YUWEI SUN

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EDUCATION

The University of Tokyo — Tokyo, Japan

Ph.D., Information Science and Technology GPA: 4.0/4.0 — 04-2021 ~ 03-2024 (anticipated)

Minor: International Graduate Program of Innovation for Intelligent World

Thesis Topic: Decentralized Neural Networks, AI Security and Privacy, Meta-Learning

Supervisors: Hideya Ochiai, Jun Sakuma

M.S., Information and Communication Engineering (Hons.) GPA: 3.84/4.0 — 04-2019 ~ 03-2021

Honors: Department Chair's Award

Thesis: Network Intrusion Detection Based on Distributed Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence

Research Focus: Decentralized Neural Networks, AI Security and Privacy

Post-Graduate Research Program, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology — 10-2018 ~ 03-2019

Research Focus: Decentralized Neural Networks

North China Electric Power University — Beijing, China

B.S., Computer Science and Technology (Hons.) — 09-2014 ~ 08-2018

Thesis: Attacks on Deep Learning Systems Based on Generative Adversarial Networks

Research Focus: Computer Vision

EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES

Massachusetts Institute of Technology — Cambridge, MA, US

Fellow of the Advanced Study Program, Graduate School of Engineering — 02-2020 ~ 05-2020

Courses: Distributed neural circuits, Underactuated robotics, Blockchain

University of Pennsylvania — Philadelphia, PA, US

Visiting Student — 08-2019 ~ 10-2019

Waseda University — Tokyo, Japan

Visiting Student — 10-2016 ~ 08-2017

EMPLOYMENT

Araya — Tokyo, Japan

Research Assistant, Moonshot Program by the Cabinet of Japan — 04-2023 ~ Present

Program goal: Liberation from biological limitations via physical, cognitive, and perceptual augmentation

- *Research modular knowledge representation and memory in Transformer models for lifelong learning*

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) — Tokyo, Japan

Doctoral Course Research Fellow (DC2) — 04-2022 ~ Present

RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project (AIP) — Tokyo, Japan

PhD Student Researcher, AI Security and Privacy Team — 04-2021 ~ Present

RIKEN AIP is for the Advanced Integrated Intelligence Platform Project of the Japan MEXT

- *Perform research on the security and generality of federated learning and multimodal models*

The University of Tokyo — Tokyo, Japan

Research Assistant, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology — 06-2020 ~ 05-2023

United Nations University — Tokyo, Japan

Consultant — 05-2021 ~ 06-2022

The United Nations University is the academic and research arm of the United Nations

- *Researched multi-source domain adaptation in federated learning for vision and text data*

Systems Engineer Intern — 06-2020 ~ 12-2020

- *Performed research on privacy-preserving deep learning for cybersecurity*

RESEARCH GRANTS

Current

- Microsoft Research Asia Collaborative Research Program (D-CORE 2023), JPY1270k, 2023-2024
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, JPY1700k, 2022-2024

Previous

- Japan Science and Technology Agency, SPRING GX program, JPY340k, 2021-2022

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journals

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Jun Sakuma. Attacking Distance-aware Attack: A Semi-targeted Poisoning Attack on Federated Learning. *IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence. 2023.*

- **Yuwei Sun** and Hideya Ochiai. Homogeneous Learning: Self-Attention Decentralized Deep Learning. *IEEE Access, Vol.10, pp.7695-7703. 2022.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Hiroshi Esaki. Decentralized Deep Learning for Multi-Access Edge Computing: A Survey on Communication Efficiency and Trustworthiness. *IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence, Vol.3, No.6, pp.963-972. 2022.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Hiroshi Esaki. Adaptive Intrusion Detection in the Networking of Large-Scale LANs with Segmented Federated Learning. *IEEE Open Journal of the Communications Society, Vol.2, pp.102-112. 2020.*

Conferences

- **Yuwei Sun**. Meta Learning in Decentralized Neural Networks: Towards More General AI. *AAAI/SIGAI Doctoral Consortium. 2023.*

- **Yuwei Sun** and Hideya Ochiai. UniCon: Unidirectional Split Learning with Contrastive Loss for Visual Question Answering. *NeurIPS Workshop on Self-Supervised Learning. 2022.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Ng Chong, and Hideya Ochiai. Feature Distribution Matching for Federated Domain Generalization. *Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML). 2022.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Jun Sakuma. Semi-Targeted Model Poisoning Attack on Federated Learning via Backward Error Analysis. *IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN). 2022.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Hiroshi Esaki. Blockchain-Based Federated Learning Against End-Point Adversarial Data Corruption. *IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications. 2020.*

- **Yuwei Sun**, Hideya Ochiai, and Hiroshi Esaki. Intrusion Detection with Segmented Federated Learning for Large-Scale Multiple LANs. *IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN). 2020.*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- WBAI Incentive Award, Whole Brain Architecture Initiative 2023
- AAAI Complimentary Registration and Student Scholarship 2023
- Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship 2021
- The University of Tokyo, International Student Scholarship 2019
- North China Electric Power University, Excellent Student Scholarship 2016
- COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Successful Participant 2015

SKILLS

Programming: Python (Advanced), PyTorch (Advanced), Tensorflow (Advanced), OpenCV (Advanced), Linux commands (Intermediate), Git (Intermediate), Docker (Intermediate), SQL (Intermediate), HTML (Intermediate), JavaScript (Elementary), C++ (Elementary), Java (Elementary)
AI Research Computer: RAIDEN by Fujitsu in RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project (AIP Center)
Languages: Chinese (native), English (TOEFL IBT 101/120), Japanese (JLPT N1 169/180)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Talks

- April 2023, "Meta Learning in Decentralized Neural Networks Through the Lens of Global Workspace Theory", an invited talk at MBZUAI and RIKEN-AIP Joint Workshop on Intelligent Systems

- Feb 2023, "Meta Learning in Decentralized Neural Networks Through the Lens of Global Workspace Theory", an invited talk in Prof. Xue's group (Evolutionary Computation and Machine Learning Group) at Victoria University of Wellington
- Nov 2022, "Meta Learning and Modularity Towards Systematic Generalization", an inner group talk (Dr. Boix's group) at the MIT Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences
- Mar 2021, "Segmented Federated Learning", an invited talk at Workshop on Algorithm and Big Data, Transdisciplinary Information Sciences conferences
- Jan 2020, "Deep Learning for Cybersecurity", a tutorial at Workshop on UniNet Network and Computer Application, Thailand Ministry of Higher Education

Academic Services
- Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks, Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, IEEE TII, IEEE TITS, ACM Multimedia, AISTATS, ECML PKDD, FUZZ-IEEE, IJCNN, ACML, NeurIPS, CVPR workshops
- Volunteer for NeurIPS 2021, ICLR 2023

Doctoral Consortiums
- AAAI 2023 Doctoral Consortium
- IEEE CIS Student and Early Career Mentoring Program at IEEE WCCI 2022