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From Network Softwarization to In-Network Computing

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13:00 – 14:00

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In this talk, I will briefly present the transition of networking devices from dedicated hardware appliances to software components on a shared infrastructure. This transition enables computing inside communication networks or In-Network Computing. Subsequently, I will present an application of In-Network Computing to accelerate audio signal processing for industrial IoT.

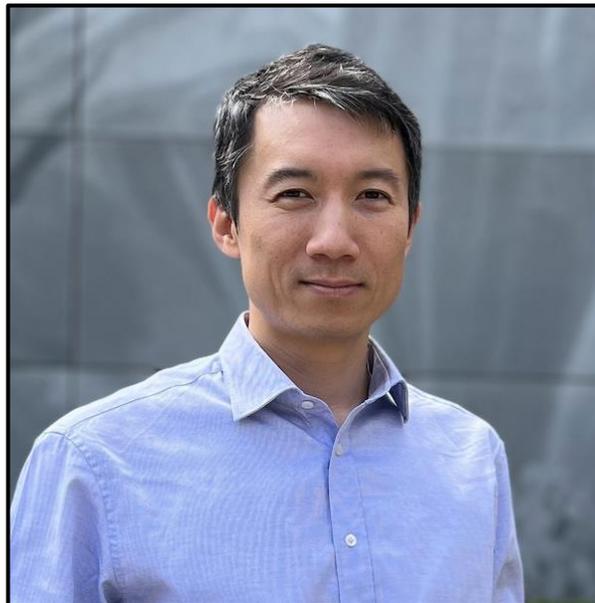
Conventional Network Functions (NFs) are dedicated hardware appliances consisting of a switching fabric and the software implementing the logic of the NF. Advantages of optimized design and fine-tuning functionality with high throughput come alongside longer product development cycles and decreased service agility. Network Softwarization decouples the hardware-related packet forwarding of the NF from its functionality, which can be implemented entirely in software. That allows novel algorithms to process packets beyond the constraints of hardware switching fabrics. We transformed the centralized ICA (Independent Component Analysis) algorithm into a decentralized version to leverage the In-Network Computing paradigm, accelerating the Blind Source Separation of audio signals.

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