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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

**Research Scientist**, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Aug. 2019 - Present

- 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, 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

- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergei A. Schelkunoff Transactions Prize Paper Award, IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society, 2018</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Student Paper Competition, 12th International Workshop on Finite Elements for Microwave Engineering, 2014</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Student Paper Competition, 28th Annual Review of Progress in Applied Computational Electromagnetics, 2012</li> <li>• Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan, 2012 to 2014</li> <li>• Outstanding Graduate Award, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2010</li> <li>• Third Prize in National Electronic Contest, China, 2009</li> </ul>
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ButterflyPACK</b>, <a href="https://github.com/liuyangzhuan/ButterflyPACK">https://github.com/liuyangzhuan/ButterflyPACK</a></li> <li>• <b>GPTune</b>, <a href="https://github.com/gptune/GPTune">https://github.com/gptune/GPTune</a></li> <li>• <b>Superlu_DIST</b>, <a href="https://github.com/xiaoyeli/superlu_dist">https://github.com/xiaoyeli/superlu_dist</a></li> <li>• <b>STRUMPACK</b>, <a href="https://github.com/pghysels/STRUMPACK">https://github.com/pghysels/STRUMPACK</a></li> </ul>
REVIEWER EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE SBIR/STTR proposals</li> <li>• PC member for IEEE Cluster 2021</li> <li>• PC member for International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP) 2021</li> <li>• PC member for Supercomputing (SC) 2021</li> <li>• PC member for SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP22)</li> <li>• Communications in Computational Physics</li> <li>• CCF Transactions on High Performance Computing</li> <li>• CSIAM Transactions on Applied Mathematics</li> <li>• Journal of Computational Physics</li> <li>• The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America</li> <li>• SIAM Journal of Scientific Computing</li> <li>• IEEE Transaction on Antennas and Propagation</li> <li>• IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine</li> <li>• IEEE Transaction on Microwave Theory and Techniques</li> <li>• IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters</li> <li>• IEEE Journal on Multiscale and Multiphysics Computational Techniques</li> <li>• International Journal of Numerical Modelling: Electronic Networks, Devices and Fields</li> <li>• Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience</li> <li>• Journal of Applied Computational Electromagnetics Society</li> <li>• International Journal of Antennas and Propagation</li> <li>• The Open Electrical and Electronic Engineering Journal</li> <li>• Journal of Microwaves, Optoelectronics and Electromagnetic Applications</li> </ul>
SESSION ORGANIZER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair for “Low-Rank Compression-Based Fast Sparse Direct Solvers,” SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing, 2020</li> <li>• Chair for “Fast and Accurate Integral Methods for Highly Oscillatory Phenomena,” SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, 2019</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Chair for “Parallel Sparse Triangular Solve on Emerging Platforms,” SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra, 2018</li> <li>• Chair for “Acceleration Techniques for Integral Equations,” IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC-URSI Radio Science Meeting, 2017.</li> <li>• Chair for “Time-Domain Numerical Methods,” IEEE International Symposium on Anten-</li> </ul>

nas 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.

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- [2] **Y. Liu**, "Fast Direct Integral and Differential Equation Solvers for Electromagnetic, Acoustic, and Elastic Applications at All Frequency Ranges", in *Michigan MICDE Seminar*, 2021.

- [3] **Y. Liu**, “Fast Direct Integral and Differential Equation Solvers for Electromagnetic, Acoustic, and Elastic Applications at All Frequency Ranges”, in *Flatiron Seminar*, 2021.
- [4] **Y. Liu**, “Autotuning HPC and ML Applications Using GPTune ”, in *Google Research Seminar*, 2021.
- [5] **Y. Liu**, P. Ghysels, and X. S. Li, “Butterfly-based Hierarchically Semi-separable Matrix for Integral Equation Solvers”, in *URSI GASS*, 2021.
- [6] **Y. Liu**, X. Xing, L. Claus, P. Ghysels, and X. S. Li, “Optimal-Complexity Butterfly Algorithm Based on Randomized Matvec”, in *SIAM CSE*, 2021.
- [7] **Y. Liu**, T. Luo, and S. Tan, “A Fast Direct IE Solver for Characterization of Accelerator Cavities with Waveguide Ports”, in *ICCEM*, 2020.
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