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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research agenda is anchored in advancing **AI systems**, specifically focused on the development of energy-efficient, sustainable and privacy preserving AI systems. I am actively engaged in **sparsity & parallelism exploitation sparse training**, **emerging deep learning models inference acceleration**, **efficient privacy preserving machine learning**, and **machine learning in EDA**. My research goal is to bridge the research gap between algorithms and practical applications, especially the deployments on edge devices such as GPUs, FPGAs, ReRAM, superconducting technologies, and other emerging devices, as well as to improve the energy efficiency of electronic design automation (EDA) and chip design, reinforcing the sustainable development of computing infrastructure.

EDUCATION

**University of Connecticut**
Ph.D., School of Computing (exp.) May 2024
*Advisor:* Caiwen Ding
*Co-major-advisor:* Omer Khan

**University of Rochester**
M.S.E., Electrical and Computer Engineering May 2018
*Advisor:* Gonzalo Mateos

**Wuhan University of Technology**
B.S., Electrical and Information Engineering May 2015

PUBLICATION SUMMARY

**Published: 20** papers, **11** first/co-first authored papers (**leader**) or the second author (**main contributor**).
**Impact: 278** citations, h-index: 9, i10-index: 9 (as of Nov 30th, 2023).
Published at HPCA, ASPLOS, SC, DAC, ICCAD, ACL, ICCV, NeurIPS, IJCAI, ICCD, ISQED, etc.

- **Sparsity & Parallelism Exploitation Sparse Training**

  — **[HPCA 2024]** Deniz Gurevin, Shaoyi Huang, et al, "PruneGNN: An Optimized Algorithm-Hardware Framework for Graph Neural Network Pruning", IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture, 2024

  — **[DAC 2023]** Shaoyi Huang, Bowen Lei, Dongkuan Xu, et al, "Dynamic Sparse Training via Balancing the Exploration-Exploitation Trade-off", Design Automation Conference, 2023

  — **[DAC 2023]** Shaoyi Huang, Haowen Fang, et al, "Neurogenesis Dynamics-inspired Spiking Neural Network Training Acceleration", Design Automation Conference, 2023

- **Emerging Deep Learning Models Inference Acceleration**

  — **[ACL 2022]** Shaoyi Huang, Dongkuan Xu, Ian En-Hsu Yen, et al, "Sparse Progressive Distillation: Resolving Overfitting under Pretrain-and-Finetune Paradigm", Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2022

— **[SC 2021]** <u>Shaoyi Huang</u>*, Shiyang Chen*, et al, "E.T.: Re-Thinking Self-Attention for Transformer Models on GPUs", International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis, 2021

— **[DAC 2022, Publicity Paper]** <u>Shaoyi Huang</u>*, Hongwu Peng*, et al, "A Length Adaptive Algorithm-Hardware Co-design of Transformer on FPGA Through Sparse Attention and Dynamic Pipelining", Design Automation Conference, 2022

- **Privacy Preserving Machine Learning**

— **[ICCV 2023]** <u>Shaoyi Huang</u>*, Hongwu Peng*, Tong Zhou*, et al, "AutoReP: Automatic ReLU Replacement for Fast Private Network Inference", International Conference on Computer Vision, 2023

EDUCATION OUTREACH

- The 6th Workshop for Women in Hardware and Systems Security (WISE 2023), Student panelist (shared experiences with K-12 students)
- NSF REU Site proposal (Topic: Trustavle Embedded Systems Security), Mentored 3 Undergraduates
- USDA funded Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Award Project, Mentored 1 undergraduate

PARTICIPATING GRANTS

**Semiconductor Research Corporation Research Grant**          01/2023 - 12/2025
*Co-writer and primary student representative* for Caiwen Ding's group
"Exploring Extreme Sparsity in Training and Inference for Graph Neural Networks to Achieve High Performance Scaling on Large Core Count Machines" - $225,000
PI: Caiwen Ding, Omer Khan

**National Science Foundation (NSF)**          07/2023 - 06/2027
*Primary student representative* for Caiwen Ding's group
"Collaborative Research: SaTC: CORE: Medium: Accelerating Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning as a Service: From Algorithm to Hardware" - $399,775
PI: Caiwen Ding

**USDA-NIFA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative**          01/2022 - 12/2025
*Primary Student representative* for Caiwen Ding's group
"Evaluating the Impact of Preferential Trade Agreements on Agricultural and Food Trade: New Insights from Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning" - $650,000
PI: Sandro Steinbach, Caiwen Ding, Dongjin Song, Jeremy Jelliffe

**Eversource Energy Center Seed Grant**          09/2021 - 08/2023
*Primary student representative* for Caiwen Ding's group
"Optigrid: Planning & Optimizing the Power Grid During the Low Carbon Transition in Connecticut" - $69,000
PI: Caiwen Ding, Mikhail A Bragin

**Travelers Insurance Research Grant**          09/2021 - 02/2022
*Primary student representative* for Caiwen Ding's group
"Change and Damage Detection from Aerial Images" - $292,406
PI: Caiwen Ding, Jinbo Bi, Dongjin Song

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

[1] Deniz Gurevin, Shaoyi Huang, Mohsin Shan, MD Amit Hasan, Caiwen Ding, Omer Khan, "PruneGNN: An Optimized Algorithm-Hardware Framework for Graph Neural Network Pruning", IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (**HPCA 2024**)
Acceptance rate: 75/410=18.3%

[2] Shaoyi Huang*, Hongwu Peng*, Tong Zhou*, Yukui Luo, Chenghong Wang, Zigeng Wang, Jiahui Zhao, Xi Xie, Ang Li, Tony Geng, Kaleel Mahmood, Wujie Wen, Xiaolin Xu, Caiwen Ding, "AutoReP: Automatic ReLU Replacement for Fast Private Network Inference", International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV 2023**)

[3] Shaoyi Huang, Bowen Lei, Dongkuan Xu, Hongwu Peng, Yue Sun, Mimi Xie, Caiwen Ding, "Dynamic Sparse Training via Balancing the Exploration-Exploitation Trade-off", Design Automation Conference (**DAC 2023**)
Acceptance rate: 263/1156=22.7%

[4] Shaoyi Huang, Haowen Fang, Kaleel Mahmood, Bowen Lei, Nuo Xu, Bin Lei, Yue Sun, Dongkuan Xu, Wujie Wen and Caiwen Ding, "Neurogenesis Dynamics-inspired Spiking Neural Network Training Acceleration", Design Automation Conference (**DAC 2023**)
Acceptance rate: 263/1156=22.7%

[5] Shaoyi Huang, Dongkuan Xu, Ian En-Hsu Yen, Yijue Wang, Sung-En Chang, Bingbing Li, Shiyang Chen, Mimi Xie, Sanguthevar Rajasekaran, Hang Liu, Caiwen Ding, "Sparse Progressive Distillation: Resolving Overfitting under Pretrain-and-Finetune Paradigm", Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2022**)
Acceptance rate: 714/3350=21.3%

[6] Shaoyi Huang*, Hongwu Peng*, Shiyang Chen, Bingbing Li, Tong Geng, Ang Li, Weiwen Jiang, Wujie Wen, Jinbo Bi, Hang Liu and Caiwen Ding, "A Length Adaptive Algorithm-Hardware Co-design of Transformer on FPGA Through Sparse Attention and Dynamic Pipelining", Design Automation Conference (**DAC 2022, Publicity Paper**)

[7] Shaoyi Huang, Ning Liu, Yueying Liang, Hongwu Peng, Hongjia Li, Dongkuan Xu, Mimi Xie, Caiwen Ding, "An automatic and efficient bert pruning for edge ai systems", International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (**ISQED, 2022**)

[8] Shaoyi Huang*, Shiyang Chen*, Santosh Pandey, Bingbing Li, Guang Gao, Long Zheng, Caiwen Ding, Hang Liu, "E.T.: Re-Thinking Self-Attention for Transformer Models on GPUs", International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis (**SC 2021**)
Acceptance rate: 86/365=23.6%

[9] Shaoyi Huang, Shiyang Chen, Hongwu Peng, Daniel Manu, Zhenglun Kong, Geng Yuan, Lei Yang, Shusen Wang, Hang Liu, Caiwen Ding, "HMC-Tran: A Tensor-core Inspired Hierarchical Model Compression for Transformer-based DNNs on GPU", Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (**GLSVLSI 2021**)

[10] Hongwu Peng, Shaoyi Huang, Tong Geng, Ang Li, Weiwen Jiang, Hang Liu, Shusen Wang, Caiwen Ding, "Accelerating transformer-based deep learning models on fpgas using column balanced block pruning", International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (**ISQED 2021**)

[11] Daniel Manu, Shaoyi Huang, Caiwen Ding, Lei Yang, "Co-Exploration of Graph Neural Network and Network-on-Chip Design Using AutoML", Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (**GLSVLSI 2021**)

[12] Hongwu Peng, Xi Xie, Kaustubh Shivdikar, MD Amit Hasan, Jiahui Zhao, Shaoyi Huang, Omer Khan, David Kaeli, Caiwen Ding, "MaxK-GNN: Towards Theoretical Speed Limits for Accelerating Graph Neural Networks Training", Proceedings of the Twenty-Second International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (**ASPLOS 2024**)

[13] Hongwu Peng*, Ran Ran*, Yukui Luo, Jiahui Zhao, Shaoyi Huang, Kiran Thorat, Tong Geng Chenghong Wang, Xiaolin Xu, Wujie Wen, Caiwen Ding, "LinGCN: Structural Linearized Graph Convolutional Network for Homomorphically Encrypted Inference", Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2023**)

[14] Xi Xie*, Hongwu Peng*, MD Amit Hasan, Shaoyi Huang, Jiahui Zhao, Haowen Fang, Wei Zhang, Tong Geng, Omer Khan, Caiwen Ding, "Accel-GCN: High-Performance GPU Accelerator Design for Graph Convolution Networks", IEEE/ACM International Conference On Computer Aided Design (**ICCAD 2023**)

[15] Bingbing Li, Zigeng Wang, Shaoyi Huang, Mikhail Bragin, Ji Li, Caiwen Ding, "Towards Lossless Head Pruning through Automatic Peer Distillation for Large Language Models", International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI 2023**)

[16] Yijue Wang, Nuo Xu, Shaoyi Huang, Kaleel Mahmood, Dan Guo, Caiwen Ding, Wujie Wen, Sanguthevar Rajasekaran, "Analyzing and Defending against Membership Inference Attacks in Natural Language Processing Classification", IEEE International Conference on Big Data (**IEEE Big Data 2022**)

[17] Yixuan Luo*, Payman Behnam*, Kiran Thorat, Zhuo Liu, Hongwu Peng, Shaoyi Huang, Shu Zhou, Omer Khan, Alexey Tumanov, Caiwen Ding, Tong Geng, "CoDG-ReRAM: An Algorithm-Hardware Co-design to Accelerate Semi-Structured GNNs on ReRAM", IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (**ICCD 2022**)

[18] Hongwu Peng*, Deniz Gurevin*, Shaoyi Huang, Tong Geng, Weiwen Jiang, Omer Khan, Caiwen Ding, "Towards Sparsification of Graph Neural Networks", IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (**ICCD 2022**)

[19] Panjie Qi, Edwin Hsing-Mean Sha, Qingfeng Zhuge, Hongwu Peng, Shaoyi Huang, Zhenglun Kong, Yuhong Song, Bingbing Li, "Accelerating Framework of Transformer by Hardware Design and Model Compression Co-Optimization", IEEE/ACM International Conference On Computer Aided Design (**ICCAD 2021**)

[20] Panjie Qi, Yuhong Song, Hongwu Peng, Shaoyi Huang, Qingfeng Zhuge, Edwin Hsing-Mean Sha, "Accommodating transformer onto fpga: Coupling the balanced model compression and fpga-implementation optimization", Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (**GLSVLSI 2021**)

PAPERS IN SUBMISSION

[21] Shaoyi Huang, Shuya Feng, Nuo Xu, Chenghong Wang, Wujie Wen, Omer Khan, Yanzhi Wang, Hong Yuan, Caiwen Ding, "PMFNN: Harnessing Privacy Preserving and Energy Efficiency within Multiplication-Free Neural Networks", (Submitted to **AAAI 2024**)

[22] Shaoyi Huang, Amit Hasan, Lihan Hu, Shihui Song, Bingbing Li, Hongwu Peng, Xi Xie, Peng Jiang, Omer Khan and Caiwen Ding, "Fine-Grained Structured Pruning with Hessian-Based Error Correction for Large Language Models", (Submitted to **DAC 2024**)

[23] Kiran Gautam Thorat, Hongwu Peng, Yuebo Luo, Shaoyi Huang, Xi Xie, MD Amit Hasan, Jiahui Zhao, Yingjie Li, Nan Wu, Zhijie J. Shi, Cunxi Yu, Caiwen Ding, "GROOT: Graph Edge Re-growth and Partitioning for the Verification of Large Designs in Logic Synthesis", (Submitted to **ASPLOS 2024**)

[24] Bin Lei, Shaoyi Huang, Chunhua Liao, Caiwen Ding, "Boosting Logical Reasoning in Large Language Models through a New Framework: The Graph of Thought", (Submitted to **AAAI 2024**)

[25] Shanglin Zhou, Yingjie Li, Shaoyi Huang, Cunxi Yu and Caiwen Ding, "HoloGraph: All-Optical Graph Learning via Light Diffraction", (Submitted to **DAC 2024**)

[26] Bingbing Li, Geng Yuan, Zigeng Wang, Shaoyi Huang, Hongwu Peng, Payman Behnam, Wujie Wen, Hang Liu and Caiwen Ding, "Zero-Space Cost Fault Tolerance for Transformer-based language models on ReRAM", (Submitted to **DAC 2024**)

[27] Shihui Song, Lihan Hu, Shaoyi Huang, Caiwen Ding, Peng Jiang, "Towards Accurate and Fast Dynamic Sparse Training with Adaptive Layer-wise Shuffle Blocks", (In preparation for **ICS 2024**)

TALKS

**Invited Talks**

- **Student panelist** - The 6th Workshop for Women in Hardware and Systems Security
  Oct 2023, California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

- **Towards Efficient Model Inference and Training**
  Sep 2023, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

- **Towards Efficient Training and Inference Under Pretrain-and-Finetune Paradigm**
  Sep 2023, TechCon - Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC), Austin, TX

- **Exploring Extreme Sparsity in Training and Inference for Graph Neural Networks to Achieve High Performance Scaling on Large Core Count Machines**
  May 2023, Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC) AIHW & CADT Annual Review, IBM Research, San Jose, CA

- **Efficient Model Inference and Training**
  Apr 2023, Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing Community (MLNLP), Virtual

**Conference Presentations**

- **Dynamic Sparse Training via Balancing the Exploration-Exploitation Trade-off**
  DAC, July 2023, San Francisco, CA

- **Neurogenesis Dynamics-inspired Spiking Neural Network Training Acceleration**
  DAC, July 2023, San Francisco, CA

- **Sparse Progressive Distillation: Resolving Overfitting under Pretrain-and-Finetune Paradigm**
  ACL, Oct 2022, Virtual

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Program Committee**

- SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM) 2024
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2024, 2023
- NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks 2023
- SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) 2023
- The First Workshop on DL-Hardware Co-Design for AI Acceleration @AAAI 2023

**Journal Reviewer**

- Neurocomputing
- Pattern Recognition
- Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence
- Neural Networks

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| • NeurIPS Travel Grant from CACC | 2023 |
| • WISE Student Travel Award | 2023 |
| • GE Fellowship of Excellence | 2023 |
| • Predoctoral Prize for Research Excellence | 2023 |
| • DAC Publicity Paper Award | 2022 |
| • GE Fellowship for Excellence | 2022 |
| • Synchrony Fellowship | 2022 |
| • Predoctoral Prize for Research Excellence | 2022 |
| • Eversource Energy Graduate Fellowship | 2022 |
| • DAC Young Fellow | 2021 |
| • Cigna Graduate Fellowship | 2021 |

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

**TikTok**, Austin, TX

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| • Research Intern | Summer 2022 |

- Mentor: Pengcheng Li
- Project: Transformer-based Model Training Acceleration

**Moffett AI**, Los Altos, CA

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| • Research Intern | Summer 2021 |

- Mentor: Ian En-Hsu Yen, Co-founder
- Project: Language Model Compression [ACL 2022]

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Guest Lecturer (University of Rochester)

- ECE 403-1: Advanced Computer Architecture for Machine Learning, Fall 2023
  Instructor: Prof. Tony Geng
  Topic: Towards Efficient Model Inference and Training
  *Prepared and delivered lecture to graduate students*

Teaching Assistant (University of Connecticut)

- CSE 4502 & 5717: BigData Analytics, Spring 2023
  Instructor: Prof. Suining He
  *Held office hours and graded assignments*

- CSE5819: Introduction to Machine Learning, Fall 2022
  Instructor: Prof. Fei Miao
  *Designed final project*
  *Supervised students on course projects*
  *Designed and delivered coding tutorials*
  *Led final project presentation*
  *Held office hours and graded assignments*

Teaching Assistant (University of Rochester)

- Microcontroller, Spring 2018
  Instructor: Prof. Qiang Lin
  *Held office hours and graded assignments*

- Circuits & Signals LAB, Fall 2017
  Instructor: Prof. Jack G. Mottley
  *Led laboratory sessions*
  *Provided hands-on instruction to around 100 undergraduate students*

MENTORED STUDENTS

**Amit Hasan**
Ph.D. student                                                                          08/2023 - Present
Project: LLM Inference Acceleration                              University of Connecticut

**Yifan Shan**
Undergraduate student                                                          05/2022 - 05/2023
Project: Evaluating the Impact of Preferential Trade Agreements on          University of Connecticut
Agricultural and Food Trade: New Insights from Natural Language
Processing and Machine Learning

**JiWon Kim**
Undergraduate student                                                                      Summer 2023
Project: Utilization of DeepShift for Privacy Based Machine Learning (REU)  University of Connecticut

**Alison Menezes**
Undergraduate student                                                                      Summer 2023
Project: Deep Leakage from Gradients on GNNs (REU)                        Clemson University

**Maryam Abuissa**
Undergraduate student                                                                      Summer 2023
Project: Sequestered Encryption for GPU (REU)                                  Amherst College