

# Mohammed Al Farhan

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EDUCATION	<p><b>King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)</b> 2014-2019 PhD, Computer Science Topic: <a href="#">Unstructured Computations on Emerging Architectures</a> Advisor: David E. Keyes</p> <p><b>King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)</b> 2012-2013 MSc, Computer Science</p> <p><b>King Faisal University</b> 2007-2012 BSc, Computer Science</p>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Postdoctoral Researcher, KAUST</b> 2020-Present • Research on scalable algorithms exploiting data sparsity (with David E. Keyes)</p> <p><b>Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Tennessee, Knoxville</b> 2019-2021 • Research on distributed, GPU-accelerated dense linear algebra (with Jack Dongarra)</p> <p><b>Graduate Researcher, KAUST</b> 2012-2019 • Research on unstructured grid PDEs and fast multipole method (with David E. Keyes)</p> <p><b>Directed Research, KAUST</b> Spring 2013 • Research on combinatorial machine learning (with Mikhail Moshkov)</p>
INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Co-founder, RoboCrop</b> 2017-2019 • RoboCrop is a startup initiative that develops automated farming solutions</p> <p><b>Software Engineer, Saudi Electricity Company</b> 2012 • Developed a smart system to detect anomalies in the reading meters</p> <p><b>Software Engineer Intern, Saudi Aramco</b> Summer 2011 • Developed a distributed key-value store system to track IT change requests</p> <p><b>Software Engineer Intern, Saudi Aramco</b> Summer 2010 • Developed a database management system to log IT reported incidents</p>
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMCS 312 High Performance Computing course (with David E. Keyes)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018 (KAUST)</li><li>– Fall 2016 (Blue Waters online courses, funded by US NSF at UIUC)</li><li>– Fall 2018 (Saudi Aramco EXPEC Advanced Research Center)</li></ul></li></ul>
PUBLICATIONS	<p><b>Journal Articles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>M. Al Farhan</b>, A. Abdelfattah, S. Tomov, M. Gates, D. Sukkari, A. Haidar, R. Rosenberg, and J. Dongarra. <a href="#">MAGMA Templates for Scalable Linear Algebra on Emerging Architectures</a>, <i>IJHPCA 2020</i></li><li>• M. Abduljabbar, <b>M. Al Farhan</b>, N. Al-Harhi, R. Chen, R. Yokota, H. Bagci, and D. Keyes. <a href="#">Extreme Scale FMM-Accelerated Boundary Integral Equation Solver for Wave Scattering</a>, <i>SISC 2019</i></li><li>• <b>M. Al Farhan</b> and D. Keyes. <a href="#">Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures</a>, <i>IEEE TPDS 2018</i></li><li>• <b>M. Al Farhan</b>, D. Kaushik, and D. Keyes. <a href="#">Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many Integrated Core Architecture</a>, <i>Parallel Computing 2016</i></li></ul>

### Conference Papers

- M. Abduljabbar, **M. Al Farhan**, R. Yokota, and D. Keyes. [Performance Evaluation of Computation and Communication Kernels of the Fast Multipole Method on Intel Manycore Architecture](#), *Euro-Par 2017*
- H. AbouEisha, **M. Al Farhan**, I. Chikalov, and M. Moshkov. [An Algorithm for Reduct Cardinality Minimization](#), *IEEE GrC 2013*

### Technical Reports

- A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, M. Gates, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Performance Report: Updates to Cholesky and LU Factorizations](#), *ICL, UTK*, Oct 2020
- A. Charara, M. Gates, J. Kurzak, A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Note, no. 11, ICL-UT-19-02: SLATE Developers' Guide](#), *ICL, UTK*, Aug 2020
- M. Gates, A. Charara, J. Kurzak, A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Notes, no. 10, ICL-UT-19-01: SLATE Users' Guide](#), *ICL, UTK*, Jul 2020
- M. Gates, **M. Al Farhan**, A. Charara, J. Kurzak, D. Sukkari, A. YarKhan, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Note, no. 13, ICL-UT-19-07: Implementing Singular Value and Symmetric/Hermitian Eigenvalue Solvers](#), *ICL, UTK*, Apr 2020
- M. Gates, A. Charara, A. YarKhan, D. Sukkari, **M. Al Farhan**, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Note, no. 14, ICL-UT-20-01: Performance Tuning SLATE](#), *ICL, UTK*, Jan 2020

### PROGRAMMING

- **Languages:** C/C++, Python, Java, POSIX Shell, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- **Models:** MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, POSIX Threads

### ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Unstructured Computations on Emerging Architectures
  - SIAM CSE 2019, Spokane, Washington
- BEMFMM: An Extreme Scale FMM-Accelerated BIE Solver for Wave Scattering
  - SIAM CSE 2019, Spokane, Washington
  - Intel IXPUG 2018, KAUST
  - SIAM PP 2018, Tokyo, Japan
- Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Intel KNL Hardware
  - Intel IXPUG 2018, KAUST
  - SIAM PP 2018, Tokyo, Japan
  - Intel HPC Developer Conference 2017, Denver, Colorado
  - PCCFD Workshop 2017, KAUST
  - HPC Saudi Conference 2017, KAUST [best poster award]
  - SIAM CSE 2017, Atlanta, Georgia
  - SHAXC-3 Workshop 2017, KAUST
- Performance Evaluation of Fast Multipole Method on Intel Manycore Architecture
  - Euro-Par 2017, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
  - ISC 2017, Frankfurt, Germany
- Implicit Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on MIC Architecture
  - ParCFD 2014, Trondheim, Norway
  - SHAXC-2 Workshop 2014, KAUST

### SERVICES

- **Reviewer:** ACM/IEEE SC 2015, ACM PPOPP 2016, Euro-Par 2016, IEEE Cluster 2016, PLOS One 2018, IJHPCA 2018, IEEE IPDSPS 2019, ACM TOPC 2019, Parallel Computing 2019 and 2020, ACM PASC 2020, ICCS 2021
- **Member:** KAUST IEEE Student Chapter (2012-2013), KAUST Graduate Council (2012-2014), KAUST ACM/SIAM Student Chapter (2012-2019), and KAUST Code Clinic (2014-2019)
- **Lecturer:** Gave several tutorials on: Python Programming (Spring 2014 and 2015), Fundamentals of High Performance Computing (Summer 2014 and 2015), PETSc: Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation (Summer 2016), and Version Control using Git (Fall 2020)