Jinjin Zhao

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INTERESTS Systems for Machine Learning, Data Provenance, DevOps, Databases

EDUCATION University of Chicago 2025 (est.)

Computer Science, PhD, Advisor: Sanjay Krishnan

University of Chicago August 2022

Computer Science, Masters

Princeton University, Summa Cum Laude June 2019

Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Statistics and Machine Learning, Minor

SELECTED PROJECTS

Behavior Based Semantic Capture for Data Tables. Annotating Python and Jupyter Notebook execution to automatically store code changes when the program is ran. Organizing experiments with University of Chicago undergraduate classes to capture a history of work for data science assignments with this annotation. Using those experiments to predict/recommend future behavior, and analyze table column semantics.

Fine Grained Provenance Storage and Query for Arrays. Presenting a query and storage framework for fine-grained provenance in data science. Fine-grained provenance is defined as cell-to-cell contribution lineage through a set of array operations. Introducing a new compression algorithm and query optimization techniques that improve storage space and query time by up to 700x and 200x respectively.

Object Recognition Error Classification in Complex Environments. Running object detection deep learning models in real world video deployment scenarios. Classifying error detected with expert hand labels, and testing preliminary low-dimensional unsupervised error classification techniques.

High Level Domain-Agnostic Code Analysis in Python. Designing a high-level API to parse Python code and store metadata during code analysis and execution, independent of task and type of metadata.

WORK EXPERIENCE Research Intern June 2018 - July 2018

Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

Princeton, NJ

Software Engineering Intern

June 2017 - August 2017

Facebook Seattle, WA

Facebook University Intern

June 2016 - August 2016

Facebook Menlo Park, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CDAC Lab Coordinator

University of Chicago

May 2020 - August 2020

Chicago, IL

Coordinated data science research summer program.

Led machine learning team (12 students).

Teaching Assistant

CMSC 16100, 21800

University of Chicago

Autumn 2019, 2020

Honors Introduction to Programming, I. Data Science For Computer Scientists

Teaching Assistant

COS 397/497

Princeton University

Fall 2018

Mobile Computing Design for Assistive Technology.

PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

- **J. Zhao**, S. Krishnan. System for Fine-Grained Provenance (temp. title), 2023. [under submission].
- S. Liu, T.Mangla, T. Shaowang, **J. Zhao**, S. Krishnan, & N. Feamster. *Interaction Recognition in IoT Environments with Multimodal Machine Learning (temp. title)*, 2023. [under submission].
- S. Xia, Z. Zhu, C. Zhu, **J. Zhao**, K. Chard, A. Elmore, I. A. Foster, M. Franklin, S. Krishnan,& R. Fernandez *Data Station: Delegated, Trustworthy, and Auditable Computation to Enable Data-Sharing Consortia with a Data Escrow.* VLDB 2022. [Paper].
- T. Shaowang*, **J. Zhao***, S. Sintos, & S. Krishnan. Towards Causal Query Answering for Debugging Video Analytics Systems. HILDA 2022. [Short Paper].
- E. Zeger, F. Laggner, A. Bortolon, C. Rea, O. Meneghini, S. Saarelma, B. Sammuli, S. Smith, & **J. Zhao**. *Prediction of DIII-D Pedestal Structure From Externally Controllable Parameters*. IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci. 2021. [Paper].
- **J. Zhao**, E. Kolemen, X. Li, & F. Laggner. *Experimental Based Pedestal Prediction using Machine Learning*. American Physical Society (APS) Division of Plasma Physics 2018. [Poster].

ACTIVITIES/ AWARDS

2022 University Unrestricted Fellowship, University of Chicago OSDI '20 Diversity Grant, USENIX Association Curriculum/Social Minister, UChicago CS Graduate Student Ministry 2019 Neubauer Graduate Scholarship, University of Chicago ChatterWorks, 2016 YHacks 1&1 Prize Winner