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Research Interests

- Machine learning system and cloud-based AI system
- Embodied AI: Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) and reinforcement learning for robotics
- Heterogeneous multi-core system with GPU/FPGA

Research/Professional Experience

2023 – Present **Senior Researcher and Project Manager**, LSCM R&D Center, The University of Hong Kong
- Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) for robotics

2022 – Present **Visiting Fellow**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Machine learning system

2021 – 2023 **Lenovo Enterprise Lecturer (企業講師)**, Lenovo (Hong Kong) Limited

2018 – 2023 **Advisory Researcher,** Lenovo Machine Intelligence Center, Lenovo (Hong Kong) Limited
- Cloud and distributed computing, cloud-based artificial intelligence

2015 – 2017 **Senior Research Associate**, CityU Architecture Lab for Arithmetic and Security, City University of Hong Kong
- Parallel and distributed computing for machine learning and data mining

2006 – 2008 **Student Research Assistant**, ASIC & System State Key Laboratory, Fudan University
- FPGA-based hardware acceleration for video encoding and decoding algorithm

Education

2011 – 2017 **Doctor of Philosophy, Electronic Engineering**, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Supervisors: Prof. Ray CHEUNG (Associate Provost), Prof. Hong YAN (IEEE Fellow, Former Dean of the College of Science and Engineering)

2008 – 2009 Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, USA

2004 – 2008 **Bachelor of Science, Microelectronics**, Fudan University, China
- Thesis Advisor: Prof. ZENG Xiaoyang

Publications

Book Chapters

1. Yao Xin, **Benben Liu**, and Ray C. C. Cheung, "High Performance and Customizable Bioinformatic and Biomedical VLSI Architectures", VLSI: Circuits for Emerging Applications, CRC Press, LLC, 2015.

Journal Papers

2. Zhaorui Zhang, Yao Xin, **Benben Liu**, Will X.Y. Li, Kit-Hang Lee, Chun-Fai Ng, Danail Stoyanov, Ray C.C. Cheung, and Ka-Wai Kwok, "FPGA-based High-Performance Collision Detection: An Enabling Technique for Image-Guided Robotic Surgery", Frontiers in Robotics and AI, 2016.

3. **Benben Liu**, ChiWai Yu, Doris Z. Wang, Ray C.C. Cheung, and Hong Yan, "Design Exploration of Geometric Biclustering for Microarray Data Analysis in Data Mining", IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS), 2014.

4. **Benben Liu**, Yao Xin, Ray C.C. Cheung, and Hong Yan, "GPU-based Biclustering for Microarray Data Analysis in Neurocomputing", Neurocomputing Journal, Elsevier, 2014.

5. Yao Xin, **Benben Liu**, Biao Min, Will X.Y. Li, Ray C.C. Cheung, Anthony S. Fong, and Ting-Fung Chan, "Parallel architecture for DNA sequence inexact matching with burrows-wheeler transform", Microelectronics Journal, Elsevier, 2013.

Conference Papers

6. Haotian Xu, Zhaorui Zhang, Sheng Di, **Benben Liu**, Alharthi Khalid, Jiannong Cao, "FedFa: A Fully Asynchronous Training Paradigm for Federated Learning", the 33rd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2024), August 2024, Jeju, South Korea, Oral Presentation.

7. Alan W. Y. Lo, **Benben Liu***, and Ray C. C. Cheung, "GPU-based biclustering for neural information processing", the 19th international conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP 2012), November 2012, Doha, Qatar, Oral Presentation.

Thesis

8. **Benben Liu**, "Task Mapping Methodology for Heterogeneous Multicore System", Ph.D Thesis, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2017.

9. **Benben Liu**, "An 80-dB DC-Gain 400MHz-GBW Folded-Cascode Operational Amplifier for Pipeline ADC in 0.13-μm CMOS" (in Chinese), Bachelor's Thesis, Fudan University, Shanghai, 2008.

Teaching

1. EE5815: Topics in Security Technology
Semester A 2011/12

2. EE3207: Digital System Design
Semester B 2011/12

3. EE2311: Object-Oriented Programming and Design
Semester A 2014/15, Semester B 2013/14, Semester A 2013/14, Semester B 2012/13

4. EE2301: Basic Electronic Circuits
Semester A 2012/13

5. GE1314: Ironman: The Art and Science of Robots in Our Society
Summer 2015

6. Summer Workshop 2014

Research Funding (total $37.96M, as PM $2.79M)

1. **(Project Manager) ITF Seed Project ITP/067/23LP**, "Voice-controlled mobile manipulator powered by large language model", 2024-2025, total budget HK$ 2,790,000.

2. **Hong Kong Health Bureau**, Computerised Transaction Record (CTR) Project, 2023-2027, total budget HK$ 29,000,000.

3. **Deanship of Scientific Research**, University of Bisha, Saudi Arabia. "In-depth analysis and optimization of lossy compression for big data applications", 2023-2024.
4. **RGC Collaborative Research Fund**, "Efficient Algorithms and Hardware Accelerators for Tensor Decomposition and Their Applications to Multidimensional Data Analysis", 2016-2020, total budget HK$ 6,166,013.

Talks

1. Lenovo Machine Intelligence Center Biweekly Seminar, "A comprehensive review of high performance computing and distributed computing for deep learning", 2018
2. Friday's Postgraduate Research Seminar Series, "System Modeling and Dynamic Task Mapping Support for Heterogeneous Multi-core Architectures", City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, April 2015
3. Croucher Foundation Summer Course, "Performance-Aware Programming using Application Accelerators", The University of Hong Kong, 2014
4. The 19th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP2012), "GPU-based Biclustering for Neural Information Processing", Doha, Qatar, November 2012
5. EE8001 Project Presentation, "High-Performance Hardware Accelerator Design for DNA Sequence Alignment Using CUDA-enabled GPU and FPGA", City University of Hong Kong, April 2012

Academic Activities

1. Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS), IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I (TCAS-I), IEEE Transactions on Computers (TC), Neurocomputing (Elsevier), Expert Systems with Applications (Elsevier), IEEE INFOCOM, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), etc.
2. Active in many international conferences as committee member, session chair, reviewer, etc.
3. Member of IEEE (2017), Member of Hong Kong Computer Society (2017)
4. Student Member of IEEE (2010), Member of IEEE CityU Student Branch (2013)

Research/Professional Collaborations

1. Research: CUHK, HKUST, Imperial College
2. Professional: Huawei, Nvidia, Lenovo

Honors and Awards

Lenovo (Hong Kong) Limited

2020/21	DIBG Outstanding Project Team (3 for DIBG)
2019/20	DIBG Technical Elite (9 for DIBG)
2018/19	LCIG Excellent Technical Article (1 for LCIG)

City University of Hong Kong

2013 – 2015	Research Tuition Scholarship for 2 consecutive years (for top 10%)
2012 – 2015	Outstanding Academic Performance Award for Research Degree Students for 3 consecutive years (for top 20%)
2012	ICONIP conference travel award
2011 – 2012 (B)	Good Performance in Teaching Students: First Steps (SG8001) course

Fudan University

2008	Fudan Outstanding Graduates (8 awardees out of 89 students in the department)
2005 – 2008	Second Prize of People's Scholarship for 3 consecutive years (for top 10%)

2006	Top 10 College-wide Excellent Students
2004 – 2005	First Prize of People's Scholarship - Samsung Scholarship (for top 1%)
2004 – 2008	University-wide Excellent Students for 4 consecutive years (for top 5%)