetz with 7 grant proposal submissions on EDA and AI to the National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy (DOE), and, Cyber-Florida. To date, the proposals have been awarded a total grant of **\$825,000**.

#### Selected Proposals:

- Collaborative Research: FMITF: Track I: Synthesis and Verification of In-Memory Computing Systems using Formal Methods. (**Awarded \$750,000**).
- Security-Aware In-Memory Neural Networks for Cyber-Physical Systems (**Awarded \$75,000**).
- An Analysis of Semiconductor Workforce Development using National Science Foundation Support at Hispanic Serving Institutions in the United States.
- Collaborative Research: Elements: Cyberinfrastructure for End-to-End Design, Synthesis, and Validation of In-Memory Computing Systems.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### University of Central Florida

*January 2020 - present*

#### Graduate Research Assistant

- Developed a logic synthesis framework for digital in-memory computing. The framework improves the area-latency of multiplication operations by 77% and 20% over the state-of-the-art. [P10], [P17]
- Designed an in-memory systolic array system using path-based in-memory computing. The system is 23X faster than traditional systolic arrays. [P16]
- Developed an efficient 3D dot product engine (DPE) architecture that achieves 2.02X, 2.37X, and 2.45X improvements in area, energy, and latency respectively over 2D DPE. [P11]
- Developed a data layout re-organization framework for analog in-memory deep learning. The framework improves precision in hardware by up to 3.2X. [P9]

- Developed design automation infrastructure for hybrid analog-digital in-memory computing. The hybrid paradigm achieved 2.5X overhead improvement over state-of-the-art paradigms. [P6], [P8]
- Proposed a streaming-based in-memory computing architecture for evaluating Boolean logic. The architecture improves performance over state-of-the-art by up to 20X by eliminating expensive and error-prone WRITE operations. [P13], [P7]
- Delivered an effective and low-cost location and data-aware processor-side architecture for memristor-based memory systems. The framework called LADDER achieves 13.2% performance improvement over state-of-the-art designs. [P5]

**University of Texas at San Antonio**  
Graduate Research Assistant

*August 2018–December 2019*

- Developed secure automated vehicular communication protocol between OBU and RSU units.

**Abul Khair Steel Melting Limited**  
Technical Management

*October 2015–June 2018*

- Supervised electrical power distribution in the Main Receiving Substation (MRSS).
- Supervised the routine electrical maintenance to circumvent breakdowns. Reduced equipment shut-down by two occurrences per year.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **C++ and Data Structures** (UTSA)  
Object-oriented programming including data abstraction, inheritance, operator overloading, and polymorphism. Application of OOP to study various data structures including stacks, queues, linked lists, trees, binary trees, and graphs.
- **Engineering Analysis and Computation** (UCF)  
Engineering analysis and computation with structured constructs. Subscripted variables, functions, input/output. Applications in embedded systems and examples in numerical methods.
- **Guest Lecture/ Course Development: Computer-Aided Design of VLSI** (UCF)  
An introduction to computer-aided design (CAD) for very large scale integration (VLSI). The focus is on algorithms and data structures that are used within logic synthesis.

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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I have mentored 9 graduate students + 7 undergraduate students + 9 high-school (10-12 grades) students + 1 industry affiliate. (Diversity: 6 female advisees, 2 black students, 2 Hispanic students, 1 first-gen college student, and, 1 student with a learning disability)

### Selected Advisees

- Sven Thijssen, Ph.D. student @UCF, Achievements: [P21], [P20], [P19], [P16], [P14], [P12], [U2-U4]
- Hardik Chugh, MS student @UCF, Achievements: [U1]
- Stacey Alexander, industry affiliate @UTSA
- Suraj Singireddy, Ph.D. student @UTSA, Achievements: [P13]
- Austin Ramos, undergraduate student @UTSA

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Session Chair, Design Automation Conference (DAC) 2022
- Technical Reviewer, IEEE Internet of Things Journal 2023
- Technical Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing 2022
- Technical Reviewer, International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (ISQED) 2024
- Technical Reviewer, International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD) 2021, 2022

- Technical Reviewer, The Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (GLSVLSI) 2021, 2022
- Technical Reviewer, International Conference on AI Circuits and Systems (AICAS) 2022, 2023

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

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- Guiding prospective international students with graduate school application process 2018–present
- Supporting incoming international students at UCF with housing & transportation 2020–present
- Served as the Vice President of the Bangladesh Student Association (BSA) at UTSA 2018–2019

## SKILLS

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- *Programming Language:* C++, Python, MATLAB and Verilog.
- *EDA Tools:* Design Compiler, ABC, YOSYS, SIS, Vivado Design Suite, CACTI 7, ARM Forge
- *Operating Systems and Software:* Linux, Windows, Office Software, Latex, AutoCad.

## TRAINING

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- Responsible Conduct of Research for Engineers- Stage 2 (CITI) 2023
- Authorship, Credit and Collaborative Scholarship (UCF) 2022
- Doing the Right Thing: Know About Research Misconduct (UCF) 2022
- at-risk for University and College Faculty and Staff (UCF) 2020
- at-risk Friends in College (UCF) 2020
- Employee Code of Conduct & Speak Up Whistleblower Training (UCF) 2020
- Academic Integrity Module (UCF) 2020
- Responsible Conduct of Research for Engineers- Stage 1 (CITI) 2020
- Teaching Assistant Training (UTSA) 2019