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Short Biography

I am a Hong Kong-born AI researcher. I completed my B.Eng. in Electronic and Information Engineering from [HUST](#). My research interests center around **visual representation learning** from 3 aspects: (i) Data Mixing Augmentation and Label Efficient Learning (**Data-level**); (ii) Efficient Network Backbone Architecture Design (**Network-level**); (iii) Vector Quantized Generation and Representation Learning (**Framework-level**). I also focus on AI for Genomics applications. Currently, I am a visiting student in [CAIRI AI Lab](#) under [Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li](#) (IEEE Fellow, IAPR Fellow) at [Westlake University](#). Previously, I worked on few-shot semantic segmentation fortunately supervised by [Prof. Xinggang Wang](#) at [HUST](#). In the 2021 summer, I was a visiting student at [MMLab](#), Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology ([SIAT](#)), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). Before that, I remote conducted a research internship at [Key Lab of Digital Earth Science](#), CAS, 2020.

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** | **Co-advisor: Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li**
 - High GPA in **AI-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

- Jan. 2024 [Please View My Homepage for The Latest Updates!](#)
- Jun. 2023 **China Society of Image and Graphics (CSIG) Student Member**, [CSIG](#)
- Dec. 2022 **Ph.D. Offer** (fail to enroll due to my HK origin), [AI Division, School of Engineering, Westlake University](#).
- Sep. 2022 – Present **Visiting Student** (representation learning, ai4science), [CAIRI AI Lab \(Chair Prof. Stan Z. Li Lab\)](#), [Westlake University](#).
- (i) Mixup Augmentation and label-efficient learning. | Co-first author: [SAMix](#); [OpenMixup](#) (**535 stars**).
 - (ii) Efficient Network Backbone Architecture Design for Vision & Life Science. | [MogaNet](#) ([ICLR 2024](#), **96stars**).
 - (iii) Vector Quantized Generation and Representation Learning. | [SemiReward](#); [OpenSTL](#) ([NeurIPS 2023](#), **465 stars**).
 - (iv) Genome Language Models and Long-range Genomic Sequence Modeling. | [VQDNA](#)
- Jul. 2022 – Sep. 2022 **Summer Research Studentship**, [School of Engineering, Westlake University](#).
- Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2022 **Research Intern**, [HUST Vision Lab, School of EIC, Huazhong University of Science and Technology](#).
- Jul. 2021 – Sep. 2021 **Visiting Student**, [MMLab, Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Tech. \(SIAT\)](#), Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- Sep. 2020 – Apr. 2021 **Research Intern**, [Key Lab of Digital Earth Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences](#).

Languages and Strengths

Chinese (native), English (fluent). **IELTS 7.5 (2023)** overall grades, **CET-4 646** overall grades.
Python DL Libraries, PyTorch, Git, Anaconda, Linux (basic), \LaTeX , All-round Research Skills.
Great Research **Taste**, **Enthusiasm**, Recognized **Writing & Story Telling** Skills.

Publications (*: Equivalent Contribution. †: Corresponding Author. Links are provided)

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 most representative interaction strengths are emphasized by the proposed spatial gated aggregation and channel reallocation module, leading to better representation learning quality.
- Impressive scalability and superior performance with a more efficient use of model parameters than state-of-the-art ViTs and ConvNets on various computer vision benchmarks.
- Spontaneously forwarded by world-wide media (Twitter, Zhihu, Wechat) with high appraisal.
- Two Weak Accept in CVPR 2023, One Strong Accept rating in ICCV 2023, 6668 in ICLR 2024

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†

- 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 CVPR 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.

Preprint **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 AI official account (Twitter) as 'weakly highlights in AI'. (the same session as pytorch's departure of facebook)

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.