# Xin Liu

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Research Interests

Load balancing in data centers, scheduling in ride-sharing, routing in communication networks, stochastic analysis and optimization, and reinforcement learning

Education

Arizona State University

Ph.D. Student in Electrical Engineering, Aug. 2014 - Fall. 2019

Advisor: Prof. Lei Ying

University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

M.S. in Signal and Information Processing, Sept. 2011 - Jul. 2014

Advisor: Prof. Haibing Wang

**Hunan University** 

B.E. in Electrical Engineering (Honors), Aug. 2007 - Jul. 2011

**Projects** 

## "Zero-delay" Load Balancing in Large-Scale Server System

- Analyzed load balancing policies under the heavy traffic regime and exponential service time, and proved a sufficient condition for "zero-delay" load balancing.
- Working on the generalization of the exponential service time assumption (e.g. Coxian-2) for a class of "zero-delay" load balancing.

#### Empty-car Routing in Ridesharing

- Approximated stochastic empty-car routing as a fluid optimization problem, relaxed it into a linear programming (LP), and proved LP relaxation is tight.
- Evaluated empty-car routing policies with real traffic and network topology from dataset released by DiDi Chuxing, the results improve the demand-supply gap.

#### Real-Time Routing for Multi-hop Networks

- Proposed spatial-temporal routing for end-to-end deadline constrained traffic in communication networks and proved its optimality under periodic traffic pattern.
- Incorporated a resource-pooling heuristic into spatial-temporal routing and validated its efficiency for stochastic real-time video transmission in Abilene network.

#### Presentations

"Fluid-Model-Based Car Routing for Modern Ridesharing Systems"

- Poster at SIGMETRICS, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, June, 2017

"On Achieving Zero Delay with Power-of-d-Choices Load Balancing"

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, Oct. 2017
- INFOCOM, Honolulu, Hawaii, Apr. 2018

"Steady-State Analysis of Load Balancing Algorithms in the Sub-Halfin-Whitt Regime"

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, Nov. 2018
- Poster at NSF Cyber-Physical System Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia, Nov. 2018

2018

### Honors and Awards

INFOCOM paper invited for a fast review to IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (7 out of 312 accepted papers), Best Student Paper at CHINACOM,

2013 Excellent Bachelor Thesis, Hunan University, 2011

#### **Publications**

- X. Liu and L. Ying. Steady-State Analysis of Load Balancing Algorithms in the Sub-Halfin-Whitt Regime. SIGMETRICS MAMA Workshop, Irvine, CA, 2018 (Submitted to Journal of Applied Probability and in Round2 review).
- X. Liu and L. Ying. On achieving zero delay with power-of-d-choices load balancing. In Proc. IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), Honolulu, Hawaii, 2018. Fast-Track Review for IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (7 out of 312 accepted papers were invited).
- Y. Liu, X. Liu, L. Ying, and R. Srikant. Wireless scheduling with deadline and power constraints. 2018 Annual Conference on Information Science and Systems (CISS), Princeton, NJ, 2018. (Submitted to IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking and in revision).
- A. Braverman, J. G. Dai, **X. Liu**, and L. Ying. *Fluid-model-based car routing for modern ridesharing systems*. (Poster) SIGMETRICS, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, June, 2017.
- A. Braverman, J. G. Dai, **X. Liu**, and L. Ying. *Empty-car routing in ridesharing*. Operations Research (Upcoming).
- **X. Liu** and L. Ying. Spatial-temporal routing for supporting end-to-end hard deadlines in multi-hop networks. 2016 Annual Conference on Information Science and Systems (CISS), Princeton, NJ, 2016. (Submitted to Performance Evaluation and in Round2 review).
- X. Liu, F. Gao, G. Wang, and X. Wang. Joint beamforming and user selection in multicast downlink channel under secrecy-outage constraint. IEEE Communications Letters 18 (1), 82-85, 2014.
- X. Liu, H. Li, and H. Wang. Probability constrained robust multicast beamforming in cognitive radio network. 8th International Conference on Communications and Networking in China (CHINACOM), Guilin, 2013. (Best Student Paper)

## Industry Experience

Internship in Cardinal Operation (Shanshu), Inc., Shanghai, China, Summer, 2018

## Professional Service

Reviewer for IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, Performance Evaluation , IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, IEEE Communications Letters, Mobi-Hoc, INFOCOM, WiOpt.

Skills

Python, C, Matlab, VHDL, Mathematica, CVX, Gurobi, NumPy, Pandas, PyTorch, Xilinx FPGA, Altium Designer, LATEX.