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Research Area

I am a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Yale University, where my research focuses on the intersection of next-generation cellular networks and artificial intelligence, with an emphasis on intelligent network optimization and autonomous wireless systems.

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA — 08/2022 – 08/2027
Ph.D. Candidate in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Advisor: Prof. *Leandros Tassiulas*

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA — 09/2022 – 05/2025
M.Phil. in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Honors)

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA — 09/2022 – 12/2023
M.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Honors)

School of Military Engineering, Loutraki, Greece — 03/2021 – 05/2022
2nd Lieutenant, Engineering Corps, Hellenic Army

University of Patras, Patras, Greece — 09/2016 – 07/2021
B.Sc. & M.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Top 2%)
Advisor: Prof. Dimitrios Serpanos

Selected Publications

- **I. Panitsas**, T. Atalay, D. Stojadinovic, A. Stavrou, and L. Tassiulas, "SlicePilot: Demystifying Network Slice Placement in Heterogeneous Cloud Infrastructures," *IEEE INFOCOM — IEEE Conference on Computer Communications*, 2026.
- **I. Panitsas**, I. Ofeidis, and L. Tassiulas, "FedJam: Multimodal Federated Learning Framework for Jamming Detection," *IEEE INFOCOM — IEEE Conference on Computer Communications*, 2026.
- **I. Panitsas**, Y. Yigit, L. Maglaras, L. Tassiulas, and B. Canberk, "JamShield: A Machine Learning Detection System for Over-the-Air Jamming Attacks," *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)*, 2025.
- **I. Panitsas**, A. Mudvari, and L. Tassiulas, "D2Q Synchronizer: Distributed SDN Synchronization for Time-Sensitive Applications," in *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning for Communication and Networking (IEEE ICMLCN)*, 2025.
- **I. Panitsas**, T. Atalay, D. Stojadinovic, Angelos Stavrou and L. Tassiulas, "5GC-Bench: A Framework for Stress-Testing and Benchmarking 5G Core VNFs," under review.
- **I. Panitsas**, A. Mudvari, A. Maatouk, and L. Tassiulas, "A Deep and Transfer Learning Approach for Handover Management in O-RAN," under review.

Industry Experience

Research Scientist Intern, A2 Labs – Arlington, VA, USA — 07/2025 – 08/2025

- Implemented a topology orchestrator for optimal slice placement in heterogeneous cloud infrastructures.
- Built *5GC-Bench*, a benchmarking framework for stress-testing and profiling 5G Core VNFs.

Research Scientist Intern, Kryptowire Labs – Arlington, VA, USA   07/2024 – 08/2024
- Developed *SlicePilot*, a reinforcement learning-based framework for online VNF placement in heterogeneous cloud environments.

Embedded Software Engineer Intern, Renesas Electronics – Patras, Greece   08/2020 – 10/2020
- Performed link-layer penetration testing and security evaluation of the Bluetooth Low Energy 5.0 protocol, identifying protocol-level vulnerabilities through crafted over-the-air exploits.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Yale University – New Haven, CT, USA   01/2025 – 05/2025
- Course: Introduction to Computing for Engineers and Scientists, ENAS 130

Teaching Assistant, Yale University – New Haven, CT, USA   08/2024 – 12/2024
- Course: Introduction to Communications and Control, EENG 202

Teaching Assistant, Yale University – New Haven, CT, USA   01/2024 – 05/2024
- Course: Introduction to Computing for Engineers and Scientists, ENAS 130

Workshops

- **CyberPowder Fellows Program 2025**, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
  Participated in an on-site research workshop on the POWDER wireless testbed.
- **Open AI Cellular (OAIC) Workshop 2024**, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, USA
  Engaged in hands-on experimentation at the OAIC research workshop.
- **Young Gladiators Workshop 2024**, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA
  Participated in an on-site research workshop on the Colosseum wireless emulator.

Reviewer Roles

- IEEE Communications Magazine
- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking
- ACM SIGMETRICS
- IEEE Military Communications Conference

Skills

- **Programming:** Python, C/C++, OpenMP, JavaScript, Java, SQL, MongoDB, HTML, CSS, Node.js
- **Tools:** Docker, Kubernetes, Helm

Languages

- English (fluent), Greek (native)