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Summary

Portfolio: <https://stevenlcm16.wixsite.com/chengmingli-steven>

GitHub: <https://github.com/stevenli518>

Detail-oriented team player seeking a full-time role, starting from 05/2025, in Hardware engineering-related positions to apply and expand technical skills

- **Hardware Skills**
PCB Design (Altium), Component selection, Analog-Digital circuit design, Microcontroller programming, Communication Protocols (I2C, SPI, UART)
- **Programming Languages**
Python, C/C++, C#, Verilog/System Verilog, MATLAB, Tcl, Shell scripting
- **Lab Equipment & Skills**
Oscilloscope, Signal Generator, Digital Multi-meter, Logic Analyzer, Spectrum Analyzer, Temperature Chamber, Surface Mount Soldering, Command Expert
- **Software Skills**
Altium, LTspice, Cadence Virtuoso, Allegro, ADS, Quartus, ModelSim, Simplicity Studio, VSCode, Visual Studio, MS Office, GitHub, Confluence, Lattice, Slack

Relevant Coursework: RF Circuit Design, Serdes IC, Power Amplifier Design, Power Management IC

Work/Research Experience

Renesas Electronics America Inc

San Jose, CA

Hardware Engineer Intern

June 2024 - Sep 2024

- Analyzed induction cooktop circuits, focusing on component selection, datasheets, power consumption, and circuit protection
- Simulated induction cooktop (IH) in LTspice, Flux, and Altium and tested LC tank, gate driver, and OVP using Oscilloscope
- Compared 8-layer Allegro Gerber files with Altium designs and summarized differences in electrical and non-electrical layers

Eridan Communications

Sunnyvale, CA

RF Test Engineer Intern

June 2023 - Aug 2023

- Built a MATLAB and C# DLL-to-Python conversion framework on GitHub for 7+ instruments and PCB testing
- Developed and executed batch scripts to semi-auto the installation process (under 5 minutes) of VScode, Python, and Rclone

University of Colorado at Boulder (Dr. Taylor Barton's RF Power and Analog Lab)

Boulder, CO

Research Assistant

Aug 2022 - May 2023

- Implemented multi-digital filters using Vivado FPGA (Red Pitaya) to reduce the distortion in the Class-AB Power Amplifier
- Automated the test with RF Generator, Spectrum Analyzer, and Power Supply to collect the IMD3, Pout, and Current data
- Processed the IMD3 data using Python and characterized the optimal transfer function using the network analyzer

Project Experience (for more info and pics: <https://stevenlcm16.wixsite.com/chengmingli-steven/projects>)

10 Gb/s PAM-2 Receiver using Active CTLE with Cherry-hooper and 1-tap Loop-Unrolling DFE

San Diego, CA

Mixed Signal Circuit Designer

Mar 2025 – Mar 2025

- Designed 2-stage CTLE using Source Degeneration and Cherry-hooper techniques to achieve 7 dB peaking gain in 1.7 mW
- Performed Channel Impulse Response to characterize the post-cursor coefficient for use in the interleaved 1-tap DFE
- Conducted Eye-Diagram measurement and 2 cycles of PRBS-10 pattern checking to achieve BER less than 10^{-12}

9-bit 65nm TSMC process SAR ADC Tape out, PCB Design and Test Automation

San Diego, CA

PCB Designer and Test Script Developer

April 2024 - Dec 2024

- Laid out comparator, non-overlapping clock generator, and digital logic and optimized CDAC ratios using Cadence Virtuoso
- Used Common centroid and Dummy device to minimize input offset (90 uV) and propagation delay(323.6 ps) of comparator
- Designed the schematic and layout of the PCB board for testing in Altium, considering the drive and debug configurability
- Built Keysight instrument control and data collecting code in Python and processed INL, DNL, SNR, and SFDR in MATLAB

3-level Buck (1.8V – 0.8V) Converter PMIC Design in Cadence Virtuoso

San Diego, CA

Analog Circuit Designer

Sep 2024 - Dec 2024

- Modeled and optimized in MATLAB the size of transistors, inductor, and capacitor to achieve low power loss and small area
- Designed the schematic and simulation testbench of non-overlapping and deadtime generator, level shifter, and error amplifier
- Performed voltage and temperature variations simulation and achieved 87% nominal efficiency and $0.24 \text{ W} \cdot \text{mm}^2$

2-Stage Class J HBT Power Amplifier Design in ADS

San Diego, CA

RF PA Designer

Oct 2024 - Nov 2024

- Developed the schematic and matching network of 2-stage ClassJ PA in ADS, using the loadpull technique to favor efficiency
- Tuned the output matching to achieve -0.5 dB matching loss and low input return loss using Smith-chart and S-parameter
- Achieved 32dB flat gain, 48.45% efficiency at $PL = 35.55\text{dbm}$ and $F_c = 2.535\text{GHz}$ using wideband interstage matching

Education

University of California San Diego

San Diego, CA

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Cumulative GPA: 3.67/4.00

Graduation Time: July 2025

University of Colorado at Boulder (BS in ECE)

Cumulative GPA: 3.81/4.00

Boulder, CO