Taïk Afaf

Education

- 2018-2022 **PhD in Electrical Engineering**, Université de Sherbrooke, Engineering Faculty, Electrical engineering and Computer Engineering Department,
 Thesis title: Communication-efficient mobile edge intelligence
 Courses: Managing Research and Innovation, Computational neuroscience and applications in information processing. GPA: 4.15/4.3.
- Specialized Graduate Studies, Université de Sherbrooke, Engineering Faculty, Electrical engineering and Computer Engineering Department.
 Courses: Vehicular networks, Formalizable artificial intelligence, Probabilistic artificial intelligence, Bio-inspired artificial intelligence. GPA: 4.07/4.3
- 2015-2017 **B.Sc in Software Engineering**, *ENSIAS Rabat*, *Morocco*, finished first year with honors, selected in second year for mobility to Canada (covering all studies fees).
- 2013-2015 **Preparatory Classes for Engineering School**, Lycée Ibn Abdoune- Khouribga, Morocco , *Mathematics, Physics and Engineering science*.

Scholarships and Awards

- Fall 2021 **Leonard De Vinci Medal**, *Université de Sherbrooke*, the highest distinction that the Engineering Faculty awards to students, (1000\$).
- Fall 2021 Best Paper Award at IEEE LCN 2021.
- Summer 2019 Mitacs Acceleration, (24000\$/year).
- Winter 2019- Foreign students fee exemption grant, awarded at home country by merit, Present $(\tilde{1}8,000\$)$.
 - 2017–2018 Exchange students scholarship, Université de Sherbrooke, (6000\$).

Publications

Journal Published/Accepted

- Papers [1] A. Taik, Z.Mlika, and S. Cherkaoui "Clustered Vehicular Federated Learning: Process and Optimization", [Early Access], pp 1-13, in IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (IF:6.49, Q1).
 - [2] A. Taik, B.Nour and S. Cherkaoui, "Empowering Prosumer Communities in Smart Grid with Wireless Communications and Federated Edge Learning" in IEEE Wireless Communications, vol. 28, no.6, pp. 26-33, December 2021, doi: 10.1109/MWC.017.21001 (IF:11.97,Q1).
 - [3] A. Taik, Z.Mlika and S. Cherkaoui, "Data-Aware Device Scheduling for Federated Edge Learning", IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking, doi: 10.1109/TCCN.2021.3100574 (IF:4.34, Q1).

[4] A. Taik and S. Cherkaoui, "Federated Edge Learning: Design Issues and Challenges", in IEEE Network, vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 252-258, March/April 2021, doi: 10.1109/MNET.011.2000478 (IF:10.69,Q1).

- Under review [1] A. Taik, A.Abouaomar, and S. Cherkaoui "Green Federated Learning: Models and Protocols ", Under review CRC Press.
 - [2] A.Abouaomar, A.Filali, A. Taïk and S. Cherkaoui "Machine Learning Applications in CR-IoV", Under review CRC Press.
 - [3] A.Abouaomar*, A. Taik*, A.Filali*, and S. Cherkaoui "Federated Learning for RAN Slicing in Beyond 5G Networks", Under review, submitted to IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine (*Equal Contribution).

- Peer reviewed [1] A. Taik, H.Moudoud, and S. Cherkaoui "Data-quality based device Scheduling Conferences for Federated Edge Learning", IEEE LCN 2021, Best Paper Award.
 - [2] A. Taik and S. Cherkaoui, "Electrical Load Forecasting Using Edge Computing and Federated Learning", in 2020 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), Jun. 2020, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/ICC40277.2020.9148937.

Research and Development Projects

Fall 2020 - Analysis of Mesh Network data in relation to external condition Trilliant Inc.,

Now - Exploratory data analysis - Data cleaning and preparation -Analysis of the effect of weather conditions and human activity - Evaluation of different performance metrics in deployed Mesh network.

Summer 2020 Research Mentor,

- -Designed research projects for interns. The projects were mainly about on-device computation of recurrent neural networks, fast inference at the edge of the network, and gossip learning.
- -Made research schedule and provided guidance throughout the project.
- -Conducted training and taught basics about artificial neural networks and edge inference techniques.

Tools: PyTorch, Numpy

- Summer 2019 Design and implementation of an open DaaS data management architecture to facilitate the development of new services using LoRa Sherbrooke City, Comparative study of storage tools and analysis platforms and realization of an end-toend prototype.
- Winter 2018 Implementation of a management tool and data analysis in the case of smart parking using LoRa technology
 - -Designed the database and insured its accessibility for the mobile application
 - -Designed an interactive dashboard for analysis and visualization, Université de

Used tools: Python, Cassandra, LoRa, PyQT5

Knowledge Area

Programming Python, C

Languages

Databases Cassandra, SQL

ML/DS Pandas, SkLearn, PyTorch, Tensorflow

Libraries

Languages French (Proficient), English (Proficient)

Additional activities

- 2020 Now **Journal and conferences review:** IEEE Internet of Things Journal, IEEE Systems Journal, IEEE Network, IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, Springer Nature, Computer Networks (Elsevier), Vehicular Communications (Elsevier), IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) 2021.
- 2022- 2024 ACM N2Women board member, Membership board.
- 2018- 2021 Member at Choeur Campus, Université de Sherbrooke's Choir, Alto I.
- 2019-2020 **UdeS Sponsoring Program**, Accompany and support new international students.
- 2017- 2018 Member at Zero Waste Committee, Université de Sherbrooke,
 - -Coordination assistant (Winter 2018)
 - Information delegate (Fall 2017).
- 2015- 2017 **Member at CINDH ENSIAS**, ENSIAS's Charity club, Information Delegate (2017).