# **Changling Li**

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"And now I see with eye serene, the very pulse of the machine." – William Wordsworth

#### **EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

#### ETH Zurich, Switzerland

09/2022 - Present

Master of Science in Computer Science, MSc

- Grade: **5.35**/6
- Major: Machine Intelligence; Minor: Theoretical Computer science

#### **Colby College, United States**

09/2018 - 05/2022

Bachelor of Arts, Physics and Computer Science with Honors

- GPA: **3.99**/4
- Awards and Honors: Distinction in both majors; Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Pi Sigma; UWC Davis Scholar; Dean's List F'18, S'19, F'21 (2020 and S'21 cancelled due to COVID-19)

#### Li Po Chun United World College, Hong Kong

09/2016 - 06/2018

International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma: 41/45

#### **PUBLICATION**

- 1. **Changling Li**, Ying Li, "Scaling up Energy-Aware Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Mission-Oriented Drone Networks with Individual Reward." IEEE Internet of Things Journal (2024).
- 2. **Changling Li**, Zhang-Wei Hong, Pulkit Agrawal, Divyansh Garg, and Joni Pajarinen. "ROER: Regularized Optimal Experience Replay." Reinforcement Learning Journal, vol. 4, 2024, pp. 1598–1618.
- 3. Ying Li, **Changling Li**, Jiyao Chen, and Christine Roinou. "Energy-aware multi-agent reinforcement learning for collaborative execution in mission-oriented drone networks." In 2022 International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (ICCCN), pp. 1–9. IEEE, 2022.

#### SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### **Robot Morphology Design Automation**

08/2024 - Present

Supervisor: Zhang-Wei Hong & Prof. Joni Pajarinen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aalto University

• Implemented the closed-loop generation and evaluation workflow.

#### Regularized Optimal Experience Replay for Deep Reinforcement Learning

08/2023 - 04/2024

Supervisor: Zhang-Wei Hong & Prof. Pulkit Agrawal, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aalto University

- Derived the theoretical formulation involving occupancy optimization and Lagrangian duality.
- <u>Implemented</u> JAX-based Soft Actor-Critic RL with proposed experience replay formulation.
- Ran Large scale evaluation using MuJoCo and DM Control.
- Both oral and poster presentations at the Reinforcement Learning Conference in August 2024.

#### Towards a Ethical Framework to Resolve Conflicts in Multi-Agent Systems

02/2022 - 08/2022

Supervisor: Prof. Stacy A. Doore, Colby College

- Surveyed related literature in both machine learning and ethical theories.
- Proposed a framework for conflict resolution in multi-agent systems using ethical theories.
- Created a simulation case of a smart city for evaluating the framework.

## ${\bf Multi-Agent\ reinforcement\ learning\ for\ mission-oriented\ Drone\ Networks}$

01/2021 - 02/2022

- Supervisor: Prof. Ying Li, Colby College
- Created an OpenAI gym based drone networks simulation environment.
- Implemented Pytorch-based DQN MARL for credit assignment exploration.
- Oral presentation at International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks in July 2022.
- Journal paper was accepted by IEEE Internet of Things Journal in 2024.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Department of Computer Science, Colby College**

09/2019 - 05/2022

Teaching Assistant

 Courses include: CS 353 Interactive System; CS 251 Data Analysis and Visualization; CS 231 Data Structure and Algorithm; CS 152 Computational Thinking: Science; CS 151 Computational Thinking: Visual Media.

## Department of Physics and Astronomy, Colby College

09/2019 - 05/2021

Teaching Assistant

• Courses include: PH 241 Modern Physics I; PH 242 Modern Physics II.

## EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE

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•	3D Printer Instructor at WatervilleCreates!	09/2021 - 05/2022
•	Co-leader and Logistician for The Bridge (LGBTQIA+) Club at Colby College	02/2019 - 09/2021
•	Co-leader and Data Analyst for Coral Monitoring at Li Po Chun UWC	09/2016 - 06/2018