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Education

2023 – 2028 **The University of Chicago**, *PhD in Computer Science*
Advisor - Junchen Jiang and Nick Feamster

2020 – 2022 **ETH Zürich**, *MSc in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology*
Advisor - Laurent Vanbever

2016 – 2020 **VIT Vellore**, *B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering*

Experience

Jun 2025 – Sep 2025 **Research Intern**, *Microsoft Research*
- Joint internship with Outlook for scalable and cost-efficient LM architectures for email importance labeling.
- Built a hybrid architecture with SLM cascades and embedding-based classifiers to reduce COGS for labeling upto 150X, with negligible quality loss.

Sep 2023 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Computer Science Department, The University of Chicago*
- *Project 2:* Joint quality-latency optimization for Retrieval Augmented Generation(RAG) LLM systems with query-level configuration selection and scheduling.
- *Project 1:* Developing Transformer based models for sharp latency change prediction to enable packet-level queue management for tail-latency reduction.

Sep 2022 – Mar 2023 **Cloud Networks Researcher**, *Advanced Network Architectures Lab, UPC Barcelona*
- Developed an approximation for a Mixed-Integer Optimal Matching Algorithm for edge resource allocation to reduce execution time by 2.5-3X.

Oct 2021 – Sep 2022 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Law, Economics, and Data Science Group, ETH Zurich*
- *Project 2:* Developed improved semantic labeling pipelines using state-of-the-art NLP models to enable better sentence simplification, paraphrase mining, and topic clustering.
- *Project 1:* Developed RoBERTa-based NLP models to analyse political discourse in meat policy documents to enable actor-narrative clustering.

May 2019 – July 2019 **Software Development Intern**, *Capgemini Engineering*
- Developed a K-Shortest Path Searching algorithm in an ONOS based Software Defined Layer 2 VPN.
- Algorithm applied dynamic constraints of network resources (e.g.required edges) for path calculation.

May 2018 – July 2018 **Software Development Intern**, *BlueStacks*
- Developed an ML algorithm to customize the Bluestack's display screen using past users' experiences.
- Built a automation tool for generating SVG cards for Bluestack's game engine and an address verification tool with the EasyPost API.

Publications

2026 **Siddhant Ray**, Xi Jiang, Jack Luo, Nick Feamster, and Junchen Jiang. *SwiftQueue: Optimizing Low-Latency Applications with Swift Packet Queuing*. In *New Ideas in Networked Systems (NINeS'26)*.

2025 Jiayi Yao, Hanchen Li, Yuhan Liu, **Siddhant Ray**, Yihua Cheng, Qizheng Zhang, Kuntai Du, Shan Lu, and Junchen Jiang. *CacheBlend: Fast Large Language Model Serving for RAG with Cached Knowledge Fusion*. In *ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys'25)*.

2025 **Siddhant Ray**, Rui Pan, Zhuohan Gu, Kuntai Du, Shaoting Feng, Ganesh Ananthanarayanan, Ravi Netravali, and Junchen Jiang. *METIS: Fast Quality-Aware RAG Systems with Configuration Adaptation*. In *ACM SIGOPS 31st Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP'25)*.

2024 Yuhan Liu, Hanchen Li, Yihua Cheng, **Siddhant Ray**, Yuyang Huang, Qizheng Zhang, Kuntai Du, Jiayi Yao, Shan Lu, Ganesh Ananthanarayanan, Michael Maire, Henry Hoffmann, Ari Holtzman, and Junchen Jiang. *CacheGen: KV Cache Compression and Streaming for Fast Large Language Model Serving*. In *ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (SIGCOMM'2024)*.

2024 Hanchen Li, Yuhan Liu, Yihua Cheng, **Siddhant Ray**, Kuntai Du, and Junchen Jiang. *Eloquent: A More Robust Transmission Scheme for LLM Token Streaming*. In *SIGCOMM Workshop on Networks for AI Computing (NAIC'24)*.

2022 Alexander Dietmüller, **Siddhant Ray**, Romain Jacob, and Laurent Vanbever. *A New Hope for Network Model Generalization*. In *21st ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (Hotnets'22)*.

2020 **Siddhant Ray** and Budhaditya Bhattacharyya. *Machine Learning based Cell Association for mMTC 5G Communication Networks*. *International Journal of Mobile Network Design and Innovation*.

Honors and Awards

2025 **Travel Grant**, *LDOS PhD Research School*, UT Austin

2025 **Best Paper Award**, *EuroSys 2025*, Rotterdam

2023 – 2028 **Liew Family Graduate Fellowship**, University of Chicago

2022 **Winner at Datathon**, *Microsoft Challenge*, ETH Zurich

2020 **Best Outgoing Student**, *SENSE department*, VIT Vellore

2016 – 2019 **Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence**, VIT Vellore

Service

2026 **External Review Committee**, *MLSys*

2026 **Reviewer**, *AAAI, ICLR*

2025 **Reviewer**, *ICML*

2025 **Artifact Evaluation Committee**, *ATC, OSDI, CoNEXT*

2025 **Teaching Assistant**, *CS144: Systems Programming II*, UChicago

2024 **Artifact Evaluation Committee**, *CoNEXT*

Talks

Nov 2025 **Seminar Talk**, *Systems Research Seminar*, UIUC

Nov 2025 **Guest Lecture**, *Systems for LLMs and AI Agents Class*, UCSD

Aug 2025 **PhD Research Talk**, *Networking Research Group*, Microsoft Research

April 2024 **Lightning Talk**, *Research Social*, Conviva

Other Research Projects

2022 Advancing Packet-Level Traffic Predictions with Transformers (Master Thesis) - [code, thesis]

2021 Towards a New Framework for Integration of Network Planes (Research Project) - [code]

2021 Attentive Neural Networks for News Classification (Research Project) - [code]

Technical Skills

Programming Python, C++, C, Bash, Rust, SQL, Java, TEX

Software Linux, Git, Docker, P4, Azure, Google Cloud, AWS, Maven, K8s, Helm

Frameworks vLLM, Langchain, Llama-Index, PyTorch, Sklearn, NLTK, Flask, Asyncio, NS3, Mininet, FRRouting

Relevant Courses

Graduate	Approximation Algorithms, Algorithms, Advanced Computer Networks, System Security, Network Security, Distributed Computing, Discrete Event Systems, Networks Seminar, OS Seminar, Deep Learning, Learning Theory, Mathematics of Data Science, Neural Network Theory, Complexity Theory
Undergraduate	Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Wireless Communication, Linear Algebra