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## Research Interests

I do research broadly in computer systems, including operating systems, distributed systems, and computer networks, with a focus on the design and implementation of datacenter and cloud systems to support today's increasingly data-intensive applications (e.g., deep learning, big data analytics, packet processing). My approaches include software architecture design, programming languages, and machine learning.

## Education

- **University of California – Berkeley** Berkeley, California  
*Postdoctoral Researcher* *Sep 2019 - Jun 2020*  
– Advisor: Ion Stoica
- **University of Washington – Seattle** Seattle, Washington  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering* *Sep 2013 - Aug 2019*  
– Dissertation: Practical, Efficient, and Reliable Data Center Communication.  
– Advisors: Thomas E. Anderson, Arvind Krishnamurthy
- **University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign** Urbana, Illinois  
*B.S. in Electrical Engineering* *Aug 2009 - May 2013*  
– Advisor: Nitin Vaidya

## Professional Experience

- **Duke University** Durham, North Carolina  
*Assistant Professor of Computer Science* *Jul 2020 - now*
- **Microsoft Research** Redmond, Washington  
*Contractor (through Populous Group)* *Oct 2015 - Feb 2017*
- **Microsoft Research** Redmond, Washington  
*Research Intern* *Jun 2015 - Sep 2015*
- **Google** Mountain View, California  
*Software Development Engineering Intern* *Sep 2014 - Mar 2015*
- **Amazon** Seattle, Washington  
*Software Development Engineering Intern* *May 2013 - Sep 2013*
- **Microsoft** Redmond, Washington  
*Software Development Engineering Intern* *May 2012 - Aug 2012*

## Awards

Meta Research Award . . . . .	2022
FAST Best Paper Award . . . . .	2021
Amazon Research Award . . . . .	2021
IBM Academic Award . . . . .	2021
Meta Research Award . . . . .	2021
University of Washington Madrona Prize Runner-Up . . . . .	2018
University of Washington Hachler Endowed Fellowship . . . . .	2013 - 2014
Rank 146th in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition . . . . .	2012

## Publications

### Conference Papers

1. Xinhao Kong, Jingrong Chen, Wei Bai, Yechen Xu, Mahmoud Elhaddad, Shachar Raindel, Jitendra Padhye, Alvin R. Lebeck, Danyang Zhuo. *Understanding RDMA Microarchitecture Resources for Performance Isolation*. The 20th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2023.
2. Yongji Wu, Matthew Lentz, Danyang Zhuo, Yao Lu. *Serving and Optimizing Machine Learning Workflows on Heterogeneous Infrastructures*. The 49th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB), 2023.
3. Lianmin Zheng, Zhuohan Li, Hao Zhang, Yonghao Zhuang, Zhifeng Chen, Yanping Huang, Yida Wang, Yuanzhong Xu, Danyang Zhuo, Eric P. Xing, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ion Stoica. *Alpa: Automating Inter- and Intra-Operator Parallelism for Distributed Deep Learning*. The 16th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2022.
4. Xinhao Kong, Yibo Zhu, Huaping Zhou, Zhuo Jiang, Jianxi Ye, Chuanxiong Guo, Danyang Zhuo. *Collie: Finding Performance Anomalies in RDMA Subsystems*. The 19th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2022.
5. Jingrong Chen, Hong Zhang, Wei Zhang, Liang Luo, Jeffrey Chase, Ion Stoica, Danyang Zhuo. *NetHint: White-Box Networking for Multi-Tenant Data Centers*. The 19th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2022.
6. Danyang Zhuo, Kaiyuan Zhang, Zhuohan Li, Siyuan Zhuang, Stephanie Wang, Ang Chen, Ion Stoica. *Rearchitecting In-Memory Object Stores for Low Latency*. The 48th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB), 2022.
7. Shunhua Jiang, Yunze Man, Zhao Song, Zheng Yu, Danyang Zhuo. *Fast Graph Neural Tangent Kernel via Kronecker Sketching*. The 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2022.
8. Siyuan Zhuang, Zhuohan Li, Danyang Zhuo, Stephanie Wang, Eric Liang, Robert Nishihara, Philipp Moritz, Ion Stoica. *Hoplite: Efficient and Fault-Tolerant Collective Communication for Task-Based Distributed Systems*. In Proceedings of the Conference of the ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (SIGCOMM), 2021.

9. Samantha Miller, Kaiyuan Zhang, Mengqi Chen, Ryan Jennings, Ang Chen, Danyang Zhuo, Thomas E. Anderson. *High Velocity Kernel File Systems with Bento*. The 19th USENIX Conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST), 2021.  
**Best Paper Award.**
10. Zhuohan Li, Siyuan Zhuang, Shiyuan Guo, Danyang Zhuo, Hao Zhang, Dawn Song, Ion Stoica. *TeraPipe: Token-Level Pipeline Parallelism for Training Large-Scale Language Models*. The 38th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.
11. Sitan Chen, Xiaoxiao Li, Zhao Song, Danyang Zhuo. *On InstaHide, Phase Retrieval, and Sparse Matrix Factorization*. The 9th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2021.
12. Shumo Chu, Danyang Zhuo, Elaine Shi, T-H. Hubert Chan. *Differentially Oblivious Database Joins: Overcoming the Worst-Case Curse of Fully Oblivious Algorithms*. The 2nd Information-Theoretic Cryptography conference (ITC), 2021.
13. Lianmin Zheng, Chengfan Jia, Minmin Sun, Zhao Wu, Cody Hao Yu, Ameer Haj-Ali, Yida Wang, Jun Yang, Danyang Zhuo, Koushik Sen, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ion Stoica. *Ansor: Generating High-Performance Tensor Programs for Deep Learning*. The 14th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2020.
14. Kaiyuan Zhang, Danyang Zhuo, Arvind Krishnamurthy. *Gallium: Automated Software Middlebox Offloading to Programmable Switches*. In Proceedings of the Conference of the ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (SIGCOMM), 2020.
15. Kaiyuan Zhang, Danyang Zhuo, Aditya Akella, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Xi Wang. *Automated Verification of Customizable Middlebox Properties with Gravel*. The 17th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2020.
16. Danyang Zhuo, Kaiyuan Zhang, Yibo Zhu, Hongqiang Harry Liu, Matthew Rockett, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Thomas E. Anderson. *Slim: OS Kernel Support for a Low-Overhead Container Overlay Network*. The 16th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2019.
17. Danyang Zhuo, Monia Ghobadi, Ratul Mahajan, Klaus-Tycho Förster, Arvind Krishnamurthy and Thomas E. Anderson. *Understanding and Mitigating Packet Corruption in Data Center Networks*. In Proceedings of the Conference of the ACM Special Interest Group on Data Communication (SIGCOMM), 2017.
18. Danyang Zhuo, Monia Ghobadi, Ratul Mahajan, Amar Phanishayee, Xuan Kelvin Zou, Hang Guan, Arvind Krishnamurthy and Thomas E. Anderson. *RAIL: A Case for Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Links in Data Center Networks*. The 14th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2017.
19. Vincent Liu, Danyang Zhuo, Simon Peter, Arvind Krishnamurthy and Thomas E. Anderson. *Subways: A Case for Redundant, Inexpensive Data Center Edge Links*. The 13th International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT), 2015.

### Workshop Papers

1. Lianke Qin, Somdeb Sarkhel, Zhao Song, Danyang Zhuo. *Simple, Practical, and Fast Dynamic Truncation Kernel Multiplication*. Dynamic Neural Networks @ ICML, 2022.
2. John Snyder, Alvin R. Lebeck, Danyang Zhuo. *RDMA Congestion Control: It's Only for the Compliant*. Cloud @ MICRO, 2021.

3. Jialin Li, Samantha Miller, Danyang Zhuo, Ang Chen, Jon Howell, Thomas E. Anderson. *An Incremental Path Towards a Safe OS Kernel*. The 18th Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems (HotOS), 2021.
4. Samantha Miller, Kaiyuan Zhang, Danyang Zhuo, Shibin Xu, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Thomas E. Anderson. *Practical Safe Linux Kernel Extensibility*. The 17th Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems (HotOS), 2019.
5. Danyang Zhuo, Qiao Zhang, Xin Yang, Vincent Liu. *Canaries in the Network*. The 15th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets), 2016.
6. Danyang Zhuo, Qiao Zhang, Vincent Liu, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Thomas E. Anderson. *Rack-level Congestion Control*. The 15th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets), 2016.
7. Danyang Zhuo, Qiao Zhang, Dan Ports, Arvind Krishnamurthy, Thomas E. Anderson. *Machine Fault Tolerance for Reliable Datacenter Systems*. The 5th Asia-Pacific Workshop on Systems (APSys), 2014.

### Journal Papers

1. John Snyder, Alvin R. Lebeck, Danyang Zhuo. *RDMA Congestion Control: It's Only for the Compliant*. IEEE Micro, 2022.

### Invited Papers

1. Samantha Miller, Kaiyuan Zhang, Mengqi Chen, Ryan Jennings, Ang Chen, Danyang Zhuo, Thomas E. Anderson. *High Velocity Kernel File Systems with Bento*. USENIX ;login:, 2021.

### Patents

1. Monia Ghobadi, Ratul Mahajan, Amar Phanishayee, Danyang Zhuo, Xuan Kelvin Zou. *Data Center Topology Having Multiple Classes of Reliability*. US Patent 20170302565A1. WIPO Patent 2017180450A1.

## Mentoring

### Current PhD Students

- Jingrong Chen
- Xinhao Kong
- Samantha Miller (with Tom Anderson)
- Yongji Wu (with Matthew Lentz)

### Current Master Students

- Guozhen She

### Past Master Students

- Wei Zhang (2022)

- Project: *Does Single-Node Optimization Help Distributed In-Memory Object Store?*
- First Appointment: Software Engineer at Microsoft
- Zhangzhang Yue (2022)
  - Project: *Balancing Bandwidth and Accuracy in Distributed Video Analytics Systems.*
  - First Appointment: Software Engineer at SmartNews

### Ph.D. Thesis Committee

- Jack Snyder (2022)
  - Thesis: *Improving Congestion Control Convergence in RDMA Networks.*
- Kaiyuan Zhang (2021)
  - Thesis: *Automated Analysis of Correct and Efficient Execution of Software Middleboxes.*

### Invited Talk

- **Systematic Testing of High-Speed RDMA Networks.**
  - Microsoft Research . . . . . Sep 2022
  - Meta Infrastructure Data Science Faculty Workshop . . . . . Aug 2022
- **In-Memory Object Stores for Low Latency.**
  - VLDB . . . . . Sep 2022
- **Collie: Finding Performance Anomalies in RDMA Subsystems.**
  - Google Networking Research Summit . . . . . Mar 2022
  - Microsoft Azure . . . . . Sep 2021
- **Towards Efficient Cloud Systems for Data-Intensive Applications.**
  - Rice University . . . . . Jun 2021
  - Duke CS+ Undergraduate Summer Resarch Program . . . . . Jun 2021
  - IBM . . . . . Feb 2021
- **Towards Efficient and Reliable Data Center Systems.**
  - Yale University . . . . . Apr 2019
  - Purdue University . . . . . Apr 2019
  - University of Virginia . . . . . Mar 2019
  - Duke University . . . . . Mar 2019
  - Rutgers University . . . . . Mar 2019
  - Microsoft Research . . . . . Mar 2019
  - Pennsylvania State University . . . . . Feb 2019
  - University of Minnesota . . . . . Feb 2019

- **Slim: OS Kernel Support for a Low-Overhead Container Overlay Network.**
  - Princeton University . . . . . Jun 2020
  - University of California - Berkeley . . . . . Nov 2019
  - USENIX NSDI . . . . . Feb 2019
- **Understanding and Mitigating Packet Corruption in Data Center Networks.**
  - ACM SIGCOMM . . . . . Aug 2017
- **RAIL: A Case for Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Links in Data Center Networks.**
  - USENIX NSDI . . . . . Mar 2017

## Teaching

- Spring 2023: Distributed Systems (CompSci 512)
- Fall 2022: Introduction to Operating Systems (CompSci 310)
- Spring 2022: Data Center Systems (CompSci 590.04)
- Fall 2021: Introduction to Operating Systems (CompSci 310)
- Fall 2020: Advanced Operating Systems (CompSci 510)

## Service

### Organizer

- 2022: Co-Chair of SIGCOMM Artifact Evaluation Committee

### Technical Program Committee

- 2023: NSDI
- 2022: APNET, FAST, NSDI, SIGCOMM
- 2021: CoNEXT
- 2020: SIGCOMM

### Proposal Review Panel

- 2022: NSF NeTS