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Short Bio

Kento Sato is a team leader of High Performance Big Data Research Team in the Center for Computational Science at RIKEN (RIKEN R-CCS). His research area is distributed systems and parallel computing, particularly in High Performance Computing (HPC). Major focuses of his research are artificial intelligence, machine learning and deep learning in HPC, application reproducibility (MPI reproducibility, and Validation), scalable fault tolerance (Scalable checkpoint/restart, Fault tolerant MPI, Resilient system design), and I/O optimization (NVRAM, Burst buffer, and Big data), co-designing and cloud computing. He received his Ph.D. in the Dept. of Mathematical & Computing Sciences at Tokyo Tech in 2014, his M.S. in the Dept. of Mathematical & Computing Sciences at Tokyo Tech in 2010, and his B.S. in the Dept. of Information Science at Tokyo Tech in 2008.

EDUCATION

- Mar., 2014 **Ph.D. in Science**, *Department of Mathematical and Computing*, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.
- Mar., 2010 **Master of Science**, *Department of Mathematical and Computing*, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.
- Mar., 2008 **Bachelor of Science**, *Department of Information Science*, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.
 - Graduated top of the department

WORK EXPERIENCE

- July., 2019 - present **Visiting Associate Professor**, *Graduate School of System Informatics*, Kobe University Graduate School, Kobe, Japan.
- Nov., 2018 - present **Team Leader**, *High Performance Big Data Research Team*, RIKEN Center for Computational Science (RIKEN R-CCS), Kobe, Japan.
- Oct., 2018 **Adjunct Team Leader**, *High Performance Big Data Research Team*, RIKEN Center for Computational Science (RIKEN R-CCS), Kobe, Japan.
- May, 2018 **Invited Senior Researcher (Category 5 Employee)**, *RWBC-OIL*, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Tokyo, Japan.
- Nov., 2017 - Jan., 2018 **Invited Senior Researcher (Category 5 Employee)**, *RWBC-OIL*, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Tokyo, Japan.
- Sep., 2017 - Oct., 2018 **Computer Scientist**, *Center for Applied Scientific Computing*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA.

- Sep., 2014 - **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Center for Applied Scientific Computing*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA.
 Sep., 2017
- PRUNER project (Providing Reproducibility on Ubiquitously Non-deterministic Environments and Runs)
 - Extreme Scale Resilience project
- Apr., 2014 - **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Global Scientific Information and Computing Center*, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.
 Aug., 2014
- Extreme Scale Resilience project
- Apr., 2012 - **JSPS research fellow, DC2**, JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), Tokyo, Japan.
 Mar., 2014
- I/O optimization in cluster, cluster and grid environments
- July, 2013 - **Research Intern**, *Center for Applied Scientific Computing*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA.
 Oct., 2013
- Developed a Fault tolerant Messaging Interface(FMI);
 - Developed an I/O interface(IBIO) and a resiliency model for burst buffer
- Aug., 2012 - **Research Intern**, *Center for Applied Scientific Computing*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA.
 Nov., 2012
- Developed a Fault tolerant Messaging Interface(FMI)
- Aug., 2011 - **Research Intern**, *Center for Applied Scientific Computing*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA, USA.
 Nov., 2011
- Developed an asynchronous checkpointing system
- Oct., 2010 - **Research Staff**, *Global Scientific Information and Computing Center*, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.
 Mar., 2011
- I/O optimization in grid environments
- Apr., 2010 - **Associate**, *Equity Operation*, J.P.Morgan Securities Japan Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.
 Aug., 2010
- Trading system monitoring
 - FIX (Financial Information Exchange) system log analysis
 - Release of algorithm trading programs
 - In-house user service
- Oct., 2006 - **Business Intern**, *Equity Research*, Deutsche Securities Inc., Tokyo, Japan.
 Jan., 2008
- Developed a financial chart viewer library and a web interface to SQL databases

RESEARCH FUNDING

- FY2020-present PI, “並列 I/O 最適化による大規模深層学習の高速化に関する研究 (Optimization of parallel I/O to accelerate large-scale deep neural network training)”, \$40,000/2-year Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists, KAKEN, <https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-20K19811/>
- FY2020-present Co-PI, “格子暗号の安全性を支える数学問題の大規模並列化による解読システムの開発 (Development of Large-scale Decryption System for Reliability of Lattice-based Cryptography)”, \$10,000/1-year 理研-九大科学技術ハブ共同研究プログラム (RIKEN-Kyushu Univ. Science & Technologies Hub Col laborative Research Program)
- FY2018-present PI, “High Performance Big Data System Research”, \$200,000/year

RIKEN Subsidy Fund

FY2011-2015 Co-PI, "Fault Tolerant Infrastructure Toward Billion of Parallelization and Exa-scale Supercomputer", \$2,000,000/5-year

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (S), KAKEN, <https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-23220003/>

FY2012-2013 PI, "広域環境における大規模データ処理の最適化 (Optimization of Big Data Processing in Geographically Distributed Environments)", \$17,000/2-year

Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, KAKEN, <https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-23220003/>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2021 The 3rd R-CCS International Symposium, *General Co-Chair*
- 2020 ACM/IEEE SC20 workshop: The 5th International Parallel Data Systems Workshop (PDSW2020), *Program Vice Chair*
- 2020 EuroMPI/USA'20, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2020 IEEE Cluster 2020, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2020 IEEE Cluster 2020, *Poster Chair*
- 2020 ACM HPDC 2020 (The 29th International Symposium on High-Performance Parallel and Distributed Computing), *Publicity Co-Chair*
- 2020 ACM HPDC 2020 Workshop: ScienceCloud2020, *Organizing Chair*, [CANCELED]
- 2020 HPC in Asia/ISC2020, *Deputy Chair*
- 2020 ISC2020 Workshop: SuperCompCloud2 (The 2nd Workshop on Interoperability of Supercomputing and Cloud Technologies), *Technical Program Committee*, [CANCELED]
- 2020 HPS 2020 (The IEEE International Workshop on High-Performance Storage) in conjunction with IEEE IPDPS 2020 (The 34th IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium), *Organizing Committee*
- 2020 HPS 2020 (The IEEE International Workshop on High-Performance Storage) in conjunction with IEEE IPDPS 2020 (The 34th IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2020 ACM International Conference on Computing Frontiers (CF), *Publicity Co-Chair*
- 2020 The 2nd R-CCS International Symposium, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2020 HPC Asia 2020 (International Conference on High Performance Computing in Asia-Pacific Region), *Track Chair (in Programming Models and Systems Software)*
- 2019 ACM/IEEE SC19, *BoF Committee*
- 2019 ICPP 2019 (International Conference on Parallel Processing 2019), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2019 IEEE Cluster 2019, *Poster Committee*
- 2019 ACM HPDC 2019 (The 28th International Symposium on High-Performance Parallel and Distributed Computing), *Travel Grant Committee*

- 2019 PDML19 (The 1st Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Machine Learning 2019) in conjunction with ICPP 2019 (International Conference on Parallel Processing 2019), *Organizer*
- 2019 ICS 2019 (International Conference on Supercomputing), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2019 ACM International Conference on Computing Frontiers (CF), *Program Co-Chairs*
- 2019 R-WoNC'19 (Riken International Workshop on Neuromorphic Computing), *Public-ity Co-Chairs*
- 2019 HPC Asia 2019 (International Conference on High Performance Computing in Asia-Pacific Region), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2018 ACM/IEEE SC18, *Posters Committee*
- 2018 ACM/IEEE SC18 workshop: The joint International Workshop on Parallel Data Storage & Data Intensive Scalable Computing Systems (PDSW-DISCS), *Program Committee*
- 2018 IEEE Cluster 2018, *Poster Committee*
- 2018 IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS-2018-02-0076), *Re-viewer*
- 2018 HPC Asia (International Conference on High Performance Computing in Asia-Pacific Region), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2018 HPC Asia (International Conference on High Performance Computing in Asia-Pacific Region), *Technical Poster Committee*
- 2017 ACM/IEEE SC17, *Posters Committee*
- 2017 ACM/IEEE SC17, *BoF Committee*
- 2017 ACM/IEEE SC17 workshop: The joint International Workshop on Parallel Data Storage & Data Intensive Scalable Computing Systems (PDSW-DISCS), *Program Committee*
- 2017 ACM/IEEE SC17 workshop: The first International Workshop on Software Correctness for HPC Applications (Correctnes2017), *Program Committee*
- 2017 IEEE Cluster, *Proceedings Chair*
- 2017 IEEE Cluster, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2017 IEEE Cluster workshop: The 3rd International Workshop on Fault Tolerant Systems (FTS2017), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2017 ICPP (International Conference on Parallel Processing), *Program Committee Mem-bers*
- 2016 IEEE Cluster, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2016 IEEE/ACM CCGrid, *Technical Program Committee*
- 2016 IEEE Cluster workshop: The 2nd International Workshop on Fault Tolerant Systems (FTS2016), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2015 IEEE Cluster, *Technical Program Committee*

- 2015 IEEE Cluster workshop: The 1st International Workshop on Fault Tolerant Systems (FTS2015), *Technical Program Committee*
- 2014 IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS-2014-01-0069), *Reviewer*
- 2014 Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience (CPE-14-0353), *Reviewer*
- 2013 IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (Journal), *Reviewer*
- 2013 Parallel Computing (Journal), *Reviewer*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

- Dec., 2019 R&D 100 Award Winner on "SCR Framework"
- Jun., 2018 Best poster award in ISC18 on "HuronFS: Hierarchical, User-level and On-demand Burst Buffer File System"
- Nov., 2017 R&D 100 Award Finalist on "PRUNERS Toolset"
- Nov., 2017 Best poster finalist in SC17 on "A Simulation-Based Analysis on the Configuration of the Burst Buffer"
- Nov., 2017 Best poster finalist in SC17 on "Towards Capturing Nondeterminism Motifs in HPC Applications"
- Mar., 2017 Best poster award at the Computation Directorate March 2017 Postdoctoral Poster Symposium in LLNL
- Feb., 2015 Seiichi Tejima Doctoral Dissertation Award (平成26年度手島精一記念研究賞授与式 情報学関係部門) on "Design and Implementation for Optimal Checkpoint/Restart"
- Mar., 2014 IEEE/ACM CCGrid2014 Best Paper Award
- Apr., 2012 Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) scholarship for two years, (Research fund: \$10k/year)
- Mar., 2008 Graduated top of the Department of Information Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Awarded

Teaching

- FY2019 神戸大学大学院 「大規模シミュレーション応用論」(集中講義)
- FY2019/2020 神戸大学大学院 「大規模シミュレーション総論II」
- FY2007 東京工業大学 「計算機システム」(TA)

Supervising/Mentoring

- FY2019 - Rupak Roy (Ph.D. student at Florida State University)
present
- FY2019 - Tonmoy Dey (Ph.D. student at Florida State University)
present
- FY2015 - Dylan Chapp (Ph.D. student at University of Delaware/University of Tennessee)
FY2018

FY2014 - Tianqi Xu (Ph.D., graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology)
FY2018

FY2013 - Naoto Sasaki (Master degree, graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology)
FY2015

GRADUATE ADVISOR

Satoshi Matsuoka, Tokyo Institute of Technology