Huaicheng LI

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Areas: Operating Systems, Storage and Memory Systems, Systems Support for Emerging Hardware/Applications Focus: Design and build novel computing systems for emerging storage/memory hardware to achieve			
	1. Performance: Software/Hardware co-design for low and predictable end-to-end latencies and high throughput			
	2. Efficiency: Offloaded and disaggregated system architecture designs for improved resource and cost efficiency			
	3. Programmability: Systems support for emerging I/O and acceleration technologies to ease development efforts			
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Virginia Tech Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science	Blacksburg, VA 2022–Present		
	Carnegie Mellon University Postdoctoral Researcher, Parallel Data Lab (PDL) Supervisor: Gregory R. Ganger	Pittsburgh, PA 2020–2022		
EDUCATION	University of Chicago	Chicago, IL		
	Ph.D. in Computer Science (M.S. conferred in 2018)	2015–2020		
	Advisor: Haryadi S. Gunawi Thesis: Evolving Storage Stack for Predictability and Efficiency			
	Wuhan University	Wuhan, China		
	M.S. in Computer Science (dropped out to attend the Ph.D. program)	2013–2015		
	B.S. in Computer Science and Technology	2009–2013		
HONORS & AWARDS	Rising Star Faculty Award, Department of Computer Science, Virgini	ia Tech 2024		
	NSF CAREER Award	2024		
	IEEE Micro Top Picks 2024 Honorable Mention: Pond [C1]	2024		
	ASPLOS'23 Distinguished Paper Award: Pond [C1]	2023		
	SYSTOR'22 Best Paper Award: Fantastic SSD Internals [C3]	2022		
	SYSTOR'21 Distinguished Reviewer Award	2021		
	Nomination for the SIGOPS Dennis M. Ritchie Doctoral Dissertation	Award (1 per department) 2020		
	University Unrestricted (UU) Fellowship, University of Chicago	2019		
	FAST'18 Best Paper Nominee: Fail-Slow at Scale [C7]	2018		
	FAST'17 Best Paper Nominee: Tiny-Tail Flash [C9]	2017		
CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS	Bibliometrics on Google Scholar and DBLP			
ASPLOS'23	[C1] Huaicheng Li, Daniel S. Berger, Stanko Novakovic, Lisa Hsu, Daniel Ernst, Pantea Zardoshti, Monish Shah, Ishwar Agarwal, Mark D. Hill, Marcus Fontoura, Ricardo Bianchini. Pond: CXL-Based Memory Pooling Systems for Cloud Platforms. In the Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2023. Distinguished Paper Award IEEE Micro Top Picks 2024 Honorable Mention			
ASPLOS'23	[C2] Thomas Kim, Jekyeom Jeon, Nikhil Arora, Huaicheng Li , Mi Ganger, George Amvrosiadis, Matias Bjørling. RAIZN: Redundant			

Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2023.

 $the \ Proceedings \ of the \ 28th \ ACM \ International \ Conference \ on \ Architectural \ Support \ for \ Programming \ Languages \ and$

- SYSTOR'22 [C3] Nanqinqin Li, Mingzhe Hao, **Huaicheng Li**, Xing Lin, Tim Emami, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **Fantastic SSD Internals**and How to Learn and Use Them. In the Proceedings of the 15th ACM International Systems and Storage Conference (SYSTOR), 2022.
 Best Paper Award
 - SOSP'21 [C4] **Huaicheng Li**, Martin L. Putra, Ronald Shi, Xing Lin, Gregory R. Ganger, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **IODA: A Host/Device Co-Design for Strong Predictability Contract on Modern Flash Storage.** In the Proceedings of the 28th Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP), 2021.
- ASPLOS'20 [C5] **Huaicheng Li**, Mingzhe Hao, Stanko Novakovic, Vaibhav Gogte, Sriram Govindan, Dan R. K. Ports, Irene Zhang, Ricardo Bianchini, Haryadi S. Gunawi, Anirudh Badam. **LeapIO: Efficient and Portable Virtual NVMe Storage on ARM SoCs.** In the Proceedings of the 25th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2020.
 - FAST'18 [C6] **Huaicheng Li**, Mingzhe Hao, Michael Hao Tong, Swaminatahan Sundararaman, Matias Bjørling, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **The CASE of FEMU: Cheap, Accurate, Scalable and Extensible Flash Emulator.** In the Proceedings of the 16th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST), 2018.
 - FAST'18 [C7] Haryadi S. Gunawi, Riza Suminto, Russell Sears, Casey Golliher, Swaminatahan Sundararaman, Xing Lin, Tim Emami, Weiguang Sheng, Nematollah Bidokhti, Caitie McCaffrey, Gary Grider, Parks M. Fields, Kevin Harms, Robert B. Ross, Andree Jacobson, Robert Riccio, Kirk Webb, Peter Alvaro, H. Birali Runesh, Mingzhe Hao, **Huaicheng Li. Fail-Slow at Scale: Evidence of Hardware Performance Faults in Large Production Systems.** In the Proceedings of the 16th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST), 2018.

 Best Paper Nominee
 - SOSP'17 [C8] Mingzhe Hao, **Huaicheng Li**, Michael Hao Tong, Chrisma Pakha, Riza Suminto, Cesar A. Stuardo, Andrew A. Chien, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **MittOS: Supporting Millisecond Tail Tolerance with Fast Rejecting SLO-Aware OS Interface.** In the Proceedings of the 26th Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP), 2017.
 - FAST'17 [C9] Shiqin Yan, **Huaicheng Li**, Mingzhe Hao, Michael Hao Tong, Swaminatahan Sundararaman, Andrew A. Chien, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **Tiny-Tail Flash: Near-Perfect Elimination of Garbage Collection Tail Latencies in NAND SSDs.** In the Proceedings of the 15th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST), 2017. **Best Paper Nominee**

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- TODAES'24 [J1] Ping-Xiang Chen, Dongjoo Seo, Changhoon Sung, Jongheum Park, Minchul Lee, **Huaicheng Li**, Matias Bjørling, Nikil Dutt. **ZoneTrace:** A **Zone Monitoring Tool for F2FS on ZNS SSDs**. ACM Transactions on Design Automation of Electronic Systems (TODAES), 2024.
- IEEE Micro'23 [J2] Daniel S. Berger, Daniel Ernst, **Huaicheng Li**, Pantea Zardoshti, Monish Shah, Samir Rajadnya, Scott Lee, Lisa Hsu, Ishwar Agarwal, Mark D. Hill, Ricardo Bianchini. **Design Tradeoffs in CXL-Based Memory Pools for Cloud Platforms.** IEEE Micro Special Issue on Emerging System Interconnects, 2023.
 - TOS'23 [J3] **Huaicheng Li**, Martin L. Putra, Ronald Shi, Fadhil I. Kurnia, Xing Lin, Jaeyoung Do, Achmad I. Kistijantoro, Gregory R. Ganger, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **Extending and Programming the NVMe I/O Determinism Interface for Flash Arrays.** ACM Transactions on Storage (TOS), Volume 19, Issue 1, February 2023. [Extended version of C4]
 - TOS'18 [J4] Haryadi S. Gunawi, Riza Suminto, Russell Sears, Casey Golliher, Swaminatahan Sundararaman, Xing Lin, Tim Emami, Weiguang Sheng, Nematollah Bidokhti, Caitie McCaffrey, Gary Grider, Parks M. Fields, Kevin Harms, Robert B. Ross, Andree Jacobson, Robert Riccio, Kirk Webb, Peter Alvaro, H. Birali Runesh, Mingzhe Hao, Huaicheng Li. Fail-Slow at Scale: Evidence of Hardware Performance Faults in Large Production Systems. ACM Transactions on Storage (TOS), Volume 14, Issue 3, November 2018. [Extended version of C7]

 Fast-tracked
 - TOS'17 [J5] Shiqin Yan, **Huaicheng Li**, Mingzhe Hao, Michael Hao Tong, Swaminatahan Sundararaman, Andrew A. Chien, Haryadi S. Gunawi. **Tiny-Tail Flash: Near-Perfect Elimination of Garbage Collection Tail Latencies in NAND SSDs.** ACM Transactions on Storage (TOS), Volume 13, Issue 3, October 2017. [Extended version of C9] **Fast-tracked**

WORKSHOP
PUBLICATIONS

HotStorage'23 [W1] Dongjoo Seo, Ping-Xiang Chen, Huaicheng Li, Matias Bjørling, Nikil Dutt. Is Garbage Collection Overhead Gone? Case study of F2FS on ZNS SSDs. In the Proceedings of the 15th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Storage and File Systems (HotStorage), 2023. NVMW'23 [W2] Huaicheng Li, Daniel S. Berger, Lisa Hsu, Daniel Ernst, Pantea Zardoshti, Stanko Novakovic, Monish Shah, Samir Rajadnya, Scott Lee, Ishwar Agarwal, Mark D. Hill, Marcus Fontoura, Ricardo Bianchini. Pond: The Case of CXL Memory Pooling for Cloud Datacenters. In the 14th Annual Non-Volatile Memories Workshop (NVMW), 2023. WORK Research Internships at Industrial Labs **EXPERIENCE** Microsoft Research (Redmond), Systems Research Group Summer 2020 Research Intern working on resource disaggregation for datacenter deployment [ASPLOS'23] Microsoft Research (Redmond), Database Group Summer 2019 Research Intern working on programmable storage Microsoft Research (Redmond), Systems Research Group Summer 2018 Research Intern working on offloading cloud storage stack to ARM SoCs [ASPLOS'20] **NetApp**, Advanced Technology Group (ATG) Spring 2020 Research Intern working on new file system designs for emerging storage hardware **Research Experience at Universities Carnegie Mellon University**, Parallel Data Lab (PDL) 2020-2022 Postdoctoral Researcher collaborating with Gregory R. Ganger, George Amvrosiadis, David G. Andersen and CMU students on new storage and memory technologies [ASPLOS'23] University of Chicago, Systems Group 2015-2020 Graduate Student Researcher working on Operating and Storage Systems research [SOSP'21, ASPLOS'20, FAST'18, SOSP'17, FAST'17] Wuhan University, Cloud Computing Lab 2012-2015 Research Assistant working on I/O virtualization and cloud resource scheduling **Engineering Internship in Industry** Tencent (Shenzhen) Summer 2012 Undergraduate Intern working on cluster resource monitoring and kernel optimization SERVICE **Program Committee (PC)** FAST'25: The 23rd USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies 2025 ASPLOS'25: The 30th ACM Intl' Conf. on Architectural Support for PL and OS 2025 NSDI'25: The 22nd USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation 2025 ASPLOS'24: The 29th ACM Intl' Conf. on Architectural Support for PL and OS 2024 NSDI'24: The 21st USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation 2024 CCGRID'24: The 24th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing 2024 ASPLOS'23: The 28th ACM Intl' Conf. on Architectural Support for PL and OS (Fall cycle) 2023 SySDW'23: Doctoral Workshop at SOSP 2023 2023 SYSTOR'23: The 16th ACM International Systems and Storage Conference 2023 NVMW'23: The 14th Annual Non-Volatile Memories Workshop 2023 APSys'21: The 12th ACM SIGOPS Asia-Pacific Workshop on Systems 2021 SYSTOR'21: The 14th ACM International Systems and Storage Conference 2021 **External Review Committee (ERC)** ISCA'24: The 51st International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA) 2024 ASPLOS'23: The 28th ACM Intl' Conf. on Architectural Support for PL and OS (Spr/Smr cycles) 2023

2024

Organization Committee

FAST'24 Artifact Evaluation Committee, Co-chair

Shadow Program Committee	
EuroSys'20: The 15th European Conference on Computer Systems	2020
EuroSys'18: The 13th European Conference on Computer Systems	2018
Journal Reviewer	
IEEE Micro	2022
TC: IEEE Transactions on Computers	2019, 2020, 2022, 2023
TOCS: ACM Transactions on Computer Systems	2019, 2023
TPDS: IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems	2019
JPDC: Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing	2019, 2021
TOS: ACM Transactions on Storage CACM: Communications of the ACM	2018, 2023, 2024 2018
	2016
External Reviewer	
FAST'19: The 17th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies	2019
ATC'18: The 2018 USENIX Annual Technical Conference	2018
Secondary/Sub-reviewer	
FAST'20: The 18th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies	2020
SOSP'19: The 27th ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles	2019
ASPLOS'19: The 24th ACM Intl' Conf. on Architectural Support for PL and OS	2019
FAST'18: The 16th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies	2018
Artifact Evaluation Committee (AEC)	
SOSP'21: The 28th ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles	2021
Departmental Service	
PhD Qualification Exam Committee, VT CS	2024
Graduate Admission Committee, VT CS	2023
Graduate Student Ministry - Minister for Faculty Hiring, CS Dept, University of Chicago	2019
Other Activities	
DOE ASCR ALCC Proposal Reviewer	2024
FAST'24 Mentoring Program	2024
Co-organizer of FAST 2024 Bird-of-Feather (BoF) Session on Reproducibility	2024
VT CS Graduate Admission Committee	2024
Co-Organizer of ATC/OSDI 2023 Bird-of-Feather (BoF) Session on Reproducibility	2023
VTURCS Research Symposium Judge	2023
ASPLOS'23 Mentoring Program Socious Chair, ASPLOS'23 ("Stanger Socious")	2023
Session Chair: ASPLOS'23 ("Storage Session")	2023 2021
SOSP'21 Mentoring Program Session Chair: SYSTOR'21 ("Storage Session")	2021
USENIX HotStorage'20 Program Committee Meeting Scribe	2021
Chameleon Cloud Testbed Student Ambassador	2020
USENIX ATC'18 Program Committee Meeting Scribe	2018
Dissecting Memory Performance: Quantification, Analysis, and Optimization	-x
Memory Solutions Lab (MSL), Samsung	2024
Pond: CXL-based Memory Pooling for Cloud Platforms	
Conference Talk, ASPLOS'23, Vancouver, BC, Canada	2023
Conference Talk, NVMW'23, San Diego, CA, USA	2023
Cornell Networked System Seminar	2023
Guest Lecture at University of British Columbia	2024
Guest Lecture at University of Chicago	2024

TALKS

Towards Predictable and Efficient Datacenter Storage Invited Talk, Intel/VMware Crossroads 3D-FPGA Academic Research Center	2022
IODA: Host/Device Co-Design for Strong Predictability Contract on Modern Flash Storage Conference Talk, SOSP'21, Online Parallel Data Lab (PDL) Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA	2021 2021
Towards Hardware-based Memory Disaggregation Invited Talk, Microsoft Research (Redmond), WA, USA	2020
NVMeFS: SmartNIC-centric File System Offloading Invited Talk, NetApp, CA, USA	2020
Evolving Storage Stack for Predictability and Efficiency Invited Talk, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA Ph.D. Thesis Defense, University of Chicago, IL, USA Invited Talk, Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA Invited Talk, Microsoft Research - Cambridge, UK Invited Talk, University of California - Berkeley, CA, USA Invited Talk, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI, USA	2021 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
LeapIO: Efficient and Portable Virtual NVMe Storage on ARM SoCs Invited Talk, CAS ICT Young Scholar Forum, Beijing, China Conference Talk, ASPLOS'20, Lausanne, Switzerland Ph.D. Thesis Proposal, University of Chicago, IL, USA Invited Talk, Microsoft Research (Redmond), WA, USA	2020 2020 2019 2018
The CASE of FEMU: Cheap, Accurate, Scalable and Extensible Flash Emulator Master Thesis Defense, University of Chicago, IL, USA Conference Talk, FAST'18, Oakland, CA, USA	2018 2018
Instructor CS5204: Operating Systems (Fall 2023), Virginia Tech CS6204: Advanced Operating Systems (Spring 2023), Virginia Tech CS3214: Computer Systems (Fall 2022), Virginia Tech	2023 2023 2022
Co-Instructor 18-746: Storage Systems (Fall 2021), Carnegie Mellon University Course website: https://course.ece.cmu.edu/ece746/index.html → Co-teaching with Gregory R. Ganger and George Amvrosiadis, ~100 students (BS/MS/PhD) → Designing and giving lectures on storage management, file systems, etc. → End-to-end class administration: course website, weekly TA meetings, designing quizzes, grading, etc.	2021
Guest Lecturer 18-746: Storage Systems (Fall 2020), Carnegie Mellon University → Topic: "Ins and Outs of Storage Offloading using ARM SoCs"	2020
Teaching Assistant CMSC 230: Operating Systems, University of Chicago, TA → Hosting lab sessions about Pintos projects (tutorials/lectures, office hours, grading, etc.) Computer Organization and Design, Wuhan University, TA	2015, 2018, 2019
Current PhD Students (* indicates co-advised students) 1. Hanchen Xu 2. Hansen Idden 3. Sijia Li 4. Shoaib Asif Qazi	2024–Present 2024–Present 2024–Present 2023–Present

TEACHING

STUDENTS

5. Inho Song* (with Sam Noh)	2023-Present
6. Jinshu Liu	2022-Present
7. Hamid Hadian	2022-Present
8. Yuze Li* (primary advisor: Ali Butt)	2021-Present
9. Yuyue Wang* (at UCLA)	2021-Present
10. Sumit Kumar Monga	2019–Present
Current MS Students	
11. Subhalakshmi Selvanathan (ECE)	2022-Present
Current Undergraduate Students	
12. Saddam Annais Shaquille (ITB)	2024-Present
Alumni	
13. Subhalakshmi Selvanathan (ECE MS $ ightarrow$ Apple, internship: Qualcomm)	2022-2024
14. Hansen Idden (ITS BS $ ightarrow$ VT CS PhD)	2022-2024
15. Fauzhan Wahyudi (ITS)	2022-2023
16. Muhammad Daffa Al Fahreza (Udinus)	2022-2023
17. Muhammad Akmal Arifin (ITB)	2022-2023
18. Hanchen Xu (UCLA, intern $ ightarrow$ VT CS PhD)	Summer 2023
19. Edward Halim, (BS $ ightarrow$ CS PhD student at University of Wisconsin - Madison)	2022-2023
20. Sumanth Rao (CMU MCDS MS $ ightarrow$ Snowflake)	2022-2023
21. Jiuzhi Yu (CMU MCDS MS $ ightarrow$ Amazon AWS)	2022-2023
22. Zixu Chen (CMU MCDS MS $ ightarrow$ Google)	2021-2022
23. Aditya Shetty (CMU MCDS MS $ ightarrow$ Google)	2021-2022
24. Fadhil I. Kurnia (ITB BS $ ightarrow$ CS PhD student at UMass - Amherst, co-author of [J3])	2018-2020
25. Martin L. Putra (ITB BS $ o$ CS PhD student at University of Chicago, co-author of [C4, J3])	2018-2020
26. Ronald Shi (UChicago BS/MS $ ightarrow$ Meta, co-author of [C4, J3])	2018-2019
Student Awards/Recognitions	
27. Hamid Hadian, Pratt Fellowship	2024
28. Subhalakshmi Selvanathan, Pratt Fellowship	2024
29. Jiuzhi Yu, Best Science Award (for CMU MCDS Capstone Project on Programmable Storage)	2022
30. Sumanth Rao, Best Science Award (for CMU MCDS Capstone Project on Programmable Storage)	2022
PhD Thesis Committee	
31. Sumit Kumar Monga, VT ECE, co-chair	
32. Yuze Li, VT CS	
MS Thesis Committee	
33. Subhalakshmi Ramakrishnapuram Selvanathan, VT ECE MS, co-chair	
1. "Rethinking System Stack for the Load-Store I/O Era"	2024-2029
Huaicheng Li (PI). NSF CNS-2339901. ∼\$677K	
2. "Converged Memory and Storage Systems"	2024-2025
Huaicheng Li (PI). Samsung. \$250K	
3. "A Cross-stack Approach to Reduce Memory Carbon for Cloud Data Centers"	2023-2026
Huaicheng Li (Co-PI). NSF CNS-2312785. \$1M	
4. "Near-data Processing for Machine Learning Workloads Acceleration"	2023-2024
Huaicheng Li (PI). 4-VA. \$30K.	
5. "CXL for Reduced Memory Management Tax"	2023-2024
Huaicheng Li (PI). Samsung. ~\$270K.	2023-2024
6. "Disaggregation and Offloading for Improved System Efficiency"	2023-2024
Huaicheng Li (PI). The Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology. \$30K.	

GRANTS

	The results of the Huaicheng Li (PI). Samsung. \sim \$110K (research gift).	2023-2024
	8. "Enhancing Storage Stack Design for the Computational Storage Era" Huaicheng Li (Co-PI, major proposal writer). Samsung. \sim \$120K.	2023-2024
	9. New Faculty Mentoring Grant Huaicheng Li (PI). Virginia Tech. \$1.5K.	2023-2024
	 "Fortified Computational Storage Stack for Efficient Application Offloading" Huaicheng Li (Co-PI, major proposal writer). Samsung. \$110K. 	2022-2023
Software	 RAZIN: https://github.com/ZonedStorage/RAIZN-release An array of independent zoned namespace SSDs built on top of a virtual zone interface. 	2023
	2. Pond: https://github.com/vtess/Pond A CXL memory emulator utilizing zero-core NUMA nodes with benchmarking results for more than 100 workloads.	2022
	3. Queenie: https://github.com/ucare-uchicago/Queenie A user-level tool for extracting SSD internal properties.	2022
	4. IODA: https://github.com/huaicheng/IODA A host/device co-designed flash array for strong deterministic performance.	2021
	 LeapIO: https://github.com/huaicheng/LeapIO A cost-efficient cloud storage stack design that has been deployed in Microsoft datacenters. 	2020
	6. FEMU: https://github.com/vtess/FEMU A popular storage research platform widely used by top venue papers at ASPLOS, FAST, OSDI, and SOSP, etc.	2018
	7. MITTSSD: https://github.com/ucare-uchicago/mittssd An OS design with millisecond service level agreement interface.	2018
	8. TTFLASH: https://github.com/ucare-uchicago/tinyTailFlash An SSD architecture design eliminating garbage collection overhead for tiny-tail latencies.	2017
	9. Linux Kernel Contributor: Linux Open-Channel SSD Subsystem - pblk (120☆)	2017
MEDIA COVERAGE	Pond: CXL-Based Memory Pooling Systems for Cloud Platforms [ASPLOS'23]	2022
	Software Engineering, https://semiengineering.com	2023
	The Next Platform, https://nextplatform.com	2022
	Semi Analysis, https://semianalysis.com Tech Powerup, https://www.techpowerup.com	2022
	Screen Hacker, https://www.screenhacker.com	2022 2022
	Fail-Slow at Scale [FAST'18]	
	The Morning Paper, https://blog.acolyer.org, search "fail slow at scale"	2018
	ZDNet, https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-clouds-fail-slow	2018
	Hacker News https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=16463714	2019