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Education

2011 - 2016 **University of Toronto**, Canada
PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dissertation: Architecture and CAD for Embedded Networks-on-Chip on FPGAs
Advisor: Prof. Vaughn Betz

2009 - 2011 **University of Stuttgart**, Germany
MSc in Information Technology
Thesis: Evaluation of Advanced Techniques for Structural FPGA Self-Test
Advisor: Prof. Hans-Joachim Wunderlich

2005 - 2009 **German University of Cairo**, Egypt
BSc in Electronics Engineering
Thesis: Design of an RF Transmitter for RFID Tags with Ultra-thin Silicon Substrates
Advisor: Prof. Manfred Berroth

Professional Experience

Cornell University, New York, NY, USA
Since 2022 Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Samsung AI Center, Cambridge, UK
2020 - 2021 Principal Scientist and Manager, Automated Machine Learning
2019 - 2020 Senior Scientist, Embedded Artificial Intelligence

Intel, Toronto, ON, Canada
2015 - 2018 Member of Technical Staff, Machine Learning Acceleration

Altera, Toronto, ON, Canada
Winter 2014 Research Intern, OpenCL Compiler

Philips Healthcare, Böblingen, Germany
Winter 2011 Research Intern, Patient Monitoring Hardware

Mentor Graphics, Cairo, Egypt
Summer 2008 Research Intern, Design and Simulation

Honours & Awards

2022	Meta Faculty Award in Networking for AI
2022	(Runner-up) Best Paper Award at the FPGA 2022 Symposium
2021	Samsung Best Paper Award Gold Medal (one gold medal is awarded annually in AI research across Samsung)
2016	(Runner-up) Michel Servit Best Paper Award at the FPL 2016 Conference
2016	University of Toronto TATP (University-wide) Teaching Award
2016	University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Science Teaching Award
2015	FPL 2013 paper selected as one of the most significant papers in the first 25 years of the conference
2015	Best Paper award at the FPGA 2015 Symposium
2015	University of Toronto Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Teaching Award
2014	(Runner-up) Adel Sedra Distinguished Graduate Award
2014	University of Toronto Alumni Association Graduate Award
2013 - 2016	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Canada's highest doctoral award)
2013	Stamatis Vassiliadis Best Paper Award at the FPL 2013 Conference
2012, 2013	Right Track CAD Graduate Scholarship (twice)
2011	Connaught Doctoral Scholarship Award
2009	DAAD Master's Scholarship Award
2007	GUC Gerhard Shröder Scholarship Award

Academic Service

Conference Organizing Committees

2022	International Symposium On Computer Architecture (ISCA), Local Arrangements Chair
2022	International Symposium On Field-Programmable Custom Computing Machines (FCCM), Local Arrangements Chair

Conference Technical Program Committees

Since 2021	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
Since 2021	Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
Since 2019	International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate-Arrays (FPGA)
Since 2017	International Conference on Field Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)
2022	Design and Test Europe (DATE)
2018–2020	Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS)
2017	International Conference on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT)
2016	International Workshop on Network on Chip Architectures (NocArc)

Journal Review

Since 2021 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
Since 2018 IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design (TCAD)
Since 2016 IEEE Transactions on Computers (TCOMP)
Since 2015 IEEE Transactions on Very Large Scale Integrated Circuits (TVLSI)
Since 2015 ACM Transactions on Reconfigurable Technology and Systems (TRETS)

Grant Administration

2017 - 2018 Grant Research Program Committee Member (Intel Representative)
NSERC Computing Hardware for Emerging Intelligent Sensing Applications (COHESA) Network.

Teaching

2022 **ECE5545 Machine Learning Hardware and Systems**, Instructor, Cornell Tech
Enrollment: 35
Course evaluation: 4.58/5
Instructor evaluation: 4.7/5

2015, 2016 **ECE297 Communication and Design**, Head Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto
Enrollment: 350 (both years)
Course evaluation: 4.4/5 (2015), 4.3/5 (2016)
My TA evaluation: 7/7 (both years)

2012 - 2014 **ECE241 Digital Logic Design**, Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

2012 - 2014 **ECE243 Computer Organization**, Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

Publications

Conference Proceedings

2023 **Zero-Cost Operation Scoring in Differentiable Architecture Search**
Lichuan Xiang, Łukasz Dudziak, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Thomas Chau, Nicholas D. Lane, Hongkai Wen
The AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

2022 **BLOX: Macro Neural Architecture Search Benchmark and Algorithms**
Thomas Chau, Łukasz Dudziak, Hongkai Wen, Nicholas D. Lane, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

2022 **Adaptable Butterfly Accelerator for Attention-based NNs via Hardware and Algorithm Co-design**
Hongxiang Fan, Thomas Chau, Stylianos Venieris, Royson Lee, Alexandros Kouris, Wayne Luk, Nicholas D. Lane, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah
IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO)

2022 **Logic Shrinkage: Learned FPGA Netlist Sparsity for Efficient Neural Network Inference**
Erwei Wang, James Davis, Georgios Stavrou, Peter Cheung, George Constantinides, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah
International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA)

2021 **Temporal Kernel Estimation for Blind Video Super-Resolution**
Lichuan Chang, Royson Lee, Hongkai Wen, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Nicholas D. Lane
International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) Workshop

2021 **Zero-Cost Proxies for Lightweight NAS**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Abhinav Mehrotra, Łukasz Dudziak, Nicholas D. Lane
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

2021 **NAS-Bench-ASR: Reproducible Neural Architecture Search for Speech Recognition**
Abhinav Mehrotra, Alberto Gil C. P. Ramos, Sourav Bhattacharya, Łukasz Dudziak, Ravichander Vipperla, Thomas Chau, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Samin Ishtiaq, Nicholas D. Lane
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

2020 **BRP-NAS: Prediction-based NAS using GCNs**
Łukasz Dudziak, Thomas Chau, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Royson Lee, Hyeji Kim, Nicholas D. Lane
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

2020 **Iterative Compression of End-to-End ASR Model Using Reinforcement learning**
Abhinav Mehrotra, Łukasz Dudziak, Jinsu Yeo, Younyoon Lee, Ravichander Vipperla, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Sangjeong Lee, Daehyun Kim, Nicholas D. Lane
Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (INTERSPEECH)

2020 **Journey Towards Tiny Perceptual Super-Resolution**
Royson Lee, Łukasz Dudziak, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Hyeji Kim, Stylianos Veneris, Hongkai Wen, Nicholas D. Lane
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)

2020 **Best of Both Worlds: AutoML Codesign of a CNN and its Hardware Accelerator**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Łukasz Dudziak, Thomas Chau, Royson Lee, Hyeji Kim, Nicholas D. Lane
Design Automation Conference (DAC)

2019 **ShrinkML: End-to-End ASR Model Compression Using Reinforcement Learning**
Łukasz Dudziak*, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah*, Ravichander Vipperla, Stefanos Laskaridis, Nicholas D. Lane
Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (INTERSPEECH)

2018 **DLA: Compiler and FPGA Overlay for Neural Network Inference Acceleration**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, David Han, Andrew Bitar, Roberto DiCecco, Shane O'Connell, Nitika Shanker, Joseph Chu, Ian Prins, Joshua Fender, Andrew C. Ling and Gordon R. Chiu
International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)

2018 **Harnessing Numerical Flexibility for Deep Learning on FPGAs**
Andrew C. Ling, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Shane O'Connell, Andrew Bitar, David Han, Roberto Dicecco, Suchit Subhaschandra, Chris N Johnson, Dmitry Denisenko, Josh Fender, Gordon R. Chiu
International Symposium on Highly-Efficient Accelerators and Reconfigurable Technologies (HEART)

2018 **Flexibility: FPGAs and CAD in Deep Learning Acceleration**
Gordon R. Chiu, Andrew C. Ling, Davor Capalija, Andrew Bitar, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah
International Symposium on Physical Design (ISPD)

2016 **LYNX: CAD for FPGA-based networks-on-chip**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)

2015 **Bringing programmability to the data plane: Packet processing with a NoC-enhanced FPGA**
Andrew Bitar, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
International Conference on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT)

2015 **Design and simulation tools for Embedded NOCs on FPGAs**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Andrew Bitar, Ange Yaghi, Vaughn Betz
International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)

2015 **Take the highway: Design for embedded NoCs on FPGAs**

Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Andrew Bitar, Vaughn Betz
International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA)

2014 **Gzip on a chip: High performance lossless data compression on fpgas using opencl**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Andrei Hagiescu, Deshanand Singh
International Workshop on OpenCL (IWOCL)

2013 **Augmenting FPGAs with Embedded Networks on Chip**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
Workshop on the Intersection of Computer Architecture and Reconfigurable Logic (CARL)

2013 **The Power of Communication: Energy-Efficient NoCs for FPGAs**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL)

2012 **Design tradeoffs for hard and soft FPGA-based Networks-on-Chip**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
International Conference on Field-Programmable Technology (FPT)

2012 **Transparent Structural Online Test for Reconfigurable Systems**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Lars Bauer, Claus Braun, Michael E Imhof, Michael A Kochte, Hongyan Zhang, Jörg Henkel, Hans-Joachim Wunderlich
International Symposium on On-Line Testing and Robust System Design (IOLTS)

2011 **2.2 GHz LC VCO for RFID on a 0.5-μm digital gate-array designed for ultra-thin silicon substrates**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Damir Ferenci, Markus Grözing, Manfred Berroth, Cor Scherjon, Joachim Burghartz
German Microwave Conference (GeMiC)

2009 **Design of a RF Transmitter for RFID Tags in a New Technology with Ultra Thin Silicon Substrates**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Damir Ferenci, Markus Grözing, Manfred Berroth, Cor Scherjon, Joachim N Burghartz
Workshop on Circuit Design and Digital Signal Processing (ProRISC)

Journal Articles

2016 **Design and applications for embedded networks-on-chip on FPGAs**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Andrew Bitar, Vaughn Betz
IEEE Transactions on Computers (TCOMP)

2015 **Power analysis of embedded NoCs on FPGAs and comparison with custom buses**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
IEEE Transactions on Very Large-Scale Integration Systems (TVLSI)

2014 **Networks-on-Chip for FPGAs: Hard, Soft or Mixed?**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
ACM Transactions on Reconfigurable Technology and Systems (TRETS)

2014 **The Case for Embedded Networks-on-Chip on FPGAs**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
IEEE Micro Magazine

Book Chapters

2015 **Embedded Networks-on-Chip for FPGAs**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
Reconfigurable Logic: Architecture, Tools and Applications

Patents

2020 **Method and Apparatus for Neural Architecture Search**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Łukasz Dudziak, Abhinav Mehrotra
Application Number: UK2015231.0

2020 **Method and Apparatus for Analysing Neural Network Performance**
Thomas Chau, Łukasz Dudziak, Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Royson Lee, Nicholas D. Lane
Application Number: UK20199106.4

2019 **Method for Designing Accelerator Hardware**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Łukasz Dudziak, Thomas Chau, Royson Lee, Hyeji Kim, Sourav Battacharaya
Application Number: UK1913353.7

2015 **Field Programmable Gate-Array with Embedded Network-on-Chip Hardware and Design Flow**
Mohamed S. Abdelfattah, Vaughn Betz
Application Number: US14060253

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