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EDUCATION

Imperial College London — London, UK
MEng in Electronic and Information Engineering — Expected Jun 2027
Predicted First-Class Honours; Dean's List 2024; Ranked 2nd in the year
Relevant coursework: Pipelined ray-tracing engine implemented in Verilog on PYNQ, pipelined RISC-V CPU in SystemVerilog with two-way set-associative cache, C90 compiler, Intel FPGA/AWS based duel game system, WiFi controlled rover

The Manchester Grammar School — Manchester, UK
A Levels – Mathematics A*, Further Mathematics A*, Physics A*, Electronics A*; Winner of the Paton Electronics Prize — Jun 2023
Returned by invitation in 2025 to present to sixth form students about research and development in electronics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cloud Engineering Intern — London, UK
T. Rowe Price — Jun 2025-Sep 2025

- Established a secure research environment on Azure using Terraform and Groovy, integrating OpenAI agents with Bing search and MCP
- Collaborated with Microsoft and international teams developing Terraform frameworks and Docker containers to scale deployments
- Implemented in Python a full MCP server and client with a SQL database and integrated this with agents and Bing search in AI Foundry
- Presented regularly to investments ensuring technical solutions aligned with business needs and the understanding of investment's model

Private 1:1 Tutoring — Jan 2021-Sep 2024

- Used social media to market my own tutoring business and attract clients, leading to a full client roster and a waitlist
- Tutored over fifteen students at GCSE and A level in preparation for their examinations, leading to an increase in achieved grades

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

ReducedLUT: Table Decomposition with "Don't Care" Conditions — Monterey, USA
Paper published in the ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays 2025 — Aug 2024-Feb 2025

- Lead-author of a paper focused on reducing the physical lookup table (P-LUT) utilisation of LUT-based neural network (NN) models for ultra-low latency applications by introducing extra similarities within the data to allow for more effective decomposition
- Reduced the P-LUT utilisation by over 38% with a maximum test accuracy drop of 0.01%: https://doi.org/10.1145/3706628.3708823
- Presented this paper to leading academics at ISFPGA 2025 in California and to the CAS research group at Imperial College London

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NeuraLUT-Assemble: Hardware-aware Assembling of Sub-Neural Networks for Efficient LUT Inference — Zürich, Switzerland
Tutorial presented at Fast Machine Learning for Science Conference 2025 — Sep 2025

- Delivered a tutorial on the evolution of LUT-based NNs detailing key challenges and presenting mitigation strategies for each
- Led a demonstration of deploying a NN onto an FPGA, covering the full process from model training to on-device inference

Ultra-Low Latency ML Research — London, UK
Circuits and Systems Research Group, Imperial College London — Jun 2024 – Present

- Adapted the open-source NeuraLUT toolflow to integrate Verilator testing, CUDA for improved inference and oh-my-xilinx Tcl scripts for synthesis of the model using Vivado along with modifying various L-LUT compression techniques and software.
- Developed an imask-optimized input buffer for NeuraLUT-Assemble models, cutting latency to one-third of the previous best
- Implemented the input layer as per-feature L-LUTs and deployed end-to-end models on PYNQ with on-board pre/post-processing

FPGA-Based Brain Simulation — Mar 2025

- Worked with a team from TU Delft to map gate activation and timestep functions to L-LUTs and applied decomposition techniques

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

CMATMUL – Cache Based Matrix Multiplication Kernel — Feb 2025-Mar 2025

- Developed an effective C++ based matrix multiplication kernel leading to over a 100x increase in throughput from a naïve solution
- Optimised the throughput by implementing cache-aware tiling, register blocking, an AVX2 microkernel and OpenMP parallelism

Collabify — Mar 2024-Aug 2024

- Developed a collaborative Spotify web app with personalised recommendations using a weighted cosine similarity model and Spotify API
- Built SQL-backed account and song storage for shared playlists with an animated, user-friendly HTML/CSS/JavaScript frontend

Remote Control Car from Logic — Dec 2022-Mar 2023

- Designed and built a remote control car using a RF transmitter/receiver pair, logic gates, counters and motor drivers
- Built the RF pair using a crystal oscillator and filter to obtain the carrier wave, and ASK modulation to transmit the information

ADDITIONAL

Technical Proficiencies: Advanced in C++, Python, PyTorch, HTML/CSS, SystemVerilog, Git; Proficient in C, JavaScript, SQL, Java, Groovy, Verilog, Verilator, React, Basic, Assembly languages, Flask, CUDA, Tcl, Terraform
Awards: Dean's List (2024), Paton Electronics Prize (2023), Gold Crest Award, Gold Kangaroo in the Senior Maths Challenge (2022)
Interests: 1500m/3K/5K competitive track running for the Thames Valley Harriers (2023-Present), Raced nationally for junior cycling development teams and trained weekly with British Cycling (2020-2023)