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Extensive research and engineering experience in developing high-performance computing systems. Core contributor to a variety of open-source software that have earned over **6k stars** on GitHub. First author of publications on top-tier system conferences.

## Work Experience

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- **HPC-AI TECH, a startup** Beijing, China  
*Co-founder Engineer, Tech Manager* *February 2022 - Now*
- **WeChat, Tencent** Beijing, China  
*Senior Software Engineer (T11) at WeChat AI* *July 2019 - February 2022*  
Mentor : Dr. Jie Zhou
- **National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi** Wuxi, Jiangsu, China  
*Ph.D Research Intern at R&D Center* *August 2017 - May 2019*  
Mentor : Prof. Haohuan Fu

## Education

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- **Tsinghua University** Beijing, China  
*Ph.D. in Department of Computer Science & Technology* *July 2019*  
Advisor : Prof. Guangwen Yang, Co-advisor: Prof. Haohuan Fu  
Dissertation: Parallel Deep Learning Training System on Sunway TaihuLight [pdf]
- **University of California, Davis** Davis, CA, USA  
*Visiting Scholar in Department of Computer Science Engineering* *August 2017 - August 2018*  
Advisor : Assistant Prof. Cho-Jui Hsieh [link]
- **Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications** Beijing, China  
*B.S. in Department of Computer Science & Technology* *June 2014*  
Ranking 6<sup>th</sup> **top 2%** among 300 students (Honored 2014 Outstanding Graduate of Beijing)

## Project Highlights

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- **Building Large-scale Deep Learning Framework for Big Model Area**  
*HPC-AI Tech* *February 2022 - Now*

I am the manager of a 10+ member tech team building next-generation open-sourced AI Infra. Besides several on-going projects, our Open-source projects include:

1. Colossal-AI [link] is a Unified Deep Learning System for Large-Scale Parallel Training.
2. Energon-AI [link] is a Large-scale Model Inference System.

- **Building Open-sourced Deep Learning Infrastructures**  
*Wechat AI, Tencent* *July 2019 - February 2022* I

was dedicated to solving real production problems in Tencent by proposing innovative system solutions.

1. I initialized and developed **TurboTransformers** [link], a fast runtime for transformer inference on CPU and GPU.

2. I initialized and developed **PatrickStar** [link], Parallel Training of Large Language Models via a Dynamic Chunk-based Memory Management.
3. Both software is open-sourced on Tencent's official Github and has brought significant cost savings for the company's billion Daily Active User products. I was awarded as the Excellent Contributor for Open-sourced Collaboration of 2021 by Tencent, which is the **highest-valued personal prize** of the company. There are extensive Chinese media reports on my open-source achievements [link], [link].

- **Building Deep Basic Modules for WeChat App**

*Wechat AI, Tencent*

*July 2019 - March 2021*

I contributed to a set of basic modules in the WeChat App, including The WeChat Input Engine, the WeChat Open Dialogue Platform, and the WeChat Translation System. WeChat is a super App with over 1 Billion active users per month.

- **Large-scale Deep Learning Training (DL) System for GPU Supercomputer**

*University of California, Davis*

*September 2017 - August 2018*

I designed the RedSync – a distributed data-parallel Deep Learning training system using gradient pruning and quantization. When scaled up to 128 GPUs, the RedSync brought significant performance improvements to DNNs previously considered hard to scale.

- **High Performance Deep Learning System for the Sunway TaihuLight**

*National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi*

*April 2016 - August 2019*

I built a deep learning framework from scratch on the Sunway TaihuLight, which is based on the innovative SW26010 many-core processors and ranked **No.1 on the 47th-50th Top500 Supercomputer lists**.

1. I designed the swGEMM – a GEneral Matrix Multiplication (GEMM) library based on SW26010. Core code is handwritten by the assembly code, reaching 97% of peak performance. Significant speedups (2-10x) were achieved by applying swGEMM instead of default BLAS to deep learning applications.
2. Designed the swDNN – a library that provides APIs for mainstream DL operator (CONV, LSTM, FC, BN, and activations). Regarding the most complicated CONV ops, three parallel schemes were designed for the special SW26010 many-core architecture, i.e. explicit GEMM, implicit GEMM, and Winograd. The computing efficiency of swDNN exceeded cuDNNv7.5 running on Tesla K40.
3. I designed the swATOP – an end-to-end automated framework that optimizes complex parallel DL operator code on SW26010. By reading several lines of DSL statements, swATOP can automatically generate code that exceeds manual optimization performance.
4. I designed the swCaffe – an MPI-based deep learning framework on the Sunway TaihuLight. Synchronization employed an innovative topology-aware MPI Allreduce method which is 10x faster than the default MPI.Allreduce on 1024 nodes.

- **High Performance Scientific Computing Applications**

*Department of Earth System Science, Tsinghua University*

*February 2014 - March 2016*

1. I proposed a generalized cache-friendly design based on NVIDIA GPUs and Intel Xeon Phi for complex spatially-variable coefficient (CSVC) stencils. Gained 4x speedup in the seismic imaging software (GeoEast-Lightning) used by China National Petroleum Corporation.
2. I accelerated a series of scientific applications on different HPC platforms, including transient electromagnetic simulation on CPU cluster; remote sensing data analysis with SVM on Intel Xeon Phi; Community Earth System Model (CESM), and crop modeling on Sunway TaihuLight.

## First Author Publications [google link]

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- **Jiarui Fang**, Yang Yu, Zilin Zhu, Shenggui Li, Yang You, Jie Zhou, **PatrickStar: Parallel Training of Pre-trained Models via Chunk-based Memory Management**, Preprint on arXive. [pdf].
- **Jiarui Fang**, Yang Yu, Chengduo. Zhao, Jie Zhou, **TurboTransformers: An Efficient GPU Serving System For Transformer Models**, Proceedings of the 26th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel (PPoPP 2021). [pdf] .
- **Jiarui Fang**, Haohuan Fu, Guangwen Yang, Cho-Jui Hsieh, **RedSync : Reducing Synchronization Traffic for Distributed Deep Learning**. Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC), Volume 133, November 2019, Pages 30-39. [arXiv][pdf].
- Wei Gao\*, **Jiarui Fang\***, Wenlai Zhao, Jinzhe Yang, Long Wang, Lin Gan, Haohuan Fu, Guangwen Yang. **swATOP: Automatically Optimizing Deep Learning Operators on SW26010 Many-Core Processor**. Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP), 2019. (\* equal contribution) [pdf] .
- **Jiarui Fang\***, and Li, Liandeng\* and Fu, Haohuan and Jiang, Jinlei and Zhao, Wenlai and He, Conghui and You, Xin and Yang, Guangwen. **swCaffe: a Parallel Framework for Accelerating Deep Learning Applications on Sunway TaihuLight**, IEEE Cluster (Cluster), Belfast, UK, 2018. [pdf]. (\* equal contribution).
- **Jiarui Fang**, Haohuan Fu, Wenlai Zhao, Bingwei Chen, Weijie Zheng, and Guangwen Yang. **swDNN: A library for Accelerating Deep Learning Applications on Sunway Taihulight**. In Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS), 2017 IEEE International, pages 615–624. IEEE, 2017. [pdf]
- **Jiarui Fang**, Haohuan Fu, Guangwen Yang. **Cache-friendly Design for Complex Spatially-variable Coefficient Stencils on Many-core Architectures**. IEEE 23rd International Conference on High Performance Computing, Data, and Analytics (HiPC), p222-p231, Hyderabad, India, 2016. [pdf]
- **Jiarui Fang**, Haohuan Fu, He Zhang, Wei Wu, Nanxun Dai, Lin Gan, Guangwen Yang. **Optimizing Complex Spatially-Variant Coefficient Stencils for Seismic Modeling on GPU**. IEEE 21st International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS), p641-p648 Melbourne, Australia, 2015. [pdf]
- **Jiarui Fang**, Haohuan Fu, Guangwen Yang, Wei Wu, Nanxun Dai. **GPU-based explicit time evolution method**. The 84th Society of Exploration Geophysicists Technical Program Expanded Abstracts (SEG), p3549-p3553, New Orleans, USA, 2015 [pdf]

## Skills

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- **Good at English:** GRE 322 (Verbal 153, October 2012)
- **Programing Language:** C/C++, CUDA, Python
- **Technical Skills:** Computer Architecture, Parallel Computing, Software Performance Tuning and Optimization, Deep Learning, Numerical Computing.

## Academia Service

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- I serve as the reviewer of journals include ACM Transactions on Architecture and Code Optimization (TACO), Parallel Computing (PARCO), Transactions on Cloud Computing (TOCC), Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS).

## References

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