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INTERESTS	Computer Networks and Operating Systems	
EDUCATION	Keio University , Tokyo, Japan	
	Ph.D. in Graduate School of Media and Governance, Cyber Informatics Thesis: The Internet is not an Internet—Principles, Evasion and Implications for Transport Protocols	Apr 2009 – Mar 2012
	M.S. in Graduate School of Media and Governance, Cyber Informatics Thesis: Bidimensional-Probe Multipath Congestion Control for Shared Bottleneck Fairness	Apr 2007 – Mar 2009
	B.S. in Faculty of Environment and Information Studies Thesis: Fast Transport Layer Handover Using Single Wireless Interface	Apr 2003 – Mar 2007
EMPLOYMENT	University of Edinburgh, School of Informatics , Edinburgh, UK	
	Reader (Associate Professor)	Aug 2024 – present
	Lecturer in Networked Systems (Assistant Professor)	Jan 2020 – Jul 2024
	Senior researcher , NEC Laboratories Europe, Heidelberg, Germany	Nov 2016 – Dec 2019
	Software engineer , NetApp, Munich, Germany	Dec 2014 – Oct 2016
	Research scientist , NEC Laboratories Europe, Heidelberg, Germany	Jul 2012 – Nov 2014
OTHER EXPERIENCE	Visiting student researcher , University College London (UCL), London, UK Advisor: Prof. Mark Handley Focus: Middlebox, Multipath Transport Protocol.	
	Research intern , Nokia Research Center, Espoo, Finland Advisor: Dr. Lars Eggert Focus: Multipath Transport Protocol.	Jul 2008 – Jan 2009
AWARDS	Google Research Scholar Award *	Apr 2022
	Facebook Research Award *	Aug 2021
	Best paper award , ACM SOSR'15 *	Jun 2015
	Community award , USENIX NSDI'12	Apr 2012
	IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) *	Nov 2011
	* as the sole recipient or lead author	
SELECTED PROJECTS	Prism: Content-Aware Routing over TCP NSDI'21 Prism enables content-aware routing of arbitrary-sized, encrypted application data over TCP, unlike the existing systems that rely on a custom UDP-based protocol. Prism modernizes the TCP handoff in the aid of programmable switches for robust operation and conformance to relevant features in recent Linux kernels.	
	PASTE: A Network Stack for Non-Volatile Main Memory HotNets'21, NSDI'18, HotNets'16, ATC'16 PASTE is a network stack that offers unified abstractions of network and non-volatile main memory. It fills the gap between the storage and network stacks designed in isolation, and solves the problem with the costs of moving and transforming data between these stacks that are significant for non-volatile main memory that offers fast, byte-addressable persistence.	
	mSwitch: A Highly-Scalable, Modular Software Switch SOSR'15, CCR'14, NSDI'14, SoCC'17 mSwitch solves the scalability problem of existing software switches that is crucial to consolidate a large number of VMs or virtualized network functions by a novel packet forwarding algorithm and streamlined data path. It was initially designed for ClickOS, a tiny unikernel that runs Click, and MultiStack, a framework that runs multiple user-space network stacks.	
	Middlebox Measurement for TCP Extensibility IMC'11, NSDI'12 This work was motivated by exploring viable design of Multipath TCP. It transmits various non-existent TCP traffic that mimics possible future TCP extensions to our server and examines on-path actions to the packets. This is the first work that examines in-depth middlebox behaviour prevalent in the Internet.	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH	
	People and Culture committee	2022–present
	Programming Club, organizer	2020–present
	PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY	
	ACM SIGOPS, CARES Committee co-chair	2023–present
	IRTF ANRP Award Committee	2022–present

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

USENIX OSDI (2025), ACM APSYS (2024), ACM HotNets (2024), ACM SIGCOMM (2024–2025), ACM ASPLOS (2024), USENIX NSDI (2023, 2026), USENIX ATC (2017, 2018, 2020–2024), ACM HotStorage (2022–2025), ACM/IEEE ANCS (2018, 2021 (co-chair)), ACM CoNEXT (2021–2022), ACM EuroSys (2021, 2024–2026), ACM/IEEE SC (2019), ACM SOSR (2018), ACM EuroDW (2018, ACM/IEEE ToN (2017–2018), ACM SOSP poster (2013)

TEACHING

Introduction to Programming (Informatics) Summer, University of Edinburgh July 2021 and 2022
Computer Communications and Networks, University of Edinburgh Spring 2021 and 2022, and fall 2022
Data Structures and Programming, Keio University Fall 2011
Fundamentals of Information Technology, Keio University Spring 2011

MENTORING**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**

Lisa Lavrentieva, PhD supervision (50/50% with Marc Juarez) Fall 2024
Michael Zhang, Internship mentoring (ICSA Summer Internship) Summer 2024
Eugenio Luo, Internship mentoring (EPSRC Vacation Internship) Summer 2024
Xinshu Ma, PhD supervision Fall 2023
Tianyi Gao, PhD supervision Fall 2022
Tianyi Gao, MSc and intern supervision Spring 2022
Steven W. D. Chien, Postdoc supervision Spring 2022
Shuo Li, PhD supervision Fall 2021
Shinichi Awamoto, PhD supervision Spring 2021

NETAPP

Nanako Momiyama, BSc thesis supervision, Keio University Fall 2016
Yutaro Hayakawa, BSc thesis intern at NetApp, Keio University Fall 2016
Kenichi Yasukata, MSc thesis intern at NetApp, Keio University Fall 2015

NEC LABS EUROPE

Shinichi Awamoto, intern at NEC, Tokyo University Fall 2019
Yutaro Hayakawa, MSc thesis intern at NEC, Keio University Fall 2018
Nanako Momiyama, intern at NEC Spring 2017
Kenichi Yasukata, mentor at NEC Fall 2016

GRANTS**GLOBAL**

NetApp Faculty Fellowship, \$50K, sole PI Jan 2023
Towards Generic, Encrypted Datacenter Transport
Google Research Scholar Award, \$60K, sole PI May 2022
Upcycling Packets as Persistent In-Memory Data Structures
Facebook Research Award, \$50K, sole PI Nov 2021
Flexible transport scale-out with modern NICs

UK/EU

EPSRC Core Equipment Award, £50K (my share), Co-I Jan 2025 – Jun 2026
(my part) Systems Research Testbed
Royal Society Research Grant, £20K, sole PI Oct 2024 – Oct 2025
Confidential Computing at a Scale
EPSRC Core Equipment Award, £35K (my share), Co-I Jan 2023 – Mar 2023
(my part) Systems Research Testbed
EPSRC New Investigator Award, £385K, sole PI Apr 2022 – Mar 2025
NetPM: Co-designing Data Management and Networking Principles for Persistent Memory
NCSC RISE Proof-of-Concept, £45K, co-PI Oct 2021 – Mar 2022
Follow on Project: Gupta - A Hardware Assisted Secure and Private Data Analytics

OTHER HONORS

Nominee for Teaching Award, Outstanding Course category, University of Edinburgh Apr 2023

**STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP**

Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1) Apr 2009 – Mar 2012
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 9.2M JPY
Excellent Young Researcher Overseas Visit Program Apr 2010
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 1M JPY
Young Leader Scholarship Apr 2009
Keio University, 1M JPY

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Shuo Li*, Steven Chien*, Tianyi Gao and **Michio Honda**, “*Designing Transport-Level Encryption for Datacenter Networks*”, ACM Asia-Pacific Workshop on Networking (**APNet**), Aug 2025.
- Tianyi Gao, Xinshu Ma, Suhas Narreddy, Eugenio Luo, Steven Chien and **Michio Honda**, “*Designing Transport-Level Encryption for Datacenter Networks*”, ACM Asia-Pacific Workshop on Networking (**APNet**), Aug 2025.
- Shinichi Awamoto and **Michio Honda**, “*Opening Up Kernel-Bypass TCP Stacks*”, USENIX Annual Technical Conference (**ATC**), Jul 2025.
- Michio Honda**, “*Packets as Persistent In-Memory Data Structures*”, ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (**HotNets**), Nov 2021.
- Yutaro Hayakawa, **Michio Honda**, Douglas Santry and Lars Eggert, “*Prism: Proxies without the Pain*”, USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (**NSDI**), Apr 2021.
- Shinichi Awamoto, Erich Focht and **Michio Honda**, “*Designing a Storage Software Stack for Accelerators*”, USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Storage and File Systems (**HotStorage**), Jul 2020.
- Maurice Bailieu, Jörg Thalheim, Pramod Bhatotia, Christof Fetzer, **Michio Honda** and Kapil Vaswani, “*Speicher: Securing LSM-based Key-Value Stores using Shielded Execution*”, USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (**FAST**), Feb 2019.
- Salvatore Pontarelli, Roberto Bifulco, Marco Bonola, Carmelo Cascone, Marco Spaziani, Valerio Bruschi, Davide Sanvito, Giuseppe Siracusano, Antonio Capone, **Michio Honda**, Felipe Huici and Giuseppe Bianchi, “*FlowBlaze: Stateful Packet Processing in Hardware*”, USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (**NSDI**), Feb 2019.
- Michio Honda**, Giuseppe Lettieri, Lars Eggert and Douglas Santry, “*PASTE: A Network Programming Interface for Non-Volatile Main Memory*”, USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (**NSDI**), Apr 2018.
- Kenichi Yasukata, Felipe Huici, Vincenzo Maffione, Giuseppe Lettieri and **Michio Honda**, “*HyperNF: Building a High Performance, High Utilization and Fair NFV Platform*”, ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (**SoCC**), Sep 2017.
- Simon Kuenzer, Anton Ivanov, Filipe, Manco, Jose Mendes, Yuri Volchkov, Florian Schmidt, Kenichi Yasukata, **Michio Honda** and Felipe Huici, “*Unikernels Everywhere: The Case for Elastic CDNs*”, ACM International Conference on Virtual Execution Environments (**VEE**), Apr 2017.
- Michio Honda**, Lars Eggert and Douglas Santry, “*PASTE: Network Stacks Must Integrate with NVMM Abstractions*”, ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (**HotNets**), Nov 2016.
- Kenichi Yasukata, **Michio Honda**, Douglas Santry and Lars Eggert, “*StackMap: Low-Latency Networking with the OS Stack and Dedicated NICs*”, USENIX Annual Technical Conference (**ATC**), Jun 2016.
- Michio Honda**, Felipe Huici, Giuseppe Lettieri and Luigi Rizzo, “*mSwitch: A Highly-Scalable, Modular Software Switch*”, ACM SIGCOMM Symposium on SDN Research (**SOSR**), Jun 2015. **Best paper award**
- Michio Honda**, Felipe Huici, Costin Raiciu, Joao Araujo and Luigi Rizzo, “*Rekindling Network Protocol Innovation with User-Level Stacks*”, ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review (**CCR**), Apr 2014.
- Joao Martins, Mohamed Ahmed, Costin Raiciu, Vladimir Olteanu, **Michio Honda**, Roberto Bifulco and Felipe Huici, “*ClickOS and the Art of Network Function Virtualization*”, USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (**NSDI**), Apr 2014.
- Costin Raiciu, Christoph Paasch, Sebastien Barre, Alan Ford, **Michio Honda**, Fabien Duchene, Olivier Bonaventure and Mark Handley, “*How Hard Can It Be? Designing and Implementing a Deployable Multipath TCP*”, USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (**NSDI**), Apr 2012. **Community Award**
- Michio Honda**, Yoshifumi Nishida, Costin Raiciu, Adam Greenhalgh, Mark Handley and Hideyuki Tokuda, “*Is it Still Possible to Extend TCP?*” ACM Internet Measurement Conference (**IMC**), Nov 2011. **Applied Networking Research Prize**
- Michio Honda**, Yoshifumi Nishida, Pasi Sarolahti and Lars Eggert, “*Multipath Congestion Control for Shared Bottleneck*” International Workshop on Protocols for Future, Large-Scale & Diverse Network Transports (**PFLDNeT**), May 2008.
- Michio Honda**, Jin Nakazawa, Yoshifumi Nishida, Masahiro Kozuka and Hideyuki Tokuda, “*A Connectivity-Driven Retransmission Scheme Based On Transport Layer Readdressing*”, IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (**ICDCS**), Jun 2008.

PREPRINTS

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTION

(by myself, not mentees)

Steven W.D. Chien, Kento Sato, Artur Podobas, Niclas Jansson, Stefano Markidis, **Michio Honda**, “*iFast: Host-Side Logging for Scientific Applications*”, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.14576>, Aug 2024.

Tianyi Gao, Xinshu Ma, Suhas Narreddy, Eugenio Luo, Steven W.D. Chien, **Michio Honda**, “*The Case for Transport-Level Encryption in Datacenter Networks*”, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.15686>, Jun 2024.

PASTE

netmap

MultiStack

Linux kernel

FreeBSD kernel

<https://micchie.github.io/paste/>

mSwitch and various features <https://github.com/luigirizzo/netmap>

<https://github.com/sysml/multistack>

SCTP extensions <https://www.kernel.org/>

mSwitch and SCTP extensions <https://www.freebsd.org/>

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