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Research Areas

Vector Databases, Large-Scale Unstructured Data Analysis, Data Systems on CXL Memory

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

Publications

P1. Transactional Panorama: A Conceptual Framework for User Perception in Analytical Visual Interfaces (extended version)
Dixin Tang, Alan Fekete, Indranil Gupta, Aditya G. Parameswaran
VLDBJ 2025 (The **"Best of VLDB 2023"** special issue of VLDB Journal)

P2. Tigon: A Distributed Database for a CXL Pod
Yibo Huang, Haowei Chen, Newton Ni, Yan Sun, Vijay Chidambaram, **Dixin Tang**, Emmett Witchel
OSDI 2025

P3. Impeller: Stream Processing on Shared Logs
Zhiting Zhu, Zhipeng Jia, Newton Ni, **Dixin Tang**, Emmett Witchel
EuroSys 2025

P4. Pasha: An Efficient, Scalable Database Architecture for CXL Pods
Yibo Huang, Newton Ni, Vijay Chidambaram, Emmett Witchel, **Dixin Tang**
CIDR 2025

P5. Dealing with Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Typos in Real-World Entity Matching
Joshua Wu, **Dixin Tang**, Nithin Chalapathi, Tristan Chambers, Julie Ciccolini, Cheryl Phillips, Lisa Pickoff-White, Aditya G. Parameswaran
VLDB 2024, Industrial Track

P6. Visualizing Spreadsheet Formula Graphs Compactly
Fanchao Chen, **Dixin Tang**, Haotian Li, Aditya G. Parameswaran
VLDB 2023, Demo

P7. Transactional Panorama: A Conceptual Framework for User Perception in Analytical Visual Interfaces
Dixin Tang, Alan Fekete, Indranil Gupta, Aditya G. Parameswaran
VLDB 2023 (**"Best of VLDB 2023"**)

P8. Efficient and Compact Spreadsheet Formula Graphs

Dixin Tang, Fanchao Chen, Christopher De Leon, Tana Wattanawaroon, Jeaseok Yun, Srinivasan Seshadri, Aditya G. Parameswaran
ICDE 2023

P9. 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)

P10. 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

P11. 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

P12. Resource-Efficient Shared Query Execution via Exploiting Time Slackness
Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, William Ma, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan
SIGMOD 2021

P13. CIAO: An Optimization Framework for Client-Assisted Data Loading
Cong Ding, **Dixin Tang**, Xi Liang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan
ICDE 2021, Short Paper

P14. 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

P15. Thrifty Query Execution via Incrementability
Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin
SIGMOD 2020

P16. 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

P17. Intermittent Query Processing
Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin
VLDB 2019

P18. 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

P19. Toward Coordination-Free and Reconfigurable Mixed Concurrency Control
Dixin Tang, Aaron J. Elmore
USENIX'ATC 2018

P20. 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 - 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
SIGMOD Demo Track - 2022, 2024, 2025
VLDB - 2025, 2026
ICDE - 2025, 2026
EDBT - 2024
HILDA - 2023, 2024

Conference Reviewer:

IEEE VIS - 2021

Journal Reviewer:

VLDB Journal
Distributed and Parallel Databases Journal

Teaching

University of Texas at Austin:

Instructor	CS 395T: Database Systems and LLMs, Fall 2025
Instructor	CS 347: Data Management, Fall 2024
Instructor	CS 395T: Advanced Query Optimizations, Spring 2024

University of Chicago:

TA	CMSC 23500 - Introduction to Database Systems, Winter 2017-2020
TA	MPCS 52040 - Distributed Systems, Spring 2016
TA	MPCS 51040 - C Programming, Fall 2015

Industry Experience

- **Internship at Microsoft Research** June 2018-Sep. 2018
  Project: Benchmarking Socrates Mentor: Umar Farooq Minhas

  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.