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Research Areas

Query Processing and Optimizations, Transaction Processing, Cloud-Native Databases

Employment

2024-present Assistant Professor - University of Texas, Austin

2021-2023 Postdoctoral Scholar - University of California, Berkeley

Advisor: Aditya G. Parameswaran, Associate Professor

Education

2015-2020 Ph.D. in Computer Science - University of Chicago

Advisor: Aaron J. Elmore, Associate Professor

2011-2014 M.S. in Computer Science - Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Advisor: Wei Li, Associate Professor

2007-2011 B.S. in Software Engineering - Huazhong University of Science & Technology

Recent Publications

P1. Visualizing Spreadsheet Formula Graphs Compactly Fanchao Chen, **Dixin Tang**, Haotian Li, Aditya G. Parameswaran **VLDB 2023, Demo**

- P2. Transactional Panorama: A Conceptual Framework for User Perception in Analytical Visual Interfaces **Dixin Tang**, Alan Fekete, Indranil Gupta, Aditya G. Parameswaran **VLDB 2023**
- P3. Efficient and Compact Spreadsheet Formula Graphs **Dixin Tang**, Fanchao Chen, Christopher De Leon, Tana Wattanawaroon, Jeaseok Yun, Srinivasan Seshadri, Aditya G. Parameswaran **ICDE 2023**
- P4. Flexible Rule-Based Decomposition and Metadata Independence in Modin: A Parallel Dataframe System Devin Petersohn*, **Dixin Tang***, Rehan Durrani, Areg Melik-Adamyan, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Anthony D. Joseph, Aditya G. Parameswaran **VLDB 2022** (*Equal contribution)
- P5. Lux: Always-on Visualization Recommendations for Exploratory Dataframe Workflows
 Doris Jung-Lin Lee, **Dixin Tang**, Kunal Agarwal, Thyne Boonmark, Caitlyn Chen, Jake Kang,
 Ujjaini Mukhopadhyay, Jerry Song, Micah Yong, Marti A. Hearst, Aditya G. Parameswaran **VLDB 2022**
- P6. Enhancing the Interactivity of Dataframe Queries by Leveraging Think Time
 Doris Xin, Devin Petersohn, **Dixin Tang**, Yifan Wu, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Joseph M. Hellerstein,
 Anthony D. Joseph, Aditya G. Parameswaran
 IEEE Data Eng. Bull. 2021
- P7. Resource-Efficient Shared Query Execution via Exploiting Time Slackness **Dixin Tang**, Zechao Shang, William Ma, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan **SIGMOD 2021**

P8. CIAO: An Optimization Framework for Client-Assisted Data Loading Cong Ding, **Dixin Tang**, Xi Liang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan **ICDE 2021, Short Paper**

P9. CrocodileDB in Action: Resource-Efficient Query Execution by Exploiting Time Slackness **Dixin Tang**, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin **VLDB 2020, Demo**

P10. Thrifty Query Execution via Incrementability

Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin **SIGMOD 2020**

P11. CrocodileDB: Efficient Database Execution through Intelligent Deferment Zechao Shang, Xi Liang, **Dixin Tang**, Cong Ding, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin **CIDR 2020**

P12. Intermittent Query Processing

Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin VLDB 2019

P13. Socrates: The New SQL Server in the Cloud

Panagiotis Antonopoulos, Alex Budovski, Cristian Diaconu, Alejandro Hernandez Saenz, Jack Hu, Hanuma Kodavalla, Donald Kossmann, Umar Farooq Minhas, Naveen Prakash, Hugh Qu, Chaitanya Sreenivas Ravella, Krystyna Reisteter, Sheetal Shroti, **Dixin Tang**, Vikram Wakade **SIGMOD 2019**

P14. Toward Coordination-Free and Reconfigurable Mixed Concurrency Control

Dixin Tang, Aaron J. Elmore

USENIX'ATC 2018

P15. Adaptive Concurrency Control: Despite the Looking Glass, One Concurrency Control Does Not Fit All **Dixin Tang**, Hao Jiang, Aaron J. Elmore **CIDR 2017**

Professional Services

Program Committee:

SIGMOD'25, SIGMOD'24 (Demo Track), SIGMOD'23, SIGMOD'22, SIGMOD'22 (Demo Track)

EDBT'24 HILDA'23

Conference Reviewer:

IEEE VIS'21

Journal Reviewer:

VLDB Journal

Distributed and Parallel Databases Journal

Honors & Awards

2018 USENIX ATC'18 Student Travel Grant

2016 University Unrestricted (UU) Fellowship - The University of Chicago
 2016 CERES 1st year Graduate Research Award - The University of Chicago

Teaching Assistants

Winter 2020 CMSC 23500 - Introduction to Database Systems

Winter 2019 CMSC 23500 - Introduction to Database Systems
Winter 2018 CMSC 23500 - Introduction to Database Systems
Winter 2017 CMSC 23500 - Introduction to Database Systems

Spring 2016 MPCS 52040 - Distributed Systems Fall 2015 MPCS 51040 - C Programming

Industry Experience

■ Internship at Microsoft Research

Project: Benchmarking Socrates

Socrates is a new cloud-native database that decouples computation from storage. My internship involved testing the new database architecture of Socrates in an industrial setting, understanding its performance bottlenecks, and proposing optimization opportunities.

June 2018-Sep. 2018

Mentor: Umar Faroog Minhas

Referees

Name Aditya G. Parameswaran

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