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Education

Sep. 2016 - Apr. 2021	Northeastern University, USA PhD Focus : Machine Learning, Vision-Language Model, Computer Vision, NLP
Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2016	Xi'an Jiaotong University, China MSC Focus : Computer Vision, Machine Learning
Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2013	Harbin Institute of Technology, China BEng Focus : Computer Vision for manufacturing applications

</> Experiences

- LinkedIn, Sunnyvale, CA** Notification AI
 - Sr. ML Engineer** | **Notification Effectiveness Prediction**
08/2024-Present Developed multimodal temporal models to predict the click-through effectiveness of candidate notifications by leveraging user browsing history, professional background, and other contextual information.
- Zillow, Seattle, WA** AI Media Insights
 - Sr. Applied Scientist** | **Vision-Language Home Data Understanding**
07/2023-08/2024 Developed vision-language models for open-set image classification, object detection, and semantic segmentation tasks. The model improves flexibility and compatibility for Zillow applications.
 - Applied Scientist** | **Large-scale Indoor Dataset Collection**
06/2021-07/2023 Designed and created a large-scale indoor semantic segmentation dataset. Developed an advanced annotation tool that integrates foundational vision models (e.g., Segment Anything) to reduce mask annotation workload and enhance annotation efficiency and accuracy.
 - Research Intern Supervisor : LLM & Open-Vocabulary Detection**
Recruited and supervised 2 interns. (1) Developed a large-scale indoor description dataset using GPT4 and CV models with human-in-the-loop supervision. Designed and trained a generative AI model which achieves home-level description generation capacity. (2) Introduced an enhanced open-set object detection model that balances task-specific detection performance while maintaining open-set capacity for handling unexpected input. This model enhances the robustness of Zillow's real-world applications.
 - Home 2D & 3D Feature Extraction**
Developed CV/ML models which explores 2D & 3D home data in both visual and language modalities. The learned home features and insights improves the performances of various Zillow applications.
 - Region-based indoor image feature extraction**
Developed CV/ML models which explores 2D & 3D home data in both visual and language modalities. The learned home features and insights improves the performances of various Zillow applications.
 - Research Intern Supervisor**
Recruited and supervised 1 research intern. Proposed a domain adaptation-based computer vision model for the Home Layout Estimation task. Enhanced the robustness and precision of Zillow's products.
- Samsung Research America, Mountain View, CA** Artificial Intelligence
 - Research Intern** | **Efficient multi-modal (RGB-D) visual saliency detection**
05/2020-09/2021 Developed an RGB-D saliency detection framework, using Knowledge Distillation to reduce network complexity by 70% and optimize mobile inference.
- NEC Labs America, Princeton, NY** Data Science and System Security
 - Research Intern** | **Reinforcement Learning for Efficient Sentiment Classification**
05/2019-01/2020 Proposed a reinforcement learning-based NLP model which predicts sentimental polarities of a given text. It disregards task-irrelevant text and instead prioritizes identifying the most effective clues. It considerably reduces the computational resource requirements.
 - Graph Structure Data Representation Learning**
Developed a novel mechanism for learning graph data representations. Graph structured data retains valuable connectivity information among instances (e.g., social networks and advertising). The model allows for inductive and unsupervised learning in a highly efficient and effective manner.
- Zebra Technology, Lincolnshire, IL** Computer Vision Algorithm

CV Engineer Intern 05/2018-09/2018 05/2017-09/2017	Robust 3D Objects Detection & Localization Developed computer vision system with the capability to capture 3D containers, classify container types, and accurately measure the dimensions/locations. The system is able to perform high-precision localization in high-level noise and low computational cost (e.g., embedded platform) Vision-based Human & Pose Detection Deployed human detection and pose estimation algorithms in warehouse environments. It effectively tackles challenges such as low illumination, occlusion, and various interruptions.
• Northeastern University, Boston, MA Department of ECE Research Assistant 09/2016-04/2021	Multi-modal Learning (1) Led a team in collecting a large-scale multi-modal (RGB-D, EMG, Skeleton) action dataset; (2) Proposed various multi-modal methods that fully explore latent correlations across modalities; (3) Developed generative strategies to address multi-modal challenges (e.g., modality missing and corruption). Transfer Learning & Domain Adaptation (1) Designed novel training strategies that adapt large models to fit specific tasks with limited data, either in a supervised or unsupervised manner; (2) Various modules are designed for different data types (e.g., images, depth, 3D point cloud, multi-modal) and different settings (e.g., co-training, self-supervised, generative, adversarial). Multi-label Learning Proposed methods which predict multiple labels from a single instance. Modules are designed for tackling challenges such as complex label correlations and long-tail label distributions. Models are evaluated in various applications such as image classification, annotation, and retrieval.
Teaching Assistant 09/2016-04/2021	1) Unsupervised Machine Learning, 2) Computer Vision, 3) Data Visualization Introduced various machine learning methods, including clustering, dimensionality reduction, and self-supervised learning; presented traditional and deep learning-based computer vision algorithms, such as image processing and object detection; covered essential visualization strategies using MATLAB and Tableau.

Publications

• Conferences & Journals

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- Tonmoay Deb, **Lichen Wang**, Zachary Bessinger, Naji Khosravan, Eric Penner, Sing Bing Kang, "ZInD-Tell : Towards Translating Indoor Panoramas into Descriptions," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop*, 2024 [\[PDF\]](#)[\[Supplement\]](#)
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- Chang Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Yun Fu, "Rethinking Neighborhood Consistency Learning on Unsupervised Domain Adaptation," *ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM)*, 2023 [\[PDF\]](#)
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- Lichen Wang**, Yunyu Liu, Hang Di, Can Qin, Gan Sun, Yun Fu, "Semi-supervised Dual Relation Learning for Multi-label Classification," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)* [\[PDF\]](#)
- Can Qin, Handong Zhao, **Lichen Wang**, Huan Wang, Yulun Zhang, Yun Fu, "Slow Learning and Fast Inference : Efficient Graph Similarity Computation via Knowledge Distillation," *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021 [\[PDF\]](#)
- Lichen Wang**, Bo Zong, Yunyu Liu, Can Qin, Wei Cheng, Wenchao Yu, Xuchao Zhang, Haifeng Chen, Yun Fu, "Aspect-based Sentiment Classification via Reinforcement Learning," *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2021 [\[PDF\]](#)
- Chang Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Kai Li, Yun Fu, "Domain Generalization via Feature Variation Decorrelation," *ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM)*, 2021 [\[PDF\]](#)
- Songyang Jiang, Bin Sun, **Lichen Wang**, Yue Bai, Kunpeng Li, Yun Fu, "Skeleton Aware Multi-modal Sign Language Recognition," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop*, 2021 [\[PDF\]](#)

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- > Yunyu Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Yue Bai, Can Qin, Zhengming Ding, and Yun Fu, “Generative View-Correlation Adaptation for Semi-Supervised Multi-View Learning,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2020 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Bin Sun, Joseph Robinson, Taotao Jing, and Yun Fu, “EV-Action : Electromyography-Vision Multi-Modal Action Dataset,” *IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG)*, 2020 [PDF]
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 - > Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, **Lichen Wang**, “Reinforced Text Representation Learning,” *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 20210248425* [PDF][Google Patent][Research Paper]
 - > Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, **Lichen Wang**, “Unsupervised Graph Similarity Learning Based on Stochastic Subgraph Learning,” *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 20210089652* [PDF][Google Patent][Research Paper]
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 - > Zhenshen Qu, **Lichen Wang**, Wenhua Jiao, Changlun Gao, Pengshan Ren, Haisheng Wang, “Novel Methods and System of Foreign Matter Inspection in Infusion Bottle,” *granted China Invention Patent No. CN2013102084539* [PDF_CN]