August Ning

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Education

Princeton University

2020 - 2025 (Expected)

Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering M.A., Electrical and Computer Engineering

2022

Advisor: Prof. David Wentzlaff

Duke University

2020

B.S.E., Electrical and Computer Engineering

B.S., Computer Science

Magna Cum Laude, Graduated with ECE Distinction

Advisor: Prof. Krishnendu Chakrabarty

Research

Research Interests: Computer Architecture under Economic/Future Trends, Chiplet Architectures/Systems, Sustainability, Chip Tapeouts

AMD Research Summer 2023

Research Intern - Bellevue, WA

Reported to Yasuko Eckert

CPU/GPU profiling and optimization for large language model workloads

Princeton Parallel Group

2021 - Present

Post-Moore's Law computer architectures

Focusing on evaluation metrics and architectures beyond power, performance, and area (PPA)

Chakrabarty Lab

2018 - 2020

VLSI testing for deep learning hardware and Carbon Nanotube FETs

Undergrad Thesis: Automating Path Generation for Variation-Aware Delay Fault Testing

TU Dortmund Department of High Voltage Technology

Summer 2018

Advisor: Prof. Frank Jenau

High voltage cable technologies and measurement systems

Supported by DAAD RISE Germany Scholarship

Publications

- 7. Hengrui Zhang, August Ning, Rohan Baskar Prabhakar, and David Wentzlaff. "LLMCompass: Enabling Efficient Hardware Design for Large Language Model Inference". In: 2024 ACM/IEEE 51st Annual International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA). 2024, pp. 1080–1096. DOI: 10.1 109/ISCA59077.2024.00082
- 6. Ang Li, Ting-Jung Chang, Fei Gao, Tuan Ta, Georgios Tziantzioulis, Yanghui Ou, Moyang Wang, Jinzheng Tu, Kaifeng Xu, Paul Jackson, August Ning, Grigory Chirkov, Marcelo Orenes-Vera, Shady Agwa, Xiaoyu Yan, Eric Tang, Jonathan Balkind, Christopher Batten, and David Wentzlaff. "CIFER:

- A Cache-Coherent 12nm 16mm² SoC With Four 64-Bit RISC-V Application Cores, 18 32-Bit RISC-V Compute Cores, and a 1541 LUT6/mm² Synthesizable eFPGA". in: *IEEE Solid-State Circuits Letters* (2023). DOI: 10.1109/LSSC.2023.3303111
- 5. August Ning, Georgios Tziantzioulis, and David Wentzlaff. "Supply Chain Aware Computer Architecture". In: Proceedings of the 50th Annual International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA). 2023. DOI: 10.1145/3579371.3589052
- 4. Ting-Jung Chang*, Ang Li*, Fei Gao, Tuan Ta, Georgios Tziantzioulis, Yanghui Ou, Moyang Wang, Jinzheng Tu, Kaifeng Xu, Paul J. Jackson, August Ning, Grigory Chirkov, Marcelo Orenes-Vera, Shady Agwa, Xiaoyu Yan, Eric Tang, Jonathan Balkind, Christopher Batten, and David Wentzlaff. "CIFER: A 12nm, 16mm², 22-Core SoC with a 1541 LUT6/mm², 1.92 MOPS/LUT, Fully Synthesizable, Cache-Coherent, Embedded FPGA". in: 2023 IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC). 2023. DOI: 10.1109/CICC57935.2023.10121294
- 3. Fei Gao, Ting-Jung Chang, Ang Li, Marcelo Orenes-Vera, Davide Giri, Paul Jackson, August Ning, Georgios Tziantzioulis, Joseph Zuckerman, Jinzheng Tu, Kaifeng Xu, Grigory Chirkov, Gabriele Tombesi, Jonathan Balkind, Margaret Martonosi, Luca Carloni, and David Wentzlaff. "DECADES: A 67mm², 1.46TOPS, 55 Giga Cache-Coherent 64-bit RISC-V Instructions per second, Heterogeneous Manycore SoC with 109 Tiles including Accelerators, Intelligent Storage, and eFPGA in 12nm FinFET". in: 2023 IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC). 2023. DOI: 10.1109/CICC57935.2023.101212
- Ang Li, August Ning, and David Wentzlaff. "Duet: Creating Harmony between Processors and Embedded FPGAs". In: 2023 IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA). 2023. DOI: 10.1109/HPCA56546.2023.10070989
- 1. Sanmitra Banerjee, Arjun Chaudhuri, August Ning, and Krishnendu Chakrabarty. "Variation-Aware Delay Fault Testing for Carbon-Nanotube FET Circuits". In: *IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) Systems* 29.2 (2021), pp. 409–422. DOI: 10.1109/TVLSI.2020.3045417

Workshop Presentations

- 2. August Ning and David Wentzlaff. "Computer Architectures for Chip Surplus". In: ACM Student Research Competition at MICRO 2022 (2022)
- 1. August Ning, Georgios Tziantzioulis, and David Wentzlaff. "Supply Chain Aware Chip Architecture". In: The Fourth Young Architect Workshop at ASPLOS 2022 (2022)

Talks

Berkeley SLICE Lab All-Hands -	
"Architectural Implications of Advanced Computing Sanctions"	2024
Stanford Computer Architecture Reading Group -	
"Architectural Implications of Advanced Computing Sanctions"	2024
NYU Computer Architecture Day -	
"Chip Architectures Under Advanced Computing Sanctions"	2024
Princeton ACM - "Should You go to Grad School?"	2024
AMD Research - "Supply Chain Aware Computer Architecture"	2023
Princeton Graduate Fellowship Panel, Panelist	2022
Princeton EGR 152 - "Spotlight on Engineering"	2022
Professional and Academic Service	
ISCA 2024 - Artifact Evaluation Committee	2024
ISCA 2023 - Undergrad Architecture Mentoring (uArch) Workshop Mentor	2023
ASPLOS 2023 Social Co-Chair	2023
Computer Architecture Student Association (CASA) Steering Committee	2022 - Present

Princeton

Whitman College - Resident Graduate Student
Princeton ACM - Graduate Student Liaison

ECE Department Graduate Committee
Princeton-Intel REU Program - Graduate Research Mentor
Princeton Graduate Student Government
GSG Social Committee Member
Electrical and Computer Engineering Assembly Representative

Duke

Duke IEEE – Student Branch Vice President (2017) and President (2018-2020)

Tau Beta Pi (NC Gamma) - Treasurer 2019 - 2020 Engineering World Health Tanzania - Volunteer BMET Summer 2017

Teaching and Mentoring

Princeton

Graduate Teaching Assistant - grading, office hours, recitations

ECE/COS 475/575: Computer Architecture Spring 2022

Prof. David Wentzlaff

Princeton-Intel REU Program

Dara Oseyemi (Summer 2022)

Mukund Ramakrishnan (Summer 2022)

Manya Zhu (Summer 2022)

Jeremy Hui (Summer 2024)

Nikhil Sampath (Summer 2024)

Duke

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant - grading, office hours, lab instruction

ECE 110: Fundamentals of ECE

Fall 2018, Spring 2018, 2019, 2020

Prof. Stacy Tantum

ECE 230: Microelectronic Devices and Circuits

Fall 2018

Prof. Aaron Franklin

ECE 350: Digital Systems

Fall 2019, Spring 2019, 2020

Prof. Rabih Younes, Prof. John Board

Non Research Experience

Microsoft Summer 2020

Software Engineering Intern – Redmond, WA (Remote)

Azure hardware acceleration. Project implemented in C/C++

Burns & McDonnell

Summer 2019

Electrical Engineering Summer Analyst – Chicago, IL

Substation design (physical and wiring diagrams) contracts for ComEd and LGE-KU

Honors

Princeton - ECE Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Service

Princeton - Gordon Y. S. Wu Fellowship

National Science Foundation - Graduate Research Fellowship

2020

Otto Meier Jr. Tau Beta Pi Award	2020
Chief Student Marshal	2019
IEEE Eta Kappa Nu	2019
Tau Beta Pi	2019
DAAD RISE Germany Scholarship	2018
Bingle Family Scholarship	2017
Travel Grants: ASPLOS 2022 (YArch), MICRO 2022 (SRC), HPCA 2023, ASPLOS 2023,	
ISCA 2023, ISCA 2024	

Miscellaneous

Languages: Fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese, proficient in German, Spanish, Swahili

Hobbies: House Plants, Gardening, Day Hiking, Cooking

Nationality: USA

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