

# BEN (DAPU) WANG

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Pennsylvania - Rising Senior

Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology

BS. Electrical Engineering and BS. Economics at Wharton School of Business

Sep 2018 - Present

GPA: 3.63

## EXPERIENCE

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### EleutherAI: AI Research Group

Researcher/Engineer

March 2020 - Present

Skills: JAX/TensorFlow/Python, Large Model Engineering/Optimizations

- Implemented [model parallel transformer training framework](#) using JAX and Google Cloud TPU pods. Achieves 61% of peak theoretical performance with data movement and model structure optimizations. Trained 6B parameter GPT model to completion while achieving similar downstream performance to GPT-3 models of similar size in 4 weeks with a TPU v3-256.
- Prototyping novel [model parallel training method](#) using pipelined, weight stationary reversible networks to reduce interconnect bandwidth by 15x, while operating over heterogeneous and preemptible nodes.
- Constructed large (10B+ parameter) models on Google TPUs Pods using Mesh TensorFlow for autoregressive language modelling

### Formula SAE Electric Racing Team: Penn Electric Racing

Autonomous Perception Lead

Oct 2018 - Present

Skills: Embedded C++, Computer Vision, PyTorch, Machine Learning

- Designed 480 frame per second, quad camera perception pipeline utilizing convolutional neural networks and multi-perspective and point algorithms for autonomous racing competition using award winning 4 wheel drive electric vehicle
- Built and trained custom CNN based on anchor-free methods for single pass object and pose detection with extensive use of data augmentation, self distillation and synthetic data to achieve state of the art results with limited labeled data
- Achieved 50ms end to end perception system latency, with 25cm cone localization accuracy up to a range of 25m

### ODrive Robotics: High Performance Motion Control

Firmware Engineer

March 2019 - August 2019

Skills: C++/Python, High performance stream processing

- Implemented software(Python)/firmware(C++) performance improvements which reduced USB connection latency by 10x
- Implemented high frequency (48kHz) data collection and graphing system with real time latency requirements

### Althea: Blockchain Incentivized Mesh Networking

Software Engineer

Jan 2018 - Sep 2018

Skills: Rust, Blockchain, Linux Networking

- Wrote and maintained mesh connection negotiation (Wireguard), blockchain authentication and billing software now deployed to hundreds of OpenWRT routers in 5 countries, providing competitive low cost internet service to underserved communities
- Implemented MVP of bidirectional blockchain (Ethereum) payment channel client using actor based asynchronous architecture in Rust, including cryptographic commitments routines and UDP based networking layer

## PATENTS/PUBLICATIONS

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### LFTag: A Scalable Visual Fiducial System with Low Spatial Frequency

IEEE CVIV (Computer Vision, Image and Virtualization), best oral presentation

Published Sep 2020

DOI: 10.1109/CTISC49998.2020.00030

### Field Configurable Electrical Routing Matrix for Electronic Prototyping

Australian Innovation Patent: AU2015101706

Granted Nov 2015

### Chair Mounted Optical Posture Sensor

Australian Innovation Patent: AU2016100723

Granted Mar 2016

## COMMERCIALIZED PRODUCTS

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### Perf+: Compact and Efficient Electronic Prototyping Board

Inventor: Hardware Crowdfunding Project

May 2015 - Present

Skills: Project Management, Outsourcing

- Used Kickstarter and Crowd Supply to raise \$25,000 from 832 backers for development and volume manufacturing
- Over 15,000 boards were manufactured in Shenzhen and all rewards fulfilled ahead of schedule to positive user reception

### RemoteBoot: Remote Management module for Desktop Computers

Inventor: Hardware/Software Crowdfunding Project

Nov 2015 - Present

Skills: ESP8266, C/C++, HTML, JS

- Raised AU\$17,589 from 431 backers for manufacturing and further development, with all rewards fulfilled to positive reception
- Deployed over 1000 devices worldwide, which have saved over 500MWh, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 350 tons

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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Programming Languages  
Software & Tools

Python, Rust, C/C++, HTML, JavaScript, Java  
Linux, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Numpy, FreeRTOS, TensorRT