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### **EDUCATION**

Stanford University

2022 -

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advised by Chris Manning and Chris Potts

Stanford University

2020 - 2022

M.S. in Symbolic Systems Program

Case Western Reserve University

2012 - 2015

B.S. in Aerospace Engineering

# MANUSCRIPTS AND PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

preprint Finding Alignments Between Interpretable Causal Variables and Dis-TRIBUTED NEURAL REPRESENTATIONS

Atticus Geiger\*, **Zhengxuan Wu**\*, Christopher Potts, Thomas Icard, Noah D. Goodman, https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.02536.

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> Zexuan Zhong\*, Zhengxuan Wu\*, Christopher D. Manning, Christopher Potts, Dangi Chen, https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.12312.

EMNLP '23 Oolong: Investigating What Makes Crosslingual Transfer Hard with Controlled Studies

**Zhengxuan Wu**\*, Isabel Papadimitriou\*, Alex Tamkin\*,

https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.12312.

TACL '23 RECOGS: How Incidental Details of a Logical Form Overshadow an EVALUATION OF SEMANTIC INTERPRETATION

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ICML '23 Causal Proxy Models for Concept-Based Model Explanations Zhengxuan Wu\*, Karel D'Oosterlinck\*, Atticus Geiger\*, Amir Zur, Christopher Potts, M.s., Stanford University, https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.14279.

NeurIPS '22 ZeroC: A Neuro-Symbolic Model for Zero-shot Concept Recognition AND ACQUISITION AT INFERENCE TIME

> Tailin Wu, Megan Tjandrasuwita, Zhengxuan Wu, Xuelin Yang, Kevin Liu, Rok Sosic, Jure Leskovec,

https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.15049.

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  Eldar David Abraham\*, Karel D'Oosterlinck\*, Amir Feder\*, Yair Ori Gat\*, Atticus Geiger\*, Christopher Potts\*, Roi Reichart\*, **Zhengxuan Wu**\*, https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.14140.
  - ICML '22 INDUCING CAUSAL STRUCTURE FOR INTERPRETABLE NEURAL NETWORKS
    Atticus Geiger\*, **Zhengxuan Wu**\*, Hanson Lu\*, Josh Rozner, Elisa Kreiss, Thomas
    Icard, Noah D. Goodman, Christopher Potts, https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.00826.
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  Zhengxuan Wu\*, Atticus Geiger\*, Josh Rozner, Elisa Kreiss, Hanson Lu, Thomas
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  Zhengxuan Wu, Nelson F. Liu, Christopher Potts,
  https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.08410.
  - NeurIPS '21 REASCAN: COMPOSITIONAL REASONING IN LANGUAGE GROUNDING **Zhengxuan Wu\***, Elisa Kreiss\*, Desmond C. Ong, Christopher Potts, https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.08994.
    - ACL '21 DYNASENT: A DYNAMIC BENCHMARK FOR SENTIMENT ANALYSIS Christopher Potts\*, **Zhengxuan Wu**\*, Atticus Geiger, Douwe Kiela, https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.15349.
  - NAACL '21 DYNABENCH: RETHINKING BENCHMARKING IN NLP'
    Douwe Kiela, Max Bartolo, Yixin Nie, Divyansh Kaushik, Atticus Geiger, **Zhengx-uan Wu**, Bertie Vidgen, Grusha Prasad, Amanpreet Singh, Zhiyi Ma, Tristan Thrush, Sebastian Riedel, Zeerak Waseem, Pontus Stenetorp, Robin Jia, Mohit Bansal, Christopher Potts and Adina Williams, https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.14337.
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      Zhengxuan Wu, Desmond C. Ong, https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.04372.
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  Zhengxuan Wu, Thanh-Son Nguyen and Desmond C. Ong, https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.04922.
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    Zhengxuan Wu, Xiyu Zhang, Zhi-Xuan Tan, Jamil Zaki, Desmond C. Ong, 
    https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.04197.

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  Geza Kovacs, **Zhengxuan Wu** and Michael S. Bernstein,
  https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3274364.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stanford NLP Group - Graduate Researcher

2020 - Present

· Working with Chris Manning and Chris Potts.

Amazon AWS AI - Research Scientist Intern

June 2023 - Sept. 2023

· Worked with Yuhao Zhang, Peng Qi and Yumo Xu.

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VMware, Inc. - Senior Software Engineer

2017 - 2022

· Developed scalable data-center management platform.

Swift Capital (Paypal, Inc.) - Machine Learning Intern

2016 - 2016

· Developed machine learning systems to predict the credit scores of loan applicants.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- · Reviewer for CHI19, \*ACL22, ICML22, NeurIPS22
- · Invited Abstract Presentation in IC2S2 2019, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

- · Program Languages: Python, C++/C, C#, Java, R, Matlab, Haskell, Bash.
- · Machine Learning: Discriminative and Generative Models; Reinforcement Learning; Multi-task Learning; Graph Neural Networks.
- · **AI** + **Big Data**: PyTorch, scikit-learn, Keras, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, H2O, MapReduce (Hadoop).
- · Data Mining: PyData, SciPy, SNAP, SQL, NoSQL (Mongo), NetworkX, Jupyter.
- · **Data Science**: Mixed Linear Model, Hierarchical Logistic Regression, A/B Testings, Crowdsourcing (MTurk).
- · Server + Database: Node.js, Flask, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, Kubernetes, Docker, Google Cloud, AWS EC2, Heroku, Azure, Jenkins CICD.
- · Web + Mobile: HTML/CSS/JS, Polymer, React, Webpack, Apache, Android (Java), Xcode.