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Skills

Machine Learning

- Trustworthy AI
(Uncertainty Quantification)
- Transfer Learning
- Deep Learning
- Bayesian Methods

Programming

- Python
- Pytorch
- Numpy, Pandas, Sklearn
- Matlab

Tools

- Git

Education

2022 - Ph.D. in Machine Learning

Aalto University, supervised by
[Prof. Arno Solin](#)

Final year, five publications

2021 M.Sc.in Machine Learning

University College London
Distinction(84%), Dean's List

2019 B.Sc. in Physics

Sun Yat-sen University
3.8 / 4.0

Summary

- Experienced doctoral researcher with top-tier conference publications.
- Proficient in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Python, and Pytorch.
- Strong mathematical skills in linear algebra, calculus and probability.

Selected Projects

◦ Streamlining Prediction in Bayesian Deep Learning. *Under Review*

Collaborator: Arno Solin, Martin Trapp, and Marcus Klasson.

Summary: While estimating posterior is being actively researched in Bayesian deep learning, making predictions with posterior has been being largely overlooked. We propose an efficient method for making prediction through a single forward pass without sampling by local liberalization and Gaussian approximation. We showcase our approach for both MLP and transformers.

◦ Post-hoc Probabilistic Vision-Language Models. *Under Review*

Collaborator: Arno Solin, Martin Trapp, Marcus Klasson, Anton Baumann, Santeri Mentu, Shyamgopal Karthik and Zeynep Akata.

Summary: While Vision-Language models have shown remarkable performance in various tasks, they lack uncertainty over predictions, which limits their reliability in high-stakes applications. We propose a post-hoc uncertainty quantification method based on Laplace approximation, which provides useful predictive uncertainties and better calibration.

◦ Flatness Improves Backbone Generalisation in Few-shot Classification.

Published in WACV 2025

Collaborator: Arno Solin, Martin Trapp, and Marcus Klasson.

Summary: In few-shot classification most efforts focus on adapting the backbone to the target domain without considering the importance of backbone training. We show flatness-aware backbone training can lead to better generalization through theoretical and empirical results.

◦ Improving Hyperparameter Learning under Approximate Inference

in Gaussian Process Models. Published in ICML 2023

Collaborator: Arno Solin and ST John.

Summary: Variational inference and expectation propagation are two commonly used approximate inferences in Gaussian process models with complementary advantages. We developed a hybrid training procedure to bring the best of both worlds.

Awards

- Dean's list at University College London, 2021
The Dean's List is awarded to the top 5% of graduating students.
- First, third, and second price scholarship at Sun Yat-sen University, 2019, 2018, 2017
- Meritorious Winner of Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling, 2017

Full Publications

- [Rui Li](#), Marcus Klasson, Arno Solin, Martin Trapp. [Streamlining Prediction in Bayesian Deep Learning](#). *Under Review*
- Anton Baumann, [Rui Li](#), Marcus Klasson, Santeri Mentu, Shyamgopal Karthik, Zeynep Akata, Arno Solin, Martin Trapp. [Post-hoc Probabilistic Vision-Language Models](#). *Under Review*
- [Rui Li](#), Martin Trapp, Marcus Klasson, Arno Solin. [Flatness Improves Backbone Generalisation in Few-shot Classification](#). *Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)* 2025.
- Anton Baumann, Marcus Klasson, [Rui Li](#), Martin Trapp. [Probabilistic Active Few-Shot Learning in Vision-Language Models](#). *NeurIPS Workshop on Bayesian Decision-making and Uncertainty* 2024.
- [Rui Li](#), Marcus Klasson, Arno Solin, Martin Trapp. [Posterior Inferred, Now What? Streamlining Prediction in Bayesian Deep Learning](#). *NeurIPS Workshop on Bayesian Decision-making and Uncertainty* 2024.
- Marlon Tobaben, Marcus Klasson, [Rui Li](#), Arno Solin, Antti Honkela. [Differentially Private Continual Learning using Pre-Trained Models](#). *NeurIPS workshop on Scalable Continual Learning for Lifelong Foundation Models* 2024.
- [Rui Li](#), ST John, Arno Solin. [Improving Hyperparameter Learning under Approximate Inference in Gaussian Process Models](#). *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2023.
- [Rui Li](#), ST John, Arno Solin. [Towards Improved Learning in Gaussian Processes: The Best of Two Worlds](#). *NeurIPS Workshop on Gaussian Processes, Spatiotemporal Modeling, and Decision-making Systems*, 2022.
- Arno Solin, [Rui Li](#), Andrea Pilzer. [A Look at Improving Robustness in Visual-inertial SLAM by Moment Matching](#). *International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION)*, 2022.
- Chuan Chen, [Rui Li](#), Lin Shu, Zhiyu He, Jining Wang, Chengming Zhang, Huanfei Ma, Kazuyuki Aihara, Luonan Chen. [Predicting Future Dynamics From Short-term Time Series Using an Anticipated Learning Machine](#). *National Science Review*, 2020.
- [Rui Li](#), Fanghua Ye, Shaoan Xie, Chuan Chen and Zibin Zheng. [Digging into It: Community Detection via Hidden Attributes Analysis](#). *Neurocomputing*, 2019.
- [Rui Li](#), Zhengyun You and Yumei Zhang. [Deep Learning for Signal and Background Discrimination in Liquid based Neutrino Experiment](#). *International Workshop on Advanced Computing and Analysis Techniques in Physics Research (ACAT)*, 2018.

Courses Completed for M.Sc.

- Probabilistic and Unsupervised Learning
- Approximate Inference and Learning in Probabilistic Models
- Machine Learning Seminar
- Supervised Learning
- Introduction to Deep Learning
- Statistical Natural Language Processing
- Reinforcement Learning
- Numerical Optimisation