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# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Information Extraction; Text Mining; Event Extraction & Schema Induction; Knowledge-boosted Application; Application of NLP & Machine Learning

#### **EDUCATION**

## Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China

• **Ph.D. Candidate**, Computer Science

Sep 2017 -

- · Adviser: Prof. Heyan Huang
- Topic: Event extraction on low-resources domains, including automatically inducting event schemas using unsupervised approachs and jointly extracting multiple events in texts
- M.S., Computer Science (Rank 5/192)

Sep 2016 – Jun 2017

- · Adviser: Prof. Heyan Huang
- · Successive postgraduate and doctoral program
- **B.S.**, Computer Science (Rank 4/220)

Sep 2012 – Jun 2016

• Outstanding Graduates at BIT and in Beijing

#### Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore

- **Joint Ph.D. student**, Information Science Technology and Design Aug 2018 Mar 2019
  - · Host: Prof. Yue Zhang and Prof. Jun Sun
  - Topic: Information extraction using neural latent variable models and variational inferences

#### Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

• **Joint Ph.D. student**, School of Computer Science and Engineer

Mar 2019 – Sep 2019

- Host: Prof. Erik Cambria and Prof. Yue Zhang
- Topic: Event applications, knowledge-based sentiment analysis and stock market prediction

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing, China

- **Research Intern**, Data Mining and Enterprise Intelligence Group Dec 2016 Nov 2017
  - Worked with Dr Jun Yan and Yaobo Liang on semantic similarity computation and generation.
  - Participated in the FAQ Retrieval project for Pfizer that provides every input question with an answer by retrieving similar standard questions with well-written answers.
  - Built a high-recall filter for top-n similar question-question pairs.
  - Built pair-wise CNNs to classify the question intents for boosting question matching.
  - Built paraphrase generation models by synonyms replacement with language models and beam search.
  - Built a deep learning paraphrase generation model based on an NMT seq2seq framework.

#### Netease Youdao, Beijing, China

■ **Research and Development Intern**, Machine Translation Group Nov 2015 – Dec 2016

- Improved the result of the Japanese-to-Chinese machine translation service by 4% point increment in BLEU.
- Cleaned corpus from different sources, optimized word segmentation and ordering strategies, enlarged bilingual and monolingual corpus, trained larger language models, and deployed them into the online production environment.
- Designed the framework and built the first version of parallel sentence pairs crawler with switchable alignment methods on Spark clusters.

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

## **Program Committee Member / Reviewer**

- Conferences: ACL 2021, ACL 2020, EMNLP 2021, EMNLP 2020, EACL 2021, NAACL 2021, AAAI 2021, NLPCC 2021
- Journals: TASLP, TKDE, TALLIP, PLoS One and JCCE

#### **Secondary Reviewer**

 Conferences: ACL 2019, ACL 2018, EMNLP 2019, EMNLP 2018, COLING 2018, CCL 2017, NLPCC 2016

#### **PUBLICATION**

- [1] **Xiao Liu**, Heyan Huang, Yue Zhang. Open Domain Event Extraction Using Neural Latent Variable Models. *In Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics* (**ACL**), 2019. (**Long Oral**)
- [2] **Xiao Liu**, Zhunchen Luo, Heyan Huang. Jointly Multiple Events Extraction via Attention-based Graph Information Aggregation. *In Proceedings of the 2018 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* (EMNLP), 2018. (Long Oral)
- [3] **Xiao Liu**, Heyan Huang, Yue Zhang. End-to-End Event Factuality Prediction Using Directional Labeled Graph Recurrent Network. *Information Processing & Management* (**IPM**), 2022, 59(2): 102836.
- [4] Heyan Huang, **Xiao Liu**, Yue Zhang, Chong Feng. News-Driven Stock Prediction via Noisy Equity StateRepresentation. *Neurocomputing* (**NEUCOM**), 2021, 470: 66-75.
- [5] Heyan Huang, **Xiao Liu**, Qian Liu. Knowledge-Enhanced Graph Encoding Method for Metaphor Detection in Text. 基于知识增强的文本隐喻识别图编码方法. *Journal of Computer Research and Development*, 计算机研究与发展, 2022. (in Chinese, to appear)
- [6] Heyan Huang, **Xiao Liu**. A Survey on Event Extraction in New Domains. 面向新领域的事件抽取研究综述. *CAAI Transactions on Intelligent Systems*, 智能系统学报, 2022, 17(1): 201-212. (in Chinese)
- [7] **Xiao Liu**, Ge Shi, Bo Wang, Changsen Yuan, Heyan Huang, Chong Feng, Lifang Wu. BIT-Event at NLPCC-2021 Task 3: Subevent Identification via Adversarial Training. *In Proceedings of the 10th CCF International Conference on Natural Language Processing and Chinese Computing* (NLPCC), 2021. (Rank 1/15)
- [8] Heyan Huang, **Xiao Liu**, Ge Shi. Information Extraction and Applications. 文本信息抽取及应用研究(专著). *Publishing House of Electronics Industry*, 电子工业出版社, 2022. (in Chinese, before publishing)

- [9] Heyan Huang, **Xiao Liu**. An Event Factuality Prediction Method Based on Graph Recurrent Neural Network (Patent). 一种基于图循环神经网络的事件事实性检测方法(专利). CN202011626720, 2020. (in Chinese, under examination)
- [10] Qingkai Min, Libo Qin, Zhiyang Teng, **Xiao Liu**, Yue Zhang. Dialog State Tracking Using Neural Latent Variable Models. *In Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (**IJCAI**), 2020.
- [11] Changsen Yuan, Heyan Huang, Chong Feng, **Xiao Liu**, Xiaochi Wei. Distant Supervision for Relation Extraction with Linear Attenuation Simulation and Non-IID Relevance Embedding. *Proceedings of the Thirty-Third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (**AAAI**), 2019.
- [12] Zhunchen Luo, **Xiao Liu**. Real-time Scholarly Retweeting Prediction System. *In Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics* (**COLING**), 2018.
- [13] Wenhan Chao, Ping Wei, Zhunchen Luo, **Xiao Liu**, Guobin Sui. Selective Expression for Event Coreference Resolution on Twitter *In Proceedings of the 2019 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks* (**IJCNN**), 2019.
- [14] Zhunchen Luo, Jun Chen, **Xiao Liu**. Real-Time Scientific Impact Prediction in Twitter. In Proceedings of the 2018 CCF Conference on Big Data. Part of the Communications in Computer and Information Science, vol 945. Springer, Singapore. (**BigData**), 2018.

# SELECTED OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS

 $\star$  represents the number of github stars.

■ **JMEE** ★195 https://github.com/lx865712528/EMNLP2018-JMEE A neural sequence labeling framework with graph convolution network layer to jointly extract multiple events in a sentence. It gives the best performance on the event extraction task of the ACE 2005 dataset in 2018.

■ **ODEE** ★94 https://github.com/lx865712528/ACL2019-ODEE
A neural-extended unsupervised schema induction and open domain event extraction framework which supports incrementally learning. A business report corpus is published along with this framework.

# TEACHING

#### Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China

• Teaching Assistant

Sep 2014 – Jan 2015

· Algorithm and Data Structure

• Teaching Assistant

Sep 2017 - Nov 2017

• Selected Topics In New Technology for Computer

## HONORS AND AWARDS

# High-level Joint Doctoral Students Scholarship, China

Aug 2018 - Sep 2019

- China Scholarship Council No. 201806030142
- Fully funded high-level Ph.D. students for jointly studying abroad officially.

#### Beijing Outstanding Graduates, Beijing

Jun 2016

 This award program recognizes undergraduate students in Beijing universities who show outstanding grades and potential in their studies.

#### **Outstanding Students Award**, BIT

2012 - 2019

- Six times.
- Beijing Institute of Technology Annual Award and Honor. For rewarding excellent (top 5%) students in BIT in the academic year.

#### **China Century Group Scholarship**

2014

 Sponsor and award 4 undergraduate students and 2 postgraduate students who major in computer science every year in BIT by China Century Group.

# First-class Ph.D. Academic Scholarship, BIT

2017 - 2019

- Two times.
- This award program recognizes top 5 Ph.D. students majored in computer science every year.

#### First-class M.S. Academic Scholarship, BIT

2016

• This award program recognizes top 30 master students majored in computer science every year.

## First-class Undergraduate Academic Scholarship, BIT

2013 - 2016

- Four times.
- As for undergraduate student, select top 5% by last semester's GPA.

# COMPETITIONS AND HACKATHONS

#### Rank 1st in the NLPCC 2021 Sharedtask 3

Jun 2021

- The sharedtask 3 in NLPCC 2021 is about Sub-event Identification, whose goal is to build an Information Extraction system that can quickly adapt to a new occurring sub-event.
- The team I lead won the championship, outperforming the second place 1.88% in accuracy.

# **Gold Medal in CCPC Regional**

Oct 2016

- The 2nd China Collegiate Programming Contest Regional Hefei Onsite
- The rules and difficulties are the same to the ACM/ICPC Regional contests.

#### **Bronze Medal in ACM/ICPC Regional**

Oct 2014

■ The 39th ACM/ICPC Regional Beijing Onsite

#### **Bronze Medal in ACM/ICPC Regional**

Dec 2014

■ The 39th ACM/ICPC Regional Shanghai Onsite

# ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### Association of Programming and Algorithms, BIT

Co-founder

Sep 2013 – Jun 2014

- Organize and invite programming contest experts to deliver lectures.
- Host Freshman Enrollment Programming Contest in the end of the first semester every year.

# **Annual Programming Contest**, BIT

#### Problem Provider and Onsite Contest Judge

May 2015 - May 2017

- Provided several problems for the contests and verify all the selected problems.
- Judged program solutions and did the real time Q&A about the problem descriptions during the contests.

# PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Python, C/C++, LATEX, Java, Scala, Bash under Linux/Unix/Windows.
- PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras.