## **XIANG JI**

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### GOOGLE ENGINEERING MANAGER / SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER

## 2014 - Present

### Eng Manager / Tech Lead, Google Health Data Labeling Platform

- Grew from zero to 10+ SWEs, serving health data labeling needs for 10+ teams across Google / Alphabet
- Generated xxM labels with xxxK labeling hours from graders across the globe
- Unblocked xx critical launches and xx publications on Nature, Lancet, JAMA, etc.

### **Eng lead**, Actions On Google (AoG) Console backend

- AoG is the third party developer platform for Google Assistant
- Led the effort from the ground up to the first launch

## Eng lead, Firebase Console backend

- Firebase is Google's flagship offering for app development
- Led the effort from the ground up to the first launch

## TWITTER INTERN, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

2013 Designed and implemented a tweet recommendation service

 Utilized content-boosted collaborative filtering with random walk model on Hadoop / Storm

#### HULU INTERN, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING IN TEST

2010 Developed recommendation system unit tests in Ruby & Java

#### **EDUCATION**

#### CANADA UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

2012 - 2014 Master of Mathematics, Computer Science

**Thesis:** Path Integration with Velocity-Controlled Oscillators

Relevant courses: Computational Neuroscience, Applied Machine Learning,

Probabilistic Inference and Machine Learning

2011 - 2012 **Exchange Student**, Computer Science

**Thesis:** Hippocampus Modeling on Spatial Alternation Task **Relevant courses:** User Interfaces, Machine Learning, Algorithms, Computer Vision

#### CHINA TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

2008 - 2012 **Bachelor of Engineering**, Computer Science and Technology

Relevant courses: Artificial Intelligence, Operating System, Network,

Computer Architecture, Data Structures

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

**X. Ji**, S. Kushagra, J. Orchard, "Updating the Entorhinal Cortex Fourier Model with Visual-Sensory Input", *Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI)* 2013.

J. Orchard, H Yang, **X. Ji**, "Does the Entorhinal Cortex use the Fourier Transform?", *Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) 2013*.

## COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE

B. Liu, G. Wu, Z. Wang, **X. Ji**, "Semantic integration of differently asynchronous audio-visual information in videos of real-world events in cognitive processing: An ERP study", *Neuroscience Letters*, *July 2011*.

## **PROJECTS**

# COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

#### **Modeling Path Integration Using Velocity Controlled Oscillators**

- Simulated rat's hippocampus using ~50,000 virtual neurons
- Built a virtual rat that is able to navigate in a 2D space
- Included stabilizing mechanisms and sensory inputs

## MACHINE LEARNING

## **Multi-level Position Reconstruction from Hippocampal Place Cells**

- Implemented Bayesian networks on ~20GB neural data
- Designed multiple feature levels for faster and more accurate learning
- Average error reduced to 1/3 of previous results

#### **Private Learning with Homomorphic Encryption**

- Reviewed different private machine learning approaches
- Discussed the difference of schemes and algorithms
- Evaluated algorithm efficiency based on feature amount and data size

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**EXPERTISE** Full stack development with backend specialty

Team lead of 10+ engineers

Industrial experience in healthcare + tech

Computational neuroscience

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Java, Python, C++, JavaScript, TypeScript

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