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. Keyes

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
- 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]
- 3. Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures 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

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 Systems¹, Saudi Arabia. Co-founder

Sep 2017 - Present

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

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

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

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 - 2018

• Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco)

Fall 2018

• Blue Waters Online Courses (https://bw-course.ncsa.illinois.edu/)

Fall 2016

Talks

- Optimizing Unstructured Computations on Emerging, Energy-austere HPC Architectures
 Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes
 SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2019. Spokane, Washington, USA
- Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Intel Knights Landing Architecture Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes Intel eXtreme Computing User Group (IXPUG), 2018. KAUST, Thuwal, KSA
- 3. Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes
 SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing, 2018. Tokyo, Japan
- Optimizations of Implicit Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Emerging HPC Architectures Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes Intel HPC Developer Conference, 2017. Denver, Colorado, USA
- 5. Implicit Unstructured Aerodynamics on Intel Knights Landing Architecture

 Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes

 Fully Predictive Complex Computational Fluid Dynamics, 2017. KAUST, Thuwal, KSA
- Implicit Unstructured Aerodynamics on Emerging Multi- and Many-Core HPC Architectures² Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dinesh K. Kaushik, and David E. Keyes High Performance Computing Saudi Arabia (HPC Saudi), 2017. KAUST, Thuwal, KSA
- 7. Implicit Unstructured Aerodynamics on Emerging Multi- and Many-Core HPC Architectures Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dinesh K. Kaushik, and David E. Keyes SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2017. Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- 8. Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many Integrated Core Architecture
 Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dinesh K. Kaushik, and David E. Keyes
 Scalable Hierarchical Algorithms for extreme Computing (SHAXC), 2017. KAUST, Thuwal, KSA
- Implicit Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many-Integrated Core Architecture
 Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes
 International Conference on Parallel Computational Fluid Dynamics, 2014. Trondheim, Norway
- Implicit Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many-Integrated Core Architecture Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes Scalable Hierarchical Algorithms for eXtreme Computing (SHAXC), 2014. KAUST, Thuwal, KSA

Skills

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES – C/C++, Java, Python, Shell, and JavaScript PROGRAMMING MODELS – Intrinsics, CUDA, MPI, OpenMP, pThreads, and TBB

² Received Best Poster Award.