Datong Paul ZHOU

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

PhD, Mechanical Engineering. Current GPA: 3.98/4.0

Academic Adviser: Prof. Claire J. Tomlin (EECS)

- Award: Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study (top scholarship for doctoral students)
- Expertise: Machine Learning, Online Learning, Algorithms, Experimental Design, Statistical Hypothesis Testing, Data Mining, Control and System Theory, Game Theory

MS, Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. GPA: 4.0/4.0

Statistical Learning Theory, Machine Learning, Stochastic Processes, System Theory

MA, Mathematics. Current GPA: 4.0/4.0

Optimization, Dynamical Systems, Differential Equations, Numerical Mathematics

Technische Universität München

BS, Mechanical Engineering. GPA in top 1% of class

Focus: Computational Mechanics, Control Theory

08/2014 - 05/2019

Berkeley, CA

08/2015 - 05/2016

08/2016 - 05/2018

Munich, Germany

10/2011 - 03/2014

EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Student Researcher

Forecasted electricity consumption with Hidden Markov and Gaussian Mixture Models

- Implemented real-time HVAC control schemes to optimize buildings' energy efficiency
- Extended the Multi-Armed Bandit problem to a setting with budget constraints
- Authored 12 articles in peer-reviewed conferences (9 accepted, 3 in review)

OhmConnect. Inc.

Consultant and Subcontractor

Set up randomized experiments and performed A/B testing to achieve 14% treatment effect of monetary incentives on reduction in peak-hour electricity usage of 5000 users

- Validated findings with time-series analysis and regression in scikit-learn and pandas
- Used optimization algorithms to target best users to increase per-dollar yield by 40%

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Visiting Scholar

- Designed human-in-the-loop control algorithms for electricity consumption models
- Modeled peer effects and social influence in networks by utilizing smart meter data
- Estimated the cost of crowdsourcing in energy systems with statistical inference

University of California, Berkelev

Teaching and Service

08/2014 - present

Berkeley, CA

San Francisco, CA 08/2015 - present

Cambridge, MA 09/2016 - 12/2016

- Graduate Student Instructor for EE 222: Nonlinear System Analysis (Spring 2017)
- Overseeing 3 servers (Linux Ubuntu) in the UC Berkelev EECS Department

Berkeley, CA 01/2017 - present

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- D.P. Zhou and C.J. Tomlin. Budget-Constrained Multi-Armed Bandits with Multiple Plays. Submitted to the 32nd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2018.
- D.P. Zhou, M. Roozbehani, M.A. Dahleh, and C.J. Tomlin. How Peer Effects Influence Energy Consumption. To appear in the proceedings of the 56th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2017.
- D.P. Zhou, Q. Hu, and C.J. Tomlin. Quantitative Comparison of Data-Driven and Physics-Based Models for Commercial Building HVAC Systems. Proceedings of the 2017 American Control Conference.
- D.P. Zhou, M. Balandat, and C.J. Tomlin. A Bayesian Perspective on Residential Demand Response Using Smart Meter Data. 54th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing, 2016.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Skills: Python, Java, C++, SQL, HTML, scikit-learn, pandas, patsy, Unix/Linux, MATLAB, MapReduce
- Interests: Triathlon, piano, chess