








# Yue Zhao

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RESEARCH KEYWORDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsupervised Machine Learning</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outlier &amp; Anomaly Detection</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Open ML Tools</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare AI &amp; Therapeutic for ML</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-distribution (OOD) Detection</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> AI for Science</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Machine Learning Systems</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Automated Machine Learning</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Graph Neural Networks</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Security AI</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Parallel Computing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Meta-Learning</li></ul>
RESEARCH SUMMARY	I build <i>fast</i> and <i>automated</i> <b>machine learning (ML)</b> and <b>data mining (DM)</b> systems, with a focus on but not limited to <b>anomaly detection</b> and <b>graph neural networks</b> . <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Accelerate</b> large-scale learning tasks by leveraging ML systems techniques.</li><li><b>Automate</b> unsupervised ML by model selection and hyperparameter optimization.</li><li><b>Develop</b> open-source ML tools to support applications in healthcare, finance, and security.</li></ol>	
OPEN-SOURCE HIGHLIGHTS	 <b>YZHAO062</b> <b>Open-source Contribution:</b> I have led or contributed as a core developer to more than 10 ML open-source initiatives. Popular ones include PyOD (A Python Toolbox for Scalable Outlier Detection), ADBench (Anomaly Detection Benchmark), and TDC (An ML Data Hub for Drug Discovery)  My works receive  <b>16,000 GitHub Stars</b> and 20,000,000 downloads as of October 30, 2023.	
FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>University of Southern California</b> <i>Thomas Lord Department of Computer Science</i> Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) <u>A</u> utomation, <u>S</u> ystem, and <u>A</u> pplication ( <b>ASAP</b> ) Lab  <b>PwC Canada</b> <i>Consulting &amp; Deals</i> Senior Consultant (Data Scientist) Consultant (Data Scientist) Research Associate (Intern)	Aug. 2023 - Present    Aug. 2017 - Jun. 2019 Feb. 2017 - Jul. 2017 May. 2016 - Jan. 2017
EDUCATION	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> <i>Ph.D. in Information Systems and Management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Affiliation:</b> CMU automated learning systems group (Catalyst) and Data Analytics Techniques Algorithms (DATA) Lab</li><li><b>Advisors and Mentors:</b> CMU: Prof. Leman Akoglu, Prof. Zhihao Jia, and Prof. George Chen. I collaborate with Prof. Jure Leskovec at Stanford, and Prof. Philip S. Yu at UIC.</li><li><b>Thesis:</b> Outlier Detection: Automation, Systems, and Applications</li></ul> <b>University of Toronto</b> <i>Master of Science in Computer Science</i>  <b>University of Cincinnati</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering</i> <i>Minor: Computer Science and Mathematics</i>	Pittsburgh, PA Sep. 2019 - May. 2023      Toronto, ON Sep. 2015 - Dec. 2016   Cincinnati, OH Sep. 2010 - May. 2015

## Preprints & Under Submission

37. Xueying Ding, Yue Zhao, Leman Akoglu  
 Fast Unsupervised Deep Outlier Model Selection with Hypernetworks  
**Under submission**  
**arXiv preprint arXiv:2307.10529**
36. Minqi Jiang, Chaochuan Hou, Ao Zheng, Xiyang Hu, Songqiao Han, Hailiang Huang, Xiangnan He, Philip S. Yu, Yue Zhao  
 Weakly Supervised Anomaly Detection: A Survey  
**Under submission**  
**arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.04549**
35. Yue Zhao, Leman Akoglu  
 Hyperparameter Optimization for Unsupervised Outlier Detection  
**Under submission**  
**arXiv preprint arXiv:2208.11727**
34. Kay Liu\*, Yingtong Dou\*, Yue Zhao\*, et al.  
 PyGOD: A Python Library for Graph Outlier Detection  
**arXiv preprint arXiv:2204.12095; Minor revision at JMLR**  
 (\*equal contribution)

## Peer-reviewed Journal Papers

33. Ling Yang\*, Zhilong Zhang\*, Yang Song, Shenda Hong, Runsheng Xu, Yue Zhao, Wentao Zhang, Bin Cui, Ming-Hsuan Yang  
 Diffusion Models: A Comprehensive Survey of Methods and Applications  
*ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)*, 2023  
 (\*equal contribution)
32. Yue Zhao\*, Martin Q. Ma\*, Xiaorong Zhang, Leman Akoglu  
 The Need for Unsupervised Outlier Model Selection: A Review and Evaluation of Internal Evaluation Strategies  
*ACM SIGKDD Explorations Newsletter (SIGKDD Explor.)*, 2023  
 (\*equal contribution)
31. Kexin Huang\*, Tianfan Fu\*, Wenhao Gao\*, Yue Zhao, Yusuf Roohani, Jure Leskovec, Connor W. Coley, Cao Xiao, Jimeng Sun, Marinka Zitnik  
 Artificial Intelligence Foundation for Therapeutic Science  
*Nature Chemical Biology (NCHEMB)*, 2022  
 (\*equal contribution)
30. Yue Zhao\*, Zheng Li\*, Xiyang Hu, Nicola Botta, Cezar Ionescu, George H. Chen  
 ECOD: Unsupervised Outlier Detection Using Empirical Cumulative Distribution Functions  
*IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)*, 2022.  
 (\*equal contribution)
29. Yue Zhao, Zain Nasrullah, Zheng Li  
 PyOD: A Python Toolbox for Scalable Outlier Detection  
*Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2019.

## Peer-reviewed Conference & Workshop Papers (with proceedings)

28. Minqi Jiang\*, Chaochuan Hou\*, Ao Zheng\*, Songqiao Han, Hailiang Huang<sup>†</sup>, Qingsong Wen, Xiyang Hu<sup>†</sup>, Yue Zhao<sup>†</sup>  
 ADGym: Design Choices for Deep Anomaly Detection.  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2023  
 (<sup>†</sup>Corresponding author)
27. Jaemin Yoo, Yue Zhao, Lingxiao Zhao, Leman Akoglu  
 DSV: An Alignment Validation Loss for Self-supervised Outlier Model Selection

26. Peng Xu, Lin Zhang, Xuanzhou Liu, Jiaqi Sun, Yue Zhao, Haiqin Yang, Bei Yu  
Do Not Train It: A Linear Neural Architecture Search of Graph Neural Networks  
*International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2023
25. Yue Zhao, Guoqing Zheng, Subhabrata Mukherjee, Robert McCann, Ahmed Awadallah  
ADMoE: Anomaly Detection with Mixture-of-Experts from Noisy Labels  
*Thirty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2023
24. Yue Zhao, George H. Chen, Zhihao Jia  
TOD: GPU-accelerated Outlier Detection via Tensor Operations  
*International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB)*, 2023
23. Songqiao Han\*, Xiyang Hu\*, Hailiang Huang\*, Minqi Jiang\*, Yue Zhao\*  
ADBench: Anomaly Detection Benchmark  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022  
(\*equal contribution & the corresponding author)
22. Yue Zhao\*, Kay Liu\*, Yingdong Dou\*, et al.  
Benchmarking Node Outlier Detection on Graphs  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022  
(\*equal contribution)
21. Yue Zhao, Xiaorong Zhang, Leman Akoglu  
ELECT: Toward Unsupervised Outlier Model Selection  
*IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2022.  
Regular paper. Acceptance rate 9.77% (85/870); overall acceptance 20% (174/870).
20. Zhiming Xu, Xiao Huang, Yue Zhao, Yushun Dong, Jundong Li  
Contrastive Attributed Network Anomaly Detection with Data Augmentation  
*Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)*, 2022  
Acceptance rate 19%.
19. Yue Zhao, Ryan A. Rossi, Leman Akoglu  
Automatic Unsupervised Outlier Model Selection  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021  
Acceptance rate 26%.
18. Kwei-Herng Lai, Daochen Zha, Junjie Xu, Yue Zhao, Guanchu Wang, Xia Hu  
Revisiting Time Series Outlier Detection: Definitions and Benchmarks  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021
17. Kexin Huang\*, Tianfan Fu\*, Wenhao Gao\*, Yue Zhao, Yusuf Roohani, Jure Leskovec, Connor W. Coley, Cao Xiao, Jimeng Sun, Marinka Zitnik  
Therapeutics Data Commons: Machine Learning Datasets and Tasks for Drug Discovery and Development  
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021  
(\*equal contribution)
16. Yue Zhao\*, Xiyang Hu\*, Cheng Cheng, Cong Wang, Changlin Wan, Wen Wang, Jianing Yang, Haoping Bai, Zheng Li, Cao Xiao, Yunlong Wang, Zhi Qiao, Jimeng Sun, Leman Akoglu  
SUOD: Accelerating Large-scale Unsupervised Heterogeneous Outlier Detection  
*Conference on Machine and Learning Systems (MLSys)*, 2021.  
Acceptance rate 23.5% (52/221). (\*equal contribution)
15. Kwei-Herng Lai\*, Daochen Zha\*, Guanchu Wang, Junjie Xu, Yue Zhao, Devesh Kumar, Yile Chen, Purav Zumkhawaka, Minyang Wan, Diego Martinez and Xia Ben Hu  
TODS: An Automated Time Series Outlier Detection System (Demo paper)  
*Thirty-Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2021.  
(\*equal contribution)

14. Meng-Chieh Lee, Yue Zhao, Aluna Wang, Pierre Jinghong Liang, Leman Akoglu, Vincent S. Tseng, Christos Faloutsos  
AutoAudit: Mining Accounting and Time-Evolving Graphs  
*IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)*, 2020
13. Changlin Wan, Dongya Jia, Yue Zhao, Wennan Chang, Sha Cao, Xiao Wang, and Chi Zhang  
A Data Denoising Approach to Optimize Functional Clustering of Single Cell RNA-sequencing Data  
*IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)*, 2020
12. Zheng Li, Yue Zhao, Nicola Botta, Cezar Ionescu, Xiyang Hu  
COPOD: Copula-Based Outlier Detection  
*IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2020.
11. Zheng Li, Yue Zhao, Jialin Fu  
SYNC: A Copula based Framework for Generating Synthetic Data from Aggregated Sources  
*IEEE International Conference on Data Mining Workshops (ICDMW)*, 2020.
10. Yiqun Mei, Yue Zhao, Wei Liang  
DSR: An Accurate Single Image Super Resolution Approach for Various Degradations  
*IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME)*, 2020, London, UK.
9. Yue Zhao, Xuejian Wang\*, Cheng Cheng\*, Xueying Ding\*  
Combining Machine Learning Models and Scores using combo Library (Demo paper)  
*Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2020.  
(\*equal contribution)
8. Zain Nasrullah, Yue Zhao  
Music Artist Classification with Convolutional Recurrent Neural Networks  
*IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, 2019, Hungary.
7. Yue Zhao, Zain Nasrullah, Maciej K. Hryniewicki, Zheng Li  
LSCP: Locally Selective Combination in Parallel Outlier Ensembles  
*SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, 2019, Calgary, Canada.  
Acceptance rate 22.7% (90/397).
6. Yue Zhao, Maciej K. Hryniewicki  
XGBOD: Improving Supervised Outlier Detection with Unsupervised Representation Learning  
*IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, 2018, Rio, Brazil.
5. Yue Zhao, Maciej K. Hryniewicki, Francesca Cheng, Boyang Fu, Xiaoyu Zhu  
Employee Turnover Prediction with Machine Learning: A Reliable Approach  
*Intelligent System Conference (Intellisys)*, 2018, London, UK.  
Acceptance rate 34% (194/568).
4. Yue Zhao\*, Zhongtian Qiu\*, Yiqing Yang\*, Weiwei Li\*, Mingming Fan  
An Empirical Study of Touch-based Authentication Methods on Smartwatches  
*ACM International Symposium on Wearable Computers (ISWC)*, 2017, Maui, USA.  
Acceptance rate 25.6% (23/90). (\*equal contribution)

**Peer-reviewed Workshop Papers (without proceedings)**

3. Yue Zhao, Xueying Ding, Jianing Yang, and Haoping Bai.  
SUOD: Toward Scalable Unsupervised Outlier Detection  
**Workshops at the Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence**, 2020.  
**Extended version published in *MLSys 2021*.**
2. Colin Wan, Zheng Li, Alicia Guo, Yue Zhao  
SynC: A Unified Framework for Generating Synthetic Population with Gaussian Copula  
**Workshops at the Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence**, 2020.  
**Extended version published in *ICDMW 2020*.**

1. Yue Zhao, Maciej K. Hryniewicki  
DCSO: Dynamic Combination of Detector Scores for Outlier Ensembles  
*ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD Workshop on Outlier Detection De-constructed)*, 2018, London, UK.  
**Extended version published in *SDM 2019*, renamed to LSCP.**

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FUNDING	Meta 2022 AI4AI Research Award (co-PI)	\$50,000	Oct. 2022
	The Norton Labs Graduate Fellowship	\$20,000	Mar. 2022
	CMU Presidential Fellowship	\$80,000	2019
	Mitacs-Accelerate Research and Development Funding	\$30,000	2016-2017
	University Global Award and Scholarship	\$32,000	2010-2015
	Mantei/Mae Award & Scholar	\$40,000	2012-2015
	Engineer of the Month (University of Cincinnati)		Jun. 2014
INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE	<b>NortonLifeLock Research Group</b>		
	Machine Learning Research Intern		2022
	• Supervised by Dr. Acar Tamersoy and Dr. Kevin Roundy.		
	<b>Microsoft Research</b>		
	Machine Learning Research Intern		2022
	• Designed weakly supervised anomaly detection algorithms		
	• Supervised by Dr. Guoqing Zheng and Dr. Subhabrata (Subho) Mukherjee.		
	<b>Stanford University, Computer Science Department</b>		
	Visiting Student Researcher		2021
	• Designed new GNN systems.		
	• Supervised by Prof. Jure Leskovec.		
	<b>IQVIA, Analytics Center of Excellence</b>		
	Machine Learning Research Intern		2020
	• Designed new machine learning models in healthcare.		
	• Supervised by Dr. Cao (Danica) Xiao (IQVIA) and Prof. Jimeng Sun (UIUC).		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Siemens PLM Software USA</b>		
	Software Engineer (Intern & Contract)		Mar. 2012 - Dec. 2014
	• Managed a Java project to transition the LabManager system to vCloud Director.		
	• Refactored outdated automation code and added new modules and JUnit test cases.		
	• Led a C++ Code Coverage project on Teamcenter platform to strengthen its stability.		
	<b>University of Southern California</b>		
	<b>Instructor</b>	Los Angeles, CA	Spring 2024
	<i>CSCI 566 Machine Learning</i>		
	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>		
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	Pittsburgh, PA	Fall 2022
	<i>Managing Digital Business</i> (Prof. David Riel)		
	<b>Teaching Assistant &amp; co-Instructor</b> (lectures on AutoML and MLSys)		Spring 2022
	<b>Teaching Assistant &amp; co-Instructor</b> (lectures on AutoML and MLSys)		Fall 2021
	<b>Teaching Assistant &amp; co-Instructor</b> (lectures on AutoML)		Spring 2021
	<b>Teaching Assistant &amp; co-Instructor</b> (lectures on AutoML)		Fall 2020
	<i>Intro to Artificial Intelligence</i> (Prof. David Steier)		
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>		Spring 2022
	<i>Digital Transformation</i> (Prof. David Riel)		

**Teaching Assistant** (helping on course topics)  
*Statistics for IT Managers* (Prof. Daniel Nagin)

Fall 2021

**University of Toronto**

Toronto, ON

**Teaching Assistant & Lab Session Instructor**  
*Embedded Systems* (Prof. Philip Anderson)

Fall 2015

**University of Cincinnati**

Cincinnati, OH

**Teaching Assistant & Lab Session Instructor**  
*Intro to Programming* (Prof. George Purdy)

Fall 2014

QUAL &  
THESIS  
COMMITTEE

- Yi Chien Lin (USC, ECE Ph.D.)
- Yuke Zhang (USC, ECE Ph.D.)

SERVICES

**Conference Organizing Committee**

- Workflow Co-Chair for KDD 2023

**External Reviewer for Funding Proposals**

- Dutch Research Council (NWO)

**Journal Editor**

- Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- Action Editor, Journal of Data-centric Machine Learning Research (DMLR)

**Program Committee and/or (Meta-)Reviewer for Conferences and Workshops**

- AISTATS 2024 (meta-reviewer)
- MLSys 2024
- KDD 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- IJCAI 2022, 2023
- NeurIPS 2021, 2022, 2023
- AAAI 2021, 2022, 2023
- AAAI Demonstrations 2021, 2022
- MICCAI 2020, 2021, 2022
- ICDM 2020
- KDD Workshop on Outlier Detection and Description (ODD), 2021
- KDD Workshop on Anomaly and Novelty Detection (ANDEA), 2021, 2022
- IJCAI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Anomalies and Novelty (AI4AN), 2020, 2021
- INFORMS Workshop on Data Science 2021

**Journal Reviewer**

- Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
- Machine Learning
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
- IEEE Internet of Things Journal (IoT-J)
- IEEE Intelligent Systems
- IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications (J-SAC)
- Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (DMAI)
- ACM Transactions on Management Information Systems (TMIS)
- Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS)
- INFORMS Journal on Computing (IJOC)
- Big Data

- Artificial Intelligence Review (AIRE)
- Neurocomputing
- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems
- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB)
- IEEE Network Magazine
- IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine (CIM)
- BioData Mining
- European Journal of Management and Business Economics (EJMBE)
- The Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS)

TALKS AND LECTURES	U of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Oct. 2023
	Samsung Seminar	<i>Automated and Scalable Anomaly Detection Systems</i>	Aug. 2023
	KDD SoCal Day	<i>Enable Security Applications by ML with Noisy Inputs</i>	Aug. 2023
	CMU Catalyst	<i>How (Not) to Fail Your Academic Job Search</i>	May. 2023
	KAUST	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Apr. 2023
	Emory University	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Apr. 2023
	USC	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Mar. 2023
	UC Davis	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Mar. 2023
	Stony Brook University	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Feb. 2023
	University of Chicago	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Feb. 2023
	UC Merced	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Feb. 2023
	CMU PDL Meeting	<i>Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems</i>	Jan. 2023
	CMU Data Science Seminar	<b>Guest Lecture</b> <i>Automated Anomaly Detection</i>	Nov. 2022
	LoG Seminar	<i>Large-scale Graph Anomaly Detection</i>	Oct. 2022
	Intuit	<i>Anomaly Detection for Financial Risk Modeling</i>	Aug. 2022
	Rice University	<i>Large-scale Anomaly Detection with Automation</i>	Sep. 2022
	Microsoft Research	<i>Weakly-supervised Anomaly Detection</i>	Sep. 2022
	Wells Fargo	<i>Anomaly Detection for Financial Risk Modeling</i>	Aug. 2022
	Columbia University	<b>Guest Lecture</b> <i>Anomaly Detection</i>	Jul. 2022
	Morgan Stanley	<i>Automated Outlier Detection</i>	Jun. 2022
	Microsoft Research	<i>Automated Outlier Detection</i>	Jun. 2022
	Morgan Stanley	<i>Large-scale Anomaly Detection Systems</i>	Mar. 2022
	Rutgers Business School	<i>Outlier Model Selection</i>	Mar. 2022
	Tesla	<i>Large-scale Anomaly Detection Systems</i>	Feb. 2022
	Catalyst, CMU	<i>Systems for Data Mining Algorithms</i>	Dec. 2021
	E&Y Canada	<i>ML applications in Data Analytics</i>	Oct. 2021
	University of Nottingham	<i>General Machine Learning Applications</i>	Jan. 2021