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Research Interest

- Research & Development Algorithm Engineer for Cloud-AI and Mobile-AI
- Theoretical foundations for deep learning with applications in NAS, quantization, knowledge distillation, etc.
- Statistical Machine Learning
- Real-world applications in computer vision and IoT

Skills & Capabilities

- 14 Years of research and industrial experiences in machine learning, deep learning and statistics.
- Programming
 - Python, C/C++
- Deep Learning Frameworks
 - Pytorch, Tensorflow, MXNet

Projects & Researches

Mathematical Neural Network Design

2021 — 2022

- Develop a mathematical framework for designing efficient deep learning models
 - Theoretical bounds and numerical indices for network complexity measures
 - Effectiveness estimation based on Statistical Quantum Field Theory
- Publication
 - Zhenhong Sun, Ming Lin, Zhiyu Tan, Xiuyu Sun, Hao Li, Rong Jin. **MAE-DET: Revisiting Maximal Entropy Principle in Zero-Shot NAS for Efficient Object Detection**. To appear ICML 2022.

Light-NAS

2021 — 2022

- Homepage [<https://github.com/alibaba/lightweight-neural-architecture-search>]
- Light-NAS is a **full-stack distributed framework for zero-cost NAS**. It is able to design efficient image recognition models and object detection models in 1~2 hours, with state-of-the-art performance on ImageNet, MS COCO, etc.
 - Able to optimize multiple inference metrics including **hardware latency** (using latency prediction).
 - Deep model quantization, distillation.

- **Application in Product**
 - Alibaba Pailitao (拍立淘), 10 millions active users per day.
 - Shopping With Your Camera: Visual Image Search Meets E-Commerce at Alibaba (<https://medium.com/coinmonks/shopping-with-your-camera-visual-image-search-meets-e-commerce-at-alibaba-8551925746d0>)

GiraffeDet: High-Performance Object Detection Backbone

2020 — 2021

- Homepage [<https://github.com/damo-cv/GiraffeDet>]
- The GiraffeDet uses an extremely lightweight backbone and a very deep and large neck module which encourages dense information exchange among different spatial scales as well as different levels of latent semantics simultaneously. This design paradigm allows GiraffeDet achieves SOTA performances in object detection tasks with low resource budget.
- **Application in Product**
 - Satellite Remote Sensing Segmentation, 50+ TB high resolution dataset.

Zero-Shot Neural Architecture Search

2020 — 2021

- Homepage [<https://github.com/idstcv/ZenNAS>]
- Zen-NAS is a lightning-fast zero-shot Neural Architecture Search method. Its searching speed is 7800x times faster than EfficientNet while achieving 10x times faster inference speed on NVIDIA T4 GPU with ImageNet top-1 accuracy 83.6%.
- **Used in the winning solution of WebFace260M Track of ICCV21-MFR**, 1.2% improvement over manually designed networks.
- **Application in Product**
 - Dingding M1X FaceID Check-in System, 5+ million devices
 - [Product Homepage] https://tms.dingtalk.com/markets/dingtalk/dingding_M1X_pc

Deep Image Compression

2019 — 2022

- Develop deep learning models for better image compression
- Save 21% bit-rate over BPG

Deep Models for Low Power Devices

2019 — 2020

- Develop and optimize deep neural networks for low power devices (cell-phone, ARM)
- **Used in the winning solution of LPIRC-2019 Competition**

Real-time High-Precision GPS Grid System

2018 — 2019

- Improve GPS precision to 1 centimeter in real-time (1 query per second)
- Positioning successful rate 99.5 % over-all in good weather, 80%-90% for single query.

Early Clinical Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease

2015 — 2018

and Major Depressive Disorder

- Use large-scale data and machine learning techniques to assist clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease
- **Able to predict Alzheimer's Disease development in four years**
- Cooperation project with Janssen Research & Development, LCC Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center

Automated Low-Level Analysis and Description of Diverse Intelligence Video (ALADDIN)

2014 — 2015

- Develop a large-scale content-based video retrieval system
- **Ranked top-1 in 6 out of 8 tasks in MED 2014.**
- Sponsored by Informedia@CMU.

Work Experience

2018 — Present	Staff Algorithm Engineer	DAMO Academy of Alibaba Group (U.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading a research group of 5 research engineers and several research interns• Efficient deep architecture design• Neural Architecture Search• 8 top conference papers
2015 — 2018	Research Investigator	Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics University of Michigan Medical School Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early diagnosis of Major Depressive Disorder and Alzheimer's disease• Theoretical guarantees for the second order linear models• 2 top-tier conference papers in statistical machine learning• Cooperation with Janssen Research & Development, LCC and Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center• Mentor: Jieping Ye
2014 — 2015	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	School of Computer Science Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA 15213, United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adviser: Alexander G. Hauptmann.• Major developer of the ALADDIN project• Video retrieval and feature fusion

- 3 top conference papers with 600+ citation in total

2013 — 2014	Visiting Student	School of Computer Science Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA 15213, United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser: Alexander G. Hauptmann.
2012 — 2013	Visiting Student	Department of Computer Science and Engineering Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824, United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser: Rong Jin.

Education

2008 — 2014	Ph.D.	Department of Automation Tsinghua University Beijing 100084, China. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adviser: Changshui Zhang
2004 — 2008	Bachelor	Department of Automation Tsinghua University Beijing 100084, China.

Peer-Review Service

- Reviewer of AAAI, IJCAI, ICML, NIPS, ICLR, CVPR, ICCV etc.
- Reviewer of Journals:
 - o IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
 - o ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data
 - o Pattern Recognition
 - o Neurocomputing
 - o Computer Vision and Image Understanding.
 - o Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery

Impact

Google citation 1034, h-index 13, i10-index 16

Selected Publications & Pre-prints

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- Zhenzhong Lan, Ming Lin, Xuanchong Li, Alexander G. Hauptmann, Bhiksha Raj. **Beyond Gaussian Pyramid: Multi-skip Feature Stacking for Action Recognition**. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Pages 204-212, 2015.

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11. Xiang Li, Aoxiao Zhong, Ming Lin, Ning Guo, Mu Sun, Arkadiusz Sitek, Jieping Ye, James Thrall, Quanzheng Li. Self-paced Convolutional Neural Network for Computer Aided Detection in Medical Imaging Analysis. In Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MLMI), 2017.
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