ZHITAO CHENG

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EDUCATION

University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC)

09/2020-06/2024

B.S. in Data Science and Big Data Technology, B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

Overall GPA: 3.96/4.0, ranking 1/113

Related Courses: Mathematical Analysis, Advanced Algebra, Mathematics in Data Science, Data Mining and Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Mathematical methods of artificial intelligence

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Chenyan Jia, **Zhitao Cheng**, Yanlin Leng, Junfeng Wang, Yong Tang. MPRNet: Multi-scale Pointwise Regression Network for Crowd Counting and Localization. 2024 International Conference on Intelligent Computing Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore, 2024: 180-191.
- [2] Yao Xiao, **Zhitao Cheng**, Shengping Liu, Yicheng Zhang, He Tang, Yong Tang. PhotoSolver: A Bidirectional Photonic Solver for Systems of Linear Equationss. *Optics and Lasers in Engineering*, 2024, 183: 108524.
- [3] Yong Tang, Jason Xiong, **Zhitao Cheng**, Yan Zhuang, Kunqi Li, Jingcong Xie, Yi-Cheng Zhang. Looking into the Market Behaviors through the Lens of Correlations and Eigenvalues: An Investigation on the Chinese and US Markets Using RMT. *Entropy*, 2023, 25, 1460.
- [4] Zongyao Zhao, Yong Tang, **Zhitao Cheng**, Yanlin Leng, LiLing Tang. ABL-TCM: An Abductive Framework for Named Entity Recognition in Traditional Chinese Medicine. *IEEE Access*, 2024.
- [5] Yao Xiao, Yang Zhao, Wei Wang, **Zhitao Cheng**, Xizhu Peng, He Tang, Shengping Liu, Yong Tang. Residual Calibration for High-Precision Optical Neural Networks, Under Review, *Optica*, 2024. (Top Journal)
- [6] Zhitao Cheng, Yan Zhuang, Xujia Li, Yuyang Zhuge, Yanlin Leng, Qing Wang, Song Su, Jiayu Huang, Yong Tang. Diagnosis of Cataract of Human-companion Animals using Deep Learning. Under Review, *The Veterinary Journal*, 2024.
- [7] Li Wang, Zhitao Cheng, Yan Zhuang, Kunqi Li, Fan Li, Song Su, Jian Shu, Jing Chen, Yong Tang. Early Assessment of Myocardial Injury in Patients with COVID-19 using a Two-Stage Deep Learning Framework Based on Non-contrast Chest CT. Under Review, *Journal of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography*, 2024.
- [8] Jiali Wu, **Zhitao Cheng**, Junan Zhou, Kunqi Li, Piao Wang, Yan Zhuang, Jijun Lu, Linru Zhou, Fan Li, Song Su, Yong Tang. Accurate Identification of Intestinal Ischemic Areas Using Hyperspectral Imaging: A Pilot Study Based on Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models. Under Review, *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, 2024.

RESEARCH

Light Sailor: An Laser-powered Spacecraft for Interplanetary Travelling (202210614179Y)

12/2021-10/2022

- School Project | Project leader | Mentor: Prof. Yong Tang
- Designed a lightsail spacecraft and utilized reinforcement learning to control its navigation trajectory and attitude
- Conducted simulation experiment in Python to test the spacecraft's performance

Foodshot: A Deep Learning-based Intelligent System for Food Recognition

12/2020-07/2021

Entrepreneurial Project | Major Participant | Mentor: Prof. Yong Tang

• Crawled 2000 food images using Python and constructed a dish classifier based on VGG16 and GoogLeNet

Intelligent Healthcare for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics*

10/2020-12/2022

Entrepreneurial Project | Major Participant | Mentor: Prof. Yong Tang

- Constructed a YOLO and Fast RCNN-based posture detection model using 62 competition videos of athletes to
 detect falls and identify potential injuries, assisting in fast and effective medical treatment
- Achieved an accuracy of 96.77% for fall detection and 91.94% for injury classification

CompreHensive EvALuation of InTrinsic Capacity in CHina StudY (2023YFC3605202)*

10/2023-12/2028

National Project | Major Participant | Mentor: Prof. Junfeng Wang

• Research on the establishment and application of the evaluation system based on the aging rule of the elderly (Using time series analysis model (LSTM, Transformer) and machine learning)

Deep Learning-based Diagnosis of Extra-biliary Duct Cancer Diseases**

10/2021-12/2026

National Project | Major Participant | Mentor: MD. Jian Su, Prof. Yong Tan

• Employed **ResNet, DenseNet, and UNet** for image lesion segmentation, disease type classification, and expression classification based on image data from CT and MRI scans and clinical feature data

Silicon-based Optoelectronic Chip System for Ultra-high-speed Matrix Multiplication**

10/2020-12/2025

National Project | Major Participant | Mentor: Prof. He Tang, Prof. Yong Tang

- Researched key technologies and applications for an optoelectronic hybrid AI chip public service platform
- Designed optical neural networks (e.g., Diffractive Deep Neural Networks (D2NN)) using AI algorithms in Python
- Proposed a new D2NN architecture for color image classification, improving the accuracy from 46.09% to 60.85% compared to the gray image and traditional structure of D2NN
- Projects funded by the National Key Research and Development Program of China
- ** Projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China

INTERNSHIPS

Artificial Intelligence Application and Technology Laboratory, UESTC | Research Assistant

06/2024-Present

- Assist in managing the research team, projects, and laboratory operations; guide freshman in the lab
- Conduct research and prepare documentations

AI Lab, DKWA Technologies, Chengdu, China | Research Intern

09/2023-Present

• Explore large Language Model applications (consultation system, local database with RAG, knowledge graph)

AI Lab, Futong Technology Co. Ltd, Chengdu, China | Intern

07/2021-09/2022

Studied Artificial Intelligence in Computer Vision and applications (Video detection, Image classification)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Nonlinear Dynamics and Advanced Signal Processing Techniques

09-12/2024

Instructor: Prof. Ludovico Minati | 15 Sophomores & Juniors | Spring 2024 (24hrs)

Provided teaching feedback and organized Q&A sessions

Artificial Intelligence

09-12/2022 & 09-12/2023

Instructor: Dr. Yong Tang | 41 Sophomores | Fall 2022 (32hrs) & Fall 2023 (32hrs)

Wrote demo code, guided students in coding example problems, and organized Q&A sessions

C&C++ Programming Language

09-12/2022 & 09-12/2023

Instructor: Dr. Yong Tang | 52 Freshmen for Fall 2022 (48hrs) | 53 freshmen for Fall 2023 (48hrs)

Assisted in preparing course materials, explained example projects, and organized Q&A sessions

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

Scholarships:

2021-2022 National Scholarship in China

10/2022

Excellent Student Scholarship

10/2021 & 10/2022 & 10/2023

Honors:

Outstanding Graduate of Sichuan Province (Top 3% Nationwide)

07/2024

Honorary Research Student in the School of Mathematical Sciences at UESTC (Top 2 Undergraduates)

06/2024

"Most Outstanding Students" Award Nominee of UESTC (Top 20 Undergraduates)

12/2023

Awards:

Gold Medal, The 2023 ICPC Asia Hangzhou Regional Contest

12/2023

Gold Medal, The 15th Programming Competition for college students in Sichuan Province

06/2023

SKILLS

Computer: Python (PyTorch) (4yrs), C and C++ (7yrs), SQL (2yrs), MATLAB (3yrs), LaTeX (3yrs), 3D Studio Max

(2yrs), Adobe Photoshop (2yrs), Adobe Audition (1yr)

ILETS: 7.0

Interests: Table Tennis; Piano; Animation, Cartoon and Game (ACG)