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Highlight

Publications: Graph Deep Learning (2 papers), Interdisciplinary Research (4 papers for material, circuit security, and music composition), Urban Computing (6 papers). 18 papers in total.
Award: Outstanding Contribution Award by Toyota Research.
Service: TKDE/ CIKM/ AAAI /Neurocomputing etc.

Education

Virginia Tech, Virginia, United States
- *Ph.D.*, Computer Science, *Aug' 14 - Jul' 20 (Expected)*

Peking University, Beijing, China
- *MEng*, Software Engineering, *Sept' 10 - Jul' 13*

Huazhong University of Sci & Tech, Wuhan, China
- *BSc*, Software Engineering, minor in Japanese *Sept' 05 - Jul' 09*

Project Experience

Forecasting Transformative Technologies using Big Data
Research Assistant, Supervisor : Dr. Chang-Tien Lu *Aug '18 - Sep '18*

- **Goal:** Modeling and forecasting forward citations to a patent for the discovery of emerging technologies and for measuring the pulse of inventive progress.
- **Method:** A sequence-to-sequence model is proposed to employ an attention-of- attention mechanism to capture the dependencies of these multiple time sequences.
- **Output:** Results have been publish in IJCAI 2019

Advanced Analytics for Trustworthy Storytelling
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Chang-Tien Lu *Aug '15 - Sep '17*

- **Goal:** Discover story line of events from web documents.
- **Method:** We explore several methodologies for extract storylines, such as Hierarchical Cluster Routing, shared subspace and temporal smoothness, and multimodel learning
- **Output:** Multiple papers have been published in IJCAI and IEEE Big Data

Automated Power Line Inspection Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
Research Assistant, Supervisor : Dr. Chang-Tien Lu *Aug '14 - May '15*

- **Goal:** Automatically design flight plan of unmanned aerial vehicles.
- **Method:** We present automated flight plan builder DIFPL which pre-builds ight plans for drones to survey a large area. The flight plans are built for subregions and fed into drones which allow them to navigate autonomously. DIFPL employs a distributed paradigm on the Hadoop MapReduce framework.
- **Output:** Results has been published at GISTAM 2015 as the best student paper, and an enhanced version has been published in Journal of Big Data.

Industry Experience

Toyota Research North America
Research Intern, Supervisor : Dr. Chen Ling *May '16 - Aug '16*

- **Machine learning application in material research:** applying unsupervised learning techniques for battery material discovery; developing tools to collect and analyze data from material database
- **Publication**: This work has been published in **Nature Communications**.
- **Award**: *Outstanding Contribution Award* by Toyota Research.
- **U.S. Patent:** System and method to quantify structural properties and predict bulk properties of inorganic materials. (publication # US20180336288A1)

Baidu Inc.
Research and Development, wenku.baidu.com *Jul '11 - Aug '13*

- **Data Analysis:** base on the large scale of users' access log, extract valuable information for user pattern analysis; set up a platform applying big data technologies (Hadoop/Hive) to accelerate data analysis task
- **The Best team in 2012** at Baidu Inc. (Top 3)

Langdong Tech Inc.
Algorithm Engineer, a member of the founding team *Feb '14 - Jul '14*

- **Data Analysis:** Analyze user behaviour in application logs for product improvement
- **Web Developed:** develop back-end server to support the mobile applications on iOS and Android.
- Our running app was selected as **The Best of 2013 by Apple Inc., China**, (Top 6).

Publications

Ying Zhang, Xingfeng He, **Zhiqian Chen**, Qiang Bai, Charles A.Roberts, Debasish Banerjee, Tomoya Matsunaga, Yifei Mo, Chen Ling. "Unsupervised Discovery of Solid-State Lithium Ion Conductors". **Nature Communications** (IF: 11.880, h5-index: 260). (accepted)

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Manu Shukla, **Zhiqian Chen**, Chang-Tien Lu. "DIMPL: A Distributed In-Memory Drone Flight Path Builder System". **Journal of Big Data**, Springer, July 2018, Vol. 5, No.24. DOI: 10.1186/s40537-018-0134-7

Xuchao Zhang, Liang Zhao, **Zhiqian Chen**, Chang-Tien Lu. "Distributed Self-Paced Learning in Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers". *Proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (**IJCAI**), pp. 3148-3154, Stockholm, Sweden, July 13-19, 2018. https://www.ijcai.org/proceedings/2018/437, DOI: 10.24963/ijcai.2018/437 (Acceptance rate: 20.46%)

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Ongoing Works

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Awards & Patent

Outstanding Contribution Award, summer 2016, Toyota Research
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U.S. Patent: "System and method to quantify structural properties and predict bulk properties of inorganic materials". (publication # US20180336288A1)

Review Service

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