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Research Interests

Improving the performance and correctness of **big-data software**.

Education

- 2016–now **Ph.D in Computer Science**, *University of Chicago*, (Advised by Prof. Shan Lu).
2011–2015 **BEng in Software Engineering**, *Fudan University*, 3.6/4.0, Rank 5/79.

Award

- 2020 **Harper Dissertation Fellowship**.
2019 **ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award**.
2019 **ACM SIGPLAN John Vlissides Award**.
2019 **University Unrestricted (UU) Fellowship**.
2017 **CERES Outstanding Research Award 1st Year Graduate**.

Research Projects

- 2016–now **Hyperloop** (<http://hyperloop.cs.uchicago.edu>), *understanding, detecting, and solving performance problems in web applications built with Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) frameworks*.
- A comprehensive study on existing open-source applications built with Ruby-on-Rails
 - PowerStation (<http://hyperloop.cs.uchicago.edu/powerstation>), a RubyMine plugin to automatically identify and suggest fixes for performance issues
 - Panorama, (<http://hyperloop.cs.uchicago.edu/panorama>), a view-centric and database-aware development environment for web developers to understand the data-processing costs and explore better application design opportunities.
 - Vibranium, (<http://hyperloop.cs.uchicago.edu/vibranium>), the first in-depth study of data-constraint problems in web applications

Publication

- 2020 **Junwen Yang**, Utsav Sethi, Cong Yan, Shan Lu, Alvin Cheung, Managing data constraints in database-backed web applications, *42th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'20)*.
2020 Cong Yan, **Junwen Yang**, Alvin Cheung, and Shan Lu, View-Driven Optimization of Database-Backed Web Applications, *The Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR'20)*.

- 2019 **Junwen Yang**, Improving Performance and Quality of Database-Backed Software, (**SPLASH'19 Doctoral Symposium**).
 - ★ John Vlissides Award
- 2019 **Junwen Yang**, Cong Yan, Chengcheng Wan, Shan Lu, Alvin Cheung, View-Centric Performance Optimization for Database-Backed Web Applications, *41th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'19)*.
 - ★ SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award
 - Featured on Morning paper
- 2018 **Junwen Yang**, Cong Yan, Pranav Subramaniam, Shan Lu, Alvin Cheung, PowerStation: Automatically Detecting and Fixing Inefficiencies of Database-backed Web Applications in IDE, *26th Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE'18 Demonstration Track)*.
- 2018 **Junwen Yang**, Cong Yan, Pranav Subramaniam, Shan Lu, Alvin Cheung, How not to structure your database-backed web applications: a study of performance bugs in the wild, *40th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'18)*.
 - Featured on Morning paper, HackerNews, and RubyWeekly.
- 2017 Cong Yan, **Junwen Yang**, Alvin Cheung, and Shan Lu, Understanding Performance Inefficiencies in Real-world Database-backed Applications, *26th Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM'17)*.

Talk

- 2019 **Improving Performance of Database-Backed Software**, 2019 MIDAS, University of Michigan, US.
- 2019 **Improving Performance and Quality of Database-Backed Software**, 2019 SPLASH Doctoral Symposium, Athens, Greece.
- 2019 **View-Centric Performance Optimization for Database-Backed Web Applications**, 41th International Conference on Software Engineering, Montreal, Canada.
- 2018 **PowerStation: Automatically Detecting and Fixing Inefficiencies of Database-backed Web Applications in IDE**, 26th Foundations of Software Engineering, Florida, United States.
- 2018 **How not to structure your database-backed web applications: a study of performance bugs in the wild**, 40th International Conference on Software Engineering, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2017 **Understanding Performance Inefficiencies in Real-world Database-backed Applications**, 26th Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, Singapore.

Outreach

- 2020 **Invited to the ECOOP'20 Artifact Evaluation Committee (AEC)**.
- 2020 **Invited to ICPE 2020 Poster and Demo Track program committee**.
- 2018 **Mentor in ACM-W mentor program**, mentoring undergraduate students.
- 2018&2019 **Instructor in compileHer (FEMMES) Tech Capstone Teaching**, a workshop to lead middle school girls through CS and STEM concepts.

- 2017 **Student volunteer**, for *SOSP 2017, SIGMOD/PODS 2017, ICSE 2019*.
- 2017 **Attended Diversity at SOSP'17: The Ada Workshop**, a forum for female and minority students at the graduate and advanced undergraduate levels who have interests in computer systems research.

Internship

- 2020 **Research Intern**, *Microsoft Research*, Seattle, Supervised by Yeye He working on data discovery.
- Working on data discovery
 - To start this June.
- 2019 **Research Scientist**, *Facebook*, Seattle, Supervised by Nathan Slingerland.
- 2014–2015 **Student Consultant**, *Microsoft Research Asia (MSRA)*, Beijing.
- Better scheduling transient resources to run data-intensive jobs for distributed systems
- Supervised by lead researcher Dr. Zhengping Qian.
- 2014.3– **Software Development in Test (SDET) intern**, *EMC*, Shanghai.
- 2014.9
- Automate testing frameworks of Mozy, a cloud platform.
 - Create incremental code coverage rate finder.

Teaching Experience

- 2016 **TA for Introduction to Computer Security (CMSC 23200/33250)**, *University of Chicago*, Ariel Feldman.
- 2014 **TA for Discrete Mathematics**, *Fudan University*, Yiming Zhao.