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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Major: Computer Science and Technology University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) Advisor: Prof. Enhong Chen, Fellow of IEEE, Distinguished Member of ACM	Jun. 2023 Hefei, China
B.E. Major: Computer Science and Technology University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)	Jun. 2017 Hefei, China

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Postdoctoral Associate Laboratory of Data Mining, Department of Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh Advisor: Prof. Xiaowei Jia	Sep. 2023 – present Pittsburgh, USA
Independent Instructor Department of Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh	Aug. 2024 – present Pittsburgh, USA
Research Intern Joint Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence, China Merchants Bank	Jul. 2021 – Jan. 2022 Shenzhen & Hefei, China
Research Intern Data Application Center, Technology Engineering Group, Tencent	Jul. 2019 – Jan. 2020 Shenzhen, China
Research Intern State Key Laboratory of Computer Architecture, Institute of Computing Technology, CAS	Summer 2016 Beijing, China

HONORS AND AWARDS

Gold Medal of Anhui Province “Internet+” College Student Innovation Competition Foundation: Department of Education of Anhui Province	2021
China Scholarship Council Scholarship Foundation: China Scholarship Council	2021
Champion of the CCF BDCI Fighting Epidemics Big Data Charity Challenge Foundation: Beijing Municipal Bureau of Economy and Information Technology & CCF	2021
USTC Special Scholarship Foundation: USTC	2021
China National Scholarship Foundation: Ministry of Education of P.R.China	2019
KDD CUP 2019 Regular ML Track PaddlePaddle Special Award Foundation: ACM	2019
Third Runner-up of China (Hefei) Big Data and Artificial Intelligence Innovation Competition Foundation: Hefei Data Resources Bureau	2018
Suzhou Industrial Park Scholarship Foundation: Suzhou Industrial Park	2018
GDC Technology Scholarship Foundation: GDC Technology company	2018
USTC Postgraduate First-Class Scholarship Foundation: USTC	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017
First Prize of Chinese Physics Olympiad Foundation: Chinese Physical Society	2012

Journal Articles

1. **Runlong Yu**, Qi Liu, Yuyang Ye, Mingyue Cheng, Enhong Chen, Jianhui Ma. Collaborative List-and-Pairwise Filtering from Implicit Feedback, *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (IEEE TKDE)*, v 34, n 6, pages 2667-2680, 2022.
2. **Runlong Yu**, Hongke Zhao, Zhong Wang, Yuyang Ye, Peining Zhang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Negatively Correlated Search with Asymmetry for Real-Parameter Optimization Problems, *Journal of Computer Research and Development (J-CRAD)*, v 56, n 8, pages 1746-1757, 2019.
3. Yuyang Ye, Hengshu Zhu, Tianyi Cui, **Runlong Yu**, Le Zhang, Hui Xiong. University Evaluation through Graduate Employment Prediction: An Influence based Graph Autoencoder Approach, *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (IEEE TKDE)*, accepted, early access, doi: 10.1109/TKDE.2024.3402234, 2024.
4. Yuyang Ye, Zheng Dong, Hengshu Zhu, Tong Xu, Xin Song, **Runlong Yu**, Hui Xiong. MANE: Organizational Network Embedding with Multiplex Attentive Neural Networks, *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (IEEE TKDE)*, v 35, n 4, pages 4047-4061, 2023.
5. Huijie Liu, Han Wu, Le Zhang, **Runlong Yu**, Ye Liu, Chunli Liu, Minglei Li, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. A Hierarchical Interactive Multi-channel Graph Neural Network for Technological Knowledge Flow Forecasting, *Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS)*, v 64, n 7, pages 1723-1757, 2022.
6. Qixiang Shao, **Runlong Yu**, Hongke Zhao, Chunli Liu, Mengyi Zhang, Hongmei Song, Qi Liu. Toward Intelligent Financial Advisors for Identifying Potential Clients: A Multitask Perspective, *Big Data Mining and Analytics (BDMA)*, v 5, n 1, pages 64-78, 2022.

Conference Articles

1. **Runlong Yu**, Chonghao Qiu, Robert Ladwig, Paul C. Hanson, Yiqun Xie, Yanhua Li, Xiaowei Jia. Adaptive Process-Guided Learning: An Application in Predicting Lake DO Concentrations, *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, accepted, to be published, 2024.
2. **Runlong Yu**, Robert Ladwig, Xiang Xu, Peijun Zhu, Paul C. Hanson, Yiqun Xie, Xiaowei Jia. Evolution-based Feature Selection for Predicting Dissolved Oxygen Concentrations in Lakes, *International Conference on Parallel Problem Solving from Nature (PPSN)*, pages 398-415, 2024.
3. **Runlong Yu**, Xiang Xu, Yuyang Ye, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Cognitive Evolutionary Search to Select Feature Interactions for Click-Through Rate Prediction, *ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, pages 3151-3161, 2023.
4. **Runlong Yu**, Qi Liu, Yuyang Ye, Mingyue Cheng, Enhong Chen, Jianhui Ma. Collaborative List-and-Pairwise Filtering from Implicit Feedback (Extended Abstract), *IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE)*, pages 3801-3802, 2023.
5. **Runlong Yu**, Yuyang Ye, Qi Liu, Zihan Wang, Chunfeng Yang, Yucheng Hu, Enhong Chen. XCrossNet: Feature Structure-Oriented Learning for Click-Through Rate Prediction, *Pacific Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)*, pages 436-447, 2021.
6. **Runlong Yu**, Yunzhou Zhang, Yuyang Ye, Le Wu, Chao Wang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Multiple Pairwise Ranking with Implicit Feedback, *ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*, pages 1727-1730, 2018.
7. Yuyang Ye, Lu-An Tang, Haoyu Wang, **Runlong Yu**, Wenchao Yu, Erhu He, Haifeng Chen, Hui Xiong. PAIL: Performance based Adversarial Imitation Learning Engine for Carbon Neutral Optimization, *ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, pages 6148-6157, 2024.

8. Yujie Chen, **Runlong Yu**, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen, Zhenya Huang. Using Entropy for Group Sampling in Pairwise Ranking from Implicit Feedback, *International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)*, pages 2496-2500, 2023.
9. Xiaojie Li, **Runlong Yu**, Guiquan Liu, Lei Chen, Enhong Chen, Shengjun Liu. Research on Multi-objective Optimization Algorithm for Coal Blending, *China National Conference on Big Data and Social Computing (BDSC)*, pages 37-60, 2023.
10. Yang Yu, Qi Liu, Likang Wu, **Runlong Yu**, Lei Yu, Zaixi Zhang. Untargeted Attack against Federated Recommendation Systems via Poisonous Item Embeddings and the Defense, *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, pages 4854-4863, 2023.
11. Zhikang Mo, Qixiang Shao, Likang Wu, **Runlong Yu**, Jiexin Xu, Hongmei Song, Enhong Chen. TGNN: A GNN-Based Method with Multi-entity Node for Personal Banking Time Prediction, *Intelligent Networked Things: 5th China Conference (CINT)*, pages 68-79, 2023.
12. Yuren Zhang, Enhong Chen, Binbin Jin, Hao Wang, Min Hou, Wei Huang, **Runlong Yu**. Clustering based Behavior Sampling with Long Sequential Data for CTR Prediction, *International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)*, pages 2195-2200, 2022.
13. Zheng Gong, Shiwei Tong, Han Wu, Qi Liu, Hanqing Tao, Wei Huang, **Runlong Yu**. Tipster: A Topic-Guided Language Model for Topic-Aware Text Segmentation, *International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA)*, pages 213-221, 2022.
14. Huijie Liu, Han Wu, Le Zhang, **Runlong Yu**, Ye Liu, Chunli Liu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Technological Knowledge Flow Forecasting through A Hierarchical Interactive Graph Neural Network, *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, pages 389-398, 2021. (one of the best-ranked papers)
15. Mingyue Cheng, Fajie Yuan, Qi Liu, Shenyang Ge, Zhi Li, **Runlong Yu**, Defu Lian, Senchao Yuan, Enhong Chen. Learning Recommender Systems with Implicit Feedback via Soft Target Enhancement, *International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)*, pages 575-584, 2021.
16. Shiwei Tong, Qi Liu, **Runlong Yu**, Wei Huang, Zhenya Huang, Zachary A Pardos, Weijie Jiang. Item Response Ranking for Cognitive Diagnosis, *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, pages 1750-1756, 2021.
17. Yuyang Ye, Hengshu Zhu, Tong Xu, Fuzhen Zhuang, **Runlong Yu**, Hui Xiong. Identifying High Potential Talent: A Neural Network based Dynamic Social Profiling Approach, *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, pages 718-727, 2019.
18. Mingyue Cheng, **Runlong Yu**, Qi Liu, Vincent W. Zheng, Hongke Zhao, Hefu Zhang, Enhong Chen. Alpha-Beta Sampling for Pairwise Ranking in One-Class Collaborative Filtering, *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, pages 1000-1005, 2019.
19. Han Wu, Kun Zhang, Guangyi Lv, **Runlong Yu**, Weihao Zhao, Enhong Chen, Jianhui Ma. Deep Technology Tracing for High-tech Companies, *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, pages 1396-1401, 2019.
20. Xianfeng Liang, Likang Wu, Joya Chen, Yang Liu, **Runlong Yu**, Min Hou, Han Wu, Yuyang Ye, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Long-term Joint Scheduling for Urban Traffic, *KDD CUP*, 2019.

Books & Chapters

1. Tong Xu, **Runlong Yu**. Epidemic Prevention and Control Big Data Cloud Platform: Solutions for Major Public Health Emergencies, *Annual Report on Development of Big Data Applications in China No.4 (2020) (Blue Book of Big Data Applications)*, Social Sciences Academic Press, ISBN 978-7-5201-7651-4, 2020.

Submissions

1. **Runlong Yu**, Yiqun Xie, Xiaowei Jia. Environmental Computing as a Branch of Science, under review.
2. **Runlong Yu**, Chonghao Qiu, Robert Ladwig, Paul C. Hanson, Yiqun Xie, Xiaowei Jia. Physics-Guided Foundation Model for Scientific Discovery: An Application to Aquatic Science, under review.
3. **Runlong Yu**, Yujie Chen, Kai Zhang, Yuyang Ye, Xiaowei Jia. Pareto Pairwise Ranking from Implicit Feedback, under review.
4. **Runlong Yu**, Qixiang Shao, Qi Liu, Huan Liu, Enhong Chen. Cognitive Evolutionary Learning to Select Feature Interactions for Recommender Systems, under review.
5. Shiyuan Luo, **Runlong Yu**, Yingda Fan, Shengyu Chen, Yiqun Xie, Yanhua Li, Xiaowei Jia. Transferable Models for Stream Temperature Prediction across Different Spatial Regions and Scales, under review.
6. Shiyuan Luo, Juntong Ni, Shengyu Chen, **Runlong Yu**, Yiqun Xie, Licheng Liu, Zhenong Jin, Huaxiu Yao, Xiaowei Jia, FREE: The Foundational Semantic Recognition for Modeling Environmental Ecosystems, under review.
7. Yingda Fan, **Runlong Yu**, Janet Rice Barclay, Alison P. Appling, Yiming Sun, Yiqun Xie, Xiaowei Jia. Multi-Scale Graph Learning for Anti-Sparse Downscaling, under review.
8. Fangzhou Yao, Qi Liu, Linan Yue, Weibo Gao, **Runlong Yu**, Jinze Wu, Shijin Wang. Online Continual Student Modeling via Diagnosis-Guided Response Replay, under review.
9. Yuyang Ye, Zhi Zheng, Yishan Shen, Tianshu Wang, Hengruo Zhang, Peijun Zhu, **Runlong Yu**, Kai Zhang, Hui Xiong. Harnessing Multimodal Large Language Models for Multimodal Sequential Recommendation, under review.

GRANT WRITING

NSF Award 2425845 (Funded)	2024-2027
— “Collaborative Research: CAIG: Toward Next-Generation Global Forest Carbon Monitoring via Integrated Sensing, Modeling and AI to Advance Carbon Cycle Science”	\$252,540

SELECTED PATENTS

1. Multiple pairwise personalized recommenders	CN109299370B, authorized
2. Recommendation methods for products of interest to users	CN109934681B, authorized
3. Negatively correlated search with asymmetry	CN110263906B, authorized
4. Legal information recommendation method and device	CN109684470B, authorized
5. Epidemic forecasting method and device	CN112652403B, authorized
6. Deep technology tracing for high-tech companies	CN110580261B, authorized
7. A GNN-based method for queuing time prediction in bank outlets	CN115640906A, examined
8. Method for product click-through rate determining	CN115018552A, examined
9. Intelligent financial management method to identify potential customers	CN114297477A, examined
10. Methods for predicting future technological knowledge flows	CN113989075A, examined
11. A joint dispatch method based on urban public transportation resources	CN112417753A, examined

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

1. **Independent Instructor** Fall 2024
Introduction to Data Science (Undergraduate Course)
Department of Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh
2. **Guest Teacher** Spring 2024
Principles of Data Mining (Graduate Course)
Department of Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh
3. **Teaching Assistant** Fall 2022 & Spring 2023
Machine Learning and Data Mining (Graduate Course)
School of Computer Science and Technology, USTC
4. **Teaching Assistant** Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
Computer Science and Society (Undergraduate Course)
School of Computer Science and Technology, USTC
5. **Teaching Assistant** Spring 2017
Database Systems and Applications (Undergraduate Course)
School of Computer Science and Technology, USTC

MENTORED STUDENTS

University of Pittsburgh:

- Graduate: Shiyuan Luo, Chonghao Qiu, Xiaoting Li, Yingda Fan, Yiming Sun
- Undergraduate: Mariia Sierova

University of Science and Technology of China:

- Graduate: Qixiang Shao, Yujie Chen, Xiang Xu, Xiaojie Li, Zhikang Mo, Yang Yu, Fangzhou Yao
- Undergraduate: Huibo Xu

INVITED TALKS

1. “Adaptive Process-Guided Learning: An Application in Predicting Lake DO Concentrations”, in the KGML 2024 workshop, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 2024.
2. “Cognitive Evolutionary Search to Select Feature Interactions for Click-Through Rate Prediction”, in the KDD 2023 conference, Long Beach, CA, USA, 2023.
3. “XCrossNet: Feature Structure-Oriented Learning for Click-Through Rate Prediction”, in the PAKDD 2021 conference, Delhi, India, 2021.
4. “Negatively Correlated Search with Asymmetry for Real-Parameter Optimization Problems”, in the CCF AI 2019 conference, Xuzhou, China, 2019.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Program Committee Member for the following conferences:

- AAAI2025, AAAI2024, IJCAI2024, AAAI2023, IJCAI2023, AAAI2022, IJCAI2022, AAAI2021, IJCAI2021, etc.

Reviewer for the following conferences:

- ICLR2025, NeurIPS2024, ICLR2024, ICML 2024, NeurIPS2023, ICML2023, NeurIPS2022, ICML2022, etc.

Reviewer for the following journals:

- IEEE Trans. KDE, IEEE Trans. BigData, ACM Trans. KDD, ACM Trans. RecSys, Communications of the ACM, Advanced Science, etc.