MOHAMMED ALFARHAN

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EDUCATION King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

2014-2019

PhD, Computer Science

Topic: Unstructured Computations on Emerging Architectures

Advisor: David E. Keyes

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

2012-2013

MSc, Computer Science

King Faisal University
BSc, Computer Science

2007-2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Postdoctoral Researcher, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2019-Present

Developed software libraries for solving linear algebra problems at scale [with Jack Dongarra]

- SLATE: Software for Linear Algebra Targeting Exascale
- MAGMA: Matrix Algebra on GPU and Multicore Architectures

PhD Student, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

2013-2019

Developed performance-centric algorithms for high performance computing [with David E. Keyes]

Directed Research, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

2012-2013

Developed combinatorial algorithms for multi-pruning of decision trees [with Mikhail Moshkov]

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Co-founder and Software Consultant, RoboCrop Systems

2017-2019

Worked as a robotics software engineer and full stack developer for a robotics solutions startup

Software Engineer, Saudi Electricity Company

2012

Developed distributed systems to monitor and detect anomalies in the reading meters

Software Engineer Intern, Saudi Aramco

Summer 2011

Developed a distributed key-value store system to monitor IT incidents and changes requests

Software Engineer Intern, Saudi Aramco

Summer 2010

Developed a database system to store reports on IT problems for further processing with ease

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Teaching Assistant, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

2014-2018

Worked as a TA for High Performance Computing (AMCS 312) course [with David E. Keyes]

- KAUST: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018
- Saudi Aramco: Fall 2018
- Blue Waters Online Courses: Fall 2016 (Introduction to High Performance Computing)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Ali Charara, **Mohammed A. Al Farhan**, Mark Gates, Asim YarKhan, Dalal Sukkari, Jakub Kurzak, and Jack Dongarra. *Optimal Memory Consistency Model for Scaling Up Dense Matrix Computations on Distributed Heterogeneous Hardware*. Under review, IEEE TPDS 2020
- Ali Charara, **Mohammed A. Al Farhan**, Mark Gates, Asim YarKhan, Dalal Sukkari, Jakub Kurzak, and Jack Dongarra. *GPU-Optimized Parallel BLAS at Scale*. Under review, IEEE TPDS 2020
- Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Ahmad Abdelfattah, Stanimire Tomov, Mark Gates, Dalal Sukkari, Azzam Haidar, Robert Rosenberg, and Jack Dongarra. MAGMA Templates for Scalable Linear Algebra on Emerging Architectures, IJHPCA 2020
- Mustafa Abduljabbar, **Mohammed A. Al Farhan**, Noha Al-Harthi, Rui Chen, Rio Yokota, Hakan Bagci, and David E. Keyes. *Extreme Scale FMM-Accelerated Boundary Integral Equation Solver for Wave Scattering*, SISC 2019 [Code: https://ecrc.github.io/bemfmm/]
- Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes. Optimizations of Unstructured Aerodynamics Computations for Many-core Architectures, IEEE TPDS 2018 [Code: https://ecrc.github.io/kfun3d/]
- Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dinesh K. Kaushik, and David E. Keyes. *Unstructured Computational Aerodynamics on Many Integrated Core Architecture*, Parallel Computing 2016

Conference Papers

• Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Mustafa Abduljabbar, Hakan Bagci, and David E. Keyes. *ExaBEM: Exascale Boundary Element Method Solver for Acoustic Simulation*. To be submitted, ACM PASC 2021

- Mohammed A. Al Farhan and David E. Keyes. *GPU-Optimized Unstructured Computations*. To be submitted, ACM PPoPP 2021
- Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Ali Charara, Mark Gates, Asim YarKhan, Dalal Sukkari, Jakub Kurzak, and Jack Dongarra. *GPU-Optimized Banded Dense Matrix Computations at Scale*.. To be submitted, ACM/IEEE SC 2020
- Mustafa Abduljabbar, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Rio Yokota, and David E. Keyes. Performance Evaluation of Computation and Communication Kernels of the Fast Multipole Method on Intel Manycore Architecture, Euro-Par 2017
- Hassan AbouEisha, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Igor Chikalov, and Mikhail Moshkov. An Algorithm for Reduct Cardinality Minimization, IEEE GrC 2013 [Code: https://farhanma.github.io/MinReduct/]

Technical Reports

- Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Mark Gates, Asim YarKhan, and Jack Dongarra. SLATE Working Note 16: Band Dense Matrix Computations Development in SLATE, Innovative Computing Laboratory Technical Report ICL-UT-20-03, 2020 [In progress]
- Mark Gates, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, Dalal Sukkari, Asim YarKhan, and Jack Dongarra. SLATE
 Working Note 15: Implementing Generalized Hermitian Eigenvalue Solvers, Innovative Computing
 Laboratory Technical Report ICL-UT-20-02, 2020 [In progress]
- Mark Gates, Ali Charara, Asim YarKhan, Dalal Sukkari, Mohammed A. Al Farhan, and Jack Dongarra. SLATE Working Note 14: Performance Tuning SLATE, Innovative Computing Laboratory Technical Report ICL-UT-20-01, 2020
- Ali Charara, Mark Gates, Jakub Kurzak, Asim YarKhan, **Mohammed A. Al Farhan**, and Jack Dongarra. *SLATE Working Note 11: SLATE Developers' Guide*, Innovative Computing Laboratory Technical Report ICL-UT-19-02, 2020 [In progress]

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

SERVICE

- Reviewer: SC 2015, Euro-Par 2016, IEEE Cluster 2016, PLOS One 2018, IJHPCA 2018, IPDSPS 2019, TOPC 2019, Parallel Computing 2019, and ACM PASC 2020
- Artifact Evaluator: ACM PPoPP 2016
- 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)

Programming

- Languages: C/C++, Python, Java, Unix Shell, MATLAB, LATEX
- Models: Intrinsics, MPI, OpenMP, pThreads, CUDA, TBB
- Tools: Make, CMake, Autotools, perf, Valgrind, gdb, git