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Highlights

My current research centers on unsupervised learning and AutoML. This fits well with a nascent and fast-evolving research field referred to as **Neural Architecture Search**, which aims to automate deep learning model design and reduce the cost of manually designed models across different use cases. My work covers the entire spectrum of research in this domain: from building efficient black/white-box optimization methods, to understand architecture encodings and its clustering effect through theoretical analysis and empirical evaluations.

Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA — Jan 2019 - now
Ph.D., Computer Science, 3.8/4.0

RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany — Oct 2018
M.S., Computer Engineering, 1.2/5.0 (*excellent*)

Xidian University, Xi'an, China — July 2015
B.S., Electrical Engineering, 3.82/4.0

Award

Top Reviewers of ICML '20	Sep 2020
4th Place Winner of NeurIPS '19 Google MicroNet Challenge	Nov 2019
ICCV '19 Neural Architects Workshop Best Paper Award Nominee	Oct 2019
MSU Graduate Office Fellowship (GOF)	Jan 2019
World Finalist, Kaggle Data Science Game, Paris	Sep 2016
Summer School Exchange Student, Tsinghua University	Aug 2015
Meritorious Winner, International Mathematical Contest In Modeling (MCM)	May 2014
First Prize Scholarship, Xidian University	Sep 2012, 2013

Professional Experiences

Research Intern — Feb 2021 - now
Abacus.AI, San Francisco, USA

Applied Machine Learning Intern — June 2020 - Sep 2020
TikTok, Mountain View, USA

Research Intern — May 2019 - Aug 2019
Bosch Research, Sunnyvale, USA

Research Intern — Apr 2017 - Aug 2017
eBay Research, Aachen, Germany

Software Engineering Intern — Aug 2016 - Oct 2016
Nuance Communications, Aachen, Germany

Teaching Assistant — Oct 2015 - Feb 2016
RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany

Publications

[8]   **Shen Yan**, Kaiqiang Song, Fei Liu, Mi Zhang. "CATE: Computation-aware Neural Architecture Encoding with Transformers". In *International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML' 21), Online, July 2021. **[Long Presentation]**

[7]   **Shen Yan**, Yu Zheng, Wei Ao, Xiao Zeng, Mi Zhang. "Does Unsupervised Architecture Representation Learning Help Neural Architecture Search?". In *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS' 20)*, Online, Dec 2020.

[6]   Taojiannan Yang, Sijie Zhu, **Shen Yan**, Mi Zhang, Andrew Willis, Chen Chen. "MutualNet: Adaptive ConvNet via Mutual Learning from Network Width and Resolution". In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV '20)*, Online, Aug 2020. **[Oral Presentation]**

[5]   **Shen Yan**, Huan Song, Nanxiang Li, Lincan Zou, Liu Ren. "Improve Unsupervised Domain Adaptation with Mixup Training". In *arXiv:2001.00677.*, Cornell University Library, January 2020.

[4]   **Shen Yan**, Biyi Fang, Faen Zhang, Yu Zheng, Xiao Zeng, Hui Xu, Mi Zhang. "HM-NAS: Efficient Neural Architecture Search via Hierarchical Masking". In the Proceedings of *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV '19) Neural Architects Workshop*, Seoul, Korea, October 2019. **[Best Paper Award Nominee]**

[3]   **Shen Yan**, Leonard Dahlmann, Pavel Petrushkov, Sanjika Hewavitharana, Shahram Khadivi. "Word-based Domain Adaptation for Neural Machine Translation". In the Proceedings of *The International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation (IWSLT '18)*, Bruges, Belgium, October 2018. **[Oral Presentation]**

[2]   Abin Jose, **Shen Yan**, Iris Heisterklaus. "Binary Hashing Using Siamese Neural Networks". In the Proceedings of *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP '17)*, Beijing, China, September 2017.

[1]   Harald Hanselmann, **Shen Yan**, Hermann Ney. "Deep Fisher Faces". In the Proceedings of *The British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC '17)*, London, UK, September 2017.

Patents

[1]   "System And Method on Improving Unsupervised Domain Adaptation with Mixup Training". U.S. Provisional Application

Selected Media Coverage

MSU Today [Science & Technology]. 'MSU Team focused on AI earns recognition at Google MicroNet Challenge"   Jan 2020

JiQiZhiXin. "ICCV Workshop Best Paper Nominee: Efficient Neural Architecture Search via Hierarchical Masking"   Oct 2019

Professional Services

Conference Reviewer
ICML 2020-2021, NeurIPS 2020-2021, ICLR 2021, CVPR 2021, ICCV 2021
Program Committee
ICML 2021 Workshop on AutoML
ICLR 2021 Workshop on Neural Architecture Search

Skills

Programming Language
Python/Perl, C/C++, Lua, Go, Bash/Shell, Make, HTML.
Language
English, German, Chinese.
Frameworks
NumPy, Pandas, Tensorflow, PyTorch, SciPy, Caffe, Moses, OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, OpenGL, Git.
Systems
Linux, OSX.