

# Linjian Ma

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| <b>Numerical analysis</b>         | numerical linear algebra, tensor decompositions, tensor networks, randomized algorithms, numerical optimizations |
| <b>High performance computing</b> | parallel algorithms, communication-avoiding algorithms, scalable mathematical systems                            |
| <b>Quantum computing</b>          | quantum linear algebra, simulation of quantum algorithms   |

## EDUCATION BACKGROUNDS

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| <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b><br>PhD, Computer Science, Advisor: <i>Edgar Solomonik</i><br>Area: Scientific Computing                           | August 2019 - Expected 2023<br>GPA: 3.96/4.0  |
| <b>University of California, Berkeley</b><br>MEng, Computer Science, Advisor: <i>Michael Mahoney</i><br>Track: Data Science & Systems                               | August 2018 - May 2019<br>Major GPA: 3.94/4.0 |
| <b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b><br>MS, Mechanical Engineering, Advisor: <i>N.R. Aluru</i><br>Concentration: Computational Science and Engineering | August 2016 - May 2018<br>GPA: 3.97/4.0       |
| <b>Zhejiang University</b><br>BE, Energy Engineering, Advisor: <i>Tao Wang and Zhongyang Luo</i><br>Graduate with Honors, Chu Kochen Honors College                 | August 2012 - June 2016<br>GPA: 3.95/4.0      |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| <b>Kenichi Miura Award</b> , UIUC                                      | 2021      |
| <b>Mavis Future Faculty Fellow</b> , UIUC                              | 2021-2022 |
| <b>SIAM Student Travel Award</b> , CSE21, LA21                         | 2021      |
| <b>Kuck Computational Science &amp; Engineering Scholarship</b> , UIUC | 2020      |
| <b>Computer Science Gene Golub Fellowship</b> , UIUC                   | 2019      |
| <b>Graduate with Honor</b> , ZJU                                       | 2016      |
| <b>Meritorious Winner</b> , Mathematical Contest In Modeling (MCM)     | 2015      |
| <b>National Scholarship</b> for Undergraduate, ZJU                     | 2014      |
| <b>The First Class Scholarship</b> for Outstanding Students, ZJU       | 2013-2014 |
| <b>The First Prize</b> in China Undergraduates Mathematical Contest    | 2013      |

## PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>First author presentations</b> | SIAM'LA 2021, IPDPS 2021, SIAM'CSE 2021, PACT 2020, SIAM'PP 2020, Berkeley'SCseminar 2019, USNCCM 2017 |
| <b>Posters</b>                    | SIAM'PP 2020, AAAI 2020  |

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] Navjot Singh, **Linjian Ma**, Hongru Yang, and Edgar Solomonik, Comparison of Accuracy and Scalability of Gauss-Newton and Alternating Least Squares for CP Decomposition, *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing (SISC)*, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- [2] **Linjian Ma** and Edgar Solomonik, Efficient Parallel CP Decomposition with Pairwise Perturbation and Multi-sweep Dimension Tree, *International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS'21)*, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- [3] **Linjian Ma\***, Jiayu Ye\*, and Edgar Solomonik, AutoHOOT: Automatic High-Order Optimization for Tensors, *International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT'20)*, 2020. [\[link\]](#)
- [4] Sheng Shen, Zhen Dong, Jiayu Ye, **Linjian Ma**, Zhewei Yao, Amir Gholami, Michael W. Mahoney, and Kurt Keutzer, Q-BERT: Hessian Based Ultra Low Precision Quantization of BERT, *AAAI'20*, 2020. [\[link\]](#)
- [5] **Linjian Ma\***, Gabe Montague\*, Jiayu Ye\*, Zhewei Yao, Amir Gholami, Kurt Keutzer, and Michael W. Mahoney, Inefficiency of K-FAC for Large Batch Size Training, *AAAI'20*, 2020. [\[link\]](#)
- [6] **Linjian Ma**, Pikee Priya, and N. R. Aluru, A Multiscale Model for Electrochemical Reactions in LSCF Based Solid Oxide Cells, *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*, 2018. [\[link\]](#)

## PREPRINTS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

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- [1] Zhewei Yao, **Linjian Ma**, Sheng Shen, Kurt Keutzer, and Michael W. Mahoney, MLPruning: A Multilevel Structured Pruning Framework for Transformer-based Models, *arXiv:2105.14636*, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- [2] **Linjian Ma** and Chao Yang, Low Rank Approximation in Simulations of Quantum Algorithms, *arXiv:2104.11396*, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- [3] **Linjian Ma** and Edgar Solomonik, Fast and Accurate Randomized Algorithms for Low-rank Tensor Decompositions, *arXiv:2104.01101*, 2021. [\[link\]](#)
- [4] **Linjian Ma** and Edgar Solomonik, Accelerating Alternating Least Squares for Tensor Decomposition by Pairwise Perturbation, *arXiv:1811.10573*, 2018. [\[link\]](#)
- [5] **Linjian Ma**, A Multiscale Model for the Oxide Ion Conducting and Proton Conducting Solid Oxide Cells, *MS thesis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, 2018. [\[link\]](#)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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| <b>Lab for Parallel Numerical Algorithms, UIUC</b><br>Research Assistant, Advisor: <i>Edgar Solomonik</i><br>Topic: <i>On efficient algorithms and systems for numerical tensor algebra</i>                          | August 2019 - Now       |
| <b>Center for Computational Quantum Physics, Flatiron Institute</b><br>Research Intern, Advisor: <i>Miles Stoudenmire and Matthew Fishman</i><br>Topic: <i>Automatic differentiation systems for tensor networks</i> | June 2021 - August 2021 |
| <b>Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</b><br>Research Intern, Advisor: <i>Chao Yang</i><br>Topic: <i>Low-rank approximation in simulations of quantum algorithms</i>  | May 2020 - August 2020  |
| <b>Wave Computing &amp; Berkeley AI Research (BAIR)</b><br>Machine Learning Intern<br>Topic: <i>Compressing large scale neural networks based on second-order information</i>  | May 2019 - August 2019  |
| <b>RiseLab, UC Berkeley</b><br>Research Assistant, Advisor: <i>Michael Mahoney</i><br>Capstone project: <i>Second-order optimization of neural network learning</i>  | August 2018 - May 2019  |

Beckman Institute, UIUC

August 2016 - December 2017

Research Assistant, Advisor: *N.R. Aluru*

Thesis: *A multiscale model for the oxide ion conducting and proton conducting solid oxide cells*

## SERVICES

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**Teaching Assistant**      CS 450 Numerical Analysis (Fall 2020)

## SKILLS

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| <b>Programming Languages</b> | Python, C/C++, Julia, Go, Matlab, CUDA |
| <b>ML Frameworks</b>         | Pytorch, TensorFlow                    |

## SELECTED COURSEWORK

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| <b>UIUC</b>        | <i>Computer Science:</i> Parallel Programming, Computer System Organization, Distributed Systems, Parallel Numerical Algorithms<br><i>Algorithm:</i> Algorithm, Randomized Algorithms for Big Data, High-Dimensional Geometric Data Analysis, Statistical learning theory<br><i>Applied Physics:</i> Quantum Information Theory, Thermal & Statistical Physics, Molecular Electronic Structure, Mathematical Methods II<br><i>Computational Science:</i> Numerical Methods for PDEs, Computational Mechanics, Numerical Fluid Dynamics, Atomic Scale Simulations, Numerical Analysis |
| <b>UC Berkeley</b> | <i>ML:</i> Introduction to Machine Learning, Convex Optimization, Understanding Deep Neural Networks, Principles of Data Science   |