Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

I am interested in applying programming language techniques to improve concurrent, parallel, distributed and operating systems.

Education

PhD — Computer Science *May 2011 – Dec 2014*
Purdue University, USA

Thesis Title: **Functional Programming Abstractions for Weakly Consistent Systems**
Advisor: Suresh Jagannathan

Master of Science — Computer Science *Aug 2008 – May 2011*
Purdue University, USA

Bachelor of Engineering — Computer Science and Engineering *Aug 2004 – May 2008*
PSG College of Technology
Anna University, India

Experience

Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras *Jan 2019 – present*

Senior Research Associate, University of Cambridge *Nov 2017 – Dec 2018*
Advisors: Alan Mycroft, Anil Madhavapeddy
Cambridge, UK

Research Fellow, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 *Oct 2015 – Oct 2018*

Research Fellow, Darwin College, Cambridge *Oct 2015 – Oct 2018*

Research Associate, University of Cambridge *Dec 2014 – Oct 2017*

Research Assistant, Purdue University *Aug 2008 – Dec 2014*
Advisor: Suresh Jagannathan
West Lafayette, IN, USA

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN, USA
Undergraduate C Programming (CS180) *Aug 2012 – Dec 2012*
Graduate Programming Languages (CS565) *Aug 2011 – Dec 2011*

Research Intern, Microsoft Research, Cambridge *Feb 2012 – May 2012*
Advisors: Tim Harris, Simon Marlow, and Simon Peyton Jones
Cambridge, UK

Research Intern, Samsung Information Systems America (R&D) *May 2010 – Aug 2010*
Advisor: Daniel Waddington
San Jose, CA, USA

Intern, Advanced Numerical Research and Analysis Group *Dec 2007 – Apr 2008*
Advisor: Sankar Chnab
Hyderabad, India

Grants, Awards and Recognitions

- Class of 1991 Award for Promising Young Faculty in Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, 2019.
- PI, Multicore Support for Tezos blockchain, Jun 2019, GBP 194,000.
- PI, Qilin: Scalable Concurrent Unikernels with Effect Handlers, Jan 2019, INR 500,000.
- Co-I, Feasibility of an Operating System for Interspatial Networking in a Built Environment, Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB), Mar 2018, £24,000.

- Research Fellowship, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, 2015–2018, £102,000.
- Research Fellowship, Darwin College, Cambridge, 2015–2018, £900.
- Maurice H. Halstead Memorial Award for outstanding research in Software Engineering, Purdue University, 2014, $4,000.
- Best paper award at Many-core Architecture Research Symposium at RWTH-Aachen, 2012, $1,000.
- Glasgow Haskell Compiler (GHC) Committer.
- SIGPLAN PAC travel grant for PLDI 2012 and POPL 2014, $1,500 each.
- NSF travel grant for ICFP 2013, $2,000.

❖ Service

- Organizer, Dagstuhl Seminar on "Algebraic Effect Handlers go Mainstream", Apr 2018.
- Organizer, Shonan Meeting No.143 on Programming Language Support for Data-intensive Applications, June 2019.
- Editor, Special Issue of the Journal of Functional Programming (JFP) on the Theory and Practice of Algebraic Effects and Handlers, 2019.
- Program Committee Chair: ML Workshop 2019.
- Program Committee member: ICFP 2020, PAPOC@EuroSys 2020, OCaml Workshop 2019, PMLDC@ECOOP 2017, Off-the-beaten track (OBT) 2017, OCaml Workshop 2016, SPLASH-MARC symposium, 2013.
- External Review Committee: ICFP 2019.
- Artifact Evaluation Committee member: ICFP 2018, PLDI 2015, PPoPP/CGO 2016.
- Reviewer: PLDI 2020, ESOP 2020, JPDC 2020, LICS 2019, ECOOP 2019, TODS 2019, JFP 2018, POPL 2014, ICFP 2013, ASPLOS 2013, TLDI 2013, Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience 2013, Software: Practice and Experience 2012.
- Organizer for Darwin College Science Seminar Series, Oct 2015 – May 2017.
- Interviewer for Undergraduate Admissions to Computer Science, Christ's College, Cambridge, 2016, 2017 and 2018

❖ Edited Publications

Algebraic Effect Handlers go Mainstream *Apr 2018*
E1 KC Sivaramakrishnan, Daan Leijen, Matija Pretnar, Tom Schrijvers
Dagstuhl Reports, Volume 8, Issue 4, 2018

❖ Journal Publications

Mergeable Replicated Data Types *Oct 2019*
J8 Gowtham Kaki, Swarn Priya, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue OOPSLA 2019

Safe Replication through Bounded Concurrency Verification *Nov 2018*
J7 Gowtham Kaki, Kapil Earanky, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue OOPSLA 2018

Concurrent System Programming with Effect Handlers *Nov 2017*
J6 Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopolous, Daniel Hillerstrm, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
Post-proceedings of the Symposium on Trends in Functional Programming (TFP) (accepted)

Eff directly in OCaml *Oct 2017*
J5 Oleg, Kiselyov, KC Sivaramakrishnan
Post-proceedings of the ML Workshop (accepted)

J4 **Composable Scheduler Activations for Haskell** *Jun 2016*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Tim Harris, Simon Marlow, Simon Peyton Jones
Journal of Functional Programming (JFP)

J3 **Representation without Taxation: A Uniform, Low-Overhead, and High-Level Interface to Eventually Consistent Key-Value Stores** *Mar 2016*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gowtham Kaki, Suresh Jagannathan
IEEE Data Engineering Bulletin, 39(1): 52 – 64

J2 **MultiMLton: A Multicore-aware Runtime for Standard ML** *Nov 2014*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Journal of Functional Programming (JFP), 24(6): 613 – 674

J1 **Efficient Sessions** *Feb 2013*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Mohammad Qudeisat, Lukasz Ziarek, Karthik Nagaraj, Patrick Eugster
Science of Computer Programming (SCP), 78(2): 147 – 167
Invited paper

❖ Conference Publications

C11 **Version Control Is For Your Data Too** *May 2019*
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
The 3rd Summit on Advances in Programming Languages (SNAPL), 2019

C10 **Bounding Data Races in Space and Time** *Jun 2018*
Stephen Dolan, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Anil Madhavapeddy
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)

C9 **Continuation Passing Style for Effect Handlers** *Sep 2017*
Daniel Hillerstrm, Sam Lindley, Robert Atkey, KC Sivaramakrishnan
International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction (FSCD)

C8 **DaLi : Database as a Library** *May 2017*
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Thomas Gazagnaire, Anil Madhavapeddy, Suresh Jagannathan
The 2nd Summit on Advances in Programming Languages (SNAPL)
Oral Presentation

C7 **Declarative Programming over Eventually Consistent Data Stores** *Jun 2015*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gowtham Kaki, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)

C6 **Rx-CML: A Prescription for Safely Relaxing Synchrony** *Jan 2014*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages (PADL)

C5 **A Coherent and Managed Runtime for ML on the SCC** *Nov 2012*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Many-core Architecture Research Community Symposium (MARC)
Best paper award

C4 **Eliminating Read Barriers through Procrastination and Cleanliness** *Jun 2012*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
International Symposium on Memory Management (ISMM)

C3 **Composable Asynchronous Events** *Jun 2011*
Lukasz Ziarek, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)

C2 **Efficient Session Type Guided Distributed Interaction** *June 2010*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Karthik Nagaraj, Lukasz Ziarek, Patrick Eugster
International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION)

C1 **Partial Memoization of Concurrency and Communication** *Sep 2009*
Lukasz Ziarek, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP)

❖ Workshop Publications

W15 **Handlers.js** *Apr 2018*
Daniel Hillerstrm, Sam Lindley, Robert Atkey, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Jeremy Yallop
Programming Technology for the Future Web (ProWeb), 2019

W14 **An Architecture for Interspatial Communication** *Apr 2018*
Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gemma Gordon, Thomas Gazagnaire
Hot Topics in Pervasive Mobile and Online Social Networking (HotPOST), 2018

W13 **A Memory Model for Multicore OCaml** *Sep 2017*
Stephen Dolan and KC Sivaramakrishnan
OCaml Workshop

W12 **Effectively Tackling the Awkward Squad** *Sep 2017*
Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopolous, Daniel Hillerstrm, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
OCaml Workshop

W11 **Mergeable Types** *Sep 2017*
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Samodya Abeysiriwardane, Suresh Jagannathan
ML Workshop

W10 **Concurrent System Programming with Effect Handlers** *Jun 2017*
Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopolous, Daniel Hillerstrm, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
Symposium on Trends in Functional Programming (TFP)

W9 **Eff directly in OCaml** *Mar 2017*
Oleg Kiselyov and KC Sivaramakrishnan
JSSST Workshop on Programming and Programming Languages

W8 **Lock-free programming for the masses** *Sep 2016*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Tho Laurent
OCaml Workshop

W7 **Compiling Links Effect Handlers to the OCaml Backend** *Sep 2016*
Daniel Hillestrm, Sam Lindley, KC Sivaramakrishnan
ML Worshop

W6 **Eff Directly in OCaml** *Sep 2016*
Oleg Kiselyov and KC Sivaramakrishnan
ML Workshop

W5 **Effective Concurrency with Algebraic Effects** *Sep 2015*
Stephen Dolan, Leo White, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Jeremy Yallop and Anil Madhavapeddy
OCaml Workshop

W4 **Migrating MultiMLton to the Cloud** *Sep 2013*
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
ML Workshop

W3 **Scalable Lightweight Task Management Schemes for MIMD Processors** *Apr 2011*
Daniel G. Waddington, Chen Tian, KC Sivaramakrishnan
Workshop on Systems for Future Multi-Core Architectures (SFMA)

The Design Rationale for MultiMLton *Sep 2010*
W2 Suresh Jagannathan, Armand Navabi, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek
ML Workshop

Lightweight Asynchrony using Parasitic Threads *Jan 2010*
W1 KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Raghavendra Prasad, Suresh Jagannathan
Workshop on Declarative Aspects of Multicore Programming (DAMP)

❖ Technical Reports and Drafts

Featherweight Threads for Communication *Nov 2011*
T1 KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Purdue University Computer Science Technical Report – TR-11-018

❖ Teaching/Advising

- Lecturer:
  - Programs and Proofs, IIT Madras, Spring ’20
  - Paradigms of Programming, IIT Madras, Monsoon ’19
- Guest Lectures:
  - Arrows, Advanced Functional Programming, University of Cambridge, Lent ’16.
  - Debugging, Programming in C and C++, University of Cambridge, Michelmas ’15.
- Supervisions at University of Cambridge:
  - Databases, Michelmas ’18, Lent ’17, Michaelmas ’17, Lent ’16.
  - Concurrent and Distributed Systems, Lent ’17, Michaelmas ’17, Lent ’16, Michaelmas ’16, Lent ’15.
  - Algorithms, Lent ’15.
  - Object-oriented Programming, Michaelmas 2015–16.
- Teaching assistantships at Purdue University
  - Undergraduate C Programming (CS180), Aug 2012 – Dec 2012.
  - Graduate Programming Languages (CS565), Aug 2011 – Dec 2011.
- Projects supervised:
  - Simon Fowler, University of Edinburgh, `cmm_of_wasm`: An ahead-of-time compiler for WebAssembly, May 2018 – July 2018.
  - Matevz Polijanc, University of Cambridge, A Reactive Programming model in OCaml, Oct 2017 – Mar 2018.
  - Charlie Crisp, University of Cambridge, A Blockchain in Pure OCaml, Oct 2017 – Mar 2018.
  - Henry Mercer, University of Cambridge, Systematic Concurrency Testing for Multicore OCaml, Oct 2017 – Mar 2018.
  - Nicolas Assouad, ENS Paris, Hardware Support for Composable Lock-free Transactions, Mar 2017 – Jun 2017.
  - Matt Harrison, University of Cambridge, Secure Decentralized Apps, Sep 2016 – present.
  - Maxime Lesourd, ENS de Lyon, Verified CPS translation of handlers, Sep 2016 – Mar 2017.
  - Philip Dexter, Binghampton University, Approximate computing for OCaml, May 2016 – Aug 2016.
  - James Wright, University of Cambridge, Mechanized semantics of Algebraic Effects in OCaml, Sep 2015 – Mar 2016.
  - Armael Gueneau, ENS de Lyon, Algebraic Effects for js_of_ocaml, Sep 2015 – Mar 2016.
  - Theo Laurent, ENS, Reagents for Multicore OCaml, May 2015 – Aug 2015.
  - Guillain Potron, ENS de Lyon, Semantics of Irmin branch-consistent data store, March 2015 – Aug 2015.

❖ Talks

Mergeable Replicated Data Types *May 2019*
Department Seminar — Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Retrofitting a Concurrent GC onto OCaml *Oct 2018*
GLASS Seminar — University of Glasgow

Concurrent System Programming with Effect Handlers *Oct 2018*
Department Seminar — University of Sussex

State of Multicore OCaml *Jun 2018*
Multicore Meeting — INRIA Gallium, Paris

Bounding Data Races in Space and Time *Feb 2018*
Department Seminar — Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras

Tutorial: Concurrent Programming with Effect Handlers *Sep 2017*
CUFP @ ICFP 2017 — Oxford, UK

A deep dive into Multicore OCaml Garbage Collector *Jul 2017*
System Research Group Seminar — Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge

Multicore OCaml GC *Jun 2017*
JaneStreet Group — New York, NYC

Composable lock-free programming for Multicore OCaml *Nov 2016*
ABCD Meeting — University of Edinburgh

Practical Algebraic Effect Handlers in Multicore OCaml *Nov 2016*
LFCS Seminar — University of Edinburgh

Effective Concurrency and Parallelism in Multicore OCaml *Nov 2016*
PL Seminar — Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Effective Concurrency and Parallelism in Multicore OCaml *Nov 2016*
PL Seminar — Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Effective parallelism with Reagents *Sep 2016*
Facebook Faculty Summit — London, UK

Multicore OCaml and Programming with Reagents *Aug 2016*
LDN Functionals — Jane Street UK, London

Effect handlers in Multicore OCaml *Mar 2016*
Dagstuhl Seminar — Dagstuhl, Germany

Arrows and Reagents *Mar 2016*
Invited Lecture, Advanced Functional Programming — Cambridge, UK

Concurrent and Multicore OCaml: A deep dive *Jan 2016*
Facebook Tech Talk — Menlo Park, CA

OCaml Platform: Update *Nov 2015*
OCaml Consortium Meeting — Paris, France

Multicore OCaml: Update *Nov 2015*
OCaml Developer's Meeting — Paris, France

Silence is Golden: Controlling Communication and Coordination in Distributed Databases *Oct 2015*
Darwin College Science Seminar — Cambridge, UK

Effective Concurrency with Algebraic Effects *Sep 2015*
OCaml Workshop 2015 — Vancouver, Canada

Quelea: Declarative Programming over Eventually Consistent Data Stores *Apr 2015*
Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge — Cambridge, UK

Functional Programming Abstractions for Weakly Consistent Systems *Dec 2014*
PhD Defense — Purdue University

Functional Abstractions for Practical and Scalable Concurrent Programming *Mar 2014*
Invited Lecture — Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK

Rx-CML: A Prescription for Safely Relaxing Synchrony *Jan 2014*
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Eliminating Read Barriers through Procrastination and Cleanliness
ISMM 2012, Beijing — *Jun 2012*
Wrestling Wednesdays, Microsoft Research, Cambridge — *May 2012*

Lightweight Concurrency in GHC *May 2012*
Wrestling Wednesdays — Microsoft Research, Cambridge

Efficient Session Type guided Distributed Interaction *Jun 2012*
COORDINATION 2012 — CWI Amsterdam

References

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