RUQING YANG

INTERESTS

I aim to improve **programming languages** to enhance **performance** and provide stronger guarantees for users. Designing and implementing **optimizations** in compilers for programming languages has been my lifelong pursuit.

EDUCATION

Hong Kong University of Science & Technology

Sept. 2023 - Nov. 2025 (expected)

M. Phil. in Computer Science and Engineering. Supervised by Lionel Parreaux. Hong Kong S.A.R., China Research track: **optimizations** for functional programming languages.

Sept. 2019 - June 2023 **Zhejiang University** Hangzhou, China

B. Eng. in *Computer Science and Technology*. GPA: 3.84/4.0

PROJECTS

Calocom @ Rust Spring 2022

- This is a group project for course *Compilation Principles*.
- A feature-rich programming language with **algebraic data types**, high order functions, and pattern matching. • I was involved in designing the type system, typed AST, the memory representation of objects, the style of name mangling, and a middle IR that provides an intermediary level for desugaring and other necessary
- I led the development of this project. I implemented almost all components (except for lexing & parsing), including syntax desugaring, semantics checking, closure conversion, LLVM-based code lowering with Rust library inkwell. I also wrote standard libraries (strings, vectors, etc.) and runtime (objects allocation and program entry point) in unsafe Rust.
- Best course project in my class.

SyOC \oslash C++, Python, ARM

transformations.

Spring 2022 - Summer 2022

- A hobby project with my friend for learning compiler optimization techniques and participating in Bisheng Cup Compiler Contest. We wrote the project from scratch and were the first team (2 people) from ZJU to enter the final round of the contest.
- transformations with C++ templates, and a SSA-based intermediate representation with def-use and usedef chains. • I implemented the lexer, the recursive descent parser, the mem2reg pass (including immediate dominator

• I led the development of this project. I designed the basic **compiler framework** for performing optimization

- analysis and iterated domination frontier analysis for SSA construction), dead code elimination, and constant propagation.
- I wrote a Python script for comparing the performance of the optimized program with gcc or other compilers.

QuicKaml Ø C Autumn 2023 • A hobby project that implements a **register-based VM** interpreter of a monomorphic language and engineered

- many low-level optimizations. • I patched LLVM with special calling conventions to generate efficient code for the handler of VM instructions
- in interpreter using guaranteed tail-calls. • I tried multiple techniques to improve the performance of the interpreter, including: operands reordering to allow more efficient sign-extension; partial register decoding to reduce unnecessary shifts on x86-64 architecture; instruction fetching based on unaligned memory access or shifting & masking; pre-decoding before dispatching to exploit the CPU pipelines.

MLscript Ø Scala, C++ • A joint project from my lab.

Autumn 2023 - Now

- I designed a ANF-based intermediate representation with join points extension.
- I implemented a smart inliner with control flow analysis to identify when to make inlining decisions, and leverage function splitting technique to minimize the code duplication brought by inlining. I am also responsible for the implementation of the C++ backend, which features a universal memory representation for objects, optimized arithmetic operations on unboxed values, and reference-counting-based memory management.

• A joint project with my friend for the MGPIC contest. Won 1st place and had an absolute advantage over

MMM @ MoonBit, RISC-V, WebAssembly

Autumn 2024

- 2nd place. • I led the development and designed an optimizing compiler framework in MoonBit for the Mini MoonBit
- language with JS, RISC-V and WASM backends. • I implemented all essential optimizations for the contest, including guaranteed tail recursion elimination,
- selective lambda lifting based on register pressure, basic block straightening, dead code elimination, local value numbering, common subexpression elimination, loop invariants code motion, jump table optimizations, scalar replacement, and fast bump allocating. • I wrote the code generators for JavaScript and RISC-V backend. To avoid stack overflow, I devised a selective CPS transformation and automatic thunking on function calls in the JavaScript backend. In the RISC-V
- backend, I ported a tree-pattern covering instruction selector from Cranelift, and implemented a chordal graph coloring register allocator. • I extended the language with parametric polymorphism (generics), ad-hoc polymorphism (typeclass, implemented through dictionary-passing), and user-defined operators.

RMatch @ C++ Autumn 2021 • A personal hobby project that parses **regular expressions** and generates NFA-based **virtual machine** bytecode.

The bytecode is then **JIT**-compiled to native x86-64 machine instructions with C++ library *xbyak*. **Apple** μ**Arch Bench** Ø C

A hobby project to explore micro-architecture characteristics on Apple Silicon with hardware performance

counters. **SIB Optimization for OCaml @** OCaml

to be immutable.

- Share-immutable-block optimization. Functional programming languages frequently perform pattern matching on existing data structures. Even if the new object created is identical to the old one, a new object is often allocated. I implemented a sound optimization that eliminates this unnecessary allocation if the object is proven
- The performance critical part of an ongoing research project on incremental computation. • I extended the fast-crc32 implementation with hardware-accelerated monoid combination using ARMv8's

Smart Inlining through Function Splitting, PLDI SRC 2025

This optimization is internally used in the MoonBit compiler.

pmull instructions. Specifically, this acceleration involves speeding up the multiplication of two bit-reflected polynomials over the $GF(2^{32})$ field.

Monoid Hash O C, AArch64

Mar. 2025 - Sept. 2025 (expected)

April 2025

Spring 2025

Intern for Programming Language Tool Development, at IDEA • I implemented an OCaml optimization that improves the performance of the MoonBit compiler.

EXPERIENCE

PUBLICATIONS

• I improved the speed of compiling the MoonBit test when using the native backend by using the tcc compiler to compile generated C source, which involved a refactoring of build system, fixing bugs in tcc compiler, and

• I added the benchmark feature to the toolchain with statistical analysis and visualization. Student Volunteer, ICFP 2024

cross-platform (Linux, macOS, Windows) support for runtime library of MoonBit.

Sept. 2024 Jan. 2024 - June 2024 **Teaching Assistant**, *Programming with* C++• I designed a lab that helps students to understand the pointer and reference in C++.

• I studied the implementation and semantics of **lexical algebraic effects**, which is a hot topic in programming

language research. Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Principles of Programming Languages

Remote Research Intern, hosted by Yizhou Zhang

I designed a lab in OCaml that helps students to understand Hindley-Milner type inference algorithm.

Sept. 2022 - Jan. 2023

delimited continuation. • I designed and implemented an online judge system for the course, utilizing public GitHub repositories and free CI (GitHub Actions) quotas. To ensure the privacy of the students' code, I devised an approach to require

students use a public key to encrypt their code before submitting their code as a GitHub issue.

• I set a homework to assist students to learn and use the evaluation-context-style operational semantics and

SKILLS Programming Languages: Proficient in multiple programming languages, including but not limited to: Most frequently used: OCaml, Rust, C/C++, Scala • Familiar: Java, Python

Programming Language Theory: • Formal verification with Coq.

• Experienced with: TypeScript, JavaScript, Ruby, Haskell, Lua, Verilog, Scheme, etc.

- Constraint-based type inference, bidirectional type inference, etc. Rich knowledge on type system.
- **Compilers:** • Experienced in using and modifying common compiler frameworks, such as LLVM, Cranelift, etc.
- Familiar with the compilation of various paradigms of programming languages, including imperative, functional, object-oriented, and dynamic languages.
- Skilled in manually tuning micro-architecture-level performance using profiling tools such as perf, VTune, and flamegraph.
- Understanding of multiple register allocation algorithms (iterated register coalescing, linear scan, etc.),
- garbage collection algorithms (mark-sweep, mark-compact, tri-color incremental, generational, etc.). • Extensive knowledge of interpreter and runtime system design and implementation, including various threading techniques, stack-based VM and register-based VM, memory management, runtime objects representation, context switching, etc.

Languages: • Chinese (native), English (good working communication)

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