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#### **Education**

Sep. 2023 – Present Ph.D., Computing,

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), Hong Kong, China

Supervisor: Prof. Qing Li & Prof. Wenqi Fan

Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2023 M.E., Control Science and Engineering, GPA:88.00/100 or 3.75/4

Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), Xi'an, China

Supervisor: Prof. Zhun-ga Liu

Sep. 2016 – Jun. 2020 B.E., *Automation*, GPA:83.47/100 or 3.34/4
Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), Xi'an, China

### **Publications (First Author)**

- L. Ning, Z. Liang, Z. Jiang, et al., "A Survey of WebAgents: Towards Next-Generation AI Agents for Web Automation with Large Foundation Models." SIGKDD Conf. Knowl. Discovery Data Min., 2025. (CCF-A, Online)
  - **L. Ning**, W. Fan, Q. Li, "Exploring Backdoor Attack and Defense for LLM-empowered Recommendations." *arXiv*, 2025. (**Preprint**)
  - L. Ning, Z. Zhang, W. Ding, et al., "Multi-level Distribution Alignment for Multi-source Universal Domain Adaptation." *IEEE Trans. Neural Networks Learn. Syst.*, 2025. (JCR:Q1, IF:10.2, Online)
  - **L. Ning**, W. Fan, Q. Li, "Retrieval-Augmented Purifier for Robust LLM-Empowered Recommendation." *arXiv*, 2025. (**Preprint**)
- **L. Ning**, Z. Dai, W. Fan, et al., "Joint Universal Adversarial Perturbations with Interpretations," *arXiv*, 2024. (**Preprint**)
  - **L. Ning**, S. Wang, W. Fan, et al., "CheatAgent: Attacking LLM-Empowered Recommender Systems via LLM Agent," SIGKDD Conf. Knowl. Discovery Data Min., 2024. (CCF-A, Online)
  - L. Ning, Z. Dai, J. Su, et al., "Interpretation-Empowered Neural Cleanse for Backdoor Attacks," *The Web Conference*, 2024. (CCF-A, Online)
- Z. Liu (Master Supervisor), L. Ning, and Z. Zhang, "A New Progressive Multi-Source Domain Adaptation Network with Weighted Decision Fusion," *IEEE Trans. Neural Networks Learn. Syst.*, 2022, doi: 10.1109/TNNLS.2022.3179805. (JCR:Q1, IF:10.2, Online)
- L. Ning, Z. Liu, and Z. Zhang, "Domain Adaptation Based Multi-Source Data Fusion for Pattern Classification," *IEEE CIE Int. Conf. Radar*, 2021. (Online)

## **Publications (Collaboration)**

- Y. Zhang, H. Qu, L. Ning, et al. "SSD4Rec: a structured state space duality model for efficient sequential recommendation." *Transactions on Information Systems*, 2024. (CCF-A, Online)
  - Z. Zhang, Z. Liu, **L. Ning**, et al. "Belief-based fuzzy and imprecise clustering for arbitrary data distributions." *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems*, 2025. (**JCR:Q1, IF:10.8, Online**)
  - X. Yuan, L. Ning, W. Fan, and Q. Li. "mKG-RAG: Multimodal Knowledge Graph-Enhanced RAG for Visual Question Answering." *arXiv*, 2025. (**Preprint**)



# Publications (Collaboration) (continued)

- J. Huang, S. Wang, **L. Ning**, et al., "Towards Next-Generation Recommender Systems: A Benchmark for Personalized Recommendation Assistant with LLMs." *arXiv*, 2025. (**Preprint**)
- H. Qu, L. Ning, R. An, W. Fan, et al., "A Survey of Mamba," arXiv, 2024. (Preprint)
  - Y. Ding, W. Fan, **L. Ning**, et al., "A survey on RAG meets LLMs: Towards retrieval-augmented large language models," *SIGKDD Conf. Knowl. Discovery Data Min.*, 2024. (**CCF-A, Online**)
- Z. Zhang, Z. Liu, L. Ning, et al., "Representation of Imprecision in Deep Neural Networks for Image Classification," *IEEE Trans. Neural Networks Learn. Syst.*, 2022. (JCR:Q1, IF:10.2, Online)
  - Z. Zhang, L. Ning, Z. Liu, et al., "Mining and Reasoning of Data Uncertainty-induced Imprecision in Deep Image Classification," *Inf. Fusion*, 2023. (JCR:Q1, IF:10.2, Online)
- Z. Liu, Z. Zhang, Q. Pan, and L. Ning, "Unsupervised Change Detection From Heterogeneous Data Based on Image Translation," *IEEE Trans. Geosci. Remote Sens.*, vol. 60, pp. 1-13, 2022. (JCR:Q1, IF:8.125, Online)

### Miscellaneous Experience

#### **Awards and Achievements**

- **Excellent Master's Thesis**, NPU, Xi'an, China.
  - Outstanding Graduates, NPU, Xi'an, China.
- The National Scholarship, Ministry of Education, China.
  - **The First Prize Scholarship**, NPU, Xi'an, China.
- 2019 **The Second Prize Scholarship**, NPU, Xi'an, China.
- The First Prize Scholarship, NPU, Xi'an, China.
  - **The Endress+Hauser Scholarship**, NPU, Xi'an, China.
- The Second Prize Scholarship, NPU, Xi'an, China.

#### Certifications

- The First Prize of the 15-th National University Students Intelligent Car Race.
- The First Prize of the 14-th National University Students Intelligent Car Race.
- The Second Prize of the 13-th National University Students Intelligent Car Race. Awarded by Intelligent Car Race Organization Committee.

### **Skills and Research Interests**

Coding Pytorch, Matlab, C/C++, LTEX, Git.

Languages Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (CET6, IELTS 6.5).

Res. Interests Data Mining, WebAgents, Recommender Systems, Adversarial Attack, Domain Adaptation, Pattern Recognition, XAI.