Yue Zhao

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RESEARCH SUMMARY	 I build robust, efficient, and automated machine learning (ML) and data mining (DM) algorithms, systems, and applications. My primary areas of interest are: Robustness and Security of AI: Enhancing the robustness and security of AI systems through out-of-distribution (OOD) detection, outlier detection, and anomaly detection. Efficient and Scalable AI: Developing efficient and scalable ML systems and automation techniques. Applications in Security, Finance, and Healthcare: Applying AI technologies to address complex problems in security, finance, and healthcare sectors. 			
	(1) Robustness and Security of AI			
	☐ Out-of-distribution (OOD) Detection☐ Outlier Detection	□ Anomaly Detection□ Trustworthy AI		
	(2) Efficient and Scalable AI			
	 □ Machine Learning Systems □ Automated Machine Learning □ Decentralized Learning 	□ Meta-Learning□ Parallel Computing□ Quantization and Approximation		
	(3) Applications in Security, Finance, and Healthcare	(3) Applications in Security, Finance, and Healthcare		
	☐ Healthcare AI ☐ AI for Security	☐ Financial Risk Modeling☐ AI for Science		
OPEN-SOURCE HIGHLIGHTS YZHAO062	open-source initiatives. Popular ones include PyOD (A Python Toolbox for Scalable Outlier Determination)			
FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	University of Southern California Thomas Lord Department of Computer Science Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) Robustness, Efficiency, Security, Automation, and ApplIcation	Aug. 2023 - Present n <u>L</u> ab (RESAIL) Lab (Link)		
	PwC Canada Consulting & Deals			
	Senior Consultant (Data Scientist) Consultant (Data Scientist) Research Associate (Intern)	Aug. 2017 - Jun. 2019 Feb. 2017 - Jul. 2017 May. 2016 - Jan. 2017		
EDUCATION	Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, PA		
	Ph.D. in Information Systems and ManagementAffiliation: CMU automated learning systems group (Cat	Sep. 2019 - May. 2023 alyst) and Data Analytics Techniques		

Algorithms (DATA) Lab

• Advisors and Mentors: 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.

University of Toronto

Master of Science in Computer Science

Toronto, ON Sep. 2015 - Dec. 2016

University of Cincinnati

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Minor: Computer Science and Mathematics

Cincinnati, OH Sep. 2010 - May. 2015

Publications Preprints & Under Submission

G SCHOLAR RESEARCHG

42. Hao Dong, Yue Zhao, Eleni Chatzi, Olga Fink

MultiOOD: Scaling Out-of-Distribution Detection for Multiple Modalities

Under submission

arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.17419

41. Hao Dong, Gaetan Frusque, Yue Zhao, Eleni Chatzi, Olga Fink

NNG-Mix: Improving Semi-supervised Anomaly Detection with Pseudo-anomaly Generation

Under submission

arXiv preprint arXiv:2311.11961

40. Mingi 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

Peer-reviewed Journal Papers

39. 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)

38. 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)

37. 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)

36. 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)

35. 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)

- 34. Xueying Ding, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Leman Akoglu
 Fast Unsupervised Deep Outlier Model Selection with Hypernetworks

 ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2024
- 33. Lichao Sun, Yue Huang, Haoran Wang, Siyuan Wu, Qihui Zhang, Chujie Gao, Yixin Huang, Wenhan Lyu, Yixuan Zhang, Xiner Li, Zhengliang Liu, Yixin Liu, Yijue Wang, Zhikun Zhang, 50+ collaborative authors, <u>Yue Zhao</u>
 TrustLLM: Trustworthiness in Large Language Models
- 32. Songtao Liu, Hanjun Dai, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Peng Liu Preference Optimization for Molecule Synthesis with Conditional Residual Energy-based Models International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Oral, 2024
- Yue Zhao, Leman Akoglu
 Hyperparameter Optimization for Unsupervised Outlier Detection
 International Conference on Automated Machine Learning (AutoML), 2024

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024

- 30. Yue Zhao Towards Reproducible, Automated, and Scalable Anomaly Detection AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), New Faculty Highlights, 2024
- 29. Minqi Jiang*, Chaochuan Hou*, Ao Zheng*, Songqiao Han, Hailiang Huang[†], Qingsong Wen, Xiyang Hu[†], Yue Zhao[†] ADGym: Design Choices for Deep Anomaly Detection. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023 ([†]Corresponding author)
- Jaemin Yoo, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Lingxiao Zhao, Leman Akoglu
 DSV: An Alignment Validation Loss for Self-supervised Outlier Model Selection
 European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery
 in Databases (ECML/PKDD), 2023
- 27. Peng Xu, Lin Zhang, Xuanzhou Liu, Jiaqi Sun, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Haiqin Yang, Bei Yu Do Not Train It: A Linear Neural Architecture Search of Graph Neural Networks *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2023
- 26. 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
- Yue Zhao, George H. Chen, Zhihao Jia
 TOD: GPU-accelerated Outlier Detection via Tensor Operations

 International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB), 2023
- 24. Songqiao Han*, Xiyang Hu*, Hailiang Huang*, Minqi Jiang*, <u>Yue Zhao*</u> ADBench: Anomaly Detection Benchmark Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022 (*equal contribution & the corresponding author)
- 23. Yue Zhao*, Kay Liu*, Yingtong Dou*, et al. Benchmarking Node Outlier Detection on Graphs Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022 (*equal contribution)
- 22. 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).
- 21. Zhiming Xu, Xiao Huang, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, 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%.
- Yue Zhao, Ryan A. Rossi, Leman Akoglu
 Automatic Unsupervised Outlier Model Selection
 Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021
 Acceptance rate 26%.
- 19. Kwei-Herng Lai, Daochen Zha, Junjie Xu, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Guanchu Wang, Xia Hu Revisiting Time Series Outlier Detection: Definitions and Benchmarks *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (*NeurIPS*), 2021
- 18. Kexin Huang*, Tianfan Fu*, Wenhao Gao*, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, 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 <u>Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)</u>, 2021 (*equal contribution)
- 17. 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)
- 16. Kwei-Herng Lai*, Daochen Zha*, Guanchu Wang, Junjie Xu, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, 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)
- 15. Meng-Chieh Lee, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, 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
- 14. Changlin Wan, Dongya Jia, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, 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
- Zheng Li, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Nicola Botta, Cezar Ionescu, Xiyang Hu COPOD: Copula-Based Outlier Detection IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2020.
- Zheng Li, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Jialin Fu SYNC: A Copula based Framework for Generating Synthetic Data from Aggregated Sources IEEE International Conference on Data Mining Workshops (ICDMW), 2020.
- 11. Yiqun Mei, <u>Yue Zhao</u>, Wei Liang DSR: An Accurate Single Image Super Resolution Approach for Various Degradations *IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo* (*ICME*), 2020, London, UK.
- 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)
- 9. Zain Nasrullah, <u>Yue Zhao</u> Music Artist Classification with Convolutional Recurrent Neural Networks IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), 2019, Hungary.

- 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).
- 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.
- 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).
- 5. 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)

- 4. Yuehan Qin, Yichi Zhang, <u>Yue Zhao</u>
 MetaOOD: Meta-learning for Automatic Out-of-Distribution Detection Model Selection

 ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD

 Workshop on Resource-Efficient Learning for Knowledge Discovery), 2024. Best Paper Award

 Best Paper Award.
- Yue Zhao, Xueying Ding, Jianing Yang, 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.
- Colin Wan, Zheng Li, Alicia Guo, <u>Yue Zhao</u>
 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.
- 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	Best Paper Award @ KDD Resource-Efficient Learning Workshop NSF ATD NSF POSE Google Cloud Research Innovators AAAI New Faculty Highlights Meta 2022 AI4AI Research Award (student co-PI) The Norton Labs Graduate Fellowship CMU Presidential Fellowship Mitacs-Accelerate Research and Development Funding University Global Award and Scholarship Mantei/Mae Award & Scholar Engineer of the Month (University of Cincinnati)	Aug. 2024 Aug. 2024 Jun. 2024 Mar. 2024 Feb. 2024 Oct. 2022 Mar. 2022 2019 2016-2017 2010-2015 2012-2015 Jun. 2014

INTERNSHIP NortonLifeLock Research Group
EXPERIENCE Machine Learning Research Intern

Machine Learning Research Intern

• Supervised by Dr. Acar Tamersoy and Dr. Kevin Roundy.

2022

Microsoft Research

Machine Learning Research Intern

2022

- Designed weakly supervised anomaly detection algorithms
- Supervised by Dr. Guoqing Zheng and Dr. Subhabrata (Subho) Mukherjee.

Stanford University, Computer Science Department

Visiting Student Researcher

2021

- Designed new GNN systems.
- Supervised by Prof. Jure Leskovec.

IQVIA, Analytics Center of Excellence

Machine Learning Research Intern

2020

- Designed new machine learning models in healthcare.
- Supervised by Dr. Cao (Danica) Xiao (IQVIA) and Prof. Jimeng Sun (UIUC).

Siemens PLM Software USA

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Instructor

Spring 2025 (scheduled)

CSCI 566 Deep Learning and Its Applications
Instructor

CSCI 566 Deep Learning and Its Applications

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022

Spring 2024

Managing Digital Business (Prof. David Riel)

Teaching Assistant & co-Instructor (lectures on AutoML and MLSys)	Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant & co-Instructor (lectures on AutoML and MLSys)	Fall 2021
Teaching Assistant & co-Instructor (lectures on AutoML)	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant & co-Instructor (lectures on AutoML)	Fall 2020

Intro to Artificial Intelligence (Prof. David Steier)

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2022

Digital Transformation (Prof. David Riel)

Teaching Assistant (helping on course topics)

Statistics for IT Managers (Prof. Daniel Nagin)

Fall 2021

University of Toronto

Teaching Assistant & Lab Session Instructor

Toronto, ON Fall 2015

Embedded Systems (Prof. Philip Anderson)

$University\ of\ Cincinnati$

Cincinnati, OH

Fall 2014

Teaching Assistant & Lab Session Instructor

Intro to Programming (Prof. George Purdy)

PH.D. STUDENTS

- Haoyan Xu (USC, ECE Ph.D., 2024 Spring-)
- Yuehan Qin (USC, CS Ph.D., 2024 Fall-)
- Tiankai Yang (USC, CS Ph.D., 2024 Fall-)
- Li Li (USC, CS Ph.D., 2024 Fall-)

& Thesis Committee

- QUALIFICATION Gengyu Rao (USC, CS Ph.D.)
 - Mehrdad Kiamari (USC, ECE Ph.D.)
 - Haonan Wang (USC, ECE Ph.D.) • Yuan Meng (USC, ECE Ph.D.)
 - Hassan Hamad (USC, ECE Ph.D.)
 - Yizhou Zhang (USC, CS Ph.D.)
 - Haoming Li (USC, CS Ph.D.)
 - Arash Hajisafi (USC, CS Ph.D.)
 - 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 (PC) or Area Chair (AC) for Conferences and Workshops

- ICLR 2025 (AC)
- AAAI 2025 (Senior PC)
- ICML 2024 (AC)
- AISTATS 2024 (AC)
- 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 Novelties (AI4AN), 2020, 2021
- INFORMS Workshop on Data Science 2021

Journal Reviewer

- Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
- PNAS Nexus
- 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)

Outlier Detection: Automation, Systems, and GenAI

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Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems

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Guest Lecture Automated Anomaly Detection

Aug. 2024

Aug. 2024

Feb. 2023

Feb. 2023

Jan. 2023

Nov. 2022

Mar. 2022

• IEEE Network Magazine

LinkedIn Anti-Abuse AI

Amazon Security AI

University of Chicago

CMU PDL Meeting

CMU Data Science Seminar

Rutgers Business School

UC Merced

- IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine (CIM)
- BioData Mining

Talks and

LECTURES

- European Journal of Management and Business Economics (EJMBE)
- The Journal of Open Source Software (JOSS)

New York University	Outlier Detection: Automation, Systems, and GenAI	Aug. 2024
University of Washington	Outlier Detection: Automation, Systems, and GenAI	Jun. 2024
Microsoft	Outlier Detection: Automation, Systems, and GenAI	Jun. 2024
USC Retreat on AI and En-	Safety Measures for LLMs	Apr. 2024
gineering Safety		
Visa Research	Towards Reproducible, Automated, and Scalable AD	Apr. 2024
USC Symposium on Fron-	Generative AI for Anomaly Detection	Mar. 2024
tiers of Generative AI AAAI New Faculty High-	Towards Reproducible, Automated, and Scalable AD	Feb. 2024
lights (invited)		
U of Nevada, Las Vegas	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Oct. 2023
Samsung Seminar	Automated and Scalable Anomaly Detection Systems	Aug. 2023
KDD SoCal Day	Enable Applications by ML with Noisy Inputs	Aug. 2023
CMU Catalyst	How (Not) to Fail Your Academic Job Search	May. 2023
KAUST	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Apr. 2023
Emory University	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Apr. 2023
USC	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Mar. 2023
UC Davis	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Mar. 2023
Stony Brook University	Automated and Scalable ML Algorithms and Systems	Feb. 2023

TeslaLarge-scale Anomaly Detection SystemsFeb. 2022Catalyst, CMUSystems for Data Mining AlgorithmsDec. 2021E&Y CanadaML applications in Data AnalyticsOct. 2021

Outlier Model Selection

University of Nottingham General Machine Learning Applications Jan. 2021