Xiang Pan

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Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

Ph.D. in Computer Science [Major GPA: 3.83/4.00]

09/2010 - 05/2017

- Dissertation: "Designing Future Low-Power and Secure Processors with Non-Volatile Memory"
- Committee: Radu Teodorescu (Advisor), Feng Qin, Christopher Stewart, Yinqian Zhang

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Beijing, China

B.E. in Computer Science [Major GPA: 88/100 (Top 5%)]

09/2006 - 07/2010

Industry Experience

Uber Technologies, Inc.

San Francisco, CA

Software Engineer

06/2018 - Present

- Work on rider pricing serving and optimization. [Skills: Python, PyCharm, Git]

Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.

Austin, TX

Senior Engineer

04/2017 - 06/2018

- Develop software simulator to model architectural features and performance of future Qualcomm Hexagon DSP Processor. [Skills: C++, C, Shell, GDB, Git, System Modeling/Analysis]

Samsung Austin R&D Center

Austin, TX

Software Engineering Intern

05/2015 - 08/2015

- Build CPU power measurement software framework and conduct leakage power characterization and validation on Samsung Mongoose (Galaxy-S7) CPU. The developed framework has been used for future power measurements in Samsung. [Skills: C++, Assembly, Git, System Hacking/Debugging]

Hewlett-Packard Laboratories

Palo Alto, CA

Research Intern

05/2014 - 08/2014

- Exploit architecture/OS support to design temperature variation aware Memristor memory scheduling policies to improve performance and energy efficiency. Proposed solution achieved 10% performance improvement and 27% energy reduction. [Skills: C++, QEMU, qem5, System Modeling/Analysis]

Hewlett-Packard Enterprise

Boise, ID

Software Engineering Intern

05/2013 - 08/2013

Build performance profiling software infrastructure for HP-3PAR storage disk array. The developed infrastructure has been used for identifying future embedded software performance bottlenecks in HP.
 [Skills: C++, Python, Shell, Performance Profiling]

Tsinghua University Microprocessor and SoC Technology R&D Center $\ ^{\bullet}$

Beijing, China 06/2009 - 06/2010

Research Intern

06/2009 - 06/2010

- Optimize MESI protocol to be aware of data usage in all cache hierarchies to help improve cacheline replacement policy in the shared last level cache. Proposed solution achieved 14% performance improvement. [Skills: C++, Simics, CACTI, System Modeling/Analysis]
- Develop ELF and PE loaders for a software-based CPU simulator. [Skills: C++]

Research Experience

Computer Architecture Research Lab @ Ohio State

Columbus, OH

Graduate Research Associate

09/2011 - 04/2017

- Using STT-RAM to Enable Energy-Efficient Near-Threshold Chip Multiprocessors (06/2013 09/2014): Implement a new NT-CMP architecture that uses STT-RAM to build all on-chip caches to save power; exploit greedy algorithm on the proposed architecture for better hardware resource management to further improve energy efficiency. Proposed design achieved 11% performance improvement and 32% energy reduction. [Skills: C++, Shell, Assembly, GDB, SESC, CACTI, McPAT, System Modeling/Analysis]
- Basic Linux Kernel Development (01/2013 04/2013): Several small projects include adding system calls, creating/reading/writing proc file system entries, modifying/adding thread schedulers, and checkpointing process memory data. [Skills: C, C++, Kernel Programming]
- Using Non-Volatile Memory to Enable Fast Sleep/Wakeup of Idle Cores (03/2012 03/2013): Implement a low-power microprocessor framework that leverages STT-RAM to build a fast and low overhead checkpointing mechanism which enables fast shutdown and wake-up of cores without loss of their execution states to save power in various core idle scenarios. Proposed design achieved 34% energy reduction with less than 3% performance/area overhead. [Skills: C++, Shell, Assembly, GDB, SESC, CACTI, McPAT, System Modeling/Analysis]
- Updating Power Models in SuperESCalar Simulator (01/2012 02/2012): Separate read/write energy from general access energy; use state-of-art power simulation tools to model dynamic power; add leakage and pipeline register power models. [Skills: C++, Python, SESC, CACTI, McPAT]
- Characterizing and Eliminating Synchronization Induced Voltage Emergencies in Many-Core
 Processors (09/2011 11/2011): Develop a kernel module based software tool using Intel's Running
 Average Power Limit (RAPL) interface to obtain CPU power trace when running barrier synchronized
 multithreaded benchmarks on Intel Sandy Bridge i7 processor. [Skills: C++, C, Kernel Module
 Programming, Multithreading, Workload Analysis]
- Reactive Core Acceleration for Power-Constrained Chip Multiprocessors (11/2010 08/2011):
 Compile PARSEC benchmarks for SESC simulator by rewriting benchmark pthread code using Linux Threads Library; design core acceleration algorithms to accelerate program execution and mitigate effects of process variation and application imbalance. Proposed design achieved 19% performance improvement and 23% energy-delay reduction. [Skills: C++, Compiler, Multithreading, SESC]

Selected Publications

- X. Pan, A. Bacha, R. Teodorescu "Respin: Rethinking Near-Threshold Multiprocessor Design with Non-Volatile Memory", IPDPS-2017
- X. Pan and R. Teodorescu "NVSleep: Using Non-Volatile Memory to Enable Fast Sleep/Wakeup of Idle Cores", ICCD-2014
- X. Pan and R. Teodorescu "Using STT-RAM to Enable Energy-Efficient Near-Threshold Chip Multiprocessors", PACT-2014 (Short Paper)
- T. Miller, R. Thomas, X. Pan, R. Teodorescu "VRSync: Characterizing and Eliminating Synchronization Induced Voltage Emergencies in Many-Core Processors", ISCA-2012
- T. Miller, X. Pan, R. Thomas, N. Sedaghati, R. Teodorescu "Booster: Reactive Core Acceleration for Mitigating the Effects of Process Variation and Application Imbalance in Low-Voltage Chips", HPCA-2012

Skills

Languages: C++, C, Shell, Python, Assembly, Parallel (Pthread, OpenMP, CUDA, MPI)

Systems: Linux (Basic Kernel Programming), Android, Mac OS X, Windows, MapReduce, Hadoop

Tools: Architectural Simulators (SESC, gem5, Simics, CACTI, McPAT), GNU Development and Debug Tools, Performance Profiling Tools (Perf, OProfile, Ftrace), PyCharm, QEMU, LXC, Docker, Git, SVN, IATEX