Applying to Grad School & Doing Impactful Research

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Intro & Research Group

Brief Self Introduction

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  - Strecker Professor @ Carnegie Mellon University ECE/CS, 2009-2016, 2016-…
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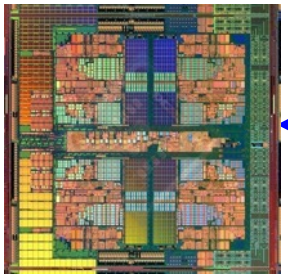
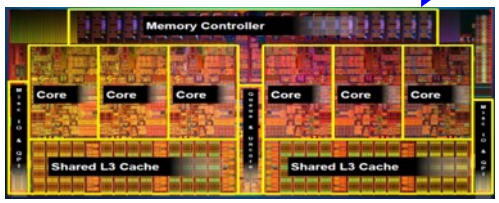
- Research and Teaching in:
  - Computer architecture, computer systems, hardware security, bioinformatics
  - Memory and storage systems
  - Hardware security, safety, predictability
  - Fault tolerance
  - Hardware/software cooperation
  - Architectures for bioinformatics, health, medicine
  - …

Current Research Mission

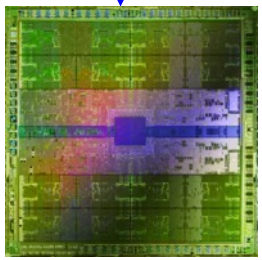
Computer architecture, HW/SW, systems, bioinformatics, security



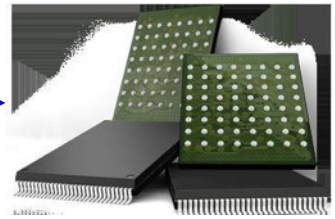
Heterogeneous Processors and Accelerators



Hybrid Main Memory



Graphics and Vision Processing



Persistent Memory/Storage

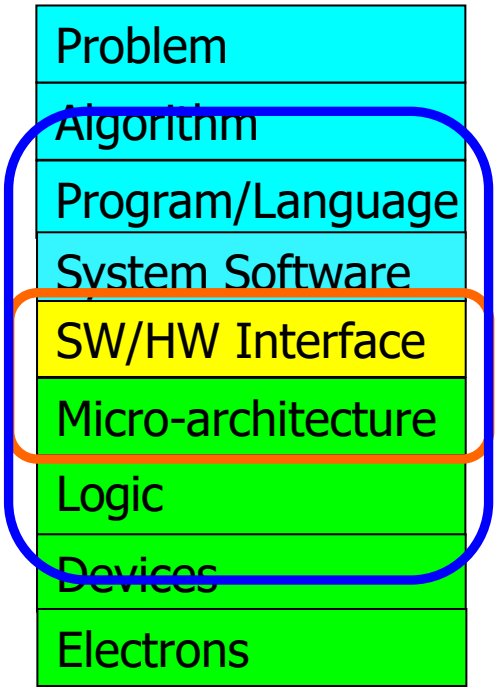
Build fundamentally better architectures

Four Key Current Directions

- Fundamentally Secure/Reliable/Safe Architectures
- Fundamentally Energy-Efficient Architectures
  - Memory-centric (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally Low-Latency and Predictable Architectures
- Architectures for AI/ML, Genomics, Medicine, Health

The Transformation Hierarchy

Computer Architecture (expanded view)



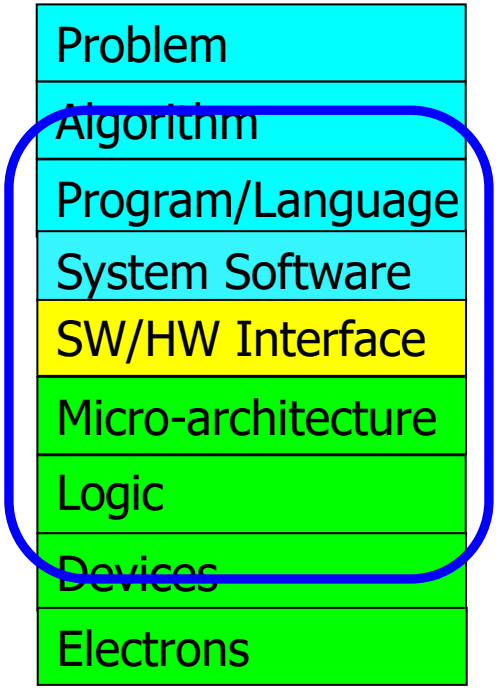
Computer Architecture (narrow view)

Axiom

To achieve the highest energy efficiency and performance:

we must take the expanded view

of computer architecture

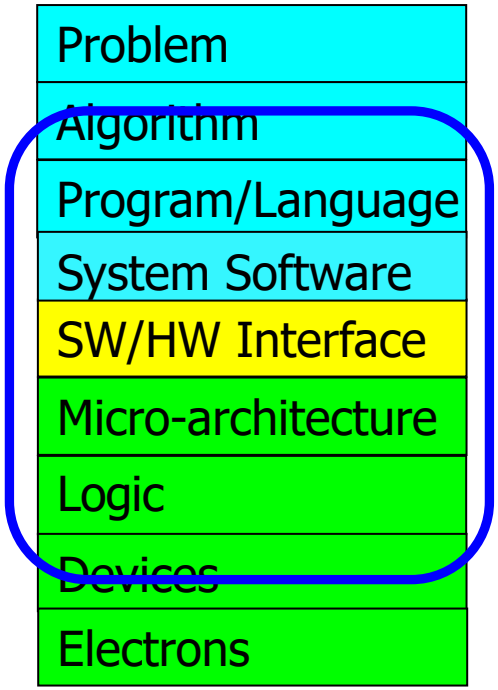


Co-design across the hierarchy: Algorithms to devices

Specialize as much as possible within the design goals

Current Research Mission & Major Topics

Build fundamentally better architectures



Broad research spanning apps, systems, logic with architecture at the center

- Data-centric arch. for low energy & high perf.
  - Proc. in Mem/DRAM, NVM, unified mem/storage
- Low-latency & predictable architectures
  - Low-latency, low-energy yet low-cost memory
  - QoS-aware and predictable memory systems
- Fundamentally secure/reliable/safe arch.
  - Tolerating all bit flips; patchable HW; secure mem
- Architectures for ML/AI/Genomics/Health/Med
  - Algorithm/arch./logic co-design; full heterogeneity
- Data-driven and data-aware architectures
  - ML/AI-driven architectural controllers and design
  - Expressive memory and expressive systems

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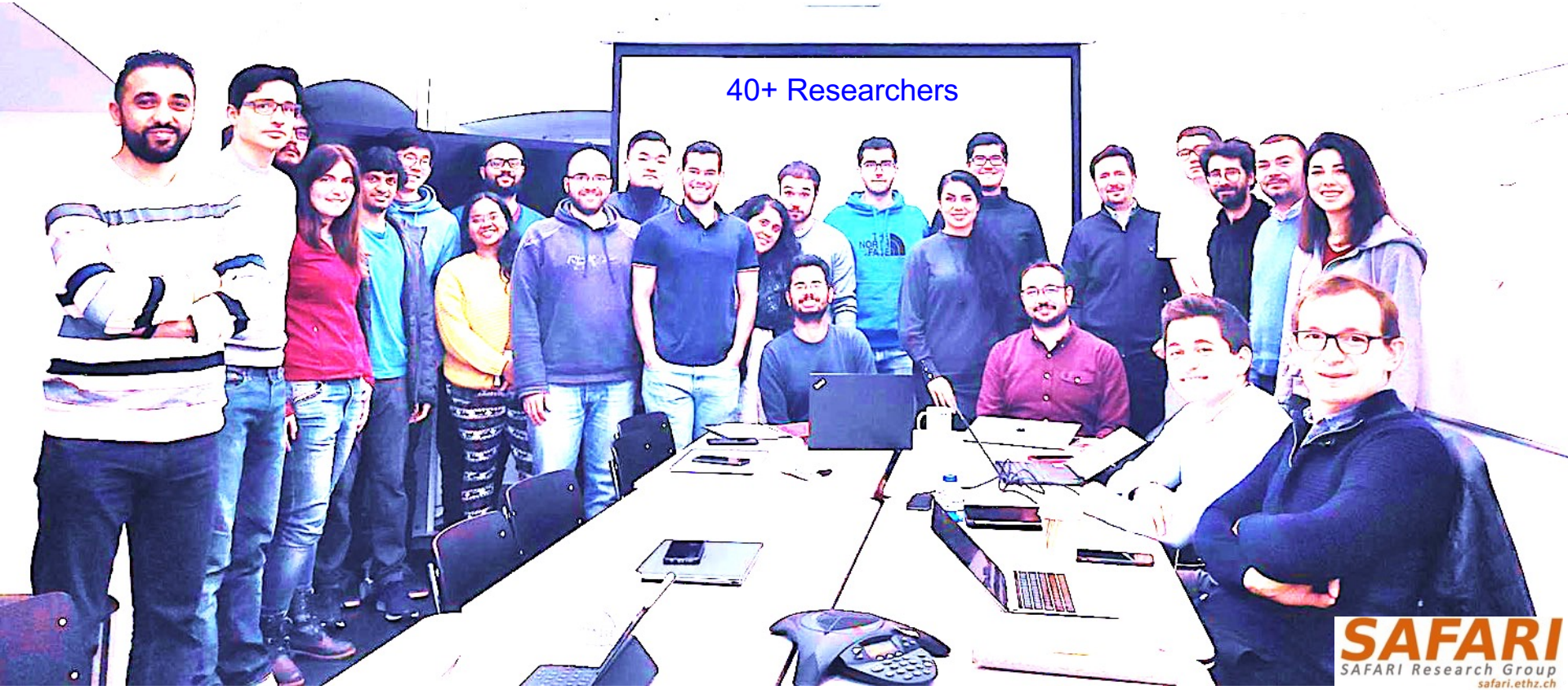

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Newsletter
January 2021

Think Big, Aim High, and Have a Wonderful 2021!

Dear SAFARI friends,

Happy New Year! We are excited to share our group highlights with you in this second edition of the SAFARI newsletter (You can find the first edition from April 2020 **here**). 2020 has

SAFARI PhD and Post-Doc Alumni

- https://safari.ethz.ch/safari-alumni/

- Nastaran Hajinazar (ETH Zurich)
- Gagandeep Singh (ETH Zurich)
- Amirali Boroumand (Stanford Univ)
- Jeremie Kim (ETH Zurich)
- Nandita Vijaykumar (Univ. of Toronto, Assistant Professor)
- Kevin Hsieh (Microsoft Research)
- Justin Meza (Facebook)
- Mohammed Alser (ETH Zurich)
- Yixin Luo (Google)
- Kevin Chang (Facebook)
- Rachata Ausavarungnirun (KMUNTB, Assistant Professor)
- Gennady Pekhimenko (Univ. of Toronto, Assistant Professor)
- Vivek Seshadri (Microsoft Research)
- Donghyuk Lee (NVIDIA Research)
- Yoongu Kim (Google)
- Lavanya Subramanian (Intel Labs → Facebook)

- Samira Khan (Univ. of Virginia, Assistant Professor)
- Saugata Ghose (Univ. of Illinois, Assistant Professor)

Principle: Teaching and Research

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Teaching drives Research

Research drives Teaching

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Principle: Learning and Scholarship

Focus on

learning and scholarship

Principle: Insight and Ideas

Focus on Insight

Encourage New Ideas

Principle: Learning and Scholarship

The quality of your work defines your impact

Principle: Good Mindset, Goals & Focus

You can make a
good impact
on the world

Research & Teaching: Some Overview Talks

https://www.youtube.com/onurmutlulectures

- Future Computing Architectures
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kgiZlSOcGFM&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=1
- Enabling In-Memory Computation
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njX_14584Jw&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=16
- Accelerating Genome Analysis
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7sn41lH-4A&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=41
- Rethinking Memory System Design
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7xZLNMIY1E&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=3
- Intelligent Architectures for Intelligent Machines
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6_LgzuNdkw&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=25
- The Story of RowHammer
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgd7PHQQ1AI&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=39

Online Courses & Lectures

- **First Computer Architecture & Digital Design Course**
  - Digital Design and Computer Architecture
  - Spring 2021 Livestream Edition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbC0EZY8yw4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_uej3aY39YB5pfW4SJ7LlN

- **Advanced Computer Architecture Course**
  - Computer Architecture
  - Falll 2020 Edition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3mPdZA-Fmc&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN

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Computer Architecture - Lecture 1: Introduction and...

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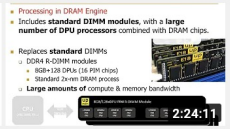

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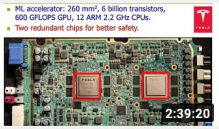

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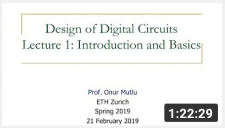

Design of Digital Circuits - Lecture 1: Introduction and...

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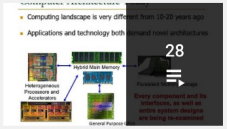
First Course in Computer Architecture & Digital Design 2021-2013



Livestream - Digital Design and Computer Architecture - ETH...

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Digital Design & Computer Architecture - ETH Zürich...

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Design of Digital Circuits - ETH Zürich - Spring 2019

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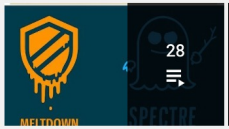

Design of Digital Circuits - ETH Zürich - Spring 2018

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Digital Circuits and Computer Architecture - ETH Zurich -...

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Spring 2015 -- Computer Architecture Lectures --...

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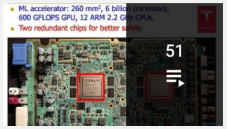
Advanced Computer Architecture Courses 2020-2012



Computer Architecture - ETH Zürich - Fall 2020

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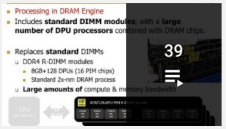

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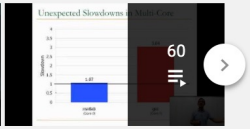

Fall 2013 - 740 Computer Architecture - Carnegie Mellon

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Special Courses on Memory Systems

Memory Technology Lectures

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Champéry Winter School 2020 - Memory Systems and Memory...

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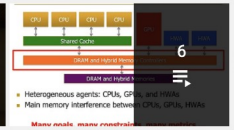

Perugia NiPS Summer School 2019

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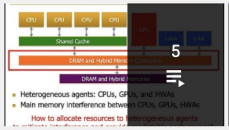

SAMOS Tutorial 2019 - Memory Systems

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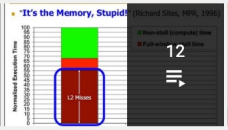

TU Wien 2019 - Memory Systems and Memory-Centric...

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ACACES 2018 Lectures -- Memory Systems and Memory...

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Research Talks

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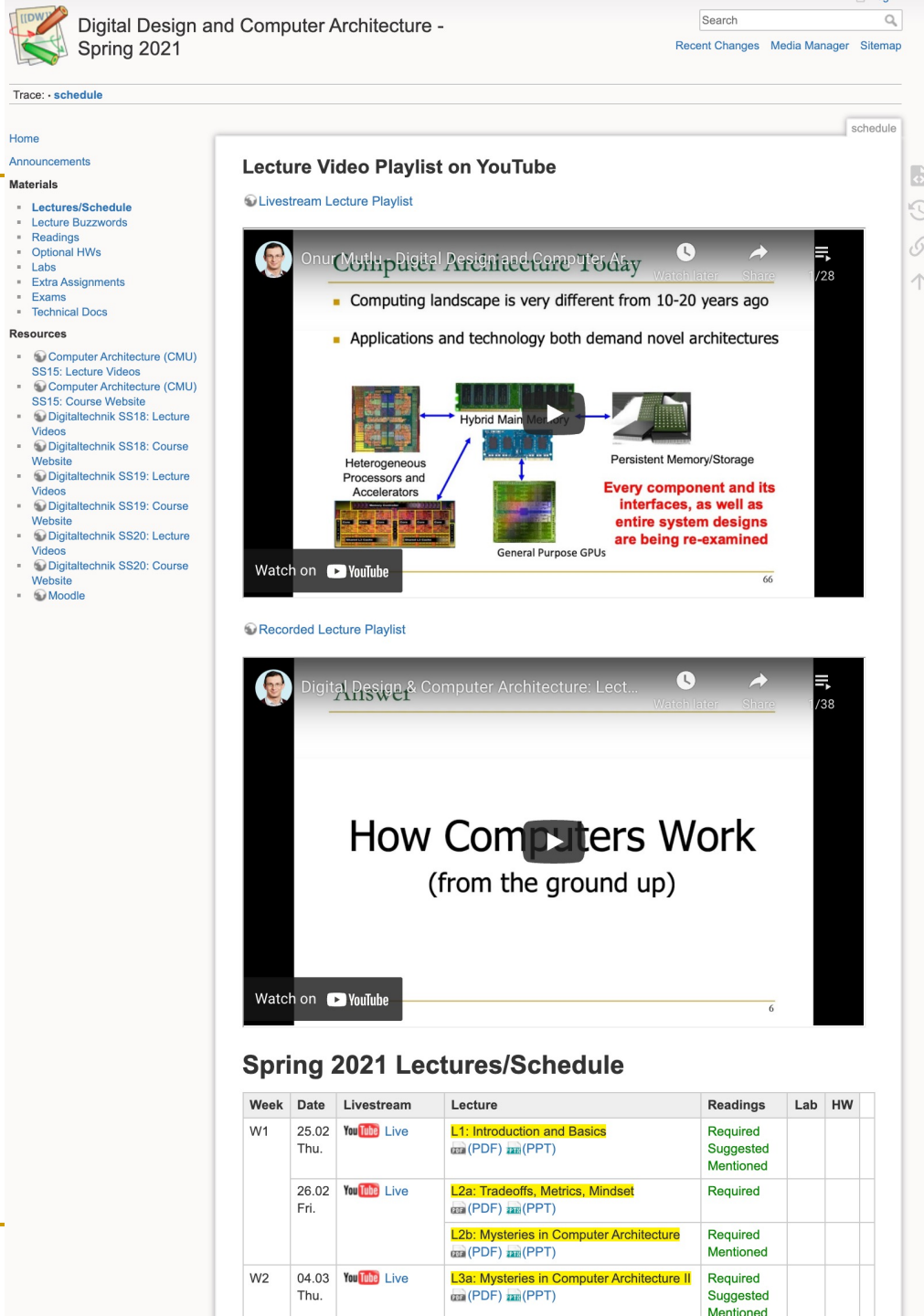
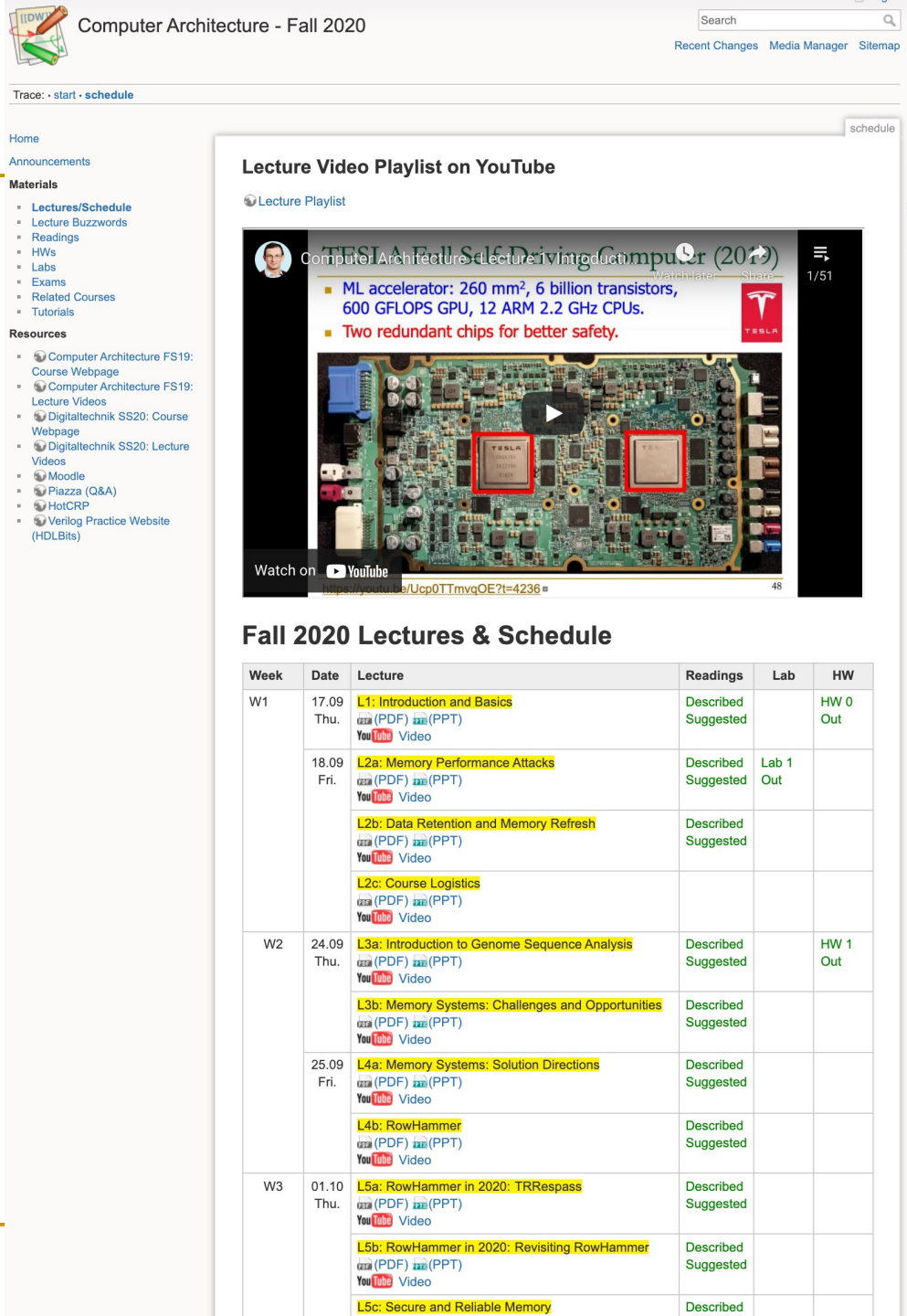
DDCA (Spring 2021)

- https://safari.ethz.ch/digitaltechnik/spring2021/doku.php?id=schedule
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbC0EZY8yw4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_uej3aY39YB5pfW4SJ7LlN
- Bachelor's course
  - 2nd semester at ETH Zurich
  - Rigorous introduction into "How Computers Work"
  - Digital Design/Logic
  - Computer Architecture
  - 10 FPGA Lab Assignments



Comp Arch (Fall 2020)

- https://safari.ethz.ch/architecture/fall2020/doku.php?id=schedule
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3mPdZA-Fmc&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN
- Master's level course
  - Taken by Bachelor's/Masters/PhD students
  - Cutting-edge research topics + fundamentals in Computer Architecture
  - 5 Simulator-based Lab Assignments
  - Potential research exploration
  - Many research readings



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W1	17.09 Thu.	L1: Introduction and Basics (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		HW 0 Out
	18.09 Fri.	L2a: Memory Performance Attacks (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested	Lab 1 Out	
		L2b: Data Retention and Memory Refresh (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L2c: Course Logistics (PDF) (PPT) Video			
W2	24.09 Thu.	L3a: Introduction to Genome Sequence Analysis (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		HW 1 Out
		L3b: Memory Systems: Challenges and Opportunities (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
	25.09 Fri.	L4a: Memory Systems: Solution Directions (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L4b: RowHammer (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
W3	01.10 Thu.	L5a: RowHammer in 2020: TRRespass (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L5b: RowHammer in 2020: Revisiting RowHammer (PDF) (PPT) Video	Described Suggested		
		L5c: Secure and Reliable Memory	Described		

An Interview on Research and Education

- Computing Research and Education (@ ISCA 2019)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ffSEKZhmvo&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi_4oP9LdL3cc8G6NIjD2Ydz

- Maurice Wilkes Award Speech (10 minutes)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcQ3zZ3JpuA&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi8D_5MGV6EnXEJHnV2YFBJl&index=15

More Thoughts and Suggestions

- Onur Mutlu,
  "Some Reflections (on DRAM)"
  *Award Speech for ACM SIGARCH Maurice Wilkes Award, at the **ISCA** Awards Ceremony*, Phoenix, AZ, USA, 25 June 2019.
  [Slides (pptx) (pdf)]
  [Video of Award Acceptance Speech (Youtube; 10 minutes) (Youku; 13 minutes)]
  [Video of Interview after Award Acceptance (Youtube; 1 hour 6 minutes) (Youku; 1 hour 6 minutes)]
  [News Article on "ACM SIGARCH Maurice Wilkes Award goes to Prof. Onur Mutlu"]

- Onur Mutlu,
  "How to Build an Impactful Research Group"
  *57th Design Automation Conference Early Career Workshop (**DAC**)*, Virtual, 19 July 2020.
  [Slides (pptx) (pdf)]

Papers, Talks, Videos, Artifacts

- All are available at

  https://people.inf.ethz.ch/omutlu/projects.htm

  http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7XyGUGkAAAAJ&hl=en

  https://www.youtube.com/onurmutlulectures

  https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/

Example Research Topics: Quick Overview

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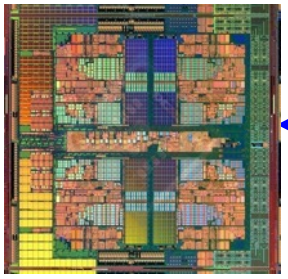

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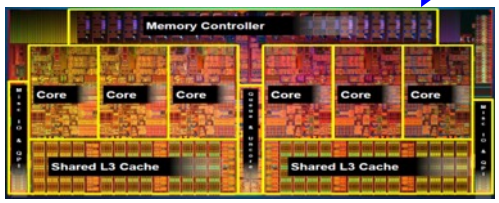

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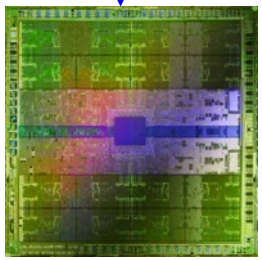

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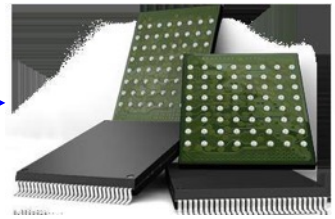

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  - Memory-centric (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally Low-Latency and Predictable Architectures
- Architectures for AI/ML, Genomics, Medicine, Health

Challenge and Opportunity for Future

High Performance

(to solve
the **toughest** & **all** problems)

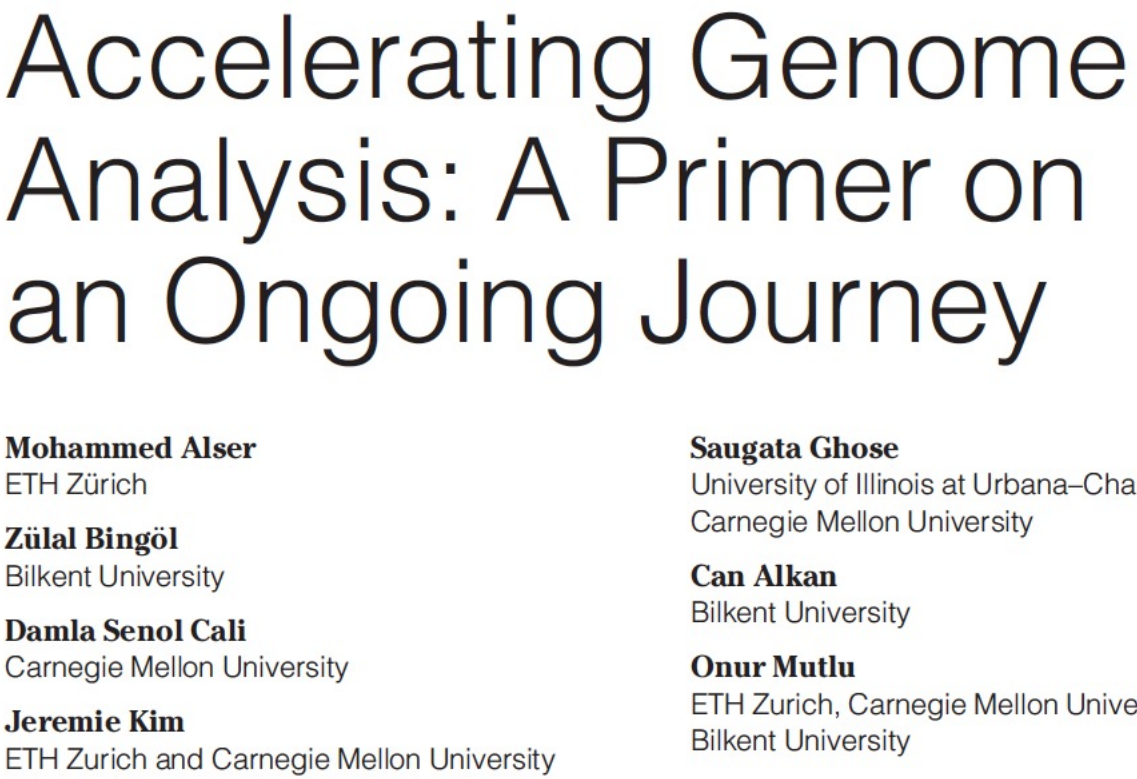
Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Personalized and Private

(in every aspect of life:
health, medicine,
spaces, devices, robotics, …)

Accelerating Genome Analysis

- Mohammed Alser, Zulal Bingol, Damla Senol Cali, Jeremie Kim, Saugata Ghose, Can Alkan, and Onur Mutlu,
  "Accelerating Genome Analysis: A Primer on an Ongoing Journey"
  IEEE Micro (***IEEE MICRO***), Vol. 40, No. 5, pages 65-75, September/October 2020.
  [Slides (pptx)(pdf)]
  [Talk Video (1 hour 2 minutes)]



Accelerating Genome Analysis: A Primer on an Ongoing Journey

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GenASM Framework [MICRO 2020]

- Damla Senol Cali, Gurpreet S. Kalsi, Zulal Bingol, Can Firtina, Lavanya Subramanian, Jeremie S. Kim, Rachata Ausavarungnirun, Mohammed Alser, Juan Gomez-Luna, Amirali Boroumand, Anant Nori, Allison Scibisz, Sreenivas Subramoney, Can Alkan, Saugata Ghose, and Onur Mutlu, **"GenASM: A High-Performance, Low-Power Approximate String Matching Acceleration Framework for Genome Sequence Analysis"**
  *Proceedings of the 53rd International Symposium on Microarchitecture (**MICRO**)*, Virtual, October 2020.
  [Lighting Talk Video (1.5 minutes)]
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GenASM: A High-Performance, Low-Power Approximate String Matching Acceleration Framework for Genome Sequence Analysis

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New Genome Sequencing Technologies

Nanopore sequencing technology and tools for genome assembly: computational analysis of the current state, bottlenecks and future directions

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Future of Genome Sequencing & Analysis

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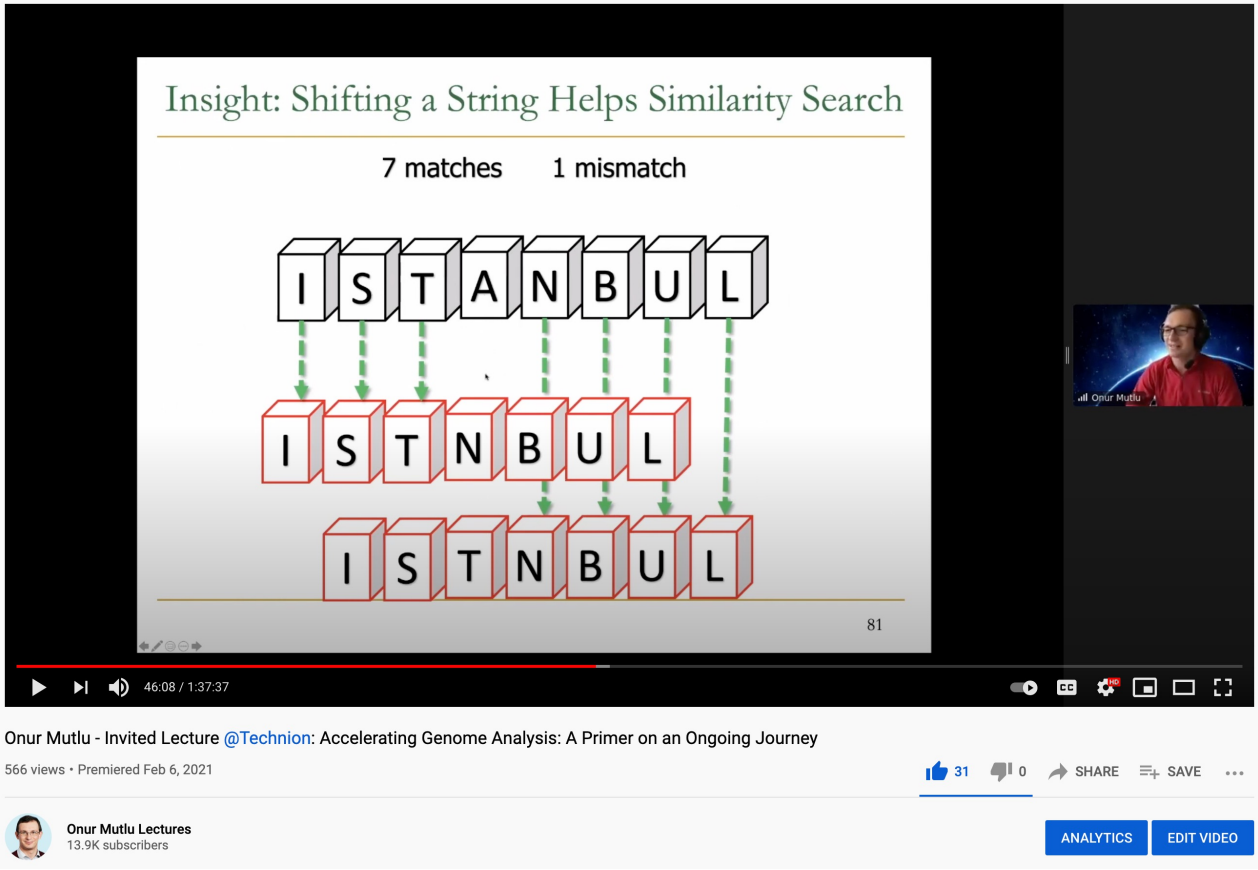

Detailed Lectures on Genome Analysis

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  - **Introduction to Genome Sequence Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 8
  - **Intelligent Genome Analysis** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygmQpdDTL7o&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=14
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  - **GenASM: Approx. String Matching Accelerator** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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The Problem

Computing

is Bottlenecked by Data

Realization

Modern Systems are Bottlenecked by

Data Storage and Movement

Realization Reworded

Modern Systems are Bottlenecked by

Memory

An "Early" Overview Paper…

- Onur Mutlu,
  "Memory Scaling: A Systems Architecture Perspective"
  *Proceedings of the 5th International Memory Workshop (**IMW**)*, Monterey, CA, May 2013. Slides (pptx) (pdf)
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Memory Scaling: A Systems Architecture Perspective

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Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Fundamentally

Secure, Reliable, Safe

Computing Architectures

Infrastructures to Understand Such Issues

An Experimental Study of Data Retention Behavior in Modern DRAM Devices: Implications for Retention Time Profiling Mechanisms (Liu et al., ISCA 2013)

The Efficacy of Error Mitigation Techniques for DRAM Retention Failures: A Comparative Experimental Study (Khan et al., SIGMETRICS 2014)

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors (Kim et al., ISCA 2014)

Adaptive-Latency DRAM: Optimizing DRAM Timing for the Common-Case (Lee et al., HPCA 2015)

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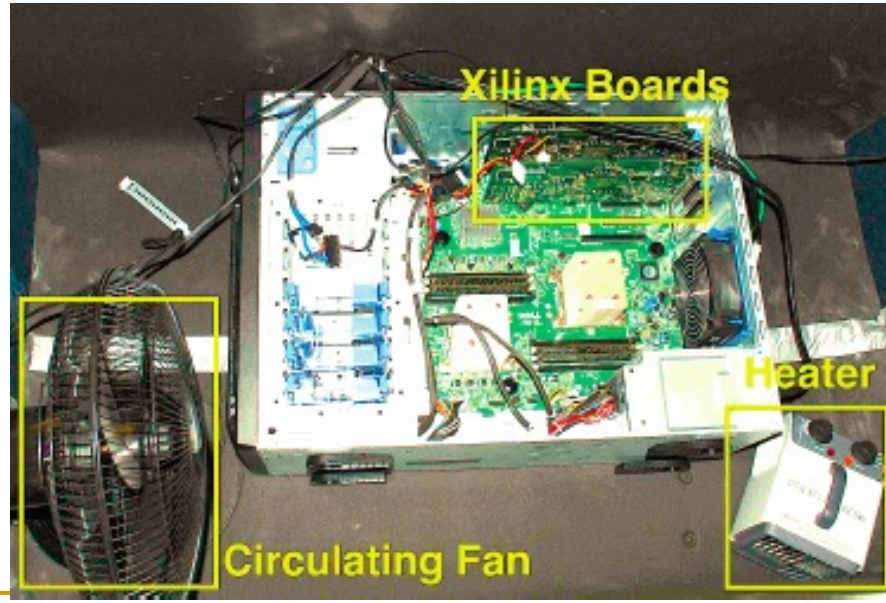

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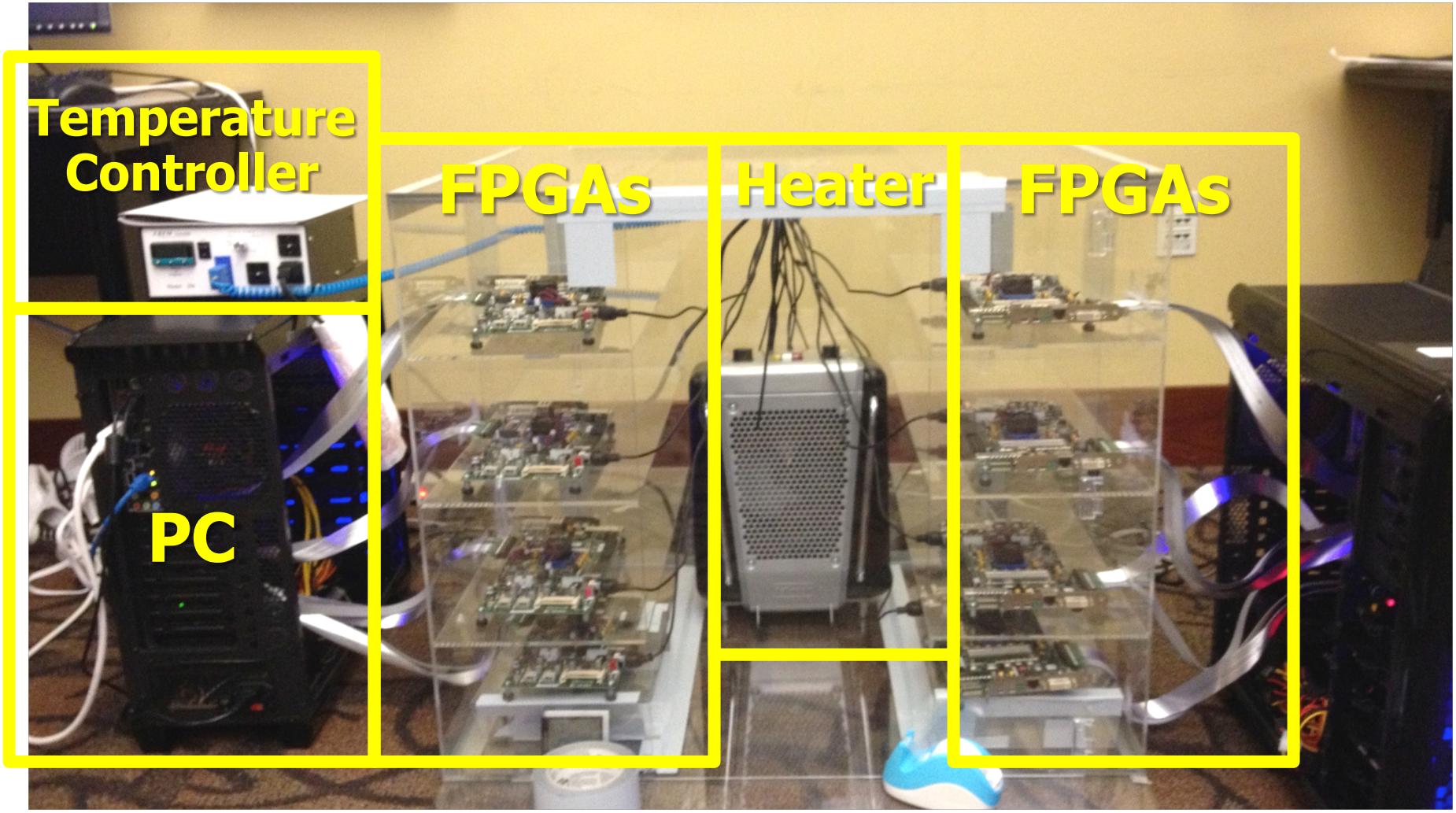

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SoftMC: Open Source DRAM Infrastructure

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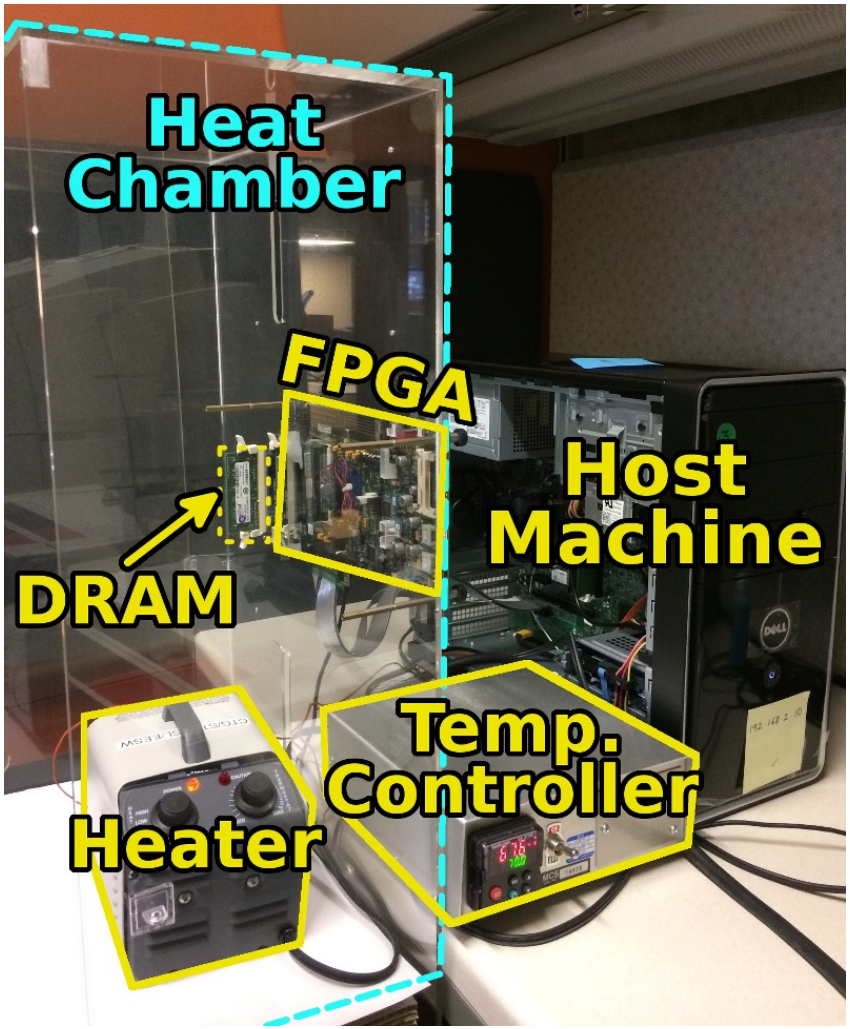

- **Flexible**
- **Easy to Use (C++ API)**
- **Open-source**

  github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC

SoftMC

- https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC

SoftMC: A Flexible and Practical Open-Source Infrastructure for Enabling Experimental DRAM Studies

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A Curious Discovery [Kim et al., ISCA 2014]

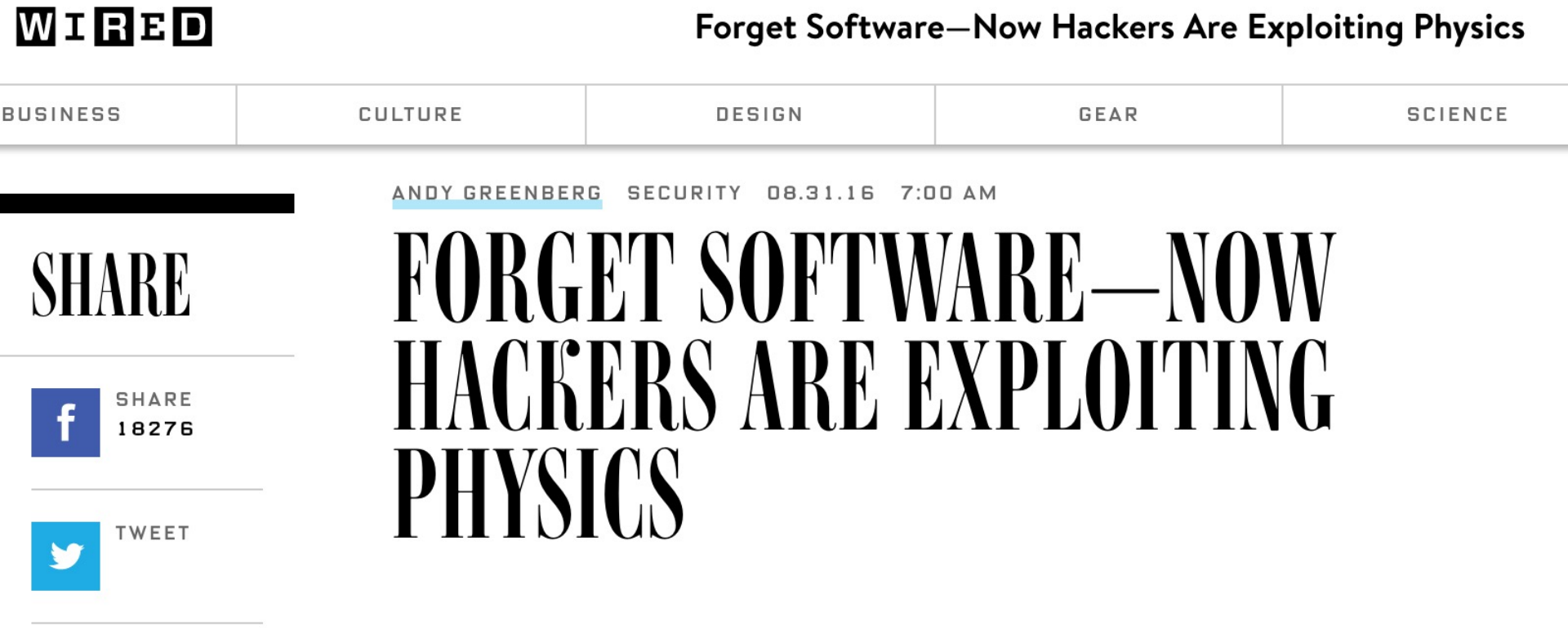
One can

predictably induce errors

in most DRAM memory chips

DRAM RowHammer

A simple hardware failure mechanism
can create a widespread
system security vulnerability



One Can Take Over an Otherwise-Secure System

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors

Abstract. Memory isolation is a key property of a reliable and secure computing system — an access to one memory address should not have unintended side effects on data stored in other addresses. However, as DRAM process technology

Project Zero

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors (Kim et al., ISCA 2014)

News and updates from the Project Zero team at Google

Exploiting the DRAM rowhammer bug to gain kernel privileges (Seaborn+, 2015)

Monday, March 9, 2015

Exploiting the DRAM rowhammer bug to gain kernel privileges


RowHammer

First RowHammer Analysis

- Yoongu Kim, Ross Daly, Jeremie Kim, Chris Fallin, Ji Hye Lee, Donghyuk Lee, Chris Wilkerson, Konrad Lai, and Onur Mutlu,
  "Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors"
  *Proceedings of the 41st International Symposium on Computer Architecture (**ISCA**)*, Minneapolis, MN, June 2014.
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Future of Memory Reliability/Security

- Onur Mutlu,
  "The RowHammer Problem and Other Issues We May Face as Memory Becomes Denser"
  *Invited Paper in Proceedings of the Design, Automation, and Test in Europe Conference (**DATE**)*, Lausanne, Switzerland, March 2017.
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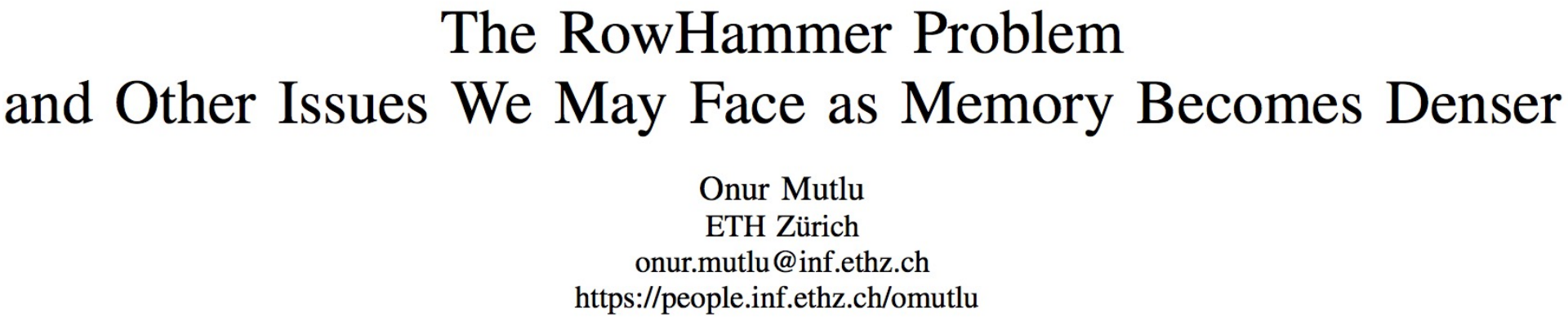
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A More Recent RowHammer Retrospective

- Onur Mutlu and Jeremie Kim,
  "RowHammer: A Retrospective"
  IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (***TCAD***) *Special Issue on Top Picks in Hardware and Embedded Security*, 2019.
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  [Slides from VLSI-SOC 2020 (pptx) (pdf)]
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RowHammer: A Retrospective

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RowHammer in 2020

RowHammer in 2020 (I)

- Jeremie S. Kim, Minesh Patel, A. Giray Yaglikci, Hasan Hassan, Roknoddin Azizi, Lois Orosa, and Onur Mutlu,
  "Revisiting RowHammer: An Experimental Analysis of Modern Devices and Mitigation Techniques"
  *Proceedings of the 47th International Symposium on Computer Architecture (**ISCA**)*, Valencia, Spain, June 2020.
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Revisiting RowHammer: An Experimental Analysis of Modern DRAM Devices and Mitigation Techniques

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Hasan Hassan[§] Roknoddin Azizi[§] Lois Orosa[§] Onur Mutlu[§†]

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RowHammer in 2020 (II)

- Pietro Frigo, Emanuele Vannacci, Hasan Hassan, Victor van der Veen, Onur Mutlu, Cristiano Giuffrida, Herbert Bos, and Kaveh Razavi,
  "TRRespass: Exploiting the Many Sides of Target Row Refresh"
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  Pwnie Award 2020 for Most Innovative Research. Pwnie Awards 2020

TRRespass: Exploiting the Many Sides of Target Row Refresh

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TRRespass Key Takeaways

RowHammer is still
an open problem

Security by obscurity
is likely not a good solution

RowHammer in 2020 (III)

- Lucian Cojocar, Jeremie Kim, Minesh Patel, Lillian Tsai, Stefan Saroiu, Alec Wolman, and Onur Mutlu,
  "Are We Susceptible to Rowhammer? An End-to-End Methodology for Cloud Providers"
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BlockHammer Solution in 2021

- A. Giray Yaglikci, Minesh Patel, Jeremie S. Kim, Roknoddin Azizi, Ataberk Olgun, Lois Orosa, Hasan Hassan, Jisung Park, Konstantinos Kanellopoulos, Taha Shahroodi, Saugata Ghose, and Onur Mutlu,
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Detailed Lectures on RowHammer

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  - RowHammer (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 5c
  - Secure and Reliable Memory (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvswnsfG3oQ&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=11

The Story of RowHammer Lecture …

- Onur Mutlu,
  "The Story of RowHammer"
  Keynote Talk at *Secure Hardware, Architectures, and Operating Systems Workshop* (***SeHAS***), *held with HiPEAC 2021 Conference*, Virtual, 19 January 2021.
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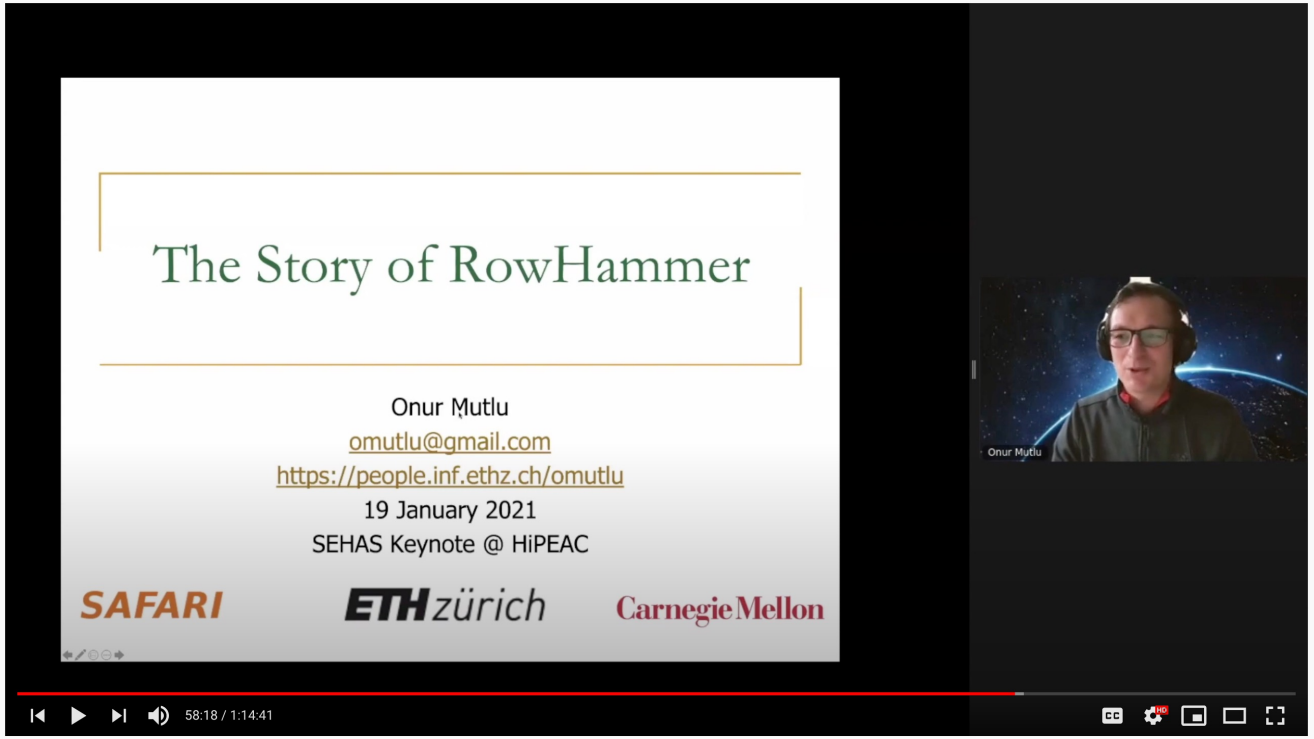

Understanding Flash Memory & SSD Reliability

Proceedings of the IEEE, Sept. 2017

Error Characterization, Mitigation, and Recovery in Flash-Memory-Based Solid-State Drives

This paper reviews the most recent advances in solid-state drive (SSD) error characterization, mitigation, and data recovery techniques to improve both SSD's reliability and lifetime.

By Yu Cai, Saugata Ghose, Erich F. Haratsch, Yixin Luo, and Onur Mutlu

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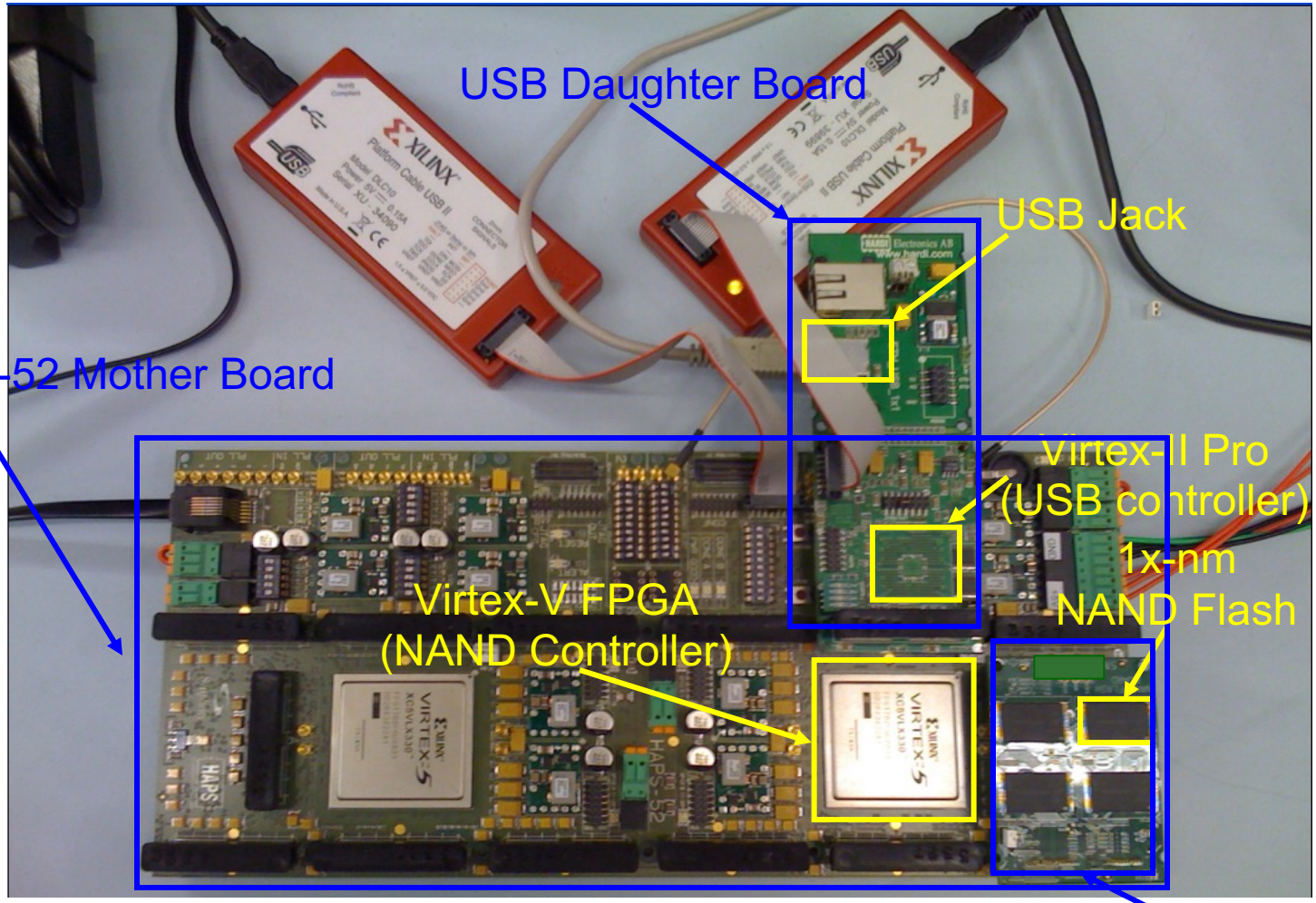
Understand and Model with Experiments (Flash)



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Cai+, "Error Characterization, Mitigation, and Recovery in Flash Memory Based Solid State Drives," Proc. IEEE 2017.

One Important Takeaway

Main Memory Needs Intelligent Controllers

Another Challenge and Opportunity

High Performance,
Energy Efficient,
Sustainable

The Problem

Processing of data

is performed

far away from the data

Energy Waste in Mobile Devices

- Amirali Boroumand, Saugata Ghose, Youngsok Kim, Rachata Ausavarungnirun, Eric Shiu, Rahul Thakur, Daehyun Kim, Aki Kuusela, Allan Knies, Parthasarathy Ranganathan, and Onur Mutlu, **"Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks"** *Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (**ASPLOS**)*, Williamsburg, VA, USA, March 2018.

62.7% of the total system energy is spent on data movement

Google Workloads for Consumer Devices: Mitigating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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Aki Kuusela[3] Allan Knies[3] Parthasarathy Ranganathan[3] Onur Mutlu[5,1]

The Problem

Data access is the major performance and energy bottleneck

Our current

design principles

cause great energy waste

(and great performance loss)

We Need A Paradigm Shift To …

- Enable computation with minimal data movement
- Compute where it makes sense (where data resides)
- Make computing architectures more data-centric

Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Computing Architectures with Minimal Data Movement

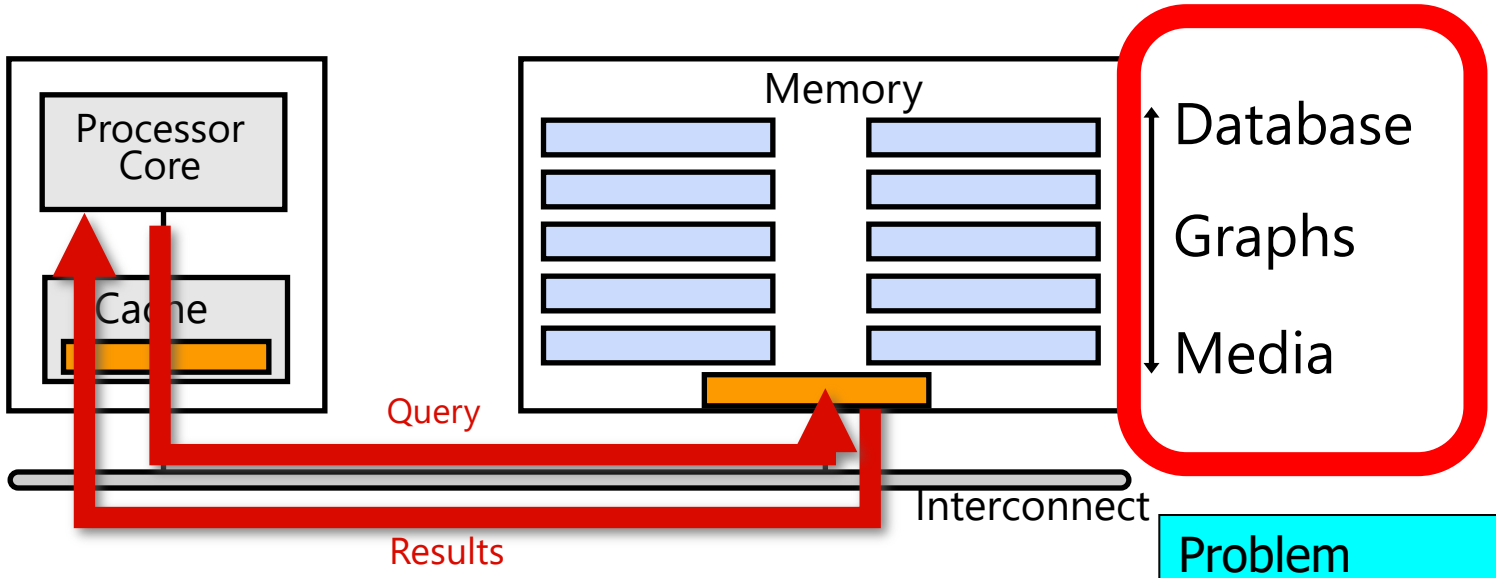
Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Fundamentally
Energy-Efficient
(Data-Centric)
Computing Architectures

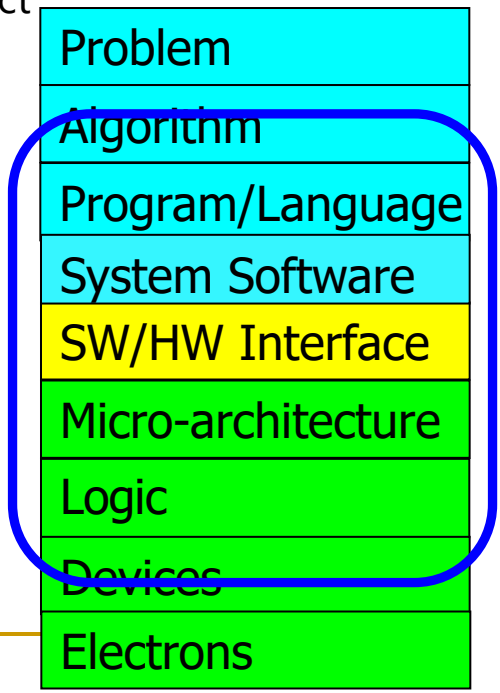
Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Fundamentally
High-Performance
(Data-Centric)
Computing Architectures

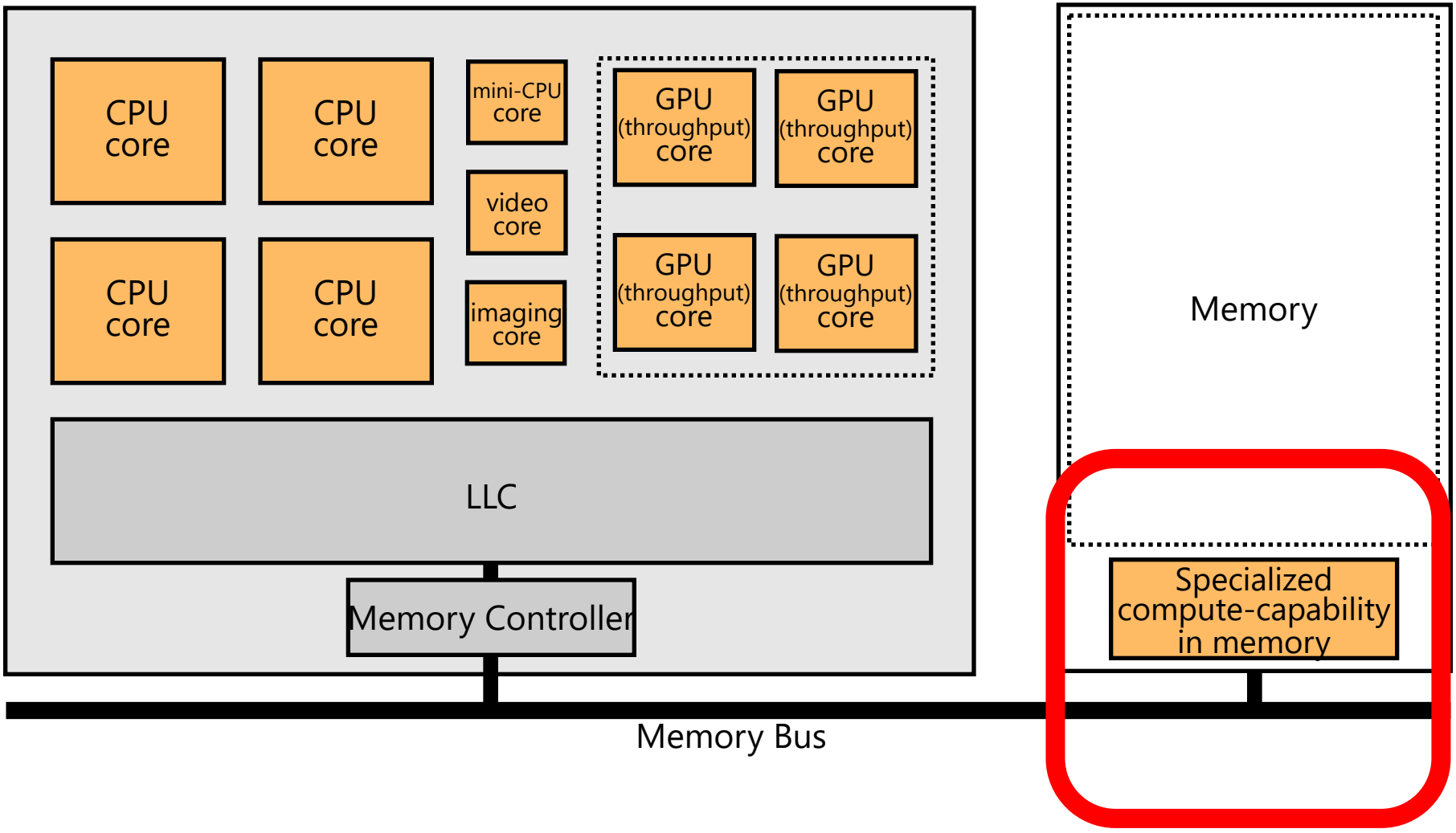
Goal: Processing Inside Memory



- Many questions … How do we design the:
  - compute-capable memory & controllers?
  - processor chip and in-memory units?
  - software and hardware interfaces?
  - system software, compilers, languages?
  - algorithms and theoretical foundations?



Memory as an Accelerator



Memory similar to a "conventional" accelerator

Processing in Memory: Two Approaches

1. Processing using Memory
2. Processing near Memory

PIM Review and Open Problems

A Modern Primer on Processing in Memory

Onur Mutlu[a,b], Saugata Ghose[b,c], Juan Gómez-Luna[a], Rachata Ausavarungnirun[d]

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Invited Book Chapter in ***Emerging Computing: From Devices to Systems - Looking Beyond Moore and Von Neumann***, Springer, to be published in 2021.

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PIM Review and Open Problems (II)

A Workload and Programming Ease Driven Perspective of Processing-in-Memory

Saugata Ghose[†] Amirali Boroumand[†] Jeremie S. Kim[†§] Juan Gómez-Luna[§] Onur Mutlu[§†]

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"Processing-in-Memory: A Workload-Driven Perspective"
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More on Processing in Memory

- Vivek Seshadri et al., "**Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology**," MICRO 2017.

Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology

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More on Processing in Memory

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  "In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise Execution Engine"
  Invited Book Chapter in Advances in Computers, to appear in 2020.
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In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise Execution Engine

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More on Processing in Memory (II)

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SIMDRAM: A Framework for Bit-Serial SIMD Processing using DRAM

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More on Processing in Memory (III)

- Junwhan Ahn, Sungpack Hong, Sungjoo Yoo, Onur Mutlu, and Kiyoung Choi,
  "A Scalable Processing-in-Memory Accelerator for Parallel Graph Processing"
  *Proceedings of the 42nd International Symposium on Computer Architecture (**ISCA**)*, Portland, OR, June 2015.
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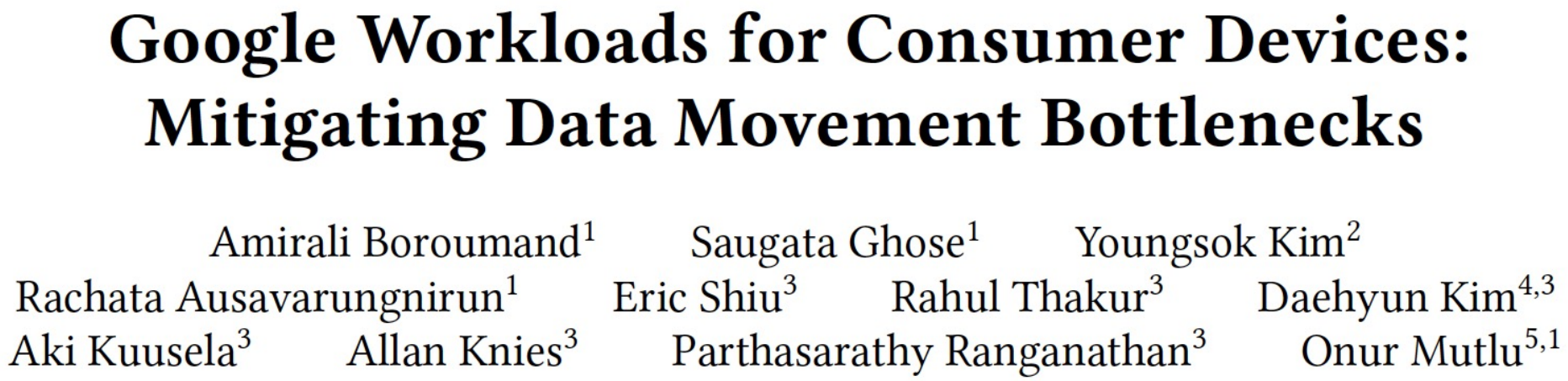

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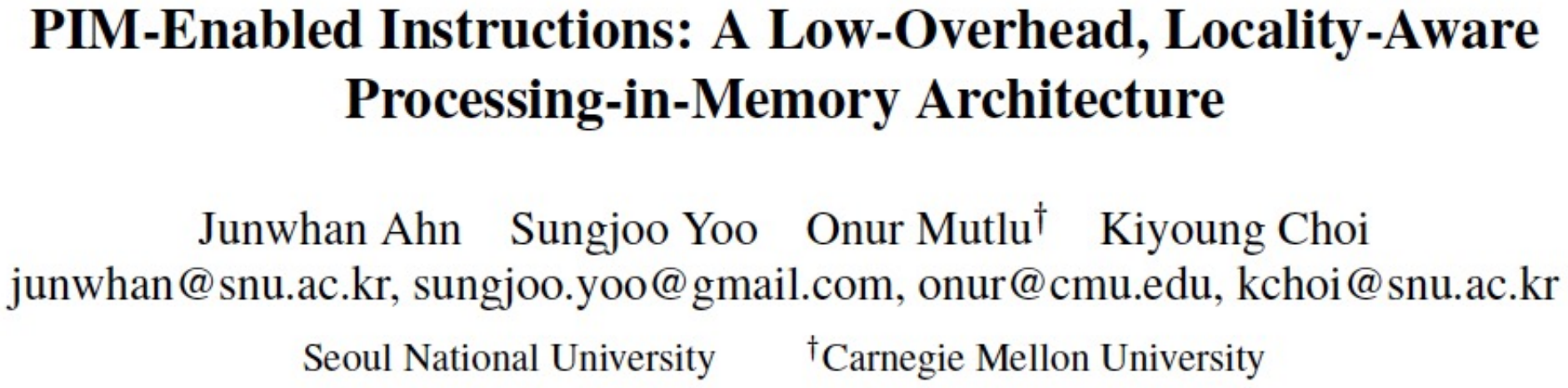

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In-DRAM Physical Unclonable Functions

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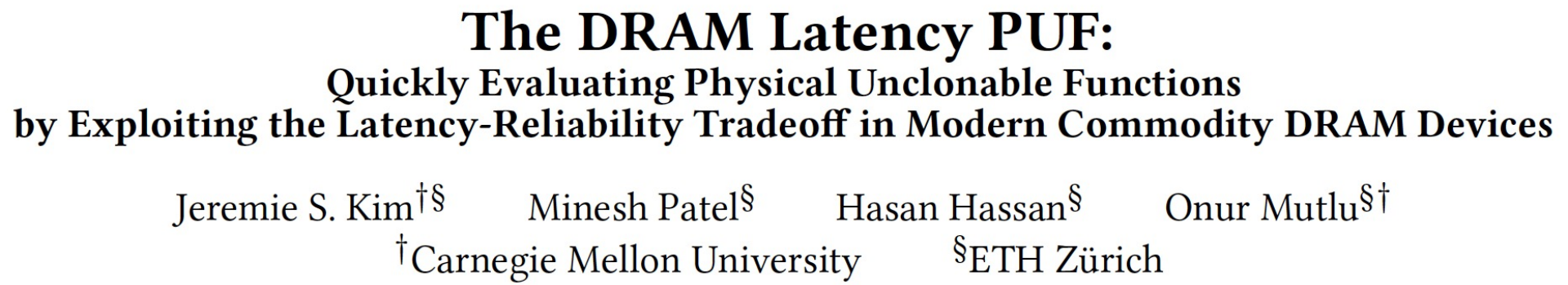

The DRAM Latency PUF:
Quickly Evaluating Physical Unclonable Functions by Exploiting the Latency-Reliability Tradeoff in Modern Commodity DRAM Devices

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In-DRAM True Random Number Generation

- Jeremie S. Kim, Minesh Patel, Hasan Hassan, Lois Orosa, and Onur Mutlu,
  "D-RaNGe: Using Commodity DRAM Devices to Generate True Random Numbers with Low Latency and High Throughput"
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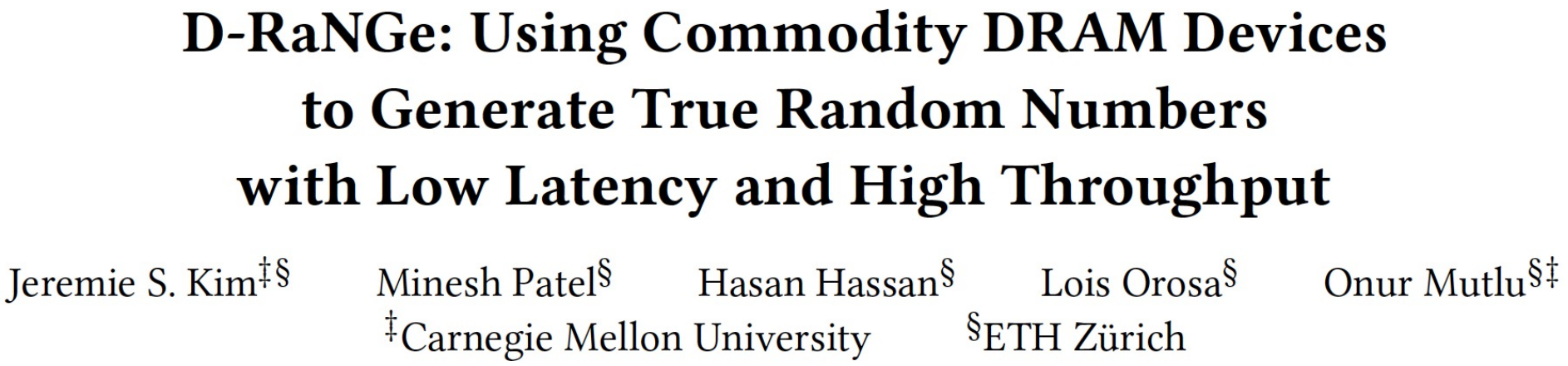

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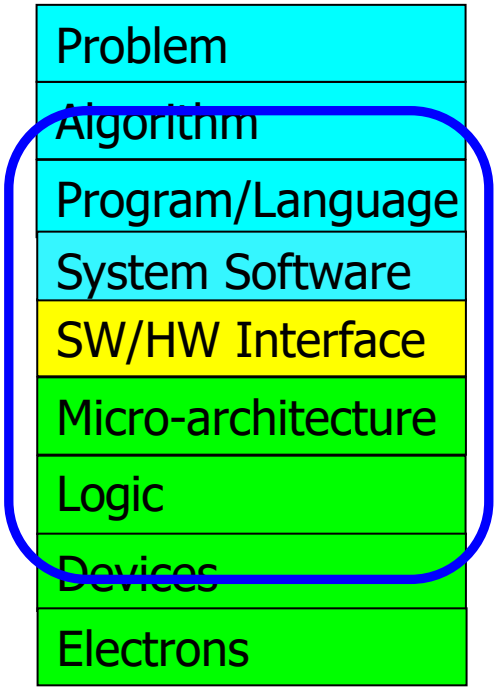
Eliminating the Adoption Barriers

How to Enable Adoption of Processing in Memory

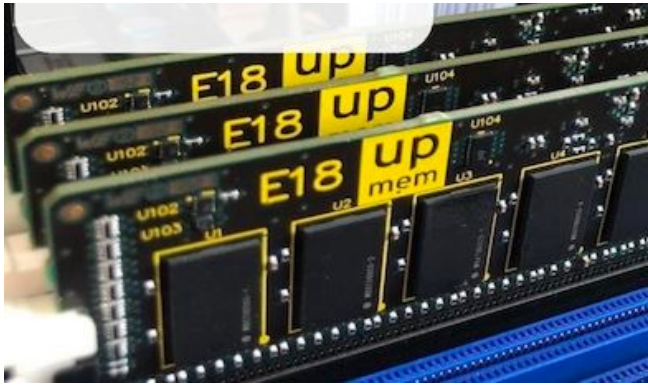
We Need to Revisit the Entire Stack



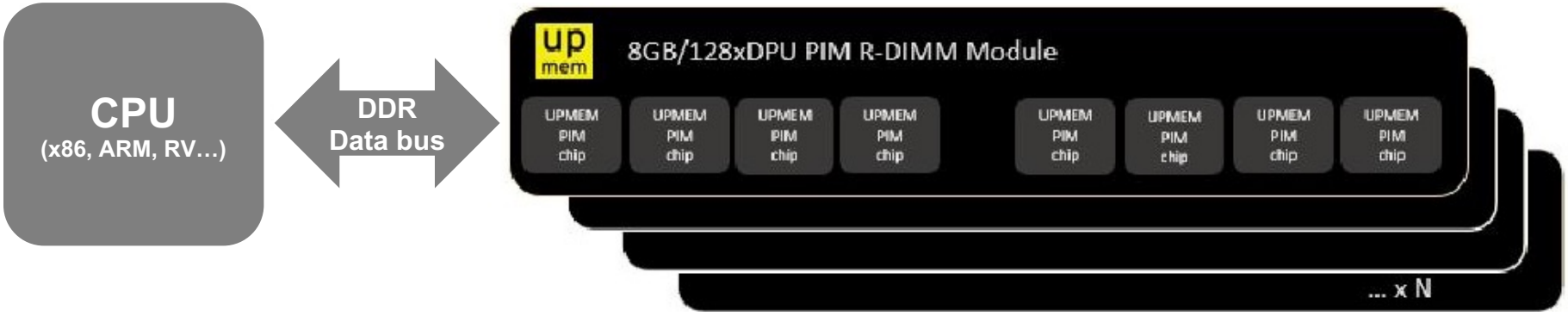
We can get there step by step

UPMEM Processing-in-DRAM Engine (2019)

- Processing in DRAM Engine
- Includes **standard DIMM modules**, with a **large number of DPU processors** combined with DRAM chips.



- Replaces **standard** DIMMs
  - DDR4 R-DIMM modules
    - 8GB+128 DPUs (16 PIM chips)
    - Standard 2x-nm DRAM process
  - **Large amounts of** compute & memory bandwidth



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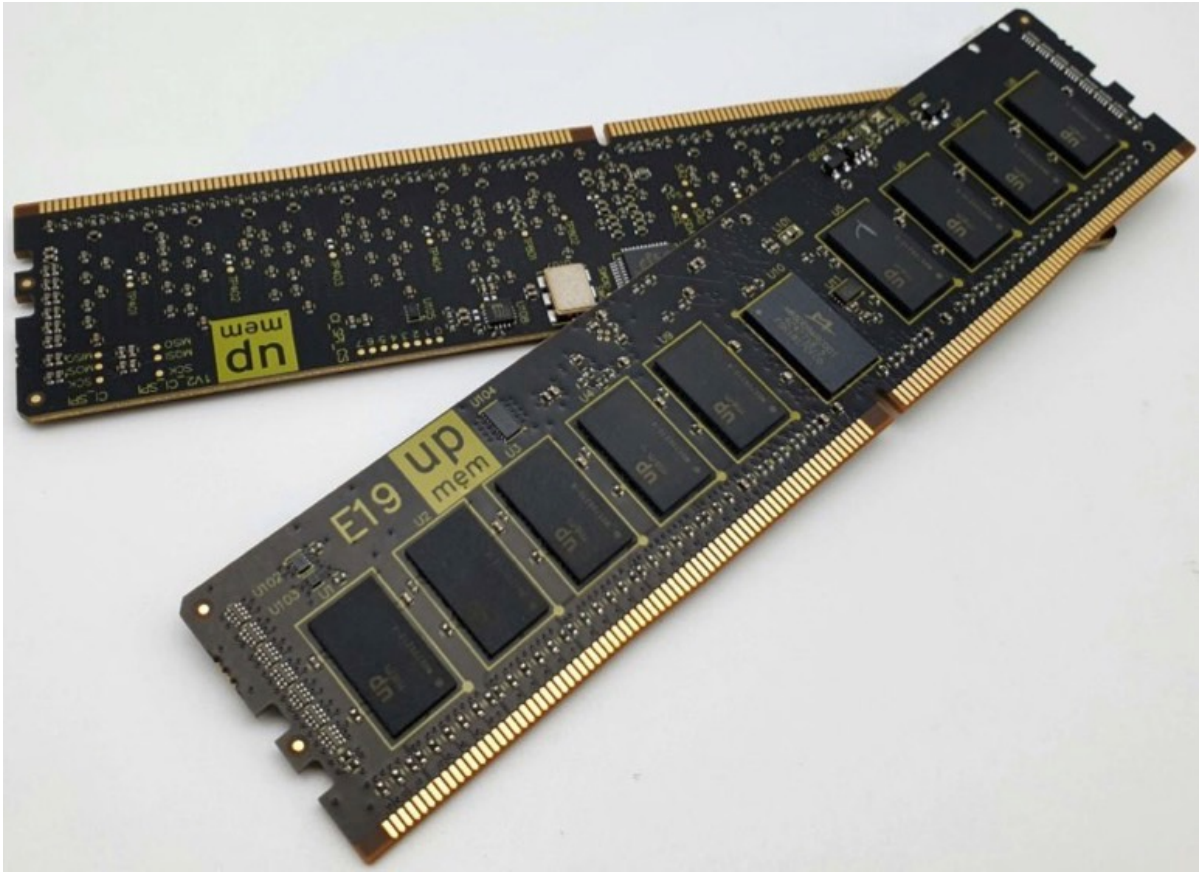
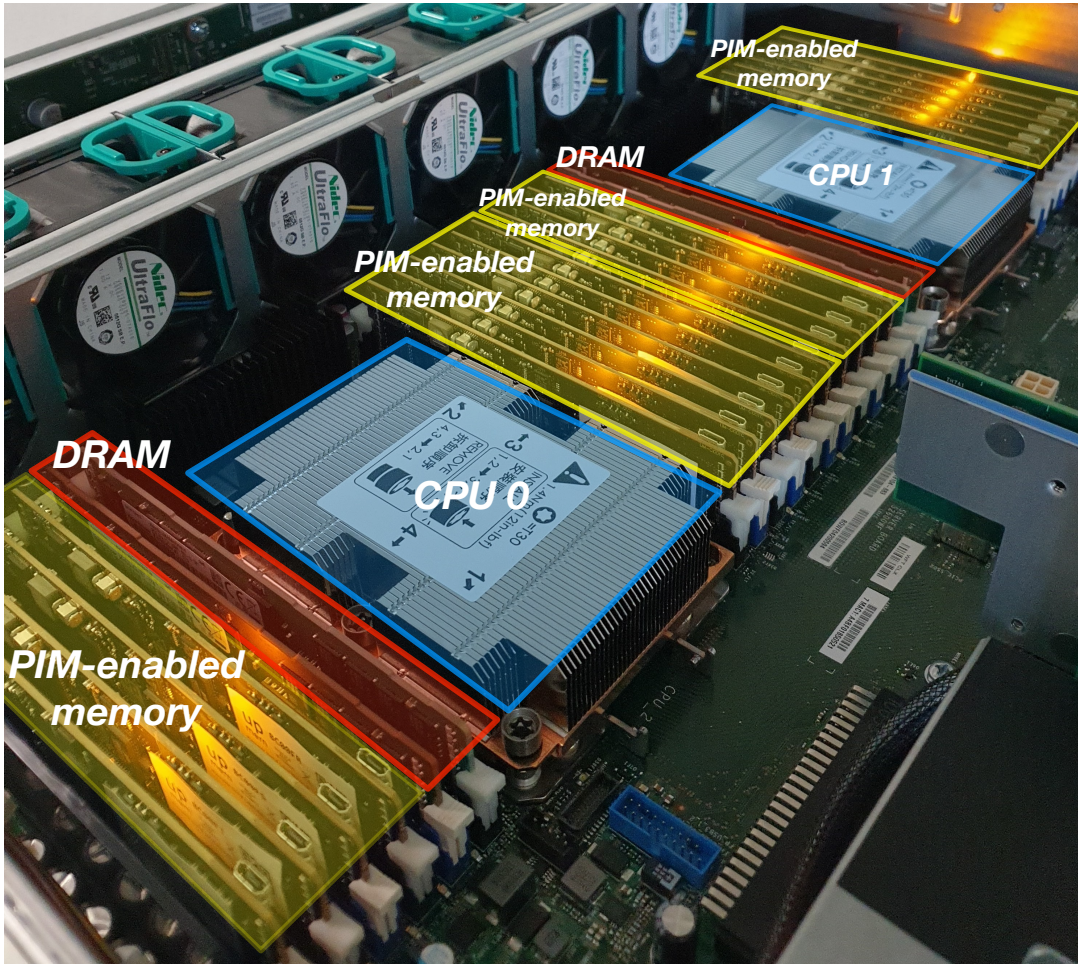
UPMEM Memory Modules

- E19: 8 chips DIMM (1 rank). DPUs @ 267 MHz
- P21: 16 chips DIMM (2 ranks). DPUs @ 350 MHz

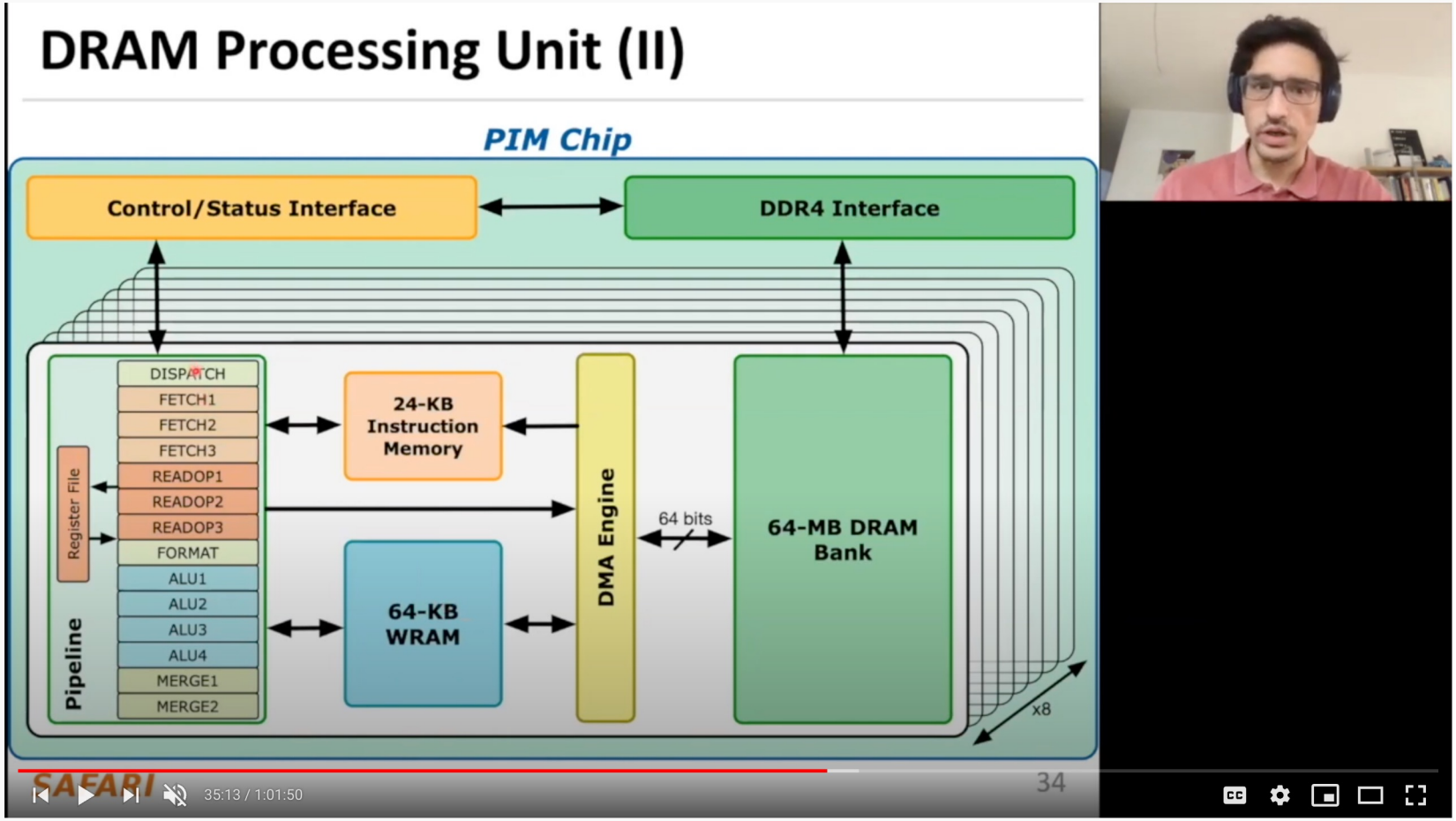


PIM System Organization

- UPMEM-based PIM system with 20 UPMEM memory modules of 16 chips each (40 ranks) → 2560 DPUs



More on the UPMEM PIM System



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Experimental Analysis of the UPMEM PIM Engine

Benchmarking a New Paradigm: An Experimental Analysis of a Real Processing-in-Memory Architecture

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Many modern workloads, such as neural networks, databases, and graph processing, are fundamentally memory-bound. For such workloads, the data movement between main memory and CPU cores imposes a significant overhead in terms of both latency and energy. A major reason is that this communication happens through a narrow bus with high latency and limited bandwidth, and the low data reuse in memory-bound workloads is insufficient to amortize the cost of main memory access. Fundamentally addressing this *data movement bottleneck* requires a paradigm where the memory system assumes an active role in computing by integrating processing capabilities. This paradigm is known as *processing-in-memory* (*PIM*).

Recent research explores different forms of PIM architectures, motivated by the emergence of new 3D-stacked memory technologies that integrate memory with a logic layer where processing elements can be easily placed. Past works evaluate these architectures in simulation or, at best, with simplified hardware prototypes. In contrast, the UPMEM company has designed and manufactured the first publicly-available real-world PIM architecture. The UPMEM PIM architecture combines traditional DRAM memory arrays with general-purpose in-order cores, called *DRAM Processing Units* (*DPUs*), integrated in the same chip.

This paper provides the first comprehensive analysis of the first publicly-available real-world PIM architecture. We make two key contributions. First, we conduct an experimental characterization of the UPMEM-based PIM system using microbenchmarks to assess various architecture limits such as compute throughput and memory bandwidth, yielding new insights. Second, we present *PrIM* (*Processing-In-Memory benchmarks*), a benchmark suite of 16 workloads from different application domains (e.g., dense/sparse linear algebra, databases, data analytics, graph processing, neural networks, bioinformatics, image processing), which we identify as memory-bound. We evaluate the performance and scaling characteristics of PrIM benchmarks on the UPMEM PIM architecture, and compare their performance and energy consumption to their state-of-the-art CPU and GPU counterparts. Our extensive evaluation conducted on two real UPMEM-based PIM systems with 640 and 2,556 DPUs provides new insights about suitability of different workloads to the PIM system, programming recommendations for software designers, and suggestions and hints for hardware and architecture designers of future PIM systems.

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DAMOV Methodology & Workloads

DAMOV: A New Methodology and Benchmark Suite for Evaluating Data Movement Bottlenecks

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Data movement between the CPU and main memory is a first-order obstacle against improving performance, scalability, and energy efficiency in modern systems. Computer systems employ a range of techniques to reduce overheads tied to data movement, spanning from traditional mechanisms (e.g., deep multi-level cache hierarchies, aggressive hardware prefetchers) to emerging techniques such as Near-Data Processing (NDP), where some computation is moved close to memory. Prior NDP works investigate the root causes of data movement bottlenecks using different profiling methodologies and tools. However, there is still a lack of understanding about the key metrics that can identify different data movement bottlenecks and their relation to traditional and emerging data movement mitigation mechanisms. Our goal is to methodically identify potential sources of data movement over a broad set of applications and to comprehensively compare traditional compute-centric data movement mitigation techniques (e.g., caching and prefetching) to more memory-centric techniques (e.g., NDP), thereby developing a rigorous understanding of the best techniques to mitigate each source of data movement.

With this goal in mind, we perform the first large-scale characterization of a wide variety of applications, across a wide range of application domains, to identify fundamental program properties that lead to data movement to/from main memory. We develop the first systematic methodology to classify applications based on the sources contributing to data movement bottlenecks. From our large-scale characterization of 77K functions across 345 applications, we select 144 functions to form the first open-source benchmark suite (DAMOV) for main memory data movement studies. We select a diverse range of functions that (1) represent different types of data movement bottlenecks, and (2) come from a wide range of application domains. Using NDP as a case study, we identify new insights about the different data movement bottlenecks and use these insights to determine the most suitable data movement mitigation mechanism for a particular application. We open-source DAMOV and the complete source code for our new characterization methodology at https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/DAMOV.

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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 6
  - **Computation in Memory** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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  - **Near-Data Processing** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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  - **Memory Controllers** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 12d
  - **Real Processing-in-DRAM with UPMEM** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sscy1Wrr22A&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=25

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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 15
  - **Emerging Memory Technologies** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 16a
  - **Opportunities & Challenges of Emerging Memory Technologies** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
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  - **In-Memory Computing: Memory Devices & Applications** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNmqQHiEZNk&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=41

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  "Memory-Centric Computing Systems"
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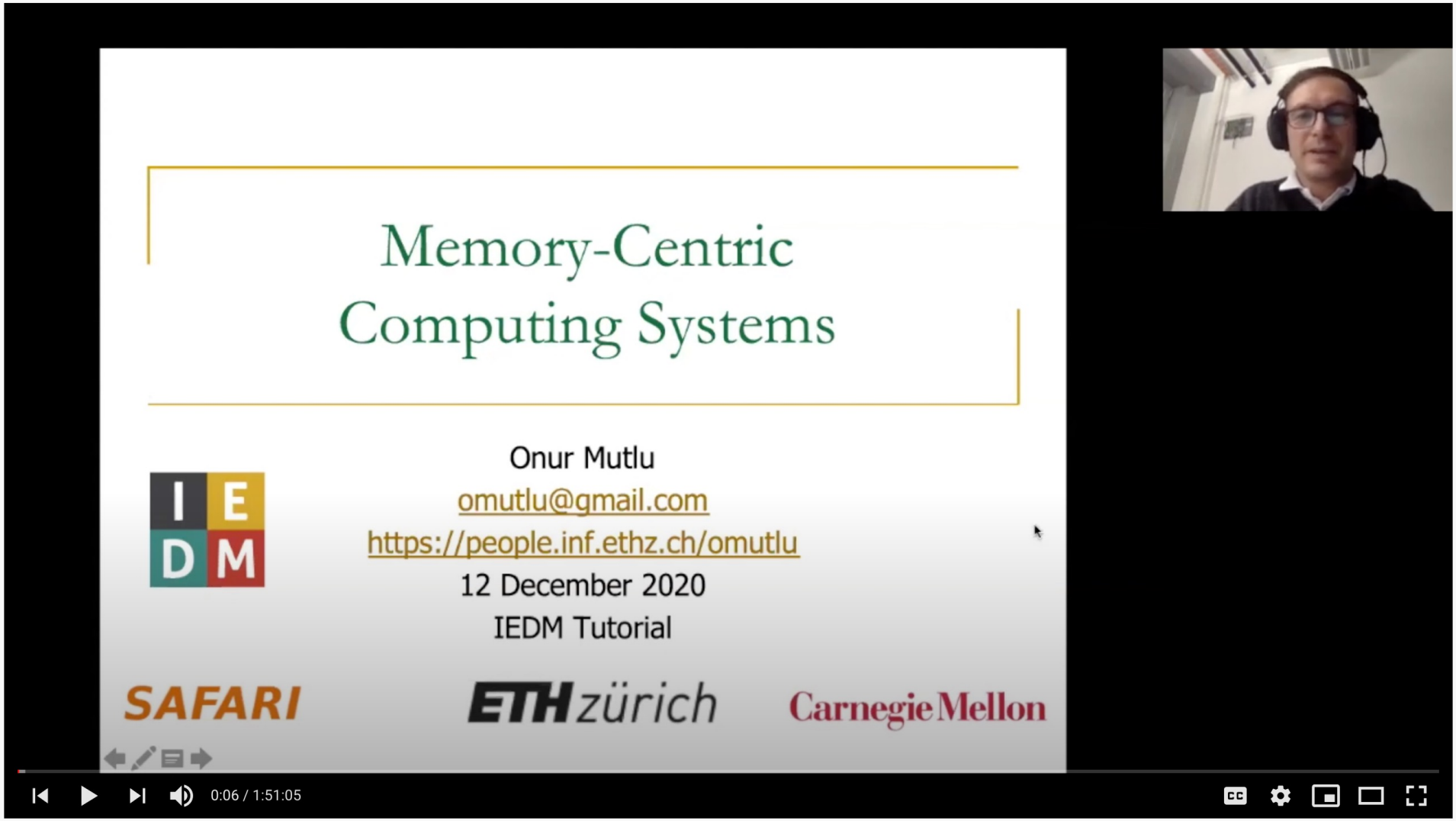

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PIM Can Enable New Medical Platforms

Nanopore sequencing technology and tools for genome assembly: computational analysis of the current state, bottlenecks and future directions

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Future of Genome Sequencing & Analysis

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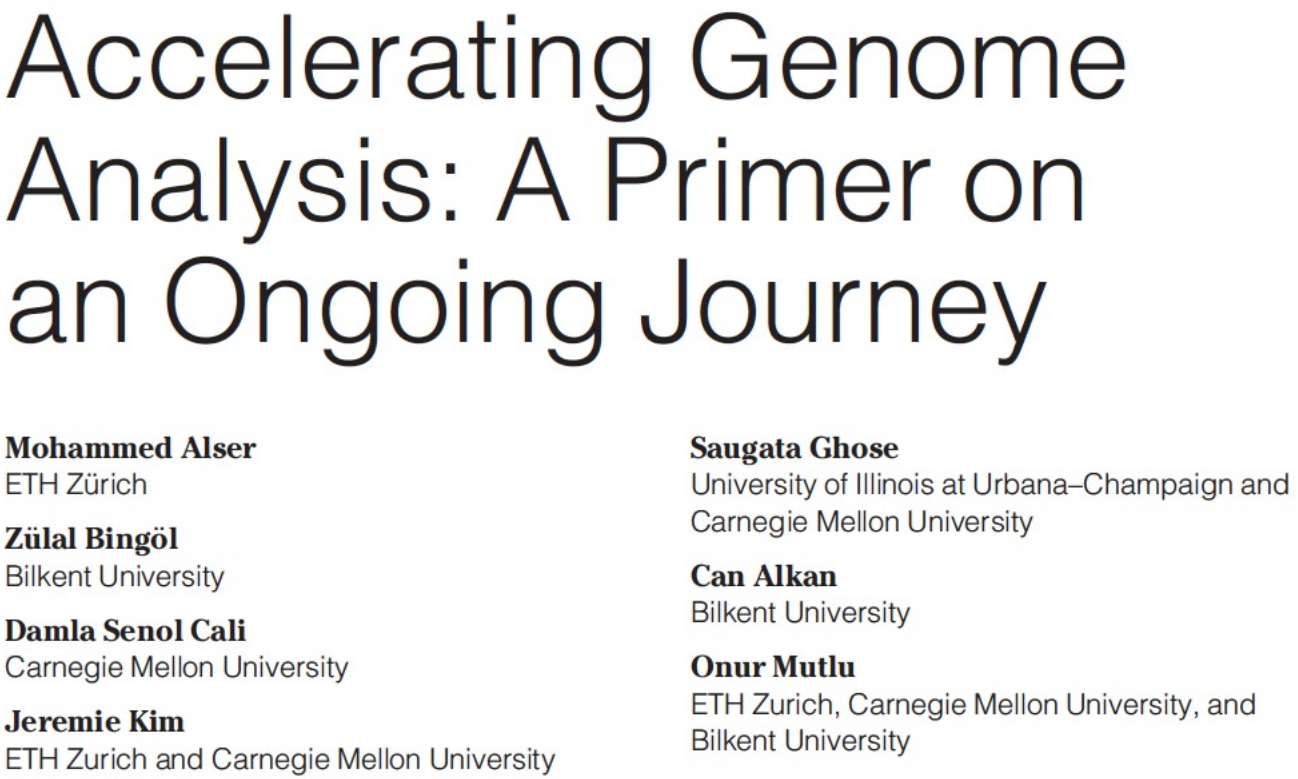

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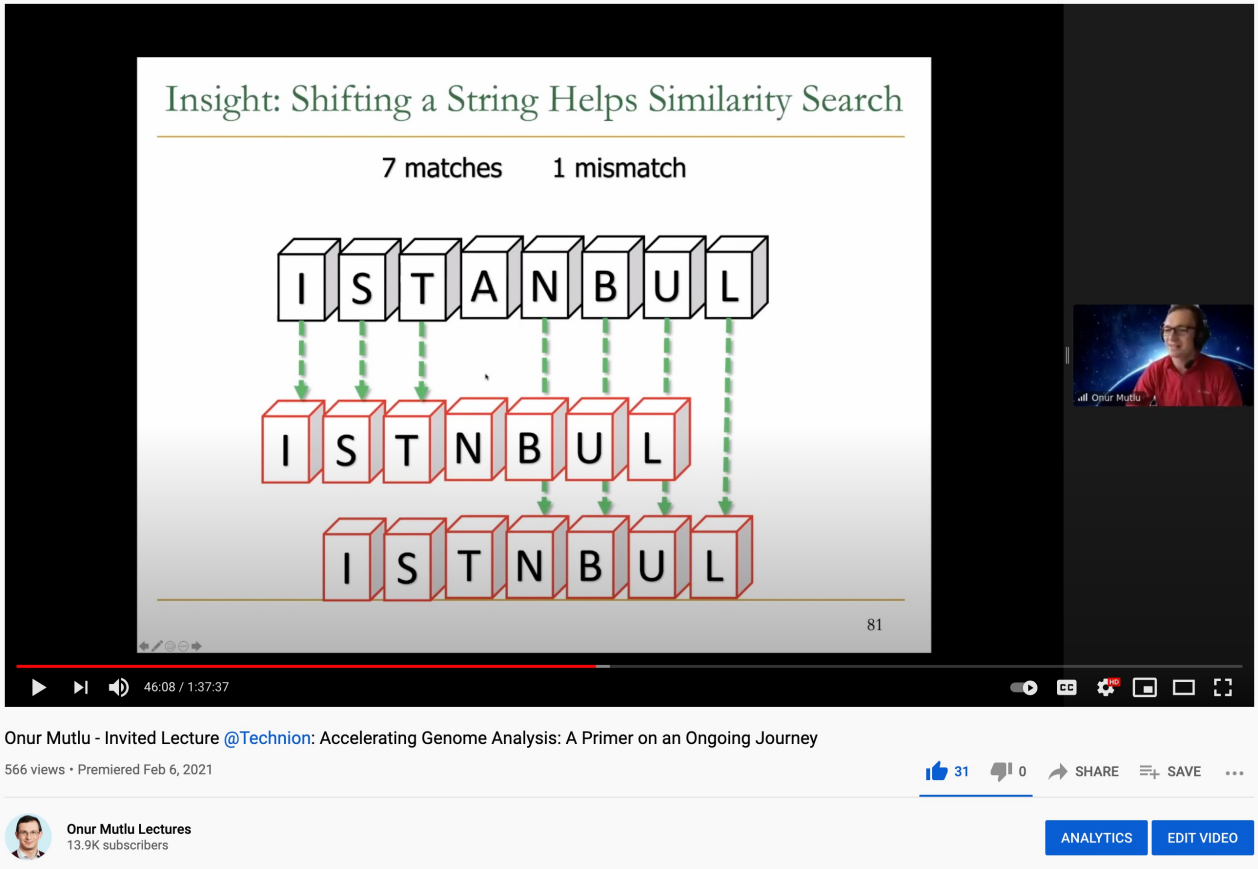

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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 9a
  - **GenASM: Approx. String Matching Accelerator** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoLpzmN-Pas&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=15
- Accelerating Genomics Project Course, Fall 2020, Lecture 1
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Challenge and Opportunity for Future

Fundamentally

Low-Latency

Computing Architectures

Truly Reducing Memory Latency

Tiered-Latency DRAM

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Adaptive-Latency DRAM

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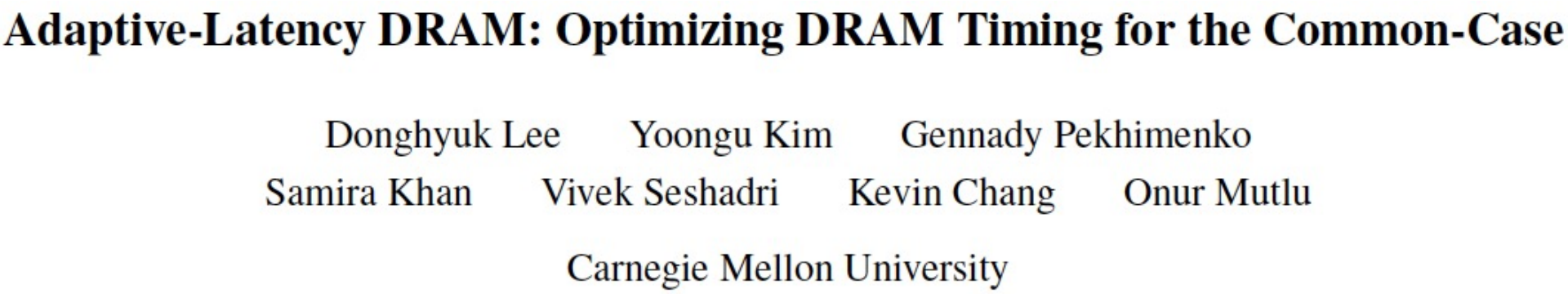

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Solar-DRAM: Putting It Together

- Jeremie S. Kim, Minesh Patel, Hasan Hassan, and Onur Mutlu,
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CLR-DRAM: Capacity-Latency Reconfigurability

- Haocong Luo, Taha Shahroodi, Hasan Hassan, Minesh Patel, A. Giray Yaglikci, Lois Orosa, Jisung Park, and Onur Mutlu, **"CLR-DRAM: A Low-Cost DRAM Architecture Enabling Dynamic Capacity-Latency Trade-Off"**
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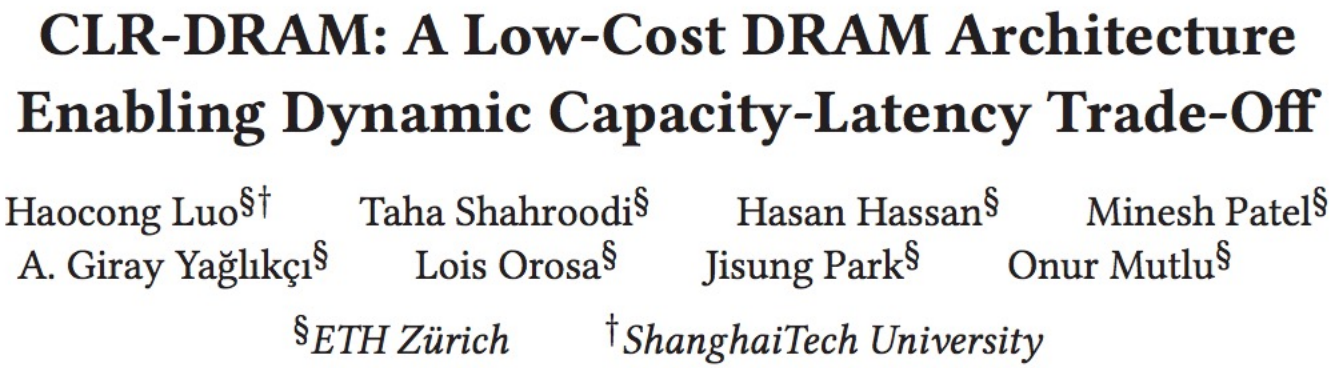

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Low-Latency Solid-State Drives (SSDs)

- Jisung Park, Myungsuk Kim, Myoungjun Chun, Lois Orosa, Jihong Kim, and Onur Mutlu,
  "Reducing Solid-State Drive Read Latency by Optimizing Read-Retry"
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- Computer Architecture, Fall 2020, Lecture 10
  - **Low-Latency Memory** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQd1YgOH1Mw&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=19
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  - **Capacity-Latency Reconfigurable DRAM** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2020)
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUtPFW3jxq4&list=PL5Q2soXY2Zi9xidyIgBxUz7xRPS-wisBN&index=23
- Computer Architecture, Fall 2019, Lecture 11a
  - **DRAM Latency PUF** (ETH Zürich, Fall 2019)
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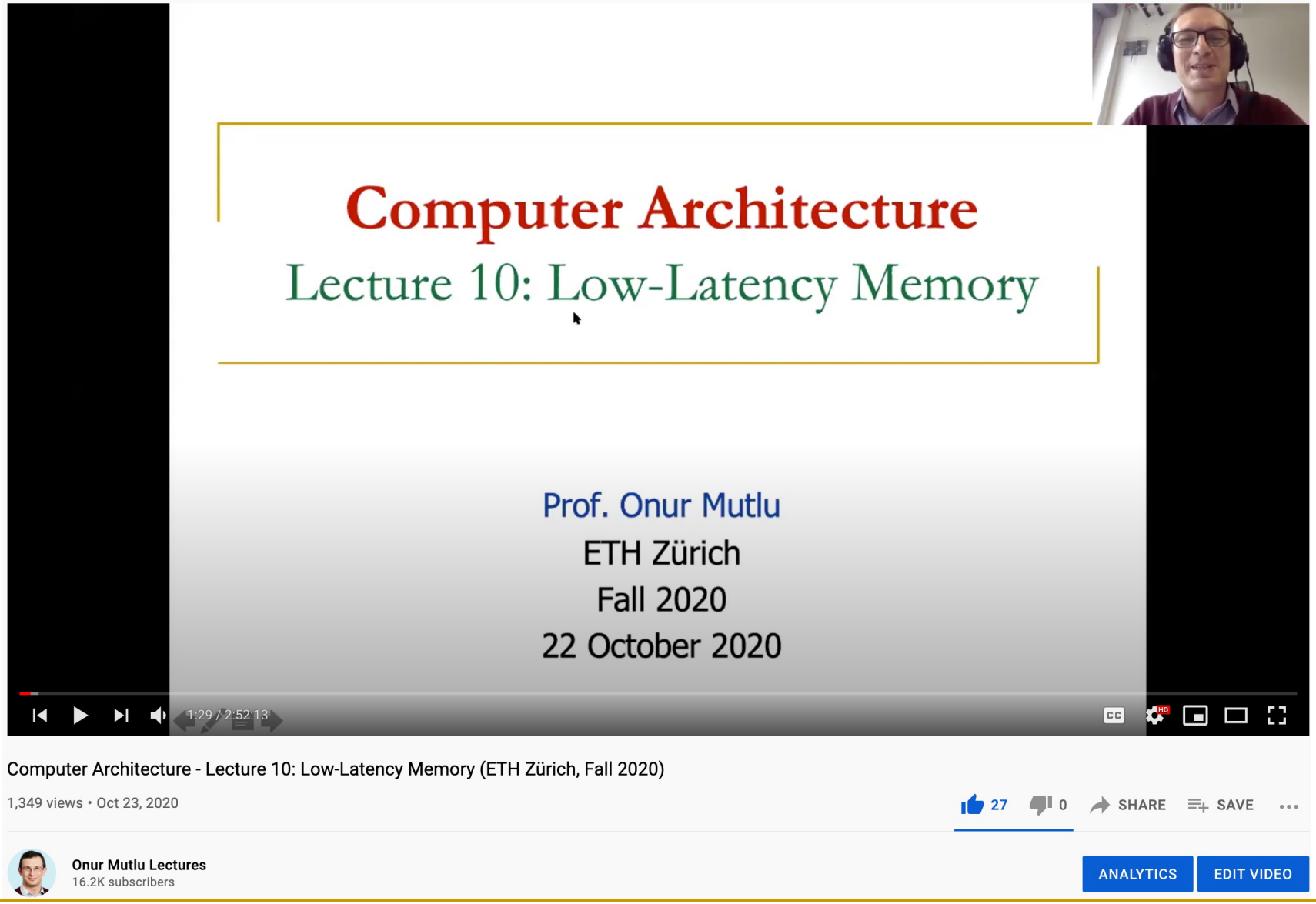

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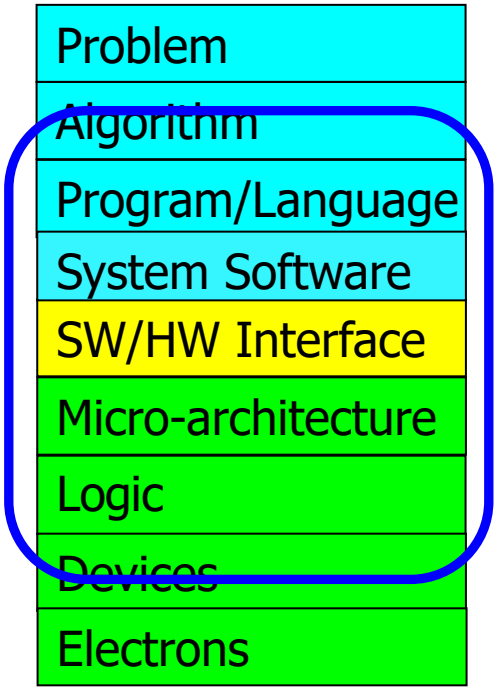

We can get there step by step

Open-Source Artifacts

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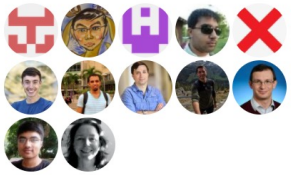

https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI

Some Open Source Tools (I)

- Rowhammer – Program to Induce RowHammer Errors
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/rowhammer
- Ramulator – Fast and Extensible DRAM Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/ramulator
- MemSim – Simple Memory Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/memsim
- NOCulator – Flexible Network-on-Chip Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/NOCulator
- SoftMC – FPGA-Based DRAM Testing Infrastructure
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC
- Other open-source software from my group
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  - **http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~safari/tools.html**

Some Open Source Tools (II)

- MQSim – A Fast Modern SSD Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/MQSim
- Mosaic – GPU Simulator Supporting Concurrent Applications
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/Mosaic
- IMPICA – Processing in 3D-Stacked Memory Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/IMPICA
- SMLA – Detailed 3D-Stacked Memory Simulator
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SMLA
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SMASH

SMASH is a hardware-software cooperative mechanism that enables highly-efficient indexing and storage of sparse matrices. The key idea of SMASH is to compress sparse matrices with a hierarchical bitmap compression format that can be accelerated from hardware. Described by Kanellopoulos et al. (MICRO '19) https://people.inf.ethz.ch/omutlu/pub/SMA...

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MQSim

MQSim is a fast and accurate simulator modeling the performance of modern multi-queue (MQ) SSDs as well as traditional SATA based SSDs. MQSim faithfully models new high-bandwidth protocol implementations, steady-state SSD conditions, and the full end-to-end latency of requests in modern SSDs. It is described in detail in the FAST 2018 paper by A...

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Apollo

Apollo is an assembly polishing algorithm that attempts to correct the errors in an assembly. It can take multiple set of reads in a single run and polish the assemblies of genomes of any size. Described in the Bioinformatics journal paper (2020) by Firtina et al. at https://people.inf.ethz.ch/omutlu/pub/apollo-technology-independent-genome-asse...

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Shifted-Hamming-Distance

Source code for the Shifted Hamming Distance (SHD) filtering mechanism for sequence alignment. Described in the Bioinformatics journal paper (2015) by Xin et al. at http://users.ece.cmu.edu/~omutlu/pub/shifted-hamming-distance_bioinformatics15_proofs.pdf

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AirLift

AirLift is a tool that updates mapped reads from one reference genome to another. Unlike existing tools, It accounts for regions not shared between the two reference genomes and enables remapping across all parts of the references. Described by Kim et al. (preliminary version at http://arxiv.org/abs/1912.08735)

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GPGPUSim-Ramulator

The source code for GPGPUSim+Ramulator simulator. In this version, GPGPUSim uses Ramulator to simulate the DRAM. This simulator is used to produce some of the

Other Panel Questions

Question 1: Grad Application Process

- *What is the grad application process at your institution?*
  - *(i.e., personal statement? standardized test scores? reference letters? interview?)*

Application Process at ETH Zurich

- PhD starts after a Master's degree
  - Except for few exceptions, you need to have a Master's degree to apply
- You can apply for a Master's degree first
  - And, then go for a PhD
- Master's admissions are centralized and handled by the department (D-ITET, D-INFK, …)
- PhD admissions are de-centralized and handled by Professor + ETH Zurich Doctoral Office

Application Process for SAFARI

- https://safari.ethz.ch/apply/

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SAFARI Process

- An internship with the group is very useful & desirable
  - During Bachelor's, Master's degrees or at any other time

- Familiarity with the research area + passion for research
- Good personal statement
- Good critical review of papers
- Good interview with group & me
- Good mindset, goals, effort
- Good communication skills and communicativeness
- …

Question 2: Candidate Characteristics

- *What do you look for in a candidate?*
  - *What are a few things that stand out to you?*

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- Resilience
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Question 3: GPA and GRE?

- *When looking at applications, how important are GPA and standardized test scores (e.g., GRE) to you?*

- GPA is part of the process but not important enough
  - No decision or filtering made based on GPA
    - **We want insight not numbers**
  - Individual courses can be important
  - Motivation, characteristics, skills & insight are very important
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- We do not require GRE scores
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A PhD is About Continuous Growth

(Learning & Independence)

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Doing so requires many characteristics (which one can learn)

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(Big Ideas & Projects)

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My Suggestions to You

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Food for Thought: Two Quotes

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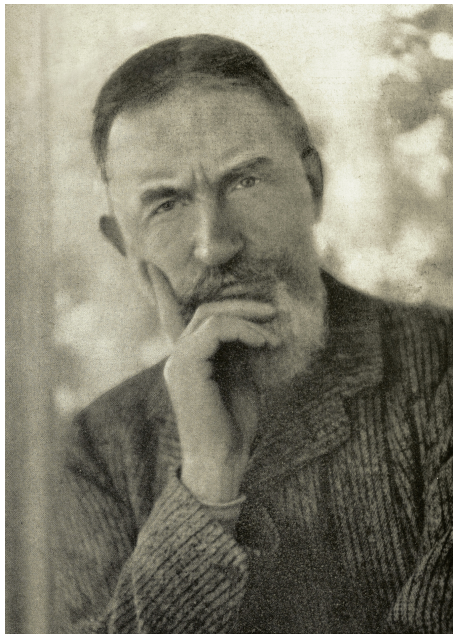
The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.

Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

George Bernard Shaw



Progress is impossible without change,
and those who cannot change their minds
cannot change anything.

Applying to Grad School & Doing Impactful Research

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Backup Slides on "Impactful Research"

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[Slides (pptx) (pdf)]

Question 1: Best Practices

- *Which are the best practices that you would suggest to your peers as the essential one for the success of an academic team?*

Before I Start…

- There is no single way of having impact.
- The following is my way, methods and principles.
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Some Basics of Research

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How To Do Research & Advanced Dev.

- We will talk a lot about this in this course

- Learning by example
  - Reading and evaluating strong and seminal papers & designs

- Learning by doing
  - Semester-long research/design projects, masters' projects, PhD thesis

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If In Doubt, See Other Doubtful Technologies

- A very "doubtful" emerging technology
  - for at least two decades

Proceedings of the IEEE, Sept. 2017

Error Characterization, Mitigation, and Recovery in Flash-Memory-Based Solid-State Drives

This paper reviews the most recent advances in solid-state drive (SSD) error characterization, mitigation, and data recovery techniques to improve both SSD's reliability and lifetime.

By Yu Cai, Saugata Ghose, Erich F. Haratsch, Yixin Luo, and Onur Mutlu

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.08642

Flash Memory Timeline (1967-2019)

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Four Key Current Directions

- Fundamentally Secure/Reliable/Safe Architectures
- Fundamentally Energy-Efficient Architectures
  - Memory-centric (Data-centric) Architectures
- Fundamentally Low-Latency and Predictable Architectures
- Architectures for AI/ML, Genomics, Medicine, Health

Our Dream (circa 2007)

- An embedded device that can perform comprehensive genome analysis in real time (within a minute)
  - Which of these DNAs does this DNA segment match with?
  - What is the likely genetic disposition of this patient to this drug?
  - . . .

New Genome Sequencing Technologies

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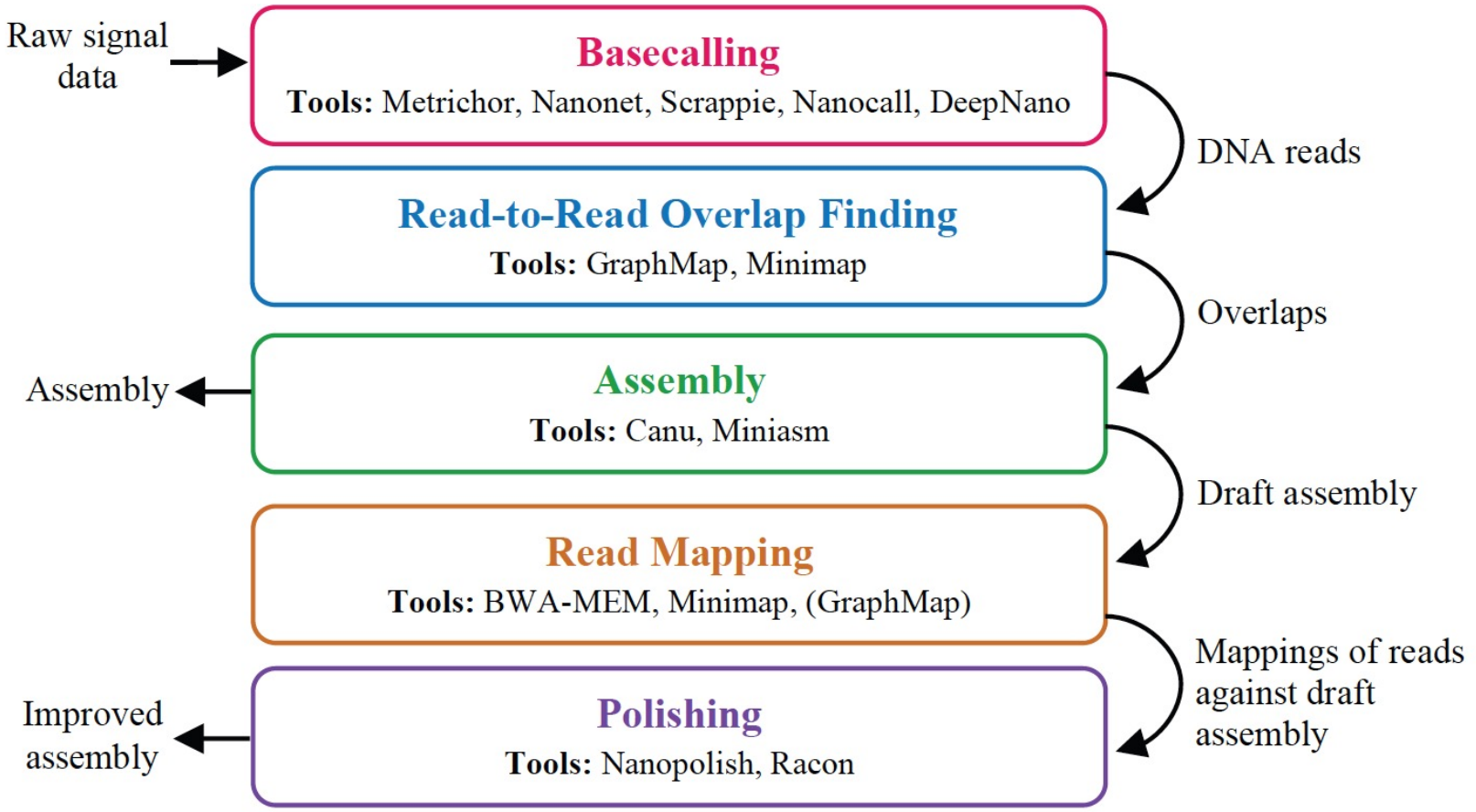
Nanopore Genome Assembly Pipeline



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GRIM-Filter: Fast seed location filtering in DNA read mapping using processing-in-memory technologies

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Future of Genome Sequencing & Analysis

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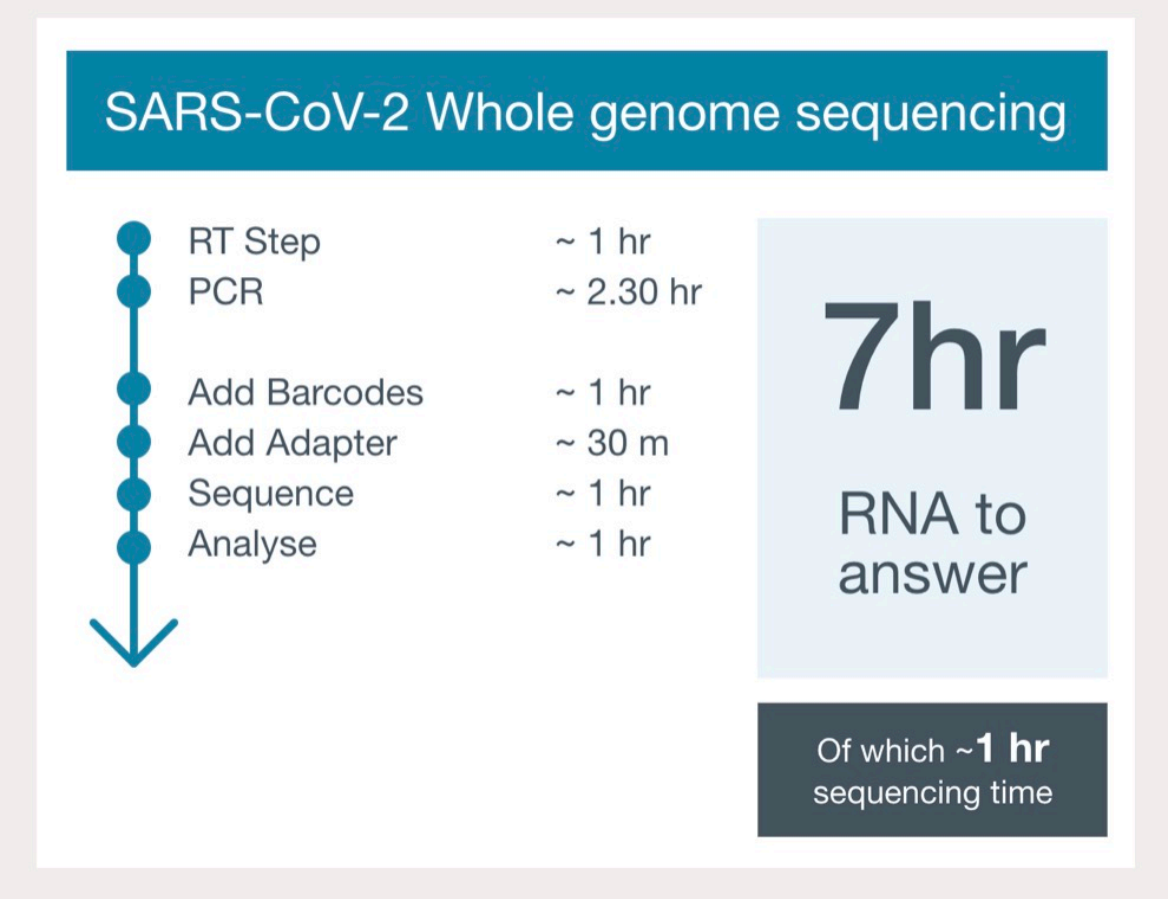

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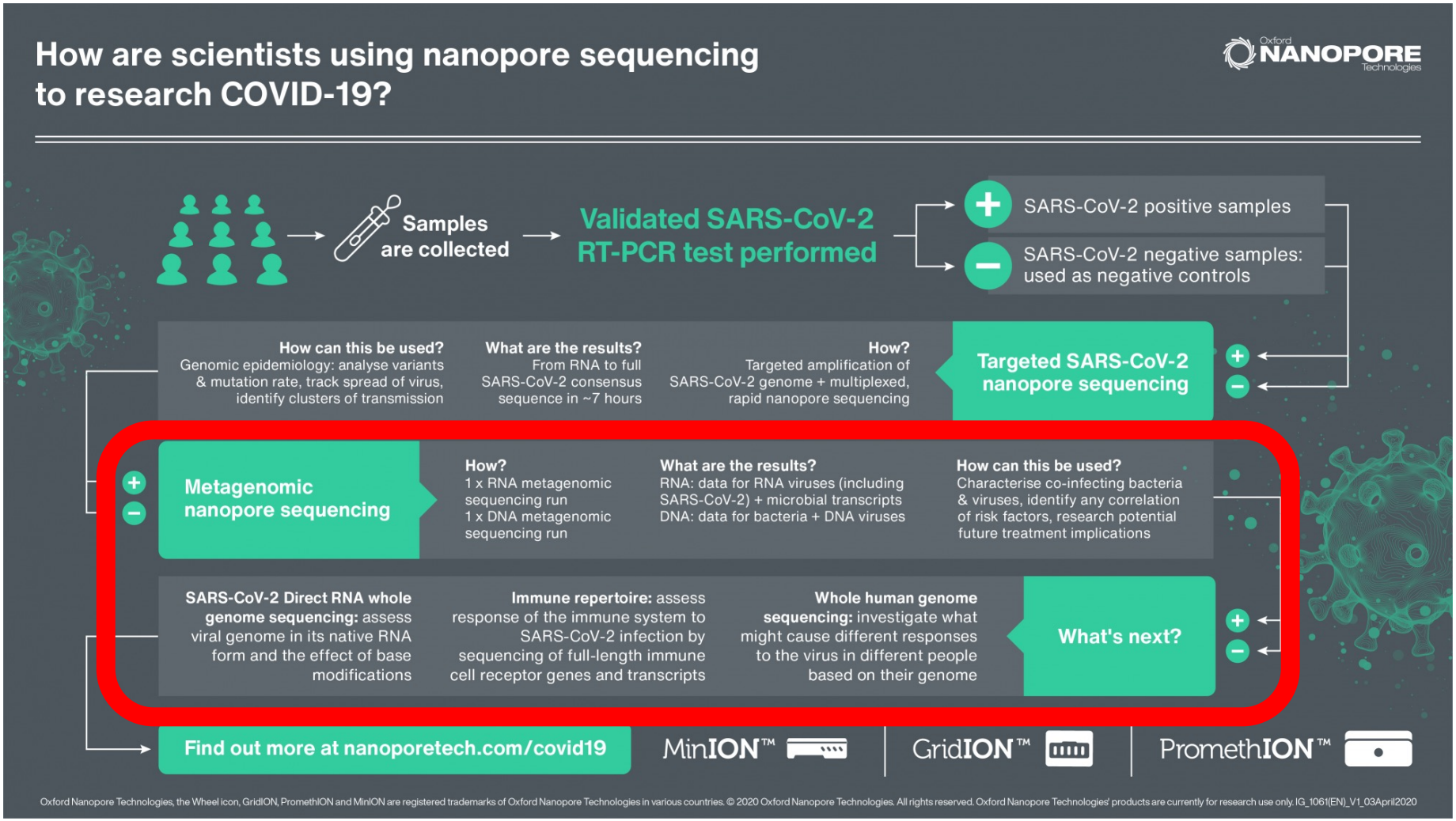

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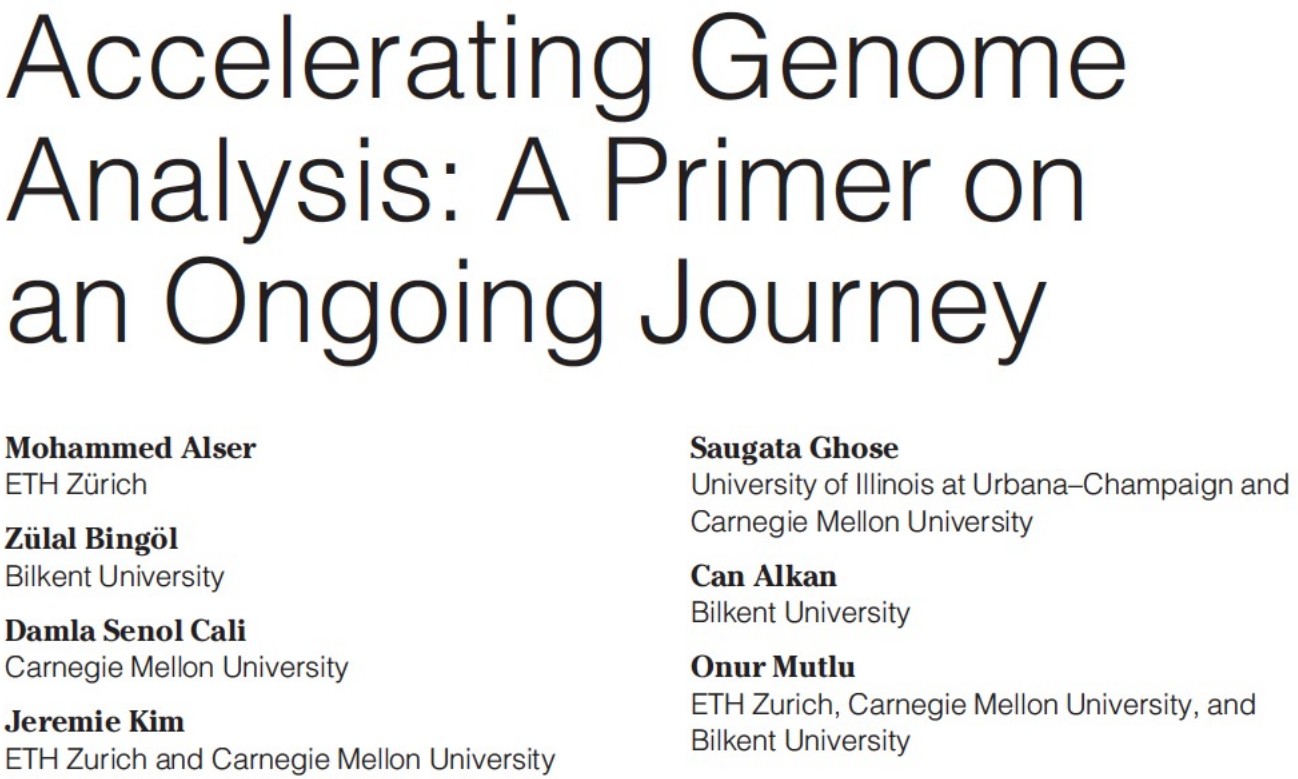

Principle: Passion

Follow Your Passion

Principle: Build Infrastructure

Build Infrastructure to Enable Your Passion

(Big Projects)

Example: Our DRAM Infrastructure (since 2012)

An Experimental Study of Data Retention Behavior in Modern DRAM Devices: Implications for Retention Time Profiling Mechanisms (Liu et al., ISCA 2013)

The Efficacy of Error Mitigation Techniques for DRAM Retention Failures: A Comparative Experimental Study (Khan et al., SIGMETRICS 2014)

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors (Kim et al., ISCA 2014)

Adaptive-Latency DRAM: Optimizing DRAM Timing for the Common-Case (Lee et al., HPCA 2015)

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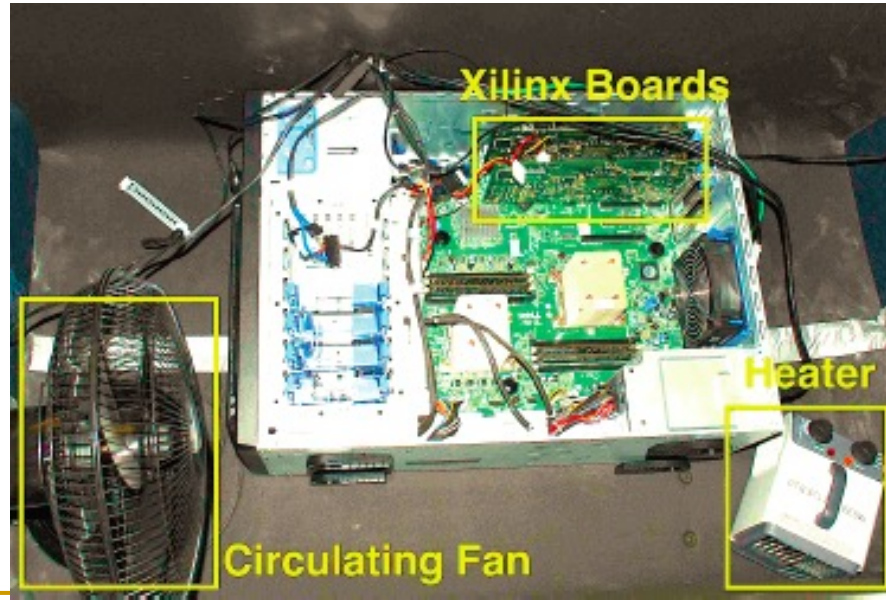

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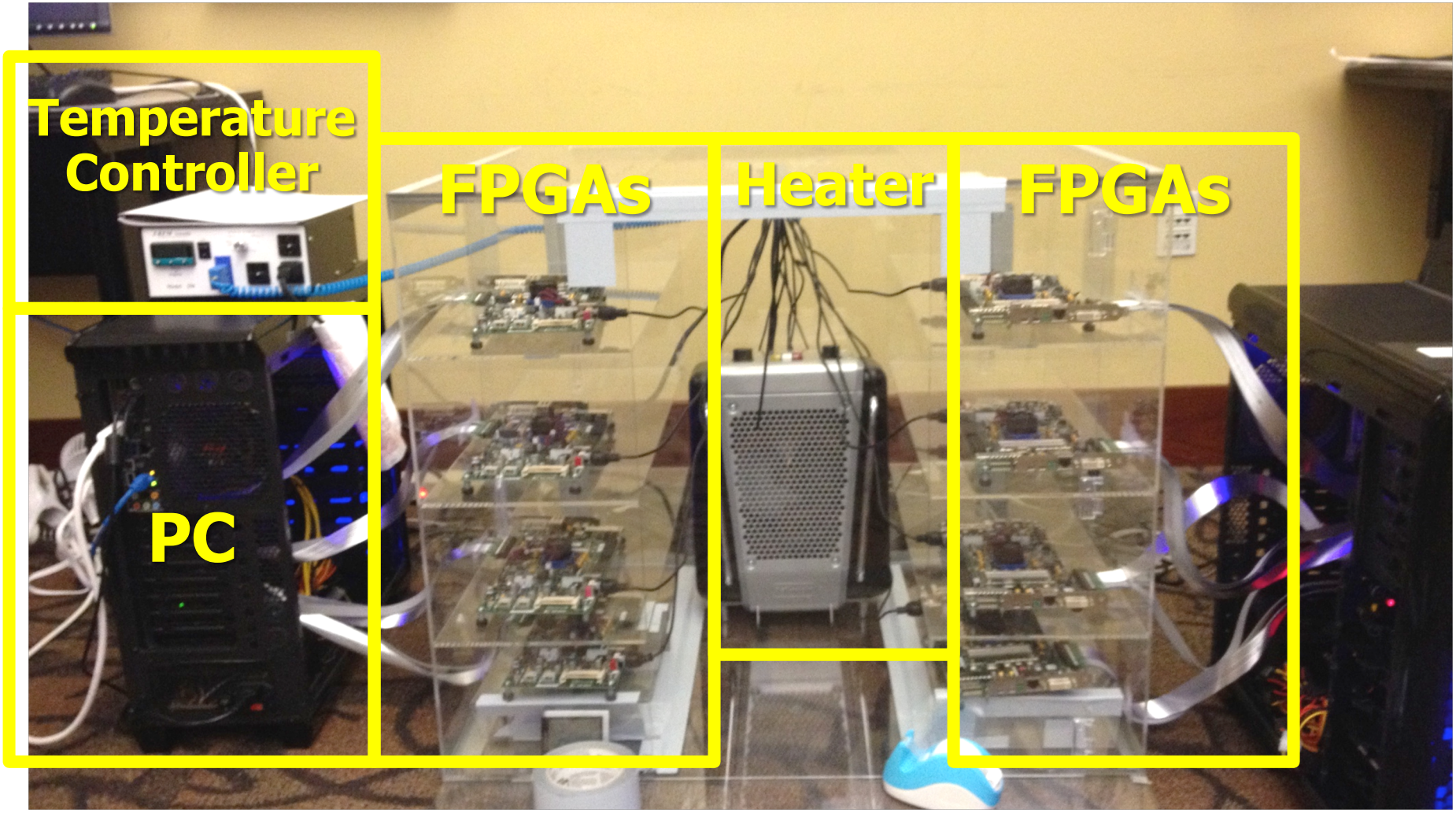

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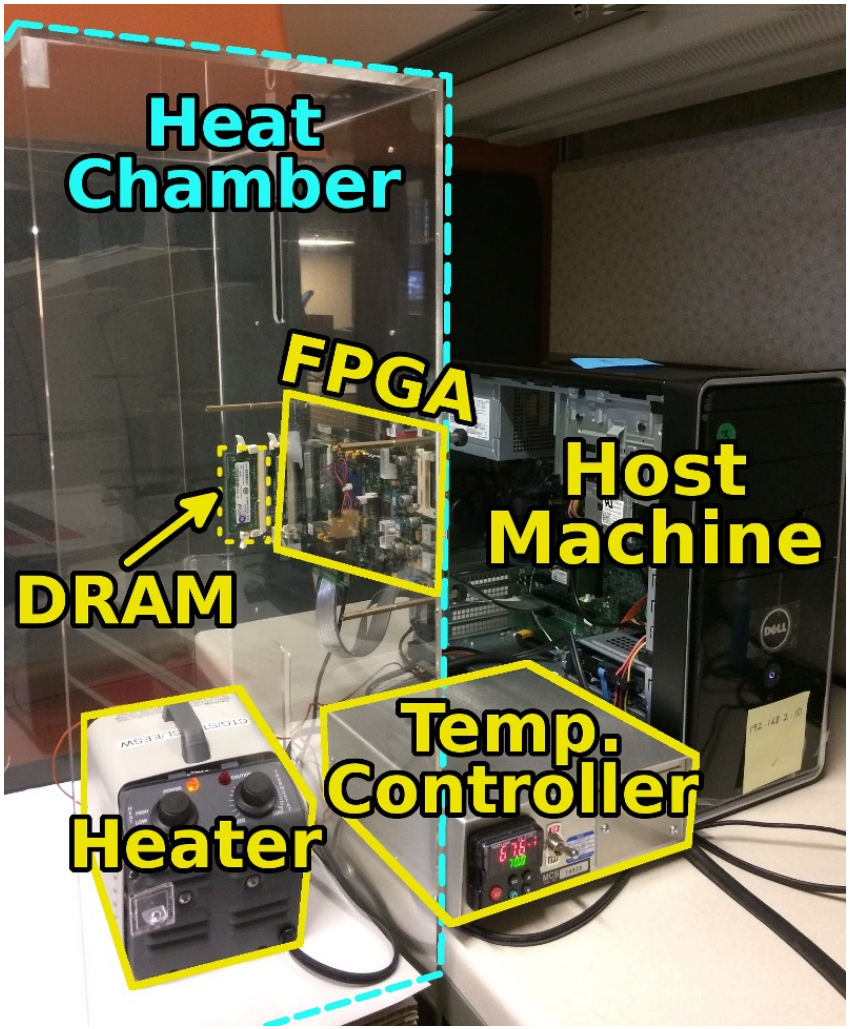

- **Flexible**
- **Easy to Use (C++ API)**
- **Open-source**

  github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC

SoftMC [HPCA 2017]

- https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/SoftMC

SoftMC: A Flexible and Practical Open-Source Infrastructure for Enabling Experimental DRAM Studies

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: RowHammer

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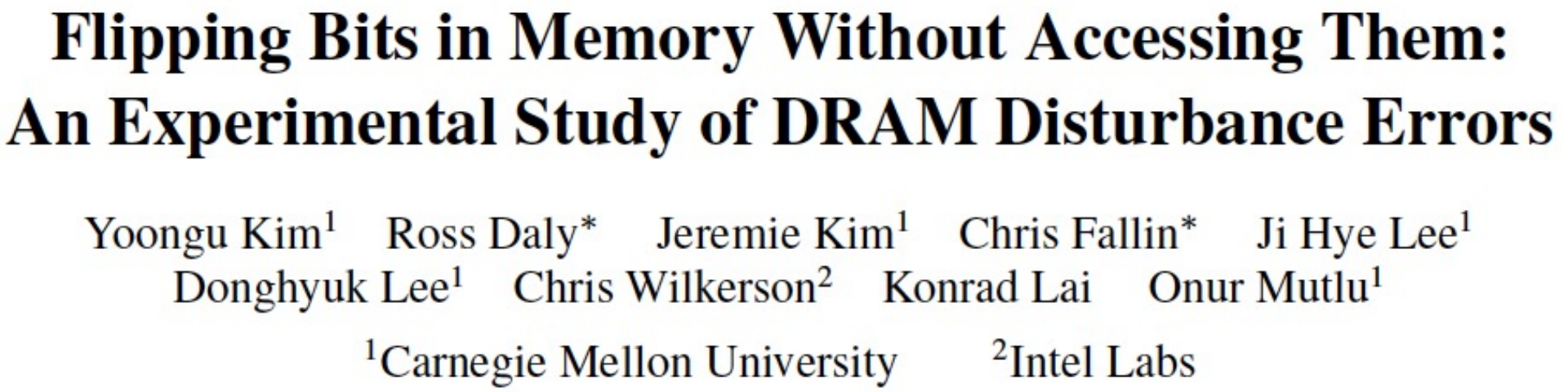

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors

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RowHammer: A Retrospective

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Revisiting RowHammer: An Experimental Analysis of Modern DRAM Devices and Mitigation Techniques

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: Latency

- Donghyuk Lee, Yoongu Kim, Gennady Pekhimenko, Samira Khan, Vivek Seshadri, Kevin Chang, and Onur Mutlu,
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Adaptive-Latency DRAM: Optimizing DRAM Timing for the Common-Case

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: Voltage

- Kevin Chang, A. Giray Yaglikci, Saugata Ghose, Aditya Agrawal, Niladrish Chatterjee, Abhijith Kashyap, Donghyuk Lee, Mike O'Connor, Hasan Hassan, and Onur Mutlu,
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Understanding and Modeling On-Die Error Correction in Modern DRAM: An Experimental Study Using Real Devices

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Power Measurement Platform

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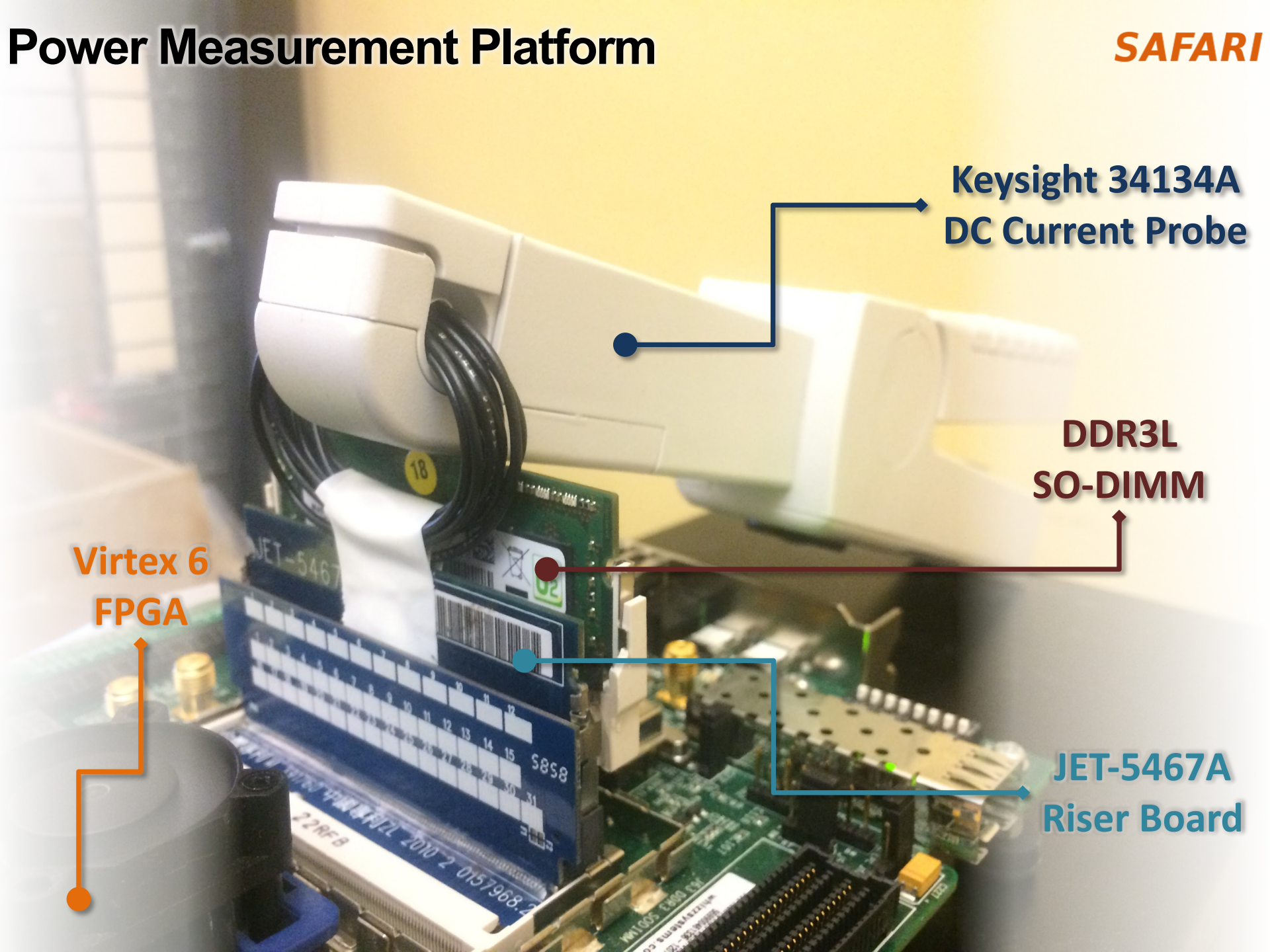

Infrastructure Enabled Research: Power

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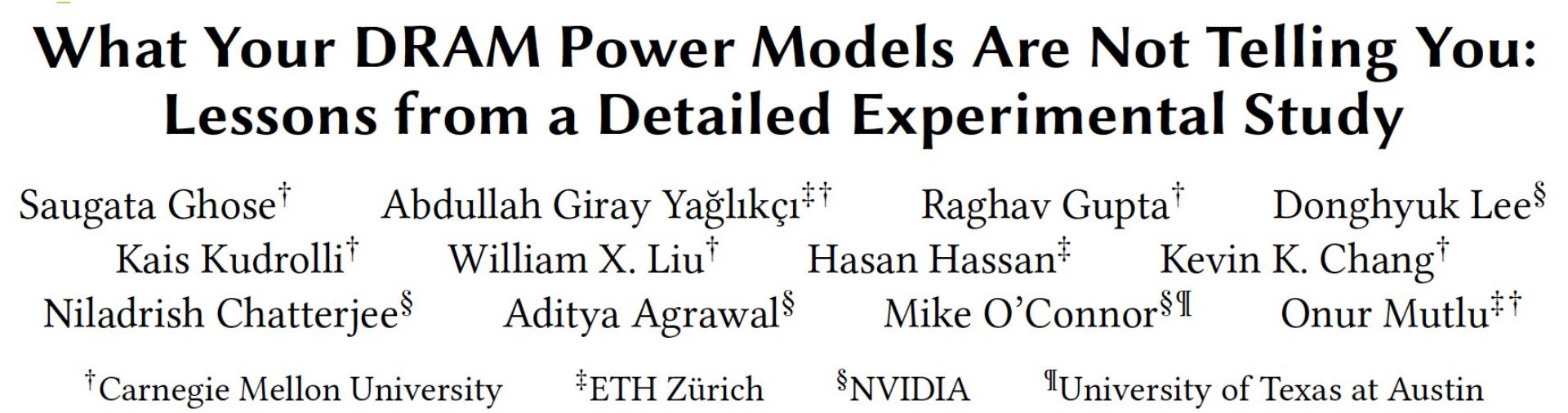

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: PUF

- Jeremie S. Kim, Minesh Patel, Hasan Hassan, and Onur Mutlu,
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The DRAM Latency PUF:
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Infrastructure Enabled Research: TRNG

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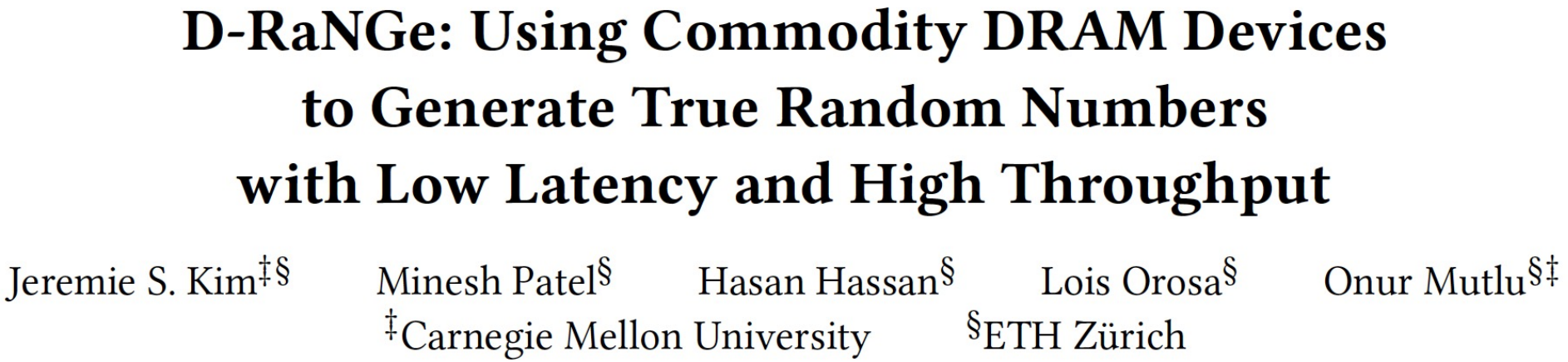

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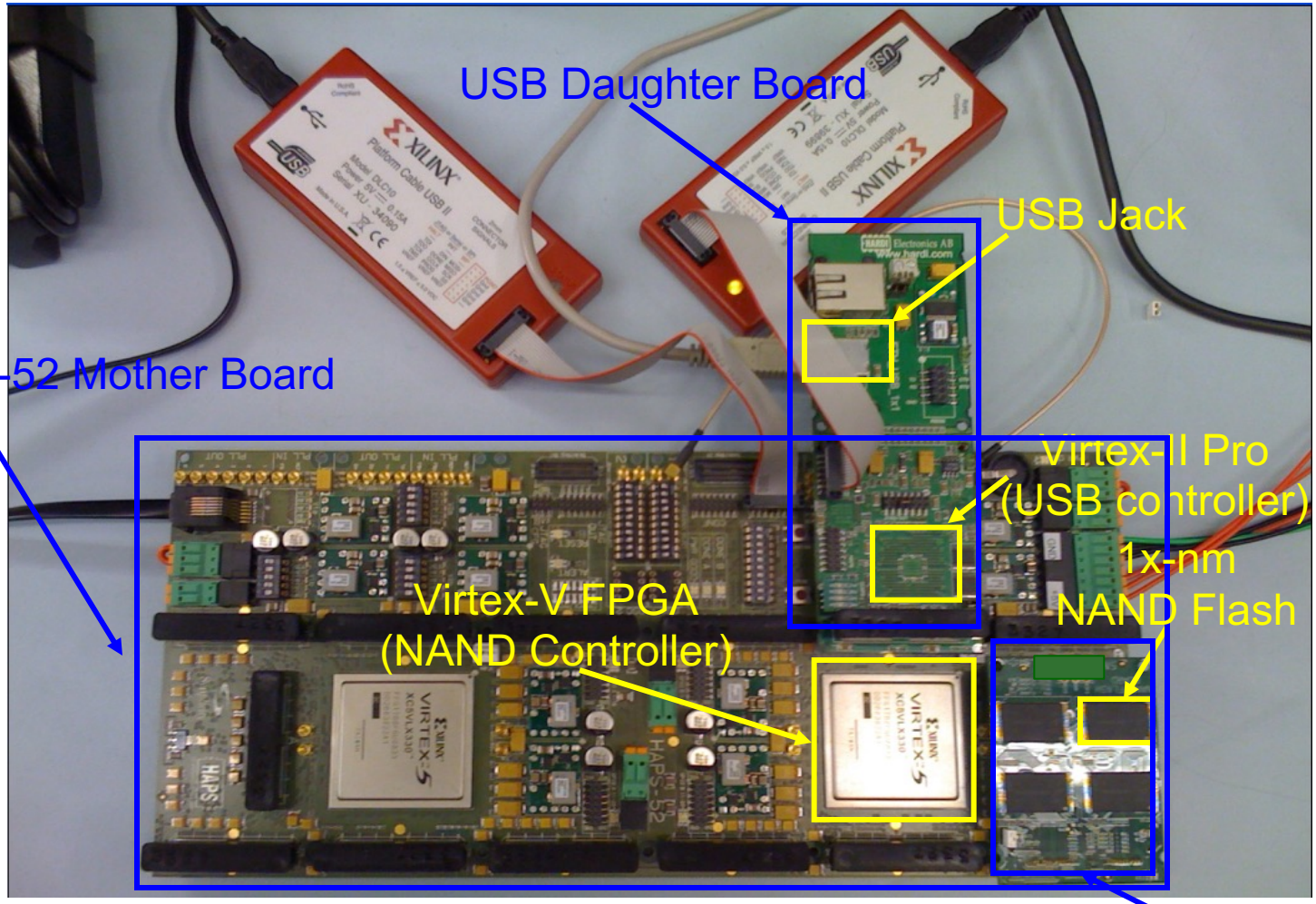
Our NAND Flash Infrastructure



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Infrastructure Enabled Research: SSD Errors

Proceedings of the IEEE, Sept. 2017

Error Characterization, Mitigation, and Recovery in Flash-Memory-Based Solid-State Drives

This paper reviews the most recent advances in solid-state drive (SSD) error characterization, mitigation, and data recovery techniques to improve both SSD's reliability and lifetime.

By Yu Cai, Saugata Ghose, Erich F. Haratsch, Yixin Luo, and Onur Mutlu

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.08642

Ramulator – DRAM Simulation Infrastructure

Segment	*DRAM Standards & Architectures*
Commodity	DDR3 (2007) [14]; DDR4 (2012) [18]
Low-Power	LPDDR3 (2012) [17]; LPDDR4 (2014) [20]
Graphics	GDDR5 (2009) [15]
Performance	eDRAM [28], [32]; RLDRAM3 (2011) [29]
3D-Stacked	WIO (2011) [16]; WIO2 (2014) [21]; MCDRAM (2015) [13]; HBM (2013) [19]; HMC1.0 (2013) [10]; HMC1.1 (2014) [11]
Academic	SBA/SSA (2010) [38]; Staged Reads (2012) [8]; RAIDR (2012) [27]; SALP (2012) [24]; TL-DRAM (2013) [26]; RowClone (2013) [37]; Half-DRAM (2014) [39]; Row-Buffer Decoupling (2014) [33]; SARP (2014) [6]; AL-DRAM (2015) [25]

Table 1. Landscape of DRAM-based memory

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Ramulator Paper and Source Code

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  "Ramulator: A Fast and Extensible DRAM Simulator"
  IEEE Computer Architecture Letters (***CAL***), March 2015.
  [Source Code]

- Source code is released under the liberal MIT License
  - https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/ramulator

Ramulator-PIM Paper and Source Code

- Gagandeep Singh, Juan Gomez-Luna, Giovanni Mariani, Geraldo F. Oliveira, Stefano Corda, Sander Stujik, Onur Mutlu, and Henk Corporaal,
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  *Proceedings of the 56th Design Automation Conference (**DAC**)*, Las Vegas, NV, USA, June 2019.
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- https://github.com/CMU-SAFARI/ramulator-pim

ZSim+Ramulator - A Processing-in-Memory Simulation Framework

ZSim+Ramulator is a framework for design space exploration of general-purpose Processing-in-Memory (PIM) architectures. The framework is based on two widely-known simulators: ZSim [1] and Ramulator [2][3].

Infrastructure Enabled Research: PIM (I)

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: PIM (II)

Processing Data Where It Makes Sense: Enabling In-Memory Computation

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: PIM (III)

A Workload and Programming Ease Driven Perspective of Processing-in-Memory

Saugata Ghose[†] Amirali Boroumand[†] Jeremie S. Kim[†§] Juan Gómez-Luna[§] Onur Mutlu[§†]

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Infrastructure Enabled Research: PIM (IV)

- Vivek Seshadri and Onur Mutlu,
  "In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise Execution Engine"
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  [Preliminary arXiv version]

In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise Execution Engine

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Question 2: Heterogeneity & Inclusiveness

- *How much is important the heterogeneity of the group? What about the inclusion?*

Principle: Diversity & Heterogeneity

- Diversity is very important
- No two people are the same -- everyone brings perspective
- Critical to be diverse, accepting, inclusive, heterogeneous
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Experience level
  - Education level
  - Geography (maybe natural in our field?)
- Critical for open, expressive culture
- Set a common goal and common culture

Principle: Environment of Freedom & Inclusion

Create an environment that values free exploration, openness, collaboration, hard work, creativity

Question 3: Choosing Students

- *Which are the main characteristics and skills one should take into account when choosing PhD students and researchers for new and (possibly) impactful research groups?*

How to Select PhD Students & Researchers

- Motivation and Mindset
- Creativity
- Resilience
- Hard work
- Boldness
- Perseverance, commitment
- Intellectual strength
- Openness to feedback
- Communicativeness
- Ability to execute things until the end
- …

A PhD is a long road. It is not for everyone. Commitment & resilience are critical.

How to Select Students

- https://safari.ethz.ch/apply/

Question 4 and Answer: Mentoring

- *Can mentoring young students and managing a group be taught?*

- Answer: Yes (and, the mentoring process can be managed)

- Mentoring is a critical part of a PhD

Question 5 and Answer: Emotional Intelligence

- *Emotional intelligence is considered today a key skill for managers and entrepreneurs. Do you believe that is it crucial also for research groups leaders?*

- Answer: Yes, absolutely

- Communication, understanding, mindset are all critical
  - And part of Emotional Intelligence

Question 6 and Answer: Hierarchy

- *How does the group's internal hierarchy impact work effectiveness? Is a strong hierarchy implying a reduction of diversity and heterogeneity or not?*

- Answer: Less hierarchy is better. Yet, tasks of different types of students are different (postdoc vs PhD students)

- Openness and valuing of every single person and idea, regardless of level or experience
- Valuing of mentorship
  - Inexperienced folks learn from experienced ones
- Everyone collaborates
- No (artificial) barriers between people

Food for Thought: Three Quotes

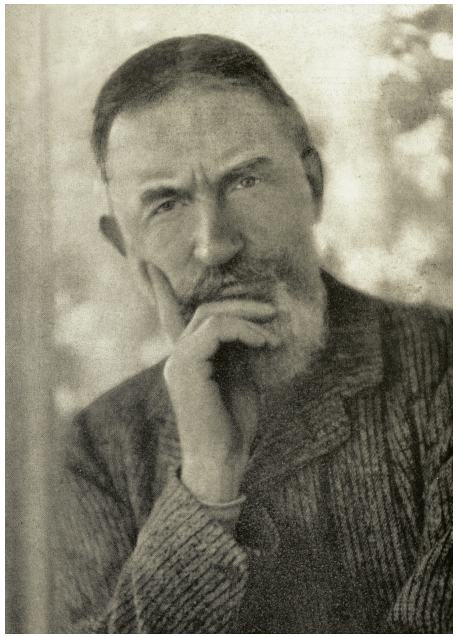
The reasonable man adapts himself to the world;

The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself.

Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

Progress is impossible without change,
and those who cannot change their minds
cannot change anything.

George Bernard Shaw



My heart is in the work.

Andrew Carnegie

Other Backup Slides

Some Resilience Examples from Our Research

Enabling DRAM to Compute at Low Cost

RowClone [MICRO'13]

- Vivek Seshadri, Yoongu Kim, Chris Fallin, Donghyuk Lee, Rachata Ausavarungnirun, Gennady Pekhimenko, Yixin Luo, Onur Mutlu, Michael A. Kozuch, Phillip B. Gibbons, and Todd C. Mowry,
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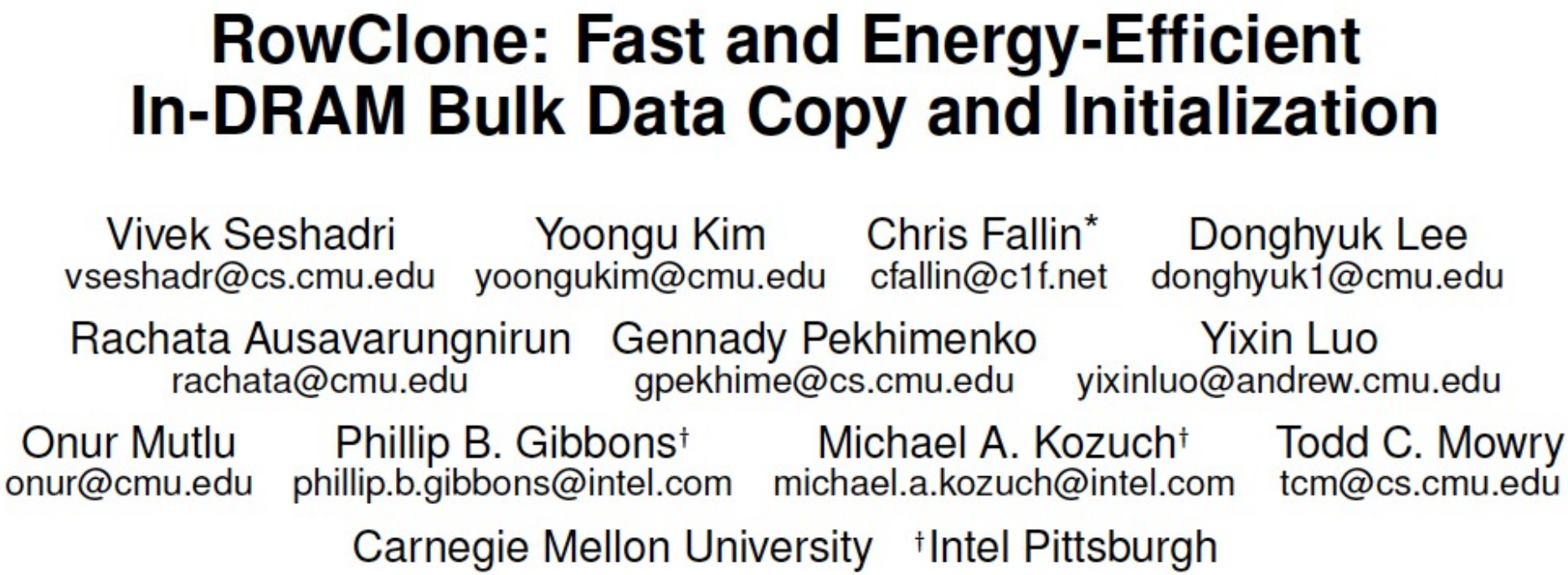

Ambit [MICRO'17]

- Vivek Seshadri et al., "**Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology**," MICRO 2017.

Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology

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- Vivek Seshadri and Onur Mutlu,
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In-DRAM Bulk Bitwise Execution Engine

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In-Memory Bulk Bitwise Operations

- We can support in-DRAM COPY, ZERO, AND, OR, NOT, MAJ
- At low cost
- Using analog computation capability of DRAM
  - Idea: activating multiple rows performs computation

- **30-74X performance and energy improvement**
  - Seshadri+, "Ambit: In-Memory Accelerator for Bulk Bitwise Operations Using Commodity DRAM Technology," MICRO 2017.

- New memory technologies enable even more opportunities

Ambit Sounds Good, No?

Review from ISCA 2016

Paper summary

The paper proposes to extend DRAM to include bulk, bit-wise logical
operations directly between rows within the DRAM.

Strengths

- Very clever/novel idea.

- Great potential speedup and efficiency gains.

Weaknesses

- Probably won't ever be built. Not practical to assume DRAM manufacturers with change DRAM in this way.

Another Review

Another Review from ISCA 2016

Strengths

The proposed mechanisms effectively exploit the operation of the DRAM to perform efficient bitwise operations across entire rows of the DRAM.

Weaknesses

This requires a modification to the DRAM that will only help this type of bitwise operation. It seems unlikely that something like that will be adopted.

Yet Another Review

Yet Another Review from ISCA 2016

Weaknesses

The core novelty of Buddy RAM is almost all circuits-related (by exploiting sense amps). I do not find architectural innovation even though the circuits technique benefits architecturally by mitigating memory bandwidth and relieving cache resources within a subarray. The only related part is the new ISA support for bitwise operations at DRAM side and its induced issue on cache coherence.

RowClone & Bitwise Ops in Real DRAM Chips

ComputeDRAM: In-Memory Compute Using Off-the-Shelf DRAMs

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Pinatubo: RowClone and Bitwise Ops in PCM

Pinatubo: A Processing-in-Memory Architecture for Bulk Bitwise Operations in Emerging Non-volatile Memories

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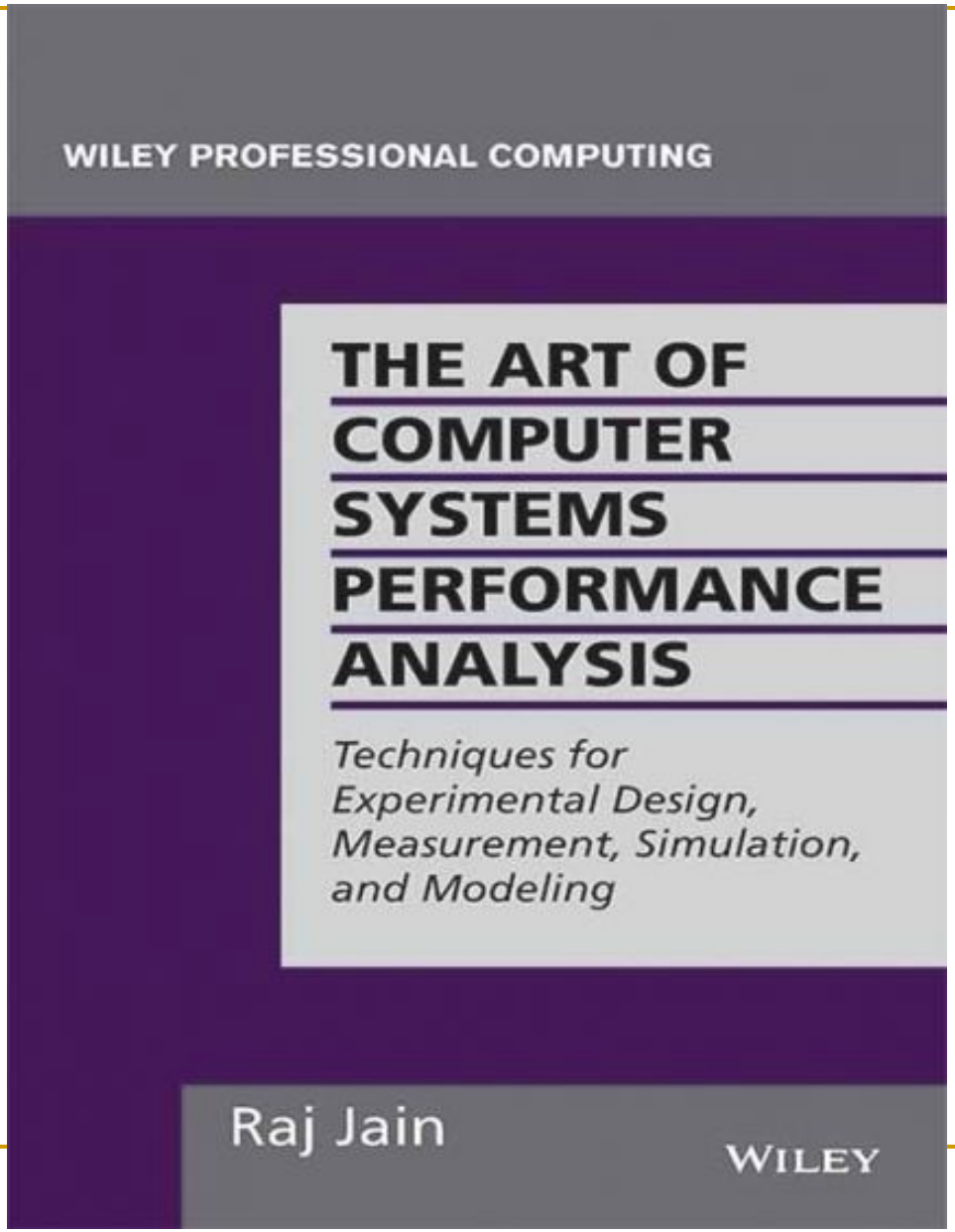
We Have a Mindset Issue…

- There are many other similar examples from reviews…
  - For many other papers…
- And, we are not even talking about JEDEC yet…
- How do we fix the mindset problem?
- By doing more research, education, implementation in alternative processing paradigms

We need to work on enabling the better future…

Aside: A Recommended Book



Raj Jain, "The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis," Wiley, 1991.

10.8 DECISION MAKER'S GAMES

Even if the performance analysis is correctly done and presented, it may not be enough to persuade your audience—the decision makers—to follow your recommendations. The list shown in Box 10.2 is a compilation of reasons for rejection heard at various performance analysis presentations. You can use the list by presenting it immediately and pointing out that the reason for rejection is not new and that the analysis deserves more consideration. Also, the list is helpful in getting the competing proposals rejected!

There is no clear end of an analysis. Any analysis can be rejected simply on the grounds that the problem needs more analysis. This is the first reason listed in Box 10.2. The second most common reason for rejection of an analysis and for endless debate is the workload. Since workloads are always based on the past measurements, their applicability to the current or future environment can always be questioned. Actually workload is one of the four areas of discussion that lead a performance presentation into an endless debate. These "rat holes" and their relative sizes in terms of time consumed are shown in Figure 10.26. Presenting this cartoon at the beginning of a presentation helps to avoid these areas.

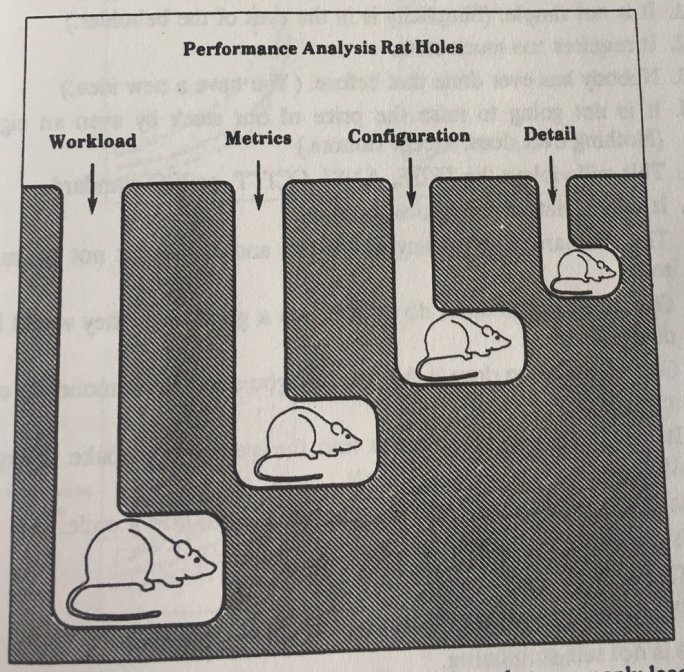


FIGURE 10.26 Four issues in performance presentations that commonly lead to endless discussion.

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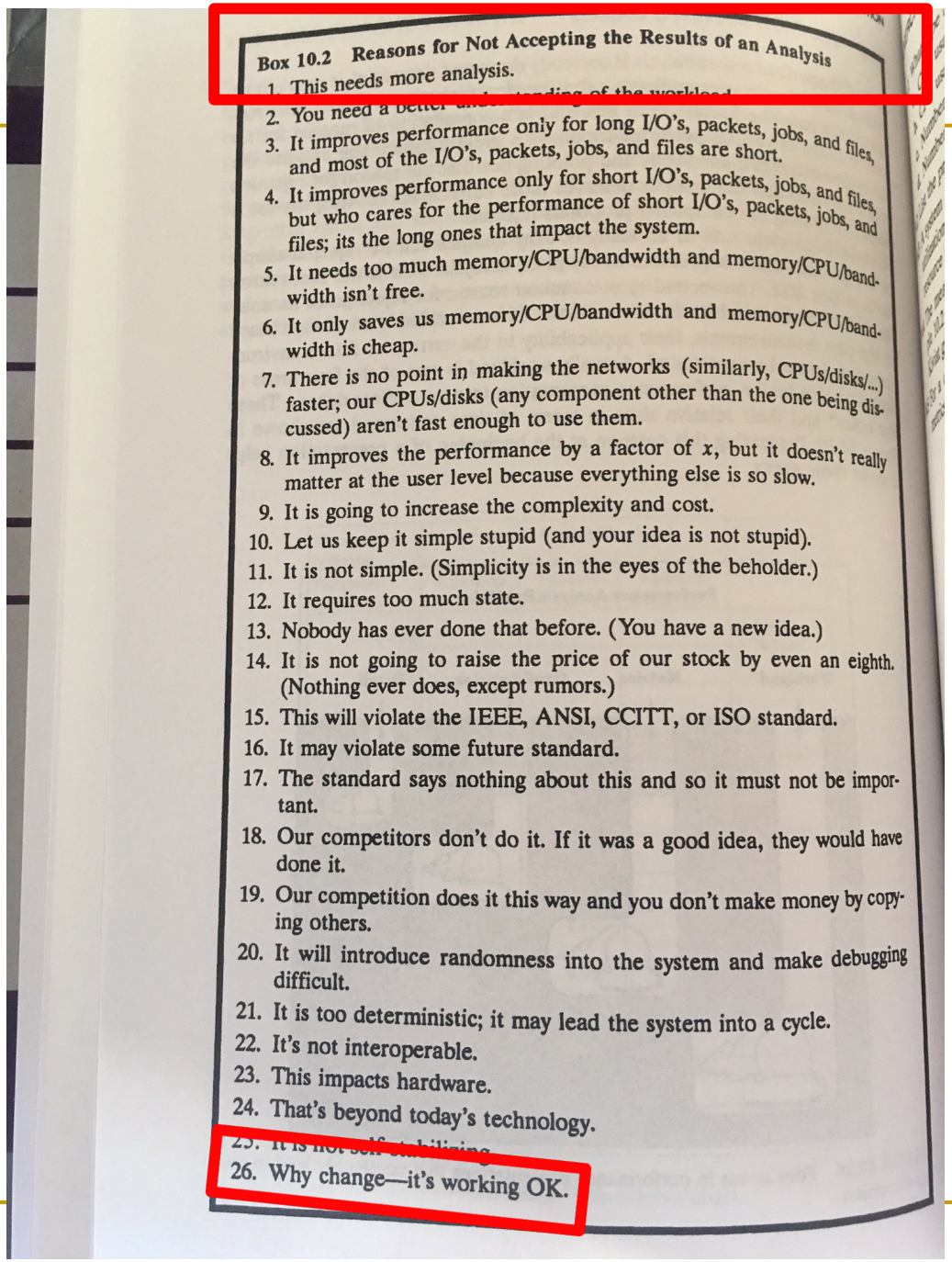

Box 10.2 Reasons for Not Accepting the Results of an Analysis

1. This needs more analysis.
2. You need a better understanding of the workload.
3. It improves performance only for long I/O's, packets, jobs, and files, and most of the I/O's, packets, jobs, and files are short.
4. It improves performance only for short I/O's, packets, jobs, and files, but who cares for the performance of short I/O's, packets, jobs, and files; its the long ones that impact the system.
5. It needs too much memory/CPU/bandwidth and memory/CPU/bandwidth isn't free.
6. It only saves us memory/CPU/bandwidth and memory/CPU/bandwidth is cheap.
7. There is no point in making the networks (similarly, CPUs/disks/...) faster; our CPUs/disks (any component other than the one being discussed) aren't fast enough to use them.
8. It improves the performance by a factor of x, but it doesn't really matter at the user level because everything else is so slow.
9. It is going to increase the complexity and cost.
10. Let us keep it simple stupid (and your idea is not stupid).
11. It is not simple. (Simplicity is in the eyes of the beholder.)
12. It requires too much state.
13. Nobody has ever done that before. (You have a new idea.)
14. It is not going to raise the price of our stock by even an eighth. (Nothing ever does, except rumors.)
15. This will violate the IEEE, ANSI, CCITT, or ISO standard.
16. It may violate some future standard.
17. The standard says nothing about this and so it must not be important.
18. Our competitors don't do it. If it was a good idea, they would have done it.
19. Our competition does it this way and you don't make money by copying others.
20. It will introduce randomness into the system and make debugging difficult.
21. It is too deterministic; it may lead the system into a cycle.
22. It's not interoperable.
23. This impacts hardware.
24. That's beyond today's technology.
25. It is not self-stabilizing.
26. Why change—it's working OK.

Raj Jain, "The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis," Wiley, 1991.

Suggestions to Reviewers

- Be fair; you do not know it all
- Be open-minded; you do not know it all
- Be accepting of diverse research methods: there is no single way of doing research
- Be constructive, not destructive
- Do not have double standards…

Do not block or delay scientific progress for non-reasons

Initial RowHammer Reviews

Disturbance Errors in DRAM: Demonstration, Characterization, and Prevention

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Missing the Point

Reviews from Micro 2013

PAPER WEAKNESSES

This is an excellent test methodology paper, but there is no micro-architectural or architectural content.

PAPER WEAKNESSES

- Whereas they show disturbance may happen in DRAM array, authors don't show it can be an issue in realistic DRAM usage scenario
- Lacks architectural/microarchitectural impact on the DRAM disturbance analysis

PAPER WEAKNESSES

The mechanism investigated by the authors is one of many well known disturb mechanisms. The paper does not discuss the root causes to sufficient depth and the importance of this mechanism compared to others. Overall the length of the sections restating known information is much too long in relation to new work.

Dismissing Science

Reviews from ISCA 2014

PAPER WEAKNESSES

1) The disturbance error (a.k.a coupling or cross-talk noise induced error) is a known problem to the DRAM circuit community.

2) What you demonstrated in this paper is so called DRAM row hammering issue - you can even find a Youtube video showing this! - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3-gQSnBcdo

2) The architectural contribution of this study is too insignificant.

PAPER WEAKNESSES

- Row Hammering appears to be well-known, and solutions have already been proposed by industry to address the issue.

- The paper only provides a qualitative analysis of solutions to the problem. A more robust evaluation is really needed to know whether the proposed solution is necessary.

Final RowHammer Reviews

Flipping Bits in Memory Without Accessing Them: An Experimental Study of DRAM Disturbance Errors

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Suggestion to Community

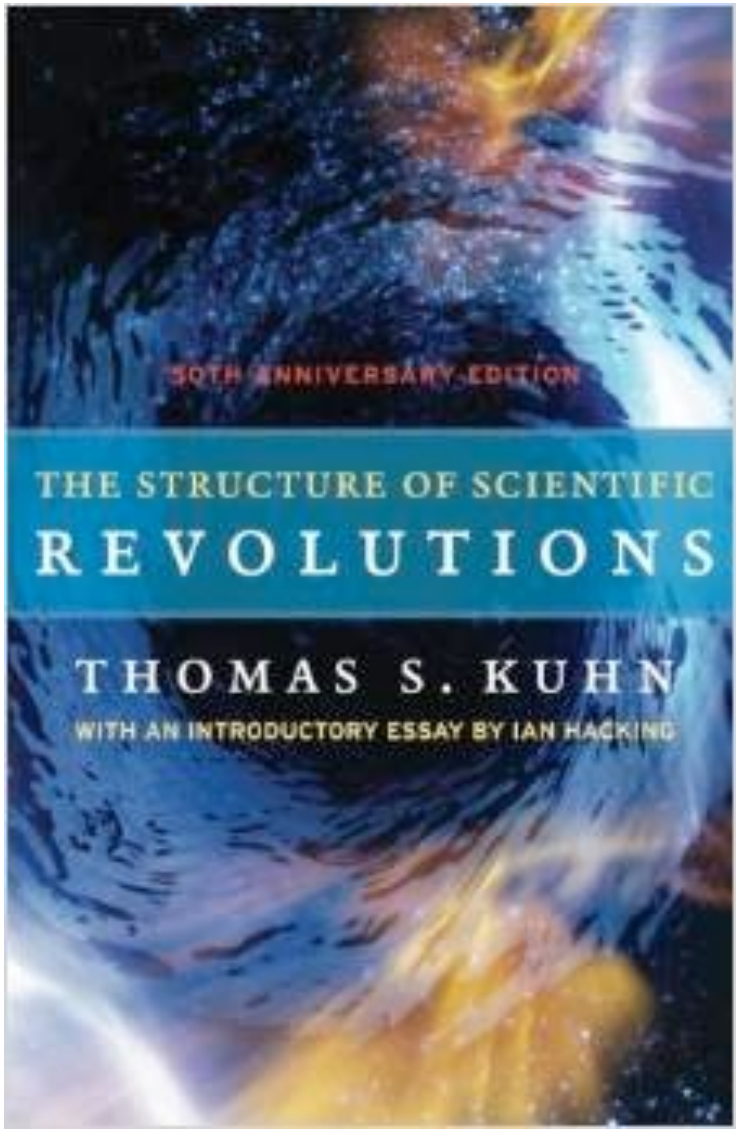
We Need to Fix the Reviewer Accountability Problem

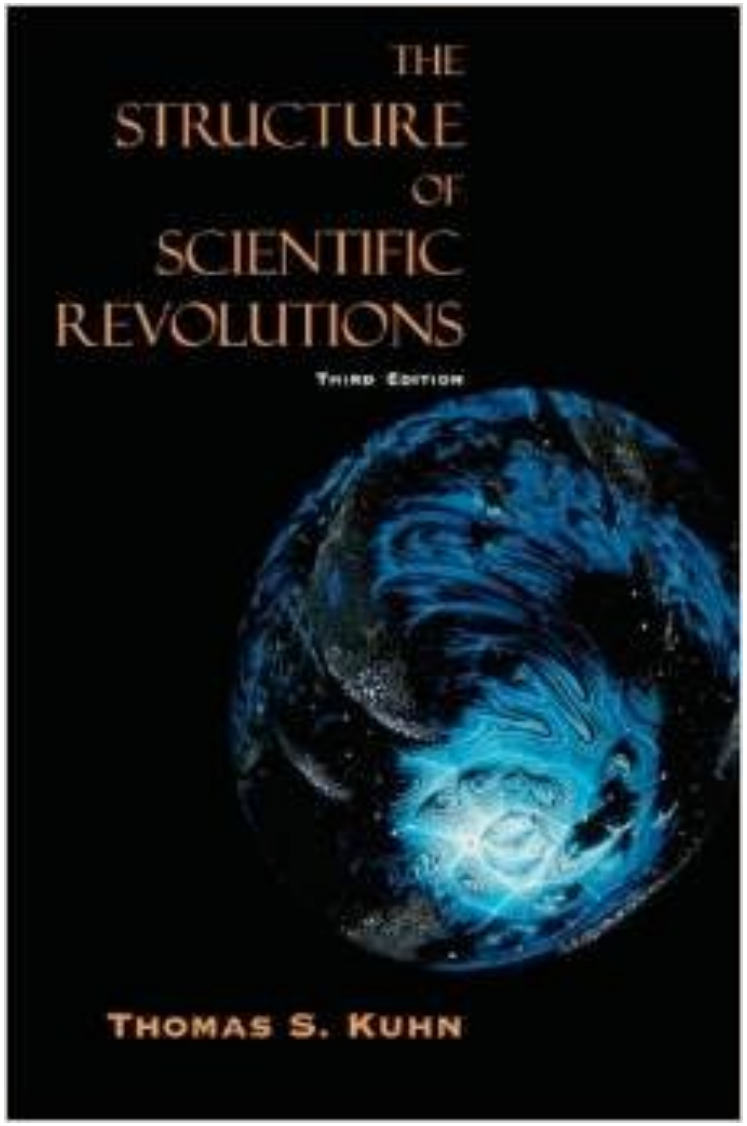
Suggestion to Community

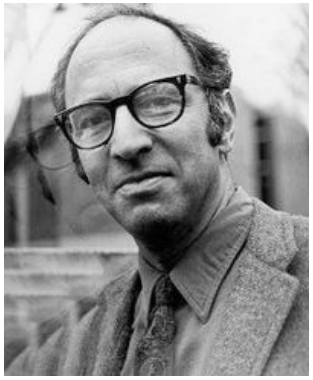
Eliminate

Double Standards

Another Recommended Book







Computer Architecture Today

- You can revolutionize the way computers are built, if you understand both the hardware and the software (and change each accordingly)

- You can invent new paradigms for computation, communication, and storage
- Recommended book: Thomas Kuhn, "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions" (1962)
  - Pre-paradigm science: no clear consensus in the field
  - Normal science: dominant theory used to explain/improve things (business as usual); exceptions considered anomalies
  - Revolutionary science: underlying assumptions re-examined

Suggestion to Researchers: Principle: Passion

Follow Your Passion

(Do not get derailed by naysayers)

Suggestion to Researchers: Principle: Resilience

Be Resilient

Principle: Learning and Scholarship

Focus on

learning and scholarship

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The quality of your work defines your impact

More Thoughts and Suggestions

- Onur Mutlu,
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