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Research Interests

File/Storage Systems, Operating Systems, and Machine Learning for Systems.

Education

Stony Brook University — Stony Brook, NY
- Ph.D. in Computer Science — 08/2019 – Present
- CGPA: 3.91 / 4.0
- *Courses*: CSE505 Computing with Logic; CSE506 Operating Systems; CSE512 Machine Learning; CSE532 Theory of Database Systems; CSE544 Probability and Statistics for Data Science; CSE548 Analysis of Algorithms

Huazhong University of Science and Technology — Wuhan, China
- M.Sc. in Computer System Architecture — 09/2016 – 06/2019
- CGPA: 85.02 / 100
- *Thesis*: Research on Metadata Organization Approach for Image Storage Systems towards Content-based Semantic Similarity Query

Huazhong Agricultural University — Wuhan, China
- B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology — 09/2012 – 06/2016
- CGPA: 3.43 / 4.00 Major GPA: 3.79 / 4.00 Rank: 9/118
- *Thesis*: Predicting Disk Failures based on Machine Learning Methods

Experience

File systems and Storage Lab (FSL), Stony Brook University — Stony Brook, NY
Graduate Research Assistant — 05/2020 – Present

Advisor: Prof. Erez Zadok
- Design and benchmark multi-tier caching systems with intelligent MRC analysis.
- Apply model checking to verify file systems formally and automatically.

Stony Brook University — Stony Brook, NY
Graduate Teaching Assistant — 08/2019 – 05/2020
- CSE376 Advanced Systems Programming in Unix/C (S' 21, S'20). Instructor: Prof. Erez Zadok
- CSE306 Operating Systems (F'19). Instructor: Prof. Eugene Stark

Wuhan National Laboratory for Optoelectronics — Wuhan, China
Master's Student/Research Assistant — 09/2016 – 06/2019

Advisor: Prof. Ke Zhou
- Used deep learning hash to design and implement a metadata system for integration of high-precision and low-latency content-based semantic queries in storage systems
- Proposed a framework for assessing image "dark data" based on a novel semantic hash ranking (SHR) algorithm
- Performed theoretical analysis on hash-based graphs to facilitate rank algorithms and graph database operations

Tencent Shenzhen, China
Backend Developer Intern 12/2015 – 08/2016

- Predicted disk failures with disk data collected via machine learning algorithms to achieve high precision and recall
- Built infrastructure for collecting long-term disk S.M.R.A.T. data from over 10,000 servers in Tencent data centers
- Tested cache replacement policies on Tencent application traces

Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences Beijing, China
Intern/Visiting Student 11/2015 – 12/2015

- Explored the correlation between Apache Spark and JVM GC parameters

Huazhong Agricultural University Wuhan, China
Undergraduate Research Assistant 11/2014 – 06/2015

Supervisors: Prof. Jianxiao Liu and Prof. Ruifang Zhai

- Used Bayesian Network Reasoning to propose a web service recommendation approach for organizing and recommending a set of correlated services
- Designed an image line detection algorithm for automatically measuring character parameters of the rapeseed plant
- Developed a GUI for counting the number of cotton cells in microscopic images (for the Huazhong Agricultural University's College of Plant Science & Technology)

Publications

Journal Articles

[1] Ke Zhou, Yangtao Wang, Yu Liu, Yujuan Yang, Yifei Liu, Guoliang Li, Lianli Gao, and Zhili Xiao. "A Framework for Image Dark Data Assessment." *World Wide Web*, 2020.

[2] Yu Liu, Yangtao Wang, Ke Zhou, Yujuan Yang, and Yifei Liu. "Semantic-aware Data Quality Assessment for Image Big Data." *Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS)*, 2020.

Conference Papers

[1] Wei Su, Yifei Liu, Gomathi Ganesan, Gerard Holzmann, Geoff Kuenning, Scott Smolka, and Erez Zadok. "Model-Checking Support for File System Development." (Under Review)

[2] Yu Liu, Hong Jiang, Yangtao Wang, Ke Zhou, Yifei Liu, and Li Liu. "Content Sifting Storage: Achieving Fast Read for Large-scale Image Dataset Analysis." In *Proceedings of the 57th Design Automation Conference (DAC)*, San Francisco, CA, 2020.

[3] Yangtao Wang, Yu Liu, Yifei Liu, Ke Zhou, Yujuan Yang, Jiangfeng Zeng, Xiaodong Xu, and Zhili Xiao. "Analysis and Management to Hash-Based Graph and Rank." In *Proceedings of the 3rd APWeb-WAIM joint conference on Web and Big Data (APWeb-WAIM)*, Chengdu, China, 2019.

[4] Yu Liu, Yangtao Wang, Ke Zhou, Yujuan Yang, Yifei Liu, Jingkuan Song, and Zhili Xiao. "A Framework for Image Dark Data Assessment." In *Proceedings of the 3rd APWeb-WAIM joint conference on Web and Big Data (APWeb-WAIM)*, Chengdu, China, 2019.

[5] Jianxiao Liu, Zonglin Tian, Yifei Liu, and Liang Zhao. "Research of Web Service Recommendation Using Bayesian Network Reasoning." In *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Services Computing (SCC)*, Seattle, WA, 2018.

[6] Pujuan Shi, Yifei Liu, Yihang Fang, Chengda Lin, and Ruifang Zhai. "A new line detection algorithm - Automatic measurement of character parameter of rapeseed plant by LSD." In *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Agro-Geoinformatics (Agro-Geoinformatics)*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2015.

Patents

[1] Ke Zhou, Yifei Liu, Yu Liu, Yangtao Wang, and Yujuan Yang. A kind of image inquiry method and system based on contents semantic metadata. Chinese patent No. CN110413807B, Filed June, 2019. Granted April, 2021.

[2] Ke Zhou, Yu Liu, Yujuan Yang, Hua Wang, Chunhua Li, Yangtao Wang, and Yifei Liu. A kind of dark data value appraisal procedure of image based on similitude Hash. CN110390352A, June 2019. (Under substantive examination)

Talks

- *OS Support for File System Model Checking*, Computer Science Graduate Research Day 2021, Stony Brook, NY.

Skills

Programming Languages

- Familiar ($\geq$ 4 years of experience): C, C++, Python
- Intermediate (1 ~ 3 years): MATLAB, Bash, SQL, Java, Cypher
- Basic ($\leq$ 1 year): JavaScript, Prolog

Technologies

- **Databases:** MySQL (3 years), Neo4j (2 years), DB2 (< 1 year), HBase (< 1 year)
- **File and Storage:** Linux VFS (2 years), OpenStack Swift (2 years), HDFS (< 1 year)
- **Operating Systems:** Linux (6 years), Windows 10 (4 years), MacOS (2 years), Linux kernel development (1 year)
- **Parallel Computing:** Hadoop (1 year), Spark (< 1 year)
- **Tools:** VSCode (5 years), Git (3 years), Vim (3 years), Makefile (3 years), LaTeX (3 years), GDB (2 years), Elasticsearch (1 year), CMake (1 year), Scikit-learn (1 year)

Human Languages

- Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)

Contest Awards

- Finalist, Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (MCM/ICM), USA, 2015.
  - One of 52 winning teams in the world. First awardee of my university. (Rate: **52/9773 ~0.53%**)
- National First Prize, National Postgraduate Mathematic Contest in Modeling, China, 2014.
  - Won the highest award of this contest. (Rate: **120/4900 ~2.4%**)
- National First Prize, Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling, China, 2014.
  - Won the highest award of this contest. (Rate: **293/22233 ~1.3%**)

Academic Awards

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

- APWeb-WAIM Best Paper Runner-Up 2019
- Outstanding Graduate Spring 2019
- Merit Graduate Student (2 times) 2017 – 2019
- First-class Academic Scholarship (3 times) 2016 – 2019

Huazhong Agricultural University

- Outstanding Graduate Spring 2016
- BioMarker Scholarship Fall 2015
- First Prize for Excellent Study Spring 2015
- Merit Undergraduate Student (2 times) 2014 – 2016

Certifications

Machine Learning - Stanford Univeristy (2016), Coursera

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