

# Diman Zad Tootaghaj

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## Work Experiences

- **Hewlett Packard Enterprise Labs:** Postdoc Researcher, Since July 2018 – present: Working on SD-WAN solutions to find optimization techniques for failure recovery and route management, Serverless computing to scale-up FaaS solutions
- **Microsoft Research Internship:** Working on **Uncertain** probabilistic programming language for gesture recognition in Windows Mobile applications, 2015.
- Iran Telecommunication Research Center (ITRC), Tehran, Iran, working as a researcher, Information and Communication Technology Department (ICT), 2010-2011.
- Information Systems and Security Lab (ISSL), Electrical Engineering Department, Sharif University of Technology, 2011.
- Niroo Research Institute, Tehran, Iran: working as a researcher in communication department, Network Control and Management Faculty, 2007-2008.
- Optical Network Lab, Electrical Engineering Department, Sharif University of Technology, 2006-2007.

## Education

- **PhD, Computer Science and Engineering**  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, USA, since 2012, August 2018.
- **MSC, Computer Science and Engineering**
  - The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, USA, since 2012, December 2015.
- **MSC, Electrical Engineering, Communications**  
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, graduated in 2010.
- **BSC, Electrical Engineering, Communications**  
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, graduated in 2007.
- **High School and Diploma and Secondary school**  
Center of Exceptional Talents in Mathematics and Physics, Zanjan, Iran, June 2003.

## Computer Skills

- NETWORKING: **OpenFlow, Mininet, Kubernetes, OpenFaas, NS, OPNET, QUALNET, OMNET, TCL.**
- OPERATING SYSTEM: Linux (UBUNTU), MAC OS, Windows.
- PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE: **Gurobi Optimization, Windows mobile programming, C# (5 years), C (10 years), C++ (5 years), Visual C++ (5 years), Pascal (2 years), Java (1 year), python (3years).**
- ARCHITECTURE SOFTWARE: **SIMICS, CSIM, SHARPE, CotSon, AMD Simnow, Gem5.**
- ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING: MATLAB, Orcad, Protel, PSPICE, Quartus, MaxPlus, Microwave Office.

## Awards, Recognitions and Scholarship

- Awarded College of Engineering Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA.
- Developing Simulator for routing protocols of wireless Ad-hoc Networks: GTNS: Game-Theoretic Network Simulator. Implementing some routing protocols, booked as an invention, 2010.
- Ranked Top %1 in the Nationwide University of Iran Entrance Exam for M.SC., 2008.
- Ranked Top %1 in the Nationwide University of Iran Entrance Exam for B.SC., 2003.

## Research Interests

- Computer Networks, SDN updates, Network Recovery after massive disruption
- Approximate computing and probabilistic programming
- Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Parallel Computing
- Scheduling algorithms for multi-core systems, Data center architecture and performance analysis.
- Game-theoretic Approach in Routing Protocols, Multipath Routing Ad hoc/Sensor Protocols

## Publications:

### Conferences:

- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, F. Ahmed, P. Sharma, M. Yannakakis, "Homa: An Efficient Topology and Route Management Approach in SD-WAN Overlays". In INFOCOM 2020.
- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, S. Achleitner, T. He, N. Bartolini, T. La Porta "A Minimally Disruptive Network Reconfiguration Approach in SDN". in Proceedings of the IFIP Networking Conference (IFIP NETWORKING 2019).
- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, T. La Porta, T. He "Modeling, Monitoring and Scheduling Techniques for Network Recovery from Massive Failures". in the IFIP/IEEE International Symposium on Integrated Network Management 2019.

- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, T. He and T. La Porta “Parsimonious Tomography: Optimizing Cost-Identifiability Trade-off for Probing-based Network Monitoring”. in the IFIP Performance, 2017.
- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, N. Bartolini, Hana Khamfroush and Thomas La Porta “Controlling Cascading Failures in Interdependent Networks under Uncertain Knowledge of Damages”. in IEEE Proceedings of the International Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (IEEE SRDS 2017).
- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, H. Khamfroush, N. Bartolini, S. Ciavarella, S. Hayes and T. La Porta “Network Recovery from Massive Failures under Uncertain Knowledge of Damages”, in Proceedings of the IFIP Networking Conference (IFIP NETWORKING 2017).
- **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, F. Farhat, M. Arjomand, P. Faraboschi, M. T. Kandemir, A. Sivasubramaniam, C. R. Das, “Evaluating the Combined Impact of Datacenter Architecture and Cloud Workload Characteristics on Performance, Network Traffic and Cost,” IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC) 2015.

### Journals:

- **Diman Zad Tootaghaj**, Novella Bartolini, Hana Khamfroush, Thomas La Porta, “On Progressive Network Recovery from Massive Failures under Uncertainty”, to appear in **IEEE** IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management, 2018.
- Stefan Achleitner, Novella Bartolini, Ting He, Thomas La Porta, **Diman Zad Tootaghaj**, “Fast Network Configuration in Software Defined Networking”, in **IEEE** Transactions on Network and Service Management, 2018.
- F. Farhat, **D. Z. Tootaghaj**, Yuxiong He, A. Sivasubramaniam, M. T. Kandemir, C. R. Das, Stochastic Modeling and Optimization of Stragglers, IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing, 2016.
- **Diman Zad Tootaghaj**, Ting He and Thomas La Porta “Parsimonious Tomography: Optimizing Cost-Identifiability Trade-off for Probing-based Network Monitoring”. in **SIGMETRICS** Performance Evaluation Review, 2017.

### Teaching Experience

- **Instructor**: CMPSC 473, Operating Systems, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Fall 2015.
- **TA**, Operating Systems: Department of Computer Sciences and Engineering, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015.

### Diversity and Services:

- N2Women Website Co-chair 2018.
- Serving as a TPC member for USENIX HotCloud 2019.
- Serving as a TPC member for ICNP 2019.

### Selected Courses

- Advanced Communication Networks, Dr. Pakravan, Department of Electrical Engineering, Spring 2010.
- Numerical Optimization, Dr. Babaezadeh, Department of Electrical Engineering, Fall 2009.
- Game Theory, Dr. Fatemi, Graduate School of Management and Economics, as volunteer, Fall 2009.
- Computer Architecture, Prof. Narayanan, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Spring 2012.
- Advanced Operating System Design, Prof. Sivasubramaniam, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Fall 2013.
- Advanced Cryptography, Dr. Salmasizadeh, Department of Electrical Engineering, Spring 2010.

### Research Experiences and Projects

- *Performance evaluation of Mini applications on Intel Xeon Phi Coprocessors, multi-core programming, Spring 2014.*
- *Parallel file server, advanced operating systems design, Prof. Sivasubramaniam, Fall 2013.*
- *Designing user-level pthread library, Operating system design, Prof. Uргаonkar, Spring 2012.*
- *M.Sc. Thesis: Analysis of Routing Misbehavior in Ad Hoc Networks, Under Supervision of Prof. M. R. Aref, 2010.*
- *B.Sc. Thesis: Analysis of Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation algorithms in Fiber to the Home, Under Supervision of Prof. J. A. Salehi, 2004-2005.*
- Designing Game-Theoretic Network Simulator ([GTNS](#)), Since 2009.
- Design and manufacturing an advanced PDA (Partial Discharge Analyzer) for verifying insulation of high voltage motors and generators, National Project in Power Ministry, NRI (Niroo Research Institute), 2007-2008.

### References

- Dr. Puneet Sharma, Manager, Hewlett Packard Labs.
- Prof. Thomas La Porta, Advisor, Pennsylvania State University.
- Dr. Novella Bartolini, Computer Science Department of Sapienza University of Rome.
- Dr. Ting He, Pennsylvania State University.
- Prof. Kathryn S. McKinley, Manager, Google Research, Mountain View.
- Dr. Todd Mytkowicz, Mentor, Microsoft Research, Redmond.
- Prof. Mohammad Reza Aref, Supervisor.
- Associate Prof. Mohammad Reza Pakravan, Co-Advisor.

### Languages

- Kurdish (Native Language)
- Persian (National Language)
- Turkish (basic)
- English