Overview of NCEL: Network Communications & Economics Lab

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NCEL History



- Established in 2007 in CUHK Hong Kong
- 2007-2018: Graduated 12 PhDs, 3 Masters, and 7 Postdocs
- Current: 2 professors, 8 PhD students, and 1 Postdoc
- 2019: expanding to CUHK Shenzhen

NCEL Vision

- Conduct world-class high-impact theoretical research in the interdisciplinary area among communications, networking, and economics.
- Help members grow into international leading researchers.

Research Themes

Wireless Communications

> Network Economics

Optimization

Microeconomics

Research Areas



http://ncel.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/current-research

Research Collaborations

• Universities: North America & Europe



• Universities: Asia-Pacific



• Industry partners















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NCEL Books



http://ncel.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/content/books

NCEL Tutorials



How Do We Play Games?



Wireless Network Economics and Games



Mobile Data Offloading



User-Provided Networks



Economics of TV White Space Networks



Fog Computing and Networking

http://ncel.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/content/tutorials

NCEl Director: Prof. Jianwei Huang

- Presidential Chair Professor and Associate Dean, CUHK, Shenzhen
- IEEE Fellow, Class of 2016 (at the age of 37)
- Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher, 2016/2017
- IEEE ComSoc Distinguished Lecturer 2015-2018
- CUHK Young Researcher Award, 2014
- IEEE ComSoc Asia-Pacific Outstanding Young Researcher Award 2009
- IEEE Marconi Award in Wireless Communications 2011
- Eight International Conference Best Paper Awards
- Editor of IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Transactions on Networking, Transactions on Mobile Computing, Transactions on Wireless Communications, Transactions on Network Science and Engineering, Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking
- Total Google Citations: 10200, H-Index: 50

NCEL Faculty Alumni

- Liqun Fu (PhD 2011): Xiamen University (Distinguished Professor)
- Xu Chen (PhD 2012): Sun Yat-Shen University (Full Professor)
- Lingjie Duan (PhD 2012): Singapore University of Technology & Design (Assistant Professor)
- Changkun Jiang (PhD 2017): Shenzhen University (Assistant Professor)
- Fen Hou (Postdoc 2011): University of Macau (Assistant Professor)
- Lin Gao (Postdoc 2016): Harbin Institute of Technology Shenzhen (Associate Professor)
- Quansheng Guan (Postdoc 2013): South China University of Technology (Full Professor)
- Yanru Zhang (Postdoc 2017): University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (Full Professor)

NCEL Member Achievements (1/2)

- Chinese Thousand Talents Award for Young Professionals (青年千人)
 - Liqun Fu (2015) and Xu Chen (2016)
- IEEE ComSoc Asia-Pacific Outstanding Young Researcher Award
 - Lingjie Duan (2015), Lin Gao (2016), Xu Chen (2017)
- Hong Kong Young Scientist Awards
 - Xu Chen: Physical/Mathematical Science Runner-up (2014)
 - Lingjie Duan: Engineering Science Finalist (2014)

NCEL Member Achievements (2/2)

- CUHK Postgraduate Research Output Award: Yuan Luo (2015)
- CUHK Young Scholar Thesis Award: Yuan Luo (2015)
- Phd Students Visiting Top Universities for 6-9 months
 - Princeton University: Liqun Fu (2010), Meng Zhang (2018)
 - University of California, Berkeley: Lingjie Duan (2011), Yuan Luo (2014)
 - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: Qian Ma (2015)
 - Yale University: Haoran Yu (2015), Zhiyuan Wang (2019)
 - Stanford University: Ming Tang (2017)

Selected Research Highlights

More Details at http://ncel.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/current-research

Area I: User Provided Networking



Crowd-Sourced Internet Connectivity



• G. Iosifidis, L. Gao, J. Huang, and L. Tassiulas, "Enabling Crowd-Sourced Mobile Internet Access," *IEEE INFOCOM*, 2014

Hybrid Pricing-Reward Scheme



• L. Gao, G. Iosifidis, J. Huang, and L. Tassiulas, "Hybrid Data Pricing for Network-Assisted User-Provided Connectivity," *IEEE INFOCOM*, 2014

Area II: Dynamic Spectrum Sharing



Hybrid Spectrum Markets



• L. Gao, J. Huang, Y.J. Chen, and B. Shou, "An Integrated Contract and Auction Design for Secondary Spectrum Sharing," *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, 2013

Spectrum Information Market



 Y. Luo, L. Gao, and J. Huang, "Trade Information, Not Spectrum: A Novel TV White Space Information Market Model," *IEEE WiOpt* (Best Paper Award), 2014

Area III: Mobile Data Offloading



Data Offloading Market



 G. Iosifidis, L. Gao, J. Huang, and L. Tassiulas, "A Double Auction Mechanism for Mobile Data Offloading Markets," *IEEE Transaction on Networking*, accepted July 2014 (conference version received *IEEE WiOpt* Best Paper Award, 2013)

NCEL Welcomes You

- Highly motivated **PhD students** with passion in interdisciplinary network economics research
 - Check http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/hkphd/
- **Postdoc researchers** with a strong publication record and a strong desire to succeed in academia
- Visiting PhD students with strong publications and fresh ideas

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