Li Wu

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RESEARCH INTEREST

My research focuses on enhancing the resilience and sustainability of large-scale distributed systems, including cloud computing, edge computing, and cyber-physical systems, with a particular emphasis on machine learning workloads and microservices.

EDUCATION

Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

09/2018 - 11/2021

Ph.D in Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Odej Kao, Prof. Johan Tordsson, Prof. Erik Elmroth

■ Thesis: Automatic Performance Diagnosis and Recovery in Cloud Microservices (Magna Cum Laude)

Southeast University, China

09/2012 - 04/2015

M.S. in Information and Communication Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Lijun Chen

Thesis: Research on Furnace Temperature Field Reconstruction Based on Acoustic Wave Theory

Hohai University, China

09/2008 - 06/2012

B.S. in Telecommunication Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Changping Zhu

■ Honors: Top 1% of Class, Best Thesis Award

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Scholarship

2018 - 2021

European Commission

Budget: \$ 115k

Huawei Research Grant

2021 - 2023

Huawei Munich Budget: \$ 300k

Huawei Research Grant

2024 - 2026

Huawei Munich Budget: \$ 300k

ACSOS Travel Grant

2021

Awarded for conference participation

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts Amherst, United States

06/2023 - Present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Advisor: Prof. Prashant Shenoy

• Research on edge resiliency, scalability, and sustainability.

Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

09/2018 - 11/2021

Research Associate Advisor: Prof. Odej Kao

• Research on root cause analysis and recovery for cloud microservices.

Southeast University, China

09/2012 - 04/2015

Research Associate

Advisor: Prof. Lijun Chen

• Research on algorithms for temperature distribution reconstruction.

Hohai University, China

09/2009 - 06/2012

Research Associate

Advisor: Prof. Chenping Zhu

• Research on circuit design for ultrasonic washing machines.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Bosch Research, China

03/2022 - 06/2023

Senior Research Scientist, Reliable Distributed System (5 patents)

- Led research on reliable distributed systems for autonomous driving.
- Directed teams to integrate solutions into products, impacting industry standards.
- Developed 5 patents related to distributed systems.

Elastisys, Sweden

09/2018 - 12/2021

System Scientist, Advisors: Johan Tordson, Erik Elmorth (MicroX papers)

- Research on performance diagnosis and recovery in cloud microservices.
- Published MicroX papers.
- Developed and open-sourced the MicroRCA project.

Las Naves, Spain

09/2020 - 03/2021

Researcher, Advisors: Guillaume Pierre (LivingFog platform and hackathon)

- Design and implement the LivingFog platform for IoT devices.
- Organized and presented at a hackathon centered around the LivingFog platform.
- Authored a paper published in ICIN'22.

IBM, China

05/2015 - 09/2018

Software Developer/Site Reliable Engineer, IBM Cloud (1 patent)

- Developed and operated key cloud computing techniques, including Kubernetes and OpenStack.
- Issued 1 US patent.

PUBLICATIONS

Highly Cited Papers

MicroRCA: Root cause localization of performance issues in microservices

2020

Wu L, Tordsson J, Elmroth E, Kao O

The 32th IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS'20)

Citations: 240+

MicroDiag: Fine-grained performance diagnosis for microservice systems

2021

Wu L, Tordsson J, Bogatinovski J, Elmroth E, Kao O

The 2nd International Workshop on Cloud Intelligence / AIOps (AIOps'21) Co-located with ICSE 2021 Citations: 70+

Performance diagnosis in cloud microservices using deep learning

2020

Wu L, Bogatinovski J, Nedelkoski S, Tordsson J, Kao O

The 19th International Conference on Service-Oriented Computing

Citations: 60+

Fog computing applications: Taxonomy and requirements

2019

Ahmed, A., Arkian, H., Battulga, D., Fahs, A. J., Farhadi, M., Giouroukis, D., ... & Wu, L (Contributed equally)

arXiv:1907.11621 Citations: 70+

Other Notable Publications

CarbonEdge: Leveraging mesoscale spatial carbon-intensity variations for low carbon edge computing 2025

Wu L, Hanafy WA, Souza A, Nguyen K, Harkes Jan, Irwin D, Satyanarayanan M, Shenoy P

34th ACM International Symposium on High-Performance Parallel and Distributed Computing (HPDC)

Maji D, Hanafy W, Wu L, Irwin D, Shenoy P, Sitaraman R

2025

HotCarbon Workshop on Sustainable Computer Systems (HotCarbon)

Data Centers' Carbon Emissions at a Crossroads: An Empirical Study

2024

Wu L, Hanafy WA, Souza A, Abdelzaher T, Verma G, Shenoy P

2024 IEEE Military Communications Conference (MILCOM)

2024

Acies-OS: A Content-Centric Platform for Edge AI Twinning and Orchestration

Enhancing Resilience in Distributed ML Inference Pipelines for Edge Computing

Li J, Chen Y, Kimura T, Wang T, Wang R, Kara D, Hu Y, **Wu L**, Hanafy WA, Souza A, Shenoy P

33rd International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (ICCCN)	
SLO-Power: SLO and Power-aware Elastic Scaling for Web Services Savasci M, Souza A, Wu L, Irwin D, Ali-Eldin A, Shenoy P 24th IEEE International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing (CCGrid)	2024
Failure-Resilient ML Inference at the Edge through Graceful Service Degradation Hanafy WA, Wu L, Abdelzaher T, Diggavi S, Shenoy P 2023 IEEE Military Communications Conference (MILCOM)	2023
Failure identification from unstable log data using deep learning Bogatinovski J, Nedelkoski S, Wu L , Cardoso J, Kao O. 22nd IEEE International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing (CCGrid)	2022
LivingFog: Leveraging fog computing and LoRaWAN technologies for smart marina mar (experience paper) Battulga D, Farhadi M, Tamiru MA, Wu L, Pierre G (Contributed equally) 5th Conference on Innovation in Clouds, Internet, and Networks (ICIN)	agement 2022
Causal inference techniques for microservice performance diagnosis: Evaluation and recommendations Wu L, Tordsson J, Elmroth E, Kao O 2021 IEEE International Conference on Autonomic Computing and Self-Organizing Systems (AC MicroRAS: Automatic recovery in the absence of historical failure data for microservice systems)	2021 (SOS)
Wu L, Tordsson J, Acker A, Kao O 13th International Conference on Utility and Cloud Computing (UCC) Posters	
Rethinking Collaboration Among Mobile Devices in IoT Environments Shastri H, Hanafy W, Wu L, Irwin D, and Srivastava M, Shenoy, P Proceedings of the 23rd ACM Conference on Embedded Networked Sensor Systems (SenSys) Journal Papers	2025
Experimental Study on Sound Wave Transit Time Measurement in Furnace Acoustic Tem Measurement Wu L, Chen Lijun Acoustic Technology	perature 2018
Experimental Evaluation of Sound Wave Propagation Characteristics in Waveguides Xu C, Wu L, Chen Lijun Acoustics and Electronic Engineering	2015
Research on Matching Technology for Ultrasonic Fruit and Vegetable Washing Machines Wu L, Zhu Changping Acoustics and Electronic Engineering	2013
Under Review	
FailLite: Failure-Resilient Model Serving for Resource-Constrained Edge Environments CarbonFlex: Enabling Carbon-aware Provisioning and Scheduling for Cloud Clusters	2025 2025
In Preparation	
Scalable LLM-Serving at the Edge	2025

Granted Patents PATENTS

	Testing an online system for service oriented architecture (SOA) services L Cai, YM Yin, L Wu, XG Ding US Patent 11,169,905	2021
	Pending Patents	
	5 Patents on reliable distributed systems for autonomous driving.	
HONORS & AWARDS	 Best of IBMer: Best new SRE of Cloud Foundation Services, IBM SEU Alumnus Scholarship for Outstanding Students The Third Prize in the National Graduate Student Mathematical Contest in Modeling Best Bachelor Thesis (Top 1%) National Scholarship (Top 0.2% nationwide), The Chinese Ministry of Education 2nd Prize in the Physical and Experimental Science Technology Innovation 1st Prize in the TI Cup Electronic Design competition 1st Prize in the Physics Contest of HHU 1st Prize in the Mathematics Contest of HHU HHU Academic Excellence Scholarship, Science and Technology Innovation Scholarship 	2017 2013 - 2014 2013 2012 2011 2011 2010 2010 2009 2008 - 2012
INVITED TALKS	Reliable Large-Scale Computing KU Leven, Belgium	11/2024
	Automatic Performance Diagnosis and Recovery in Cloud Microservices Zscaler, US	08/2024
	MicroRCA: Root Cause Localization of Performance Issues in Microservices <i>Ericsson, Sweden</i>	08/2021
SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND UNIVERSITY	Conference Organization Second International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence for IT Operations at ICSOC The 16th IEEE International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC)	2021 2019
	Reviewer	2025
	IEEE Internet Computing ICT Express	2025 2025
	IEEE Transactions on Services Computing	2023
	Sustainable Computing: Informatics and Systems	2024, 2025
	Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing	2024, 2025
	Performance Evaluation	2024, 2025
	IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management	2024, 2025
	International World Wide Web Conference	2020
	Hackathon Organization: Hack the fog Organized and coordinated the event.	2021
	Panel Chair: 15th Cloud Control Workshop ■ Led the discussion panel on "Anomaly detection in edge/fog computing".	2019
	Outreach: UMass Turing Summer Program	2024, 2025

• Promoted and organized the program to attract high school participants in western Massachusetts.

• Role: Organizer and Coordinator

Coordinated with professors and lecturers to ensure the smooth execution of the three-week program.

TEACHING University of Massachusetts Amherst

2024, 2025

UMass Turing Summer Program – https://lass.cs.umass.edu/turing/

- Coordinator and Teacher
- Syllabus, class, and tutorial preparations.
- Delivered lectures on "Introduction to Python Programming" and "Cloud Computing"
- Capstone projects coordination and supervision.

Technische Universität Berlin

2020-2021

Teaching Assistant: Distributed and Operating System Seminar

- Prepared and organized research topics for seminar students.
- Guided students in developing research ideas, crafting their reports, and preparing presentations.
- Managed grading and provided feedback on student work.

Hackathon: Hack the fog – http://www.fogguru.eu/living-lab/hackthefog/

2021

- Coordinator and Teacher
- Delivered lectures on "Using Node-Red for the IoT and fog platform".
- Supervised and mentored participating teams.

ADVISING & MENTORING

07/2023 - Present: Hetvi Shastri (Ph.D., UMass Amherst)

09/2023 - 05/2024: Khai Nguyen (MSc, UMass Amherst)

06/2024 - 06/2025: Riley Kim Connell (BSc., REU, UMass Amherst) **Summer, 2024:** Akshay Prabhu (MSc., Summer Intern, UMass Amherst))

08/2022 - 06/2023: Xiangyu Wu (MSc, Bosch Research Center)

09/2020 - 11/2021: +4 BSc./MSc. students in research seminar (Technische Universität Berlin)

09/2023 - Present: +5 MSc. students in *Independent studies* (UMass Amherst).