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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Washington State University, Assistant Professor	2020 - present
University of Iowa, Postdoctoral Research Associate	2018-2020

## EDUCATION

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University of Technology Sydney, Australia Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems	2015 - 2018
The University of Queensland, Australia Candidate for Master of Philosophy in Information Technology	2014 - 2015
Tianjin University, China B.E. in Computer Science and Technology	2009 - 2013

## HONORS

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- AAAI 2023 New Faculty Highlight.
  - NSF I-Corps training grant.
  - NeurIPS 2019 Travel Award.
  - Higher Degree by Research publication award, FEIT, University of Technology Sydney, 2016.
  - Outstanding Student Scholarship, Tianjin University, 2012.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Conference Publications

1. Subhankar Ghosh, Taha Belkhouja, **Yan Yan**, Janardhan Rao Doppa. “Improving Uncertainty Quantification of Deep Classifiers via Neighborhood Conformal Prediction: Novel Algorithm and Theoretical Analysis.” In *Thirty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2023)*.
2. Taha Belkhouja, **Yan Yan**, Janardhan Rao Doppa. Training Robust Deep Models for Time-Series Domain: Novel Algorithms and Theoretical Analysis. In *Thirty-Sixth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2022)*.
3. Yuan, Zhuoning, **Yan Yan**, Milan Sonka, and Tianbao Yang. Robust deep auc maximization: A new surrogate loss and empirical studies on medical image classification. In *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2021)*.
4. **Yan Yan**, Yi Xu, Qihang Lin, Wei Liu, Tianbao Yang. Optimal Epoch Stochastic Gradient Descent Ascent Methods for Min-Max Optimization. In *Thirty-fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)*.
5. **Yan Yan**, Yi Xu, Lijun Zhang, Xiaoyu Wang, Tianbao Yang. Stochastic Optimization for Non-convex Inf-Projection Problems In *Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2020)*.
6. Qi Qi, **Yan Yan**, Zixuan Wu, Xiaoyu Wang, Tianbao Yang. A Simple And Effective Framework for Pairwise Deep Metric Learning. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2020)*.
7. Pingbo Pan, Ping Liu, **Yan Yan**, Tianbao Yang, Yi Yang. Adversarial Localized Energy Network for Structured Prediction. In *Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2020)*.
8. Zhuoning Yuan, **Yan Yan**, Rong Jin, Tianbao Yang. Stagewise Training Accelerates Convergence of Testing Error Over SGD. In *Thirty-third Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2019)*.

9. Zhibin Hu\*, Yongsheng Luo\*, Jiong Lin\*, **Yan Yan** and Jian Chen. Multi-Level Visual-Semantic Alignments with Relation-Wise Dual Attention Network for Image and Text Matching. In *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2019)*.
10. Yanbin Liu, **Yan Yan**, Ling Chen, Yahong Han and Yi Yang. Adaptive Sparse Confidence-Weighted Learning for Online Feature Selection. In *Thirty-Third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2019)*.
11. Guoliang Kang, Liang Zheng, **Yan Yan**, and Yi Yang. Deep adversarial attention alignment for unsupervised domain adaptation: the benefit of target expectation maximization. In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2018)*.
12. **Yan Yan**, Tianbao Yang, Zhe Li, Qihang Lin and Yi Yang. A Unified Analysis of Stochastic Momentum Methods for Deep Learning. In *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2018)*.
13. Xuanyi Dong, **Yan Yan**, Wanli Ouyang and Yi Yang. Style Aggregated Network for Facial Landmark Detection. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2018)*.
14. Yu Wu, Yutian Lin, Xuanyi Dong, **Yan Yan**, Wanli Ouyang and Yi Yang. Exploit the Unknown Gradually: One-Shot Video-Based Person Re-Identification by Stepwise Learning. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2018)*.
15. **Yan Yan**, Tianbao Yang, Yi Yang, Jianhui Chen. A Framework of Online Learning with Imbalanced Streaming Data. In *Thirty-First AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2017)*.
16. Yi Xu\*, **Yan Yan**\*, Qihang Lin, Tianbao Yang. Homotopy Smoothing for Non-Smooth Problems with Lower Complexity than  $O(1/\epsilon)$ . In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2016)*.
17. **Yan Yan**, Zhongwen Xu, Ivor W. Tsang, Guodong Long, Yi Yang. Robust Semi-supervised Learning through Label Aggregation. In *Thirtieth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2016)*.
18. Mingkui Tan, **Yan Yan**, Li Wang, Anton Van Den Hengel, Ivor W. Tsang, Qinfeng (Javen) Shi. Learning Sparse Confidence-Weighted classifier on Very High Dimensional Data. In *Thirtieth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2016)*.
19. **Yan Yan**, Mingkui Tan, Ivor W. Tsang, Yi Yang, Chengqi Zhang and Qinfeng (Javen) Shi. Scalable Maximum Margin Matrix Factorization by Active Riemannian Subspace Search. In *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2015)*, 3988-3994.
20. Joey Tianyi Zhou, Sinno Jialin Pan, Ivor W. Tsang and **Yan Yan**. Hybrid Heterogeneous Transfer Learning through Deep Learning. In *Twenty-Eighth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2014)*, 2213-2219.

## Journal Publications

1. Zhishuai Guo, Zhuoning Yuan, **Yan Yan**, Tianbao Yang. Fast Objective and Duality Gap Convergence for Non-convex Strongly-concave Min-max Problems. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*. Accepted.
2. Taha Belkhouja, **Yan Yan**, Janardhan Doppa “Dynamic Time Warping based Adversarial Framework for Time-Series Domain.” *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*. Accepted.
3. Zhibin Hu, Jianchun Wang, **Yan Yan**, Peilin Zhao, Jian Chen and Jin Huang. Neural graph personalized ranking for Top-N Recommendation *Knowledge-Based Systems* 213 (2021): 106426.
4. Yu Wu, Yutian Lin, Xuanyi Dong, **Yan Yan**, Wei Bian and Yi Yang. “Progressive Learning for Person Re-Identification With One Example.” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 28, no. 6, pp. 2872 - 2881, Jun. 2019.
5. Xuanyi Dong, **Yan Yan**, Mingkui Tan, Yi Yang and Ivor W. Tsang. “Late Fusion via Subspace Search With Consistency Preservation.” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 518-528, Jan. 2019.
6. **Yan Yan**, Mingkui Tan, Ivor W. Tsang, Yi Yang, Qinfeng Shi and Chengqi Zhang. “Fast and Low Memory Cost Matrix Factorization: Algorithm, Analysis and Case Study.” *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*. vol. 32, no. 2, pp. 288-301, 1 Feb. 2020, doi: 10.1109/TKDE.2018.2882197.
7. **Yan Yan**, Feiping Nie, Wen Li, Chenqiang Gao, Yi Yang, Dong Xu. “Image Classification by Cross-Media Active Learning with Privileged Information.” *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, vol. 18, no. 12 (2016): 2494-2502.

8. Yahong Han, Yi Yang, **Yan Yan**, Zhigang Ma, Nicu Sebe and Xiaofang Zhou. "Semi-Supervised Feature Selection via Spline Regression for Video Semantic Recognition." *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, vol. 26, no. 2 (2015): 252-264.
9. Xingzhong Du, **Yan Yan**, Pingbo Pan, Guodong Long and Lei Zhao. "Multiple Graph Unsupervised Feature Selection." *Signal Processing* 120 (2016): 754-760.
10. **Yan Yan**, Gaowen Liu, Sen Wang, Jian Zhang and Kai Zheng. "Graph-Based Clustering and Ranking for Diversified Image Search." *Multimedia Systems* 23, no. 1 (2017): 41-52.
11. Pufeng Du, Yang Tian and **Yan Yan**. "Subcellular localization prediction for human internal and organelle membrane proteins with projected gene ontology scores." *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 313 (2012): 61-67.

## Preprints

1. **Yan Yan**, Xin Man, Tianbao Yang. Nearly Optimal Robust Method for Convex Compositional Problems with Heavy-Tailed Noise. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.10095* (2020).
2. **Yan Yan**, Yi Xu, Qihang Lin, Lijun Zhang, Tianbao Yang. Stochastic Primal-Dual Algorithms with Faster Convergence than  $1/\sqrt{T}$  for Problems without Bilinear Structure. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1904.10112*(2019).

## Book Chapter

1. **Yan Yan**. "Machine Learning Fundamentals." Machine Learning in Chemical Safety and Health: Fundamentals with Applications (2022): 19. Editor: Qingsheng Wang , Changjie Cai.

## Workshop Papers

1. **Yan Yan**, Yi Xu, Qihang Lin, Wei Liu, Tianbao Yang. Sharp Analysis of Simple Restarted Stochastic Gradient Methods for Min-Max Optimization. *Bridging Game Theory and Deep Learning Workshop NeurIPS 2019 (Smooth Games Optimization and Machine Learning Series)*.

## TEACHING

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- Instructor: Advanced Topics in Computer Science (Computer Vision), CPTS 580, Washington State University, 2023 Spring
- Instructor: Neural Network Design and Application, CPTS 434/534, Washington State University, 2023 Spring
- Instructor: Advanced Data Structures C/C++, CPTS 223, Washington State University, 2022 Fall
- Instructor: Neural Network Design and Application, CPTS 434/534, Washington State University, 2022 Spring
- Instructor: Advanced Data Structures C/C++, CPTS 223, Washington State University, 2021 Fall
- Instructor: Neural Network Design and Application, CPTS 434/534, Washington State University, 2021 Spring

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Program Committee:** AISTATS 2022, ICML 2022, NeurIPS 2019, NeurIPS 2020, NeurIPS 2022, IJCAI 2018, IJCAI 2019, IJCAI 2021, AAAI 2019, AAAI 2020, AAAI 2021

**Senior Program Committee:** AAAI 2023, IJCAI 2023

**Reviewer:** IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence, Mathematics of Operations Research, Knowledge-Based Systems, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, Pattern Recognition, Multimedia Tools and Applications, Neurocomputing

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Faculty Mentor, Team Mentoring Program, Washington State University

## GRANTS

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- "USDA-NIFA AI Institute: Agricultural AI for Transforming Workforce and Decision Support (AgAID)". 08/2021-08/2026. Lead PI: Kalyanaraman Anantharaman. Role: Senior/Key Personnel.