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Work Experience

VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL SOFTWARE INSTITUTE

DIRECTOR OF DISTRIBUTED AND PARALLEL SOFTWARE LAB., HUAWEI, BEIJING – 2018-PRESENT

Leading technical innovation and software development in the area of distributed systems, networking, AI framework and cloud computing.

DIRECTOR OF CLOUD NETWORKING LAB., HUAWEI, BEIJING – 2016-2018

Leading technical innovation and software development for Huawei's cloud networking, including network virtualization, high-performance networking, and network function cloudification.

RESEARCH MANAGER, MICROSOFT RESEARCH ASIA, BEIJING – 2013-2016

Leading the distinguished Wireless and Networking Group for fundamental networking research and developing key technologies that have been successfully transferred in Microsoft's products and services.

RESEARCHER/SENIOR RESEARCHER, MICROSOFT RESEARCH ASIA, BEIJING – 2002-2013

Performing fundamental system research in networking and contributing many novel technologies in areas of congestion control, software-defined radio, Wi-Fi protocols, white-space and MIMO communications, and datacenter networks.

Education

Ph.D./M.E./B.E., Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 2002/1999/1997

Professional Activities

TPC members in SIGCOMM 2017, 2015~2013, 2011; Mobicom 2016, 2009~2013; NSDI 2012, DySPAN 2011, SECON 2014, 2013, 2011, MobiHoc 2014, 2010, 2009, IWCNC 2009, 2008, 2006, ICC 2008, 2007, 2006, PFLDNet workshop 2007

Steering committee co-chair, APNet 2016~Present; Demo and Poster chair, SIGCOMM 2014; Workshop co-chair, ACM CellNet 2014 (in conjunction with ACM SIGCOMM 2014); TPC Co-chair, SRIF 2013 (in conjunction with ACM SIGCOMM 2013); Publicity co-chair, SECON 2010; TPC Co-chair, MobiArch 2009 (co-located workshop with MobiSys 2009)

Associate Editor - IEEE Trans. Mobile Computing, 2011-2016

Awards and Honours

Honour of HUAWEI Scientist, 2021

Level 8 Software Expert (top ranked), HUAWEI, 2020

Test of Time Award, USENIX, 2019

Member of Gold Medal Technical Team, HUAWEI, 2021/2020/2019/2018
ACM SIGCOMM Best Demo Award, 2010
USENIX NSDI Best Paper Award/Best Demo Award, 2009
ACM Mobicom Honourable Mention Demo, 2009
Microsoft Research Asia Top Innovation Award, 2008

Selected Publication

T. Li, K. Zheng, K. Xu, R. Jadhav, T. Xiong, K. Winstein, K. Tan. TACK: Improving Wireless Transport Performance by Taming Acknowledgments. SIGCOMM 2020.

Z. He, D. Wang, B. Fu, K. Tan, B. Hua, Z. Zhang, K. Zheng. MasQ: RDMA for Virtual Private Cloud. SIGCOMM 2020.

W. Bai, S. Hu, K. Chen, K. Tan, Y. Xiong. One More Config is Enough: Saving (DC)TCP for High-speed Extremely Shallow-buffered Datacenters. SIGCOMM 2020.

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B. Li, K. Tan, L. Luo, Y. Peng, R. Luo, N. Xu, Y. Xiong and P. Cheng. ClickNP: Highly Flexible and High-performance Network Processing with Reconfigurable Hardware. ACM SIGCOMM, 2016.

G. Chen, Y. Lu, Y. Meng, B. Li, K. Tan, D. Pei, P. Chen, L. Luo, Y. Xiong, and Y. Zhao. Fast and Cautious: Leveraging Multi-path Diversity for Transport Loss Recovery in Data Centers. ATC 2016.

Q. Yang, X. Li, H. Yao, J. Fang, K. Tan, W. Hu, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhang, BigStation: Enabling Scalable Real-time Signal Processing in Large MU-MIMO Systems, in ACM SIGCOMM, ACM, August 2013

K. Tan, H. Shen, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhang, Enable Flexible Spectrum Access with Spectrum Virtualization, in IEEE DySpan , IEEE, October 2012

J. Zhang, H. Shen, K. Tan, R. Chandra, Y. Zhang, and Q. Zhang, Frame Retransmissions Considered Harmful: Improving Spectrum Efficiency Using Micro-ACKS, in ACM MobiCom, ACM, August 2012

Z. Zeng, Y. Gao, K. Tan, and P. R. Kumar, CHAIN: Introducing Minimum Controlled Coordination into Random Access MAC, in The 30th IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM 2011), IEEE, April 2011

K. Tan, J. Fang, Y. Zhang, S. Chen, L. Shi, J. Zhang, and Y. Zhang, Fine Grained Channel Access in Wireless LAN, in ACM SIGCOMM 2010, Association for Computing Machinery, Inc., August 2010 – Best Paper Runner-up

K. Tan, H. Liu, J. Fang, W. Wang, J. Zhang, M. Chen, and G. M. Voelker. SAM: Enabling Practical Spatial Multiple Access in Wireless LAN. In ACM Mobicom2009, Beijing, China, September 2009.

K. Tan, J. Zhang, J. Fang, H. Liu, Y. Ye, S. Wang, Y. Zhang, H. Wu, W. Wang, and G. M. Voelker. Sora: High Performance Software Radio Using General Purpose Multi-core. Processors, in 6th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design & Implementation 2009, USENIX, (NSDI 2009) - Awarded Best Paper

C. Guo, H. Wu, K. Tan, L. Shi, Y. Zhang, and S. Lu. DCell: A Scalable and Fault-Tolerant Network Structure for Data Centers. In ACM SIGCOMM 2008

C. Peng, G. Shen, Y. Zhang, Y. Li, and K. Tan. BeepBeep: A High Accuracy Acoustic Ranging System using COTS Mobile Devices. In ACM SenSys 07, 2007

K. Tan, J. Song, Q. Zhang, and M. Sridharan. A Compound TCP Approach for High-speed and Long Distance Networks. In IEEE INFOCOM 06, 2006

Full Publication List

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Z. Lai, Y. Cui, Y. Jiang, X. Chen, Y. Hu, K. Tan, M. Dai, K. Zheng. Wireless Network Instabilities in the Wild: Prevalence, App (non)Resilience, and OS Remedy. ICNP, 2017.

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C. Pei, Y. Zhao, Y. Liu, K. Tan, J. Zhang, Y. Meng, D. Pei. Latency-based WiFi congestion control in the air for dense WiFi networks. International Symposium on Quality of Service (IWQoS), 2017.

S Hu, Y Zhu, P Cheng, C Guo, K Tan, J Padhye, K Chen. Deadlocks in Datacenter Networks: Why Do They Form, and How to Avoid Them. Proceedings of the 15th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets), 2016.

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S. Lee, H. Shi, K. Tan, Y. Liu, SK Lee, Y. Cui. Smart and Secure: Preserving Privacy in Untrusted Home Routers. Proceedings of the 7th ACM SIGOPS Asia-Pacific Workshop on Systems (APSys), 2016

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Speed and Long Distance Networks”, <draft-sridharan-tcpm-ctcp-01.txt>, work in progress, 2008

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