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EDUCATION

M.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering, *09/08/2021 - 05/31/2023*
Specialization: Computer Systems & Architecture Grade: 3.94/4
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA

B.E. Electronics & Communication Engineering *08/01/2013 - 05/31/2017*
PES Institute of Technology, Bangalore, Karnataka, India Grade: 9.11/10

WORK EXPERIENCE

ARM *06/20/2023 - Present*
Senior Engineer *Austin, Texas, USA*
· Computer Architecture research to address scalability challenges in the datacenter systems for emerging workloads.
· Specialized in hardware-software co-design for heterogeneous systems in AI workloads.
· Developed analytical and simulation models for architecture performance modeling and characterization.
· Improved scalability of parallel runtimes (OpenMP), network processors (VPP), and web serving (NGINX).
· Investigated inference serving bottlenecks and deployment strategies to inform future systems, with hands-on experience in frameworks such as PyTorch and vLLM.

Advanced Micro Devices Research *05/23/2022 - 08/26/2022*
Research Co-op *Austin, Texas, USA*
· Investigated efficient mapping of sparse linear algebra operations in graph workloads at-scale for GPU architectures.

Qualcomm *09/03/2019 - 08/11/2021*
Network on Chip Design Engineer *Bangalore, India*
· Designed multi-core hardware cache coherent interconnects. My role involved close collaboration with performance, processor, power, physical design, & memory subsystem teams.
· Extensive experience optimizing RTL and architecture for advanced nodes, managing system performance trade-offs, performance analyses and debugging for mobile and automotive SoCs.

Analog Devices *07/03/2017 - 08/14/2019*
Design Engineer *Bangalore, India*
· Designed hardware on-chip interconnects & offload engines as a part of the Digital Signal Processors team. Proven track record in efficient design and timing closure at high frequency.
· Contributed to ECO root cause analysis, silicon bring-up, and formal verification of boot flow security schemes.

Analog Devices *01/01/2017 - 06/20/2017*
Performance Verification Intern *Bangalore, India*
· Performance analysis of DSP accelerators and system interconnects. Developed an in-house tool for flow-based stimulus generation and capturing SoC interconnect performance metrics.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Heterogeneous Architectures Lab *Aug 2022 - May 2023*
Advisor: Prof. Matthew Sinclair *Madison, WI*

Efficient multi-chiplet GPU coherence with intelligent acquires and releases to promote inter-kernel data reuse.

Heterogeneous Architectures Lab *Jan 2022 - May 2022*
Advisors: Prof. Shivaram Venkataraman & Prof. Matthew Sinclair *Madison, WI*

Characterizing spatio-temporal effects of DVFS on performance variability in multi-tenant GPU systems for ML.

National Institute of Technology *May 2015 - July 2015*
Advisor: Prof. Santanu Sarkar *Rourkela, India*

Design of process, voltage, temperature independent CMOS bandgap voltage and current reference circuits.

PUBLICATION

- **CPElide: Efficient Multi-Chiplet GPU Implicit Synchronization**
  Preyesh Dalmia, Rajesh Shashi Kumar, Matthew Sinclair
  57th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO 2024)

- **Contention Aware Machine Learning: Understanding CPU ML Inference Scalability Bottlenecks**
  Josh Minor, Minjun Wu, Rajesh Shashi Kumar, Shashank Hegde, Eric Van Hensbergen
  Internal Research Paper, Arm, Texas, USA, 2024

PATENTS

- **Cache Synchronization for Chiplet Accelerators**. Preyesh Dalmia, Rajesh Shashi Kumar, Matthew Sinclair.
  Granted US Patent US12292836B2.

INVITED TALKS

- **Power-Efficient AI Inference at Scale**
  - Arm Global Engineering Conference, Birmingham, UK.   July 10, 2025.

- **Efficient Multi-Chiplet GPU Coherence**
  - Architecture Affiliates, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA.   October 27, 2022.

TEACHING

Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Wisconsin-Madison	*August 2022 - May 2023*
Teaching Assistant	*Madison, WI*

· ECE/CS532: Matrix methods in Machine Learning (Fall 2022)
· ECE210: Introductory Experience in Electrical & Computer Engineering (Spring 2023)
· ECE342: Circuit Analysis (Spring 2023)

Department of Computer Sciences, Wisconsin-Madison	*August 2021 - May 2022*
Teaching Assistant	*Madison, WI*

· CS200: Object-oriented Programming I (Fall 2021)
· CS300: Object-oriented Programming II (Spring 2022)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages	Python, C++, C, CUDA, HIP, System Verilog, Bash
Runtimes	OpenMP, MPI, PyTorch
Performance profilers	Nsight Systems, Streamline, VTune, Perf
Architectural simulators	gem5, GPGPUsim, Interconnect Workbench
Interconnect protocols	CHI, CHI-C2C ACE, AXI, PCIe
Digital design tools	Xcelium, VCS, ModelSim, Spyglass, Vivado, JasperGold
Implementation tools	Synthesis:DC,Genus, STA:Tempus, LEC:Conformal
Productivity Tools	Docker, SLURM, Platform LSF, Git, LaTeX

AWARDS

Spot Award: Analog Devices	2018

· Awarded in Dec 2018, for root cause analysis and ECO implementation to fix critical clock infrastructure issues affecting preboot, which was much needed for the tapeout confidence of a DSP SoC.
· Awarded in May 2018, for an efficient Interconnect design in NIC400 from scratch resulting in significant performance improvement within the area and power budget with no impact to the project schedule.

IEEE IBM Watson Student Showcase: Top five winning projects worldwide	December 2015

Awarded for design of an NLP application to aid in verbal skill development using IBM Watson
Publication: *IEEE Computer Issue No.01 - Jan. (2016 vol.49)* [Publication]

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- Characterizing DVFS induced performance variability in Systems for ML. [Report]

- Improving TLB performance in GPUs using locality prefetching. [Code]

- Performance analysis of bidirectional-exchange and ring primitives for AllReduce. [Code]

- Performance analysis of Deepspeech training and inference on Nvidia P100. [Report]

- Bachelor's thesis on analog design of an OTA using the g_m/I_D methodology for EEG biosignal preprocessing, under Prof. Partha Ray. [Report]