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#### **EDUCATION**

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

Dec 2021 - Present

Ph.D. Student supervised by Prof. Peter Richtárik

Research Interests: Machine Learning, Optimization

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

Sep 2020 - Dec 2021

M.S. of Vision-CAIR, supervised by Prof. Mohamed Elhoseiny

Research Interests: Zero-Shot Learning, Vision and Language

Thesis: Domain-Aware Continual Zero-Shot learning

Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), Xi'an, China

Aug 2015 - Jun 2019

B.S. of Software Engineering, Overall GPA: 85.49/100

Thesis: Accurate Object Detection and Weakly-Supervised Perception in Complex Scenes, supervised by Prof. Nanning Zheng and rated as A+ (Top 1%)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tencent AI Lab

Dec 2020 - Apr 2021

Shenzhen, China

Research Intern, supervised by Dr. Jiaxiang Wu

• Develop machine learning algorithms for bioinformatic data.

Carnegie Mellon University

Feb 2020 - Dec 2020

Research Intern, supervised by Prof. Min Xu

Remote

• Interpret and analyze Cryo-ET data by using machine learning.

National University of Singapore

Apr 2019 - Sep 2019

Research Intern, advised by Prof. Angela Yao

Singapore

• Develop sequential methods for single RGB image based 3D pose estimation in videos.

Sensetime Group Limited

Mar 2019 - Jun 2019

Research Intern with Dr. Wentao Liu

Beijing, China

• Develop accurate & fast object detection methods for commercial embedded chips.

Institute of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

July 2017 - Feb 2019

Research and Engineering Intern with Prof. Nanning Zheng

Xi'an, China

• Cognition-based accurate small object detection for autonomous driving.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] Domain-Aware Continual Zero-Shot Learning. **Kai Yi**, Mohamed Elhoseiny. Submitted to CVPR, 2022.
- [2] VisualGPT: Data-efficient Adaptation of Pretrained Language Models for Image Captioning. Jun Chen, Han Hao, **Kai Yi**, Boyang Li, Mohamed Elhoseiny. Submitted to CVPR, 2022.
- [3] Imaginative Walks: Generative Random Walk Deviation Loss for Improved Unseen Learning Representation. Divyansh Jha\*, **Kai Yi**\*, Ivan Skorokhodov, Mohamed Elhoseiny. arXiv, 2021.
- [4] Learning To Disentangle Semantic Features From cryo-ET with 3D Spatial Generative Network. Kai Yi, Yungeng Zhang, Jianye Pang, Xiangrui Zeng, Min Xu. Under Submission, 2021.
- [5] Unsupervised Domain Alignment based Open Set Structural Recognition of Macromolecules Captured by Cryo-Electron Tomography. Yuchen Zeng, Xiangrui Zeng, Kai Yi, Jie Jin, Jing Zhang, Yi-Wei Chang, Yang Ge, Min Xu. ICIP, 2021.

- [6] CIZSL++: Creativity Inspired Generative Zero-Shot Learning. Mohamed Elhoseiny, **Kai Yi**, Mohamed Elfeki. Submitted to T-PAMI, arXiv.
- [7] Experimental Analysis of Legendre Decomposition in Machine Learning. Jianye Pang, **Kai Yi**, Wanguang Yin, Min Xu. *Technical Report*, 2020.
- [8] Feature Selective Small Object Detection via Knowledge-based Recurrent Attentive Network. **Kai Yi**, Zhiqiang Jian, Shitao Chen, Nanning Zheng. *Technical Report*, 2019.
- [9] Affine LBG for Codebook Training of Univariate Linear Representation. Tiannan Dong, Jianji Wang, Meng Yang, Kai Yi, Nanning Zheng. IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP), 2018.
- [10] Cognition-based Deep Learning: Progresses and Perspectives. **Kai Yi**, Shitao Chen, Yu Chen, Chao Xia, Nanning Zheng. *Artificial Intelligence Applications and Innovations (AIAI)*, 2018 (Oral).

#### **PROJECTS**

- [1] Continual Zero-Shot Learning with Neural-Augmented Variational AutoEncoder. Kai Yi. ECE354: Introduction to Computer Vision, Final Project, 2021.
- [2] Learning Unseen Classes with Deviation Losses. **Kai Yi**. CS394D: Comteporary Topics in Machine Learning, Final Project, 2020.
- [3] Hierarchical Conceptual Rotation of Mental Knowledge Representation. Kai Yi, Feng Yu, Liang Zhao, Tingting Han. Project: Final-term Paper of Social Psychology, 2018.
- [4] Personalized Speech Synthesis System for Alleviating Loneliness of Old People (CN). **Kai Yi**, Xinyu Jiang, Shuanghe Yu, Jianye Pang. *Project: National Undergraduates Innovation Project, rated as* 'Excellent', 2018

# **TEACHING & SERVICES**

Reviewer: CVPR22, WACV22-21, BMVC21-20, ITSC21-18, IV21,18, TNNLS Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Machine Learning (XJTU Undergraduate Course)

Computer Architecture (XJTU Undergraduate Course)

### AWARDS & HONORS

- KAUST Graduate Scholarship	2020-
- Outstanding Graduates of XJTU (top 5%)	2019
- Zeng Xianzi Scholarship $(37/4100, \text{ top } 0.9\%)$	2016-2018
- Candidate of 6th Excellent Student Model of XJTU (6/37)	2018
- Outstanding Leader of the Students' Union (top 2%)	2016
- Excellent Student Award (top 5%) of XJTU	2016-2018

#### ACTIVITIES

- KAUST CEMSE Student Ambassador

Sep 2021 - Now

- Volunteer of ICML 2021; NeurIPS 2020, 2021.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Skills:** Proficient in Python, Pytorch, TensorFlow, and Android Developments, Master C++ **Hobbies:** Fond of long-distance running and reading classical German philosophy works