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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Computer Science

2015 – 2021

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA USA

Advisor: Andy Pavlo

M.Sc., Computer Science 2015 – 2018 Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA USA

B.Sc., Computer Science

Peking University

2011 – 2015

Beijing, China

Advisor: Bin Cui

Professional Experience

Assistant ProfessorAugust 2023 – presentUniversity of Michigan, Ann ArborAnn Arbor, MI USA

Software Engineer

Databricks, Inc.

July 2022 – August 2023

Ann Arbor, MI USA

Post Doctoral FellowSeptember 2021 – July 2022Carnegie Mellon UniversityPittsburgh, PA USA

Supervisor: Andy Pavlo

Research InternMay 2018 – August 2018
Microsoft Research

Redmond, WA USA

Mentors: Bailu Ding, Sudipto Das

Publications

- [1] Wan Shen Lim, Matthew Butrovich, William Zhang, Andrew Crotty, **Lin Ma**, Peijing Xu, Johannes Gehrke, and Andrew Pavlo. Database gyms. In CIDR 2023, Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research, 2023.
- [2] Matthew Butrovich, Wan Shen Lim, **Lin Ma**, John Rollinson, William Zhang, Yu Xia, and Andrew Pavlo. Tastes great! less filling! high performance and accurate training data collection for self-driving database management systems. In *Proceedings of the 2022 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data*, 2022.
- [3] Lin Ma, William Zhang, Jie Jiao, Wuwen Wang, Matthew Butrovich, Wan Shen Lim, Prashanth Menon, and Andrew Pavlo. Mb2: Decomposed behavior modeling for self-driving database management systems. In Proceedings of the 2021 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, pages 1248–1261, 2021.
- [4] Andrew Pavlo, Matthew Butrovich, **Lin Ma**, Prashanth Menon, Wan Shen Lim, Dana Van Aken, and William Zhang. Make your database system dream of electric sheep: Towards self-driving operation. *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*, 14(12):3211–3221, 2021.
- [5] Amadou Ngom, Prashanth Menon, Matthew Butrovich, Lin Ma, Wan Shen Lim, Todd C Mowry, and Andrew Pavlo. Filter representation in vectorized query execution. In *Proceedings of the 17th International Workshop on Data Management on New Hardware (DaMoN 2021)*, pages 1–7, 2021.

- [6] Ling Zhang, Matthew Butrovich, Tianyu Li, Andrew Pavlo, Yash Nannapaneni, John Rollinson, Ambarish Zhang, Huanchen Balakumar, Daniel Biales, Ziqi Dong, Emmanuel J. Eppinger, Jordi E. Gonzalez, Wan Shen Lim, Jianqiao Liu, Lin Ma, Prashanth Menon, Soumil Mukherjee, Tanuj Nayak, Amadou Ngom, Dong Niu, Deepayan Patra, Poojita Raj, Stephanie Wang, Wuwen Wang, Yao Yu, and William Zhang. Everything is a transaction: Unifying logical concurrency control and physical data structure maintenance in database management systems. In 11th Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research, CIDR 2021, Virtual Event, January 11-15, 2021, Online Proceedings, 2021.
- [7] Lin Ma, Bailu Ding, Sudipto Das, and Adith Swaminathan. Active learning for ml enhanced database systems. In *Proceedings of the 2020 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data*, pages 175–191, 2020.
- [8] Prashanth Menon, Amadou Ngom, **Lin Ma**, Todd C Mowry, and Andrew Pavlo. Permutable compiled queries: dynamically adapting compiled queries without recompiling. *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*, 14(2):101–113, 2020.
- [9] Andrew Pavlo, Matthew Butrovich, Ananya Joshi, Lin Ma, Prashanth Menon, Dana Van Aken, Lisa Lee, and Ruslan Salakhutdinov. External vs. internal: an essay on machine learning agents for autonomous database management systems. *IEEE bulletin*, 42(2), 2019.
- [10] Lin Ma, Dana Van Aken, Ahmed Hefny, Gustavo Mezerhane, Andrew Pavlo, and Geoffrey J. Gordon. Query-based workload forecasting for self-driving database management systems. In Proceedings of the 2018 ACM International Conference on Management of Data, pages 631–645, 2018.
- [11] Andrew Pavlo, Gustavo Angulo, Joy Arulraj, Haibin Lin, Jiexi Lin, Lin Ma, Prashanth Menon, Todd C Mowry, Matthew Perron, Ian Quah, et al. Self-driving database management systems. In CIDR, 2017.
- [12] Lin Ma, Joy Arulraj, Sam Zhao, Andrew Pavlo, Subramanya R Dulloor, Michael J Giardino, Jeff Parkhurst, Jason L Gardner, Kshitij Doshi, and Stanley Zdonik. Larger-than-memory data management on modern storage hardware for in-memory oltp database systems. In *Proceedings of the 12th International Workshop on Data Management on New Hardware*, page 9. ACM, 2016.
- [13] Huanchen Zhang, David G Andersen, Andrew Pavlo, Michael Kaminsky, **Lin Ma**, and Rui Shen. Reducing the storage overhead of main-memory oltp databases with hybrid indexes. In *Proceedings of the 2016 International Conference on Management of Data*, pages 1567–1581. ACM, 2016.
- [14] Yingxia Shao, Bin Cui, and **Lin Ma**. Page: a partition aware engine for parallel graph computation. *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*, 27(2):518–530, 2015.
- [15] Yingxia Shao, Bin Cui, Lei Chen, **Lin Ma**, Junjie Yao, and Ning Xu. Parallel subgraph listing in a large-scale graph. In *Proceedings of the 2014 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data*, pages 625–636. ACM, 2014.
- [16] Yingxia Shao, Junjie Yao, Bin Cui, and Lin Ma. Page: A partition aware graph computation engine. In Proceedings of the 22nd ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management, pages 823–828. ACM, 2013.

TEACHING

- Instructor 15-445/645 Introduction to Database Systems

 *Carnegie Mellon University, 2021

 Delivered half of the course lectures, including topics in query optimization, concurrency control, logging and recovery, and distributed databases. Managed several TAs and more than 100 enrolled students with the other instructor. Planned homework, projects, and exams with help from TAs.
- **Head Teaching Assistant** 15-721 Advanced Database Systems Carnegie Mellon University, 2021
- **Teaching Assistant** 15-445/645 Introduction to Database Systems Carnegie Mellon University, 2021

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The China Computer Federation Outstanding Undergraduate Award 2015
- China National Scholarship 2014
- SIGMOD Programming Contest Finalist 2014
- SIGMOD Travel Award 2014

SERVICE

To the Profession

- Program Committee SIGMOD 2023, 2024, 2025
- Program Committee VLDB 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Program Committee CIDR 2024
- Web/Information Chair SIGMOD 2023
- Program Committee SMDB@ICDE 2022
- Program Committee AIDB@VLDB 2020, 2021
- External Reviewer DAPD 2019
- External Reviewer SIGMOD Demo 2017

To the University

- CSE PhD Admissions Committee University of Michigan, 2023
- CSD Faculty Search Committee Carnegie Mellon University, 2020
- CSD MS Admissions Committee Carnegie Mellon University, 2018
- Graduate Student Recruitment (Open House) Committee Carnegie Mellon University, 2018

Academic Talks

• Putting Your Database on Autopilot: Self-Driving Database Management Systems

Cornell University, September 26, 2023

Google, June 9, 2022

Microsoft Research, March 29, 2022

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 22, 2022

IBM Research, March 10, 2022

University of Maryland, College Park, March 7, 2022

Columbia University, March 2, 2022

Northwestern University, February 23, 2022

Oracle Labs, February 21, 2022

• NoisePage: The Self-Driving Database Management System

Ahana, October 19, 2021

University of California, San Diego, October 6, 2021

Facebook, June 4, 2021

Harvard University, April 30, 2021

Columbia University, April 13, 2021

Stanford University (MLSys Seminar), April 8, 2021

Oracle, April 6, 2021

Carnegie Mellon University, March 22, 2021

Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, March 19, 2021

The University of Chicago, March 17, 2021

University of Washington, March 3, 2021

University of California, Berkeley, February 23, 2021

University of California, Santa Cruz (CSE 215), February 19, 2021

Technical University of Munich, February 18, 2021 Brown University, January 27, 2021

• MB2: Decomposed Behavior Modeling for Self-Driving Database Management Systems

SIGMOD, June 2021

• Active Learning for ML Enhanced Database Systems SIGMOD, June 2020

 • Self-Driving Databases: It All Starts with Workload Forecasting $Percona\ Live,\ {\rm May\ 2019}$

• Efficiently Leveraging B-Instances for Query Plan Predictions Microsoft Research, August 2018

• Query-based Workload Forecasting for Self-Driving DBMSs

SIGMOD, June 2018 Microsoft Research, May 2018 PDL Retreat, October 2017

• Larger-than-Memory Data Management on Modern Storage Hardware for In-Memory OLTP Database Systems

SIGMOD, June 2016

• The Self-Driving DBMS PDL Retreat, October 2016

• Multi-Level Anti-Caching for NVM+SSD in H-Store PDL Retreat, October 2015

• Finalist Presentation of Programming Contest SIGMOD, June 2014

• Using Less to Do More With Anti-Caching in OLTP Database Systems Carnegie Mellon University, August 2014