

# Xiaohan Chen

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## Education Background

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### University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Visual Informatics Group  
Supervisor: Prof. Zhangyang (Atlas) Wang

Austin, TX, U.S.

Aug, 2020 — Present

### Texas A&M University

Ph.D. in Computer Science  
Supervisor: Prof. Zhangyang (Atlas) Wang

College Station, TX, U.S.

Aug, 2017 — Aug, 2020

### University of Science and Technology of China

B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics  
B.E. in Computer Science (Double Degree)

Hefei, Anhui, China

Sep, 2013 — Jun, 2017

## Professional Experience

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### Research Intern

Microsoft Cloud & AI, Bellevue, WA, U.S.  
Supervisor: Dr. Yu Cheng and Dr. Zhe Gan

Jun, 2020 — Aug, 2020

### Research Intern

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen, Germany  
Supervisor: Dr. Krikamol Muandet and Dr. Siyu Tang

Jun, 2019 — Nov, 2019

## Research Interests

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- *Sparse Optimization and Inverse Problems*
- *Learning to Optimize, and Meta Learning*
- *Efficient Deep Learning, and Sparse Neural Networks (Lottery Ticket Hypothesis)*

## Conference Publications

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\* The authors equally contributed to the paper.

1. Several double blind submissions under NeurIPS review.
2. H. Heaton, **X. Chen**, Z. Wang, W. Yin, “Safeguarded Learned Convex Optimization”, under review in *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*.
3. Z. Huo, A. Pakbin, **X. Chen**, N. Hurley, Y. Yuan, X. Qian, Z. Wang, S. Huang, B. Mortazavi, “Uncertainty Quantification for Deep Context-Aware Mobile Activity Recognition and Unknown Context Discovery”, *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2020.
4. **X. Chen**\*, Y. Zhao\*, Y. Wang, C. Li, Y. Xie, Z. Wang, Y. Lin, “SmartExchange: Trading Higher-cost Memory Storage/Access for Lower-cost Computation”, *IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA)*, 2020.

5. H. You, C. Li, P. Xu, Y. Fu, **X. Chen**, Y. Lin, Z. Wang, R. Baraniuk , “Drawing Early-Bird Tickets: Toward More Efficient Training of Deep Networks”, *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2020.
6. **X. Chen\***, Z. Jiang\*, Y. Wang\*, P. Xu, Y. Zhao, Y. Lin, Z. Wang, “E2-Train: Energy-Efficient Deep Network Training with Data-, Model-, and Algorithm-Level Saving”, *In Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2019.
7. E. Ryu, J. Liu, S. Wang, **X. Chen**, Z. Wang, W. Yin, “Plug-and-Play Methods Provably Converge with Properly Trained Denoisers”, *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2019.
8. **X. Chen\***, J. Liu\*, Z. Wang, W. Yin, “ALISTA: Analytic Weights Are As Good As Learned Weights in LISTA”, *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2019.
9. **X. Chen\***, J. Liu\*, Z. Wang, W. Yin, “Theoretical Linear Convergence of Unfolded ISTA and Its Practical Weights and Thresholds”, *In Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2018.
10. N. Bansal, **X. Chen**, Z. Wang, “Can We Gain More from Orthogonality Regularizations in Training Deep Networks?”, *In Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2018.

## Honors and Awards

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### Scholarships

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| – ICLR Travel Award                                     | Mar, 2019 |
| – NeurIPS Travel Award                                  | Oct, 2018 |
| – AAAI Student Scholarship                              | Dec, 2017 |
| – Outstanding New Student Award, <b>Top Class Award</b> | Sep, 2013 |

### Others

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| – COMAP’s Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM), <b>Honorable Mention</b> | Apr, 2016 |
| – RoboGame of USTC, <b>the 2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>                        | Nov, 2015 |
| – Outstanding Young Volunteer, USTC  | Jul, 2014 |

## Service and Teaching

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- *Reviewer*: NeurIPS (2019, 2020), CVPR (2020, 2021), ICML (2020), ICLR (2020), ECCV (2020), ICCV (2019), ACCV (2020), WACV (2019, 2020, 2021)
- *Teaching Assistant*: CSCE 633, Machine Learning, Texas A&M University (2018, 2019)
- *Student Volunteer*: AAAI 2018

## Technical Skills

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<b>Deep Learning Frameworks</b>	PyTorch, TensorFlow, MXNet
<b>Computer Languages</b>	C, C++, Python, Matlab
<b>Tools</b>	Git, Vim, Visual Studio, Mathematica
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