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### (a) Education & Training

Saarland University, Saarbruecken, Germany

University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing, China

Doctor of Engineering (Dr. -Ing), 2017

Master of Engineering, 2013

Bachelor of Management Science, 2010

### (b) Experiences

2019.04 – present Machine Learning Scientist, Amazon Alexa AI Search

2017.11 – 2019.03 Data Scientist, Cluster of Excellence for Deep Learning in SAP SE

2014.10 – 2015.02 Teaching Assistant, Graduate core course “Information Retrieval and Data Mining”

2013.04 – 2017.12 Doctoral Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Informatics

2012.01 – 2012.07 Research intern, Microsoft Research Asia

### (c) Professional Services

1. Program Commit Member in ACM SIGIR Conference on Research Development in Information Retrieval [2018](#), [2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#)
2. Program Commit Member in Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) [2019](#), [2020](#), [2021](#)
3. Program Commit Member in Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) [2019](#), [2020](#)
4. Program Commit Member in Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) [2020](#), [2021](#)
5. Program Commit Member in ACM KDD '21 Applied Data Science Track: Proceedings of the ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining [2021](#)
6. Program Commit Member in ACM international conference on Information and knowledge management (CIKM) [2020](#)
7. Program Commit Member in ACM international Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM) [2021](#)
8. Program Commit Member in Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT) [2021](#)
9. Program Commit Member in ACM SIGIR International Conference on Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR) [2020](#)
10. Program Commit Member in Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (AACL-IJCNLP) [2020](#)
11. Program Commit Member in Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL) [2021](#)
12. Journal reviewer for [Transactions on Information Systems \(TOIS\)](#), [The Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology \(JASIST\)](#)
13. Editor board member for [Information Processing & Management \(IP&M\)](#)

### (d) Publications

1. Z. Zheng, **Hui, Kai**, B. He, X. Han, L. Sun, and A. Yates, “BERT-QE: Contextualized query expansion for document re-ranking,” in *Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing: Findings*, (Online), pp. 4718–4728, Association for Computational Linguistics, Nov. 2020.
2. X. Chen, B. He, **Hui, Kai**, L. Sun, and Y. Sun, “Simplified TinyBERT: Knowledge distillation for document retrieval,” in *European Conference on Information Retrieval*, ECIR 2021 (To Appear), Springer.
3. **Hui, Kai**, A. Yates, K. Berberich, and G. de Melo, “PACRR: A position-aware neural ir model for relevance matching,” in *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, EMNLP ’17, (Copenhagen, Denmark), Association for Computational Linguistics, September 2017.
4. **Hui, Kai**, A. Yates, K. Berberich, and G. de Melo, “Co-PACRR: A context-aware neural ir model for ad-hoc retrieval,” in *Proceedings of the 11th ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining*, WSDM ’18, ACM, 2018.
5. **Hui, Kai**, A. Yates, K. Berberich, and G. de Melo, “Position-aware representations for relevance matching in neural information retrieval,” in *Proceedings of the 26th International Conference on World Wide Web Companion*, WWW ’17, pp. 799–800, International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee, 2017.
6. S. MacAvaney, **Hui, Kai**, and A. Yates, “An approach for weakly-supervised deep information retrieval,” in *Neu-IR’17: The SIGIR 2017 Workshop on Neural Information Retrieval*, 2017., 2017.
7. S. MacAvaney, A. Yates, **Hui, Kai**, and O. Frieder, “Content-based weak supervision for ad-hoc re-ranking,” in *Proceedings of the 42nd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval*, SIGIR’19, (New York, NY, USA), p. 993–996, Association for Computing Machinery, 2019.
8. **Hui, Kai** and K. Berberich, “Transitivity, time consumption, and quality of preference judgments in crowdsourcing,” in *The 39th European Conference on Information Retrieval*, ECIR ’17, pp. 239–251, Springer International Publishing, 2017.
9. **Hui, Kai** and K. Berberich, “Low-cost preference judgment via ties,” in *The 39th European Conference on Information Retrieval*, ECIR ’17, pp. 626–632, Springer International Publishing, 2017.
10. **Hui, Kai** and K. Berberich, “Merge-tie-judge: Low-cost preference judgments with ties,” *Proceedings of the ACM SIGIR International Conference on Theory of Information Retrieval*, 2017.
11. C. Jin, B. He, **Hui, Kai**, and L. Sun, “Tdnn: a two-stage deep neural network for prompt-independent automated essay scoring,” in *Proceedings of the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 1: Long Papers)*, pp. 1088–1097, 2018.
12. C. Li, Y. Sun, B. He, L. Wang, **Hui, Kai**, A. Yates, L. Sun, and J. Xu, “Nprf: A neural pseudo relevance feedback framework for ad-hoc information retrieval,” in *Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, pp. 4482–4491, 2018.
13. **Hui, Kai**, B. Gao, B. He, and T.-j. Luo, “Sponsored search ad selection by keyword structure analysis,” in *European Conference on Information Retrieval*, pp. 230–241, Springer, 2013.
14. **Hui, Kai**, B. He, T. Luo, and B. Wang, “Relevance weighting using within-document term

- statistics,” in *Proceedings of the 20th ACM international conference on Information and knowledge management*, pp. 99–104, 2011.
15. **Hui, Kai**, B. He, T. Luo, and B. Wang, “A comparative study of pseudo relevance feedback for ad-hoc retrieval,” in *Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval*, pp. 318–322, Springer, 2011.
  16. S. MacAvaney, A. Yates, A. Cohan, L. Soldaini, **Hui, Kai**, N. Goharian, and O. Frieder, “Characterizing question facets for complex answer retrieval,” in *The 41st International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research & Development in Information Retrieval*, pp. 1205–1208, 2018.
  17. S. MacAvaney, A. Yates, A. Cohan, L. Soldaini, **Hui, Kai**, N. Goharian, and O. Frieder, “Overcoming low-utility facets for complex answer retrieval,” *Information Retrieval Journal*, vol. 22, no. 3-4, pp. 395–418, 2019.
  18. **Hui, Kai** and K. Berberich, “Cluster hypothesis in low-cost ir evaluation with different document representations,” in *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference Companion on World Wide Web, WWW ’16*, pp. 47–48, International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee, 2016.
  19. **Hui, Kai** and K. Berberich, “Selective labeling and incomplete label mitigation for low-cost evaluation,” in *International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval, SPIRE ’15*, pp. 137–148, Springer International Publishing, 2015.
  20. **Hui, Kai**, K. Berberich, and I. Mele, “Dealing with incomplete judgments in cascade measures,” in *Proceedings of the ACM SIGIR International Conference on Theory of Information Retrieval*, pp. 83–90, 2017.
  21. Y. Ran, B. He, **Hui, Kai**, J. Xu, and L. Sun, “A document-based neural relevance model for effective clinical decision support,” in *2017 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)*, pp. 798–804, IEEE, 2017.
  22. Y. Ran, B. He, **Hui, Kai**, J. Xu, and L. Sun, “Neural relevance model using similarities with elite documents for effective clinical decision support,” *International Journal of Data Mining and Bioinformatics*, vol. 20, no. 2, pp. 91–108, 2018.