

# Mystic

Programmable Systems Research Testbed to  
Explore a Stack-Wide Adaptive System fabriC

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# WHO AM I?

- **History**

- 1997-2002: BS/MS in CS at **Wayne State University**; MS thesis in IPv6 Network Protocols under Sherali Zeadally
- 2003-2009: PhD in CS at **University of Chicago** in Many-Task Computing under Ian Foster
- 2009-2010: Postdoc at **Northwestern Univ.** with Alok Choudhary
- 2016-2017: Sabbatical at **Northwestern Univ.** with Peter Dinda

- **Current Affiliations**

- Associate Professor in CS at **Illinois Institute of Technology**
  - Director of Data-Intensive Distributed Systems Laboratory
- Guest Research Faculty in MCS at **Argonne National Laboratory**
- Advisory Board Member at **Ocient LLC & FusionBlock**





# DataSys

Data-Intensive Distributed  
Systems Laboratory

# DATASYS: DATA-INTENSIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS LABORATORY

## Research Focus

Emphasize designing, implementing, and evaluating systems, protocols, and middleware with the goal of supporting data-intensive applications on extreme scale distributed systems, from many-core systems, clusters, grids, clouds, and supercomputers.

# WHAT IS MYSTIC?

- \$1M NSF-funded institution infrastructure grant at Illinois Institute of Technology
- A testbed for experimenting with system re-configurability across the entire computing stack
- Allow low-level experimentation and reconfiguration at multiple levels
  - Processor: network-on-chip (NoC), hybrid architectures
  - Memory: Deep memory hierarchy
  - Storage: NVMe, NVDIMM
  - Network: software defined networking, programmable NICs
- More information
  - <http://mystic.cs.iit.edu>
  - [https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD\\_ID=1730689&HistoricalAwards=false](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1730689&HistoricalAwards=false)

# WHAT RESEARCH DOES MYSTIC ENABLE?

- Nautilus Aerokernel Light-weight Operating System
- Xtask: eXTreme fine-grAined concurrent taSK invocation runtime
- Universal Memory through byte-addressable non-volatile memory
- XSearch: Distributed Indexing and Search in Large-Scale Storage Systems
- OS abstractions on programmable NoCs to adapt to application workloads
- Multipath routing protocols in multi-dimensional Torus networks
- Integrated data access system to support PFS/DFS

# MYSTIC LEADERSHIP

- **Ioan Raicu**
  - Principle Investigator: explore practical aspects to realizing universal memory with byte-addressable non-volatile memory where applications compute directly on persistent memory
- **Kyle Hale**
  - Co-Principle Investigator: build new OS abstractions on top of programmable NoCs to adapt the on-chip network to applications' communication topologies and to enforce performance isolation and QoS between specialized OSes that space-share the chip
- **Xian-He Sun**
  - Co-Principle Investigator: develop an integrated data access system, Dynamic PortHadoop to support both parallel file systems for data-coherent and MapReduce/Spark systems



# MYSTIC COLLABORATORS & ADMINS

- **Ophir Trigalo**
  - Collaborator: provide resources and expertise needed to bring the MYSTIC testbed online, and to maintain it over the course of the testbed lifetime
- **Nikos Hardavellas**
  - Collaborator: provide expertise in specialized operating systems (OS) and field programable gate arrays (FPGA)
- **Sanjiv Kapoor**
  - Collaborator: provide expertise in improving network performance through new dynamic routing algorithms, leveraging rich multi-path topologies of multi-dimensional networks
- **Alexandru Iulian Orhean**
  - Lead System Administrator: provides day-to-day operational support, maintenance, and technical support
- **Alexander Ballmer**
  - System Administrator: provides day-to-day operational support, maintenance, and technical support



# MYSTIC HARDWARE OVERVIEW

- Physically at IIT in Chicago
- 55-nodes
- 3 racks
- 45kW of power
- OpenStack bare-metal provisioning



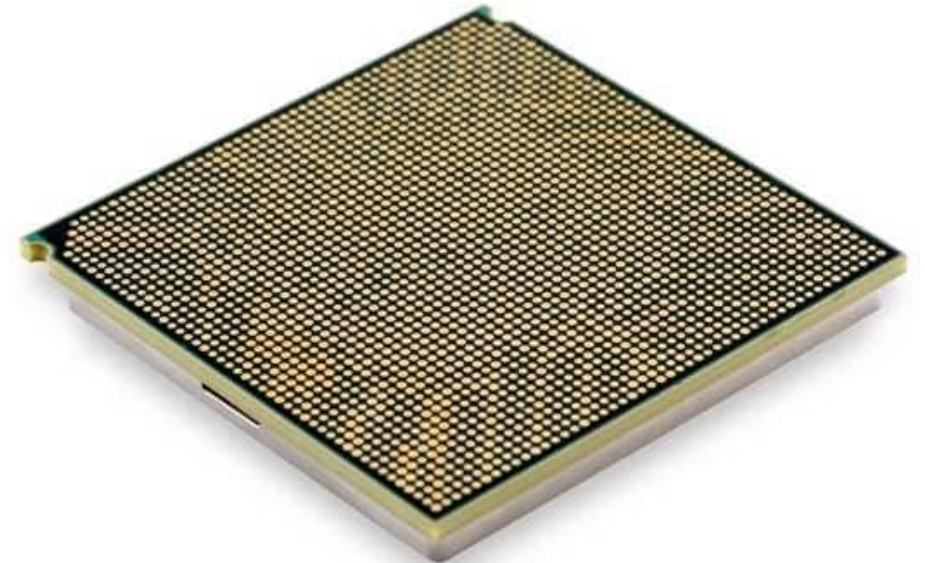
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- **Computing capabilities (240TF/s)**
  - 1396 general purpose cores (Intel Xeon SP/Phi x86, AMD Epyc x86, Cavium ARM, IBM Power)
  - 100K+ accelerator cores (Intel Arria FPGA, Intel Xeon Phi, NVIDIA Kepler/Volta)
- **Memory**
  - 4.7TB DDR4
- **Storage**
  - 375TB HDD SAS
  - 90TB SSD SAS
  - 40TB SSD NVMe (Intel Optane 900P, Samsung EVO 970)
- **Network**
  - External: 10Gb/s
  - Internal: Mellanox 100GbE Fat-tree

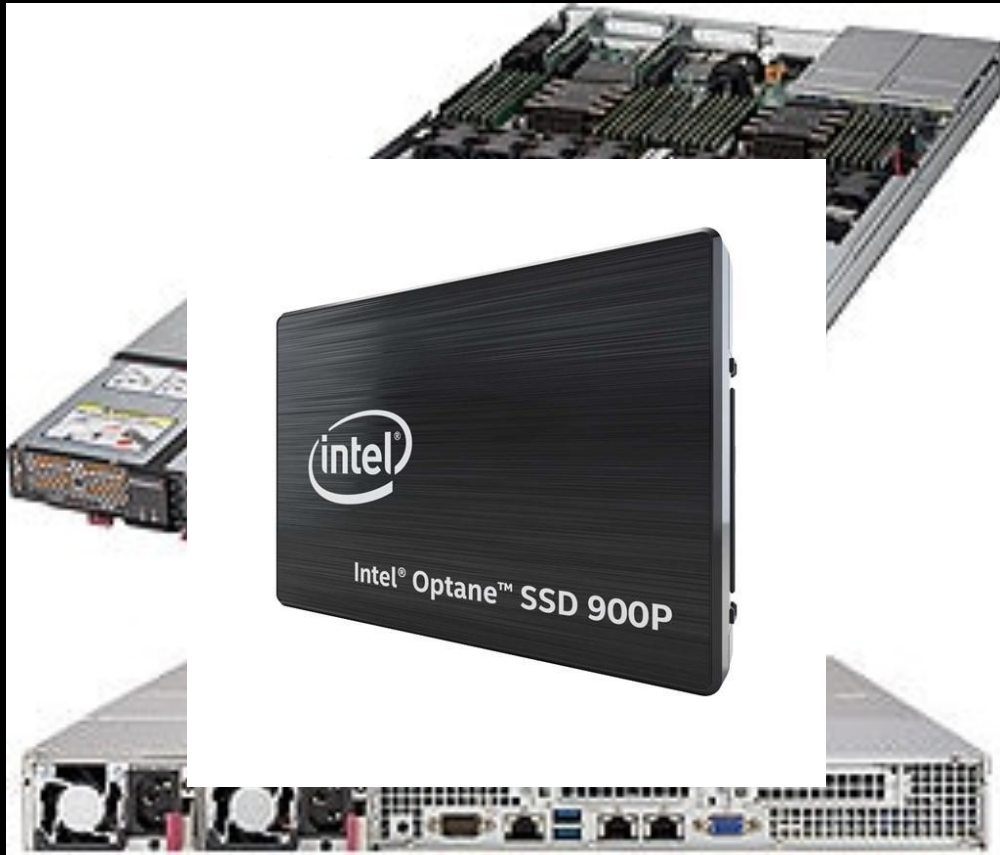
# SPECIAL HARDWARE



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# NETWORK



# PLANS FOR FUTURE HARDWARE

intel OPTANE™ DC   
PERSISTENT MEMORY



# MYSTIC SUMMARY

- All major architectures
  - x86, ARM, Power9, GPUs, FPGAs
- 1-socket to 8-socket systems
- 8-cores to 192-cores shared memory systems
- Storage nodes with 64-lanes of PCIe bandwidth across 32 NVMe drives



# INTERESTED IN GETTING ACCESS TO MYSTIC?

- We encourage the community to use *Mystic*
- Planning to be online in *May 2019*
  - More information will be announced at:  
<http://mystic.cs.iit.edu>
- Planning on running a workshop at IIT in *June 2019*
- Write me at [iraicu@cs.iit.edu](mailto:iraicu@cs.iit.edu) if you are interested

# RELATED ACTIVITIES

- **NSF REU Site**

- [BigDataX: From theory to practice in Big Data computing at eXtreme scales](#)

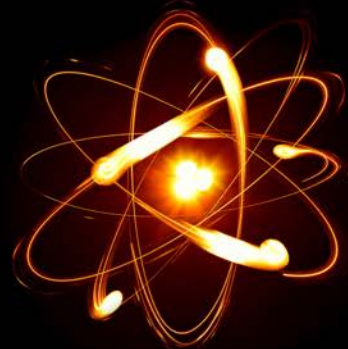
- **Competitions**

- [Student Cluster Competition](#) at IEEE/ACM Supercomputing

# BIGDATA REU SUMMER PROGRAM



# STUDENT CLUSTER COMPETITION AT IEEE/ACM SUPERCOMPUTING/SC



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- Chameleon



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  - <http://mystic.cs.iit.edu>