

# Zhilin Wang

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**Objective:** Positions on optimization and security studies of distributed systems, especially distributed machine learning systems.

## Education

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### Jan 2021 – Dec 2024 (expected)

Purdue University, IN, USA

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Qin Hu

Research Areas: Federated Learning, Security & Privacy, Blockchain, Distributed Optimization

### Sep. 2016 - Jun 2020

Nanchang University, Jiangxi, China

B.S. in Management

Research Areas: Game Theory, Decision Theory, Optimization Theory

## Selected Publications

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1. **IEEE TPDS '23.** Wang Z, et al. Incentive Mechanism Design for Joint Resource Allocation in Blockchain-based FL [J].
2. **IEEE MASS '22.** Wang Z, Qin Hu, et al. Blockchain-based Edge Resource Sharing for Metaverse [C].
3. **IEEE WCNC '22.** Wang Z, et al. Defense Strategies Toward Model Poisoning Attacks in Federated Learning: A Survey [C].
4. **IEEE IoTJ '22.** Peng C, Hu Q, Wang Z, et al. Online-Learning-Based Fast-Convergent and Energy-Efficient Device Selection in Federated Edge Learning [J].
5. **Elsevier HCC '22.** Wang Z, Hu Q, Wang Y, et al. Transaction pricing mechanism design and assessment for blockchain [J].
6. **IEEE IoTJ '21.** Hu Q, Wang Z, et al. Blockchain and Federated Edge Learning for Privacy-Preserving Mobile Crowdsensing [J].
7. **IEEE ICBC '20.** Hu Q, Wang Z, et al. A correlated equilibrium based transaction pricing mechanism in blockchain [C].
8. **arXiv.** Wang Z, Hu Q, blockchain-based Federated Learning: A Comprehensive Survey.
9. **arXiv.** Wang Z, Hu Q, Xiong Z, Resource Optimization for Blockchain-based Federated Learning in Mobile Edge.
10. **arXiv.** Wang Z, et al. Straggler Mitigation and Latency Optimization in Blockchain-based Hierarchical Federated Learning.
11. **arXiv.** Li S, Hu Q, Wang Z. PoFEL: Energy-efficient Consensus for Blockchain-based Hierarchical Federated Learning.

## Open-sourced Projects on GitHub

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1. **HFL:** hierarchical federated learning framework based on TensorFlow.  
Link: <https://github.com/wzlJerry/Hierarchical-Federated-Learning>
2. **RL-based Knapsack Problem Solver:** blockchain-based Edge Resource Sharing for Metaverse. It provides a learning-based solution of multiple knapsacks problem, which can get the approximate optimal solutions in polynomial time.  
Link: <https://github.com/wzlJerry/Blockchain-based-Edge-Resource-Sharing-for-Metaverse>
3. **Blockchain-based FL:** a user-friendly and robust blockchain-based federated learning framework in MEC.  
Link: <https://github.com/wzlJerry/FBFL-A-Flexible-Blockchain-based-Federated-Learning-Framework-in-Mobile-Edge-Computing>
4. **Correlated Equilibrium Optimizer:** correlated Equilibrium for Blockchain Transaction. An Approximation method is provided.  
Link: <https://github.com/wzlJerry/Correlated-Equilibrium-for-Blockchain-Transaction>

## Invited Talks

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10/2022: IEEE MASS 2022, Denver, CO, USA.

04/2022: IEEE WCNC 2022, Austin, TX, USA.

## Professional Services

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**Reviewer:** IEEE TPDS, IEEE IoTJ, IEEE Access, JNCA, IEEE ICC, etc.

**Student Tutor:** Undergraduate Capstone Project, Undergraduate Summer Research Project (NSF)

**TPC member:** IEEE ICC 2022 Workshop

**Membership:** IEEE Graduate Student Member, CERIAS Student

## Skills

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**Mathematics:** Linear Algebra, Calculus, Probability Theory, Statistics, Convex Optimization, Game Theory, Complex Analysis.

**Programming:** Python, Java, C/C++, R, Matlab, CUDA

**Machine Learning:** TensorFlow, PyTorch