Nima Taghipour Bazargani

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

As an electrical engineer with a solid background on power system and smart grid technologies, I am passionate for exploiting the power of machine learning technology and data science in solving complex real-world problems. Extensive research experience (8+ years) with focuses on: (i) application of machine learning (ML) and data science in power system monitoring, operation, stability, and reliability, (ii) resiliency-oriented planning and operation of power system, (iii) battery energy storage systems and their integration to the renewable energy sources.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- o Programming Languages: Python (Scikit learn, PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow), SQL, MATLAB, GAMS, C++
- Data Science Skill/Tools: Proficient in machine learning and deep learning, GitHub, experience using Amazon web services (AWS)
- o Power System Software: PSS®E, DSATools, PSLF, DIgSILENT

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Foundation of Statistical Machine Learning, Machine Learning in Smart Grids, Random Signal Theory, Convex Optimization, Topics in Reinforcement Learning

Power System Dynamic, Power System Stability, Wide Area Monitoring Systems (WAMS) Application in Power Systems, Power System Reliability, Power System Advanced Protection, Power System Transients, Smart Grids.

ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

Graduate Research Associate

Aug. 2019 - present

- o Project Title: "High-Dimensional Spatio-Temporal Data Science for a Resilient Power Grid: Towards Real-Time Integration of Synchrophasor Data"
- o This project is supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. OAC-1934766.
- o Project description: Real time identification of power system events using high-dimensional spatio-temporal PMU data by (i) characterizing events based on a set of features obtained from modal analysis, and (ii) applying machine learning techniques to produce a robust classifier from limited but feature-rich training data.

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

Graduate Research Associate

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2021

- o Project Title: "Machine learning approaches for real-time integration of Synchrophasor data" (The Final Report is available online here)
- o This project is supported by the Power System Engineering Research Center (PSERC) under project S-87.

Technical University of Darmstadt

Darmstadt, Germany

Research Assistant

Oct. 2018 - May 2019

- o Collaborative research center 1053 MAKI- Multi-Mechanisms Adaptation for the Future Internet.
- o Project description: Formulation of reliable virtual network embedding in stochastic contexts as a central mixed integer linear programming problem and its application in communication network for energy automation.

INDUSTRIAL WORKING EXPERIENCE

Powerline (FKA gigElev)

San Francisco Bay Area, California

Data Scientist Intern

May. 2022 - Aug. 2022

o Powerline is a startup company which is focusing on transforming the electricity grid and eMobility. My role as an intern was to develop Application Programming Interface (API) to interact with data sources and databases and build production-level real-time machine learning models for forecasting different aspects of the electricity grid.

Niroo Research Institute (NRI)

Tehran, Iran

Project advisor

Aug. $2017 - Jun \ 2018$

o Project description: resiliency definition, evaluation and analysis of power system infrastructure.

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 3.86/4)

Expected Graduation: July 2023

Dissertation: "Real time identification of power system events using phasor measurement units (PMUs) data" (Advisors: Dr. Lalitha Sankar, Dr. Oliver Kosut)

K.N.Toosi University of Technology

Tehran, Iran

M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering - Power System (GPA: 18.69/20)

Sep 2015 - Jul 2018

Thesis Title: "Optimal sizing and allocation of battery energy storage systems in order to enhance micro-grid resiliency" (Advisors: Dr. S.M.T Bathaee)

Shahid Beheshti University

Tehran, Iran

B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering - Transmission and Distribution Network

Sep 2008 - Sep 2014

Thesis Title: "Design and construction of a static frequency converter for induced voltage test of transformers"

PUBLICATIONS

- o Rajasekhar Anguluri, Nima T.Bazargani, Oliver Kosut, and Lalitha Sankar, "Source Localization in Linear Dynamical Systems using Subspace Model Identification," submitted to the 7th IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (CCTA) 2023, currently is under review.
- o Nima T.Bazargani, Gautam Dasarathy, Oliver Kosut, and Lalitha Sankar, "A Machine Learning Framework for Event Identification via Modal Analysis of PMU Data," in the IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2022, doi: 10.1109/TPWRS.2022.3212323.
- o Rajasekhar Anguluri, Nima T.Bazargani, Oliver Kosut, and Lalitha Sankar, "A Complex-LASSO Approach for Localizing Forced Oscillations in Power Systems," presented at the IEEE Power and Energy Society, General Meeting 2022.
- o Nima T.Bazargani, Gautam Dasarathy, Oliver Kosut, and Lalitha Sankar, "Event Identification Framework Based on Modal Analysis of Phasor Measurement Unit Data," poster presented at the IEEE Power and Energy Society, General Meeting, July 26-29, 2021.
- o N.T. Bazargani, S.M.T Bathaee, "A Novel Approach for Probabilistic Hurricane Resiliency Assessment of a Grid Connected Microgrid Using Point Estimated Method", Submitted to the IEEE region 8 paper contest. Presented at the 19th IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference, Melecon, Morocco, 2018.
- o Z. Afshar, N.T. Bazargani and S. M. T Bathaee, "Virtual Synchronous Generator for Frequency Response Improving and Power Damping in Microgrids using Adaptive Sliding Mode Control," International Conference and Exposition on Electrical And Power Engineering (EPE), Iasi, Romania, 2018.
- o N.T. Bazargani and S. M. T. Bathaee, "A General Framework for Resiliency Evaluation of Radial Distribution System Against Extreme Events," Iranian Conference on Electrical Engineering (ICEE), Mashhad, Iran, 2018.
- o N.T. Bazargani, S.M.T Bathaee, Majid Hosseina, "Optimal Sizing of Battery Energy Storage and penetration degree of wind turbines using NSGA-II", Iranian Conference on Electrical Engineering (ICEE), Tehran, Iran, Jul 2017.

ADDITIONAL

Membership and Professional Services:

- Vice-president of the Iranian Student Association (ISA) at ASU.
- o Social chair of the IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES) student chapter committee at ASU.
- Guest Researcher in the largest DFG-funded interdisciplinary project, Collaborative Research Centre 1053: MAKI "Multi-Mechanisms Adaptation for the Future Internet" at Technische Universität Darmstadt.
- o Reviewer of the IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES) General Meeting (GM), International Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems, International Power System Conference (PSC)
- o Former member of power systems studies department at Niroo Research Institute (NRI)

Honours and Awards:

- \circ Ranked 2^{nd} at K.N.Toosi university of technology (M. Sc. degree)
- o Ranked 240^{th} in National Universities Entrance Exam for Master (among more than +30,000)
- o My paper on hurricane resiliency assemssment has been classified as one of the best five papers in the IEEE region 8 paper contest and presented at the 19th IEEE Mediterranean Electrotechnical Conference, Melecon.