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Research Interests

SYSTEMS FOR BIG DATA, GRAPH PROCESSING, AND MACHINE LEARNING. MACHINE LEARNING FOR SYSTEMS. DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS. STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES. DATABASES. CLOUD COMPUTING.

Education

EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Lausanne, Switzerland

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sep. 2015 – Sep. 2020

- Ph.D. Thesis: An Architecture for Load Balance in Computer Cluster Applications. Supervised by Prof. Willy Zwaenepoel.
- Viva voce passed on March 19, 2020.
- 30 ECTS credits. Depth area: Systems.
- Classes: Principles of Computer Systems (CS-522), Applied Data Analysis (CS-401), Natural Language Processing (CS-431).

EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Lausanne, Switzerland

M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sep. 2009 – Jun. 2011

- GPA: 5.54 (out of 6). 125 ECTS credits.
- M.S. Thesis: Track Me If You Can. Hosted by: Nokia Research Center. Supervised by Prof. Jean-Pierre Hubaux.

EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Lausanne, Switzerland

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sep. 2006 – Jun. 2009

- GPA: 5.59 (out of 6). 189 ECTS credits.
- B.S. Thesis: Secure SMS. Supervised by Prof. Jean-Pierre Hubaux.

Employment History

MPI-SWS (Max Planck Institute for Software Systems)

Saarbrücken, Germany

RESEARCH GROUP LEADER

Nov. 2022 –

- Data Systems Group (DSG), Operating Systems Lab. Director Peter Druschel.

MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Cambridge, MA, USA

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Sep. 2020 – Oct. 2022

- Data Systems Group (DSG), Computer Systems and AI Lab (CSAIL). Prof. Tim Kraska.
- Projects: Real-Time Graph Pattern Mining, Benchmarking Learned Data Management Systems, Synthesizing Graph Database from Production Logs.

EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Lausanne, Switzerland

DOCTORAL ASSISTANT

Sep. 2015 – Sep. 2020

- Ph.D. Candidate in the Operating Systems Laboratory (LABOS), IC. Supervised by Prof. Willy Zwaenepoel.
- IT administrator for the laboratory (since 2018), in charge of support, maintenance, and purchases.

EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Lausanne, Switzerland

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Mar. 2014 – Aug. 2015

- Operating Systems Laboratory (LABOS), IC. Prof. Willy Zwaenepoel.
- Technical coordinator for the Data Center Observatory, a small state-of-the-art data center for researchers at EPFL, ETHZ, and USI.
- Designer of Chaos, a graph processing system that enables analytics on very large graphs using secondary storage.
- Developer and Maintainer of X-Stream, a single-machine graph processing system based on streaming partitions.

Lobnek Wealth Management

Geneva, Switzerland

IT CONSULTANT – ACTING HEAD OF IT

Jul. 2013 – Feb. 2014

- Oversaw the modernization of the IT infrastructure, including the design and development of new interactive analytics for customers.
- Implemented data integration and daily transactions reconciliation from different custodians into internal systems.

LakeMind

Lausanne, Switzerland

CO-FOUNDER AND VP OF ENGINEERING

Aug. 2011 – Jun. 2013

- LakeMind makes cloud services more reliable by automatically troubleshooting and repairing service outages. As a result, the duration of service downtimes is drastically reduced and developers spend less time fixing problems.
- LakeMind was an incubating company at EPFL in LABOS and NAL, supported by an Innovation Grant and Venture Kick.
- I designed and implemented the software stack for LakeMind consisting of an event processing pipeline, distributed in-memory dependency graph data structures, and several signal processing and machine learning algorithms. My responsibilities also involved coordinating the software development efforts involving several interns and business development in Europe and the US.
- Cloud service troubleshooting was too early to gain traction in its market segment and we did not attract the venture capital required to develop a minimum viable product. Recently, this market segment has seen significant activity.
- The two co-founders retain full ownership of the Intellectual Property and software developed.

Nokia Research Center

Lausanne, Switzerland

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Jan. 2011 – Jul. 2011

- Designed and implemented the prototype for a location privacy-preserving service for smartphones, which was a key component in the Nokia-EPFL NIC Trial that took place in 2011 and involved ~ 100 participants for 4 months.
- Demonstrated and published practical attacks on context-based identifier changes in such mobile networks.

Swiss Armed Forces

Morges, Switzerland

IT PIONEER — Chief of Staff, 1st Army Region

Jul. 2006 – Dec. 2018

Publications

[EdgeSys '24] AlterEgo: A Dedicated Blockchain Node For Analytics. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Qi Guo, Mahdi Alizadeh, Ali Falahati, **Laurent Bindschaedler**.

[ICDE '23] Unshackling Database Benchmarking from Synthetic Workloads. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Parimarjan Negi*, **Laurent Bindschaedler***, Mohammad Alizadeh, Tim Kraska, Jyoti Leeka, Anja Gruenheid, Matteo Interlandi.

[CompAuto '22] Accurate Automatic Camera Calibration on Low-Quality CCTV Traffic Video Streams. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Audhav Durai, Sankarshanaram Vempati, **Laurent Bindschaedler**.

[EuroSys '21] Tesseract Distributed, General Graph Pattern Mining on Evolving Graphs.* [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference (acceptance rate 21%).

Laurent Bindschaedler, Jasmina Malicevic, Baptiste Lepers, Ashvin Goel, and Willy Zwaenepoel.

[SMDB '21] Towards a Benchmark for Learned Systems.* [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Laurent Bindschaedler, Andreas Kipf, Tim Kraska, Ryan Marcus, and Umar Farooq Minhas.

[THESIS] An Architecture for Load Balance in Computer Cluster Applications. [PDF]

Doctoral Dissertation, EPFL, 2020. **Laurent Bindschaedler**.

Ph.D. Committee: Alain Wegmann, Edouard Bugnion, Dushyanth Narayanan, Ashvin Goel, and Willy Zwaenepoel.

[ASPLOS '20] Hailstorm: Disaggregated Compute and Storage for Distributed LSM-based Databases.* [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference (acceptance rate 18%). **Best Presentation Award**.

Laurent Bindschaedler, Ashvin Goel, and Willy Zwaenepoel.

[EuroSys '18] Rock You like a Hurricane: Taming Skew in Large Scale Analytics.* [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference (acceptance rate 16%).

Laurent Bindschaedler, Jasmina Malicevic, Nicolas Schiper, Ashvin Goel, and Willy Zwaenepoel.

[SOSP '15] Chaos: Scale-out Graph Processing from Secondary Storage.* [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference (acceptance rate 17%).

Amitabha Roy, **Laurent Bindschaedler**, Jasmina Malicevic, and Willy Zwaenepoel.

[REPORT] Benchmarking X-Stream and Graphchi. [PDF]

Technical Report. EPFL. 2014

Laurent Bindschaedler, and Amitabha Roy.

[PerCom '12] Big Brother Knows Your Friends: on Privacy of Social Communities in Pervasive Network. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Igor Bilogrevic, Murtuza Jadliwala, Istvan Lam, Imad Aad, Philip Ginzboorg, Valtteri Niemi, **Laurent Bindschaedler**, and Jean-Pierre Hubaux.

[NDSS '12] Track Me If You Can: On the Effectiveness of Context-based Identifier Changes in Deployed Mobile Networks. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference (acceptance rate 18%).

Laurent Bindschaedler, Murtuza Jadliwala, Igor Bilogrevic, Imad Aad, Philip Ginzboorg, Valtteri Niemi, and Jean-Pierre Hubaux.

[MobileHCI '11] Making Mobile Augmented Reality A Reality. [PDF]

Peer-reviewed International Conference.

Laurent Bindschaedler, Hendrik Knoche, and Jeffrey Huang.

Supervision of Students

Graduate Students

CHONGYANG XU

Interns

HARDIK KATEHARA

Summer 2023

GIORGOS KOSMAS

Summer 2023

MAHDI ALIZADEH

Summer 2023

ALI FALAHATI

Summer 2023

HARSH PARIKH

2023-2024

MIHIR TRIVEDI

2023-2024

ABHINIT MAHAJAN

Spring 2024

LESHNA BALARA

Spring 2024

Master Semester Projects

MARIO BUCEV — Graph Ingestion Engine for Evolving Graphs.

Spring 2019

DIEGO ANTOGNINI — Scalable Decentralized Storage System Design.

Spring 2016

VLAD HAPRIAN — Load Balancing Techniques for Chaos.

Spring 2016

Summer Internship Project

JUNYAO ZHAO — HDFS Support for X-Stream.

Summer 2015

Teaching Activities

MPI & Uds, Operating Systems (OS2024)

Saarbrücken, Germany

LECTURER

Spring 2024

- Undergraduate level, ~ 50 students. Taught in English.
- Co-instructor for the class.

MPI & Uds, Systems for Large Language Models (SysLLM2024)

Saarbrücken, Germany

LECTURER

Spring 2023

- Seminar, 12 students. Taught in English.
- Co-instructor for the seminar.

MPI & UdS, Distributed Systems (DS2023)

Saarbrücken, Germany

LECTURER

Spring 2023

- Undergraduate level, ~ 50 students. Taught in English.
- Co-instructor for the class.

EPFL, Real-time Systems (CS-321)

Lausanne, Switzerland

GUEST LECTURER

Fall 2019

- Undergraduate level, ~ 50 students. Taught in French.
- Gave a 1-hour lecture on ContikiOS and protothreads.

EPFL, Operating Systems Introduction (CS-323)

Lausanne, Switzerland

GUEST LECTURER

Spring 2018, Spring 2019

- Undergraduate level, ~ 100 students. Taught in English.
- Gave a 2-hour lecture on Virtual Machines.

EPFL, Real-time Systems (CS-321)

Lausanne, Switzerland

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2019

- Undergraduate level, ~ 50 students. Taught in French.
- Head Teaching Assistant.
- Designed and led lab sessions.

EPFL, Operating Systems Introduction and Implementation (CS-323 & CS-323a)

Lausanne, Switzerland

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

- Undergraduate level, ~ 100 students in Introduction class, ~ 30 students in Implementation class. Taught in English.
- Part of a team of 4 Ph.D. Teaching Assistants.
- Led exercise and answers sessions, graded exams, and held office hours in the Introduction class.
- Designed and graded 4 mini-projects in the Implementation class.

EPFL, Calculus III (MATH-203)

Lausanne, Switzerland

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2018

- Undergraduate level, ~ 300 students. Taught in French.
- Part of a team of 4 Ph.D. Teaching Assistants coordinating ~ 20 undergraduate TAs.
- Led exercise and answers sessions, graded exams, and held office hours.

EPFL, Information, Computation, Communication (CS-119)

Lausanne, Switzerland

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2016, Fall 2017

- Undergraduate level, ~ 200 students. Taught in French.
- Part of a team of 4 Ph.D. Teaching Assistants coordinating ~ 20 undergraduate TAs.
- Designed and graded exams, led exercise and answers sessions, held office hours.

EPFL, System Oriented Programming (CS-207)

Lausanne, Switzerland

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Spring 2016

- Undergraduate level, ~ 150 students. Taught in French.
- Head Teaching Assistant coordinating 8 undergraduate TAs.
- Designed and graded exercises, projects, and exams.

EPFL, Various Undergraduate Classes

Lausanne, Switzerland

STUDENT TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2009 - Spring 2011

- Information Technology (French), Systems Programming (English), and Software Engineering (English).

Professional Service

Apr. 2025	Program Committee , Fall Deadline for ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)	<i>Rotherdam, The Netherlands</i>
Apr. 2025	Program Committee , Spring Deadline for ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)	<i>Rotherdam, The Netherlands</i>
Apr. 2025	Program Committee (External) , Spring Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>Rotherdam, The Netherlands</i>
Dec. 2024	Program Committee (External) , Spring Deadline for ACM/IFIP International Middleware Conference (Middleware)	<i>Hong Kong, China</i>
Nov. 2024	Program Committee , ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP)	<i>Austin TX, USA</i>
Jun. 2024	Program Committee , USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI)	<i>Santa Clara CA, USA</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Fall Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>San Diego CA, USA</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Summer Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>San Diego CA, USA</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Spring Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>San Diego CA, USA</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems (EuroMLSys)	<i>Athens, Greece</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Fall Deadline for ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)	<i>Athens, Greece</i>
Apr. 2024	Program Committee , Spring Deadline for ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)	<i>Athens, Greece</i>
Jan. 2024	Reviewer , The VLDB Journal	<i>(Journal)</i>
Dec. 2023	Program Committee , Spring Deadline for ACM/IFIP International Middleware Conference (Middleware)	<i>Bologna, Italy</i>
Jul. 2023	Program Committee (Heavy) , USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC)	<i>Boston, MA, USA</i>
May. 2023	Program Committee , ACM International Workshop on Edge systems, Analytics and Networking (EdgeSys)	<i>Rome, Italy</i>
Oct. 2023	Program Committee , Fall Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>
Jun. 2023	External Program Committee , Summer Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>
Mar. 2023	External Program Committee , Spring Deadline for Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS)	<i>Vancouver, Canada</i>
Feb. 2023	Evaluator , FRQNT - Comité d'évaluation Programme Établissement de la relève professorale	<i>Quebec, Canada</i>
Apr. 2022	Program Committee , Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems (EuroMLSys)	<i>Rennes, France</i>
Jul. 2022	Program Committee (Heavy) , USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC)	<i>Carlsbad, CA, USA</i>
Nov. 2021	Program Committee , International Workshop on AI in Networks and Distributed Systems (WAIN)	<i>Milan, Italy</i>
Jul. 2021	External Reviewer , USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI)	<i>Santa Clara, CA, USA</i>
Jul. 2021	Program Committee , USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC)	<i>Santa Clara, CA, USA</i>
Jun. 2021	Program Committee , ACM SYSTOR	<i>Haifa, Israel</i>
Apr. 2021	Program Committee , Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems (EuroMLSys)	<i>Edinburgh, UK</i>
Sep. 2020	Reviewer , ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS)	<i>(Journal)</i>
Jul. 2020	External Reviewer , USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC)	<i>Boston, MA, USA</i>
Apr. 2020	Organizer and PC Chair , 1st European Workshop on Graph Processing Systems (EuroGraph)	<i>Heraklion, Greece</i>
Feb. 2018	External Reviewer , ACM Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming (PPoPP)	<i>Vienna, Austria</i>

Prizes, Awards, Fellowships

- May. 2020 **Early Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship: P2ELP2_195136**, Swiss National Science Foundation
- Mar. 2020 **Best Presentation Award**, ASPLOS'20
- Dec. 2017 **Teaching Assistant Award**, EPFL IC Faculty
- Dec. 2017 **Public Prize Winner**, Exposure Science Movie Hackathon
- Sep. 2015 **Ph.D. Fellowship**, EPFL EDIC
- Jan. 2012 **Venture Kick 1st Round**, LakeMind

Talks

- Mar. 2023 **Machine Learning (m)eats Software**, *BWInf 2023*
- Oct. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *Aalborg University*
- Apr. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *NTNU*
- Mar. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *Imperial College*
- Mar. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *U. Amsterdam*
- Mar. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *Rochester University*
- Mar. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *TU Munich*
- Mar. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *U. Reykjavik*
- Feb. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *U. Radboud*
- Feb. 2022 **Designing Scalable, Interactive, and Autonomous Big Data Systems**, *U. Saarland & MPI-SWS*
- May. 2021 **LOKI**, Towards a Benchmark for Learned Systems *SMDB'21*
- Jun. 2021 **Tesseract**, Fast, Scalable Graph Pattern Mining on Evolving Graphs *U. Sydney*
- Apr. 2021 **Tesseract**, Fast, Scalable Graph Pattern Mining on Evolving Graphs *EuroSys'21*
- Mar. 2020 **Hailstorm**, Disaggregated Compute and Storage for Distributed LSM-based Databases *ASPLOS'20*
- Oct. 2019 **Tesseract**, Fast, Scalable Graph Pattern Mining on Evolving Graphs *U. Toronto*
- May. 2019 **Tesseract**, Fast, Scalable Graph Pattern Mining on Evolving Graphs *EcoCloud'19*
- Jun. 2018 **Rock You Like a Hurricane**, Taming Skew in Large Scale Analytics *EcoCloud'18*
- Apr. 2018 **Rock You Like a Hurricane**, Taming Skew in Large Scale Analytics *EuroSys'18*
- Oct. 2015 **Chaos**, Scale-out Graph Processing from Secondary Storage *SOSP'15*
- Jul. 2012 **LakeMind**, Making Cloud Service More Reliable *VentureKick'12*
- Jan. 2012 **Track Me If You Can**, on the Effectiveness of Context-based Identifier Changes in Mobile Networks *NDSS'12*
- Sep. 2011 **ARLO**, Making Mobile Augmented Reality a Reality *MobileHCI'11*

Language Skills

- French **Fluent**, Mother tongue
- English **Fluent (C2)**, Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency
- German **Basic Knowledge (B2)**, Zertifikat Deutsch

Personal Skills / Hobbies

Improvisational Theatre

FOUNDING MEMBER OF L'IMPROSTURE, AN IMPROV TEAM ACTIVE IN FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND

Chess

JUNIOR CHESS PLAYER IN THE GENEVA CHESS CLUB. ELO-RATED. HOBBYIST TO THIS DAY.

Piano

CLASSICAL AND POP PLAYER.