

CSE IITH-PHD ADMISSIONS OPEN 2025





CSE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Broad Research Areas

01 Theory

Algorithms

Computational Complexity

Graph Theory

Combinatorics

Formal Methods

Quantum Computing

Post-quantum cryptography

02 Systems

Computer Networks

Compilers

Architecture

Distributed Systems

Blockchains

Cyber Security

03 AI/ML & Data Science • Google Ph.D. Fellowship

Computer Vision

NLP (Natural Language Processing)

Social Media Analytics

Theoretical AI/ML

Applications

PhD Fellowships

- TCS Ph.D. Fellowship
- Intel Ph.D. Fellowship
- Reliance Foundation Fellowship
- PMRF Fellowship
- Microsoft Research India PhD
- Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship

Alumni in PostDoc Positions

Technion IIT Kanpur IMSc. Chennai A'STAR Verisk Al Research Monash UniversityCSHL University of Augsburg University of Cambridge University of Manchester JTSA Harvard University MIT Shizuoka University Aalto University
Aalborg MBZUAI, UAE
UIUC Lip6 Paris

Publication Venues

ICCS PAKDDT CCN TVLSI FUNICME JACM CVPRNeurIPS **UAIIEEE ISIT** ALPOSDIISSAC SODAWG NE PRIMAL IN THE CALL ASSICOM IPOPS CAL HIPEAC KODIJCAICPC

Student Recognitions

• IDRBT Doctoral Colloquium

• Indo-Canadian Shastri • Facebook Al Student Research **Fellowship**

- S N Bose Fellowship
- Honda YES Fellowship

- Viterbi Fellowship
- Google Al Residency
- Residency
- Fulbright-Nehru doctoral research fellowship

Eligibility

BE (or equivalent) with a valid GATE score, or students from a CFTI with a CGPA of 8.0 and above, or MTech degree holders can apply.

MTech

PhD Programme

B.Tech (or equivalent) with a valid GATE score

B.Tech(or equivalent) from CFTI with CGPA 8.00 and above

Application start date: 12 March 2025 Application end date : 10 April 2025

How to Apply

How to Apply and Prepare?

- Applications must be submitted online at: https://iith.ac.in/phdadmissions/
- CSE PhD information at: https://cse.iith.ac.in/admissions/phd.html
- For PhD admission related queries: Click here
- How to Prepare for Ph.D. Interviews? Click here
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Selection process: May 2025

(exact dates will be informed via email)

CSE department brochure: https://cse.iith.ac.in/aboutUs/Brochure.html

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Cryptography

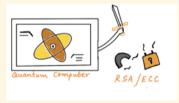
► How to efficiently authenticate a vehicle without revealing private information in fast moving traffic? Lightweight cryptography!



Cryptography

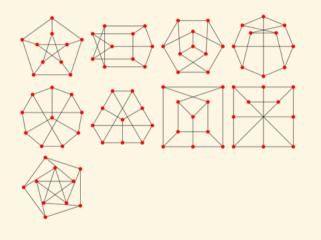
► A quantum computer can break most of the encryption schemes of today. What are the options for crypto, post-quantum?

Quantum crypto, Lattice crypto, etc.



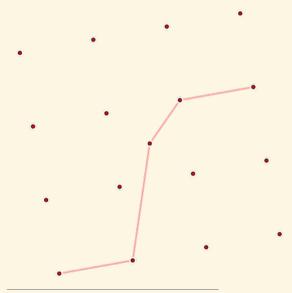
- Hardware/Software aspects of quantum cryptography.
- Privacy preserving mechanisms over blockchains.

Combinatorics



Are they the same graph?
Graph Isomorphism Problem

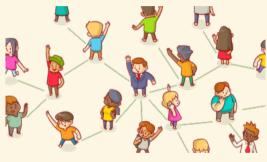
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Erdős Szekeres Problem:

What is the longest increasing/decreasing sequence here?

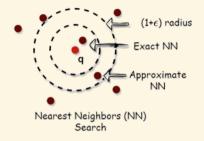
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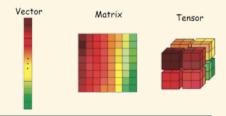


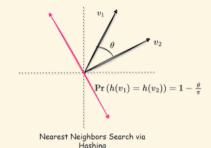
Second Neighborhood Problem:

Posed by Paul Seymour (1990): In a social network described by such a graph, is there always someone who has at least as many friends-of-friends as friends?

Algorithms



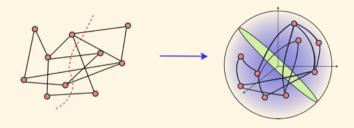




- Locality Sensitive Hashing (LSH) [Indyk, Motwani '98] suggest approximate nearest neighbour search algorithm for vectors.
- Major open problem is to propose (approximate) nearest neighbour search algorithms for tensors!

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Algorithms



Max-Cut problem:

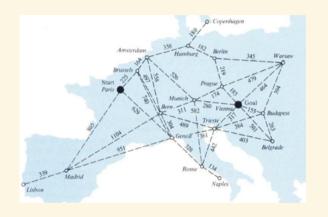
Partition a set of people into two parts such that interaction across parts is maximized.

[Goemans-Williamson '95]:

Embedding the graph into a sphere, and cutting the sphere into two halves to find the partition gives a good approximation.

Major open problem to find a better solution!

Complexity Theory





Travelling Salesman Problem:
Given: cost of travelling between every pair of cities, and a cost c.

Is there a tour with cost $\leq c$ that visits every vertex exactly once and ends in

the starting vertex?

Complexity Theory





Zero Knowledge Proofs: Can you prove that you have found Waldo without revealing where he is?

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Quantum Computing



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Computational Complexity, Algorithms



Rakesh Venkat
Algorithms



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Algorithms, Machine Learning



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- Bheemarjuna Reddy Tamma
- C. Siva Ram Murthy
- Kotaro Kataoka

Networks (5)

Praveen Tammana

- Rajesh Kedia
- Shirshendu Das

Research Expertise: Networks & Security

01	Mobile Wireless Networks (5G and Beyond Networks)
02	Software-defined Networking & Network Functions Virtualization
03	Networked systems for AI/ML: Programmable Data Planes, Data Center Networking
04	V2X & Mobile Edge for Autonomous Navigation
05	Cyber Security, Wireless Security & Al













Research Expertise: PL/Compilers

01	Program Analysis and Compilers using Machine Learning
02	Polyhedral Compilation
03	Compiler Optimization Techniques for CPUs & GPUs
04	High-performance GPU Algorithms for Scalable Graph Analysis
05	Data Race Checking & Parallel Code Compliance Standards
06	Tree Automata for Synthesis and Verification over Refinement Typed Space
07	ML Modulo Repair for scalable synthesis.







Research Expertise: Computer Architecture

01	Thermal Management for 3D Architectures
02	Memory Security
03	Cache, Interconnects & Memory Access Policies
04	Resource Sharing in Heterogeneous Architectures
05	Non-volatile Memories





Research Expertise: Distributed Systems

01	Blockchains & its applications to Security and Smart Contracts
02	Large-Scale Graph Analytics
03	Efficient Consensus Protocols
04	Distributed and Federated Learning
05	Lock-Free Programming





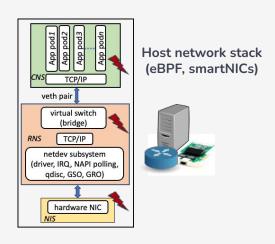
Courses Offered: Electives

- 1. Networked Wireless Systems
- **2.** Internet of Things
- **3.** Topics in Networks (/w Industry)
- 4. Topics in Wireless Networks
- **5.** Software Defined Networks
- **6.** Network Engineering (hands-on)
- 7. Cyber Security and AI (/w Industry and AI dept.)
- **8.** Concurrency Control in Transactional Systems
- **9.** Parallel and Concurrent Programming
- **10.** Distributed Computing
- **11.** Parallel Programming for Practitioners

- **12.** Compiler Optimizations
- 13. Advanced Compiler Design
- **14.** Advanced Compiler Optimizations
- **15.** Topics in Compiler Optimizations
- **16.** Introduction to Compiler Engineering (/w Industry)
- **17.** Advanced Compiler Engineering
- **18.** Compilers for Machine Learning
- **19.** Introduction to Program Analysis and Compiler Optimization
- **20.** Program Synthesis
- **21.** Advanced Computer Architecture 🤝
- **22.** Hardware Architecture for Deep Learning

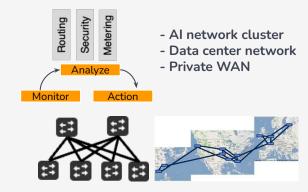
Research Highlights

Networked systems research



- 1. Monitoring and detecting performance anomalies **Challenge:** Minimizing per-packet overheads at high-speed (> 100Gbps)
- 2. Static analysis of eBPF bytecodes for debugging **Challenge:** Extracting network context to bytecode

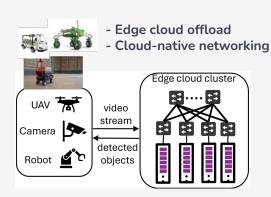
Collaborators: IITH Compilers team, IBM Res, CMU



- 1. Traffic Engineering (P4, SDN):
- Congestion control, multipath traffic split, In-network telemetry Challenge: Restrictions on per-packet operations, state, latency
- 2. Securing in-network systems (P4, SDN):
- DoS, DDoS, Evasion, Poisoning, Bad QoS

Challenge: Tradeoff between performance and security operations

Collaborators: IIIT Delhi, Princeton, Univ. of Waterloo, Marvell



1. Load-aware in-network LB (service mesh)

Challenge: Visibility into servers' load and nw path status

2. GPU-centric packet processing for IoT-ML inference –GPUNetIO, GPUDirectRDMA

Challenge: Reliable transport over lossy networks

Collaborators: NYU, IITH, DigiQuanta



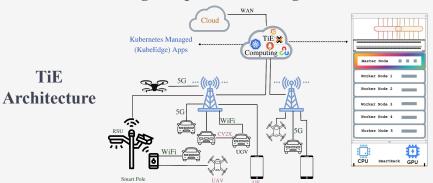
Edge Cloud for Autonomous Navigation Applications

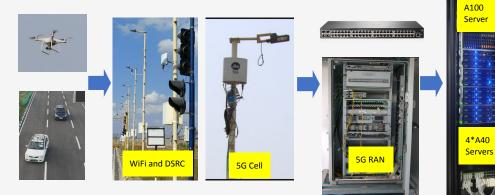
Goal: Bring compute and storage closer to the data source



TiHAN testbed for Research & Technology development of Autonomous Navigation and Data Acquisition Systems







OAI based 4G/5G Virtualized Base Station Testbed

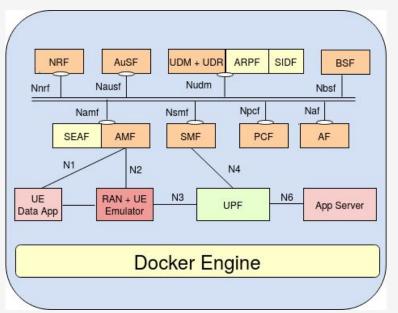
- Joint allocation of radio and system resources
- Traffic-aware compute resource tuning for energy efficiency
- A flexible split based 5G RAN to Minimize energy consumption and handovers

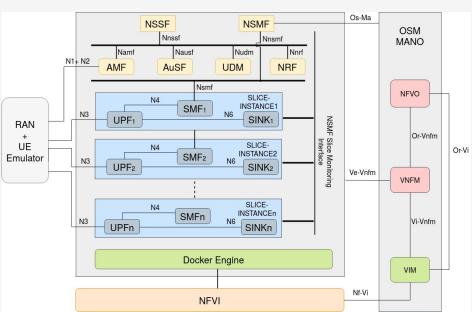


[IEEE Netsoft] [IEEE TNSM] [IEEE NOMS]

Building IITH 5G Core

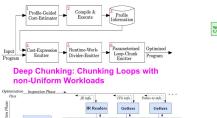
- Funded by "Indigenous 5G Testbed" Project, DoT, Gol
- Supports Network Slicing and Orchestration (OSM)
- Integration with OAI RAN & MEC platforms
- Contributing to open source platforms like OpenAirInterface (OAI)







Zoom-in on some of the Developed Frameworks



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Calculation

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 - BullsEye: Scalable and Accurate Approximation Framework for Cache Miss

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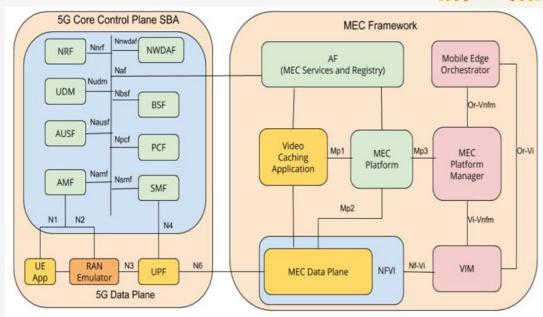
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MEC Platform for Deploying 5G Applications



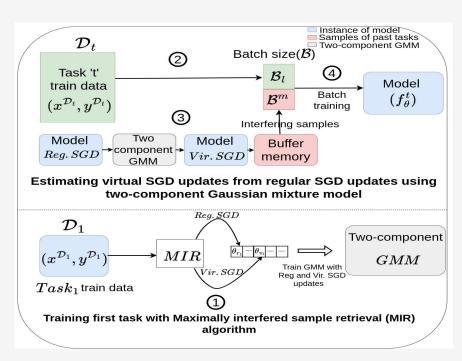
- Integrated /w IITH 5GC
- Support for Radio
 Network & Location
 Information Services
- Edge video caching for DASH-based video streaming



[IEEE Netsoft] [IEEE/ACM COMSNETS]

Continual Learning for Network Intrusion Detection

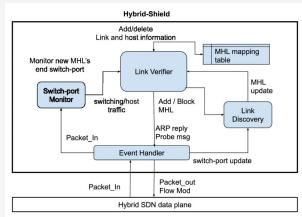
- Severe class imbalance (CI) in datasets like CICIDS-18, CTU-13 and ANOSHIFT
- Scalability issues in using CL for realtime NIDS
- Extended Class based Reservoir Sampling (CBRS) for tackling severe CI
- Perturbation assistance for parameter approximation (PAPA) for scalability



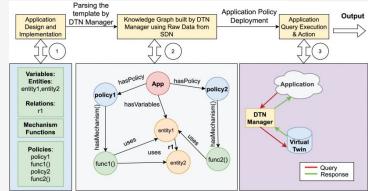
[NeurlPS 2023]

Internet Architecture

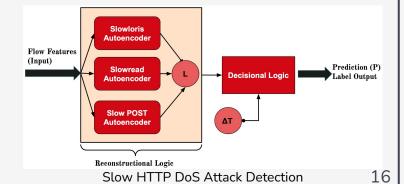
- Digital Twin of SDN based Networks by Data Representation
- Topology Poisoning Attacks and Prevention in Hybrid SDN (IEEE TNSM 2022)
- Slow HTTP DoS Attack Detection using Autoencoders through Unsupervised Learning (ACM AINTEC 2021)



Workflow of Prevention Mechanism of Topology Poisoning Attacks

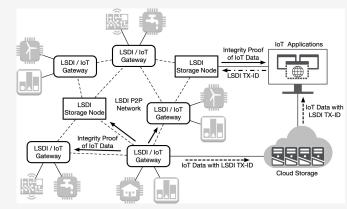


Workflow of Constructing a Digital Twin Network

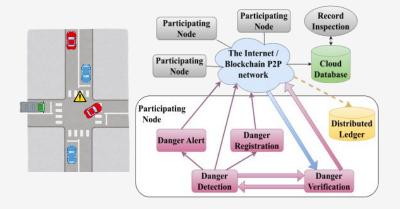


Blockchain

- DAG based Distributed Ledger for IoT Data Integrity (IEEE ICOIN 2021)
- Collective Intelligence by AI-Blockchain Interplay (IEEE IV 2023)
- Credential Management (IEEE Access 2022)
- Inter Blockchain Communication (ongoing)
- Exploration of Blockchain Use Cases in Mental Health Care
- Industry Collaborators: DENSO, I'mbesideyou, Chaintope, etc.



Working of DAG based Distributed Ledger



Parallel & Distributed Systems

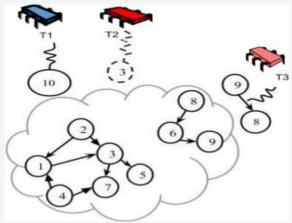
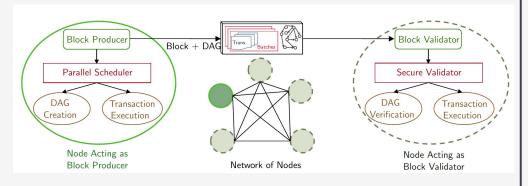


Illustration of a Dynamic Time-Changing Graph



Efficient Smart Contract Execution in Blockchains

Dynamic Distributed Graph Analytics

- Working on developing tools for Dynamic time-changing distributed graphs
- Worked the analytics operations:
 Betweeness Centrality, Pagerank, BFS,
 Shortest Paths

Efficient Smart Contract Execution in Blockchains

Developed an Efficient Distributed and Secure framework for the Execution of Smart Contracts in Blockchains. Demonstrated it Hyperledge Sawtooth

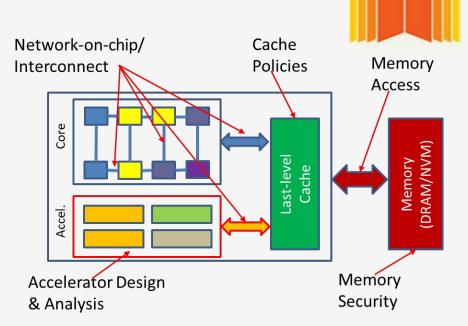
Computer Architecture

Problem: Standard interconnect and memory management policies are not efficient for accelerator-rich systems

Research: Identify resource sharing policies considering accelerator access patterns

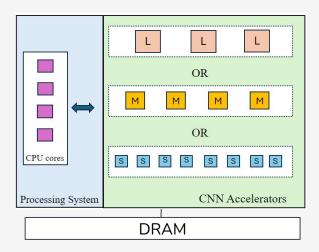
Problem: 3D architectures for processor and memory suffer from thermal issues

Research: Propose thermal management policies with low overheads



Computer Architecture

Concurrent CNN Accelerators



- Characterizing workloads for various hardware configurations [IEEE ESL 2024]
- CNN execution time estimation as per hardware configuration [ACM TECS 2024]

RISC-V Specific Optimizations

- Custom/co-processor instructions as per application requirements
- Register access optimizations hardware and software

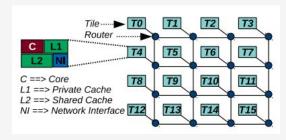
CNN/LLM Optimizations for NVM

- NVM have high latency and energy cost for writes
- Analyze the bit changes and optimize the total number of writes

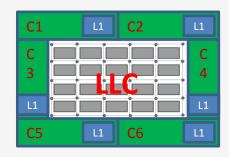
Chipmultiprocessor and Hardware Security

In modern Chipmultiprocessors (CMP) multiple cores share a common Last Level Cache (LLC)

- Performance enhancement of CMP LLCs: Replacement Policies, Prefetching, Cache Utilisation, and Coherence Issues.
- Preventing CMP LLCs from Side-Channel and Covert-Channel attacks without compromising on performance.
- Exploring the possibilities of different Hardware Trojan (HT) present in the Network-on-Chip (NoC) of the modern CMPs.
- Resolving the challenges of using emerging memory technologies to design CMP LLC: Performance, Endurance and Security.
- Reducing the refresh overhead and preventing the security attacks on DRAM-based main memories.



A Chipmultiprocessor (CMP) with tiled architecture.



A Chipmultiprocessor (CMP) with non-tiled architecture.

Programming Model/Language, Compiler and Runtime System for Emerging HPC Systems



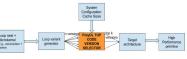
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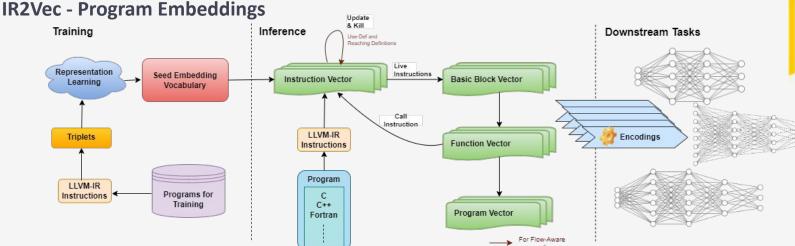
ML4Code: Machine Learning for Compiler Optimizations and Program Analysis







Machine Learning for Code: Embeddings and Applications



Applications





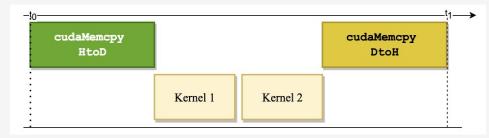




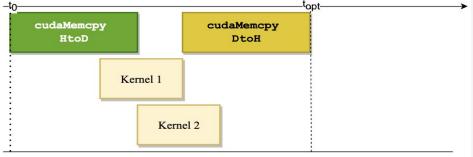


Compiler Optimizations in CPU-GPU Heterogeneous Systems

Before Optimization



After StreamAlloc Optimization



Hetero-sync Motion Optimization

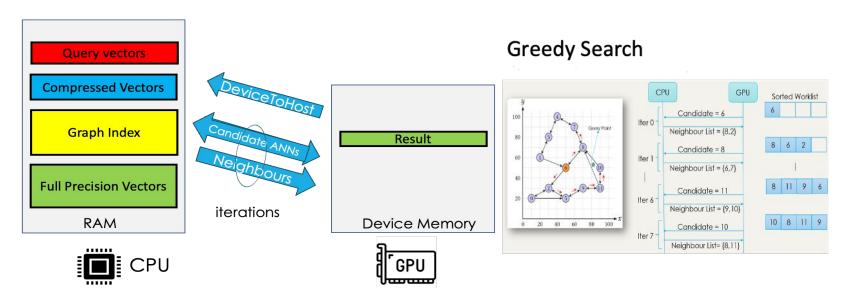
 Compiler Optimizations to percolate blocking/Sync statements to a later program point to enable overlapping computations between CPU and GPU increasing parallelism.

Automatic CUDA Stream Allocation

- Compiler Optimization to convert Sync to Async calls in CPU-GPU Heterogeneous programs
- Determines the stream identifiers for each corresponding asynchronous call

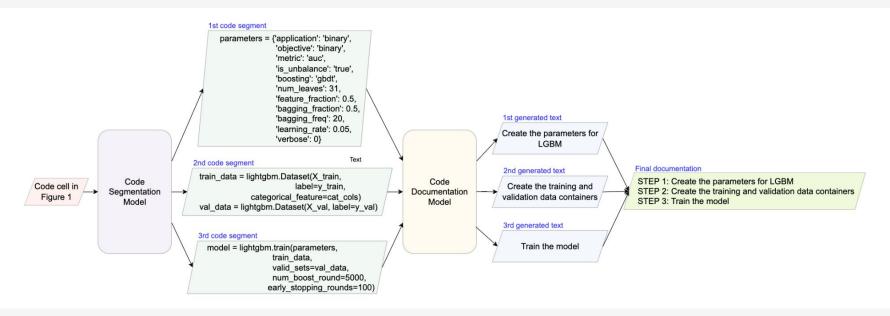
Billion-Scale ANN on GPU

- A high-throughput billion-point scale Approximate Nearest Neighbour search on CPU-GPU
 Heterogeneous system
- On a single A100 GPU
- Graph index remains on host memory but optimized ac



Program Analysis using LLMs

- Does CodeT5, PLBART, CodeBERT, UniXcoder, etc., perform semantic tasks well (e.g., bug prediction, bug fixing, etc.)?
- Cell2Doc: ML Pipeline for Generating Documentation in Computational Notebooks [ASE'23]



Programming Languages & Synthesis: Broad Classification of our Research Efforts:



Analysis and Refactoring



Automated Verification, Rich Type Systems



Symbolic Program Synthesis







Neurosymbolic **Synthesis**

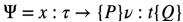


Analysis



Richer Types $\Gamma \vdash x : \tau$







FM4Synthesis

Spec: i/o examples, A NL Query

$$\Psi = x : \tau \to \{P\}\nu : t\{Q\}$$





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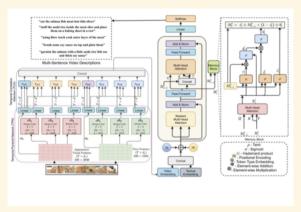
Ongoing Efforts



Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Research @IITH

Deep Learning Architecture and Training

- Explore
 - New architectures and models
 - New training methods and loss functions
 - Newer inputs



Generative Al

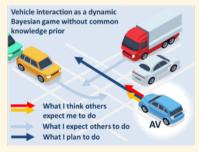
- ► Al to create a wide variety of data, such as images, videos, audio, text and 3D models
- ► GenAl learns patterns from existing data and uses that knowledge to generate new and unique data.
 - ► GenAl applications: ChatGPT, DeepBrain, Synthesia,...



Image Generation

Bayesian Learning

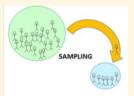
- Use Bayesian Learning for building Safe AI applications
- ► High risk real-world applications, such as autonomous vehicles and healthcare
- Bayesian Deep Learning provides better decision making by handling uncertainty, robustness and considering domain knowledge



Algorithms for Massive Datasets

- Developing algorithms for handling large dimensionality and large volume of datasets
 - ► High-dimensional: text vocabulary, pixels in image
 - Large volume: millions of documents and images
- Develop efficient distributed algorithms Hadoop/MapReduce
- Use Sketching/Sampling to turn "Big Data into tiny data"







Computer Vision

- Action recognition, emotion recognition and video analytics
- Autonomous vehicle technology
- Aerial imagery analysis and image captioning
- Medical imaging



Vision for Drones

- Challenge: Handling objects of different sizes
- ► Applications: Surveillance, Search and Rescue, Infrastructure Inspection, Crop Health Monitoring, Land Cover Mapping, Traffic Management
- Detecting drones from drones





NLP: Dialog Systems

- Computer system intended to converse B₀: { (attraction, area, east) } with a human.
- Uses one or more of text, speech, graphics, gestures, etc., to communicate between human and system
- Build scalable and explainable dialog systems

Un: Can you help me find some attractions in the east part of town?

- S1: Definitely! My favorite place in the east is the Funky Fun House, It's funky and fun!
- U1: Can I have the number please?
- B1: { (attraction, area, east), (attraction, name, Funky Fun House) }
- S2: It's 01223304705. Do you need anything else? U.: Yeah, I need a restaurant. They need to serve Indian food and be in the same area as Funky Fun House.
- B2: { (attraction, area, east), (attraction, name, Funky Fun House), (restaurant, area, east), (restaurant, food, Indian) }
- S₂: There are 4 Indian restaurants in the area. Two are moderately priced and two are expensive. Can I ask what price range you would like?
- U2: I would prefer one in the moderate price range. Ba: { (attraction, area, east), (attraction, name, Funky Fun House), (restaurant, area, east), (restaurant, food, Indian), (restaurant, price, moderate) }

NLP: Personalized Autosuggest



Let previous \mathbf{n} queries (earliest to latest order) in the current session \mathbf{s} be $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$. Current guery is \mathbf{q} , and \mathbf{p} is the guery prefix typed so far.

Personalized query autocompletion for short and unseen prefixes.



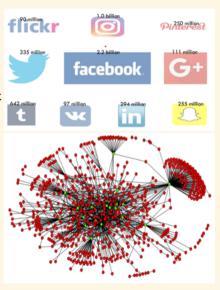


Generate top-N query completions conditioned on current query prefix p, additional trie context e, and session information s i.e.,

 $P_{\theta}(q \mid p; e; s)$

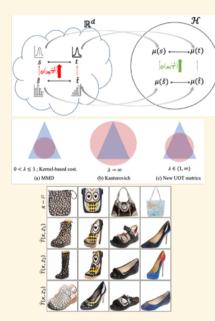
Social Media Analytics

- ► Information diffusion in social network
- Summarize social media content
- Categorize content
 - Spam vs non-spam
 - Quality of posts and replies
- Content routing



Applied Learning Theory

- Kernel methods
- Statistical learning theory
- Optimization
- ► Generative AI



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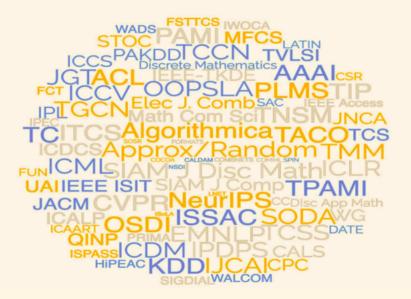








Publication Venues



Infrastructure

- Large number of servers (with CPU and GPU) available through SLURM and MAAS infrastructure
- High Performance Computing (HPC) cluster available under the National Supercomputing Mission
- OpenStack-based private cloud for Virtual Machines (VMs)
- ► A large range of IoT and embedded processors and FPGA boards
- State-of-the-art DGX Servers
- ► High-end network switches such as 3.2 Tbps Intel Tofino Programmable Switch
- Labs with dedicated workstation for every Ph.D. scholar, with 24x7 access



Fellowships

- ► Ministry of Education (MoE) fellowships
- Sponsored research project fellowships
- ▶ Joint Ph.D. fellowships with IDBRT Hyderabad, Swinburne University Australia, and Deakin University Australia
- Industry fellowships such as Google, TCS, Intel fellowships
- PM Research Fellowship (PMRF)
- Visvesvaraya Fellowship
- Financial assistance for Ph.D. students to present their research papers in international and national venues

Life @CSE, IITH

- ► PhD seminar talks: CSE Ph.D Seminar Talks IIT-Hyderabad
- Several international and national computer science conferences held @IITH, e.g. ACML 2022, CALDAM 2020, etc.
- ► Research Scholars Day





