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## Education

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, PhD in Computer Science, 2014 — 2019  
Dissertation: [Unstructured Computations on Emerging Architectures](#)  
Committee: David Keyes, Mikhail Moshkov, Hakan Bagci, Markus Hadwiger, and Edmond Chow  
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, MSc in Computer Science, 2012 — 2013  
Emphasis on high performance computing, distributed systems, and scientific visualization  
King Faisal University, BSc in Computer Science, 2007 — 2012  
Minor in Applied Mathematics

## Experience

Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Staff Engineer, 2022 —  
Install, configure, support, and maintain large-scale systems optimized for HPC and AI workloads  
King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, Senior Researcher, 2022  
Research on data engineering and analytics solutions for energy, economy, and climate models  
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Postdoctoral Researcher, 2020 — 2022  
Research on scalable algorithms exploiting data sparsity (with David Keyes)  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Postdoctoral Researcher, 2019 — 2021  
Research on distributed, GPU-accelerated dense linear algebra (with Jack Dongarra)  
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Graduate Researcher, 2012 — 2019  
Research on unstructured grids PDEs and fast multipole method (with David Keyes)  
RoboCrop, Cofounder, 2017 — 2019  
Developed farming solutions for robot control and automation  
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Directed Research, Spring 2013  
Research on combinatorial machine learning (with Mikhail Moshkov)  
Saudi Electricity Company, Software Engineer, 2012  
Developed a smart system to detect anomalies in the reading meters  
Saudi Aramco, Software Engineer Intern, Summer 2011  
Developed a distributed key-value store system to track IT change requests  
Saudi Aramco, Software Engineer Intern, Summer 2010  
Developed a database management system to log IT reported incidents

## Teaching Assistantship

AMCS 312 High Performance Computing course (with David Keyes)  
Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019 (KAUST)  
Fall 2016 (Blue Waters online courses, funded by US NSF at UIUC)  
Fall 2018 (Saudi Aramco EXPEC Advanced Research Center)

## Publication

**Google Scholar:** <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=CX9cRR8AAAAJ>

### Journal Articles

1. **M. Al Farhan**, A. Abdelfattah, S. Tomov, M. Gates, D. Sukkari, A. Haidar, R. Rosenberg, and J. Dongarra. [MAGMA Templates for Scalable Linear Algebra on Emerging Architectures](#), *SAGE IJHPCA* 2020
2. M. Abduljabbar, **M. Al Farhan**, N. Al-Harthi, R. Chen, R. Yokota, H. Bagci, and D. Keyes. [Extreme Scale FMM-Accelerated Boundary Integral Equation Solver for Wave Scattering](#), *SIAM SISC* 2019
3. **M. Al Farhan** and D. Keyes. [Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures](#), *IEEE TPDS* 2018
4. **M. Al Farhan**, D. Kaushik, and D. Keyes. [Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many Integrated Core Architecture](#), *Elsevier Parallel Computing* 2016

### Conference Papers

1. M. Gates, A. YarKhan, D. Sukkari, K. Akbudak, S. Cayrols, D. Bielich A. Abdelfattah, **M. Al Farhan**, and J. Dongarra. [Portable and Efficient Dense Linear Algebra in the Beginning of the Exascale Era](#), *P3HPC* 2022
2. 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
3. H. AbouEisha, **M. Al Farhan**, I. Chikalov, and M. Moshkov. [An Algorithm for Reduct Cardinality Minimization](#), *IEEE GrC* 2013

### Technical Reports

1. A. Abdelfattah, **M. Al Farhan**, C. Brown, M. Gates, D. Sukkari, A. YarKhan, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE port to AMD and Intel platforms](#), SWAN No. 16 (ICL-UT-21-01), *ICL, UTK*, Apr 2021
2. A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, M. Gates, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Performance Report: Updates to Cholesky and LU Factorizations \(ICL-UT-20-14\)](#), *ICL, UTK*, Oct 2020
3. A. Charara, M. Gates, J. Kurzak, A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Developers' Guide](#), SWAN No. 11 (ICL-UT-19-02), *ICL, UTK*, Aug 2020
4. M. Gates, A. Charara, J. Kurzak, A. YarKhan, **M. Al Farhan**, D. Sukkari, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Users' Guide](#), SWAN No. 10 (ICL-UT-19-01), *ICL, UTK*, Jul 2020
5. M. Gates, **M. Al Farhan**, A. Charara, J. Kurzak, D. Sukkari, A. YarKhan, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Note 13: Implementing Singular Value and Symmetric/Hermitian Eigenvalue Solvers \(ICL-UT-19-07\)](#), *ICL, UTK*, Apr 2020
6. M. Gates, A. Charara, A. YarKhan, D. Sukkari, **M. Al Farhan**, and J. Dongarra. [SLATE Working Note 14 Performance Tuning SLATE \(ICL-UT-20-01\)](#), *ICL, UTK*, Jan 2020

## Programming Skills

**Languages:** C/C++, Python, Java, Go, Unix Shell, Perl, MATLAB, SQL,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

**Technologies:** MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, pThreads, ROCm/HIP, SYCL, Redis

**DevOps:** Git, Make, CMake, Autotools, Docker, Kubernetes, Singularity, Airflow, Jenkins

## Oral/Poster Presentations

- HiCMA: Hierarchical Computations on Manycore Architectures  
 oneAPI Developer Summit at SC 2021, St. Louis, MO  
 Intel IXPUG Annual Conference 2021, Austin, TX
- Tile Low-Rank Matrix-Vector Multiplication for Scientific Applications  
 oneAPI Developer Summit at SC 2021, St. Louis, MO  
 Intel IXPUG Annual Conference 2021, Austin, TX
- SLATE: Software for Linear Algebra Targeting Exascale  
 ECP Annual Meeting 2020, Houston, TX
- 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

## Service and Outreach

**Reviewer:** ACM/IEEE SC 2015 and 2021, ACM PPoPP 2016, Euro-Par 2016 and 2021, IEEE Cluster 2016, 2021, and 2022, PLOS ONE 2018, SAGE IJHPCA 2018, IEEE IPDSPS 2019, ACM TOPC 2019, Elsevier Parallel Computing 2019 and 2020, ACM PASC 2020, ICCS 2021

**Artifact Evaluator:** ACM PPoPP 2016, ACM/IEEE SC 2021

**Vice President:** KAUST IEEE Student Chapter (2012 — 2013), KAUST ACM Student Chapter (2012 — 2015), and KAUST SIAM Student Chapter (2012 — 2017)

**Treasurer:** KAUST SIAM/ACM Student Chapter (2017 — 2019)

**Member:** KAUST Graduate Council: Academic and Research Committee (2012 — 2013) and University Relation Committee (2013 — 2014)

**Co-Organizer:** KAUST Code Clinic (2014 — 2019), Python Programming Camp (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, and Summer 2022), and Scientific Software Engineering Lecture Series: Fundamentals of High Performance Computing (Summer 2014 and Summer 2015), PETSc: Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific Computation (Summer 2016), and Version Control using Git (Fall 2017, Fall 2020, and Summer 2022), and DoltHub: Git for Data (Summer 2022)