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EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

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

Sep 2019 – May 2024 (expected)

- Advisor: Prof. Yanzhi Wang
- Focus on *Model Compression, Continual Learning*.

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**)

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

Livermore, CA

Ph.D. Research Intern @ DSSI program

May 2021 – Aug 2021

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

Northeastern University

Boston, MA

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

Sep 2019 – present

Efficient 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.

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 leverage 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

Toronto, ON, Canada

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

Jul 2018 – Feb 2019

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

Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY

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

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](#))

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Conference Papers, * means equal contribution. [...] hyperlink button.

- Zifeng Wang*, **Zheng Zhan***, Yifan Gong, Yucai Shao, Stratis Ioannidis, Yanzhi Wang, Jennifer Dy. "DualHSIC: HSIC-Bottleneck and Alignment for Continual Learning." In submission.
- **Zheng Zhan**, Yifan Gong, Pu Zhao, et al, "Condense: A Framework for Device and Frequency Adaptive Neural Network Models on the Edge". [DAC 2023](#).
- Zifeng Wang*, **Zheng Zhan***, Yifan Gong, et al, "SparCL: Sparse Continual Learning on the Edge". [NeurIPS 2022](#). [paper] [code]
- Yifan Gong*, **Zheng Zhan***, et al, "All-in-One: A Highly Representative DNN Pruning Framework for Edge Devices with Dynamic Power Management". [ICCAD 2022](#). [paper]
- 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]
- **Zheng Zhan***, Yifan Gong*, Pu Zhao* et al, "Achieving on-Mobile Real-Time Super-Resolution with Neural Architecture and Pruning Search". [ICCV 2021](#). [paper]
- Geng Yuan, Xiaolong Ma, Wei Niu, Zhengang Li, Zhenglun Kong, Ning Liu, Yifan Gong, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "MEST: Accurate and Fast Memory-Economic Sparse Training Framework on the Edge". [NeurIPS 2021](#). ([Spotlight paper, top 3%](#)) [paper] [code]
- Zhengang Li*, Geng Yuan*, Wei Niu*, Pu Zhao, Yanyu Li, Yuxuan Cai, Xuan Shen, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "NPAS: A Compiler-Aware Framework of Unified Network Pruning and Architecture Search for Beyond Real-Time Mobile Acceleration". [CVPR 2021](#). ([Oral paper, top 5%](#)) [paper]
- 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]

Journal Papers

- Yifan Gong*, Geng Yuan*, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "Automatic Mapping of the Best-Suited DNN Pruning Schemes for Real-Time Mobile Acceleration", *ACM Transactions on Design Automation of Electronic Systems (TODAES)*, 2021. [paper]
- Tong Jian, Yifan Gong, **Zheng Zhan** et al, "Radio Frequency Fingerprinting on the Edge", *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing*, 2021. [paper]

SKILLS

- Machine Learning Framework: PyTorch, TensorFlow.
- Programming Languages: Python, C/C++ (wrote a Remote Test Harness), C# (wrote a Remote Build Server), MATLAB.