Yiming Qiao

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I am a Phd student at Tsinghua University. My research interest is in database management systems. I have particular interests in vectorized execution, query optimization, and data compression.

EDUCATION

Tsinghua University Ph.D. in Computer Science (Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences, IIIS) GPA: 3.76/4.00, Advisor: Huanchen Zhang (huanchen@tsinghua.edu.cn)	Sept. 2021 - Jun. 2026 Beijing, China
Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications B.Eng. in Computer Science, with Honors Degree (Top 3%)	Sept. 2017 - Jun. 2021 Nanjing, China

GPA: 92.9/100

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Student Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica	Feb. 2025 - Present Amsterdam, Netherlands
Advisor: Peter Boncz	
Software Engineering Intern	Sept. 2020 - Nov. 2020
eBay	Shanghai, China
Software Engineering Intern	Nov. 2019 - May 2020
Oracle	Nanjing, China
Exchange Student	Sept. 2018 - Jun. 2019
Nanjing University	Nanjing, China

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Robust Query Execution Engine in DuckDB

Feb. 2025 - Present

Advisor: Peter Boncz, Huanchen Zhang

Developing the next-generation query execution engine for DuckDB, leveraging robust predicate transfer. This ongoing work builds on the promising results of robust predicate transfer (SIGMOD'25) to address the classic cardinality estimation problem and enhance query execution.

Data Chunk Compaction

Aug. 2023 - Nov. 2024

Advisor: Huanchen Zhang

Revealed the small chunk problem in vectorized execution, where filters and hash joins can reduce the valid tuples in a data chunk, leading to performance degradation. Addressed this issue by modeling the chunk compaction problem and designing various strategies. Implemented in DuckDB, our solution achieved up to a 63% speedup on standard benchmarks.

This work is published in SIGMOD'25.

Relational Table Compression

Feb. 2021 - May 2024

Advisor: Yihan Gao, Huanchen Zhang

Developed Blitzcrank, a high-speed compressor for OLTP databases, reducing memory usage by 85% with only a 19% performance impact. Addressed challenges in compressing dynamic row-stores by introducing novel semantic models and a fast encoding technique named "Delayed Coding", improving both speed and efficiency for large datasets.

This work is published in VLDB'24.

Neural Network-Based Spectrum Deblurring

Advisor: Hu Zhu

Jul. 2018 - Dec. 2019

Developed an end-to-end neural network framework for spectrum deconvolution in infrared spectrometers, addressing issues of band overlap and noise in aging instruments. The method, using dilated convolutions and self-paced learning, outperformed traditional partial differential equation (PDE) approaches, improving spectral reconstruction.

This work is published in IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Yiming Qiao, Huanchen Zhang, "Data Chunk Compaction in Vectorized Execution," SIGMOD'25, Accepted.
- [2] Yiming Qiao, Yihan Gao, Huanchen Zhang, "Blitzcrank: Fast Semantic Compression for In-memory Online Transaction Processing," In: *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment* (VLDB'24) 17, no. 10, pp. 2528 2540.
- [3] Hu Zhu*, Yiming Qiao*, Guoxia Xu, Lizhen Deng, and Yu-Feng Yu. "DSPNet: A Lightweight Dilated Convolution Neural Networks for Spectral Deconvolution with Self-paced Learning." In: *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics* (TII) 16, no. 12 (2019): 7392-7401. (*Equal Contribution)
- [4] Huihui Wang, Shunmei Meng, Yiming Qiao, and Jing Zhang. "Fast Classification Algorithms via Distributed Accelerated Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers." In: Proceedings of 2019 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM'19), Nov. 2019, pp. 1354 - 1359.

Patents

- [1] Xingguo Chen, Yiming Qiao, Wei Liu, Jie Zhu, "A User-Oriented Method for Enhancing Custom Sports Commentary." Patent CN202010284204.8, China, Filed Apr. 2020, Granted Sept. 2023.
- [2] Zhiqiang Zou, linrui Li, Shuyu Chang, Yiming Qiao, "A Classification Method for Outlier Celestial Objects Based on Astronomical Spectral Data." Patent CN202010983397.6, China, Filed Sept. 2020.

OTHERS

Awards

- Mitacs Globalink Research Internship, 2020.
- Bell Honors School Graduate Gold Medal, Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, 2020.

Teaching

- Teaching Assistant Quantitative Investment and Financial Optimization (Tsinghua 80470273) Fall 2023
- Teaching Assistant Data Mining (Tsinghua 40470333) Fall 2021