Qizhe Cai

Research
Interests

Operating systems and computer networking.

EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia — Assistant Professor | Charlottesville, VA 2025.07 – Present

• Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science.

Enfabrica — Member of Technical Staff | Mountain View, CA 2024.07 – 2025.07

• Member of Technical Staff.

Google Inc. — Student Researcher | Mountain View, CA 2022.01 – 2022.08

• Student Researcher.

Cornell University — Research Assistant | Ithaca, NY 2018.01 – 2024.07

• Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science.

Princeton University — Research Assistant | Princeton, NJ 2017.02 – 2018.05

• Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science.

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

2018.08 - 2024.05

Ph.D. in Computer Science
• Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0.

• Thesis: Design Efficient Network Stacks/Protocols for Terabit Ethernet.

• Advisor: Prof. Rachit Agarwal.

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

M.S.E. (thesis-track) in Computer Science

2016 - 2018.06

• Overall GPA: 3.95/4.0.

• Thesis: Network-Wide Heavy Hitter Detection For Real-Time Telemetry.

• Advisor: Prof. Jennifer Rexford.

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

B.S.E. in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude

2012 - 2016

• Overall GPA: 3.956/4.0.

Professional Activities

Program Committee: USENIX NSDI 2026; SOSP SysDW Workshop (2024).

Community Service: SIGCOMM Artifact Evaluation Co-chair (2025).

External Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management, IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, Computer Networks, IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, IEEE Network Magazine.

Awards

• Meta Fellowship

2022

and Honors • James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan

2014, 2015, 2016

• Dean's List, University of Michigan

2013, 2014, 2015

• University Honors, University of Michigan

2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Publications

- 1. Benny Rubin, Saksham Agarwal, Qizhe Cai, Rachit Agarwal. Fast and Safe Memory Protection for Networked Systems. *ACM SOSP*, 2024.
- Athinagoras Skiadopoulos, Zhiqiang Xie, Mark Zhao, Qizhe Cai, Saksham Agarwal, Jacob Adelmann, David Ahern, Carlo Contavalli, Michael Goldflam, Vitaly Mayatskikh, Raghu Raja, Daniel Walton, Rachit Agarwal, Shrijeet Mukherjee, Christos Kozyrakis. High-throughput and Flexible Host Networking for Accelerated Computing. USENIX OSDI, 2024.
- 3. Saksham Agarwal, Qizhe Cai, Rachit Agarwal, David Shmoys, Amin Vahdat. Harmony: A Congestion-free Datacenter Architecture. *USENIX NSDI*, 2024.
- 4. Qizhe Cai, Midhul Vuppalapati, Jaehyun Hwang, Christos Kozyrakis, Rachit Agarwal. Towards μ s Tail Latency and Terabit Ethernet: Disaggregating the Host Network Stack. *ACM SIGCOMM*, 2022.
- 5. Qizhe Cai, Mina Tahmasbi Arashloo, Rachit Agarwal. dcPIM: Near-Optimal Proactive Datacenter Transport. *ACM SIGCOMM*, 2022.
- 6. Qizhe Cai, Shubham Chaudhary, Midhul Vuppalapati, Jaehyun Hwang, Rachit Agarwal. Understanding Host Network Stack Overheads. *ACM SIGCOMM*, 2021.
- 7. Jaehyun Hwang, Qizhe Cai, Rachit Agarwal, Ao Tang. I10: A Remote Storage I/O Stack for High-Performance Network and Storage Hardware. *USENIX NSDI*, 2020.
- 8. Rob Harrison, Qizhe Cai, Arpit Gupta, Jennifer Rexford. Network-Wide Heavy Hitter Detection with Commodity Switches. *ACM SOSR*, 2018.