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SUMMARY

Postdoctoral researcher at Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ) with a background in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence and 7+ years of experience in deep learning and computer vision.

EDUCATION

Leibniz University Hannover

Hannover, Germany

Ph.D. in Geodesy and Geoinformatics with a focus on Deep Learning

Apr. 2017 – Jul. 2021

- Worked on applications of deep learning in airborne laser scanning data
- Multiple publications and projects on detection of archaeological objects
- Dissertation on Self Supervised Learning for Detection of Archaeological Monuments in LiDAR Data supervised by Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Monika Sester

Polytechnic University of Catalonia

Barcelona, Spain

M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence

Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2017

- Fundamental courses and projects in Machine Learning, Computer Vision, and Natural Language Processing
- Master Thesis in Neural Machine Translation supervised by Marta Ruiz Costa-jussà
- Publication at International Journal of the Spanish Society for Natural Language Processing

Middle East Technical University (METU)

Ankara, Turkey

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering

Sep. 2010 – Jun. 2015

- Got a Turkish Government Scholarship for undergraduate studies
- Was part of a 4-people team that built a social network as a graduation project

EXPERIENCE

Research Group Leader

Sep. 2023 – Present

Forschungszentrum Jülich, Institute for Materials Data Science and Informatics (IAS-9)

Aachen, Germany

- Leading the Data Science and Computer Vision for Electron Microscopy Lab
- Research on deep learning for electron microscopy data

Postdoctoral Researcher

Feb. 2023 – Aug. 2023

Forschungszentrum Jülich, Institute for Materials Data Science and Informatics (IAS-9)

Aachen, Germany

- Research on deep learning for electron microscopy data
- Prototyping and implementation of unsupervised, semi-supervised and supervised learning models
- Applications of Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Autoencoders and Diffusion Models
- Denoising, super-resolution and segmentation of transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of nanoparticles
- Implementations in PyTorch/Lightning
- Data pre and post-processing and visualization with Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Scikit-image, and Matplotlib
- Experiment tracking, monitoring and visualization with Wandb

Postdoctoral Researcher

Apr. 2021 – Dec. 2022

Helmholtz Zentrum Hereon, Institute of Materials Physics

Hamburg, Germany

- Research on segmentation of bone implants using deep learning and synchrotron radiation computed tomography (CT) data
- Development of active learning methods well-suited for tasks with small amounts of annotated data
- Implementations in PyTorch
- Data analysis and visualization using Fiji/ImageJ
- Contribution to a web-service for the active learning model to help users/domain experts apply segmentation on their data without having to learn or implement deep learning methods

Doctoral Researcher

Apr. 2017 – Apr. 2021

Leibniz University Hannover, Institute of Cartography and Geoinformatics

Hannover, Germany

- Research on detection and description of historical man-made landscape structures
- Prototyping and implementation of self supervised learning models (GANs and Autoencoders) to leverage large volumes of unlabeled data
- Transfer learning with self-supervised pretrained models customized for and finetuned on downstream tasks (classification, semantic and instance segmentation) with limited annotated data
- Worked on digital terrain models from airborne laser scanning data
- Worked with the ArcGIS software and Python Osgeo/Gdal library for data processing
- Used Tensorflow and Keras libraries for implementing deep learning models
- Published papers and open sourced implementations for classification, semantic segmentation, and instance segmentation of archaeological objects in digital terrain data using deep learning
- Helped teach master level courses: Internet-GIS (2017) and Environmental Data Analysis (2018 & 2020)
- Master Thesis Supervision, Segmentation of Linear Terrain Structures in Digital Terrain Models Using Deep learning by Heyeu Zhang at Leibniz University Hannover (2020)
- Master Thesis Supervision, Estimation of building parameters from street view images by Xin Hu at Leibniz University Hannover (2020)
- Master student project supervision, Extraction of linear structures from digital terrain models using deep learning by Ramish Satari at Leibniz University Hannover (2020)

Visiting Researcher

Nov. 2017 – Dec. 2017

University of Melbourne, Department of Infrastructure Engineering

Melbourne, Australia

- Research visit as part of a scholarship award by DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service
- Research collaboration between Institute of Cartography and Geoinformatics at Leibniz University Hannover and Department of Infrastructure Engineering at University of Melbourne
- Worked on and published a paper for archaeological object detection in airborne laser scanning data

Quality Assurance Intern

Jul. 2016 – Mar. 2017

Typeform S.L.

Barcelona, Spain

- Automated and manual software tests for features before being shipped for production

Java Developer

Feb. 2016 – Jul. 2016

Open University of Catalonia

Barcelona, Spain

- Helped improve a website for students to upload programming assignments to be graded automatically

SKILLS

Languages: Persian (Native), Turkish (Advanced), English (Advanced), German (B2, Goethe Certificate)

Technical Skills: Python, PyTorch/Lightning, Tensorflow/Keras, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, ArcGIS, Osgeo/Gdal, Git, Docker, SQL, Linux, Matplotlib, Wandb

Machine Learning: Linear/Logistic Regression, Clustering, Convolutional Neural Networks, Classification, Semantic Segmentation, Object Detection, Instance Segmentation, Prototyping, GANs, Autoencoders, Vision Transformers, Diffusion Models

AWARDS AND FUNDINGS

Helmholtz Imaging Project Funding

2023

- Project title: Deep-Learning Assisted Fast In Situ 4D Electron Microscope Imaging
- Prof. Stefan Sandfeld and I, together with our collaborators, Prof. Christoph Kirchlechner and Dr. Subin Lee from Institute for Applied Materials – Mechanics of Materials and Interfaces (IAM-MMI), got the Helmholtz Imaging Project funding of 200K Euros for the proposal of our project planned for 3 years

Help a hematologist out Challenge

2022

- 3rd place winning solution
- I took part in the Help a hematologist out Challenge at Helmholtz Incubator Summer Academy - From Zero to Hero, 2022 and joined the BLAMAD team. The theme of the challenge was to find creative domain adaptation solutions for blood-cell classification which is important for diagnosis of diseases such as anemia or leukemia. We used domain adaptation techniques and won the 3rd place among all participating teams

PRESENTATIONS/TALKS

- 1st Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Materials Science and Engineering, Saarbrücken, Germany, Nov. 2023. Oral presentation on *Enhancing Semantic Segmentation in High-Resolution TEM Images through Pretraining on Unlabeled Data*.
- 2nd Joint Lab MDMC Workshop, Jülich, Germany, Mar. 2023. Oral presentation on *Introduction to the joint ER-C/IAS-9 Electron Microscopy Data Science Lab*.
- Helmholtz AI Conference, Dresden, Germany, Jun. 2022. Oral presentation on *Deep Active Learning for Segmentation of Biodegradable Bone Implants in High Resolution Synchrotron Radiation Microtomograms*.
- Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies (CHNT 25), Vienna, Austria, Nov. 2020, Oral presentation on *Effectiveness of DTM Derivatives for Object Detection Using Deep Learning*.
- Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies (CHNT 24), Vienna, Austria, Nov. 2019. Oral presentation on *Semi Supervised Learning for Archaeological Object Detection in Digital Terrain Models*.
- 38. Wissenschaftlich-Technische Jahrestagung der DGPF e.V., PFGK18, Munich, Germany, Mar. 2018. Poster presentation on *Classification of laser scanning data using deep learning*.
- 10th International Conference on Geographic Information Science, GIScience, Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 2018. Oral presentation on *Deep learning for archaeological object detection in airborne laser scanning data*.
- The 18th International Conference on Computer Analysis of Images and Patterns, Salerno, Italy, Sep. 2019. Poster presentation on *Object instance segmentation in digital terrain models*.
- Joint ISPRS Conference on Photogrammetric Image Analysis and Munich Remote Sensing Symposium, PIA 2019+MRSS, Munich, Germany, Sep. 2020. Oral presentation on *Semantic Segmentation of Manmade Landscape Structures in Digital Terrain Models*.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] B. Kazimi and M. Sester, “Self-supervised learning for semantic segmentation of archaeological monuments in dtms,” *Journal of Computer Applications in Archaeology*, vol. 6(1), pp. 155–173, Nov 2023.
- [2] B. Kazimi, P. Heuser, F. Schluenzen, H. Cwieka, D. Krüger, B. Zeller-Plumhoff, F. Wieland, J. Hammel, F. Beckmann, and J. Moosmann, “An active learning approach for the interactive and guided segmentation of tomography data,” in *SPIE*, vol. 12242, p. 122420F, 2022.
- [3] B. Kazimi, *Self Supervised Learning for Detection of Archaeological Monuments in LiDAR Data*. PhD thesis, Leibniz Universität Hannover, 2021.
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- [11] F. Politz, B. Kazimi, and M. Sester, “Classification of laser scanning data using deep learning,” *38th Scientific Technical Annual Meeting of the German Society for Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Geoinformation*, vol. 27, 2018.
- [12] B. Kazimi and M. Costa-jussà, “Coverage for character based neural machine translation,” *Procesamiento del Lenguaje Natural*, vol. 59, no. 0, pp. 99–106, 2017.