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EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Engineering, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Sep 2019 – May 2025 (expected)

- Advisor: Prof. Yanzhi Wang
- Thesis Committee: Prof. Yanzhi Wang, Prof. Stratis Ioannidis, Prof. Huaizu Jiang

Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY

Master of Science in Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.833/4.0

Sep 2017 – May 2019

Xidian University

Xi'an, Shaanxi, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic Science and Technology

Sep 2013 – Jun 2017

Excellent Class (**Undergraduate Honor Program**)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Conference Papers, [†] means equal contribution. [...] is hyperlink button.

- Yifan Gong[†], **Zheng Zhan**[†], Yanyu Li, et al, "Efficient Training with Denoised Neural Weights", *under review* for ECCV 2024.
- Yifan Gong[†], **Zheng Zhan**[†], Qing Jin, et al, "E²GAN: Efficient Training of Efficient GANs for Image-to-Image Translation", *under review* for ICML 2024.
- **Zheng Zhan**[†], Zifeng Wang[†], Yifan Gong, Yucui Shao, Stratis Ioannidis, Yanzhi Wang, Jennifer Dy. "DualHSIC: HSIC-Bottleneck and Alignment for Continual Learning." **ICML 2023**. [paper]
- Yifan Gong[†], Pu Zhao[†], **Zheng Zhan**[†], Yushu Wu et al, "Condense: A Framework for Device and Frequency Adaptive Neural Network Models on the Edge". **DAC 2023**.
- **Zheng Zhan**[†], Zifeng Wang[†], Yifan Gong, Geng Yuan, et al, "SparCL: Sparse Continual Learning on the Edge". **NeurIPS 2022**. [paper] [code]
- **Zheng Zhan**, Yifan Gong, Pu Zhao, Yushu Wu, et al, "All-in-One: A Highly Representative DNN Pruning Framework for Edge Devices with Dynamic Power Management". **ICCAD 2022**. [paper]
- **Zheng Zhan**, Yifan Gong, Pu Zhao et al, "Achieving on-Mobile Real-Time Super-Resolution with Neural Architecture and Pruning Search". **ICCV 2021**. [paper]
- Yifan Gong, **Zheng Zhan**[†], Yushu Wu et al, "An Automatic Framework for Adaptive Deep Neural Network Deployment with DVFS on the Edge", *under review* for TCAD.
- Yifan Gong, Yushu Wu, **Zheng Zhan**, et al, "Lotus: learning-based online thermal and latency variation management for two-stage detectors on edge devices", **DAC 2024**.
- Yushu Wu[†], **Yifan Gong**[†], Zheng Zhan et al, "MOC: Multi-Objective Mobile CPU-GPU Co-optimization for Power-efficient DNN Inference", **ICCAD 2023**.
- Yushu Wu[†], Yifan Gong[†], Pu Zhao, Yanyu Li, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "Compiler-Aware Neural Architecture Search for On-Mobile Real-time Super-Resolution". **ECCV 2022**. [paper] [code]
- Tianyun Zhang, Xiaolong Ma, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "A Unified DNN Pruning Weight Framework Using Reweighted Method". **DAC 2021**. [paper]
- Yanzhi Wang, **Zheng Zhan**, Liang Zhao et al, "Universal Approximation Property and Equivalence of Stochastic Computing-based Neural Networks and Binary Neural Networks". **AAAI 2019**. [paper]

EXPERIENCE

Samsung Research America

Mountain View, CA

Ph.D. Research Intern

May 2022 – Aug 2022

- *Project: Efficient Vision Transformer using linear self-attention for large inputs*

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Ph.D. Research Intern @ DSSI program

Livermore, CA

May 2021 – Aug 2021

- *Project: Multi-Prize Lottery Tickets of Vision Transformer*

Northeastern University

Research Assistant advised by Prof. Yanzhi Wang @ College of Engineering

Boston, MA

Sep 2019 – present

Efficient and Effective Continual Learning

We develop SparCL, which explores sparsity for efficient continual learning and achieves both training acceleration and accuracy preservation through the synergy of three aspects: weight sparsity, data efficiency, and gradient sparsity. ([NeurIPS-22](#))

- Training acceleration through the TDM, DDR, and DGM. Leading to at most $23\times$ fewer training FLOPs and an 1.7% improvement over SOTA accuracy.
- Achieve at most $3.1\times$ training acceleration on a real mobile edge device.

Our newest work DualHSIC leverage inter-task relationships using two concepts related to the Hilbert Schmidt independence criterion (HSIC). HSIC-Bottleneck for Rehearsal helps reduce interference between tasks and HSIC Alignment - HA helps share task-invariant knowledge ([ICML-23](#)).

Effective compression-DVFS co-design

We propose a highly representative pruning framework (a single neural network containing multiple sparsity ratios) to work with dynamic power management using DVFS. ([DAC-23](#), [ICCAD-22](#))

- Develop a framework which leverages the DVFS and compression techniques to get multiple subnetworks in one neural network to lower the variance of inference runtime for different hardware frequency levels. ([ICCAD-22](#))
- Propose a two-level algorithm for obtaining subnets with arbitrary ratios in a single model with theoretical proof. It's a much more automatic framework. ([DAC-23](#))

Effective compression-compiler co-design

Project: Compression-Compilation Co-design (CoCoPIE)

Feb 2020 – present

Content: CoCoPIE, a **startup** developing a platform that optimizes AI models for edge devices, **that has raised \$6 million in funding**.

Lead the Core project of achieving **Real-Time Super-Resolution on Mobile platform**, We are **the first** to achieve real-time SR inference (with only tens of milliseconds per frame) for implementing 720p resolution with competitive image quality (in terms of PSNR and SSIM) on mobile platforms. ([ICCV-21](#), [ECCV-22](#))

- Develop a framework that leverages pruning search and NAS to achieve real-time SR inference on the mobile. ([ICCV-21](#))
- Propose a layer-wise and compiler-aware NAS algorithm with corresponding compiler-level optimizations. ([ECCV-22](#))

Published papers in top-tier conferences. ([NeurIPS](#), [ICCV](#), [CVPR](#), [ECCV](#), [DAC](#), [ICCAD](#) etc.)

University of Toronto

Research Assistant advised by Prof. Baochun Li @ Department of ECE

Toronto, ON, Canada

Jul 2018 – Feb 2019

- *Project: Scheduling Machine Learning Jobs with Reinforcement Learning (IWQoS-19)*

Syracuse University

Research Assistant advised by Prof. Yanzhi Wang @ College of ECS

Syracuse, NY

Sep 2017 – May 2019

- *Project: Stochastic Computing and Universal Approximation Theory*
Prove the equivalence of Stochastic Computing-based Neural Networks (SCNN) and BNN by using Universal Approximation theory. ([Coauthor and present the work in AAAI-19](#))