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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Agency for Science, Technology and Research, IHPC - Computer Scientist; Singapore October 2022 - Present

- Hardware-software co-design middleware for AI accelerator
  - For software design, I developed a training-free neural architecture search (NAS), which evaluates candidate networks without training in a few seconds with one GPU. Our NAS outperforms state-ofthe-art zero-cost NAS on the final accuracy of the best network by 104%. Also, our NAS can work for the design space with various types of activation functions 252% more accurately than state-ofthe-art zero-cost NAS.
  - We have developed algorithms for hardware optimization and co-design. Our co-design middleware would provide faster and more accurate analysis because of the training-free NAS that we proposed.

### Al Dynamics - Artificial Intelligence Engineer; Washington, US

August 2021 - March 2022

- Al applications for industrial business
  - Developed image creation algorithm for digit recognition Al model, automatic recording system for the moves of Japanese chess, and counting car system, programmed on Python and MATLAB.

### Maris Creative Design - Firmware Engineer; Tokyo, Japan

February 2020 - July 2021

- An algorithm for a glasses-type walking assist device for the visually impaired, named SEEKER
  - Developed the prototype SEEKER with Kyushu Institute of Technology. The algorithm consists of recognizing tactile paving, assisting walking, and recognizing traffic lights, programmed by C++. Used an RZ/A2M micro-computer from Renesas.
- Funding collection for SEEKER
  - Talked with municipal government, venture capitalists and angel investors in Japan to fund this company's growth. As a result, the Tokyo-to and Kitakyushu-shi governments agreed to support our business.

#### **EDUCATION**

PhD - Treasury Singapore University of Technology and Design; Singapore

September 2021 - Present

Al accelerator simulator, Neural Architecture Search, On-device AI | GPA: 4.5 / 5.0 | until May 2025

- A member of the Graduate Student Association Exco
  - Worked as 6<sup>th</sup> media director, organized some events for graduate students such as BBQ, Halloween, and matriculation ceremony and managed the Instagram account to provide valuable information. I increased followers for the GSA Instagram by 125% in one year.

Master of Engineering - Aoyama Gakuin University: Tokyo, Japan

April 2019 - March 2021

Biomedical Engineering, Machine learning, Signal processing | GPA: 3.8 / 4.0

Bachelor of Engineering - Aoyama Gakuin University: Tokyo, Japan

April 2015 - March 2019

Industrial engineering, Biomedical engineering, Machine learning | GPA: 3.4 / 4.0

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**LAXOR: A Bit-Accurate BNN Accelerator with Latch-XOR Logic for Local Computing** | Best Paper Award ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design, 2023

- The paper proposes a box to fuse data storage and computation with bit-accurate inference beyond In-Memory-Computing. This accelerator achieved 3.4x higher energy efficiency than the digital state-of-arts.
- Developed a Python-based BNN simulator that enables fast design analysis for optimal design points and

flexible mapping for a variety of BNN models. This simulator runs 8x10<sup>6</sup> times faster than the Cadence Spectra tool when simulating a 1024-bit binary convolution.

# Model of Urine Accumulation in the Bladder and Method for Predicting Unconstrained Urine Volume Based on Absorption Spectrum of Urine

IEEE Access, 2020

• Proposed a macroscopic model for urine accumulation in a bladder and an unconstrained prediction system for a patient's urine volume, outperforming the volume measured by ultrasonic sensors by 1.3x.

## Classification System for Golf Ball Initial Conditions using CNN Based on High Time Resolution Images | Best Student Paper Award

The 8th IIAE International Conference on Industrial Application Engineering, 2020

• Used a convolution neural network (CNN) model to estimate a golf ball's initial velocity, angle, and spin. Built a golf ball simulator to generate training images for the CNN.

I have another 3 papers in terms of an unconstrained urine volume estimation (SICE 2020), a golf ball condition estimation (AROB 2020), a blood pressure estimation (APSIPA 2018).

#### **AWARDS & NOMINATION**

Global Young Scientists Summit 2024 (GYSS) nominated participant

October 2023

I've been nominated by the Singapore University of Technology and Design as one of 10 graduate students, then the organising committee of GYSS officially selected me as a participant for GYSS 2024

Best Paper Award

Issued by ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design

August 2023

Graduate Student Service Award

Issued by Singapore University of Technology and Design

June 2023

The 1st Prize

Issued by SUTD Graduate Student T-shirt Design Competition

January 2023

Start-up KYOCERA Corporation Award

Issued by Sony Startup Switch 2021

November 2021

Ministry of Education PhD Fellowship

Issued by Singapore Ministry of Education

September 2021

Best Student Paper Award

Issued by the 8th IIAE International Conference on Industrial Application Engineering

January 2020

#### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

Interests: Marathon (timing: 3:56), Beach volleyball (26th place in U-23 Japan in 2017), Cycling, Travel

Languages: Native Japanese speaker; Fluent in English

Coding language & Technical: Python (2 years), MATLAB (4 years), C++ (3 years), illustrator