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### **Research Interests**

Federated Learning, Efficient NLP System, Speech Privacy.

### **Education**

09/2024 – present **Visiting PhD**, University of Cambridge

• Advisor: Nicholas D. Lane

09/2021 – present PhD in Computer Science and Technology, BUPT

Advisor: Shangguang Wang, Mengwei Xu

• Remote Advisor: Felix Xiaozhu Lin (University of Virginia)

09/2017 – 07/2021 BS in Communication Engineering, BUPT

• Advisor: Lin Fan

# Intership

07/2021 – 12/2021 **Research Intern**, WeBank

• Mentor: Lixin Fan

### **Honors & Awards**

- CSC Scholarship, China Scholarship Council, 2024
- Travel Grant, EuroSys/MobiSys/ATC, 2024
- National Scholarship, Ministry of Education, 2023
- Outstanding Graduate Student, BUPT, 2023
- Excellent Ph.D. Students Foundation, BUPT, 2023
- Outstanding Graduate Student, State Key Laboratory of Networking and Switching Technology, 2022/2023
- First-class academic scholarship, BUPT, 2022
- National-Level, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Projects for College Students, 2019

### **Academic Services**

TPC Member

MobiSys'24 AE, MobiCom'24 AE, NCSC-edge'22, TURC-SIGBED-China'23

Reviewer

TSC, TMC, TKDE, IoTJ, SAGC'22, ICASSP'24, ICASSP'25.

External Reviewer

EIS'21, ICWS'23

# **Conference Publications (\* = equal contributions; \* = corresponding)**

(full list at https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=dlimkboAAAAJ&hl=zh-CN)

[C8] "SILENCE: Protecting privacy in offloaded speech understanding on wimpy devices"

**Dongqi Cai**, Shangguang Wang, Zeling Zhang, Felix Xiaozhu Lin, Mengwei Xu, in *the Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (*NeurIPS, CCF-A*), 2024.

[C7] "FwdLLM: Efficient Federated Finetuning of Large Language Models with Perturbed Inferences"

Mengwei Xu (My advisor), **Dongqi Cai**\*, Yaozong Wu, Xiang Li, Shangguang Wang, in *USENIX Annual Technical Conference* (*USENIX ATC, CCF-A*), 2024.

[C6] "Mobile Foundation Model as Firmware"

Jinliang Yuan\*, Chen Yang\*, **Dongqi Cai**\*, Shihe Wang, Xin Yuan, Zeling Zhang, Xiang Li, Dingge Zhang, Hanzi Mei, Xianqing Jia, Shangguang Wang, Mengwei Xu, in *Proc. ACM Int. Conf. Mobile Computing and Networking* (*MobiCom, CCF-A*), 2024.

[C5] "Federated Few-shot Learning for Mobile NLP"

**Dongqi Cai**, Shangguang Wang, Yaozong Wu, Felix Xiaozhu Lin, Mengwei Xu, in *Proc. ACM Int. Conf. Mobile Computing and Networking* (*MobiCom, CCF-A*), 2023.

[C4] "Efficient Federated Learning for Modern NLP"

**Dongqi Cai**, Yaozong Wu, Shangguang Wang, Felix Xiaozhu Lin, Mengwei Xu, in *Proc. ACM Int. Conf. Mobile Computing and Networking* (*MobiCom, CCF-A*), 2023.

[C3] "GPT4D: Automatic Cross-Version Linux Driver Upgrade Toolkit"

Borui Yang, Hongyu Li, **Dongqi Cai**, in the 8th EAI International Conference on Machine Learning and Intelligent Communications (MLICOM), 2023.

[C2] "FedAdapter: Efficient Federated Learning for Mobile NLP"

**Dongqi Cai**, Shangguang Wang, Yaozong Wu, Mengwei Xu, in *Proceedings of the ACM Turing Award Celebration Conference (TURC)*, 2023.

[C1] "Mitigating App Collusion using Machine Learning"

Xuefei Duan, Hua Lu, Jinliang Yuan, Qiyang Zhang, **Dongqi Cai**, in *IEEE 7th International Conference on Big Data Intelligence and Computing (DataCom)*, 2021.

### **Journal Publications**

[J2] "Accelerating Vertical Federated Learning"

**Dongqi Cai**, Tao Fan, Yan Kang, Lixin Fan, Mengwei XU, Shangguang Wang, Qiang Yang, early access in *IEEE Transactions on Big Data* (*IEEE TBD*), 2022.

[J1] "Implementation of an E-payment security evaluation system based on quantum blind computing"

**Dongqi Cai,** Xi Chen, Yuhong Han, Xin Yi, Jinping Jia, Cong Cao, Ling Fan, in *International Journal of Theoretical Physics (IJTP)*, 2020.

# **Workshop Publications**

[W4] "Large Language Models on Mobile Devices: Measurements, Analysis, and Insights"

Xiang Li, Zhenyan Lu, Dongqi Cai, Xiao Ma, Mengwei Xu, in *Proceedings of the Workshop on Edge and Mobile Foundation Models* (*EdgeFM*), co-located with ACM International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys, CCF-B), 2024.

[W3] "FedRDMA: Communication-Efficient Cross-Silo Federated LLM via Chunked RDMA Transmission"

Zeling Zhang\*, **Dongqi Cai**\*, Yiran Zhang, Mengwei Xu, Shangguang Wang, Ao Zhou, in *Proceedings of the 4rd Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems (EuroMLSys)*, colocated with European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys, CCF-A), 2024.

[W2] "Towards Practical Few-shot Federated NLP"

**Dongqi Cai**, Yaozong Wu, Haitao Yuan, Shangguang Wang, Felix Xiaozhu Lin, Mengwei Xu, in *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems* (*EuroMLSys*), colocated with European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys, CCF-A), 2023.

[W1] "Towards ubiquitous learning: A first measurement of on-device training performance"

**Dongqi Cai**, Qipeng Wang, Yuanqiang Liu, Yunxin Liu, Shangguang Wang, Mengwei Xu, in *Proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Embedded and Mobile Deep Learning* (*EMDL*), co-located with ACM International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys, CCF-B), 2021.

### **Patents**

[P4] "A Federated Learning Method, System, and Apparatus Based on Forward Gradient" Mengwei Xu; Yaozong Wu; **Dongqi Cai**; Shangguang Wang

[P3] "A Federated Few-Shot Learning Method, System, and Device for Natural Language Models"

Mengwei Xu; Dongqi Cai; Ao Zhou; Xiao Ma; Shangguang Wang

[P2] "A Federated Learning Method, Device, and System for Pre-trained Models" Mengwei Xu; **Dongqi Cai**; Ao Zhou; Xiao Ma; Shangguang Wang,

[P1] "Vertical Federated Learning Modeling Optimization Method, Device, Medium, and Program"

Dongqi Cai; Lixin Fan; Qiang Yang

## **Teaching Experience**

• Teaching Assistant, Principles of Machine Learning Systems, Cambridge (Autumn 2024)

### **Invited Talk**

- EMDL'21 (Co-located with MobiSys'21), Towards ubiquitous learning: A first measurement of on-device training performance, Online, 2021/06/25
- EuroMLSys'23 (Co-located with EuroSys'23), Towards Practical Few-shot Federated NLP Rome, Italy, 2023/05/08
- MobiCom'23, Efficient Federated Learning for Modern NLP, Madrid, Spain, 2023/10/05
- MobiCom'23, Federated Few-shot Learning for Mobile NLP, 2023/10/05, Madrid, Spain
- BUPT 'Diligent Research, Academic Leadership' Academic Forum 北邮计算机学院(国家示范性软件学院)"砥砺研思,学术领航"学术论坛,面向大语言模型的高效联邦学习系统,北京,中国,2023/12/26
- EuroMLSys'24 (Co-located with EuroSys'24), FedRDMA: Communication-Efficient Cross-Silo Federated LLM via Chunked RDMA Transmission, Athens, Greece, 2024/04/22
- MoiSys'24 N2Women, Large Language Models on Mobile Devices: Measurements, Analysis, and Insights, Tokyo, Japan, 2024/06/03
- EdgeFM'24 (Co-located with MobiSys'24), Large Language Models on Mobile Devices: Measurements, Analysis, and Insights, Tokyo, Japan, 2024/06/07
- USENIX ATC'24, FwdLLM: Efficient Federated Finetuning of Large Language Models with Perturbed Inferences, SANTA CLARA, CA, USA, 2024/11/11