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Short Biography

This is Zedong Wang, a Hong Kong-born Al researcher. I am currently a research intern at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), advised by Prof. Dan Xu. Previously, I was a visiting student at Westlake University, advised by Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li (IEEE Fellow, IAPR Fellow). My research interests now center around Computer Vision, Multi-modal Learning, and Multi-task Scene Understanding. I received my B.Eng. degree in Electronic and Information Engineering from Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), in June 2023. At HUST, I have been fortunate to work on few-shot semantic segmentation under the supervision of Prof. Xinggang Wang. During my B.Eng., I have also interned at SIAT-MMLab, Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology (SIAT), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

Education and Degrees

2019 – 2023 **B.Eng. in Electronic and Information Engineering,** *Huazhong University of Science and Technology.*

- Multiple High Quality Computer Vision Research Experience | Undergrad Supervisor: Prof. Xinggang Wang.
- Graduation Thesis: Efficient Visual Backbone Architecture Design | Grade: 92/100 (First-Tier, Full Novelty Scores) Advisor: Prof. Xinggang Wang
- High GPA in Al-related core courses (90.0/100 in Average): Introduction to Green Communications (95/100). Engineering Training (94/100), Multimedia Retrieval (93/100), Graduation Thesis (92/100), Software Project (92/100), Principles and Applications of Sensors (90/100), Python programming (87/100), Capstone Project in Machine Intelligence (87/100), Deep Learning and Computer Vision (87/100), Machine Learning (85/100) etc.

Research Experience (Links are provided)

Mar. 2024 Please Visit My Homepage for More Details and The Latest Updates!

Research Intern, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Mar. 2024

Advisor: Prof. Dan Xu | Research Topic: Multi-modal Learning and Multi-task Scene Understanding.

Jan. 2024 Invited as a Reviewer for ICML 2024, ECCV 2024, ICLR 2024 (TinyPapers), and ICPR 2024.

Dec. 2022 Ph.D. Offer, Al Division, School of Engineering, Westlake University.

Sep. 2022 - Visiting Student (visual representation learning), Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li Lab, Westlake University.

Present (i) Data Mixing and Label-Efficient Learning. | SemiReward (ICLR 2024); SAMix; OpenMixup (552 GitHub stars).

(ii) Efficient Network Architecture Design on Vision and Beyond. | MogaNet (ICLR 2024, 115 GitHub stars).

(iii) Representation Learning Framework. | OpenSTL (NeurlPS 2023, 523 GitHub stars); Masked Modeling Survey.

(iv) Vector Quantized Vocabulary Learning for Multi-Species Genome Foundation Model. | VQDNA (to ICML 2024).

Jul. 2022 – Summer Research Studentship, School of Engineering, Westlake University.

Sep. 2022 Advisor: Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li (only 2 selected out of 100+ applicants) | Research Topic: Representation Learning.

Sep. 2021 – Research Intern, HUST Vision Lab, School of EIC, Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

Jun. 2022 Advisor: Prof. Xinggang Wang | Research Topic: Efficient Visual Recognition & Few-shot Semantic Segmentation.

Jul. 2021 - Visiting Student, SIAT-MMLab, Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Tech., Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Sep. 2021 Advisor: Dr. Bin Fu | Research Topic: Semantic Segmentation.

Sep. 2020 - Research Intern, Key Lab of Digital Earth Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Apr. 2021 Advisor: Dr. Xiaoping Du | Research Topic: High Resolution Remote Sensing Building Semantic Segmentation.

Languages and Skills

Chinese (native), English (fluent). IELTS 7.5 (2023) overall grades, CET-4 646 overall grades. Python DL Libraries, PyTorch, Git, Anaconda, Linux (basic), IATFX, All-round Research Skills.

ICLR 2024 MogaNet: Multi-order Gated Aggregation Network.

Siyuan Li*, **Zedong Wang***, Zicheng Liu, Cheng Tan, Haitao Lin, Di Wu, Zhiyuan Chen, Jiangbin Zheng, Stan Z. Li[†]

- The first network backbone design through the lens of multi-order game-theoretic interaction, which portrays inter-variable interaction effects w.r.t. varying scale of context via game theory.
- The representative interactions are emphasized by the proposed spatial gated aggregation and channel reallocation architecture, leading to better representation learning capacity.
- Impressive scalability and superior performance with a more efficient use of model parameters than state-of-the-art ViTs and ConvNets scaling from 5M to 180M on various vision benchmarks.
- Spontaneously forwarded by world-wide media (Twitter, Zhihu, Wechat) with high appraisal.
- Two Weak Accept in CVPR'23, One Strong Accept in ICCV'23, all positive ratings 6668 in ICLR'24

ICLR 2024 **SemiReward: A General Reward Model for Semi-supervised Learning.**Siyuan Li*, Weiyang Jin*, **Zedong Wang**, Fang Wu, Zicheng Liu, Cheng Tan, Stan Z. Li[†]

- The first online-optimizable reward model that predicts reward scores to filter out high-quality pseudo labels for semi-supervised representation learning (both classification and regression).
- State-of-the-art across 12 classification and regression semi-supervised learning benchmarks.

To ICML 2024 OpenMixup: Open Mixup Toolbox for Visual Representation Learning. Siyuan Li*, Zedong Wang*, Zicheng Liu*, Di Wu, Stan Z. Li†

- The first comprehensive mixup visual classification benchmark. where 16 representative mixup algorithms are impartially evaluated from scratch across 12 visual classification datasets, ranging from classical iconic scenarios to fine-grained, long-tail, and scenic cases.
- The first standardized mixup-based vision model design and training codebase framework OpenMixup for customized visual classification.
- Interesting observations are derived through extensive empirical analysis on various scenarios.
- Spontaneously retweeted by Prof. Sebastian Raschka (Twitter) with high appraisal.
- Spontaneously reported by Lightning Al official account (Twitter) as 'weakly highlights in Al'. (the same session as pytorch's departure of facebook)

To ECCV 2024 Boosting Discriminative Visual Representation Learning with Scenario-Agnostic Mixup. Siyuan Li*, Zicheng Liu*, Zedong Wang*, Di Wu, Zihan Liu, Stan Z. Li[†]

- A unified online-optimizable mixup framework that **first addresses the two remaining critical issues** at once: **(i)** Drastic performance variation over different scenarios caused by trivial solutions; **(ii)** Self-supervised learning (SSL) dilemma for online-optimizable mixup policies.
- To reduce the computational cost from online training, a pre-trained version is presented.
- Exceptional performance and generalizability across 12 SL and SSL image benchmarks.

NeurIPS 2023 OpenSTL: A Comprehensive Benchmark of Spatio-Temporal Predictive Learning.

Cheng Tan, Siyuan Li, Zhangyang Gao, Wenfei Guan, **Zedong Wang**, Zicheng Liu, Lirong Wu, Stan Z. Li^T

- The first comprehensive benchmarking study for spatio-temporal predictive learning that categorized prevalent approaches into recurrent-based and recurrent-free models.
- The first modular and extensible framework implementing various state-of the art methods. Impartial evaluations and analysis are conducted across various domains, including synthetic moving object trajectory, human motion, driving scenes, traffic flow, weather forecasting.
- Surprisingly, we find that recurrent-free models achieve a good balance between efficiency and performance than recurrent models.
- All positive ratings in NeurIPS 2023 (6,6,7,7) | Accepted as Poster by NeurIPS 2023

To ICML 202 Unleashing the Power of Vector Quantization for Multi-Species Genomic Sequence Modeling. Siyuan Li*, Zedong Wang*, Zicheng Liu, Stan Z. Li†