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≡ EDUCATION

Cornell University, Department of Computer Science

August 2024 - Now

PhD in Computer Science

Ithaca, NY

- Advisor: Prof. Immanuel Trummer

Sichuan University, Department of Computer Science

August 2020 - June 2024

B.Eng in Software Engineering

Sichuan, China

- GPA: 3.89/4 (Rank: 6/213)
- Advisor: Prof. Mingjie Tang

≡ PUBLICATIONS

GPTuner: A Manual-Reading Database Tuning System via GPT-Guided Bayesian Optimization

- **Jiale Lao**, Yibo Wang, Yufei Li, Jianping Wang, Yunjia Zhang, Zhiyuan Chen, Wanghu Chen, Mingjie Tang, Jianguo Wang
- VLDB 2024, 🏆 SIGMOD Research Highlight Award 2025

A Demonstration of GPTuner: A GPT-based Manual-Reading Database Tuning System

- **Jiale Lao**, Yibo Wang, Yufei Li, Jianping Wang, Yunjia Zhang, Zhiyuan Chen, Wanghu Chen, Mingjie Tang, Jianguo Wang
- SIGMOD 2024

PathBee: A Generic Optimization Framework for Efficient Distance Labeling

- **Jiale Lao**, Yinghao Tang, Tingfeng Lan, Mingjie Tang, Yuanchuan Zhou, Jianguo Wang
- In submission, VLDB 2025

≡ AWARDS

- SIGMOD Research Highlight, 2025

≡ RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Automatic Optimization of Database with Large Language Model 🔄

May 2023 – Present

Advisors: Prof. Jianguo Wang (Purdue); Prof. Mingjie Tang (SCU)

Project Leader

- Designed and implemented GPTUNER, a novel manual-reading database tuning system that leverages domain knowledge automatically and extensively to enhance the knob tuning process.
- Developed a LLM-based data pipeline, a prompt ensemble algorithm, a workload-aware and training-free knob selection strategy, and a Coarse-to-Fine Bayesian Optimization framework.
- Experimentally evaluated GPTUNER under different benchmarks, metrics and DBMS. Compared to the state-of-the-arts, GPTUNER identifies better configurations in **16x** less time on average and achieves **30%** performance improvement over the **best-performing** alternative.
- Project outcome: a research paper accepted by **VLDB 2024** and selected as **SIGMOD Research Highlight 2025**, a demonstration accepted by **SIGMOD 2024**, and an open-source project with more than **3000 views**, **200 clones** and **75 stars** on GitHub.

Distance Indexing Optimization via Graph Neural Network

October 2022 – Present

Advisors: Prof. Jianguo Wang (Purdue); Prof. Mingjie Tang (SCU)

Project Leader

- Developed PATHBEE, a generic optimization framework to achieve efficient distance labeling.
- Provided a solid theoretical analysis to reveal a performance degradation factor shared by existing methods, proved it is NP-hard to find the optimal vertex traversal order, and identify the best-performing ranking method via a formal modeling of indexing process.
- Developed an effective GNN-based approach to rank the vertices, proposed a novel sampling strategy to further enhance this approach.
- Extensive experiments on 26 real-world datasets shows that PATHBEE achieves substantial reductions in indexing time (up to **21.49 times**), index size (up to **5.78 times**), and query time (up to **2.18 times**).
- Project outcome: a paper in submission to **VLDB 2025**.