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RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL), Traffic Signal Control (TSC), Cyber-security, Wireless Networks

EDUCATION

PhD in Computer Science 03/2022

University of California, Davis

Current GPA: 3.9/4.0

Master of Science in Computer Science 07/2014

National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Overall GPA: 4.27/4.3 (50% Academic Average and 50% Thesis)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Engineering 06/2012

Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan

Overall GPA: 3.96/4.0 (Major GPA: 4.0/4.0) Best Ranked 1st, Average Ranked 2nd in class

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Network and Architecture Lab (Advisor: Professor Dipak Ghosal) **University of California, Davis**

• Cyber-attacks to delay packets in 5G Networks

Analyze the impact of ghost bearers on normal UEs

• Security vulnerability on backpressure-based TSC schemes [1][6]

Analyze the impact of misinformation on modern TSC systems

Avoid misinformation attacks using the proposed algorithms

• DRL-based TSC for multi-intersection control [5]

Increase learning ability of DRL-agents with learnable image features

Enhance performance of DRL-agents using a novel reward function

Achieve 3x speed-up during training using the proposed 2DSARSA

Two-level TSC architecture for multi-intersection control

Propose a traffic light control system with a higher layer and lower layer

DRL model at the higher layer controls TSC controllers by weights based on flow dynamics

Visual Communication Lab (Advisor: Professor Jia-Shung Wang)

National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

• Delivery of videos distributed over ultra-dense small cell networks [7][9]

Deployed distributed storage using LT codes for popular videos

Evaluated distributed delivery for popular videos over UDN

• Interpolation-based clustering algorithm for gene expression data [4]

Proposed an unsupervised framework for classifying time-series data

Achieved higher classification accuracy than other methods

• <u>Data compression in WSNs</u> [2][8]

Compressed data based on available transmission rate without high distortion

Achieved better performance in compression for heterogeneous sensor data

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- [1] **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Dipak Ghosal, Michael Zhang, and Chen-Nee Chuah, "Security Vulnerabilities and Protection Algorithms for Backpressure-Based Traffic Signal Control at An Isolated Intersection," *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 2021.
- [2] **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Chu-Ming Wang, Wan-Yane Yang, and Jia-Shung Wang, "Homogeneous and Heterogeneous IoT Data Compression using Tree-Structured Linear Approximation Approach," *ACM Transaction on Sensor Network*, 2020, **Under Review**.
- Yu-Tai Lin, **Chia-Cheng Yen**, and Jia-Shung Wang, "Video Popularity Prediction: An Autoencoder Approach with Clustering," *IEEE Access*, vol. 8, pp. 129285-129299, 2020.
- [4] Tai-Yu Chiu, Ting-Chieh Hsu, **Chia-Cheng Yen**, and Jia-Shung Wang, "Interpolation based consensus clustering for gene expression time series," *BMC Bioinformatics*.2015;16:117.

09/2012-07/2014

09/2017-06/2021

Conference Papers

- [5] **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Dipak Ghosal, Michael Zhang, and Chen-Nee Chuah, "A Deep On-Policy Learning Agent for Traffic Signal Control of Multiple Intersections," *IEEE 23rd International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, Sep. 2020. **Nominated for the best student paper award**.
- [6] **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Dipak Ghosal, Michael Zhang, Chen-Nee Chuah, and Hao Chen, "Falsified Data Attack on Backpressure-based Traffic Signal Control Algorithms," *IEEE Vehicular Networking Conference (VNC)*, Dec. 2018.
- [7] Yi-Ting Chen, **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Yu-Tai Lin, and Jia-Shung Wang, "Cooperative Caching Plan of Popular Videos for Mobile Users by Grouping Preferences," *IEEE 16th International Conference on Pervasive Intelligence and Computing (PiCom)*, Aug. 2018.
- [8] Chu-Ming Wang, **Chia-Cheng Yen**, Wan-Yane Yang, and Jia-Shung Wang, "Tree-Structure Linear Approximation for Data Compression over WSNs," *IEEE 12th International Conference on Distributed Computing in Sensor Systems (DCOSS)*, May 2016.
- [9] **Chia-Cheng Yen** and Jia-Shung Wang, "Distributed Delivery of Popular Videos over Ultra-Dense Networks," *IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communication (ISCC)*, Jul. 2015.
- [10] Hsien-Tzu Chiu, **Chia-Cheng Yen**, and Jia-Shung Wang, "A Framework of Temporal Data Retrieval for Unreliable WSNs Using Distributed Fountain Codes," *IEEE 9th International Conference on Mobile Ad-hoc and Sensor Networks (MSN)*, Dec. 2013.

■ WORK & TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Senior Member of Technical Staff, AT&T Research Labs (Director: Dr. Tracy Liu)

09/2021-present

- AT&T, San Ramon, CA, USA
 - Analyze the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of 5G NR
 - Provide insights into business development, marketing communications, innovative product and service
 - Develop a deep learning model for detecting potential threats and discovering vulnerabilities in home network

Data Scientist Intern, Global Artificial Intelligence Accelerator (GAIA) (Manager: Dr. Wenting Sun)

06/2021-09/2021

Ericsson, Santa Clara, CA, USA

- Survey existing work on root cause analysis (RCA)
- Develop an innovative graph neural network (GNN-based) RCA algorithm for 5G wireless environments
- Predict potential root cause nodes and a series of failures led by them
- Achieve higher prediction accuracy if more node features are included

Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science

03/2018-06/2021

University of California, Davis, CA, USA

- ECS 10, ECS 36B, ECS 50, ECS 122A, ECS 154A, ECS 252
- Hold office hours, lead discussions, and grade assignments for undergraduate students

Graduate Student Researcher, Network and Architecture Lab

09/2017-06/2021

University of California, Davis, CA, USA

• Research topics including Reinforcement Learning, Traffic Signal Control, and Security

Research Assistant, Advanced Network Technologies and Services Lab (Supervisor: Dr. Meng Chang Chen)

04/2017-08/2017

Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

• Research topics including Wireless Networks and Machine Learning

Research Assistant, Visual Communication Lab

09/2012-07/2014

National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan

• Research topics including Networks, Clustering, Stereo Matching, and Data Compression

----- AWARDS

NSF Travel Grant Award, 2018 Vehicular Networking Conference Academic Excellence Award, Fu Jen University Second Best Project Award, Fu Jen University 12/2018

09/2008-06/2012

11/2011

SELECTED TERM PROJECTS

Online Ticketing System, Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, FJCU

- Utilized Oracle to build up an online ticketing system for railway
- Supported multiple users for simultaneous booking

Multimedia Sharing System, Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, FJCU

- Shared movies or music with friends through MSN
- Utilized peer-to-peer communication and adjusted transmission rate dynamically
- · Applied distributed streaming mechanism and circular buffer technique

Stereo Matching, Visual Communication Lab

- Implemented Horizontal and Vertical Consideration on Cost Initialization as well as Domain Transform on Cost Aggregation
- Improved disparity estimation method

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

• **Proficient with**: C/C++, Python, Java, Matlab

• Familiar with: HTML, Assembly