Qifeng Zhou

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Education

University of Texas at Arlington *Sept. 2022 – Now*
Ph.D. student in Computer Science (GPA 4.0/4.0)
- Supervisor: Dr. Junzhou Huang 🔗

Zhejiang University *Sept. 2018 – June 2022*
BS in Chu Kochen Honors College (Rank Top5%)

Publications

Contrastive Pretraining for Computational Pathology With Visual Language Models ISBI 2025

Qifeng Zhou, Thao M. Dang, Yuzhi Guo, Hehuan Ma, Wenliang Zhong Saiyang Na, Jean Gao, Junzhou Huang

PathM3: A Multimodal Multi-Task Multiple Instance Learning Framework for Whole Slide Image Classification and Captioning MICCAI 2024

Qifeng Zhou, Wenliang Zhong, Yuzhi Guo, Michael Xiao, Hehuan Ma, Junzhou Huang

MFMF: Multiple Foundation Model Fusion Networks for Whole Slide Image Classification ACM BCB 2024

Thao M. Dang, Yuzhi Guo, Hehuan Ma, ***Qifeng Zhou***, Saiyang Na, Jean Gao, Junzhou Huang

Research Projects

Representation learning with Large Language Model (LLM) *Sept. 2024 - Now*
- Adapted multimodal large language models (LLaVA-Next-8B) for **pathology image** multimodal representation learning.
- Utilized prompts within LLMs to effectively bridge modality gaps between different input types, enhancing performance without requiring fine-tuning.
- Publish a research paper to ISBI 2025

Muiltmodal Learning for WSI Classification *Apr. 2024 - July 2024*
- Developed a framework integrating image, cell, and text-level features using foundational models to enhance WSI classification, improving **AUC score to 98.15** in TCGA and Camelyon16 dataset.
- Introduced a novel **three-step cross-attention module** that effectively combines multi-level information for improved feature extraction.
- Designed an abnormality-aware module based on **auto-encoder** to identify abnormal features for instance selection.
- Published a research paper to ACM BCB 2024

Large Visual-Language Model for Multi-instance Learning (MIL) *Nov. 2023 - Feb. 2024*
- Developed a multimodal, multi-task MIL framework for WSI classification and captioning, improving **5% accuracy and 0.2 BLEU scores** with SOTA method.
- Developed a **query-based transformer** to align WSIs with captions.
- Introduced a **MIL Visual Prompt Generator (VPG)** to incorporate enriched visual representations into **Large Language Models (FLAN-T5)** by taking advantage of instance correlation.
- Published a research paper to MICCAI 2024

Technologies

Programming Languages: Python, C++, C

Machine Learning Tools: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Jax, Sklearn, Hugging Face, Git, Shell, DDP, Slurm, Scikit-learn, OpenCV, Scikit-Image

Digital pathology Tools: Survival analysis (Cox model, Discrete-time model), Openslide