# Wenqing Zheng

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### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering Dec. 2020 - present

Supervisor: Zhangyang (Atlas) Wang

The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX, U.S.

M.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering; GPA: 3.83/4.0 Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2020

Supervisor: Nuria Gonzalez Prelcic

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Beijing, China Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2018 B.S. in Telecommunications Engineering; GPA: 3.89/4.0

Ranked 5 out of 565

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reinforcement Learning, Graph Neural Networks, Symbolic Reasoning

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Google Cloud Sunnyvale, CA

Research Intern May.2022 - Aug.2022

Hosts: Dr. Eric Zhang, Dr. Chelsea Llull.

o Performance prediction for Google Compute Engine (GCE) towards automated VM configuration.

- o Leveraging the VM telemetry features and communication patterns to predict millions per seconds per vCPU accuracy.
- o Developed a joint feature/architecture search approach in an algorithm space to reach better performance, trace bottleneck cause through feature label correlation analysis and communication pattern analysis.

Amazon A9 Palo Alto, CA

Applied Science Research Intern

Manager/Supervisors: Dr. Nikhil Rao, Dr. Karthik Subbian

o Cold-start for graph mining and recommendation systems: helped improve the searching quality on the cold start nodes of Amazon's large scale user-query and product dataset. Leverage the teacher-student architecture for knowledge co-distillation: improve the teacher GCN with novel label embedding, and improve the student MLP with novel attention mechanism to virtual neighborhood nodes. Work submitted to ICLR 2022 as first author.

o Behavior transfer across different markets: Graph transfer learning from established markets over transitioning/emerging markets, in order to improve the searching quality of the latter. Partitioning the graph into shared warm start part and unshared part. Using self-supervised learning to improve over unshared part and label propagation to transfer the common knowledge.

**GEIRI North America** San Jose, CA

Reinforcement Learning Research Intern

May.2020 - Aug.2020

May.2021 - Mar.2022

Austin, TX, U.S.

Supervisor: Dr. Jiajun Duan

o Train a Soft Actor-Critic agent to manage large scale power grid: embed the huge discrete geometric actions into continuous space; using Graph Neural Networks as preprocessing; Monte-Carlo Tree search as efficient exploration.

### CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

o Wenqing Zheng, Eddie Huang, Nikhil Rao, Karthik Subbian, and Zhangyang Wang. Cold Brew: Distilling

- Graph Node Representations with Incomplete or Missing Neighborhoods. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022. [Openreview link] [Arxiv link]
- Wenqing Zheng, Tianlong Chen, Tingkuei Hu and Zhangyang Wang. Symbolic Learning to Optimize: Making Optimizer Learning More Interpretable and Scalable. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022. [Openreview link] [Arxiv link]
- o Wenqing Zheng, Qiangqiang Guo, Hao Yang, Peihao Wang and Zhangyang Wang. Delayed Propagation Transformer: A Universal Computation Engine towards Practical Control in Cyber-Physical Systems. In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021. [Openreview link] [Arxiv link]
- Peihao Wang, Wenqing Zheng, Tianlong Chen and Zhangyang Wang. Anti-Oversmoothing in Deep Vision Transformers via the Fourier Domain Analysis: From Theory to Practice. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022. [Openreview link] [Arxiv link]
- o S P Sharan, Wenqing Zheng, Kuo-feng Xu, Jiarong Xing, Ang Chen and Zhangyang Wang. Symbolic Distillation for Learned TCP Congestion Control. NeurIPS, 2022
- o W Zheng Anum Ali, Nuria González-Prelcic, RW Heath, Aldebaro Klautau and E Moradi Pari. 5G V2X communication at millimeter wave: rate maps and use cases. In 2020 IEEE 91st Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2020-Spring) pages 1-5. IEEE, 2020.
- o Wenqing Zheng and Nuria González-Prelcic. Joint Position, Orientation AND Channel Estimation in Hybrid mmWAVE MIMO Systems. In 2019 53rd Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers, pages 1453–1458. IEEE, 2019.
- o Yaxian Xu, Wenqing Zheng, Jingchen Qi and Qi Li. Blind image blur assessment based on markov-constrained fcm and blur entropy. In 2019 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP), pages 4519-4523. IEEE, 2019.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- o Tianlong Chen, Kaixiong Zhou, Keyu Duan, **Wenqing Zheng**, Peihao Wang, Xia Hu and Zhangyang Wang. Bag of Tricks for Training Deeper Graph Neural Networks: A Comprehensive Benchmark Study. In *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*, 2021. [IEEE link] [Arxiv link]
- o Ting-Kuei Hu, Fernando Gama, Tianlong Chen, **Wenqing Zheng**, Zhangyang Wang, Alejandro Ribeiro and Brian M. Sadler. Scalable Perception-Action-Communication Loops with Convolutional and Graph Neural Networks. In *IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks (TSIPN)*. [IEEE link] [Arxiv link]
- o Hao Yang, Jianan Zhao, Wenqing Zheng and Jianguo Yu. Large Data Throughput Optimization Model with Full C order model Parallel Flow Number Prediction Optical Domain. In *Telecommunication Computing Electronics and Control (TELKOMNIKA)*, 14(2A): 10-17, 2016

#### SKILLS AND HONORS

- o First prize in Chinese National Undergraduate Mathematical Contest (nation wide, 30 out of 8k), 2016.
- o Champion in China Next-Generation Network Innovation Contest (out of 300 teams nation wide)
- o Fluent with Python (Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Scikit-learn), MATLAB, Latex, C++
- o Skilled in Transformers, Graph Neural Networks, Reinforcement Learning, symbolic distillation, sparse optimization and Wireless communication.