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Machine Learning and Distributed, Parallel, High Performance Computing

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Work Experience

present Sep 2019

Al Resident » Researcher » Senior Research Engineer, Microsoft Research, Cambridge (UK)

- > as Sr Research Eng.: distributed ML data and model parallelism; efficient ML systems and IO; mentoring of junior members;
- > as Researcher, 2021-present: computer vision models for object recognition and classification on 3D glass for Project Silica; full-stack development of large scalable pipelines for Machine Learning on the cloud (AzureML);
- > as AI Resident, 2019-20: end-to-end development of ML models (PyTorch) and pipelines for: (1) improving dynamic load balancing of users across email servers, learning time series of user logs on distributed databases, using DNNs, RNNs, GRU Encoder-Decoders, and Bayesian Optimization; (2) development of a recommendation system using Graph Neural Nets on a distributed petabyte-scale graph of meetings, documents, emails and users;

Aug 2019 Mar 2015

PhD candidate » postdoctoral researcher, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

- > Research, development (C, C++) and publication of new methods for asynchronous variable-step simulation of detailed spiking neural networks on Cray and SGI supercomputers with over 10K compute nodes;
- > Technologies: asynchronous runtime systems (HPX-5), computation and communication; global memory addressing; distributed task scheduling, concurrency and threading; dynamic load-balancing; vectorization and cache optimization;
- > Teaching assistant for Unsupervised and reinforcement learning, Project in neuroinformatics and In silico neuroscience.

Feb 2015 Mar 2011

Research Engineer for High Performance Computing, Blue Brain Project, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland

> Research, development (C,C++, MPI, OpenMP) and publication of methods for parallel/distributed volumetric spatial decomposition, load balancing, spatial indexing, sorting, I/O, sparse matrix transpose, and graph navigation, that underlie an efficient storage and processing of neural networks on SGI and IBM BlueGene supercomputers with 16K compute nodes;

Feb 2011 Sep 2009

Junior Architect for IT infrastructures, Noble Group, Hong Kong, New York, São Paulo & London

- > Network design and configuration for a backup data centre for EU Power & Gas trading infrastructure, London, UK
- > Network configuration and infrastructure design for a port and warehouse for coffee and soy beans, Santos, Brazil
- > Implementation of a web-based software for metals and coffee trading, New York, USA

Oct 2008

08 Analyst programmer, Investment Property Databank (now MSCI Real Estate), London, UK

Mar 2007 > Development of a search engine and web/windows app (C++, C#, .NET) for efficient storage and analytics of financial data

Education

Jun 2019 Mar 2015

PhD Computational Neuroscience, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

- > Summary: distributed-parallel optimization & simulation of large neural networks using asynchronous runtime systems;
- > Thesis Asynchronous Simulation of Neuronal Activity nominated for the EPFL doctoral school excellency award (TOP 8% doctorates) and for the IBM research award for the best thesis in computational sciences (awaiting decision)
- > Visiting researcher at the Center for Research in Extreme Scale Technologies at Indiana University (US), Summers 2015-17

Sep 2009 Oct 2008

MSc Advanced Computing, Imperial College London, UK

> Final project *GPU-enabled steady-state solution of large Markov models* based on distributed, multi-core CPU and GPU (CUDA) computation of large Markov models awarded distinction and published at NSMC'10. Finished degree with Merit.

Jul 2007 Oct 2002

Licenciatura (5-year BSc) Systems Engineering and Computer Science, University of Minho, Portugal

> Exchange student at the University of Maribor, Slovenia, 2005/2006. Finished degree with A (Top 10%)

Publications peer-reviewed and first author unless mentioned otherwise

- 2020 Fully-Asynchronous Fully-Implicit Variable-Order Variable-Timestep Simulation of Neural Networks, Proc. International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS 2020), Amsterdam, Holland
- 2020 Efficient Distributed Transposition of Large-Scale Multigraphs And High-Cardinality Sparse Matrices, arXiv
- 2019 Asynchronous SIMD-Enabled Branch-Parallelism of Morphologically-Detailed Neuron Models, Frontiers in Neuroinformatics
- 2019 Asynchronous Simulation of Neuronal Activity, EPFL Scientific publications (PhD thesis)
- 2019 Fully-Asynchronous Cache-Efficient Simulation of Detailed Neural Networks, Proc. International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS 2019), Faro, Portugal
- 2019 Exploiting Implicit Flow Graph of System of ODEs to Accelerate the Simulation of Neural Networks, Proc. International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS 2019), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2016 Magalhaes et al,. An efficient parallel load-balancing strategy for orthogonal decomposition of geometrical data, Proc. International Super Computing (ISC 2016), Frankfurt, Germany
- 2015 (co-author) Reconstruction and Simulation of Neocortical Microcircuitry, Cell 163, 456–492.
- 2010 GPU-enabled steady-state solution of large Markov models, Proc. International Workshop on the Numerical Solution of Markov Chains (NSMC 2010), Williamsburg, Virginia (MSc final project)
- on hold Distributed Asynchronous Execution Speeds and Scales Up Over 100x The Detection Of Contacts Between Detailed Neuron Morphologies