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EXTREME-SCALE COMPUTING | FAULT RESILIENCE | HW/SW CO-DESIGN TOOLS
COMPUTING CONTINUUM | AUTONOMOUS EXPERIMENTS

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SUMMARY

Dr. Christian Engelmann is a Senior Computer Scientist and leads the Intelligent Systems and Facilities research group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He has more than 23 years experience in software research and development for extreme-scale high-performance computing (HPC) systems. His research solves computer science challenges in HPC software, such as scalability, dependability, and interoperability. Dr. Engelmann's primary expertise is in HPC resilience, i.e., efficiency and correctness in the presence of faults, errors, and failures. His secondary expertise is in system software for the instrument-to-edge-to-Cloud-to-center computing continuum, enabling science breakthroughs with autonomous experiments, self-driving laboratories, smart manufacturing, and artificial intelligence (AI) driven design, discovery, and evaluation. He further has expertise in lightweight simulation of future-generation extreme-scale supercomputers, studying the impact of hardware/software properties on performance and resilience for application-architecture co-design. Dr. Engelmann is also an expert in operating system and runtime software for parallel and distributed systems.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

19 Research grants: \$42.69M in total research funding \$10.92M with 7 grants as lead investigator	116 Peer-reviewed articles and papers ↗ : 13 Peer-reviewed journal articles 58 Peer-reviewed conference papers 45 peer-reviewed workshop papers	5,080 Publication citations ↗ : Google Scholar H-index: 34 Google Scholar i10-index: 72 Erdős number: 3
1 Co-advised Ph.D. thesis 8 Co-advised M.Sc. theses ↗ 6 Mentored postdoctoral research associates	14 Peer-reviewed posters ↗ : 65 Invited talks and seminars ↗	194 Committees at 49 conferences ↗ : 65 Reviews for 18 journals/publishers ↗

AWARDS

EARLY CAREER AWARD – US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY [↗](#) 8/2015

RECENTLY IN THE NEWS

- ORNL News: *INTERSECT launches autonomous 'labs of the future'* [↗](#) 8/24/2023
- DOE ASCR: *New Approach to Fault Tolerance Means More Efficient High-Performance Computers* [↗](#) 3/30/2021
- HPCwire: *What's New in HPC Research: GPU Lifetimes, the Square Kilometre Array, Support Tickets & More* [↗](#) 1/4/2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GROUP LEADER, INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (4.0 YEARS) 10/2020-PRESENT

- Address system software research challenges for scientific instruments and facilities

SENIOR R&D STAFF – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (6.5 YEARS) 4/2018-PRESENT

- Architect a federated instrument-to-edge-to-Cloud-to-center scientific computing ecosystem
- Prototype rOpenMP, a resilient parallel programming model for heterogeneous systems
- Early Career Award: Create design patterns, models and tools for resilience in supercomputers
- Establish a taxonomy, a catalog, and models of faults, errors and failures in extreme-scale systems

R&D STAFF – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (8.5 YEARS) 9/2009-3/2018

- Develop resilient operating system and runtime software for extreme-scale scientific HPC
- Investigate resilient Monte Carlo solvers with natural fault tolerance for exascale HPC
- Implement performance/resilience modeling and simulation tools for HPC hardware/software co-design
- Prototype soft-error injection tools and study the vulnerability of scientific applications
- Create a HPC system software framework for monitoring, fault prediction, and proactive fault avoidance
- Design a HPC storage virtualization solution for checkpoint/restart
- Investigate the feasibility of and prototype transparent MPI-level computational redundancy
- Develop a light-weight simulation of extreme-scale HPC architectures with ~100,000,000 MPI processes

R&D ASSOCIATE – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (5.3 YEARS) 5/2004-8/2009

- Create fault-tolerant MPI solutions: Scalable group membership, job pause, and process migration
- Develop a 99.9997% high availability solution for HPC system services, such as Torque and PVFS MDS
- Ph.D. thesis research: Create symmetric active/active high availability solutions for HPC system services
- Implement virtual system environments for "plug-and-play" HPC using hypervisors, such as Xen
- Enhance scientific application development via a common view across platforms, the Harness Workbench

POST-MASTER'S RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (2.9 YEARS)	6/2001-4/2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prototype the pluggable, lightweight, and fault tolerant Harness distributed virtual machine • Develop a light-weight simulation of extreme-scale HPC architectures with ~1,000,000 MPI processes 	
SOFTWARE DEVELOPER – OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (6 MONTHS)	8/2000-1/2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Sc. thesis research: Develop distributed peer-to-peer control for Harness, a fault-tolerant runtime 	
SOFTWARE DEVELOPER – HEWLETT-PACKARD, GERMANY (1 YEAR)	10/1998-9/1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product R&D: Architect a graphical user interface server for an embedded mobile patient monitor 	

EDUCATION

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE – UNIVERSITY OF READING, UK	12/2008
M.SC. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE – UNIVERSITY OF READING, UK	7/2001
DIPL.-ING. (FH) IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS ENGINEERING – UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES BERLIN, GERMANY	2/2001

HIGHLY CITED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] A. Nagarajan, F. Mueller, C. Engelmann, and S. Scott. **Proactive fault tolerance for HPC with Xen virtualization.** In *Intl. Conf. on Supercomputing (ICS)*, 2007. doi: 10.1145/1274971.1274978. Accept. rate 23.6%. 527 citations.
- [2] M. Snir et al. **Addressing failures in exascale computing.** *Intl. J. of High Perf. Comp. Applications (IJHPCA)*, 28(2), 2014. doi: 10.1177/1094342014522573. 526 citations.
- [3] D. Fiala, F. Mueller, C. Engelmann, K. Ferreira, R. Brightwell, and R. Riesen. **Detection and correction of silent data corruption for large-scale high-performance computing.** In *Intl. Conf. on High Perf. Comp., Networking, Storage and Analysis (SC)*, 2012. doi: 10.1109/SC.2012.49. Accept. rate 21.2%. 386 citations.
- [4] C. Wang, F. Mueller, C. Engelmann, and S. Scott. **Proactive process-level live migration in HPC environments.** In *Intl. Conf. on High Perf. Comp., Networking, Storage and Analysis (SC)*, 2008. doi: 10.1145/1413370.1413414. Accept. rate 21.3%. 250 citations.
- [5] J. Elliott, K. Kharbas, D. Fiala, F. Mueller, K. Ferreira, and C. Engelmann. **Combining partial redundancy and checkpointing for HPC.** In *Intl. Conf. on Dist. Comp. Systems (ICDCS)*, 2012. doi: 10.1109/ICDCS.2012.56. Accept. rate 13.8%. 203 citations.

LATEST PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] V. Oles, A. Schmedding, G. Ostrouchov, W. Shi, E. Smirni, and C. Engelmann. **Understanding GPU memory corruption at extreme scale: The summit case study.** In *Intl. Conf. on Supercomputing (ICS)*, 2024. doi: 10.1145/3650200.3656615. Accept. rate 36.0%.
- [2] C. Engelmann and S. Somnath. **Science use case design patterns for autonomous experiments.** In *European Conf. on Pattern Languages of Programs (EuroPLoP)*, 2023. doi: 10.1145/3628034.3628060.
- [3] C. Engelmann, O. Kuchar, S. Boehm, M. Brim, T. Naughton, S. Somnath, S. Atchley, J. Lange, B. Mintz, and E. Arenholz. **The INTERSECT open federated architecture for the laboratory of the future.** In *Comms. in Comp. and Inf. Science (CCIS): Smoky Mts. Computational Sciences & Engineering Conf. (SMC)*, volume 1690, 2022. doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-23606-8_11. Accept. rate 32.4%.
- [4] E. Agullo et al. **Resiliency in numerical algorithm design for extreme scale simulations.** *Intl. J. of High Perf. Comp. Applications (IJHPCA)*, 36(2), 2022. doi: 10.1177/10943420211055188.
- [5] M. Kumar and C. Engelmann. **RDPM: An extensible tool for resilience design patterns modeling.** In *Lecture Notes in Comp. Science: European Conf. on Par. and Dist. Comp. (Euro-Par) Workshops: Workshop on Resiliency in High Perf. Comp. (Resilience) in Clusters, Clouds, and Grids*, volume 13098, 2021. doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-06156-1_23. Accept. rate 66.7%.

OTHER IMPORTANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

• Conference program committee (PC) member: <i>ARES, FTXS, ICS, IPDPS, PDP</i>	Present
• PC chair: <i>SC Workshop on Latest Advances in Scalable Algorithms for Large-Scale Heterogeneous Systems</i>	2010-Present
• Chair/PC chair: <i>Euro-Par Workshop on Resiliency in High Performance Computing in Clusters, Clouds, and Grids</i>	2008-2022
• Member: <i>US Department of Energy's Technical Council on HPC Resilience</i>	2013-2015
• PC member: <i>CCCrId, Cluster, EuroMPI, HPCC, NAS, ICA3PP, ISC, ISPA, MSST, SC, PADS</i>	Past

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Advanced Computing Systems Association (USENIX) [↗](#)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) – Senior Member [↗](#)
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) – Senior Member [↗](#)
 - IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) [↗](#)
 - IEEE Computer Society (CS) [↗](#)
 - IEEE Reliability Society (RL) [↗](#)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) [↗](#)