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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Davis - United States

Ph.D. Student in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sep 2022 - present

Degree GPA: 3.8/4.0

### Columbia University - United States

M.S. Advanced Research Specialization in Electrical Engineering

Sep 2019 - Apr 2021

GPA: 3.8/4.0

Nikola Tesla Electrical Engineering Scholarship

### Xi'an Jiaotong University - China

B.Eng. in Automation

Sep 2015 - Jun 2019

Grade: 89.42/100

Honors Electronic and Information Engineering Program

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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### Bandit Problem

Prof. Lifeng Lai, UC Davis, Sep 2022 - present

#### Graduate Student Researcher in Lai's group.

- Doing research on mathematical theory of Reinforcement Learning: bandit problem.
- Study the regret bound of bandit algorithms, e.g.  $Exp3$ , in non-stationary env, and design strategies to attack reward.

### Edge AI System for Smart Home

Prof. Xiaofan (Fred) Jiang, Columbia University, Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

#### Summer Research Assistant in Columbia Intelligent and Connected Systems Lab.

- A system able to auto-discover the sensors connected to it and allocate sensor and actuator resources according to the smart home applications users specified, deployed in multiple lab rooms.
- Survey on current Edge AI systems and Digital Twin (DT) representation, and design our own system architecture from MCU and sensor hardware to user application. Build the testbed from scratch.
- Testbed: Arduino Uno reads custom sensor data (vibration, sound, etc.) and transmit them to ESP8266 via UART. ESP8266 packs data with DT format and MQTT discovery format, and sends them to lab computer server (HTTP with Flask) and Home Assistant Raspberry Pi server (MQTT). Integrate Google Nest camera into HA and get the video stream. Data stored in PostgreSQL and MarialDB.

### Fever Screening System

Prof. Xiaofan (Fred) Jiang, Columbia University, Jan 2020 - May 2021

#### Research Intern in Columbia Intelligent and Connected Systems Lab.

- A low-cost system based on RGB-thermal camera for continuous fever screening of multiple people without human interaction, deployed in a restaurant and hospital clinic in New York City.
- Investigate solutions. Match multiple RGB and thermal heads, train and deploy YOLOV3 (head detection) and FSA-Net (head orientation regression), estimate distance using non-identical RGB and thermal camera, etc. Write paper.
- Two publications accepted by SenSys 2020 Poster and CPHS 2021. Columbia news. Project website.

### Khameleon Scheduler in Reinforcement Learning

Prof. Eugene Wu, Columbia University, Jul 2020 - Sep 2020

#### Research Intern in WuLab Columbia University.

- The server-side scheduler involves a complex optimization based on available resources, predicted user interactions, and response quality levels to maximize user-perceived interactivity in real-time.
- Create the simulated RL environment, write Q-Learning and SARSA based prefetching scheduler to trade off latency for response quality with the progressive encoded response in cloud-based interactive applications.

### Cyber-Physical Energy Systems

Prof. Jiang Wu, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Oct 2017 - Feb 2019

#### Member of XJTU Information-technology Talent Program.

#### Research Intern in Ministry of Education Key Lab for Intelligent Networks and Network Security.

- Propose centralized K-means algorithm, using weighted combination of features from PCA and prior knowledge. Expand it to distributed cases, using parameter consensus and feature transferring method.
- Write centralized & distributed K-means clustering algorithms for massive data on energy demand side. Analyze the results obtained from the power system in a city.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Chenye Yang**, Guanlin Liu, Lifeng Lai, "Reward Attack on Stochastic Bandits with Non-stationary Rewards" *Under review for Asilomar 2023*.
- Kaiyuan Hou, Yanchen Liu, Peter Wei, **Chenye Yang**, Hengjiu Kang, Stephen Xia, Teresa Spada, Andrew Rundle, Xiaofan Jiang, "A Low-Cost In-situ System for Continuous Multi-Person Fever Screening" *IPSN 2022*.
- Stephen Xia, Rishikanth Chandrasekaran, Yanchen Liu, **Chenye Yang**, Tajana Simunic Rosing, Xiaofan Jiang, "A Drone-based System for Intelligent and Autonomous Homes" *SenSys 2021 Best Demo Award*.
- Peter Wei, Yanchen Liu, Hengjiu Kang, **Chenye Yang**, Xiaofan Jiang, "A Low-Cost and Scalable Personalized Thermal Comfort Estimation System in Indoor Environments" *CPHS 2021*.
- Peter Wei, **Chenye Yang**, Xiaofan Jiang, "Low-Cost Multi-Person Continuous Skin Temperature Sensing System for Fever Detection: Poster Abstract" *SenSys 2020 Poster*.
- Pengyuan Liu, **Chenye Yang**, Jiang Wu, "Hybrid Features Based K-means Clustering Algorithm for Use in Electricity Customer Load Pattern Analysis" *Chinese Control Conference 2018*.

## PROJECTS & TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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- Course projects:** Internet of Things, Large Scale Stream Processing, Sparse Models for High-D Data, Statistical Learning, Random Matrix Theory, Systems on Chip, Error Correcting Code
- Teaching:** Ph.D. Teaching Assistant for EEC 173A / ECS 152A - Computer Networks in Winter 2023  
M.S. Teaching Assistant for E4764 IoT - Intelligent and Connected Systems in Fall 2020

- Large Scale Stream Processing** *Prof. Deepak S. Turaga, Columbia University, Jan 2020 - May 2020*
- Create data generator and stream processor with python multi-threads, database and website for storage and control.
  - Design the socket and HTTP data communication, and websocket control communication between each part.

- Internet of Things** *Prof. Xiaofan (Fred) Jiang, Columbia University, Sep 2019 - Dec 2019*
- Program ESP8266 to deal with IO, work with APIs, run as server, connect to MongoDB and recognize gesture.
  - Design a distributed scalable system to measure soil conditions over long duration at multiple locations via LoRa wireless communication. Data is stored in MongoDB. A website is built for data visualization and systems control.

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- WiLO Networks Inc., California US** *Network Engineer* *Oct 2021 - Apr 2022*
- **Network**
    - Build a mesh network based on LoRa PHY with ESP32 board + LoRa SX1276 chip for low-cost smart agriculture.
    - Work with MCCI LoRaWAN LMIC Library to realize the register level operating mode transition, interruption and data Tx Rx and CAD sequence of SX1276, and OS.Job level communication timing of ESP32.
    - Design the LoRa protocol between gateway and multiple nodes. Propose strategies to ensure the auto-initialization and the long-term robustness of mesh network. Implement field test in Duke Smart Farm and simulation in NS-3.
    - Investigate mesh for LoRa PHY network.
  - **Cloud & ML**
    - Implement the data flow from sensors to microcontroller to cloud. Use Azure InfluxDB to do data fusion and ML.
  - **Hardware**
    - Design and build the PCB for back-scatter tag. Choose components and design PCB layout.
  - **Other**
    - Organize and standardize WiLOLoRa.lib and WiLOSensors.lib to support the operating of LoRa mesh network and interfacing of multiple sensors and code reuse. Create KiCad schematic library and footprint library for PCB design.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Programming:** Python, C/C++/SystemC, Matlab, HTML, R, VerilogHDL
- Software & Tools:** **Design:** KiCad, Autodesk Inventor, Altium Designer, LabVIEW, FDTD Solutions  
**Platform:** VS Code, PlatformIO, etc  
**Others:** GitHub, Linux, NS-3, LaTeX, Docker, PyTorch, OpenCV, Spark, AWS, GCP

## AWARD

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- Columbia University: Nikola Tesla Scholarship *Sep 2019*
- Xi'an Jiaotong University: Outstanding Student, Siyuan Scholarship, Third Scholarship *Oct 2017 - Dec 2018*