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Research Interests

Computational neuroscience, neural latent variable models, statistical machine learning.
Eye tracking experiment and data analysis.
Fractional calculus signal processing.

Education

- 2021.08 – present **Ph.D. in Computational Science & Engineering.**
M.Sc. in Mathematics on 2023.12.
Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Atlanta, USA.
GPA: **4.00/4.00**
Advisor: Prof. Anqi Wu
- 2018.08 – 2019.05 **Undergraduate Non-Degree Exchange Student.**
University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), USA.
GPA: **4.00/4.00**
- 2016.09 – 2020.06 **B.Eng. in Software Engineering (Computational Biology);**
B.Sc. in Biological Sciences.
Wu Yuzhang Honors College, Sichuan University (SCU), Chengdu, China.
GPA: **3.94/4.00**; Rank: **1/28**
Advisor: Prof. Yifei Pu & Prof. Wei Deng
Thesis title: *The application of fractional order image enhancement in computational neuroscience.*

Honors and Awards

- 2023 **Runner-up Poster Award in the Neuro Next Initiative Launch Event**, Georgia Tech.
- 2020 **Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis**, SCU.
 Outstanding Graduates, SCU.
- 2019 **Finalist** (<0.3%) + **Frank Giordano Award** (the only 1 out of 14,000), Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM/ICM), Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications.
- 2018 **“Tang Lixin” Lifetime Scholarship**, Tang Lixin Education Development Foundation.
 First Grade Scholarship, SCU.
- 2017 **National Scholarship**, Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China.
 First Grade College Mathematical Contest, SCU.

Research Publications

Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- C3** “Forward χ^2 Divergence Based Variational Importance Sampling”

Chengrui Li, Yule Wang, Weihai, Li, and Anqi Wu

The Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024 [**spotlight 5%**]

C2 “One-hot Generalized Linear Model for Switching Brain State Discovery”

Chengrui Li, Soon Ho Kim, Chris Rodgers, Hannah Choi, and Anqi Wu

The Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024

C1 “Extraction and Recovery of Spatio-Temporal Structure in Latent Dynamics Alignment with Diffusion Model”

Yule Wang, Zijong Wu, **Chengrui Li**, and Anqi Wu

Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (NeurIPS), 2023 [**Spotlight: 3%**]

Journal Articles

J1 “Inverse Kernel Decomposition”

Chengrui Li and Anqi Wu

Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2023 [under review]





Preprints

P1 “Continuous-time systems for solving 0-1 integer linear programming feasibility problems”

Chengrui Li and Bruce J. MacLennan



arXiv:1905.04612, 2019

Invited Talks and Other Presentations




- 2024.02  “One-hot Generalized Linear Model for Switching Brain State Discovery”
Chengrui Li, Soon Ho Kim, Chris Rodgers, Hannah Choi, and Anqi Wu
Poster presentation @ *The 20th anniversary of Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE 2024)*, Lisbon, Portugal
-  “Extraction and recovery of spatio-temporal structure in neural alignment via diffusion models”
Yule Wang, Zijong Wu, **Chengrui Li**, and Anqi Wu
Poster presentation @ *The 20th anniversary of Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE 2024)* Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023.10  “One-hot Generalized Linear Model for Switching Brain State Discovery”
Chengrui Li, Soon Ho Kim, Chris Rodgers, Hannah Choi, and Anqi Wu
Poster presentation @ *Neuro Next Initiative Launch Event*, Georgia Tech
- 2023.08  “Latent Variable Models for Neural Spike Train Data”
Chengrui Li
Invited talk @ *Affiliated Mental Health Center, Zhejiang University School of Medicine (Hangzhou Seventh People’s Hospital)*, Hangzhou, China
- 2018.12  “The Power and Beauty of Mathematics: A Prospect of Nature Inspiration & Computational Model from the Interdisciplinary View”
Chengrui Li and Wei Deng
Oral presentation @ *The 11th International Conference on Brain Informatics (BI 2018)*, Arlington, TX, USA

Miscellaneous Experience




Teaching Experiences

- Fall 2023  **Teaching assistant.** CSE 6740 Computational Data Analysis @ Georgia Tech.
- Spring 2023  **Teaching assistant.** CSE 6740 Computational Data Analysis @ Georgia Tech.

Summer Schools

- 2020.08  **CNeuro 2020: Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience Summer School**, Tsinghua University.
- 2018.08  **The Chinese University of Hong Kong Summer Workshop**, Hong Kong SAR, China.
- 2018.07  **Cognitive Neuroscience Summer School**, Peking University.

Other Research Experiences

- 2018.09 – 2019.10  **Eye tracking experiment: Response Selection.** Designed the eye-tracking program by Experiment Builder. Completed an eye-tracking data analysis program in MATLAB. Used the eye-tracking technique to investigate the influence of different stimulus-response conditions on the eye movement trajectories.
- 2019.07  **Web project development.** Developed a web project for an e-commerce platform under the SSM framework. Java + MySQL + JSP was used for full-stack agile development.
- 2018.02  **Clinical internship at the State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy, West China Hospital, SCU.** Conducted tests including the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE), the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), the Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A), and the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HAM-D).

Skills and Hobbies

Machine Learning/Math Programming: Python, MATLAB, Mathematica, R, Julia.

Development Programming: C/C++, Java, SQL.

Multi-Media: Cinema 4D, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Audition, etc.

Others: Experiment Builder (eye-tracking), \LaTeX , Linux, etc.

Hobbies: Violin, Piano, Magic tricks, YOYO ball, Aerial photograph & film/audio post-processing, etc.