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## Research Work Experience

- 1. Data Science and Learning, Argonne National Laboratory, U.S.A.** 2019.08 - present  
*Assistant Computer Scientist*
  - Data Science and Learning for Computer System(Explain, Predict and Optimize).
  - Artificial Intelligence for Science.
  - Performance modeling and characterization of high performance computing system.
- 2. Computation Institute, University of Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.** 2018.03 - 2019.08  
*Research Scientist*, also hold a joint appointment at Argonne National Laboratory
  - Design a scalable architecture for smart science ecosystems.
  - Embed intelligence in relevant computer systems via machine learning.
- 3. Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois, U.S.A.** 2016.09 - 2018.03  
*Postdoctoral Appointee, Advisor: Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Mentor: Sven Leyffer*
  - Building robust analytic models for science at extreme scales
  - Modeling, simulating & optimizing for large data transfers over wide area networks.
- 4. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain** 2013.09 - 2016.08  
*Research Fellow, PhD candidate, Advisor: Emilio Luque*
  - Performance modeling for scientific simulation on GPU-accelerated supercomputer.
- 5. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, U.S.A.** 2015.12 - 2016.04  
*Visiting Researcher, Host: Kalyan S. Perumalla*
  - Performance modeling, verification and validation for scientific simulation on multi-GPU clusters.
  - Designed and developed a large-scale vehicle evacuation simulator on GPUs using CUDA.
  - Implemented an earthquake wave propagation model on multiple GPUs using CUDA.
- 6. Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China** 2010.09 - 2013.09  
*Research Assistant*
  - Designed and developed a rapid control prototype system for designing drones.
  - Developed a distributed, hardware-in-the-loop interactive simulation system for fixed-wing drone.

## Engineering Work Experience

- 1. Xi'an FengLiTong Electronic CO. LTD. Shaanxi, China** 2010.05 - 2013.06  
*Software Engineer (Part-time)*
  - $\mu$ C/OS-II real-time operating system porting and board support package developing.
  - USB driver and filesystem on ARM Cortex-M3 MCUs for exchanging data.
  - GPS data parsing, reliable communication via GSM network.
  - Developed a backend communication server for million vehicle-traveling-data-records.

2. **Outsourcing Service** as an Embedded System Engineer 2010.09 - 2013.07
  - An integrated power management for ambulances (hardware and firmware).
  - Developed a temperature control system for machine oil-cooling (hardware and firmware).

## 🏆 Selected Awards, Grants & Honors

- Best Paper award at XLOOP'21, FGCS'21, MLN'19, MLN'18, TRIDENTCOM'18. 2021, 2018
- Impact Argonne award for notable achievement in Innovation. May 2020
- Top Winner of the first Technology Challenge at SC'19. Nov. 2019
- Pacesetter Award by Data Science and Learning, Argonne National Laboratory Jan. 2019
- Extraordinary Doctorate Award by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Jun. 2018
- China National Scholarship, Ministry of Education, China  
(award to 0.2% of outstanding undergraduates) ×2 2008, 2009

## ✍ Professional Activities and Memberships

- *Professional Membership*: Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).
- *Editorship*: Journal of Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS), Impact Factor: 7.2.
- *Co-Chair*: [SRMPDS 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020](#); [AI-Science'19](#).
- *Technical Program Committee*: [ICDS'19](#); [DAAC'17-19](#); [DLS'19](#); [ICDCS'20](#); [SC'20](#); [HPCC'20](#).
- *Journal Reviewer*: MDPI Sensors; Elsevier FGCS, JOCS; IEEE Access, TPDS.

## 🎓 Education

- **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona** Barcelona, Spain  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Emilio Luque* 2013.09 - 2016.07  
 – Cum Laude (the highest honor) and international mention
- **Northwestern Polytechnical University** Xi'an, China  
*MSc. in Guidance, Navigation and Control* 2010.09 - 2013.04
- **Northwestern Polytechnical University** Xi'an, China  
*BSc. in Aircraft Manufacturing Engineering* 2006.09 - 2010.06

## 📖 Publications

§Refereed conference/workshop papers [<sup>\*</sup> student supervised]

1. **Zhengchun Liu**, Ahsan Ali, Peter Kenesei, Antonino Miceli, Hemant Sharma, Nicholas Schwarz, Dennis Trujillo, Hyunseung Yoo, Ryan Coffee, Ryan Herbst, Jana Thayer, Chun Hong Yoon, Ian Foster. *Bridge Data Center AI Systems with Edge Computing for Actionable Information Retrieval*. XLOOP@SC'21. **Best Paper Awarded.**
2. Aniket Tekawade, **Zhengchun Liu**, Peter Kenesei, Tekin Bicer, Francesco De Carlo, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Ian Foster. *3D Autoencoders For Feature Extraction In X-ray Tomography*. 2021 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing.

3. Ryan D. Lewis\*, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Michael E. Papka. *Log-Based Identification, Classification, and Behavior Prediction of HPC Applications*. HPCSYSPROS@SC'20.
4. Ziling Wu\*, Tekin Bicer, **Zhengchun Liu**, Vincent De Andrade, Yunhui Zhu, Ian T. Foster. *Deep Learning-based Low-dose Tomography Reconstruction with Hybrid-dose Measurements*. AI4S@SC'20.
5. Tirthak Patel, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Paul Rich, Bill Allcock, Devesh Tiwari. *Job Characteristics on Large-Scale Systems: Long-Term Analysis, Quantification, and Implications*. The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC'20).
6. **Zhengchun Liu**, Ryan Lewis, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Kevin Harms, Philip Carns, Nageswara Rao, Ian Foster and Michael Papka. *Characterization and Identification of HPC Applications at Leadership Computing Facility*. International Conference on Supercomputing (ICS'20).
7. Qiao Kang, Ankit Agrawal, Alok Choudhary, Alex Sim, Kesheng Wu, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Peter Beckman, **Zhengchun Liu** and Wei-keng Liao. *Spatiotemporal Real-Time Anomaly Detection for Supercomputing Systems*. BDPM@IEEE Big Data.
8. Nageswara Rao, Neena Imam, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, **Zhengchun Liu** and Ian Foster, *Estimation of RTT and Loss Rate of Wide-Area Connections Using MPI Measurements*, IEEE/ACM INDIS'19.
9. Nageswara Rao, Neena Imam, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, **Zhengchun Liu** and Ian Foster, *Machine Learning Methods for Connection RTT and Loss Rate Estimation Using MPI Measurements Under Random Losses*, Machine Learning for Networking (MLN'19), **Best Paper Awarded**.
10. Vibhatha Abeykoon\*, **Zhengchun Liu**, Tekin Bicer, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Geoffrey Fox and Ian Foster. *Scientific Image Restoration Anywhere*. XLOOP @SC'19.
11. **Zhengchun Liu**, Tekin Bicer, Rajkumar Kettimuthu and Ian Foster. *Deep Learning Accelerated Light Source Experiments*. IEEE/ACM Deep Learning on Supercomputers DLS@SC'19.
12. Joaquin Chung, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu and Ian Foster. *Toward an Elastic Data Transfer Infrastructure*. IEEE International Conference on eScience (eScience'19)
13. Yuanlai Liu\*, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Nageswara Rao, Zizhong Chen and Ian Foster. *Data transfer between scientific facilities - bottleneck analysis, insights and optimizations*. IEEE/ACM International Symposium in Cluster, Cloud, and Grid Computing (CCGrid'19).
14. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Prasanna Balaprakash, Nageswara S. V. Rao and Ian Foster. *Building a Wide-Area Data Transfer Performance Predictor: An Empirical Study*. International Conference on Machine Learning for Networking (MLN'18).
15. Nageswara Rao, Qiang Liu, Satyabrata Sen, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, and Ian Foster. *Measurements and Analytics of Wide-Area File Transfers over Dedicated Connections*. The 20th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (ICDCN'19).
16. Nageswara Rao, Satyabrata Sen, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, and Ian Foster. *Learning Concave-Convex Profiles of Data Transport Over Dedicated Connections*. International Conference on Machine Learning for Networking (MLN'18), **Best Paper Awarded**.
17. Nageswara Rao, Qiang Liu, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, and Ian Foster. *Throughput Analytics of Data Transfer Infrastructures*. EAI Conference on Testbeds and Research Infrastructures for the Development of Networks & Communities (TRIDENTCOM'18), **Best Paper Awarded**.
18. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Ian Foster and Yuanlai Liu. *A comprehensive study of wide area data movement at a scientific computing facility*. IEEE 38th International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (SNTA@ICDCS'18).
19. Rajkumar Kettimuthu, **Zhengchun Liu**, Ian Foster, Peter H. Beckman, Alex Sim, John Wu, Wei-keng Liao, Qiao Kang, Ankit Agrawal, and Alok Choudhary. 2018. *Toward Autonomic Science*

*Infrastructure: Architecture, Limitations, and Open Issues*. The 1st Autonomous Infrastructure for Science workshop (AI-Science@HPDC'18).

20. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Ian Foster and Nageswara S.V. Rao. *Cross-geography Scientific Data Transfer Trends and User Behavior Patterns*. Proceedings of the 27th International Symposium on High-Performance Parallel and Distributed Computing (HPDC'18).
21. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Sven Leyffer, Prashant Palkar and Ian Foster. *A mathematical programming and simulation based framework to evaluate cyberinfrastructure design choices*. The 13th IEEE International Conference on eScience (IEEE eScience'17).
22. **Zhengchun Liu**, Prasanna Balaprakash, Rajkumar Kettimuthu and Ian Foster. *Explaining Wide Area Data Transfer Performance*. Proceedings of the 26th International Symposium on High-Performance Parallel and Distributed Computing (HPDC'17), 167-178.
23. **Zhengchun Liu**, Dolores Rexachs, Francisco Epelde, and Emilio Luque. *Support managing population aging stress of emergency departments in a computational way*. 2017 International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS'17), Volume 108, 2017, Pages 149-158.
24. **Zhengchun Liu**, Eduardo Cabrera, Dolores Rexachs, Francisco Epelde, and Emilio Luque. *Simulating the Micro-level Behavior of Emergency Department for Macro-level Features Prediction*. Proceedings of the 2015 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC'15). Pages 171–182
25. Xueping Zhu, **Zhengchun Liu** and Jun Yang. *Model of Collaborative UAV Swarm Toward Coordination and Control Mechanisms Study*. 2015 International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS'15), Vol 51, 493-502.
26. **Zhengchun Liu**, Eduardo Cabrera, Manel Taboada, Francisco Epelde, Dolores Rexachs and Emilio Luque. *Quantitative Evaluation of Decision Effects in the Management of Emergency Department Problems*. International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS'15), Vol 51, Pages 433-442.
27. **Zhengchun Liu**, Eduardo Cabrera, Dolores Rexachs and Emilio Luque. *A Generalized Agent-Based Model to Simulate Emergency Departments*. Proceeding of the 6th International Conference on Advances in System Simulation (SIMUL'14).

## §Refereed journal papers

1. **Zhengchun Liu**, Hemant Sharma, Jun-Sang Park, Peter Kenesei, Antonino Miceli, Jonathan Almer, Rajkumar Kettimuthu and Ian Foster. *BraggNN: Fast X-ray Bragg Peak Analysis Using Deep Learning*. IUCrJ, Vol. 9, No. 1, 2022.
2. Jiali Wang, **Zhengchun Liu**, Ian Foster, Won Chang, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Rao Kotamarthi. *Fast and accurate learned multiresolution dynamical downscaling for precipitation*. journal of Geoscientific Model Development of the European Geosciences Union.
3. Selin Aslan, **Zhengchun Liu**, Viktor Nikitin, Tekin Bicer, Sven Leyffer, Doga Gursoy. *Joint Ptychography with Deep Generative Priors*. Machine Learning Science and Technology, Vol. 2, No.4
4. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Joaquin Chung, Rachana Ananthakrishnan, Michael Link, Ian Foster. *Design and Evaluation of a Simple Data Interface for Efficient Data Transfer Across Diverse Storage*. ACM Transactions on Modeling and Performance Evaluation of Computing Systems, 2021 Vol. 6, No.1.
5. Papadimitriou, George, Cong Wang, Karan Vahi, Rafael Ferreir da Silva, Anirban Mandal, **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajiv Mayania, Mats Rynge, Mariam Kiran, Vickie E. Lynch, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Ewa Deelman, Jeffrey S. Vetter, Ian Foster. *End-to-End Online Performance Data Capture and Analysis for Scientific Workflows*. Future Generation Computer Systems, 2021(117), **2021 Best Paper Award**.
6. **Zhengchun Liu**, Tekin Bicer, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Doga Gursoy, Francesco De Carlo and Ian Foster. *TomoGAN: Low-Dose Synchrotron X-Ray Tomography with Generative Adversarial Networks*. Journal of the Optical Society of America A, Vol. 37, No. 2.

7. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Ian Foster, Peter H. Beckman. *Towards a Smart Data Transfer Node*. Future Generation Computer Systems, 2018(89), Pages 10—18.
8. Rajkumar Kettimuthu, **Zhengchun Liu**, David Wheeler, Ian Foster, Katrin Heitmann, Franck Cappello. *Transferring a Petabyte in a Day*. Future Generation Computer Systems, 2018(88).
9. **Zhengchun Liu**, Dolores Rexachs, Francisco Epelde, and Emilio Luque. *An Agent-based Model for Quantitatively Predicting and Analyzing the Complex Behavior of Emergency Departments*. Journal of Computational Science, Vol. 21, Pages 11—23, 2017.
10. **Zhengchun Liu**, Dolores Rexachs, Francisco Epelde, and Emilio Luque. *A simulation and optimization based method for calibrating agent-based emergency department models under data scarcity*. Computers & Industrial Engineering, Vol. 103, Pages 300–309, 2017.
11. **Zhengchun Liu**, Francisco Epelde, Dolores Rexachs and Emilio Luque. *A Bottom-up Simulation Method to Quantitatively Predict Integrated Care System Performance*. International Journal of Integrated Care. 2016;16(6).
12. Linglong Li, Yaodong Yang, **Zhengchun Liu**, Stephen Jesse, Sergei V. Kalinin and Rama K. Vasudevan. *Correlation between Piezoresponse Nonlinearity and Hysteresis in Ferroelectric Crystals at Nanoscale*. Applied Physics Letters. 2016;17(108).

## §Preprint

1. **Zhengchun Liu**, Rajkumar Kettimuthu, Michael E. Papka, Ian Foster. *BFTrainer: Low-Cost Training of Neural Networks on Unfillable Supercomputer Nodes*

## §Book Chapter

1. Rajkumar Kettimuthu, **Zhengchun Liu**, Tekin Bicer, Ian Foster. *Cyberinfrastructure and System Software for Online Analysis of Large-Scale Data: Challenges and Design Choices*. Handbook on Big Data and Machine Learning in the Physical Sciences. Volume 2: Advanced Analysis Solutions for Leading Experimental Techniques.

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