Chia-Hung Yuan

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Research Interests

I'm broadly interested in machine learning and deep learning. My goal is to develop robust machine learning to reliably interact with a dynamic and uncertain world. This goal has many layers – from how to quantify uncertainty and improve robustness in decision-making procedures, to how the algorithm converges and generalizes to the unseen data.

Education

National Tsing Hua University

M.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Advisor: Shan-Hung Wu

- Thesis: Neural Tangent Generalization Attacks
- Overall GPA: 4.29/4.30 (top 1%)

National Tsing Hua University

B.Sc. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM OF ENGINEERING (MATERIAL SCIENCE & QUANTITATIVE FINANCE)

Overall GPA: 3.95/4.30, Major GPA: 4.01/4.30, CS-related GPA: 4.16/4.30 (top 1%)

Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN NANO-SCIENCE

Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2019

Sep. 2019 - Jul. 2021

Hsinchu, Taiwan

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Oct. 2016 - Jul. 2017

Tübingen, Germany

Work/Research Experiences

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Jun. 2022 - Present

Hsinchu, Taiwan

- · Research on the intersection of deep learning and computer vision, with a focus on image/video processing algorithms like restoration and enhancement.
- Developed and deployed efficient deep learning architectures and models to real-world products. Supported product teams for commercialization, such as solution optimization, performance profiling, and benchmarking.
- Designed and developed PyTorch codebase for the department, making cross-project collaboration more efficient.

MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab

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Oct. 2021 - Nov. 2021 Massachusetts, USA

• Advisor: Pin-Yu Chen / Co-advisor: Chia-Mu Yu (National Chiao Tung University)

 Researched on the intersection of meta learning, neural tangent kernel (NTK) and adversarial machine learning and published a paper "Meta Adversarial Perturbations" in AAAI Workshop'22.

DataLab, National Tsing Hua University

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep. 2019 - Jul. 2021

Hsinchu, Taiwan

- · Advisor: Shan-Hung Wu
- Researched on neural tangent kernel (NTK) and neural network Gaussian process (NNGP). Studied the trainability and generalization ability of neural network and published a paper "Neural Tangent Generalization Attacks" in ICML'21.
- Researched on the intersection of machine learning and computer security, with a focus on adversarial example and robustness and published a paper "Adversarial Robustness via Runtime Masking and Cleansing" in ICML'20.
- Researched on computer vision, with a focus on face recognition. Designed a face recognition model with the ability to detect and resist adversarial examples, especially for real-world attacks.

DataLab, National Tsing Hua University

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Advisor: Shan-Hung Wu

Sep. 2018 - Aug. 2019

Hsinchu, Taiwan

 Researched on natural language processing, with focus on document ranking and passage retrieval. Designed a model for search engine query-document ranking and achieved 13th place in MS MARCO passage retrieval task.

Advanced Optoelectronic Materials Research Group, National Tsing Hua University

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2018

Hsinchu, Taiwan

- · Advisor: Hao-Wu Lin
- Researched on next-generation organic-inorganic hybrid and nano-materials.

Physics of Molecular and Biological Matter, University of Tübingen

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Oct. 2016 – Jul. 2017

Tübingen, Germany

- Advisor: Frank Schreiber
- Researched on topography and morphology of solar cell and coupled organic-inorganic nanostructure.

Publications

Meta Adversarial Perturbations | Paper Chia-Hung Yuan, Pin-Yu Chen, Chia-Mu Yu

AAAI Workshop'22

Vancouver, Canada

- Proposed a meta adversarial perturbation (MAP), a better initialization that causes data to be misclassified with high probability after being updated through only a one-step gradient ascent update.
- MAP achieves 10-20% improvement, compared with naïve fast gradient signed method.

Neural Tangent Generalization Attacks | <u>Paper</u> | <u>Video</u> | <u>Code</u> | <u>Competitions</u> **Chia-Hung Yuan**, Shan-Hung Wu

ICML'21

Virtual

- Devised neural tangent generalization attack (NTGA), the first efficient work enabling clean-label, black-box generalization attacks against deep neural networks, making trained networks fail to generalize to unknown data.
- NTGA decreases the generalization ability sharply, i.e. 99% -> 15%, 92% -> 33%, 99% -> 72% on MNIST, CIFAR10 and 2-class ImageNet, respectively.

Adversarial Robustness via Runtime Masking and Cleansing | Paper | Video | Code

ICML'20

Yi-Hsuan Wu, Chia-Hung Yuan, Shan-Hung Wu

Virtual

- $\bullet \quad \text{Devised runtime masking and cleansing (RMC), a new defense method, to improve adversarial robustness.}\\$
- RMC achieves robustness ~98% on MNIST, ~85% on CIFAR-10, ~60% on ImageNet, respectively.

Honors & Awards

•	Honorary Member of The Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of R.O.C. (top 3% master's graduands)	2021
•	Honorary Member of The Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of R.O.C. (top 1% undergraduate graduands)	2018
•	Academic Achievement Award 3 times (top 5% students in the class with highest GPA) 2015, 201	6, 2018
•	International Exchange Scholarship (200,000 NTD/~\$7,000)	2016
•	1 st place, Business Case Competition of Seminar on International Trade and Economy	2016

Patent

 "Data Poisoning Method and Data Poisoning Apparatus", Shan-Hung Wu, Chia-Hung Yuan. U.S. Patent App. No. 17705411 (pending)

Skills & Others

Teaching Assistant	CS565600 Deep Learning, National Tsing Hua University: Fall 2019, Fall 2020
Reviewer	NeurIPS'19-21, ICML'20-21, ICLR'21, AAAI'20-21, CVPR'21, IJCAI'20, CIKM'19-20
Languages	Mandarin (Native); English (Fluent, TOEFL 109/120); German (Intermediate)
Programming	C/C++, Python, Swift, React Native, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Matlab
Libraries/Tools	TensorFlow, Keras, Jax, PyTorch, OpenCV, Scikit-learn
Interests	Football (I have a YouTube channel!), Photography, Travel, Bartending, Ice Skating