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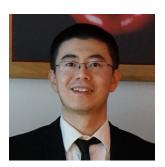
Born in Beijing, P.R. China (1986) Long-term EU resident (P-EU)

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SUMMARY

Data Scientist & AI Engineer with over 15 years' experience in multimedia data analysis, machine learning, and applied statistics, spanning the automotive, technology, and research sectors. Special expertise in building end-to-end data products, deep learning for computer vision, and large-scale data mining. Passionate about deploying data science to drive impactful business outcomes and excited to contribute to diverse, international teams.

- 15 years R&D in multimedia analysis and data mining, and 7 years in automotive industry.
- Full-stack data analysis from applied statistics, data mining to data operation (DataOps).
- Adaptive to dynamic work place, a great team player, and excited to work in a diverse team.
- Beijing-born and EU-educated. Used to study or work for long term in 6 European countries.
- PhD leading to top publications, and hold privileged engineering degrees and several awards.

EDUCATION

Tampere University, Tampere, Finland

PhD (with Distinction) in Signal Processing and Computing Science

12/2011—04/2018

CIMET Master Erasmus Mundus, Univ. Jean Monnet, France; NTNU, Norway; Univ. of Granada, Spain

M.S. in Color Informatics and Media Technology

09/2008-09/2010

University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK

B.Eng(Hons) in Electronic & Computer Engineering

10/2007-06/2008

Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, Hubei Province, P.R. China B.Eng in Electronic & Information Engineering 09/2004—06/2008

Professional Experience

Zeekr Technology Europe AB, Data Architect / Sr Machine Learning Engineer, Jan 2022 - Currently.

- Led the development of EU-focused ADAS data architecture. Feb 2025 Currently
- Developed and led project for "In-Vehicle Health Monitoring" solutions in collaboration with medical professional, UX and software competences. 2022 Jan 2025
- Delivered prototypes using supercomputing resources and presented solutions to global automotive OEM clients.
- Supervised six master's students from top European universities in in-vehicle health monitoring and Generative AI, with four achieving distinction.

Volvo Cars, Sr Data Scientist / Deep Learning Engineer, Apr 2018 - Dec 2021.

- Built and deployed perception models for real-time object detection/tracking using Nvidia Drive PX-2, achieving improved tracking accuracy and performance.
- Managed geo-spatial data analytics and scenario recognition for autonomous driving validation
- Pioneered internal computing infrastructure and data storage solutions.
- Tech lead of 3 trainees/engineers

Previous Researcher Roles.

- Intel Finland Corp. Machine learning in mobile imaging. Sep. 2017 Apr. 2018.
- Tieto Oy, Comparative Knowledge Discovery: Analyzing, Understanding and Visualizing Rankings, Sep. 2016 Aug. 2017.
- Researcher at Tampere University of Technology, multimedia analysis, Jan. 2010 Dec. 2017.
- Visiting Researcher to University of Lousianna at Lafayette and University of Virginia, April 2017.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computing: Python, Shell Scripting, Matlab, R, SQL, C, GIMP.

Data Science & AI: Computer vision, pattern recognition, deep learning (PyTorch, Keras), vLLM, LLaMA-Factory, LangChain / LangGraph.

 $\mathbf{MLOps} \text{:} \ \mathrm{MLflow}, \ \mathrm{model} \ \mathrm{versioning}, \ \mathrm{Docker}, \ \mathrm{CI/CD}, \ \mathrm{Git}.$

Platforms: Apache Spark, Airflow, AWS, Azure, GCP.

Data Engineering: ETL, Grafana.Compliance: EU Data Act, GDPR

Honors and Awards

- 1. Tampere University Graduation Award for PhD with Distinction (€1,500), 2020.
- 2. Travel Grant (€3000) for Excellent PhD Researchers in Guangdong Innovation Programme, Oct 2019
- 3. Best student paper award at IEEE IPTA 2016.
- 4. Member of the 2nd winning team in Microsoft Research-Bing challenge 2014
- 5. Erasmus Mundus Scholarship (\leq 42,000 in total) funded by the European Union, Aug 2008 to Aug 2010
- 6. Technicolor award for the project contest winners in 2009 (€1,500 in total)
- 7. International Studentship, University of Birmingham, October 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar Link: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=owGiCUkAAAAJ

Professional Services

- IEEE Member.
- Reviewers for IEEE Trans on Cybernetics, IEEE Trans on Vehicular Technology, Journal of Visual Communication and Image Understanding, International Conference on Image Processing 2018-2025.
- Member and Contributor at ML Commons.