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Penghui Du

Education

2024/08 - Now École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Master in Neuro-X.

2020/08 - 2024/07 Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), BSc, Outstanding Graduate.

Major in Intelligent Medical Engineering, GPA: 3.84 / 4, Rank 2 / 22.

2023/02 - 2023/07 University of Zurich & ETH Zurich, Regular Visiting Student in Neuroinformatics.

Research Experience

Harvard Medical School (Research Assistant), Supervisor: Dr. Jingyuan Chen.

2023/07 - 2024/02 In this study, we applied a connectivity gradient-based analytical scheme on a resting-state fPET-fMRI dataset, aiming to characterize the detailed cortical organization of glucose metabolic dynamics (using fPET) and understand how it differs from the hemodynamics (using fMRI) based functional network structures.

o Contribution: Main contributor; Writing the majority of the code; Drafting the abstract.

Southern University of Science and Technology, Supervisor: Dr. Quanying Liu.

2023/05 - 2023/08 This project aims to integrate principles of cognitive science into tests for artificial general intelligence (AGI). We conducted a comprehensive review of how cognitive science can be merged with large language models, with the goal of constructing platforms to study multidimensional intelligence.

• Contribution: Second author; Literature searching; Writing the manuscript; Figure design.

2022/09 - Now We collected calcium imaging data from zebrafish brains under various drug conditions using epifluorescence microscopy. Subsequent data analysis was performed to explore the effects of distinct drugs on neural activity across various brain regions.

• Contribution: Main contributor; Writing Code for preprocessing and data analysis.

2022/03 - 2022/07 We proposed a transfer learning framework to investigate the relationship between cognitive tasks, and compared the task relations reflected by transfer learning to that defined by task-evoked activities.

• Contribution: Analyzed fMRI data collected from Neurosynth; Writing the manuscript.

Publications and Posters

- 2024 / 06 **Du, P.**, Coursey, S., Xu, T., Polimeni, J., Wey, H., Liu, Q., & Chen, J. (2023, December). Human Cerebral Cortex Organization Estimated by Functional PET-FDG "Metabolic Connectivity". Poster Presentation at *The Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) 2024 Annual Meeting*.
- 2024 / 03 Qu, Y., Wei, C., **Du, P.**, Che, W., Zhang, C., Ouyang, W., Bian, Y., Xu, F., Hu, B., Du, K., Wu, H., Liu, J., & Liu, Q. Integration of cognitive tasks into artificial general intelligence test for large models[J]. Accepted by *iScience*.
- 2024 / 01 Qu, Y., **Du, P.**, Wei, C., Che, W., Zhang, C., Ouyang, W., Bian, Y., Xu, F., Hu, B., Du, K., Wu, H., Liu, J., & Liu, Q. Promoting interactions between cognitive science and large language models[J]. *The Innovation*, 2024, 5(2).
- 2023 / 07 Qu, Y.*, Che, W.*, **Du, P.**, Jian, X., & Liu, Q. (2023, July). Assessing Generalization of Cognitive Tasks Using Multi Regional Modular Recurrent Neural Networks With Transfer Learning. Poster accepted to 5th Chinese Computational & Cognitive Neuroscience Conference.
- 2022 / 07 Qu, Y., Jian, X., Che, W., **Du, P.**, Fu, K., & Liu, Q. (2022, July). Transfer learning to decode brain states reflecting the relationship between cognitive tasks. In *International Workshop on Human Brain and Artificial Intelligence* (pp. 110-122). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore.

Awards

- 2024 / 07 Southern University of Science and Technology Outstanding Graduate
- 2022 / 10 Department of Biomedical Engineering "Fortunatt" Scholarship
- 2022 / 10 SUSTech Outstanding Student Scholarships First Prize
- 2022 / 06 China College Student Innovation Training Program Undergraduate Research Grant

- 2022 / 06 2022 Guangdong Biomedical Engineering Design Competition First Prize
- 2022 / 05 13th "Challenge Cup" Guangdong Entrepreneurship Plan Competition First Prize
- 2019 / 11 Certified Software Professional-Senior First Prize
- 2019 / 05 The 13th Asia and Pacific Informatics Olympaid Bronze Medal
- 2018 / 11 National Olympaid in Informatics in Provinces First Prize

Summer Schools and Competitions

- 2023 / 10 Larminar fMRI Course, at Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging.
- 2022 / 08 2022 Neuromatch Academy Computational Neuroscience Summer School.
- 2022 / 07 2022 CLS-CIBR-IDG Summer School in neuroscience, with Merit Student Award.
- 2022/03 2022/06 **2022 Guangdong Biomedical Engineering Design Competition**, Supervisor: Prof. Quanying Liu.
 - We developed a deep learning model, integrating Transformer and UNet, to label key organs in CT images for radiotherapy, employed a unique pre-training approach for high accuracy and lower computational cost, and won first prize in the competition.
 - Contribution: Team leader; Main developer of the model; Writing project report.
- 2021/11 2022/05 13th "Challenge Cup" Entrepreneurship Competition, Supervisor: Prof. Quanying Liu.
 - We developed a business plan for manufacturing intelligent brain health monitors for severely ill newborns, and won first prize in the competition.
 - Contribution: Team leader; Technical guidance; Writing business plan.

Presentations

23 Feb 2024 The Organization of Human Cerebral Cortex Estimated by Functional PET-FDG: The Promise and Controversy of Metabolic Connectivity, at "Science on Tap", Harvard Medical School.

Teaching experience

- S 2021 & S 2022 **JAVA Programming A**, *Teaching Assistant*, SUSTech.
 - o Responsibilities include: Grading exams and assignments; Holding weekly sessions to help students fully understand course materials; Designing assignments.
- S 2022 & F 2022 Workshop on Basic Programming, Organizer, SUSTech.
 - Responsibilities include: Designing informal workshops to help students gain a better grasp of programming; Leading review sessions for exam preparation.

Extracurricular Experience

- 2023/02 2023/07 Member of Foundation for the Reformed Student Houses, Zurich.
- 2021/10 2024/07 "Sapling" Animal Protection Society, SUSTech.
- 2021/06 2022/06 Student Tutor, Shuren college, SUSTech.
- 2020/08 2021/06 Member of Volunteer Federation, SUSTech.

Language Ability

English: TOEFL score 113.

Technical Skills

Proficient: JAVA, Python, Freesurfer, Matlab, C/C++, Latex, Git, Linux, Machine Learning.

Working Knowledge: MNE, SPM, FSL, AFNI, Connectom Workbench, R, HTML, CSS, Circuit

Design, Optical Experimentation.