Yuzong Chen

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EDUCATION

- **Cornell University** Aug. 2022 – Present
  Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
  Advisor: Prof. Mohamed Abdelfattah
- **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore** Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2019
  B.Eng. in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
  GPA: 4.74 / 5.00, Honours (Highest Distinction)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Efficient Hardware for Deep Learning: I am interested in developing novel hardware architectures for accelerating deep neural networks, with a special focus on sparsity and mixed precision. This includes deep neural networks compression algorithms and FPGA/ASIC design.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Cornell University** Aug. 2022 – Present
  Graduate Research Assistant *Advisor: Prof. Mohamed Abdelfattah*
  Work on efficient algorithm-hardware co-design for sparse and mixed-precision deep neural networks and large language models.
- **National University of Singapore** Sept. 2021 – Jul. 2022
  Research Engineer *Advisor: Prof. Heng Chun-Huat*
  Work on a joint project with NXP Semiconductors to design an RF switched-capacitor power amplifier for high-speed communication. Help tape-out the chip in 22nm FDSOI technology.
- **Nanyang Technological University** Feb. 2020 – Aug. 2021
  Project Officer *Advisor: Prof. Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim*
  Conduct and lead projects about computing in-memory circuit design based on static random access memory (SRAM) and resistive random access memory (ReRAM). Tape-out several chips in 65nm technology.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. (SSI)**, San Jose, USA Jun. 2025 – Aug. 2025
  Architecture Research Intern *Manager: Dr. Hyojong Kim, Dr. Mrinmoy Ghosh*
  Propose novel LLM quantization algorithms by jointly considering all matrix multiplication modules. Develop co-designed acceleration solution for quantized LLM inference based on custom HBM architectures.
- **Qualcomm AI Research**, San Diego, USA Sept. 2024 – Dec. 2024
  Research Intern *Manager: Dr. Sean Fox, Dr. Paul Whatmough*
  Implement performance modelling framework for deep learning on heterogeneous hardware platforms.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Conference Proceedings**

[1] **Yuzong Chen**, Ahmed F. AbouElhamayed, Xilai Dai, Yang Wang, Marta Andronic, George A. Constantinides and Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, "BitMoD: Bit-serial Mixture-of-Datatype LLM Acceleration", *IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA),* 2025.

[2] **Yuzong Chen**, Jian Meng, Jae-sun Seo and Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, "BBS: Bi-directional Bit-level Sparsity for Deep Learning Acceleration," *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO),* 2024.

[3] Xilai Dai, **Yuzong Chen**, and Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, "Kratos: An FPGA Benchmark for Unrolled Deep Neural Networks with Fine-Grained Sparsity and Mixed Precision", *IEEE International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)*, 2024.

[4] Jordan Dotzel, **Yuzong Chen**, Bahaa Kotb, Sushma Prasad, Gang Wu, Sheng Li, Mohamed S Abdelfattah and Zhiru Zhang, "Learning from Students: Applying t-Distributions to Explore Accurate and Efficient Formats for LLMs", *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2024.

[5] **Yuzong Chen**, Jordan Dotzel, and Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, "M4BRAM: Mixed-Precision Matrix-Matrix Multiplication in FPGA Block RAMs", *IEEE International Conference on Field Programmable Technology (FPT)*, 2023.

[6] **Yuzong Chen**, and Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, "BRAMAC: Compute-in-BRAM Architectures for Multiply-Accumulate on FPGAs", *IEEE International Symposium on Field-Programmable Custom Computing Machines (FCCM)*, 2023.

[7] **Yuzong Chen**, Junjie Mu, Hyunjoon Kim, Lu Lu, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "A Reconfigurable 8T SRAM Macro for Bit-Parallel Searching and Computing In-Memory", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2022.

[8] Yuncheng Lu, Zehao Li, **Yuzong Chen**, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "A 181μW Real-Time 3-D Hand Gesture Recognition System based on Bi-directional Convolution and Memoryless Clustering", *IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC)*, 2022.

[9] **Yuzong Chen**, Lu Lu, Yuncheng Lu, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "A Multi-Functional 4T2R ReRAM Macro Enabling 2-Dimensional Access and Computing In-Memory", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2021.

[10] Lu Lu, **Yuzong Chen**, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "A Configurable Randomness Enhanced RRAM PUF with Biased Current Sensing Scheme", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2021.

[11] Vishal Sharma, Ju Eon Kim, Yong-Jun Jo, **Yuzong Chen**, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "AND8T SRAM Macro with Improved Linearity for Multi-bit In-Memory Computing", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2021.

[12] **Yuzong Chen**, Lu Lu, Bongjin Kim, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "Reconfigurable 2T2R ReRAM with Split Word-lines for TCAM Operation and In-Memory Computing", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2020.

- **Journal Articles**

[1] **Yuzong Chen**, Junjie Mu, Hyunjoon Kim, Lu Lu, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "BP-SCIM: A Reconfigurable 8T SRAM Macro for Bit-Parallel Searching and Computing In-Memory", *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers (TCAS-I)*, 2023.

[2] Donghyuk Kim, Chengshuo Yu, Shanshan Xie, **Yuzong Chen**, Joo-Young Kim, Bongjin Kim, Jaydeep Kulkarni, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "An Overview of Processing-in-Memory Circuits for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning", *IEEE Journal on Emerging and Selected Topics in Circuits and Systems (JETCAS)*, 2022. **[Featured as one of the most popular papers in IEEE JETCAS]**

[3] **Yuzong Chen**, Lu Lu, Bongjin Kim, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "A Reconfigurable 4T2R ReRAM Computing In-Memory Macro for Efficient Edge Applications", *IEEE Open Journal of Circuits and Systems (OJCAS)*, 2021.

[4] **Yuzong Chen**, Lu Lu, Bongjin Kim, and Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, "Reconfigurable 2T2R ReRAM Architecture for Versatile Data Storage and Computing In-Memory", *IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration Systems (TVLSI)*, 2020.

- **Book Chapters**

[1] Tony Tae-Hyoung Kim, **Yuzong Chen**, and Lu Lu, "ReRAM-based Processing-in-Memory (PIM)", in *Processing-in-Memory for AI from Circuits to Systems*, Springer, 2022, pp. 93-120.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Student Travel Grant: HPCA 2025
- Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (QIF), Finalist, 2024
- Cornell Graduate Fellowship, 2022
- NTU Singapore Undergraduate Dean's List (top 5% of the cohort), 2015 – 2017
- Singapore Science and Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship, 2015 – 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- CS 5785, Applied Machine Learning @ Cornell Tech — Fall 2023

INVITED TALKS

- **Efficient Computing In-memory Architectures for FPGA-based Deep Learning Acceleration**
  - FCCM'23, Los Angeles, CA, May 2023

- FPT'23, Japan, Dec. 2023
- Centre for Spatial Computational Learning (SpatialML), Online, Mar. 2024

- **Leveraging Bit-serial Computation for Deep Learning Acceleration**
  - Samsung AI Research Cambridge, Online, Jul. 2024
  - MICRO'24, Austin, TX, Nov. 2024
  - Southeast University, China, Dec. 2024
- **BitMoD: Bit-serial Mixture-of-Datatype LLM Acceleration**
  - Qualcomm AI Research, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2024
  - Intel Research Review, Online, Nov. 2024
  - HPCA'25, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 2025
  - Computer Architecture Day @ Columbia University, New York, NY, May 2025

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- **Journal Reviewer**
  IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers (TCAS-I)
  IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration Systems (TVLSI)
  IEEE Journal on Emerging and Selected Topics in Circuits and Systems (JETCAS)
- **Conference Secondary Reviewer**
  International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA)
  Design Automation Conference (DAC)
- **Artifact Evaluation Committee**
  International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA), 2025