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RESEARCH INTEREST

I have general interest in formal methods, robotics, learning, control, and statistics. Recently, my research mainly center around building safe and trustworthy learning-enabled autonomous systems.

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Electrical and Systems Engineering

xLAB for Safe Autonomous Systems

Aug. 2021 - present

Advisor: Prof. [Rahul Mangharam](#)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

B.Eng. in Automation

Thesis: Verification and synthesis of opacity for cyber-physical systems [\[pdf\]](#)

Outstanding Bachelor Thesis Award of SJTU

Sept. 2017 - June. 2021

Advisor: Prof. [Xiang Yin](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Toyota Research Institute of North America

Research Scientist Intern

Future Mobility Research Department

May 2023 - Aug. 2023

Mentors: Dr. [Bardh Hoxha](#) & Dr. [Georgios Fainekos](#)

Duke University

Visiting Student

June. 2020 - Oct. 2020 (Remote)

Mentor: Prof. [Michael Zavlanos](#)

PUBLICATIONS

(* indicates equal contribution) [\[Google Scholar\]](#)

1. Luigi Berducci, [Shuo Yang](#), Rahul Mangharam, Radu Grosu. “Learning Adaptive Safety for Multi-Agent Systems.” submitted, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
2. Jiangwei Wang, [Shuo Yang](#), Ziyang An, Songyang Han, Zhili Zhang, Meiyi Ma, Fei Miao. “Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning Guided by Signal Temporal Logic Specifications.” submitted, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
3. Xiatao Sun*, [Shuo Yang*](#), Rahul Mangharam. “MEGA-Dagger: Imitation Learning with Multiple Imperfect Experts.” submitted, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
4. Shuo Yang, George J. Pappas, Rahul Mangharam, Lars Lindemann. “Safe Perception-Based Control under Stochastic Sensor Uncertainty using Conformal Prediction.” *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
5. Zhijie Qiao, Xiatao Sun, Shuo Yang, Helen Loeb, Rahul Mangharam. “Autonomous Vehicle Education Using a Virtual Reality Driving Simulator.” *CPS-IoT Week Humans in Cyber-Physical Systems Workshop*, 2023.
6. Yu Chen*, [Shuo Yang*](#), Rahul Mangharam, Xiang Yin. “You Don’t Know When I Will Arrive: Unpredictable Controller Synthesis for Temporal Logic Tasks.” *22nd IFAC World Congress (IFAC WC)*, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
7. Hongrui Zheng*, Zirui Zang*, [Shuo Yang*](#), Rahul Mangharam. “Towards Explainability in Modular Autonomous Vehicle Software.” *IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV)*, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)

8. Xiatao Sun, Mingyan Zhou, Zhijun Zhuang, Shuo Yang, Johannes Betz, Rahul Mangharam. “A Benchmark Comparison of Imitation Learning-based Control Policies for Autonomous Racing.” *IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV)*, 2023. [\[pdf\]](#)
9. Shuo Yang*, Shaoru Chen*, Victor M. Preciado, Rahul Mangharam. “Differentiable Safe Controller Design through Control Barrier Functions.” *IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS)*, 2022. [\[pdf\]](#)
10. Shuo Yang, Xiang Yin. “Secure Your Intention: On Notions of Pre-Opacity in Discrete-Event Systems.” (Full Paper), *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control (TAC)*, 2022. [\[pdf\]](#)
11. Shuo Yang*, Junyao Hou*, Xiang Yin, Shaoyuan Li. “Opacity of Networked Supervisory Control Systems over Insecure Communication Channels.” *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems (TCNS)*, 2021. [\[pdf\]](#)
12. Shuo Yang, Xiang Yin, Shaoyuan Li, Majid Zamani. “Secure-by-Construction Optimal Path Planning for Linear Temporal Logic Tasks.” *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2020. [\[pdf\]](#)

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. University of Pennsylvania (FM & ML Seminar), Philadelphia, Sept 2023 (Host: Prof. Eric Wong)
Safe Learning-Enabled Autonomous Systems
2. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, July 2023 (Host: Necmiye Ozay)
Safe Learning-Based Control for Autonomous Systems
3. American Control Conference, San Diego, May 2023
Differentiable Safe Controller Design through Control Barrier Functions
4. CPS-IoT Week Humans in CPS Workshop, San Antonio, May 2023
MEGA-Dagger: Imitation Learning with Multiple Imperfect Experts
5. CPS-IoT Week Humans in CPS Workshop, San Antonio, May 2023
Autonomous Vehicle Education Using a Virtual Reality Driving Simulator
6. RTSS Explainability Workshop, remote, Dec 2022
Towards Explainability in Modular Autonomous Vehicle Software
7. University of Michigan, remote, Nov 2022 (Host: Prof. Max Li)
Opacity in Discrete Event Systems: Notions, Algorithms, and Applications
8. 59th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), remote, Dec 2020
Secure-by-Construction Optimal Path Planning for Linear Temporal Logic Tasks

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

ACC Student Travel Grant	2023
The Dean’s Fellowship from University of Pennsylvania	2021
Solomon M. Swaab Fellowship from University of Pennsylvania	2021
Outstanding Graduate of SJTU	2021
Outstanding Bachelor Thesis Award of SJTU (top 1%)	2021
Person of the Year of SJTU (highest honor for SJTU students)	2020
COMAP Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest in Modelling (top 7.09%)	2020
3rd Prize of National College Student Physics Competition	2020
Excellent Academic Scholarship from SJTU	2018, 2019
3rd Prize of National High School Mathematics Competition	2016

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Program Committee	International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems (ICCPS) 2023
Reviewer	American Control Conference (ACC) IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC) International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control (TAC) IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles (TIV) IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS) Nonlinear Analysis: Hybrid Systems (NAHS) Workshop on Generative AI & Biology (GenBio@NeurIPS) IROS 2023 Workshop on Multi-agent Dynamic Games (MAD-Games)
etc.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assitant <i>ESE 5420: Linear Systems Theory (Instructor: Prof. George J. Pappas)</i>	<i>Fall 2023, UPenn</i>
Teaching Assitant <i>ESE 5420: Statistics for Data Science (Instructor: Prof. Hamed Hassani)</i>	<i>Fall 2023, UPenn</i>
Teaching Assitant <i>MA 238: Discrete Mathematics (Instructor: Prof. Xiang Yin)</i>	<i>Fall 2020, SJTU</i>
Lecturer <i>Mathematics Competition</i>	<i>Summer 2018, High School Affiliated to SJTU</i>

SELECTED ACTIVITY EXPERIENCES

Global Education and Training at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2019
Volunteer of the Shanghai International Marathon	2018, 2019

LANGUAGE, SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Language	Chinese (native), English (fluent), French (basic)
Programming	Python, C++, MATLAB, Verilog, HTML
Interests	Basketball, Literature, Music, Board Games, Video Games, etc.

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