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EDUCATION

New York University Tandon School of Engineering, Brooklyn NY PhD in Electrical Engineering - Supervisor: Prof. Shivendra Panwar	<i>September 2020 - ongoing</i> CGPA: 3.80
Bilkent University, Ankara TR B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering Minor Degree in Political Science	<i>August 2015 - January 2020</i> CGPA: 3.76 CGPA: 3.73
AGH University of Science and Techology, Cracow PL Exchange Student in Electrical Engineering	<i>February 2018 - July 2018</i>

EXPERIENCE

AT&T Labs, Bedminster NJ USA <i>Summer Research Intern</i>	June - August 2023
Worked on modeling 5G Radio Resource Control layer and adjusting states transitions by tuning inactivity timers to optimize for KPIs, with potential benefits for RAN optimization and Open-RAN implementations.	
Nokia Bell Labs, Murray Hill NJ USA <i>Networking Research Intern</i>	June - August 2022
Worked on efficiently solving traffic oblivious flow routing problems using machine learning methods with Murali Kodialam and Tv Lakshman of Bell Labs Core Research. Received <i>Outstanding Innovation Award</i> at the end of intern project competition. (See publications.)	
NYU Tandon School of Engineering, Brooklyn NY USA <i>Course Assistant</i>	Sept 2021 - ongoing
Teaching, grading, assignment preparation and administrative duties on graduate Internet Architectures & Protocols and Network Modeling & Analysis Classes taught by Prof. Shivendra Panwar and on undergraduate Computer Engineering Senior Design Project Class taught by Prof. Fraida Fund.	
Darkblue Telecommunication Systems, Ankara TR <i>Project Engineer</i>	February - August 2020
Development and implementation work at the LTE leg of a Signals of Opportunity Navigation Project developed for UAVs. Initial proof of concept work consisted of simultaneous tracking of multiple LTE base stations using Channel Reference Signals and location estimation using an Extended Kalman Filter. Upon success, a real-time implementation was built on a Xilinx SoC.	
Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits, Erlangen DE <i>Undergraduate Research Intern</i>	June - September 2019
Development of an OFDM based physical layer cooperative telecommunications simulator on Python for evaluation of proposed relaying schemes while using cyclic delay diversity at the transmitting antennas.	

PUBLICATIONS

Oblivious Routing Using Learning Methods <i>Ufuk Usubutun, Murali Kodialam, T.V. Lakshman, Shivendra Panwar</i>	
To appear at IEEE Global Communications Conference 2023	
Do Switches Still Need to Deliver Packets in Sequence? <i>Ufuk Usubutun, Fraida Fund, Shivendra Panwar</i>	Best Paper Award
IEEE High Performance Switching and Routing Conference 2023	

SKILLS

Related Course Work	Internet Arch. & Protocols, Network Modeling & Analysis, Probability, Cloud Computing & DCNs, Data Structures & Algorithms, Optimization, Wireless Comms., Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning & Optimal Control, Network Optimization
Experience With	TCP Loss Detection Algorithms: particularly RFCs 8985 & 6675, GENI and Cloudlab Network Testbeds, Analysis of Packet Captures Queuing Theory and Markov Chain Modelling, Routing Optimization Problem Formulation and Descent Based Solutions System Availability Modeling, Machine Repair Problems 3GPP Cellular Protocol Stack, RRC Layer Protocols and Procedures
Programming Experience	<i>bash</i> scripting for large scale network experiments, linux kernel patching <i>pytorch</i> implementation of constrained routing optimization problems, <i>pandas</i> analysis of experimental data, Matlab LTE, 5G and Control System Toolbox experience, Java and Python OOP experience

ONGOING PROJECTS

On Packet Reordering and Time Based Loss Detection

Using our conclusions from HPSR 23', we are interested in (i) obtaining analytical bounds for tolerability of packet reordering under time based methods, (ii) discovering cases of wireless communications and multipath.

On 5G Radio Resource Control Layer State Space

In continuation of my summer internship work at AT&T Labs, I working to model and optimize the 5G RRC State Space. I am also considering a potential extension to Carrier Aggregation.

On Virtual Radio Access Network (vRAN) Resilience

As a second project at AT&T Labs, I am interested in application of Machine Repair Problems, onto vRAN/cloud-RAN Availability Modeling.

On Oblivious Routing

Using our method from Globecom 23', we are interested in (i) obtaining different ways of solving this problem, (ii) applying this idea to disaster recovery resource provisioning problems under limited network knowledge.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Scored in the top 0.25% in the Turkey-wide University Entrance Exam with around 2 Million exam takers.

Awarded Academic Excellence Scholarships waiving tuition of undergraduate studies.

School of Engineering Fellow at NYU Tandon. Covers tuition, health insurance and stipend through PhD.

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native

English: Fluent

French: Proficient

TOEFL Score: 109/120

Delf B2 Certificate

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

Mentorship to High School Students within NYU Tandon ARISE High School Research Program.

Co-leading of high school FRC robotics team Anatolian Eaglebots 3390. Gave basic coding and electronics trainings for high school students and took part in design and strategy decisions for the team.

Executive Board Membership of Sociology Club for 2.5 years at Bilkent University. Organized conferences, discussion sessions and guided city walks with academics.

Participant and Executive Board Member of Theatre and Improvisation Club for 4 years at Bilkent University. Acted in plays and improvisations. Directed an planned numerous improvisation sessions.

PERSONAL TRAITS

Passionate about history, foreign languages and jazz.