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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I work on **systems for machine learning**, with research spanning the boundaries of data management, computer systems, and computer architecture. Rather than focusing on a single layer of the stack, I work on algorithms, systems, and hardware, because the increasing complexity of future machine learning (ML) systems necessitates cross-stack efforts. My research has pioneered several important topics in machine learning systems, including retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), vector search, and recommender systems.

EDUCATION

ETH Zurich

2021~2025 (Expected)

PhD in Computer Science

Advisors: Prof. Gustavo Alonso and Prof. Torsten Hoefler

Columbia University

2018~2020

Master in Electrical Engineering

The Master's Award of Excellence (top 5%)

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

2014~2018

Bachelor in Automation

Outstanding Graduate

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Google

July 2024 ~ Dec. 2024

Student Researcher

Sunnyvale, USA

Amazon Web Services

Oct. 2023 ~ Jan. 2024

Applied Scientist Intern

Santa Clara, USA

Alibaba Cloud

Sep. 2019 ~ Dec. 2019

Software Engineering Intern

Shenzhen, China

AWARDS AND HONORS

ML and Systems Rising Stars Award

2024

AMD HACC Outstanding Researcher Award

2023

The Master's Award of Excellence (top 5%), Columbia University	2021
Outstanding Graduate, HUST	2018
Scholarship for Excellent Academic Performance, HUST	2015

UNDER SUBMISSION

- [1] **Wenqi Jiang**, Hang Hu, Torsten Hoefler, and Gustavo Alonso, "Accelerating Graph-based Vector Search via Delayed-Synchronization Traversal."

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [1] **Wenqi Jiang**, Marco Zeller, Roger Waleffe, Torsten Hoefler, and Gustavo Alonso, "Chameleon: a Heterogeneous and Disaggregated Accelerator System for Retrieval-Augmented Language Models." *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (VLDB'25)*
- [2] **Wenqi Jiang**, Martin Parvanov, and Gustavo Alonso, "SwiftSpatial: Spatial Joins on Modern Hardware." *International Conference on Management of Data (Conditionally Accepted) (SIGMOD'25)*
- [3] **Wenqi Jiang**, Shuai Zhang, Boran Han, Jie Wang, Bernie Wang, and Tim Kraska, "PipeRAG: fast retrieval-augmented generation via algorithm-system co-design." *Proceedings of the 31th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'25)*
- [4] Qi Chen, Xiubo Geng, Corby Rosset, Carolyn Buracton, Jingwen Lu, Tao Shen, Kun Zhou, Chenyan Xiong, Yeyun Gong, Paul Bennett, Nick Craswell, Xing Xie, Fan Yang, Bryan Tower, Nikhil Rao, Anlei Dong, **Wenqi Jiang**, Zheng Liu, Mingqin Li, Chuanjie Liu, Zengzhong Li, Rangan Majumder, Jennifer Neville, Andy Oakley, Knut Magne Risvik, Harsha Vardhan Simhadri, Manik Varma, Yujing Wang, Linjun Yang, Mao Yang, and Ce Zhang, "MS MARCO Web Search: A Large-scale Information-rich Web Dataset with Millions of Real Click Labels." *International World Wide Web Conference (WWW'24)*
- [5] Shuai Zhang and **Wenqi Jiang**, "Data-Informed Geometric Space Selection." *Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'23)*
- [6] **Wenqi Jiang**, Shigang Li, Yu Zhu, Johannes de Fine Licht, Zhenhao He, Runbin Shi, Cedric Renggli, Shuai Zhang, Theodoros Rekatsinas, Torsten Hoefler, and Gustavo Alonso, "Co-design Hardware and Algorithm for Vector Search." *The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis (SC'23)*
- [7] **Wenqi Jiang***, Zhenhao He*, Shuai Zhang, Kai Zeng, Liang Feng, Jiansong Zhang, Tongxuan Liu, Yong Li, Jingren Zhou, Ce Zhang, and Gustavo Alonso, "FleetRec: Large-Scale Recommendation Inference on Hybrid GPU-FPGA Clusters." *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'21)*
- [8] Yu Zhu, Zhenhao He, **Wenqi Jiang**, Kai Zeng, Jingren Zhou, and Gustavo Alonso, "Distributed Recommendation Inference on FPGA Clusters." *31th International Conference on Field-Programmable Logic and Applications (FPL'21)*
- [9] **Wenqi Jiang**, Zhenhao He, Shuai Zhang, Thomas B. Preußer, Kai Zeng, Liang Feng, Jiansong Zhang, Tongxuan Liu, Yong Li, Jingren Zhou, Ce Zhang, and Gustavo Alonso, "MicroRec: Efficient

Recommendation Inference by Hardware and Data Structure Solutions.” *4th Conference on Machine Learning and Systems (MLSys’21)*

JOURNAL PAPERS

- [1] Shaoxiong Ji, **Wenqi Jiang**, Anwar Walid, and Xue Li, “Dynamic Sampling and Selective Masking for Communication-Efficient Federated Learning.” *IEEE Intelligent Systems, 2022*

TUTORIALS

- [1] **Wenqi Jiang**, Dario Korolija, and Gustavo Alonso, “Data Processing with FPGAs on Modern Architectures.” *International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD’23)*

TEACHING

Guest Lecturer:

Data Modelling and Databases Spring 2024

Hardware Acceleration for Data Processing Fall 2021, 2023

Teaching Assistant:

Big Data Fall 2023

Big Data for Engineers Spring 2022, 2023

Systems Programming and Computer Architecture Fall 2021, 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

IEEE Micro 2021

REFERENCES

Available upon request