

Sotiris Apostolakis | Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Compilers, Parallelization, Program Analysis, Runtime Systems, Security, Computer Architecture

Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Princeton University

Sep 2015-Dec 2020

Advisor: Prof. David I. August

M.A. in Computer Science

Princeton University

Sep 2015-Oct 2017

Advisor: Prof. David I. August

Diploma in Electrical and Computer Engineering (5-year degree), GPA: 9.30/10

National Technical University of Athens

Sep 2010-Jul 2015

Major: Computer Software, Systems & Networks; Minor: Control Systems & Robotics

Thesis: Performance prediction for large-scale parallel applications using machine learning

Advisor: Prof. Nectarios Koziris

Work Experience

Google, Sunnyvale, CA

Software Engineer

Dec 2020-Present

- Performance analysis and optimization of warehouse-scale workloads, under the supervision of Victor Lee and Tipp Moseley

Liberty Research Group, Princeton University

Research Assistant

Sep 2015-Dec 2020

Research primarily on compilers, program analysis, and automatic parallelization.

- Design and implementation of *Perspective*, an automatic parallelization framework that mitigates core inefficiencies of prior speculative parallelization systems and fully-automatically yields scalable speedup (23.0x on 28 cores for 12 C/C++ benchmarks), double the performance of the state-of-the-art (ASPLOS '20)
- Design and implementation of *SCAF*, a speculation-aware collaborative analysis framework that dramatically reduces, compared to the best prior approach, the need for expensive-to-validate memory speculation for all 16 evaluated C/C++ SPEC benchmarks by computing the full impact of speculation on memory dependence analysis (PLDI '20)
- Built aforementioned compiler frameworks (~80K loc in C/C++) on the LLVM compiler infrastructure

Contributed to security and parallelization projects across the software/hardware stack.

- Security, Computer Architecture (ASPLOS '19); Programming languages, Compilers, Runtime Systems, Parallelization (PACT '18); Computer Architecture, Parallelization (ASPLOS '18); Compilers, Runtime Systems, Parallelization (PACT '16)

Facebook, Inc., Seattle, WA

Software Engineer Intern

Jun 2018-Aug 2018

- Developed tools for fine-grained comparison of binary functions, under the supervision of Taewook Oh

Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, CA

Graduate Technical Intern

Jun 2017-Sep 2017

- Research on binary analysis and dynamic binary translation, under the supervision of Youfeng Wu

Computing Systems Laboratory, NTUA, Greece

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep 2014-Jul 2015

- Applied machine learning techniques for performance prediction of high-performance computing systems
- Automatic identification of optimal configurations for large-scale parallel applications

Teaching Experience

Princeton University

Teaching Assistant

- COS 320: Compiling Techniques (*Prof. David I. August*), Spring 2018
- COS 126: Computer Science: An Interdisciplinary Approach (*Prof. David I. August*), Fall 2017
- COS 333: Advanced Programming Techniques (*Prof. Brian Kernighan*), Spring 2017
- COS 432: Information Security (*Prof. Nick Feamster*), Fall 2016

Publications

- [1] **S. Apostolakis**, Z. Xu, Z. Tan, G. Chan, S. Campanoni, and D. I. August, "SCAF: A Speculation-Aware Collaborative Dependence Analysis Framework," in *Proceedings of the 41st ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)*, 2020.
- [2] **S. Apostolakis**, Z. Xu, G. Chan, S. Campanoni, and D. I. August, "Perspective: A Sensible Approach to Speculative Automatic Parallelization," in *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)*, 2020.
- [3] H. Zhang, S. Ghosh, J. Fix, **S. Apostolakis**, N. P. Nagendra, T. Oh, and D. I. August, "Architectural Support for Containment-based Security," in *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)*, 2019.
- [4] P. Prabhu, R. B. Stephen, **S. Apostolakis**, A. Zaks, and D. I. August, "MemoDyn: Exploiting Weakly Consistent Data Structures for Dynamic Parallel Memoization," in *Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT)*, 2018.
- [5] J. Fix, N. P. Nagendra, **S. Apostolakis**, H. Zhang, S. Qiu, and D. I. August, "Hardware Multithreaded Transactions," in *Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)*, 2018.
- [6] J. Huang, P. Prabhu, T. B. Jablin, S. Ghosh, **S. Apostolakis**, J. W. Lee, and D. I. August, "Speculatively Exploiting Cross-Invocation Parallelism," in *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT)*, 2016.

Awards

- **Siebel Scholars Award**, 2021
- **Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Finalist**, 2018
- **3rd place in CITP & Siemens Corporate Technology FutureMakers Challenge**, 2018
- **Student Travel Grant Awards**, ASPLOS '20, CGO '19, PACT '18, ASPLOS '18
- **Princeton University Graduate Fellowship**, 2015-2016
- **Stanley J. Seeger Hellenic Studies Prize**, 2015
- **Kary Award nomination** for excellent academic performance, NTUA ECE department, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
- **Thomaidio Award** for top ranking among students at NTUA ECE department for the academic year 2013-2014
- **EUROBANK scholarship** for top ranking in the nationwide university entrance exams, 2010
- **Greek Mathematics Society Award** for top ranking in the national mathematics contests "Thales" and "Euclid", 2007

Technical Skills

C/C++, LLVM, Assembly (x86, RISC-V, ARM), Java, Python, gem5, OCaml, MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, SQL

Other Activities

- o Vice President of Hellenic Students' Association of Princeton University, 2017-2020
- o Participated in the European Parliament Simulation at University of Piraeus Greece (Foreign Affairs Committee), 2013
- o Volunteered as a member of the Administrative Staff of the Athens Model United Nations, 2011
- o Studied French literature and culture, and obtained the Diploma in French language and literature (C2) by Paris-Sorbonne University, 2009
- o Participated in the Deutsche Schule Athen Model United Nations (Human Rights Committee), 2008

Languages

English, Greek (native), French, German