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WORK  
EXPERIENCE

**Amazon, Alexa AI**, Research Scientist, 09/04/2018 to present, Greater Boston Area

- Bootstrapping Amazon's Alexa Natural Language Understanding (NLU) models for foreign/non-English languages, reducing the required time by 40%.
- Expanding Alexa's ability to understand multiple languages simultaneously.
- Data augmentation for low resource Alexa languages to improve NLU model performance and alleviate human manual annotation effort.
- Working with business managers to weigh trade-offs between optimal scientific solutions and business needs.
- Presenting proposals and results backed by data and coupled with actionable conclusions to different groups in Amazon in internal conferences and brownbags.

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant**, Mississippi State University      Fall 2014 to August 2018

- Detection Fusion in an Industrial Multi-sensor Collision Avoidance System (funded by a tier-one industrial company)
- Object Detection using Deep Learning (funded by a tier-one industrial company)
- Runway Assessment via Remote Sensing (funded by U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC))

EDUCATION

**Mississippi State University**, Mississippi State, MS, U.S.A.  
Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, Graduation date: August 15, 2018

- Dissertation: *Fusion for object detection*

**University of York**, York, U.K.  
Master of Science (by research), **Electronics**,

- Thesis: *Further exploitation of asymmetric binary tree coding of contour images*

**Beihang University**, Beijing, P.R.China  
Bachelor of Engineering, **Automation**,

SKILLS

- Programming language: Python (sklearn, pandas, numpy, keras), Matlab
- Machine learning models: Logistic Regression, Conditional Random Field, DNN, LSTM

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- Bagley College of Engineering “**Hall of Fame**” award. One of two selected for induction into the Hall of Fame 2018 for demonstrating superior academic achievement, leadership, and service/character. (2018)
- Graduate Student Ambassador for Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (2017–2018)
- Women Team Champion at “National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Dixie Division Tournament” (2016-2017, 2017-2018)

**Journal articles**

1. **P. Wei**, J. E. Ball, D. T. Anderson, "Fusion of an ensemble of augmented image detectors for robust object detection," *MDPI journal Sensors*, 18(3), 894, March, 2018.
2. **P. Wei**, J. E. Ball, "Detection fusion in an industrial multi-sensor collision avoidance system," *MDPI journal Electronics*, 7(6), 84, May, 2018.

**Conference articles**

1. **P. Wei**, J. E. Ball, D. T. Anderson, "Multi-sensor conflict measurement and information fusion," *SPIE Defense, Security, and Sensing*, April, 2016.
2. **P. Wei**, J. E. Ball, D. T. Anderson, A. Harsh, C. Archibald, "Measuring conflict in a multi-source environment as a normal measure," *IEEE International Workshop on Computational Advances in Multi-Sensor Adaptive Processing (CAMSAP)*, December, 2015.
3. J. E. Ball, **P. Wei**, "Deep learning hyperspectral image classification using multiple class-based denoising autoencoders, mixed pixel training augmentation, and morphological operations," *International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)*, 2018.
4. J. E. Ball, D. T. Anderson, **P. Wei**, "Challenges and some proposed solutions for handling limited training data when using deep learning in remote sensing," *International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)*, 2018.
5. L. Dabbiru, **P. Wei**, A. Harsh, J. White, J. E. Ball, J. Aanstoos, P. Donohoe, J. Doyle, S. Jackson, J. Newman, "Runway assessment via remote sensing," *IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition Workshop (AIPR)*, pp.1-4, 2015.