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Bio

BIO

Prabhakar's research focuses on the design, analysis, and implementation of data networks: both wireline and wireless. He has been interested in designing network algorithms, problems in ad hoc wireless networks, and designing incentive mechanisms. He has a long-standing interest in stochastic network theory, information theory, algorithms, and probability theory.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Electrical Engineering
- Professor, Computer Science
- Professor (By courtesy), Operations, Information & Technology
- Affiliate, Precourt Institute for Energy

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, UCLA (1994)

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Fabric Architectures For AI Systems: CS 349F (Spr)
- Introductory Research Seminar in Electrical Engineering: EE 301 (Aut)
- Probabilistic Systems Analysis: EE 178 (Win)

2024-25

- Fabric Architectures For AI Systems: CS 349F (Win)
- Introductory Research Seminar in Electrical Engineering: EE 301 (Aut)
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2023-24

- Probabilistic Systems Analysis: EE 178 (Spr)

2022-23

- Technology for Financial Systems: CS 349F (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Master's Program Advisor

Ayush Agrawal, Daniel Jiang, Linfan Qian, Jared Weissberg

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Deconstructing Datacenter Packet Transport**
Alizadeh, M., Yang, S., Katti, S., McKeown, N., Prabhakar, B., B., S., Shenker
2013
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2013
- **The Regulation of Ant Colony Foraging Activity without Spatial Information** *PLOS COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY*
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2012
- **Less Is More: Trading a Little Bandwidth for Ultra-Low Latency in the Data Center**
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2012
- **Stability Analysis of QCN: The Averaging Principle**
Alizadeh, M., Kabbani, A., Atikoglu, B., Prabhakar, B.
2011
- **Analysis of DCTCP: Stability, Convergence, and Fairness**
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2011
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- **AF-QCN: Approximate fairness with quantized congestion notification for multi-tenanted data centers**
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2010
- **Data Center TCP (DCTCP)**
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2010
- **Incentive mechanisms for decongesting roads**
Merugu, D., Gomes, N., R., Prabhakar, B.

2009

- **Approximate bandwidth partitioning—from academia to industry**

Pan, R., Bonomi, F., Prabhakar, B.

2008

- **ElephantTrap: A low cost device for identifying large flows**

Lu, Y., Wang, M., Prabhakar, B., Bonomi, F.

2007

- **Detailed network measurements using sparse graph counters: The theory**

Lu, Y., Montanari, A., Prabhakar, B.

2007

- **Analysis of randomized load balancing with general services using the cavity method**

Bramson, M., Lu, Y., Prabhakar, B.

2007

- **Optimal throughput-delay scaling in wireless networks - Part II: Constant-size packets** *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications*

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2005

- **Systems with multiple servers under heavy-tailed workloads**

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2005

- **SIFT: A simple algorithm for tracking elephant flows and taking advantage of power laws**

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- **Mixing times for random walks on geometric random graphs**
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- **Network hardware algorithms**
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- **Bloom filters: Design innovations and novel applications**
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