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EXPERIENCE

- 4/23 – present Researcher (Senior Director), Data Analytics and Intelligence Lab, Alibaba Group
- 4/18 – 4/23 Senior Staff Engineer, Data Analytics and Intelligence Lab, Alibaba Group
- 8/17 – 4/18 Principal Researcher, Data Management, Exploration and Mining Group, Microsoft Research
- 8/15 – 8/17 Lead Researcher, Data Management, Exploration and Mining Group, Microsoft Research
- 8/12 – 8/15 Senior Researcher, Data Management, Exploration and Mining Group, Microsoft Research

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, US

- Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, 2012
- Advisor: Jiawei Han
- Thesis: Privacy-Preserving Data Publishing and Analytics using Data Cubes

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

- M.Phil., Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, 2007
- Advisor: Jeffery Xu Yu
- Thesis: Advanced Query Processing in Databases

Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

- B.S., Department of Math and Applied Mathematics, 2005
- Advisor: Qing Zhu and Shan Wang
- Final-year Project: Keyword Search in Databases

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PROJECTS

My recent research focuses on:

- *Data privacy* (including definitions, algorithms, and systems)
- *Federated data management, analytics, and learning* (e.g., developing federated matrix factorization algorithms with privacy guarantees and building a federated learning system, FederatedScope)
- *Making systems intelligent and efficient with machine learning and optimization techniques* (including physical computing systems such as databases and machine learning systems, and social systems)
- *Systems and data pipelines for training and evaluating large-scale machine learning models*

In particular, I enjoy developing algorithms and building systems in the following projects:

DPaaS (Data Privacy as a Service): Developing a series of privacy-preserving data collection, sharing, analysis, and learning techniques, for example, multi-dimensional and multi-source data sharing and OLAP under local differential privacy and/or MPC, and federated learning with formal privacy guarantees for vertically collaborative learning and device-server collaborative learning. Building a system with which these techniques can be deployed on various data platforms.

FederatedScope (a federated learning platform): We have open-sourced an easy-to-use federated learning package, FederatedScope. It provides comprehensive functionalities including privacy protection, personalization, auto-tuning of federated machine learning models, based on a programming framework with which one can conveniently develop and deploy her/his own federated models in various settings about how data and models are distributed, e.g., vertically/horizontally collaborative learning, and cross-silo/cross-device federated learning

services. Our team is actively contributing to the package and enriching its functionality for different types algorithms and scenarios, e.g., FederatedScope-GNN for federated learning of graph neural networks and FederatedScope-Real for large-scale cross-device federated learning.

System4AI: Optimizing the infrastructure and pipeline for training machine learning (large language) models, starting from the data pre-processors to model evaluators. At an earlier time, we developed a series of automated machine learning techniques (AutoML) in order to enable developers and data scientists with limited machine learning expertise and resources to train high-quality models, including auto tuning of hyperparameters, auto feature selection, and neural architecture search for machine learning models. Some of these techniques have been deployed into Alibaba's cloud AutoML products.

AI4System: Is it possible for models to learn to be a statistician, a database administrator, an index, a query processor, or a query optimizer? We develop a series of "learning-to-be" techniques for different database components, as well as a system framework to deploy these learned components into real databases.

AI4SocialScience: We conduct interdisciplinary research between Social Science (starting from, e.g., Economics) and Machine Learning. Besides traditional theoretical study, we build a multi-agent reinforcement learning platform to conduct simulation study and to investigate scenarios which are too complicated to be formulated as clean and solvable theoretical/math problems. For example, in recommendation systems, we study how users would react to different data privacy policies, and how the utility of platforms and the utility of individual users are affected.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Conference Publications

1. Dawei Gao, Daoyuan Chen, Zitao Li, Yuexiang Xie, Xuchen Pan, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Jingren Zhou: FS-Real: A Real-World Cross-Device Federated Learning Platform, in *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'23)*, 2023.
2. Pengfei Li, Hua Lu, Rong Zhu, Bolin Ding, Long Yang, and Gang Pan: DILI: A Distribution-Driven Learned Index, in *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'23)*, 2023. (also appeared in the Journal "*Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*" (PVLDB), 16(9): 2212-2224, 2023)
3. Xu Chen, Zhen Wang, Shuncheng Liu, Yaliang Li, Kai Zeng, Bolin Ding, Jingren Zhou, Han Su, and Kai Zheng: BASE: Bridging the Gap between Cost and Latency for Query Optimization, in *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'23)*, 2023. (also appeared in the Journal "*Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*" (PVLDB), 16(8): 1958-1966, 2023)
4. Rong Zhu, Wei Chen, Bolin Ding, Xingguang Chen, Andreas Pfadler, Ziniu Wu, and Jingren Zhou: Lero: A Learning-to-Rank Query Optimizer, in *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'23)*, 2023. (also appeared in the Journal "*Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*" (PVLDB), 16(6): 1466-1479, 2023)
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6. Bolin Ding, Yiding Feng, Chien-Ju Ho, Wei Tang, and Haifeng Xu: Competitive Information Design for Pandora's Box, in *Proceedings of ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA'23)*, 2023.
7. Zhen Wang, Weirui Kuang, Ce Zhang, Bolin Ding, and Yaliang Li: FedHPO-Bench: A Benchmark Suite for Federated Hyperparameter Optimization, in *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'23)*, 2023.
8. Daoyuan Chen, Liuyi Yao, Dawei Gao, Bolin Ding, and Yaliang Li: Efficient Personalized Federated Learning via Sparse Model-Adaptation, in *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'23)*, 2023.

9. Zeyu Qin, Liuyi Yao, Daoyuan Chen, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Minhao Cheng: Revisiting Personalized Federated Learning: Robustness Against Backdoor Attacks, in *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'23)*, 2023.
10. Daoyuan Chen, Dawei Gao, Yuexiang Xie, Xuchen Pan, Zitao Li, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Jingren Zhou: FS-Real: Towards Real-World Cross-Device Federated Learning, in *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'23)*, 2023.
11. Daoyuan Chen, Wuchao Li, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, Kai Zeng, Defu Lian, and Jingren Zhou: Learned Index with Dynamic Epsilon, in *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR'23)*, 2023.
12. Liuyi Yao, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, Jingren Zhou, Jinduo Liu, Mengdi Huai, and Jing Gao: Path-specific Causal Fair Prediction via Auxiliary Graph Structure Learning, in *Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference (WWW'23)*, 2023.
13. Zitao Li, Bolin Ding, Ce Zhang, Ninghui Li, and Jingren Zhou: Federated Matrix Factorization with Privacy Guarantee, in *Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'22)*, 2022. (also appeared in the Journal "*Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*" (PVLDB), 15(4): 900-913, 2021)
14. Renzhi Wu, Bolin Ding, Xu Chu, Zhewei Wei, Xiening Dai, Tao Guan, and Jingren Zhou: Learning to be a Statistician: Learned Estimator for Number of Distinct Values, in *Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'22)*, 2022. (also appeared in the Journal "*Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment*" (PVLDB), 15(2): 272-284, 2021)
15. Jinglin Peng, Bolin Ding, Jiannan Wang, Kai Zeng, and Jingren Zhou: One Size Does Not Fit All: A Bandit-Based Sampler Combination Framework with Theoretical Guarantees, in *Proceedings of ACM Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD'22)*, 2022.
16. Amrita Roy Chowdhury, Bolin Ding, Somesh Jha, Weiran Liu, and Jingren Zhou: Strengthening Order Preserving Encryption with Differential Privacy, in *Proceedings of the 29th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS'22)*, 2022.
17. Rong Zhu, Ziniu Wu, Chengliang Chai, Andreas Pfadler, Bolin Ding, Guoliang Li, and Jingren Zhou: Learned Query Optimizer: At the Forefront of AI-driven Databases, in *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Extending Database Technology (EDBT'22)*, 2022.
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19. Runlin Lei, Zhen Wang, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Zhewei Wei: EvenNet: Ignoring Odd-Hop Neighbors Improves Robustness of Graph Neural Networks, in *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (NeurIPS'22)*, 2022.
20. Jiawei Jiang, Lukas Burkhalter, Fangcheng Fu, Bo Li, Bolin Ding, Bo Du, Anwar Hithnawi, and Ce Zhang: VF-PS: How to Select Important Participants in Vertical Federated Learning, Efficiently and Securely, in *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (NeurIPS'22)*, 2022.
21. Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Jingren Zhou: A Practical Introduction to Federated Learning, in *Proceedings of the 28th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'22)*, 2022.
22. Zhen Wang, Weirui Kuang, Yuexiang Xie, Liuyi Yao, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, and Jingren Zhou: FederatedScope-GNN: Towards a Unified, Comprehensive and Efficient Package for Federated Graph Learning, in *Proceedings of the 28th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'22)*, 2022.

Best Paper Award in ADS

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28. Yiqing Xie, Zhen Wang, Carl Yang, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, Hongbo Deng, and Jiawei Han: KoMen: Domain Knowledge Guided Interaction Recommendation for Emerging Scenarios, in *Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference (WWW'22)*, 2022.
29. Chong Chen, Fei Sun, Min Zhang, and Bolin Ding: Recommendation Unlearning, in *Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference (WWW'22)*, 2022.
30. Shaoyun Shi, Yuexiang Xie, Zhen Wang, Bolin Ding, Yaliang Li, and Min Zhang: Explainable Neural Rule Learning, in *Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference (WWW'22)*, 2022.
31. Shanlei Mu, Yaliang Li, Wayne Xin Zhao, Jingyuan Wang, Bolin Ding, and Ji-Rong Wen: Alleviating Spurious Correlations in Knowledge-aware Recommendations through Counterfactual Generator, in *Proceedings of the 45th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR'22)*, 2022.
32. Jiaxiang Liu, Karl Knopf, Yiqing Tan, Bolin Ding, and Xi He: Catch a Blowfish Alive: A Demonstration of Policy-Aware Differential Privacy for Interactive Data Exploration, in *Proceedings of the 47th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'21)*, 2021.
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 39. Yuexiang Xie, Zhen Wang, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, Nezihe Merve Gürel, Ce Zhang, Minlie Huang, Wei Lin, and Jingren Zhou: FIVES: Feature Interaction Via Edge Search for Large-Scale Tabular Data, in *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD'21)*, 2021.
 40. Mingyu Xiao, Sen Huang, Yi Zhou, and Bolin Ding: Efficient Reductions and A Fast Algorithm of Maximum Weighted Independent Set, in *Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference (WWW'21)*, 2021.
 41. Yang Deng, Yaliang Li, Fei Sun, Bolin Ding, and Wai Lam: Unified Conversational Recommendation Policy Learning via Graph-based Reinforcement Learning, in *Proceedings of the 44th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR'21)*, 2021.
 42. Min Xu, Bolin Ding, Tianhao Wang, and Jingren Zhou: Collecting and Analyzing Data Jointly from Multiple Services under Local Differential Privacy, in *Proceedings of the 46th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'20)*, 2020.
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 43. Zhuolun Xiang, Bolin Ding, Xi He, and Jingren Zhou: Linear and Range Counting under Metric-based Local Differential Privacy, in *Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT'20)*, 2020.
 44. Ming Chen, Zhewei Wei, Zengfeng Huang, Bolin Ding, and Yaliang Li: Simple and Deep Graph Convolutional Networks, in *Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'20)*, 2020.
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 47. Huaxiu Yao, Xian Wu, Zhiqiang Tao, Yaliang Li, Bolin Ding, Ruirui Li, and Zhenhui Li: Automated Relational Meta-learning, in *Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR'20)*, 2020.
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 50. Daoyuan Chen, Yaliang Li, Minghui Qiu, Zhen Wang, Bofang Li, Bolin Ding, Hongbo Deng, Jun Huang, Wei Lin, and Jingren Zhou: AdaBERT: Task-Adaptive BERT Compression with Differentiable Neural Architecture Search, in *Proceedings of the 29th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'20)*, 2020.

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53. Min Xu, Tianhao Wang, Bolin Ding, Jingren Zhou, Cheng Hong, and Zhicong Huang: DPSaaS: Multi-Dimensional Data Sharing and Analytics as Services under Local Differential Privacy, in *Proceedings of the 45th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'19)*, 2019.
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