Xiaoyang Lu

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EDUCATION

Illinois Institute of Technology

Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisor: Professor Xian-He Sun

Aug 2017 – May 2024

Thesis: Utilizing Concurrent Data Accesses for Data-Driven and AI Applications

New York University

New York, NY

M.S. in Computer Engineering

Aug 2015 – May 2017

Zhejiang University
B.E. in Electronic Science and Technology

Hangzhou, China Aug 2011 – July 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Professor

June 2024 – Present

Illinois Institute of Technology

Chicago, IL

- Conduct comprehensive research in memory-centric computer architectures and scalable memory systems, focusing on optimizing high-performance computing systems.
- Explore and develop hardware/software co-designed accelerators for machine learning workloads, achieving significant improvements in data access speeds and computational efficiency.
- Investigate and implement processing-in-memory (PIM) architectures to minimize data movement and maximize computational speed, enhancing system performance.
- Direct and supervise PhD research, mentoring students in advancing the field of computer architecture and high-performance computing.

Research Assistant

Jan 2020 – May 2024

Illinois Institute of Technology

Chicago, IL

- Focused on memory performance optimizations, developing sophisticated models and pioneering machine learning-assisted architectural innovations.
- Designed and implemented intelligent frameworks aimed at enhancing cache performance, focusing on efficiency and innovative design principles.
- Mentored multiple graduate students, guiding their research projects and fostering both their academic development and practical engineering skills.

Research Aide

May 2020 – Aug 2020

Argonne National Laboratory

Lemont, IL

- Conducted comprehensive performance testing on disaggregated memory systems, identifying key areas for improvement.
- Developed and refined performance models for disaggregated memory systems, enhancing predictive accuracy and system efficiency.
- Quantified and mitigated interference in disaggregated memory systems, ensuring optimal operation and reliability.

Conference Publications

- [DATE 2026] Zion: A Comprehensive, Adaptive, and Lightweight Hardware Prefetcher Vadim Biryukov, Xiaoyang Lu, Zirui Liu, Kaixiong Zhou, Xian-He Sun In the Proceedings of the Design, Automation, and Test in Europe (DATE), 2026
- [MICRO 2025] COSMOS: RL-Enhanced Locality-Aware Counter Cache Optimization for Secure Memory Haoran Geng, Xiaoyang Lu, Yuezhi Che, Ziang Tian, Dazhao Cheng, Xian-He Sun, Michael Niemier, X. Sharon Hu In the Proceedings of the 58th International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO), 2025

- [GLSVLSI 2025] Concurrency-Aware Cache Miss Cost Prediction with Perceptron Learning Yuping Wu, Xiaoyang Lu, Xiaoming Chen, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun In the Proceedings of the 35th Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI (GLSVLSI), 2025
- [ICCD 2024] AceMiner: Accelerating Graph Pattern Matching using PIM with Optimized Cache System Liang Yan, Xiaoyang Lu, Xiaoming Chen, Sheng Xu, Xingqi Zou, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun In the Proceedings of the 42nd International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2024
- [ASPLOS 2024] ACES: Accelerating Sparse Matrix Multiplication with Adaptive Execution Flow and Concurrency-Aware Cache Optimizations

Xiaoyang Lu, Boyu Long, Xiaoming Chen, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun

In the Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2024

• [HPCA 2024] CHROME: Concurrency-Aware Holistic Cache Management Framework with Online Reinforcement Learning

Xiaoyang Lu, Hamed Najafi, Jason Liu, Xian-He Sun

In the Proceedings of the 30th International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA), 2024

• [HPCA 2023] CARE: A Concurrency-Aware Enhanced Lightweight Cache Management Framework

Xiaoyang Lu, Rujia Wang, Xian-He Sun

In the Proceedings of the 29th International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA), 2023

• [WSC 2022] A Generalized Model For Modern Hierarchical Memory System Hamed Najafi, Xiaoyang Lu, Jason Liu, Xian-He Sun In the Proceedings of the Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), 2022

• [ICCD 2021] Premier: A Concurrency-Aware Pseudo-Partitioning Framework for Shared Last-Level Cache Xiaoyang Lu, Rujia Wang, Xian-He Sun
In the Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2021

- [ISLPED 2021] CoPIM: A Concurrency-Aware PIM Workload Offloading Architecture for Graph Applications Liang Yan, Mingzhe Zhang, Rujia Wang, Xiaoming Chen, Xingqi Zou, Xiaoyang Lu, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun In the Proceedings of the International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED), 2021
- [ICCD 2020] APAC: An Accurate and Adaptive Prefetch Framework with Concurrent Memory Access Analysis Xiaoyang Lu, Rujia Wang, Xian-He Sun

In the Proceedings of the 38th International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2020

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

• [TCAD 2025] ProMiner: Enhancing Locality, Parallelism, and Offloading for Graph Mining on Processing-in-Memory Systems

Liang Yan, Xiaoyang Lu, Sheng Xu, Xiaoming Chen, Xingqi Zou, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems (TCAD), 2025

• [CAL 2025] Pyramid: Accelerating LLM Inference with Cross-Level Processing-in-Memory Liang Yan, Xiaoyang Lu, Xiaoming Chen, Yinhe Han, Xian-He Sun IEEE Computer Architecture Letters (CAL), 2025, 24(1): 121-124

• [JCST 2023] The Memory-Bounded Speedup Model and its Impacts in Computing Xian-He Sun, Xiaoyang Lu

Journal of Computer Science and Technology (JCST), 2023, 38(1): 64-79

Guest Lecture Jan 2022 – Present

Illinois Institute of Technology

- Spring 2022 CS 570 Advanced Computer Architecture, "GPU Architectures".
- Fall 2024 CS 546 Parallel and Distributed Processing, "Introduction of Parallel Processing".
- Spring 2025 CS 550 Advanced Operating Systems, "Data-Centric Optimizations for LLM".

Teaching Assistant

Aug 2017 – May 2022

Illinois Institute of Technology

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- Assisted in teaching five graduate courses at Illinois Institute of Technology, each with 9-60 students, covering topics such as Java Programming (CS 401), Software Engineering (CS 487), Advanced Operating Systems (CS 550), Parallel and Distributed Processing (CS 546), and Advanced Computer Architecture (CS 570).
- Developed and prepared comprehensive course materials, including laboratory experiments, lectures, exams, homework, and practice problems.
- Led weekly lab sessions and problem-solving discussions for groups of up to 30 students, enhancing their understanding and application of course materials.
- Supervised and guided students in final projects, provided detailed feedback, and graded exams and weekly homework assignments.

Mentoring Experience

- 2025-Present Belthangady Akash Vi Narayana Pai, master student at Illinois Tech, Near Memory Processing.
- 2025-Present Hongrui Huang, master student at Columbia University, Accelerator for LLM Serving.
- 2025-Present Max Han, undergraduate student at UIUC, Hardware-Assisted OS Primitive.
- 2024-Present Lihan Hu, PhD student at University of Iowa, Infrastructure for Efficient LLM Serving.
- 2023-Present Haoran Geng, PhD student at University of Notre Dame, Architecture for Secure Memory.
- 2023-Present Vadim Biryukov, PhD student at Illinois Tech, Hardware Prefetcher for Data-Intensive Workloads.

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2024 DAC PhD Forum Travel Award
- 2024 Illinois Institute of Technology Computer Science Department Best Student Paper Award (2023-2024)
- 2024 Illinois Institute of Technology College of Computing Best Poster Award
- 2024 ASPLOS Student Travel Award
- 2023 Top 100 Chips Achievements (2022-2023)
- 2023 HPCA Student Travel Award
- 2015 New York University Scholarship
- 2015 Zhejiang University Excellent Bachelor Thesis Award

SERVICES

Conference Committee Service

- Technical Program Committee Member, The Chips To Systems Conference (DAC), 2026
- Shadow Program Committee Member, European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys), 2026
- Program Committee Member, IEEE International Conference on Computer Design (ICCD), 2025

Invited Reviewer for Journals & Transactions

- Device
- Future Generation Computer Systems (FGCS)
- IEEE Transactions on Computers (TC)
- IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics (TCE)
- IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics (TII)
- IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (TNSE)
- IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)
- Journal of Systems Architecture (JSA)
- Memories Materials, Devices, Circuits and Systems (MEMORI)
- Microprocessors and Microsystems (MICPRO)
- Simulation: Transactions of the Society for Modeling and Simulation International