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Research Interests

- Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, and Deep Learning
- Computational Neuroscience, Multimodal Brain Imaging, and Data Fusion
- Brain Inspired AI

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

2018 - 2023 (expected)

University of Texas at Arlington, Texas, USA

Advisor: Dajiang Zhu, Ph.D.

GPA: 4.0/4.0

M.S. in Computer Science and Technology

2015 - 2018

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China

Advisor: Xiaoan Li, Ph.D. The First Prize Scholarship

B.S. in Computer Science and Technology

2011 - 2015

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China

GPA Ranking: 36/245

Publications

Journal Paper

- 6. [MIA'22] Lu Zhang, Li Wang and Dajiang Zhu. Predicting brain structural network using functional connectivity. *Medical Image Analysis*, 2022. (Impact Factor: 13.828)
- [Cerebral Cortex'22] Lu Zhang, Lin Zhao, David Liu, Zihao Wu, Xianqiao Wang, Tianming Liu and Dajiang Zhu. Cortex2vector: Anatomical Embedding of Cortical Folding Patterns. Cerebral Cortex, 2022. (Impact Factor: 5.998, top-tier journal in Neuroscience)
- 4. [MIA'21] Lu Zhang, Li Wang, Jean Gao, Shannon L. Risacher, Jingwen Yan, Gang Li, Tianming Liu and Dajiang Zhu. Deep fusion of brain structure-function in mild cognitive impairment. *Medical Image Analysis*, 2021. (Impact Factor: 13.828)
- 3. [Nature Machine Intelligence'22] Xiaowei Yu*, Lu Zhang*, Haixing Dai, Yanjun Lyu, Lin Zhao, Zihao Wu, David Liu, Tianming Liu and Dajiang Zhu. Core-Periphery Principle Guided Redesign of Self-Attention in Transformers. Nature Machine Intelligence, * co-first authors. (under review)
- 2. [TPAMI'22] Lu Zhang, Xiaowei Yu, Yanjun Lyu, Zhengwang Wu, Haixing Dai, Lin Zhao, Li Wang, Gang Li, Dajiang Zhu, Tianming Liu. Representing Brain Anatomical Regularity and Variability by Few-Shot Embedding. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence* (under review)
- 1. [TPAMI'22] Yuzhong Chen, Zhenxiang Xiao, Yu Du, Lin Zhao, Lu Zhang, Zihao Wu, David Weizhong Liu, Dajiang Zhu, Tuo Zhang, Xintao Hu, Tianming Liu, Senior Member, IEEE, and Xi Jiang, A Unified and Biologically-Plausible Relational Graph Representation of Vision Transformers. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence* (under review)

Conference Paper

- 10. [MICCAI'20] Lu Zhang, Li Wang, and Dajiang Zhu. Recovering brain structural connectivity from functional connectivity via multi-gcn based generative adversarial network. *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention* (MICCAI). (Young Scientist Award, Rate: 4/1809=0.2%)
- 9. [AAAI'22] Lu Zhang, Li Wang, and Dajiang Zhu. Disease2Vec: Representing Alzheimer's Progression via Disease Embedding Tree. (Under rebuttal)

- 8. [AAAI'22] Yuzhong Chen, Zhenxiang Xiao, Lin Zhao, Lu Zhang, Haixing Dai, David Liu, Zihao Wu, Changhe Li, Tuo Zhang, Changying Li, Dajiang Zhu, Tianming Liu, Xi Jiang. Mask-guided Vision Transformer for Few-Shot Learning. (Under rebuttal)
- 7. [SfN'22] Lu Zhang, Li Wang, Xiaowei Yu, Yanjun Lyu. and Dajiang Zhu. Modeling Alzheimer's progression by supervised deep tree. Society for Neuroscience, (top-tier conference in Neuroscience).
- 6. [Alzheimer's Dementia'21] Xiaowei Yu, Norman Scheel, Lu Zhang, David C. Zhu, Rong Zhang, and Dajiang Zhu. Free water in T2 FLAIR white matter hyperintensity lesions. *Alzheimer's Dementia*, 17, p.e057398.
- 5. [ISBI'20] Lu Zhang, Li Wang, and Dajiang Zhu. Jointly Analyzing Alzheimer's Disease Related Structure-Function Using Deep Cross-Model Attention Network. *IEEE 17th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging* (ISBI). (Oral)
- 4. [ISBI'20] Li Wang, Lu Zhang, and Dajiang Zhu. Learning Latent Structure Over Deep Fusion Model of Mild Cognitive Impairment. IEEE 17th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI).
- 3. [ISBI'19] Li Wang, Lu Zhang, and Dajiang Zhu. Accessing Latent Connectome of Mild Cognitive Impairment via Discriminant Structure Learning. IEEE 16th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI), 2019.
- [MMMI'19] Akib Zaman, Lu Zhang, Jingwen Yan and Dajiang Zhu. Multi-Modal Image Prediction via Spatial Hybrid U-Net. 1st International Workshop on Multiscale Multimodal Medical Imaging held in Conjunction with MICCAI (MMMI), 2019. (Best Oral Paper, rate:10%)
- 1. [MLMI'19] Lu Zhang, Akib Zaman, Li Wang, Jingwen Yan and Dajiang Zhu. A Cascaded Multi-Modality Analysis in Mild Cognitive Impairment. 10th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging held in Conjunction with MICCAI (MLMI).

Pre-print Paper

1. Xiaowei Yu, **Lu Zhang**, Lin Zhao, Yanjun Lyu, Tianming Liu, and Dajiang Zhu, (2022). Disentangling Spatial-Temporal Functional Brain Networks via Twin-Transformers. arXiv preprint arXiv:2204.09225.

Research Grants

NIH Director's Early Independence Awards (DP5), PI (Sole), \$358,786.00 (Pending) 2022 Other Grants Writing Experience

- NIH R01AG075582 Total Funding Amount: \$2,708,267 over 5 years
- NIH RF1NS128534 Total Funding Amount: \$ 2,867,032 over 5 years

(\$1,686,621 for the first three years, the 4th and 5th years of support will be funded contingent upon administrative progress review)

AWARDS AND HONOURS

MICCAI 2020 Young Scientist Award (Rate: 4/1809=0.2%)	2020
MICCAI 2020 Student Travel Award	2020
UTA Doctoral Student Research and Travel Grant Award	2019

Talks

• Invited talk about "Brain Structural and Functional Networks" at Harvard Medical School	06/2022
• Invited talk about "Some Thoughts on My PhD Training" at University of Texas at Arlington	03/2021
• Guest lecture about "Hierarchical Semantic Tree Embedding for Image Understanding" (UTA CSE 6363)	04/2022
• Guest lecture about "Recurrent Neural Network and Transformer" (UTA CSE 6363)	11/2021

Teaching and Services

TA Experience

• UTA, CSE5350, Computer Architecture II	Fall 2021
• UTA, CSE6331, Cloud Computing	Summer 2021
• UTA, CSE6363, Machine Learning	Spring 2021

• UTA, CSE6363, Machine Learning Fall 2020

• UTA, CSE4344/5344, Computer Network Organization Summer 2020

• UTA, CSE6363, Machine Learning Spring 2020

• UTA, CSE6363, Machine Learning	Fall 2019
• UTA, CSE5334/4334, Data Mining	Spring 2019
Conference Reviewer	
ullet The 23th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted	
Intervention (MICCAI)	2020
ullet The 24th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted	
Intervention (MICCAI)	2021
\bullet The 18th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)	2021
ullet The 25th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted	
Intervention (MICCAI)	2022
• The 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	2022
• The 37th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)	2023

Journal Reviewer

- \bullet Cerebral Cortex
- \bullet IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- Frontiers in Human Neuroscience
- Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics
- \bullet Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience
- \bullet Machine Intelligence Research