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Research Interests

Decision making, multi-agent systems, bounded rationality, behavioral models, human-machine interactions, cooperation, coordination, persuasion, uncertainty, robustness, optimization.

Education

Nanyang Technological University

School of Computer Science and Engineering

PhD., Complex Systems

Charles University

Thesis: Commitment and Coordination in Boundedly Rational Interactions

Faculty of Mathematics and Physics

Mgr. (MSc.), Applied Mathematics - Discrete Models and Algorithms

Thesis: Computational Bounded Rationality

Czech Technical University in Prague

Ing. (MSc.), Artificial Intelligence, minor: Robotics

Thesis: Stackelberg Extensive-Form Correlated Equilibrium with Multiple Followers

Faculty of Electrical Engineering 2014 - 2016

Czech Technical University in Prague

Bc. (BSc.), Computer Science, minor: Mathematics

Faculty of Electrical Engineering 2011 - 2014

2019 - 2023

2014 - 2017

Thesis: Playing General Imperfect-Information Games Using Game-Theoretic Algorithms

Appointments and Internships

University of Chicago

Sigma Lab (Prof. Xu)

Visiting research scholar

09/2022 - 01/2023

02 - 06/2021

Project: Persuading short-sighted Bayesian actors in partially observable sequential interactions.

NortonLifeLock / Avast Software

AI Research Lab (Dr. Somol)

Project: Discovering human-centered explainable attack strategies in computer attacks behavioral data.

Nanyang Technological University

Agent Mediated Intelligence Lab (Prof. An)

Research associate 10/2018 - 01/2019

Project: Integrating the quantal response model of bounded rationality into large-scale general-sum dynamic games.

Czech Technical University

US ARL Research Alliance

Research assistant, member of a CMU/UTEP/CTU group

Project: Defeating the dark triad in cyber security via game theory.

07/2016 - 09/2018

US DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

Adelphi Laboratory Center (Dr. Colbert, Dr. Ben-Asher)

Visiting researcher / intern Project: Computing defender strategies against behavioral learning models of attackers in computer networks.

Carnegie Mellon University, University of Texas at El Paso

(Prof. Gonzalez, Prof. Kiekintveld)

Visiting Collaborative Research Alliance researcher

Project: Modeling cyber security honeypot scenarios via game theory.

Czech Technical University

Agent Technology Center (Prof. Bošanský)

Research assistant

01 - 12/2015

Project: Designing a general interaction description language for computational game theory.

Publications

Working papers.....

Discrete-Time Stochastic Multi-Player Stopping Games with Affine Payoffs (G. Bouveret, J. Černý and A. Neufeld).

Price of Anarchy in a Double-Sided Critical Goods Distribution System (D. Sychrovský, J. Černý, S. Lichau and M. Loebl).

Unified Perspective on Deep Equilibrium Finding (X. Wang, J. Černý, S. Li, Z. Yin, H. Chan and B. An).

Offline Equilibrium Finding (S. Li, X. Wang, J. Černý, Y. Zhang, H. Chan and B. An).

Solving Pursuit-Evasion Games Using Pre-Trained Strategies (S. Li, X. Wang, Y. Zhang, H. Chan, J. Černý and B. An).

Quantal Correlated Equilibrium in Extensive Form Games (J. Černý, B. An and A. N. Zhang).

Partially Observable Markov Persuasion Process (M. Hattrup, J. Černý and H. Xu).

Journal papers.....

The Dark Triad and Strategic Resource Control in a Competitive Computer Game (S. Curtis, A. Basak, J. Carre, B. Bošanský, **J. Černý**, N. Ben-Asher, M. Gutierrez, D. Jones and C. Kiekintveld). In Personality and Individual Differences. Elsevier, 2020.

Conference papers

Quantal Correlated Equilibrium in Normal Form Games (J. Černý, B. An and A. N. Zhang). In Proceedings of the 2022 ACM Conference on Economics and Computation. ACM, 2022.

Computing Quantal Stackelberg Equilibrium in Extensive-Form Games (J. Černý, V. Lisý, B. Bošanský and B. An). In Proceedings of 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence. AAAI Press, 2021.

Computing Ex Ante Coordinated Team-Maxmin Equilibria in Zero-Sum Multiplayer Extensive-Form Games (Y. Zhang, B. An and J. Černý). In Proceedings of 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence. AAAI Press, 2021.

Complexity and Algorithms for Exploiting Quantal Opponents in Large Two-Player Games (D. Milec, **J. Černý**, V. Lisý and B. An). In Proceedings of 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence. AAAI Press, 2021.

Dinkelbach-Type Algorithm for Computing Quantal Stackelberg Equilibrium (J. Černý, V. Lisý, B. Bošanský and B. An). In Proceedings of the 29th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence. AAAI, 2020.

Finite State Machines Play Extensive-Form Games (J. Černý, B. Bošanský and B. An). In Proceedings of the 2020 ACM Conference on Economics and Computation. ACM, 2020.

Evaluating Models of Human Behavior in an Adversarial Multi-Armed Bandit Problem (M. Gutierrez, **J. Černý**, N. Ben-Asher, E. Aharonov-Majar, A. Basak, B. Bošanský, C. Kiekintveld and C. Gonzalez). In Proceedings of the 41th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 2019.

Incremental Strategy Generation for Stackelberg Equilibria in Extensive Form Games (J. Černý, B. Bošanský and C. Kiekintveld). In Proceedings of the 2018 ACM Conference on Economics and Computation. ACM, 2018.

An Initial Study of Targeted Personality Models in the FlipIt Game (A. Basak, J. Černý, M. Gutierrez, S. Curtis, C.Kamhoua, D. Jones, B. Bošanský and C. Kiekintveld). In Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Decision and Game Theory for Security, 2018.

Workshop papers and posters.

AAMAS 2019: International Workshop on Optimization in Multiagent Systems (OptMAS)

EC 2019: Workshop on Machine Learning in the Presence of Strategic Behavior

ICALP 2017: Game Solving: Theory and Practice Workshop

US ARL Bootcamp 2017, 2018: Cyber Security Collaborative Research Alliance Poster Sessions

Awards and Honors

A*STAR SINGA Award and Merit Award Laureate

PhD scholarship and monthly allowance for pursuing studies in Singapore First laureate of the Merit Award in the history of >900 scholarship awardees.

2018

Cisco Outstanding Thesis Award Laureate

Award for best master thesis related to security

2016

ACM Spy Award Nominee

Master thesis shortlisted among top 10 CTU theses

2016

CTU FEE Dean's Awards Laureate

MSc/BSc studies finished summa cum laude – among top 6%/2% of students (faculty-wide)

2016/2014

CTU Merit Scholarship Recipient

Scholarship for excellent study results by Czech Technical University

2012 - 2015

Teaching Experience

CTU: Parallel and Distributed Computing

Teaching assistant

02 - 05/2018

Co-designed the tutorials for an entirely new course from scratch, including assignments and automatic evaluation.

Related Skills

Programming: Python; C++; Java; T_EX

Modeling: Formal cognitive modeling of rationality; process modeling using one-shot and sequential games

Problem-Solving: Constructing optimal decisions as equilibria; linear, convex and non-convex optimization with CPLEX; grid computing on supercomputers using PBSPro, Slurm

Refereeing: AAMAS/GAIW 2018 – 2021; AAAI 2021–2023; DAI 2020; EC 2019 – 2022; ICLR 2022*–2023; ICML 2021; IJCAI 2019–2020; NeurIPS 2020 – 2022; WINE 2020

Languages

Czech: Native proficiency

French: Elementary proficiency

English: Prof. working proficiency

Japanese: Elementary proficiency

References

Prof. Haifeng Xu

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^{*} Outstanding reviewer award