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RESEARCH INTERESTS ◇ Distributed systems, Cloud computing, Distributed databases, Distributed consensus, Wireless sensor/actor networks, Smart-sourced sensing & collaboration, Fault-tolerance, Self-stabilization.

EDUCATION ◇ **Post-doctorate** Advisor: Prof. Nancy Lynch Sept 2004 – Aug 2005  
Theory of Distributed Systems Group, CSAIL  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA

◇ **Doctor of Philosophy** Advisor: Prof. Anish Arora Aug 2004  
*“Scalable design of fault-tolerance for wireless sensor networks”*  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

◇ **Master of Science** Advisor: Prof. Anish Arora March 2000  
*“Resettable vector clocks: a case study in designing graybox fault-tolerance”*  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY ◇ **Full Professor** Aug 2017 – Current  
Computer Science and Engineering Department  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

◇ **Principal Software Engineer** Aug 2018 – Aug 2019  
Microsoft Azure Cosmos DB  
Redmond, WA

◇ **Associate Professor** Aug 2011 – Aug 2017  
Computer Science and Engineering Department  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

◇ **Assistant Professor** Aug 2005 – Aug 2011  
Computer Science and Engineering Department  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

◇ **Post-doctoral Research Associate** Sept 2004 – Aug 2005  
Theory of Distributed Systems Group  
MIT CSAIL, Cambridge, MA, USA

◇ **Graduate Research Associate** Sept 1998 – Aug 2004  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

AWARDS & HONORS

◇ **IEEE Region 1 Technological Innovation in Academia Award “for significant contributions in distributed systems”, 2018.**

◇ **University at Buffalo, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Senior Researcher of the Year Award, 2016.**

◇ **Best Paper Award, IEEE International Conference on Big Data, 2015.** *“Panopticon: A lock broker architecture for scalable transactions in the datacenter”*

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- ◇ **Outstanding Paper Award, Int. Conference on Collaboration Technologies and Systems, 2014.** *“Targeted question answering on smartphones utilizing app-based user classification”*
  - ◇ **University at Buffalo Exceptional Scholars Young Investigator Award, 2010.**
  - ◇ **NSF CAREER Award, 2008.** *“An in-network collaboration and coordination framework for wireless sensor actor networks”*
  - ◇ **Best Paper Award, IEEE Int. Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), 2002.** *“Convergence Refinement”*
  - ◇ **Outstanding Researcher Award,** Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, 2002.
- FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS
- ◇ **NSF CSR program** \$496,347 from 2020-2023  
*Paxos Unpacked*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (100%)
  - ◇ **NSF XPS program** \$750,000 from 2015-2019  
*“Synchrony-aware primitives for building highly auditable, highly scalable, highly available distributed systems”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (50%) and coPI: Sandeep Kulkarni
  - ◇ **NSF CSR program** \$500,000 from 2015-2018  
*“Scalable coordination for wide-area distributed systems”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (50%) and coPI: Tevfik Kosar
  - ◇ **NSF CI program** \$1,322,510 from 2012-2015  
*“PhoneLab: A programmable participatory smartphone testbed”*  
Geoffrey Challen (PI), Murat Demirbas, Steve Ko, Tevfik Kosar, Chunming Qiao
  - ◇ **NSF CAREER award** \$450,000 from 2008-2013  
*“An in-network collaboration & coordination framework for wireless sensor actor networks”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (100%)
  - ◇ **Office of Naval Research** \$510,000 from 2009-2012  
*“Efficient and resilient querying and tracking services for wireless sensor networks”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (100%)
  - ◇ **NSF CSR program** \$500,000 from 2009-2012  
*“Tool-support for producing high-assurance software for wireless sensor actor networks”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (50%) and coPI: Sandeep Kulkarni
  - ◇ **NIH NIEHS program** \$330,000 from 2010-2012  
*“Use of cellphone-based time-activity data for air pollutant exposure estimation”*  
co-Investigator: Murat Demirbas
  - ◇ **Google research award** \$50,000 in 2011  
*“PhoneLab: A participatory smartphone cloud testbed”*  
Geoffrey Challen (PI), Murat Demirbas, Steve Ko, Tevfik Kosar
  - ◇ **Army Research Office DURIP program** \$290,000 in 2011  
*“Two-rank mobile robot fleet for swarm surveillance, warfighter assistance and other army-related research and research-related education*  
Jason Corso (PI), Murat Demirbas, Raymond Fu, Venkat Krovi, Rakesh Nagi
  - ◇ **Google research award** \$50,000 in 2009  
*“Crowdsourced sensing and collaboration using Twitter”*  
PI: Murat Demirbas (100%)
- PH.D. SUPERVISION
- ◇ **Salem Alqahtani:** joined Spring 2017.

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- ◇ **Aleksey Charapko**: “*Consensus end-to-end: design, implementation and evaluation of consensus protocols*”; graduated Spring 20; Assistant Professor at University of New Hampshire.
- ◇ **Ailidani Ailijiang**: “*Scalable coordination for wide-area distributed systems*”; graduated Spring 18; working at Microsoft Azure Cosmos DB.
- ◇ **Serafettin Tasci**: “*Scalable coordination in tightly-coupled distributed systems*”; graduated Spring 15; working at Samsung Research.
- ◇ **Yavuz Yilmaz**: “*Targeted crowdsourcing using participant interest*”; graduated Spring 15; working at Intel Inc.
- ◇ **Zuhal Tepecik**: “*In-network querying on federated sensor networks*”; graduated Spring 15; working at Eskisehir University.
- ◇ **Ismail Aydin**: “*Investigation of multiple-choice question answering with mobile crowdsourcing*”; graduated Fall 14; working at Intel Inc.
- ◇ **Fatih Bulut**: “*Crowdsourced location-based sensing*”; graduated Summer 14; working at IBM.
- ◇ **Onur Soysal**: “*A distributed algorithms approach for improving reliability and energy efficiency in wireless sensor networks*”; graduated Summer 10; working at Google Inc.
- ◇ **Murat Bayir**: “*Enabling location aware smartphone applications via mobility profiling*”; graduated Summer 10; working at Microsoft Inc.
- ◇ **Xuming Lu**: “*In-network querying and tracking for wireless sensor networks*”; graduated Spring 09; working at Bloomberg Inc.

- M.S. THESIS SUPERVISION
- ◇ **Cuneyt Gurcan Akcora**, “*Crowdsourced sensing and opinion mining using Twitter*”, graduated Summer 10.
  - ◇ **Srivats Balachandran**: “*Robcast: A reliable MAC layer protocol for broadcast in wireless sensor networks*”, graduated Spring 08.

- CITATIONS
- ◇ **5188 (all time) and 2635 (since 2014)**  
h-index= 33 (all time) and 22 (since 2014)  
i10-index= 62 (all time) and 43 (since 2014)  
Google Scholar: <http://goo.gl/UWm7y0>

### PUBLICATIONS: Journal Papers

Notation: \* denotes the co-author was Dr.Demirbas’s student when the work was done.

1. *WPaxos: Wide Area Network Flexible Consensus*  
A. Ailijiang\*, A. Charapko\*, M. Demirbas, T. Kosar.  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Accepted for Publication, 2019.
2. *Retroscope: Retrospective Monitoring of Distributed Systems*  
A. Charapko\*, A. Ailijiang\*, M. Demirbas, S. Kulkarni.  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Accepted for Publication, 2019.
3. *Analysis of Bounds on Hybrid Vector Clocks*  
S. Yingchareonthawornchai, S. S. Kulkarni, and M. Demirbas.  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Accepted for Publication, 2018.
4. *A Crowdsourced “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?” Player*  
B. I. Aydin\*, Y. S. Yilmaz\*, M. Demirbas  
Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience, 2017.

5. *Querying On Federated Sensor Networks*  
Z. Can\*, M. Demirbas  
Journal of Sensor and Actuator Networks, Accepted for publication, 2016.
6. *Specification-based Design of Self-Stabilization*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora.  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, 27(1): 263–270, 2016.
7. *Coffee Shop Wait-Time Monitoring Using Smartphones*  
M. F. Bulut\*, M. Demirbas, H. Ferhatosmanoglu.  
IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, 14(10): 2045–2058, 2015.
8. *“Slow is Fast” for Wireless Sensor Networks In The Presence of Message Losses*  
R. Hajisheykhi, L. Zhu, M. Arumugam, M. Demirbas, and S. Kulkarni.  
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, 77:41–57, 2015.
9. *Smartphone-based Data Collection From Wireless Sensor Networks In An Urban Environment*  
Z. Can\* and M. Demirbas.  
Journal of Network and Computer Applications, 58, 208–216, 2015.
10. *A Confidence-Aware Approach For Truth Discovery On Long-Tail Data*  
Q. Li, Y. Li, J. Gao, L. Su, B. Zhao, M. Demirbas, W. Fan, J. Han.  
Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment, 8(4): 425–436 (2014).
11. *Using Smartphones To Collect Time–Activity Data For Long-Term Personal-Level Air Pollution Exposure Assessment*  
M. L. Glasgow, C. B. Rudra, E.-H. Yoo, M. Demirbas, J. Merriman, P. Nayak, C. Crabtree-Ide, A. A. Szpiro, A. Rudra, J. Wactawski-Wende and L. Mu.  
Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology, Nature Publishing Group, 2014.
12. *On The Fly Learning Of Mobility Profiles For Routing In Pocket Switched Networks*  
M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas. Elsevier, Ad Hoc Networks, 16, 13–27, 2014.
13. *Trend Sensing Via Twitter*  
Y. S. Yilmaz\*, M. F. Bulut\*, C. G. Akcora\*, M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas.  
International Journal of Ad Hoc and Ubiquitous Computing, 14(1): 16–26, 2013.
14. *A Survey On In-Network Querying And Tracking Services For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
Z. Can\*, M. Demirbas.  
Elsevier, Ad Hoc Networks, 11 (1), 596–610, 2013.
15. *Smartphone Technology For Improving Air Pollution Exposure Estimates*  
M. L. Glasgow, L. Mu, P. Nayak, C. Crabtree-Ide, M. Demirbas, E.-H. Yoo, A. A. Szpiro, A. Rudra, J. Wactawski-Wende, et. al.  
American Journal of Epidemiology, vol 175, 2012.
16. *Discovering Better Navigation Sequences For The Session Construction Problem*  
M. A. Bayir\*, I. H. Toroslu, M. Demirbas, A. Cosar.  
Elsevier, Data & Knowledge Engineering, volume 73, pages 58–72, 2012.
17. *Model-based Tracking For Mobile Ad Hoc Networks*  
X. Lu\*, M. Demirbas.  
Network Protocols and Algorithms 3 (2), 1–23, 2011.
18. *ABC-MC: A Multi-Channel Geographic Forwarding Scheme For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
TK. Lee, C. Qiao, M. Demirbas, J. Xu.  
Ad Hoc Networks, Elsevier, 9 (5), 699–712, 2011.
19. *A Web-based Personalized Mobility Service For Smartphone Applications*  
M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas, A. Cosar.  
The Computer Journal 54 (5), 800–814, 2011.

20. *Coordinated Locomotion And Monitoring Using Autonomous Mobile Sensor Nodes*  
SK Yoon, O. Soysal\*, M. Demirbas, C. Qiao  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems. 22(10): 1742–1756, 2011.
21. *Mobility Profiler: A Framework For Discovering Mobility Profiles Of Cell Phone Users*  
M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas, N. Eagle.  
Elsevier Pervasive and Mobile Computing Journal, Special Issue on Human Behaviour  
in Ubiquitous Environments, 6 (4), 435–454, 2010.
22. *A Lightweight Soft-State Tracking Framework For Dense Mobile Ad Hoc Networks*  
X. Lu\*, M. Demirbas.  
Elsevier Pervasive and Mobile Computing Journal, 6 (3), 297–311, 2010.
23. *ABC: A Simple Geographic Forwarding Scheme Capable Of Bypassing Routing Holes  
In Sensor Networks*  
TK. Lee, C. Qiao, M. Demirbas, J. Xu.  
Ad Hoc Networks, Elsevier, 8(4), 361–377, 2010.
24. *Trail: A Distance-Sensitive Network Service For Distributed Object Tracking*  
V. Kulathumani, A. Arora, M. Demirbas, M. Sridharan.  
ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks (TOSN), 5(2): 1–40, 2009.
25. *Consensus And Collision Detectors In Radio Networks*  
G. Chockler, M. Demirbas, S. Gilbert, N. Lynch, C. Newport, and T. Nolte.  
Distributed Computing (Springer), 21(1): 55–84, 2008.
26. *A Lightweight Querying Service For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, V. Kulathumani.  
Theoretical Computer Science Journal, Elsevier, 410(6-7): 500–513, 2009.
27. *An In-Network Querying Framework For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, X. Lu\*, P. Singla.  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, 99(1), 2008.
28. *The Impact Of Data Aggregation On The Performance Of Wireless Sensor Networks*  
K. Akkaya, M. Demirbas, and S. Aygun  
Journal of Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing, 8(2): 171–193, 2008.
29. *A Fault-Local Self-Stabilizing Clustering Service For Wireless Ad Hoc Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, V. Mittal, V. Kulathumani  
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Special Issue on Localized  
Communication and Topology Protocols for Ad Hoc Networks, 17 (9), 912–923, 2006.
30. *Pursuer-Evader Tracking In Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, and M. Gouda  
Sensor Network Operations, IEEE Press, Chapter 9, 2006.
31. *Resettable Vector Clocks*  
A. Arora, S. S. Kulkarni, and M. Demirbas  
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC), 66 (2), 221–237, 2006.
32. *A Line In The Sand: A Wireless Sensor Network For Target Detection, Classification,  
And Tracking*  
A. Arora, P. Dutta, S. Bapat, V. Kulathumani, H. Zhang, V. Naik, V. Mittal, H.  
Cao, M. Demirbas, M. Gouda, Y. Choi, T. Herman, S. Kulkarni, U. Arumugam, M.  
Nesterenko, A. Vora, and M. Miyashita  
Computer Networks (*Elsevier*), 46 (5), 605–634, 2004.

◇ **Conference Papers**

1. *Dissecting the Performance of Strongly-Consistent Replication Protocols*  
A. Ailijiang\*, A. Charapko\*, M. Demirbas.  
ACM SIGMOD/PODS Conference, 2019.

2. *Performance Analysis and Comparison of Distributed Machine Learning Systems*  
S. Alqahtani, M. Demirbas.  
*IEEE ICCCN*, 2019.
3. *Adapting to Access Locality via Live Data Migration in Globally Distributed Datastores*  
A. Charapko\*, A. Ailijiang\*, M. Demirbas.  
*IEEE Big Data*, 3321-3330, 2018.
4. *Using Weaker Consistency Models with Monitoring and Recovery for Improving Performance of Key-Value Stores*  
D Nguyen, A Charapko\*, SS Kulkarni, M. Demirbas.  
*Eighth Latin-American Symposium on Dependable Computing (LADC)*, 67-76, 2018.
5. *Bridging Paxos and Blockchain Consensus*  
A. Charapko\*, A. Ailijiang\*, M. Demirbas.  
*IEEE Blockchain 2018*, 2018.
6. *Lightweight, Incremental, and Retrospective Distributed Snapshots Using Loosely Synchronized Clocks*  
A. Charapko\*, A. Ailijiang\*, S. Kulkarni, M. Demirbas.  
*International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)*, pg. 2061-2066, 2017.
7. *Efficient Distributed Coordination at WAN scale*  
A. Ailijiang\*, A. Charapko\*, M. Demirbas, B. Turkkkan, and T. Kosar.  
*International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)*, pg. 1575-1585, 2017.
8. *A Comparison of Distributed Machine Learning Platforms*  
K. Zhang\*, S. Alqahtani\*, M. Demirbas.  
*The 26th International Conference on Computer Communication and Networks (ICCCN)*, pg. 1-9, 2017.
9. *Efficient Algorithms for Predicate Detection using Hybrid Logical Clocks* S. Yingchareonthawornchai, V. T. Valapil, S. Kulkarni, E. Torng and M. Demirbas.  
*International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (ICDCN)*, 2017.
10. *Monitoring Partially Synchronous Distributed Systems Using SMT Solvers* V. T. Valapil, S. Yingchareonthawornchai, S. Kulkarni, E. Torng, M. Demirbas.  
*Runtime Verification*, pg. 277-293, 2017.
11. *CausalSpartan: Causal Consistency for Distributed Data Stores Using Hybrid Logical Clocks* M. Roohitavaf, M. Demirbas, Sandeep S. Kulkarni.  
*Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS)*, pg. 184-193, 2017.
12. *Consensus In The Cloud: Paxos Systems Demystified*  
A. Ailijiang\*, A. Charapko\*, and M. Demirbas. *The 25th International Conference on Computer Communication and Networks (ICCCN)*, 2016. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
13. *Precision, Recall, And Sensitivity Of Monitoring Partially Synchronous Distributed Systems*  
S. Yingchareonthawornchai, D. Nguyen, V. T. Valapil, S. Kulkarni, and M. Demirbas.  
*The 16th International Conference on Runtime Verification*, 2016.
14. *Analysis Of Bounds On Hybrid Vector Clocks*  
S. Yingchareonthawornchai, S. S. Kulkarni, and M. Demirbas. *The 19th International Conference on Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS)*, 2015. (acceptance ratio=30%)
15. *Panopticon: A Lock Broker Architecture For Scalable Transactions In The Datacenter*  
S. Tasci\*, M. Demirbas. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data*, 2015.  
(acceptance ratio= 17%) **(Received the Best Paper Award.)**

16. *Highly Auditable Distributed Systems*  
M. Demirbas, S. Kulkarni. *HotCloud*, 2015. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
17. *Energy-Efficient Smartphone-Based Data Collection From Wireless Sensor Networks*  
Z. Can\*, M. Demirbas, IEEE CCNC, 643–647, 2015. (acceptance ratio = 30%)
18. *Logical Physical Clocks*  
S. Kulkarni, M. Demirbas, D. Madeppa\*, B. Avva\*, and M. Leone. *The 18th International Conference on Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS)*, 17–32, 2014. (acceptance ratio= 32%)
19. *Google Cloud Messaging (GCM): An Evaluation*  
Y. Yilmaz\*, B. Aydin\*, M. Demirbas. *GlobeCom*, 2807–2812, 2014. (acceptance ratio= 37%)
20. *Crowdsourcing For Multiple-Choice Question Answering*  
B. Aydin\*, Y. Yilmaz\*, Y. Li, Q. Li, J. Gao, M. Demirbas. *Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI)*, 2946–2953, 2014.
21. *Targeted Question Answering On Smartphones Utilizing App Based User Classification*  
Y. S. Yilmaz\*, B. Aydin, M. Demirbas. *International Conference on Collaboration Technologies and Systems (CTS)*, 371–378, 2014. (acceptance ratio= 39%) **(Received the Outstanding Paper Award.)**
22. *Giraphx: Parallel Yet Serializable Large-Scale Graph Processing*  
S.\* Tasci, M. Demirbas. *Euro-Par*, 458–469, 2013. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
23. *A Holistic Approach For Energy Efficient Proximity Alert On Android*  
F. Bulut\*, M. Demirbas. *GlobeCom*, 2816–2821, 2013. (acceptance ratio= 37%)
24. *Participant Behavior In Phonelab*  
A. Nandugudi and A. Maiti and F. Bulut and S. Batra and Y. Ki and G. Challen and M. Demirbas and S. Ko and T. Kosar, and C. Qiao. *International Conference on the Analysis of Mobile Phone Datasets (NetMob)*, 2013. (acceptance ratio < 35%)
25. *LineKing: Crowdsourced Line Wait-Time Estimation Using Smartphones*  
F. Bulut\*, Y. Yilmaz\*, M. Demirbas, H. Ferhatosmanoglu, N. Ferhatosmanoglu. *MobiCASE*, 205–224, 2012. (acceptance ratio < 35%)
26. *Optimistic Concurrency Control For Multihop Sensor Networks*  
O. Soysal\*, B. I. Aydin\*, M. Demirbas. *IWCMC*, 89–94, 2011. (acceptance ratio= 35%)
27. *Investigation Of Querying Techniques For Federated Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, Z. Can\*. *IWCMC*, 2034–2039, 2011. (acceptance ratio= 35%)
28. *Powernap: An Energy-Efficient MAC For Random Routing In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
O. Soysal\*, S. Ayyorgun, M. Demirbas. *8th IEEE Communications Society Conference on Sensor, Mesh and Ad Hoc Communications and Networks (SECON)*, 10–18, 2011. (acceptance ratio = 27%)
29. *Singlehop Collaborative Feedback Primitives For Threshold Querying In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, S. Tasci\*, H. Gunes\*, A. Rudra. *25th IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium*, 322–333, 2011. (acceptance ratio = 20%)
30. *Slow Is Fast For Wireless Sensor Networks In The Presence Of Message Losses*  
M. Arumugam, M. Demirbas, S. Kulkarni. *The 12th International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS)*, pages 176–190, 2010.

31. *PRO: A Profile Based Routing Algorithm For Pocket Switched Networks*  
M.A. Bayir\* and M. Demirbas.  
IEEE Global Communications Conference (Globecom), 1–5, 2010. (acceptance ratio = 35%)
32. *Data Spider: A Resilient Mobile Basestation Protocol For Efficient Data Collection In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
O. Soysal\*, M. Demirbas.  
The 6th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems (DCOSS), 393–408, 2010. (acceptance ratio = 29%)
33. *Crowd-Sourced Sensing And Collaboration Using Twitter.*  
M. Demirbas, M.A. Bayir\*, C.G. Akcora\*, Y. Yilmaz\*, H. Ferhatosmanoglu.  
11th IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WoWMoM), 1–9, 2010. (acceptance ratio = 21%)
34. *A Holistic Solution To The Pursuer Evader Tracking Problem.*  
X. Lu\*, M. Demirbas, C. Qiao.  
The 28th IEEE Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS), 2009. (acceptance ratio = 22%)
35. *Track Me! A Web Based Location Tracking And Analysis System For Smartphone Users*  
M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas, A. Cosar.  
24th International Symposium on Computer and Information Sciences (ISCIS), 2009.
36. *Discovering Spatiotemporal Mobility Profiles Of Cellphone Users*  
M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas, N. Eagle.  
The 10th IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WOWMOM), 2009. (acceptance ratio =24%)
37. *A Plant-And-Play Wireless Sensor Network System For Gate Monitoring*  
R. Sudhaakar, A. Sanzgeri\*, M. Demirbas, C. Qiao.  
The 10th IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WOWMOM), 2009. (acceptance ratio =24%)
38. *An Application Of Specification-Based Design Of Self-Stabilization To Tracking In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora.  
The 10th International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS), 203–217, 2008. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
39. *A Lightweight Tracking Framework For Mobile Ad Hoc Networks*  
X. Lu\*, M. Demirbas.  
The 5th IEEE International Conference on Mobile Ad Hoc and Sensor Systems (MASS), 359–364, 2008. (acceptance ratio 13%)
40. *ABC: A Novel Integrated Mac And Routing Protocol For Wireless Ad Hoc Networks*  
TK. Lee, C. Qiao, M. Demirbas, J. Xu.  
17th IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (ICCCN), 2008. (acceptance ratio < 26%)
41. *Coordinated Locomotion Of Mobile Sensor Networks*  
SK Yoon, O. Soysal\*, M. Demirbas, C. Qiao  
Fifth Annual IEEE Communications Society Conference on Sensor, Mesh and Ad Hoc Communications and Networks (SECON), 126–134, 2008. (acceptance ratio = 21%)
42. *Transact: A Transactional Programming Framework For Wireless Sensor/Actor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, O. Soysal\*, M. Hussain\*  
IEEE/ACM International Conference on Information Processing in Sensor Networks (IPSN), 295–306, 2008. (acceptance ratio = 19%)



43. *Singlehop Collaborative Feedback Primitives For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, O. Soysal\*, M. Hussain\*.  
IEEE INFOCOM, 2047-2055, 2008. (acceptance ratio = 29%)
44. *Data Salmon: A Greedy Mobile Basestation Protocol For Efficient Data Collection In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, O. Soysal\*, and A. S. Tosun.  
IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems (DCOSS), 267–280, 2007. (acceptance ratio < 27%)
45. *Distributed Quad-Trees For Spatial Querying In Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, X. Lu\*.  
IEEE International Conference on Communication (ICC), 3325–3332, 2007. (Acceptance rate < 30%)
46. *Trail: A Distance-Sensitive Network Service For Distributed Object Tracking*  
V. Kulathumani, A. Arora, M. Demirbas, M. Sridharan.  
European conference on Wireless Sensor Networks (EWSN), 83–100, 2007. (acceptance ratio = 13%)
47. *A Lightweight Querying Service For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, V. Kulathumani.  
International Conference on Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS), 242–257, 2006. (acceptance rate = 13%)
48. *A MAC Layer Protocol For Priority-Based Reliable Multicast In Wireless Ad Hoc Networks*  
M. Demirbas and M. Hussain\*  
Broadband Wireless Networking Symposium (BroadNets), 2006.
49. *Consensus And Collision Detectors In Wireless Ad Hoc Networks*  
G. Chockler, M. Demirbas, S. Gilbert, C. Newport, and T. Nolte  
ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC), 197–206, 2005. (acceptance ratio= 23%)
50. *A Hierarchy-Based Fault-Local Stabilizing Algorithm For Tracking In Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, T. Nolte, and N. Lynch  
International Conference on Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS), 299–315, 2004. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
51. *Design And Analysis Of A Fast Local Clustering Service For Wireless Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, V. Mittal, and V. Kulathumani  
Invited paper at Broadband Wireless Networking Symposium (BroadNets), 700–709, 2004. (acceptance ratio < 30%)
52. *Peer-To-Peer Spatial Queries In Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas and H. Ferhatosmanoglu  
IEEE International Conference on Peer-to-Peer Computing (P2P), 32–39, 2003.
53. *A Pursuer-Evader Game For Sensor Networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, and M. Gouda  
Symposium on Self-Stabilizing Systems (SSS), 1–16, 2003.
54. *Introducing Middle School Girls To Fault Tolerant Computing*  
P. A. G. Sivilotti and M. Demirbas  
Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE), 327–331, 2003.
55. *Convergence Refinement*  
M. Demirbas and A. Arora  
International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), 589–597, 2002.  
**(Received the Best Paper Award.)** (acceptance ratio= 18%)

56. *Graybox Stabilization*  
A. Arora, M. Demirbas, and S. S. Kulkarni  
International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (ICDSN), 389–400, 2001. (acceptance ratio= 35%)
57. *Resettable Vector Clocks*  
A. Arora, S. S. Kulkarni, and M. Demirbas  
ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC), 269–278, 2000. (acceptance ratio= 27%)

◇ **Workshop papers**

1. *Linearizable Quorum Reads in Paxos*  
A. Charapko\*, A. Ailijiang\*, M. Demirbas.  
*The 11th USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Storage and File Systems (HotStorage)*, 2019.
2. *Employing in-memory data grids for distributed graph processing*  
S. Tasci\*, M. Demirbas. BigGraphs Workshop as part of IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data), 1856–1864, 2015.
3. *Coffee shop line length monitoring using smartphones*  
M. F. Bulut, M. Demirbas. 15th International ACM Workshop on Mobile Computing Systems and Applications (HotMobile), 2014.
4. *Beyond TrueTime: Using AugmentedTime for improving Google Spanner*  
M. Demirbas, S. Kulkarni. 7th Workshop on Large-Scale Distributed Systems and Middleware (LADIS), 2013.
5. *CrowdReply: A crowdsourced multiple choice question answering system*  
B. Aydin\*, Y. S. Yilmaz\*, M. F. Bulut\*, M. Demirbas.  
International Workshop on Mobile Sensing, 2013
6. *Energy efficient proximity alert on Android*  
M. F. Bulut\*, M. Demirbas.  
IEEE Workshop on Pervasive Collaboration and Social Networking (PerCol), 2013.
7. *Eywa: Crowdsourced and cloud sourced omniscience*  
M. Demirbas, Y. S. Yilmaz\*, M. F. Bulut\*.  
IEEE Workshop on Hot Topics in Pervasive Computing (PerHot), 2013.
8. *Maestro: A cloud computing framework with automated locking*  
M. Demirbas, S. Tasci\*, S. Kulkarni.  
Workshop on Management of Cloud Systems, 2012.
9. *Crowdsourcing location-based queries*  
M. F. Bulut\*, Y. S. Yilmaz\*, M. Demirbas.  
Second IEEE Workshop on Pervasive Collaboration and Social Networking (PerCol), (in conjunction with IEEE PERCOM), 513–518, 2011.
10. *k+ decision trees*  
J. Aspnes, E. Blais, M. Demirbas, R. O’Donnell, A. Rudra, S. Uurtamo.  
International Workshop on Algorithms for Sensor Systems, Wireless Ad Hoc Networks and Autonomous Mobile Entities, 2010.
11. *Identifying breakpoints in public opinion*  
C. G. Akcora\*, M. A. Bayir\*, M. Demirbas, H. Ferhatosmanoglu.  
Workshop on Social Media Analytics, 2010.
12. *Short text classification in Twitter to improve information filtering*  
B. Sriram, D. Fuhry, E. Demir, H. Ferhatosmanoglu, M. Demirbas  
Poster Session in the 33rd ACM SIGIR Conference 2010.

13. *iMAP: Indirect measurement of air pollution with cellphones*  
M. Demirbas, C. Rudra, A. Rudra, M. A. Bayir\*  
International Workshop on Information Quality and Quality of Service for Pervasive Computing (in conjunction with IEEE PERCOM), 2009.
14. *RoBcast: A singlehop reliable broadcast protocol for wireless sensor networks*  
M. Demirbas, S. Balakrishnan\*  
International Workshop on Assurance in Distributed Systems and Networks, 2007.
15. *A transactional framework for programming wireless sensor/actor networks*  
M. Demirbas Future Trends of Distributed Computing Systems, 2007.
16. *Position paper: High-confidence software platforms for cyber-physical systems*  
T. Herman and M. Demirbas  
High-Confidence Software Platforms for Cyber-Physical Systems workshop, 2006.
17. *A MAC layer protocol for priority-based reliable broadcast in wireless ad hoc networks*  
M. Demirbas and M. Hussain\*  
IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WOWMOM), 2006.
18. *An RSSI-based scheme for sybil attack detection in wireless sensor networks*  
M. Demirbas and Y.W. Song\*  
Advanced experimental activities on wireless networks and systems workshop (as part of WOWMOM), 564–570, 2006.
19. *INSIGHT: Internet-sensor integration for habitat monitoring*  
M. Demirbas, K.Y. Chow\*, and C.S. Wan\*  
Advanced experimental activities on wireless networks and systems workshop (as part of WOWMOM), 553–558, 2006.
20. *A middleware framework for robust applications in wireless ad hoc networks*  
G. Chockler, M. Demirbas, S. Gilbert, and C. Newport  
Forty-third Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing, 2005.
21. *Reconciling the theory and practice of (un)reliable wireless broadcast*  
G. Chockler, M. Demirbas, S. Gilbert, N. Lynch, C. Newport, and T. Nolte  
International Workshop on Assurance in Distributed Systems and Networks, 42–48, 2005.
22. *Brief announcement: STALK: A self-stabilizing hierarchical tracking service for sensor networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, T. Nolte, and N. Lynch  
ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC), 2004.
23. *FLOC: A fast local clustering service for wireless sensor networks*  
M. Demirbas, A. Arora, and V. Mittal  
Workshop on Dependability Issues in Wireless Ad Hoc and Sensor Networks, 2004.

◇ **Technical reports**

1. *WPaxos: Ruling the Archipelago with Fast Consensus*  
A. Ailijiang\*, A. Charapko\*, M. Demirbas, T. Kosar.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.08905>, 2017.
2. *Does The Cloud Need Stabilizing?*  
M. Demirbas, Aleksey Charapko, and Ailidani Ailijiang  
<https://cse.buffalo.edu/tech-reports/2017-02.pdf>, 2017.

◇ **Invited talks (among others)**

1. Everything Is Broken, Seattle WA, May 2019.  
Debugging Designs with TLA+.

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2. Microsoft, Azure Cosmos DB, Seattle WA, April 2018.  
WPaxos: A Multileader WAN Paxos Protocol.
3. Cockroach DB, New York NY, November 2017.  
WPaxos: A Multileader WAN Paxos Protocol.
4. MongoDB Inc., New York NY, October 2016.  
Hybrid Clocks for Monitoring and Debugging of Distributed Systems
5. Wayne State University, Computer Science Department Colloquia, Detroit MI, September 2016.  
Hybrid Clocks for Monitoring and Debugging of Distributed Systems
6. Carnegie Mellon University, Parallel Data Lab, SDI/ISTC Seminar Series, Pittsburg PA, April 2016.  
Coordination in Distributed Systems
7. Microsoft Inc., DocumentDB team, Seattle WA, March 2016.  
Coordination in Distributed Systems
8. Cornell University, Cornell Systems Lunch, Ithaca NY, November 2015.  
Hybrid Clocks for High Auditability
9. SUNY Fredonia, Computer Science Colloquia series, Fredonia NY, October 2015.  
Emerging Research Topics on Cloud Computing
10. MIT CSAIL, Theory of Distributed Systems Seminar, Boston MA, October 2015.  
Hybrid Clocks for High Auditability
11. Middle East Technical University, Teknokent, Cloud Computing Workshop, Ankara Turkey, October 2012.  
State of the Art in Cloud Computing
12. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Center for Wireless Systems Seminar Series, August 2010.  
Singlehop Coordination and Collaboration Primitives for WSANs
13. Keynote at the Third IEEE WoWMoM Workshop on Autonomic and Opportunistic Communications, June 2010  
Employing the smartphone (and the smart human) for mobile sensing
14. Cornell University, Cornell Systems Lunch, May 2010  
Singlehop Coordination and Collaboration Primitives for WSANs
15. Harvard University, Sensor Networks Lab, April 2010  
Singlehop Coordination and Collaboration Primitives for WSANs
16. MIT, CSAIL, Theory of Distributed Systems Seminar, April 2010  
Singlehop Coordination and Collaboration Primitives for WSANs
17. University of Texas at San Antonio, CS Seminar Series, November 2007  
A Transactional Programming Framework for Wireless Sensor/Actor Networks
18. University of Vermont, CSSA Seminar Series, Burlington, VT, April 2007  
A Transactional Programming Framework for Wireless Sensor/Actor Networks
19. US Japan Next Generation Buildings Workshop, Honolulu, HI, Feb 2007  
Wireless Sensor Networks for Monitoring Next Generation Buildings
20. Los Alamos National Labs, Los Alamos, NM, Sept 2006  
Scalable Self-Healing in Wireless Sensor Networks

COURSES TAUGHT     ◇ **CSE 4/586:** Distributed systems (*Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2010, Spring 2009*) with classes of 60 to 150 students.

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- ◇ **CSE 708 (also 703 & 719):** Seminar on distributed systems (*Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Spring 2006*) with classes of 20 students.
  - ◇ **CSE 610:** Distributed Consensus, Ledgers, and Blockchains (*Spring 2019*)
  - ◇ **CSE 646:** Wireless networking & mobile computing (*Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2008, Fall 2006, Fall 2005*) with classes of around 20 students.
  - ◇ **CSE 4/589:** Modern networking concepts (*Fall 2007 and Fall 2012*) with classes of 120 students.
  - ◇ **UE141:** Discovery seminar on iPhone programming (*Fall 2009*), Discovery seminar on wireless sensor networks (*Fall 2007*)
- EDITORSHIP
- ◇ **Guest Editor of special issue at Springer Distributed and Parallel Databases Journal (2016)**
  - ◇ **Associate Editor and member of the Editorial Board of IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing (2013–2019)**
- PROGRAM CHAIR
- ◇ **Program chair for** The International Workshop on End-to-end Management of Big Data 2012
  - ◇ **Track chair for** IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS) 2016, *Track Chair for Mobility-based and Wireless Distributed Computing Systems*. IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems (DCOSS) 2016, *Track of the year Chair (on Cloud Computing)*; International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (ICCCN) 2016 *Track Chair for the Data Centers and Big Data Computing Track*; International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS) 2014 and 2012
- OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
- ◇ **Program committee for (among others)** VLDB 2020; International Workshop on Data Intensive Distributed Computing (DIDC) 2016 and 2011; IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WoWMoM) 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, and 2007; International Conference on IEEE Cloud Networking (CloudNet) 2015 and 2014; Workshop on Crowd Assisted Sensing, Pervasive Systems and Communications (CASPer 2015); International Conference on Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS) 2014 and 2007; International Workshop on Data Intensive Computing in the Clouds (DataCloud) 2014; IEEE International Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS) 2013 and 2009; 10th Annual IEEE Communications Society Conference on Sensing and Communication in Wireless Networks (SECON) 2013; International Workshop on Data Intensive Computing in the Clouds (DataCloud) 2011; 35th IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks (LCN) 2010; IEEE International Conference on Mobile Ad-hoc and Sensor Systems (MASS) 2010 and 2008; IEEE Globecom 2010; IEEE International Conference on Sensor Networks, Ubiquitous, and Trustworthy Computing (SUTC) 2010; The 30th International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS) 2010; International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS) 2010, 2009, and 2008; IEEE International Conference on Communication (ICC) 2010, 2009, and 2008; The 25th ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (ACM-SAC) 2010; The Sixth International ICST Conference on Heterogeneous Networking for Quality, Reliability, Security and Robustness (QShine) 2009; The 7th IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Embedded and Ubiquitous Computing (EUC) 2009; 18th International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (ICCCN) 2009; 34th IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks (LCN) 2009; IEEE/IFIP International Conference On Embedded and Ubiquitous Computing (EUC) 2008; International Conference on Wireless Algorithms, Systems and Applications (WASA) 2008; 6th International Workshop on Assurance in Distributed Systems

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and Networks (ADSN) 2007; IEEE 20th International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA) 2006; International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Systems (ICPADS) 2005;

- ◇ **Journal referee for (among others)** ACM Distributed Computing, ACM Transactions on Embedded Computing Systems, ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks, Elsevier Ad Hoc Networks, Elsevier Theoretical Computer Science, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, IEEE Transactions on Computers, IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, IEEE Communications Letters, Information Processing Letters, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, SIAM Journal on Computing

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ◇ **Academic Integrity Committee member:** 2016

SCHOOL SERVICE ◇ **SEAS Graduate Academic Programs Committee:** 2015 — Present

DEPT. SERVICE ◇ **Director of Graduate Studies:** 2015 — 2018

◇ **Faculty recruitment committee chair:** 2013-14

- ◇ **Committee member for:** Graduate studies, Graduate admissions, Colloquium, Distinguished speaker, Faculty recruitment.