

Curriculum Vitae

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❖ Summary

I build robust, secure and scalable systems using programming language technology.

❖ Education

PhD — Computer Science

Thesis Title: [Functional Programming Abstractions for Weakly Consistent Systems](#)

Advisor: Suresh Jagannathan

May 2011 – Dec 2014
Purdue University, USA

Master of Science — Computer Science

Aug 2008 – May 2011
Purdue University, USA

Bachelor of Engineering — Computer Science and Engineering

Aug 2004 – May 2008
PSG College of Technology
Anna University, India

❖ Experience

Chief Technology Officer, [Tarides](#)

Dec 2022 – Present

Adjunct Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Dec 2022 – Present

Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Jan 2019 – Dec 2022

Senior Research Associate, University of Cambridge

Advisors: Alan Mycroft, Anil Madhavapeddy

Nov 2017 – Dec 2018
Cambridge, UK

Research Fellow, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851

Oct 2015 – Oct 2018

Research Fellow, Darwin College, Cambridge

Oct 2015 – Oct 2018

Research Associate, University of Cambridge

Dec 2014 – Oct 2017

Research Assistant, Purdue University

Advisor: Suresh Jagannathan

Aug 2008 – Dec 2014
West Lafayette, IN, USA

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University

Undergraduate C Programming (CS180)

Graduate Programming Languages (CS565)

West Lafayette, IN, USA
Aug 2012 – Dec 2012
Aug 2011 – Dec 2011

Research Intern, Microsoft Research, Cambridge

Advisors: Tim Harris, Simon Marlow, and Simon Peyton Jones

Feb 2012 – May 2012
Cambridge, UK

Research Intern, Samsung Information Systems America (R&D)

Advisor: Daniel Waddington

May 2010 – Aug 2010
San Jose, CA, USA

Intern, Advanced Numerical Research and Analysis Group

Advisor: Sankar Chnab

Dec 2007 – Apr 2008
Hyderabad, India

❖ Awards and Recognitions

- [SIGPLAN Programming Languages Software Award](#), 2023.
- OCaml core maintainer, 2021 – present.

- Invited keynote speaker at ICFP 2022.
- Invited keynote speaker at OCaml Workshop 2022.
- Distinguished paper at PADL 2021.
- Distinguished paper award at ICFP 2020.
- Class of 1991 Award for Young Faculty in Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, 2019.
- Research Fellowship, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, 2015–2018.
- Research Fellowship, Darwin College, Cambridge, 2015–2018.
- Maurice H. Halstead Memorial Award for outstanding research in Software Engineering, Purdue University, 2014.
- Best paper award at Many-core Architecture Research Symposium at RWTH-Aachen, 2012.

❖ Invited Seminars and Workshops

- Observer, WG 2.1, Canberra, Nov 2024
- Guest, WG 2.8, Utrecht, Apr 2024
- Dagstuhl Seminar 23101: “Foundations of WebAssembly”, Mar 2023
- Dagstuhl Seminar 21292: “Scalable Handling of Effects”, Jul 2021
- Dagstuhl Seminar 16112: “From Theory to Practice of Algebraic Effects and Handlers”, May 2016

❖ Grants

- PI, Multicore Support for Tezos blockchain, Tezos Foundation, 2019 – 2023, £194,000.
- PI, Qilin: Scalable Concurrent Unikernels with Effect Handlers, IIT Madras, 2019 – 2021, INR 500,000.
- Co-I, Feasibility of an Operating System for Interspatial Networking in a Built Environment, Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB), 2018, £24,000.
- PI, Quelea: Safe Declarative Programming over Heterogeneous Parallel Systems, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, 2015–2018, £102,000.

❖ Academic Service

- **Organizer**, [Dagstuhl Seminar on “Algebraic Effect Handlers go Mainstream”](#), Apr 2018.
- **Organizer**, [Shonan Meeting No.143 on “Programming Language Support for Data-intensive Applications”](#), June 2019.
- **Associate Editor**, OOPSLA 2025.
- **Editor**, Special Issue of the Journal of Functional Programming (JFP) on the Theory and Practice of Algebraic Effects and Handlers, 2019.
- **Steering Committee**: [Member-at-large, ICFP](#), 2023 – 2027.
- **Program Committee Chair**: PaPoC 2022, ML Workshop 2019.
- **Artifact Evaluation Committee Chair**: ESOP 2022.
- **Program Committee member**: OOPSLA 2024, PaPoC 2024, PEPM 2024, TFP 2024, POPL 2024, PLDI 2023, ML Workshop 2022, OCaml Workshop 2022, PLDI 2022, PEPM 2022, TyDe 2021, GPCE 2021, PADL 2021, PaPoC 2021, ICFP 2020, PAPOC@EuroSys 2020, OCaml Workshop 2019, PMLDC@ECOOP 2017, Off-the-beaten track (OBT) 2017, OCaml Workshop 2016, SPLASH-MARC symposium, 2013.
- **Artifact Evaluation Committee member**: ICFP 2018, PLDI 2015, PPOPP/CGO 2016.
- **Expert Reviewer**: POPL 2023, JFP 2021, PLDI 2020, ESOP 2020, JPDC 2020, LICS 2019, ECOOP 2019, TODS 2019, JFP 2018, POPL 2014, ICFP 2013, ASPLOS 2013, TLDI 2013, Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience 2013, Software: Practice and Experience 2012.
- **External Review Committee member**: ICFP 2019.

❖ Institutional Service

- Technical Committee Member, Department of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2020 – 2022.
- Board Member, Industrial Consultancy and Sponsored Research (ICSR), IIT Madras, 2021 – 2023.
- Department Vision Committee, Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, 2021.
- Department Website Revamp Committee, Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, 2021.
- Faculty Advisor, BTech batch, Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, 2021.
- Organizer for Darwin College Science Seminar Series, Oct 2015 – May 2017.
- Interviewer for Undergraduate Admissions to Computer Science, Christ's College, Cambridge, 2016, 2017 and 2018

❖ Edited Publications

- E2 [Special Issue on the Theory and Practice of Algebraic Effects and Handlers](#) Jan 2021
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Andrej Bauer (eds.)
Journal of Functional Programming
- E1 [Algebraic Effect Handlers go Mainstream](#) Apr 2018
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Daan Leijen, Matija Pretnar, Tom Schrijvers
Dagstuhl Reports, Volume 8, Issue 4, 2018

❖ Journal Publications

- J8 [Continuing WebAssembly with Effect Handlers](#) Oct 2023
Luna Phipps-Costin, Andreas Rossberg, Arjun Guha, Daan Leijen, Daniel Hillerström, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Sam Lindley
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue OOPSLA 2023
- J7 [Retrofitting Parallelism onto OCaml](#) Aug 2020
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Stephen Dolan, Leo White, Sadiq Jaffer, Tom Kelly, Anmol Sahoo, Sudha Parimala, Atul Dhiman, Anil Madhavapeddy
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue ICFP 2020
Distinguished paper
- J6 [Mergeable Replicated Data Types](#) Oct 2019
Gowtham Kaki, Swarn Priya, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue OOPSLA 2019
- J5 [Safe Replication through Bounded Concurrency Verification](#) Nov 2018
Gowtham Kaki, Kapil Earanky, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages (PACMPL), issue OOPSLA 2018
- J4 [Composable Scheduler Activations for Haskell](#) Jun 2016
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Tim Harris, Simon Marlow, Simon Peyton Jones
Journal of Functional Programming (JFP)
- J3 [Representation without Taxation: A Uniform, Low-Overhead, and High-Level Interface to Eventually Consistent Key-Value Stores](#) Mar 2016
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gowtham Kaki, Suresh Jagannathan
IEEE Data Engineering Bulletin, 39(1): 52 – 64
- J2 [MultiMLton: A Multicore-aware Runtime for Standard ML](#) Nov 2014
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Journal of Functional Programming (JFP), 24(6): 613 – 674
- J1 [Efficient Sessions](#) Feb 2013
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Mohammad Qudeisat, Lukasz Ziarek, Karthik Nagaraj, Patrick Eugster
Science of Computer Programming (SCP), 78(2): 147 – 167

❖ Conference Publications

- C17 **Certified Mergeable Replicated Datatypes** Jun 2022
Vimala Soundarapandian, Adharsh Kamath, Kartik Nagar, KC Sivaramakrishnan
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI), 2022
- C16 **Retrofitting Effect Handlers to OCaml** Jun 2021
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Stephen Dolan, Leo White, Sadiq Jaffer, Tom Kelly, Anil Madhavapeddy
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI), 2021
- C15 **ConFuzz: Coverage-guided Property Fuzzing for Event-driven Programs** Jan 2021
Sumit Padhiyar, KC Sivaramakrishnan
Proceedings of the 23rd International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages (PADL), 2021
Distinguished paper
- C14 **Banyan: Coordination-free Distributed Transactions over Mergeable Types** Dec 2020
Shashank Shakhar Dubey, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Thomas Gazagnaire, Anil Madhavapeddy
Proceedings of the 18th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS), 2020
- C13 **Version Control Is For Your Data Too** May 2019
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
The 3rd Summit on Advances in Programming Languages (SNAPL), 2019
- C12 **Bounding Data Races in Space and Time** Jun 2018
Stephen Dolan, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Anil Madhavapeddy
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)
- C11 **Concurrent System Programming with Effect Handlers** Nov 2017
Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopoulos, Daniel Hillerström, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
Post-proceedings of the Symposium on Trends in Functional Programming (TFP)
- C10 **Eff directly in OCaml** Oct 2017
Oleg Kiselyov, KC Sivaramakrishnan
Post-proceedings of the ML Workshop
- C9 **Continuation Passing Style for Effect Handlers** Sep 2017
Daniel Hillerström, Sam Lindley, Robert Atkey, KC Sivaramakrishnan
International Conference on Formal Structures for Computation and Deduction (FSCD)
- C8 **DaLi : Database as a Library** May 2017
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Thomas Gazagnaire, Anil Madhavapeddy, Suresh Jagannathan
The 2nd Summit on Advances in Programming Languages (SNAPL)
Oral Presentation
- C7 **Declarative Programming over Eventually Consistent Data Stores** Jun 2015
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gowtham Kaki, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)
- C6 **Rx-CML: A Prescription for Safely Relaxing Synchrony** Jan 2014
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages (PADL)
- C5 **A Coherent and Managed Runtime for ML on the SCC** Nov 2012
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Many-core Architecture Research Community Symposium (MARC)
Best paper award

- C4 [Eliminating Read Barriers through Procrastination and Cleanliness](#) Jun 2012
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
International Symposium on Memory Management (ISMM)
- C3 [Composable Asynchronous Events](#) Jun 2011
Lukasz Ziarek, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)
- C2 [Efficient Session Type Guided Distributed Interaction](#) June 2010
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Karthik Nagaraj, Lukasz Ziarek, Patrick Eugster
International Conference on Coordination Models and Languages (COORDINATION)
- C1 [Partial Memoization of Concurrency and Communication](#) Sep 2009
Lukasz Ziarek, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Suresh Jagannathan
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP)

❖ Workshop Publications

- W23 [Eio 1.0 – Effects-based IO for OCaml 5](#) Sep 2023
Thomas Leonard, Patrick Ferris, Christiano Haesbaert, Lucas Pluvinage, Vesa Karvonen, Sudha Parimala, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Vincent Balat, Anil Madhavapeddy
OCaml Workshop, 2023
- W22 [Building a lock-free STM for OCaml](#) Sep 2023
Vesa Karvonen, Bartosz Modelski, Carine Morel, Thomas Leonard, KC Sivaramakrishnan, YSS Narasimha Naidu, Sudha Parimala
OCaml Workshop, 2023
- W21 [Composing Schedulers using Effect Handlers](#) Sep 2022
Deepali Ande, KC Sivaramakrishnan
OCaml Workshop, 2022
- W20 [Marrying Replicated and Functional Data Structures](#) May 2022
Vimala Soundarapandian, Adharsh Kamath, Kartik Nagar, KC Sivaramakrishnan
9th Workshop on Principles and Practice of Consistency for Distributed Data (PaPoC), 2022
- W19 [Parafuzz: Coverage-guided Property Fuzzing for Multicore OCaml programs](#) Aug 2021
Sumit Padhiyar, Adharsh Kamath, KC Sivaramakrishnan
OCaml Workshop, 2021
- W18 [Experiences with Effects](#) Aug 2021
Thomas Leonard, Craig Ferguson, Patrick Ferris, Sadiq Jaffer, Tom Kelly, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Anil Madhavapeddy
OCaml Workshop, 2021
- W17 [Adapting the OCaml ecosystem for Multicore OCaml](#) Aug 2021
Sudha Parimala, Enguerrand Decorne, Sadiq Jaffer, Tom Kelly, KC Sivaramakrishnan
OCaml Workshop, 2021
- W16 [Certified Mergeable Replicated Data Types](#) Apr 2021
Vimala Soundarapandian, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Kartik Nagar
8th Workshop on Principles and Practice of Consistency for Distributed Data (PaPoC), 2021
- W15 [Handlers.js](#) Apr 2018
Daniel Hillerström, Sam Lindley, Robert Atkey, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Jeremy Yallop
Programming Technology for the Future Web (ProWeb), 2019
- W14 [An Architecture for Interspatial Communication](#) Apr 2018
Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Gemma Gordon, Thomas Gazagnaire
Hot Topics in Pervasive Mobile and Online Social Networking (HotPOST), 2018

- W13 [A Memory Model for Multicore OCaml](#) Sep 2017
Stephen Dolan and KC Sivaramakrishnan
OCaml Workshop, 2017
- W12 [Effectively Tackling the Awkward Squad](#) Sep 2017
Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopolous, Daniel Hillerström, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
OCaml Workshop, 2017
- W11 [Mergeable Types](#) Sep 2017
Gowtham Kaki, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Samodya Abeysiriwardane, Suresh Jagannathan
ML Workshop
- W10 [Concurrent System Programming with Effect Handlers](#) Jun 2017
Stephen Dolan, Spiros Eliopolous, Daniel Hillerström, Anil Madhavapeddy, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Leo White
Symposium on Trends in Functional Programming (TFP)
- W9 [Eff directly in OCaml](#) Mar 2017
Oleg Kiselyov and KC Sivaramakrishnan
JSSST Workshop on Programming and Programming Languages
- W8 [Lock-free programming for the masses](#) Sep 2016
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Théo Laurent
OCaml Workshop, 2016
- W7 [Compiling Links Effect Handlers to the OCaml Backend](#) Sep 2016
Daniel Hilleström, Sam Lindley, KC Sivaramakrishnan
ML Workshop
- W6 [Eff Directly in OCaml](#) Sep 2016
Oleg Kiselyov and KC Sivaramakrishnan
ML Workshop
- W5 [Effective Concurrency with Algebraic Effects](#) Sep 2015
Stephen Dolan, Leo White, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Jeremy Yallop and Anil Madhavapeddy
OCaml Workshop, 2015
- W4 [Migrating MultiMLton to the Cloud](#) Sep 2013
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
ML Workshop
- W3 [Scalable Lightweight Task Management Schemes for MIMD Processors](#) Apr 2011
Daniel G. Waddington, Chen Tian, KC Sivaramakrishnan
Workshop on Systems for Future Multi-Core Architectures (SFMA)
- W2 [The Design Rationale for MultiMLton](#) Sep 2010
Suresh Jagannathan, Armand Navabi, KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek
ML Workshop
- W1 [Lightweight Asynchrony using Parasitic Threads](#) Jan 2010
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Raghavendra Prasad, Suresh Jagannathan
Workshop on Declarative Aspects of Multicore Programming (DAMP)

❖ Technical Reports and Drafts

- T1 [Featherweight Threads for Communication](#) Nov 2011
KC Sivaramakrishnan, Lukasz Ziarek, Suresh Jagannathan
Purdue University Computer Science Technical Report – TR-11-018

❖ Teaching

- Lecturer:
 - Compiler Design, IIT Madras, Monsoon '22
 - Programs and Proofs, IIT Madras, Spring '20, Spring '21.
 - Paradigms of Programming, IIT Madras, Monsoon '19, Monsoon '20.
- [Supervisions](#) at University of Cambridge:
 - Databases, Michaelmas '18, Lent '17, Michaelmas '17, Lent '16.
 - Concurrent and Distributed Systems, Lent '17, Michaelmas '17, Lent '16, Michaelmas '16, Lent '15.
 - Algorithms, Lent '15.
 - Object-oriented Programming, Michaelmas 2015–16.
- Teaching assistantships at Purdue University
 - Undergraduate C Programming (CS180), Aug 2012 – Dec 2012.
 - Graduate Programming Languages (CS565), Aug 2011 – Dec 2011.

❖ Advising

- PhD Students
 - Sai Venkata Krishnan, 2021 – present
 - Vimala Soundarapandian, 2020 – present
 - Sheera Shamsu, 2019 – present
- Master's Students
 - Deepali Ande, MS, 2020 – 2023
 - Sumit Padhiyar, MS, 2019 – 2021
 - Shashank Shekhar Dubey, MS, 2019 – 2021
 - Atul Dhiman, MTech, 2019 – 2020
- Undergraduate Students
 - Sooraj Srinivasan, UGRC, 2023
 - Mantra Trambadia, UGRC, 2023
 - Narasimha, UGRC, 2023
 - Anirudh Sunder Raj, Dual Degree Project, 2020 – 2021
 - Arnhav Datar, UGRC, 2021
 - Matevz Polijanc, Part II, University of Cambridge, 2017 – 2018
 - Charlie Crisp, Part II, University of Cambridge, 2017 – 2018
 - Henry Mercer, Part II, University of Cambridge, 2017 – 2018
 - Matt Harrison, Part II, University of Cambridge, 2016 – 2017
 - James Wright, Part II, University of Cambridge, 2015 – 2016
- Project Staff
 - Sudha Parimala, RSDE, IITM, 2019 – 2021
 - Shubham Kumar, RSDE, IITM, 2019 – 2021

- Shakthi Kannan, RSDE, IITM, 2020 – 2021
- Shubhendra Singhal, RSDE, IITM, 2020 – 2021
- Anmol Sahoo, RSDE, IITM, 2019 – 2020
- Interns
 - Aadharsh Kamath, NITK, 2021
 - Shagun Goel, Stanford University, 2020
 - Pratap Singh, Harvard University, 2019
 - Nicolas Assouad, ENS Paris, 2017
 - Maxime Lesourd, ENS Lyon, 2017
 - Philip Dexter, Binghampton University, 2016
 - Armael Gueneau, ENS Lyon, 2016
 - Theo Laurent, ENS Lyon, 2015
 - Guillain Potron, ENS Lyon, 2015