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Research Interests

- **Natural Language Understanding and Reasoning:** combining natural language models with knowledge graphs and reasoning techniques to enhance various tasks such as document classification, named entity recognition, entity linking, question answering.
- **Biomedical Informatics:** combining natural language processing, knowledge graph, epidemiology, biomedical informatics and bioethics to address complex biomedical task.
- **Machine Learning on Relational Data:** building practical machine learning and representation learning models to handling complex, dynamic relational data.
- **Recommender Systems:** modelling various side information, such as user social, item textual and their dynamics in recommenders systems

Education

- **Sun Yat-sen University** **Guangzhou, China**
Ph.D. in Computer Science, Adviser: Hong Shen December 2018
- **Guangdong University of Technology** **Guangzhou, China**
M.Eng. in Computer Science, July 2014
- **Jiangxi University of Science and Technology** **Ganzhou, China**
B.Eng. in Computer Science, July 2010

Work Experience

- **University of Cambridge** **Cambridge, UK**
Research Associate, Adviser: Nigel Collier July 2020 - Present
Work on the EPI-AI project, a ESRC project aiming at Automated Understanding and Alerting of Disease Outbreaks from Global News Media.
 - Work on infusing biomedical knowledges (e.g. UMLS) into pretrained language models (e.g. BioBERT).
 - Implement various NLP models for the EPI-AI project, including document classification, entity linking, NER and question answering.
 - Co-supervise master and Ph.D. students.
- **University of Glasgow** **Glasgow, UK**
Research Assistant, Adviser: Iadh Ounis March 2019 - July 2020
Work on the bigdatastack project, a project funded under the European Commission Horizon 2020 Work Programme.
 - Work on the research task of Grocery Recommender Systems, proposed new models that consider various involving side information and improve the recommendation effectiveness.
 - Initialise and led the Beta-Recsys project, an open source project for Building, Evaluating and Tuning Automated Recommender Systems.
 - Co-supervise master and Ph.D. students.

- **King Abdullah University of Science and Technology** **Thuwal, Saudi Arabia**
- **Visiting PhD, Adviser: Xiangliang Zhang** *March 2018 - August 2018*
 - Worked on the research task of (dynamic) attributed network embedding, proposed two effective embedding models that can benefit various applications such as link prediction and node classification.

Teaching Experience

- **Guest Lecturer:** Recommender Systems, University of Glasgow 2021
- **Guest Lecturer, Lab Tutor:** Recommender Systems, University of Glasgow 2020

Selected Talks

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| | University of Glasgow | Virtual |
| 1. | <i>Biomedical Knowledge-Enhanced Language Modelling</i> | <i>15-Feb-2021</i> |
| | SIGIR2020 - TOIS invited talk | Virtual |
| 2. | <i>Jointly Learning Representations of Nodes and Attributes for Attributed Networks</i> | <i>27-July-2020</i> |
| | University of Glasgow | Glasgow, UK |
| 3. | <i>Variational Bayesian Context-aware Representation for Grocery Recommendation</i> | <i>24-Oct-2019</i> |

Publications

- **Google Scholar Citations:** 237
- **H-index:** 8
- **Core A* papers:** 8
- **Core A papers:** 6

* indicates equal contributions; † indicates corresponding author(s) Publication information updated on 10 June 2021

Conference Papers

1. Jinyuan Fang, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng** and Qiang Zhang. Gaussian Process with Graph Convolutional Kernel for Relational Learning. *SIGKDD* 2021. (Core A*, CCF A)
2. Siyuan Liao, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng** and Qiang Zhang. Learning Dynamic Embeddings for Temporal Knowledge Graphs. *WSDM* 2021. (Core A*, CCF B)
3. Fangyu Liu, Ehsan Shareghi, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Marco Basaldella and Nigel Collier. Self-alignment Pre-training for Biomedical Entity Representations. *NAACL* 2021. (Core A, CCF C)
4. Jinpeng Wang, Bin Chen, Qiang Zhang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Shangsong Liang and Shutao Xia. Weakly Supervised Deep Hyperspherical Quantization for Image Retrieval. *AAAI* 2021. (Core A*, CCF A)
5. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Richard McCreadie, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis, and others, BETA-Rec: Build, Evaluate and Tune Automated Recommender Systems. *ACM RecSys* 2020. (Core A)
6. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Richard McCreadie, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis, Exploring Data Splitting Strategies for the Evaluation of Recommendation Models. *ACM RecSys* 2020. (Core A)
7. Siwei Liu, Iadh Ounis, Craig Macdonald, **Zaiqiao Meng**. A Heterogeneous Graph Neural Model for Cold-start Recommendation. *SIGIR* 2020. (Core A*, CCF A)
8. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Jinyuan Fang, Shangsong Liang, Teng Xiao. Semi-supervisedly Co-embedding Attributed Networks. *NeurIPS* 2019. (Core A*, CCF A)
9. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Shangsong Liang, Xiangliang Zhang. Co-Embedding Attributed Networks. *WSDM* 2019. (Core A*, CCF B)
10. Teng Xiao, Jiabin Ren, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Huan Sun, Shangsong Liang. Dynamic Bayesian Metric Learning for Personalized Product Search. *CIKM* 2019. (Core A, CCF B)
11. Yupeng Luo, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Constrained Co-embedding for User Profile in Community Question Answering. *CIKM* 2019. (Core A, CCF B)

12. Teng Xiao, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Dynamic Collaborative Recurrent Learning. *CIKM* 2019. (Core A, CCF B)
13. Teng Xiao, Shangsong Liang, Wenzhou Shen, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Bayesian Deep Collaborative Matrix Factorization. *AAAI* 2019. (Core A*, CCF A)
14. Teng Xiao, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Hierarchical Neural Variational Model for Personalized Sequential Recommendation. *WWW* 2019, Short paper. (Core A*, CCF A)
15. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Hong Shen. NMFDIV: A Nonnegative Matrix Factorization Approach for Search Result Diversification on Attributed Networks. *PDCAT*. 2017. (Core B)

Journal Articles.....

1. Shangsong Liang, Yupeng Luo, **Zaiqiao Meng**[†]. Profiling Users for Question Answering Communities via Flow-based Constrained Co-embedding Model. *ACM Transactions on Information Systems*, 2021. (CCF A, IF. 4.676)
2. Huimin Huang, **Zaiqiao Meng**[†], Hong Shen. Competitive and complementary influence maximization in social network: A follower's perspective. *Knowledge-Based Systems*. 2021. (CCF B, IF. 5.921)
3. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Shangsong Liang, Xiangliang Zhang, Richard McCreadie, Iadh Ounis. Jointly Learning Representations of Nodes and Attributes for Attributed Networks. *ACM Transactions on Information Systems*. 2020. (CCF A, IF. 4.676)
4. Huimin Huang, Hong Shen, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Community-based influence maximization in attributed networks. *Applied Intelligence*. 2020. (CCF C, IF. 3.325)
5. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Hong Shen. Fast top-k similarity search in large dynamic attributed networks. *Information Processing & Management*. 2019. (CCF B, IF. 4.787)
6. Huimin Huang, **Zaiqiao Meng**[†], Shangsong Liang. Recurrent neural variational model for follower-based influence maximization. *Information Sciences* 2020. (CCF B, IF. 5.910)
7. Huimin Huang, Hong Shen, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Item diversified recommendation based on influence diffusion. *Information Processing & Management*, 2019. (CCF B, IF. 4.787)
8. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Hong Shen. Scalable Aspects Learning for Intent-aware Diversified Search on Social Networks. *IEEE Access*. 2018. (IF. 3.745)
9. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Hong Shen, Huimin Huang, Wei Liu, Jing Wang, Arun Kumar Sangaiah. Search Result Diversification on Attributed Networks via Nonnegative Matrix Factorization. *Information Processing and Management*. 2018. (CCF B, IF. 4.787)
10. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Hong Shen. Dissimilarity-Constrained Node Attribute Coverage Diversification for Novelty-Enhanced Top-k Search in Large Attributed Networks. *Knowledge-Based Systems*. 2018. (CCF B, IF. 5.921)

Technique Reports.....

1. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Richard McCreadie, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis. Variational Bayesian Context-aware Representation for Grocery Recommendation. *CARS2.0 Workshop at RecSys*. 2019.

Under Review.....

1. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Fangyu Liu, Thomas Clark, Ehsan Shareghi and Nigel Collier. Mixture-of-Partitions: Infusing Large Biomedical Knowledge Graphs into BERT. *Submitted to EMNLP2021*.
2. Yixuan Su, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Simon Baker and Nigel Collier. Few-Shot Table-to-Text Generation with Prototype Memory. *Submitted to EMNLP2021*.
3. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Richard McCreadie, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis. Temporal Variational Bayesian Representation Learning for Grocery Recommendation. *Submitted to ACM Transactions on Information Systems*.
4. **Zaiqiao Meng**^{*}, Siwei Liu^{*}, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis. Graph Neural Pre-training for Recom-

mendation with Side Information. *Submitted to RecSys2021.*

5. Yaoxin Pan, Shangsong Liang, Jiaxin Ren, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Qiang Zhang. Personalized, Sequential, Attentive, Metric-Aware Product Search. *Submitted to ACM Transactions on Information Systems.*
6. Jinyuan Fang, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Maarten de Rijke. Hyperspherical Variational Co-embedding for Attributed Networks. *Submitted to ACM Transactions on Information Systems.*
7. Shaowei Tang*, **Zaiqiao Meng***, Shangsong Liang. Dynamic Co-embedding Model for Temporal Attributed Networks. *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems.*
8. Shaowei Tang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Qiang Zhang, Shangsong Liang. Cross-Temporal Snapshot Alignment for Dynamic Networks. *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering.*
9. Jiaxin Ren, Teng Xiao, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Shangsong Liang. Dynamic Product Search in Metric Space. *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data.*
10. Zuo Ouyang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Qiang Zhang, Shangsong Liang. A Normalizing Flow-based Co-embedding Model for Attributed Networks. *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data.*
11. **Zaiqiao Meng**, Richard McCreadie, Craig Macdonald, Iadh Ounis. Variational Bayesian Representation Learning for Grocery Recommendation. *Submitted to Information Retrieval Journal.*
12. Yu Wang, Xin Xin, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Xiangnan He, Joemon Jose, Fuli Feng. Probabilistic and Variational Recommendation Denoising. *Submitted to NeurIPS2021.*
13. Qiang Zhang, Jinyuan Fang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Shangsong Liang, Emine Yilmaz. Variational Bayesian Online Meta-Learning. *Submitted to NeurIPS2021.*
14. Jinyuan Fang, Qiang Zhang, Shangsong Liang, **Zaiqiao Meng**. Structure-Aware Random Fourier Kernel for Graphs. *Submitted to NeurIPS2021.*
15. Qiang Zhang, Shangsong Liang, Hongbin Huang, **Zaiqiao Meng**, Emine Yilmaz. Learning to Detect Few-Shot-Few-Clue Misinformation. *Submitted to CIKM2021.*

Software

- **Beta-RecSys** **Leader, Main contributor**
Github Open Source Project
 - Build, Evaluate and Tune Automated Recommender Systems
 - Initialize the project and build the core framework.
 - Manage a team with 11 members on maintaining the project.
 - Implement more than 15 recommendation models and integrate more than 20 datasets .
 - Contain various features, including hyper-parameter tuning, unified PyTorch core engine and unified training, validation, tuning and testing pipeline.
- **SCAN** **Leader, Main contributor**
Network Embedding Model
 - Semi-supervisedly Co-embedding Attributed Networks
 - Semi-supervisedly learn low-dimensional representations of both attributes and nodes in the same semantic space.
 - Benefit many applications such as node classification, link prediction and attribute inference.
- **CAN** **Leader, Main contributor**
Network Embedding Model
 - Co-embedding Attributed Networks
 - Learn low-dimensional representations of both attributes and nodes in the same semantic space.
 - Benefit not only node-oriented network problems (e.g., node classification and link prediction), but also attribute inference problems (e.g., predicting the value of attributes of nodes).

Professional Activities

Conference Program Committee.....

- ICML 2021
- NeurIPS 2020, 2021

○ ICLR	2021
○ SIGIR	2021
○ SIGKDD	2021
○ WWW	2021
○ AAAI	2020, 2021
○ IJCAI	2020
○ ECIR	2020, 2021
○ EMNLP	2021
○ RecSys	2020, 2021

Invited Journal Reviewer.....

○ ACM Transactions on Information Systems	2020,2021
○ IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems	2020,2021
○ IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering	2020,2021
○ ACM Computing Surveys	2020
○ IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics	2020
○ Information Sciences	2019
○ IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems	2019
○ IEEE Access	2019,2020
○ International Journal of Machine Learning and Cybernetics	2017
○ Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience	2017

External Reviewer.....

○ WSDM	2017,2019
○ CIKM	2017, 2018
○ SIGIR	2017, 2018
○ EMNLP	2019
○ IJCAI	2018
○ WWW	2018
○ ACM Transactions on the Web	2017