Research Interests

My research lies at the intersection of machine learning, computer vision, data science and healthcare, with a focus on physically and geometrically precise machine learning models with minimal human supervision. I aim to develop foundation models that can scale and extrapolate to advance AI's capacity for accurate, accessible, and transformative medical imaging and healthcare solutions.

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Aug. 2018 - May 2023

Ph.D. in Vision Science. Track : Computer Vision. Advisors : Stella X. Yu and Meng C. Lin. Thesis : Structure-Aware Representation Learning and Its Application to Healthcare

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Xi'an Jiaotong University

Aug. 2014 - June 2018

Bachelor in Electrical Engineering. Visiting student at UC Berkeley from 2017 to 2018.

Research Experience

California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, CA

Postdoctoral Researcher in Computing and Mathematical Sciences

July 2023 - Present

Advisor: Anima Anandkumar

Topics: AI for science and healthcare, specifically representation learning for inverse problems and imaging with applications to lung and brain imaging with ultrasound and photoacoustic tomography

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Graduate Student Researcher

Aug. 2018 - May 2023

Topics: Real-world representation learning (learning from imperfect data, 3D visual representations and efficient learning), as well as their applications to healthcare (ML for ocular disease diagnosis)

Honors and Awards

Finalist, Perpall Speaking Competition, Caltech	2024
Best Paper Award, Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) Symposium	2023, 2024
Vector Institute Fellowship (offered)	2023
Best Paper Award, Hong Kong Science & Technology Park (HKSTP)	2019
Best Paper Award, CVPR PBVS workshop	2019
Seagate Fellowship	2018
Outstanding Graduate Award, Xi'an Jiaotong University	2018
Top 10 Undergraduate Award, Xi'an Jiaotong University	2017
National Scholarship of China	2015 - 2017
Meritorious Winner, the International Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 8%)	2016

Grants (co-authored)

NIH-R01, "AI Enhanced Lung Ultrasound Imaging in Acute and Chronic Disease" (submitted) 2024
NSF-2313151, "Lie Group Representation Learning for Vision" (200k) 2023
NIH-R21EY033881, "Towards a New Paradigm in Meibomian Gland Evaluation Using AI" (250k) 2022
BAIR Commons, "Scene Sketch to Photo Synthesis" 2021
Berkeley Deep Drive, "Learning Dynamic Point Set Neighbourhoods for 3D Object Detection" 2020

Preprints

- [P1] Beyond Closure Models: Learning Chaotic-Systems via Physics-Informed Neural Operators C. Wang, J. Berner, Z. Lin, D. Zhou, J. Wang, J. Bae, A. Anandkumar
 - In submission to Nature Communications.
- [P2] Ultrasound Lung Aeration Map via Physics-Aware Neural Operators
 - **J. Wang**, O. Ostras, B. Tolooshams, M. Sode, Z. Li, K. Azizzadenesheli, G.F. Pinton, A. Anandkumar *In submission to Nature*.
- [P3] Neural Operators for Accelerated Functional Ultrasound Imaging
 - B. Tolooshams, **J. Wang**, L. Lin, T. Callier, K. Azizzadenesheli, R.A. Andersen, A. Anandkumar *In submission to Nature Methods*.
- [P4] Open-Vocabulary Monocular 3D Object Detection
 - J. Yao, H. Gu, X. Chen, J. Wang, Z. Cheng

In submission to ICCV 2025.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [J1] Artificial Intelligence Models Utilize Lifestyle Factors to Predict Dry Eye Related Outcomes A.D. Graham, J. Wang, T. Kothpalli, J. Ding, H. Tasho, A. Molina, V. Tse, S.M. Chang, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin Nature Scientific Reports, 2024
- [J2] A Machine Learning Approach to Predicting Dry Eye-Related Signs, Symptoms and Diagnoses A.D. Graham, T. Kothpalli, J. Wang, J. Ding, V. Tse, P. Asbell, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin Heliyon, 2024
- [J3] Open Long-Tailed Recognition in a Dynamic World
 Z. Liu, Z. Miao, X. Zhan, J. Wang, B. Gong, S.X. Yu
 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), 2022
- [J4] Predicting Demographics from Meibography Using Deep Learning J. Wang, A.D. Graham, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin Nature Scientific Reports, 2022
- [J5] Spatial Transformer for 3D Point Clouds
 - J. Wang, R. Chakraborty, S.X. Yu
 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), 2021
- [J6] Quantifying Meibomian Gland Morphology Using Artificial Intelligence J. Wang, S. Li, T.N. Yeh, R. Chakraborty, A.D. Graham, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin Optometry and Vision Science, 2021
- [J7] A Deep Learning Approach for Meibomian Gland Atrophy Evaluation in Meibography Images J. Wang, T.N. Yeh, R. Chakraborty, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin Translational Vision Science and Technology (TVST), 2019
- [J8] Insights and Approaches Using Deep Learning to Classify Wildlife Z. Miao, K.M. Gaynor, J. Wang, Z. Liu et al. Nature Scientific Reports, 2019.
- [J9] Deep Ranking Model by Large Adaptive Margin Learning for Person Re-identification J. Wang, S. Zhou, J. Wang, Q. Hou Pattern Recognition (PR), 2018

Conference | / Workshop Papers

- Conference [C1] A Unified Model for Compressed Sensing MRI Across Undersampling Patterns
 - A. Jatyani*, J. Wang*, A. Chandrashekar, Z. Wu, B. Tolooshams, M. Liu-Schiaffini, A. Anandkumar Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2025
 - [C2] Pose-Aware Self-Supervised Learning with Viewpoint Trajectory Regularization J. Wang, Y. Chen, S.X. Yu

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), ORAL (2.3%), 2024

- [C3] Insight: A Multi-Modal Diagnostic Pipeline using LLMs for Ocular Surface Disease Diagnosis C.H. Yeh, J. Wang, A. D. Graham, A. Liu, B. Tan, Y. Chen, Y. Ma, M.C. Lin Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, (MICCAI), 2024
- [C4] Multi-Modal Self-Supervised Learning for Surgical Feedback Effectiveness Assessment A. Gupta, R. Kocielnik, J. Wang, F. Nasriddinov, C. Yang, E. Wong, A. Anandkumar, A. Hung Machine Learning for Health. PMLR. BEST PAPER, 2024
- [C5] Recurrent Parameter Generators
 J. Wang, Y. Chen, S.X. Yu, B. Cheung, Y. LeCunn
 Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2023
- [C6] Deep Multimodal Fusion for Surgical Feedback Classification R. Kocielnik, E. Wong, T. Chu, L. Lin, D. Huang, J. Wang, A. Anandkumar, A. Hung Machine Learning for Health. PMLR. BEST PAPER, 2023
- [C7] 3D Shape Reconstruction from Free-Hand Sketches J. Wang, J. Lin, Q. Yu, R. Liu, Y. Chen, S.X. Yu European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) Workshop, 2022
- [C8] Unsupervised Scene Sketch to Photo Synthesis J. Wang, S. Jeon, S.X. Yu, X. Zhang, H. Arora, Y. Lou

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) Workshop, SPOTLIGHT, 2022

- [C9] Tracking the Dynamics of the Tear Film Lipid Layer
 T. Kothpalli, C. Shou, J. Ding, J. Wang, A.D. Graham, T. Svitova, S.X. Yu, M.C. Lin
 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Workshop, 2022
- [C10] Orthogonal Convolutional Neural Networks
 - **J. Wang**, Y. Chen, R. Chakraborty, S.X. Yu Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020

[C11] Large-scale Long-Tailed Recognition in an Open World

Z. Liu, Z. Miao, X. Zhan, J. Wang, B. Gong, S.X. Yu

Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), ORAL (5%), 2019

[C12] Sur-Real: Frechet Mean and Distance Transform for Complex-Valued Deep Learning

R. Chakraborty, J. Wang, S.X. Yu

Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop, BEST PAPER, 2019

[C13] Point to Set Similarity Based Deep Feature Learning for Person Re-identification

S. Zhou, J. Wang, J. Wang, Y. Gong, N. Zheng

Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2017

Patent

[1] Image Generation Based on a Multi-Image Set and Pose Data

A. Kheradmand, J. Wang, H. Arora

File number: P80654-US01 (issued); Date: March 20, 2023.

Teaching

Guest Lecturer, Caltech

Machine Learning and Statistical Inference (CS165)

Winter 2024

Taught materials covering Bayesian and Neyman-Pearson detection, UMVU estimator and Cramér-Rao lower bound. Mentored student projects on diffusion models for inverse problems.

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley

Deep Neural Networks (CS182/282)

Spring 2023

Designed course materials illustrating both fundamentals of deep neural networks (e.g. regularization, weights and gradients of CNNs at different layers) as well as advanced applications (e.g. to deep learning systems and biomedicine). Held weekly office hours. 400 students are enrolled.

Machine Learning (CS189/289)

Fall 2020

Gave a guest lecture, designed real-world problem-focused homework and exams on EM algorithm, long-tailed distribution, research topics like medical imaging, etc., led discussion sessions, held weekly office hours and helped facilitate course projects. 400 students are enrolled in the class.

Visual Perception (VS205)

Fall 2018 & Fall 2019

Led discussions and lab sessions to help around 70 students understand basic psychophysical and statistical methods in visual perception.

INVITED TALKS

Towards Real-World Representation Learning and Its Applications to Healthcare

• Seminar at Stony Brook University	May 2023
• Seminar at Northwestern University	April 2023
• Seminar at Berkeley AI Research Lab	April 2023
• Seminar at Vector Institute	April 2023
• Seminar at California Institute of Technology	Mar 2023
• Seminar at Duke University	Jan 2023
• Seminar at Apple (Camera Incubation Team)	Jan 2023
• Seminar at NVIDIA (Self-Driving Team)	Jan 2023
Generate Photos and 3D Models from Sketches	
• Bosch-ICSI Research Seminar	Aug. 2022
• Seminar at Amazon (FitScience Team)	June 2022
Redundancy and Compression in Deep Neural Networks	
Berkeley Oxyopia Seminar	Nov. 2021
• Berkeley MRI Seminar	Sep. 2021

MENTORSHIP

Jin Yao, PhD at UVA. Active. (co-advised with Z. Cheng)

Armeet Jatyani, undergrad at Caltech. Active. (co-advised with A. Anandkumar)

Arushi Gupta, undergrad at Caltech. Next: CS PhD at Stanford. (co-advised with A. Anandkumar) Aditi Chandrashekar, undergrad at Caltech. Next: CS PhD at Princeton. (co-advised with B. Tolooshams and A. Anandkumar)

Tejasvi Kothpalli, undergrad at UC Berkeley. Next: PhD at UC Berkeley. (co-advised with S. Yu) Martin Zhai, undergrad at UC Berkeley. Next: Master at Cornell University. (co-advised with S. Yu) Shixuan Li, undergrad at UC Berkeley. Next: Master at Brown University. (co-advised with S. Yu)

SERVICE AND Leadership

Session Chair, Caltech Student-Faculty Program Summer Seminar Day

Member, Caltech AI Graduate Admissions Committee

2023 2023 - Present

Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science

2024

Mentor, Berkeley AI Research Mentoring Program

2022 - 2023

Mentored underrepresented undergraduates and helped them get started in pursuing a career in AI. Member, Berkeley Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee 2022 - 2023 Helped organize the DEI book club and DEI movie nights for an informal environment where students can freely discuss their thoughts and views on DEI.

Volunteer Teacher, Bay Area Scientists in Schools

2019 - 2022

Taught science lessons on AI and computers to students in public elementary schools.

Vice President, Chinese Graduate and Postdoctoral Scholars Association at UC Berkeley

Program Committee Chair, Bay Area Vision Research Day (BAVRD)

2019 - 2021 2019

Fundraising, planning the conference schedule and overseeing the review of lighting talks and posters Conference & Journal Reviewer: CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, SIGGRAPH, NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, AAAI, AISTATS, MICCAI, WACV, BMVC, ACCV, CPAL, ACM Multimedia, IEEE-TPAMI, IEEE-TIP, IEEE-TCSVT, IEEE-JBHI, IEEE-JSTARS, IEEE-Access, ACM Comp Surv., ACM TOMM, IJMLC, PLOS One, OVS, TVST, Heliyon, Current Medical Imaging, Scientific Reports, Contact Lens and Anterior Eye, Quantitative Imaging in Medicine and Surgery

Editor: Frontiers in Computer Science, Journal of Imaging

Program Committee Member, AAAI

2021, 2024

Industrial EXPERIENCE Aizip

Founding Member, Research Scientist (part-time)

Cupertino, CA

Oct 2020 - Aug. 2023

- Led core projects towards robust, efficient and scalable real-world AI-IoT solutions
- Worked on full-stack machine learning and delivered robust models and products to customers
- Built the tiniest human detection system with robust performance under different lighting conditions

Amazon Sunnyvale, CA

Applied Scientist Intern

May 2022 - Nov. 2022

- Mentors: Dr. Himanshu Arora and Dr. Amin Kheradmand
- Developed multi-view human reposing and virtual try-on system that beats state-of-the-art methods
- The work became a patent and was integrated into the Amazon Virtual Try-On product

Aibee Palo Alto, CA

Research Intern

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

- Mentors: Dr. Song Cao and Prof. Silvio Savarese
- Developed novel algorithms for fine-grained long-tailed vehicle recognition and improved minority class accuracy by 20%

Sensetime Shenzhen, China

Research Intern

- Feb. 2018 Aug. 2018
- Developed an RGBD-camera-based 3D portrait animation product, which was featured in Vivo's 2018 latest smartphone model
- Developed efficient classification algorithms for long-tailed fine-grained data and ranked 6th in CVPR 2018 Fine-grained Visual Categorization Competition
- Proposed novel deep networks for efficient point cloud detection and improved 4% performance

References

[1] Anima Anandkumar, anima@caltech.edu

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[2] Stella X. Yu, stellayu@umich.edu

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University of Michigan

Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

University of California, Berkeley

[3] Lihong V. Wang, lihong@caltech.edu

Bren Professor of Medical Engineering and Electrical Engineering

California Institute of Technology

- [4] Gianmarco Pinton, gia@email.unc.edu Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- [5] Meng C. Lin, mlin@berkeley.edu Professor of Optometry and Vision Science University of California, Berkeley
- [6] Yubei Chen, ybchen@ucdavis.edu Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering University of California, Davis