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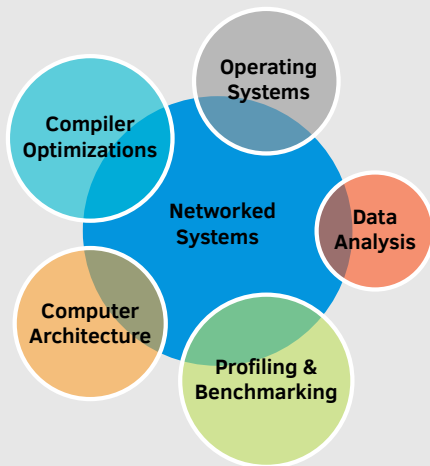


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Technical Skills Overview



Programming & Tools

Linux • Shell Scripting • C • C++

DPDK • FastClick • Perf • LLVM

Git • Gnuplot • \LaTeX

Python • MATLAB • R

TensorFlow • Spark • Pandas

Education

PhD., Information Communication Technology

Specialization: Communication Systems

School of EECS

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

2017 - 2023 | Stockholm, Sweden

MSc., Electrical Engineering

Specialization: Digital Electronic Circuits

Amirkabir University of Technology

2015 - 2017 | Tehran, Iran

BSc., Electrical Engineering

Specialization: Electronics

Sharif University of Technology

2010 - 2015 | Tehran, Iran

Research Summary

I have improved the performance of the Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) service chains running at 100/200-Gbps commodity hardware by using **multi-disciplinary low-level optimization** techniques. I have been actively doing (networked) system programming in C/C++ and running automated experiments on the UNIX environment (e.g., Linux), using bash & Python scripts. My research has resulted in:

- **Google PhD fellowship 2021** award in systems and networking, which recognizes outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science.
- Top systems conference papers (**EuroSys'19**, **ATC'20**, **ASPLOS'21**, and **NSDI'22**).
- 20 patent applications filed in collaboration with Ericsson research (see [here](#)).
- News articles at Ericsson Blog (about [memory management](#), [packet processing](#), and [packet reordering](#)), KTH news (about [CPU cache](#) and [traffic order](#)), [Tech Xplore](#), and [Framtidens Forskning](#).
- Community award at NSDI'22 for "**Packet Order Matters**".
- Open-source contributions ([CacheDirector](#), [DDIO-Bench](#), [PacketMill](#), [DDC-RA](#), and [IOMMU-Bench](#)).

Watch this [video](#) and read my full [CV](#) & [dissertation](#) for more information.

Experience

Aug 2023 - Present **Senior Researcher at Connected Intelligence Unit**

RISE

- Improving packet processing at multi-100-Gbps rates.
- Using large language models (LLMs) to build and configure networked systems (see [NetBuddy](#)).
- Developing pruning techniques and improving inference of LLMs.

Aug 2017 - Aug 2023 **Postdoctoral and Doctoral Researcher**

KTH NSLab

Advisors: Professor [Dejan Kostić](#) & Professor [Gerald Q. Maguire Jr.](#)

- Proposed a slice-aware memory management technique to exploit the non-uniform cache architecture (NUCA) in Intel processors and implemented [CacheDirector](#) to send packets to the right slice of the Last-Level Cache (LLC).
- Implemented a set of benchmarks ([DDIO-Bench](#)) to study the effectiveness of Data Direct I/O Technology (DDIO) at 100 Gbps.
- Implemented [PacketMill](#) to grind the whole packet processing stack and produce a customized binary for a given network function.
- Analyzed a KTH campus trace (via Spark & Pandas) to extract flow-related characteristics & predict packet interarrival time with LSTM (via Keras/TensorFlow) to reorder packets using [Reframer](#).
- Implemented a set of benchmarks ([IOMMU-Bench](#)) to study the impact of IOTLB misses on throughput and extended [Page Pool API](#) & [mlx5](#) Linux driver to use 2-MiB hugepages for packet buffers to mitigate the IOTLB wall.
- Designed & Implemented a constraint-based C++ framework ([DDC-RA](#)) to allocate resources in a disaggregated data center.

Tools: DPDK, FastClick, Linux kernel, iPerf, Perf, LLVM, Intel PCM, Intel PMU Profiling Tools, Cache Allocation Technology (CAT), Spark, Pandas, Tensorflow, Gecode.

Hardware: Intel Xeon & AMD EPYC processors, NVIDIA/Mellanox & Intel NICs.

Dec 2015 - Jun 2016 **Portal Specialist**

Mobile Telecommunication Company of Iran (MCCI)

Managed vendors and supervised the development of:

- eCare Application: MyMCI application for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)
- eSales Website [eVoucher](#)