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Research Interests

Affective Computing, Human-Robot Interaction, Multimodal Behavioral Analytics, Human-Centered AI, Dialogue Systems, Digital Health

Education

- Ph.D. in Informatics. The University of Edinburgh. 2013–2018.
 - *Thesis*: “Recognizing Emotions in Dialogues with Acoustic and Lexical Features”
 - *Supervisors*: Prof. Johanna D. Moore and Dr. Catherine Lai
- M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence (*with Distinction*). The University of Edinburgh. 2012–2013.
 - *Dissertation*: “Emotion Recognition using Feature-Level Fused Audio-Visual Data”
 - *Supervisors*: Prof. Johanna D. Moore and Dr. Catherine Lai
- B.Eng. in Artificial Intelligence. Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications. 2008–2012.
 - *Dissertation*: “An Application of Audio-Visual Emotion Recognition”
 - *Supervisors*: Prof. Xiaojie Wang and Dr. Yongbin Liu

Grants and Awards

- Student travel grant from ACII2015 and ACII2017 conference organizing committees.
- The Fiorella De Rosis Award for the best Doctoral Consortium paper at ACII2015 conference.

Selected Publications

- Michal Muszynski, **Leimin Tian**, Catherine Lai, Johanna Moore, Theodoros Kostoulas, Patrizia Lombardo, Thierry Pun, Guillaume Chanel. Recognizing Induced Emotions of Movie Audiences From Multimodal Information *IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing*. 2019.
- **Leimin Tian**, Johanna D. Moore, Catherine Lai. Polarity and Intensity: the Two Aspects of Sentiment Analysis *2018 ACL Grand Challenge and Workshop on Human Multimodal Language (Challenge-HML)*. 2018.
- Jennifer Williams, Ramona Comanescu, Oana Radu, and **Leimin Tian**. DNN Multimodal Fusion Techniques for Predicting Video Sentiment *2018 ACL Grand Challenge and Workshop on Human Multimodal Language (Challenge-HML)*. 2018.
- **Leimin Tian**, Michal Muszynski, Catherine Lai, Johanna D. Moore, Theodoros Kostoulas, Patrizia Lombardo, Thierry Pun, Guillaume Chanel. Recognizing Induced Emotions of Movie Audiences: Are Induced and Perceived Emotions the Same? *2017 International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII)*. 2017 (**Best Paper Nominee**).
- **Leimin Tian**, Johanna D. Moore, Catherine Lai. Recognizing Emotions in Spoken Dialogue with Hierarchically Fused Acoustic and Lexical Features. *Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT) 2016*. 13–16 Dec., 2016.

- **Leimin Tian**, Johanna D. Moore, Catherine Lai. Emotion Recognition in Spontaneous and Acted Dialogues. *2015 International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII)*. pp. 698-704. 21–24 Sep., 2015.
- **Leimin Tian**, Johanna D. Moore, Catherine Lai. Recognizing Emotions in Dialogues with Acoustic and Lexical Features. *2015 International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII)*. pp. 737-742. 21–24 Sep., 2015 (**Best Doctoral Consortium Paper**).
- Johanna D. Moore, **Leimin Tian**, Catherine Lai. Word-Level Emotion Recognition Using High-Level Features. *CICLing 2014*, Part II, LNCS 8404, pp. 17-31. 2014.

Invited Presentations

- Affective Computing: What We Do and Do Not Know
22nd Nov., 2017, Emotech Ltd & Cocoon Networks, London, UK.
- Word-Level Emotion Recognition in Spontaneous Dialogues with High-Level Features
13th Mar., 2014, University of Bath, Department of Computer Science, UK.

Teaching Experience

- *Co-supervisor of PhD project*: Chathurika Palliya Guruge. Monash University. Feb. 2019–Now.
- *Main supervisor of Master's minor thesis project*: Shujie Zhou. Monash University. Mar. 2019–Now.
- *Main supervisor of Honours project*: Duc Huy Tran. Monash University. Mar. 2019–Now.
- *Co-supervisor of MSc dissertations*: The University of Edinburgh. June 2017–Aug. 2017.
 - Stanley Wang. Representation Learning for Emotion Recognition. 2017
- *Co-supervisor of MSc dissertations*: The University of Edinburgh. June 2016–Aug. 2016.
 - Chenyu Wang. Automatic Detection of Non-Verbal Vocalisations in Spoken Dialogues. 2016
 - Xinran Shi. Automatic Detection of Disfluencies in Spoken Dialogues. 2016

Research and Work Experience

- *Consultant*. EmoTech Ltd. 19th Sep. 2016–19th Dec. 2016.
 - *AI of Emotion Project*: Designed and developed the emotion recognition, emotional interaction modelling, and emotion synthesis modules of Olly, a domestic robot serves as a personal assistant.
- *Research Intern*. Chinese Academy of Science, Institute of Psychology. Jul. 2011–Aug. 2011.
 - *Projects*:
 - * *Facial Expression Recognition System*:
Wrote Matlab code for extracting Gabor features
 - * *Affect Modelling with Galvanic Skin Responses (GSR)*:
Collected GSR data for emotion recognition
 - *Supervisor*: Prof. Xiaolan Fu
- *Research Assistant*. Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Department of Computer Science. Jun. 2010–Nov. 2011.
 - *Project*:

- * *Intelligent Tutoring System for Pre-School Children*: Proposed and designed a JavaScript based game GUI for pre-school children to learn language skills.

- *Supervisor*: Prof. Xiaojie Wang

- *Personal projects for fun*:

- An Chinese chatbot with emotional interaction function in Perl
- A "What to eat tonight" Question-Answering program in Python

Programming Competitions

- *Team leader (Group size: 5 people)*. Chinese competition in Intelligent Design. Mar. 2011–Jul. 2011.
 - *Project*: ASURO Campus Guide Robot
 - * Designed a robot that guides guests around a model campus map
 - * Hardware maintenance and monitoring progress of team members
 - *Supervisor*: Prof. Xiaojie Wang
- *Vice team leader (Group size: 5 people)*. BADA Application Competition of Samsung. Dec. 2010–Feb. 2011.
 - *Project*: Sweet Sleep (Third Prize)
 - * Designed and tested a mobile application for insomnia therapy on the BADA platform
 - *Supervisor*: Prof. Xiaojie Wang

Technical Skills

- *Programming languages*: Python (primary), Matlab, Perl
- *Machine Learning*: Keras, Scikit-Learn, R, PyBrain, WEKA, SPSS
- *Signal processing and annotation*: OpenSMILE, Praat, ELAN, Amazon Mechanical Turk
- *Other*: Linux, SSH, L^AT_EX

Service

- *Junior Executive Committee Member*. Association for the Advancement of Affective Computing (AAAC). Feb. 2018–Present.
 - Publicity and finance duties
- *Committee Member*. British Science Association (Edinburgh Branch). Sep. 2012–Jun. 2018.
 - Social network promotion and publicity
 - Promoting science to the general public by organizing lectures, debates, movie screenings, pub quiz, and street-lab events

References

- Prof. Sharon Oviatt, sharon.oviatt@monash.edu
- Prof. Johanna D. Moore, J.Moore@ed.ac.uk
- Dr. Catherine Lai, clai@inf.ed.ac.uk