R&D Engineer in High Performance Computing

Education

2017 – 2021 Grenoble (FR)

PhD in Computer Science

Université Grenoble Alpes

Under the supervision of Arnaud Legrand.

High Performance Computing: Towards Better Performance Predictions and Experiments

- I present a methodology for predicting the performance of parallel non-trivial applications through simulation. I describe several models for communications and computations, with an increasing complexity. I compare these models through an extensive validation by matching the predictions with real experiments. This validation shows that modeling the spatial and temporal variability of the platform is essential for faithful predictions. As a consequence, predictions require careful sensibility analysis accounting for the uncertainty on the resource models, which I illustrate through several case studies.
- I present the lessons learned while making the numerous experiments required in the first
 part and how I improved the methodology. I show that measurements can suffer from
 multiple experimental biases and I explain how some of these biases can be overcome.
 I also present how I implemented systematic performance non-regression testing, which
 allowed to detect many significant changes of the platform throughout this thesis.
- Main results published at Cluster'19 conference (CORE A) [CLH19] and in JPDC journal (CORE A) [CL22].

2015 – 2017 Grenoble (FR)

Master's & Engineering Degrees in Computer Science (M1-M2)

Ensimag

Graduate specialization in parallel and distributed systems.

Obtained a Master of Science, with the highest honor, ranked $2^{nd}/88$.

2013 – 2015 Lyon (FR) **Bachelor's Degree in Theoretical Computer Science (L3-M1)**

ENS Lyon

Undergraduate and postgraduate intensive program in theoretical computer science.

Obtained a Bachelor of Science, with great honor.

2011 – 2013 Grenoble (FR) **Undergraduate program (L1-L2)**

Université Grenoble Alpes

Undergraduate program in computer science and mathematics.

Experience

Dec/21 – now Remote (FR)

HPC R&D Engineer

Intel

Work on the performance prediction of MPI application.

Oct/17 – Dec/17 Chicago (US)

Performance Variability in Supercomputers

Argonne Laboratory

Under the supervision of Swann Perarnau.

Carried experiments and statistical analyses to characterize performance variability.

Feb/17 – Jul/17 Grenoble (FR)

Efficient Simulation of Large-Scale MPI Applications

Inria

Under the supervision of Arnaud Legrand.

- Modified the simulator and the simulated application to enable large scale simulations.
- · Outcome: simulate executions several orders of magnitude larger.
- Obtained results for the large scale experiment of a conference article [Hei+17].

May/16 - Aug/16 Walldorf (DE)

Multicast Communication in SAP HANA

SAP

Under the supervision of Norman May.

- Analyzed several multicast algorithms.
 - Implemented these algorithms in C++, using HANA codebase.

May/15 – Aug/15 Grenoble (FR)

Job Isolation in Fat Tree Topologies

Bull

Under the supervision of Matthieu Perotin.

- Designed several algorithms to prevent the leak of sensitive information in a cluster.
- Results published in a conference article [PC17].

Jun/13 – Jul/13 Grenoble (FR)

Monitoring of Distributed Systems

Université Grenoble Alpes

Under the supervision of Yliès Falcone.

- Designed an algorithm for decentralized monitoring of distributed systems.
- Results published in a conference article [FCF14].

Teaching

Jan/20 - Mar/20 Grenoble (FR)	Statistical Modeling and Literate Programming 20 hours – 3 rd year students (L3) in business informatics. Data analysis and visualization in R.	Université Grenoble Alpes
Sep/19 – Dec/19 Grenoble (FR)	Algorithmics and Imperative Programming 30 hours – 3 rd year students (L3) in software engineer school. Computational complexity, correctness proof, data structures.	Polytech Grenoble
Sep/18 – Dec/18 Grenoble (FR)	Principles of Operating Systems 30 hours – 4 th year students (M1) in computer science. Memory allocation, multithreading, synchronization, buffered I/O	Université Grenoble Alpes , performance evaluation.
Sep/18 – Dec/18 Grenoble (FR)	Software Development Basis 30 hours – 2 nd year students (L2) in computer science. Functional & robustness testing, modularization, type abstraction	Université Grenoble Alpes
Jan/18 - May/18 Grenoble (FR)	Introduction to Python 64 hours – 1 st year students (L1) in earth science. Variables and types, control flow statements, data structures, file	Université Grenoble Alpes

Publications

Published Articles

[CL22] Simulation-based Optimization and Sensibility Analysis of MPI Applications: Variability Matters Cornebize, T. and Legrand, A.

URL: https://hal.inria.fr/hal-03141988

Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (Apr. 2022). Elsevier2022

[CLH19] Fast and Faithful Performance Prediction of MPI Applications: the HPL Case Study

Cornebize, T.; Legrand, A., and Heinrich, F. C.

URL: https://hal.inria.fr/hal-02096571

2019 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (CLUSTER), 2019

[Hei+17] Predicting the Energy Consumption of MPI Applications at Scale Using a Single Node

Heinrich, F. C.; Cornebize, T.; Degomme, A.; Legrand, A.; Carpen-Amarie, A.; Hunold, S.; Orgerie, A.-C., and Quinson, M.

URL: https://hal.inria.fr/hal-01523608

2017 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (CLUSTER), 2017

[PC17] Isolating Jobs for Security on High-Performance Fabrics

Perotin, M. and Cornebize, T.

2017 IEEE 3rd International Workshop on High-Performance Interconnection Networks in the Exascale and Big-Data Era (HiPINEB), 2017

[FCF14] Efficient and Generalized Decentralized Monitoring of Regular Languages

Falcone, Y.; Cornebize, T., and Fernandez, J.-C.

URL: https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-00972559

34th Formal Techniques for Networked and Distributed Systems (FORTE), 2014

Thesis

[Cor21] High Performance Computing : towards better Performance Predictions and Experiments Cornebize, T.

URL: https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-03328956

June 2021

[Cor17] Capacity Planning of Supercomputers: Simulating MPI Applications at Scale

Cornebize, T.

URL: https://hal.inria.fr/hal-01544827

June 2017

Software Projects

cornebize.net/g5k_test

Performance tests on Grid'5000.

- On a near-daily basis, run micro-benchmarks on hundreds of Grid'5000 nodes.
- Statistical tests on several observed metrics (e.g. CPU performance, frequency, power consumption, temperature).
- Detected several events that affected significantly the nodes performance and went unnoticed by both the staff and the users (e.g. cooling issue, faulty memory, power instability, BIOS upgrade).

Aug/18 - May/21

Peanut

github.com/Ezibenroc/peanut

Experiment engine for Grid'5000.

- Experiments written as readable and concise Python scripts.
- · Common tasks (e.g. node deployment, resource monitoring) factorized in the engine.
- Experiment data and meta-data automatically collected in an archive.

Mar/18 - May/21

Pycewise

github.com/Ezibenroc/pycewise

Python module to compute a segmented linear regression.

Implemented using a two-phase greedy algorithm. Several objective functions are available:

- Ordinary Least Square,
- · Weighted Least Square,
- Logarithmic Least Square.

Feb/17 - now

Contribution to Simgrid

simgrid.org

Simulation of distributed computer systems.

Contributed to SMPI, the simulator of MPI applications.

- Implemented several features to improve the simulation efficiency.
- Greatly improved the calibration procedure for modeling an existing platform.

May/16 - now

Contribution to Roaring bitmap

roaringbitmap.org

Fast and lightweight set for unsigned 32 bits integers.

- Contributed to CRoaring, the C library.
 - Implemented range constructor, selection and subset queries.
 - Fixed several bugs.
 - Repository: github.com/roaringBitmap/CRoaring
- Developed PyRoaring, a Python wrapper for the C library.
 - Similar API than the built-in Python set, but several orders of magnitude faster.
 - Used the Cython programming language.
 - Extensive tests caught several bugs of the C library.
 - Repository: github.com/Ezibenroc/PyRoaringBitMap

Sep/14 - Dec/14

Platypus

askplatyp.us

Modular and open source question answering framework.

- Developed a question parsing module in Python, with a grammatical approach (Stanford CoreNLP and NLTK libraries).
- Framework currently used and valorized by Lexistems SAS.

Invited Talks

May/21 Practical Approach to Experiment Management

Online Datamove Seminar, Inria Grenoble

Oct/20 Measuring the Duration of a Matrix Product is Harder than you Think

Online XUG meeting, Inria Rennes

Sep/20 Performance Prediction of High Performance Linpack: a Long Journey

Online PC2/HIT Seminar, Paderborn University

Sep/20 DGEMM Performance is Data-Dependent

Online 11th JLESC Workshop

May/20 **Detecting Changes on Grid'5000 Machines**

Online Polaris Seminar, Inria Grenoble

Nov/19 Quality Assurance of a HPC Cluster: Testing for Performance non-Regression

Grenoble (FR) Journée des utilisateurs GRICAD