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Education

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering

Auburn University, Auburn, AL; Advisor: Yin Sun

Aug. 2018 – Present

CGPA: 4.00/4.00

M.S. in Electrical Engineering

Auburn University, Auburn, AL; Advisor: Yin Sun

Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2022

CGPA: 4.00/4.00

B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Feb. 2013- Sep. 2017

CGPA: 3.80/4.00

Research Interests

Communication Networks

Semantic Communications

Information Freshness

Information Theory

Reinforcement Learning

Optimization and Decision Theory

Work EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Real-time Networking Lab, Auburn University

Fall 2018-present

- Developed a novel information-theoretic tool to interpret the importance of information freshness on the performance of real-time applications, such as remote inference and remote estimation [1, 2, 4, 7, 8].
- Proposed a new information updating model called “selection-from-buffer” model [2, 4, 7]. When there is a single source-predictor pair and a single channel in a remote inference system, we designed optimal scheduling policies [2, 3, 4, 7]. When there are multiple source-predictor pairs and multiple channels, the scheduling problem is a multi-action restless multi-armed bandit problem. For this setting, we designed a new asymptotically optimal policy [2].
- A longer feature can provide better learning performance, but it often requires more communication resources. Jointly optimized length of feature sequences and transmission scheduling for remote inference systems [4].

Teaching Assistant, ELEC-5970: Applied Statistical and Machine Learning, Auburn University

Spring 2023

- Delivered in-class coding lectures on K-nearest neighbors algorithm, SVM, decision tree, XGBoost, neural network, image classification with transfer learning, text classification with LSTM.

Teaching Assistant, ELEC-7970: Reinforcement Learning, Auburn University

Spring 2020-2022, Fall 2022

- Delivered in-class coding lectures on value iteration, policy iteration, temporal difference, SARSA, Q-learning, DQN, and REINFORCE algorithms.

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review:

1. **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher** and Yin Sun, “On the Monotonicity of Information Aging,” under review in *IEEE INFOCOM ASoI Workshop*, 2023.
2. **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Yin Sun, and I-Hong Hou, “Timely Communications for Remote Inference,” under review in *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking*, 2023.

3. Cagri Ari, **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Elif Uysal, and Yin Sun, “Goal-Oriented Communications for Remote Inference with Two-Way Delay,” under review in *IEEE ICC, 2024*.
Technical report: <https://webhome.auburn.edu/~yzs0078/CagriICC2024.pdf>

Peer-reviewed Journal Papers:

4. **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Bo Ji, I-Hong Hou, and Yin Sun, “Learning and Communications Co-Design for Remote Inference Systems: Feature Length Selection and Transmission Scheduling,” *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory*, vol. 4, pp. 524-538, 2023.
5. Kevin Yan, **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, and Yin Sun, “A Transfer Learning-Based Deep Convolutional Neural Network for Detection of Fusarium Wilt in Banana Crops,” *AgriEngineering*, vol. 5, no. 4, pp. 2381-2394, 2023.

Peer-reviewed Conference Papers:

6. Tasmeen Zaman Ornee, **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Clement Kam, and Yin Sun, “Context-aware Status Updating: Wireless Scheduling for Maximizing Situational Awareness in Safety-critical Systems,” *IEEE MILCOM QuAVoI Workshop*, 2023.
7. **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher** and Yin Sun, “How Does Data Freshness Affect Real-time Supervised Learning?” *ACM MobiHoc*, 2022. [Acceptance Rate: 19.8%]
8. **Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Heyang Qin, Lei Yang, Feng Yan, and Yin Sun, “The Age of Correlated Features in Supervised Learning based Forecasting,” *IEEE INFOCOM AoI Workshop*, 2021.
9. **Md. Kamran Chowdhury Shisher**, Tasmeen Zaman Ornee, and Md. Farhad Hossain, “QoS aware user association in massive MIMO enabled hetnets for DTU and NDTU traffic,” *IEEE ICAEE*, 2017.

TALKS

Learning and Communications Co-design For Remote Inference: Feature Length Selection and Transmission Scheduling

- Invited Talk at University of Maryland, College Park, MD Oct 2023
- Graduate Engineering Research Showcase, Auburn University Oct 2023

Communications of Timely Information for Real-time Machine Learning and Networked Intelligence

North American School of Information Theory, Philadelphia, PA June 2023

How Does Data Freshness Affect Real-time Supervised Learning?

- Information Theory Application Workshop, San Diego, CA Feb 2023
- Auburn University Research Symposium March 2023
- ACM MobiHoc, Seoul, South Korea. Oct 2022
- College of Engineering Research Showcase at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL Aug 2022

The Age of Correlated Features in Supervised Learning based Forecasting

IEEE INFOCOM AoI Workshop, Vancouver, BC, Canada (virtual) May, 2021

Student Mentoring

Cagri Ari, Middle East Technical University Graduate Student

- Designed scheduling strategies for goal-oriented communications for remote inference systems with two-way delay.
- A paper is submitted at IEEE ICC, 2024 [3].
Technical report: <https://webhome.auburn.edu/~yzs0078/CagriICC2024.pdf>

Mengxue Li, Tuskegee University Graduate Student

- Currently working on a food pantry visit forecasting project.
- Project webpage: <https://github.com/Kamran0153/Food-Pantry-Household-Visit-Forecasting>

Justin Tran, Auburn University Undergraduate Student

- Worked on optimal pilot scheduling for throughput maximization.
- Project webpage: http://webhome.auburn.edu/~yzs0078/project_Justin/project_Justin.html

Kevin Yan, Auburn High School Student

- Worked on transfer learning-based Deep Convolutional Neural Network for Detection of Fusarium Wilt in Banana Crops.
- A paper from this project is published in *AgriEngineering* [5].

Awards and Honors

Candidate Profile , ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review accepted for a special issue on job market candidates.	Dec 2023
NSF Student Travel Grant , ACM MobiHoc to attend ACM MobiHoc 2023 in Washington, D.C.	Oct 2023
NSF Travel Grant , North American School of Information Theory to attend and present poster at NASIT 2023 in Philadelphia, PA.	June 2023
ACM SIGMOBILE Student Travel Grant , ACM MobiHoc to attend and present paper at ACM MobiHoc 2023 in Seoul, Korea.	Oct 2022
IEEE INFOCOM Student Conference Grant to attend IEEE INFOCOM virtually.	June 2022
NSF Student Conference Award , IEEE INFOCOM to attend and present paper at IEEE INFOCOM 2021 virtually.	June 2022
Dean's Award , BUET, Bangladesh for outstanding academic performance in those years.	2017, 2016, 2015
Best Cadet , Rangpur Cadet College for outstanding academic performance during 2006-2012	2012
SSC Scholarship (Talent) , Government of Bangladesh for outstanding results in SSC examination	2010
Primary Scholarship (Talent) , Government of Bangladesh for outstanding results in Primary Scholarship examination	2005

SERVICES

TPC member

- IEEE WCNC, 2021
- IEEE WCNC, 2022

Reviewer for Journal Manuscript Submissions

- IEEE Journal of Communications and Networks, 2023
- IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory, 2023
- IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society, 2023
- IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, 2022
- IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communication, 2020
- IEEE Journal of Communications and Networks, 2020

Reviewer for Conference Manuscript Submissions

- IEEE ISIT, 2022

- IEEE WCNC, 2022
- IEEE INFOCOM, 2022
- IEEE WCNC, 2021
- IEEE INFOCOM, 2020
- IEEE INFOCOM AoI Workshop, 2020
- IEEE INFOCOM AoI Workshop, 2019

Maintainer of an **online paper repository on Age of Information**
Volunteer on E-Day, Auburn University, Auburn, AL
Organizing Secretary, Bangladesh Student Organization, Auburn University
 House Cultural Prefect, Rangpur Cadet College, Bangladesh
 Junior Prefect, Rangpur Cadet College, Bangladesh

Aug 2018-Aug 2021
 Feb 2020
 2022-2023
 2011-2012
 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

IEEE Member
 IEEE Information Theory Society Member
 IEEE Communication Society Member
 ACM SIGMOBILE Member

REFERENCES

Prof. Yin Sun, yzs0078@auburn.edu, Auburn University
Prof. I-Hong Hou, ihou@tamu.edu, Texas A&M University
Prof. Shiewen Mao, smao@auburn.edu, Auburn University
Prof. Elif Uysal, uelif@metu.edu.tr, Middle East Technical University