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Education

- 2012 – 2017 **Ph.D., Computer Science**
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Advisor: *Prof. Xifeng Yan*
Thesis: *Mining Patterns and Networks from Sequence Data*
- 2010 – 2012 **M.S., Computer Science** (*Graduate with Honors, top 1%*)
Northeastern University (NEU), China
Advisors: *Prof. Xiaochun Yang and Prof. Bin Wang*
Thesis: *Approximate Text Alignment Techniques and Optimization Approaches*
(*Outstanding Graduate Dissertation Award*)
- 2006 – 2010 **B.S., Computer Science** (*Honors Class, top 3%*)
Northeastern University (NEU), China
Thesis: *Design and Implementation of an Approximate Querying Approach Based on Berkeley DB*
(*Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation Award*)

Experience

- 04/2020 – Present **Research Scientist Manager**, Facebook
- 02/2020 – 04/2020 **Staff Research Scientist**, Facebook
- 01/2019 – 02/2020 **Senior Research Scientist**, Facebook
- 07/2017 – 12/2018 **Research Scientist**, Facebook
- 06/2016 – 09/2016 **Intern**, Facebook
Topic: *Indexing and Mining Billions of Time Series*
- 07/2015 – 09/2015 **Bioinformatics Intern**, Illumina
Topic: *Fast Specificity Checking for Multiplex PCR Primer Design*

Publications

1. Adding Chit-Chats to Enhance Task-Oriented Dialogues

Kai Sun, Seungwhan Moon, Paul Crook, Stephen Roller, Becka Silvert, Bing Liu, Zhiguang Wang, Honglei Liu, Eunjoon Cho, Claire Cardie. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.12757* (2020).

2. NUANCED: Natural Utterance Annotation for Nuanced Conversation with Estimated Distributions

Zhiyu Chen, Honglei Liu, Hu Xu, Seungwhan Moon, Hao Zhou, Bing Liu. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.12758* (2020).

3. User Memory Reasoning for Conversational Recommendation

Hu Xu, Seungwhan Moon, Honglei Liu, Bing Liu, Pararth Shah, Bing Liu, Philip S. Yu. *Proc. of Int. Conf. on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2020)*.

4. Federated User Representation Learning

Duc Bui, Kshitiz Malik, Jack Goetz, Honglei Liu, Seungwhan Moon, Anuj Kumar, Kang G. Shin. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.12535* (2019).

5. Active Federated Learning

Jack Goetz, Kshitiz Malik, Duc Bui, Seungwhan Moon, Honglei Liu, Anuj Kumar. *Workshop on Federated Learning for Data Privacy and Confidentiality at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2019)*.

6. Global Textual Relation Embedding for Relational Understanding

Zhiyu Chen, Hanwen Zha, Honglei Liu, Wenhui Chen, Xifeng Yan, Yu Su. *Proc. of the Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2019)*. (Short Paper)

7. Interpretability of Deep Reinforcement Learning Models in a Conversational System

Honglei Liu, Parath Shah, Wenxuan Li, Wenhui Yang, Anuj Kumar. *in submission*

8. Explore-Exploit: A Framework for Interactive and Online Learning

Honglei Liu, Anuj Kumar, Wenhui Yang, Benoit Dumoulin. *Systems for Machine Learning Workshop at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2018)*.

Open-sourced as **ReAgent**, a modular, end-to-end platform for building reasoning systems

9. PoQaa: Text Mining and Knowledge Sharing for Scientific Publications

Keqian Li, Ping Zhang, Honglei Liu, Hanwen Zha, Xifeng Yan. *Proc. of Int. Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD 2018)*. (demo)

10. In Vitro Validation of in Silico Identified Inhibitory Interactions

Honglei Liu, Daniel Bridges, Connor Randall, Sara A. Solla, Bian Wu, Paul Hansma, Xifeng Yan, Kenneth S. Kosik, Kristofer Bouchard. *Journal of Neuroscience Methods* 321 (2019): 39-48.

11. Global Relation Embedding for Relation Extraction

Yu Su*, Honglei Liu*, Semih Yavuz, Izzeddin Gur, Huan Sun, Xifeng Yan. *Proc. of the Annual Conf. of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT 2018)*. (*: Equal Contribution)

12. Active Learning of Functional Networks from Spike Trains

Honglei Liu, Bian Wu. *SIAM Int. Conf. on Data Mining (SDM 2017)*.

13. Fast Motif Discovery in Short Sequences

Honglei Liu, Fangqiu Han, Hongjun Zhou, Xifeng Yan, Kenneth S. Kosik. *Proc. of Int. Conf. on Data Engineering (ICDE 2016)*.

Software licensed to **SerImmune Inc.** to produce real world value

14. ALAE: Accelerating Local Alignment with Affine Gap Exactly in Biosequence Databases

Xiaochun Yang, Honglei Liu, Bin Wang. *Proc. of Int. Conf. on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB 2012)*.

15. Approximate Substring Query Algorithms Supporting Local Optimal Matching

Honglei Liu, Xiaochun Yang, Bin Wang, Rong Jin. *Journal of Frontiers of Computer Science and Technology*, 2011.

Open Source

- ReAgent** A modular, end-to-end platform for building reasoning systems. It closes the loop of turning actions into feedback, and feedback into training data for RL and online learning. ReAgent is used at Facebook to drive tens of billions of decisions per day.
- PyText** A deep-learning based NLP modeling framework built on PyTorch. PyText is used at Facebook to iterate quickly on new modeling ideas and then seamlessly ship them at scale.
- ASC** A fast motif discovery tool that is 10,000 times faster than MEME while preserving the same accuracy. ASC+MEME reduces the running time of MEME from weeks to a few minutes with even better accuracy. ASC was licensed to SerImmune Inc. funded by NIH, illumina, Merck, etc. to find motifs from massive protein sequences generated by modern sequencing techniques.