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Education

North Carolina State University

2023/08 - 2028/05 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Raleigh, NC, USA

• Advisor: Prof. Xiaohui (Helen) Gu

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2022/08 - 2023/01

Exchange Student, Visiting Researcher

Champaign, IL, USA

• Advisor: Prof. Tianyin Xu

ShanghaiTech University

2019/09 - 2023/06

B.S. in Computer Science and Technology

Shanghai, China

 $\bullet \ \ Relevant \ Courses: Operating \ Systems, \ Advanced \ Distributed \ System, \ Computer \ Architecture \ III$

Research Experience

NCSU Dance Lab

2023/08 - Present

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Xiaohui (Helen) Gu

Raleigh, NC, USA

• **Distributed System Reliability & System for LLM**: - Developing methods to automatically identify and resolve reliability issues in Generative-AI-distributed systems.

UIUC Xlab 2022/08 - 2023/03

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Tianyin Xu

Champaign, IL, USA

- Multiplex resources for Serverless 🔾 mxfaas:
 - Implemented and evaluated MXFaaS on KNatice, a platform that enables efficient use of processor cycles, I/O bandwidth, and memory state.
 - Achievements include a $5.2 \times$ speed-up in execution, $7.4 \times$ reduction in P99 tail latency, $4.8 \times$ improvement in throughput, and $3.4 \times$ decrease in memory usage compared to standard serverless platforms.
 - Organized and documented code on GitHub, successfully achieving all three ACM badges for ISCA' 23 artifact evaluation.

ShanghaiTech HPC Club

2020/10 - 2023/06

Core Team Member, Advisor: Prof. Shu Yin

Shanghai, China

- **DevOps**: Managed and maintained two high-performance computers. Responsibilities included system administration, hardware maintenance, hardware innovation, package management, and resource monitoring.
- **ISC 22 Student Cluster Competition**: Led the ICON project, focusing on an MPI-bounded climate and weather system program. Conducted profiling-guided optimizations on Intel, AMD, and NVIDIA devices within Niagara and Bridges-2 Clusters, resulting in a 30% performance improvement over the baseline. Achievements include significantly reduced MPI wait times, improved CPU affinity, and securing 4th place among international competitors.
- AI for Systems Research: Designed an AI-Scheduler using DQN algorithms to optimize HPC cluster job response times, leveraging program CUDA kernel profiling and historical traffic data. Achieved a 10% improvement in response times in the array version.

ShanghaiTech Zlab

2022/02 - 2022/06

Student Research Intern, Advisor: Prof. Zhice Yang

Shanghai, China

- 2D Gesture Tracking Development: Researched on a 2D gesture tracking system using commercial BLE 5.3 devices for remote video meeting users during the pandemic.
- Image Encryption for Enhanced Privacy Control: Developed and integrated image encryption algorithms using OpenCV, based on Paper 1 and Paper 2, into AOSP. Enhanced the Camera2 API and interfaced with Android video streams, leveraging these algorithms for fine-grained privacy control.

Teaching Experience

North Carolina State University

2023/08 - Now

Teaching Assistant

Raleigh, NC, USA

• CSC 236: Computer Organization and Assembly Language for Computer Scientists with Prof. Caio Batista de Melo.

Professional Activities

- OSDI/ATC 2023: Artifact Evaluation Committee
- SOSP 2023: Artifact Evaluation Committee
- EuroSys 2023: Shadow Program Committee

Programming Skills

- Programming Languages: C/C++, Assemmbly, Python, C#, Go, JavaScript, Java, Rust
- System-level Development Stacks: Linux Development, QEMU, GDB, Make, Linker, Soot, LLVM
- Frontend Web Development Stacks: React, Vue
- Backend Development Stacks: PostgreSQL, Redis
- DevOps Stacks: Caddy, Ceph, Docker, GitLab, Grafana, Kubernetes, Cloud-init
- High Performance Computing Stacks: MPI, Spack

Contests and Awards

• 2nd, Intel Innovation Hackathon, Beijing, China

2020/12

• 4th, ISC 2022 Student Cluster Competition, Hamburg Germany (Virtual)

2022/06

• 8th, ISC 2024 Student Cluster Competition, Hamburg Germany (Virtual)

2022/06

• As the first participation of the NC State University Team

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