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### Education

### 2010-2014 Doctor of Philosophy

Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science (Burnaby, Canada)

Thesis: Real-Time Embedded Low-Frequency Load Disaggregation

Advisor: Fred Popowich

### 2007 - 2009 Bachelor of Technology

British Columbia Institute of Technology

School of Computing and Academic Studies (Burnaby, Canada)

Major: Computer Systems with a Data Communications Specialization

#### 1993 - 1996 Diploma in Computer Technology

Selkirk College (Castlegar, Canada)

#### 2009 Certificate, Electronics Technician

George Brown College (Toronto, Canada)

### **Professional Affiliation**

#### under review Professional Engineer (PEng)

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC)

- I. Status of Academic Assessment is completed.
- 2. Status of Experience Assessment is *in progress*.
- 3. Status of <u>Law and Ethics Seminars</u> is *completed*.
- 4. Status of Professional Practice Examination (PPE) is completed and passed.

#### 2013 – now Senior Member (smIEEE)

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Student Member and Member since 2008.

#### 2010 - now Information Systems Professional (ISP)

Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS)

# **Research Experience**

2016 - now Postdoctoral Fellow

University of British Columbia, Electrical and Computer Engineering (Burnaby, Canada)

Advisor: Z. Jane Wang

2014 - 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow & Research Associate

Simon Fraser University, School of Engineering Science (Burnaby, Canada)

Advisor: Ivan V. Bajic

2014 - 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow & Sessional Instructor

Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science (Burnaby, Canada)

Advisors: Wolfgang Stuerzlinger (postdoc) & Anthony Dixon (instructor)

2008 – 2015 Research Associate

British Columbia Institute of Technology, Applied Research (Burnaby, Canada)

# **Graduate Student Co-/Supervision**

2014 - 2015 Co-Supervised Bradley Ellert — MSc Thesis (defended Aug 17, 2015)

Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science (Burnaby, Canada)

Thesis: Leveraging Submetered Electricity Loads to Disaggregate Household Water-Use

# **Teaching Experience**

Fall 2014, Introduction to the Internet and the World Wide Web (CMPT 165)

Spring 2015 Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science

Students each semester: in-class section 200, dist. ed. section 225

TAs/TMs: in-class section 3, dist. ed. section 3

# **Industry Experience (Software Engineering)**

2016 – now Disaggregation/NILM Contract Scientist — Green Running (London, UK)

2014 – now Co-Founder & Senior Research Scientist — SweetLightning (Calgary, Canada)

2015 – 2016 NSERC Engage Research Assistant (6 mos.) — BC Hydro (Vancouver, Canada)

2012 Mitacs Accelerate Intern (4 mos.) — Awesense Wireless Inc. (Vancouver, Canada)

2011 – 2012 NSERC Engage Research Assistant (8 mos.) — Embedded Automation (Surrey, Canada)

2006 – 2008 Co-Founder & CTO — Vvvroom.com (Burnaby, Canada)

2006 Vancouver Office Software Development Manager

AbsolutePoker.com: ePrado Management, Inc. (Vancouver, Canada)

*1998 – 1999* **Co-Founder & Applications Developer** — Levaly Software (Vancouver, Canada)

1996 – 2008 Principal & Senior Software Developer

Oponix Systems Inc. formerly Makonin Consulting Corp. (Burnaby, Canada)

Clients incl. Telus Mobility, Vancouver Costal Health, Sierra Wireless, Safeway Canada,

Quartech Systems, Engineering Central, ApexMail, OAN Services

# Scholarships, Awards & Grants

- 2011, 2015 NSERC Engage Grants (\$25k each, 6 months each)
  - 2015 IEEE Vancouver Section Leadership and Contribution Award Initiative
  - 2015 NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) Application Deemed Meritorious
- 2012, 2014 SFU GSS Professional Development Grant (\$500 each)
  - 2014 SFU Faculty of Applied Science (FAS) Graduate Fellowship (PhD)
- 2012, 2014 Ebco/Eppich Graduate Scholarships in Intelligent Systems
- 2013, 2013 SFU Travel & Minor Research Award
  - 2013 BCIT School of Energy Research Seed Funding Grant (\$10k, 4 months)
  - 2013 SFU President's PhD Scholarship
- 2012, 2013 SFU Graduate Fellowship (PhD)
  - 2012 Mitacs Accelerate Grant (\$15k, 4 months)
  - 2010 BCIT Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games Legacy Fund Scholarship

# **Publications** (see citation report at end of CV)

#### **BOOKS & THESES**

- Pacheco-Torgal, F., Rasmussen, E., Granqvist, C.-G., Ivanov, V., Kaklauskas, H. A., and **Makonin, S.**, editors (2016). *Start-Up Creation: The Smart Eco-Efficient Built Environment*. Woodhead Publishing/Elsevier, ISBN: 978-0-08-100546-0. Authored: **Makonin, S.** (2015) Chapter 18: App programming and its use in smart buildings.
- **Makonin, S.** (2014). *Real-Time Embedded Low-Frequency Load Disaggregation*. PhD thesis, Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science.
- Bennett, D., **Makonin, S.**, Mayfield, V. W., Neustaedter, T., and Wrenn, M. R. (1996). *Visual C++ 5.0 Developer's Guide*. Sams Publishing, ISBN: 978-0-672-31031-7.

#### **JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER REVIEWED)**

- Guzman, L., **Makonin, S.**, and Clapp, R. A. (2016). CarbonKit: a technological platform for personal carbon tracking. *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems* [impact factor: 2.092, in submission]
- Bhotto, Md. Z. A., **Makonin, S.**, and Bajic, I. V. (2016). Load Disaggregation Based on Aided Linear Integer Programming. *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs*, PP(99):1–5. doi: 10.1109/TCSII.2016.2603479 [impact factor: 1.136]
- **Makonin, S.**, Ellert, B., Bajic, I. V., and Popowich, F. (2016). Electricity, water, and natural gas consumption of a residential house in Canada from 2012 to 2014. *Scientific Data*, 3(160037):1–12. [impact factor: tbd]
- **Makonin, S.**, Popowich, F., Bajic, I. V., Gill, B., and Bartram, L. (2015). Exploiting HMM Sparsity to Perform Online Real-Time Nonintrusive Load Monitoring. *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, 7(6):2575–2585. [impact factor: 4.252]
- **Makonin, S.** and Popowich, F. (2014). Nonintrusive Load Monitoring (NILM) Performance Evaluation. *Energy Efficiency*, 8(4):809–814. [impact factor: 1.183]

- **Makonin, S.**, Bartram, L., and Popowich, F. (2013). A Smarter Smart Home: Case Studies of Ambient Intelligence. *IEEE Pervasive Computing*, 12(1):58–66. [impact factor: 1.836]
- **Makonin, S.** and Popowich, F. (2012). Home Occupancy Agent: Occupancy and Sleep Detection. *GSTF Journal on Computing*, 2(1):182–186. [impact factor: tbd]

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER REVIEWED)

- **Makonin, S.** (2016). Investigating the Switch Continuity Principle Assumed in Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM). In *Proceedings of the 29th Annual IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE)*.
- **Makonin, S.**, McVeigh, D., Stuerzlinger, W., Tran, K., and Popowich, F. (2016). Mixed-Initiative for Big Data: The Intersection of Human + Visual Analytics + Prediction. In *Proceedings of the 49th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, pp. 1427-1436.
- Ellert, B., **Makonin, S.**, and Popowich, F. (2015). Appliance Water Disaggregation via Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM). In *Proceedings of the EAI International Conference on Big Data and Analytics for Smart Cities (BigDASC)*.
- Wallace, J., Richardson, K., Gill, B., and **Makonin, S.** (2015). Cognitive Radio Technology: System Evolution. In *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference On Wireless Networks and Embedded Systems (WECON).*
- **Makonin, S.**, Bajic, I. V., and Popowich, F. (2014). Efficient Sparse Matrix Processing for Nonintrusive Load Monitoring (NILM). In *Proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Non- Intrusive Load Monitoring*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Guzman Flores, L., Gill, R., Clapp, R. A., Bartram, L., and Gill, B. (2014). A Consumer Bill of Rights for Energy Conservation. In *Proceedings of the 2014 IEEE Canada International Humanitarian Technology Conference (IHTC)*.
- Filsoof, R., Bodine, A., Gill, B., **Makonin, S.**, and Nicholson, R. (2014). Transmitting Patient Vitals Over a Reliable ZigBee Mesh Network. In *Proceedings of the 2014 IEEE Canada International Humanitarian Technology Conference (IHTC)*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Sung, W., Dela Cruz, R., Yarrow, B., Gill, B., Popowich, F., and Bajic, I. V. (2013). Inspiring Energy Conservation Through Open Source Metering Hardware and Embedded Real-Time Load Disaggregation. In *Proceedings of the 5th IEEE PES Asia-Pacific Power and Energy Engineering Conference (APPEEC*).
- **Makonin, S.**, Popowich, F., Bartram, L., Gill, B., and Bajic, I. V. (2013). AMPds: A Public Dataset for Load Disaggregation and Eco-Feedback Research. In *Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE Electrical Power and Energy Conference (EPEC)*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Popowich, F., Moon, T., and Gill, B. (2013). Inspiring Energy Conservation Through Open Source Power Monitoring and In-Home Display. In *Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Popowich, F., and Gill, B. (2013). The Cognitive Power Meter: Looking Beyond the Smart Meter. In *Proceedings of the 2013 26th Annual IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE)*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Kashani, M., and Bartram, L. (2012). The Affect of Lifestyle Factors on Eco-Visualization Design. In *Proceedings of Computer Graphics International (CGI)*.
- **Makonin, S.**, Pasquier, P., and Bartram, L. (2011). Elements of Consumption: An abstract visualization of household consumption. In *Smart Graphics*, LNCS, 6815:194–198. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

**Makonin, S.** and Popowich, F. (2011). An intelligent agent for determining home occupancy using power monitors and light sensors. In *Toward Useful Services for Elderly and People with Disabilities*, LNCS, 6719:236–240. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

#### **POSTER SESSIONS**

**Makonin, S.** (2014). Nonintrusive Load Monitoring (NILM): What an algorithm can tell you about your energy consumption. In *Poster Session at IEEE Vancouver Section Annual General Meeting*.

#### PUBLISHED PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATASETS

**Makonin, S.** (2016). *AMPds2: Almanac of Minutely Power dataset (Version 2)*, http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FIEoS4, Harvard Dataverse, VI.

**Makonin, S.** (2013). *AMPds: Almanac of Minutely Power dataset* (*R2013*), http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/MXB7VO, Harvard Dataverse, VI.

**Makonin, S.** (2010). *ODDs: Occupancy Detection Datase*t, <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/2K9FFE</u>, Harvard Dataverse, VI.

#### **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

**Makonin, S.** (2012). *A Visualization Prototype for Detecting Energy Losses on a Power Grid*. Awesense Wireless Inc. Mitacs-Accelerate Internship.

**Makonin, S.** (2012). *Approaches to Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM) in the Home*. PhD Depth Report, Simon Fraser University, School of Computing Science.

**Makonin, S.** (2008). *Map with Wheels*. BTech Major Project Final Report. British Columbia Institute of Technology, School of Computing and Academic Studies.

### **Invited Talks**

#### INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONS

2015 From Socioeconomic Concerns to Standardizing Accuracy to Water NILM The 2nd EU Nonintrusive Load Monitoring Workshop (London, UK), July 8.

#### SFU TALK INVITATIONS (A SELECTED FEW)

2013 Lightning Talks: Sustainability

SFU Research Commons, July 18.

Radio broadcast: CJSF on July 25th at 2:30pm, Sustainable Futures Program.

2010 An Introduction to the Smart Grid

SFU COGS 300 / CMPT 417 "Intelligent Systems" 2-hour Course Lecture, April 8.

### **Service To Profession**

#### **GENERAL CHAIR & ORGANIZER**

- 2016 3rd International Workshop on Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM) Vancouver, Canada. May 14 – 15
- 2015 IEEE Vancouver Windows 10 Hackathon Burnaby, Canada. May 16 – 17, 28-hours
- 2014 IEEE Vancouver Kinect and Structure Sensor Hackathon Burnaby, Canada. November 8 – 9, 28-hours

#### **WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR**

- 2015 now 14th IEEE International NEW Circuits And Systems (NEWCAS) Conference Vancouver, Canada. June 26 29, 2016
  - 2016 29th Annual IEEE Canadian Conf. on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE) Vancouver, Canada. May 15 18
  - 2014 IEEE 15th Int. Conf. on High Performance Switching and Routing (HPSR) Vancouver, Canada. July 1 4

#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIR

2014 – now 2016 IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence (WCCI) Vancouver, Canada. July 25 – 29, 2016

#### TECHNICAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE (TPC) MEMBER

- 2015 2017 IEEE Workshop on Pervasive Energy Services (PerEnergy)
  - 2016 Int. Workshop on Computational Energy Management in Smart Grids (CEMiSG)
  - 2015 Int. Conf. on Big Data and Analytics for Smart Cities (BigDASC)
- 2011 2015 Int. Conf. on Ubiquitous Computing and Ambient Intelligence (UCAml)
  - 2012 IEEE Int. Conf. on Power and Energy (PECON)

#### INVITED JOURNAL REVIEWER (SEE PUBLONS PROFILE)

- 2016 Elsevier's Applied Energy
- 2016 Nature Scientific Data
- 2016 IEEE Pervasive Computing
- 2015 2016 IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid
- 2013 2016 Springer's Energy Efficiency Journal
- 2014 2015 IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

- 2011, 2013, 2015 External Paper Reviewer, Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Al)
  - 2014 External Grant Reviewer, Mitacs Accelerate Grant Proposal

### Volunteer Work

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    2016 – now Vice-Chair, IEEE Vancouver Signal Processing Chapter
    2014 – now Treasurer, Westside Montessori Academy PAC (incl. Co-Chair for 2014/15 school year)
    2014 – 2016 Chair, IEEE Vancouver Joint Computing Chapter
    2012 – 2014 Membership Development Chair, IEEE Vancouver Section
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