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Education

- 2017-2018 **M.Eng. in Computer Science**, MIT,  [Julian Shun](#).
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)
- 2014-2017 **B.S. in Computer Science**, MIT,  [Patrick Winston](#).
Graduate level courses: Machine Learning, Signals and Inference, Operating Systems, Distributed Systems, Database Systems, Computer Security, Performance Engineering

Selected Publications

- Preprint Hongyu Ren, Hanjun Dai, Zihang Dai, **Mengjiao Yang**, Jure Leskovec, Dale Schuurmans, Bo Dai. *Combiner: Full Attention Transformer with Sparse Computation Cost*. 2021
- Preprint Siddharth Verma, Justin Fu, **Mengjiao Yang**, Sergey Levine. *CHAI: A CHatbot AI for Task-oriented Dialogue with Offline Reinforcement Learning*. 2021
- Preprint Ofir Nachum, **Mengjiao Yang**. *Provable Representation Learning for Imitation with Contrastive Fourier Features*. arXiv:2105.12272, 2021
- Preprint **Mengjiao Yang***, Bo Dai*, Ofir Nachum*, George Tucker, Dale Schuurmans. *Offline Policy Selection under Uncertainty*. arXiv:2012.06919, 2020.
- Preprint Haoming Jiang, Bo Dai, **Mengjiao Yang**, Wei Wei, Tuo Zhao. *Towards Automatic Evaluation of Dialog Systems: A Model-Free Off-Policy Evaluation Approach*. Preprint, 2021
- ICML21 **Mengjiao Yang**, Ofir Nachum. *Representation Matters: Offline Pretraining for Sequential Decision Making*. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.
- ICLR21 Justin Fu, Mohammad Norouzi, Ofir Nachum, George Tucker, Ziyu Wang, Alexander Novikov, **Mengjiao Yang**, R. Michael Zhang, Yutian Chen, Aviral Kumar, Cosmin Paduraru, Sergey Levine, Thomas Paine. *Benchmarks for Deep Off-Policy Evaluation*. International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2021.
- NeurIPS20 **Mengjiao Yang***, Ofir Nachum*, Bo Dai*, Lihong Li, Dale Schuurmans. *Off-Policy Evaluation via the Regularized Lagrangian*. Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020.
- ICML20 **Mengjiao Yang***, Bo Dai*, Hanjun Dai, Dale Schuurmans. *Energy-Based Processes for Exchangeable Data*. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.
- HCML19 **Mengjiao Yang**, Been Kim. *Benchmarking Attribution Methods with Relative Feature Importance*. **Oral** at NeurIPS workshop on Human-Centric Machine Learning, 2019.
- OOPSLA18 Yunming Zhang, **Mengjiao Yang**, Riyadh Baghdadi, Shoaib Kamil, Julian Shun, Saman Amarasinghe. *GraphIt: A High-Performance Graph DSL*. The Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages and Applications (OOPSLA), 2018.
- Master's Thesis **Mengjiao Yang**. Cache and NUMA Optimizations in A Domain-Specific Language for Graph Processing. Master's thesis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2018.

Projects & Experiences

- 2018 **TensorFlow** SWE: Implemented multi-core inference and variable sharing on TPUs. Improved utilization by $\geq 2X$. Received Google Perfy Award and peer bonus.
- 2017 **Android Operating System** internship: Designed Linux shrinker in the Android operating system kernel for fast RPCs with lazy memory allocation. Code merged in upstream Linux. Received spot bonus.
- 2017 **Five Rings Capital** internship: Built a high-performance interpreter to convert market data from stock exchanges to internal distributed trade messages.

- 2016 **Google CodeU**: Built a news search engine with crawling and indexing features. Won People's Choice Award.
- 2016 **Rev.com** internship: Full-stack software web development.
- 2016 **Microsoft Student Partner**: Course instructor for machine learning with Azure at MIT.
- 2015 **MakeMIT finalist**: Invented a heart-attack detection/CPR device with Arduino.
- 2015 **MassChallenge** internship: Full-stack software web development.

Awards

- 2021 Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Ignition Award
- 2017 Grace Hopper Research Scholar Award
- 2017 MIT EECS Slaughter Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scholar Award
- 2016, 2017 MIT Jack C. Tang Scholar Award

Skills

Programming C, C++, Python, Java, GoLang, Unix, Emacs
Language Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

Professional Activities

- ICML Reviewer for International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.
- IJCAI Program committee for International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2021.
- AAAI Reviewer for Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021.
- BayLearn Reviewer for Bay Area Machine Learning Symposium (BayLearn), 2020.
- SIGKDD Reviewer for Special Interest Group on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (SIGKDD), 2020.