Mohammed A. Al Farhan

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Interests

High-Performance Computing (HPC), Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), Unstructured and irregular computations, Fast Multipole Method (FMM), Thread- and data-level parallelism, Vectorization and SIMDization, Performance modeling, engineering, and optimizations, Benchmarking, Many- and multicore emerging architectures, Scientific software engineering, System Programming, Distributed systems, Parallel programming, and Message Passing Interface (MPI)

Education

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia Ph.D., Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. David E. Keves

2014 - Present

Thesis – Unstructured Computations on Emerging Architectures

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia M.Sc., Computer Science.

2012 - 2013

Coursework – Algorithm analysis and design, Parallel programming paradigms (Message Passing Interface (MPI)), Programming languages (Ruby, Haskell, GO, and Python), Combinatorial machine learning, High-performance computing I and II (algorithms, architectures, and applications), Computing systems and concurrency (Advanced Operating Systems), Data analytics (artificial intelligence, data mining, and machine learning), and GPU and GPGPU Programming (OpenGL and CUDA)

King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia

2007 - 2012

B.Sc., Computer Science.

Senior Project - RFID-based Smart Authentication Distributed System

Research

- Optimizing Unstructured Computations on Emerging, Energy-austere HPC Architectures Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes To be submitted, SPAA 2019
- 2. Extreme Scale FMM-accelerated Boundary Integral Equation Solver for Wave Scattering
 Mustafa Abduljabbar, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Noha Al-Harthi, Rui Chen, Rio Yokota, Hakan
 Bagci, and David E. Keyes
 SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing (SISC), 2018 [under review]
 SOFTWARE RELEASE https://ecrc.github.io/BEMFMM/
- 3. Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures¹ Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes
 IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS), 2018
- 4. Performance Evaluation of Computation and Communication Kernels of the Fast Multipole Method on Intel Manycore Architecture

 Mustafa Abduljabbar, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Rio Yokota, and David E. Keyes

Mustafa Abduljabbar, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Rio Yokota, and David E. Keyes International European Conference on Parallel and Distributed Computing (Euro-Par), 2018

- Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many Integrated Core Architecture Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dinesh K. Kaushik, and David E. Keyes Parallel Computing Journal (PARCO), 2016
- An Algorithm for Reduct Cardinality Minimization
 Hassan AbouEisha, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Igor Chikalov, and Mikhail Moshkov IEEE International Conference on Granular Computing (GrC), 2013

Experience

RoboCrop Systems², Saudi Arabia. Co-founder

Sep 2017 - Present

Robotics software engineer, Full stack developer, and business development co-leader

¹ Highlighted in IEEE TPDS home page for the October 2018 journal issue.

² Top 13 finalists in TAQADAM Startup Accelerator (https://innovation.kaust.edu.sa/taqadam/) (2nd Cohort) – Awarded \$20,000

Saudi Electricity Company, Saudi Arabia. Software Engineer

May 2012 - Aug 2012

Developed a distributed system based on intelligent algorithms that monitors and detects anomalies such as malfunctions, tampers, and manipulations in the reading meters of customers

Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia. Software Engineer Intern

Summer 2011

Developed a distributed and scalable key-value store system that keeps track of all IT incidents, problems, and infrastructure change requests. Then, it updates the concerned parties on the current status of the said problems, automatically effectively reducing managerial bottlenecks

Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia. Software Engineer Intern

Summer 2010

Developed a database system that collects reports on IT problems and logs them into a unified disk-based repository where they can always be recalled for further processing with ease

Teaching

AMCS 312: High-Performance Computing. Teaching Assistant (TA) for Prof. David E. Keyes

- King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
 - Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018
- Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco)
 - Fall 2018
- Blue Waters Online Courses (https://bw-course.ncsa.illinois.edu/)
 - Fall 2016
- KAUST Visualization and Supercomputing Summer School
 - Summer 2016

Talks

Slides available at https://speakerdeck.com/farhanma

- 1. Optimizing Unstructured Computations on Emerging, Energy-austere HPC Architectures
 - (a) SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2019. Spokane, Washington, USA
- 2. Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Intel Knights Landing Architecture
 - (a) Intel eXtreme Computing User Group (IXPUG) Meeting, 2018. KAUST, KSA
 - (b) SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing, 2018. Tokyo, Japan
 - (c) Intel HPC Developer Conference, 2017. Denver, Colorado, USA
 - (d) Fully Predictive Complex Computational Fluid Dynamics Workshop, 2017. KAUST, KSA
 - (e) High Performance Computing Saudi Arabia (HPC Saudi) Conference, 2017. KAUST, KSA³
 - (f) SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2017. Atlanta, Georgia, USA
 - (g) Scalable Hierarchical Algorithms for extreme Computing Workshop, 2017. KAUST, KSA
- 3. Implicit Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many-Integrated Core Architecture
 - (a) International Conference on Parallel Computational Fluid Dynamics, 2014. Trondheim, Norway
 - (b) Scalable Hierarchical Algorithms for eXtreme Computing workshop, 2014. KAUST, KSA

Skills

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES – C/C++, Java, Python, and Shell PROGRAMMING MODELS – Intrinsics, OpenMP, pThreads, TBB, CUDA, and MPI SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS – make, CMake, and autoconf PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS TOOLS – perf, valgrind, likwid, PAPI, advisor, and VTune

³ Received Best Poster Award.