Zishen Wan

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research Areas: Computer Architecture, VLSI, Autonomous Machine, EDA, Embedded System
Research Vision: My research is at the intersection of VLSI, computer architecture, and edge intelligence. I build hardware and system for autonomous machines and edge computing, with the vision to advance their performance, efficiency, resilience, and robustness.

EDUCATION

2020-2025 (Expected) **Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA**
Ph.D., School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)
- *Advisor:* Prof. Arijit Raychowdhury
- *Research Topic:* Efficient and Reliable Hardware and System Design for Edge Intelligence
- *GPA:* 4.0/4.0

2018-2020 **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA**
M.S., School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS)
- *Advisor:* Prof. Vijay Janapa Reddi
- *Research Topic:* Reliability and Design Automation of Autonomous Machines
- *GPA:* 3.95/4

2014-2018 **Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT), Harbin, China**
B.E. with High Honors, Department of Electrical Engineering (EE)
- *GPA:* 93.5/100 (Rank: 2/230)

PERFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020- **Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA**
Graduate Research Assistant

2018-2020 **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA**
Graduate Research Assistant

2018 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA**
Graduate Research Assistant

2016-2018 **Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China**
Undergraduate Research Assistant

2017 **National Tsing-Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan**
Visiting Student

2017 **National Chiao-Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan**
Visiting Student

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 **Young Fellow**, ACM/IEEE Design Autonomation Conference **(DAC)**
2022 **CRNCH PhD Fellowship**, Center for Novel Computing Hierarchies, Georgia Tech
2-4 graduate students each year in Georgia Tech College of Engineering and College of Computing
2021 **Best Research Video Award**, DAC Young Fellow Program
25 winners out of ~200 DAC young fellow students
2021 **Young Fellow**, ACM/IEEE Design Autonomation Conference **(DAC)**
2021 **4th Place**, ACM Student Research Competition at International Conference on Computer-Aided Design **(ICCAD)**
2020 **Best Paper Award** in IEEE Computer Architecture Letter **(CAL)**
Paper ranked highest among 42 accepted papers that year
2020 **Best Paper Award** in ACM/IEEE Design Autonomation Conference **(DAC)**
Paper ranked highest among 228 accepted papers out of 984 submissions that year
2020 **Dean's Fellowship**, Purdue University
2 winners out of over 1600 worldwide applicants, declined
2018 **Chiang Chen Overseas Graduate Scholarship**
10 of all undergraduates and graduates in China, $50,000/person
2018 **Best Undergraduate Thesis Award**, HIT
100 winners out of ~4000 thesis submissions
2018 **First Class** of *Chunhui* Innovation Achievement Award
3 of all undergraduates in HIT, highest student academic honor in HIT
2018 **China Telecom Scholarship**
5 of all undergraduates and graduates in HIT
2018 **Outstanding Graduates**, HIT
Top 1% of all undergraduates
2017 **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship**, Ministry of Industry and Information, China
2016 **First Prize**, National Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling, China
Team leader, 294 winners out of ~32000 teams, ranked highest among ~600 HIT teams
2016 **Siemens Academic Scholarship**
30 of all undergraduates and graduates in HIT
2016 **Outstanding Student** of Heilongjiang Province, China
Top 1% of all undergraduates
2015 **Johnson Electric Academic Scholarship**
15 of all undergraduates and graduates in HIT
2015-2017 **First Class** Academic Excellence Scholarship, HIT
Top 3% of all undergraduates

PUBLICATIONS

(* Indicates Equal Contributions)

Book

Synthesis Lectures on Computer Architecture
"Robotic Computing on FPGAs"
Shaoshan Liu, Zishen Wan, Bo Yu, Yu Wang
In Synthesis Lectures on Computer Architecture (Morgan & Claypool Publishers), pp.1-218, Jun 2021

Conference Publications

DAC 2022 "Improving Compute In-Memory ECC Reliability with Successive Correction"
Brian Crafton, Zishen Wan, Samuel Spetalnick, Jong-Hyeok Yoon, Wei Wu, Carlos Tokunaga, Vivek De, Arijit Raychowdhury
In ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), July 2022
Acceptance Rate: 23%

AICAS 2022 "Robotic Computing on FPGAs: Current Progress, Research Challenges, and Opportunities"
Zishen Wan, Ashwin Lele, Bo Yu, Shaoshan Liu, Yu Wang, Vijay Janapa Reddi, Cong (Callie) Hao, Arijit Raychowdhury
In IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS), June 2022

ISPASS 2022 "Roofline Model for UAVs: A Bottleneck Analysis Tool for Onboard Compute Characterization of Autonomous Unmanned Aerial Vehicles"
Srivatsan Krishnan, Zishen Wan, Kshitij Bhardwaj, Ninad Jadhav, Aleksandra Faust, Vijay Janapa Reddi
In IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software (ISPASS), June 2022
Acceptance Rate: 28.9% (24/83)

CICC 2022 "An Energy-Efficient and Runtime-Reconfigurable FPGA-Based Accelerator for Robotic Localization Systems"
Qiang Liu*, Zishen Wan*, Bo Yu*, Weizhuang Liu, Shaoshan Liu, Arijit Raychowdhury
In IEEE Custom Integrated Circuits Conference (CICC), April 2022
Acceptance Rate: 41.3% (97/235)

DATE 2022 "FRL-FI: Transient Fault Analysis for Federated Reinforcement Learning-Based Navigation Systems"
Zishen Wan, Aqeel Anwar, Abdulrahman Mahmoud, Tianyu Jia, Yu-Shun Hsiao, Vijay Janapa Reddi, Arijit Raychowdhury
In Design, Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE), March 2022
Acceptance Rate: 25%

ASP-DAC 2022 "Circuit and System Technologies for Energy-Efficient Edge Robotics"
(Invited Paper) Zishen Wan, Ashwin Lele, Arijit Raychowdhury
In Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC), Jan 2022

DAC 2021 "Analyzing and Improving Fault Tolerance of Learning-Based Navigation System"
Zishen Wan, Aqeel Anwar, Yu-Shun Hsiao, Tianyu Jia, Vijay Janapa Reddi, Arijit Raychowdhury
In ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), December 2021
Acceptance Rate: 23%

AICAS 2021 "An Energy-Efficient Quad-Camera Visual System for Autonomous Machines on FPGA Platform"
Zishen Wan*, Yuyang Zhang*, Arijit Raychowdhury, Bo Yu, Yanjun Zhang, Shaoshan Liu
In IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS), June 2021

AICAS 2021 "iELAS: An ELAS-Based Energy-Efficient Accelerator for Real-Time Stereo Matching on FPGA Platform"

Tian Gao*, Zishen Wan*, Yuyang Zhang, Bo Yu, Yanjun Zhang, Shaoshan Liu, Arijit Raychowdhury
In IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS), June 2021

DAC 2020 (Best Paper Award) "Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design of Adaptive Floating-Point Encodings for Resilient Deep Learning Inference"
Thierry Tambe, En-Yu Yang, Zishen Wan, Yuntian Deng, Vijay Janapa Reddi, Alexander Rush, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei
In ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), July 2020
Acceptance Rate: 23% (228/984)

Journal Publications

TMLR 2022 "QuaRL: Quantization for Fast and Environmentally Sustainable Reinforcement Learning"
Srivatsan Krishnan*, Max Lam*, Sharad Chitlangian*, Zishen Wan, Gabriel Barth-Maron, Aleksandra Faust, Vijay Janapa Reddi
In Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2022

CAS-M 2021 "A Survey of FPGA-Based Robotic Computing"
Zishen Wan*, Bo Yu*, Thomas Yuang Li, Jie Tang, Yuhao Zhu, Yu Wang, Arijit Raychowdhury, Shaoshan Liu
In IEEE Circuits and Systems Magazine (CAS-M), 2021

CAL 2020 (Best Paper Award) "The Sky Is Not the Limit: A Visual Performance Model for Cyber-Physical Co-Design in Autonomous Machines"
Srivatsan Krishnan, Zishen Wan, Kshitij Bhardwaj, Paul Whatmough, Aleksandra Faust, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks, Vijay Janapa Reddi
In IEEE Computer Architecture Letters (CAL), 2020

JJAP 2019 "Electrically Tunable Temporal Imaging in a Graphene-Based Waveguide"
Peng Xie, Yu Wen, Zishen Wan, Xinyu Wang, Jiarui Liu, Wenqiang Yang, Xiaofeng Li, Yishan Wang
In Japanese Journal of Applied Physics, 58(5):050914, 2019

Workshop Publications

ICML 2022 "Multi-Task Federated Reinforcement Learning with Adversaries"
Aqeel Anwar, Zishen Wan, Arijit Raychowdhury
In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Adversarial Machine Learning Workshop, July 2022

NVMW 2022 "RRAM-ECC: Improving Reliability of RRAM-Based Compute In-Memory"
Zishen Wan*, Brian Crafton*, Samuel Spetalnick, Jong-Hyeok Yoon, Arijit Raychowdhury
In 13th Annual Non-Volatile Memories Workshop (NVMW), 2022

ICLR 2021 "ActorQ: Quantization for Actor-Learner Distributed Reinforcement Learning"
Max Lam*, Sharad Chitlangian*, Srivatsan Krishnan*, Zishen Wan, Gabriel Barth-Maron, Aleksandra Faust, Vijay Janapa Reddi
In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Hardware-Aware Efficient Training Workshop, 2021

MLSys 2020 "Quantized Reinforcement Learning (QuaRL)"
Srivatsan Krishnan*, Sharad Chitlangian*, Max Lam*, Zishen Wan, Aleksandra Faust, Vijay Janapa Reddi
In Conference on Machine Learning and System (MLSys), Resource-Constrained Machine Learning Workshop, 2020

Preprints

Preprint 2021 "MAVFI: An End-to-End Fault Analysis Framework with Anomaly Detection and Recovery for Micro Aerial Vehicles"
Yu-Shun Hsiao*, Zishen Wan*, Tianyu Jia, Radhika Ghosal, Arijit Raychowdhury, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei, Vijay Janapa Reddi (*alphabetical order)
arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.12882, 2021

Preprint 2021 "AutoPilot: Automating SoC Design Space Exploration for SWaP Constrained Autonomous UAVs"
Srivatsan Krishnan, Zishen Wan, Kshitij Bhardwaj, Paul Whatmough, Aleksandra Faust, Sabrina M. Neuman, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks, Vijay Janapa Reddi
arXiv preprint arXiv:2102.02988, 2021

Preprint 2021 "AutoSoC: Automating Algorithm-SoC Co-design for Aerial Robots"
Srivatsan Krishnan, Thierry Tambe, Zishen Wan, Vijay Janapa Reddi
arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.05683, 2021

Preprint 2019 "Adaptivfloat: A Floating-point Based Data Type for Resilient Deep Learning Inference"
Thierry Tambe, En-yu Yang, Zishen Wan, Yuntian Deng, Vijay Janapa Reddi, Alexander Rush, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei
arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.13271, 2019

SELECTED TALKS

Jun 2022 "Reliability of Autonomous Machines – System Perspective"
At COMPSAC Plenary Panel, Torino, Italy (virtual)

Mar 2022 "FPGA-Based Robotic Computing: Current Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities"
Guest Lecture in Georgia Tech ECE8893 (Parallel Programming for FPGAs), Atlanta, GA, USA

Feb 2022 "FPGA-Based Robotic Computing: Current Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities"
At CRNCH (Center for Research into Novel Computing Hierarchies) Annual Summit, Atlanta, GA, USA

Nov 2021 "Efficient and Reliable Computing for Autonomous Machines"
At ACM Student Research Competition at ICCAD 2021, virtual

Oct 2021 "Enabling Reliable and Safe Autonomous Systems"
At CBRIC (Center for Brain-Inspired Computing) Annual Summit, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA (virtual)

Aug 2021 "Analyzing and Improving Resilience of Autonomous Systems - From Hardware Faults Perspective"

At CBRIC (Center for Brain-Inspired Computing) Industry Talk, virtual

RELATED COURSES

GT ECE6115	Interconnection Networks for High-Performance Systems Instructor: Prof. Tushar Krishna *Project: SCALE-Sim + Accelergy: Enabling Timing Predictability and Energy Estimation of Systolic CNN-Accelerator*
GT ECE6130	Advanced VLSI Systems Instructor: Prof. Saibal Mukhopadhyay
GT ECE8803	Memory Device Technologies and Applications Instructor: Prof. Shimeng Yu
GT CS7292	Reliable Computer Architecture Instructor: Prof. Moinuddin Qureshi *Project: Low-Cost Error Detection and Correction for Compute In-Memory Systems*
GT CS6476	Computer Vision Instructor: Prof. James Hays
Harvard CS246	Advanced Computer Architecture Instructor: Prof. David Brooks *Project: SoC-DNN Design Space Exploration and Optimization*
Harvard CS247r	Special Topics in Computer Architecture Instructor: Prof. David Brooks *Project: Study of Posit Numeric in Speech Recognition Neural Inference*
Harvard CS249r (Best Project Award)	Edge Computing - Autonomous Machines Instructor: Prof. Vijay Janapa Reddi *Project: AutoX: Automating Algorithm-SoC Co-Design for Aerial Robots*
Harvard ES201	Decision Theory Instructor: Prof. Demba Ba *Project: Web Traffic Time Series Forecasting*
MIT 6.374 (Best Project Award)	Analysis and Design of Digital Integrated Circuits Instructor: Prof. Vivienne Sze *Project: Image Pre-processor for Robust DNN Resistant to Adversarial Attacks*
MIT 6.888	Hardware Architecture for Deep Learning Instructor: Prof. Vivienne Sze & Prof. Joel Emer
MIT 6.867	Machine Learning Instructor: Prof. Devavrat Shah, Prof. Suvrit Sra, Prof. David Sontag *Project: Generative Model for Human Pose Transferring Between Videos*

MENTORSHIP

Spring 2022	Zhenkun Fan (MS - Georgia Tech)

Project: Benchmarking Unsupervised Adaptation on Edge Devices

Spring 2022 Ying-Hao Wei (MS - Georgia Tech)
Project: Reliability Analysis and Improvement of Autonomous Intelligent Systems

Summer 2020 Prateek Pinisetti (Undergrad - Harvard)
Project: Performance Modeling for Cyber-Physical Co-Design in UAV

ACADEMIC SERVICE

NPC IFIP International Conference on Network and Parallel Computing (NPC)
Program Committee, 2022

COMPSAC IEEE Computers, Software & Applications Conference (COMPSAC)
Panelist, 2022

MICRO IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO)
Artifact Evaluation Committee, 2022

ASPLOS IEEE/ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)
Artifact Evaluation Committee, 2021

IISWC IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC)
Student Volunteer, 2019

SKILLS

Programming Python, C/C++, Verilog, MATLAB

ML Framework Pytorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Caffe

Tool ModelSim, Cadence Virtuoso, Xilinx ISE, Vivado HLS, Altera Quartus, Altium Designer, Unreal Engine, AirSim