YONGSHENG MEI

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SKILLS

Programming Python, C, C++, MATLAB, Java, SQL, R, Verilog

Libraries PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, Pandas, CVX

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL, NoSQL

Tools Vim, Git, Bash, GDB, PyCharm, Jupyter, LaTex, Visual Studio, Altium Designer

EDUCATION

The George Washington University (GWU)

Bachelor of Engineering in Automation Engineering

Sept. 2019 – Present

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Washington, DC, US

Research Areas: Reinforcement Learning, Multi-Agent Learning, Bayesian Optimization, Network Security

GPA: 4.00

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)

Sept. 2015 – June 2019

Wuhan, Hubei, China

Outstanding Graduate Award

Second Prize of Hubei Province in the 2017 National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest

Relevant Courses: Pattern Recognition, Computer Vision, Control Theory, Computer Architecture

GPA: 3.81

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Sept. 2019 - Present

Lab for Intelligent Networking and Computing (LINC), GWU

Washington, DC, US

Topic 1: Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL)

Aug. 2020 – Present

- · Led a collaborative project, **AccMER**, to develop a data-reuse strategy that can be used in conjunction with experience replay to accelerate a group of MARL algorithms.
- · Led a project, MAC-PO, to find an optimized prioritization scheme in MARL by assigning transitions with different weights. Experiments show that MAC-PO outperform other prioritization methods and several popular MARL algorithms.
- · Led a project, **ReMIX**, to find the optimal projection to monotonic mixing function classes in value-factorization-based MARL algorithms. The effectiveness of ReMIX has been demonstrated on selected benchmarks.

Topic 2: Bayesian Optimization

May 2022 – Present

- · Led a project to develop a novel **gradient-aware Bayesian optimization framework** for determining local optimum solution for hyperparameter tuning, etc.
- · Led a project to develop a Bayesian optimization model for doubly stochastic point process on time series data to achieve arrival intensity prediction and peak detection, etc.

Topic 3: Multi-modal Medical Image Processing

Feb. 2021 - Dec. 2022

· Led a project to develop a **multi-modal image segmentation model** for brain MRI data. The framework can improve the accuracy via data fusion and attention with extracted novel common information microstructures among modalities. The method achieves high performance (92%) on the public BraTS-2020 dataset.

Topic 4: Network Security via Protocol Customization (DIALECT)

Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2021

· Led a project, MPD, to develop a reliable application-layer moving target defense model via customized communication protocols and dynamic synchronization and management.

Electronic Engineer Student Intern

Feb. 2017 – Aug. 2017

Electrical and Electronic Technology Innovation Center, HUST

Wuhan, Hubei, China

Led the printed circuit board design and FPGA programming for an adaptive signal filter and won the **Second Prize** of Hubei Province in the 2017 National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest.

PRESENTATIONS

Meeting with the Office of Naval Research (ONR) on the project DIALECT. Feb. 2022, Online

EAI 17th International Conference on Security and Privacy in Communication Networks Sept. 2021, Online

Sept. 2021, Online

TPCP 2020 Software Security Summer School (SSSS'20)

Aug. 2020, Online

IEEE 14th International Workshop on Software Clones (IWSC) Feb. 2020, London, ON, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review

- 1. Yongsheng Mei, Hanhan Zhou, and Tian Lan, Projection-Optimal Monotonic Value Function Factorization in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Under review of NeurIPS. [PDF]
- 2. Yongsheng Mei, Tian Lan, Mahdi Imani, and Suresh Subramaniam, A Bayesian Optimization Framework for Finding Local Optima in Expensive Multi-Modal Functions, Under review of ECAI. [PDF]

Published

- 1. Yongsheng Mei, Tian Lan, and Guru Venkataramani, Exploiting Partial Common Information Microstructure for Multi-Modal Brain Tumor Segmentation, ICML workshop on Machine Learning for Multimodal Healthcare Data (ML4MHD), July 2023.
- Kailash Gogineni, Yongsheng Mei, Peng Wei, Tian Lan, and Guru Venkataramani, AccMER: Accelerating Multi-agent Experience Replay with Cache Locality-aware Prioritization, IEEE International Conference on Application-specific Systems, Architectures and Processors (ASAP), July 2023.
- 3. Yongsheng Mei, Hanhan Zhou, Tian Lan, Guru Venkataramani, and Peng Wei, MAC-PO: Multi-Agent Experience Replay via Collective Priority Optimization, International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), June 2023.
- 4. Kailash Gogineni, **Yongsheng Mei**, Guru Venkataramani, and Tian Lan, *Verify-Pro: A Framework for Server Authentication Using Communication Protocol Dialects*, IEEE Military Communications Conference (MIL-COM), September 2022.
- 5. Yurong Chen, **Yongsheng Mei**, Tian Lan, and Guru Venkataramani, Exploring Effective Fuzzing Strategies to Analyze Communication Protocols, ACM Digital Threats: Research and Practice (DTRAP), March 2022.
- 6. **Yongsheng Mei**, Kailash Gogineni, Tian Lan, and Guru Venkataramani, *MPD: Moving Target Defense through Communication Protocol Dialects*, International Conference on Security and Privacy in Communication Networks (SecureComm), September 2021.
- 7. Hongfa Xue, **Yongsheng Mei**, Kailash Gogineni, Guru Venkataramani, and Tian Lan, *Twin-Finder: Integrated Reasoning Engine for Pointer-related Code Clone Detection*, International Workshop on Software Clones (IWSC), February 2020.