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Research Areas

Transaction Processing, Large-Scale Data Analysis, Data Systems for Machine Learning

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. Tigon: A Distributed Database for a CXL Pod

Yibo Huang, Haowei Chen, Newton Ni, Vijay Chidambaram, **Dixin Tang**, Emmett Witchel

OSDI 2025

P2. Impeller: Stream Processing on Shared Logs

Zhiting Zhu, Zhipeng Jia, Newton Ni, Dixin Tang, Emmett Witchel

EuroSys 2025

P3. Pasha: An Efficient, Scalable Database Architecture for CXL Pods

Yibo Huang, Newton Ni, Vijay Chidambaram, Emmett Witchel, **Dixin Tang**

CIDR 2025

P4. 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

P5. Visualizing Spreadsheet Formula Graphs Compactly

Fanchao Chen, **Dixin Tang**, Haotian Li, Aditya G. Parameswaran

VLDB 2023, Demo

P6. Transactional Panorama: A Conceptual Framework for User Perception in Analytical Visual Interfaces

Dixin Tang, Alan Fekete, Indranil Gupta, Aditya G. Parameswaran

VLDB 2023 (Invited to the "Best of VLDB 2023" special issue of VLDB Journal)

P7. Efficient and Compact Spreadsheet Formula Graphs

Dixin Tang, Fanchao Chen, Christopher De Leon, Tana Wattanawaroon, Jeaseok Yun,

Srinivasan Seshadri, Aditya G. Parameswaran

ICDE 2023

P8. 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)

- P9. 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**
- P10. 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**
- P11. Resource-Efficient Shared Query Execution via Exploiting Time Slackness **Dixin Tang**, Zechao Shang, William Ma, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan **SIGMOD 2021**
- P12. CIAO: An Optimization Framework for Client-Assisted Data Loading Cong Ding, **Dixin Tang**, Xi Liang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan **ICDE 2021, Short Paper**
- P13. 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**
- P14. Thrifty Query Execution via Incrementability
 Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin
 SIGMOD 2020
- P15. 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**
- P16. Intermittent Query Processing
 Dixin Tang, Zechao Shang, Aaron J. Elmore, Sanjay Krishnan, Michael J. Franklin
 VLDB 2019
- P17. 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
- P18. Toward Coordination-Free and Reconfigurable Mixed Concurrency Control **Dixin Tang**, Aaron J. Elmore **USENIX'ATC 2018**
- P19. 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

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 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

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