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**Education**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, USA

*Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science* Sep 2021 – Feb 2026 (Expected)

* GPA: 5.00/5.00 (Rank: N/A); supervised by Prof. Duane S. Boning
* Research interests:
  + Design automation for electronic & photonic integrated circuits
  + AI/ML algorithms, and AI/ML for hardware design

**Fudan University** Shanghai, China

*M.S. in Microelectronics and Solid State Electronics* Sep 2018 – Jun 2021

* GPA: 3.82/4.00 (Rank: N/A); worked with Prof. Jun Tao and Prof. Xin Li (Duke University)
* Research interests: electronic design automation (EDA), and Bayesian methods

*B.E. in Microelectronic Science and Engineering* Sep 2014 – Jun 2018

* GPA: 3.84/4.00 (Rank: 4/71); selected to Elite Engineering Program (top 5%)

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**Professional Experience**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, USA

*Research Assistant --- Supervisor: Prof. Duane S. Boning* Sep 2021 – Feb 2026 (expected)

* Created SPIPE, the first differentiable simulator for electronic–photonic integrated circuits.
* Developed automatic synthesis for programmable photonic circuits, highlighted by Photonic Research 2023.
* Applied Bayesian optimization and neural operators to optimize and model silicon photonic devices under fabrication variations, highlighted by Optica Express 2024.
* Co-designed and prototyped KirchhoffNet, a hardware accelerator for ODE-based generative models, demonstrating low latency and high energy efficiency, awarded MLSys rising star 2024.

**Apple Inc.** Sunnyvale, USA

*AR/VR Hardware Engineering Intern --- Mentor: Dr. Luya Zhang* May 2025 – Aug 2025

* Co-designed hardware and an autoencoder to mitigate VisionPro display artifacts.
* Compressed the model by 15× and reduced runtime to 10% of the original without performance loss, enabling efficient on-device execution; deployed in the next-generation VisionPro.
* Developed an LLM-based automated test case generation pipeline for display algorithms, reducing manual inspection effort by 10× and improving bug detection efficiency.

**Nvidia Corporation** Austin, USA

*Research Intern --- Manager: Dr. Mark H. Ren* Jun 2023 – Sep 2023

* Developed deep neural network model for semiconductor lithography.
* Produced a large-scale image translation model (> 1B) based on Pixel2Pixel and model compression technique.
* Achieved <0.02% MSE error on Nvidia proprietary chip layout dataset containing over 3M images.

**Shanghai Qizhi AI Institute** Shanghai, China

*Research Intern --- Mentor: Prof. Hang Zhao (Tsinghua Univ.)* Mar 2021 – Jun 2021

* Exploited multimodal learning and knowledge distillation.
* Developed the modality focusing hypothesis (MFH), spotlighted at ICLR’23.

**Southern Methodist University** Remotely

*Research Assistant --- Supervisor: Prof. Ron Rohrer* May 2020 – Sep 2021

* Proposed a novel circuit theory to re-explain the time-domain adjoint method.
* Analyzed parametric yield based on the adjoint method, achieving >10× efficiency over MC approach.

**Baidu Inc.** Shanghai, China

*Quality Assurance (QA) Engineering Intern* Jun 2017 – Sep 2017

* Measured the robustness of programs and took charge of the FEEDS project.

**Fudan University (State Key Laboratory of ASIC & System)** Shanghai, China

*Research Assistant --- Supervisor: Prof. Jun Tao and Prof. Xin Li (Duke University)* Sep 2016 – Jul 2021

* Improved post-silicon yield estimation with domain adaptation technique.
* Estimated multi-corner failure rate and yield with Bayesian inference.
* Performed multi-objective optimization of analog circuits based on a Bayesian neural network.
* Optimized a time variant analog filter by hierarchical clustering (bachelor thesis).
* Developed an SRAM failure-rate estimation tool in collaboration with Prof. Xuan Zhang (WUSTL). [[see here](https://github.com/zhengqigao/CACHEFE)]

**Teaching Experience**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, USA

*Teaching Assistant --- Head Instructor: Prof. Shen Shen* Feb 2025 – May 2025

* Performed TA duties for 6.3900 Introduction to Machine Learning (~400 students).
* Led the Transformer module and contributed extensively to the course lecture notes on Github, ranking as the second-largest contributor as of August 2025.

**Fudan University** Shanghai, China

*Teaching Assistant --- Instructor: Prof. Jun Xu* Sep 2019 – Jan 2020

* Performed TA duties for Design of Analog Integrated Circuits.

**Duke Kunshan University** Kunshan, China

*Teaching Assistant --- Instructor: Prof. Dennis Quan (Duke Univ.)* Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

* Performed TA duties for Introduction to Programming & Data Structure at DKU.

**Mentoring Experience**

* Ziang Chen, Fudan University B.E., now Ph.D. student at Fudan University Sep 2019 – Jun 2021
* Nanlin Guo, Fudan University B.E., now Ph.D. student at Fudan University Sep 2019 – Jun 2021
* Jiahe Shi, Fudan University B.E., now Ph.D. student at MIT EECS Sep 2019 – Jun 2021
* Su Zheng, CUHK Ph.D. student Sep 2023 – Present
* Michael Vogit, MIT B.S. student Mar 2024 – Aug 2024
* Mohit Dighamber, MIT B.S., now at Google Sep 2024 – Present
* Ferre Vanden Kerchove, Visiting Ph.D. student from IMEC Dec 2024 – Present
* Ziqin Li, University of Connecticut Ph.D. student Mar 2025 – Present
* Hancheng Ye, Duke University Mar 2025 – Present

**Selected Awards and Honors**

* 1st place, ACM/IEEE DAC Phd Forum 2025
* Editor’s highlight, Optica Express 2024
* ML and Systems Rising Star, MLCommons 2024
* Best Pitch Award, MIT Microsystem Annual Research Conference 2024
* Oral (Spotlight) paper, International Conference on Learning Representations (top 5%) 2023
* Editor’s highlight, Optica Photonics Research 2023
* 2nd place, CVPR’23 Ego4d TTM challenge 2023
* DAC young fellowship 2023
* Outstanding Graduates of Shanghai (top 5%) 2021
* Biren Scholarship (3 awardees nationwide) 2020
* The Integrated Circuits Scholarship, Chinese Institute of Electronics (44 awardees nationwide) 2020
* National Scholarship, Fudan University (top 1%) 2020
* Rising Star of Academic, Fudan University (awarded to 11 graduate students majoring in Sci. & Engi.) 2020
* Pacemaker to Merit Student, Fudan University (awarded to 15 graduate students) 2019
* First Prize Scholarship, Fudan University (top 5%) 2019
* National Gold Award, China “Internet+” College Student Innovation & Entrepreneur Competition(top 5%) 2018
* National 2nd Prize, China Post-Graduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 15%) 2018
* Outstanding Undergraduates of Shanghai (top 5%) 2018
* Meritorious Winner, American Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 13%) 2017
* Top 11%, 2017 IEEE Xtreme Global Programming Competition (out of 3,350 teams worldwide) 2017
* First Prize Scholarship, Fudan University (top 5%) 2015, 2016, 2017
* National 2nd prize, China Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 15%) 2016

**Representative Extracurricular Projects**

***PRML* Solution Manual (GitHub ~1k Stars)** Shanghai, China

*An Original Solution Manual for Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning (PRML)* Sep 2017 – Present

* Solved nearly all exercises in *PRML*; used as references by instructors and students globally. [[see here](https://github.com/zhengqigao/PRML-Solution-Manual)]

**Auto-Grading System** Kunshan, China

*An Auto-Grading System Developed at DKU* Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

* Led a small TA group to develop an auto-grading system based on the source code of Submitty.

**“Dr. Stanley’s House” (Puzzle Video Game) Written in Haskell** Shanghai, China

*Final Project for Introduction to Functional Programming: From C/C++ to Haskell* Sep 2018 – Jan 2019

* Implemented the game with a complete plot via Haskell. [[see here](https://github.com/zhengqigao/Dr-Stanley-house)]
* Organized the program structure, sorted the logic, and set the schedule as the team leader.
* Exploited Haskell libraries (e.g., SDL2, SDL2-ttf, and SDL2-mixer) to add music and animation.

**Additional Information**

**Professional Services**

* Reviewers: IEEE TCAD, ACM TODAES, ICCV, CVPR, NeurIPS, ICML, etc.,
* Organizers:
  + [Optical/Photonics Computing System Seminar Series](https://sites.google.com/view/optsys/home) (2023 – present), with Jiaqi Gu
  + DAC 2023 tutorial on optical computing, with Jiaqi Gu, Ulf Schilchtmann, Cunxi Yu
  + DAC 2025 workshop on AI and circuit, with Zhou Jin, Mark Ren, Yiran Chen, Ron Rohrer
  + MIT MIMO Symposium Student Research Forum (2022), with Fan-keng Sun and others
* Selected invited talks:
  + Conference presentation: ICCAD’19 & 24, ECCV’22, DAC’23, ICLR’23, ICML’25, etc.,
  + ‘Programmable Photonic Synthesis’, at DAC 2023 tutorial on optical computing
  + ‘Bayesian Optimization for Photonic Devices,’ with Ansys Lumerical, 2022 (host: Jens Niegemann)
  + ‘Bayes Elegance in Semiconductor Manufacturing’, in Lam Research webinar, 2023 (host: Joe Lu)
  + ‘KirchhoffNet’, at Duke Mini-Workshop on ML for Analog Circuit Design, 2025 (host: Yiran Chen)

**Miscellaneous**

* Programming languages & software: C/C++, MATLAB, Python, HSPICE, SPECTRE, Lumerical, Verilog, etc.,
* Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient)
* Volunteer teaching in a rural area of Henan Province, China (Jun – Jul 2015)
* Graduate housing officer, Ashdown House, MIT (Mar 2022 – Sep 2024)

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