

# XiangShan: An Open-Source High-Performance RISC-V Processor and Infrastructure for Architecture Research

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# Tutorial@MICRO'23 Schedule

Time (PM)	Topic
1:00 - 1:25	Introduction of the XiangShan Project
<b>1:25 - 1:30</b>	<b><i>Tutorial Overview and Highlights</i></b>
1:30 - 2:30	Microarchitecture Design and Implementation
2:30 - 3:00	Hands-on Development
	Coffee Break
3:30 - 4:00	Hands-on Development & Discussions (Cont.)

# What we will cover in this tutorial

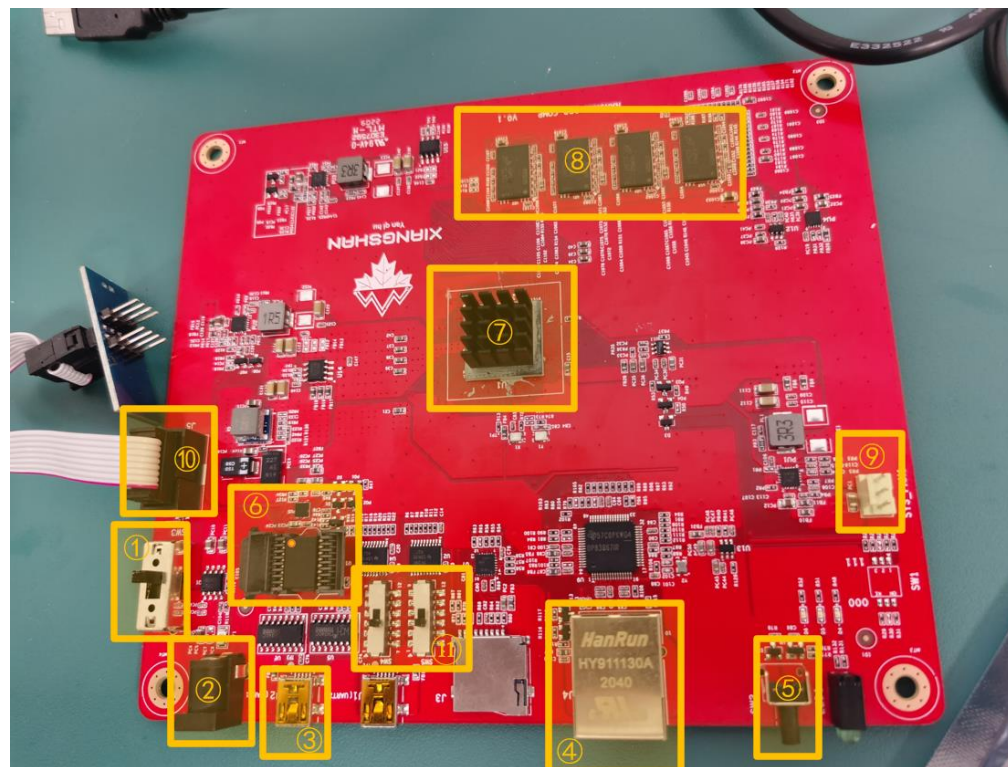
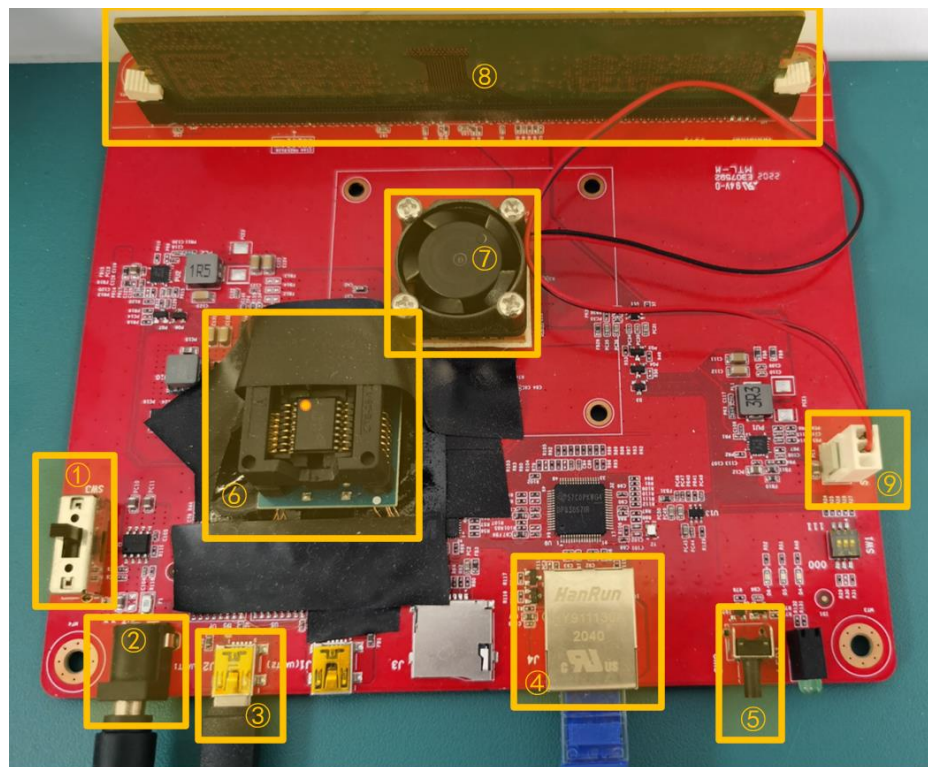
- Highlights XiangShan on Chips, FPGAs, and FireSim
- **CPU Microarchitecture (60 minutes)**
  - Design and implementation – How to implement novel ideas on XiangShan
  - Frontend: branch prediction and instruction fetch
  - Backend: out-of-order scheduler, execution units
  - Load/Store Unit: LSQ, pipelines, TLBs, data caches
  - L2/L3 caches and prefetchers
- **Development workflows (60 minutes)**
  - Introduction of their usages – How to develop XiangShan with MinJie
  - Simulation and Debugging
  - Research Demo

# XiangShan: Open-Source at GitHub

- Hardware Designs
  - XiangShan – Main Repo
  - FuDian (FPU)
  - HuanCun (L2/L3)
  - CoupledL2 (next-generation L2)
  - YunSuan (next-generation (V) FPU)
  - Utility
- Software
  - riscv-pk, linux, rootfs
  - GEM5 (partially aligned)
- Dev. Tools
  - DiffTest (simulation)
  - NEMU (ISS, ref), Spike (ISS, ref)
  - Nexus-am (bare-metal env)
  - tl-test (L2/L3 unit testing)
  - DRAMsim (forked for co-simulation)
- *We are progressing ...*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Generation YANQIHU Chips

- Chips run Debian at BOSC and we use SSH to remotely login in



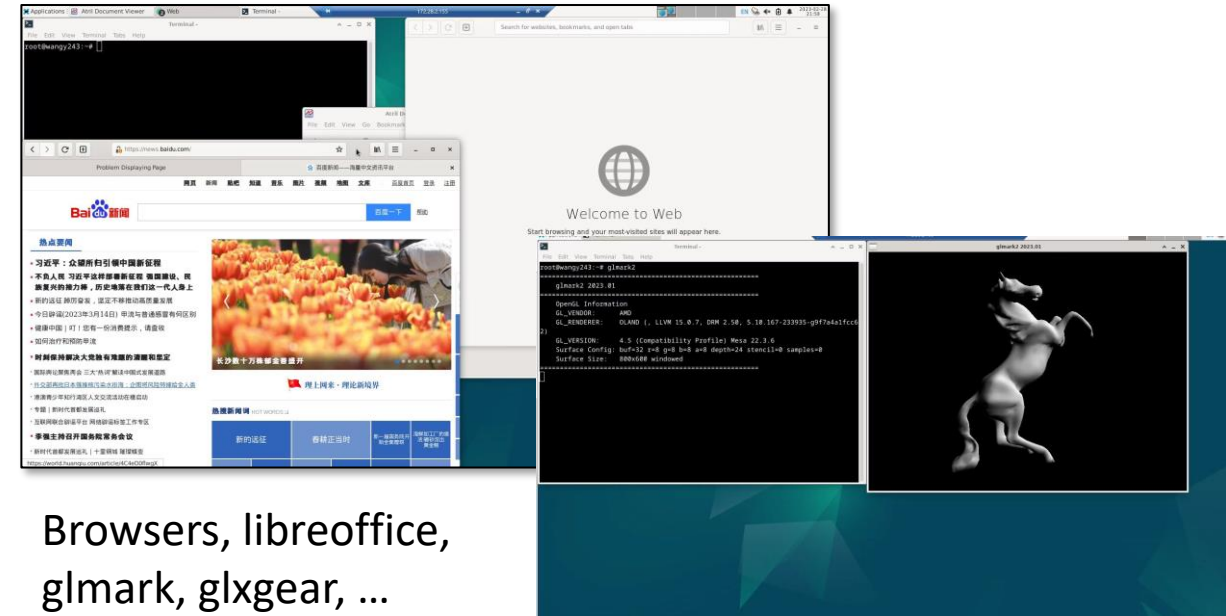
- 1: switch on/off
- 2: power
- 3: serial/UART
- 4: ethernet
- 5: reset
- 6: QSPI flash
- 7: CPU (with fan)
- 8: DDR DIMM
- 9: fan power
- 10: flash adapter





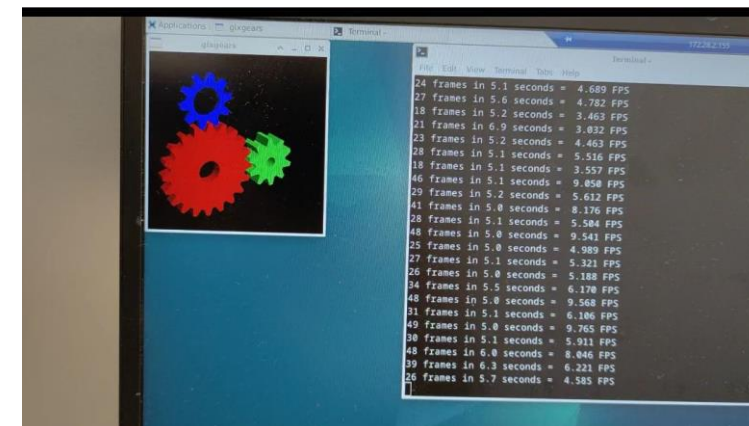
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation NANHU on FPGA with Graphics

- Remote desktop access to FPGA at BOSC



Browsers, libreoffice,  
glmark, glxgear, ...

- Dual-core XiangShan (reduced L3) or normal-size single-core
- S2C Prototyping System with Xilinx VU19P
- No design partition
- UART, Flash, GMAC, PS/2
- NVME/Intel IGB Ethernet/AMD GPU on PCIe





# ISE-Enhanced XiangShan on FireSim (done by EPFL)

- **EPFL paper accepted at ISCA'23: Imprecise Store Exceptions (ISE)**
  - Authors: Siddharth Gupta, Yuanlong Li, Qingxuan Kang, Abhishek Bhattacharjee, Babak Falsafi, Yunho Oh, Mathias Payer
- **Simulating Dual-Core MiniConfig XiangShan on *FireSim* (AWS EC2)**

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INFO: setting up PCIe 0
INFO: loading test.bin...
INFO: done
bbl loader
[ 0.000000] Linux version 5.15.0+ (gosh@c006776) (riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc (GCC) 12.2.0,
GNU ld (GNU Binutils) 2.39) #161 SMP PREEMPT Sat Mar 18 13:51:34 CET 2023
[ 0.000000] OF: fdt: Ignoring memory range 0x80000000 - 0x80200000
[ 0.000000] Machine model: freechips,rocketchip-unknown
[ 0.000000] earlycon: uartlite_a0 at MMIO 0x0000000004060000 (options '')
[ 0.000000] printk: bootconsole [uartlite_a0] enabled
[ 0.000000] NUMA: No NUMA configuration found
[ 0.000000] NUMA: Faking a node at [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x00000000ffffffff]
[ 0.000000] NUMA: NODE_DATA [mem 0xffff6d80-0xffff7fff]
[ 0.000000] Zone ranges:
[ 0.000000]   DMA32    [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x00000000ffffffff]
[ 0.000000]   Normal  empty
[ 0.000000] Movable zone start for each node
[ 0.000000] Early memory node ranges
[ 0.000000]   node 0: [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x00000000ffffffff]
[ 0.000000] Initmem setup node 0 [mem 0x0000000080200000-0x00000000ffffffff]
[ 0.000000] On node 0, zone DMA32: 512 pages in unavailable ranges
[ 0.000000] SBI specification v0.1 detected
[ 0.000000] riscv: ISA extensions acdfim
[ 0.000000] riscv: ELF capabilities acdfim
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Linux boot logs  
on FireSim  
shared by EPFL

<https://github.com/parsa-epfl/xsofs>



midgard

<https://midgard.epfl.ch/>

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*More details in their ISCA'23 paper*

# Thanks!