

# You Wu

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## JOB INTERESTS

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Have solid background in both Software and Hardware. Have project experience in Operating System(OS), compiler(LLVM), security mitigations in **computer architecture** level. Open to any SDE positions and **CPU/GPU** architecture designs. Strong coding ability in Python, C/C++, as well as debugging experiences in Unix/Linux with simulators such as Gem5.

## SKILLS

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Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, Verilog, Java, SQL, HTML, Markdown

Tools: Git, Unix/Linux, GDB, Gem5, TensorFlow, AWS, QEMU, GCC, LLVM

## EDUCATION

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**Ph. D. in Computer Engineering** at **University of Southern California** Aug. 2017 - present  
Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering Supervisor: Xuehai Qian

**M. S. in Computer Science** at **University of Southern California** Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2020  
Department of Computer Science GPA: 3.63/4.0

**B. E. in Microelectronic Science and Engineering** at **Tsinghua University**, China Aug. 2013 - Jul. 2017  
Department of Microelectronics and Nanoelectronics Overall GPA: 89.2/100 Rank: 5/26  
Thesis: The VLSI implementation of Binarized Neural Networks

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Research Intern** | Alibaba Group U.S. May. 2022 – Aug. 2022  
Advisor: Dr. Lide Duan, Alibaba DAMO Academy

- Worked on a project of Control Flow Integrity on **RISC-V** ISA
- **Qemu** profiling on proposed branch landing scheme defending for Jump Oriented Programming (JOP) attacks
- Proposed two extensions on branch landing scheme: one for Return Oriented Programming (ROP) defense, the other for function level fine-grained protection
- Designed a workflow to evaluate the proposed extension
- modified the **LLVM** source code to transmit IR to the target machine code with added defense instructions

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**RL for Side Channel Attacks** | University of Southern California | Research Assistant Jan. 2023 – present  
Advisor: Prof. Xuehai Qian, University of Southern California

- Investigated on the current Deep Reinforcement learning frameworks on Interconnects
- Reproduced the interconnects side channel attacks on AWS servers
- Built the training framework to accomplish the side channel attacks

**Defense for the Frontend Attack** | University of Southern California | Research Assistant. Oct. 2021 – May. 2022  
Advisor: Prof. Xuehai Qian, University of Southern California

- Frontend paths including LSD, DSB and MITE have the vulnerability to side channels
- Trying to enhance the **gem5** simulator to simulate the Frontend behaviors
- Proposed to use partition techniques with delaying update in the Frontend to eliminate speculative effects

**Rowhammer Attack Project** | University of Southern California | Research Assistant. Apr. 2021 – Dec. 2021  
Advisor: Prof. Xuehai Qian, University of Southern California

- Focus on counter-based mitigation protecting the DRAM from rowhammer attack
- Investigated the state-of-the-art rowhammer mitigation strategies
- Reproducing the existing work using different rowhammer simulators

**The Reversible Coherence Protocol** | University of Southern California | Research Assistant. Sep. 2018 – Nov. 2021  
Advisor: Prof. Xuehai Qian, University of Southern California

- Analyzed resent defense strategy like InvisiSpec and CleanupSpec.
- Designed a buffer-based Undo approach to mitigate the transient speculation flaw.
- Extended the current memory coherence protocol to support the merging and purging requests in our design
- Added processor support which help securely issue speculative instructions instead of blocking them
- Proposed a comprehensive mitigation which could eliminate the current speculation related attacks and interferences

**GPU Power Virus Project** | University of Southern California | Research Assistant. Apr. 2018 - Nov. 2018  
Advisor: Prof. Xuehai Qian, University of Southern California

- Used genetic algorithm to automatically generate extremely high power consumption.
- Modified **gpgpusim** simulator to trace the access pattern for gpgpu simulations.

**Design of a Specialization BNN Accelerator** | Tsinghua University | Research Assistant Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2017  
Advisor: Prof. Shouyi Yin, Institute of Microelectronics

- Designed an architecture which can efficiently execute the binarized neural computation.
- Investigated its application in different neural networks to accelerate computation.

**Implementation of BNN on different platforms** | Cornell University | Research Assistant. Jun. 2016 - Sep. 2016  
Advisor: Prof. Zhiru Zhang, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Implemented both the hardcore and softcore of the BNN network on an **FPGA** hardware.
- Coded for the interface to connect the Rocket chip softcore with the BNN accelerator.
- Used High Level Synthesis tool **Stratus** to utilize limited resources to implement the project.

**Vehicular behavior algorithm analysis** | Tsinghua University | Research Assistant. Sep. 2015 - Jun. 2016  
Advisor: Prof. Shouyi Yin, Institute of Microelectronics

- Used deep learning algorithms to analyze human behavior while driving a vehicle.
- Used the deep learning platform “**tensorflow**” to solve traditional problems, e.g. MNIST classification.
- Investigated the mechanism behind deep learning algorithms.

**Pilot Assignment Algorithms for Wireless Networks** | Tsinghua University | SRT Project. Mar. 2015 – May. 2016  
Advisor: Prof. Wei Feng, Dept. of Electronic Engineering

- Investigated pilot assignment algorithms to achieve better performance in cellular MIMO systems.
- Performed simulation in cellular Gaussian networks to verify the theoretical results.

## **AWARDS**

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Recipient of the Annenberg Fellowship supported by the Viterbi School of Engineering 2017

Recipient of School Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Award, 2014

Two-time recipient of School Scholarship for Literary Award of Excellence, 2014, 2016

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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[arXiv] **A Case for Reversible Coherence Protocol**

**You Wu**, Xuehai Qian

preprint arXiv: 2006.16535

[CCF Trans HPC] **ReBNN: in-situ acceleration of binarized neural networks in ReRAM using complementary resistive cell**

Linghao Song, **You Wu**, Xuehai Qian, Hai Li, Yiran Chen

CCF Transactions on High Performance Computing 1, no. 3-4 (2019): 196-208.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant: EE557 Computer Systems Architecture

Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant: EE557 Computer Systems Architecture

Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant: EE559 Mathematical Pattern Recognition

Summer 2018

Student Volunteer at ISCA'18