# Grant Wilkins

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## Education

Stanford University Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering	Palo Alto, CA Anticipated July 2029
<ul> <li><u>Advisors:</u> Prof. Ram Rajagopal, Ayfer Ozgur</li> <li><u>Areas of Focus:</u> Energy Systems, Distributed Systems, Federated Learning</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>University of Cambridge, Churchill College</li> <li>M.Phil in Advanced Computer Science</li> <li><u>Thesis:</u> "Online Workload Allocation and Energy Optimization in Large Langua</li> <li><u>Advisors:</u> Profs. Richard Mortier, Srinivasan Keshav</li> </ul>	Cambridge, UK July 2024 ge Model Inference Systems"
<ul> <li>Clemson University</li> <li>Dual B.S in Computer Engineering and Mathematical Sciences</li> <li><u>Thesis:</u> "Green HPC: Optimizing Software Stack Energy Efficiency of Large Dat</li> <li><u>Distinctions:</u> Norris Medal, Summa Cum Laude, General and Departmental Hor</li> </ul>	
Research Experience	
<ul> <li>Argonne National Lab, Graduate Research Assistant</li> <li><u>Advisors:</u> Sheng Di, Franck Cappello</li> <li>— Quantified the energy-savings that lossy compression can introduce for exascale</li> </ul>	Summer 2024 computing systems.
<ul> <li>University of Cambridge, Graduate Research Student</li> <li><u>Advisors:</u> Richard Mortier, Srinivasan Keshav</li> <li>– Developed an energy-aware online scheduling framework for LLM inference.</li> </ul>	Fall 2023–Summer 2024
<b>Argonne National Laboratory</b> , Graduate Research Assistant <u>Advisors:</u> Sheng Di, Franck Cappello, Kibaek Kim – Principal investigator for FedSZ: a lossy compression scheme to cut federated lea	Summer 2023
<ul> <li>– I incipal investigator for red32, a lossy compression scheme to cut rederated lea</li> <li>– Contibuted to APPFL, SZx, SZ3 projects through expanded ML capabilities and</li> </ul>	
<b>Clemson University</b> , Undergraduate Researcher <u>Advisor:</u> Jon Calhoun	Fall 2020 –Summer 2023
<ul> <li>Explored lossy compression for HPC and edge towards reducing system I/O ene</li> <li>Examined and modeled relevant HPC data checkpointing strategies and exploited</li> </ul>	
<b>NSF-REU: HPC Data Reduction</b> , Clemson University <u>Advisor:</u> Jon Calhoun — Created ab initio prediction models for floating-point lossy compressor energy co	Summer 2020
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# INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**Tesla, Inc.**, Software Engineering Intern Energy IoT Cloud Platforms Team Summer 2021 Palo Alto, CA

- Created mobile notifications service to over 20,000 California home batteries for Tesla Virtual Power Plant
- Expanded functionality for the Storm Watcher 2 application by integrating NWS weather alert ingestion

#### PUBLICATIONS

- S. Di, J. Liu, K. Zhao, X. Liang, R. Underwood, Z. Zhang, M. Shah, Y. Huang, J. Huang, X. Yu, C. Ren, H. Guo, G. Wilkins, D. Tao, J. Tian, S. Jin, Z. Jian, D. Wang, M. H. Rahman, B. Zhang, J. C. Calhoun, G. Li, K. Yoshii, K. A. Alharthi, and F. Cappello, "A survey on error-bounded lossy compression for scientific datasets", 2024. arXiv: 2404.02840 [cs.DC].
- [2] G. Wilkins, S. Di, J. C. Calhoun, K. Kim, R. Underwood, and F. Cappello, "POSTER: FedSZ: Leveraging lossy compression for federated learning communications", in 2024 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW), Jun. 2024.
- [3] G. Wilkins, S. Di, J. C. Calhoun, Z. Li, K. Kim, R. Underwood, R. Mortier, and F. Cappello, "FedSZ: Leveraging error-bounded lossy compression for federated learning communications", in 2024 IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), Jul. 2024.
- [4] G. Wilkins, S. Keshav, and R. Mortier, "Hybrid heterogeneous clusters can lower the energy consumption of llm inference workloads", in *Proceedings of the 15th ACM International Conference on Future and Sustainable Energy Systems*, ser. e-Energy '24, New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2024, pp. 506–513, ISBN: 9798400704802.
- [5] G. Wilkins, S. Keshav, and R. Mortier, "Offline energy-optimal llm serving: Workload-based energy models for llm inference on heterogeneous systems", in *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Sustainable Computer Systems*, ser. HotCarbon'24, New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2024.
- [6] G. Wilkins and J. C. Calhoun, "Modeling power consumption of lossy compressed i/o for exascale hpc systems", in 2022 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW), Jun. 2022, pp. 1118–1126.
- [7] G. Wilkins, M. J. Gossman, B. Nicolae, M. C. Smith, and J. C. Calhoun, "Analyzing the energy consumption of synchronous and asynchronous checkpointing strategies", in 2022 IEEE/ACM Third International Symposium on Checkpointing for Supercomputing (SuperCheck), Nov. 2022, pp. 1–9.

#### Selected Presentations

- [1] G. Wilkins (Presenter), "Analyzing the Energy Consumption of Synchronous and Asynchronous Checkpointing Strategies", International Conference on Supercomputing 2022, Nov. 2022.
- [2] G. Wilkins (Presenter), "Modeling Power Consumption of Lossy Compressed I/O for Exascale HPC Systems", IPDPS: 3rd Workshop on Extreme-Scale Storage and Analysis, Jun. 2022.
- [3] G. Wilkins (Presenter), "ACM SRC: Modeling Energy Consumption for the SZ Compressor on HPC Systems", SC20: ACM Student Research Competition, Oct. 2020.

#### TEACHING

• Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Clemson University Fall 2020 - Fall 2021 Held office hours, graded, and led class sessions for over 50 students each semester in ENGR 1410.

## SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C/C++, Python, Scala/Java, VHDL, Go, OCaml, FORTRAN, Bash, SQL
- Embedded Systems: Arduino, Raspberry Pi, NVIDIA Jetson, DE10 (FPGA), Onion Omega 2

# Honors and Awards

Churchill Scholarship Fully-funded Masters study at the University of Cambridge	2023
• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship <sup>*</sup> Three years of full funding for doctoral research. *Awarded but vacated for Churchill Scholarship.	2023
• Norris Medal Clemson University's highest honor awarded to one best all-around graduating senior	2023
• National Scholars Program Full academic scholarship and enrichment program at Clemson University	2019
• Goldwater Scholar 1 of 64 Engineering students within the national cohort of 417.	2022
• Astronaut Scholar 1 of 68 national STEM students awarded on basis of research and aptitude.	2022
Most Outstanding Undergraduate in Research: Clemson University College of Science	2023
• Dixon Global Policy Scholars Public policy focused discussions with faculty.	2020
Most Outstanding Junior: Clemson University College of Science	2022
Most Outstanding Junior: Computer Engineering and Mathematics	2022
National Merit Scholar	2019
• Eagle Scout Award	2016