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RESEARCH Systems and Networking, with a focus on microservices, service mesh, and application-

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Interests level networking.

EDUCATION University of Washington Expected: June 2026

Ph.D., Computer Science

Advisors: Prof. Arvind Krishnamurthy and Prof. Ratul Mahajan

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor May 2021

B.S., Computer Science(with honors)

Advisor: Prof. Mosharaf Chowdhury

RESEARCH Graduate Research Assistant Sep. 2021- Now

EXPERIENCE Systems Lab, University of Washington

Advisors: Prof. Arvind Krishnamurthy and Prof. Ratul Mahajan

Research Assistant Dec. 2018 - Aug. 2021

Symbiotic Lab, University of Michigan Advisor: Prof. Mosharaf Chowdhury

Research Assistant Mar. 2018 - Sep. 2019

Disorderly Lab, UC Santa Cruz Advisor: Prof. Peter Alvaro

**PUBLICATIONS** 

- Xiangfeng Zhu, Weixin Deng, Banruo Liu, Jingrong Chen, Yongji Wu, Thomas Anderson, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Ratul Mahajan, Danyang Zhuo, "Application Defined Networks", Proceedings of the 22nd ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets 2023), Cambridge, MA, 2023
- Xiangfeng Zhu, Guozhen She, Bowen Xue, Yu Zhang, Yongsu Zhang, Xuan Kelvin Zou, XiongChun Duan, Peng He, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Matthew Lentz, Danyang Zhuo, Ratul Mahajan, "Dissecting Overheads of Service Mesh Sidecars", Proceedings of the 14th Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC 2023), Santa Cruz, CA, 2023
- 3. Fan Lai, Yinwei Dai, Sanjay S. Singapuram, Jiachen Liu, **Xiangfeng Zhu**, Harsha Madhyastha, Mosharaf Chowdhury, "FedScale: Benchmarking Model and System Performance of Federated Learning at Scale", *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2022)*, Baltimore, MD, 2022
- 4. Sebastian Burckhardt, Badrish Chandramouli, Chris Gillum, David Justo, Konstantinos Kallas, Connor McMahon, Christopher S. Meiklejohn, Xiangfeng Zhu, "Netherite: Efficient and Reliable Execution for Stateful Serverless Applications", Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB 2022), Sydney, Australia, 2022
- 5. Fan Lai, Yinwei Dai, **Xiangfeng Zhu**, Harsha Madhyastha, Mosharaf Chowdhury, "FedScale: Benchmarking Model and System Performance of Federated Learning", Proceedings of the First Workshop on Systems Challenges in Reliable and Secure Federated Learning (ResilientFL 2021), Virtual, 2021, **Best Paper Award**

- Fan Lai, Xiangfeng Zhu, Harsha Madhyastha, Mosharaf Chowdhury, "Oort: Informed Participant Selection for Scalable Federated Learning", Proceedings of the 15th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 2021), Virtual, 2021 (Acceptance Rate: 18.79%), Distinguished Artifact Award
- 7. Fan Lai, Jie You, **Xiangfeng Zhu**, Harsha Madhyastha, Mosharaf Chowdhury, "Sol: Fast Distributed Computation Over Slow Networks", *Proceedings of the 17th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI 2020)*, Santa Clara, CA, 2020 (Acceptance Rate: 18.36%)
- 8. Lennart Oldenburg, **Xiangfeng Zhu**, Kamala Ramasubramanian, Peter Alvaro, "Fixed It For You: Protocol Repair Using Lineage Graphs", *Proceedings of the 9th biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR 2019)*, Asilomar, CA, 2019

### Talks Application Defined Networks

Uber

- May 2023: FOCI Application Networking Workshop
- May 2023: CSE 461: Introduction to Computer Communication Networks (Guest Lecture)

June 2023 - Sep. 2023

- Oct 2023: FOCI Annual Symposium
- Nov 2023: HotNets 2023

## Dissecting Overheads of Service Mesh Sidecars

- Nov 2023: Istio Day North America 2023
- Nov 2023: SoCC 2023

EXPERIENCE	PhD Software Engineer Intern, Service Mesh Team Mentor: Dr. Hongqiang (Harry) Liu	
	VMware Research Research Intern Mentor: Dr. Radhika Niranjan Mysore	June 2022 - Sep. 2022
	Microsoft Research Research Intern , RiSE Group Mentor: Dr. Sebastian Burckhardt	May 2021 - Aug. 2021
	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Databricks} \\ \textit{Software Engineer Intern} \ ,  \text{Serverless Team} \end{array}$	May 2020 - Aug. 2020
	Dropbox	May 2019 - Aug. 2019

## Professional Activities

Work

• Virtual Chair: WORDS 2022

 $Software\ Engineer\ Intern$  , Filesystem Team

- Program Committee: NeurIPS(Datasets and Benchmarks Track) 2022, EuroSys 2022 (Shadow PC), IMC 2022 (Shadow PC)
- Student Volunteer: SoCC 2021, SIGCOMM 2021
- Artifact Evaluation Committee: SIGCOMM 2021, OSDI 2021, EuroSys 2021, JSys 2021

- OTHER ACTIVITIES Area Chair (System): UW CSE PhD Admissions Committe, 2022
  - Reader: UW CSE PhD Admissions Committe, 2021
  - Mentor: UW CSE PhD Pre-Application Mentorship Service (PAMS), 2021

## Honors & Awards

- Best Paper Award, ACM SOSP ResilientFL, 2021
  - For FedScale: Benchmarking Model and System Performance of Federated Learning
- Distinguished Artifact Award, USENIX OSDI, 2021 For Oort: Efficient Federated Learning via Guided Participant Selection
- Allen School Computer Science & Engineering Research Fellowship, 2021
- Conference Student Grant, HotNets '22, OSDI '20, FAST '21, NSDI '21, OSDI

#### Mentoring

- Banruo Liu, Tsinghua University, 2022 Now
  - Project: Application Defined Networks
- Yuyao Wang, Nanjing University, 2023 Now
  - Project: Application Defined Networks
- Fenet Guyassa, Bonney Lake High School, 2023 Now
  - Project: Characterizing Service Mesh Overheads
- Ami Oka, University of Washington, 2023 2023
  - Project: Characterizing Service Mesh Overheads