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Citizenship: Canadian

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)**

(~Mar/2016) Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia

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

2014 – 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)

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 200, dist ed 225. TAs: 6.

Instructor rating by students: A/71%, B/26%, C/3%, D/0%, F/0%.

Industry Experience (Software Engineering)

2015 – NSERC Engage Research Assistant

BCHydro (Vancouver, Canada)

2012 Mitacs Accelerate Intern (4 months)

Awesense Wireless Inc. (Vancouver, Canada)

2011 – 2012 NSERC Engage Research Assistant (8 months)

Embedded Automation, Inc. (Surrey, Canada)

2006 – 2008 Co-Founder & CTO

Vvvroom.com (Burnaby, Canada)

2006 Vancouver Office Software Development Manager

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

1996 – 2008 Principal & Senior Software Developer

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

Clients incl. Telus Mobility, Vancouver Coastal Health, Sierra Wireless, Safeway Canada, Quartech Systems, Engineering Central, ApexMail, OAN Services

Scholarships, Awards & Grants

- 2015 IEEE Vancouver Section Leadership and Contribution Award — Initiative
- 2015 NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) — Application Deemed Meritorious
- 2012, 2014 SFU GSS Professional Development Grant
- 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
- 2013 SFU President's PhD Scholarship
- 2012, 2013 SFU Graduate Fellowship (PhD)
- 2010 BCIT Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games Legacy Fund Scholarship

Publications (see [Google Scholar](#) & [Research Gate](#))

BOOKS & THESES

- Pacheco-Torgal, F., Rasmussen, E., Granqvist, C.-G., Ivanov, V., Kaklauskas, H. A., and **Makonin, S.**, editors (2015). *Start-Up Creation: The Smart Eco-Efficient Built Environment*. Elsevier, ISBN: tbd, [in press].
- 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: 0672310317.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER REVIEWED)

- Makonin, S.**, Ellert, B., Popowich, F., Bajic, I. V., and Gill, B. (2015). Electricity, water, and natural gas consumption of a residential house in Canada from 2012 to 2014. *Scientific Data*, NPG, [in revision].
- Makonin, S.**, Popowich, F., Bajic, I. V., Gill, B., and Bartram, L. (2015). Exploiting HMM Sparsity to Perform Online Real-Time Nonintrusive Load Monitoring (NILM). *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, [in press].

Makonin, S. and Popowich, F. (2014). Nonintrusive Load Monitoring (NILM) Performance Evaluation. *Energy Efficiency*, Springer, 8(4):809–814.

Makonin, S., Bartram, L., and Popowich, F. (2013). A Smarter Smart Home: Case Studies of Ambient Intelligence. *IEEE Pervasive Computing*, 12(1):58–66.

Makonin, S. and Popowich, F. (2012). Home Occupancy Agent: Occupancy and Sleep Detection. *GSTF Journal on Computing*, 2(1):182–186.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER REVIEWED)

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 Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS-49)*. [to appear]

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.

PUBLISHED PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATASETS

- Makonin, S.** (2015). Almanac of Minutely Power dataset (AMPds). Harvard Dataverse, V2. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FIE0S4>. [to be released, previous releases 2013 and 2014 found at <http://ampds.org>].
- Makonin, S.** (2015). 2010 ZigBee Sensor Data Collected From a House (in Vancouver, Canada) Dataset. Harvard Dataverse, V1. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/2K9FFE>.

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*.

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.

BCIT TALK INVITATIONS

- 2014 Why There Is Nothing Smart about the Current Smart Home & Smart Meter**
BCIT, School of Construction and the Environment, Building Sciences Masters Program (Burnaby, Canada), Feb 18.
- 2014 Using Computing and Engineering to Tackle Sustainability Problems with Energy Consumption**
BCIT, School of Energy (Burnaby, Canada), Feb 21.

SFU TALK INVITATIONS

- 2013 Load Disaggregation For Energy Conservation**
Our Own CMPT 120 Mini-Conference: Research in Computing Science, Sep 27.
- 2013 Lightning Talks: Sustainability**
SFU Research Commons, July 18.
Radio broadcast: CJSF on July 25th at 2:30pm, Sustainable Futures Program.
- 2013 The Cognitive Power Meter, Not The Smart Meter**
SFU Computing Science GSA Scientific Colloquium, June 19.
- 2010 An Introduction to the Smart Grid**
SFU COGS 300 / CMPT 417 "Intelligent Systems" Course Lecture, April 8.

Service To Profession

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ORGANIZING, CHAIRING & HOSTING

2014 – now **Local Arrangements Chair**

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

2015 – now **Website and Social Media Chair**

14th IEEE International NEW Circuits And Systems (NEWCAS) Conference
2016
Vancouver, Canada. May 15 – 18, 2016

2015 – now **Website and Social Media Chair**

29th Annual IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (CCECE 2016)
Vancouver, Canada. May 15 – 18, 2016

2015 **Organizer and Host**

IEEE Vancouver Windows 10 Hackathon
Burnaby, Canada. May 16 – 17, 2015, 28-hours

2014 **Organizer and Host**

IEEE Vancouver Kinect and Structure Sensor Hackathon
Burnaby, Canada. November 8 – 9, 2014, 28-hours

2014 **Web Co-Chair**

IEEE 15th Int. Conf. on High Performance Switching and Routing (HPSR)
Vancouver, Canada. July 1 – 4, 2014

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

2015 IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid

2014 – 2015 IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing

2013 Springer's Energy Efficiency Journal

TECHNICAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING & SUPERVISION

- 2015 Bradley Ellert — MSc Thesis (co-supervisor, defended Aug 17, 2015)
Thesis: Leveraging Submetered Electricity Loads to Disaggregate Household Water-Use

EXTERNAL CONFERENCE REVIEWER

- 2011, 2013, Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Canadian AI)
- 2015

GRANTING AGENCY REVIEWER

- 2014 Mitacs Accelerate Grant Proposal External Reviewer

Volunteer Work

- 2014 – *now* **Chair**, IEEE Vancouver Joint Computing Chapter
- 2014 – *now* **Leader & Organizer**, IEEE/SFU Internet of Things (IoT) Club
- 2013 – *now* **Co-Chair & Treasurer**, Westside Montessori Academy PAC
- 2012 – 2014 **Membership Development Chair**, IEEE Vancouver Section