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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Scientific Computing: Direct solvers and preconditioners for sparse linear systems, fast algorithms for fusion simulation, quantum chemistry, power grid optimization, inverse problems, and highly oscillatory problems, randomized matrix and tensor algebras, high-performance computing, autotuning, Bayesian optimization, fast machine-learning algorithms.

Computational Electromagnetics: Fast integral and differential equation solvers for large-scale electromagnetic problems, multi-resolution algorithms for transient scattering, radio frequency cavity modeling, multi-physics and multi-scale modeling.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Career (Tenured) Research Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Feb. 2022 - Present

- Develop autotuning techniques for exascale and SciDAC applications
- Develop scalable sparse linear solvers
- Develop efficient solvers for kinetic plasma simulations
- Develop new formulations and solvers for acoustic and electromagnetic problems
- Develop fast linear and multi-linear algorithms for quantum chemistry computation
- Develop randomized algorithms for challenging inverse problems
- Develop domain-aware deep learning algorithms

Career-Track Research Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Aug. 2019 - Jan. 2022

- Develop butterfly-based direct solvers for sparse linear systems
- Develop autotuning techniques for exascale applications
- Develop GPU-accelerated exascale sparse linear solvers
- Develop efficient direct solver-based RF cavity modeling tools

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Aug. 2017 - Jul. 2019

- Develop low-rank and butterfly-based hierarchical solvers for highly oscillatory problems.
- Develop scalable triangular solution algorithms for sparse direct solvers.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Michigan, June 2015 - July 2017

- Develop randomized algorithms for butterfly factorizations and butterfly-based fast direct integral equation solvers for high-frequency Helmholtz problems.

Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Sept. 2010 - May 2015

- Develop provably scalable and wavelet-enhanced plane-wave-time-domain algorithms for integral equation analysis of large-scale transient problems.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Exascale Computing Project Annual Meeting, May. 2022

- Tutorial: GPU Capable Sparse Direct Solvers
- Tutorial: Performance Autotuning of ECP Applications with Gaussian Process-Based and Cloud Database-Enhanced GPTune Package

Lecturer, Exascale Computing Project Annual Meeting, Apr. 2021

- Tutorial: GPTune: Performance Autotuner for ECP Applications

Lecturer, Exascale Computing Project Annual Meeting, Feb. 2020
- Tutorial: STRUMPACK / SuperLU: fast parallel direct linear solvers and preconditioners

Lecturer, Super Computing, Nov. 2019
- Tutorial: fast parallel direct linear solvers and preconditioners

Lecturer, IEEE NEMO Conference, May 2019
- Tutorial: scalable direct solvers for electromagnetics and multiphysics simulations.

Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Mar. 2009 - June 2009
- Instruct students in FPGA programming for digital circuit designs.

EDUCATION	

EDUCATION
- Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, May 2015
  Advisor: Eric Michielssen
- M.S., Mathematics, University of Michigan, Nov. 2014
- B.S., Electrical Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, June 2010

HONORS AND AWARDS
- Young Scientists Award, 3rd URSI Atlantic Radio Science Meeting (AT-AP-RASC), 2022
- Sergei A. Schelkunoff Transactions Prize Paper Award, IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society, 2018
- 1st Place in Student Paper Competition, 12th International Workshop on Finite Elements for Microwave Engineering, 2014
- 2nd Place in Student Paper Competition, 28th Annual Review of Progress in Applied Computational Electromagnetics, 2012
- Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan, 2012 to 2014
- Outstanding Graduate Award, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2010
- Third Prize in National Electronic Contest, China, 2009

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT
- **ButterflyPACK**, https://github.com/liuyangzhuan/ButterflyPACK
- **GPTune**, https://github.com/gptune/GPTune
- **Superlu_DIST**, https://github.com/xiaoyeli/superlu_dist
- **STRUMPACK**, https://github.com/pghysels/STRUMPACK

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE
- DOE SBIR/STTR proposals
- Israel Science Foundation (ISF) proposals
- PC member for IEEE Cluster 2021
- PC member for International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP) 2021
- PC member for Supercomputing (SC) 2021, 2022
- IEEE AP-S/URSI Symposium 2021, 2022
- PC member for SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP22)
- Communications in Computational Physics
- CCF Transactions on High Performance Computing
- CSIAM Transactions on Applied Mathematics
- Journal of Computational Physics
- The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America
- SIAM Journal of Scientific Computing
- IEEE Transaction on Antennas and Propagation
- IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control
- IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine
- IEEE Transaction on Microwave Theory and Techniques
- IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters
- IEEE Journal on Multiscale and Multiphysics Computational Techniques

- International Journal of Numerical Modelling: Electronic Networks, Devices and Fields
- Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience
- Journal of Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society
- International Journal of Antennas and Propagation
- The Open Electrical and Electronic Engineering Journal
- Journal of Microwaves, Optoelectronics and Electromagnetic Applications

SESSION
ORGANIZER
- Committee Member for "DOE SciDAC FASTMath Seminar Series", 2021, 2022
- Chair for "Low-Rank Compression-Based Fast Sparse Direct Solvers," SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing, 2020
- Chair for "Fast and Accurate Integral Methods for Highly Oscillatory Phenomena," SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2019
- Chair for "Time-Domain Computational Methods for Complex Electromagnetic and Multiphysics Problems," IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, 2019
- Chair for "Parallel Sparse Triangular Solve on Emerging Platforms," SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra, 2018
- Chair for "Acceleration Techniques for Integral Equations," IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, 2017.
- Chair for "Time-Domain Numerical Methods," IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, 2012
- Judge for the 10th Annual Engineering Graduate Symposium, University of Michigan, 2015
- Steering Committee for "Celebrating Maxwell's Equations: 150 Years" workshop, 2015.

BOOK
CHAPTERS
[1] **Y. Liu**, and E. Michielssen "Parallel fast time-domain integral-equation methods for transient electromagnetic analysis," in Parallel algorithms in computational science and engineering. Birkhauser, 2020.

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PUBLICATIONS
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[2] H. Luo, Y. Cho, J. W. Demmel, X. S. Li, and **Y. Liu**,, "Hybrid models for mixed variables in Bayesian optimization," *Journal of Machine Learning Research,* (submitted).

[3] M. Wang, **Y. Liu**, P. Ghysels, and A. C. Yucel, "VoxImp: impedance extraction simulator for voxelized structures," *IEEE Trans. Antennas Propag.,* (submitted).

[4] W. Sheng, A. C. Yucel, **Y. Liu**, H. Guo, and E. Michielssen, "A domain decomposition based surface integral equation simulator for characterizing EM wave propagation in mine environments," *IEEE Trans. Antennas Propag.,* (submitted).

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[2] X. Zhu, **Y. Liu**, P. Ghysels, D. Bindel, and X. S. Li, "GPTuneBand: multi-task and multi-fidelity Bayesian optimization for autotuning exascale applications," in *SIAM PP*, 2022. doi:10.1137/1.9781611977141.1

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ity with a history database," in *IEEE 14th International Symposium on Embedded Multicore/Many-core Systems-on-Chip (MCSoC)*, 2021. doi:10.1109/MCSoC51149.2021.0004

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[2] **Y. Liu**, "Butterfly Compressed Babich Integrator for Solving Helmholtz Equations in Inhomogeneous Media", in *BIRS-CMO Workshop on Outstanding Challenges in Computational Methods for Integral Equations*, 2022.

[3] **Y. Liu**, "Fast Direct Integral and Differential Equation Solvers for Electromagnetic Applications at All Frequency Ranges", in *Howard University Seminar*, 2021.

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Cavities with Waveguide Ports", in *ICCEM*, 2020.

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[15] **Y. Liu**, "Fast Algebras on Optimized Butterfly Structures," in *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering,* 2019.

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