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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Nathan Jacobs

GPA: 3.89/4.00

Northeastern University (CN)

School of Computer Science and Engineering

B.E. in Communication Engineering

Skills

Experience: Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Unsupervised Domain Adaptation, Weakly Supervised Learning, Unsupervised Learning, Adversarial Attacks, Point Clouds, Astrophysics Data Analysis, Medical Image Analysis

Programming: Python, PyTorch, MATLAB, C, C++, Shell, SQL

Professional EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY Summer 2019 - Present

- Proposed domain adaptation methods for medical image classification and segmentation. Developed efficient methods for 2D/3D image classification and detection.
- Designed novel methods for data augmentation, neural network explanation, and adversarial defense on multiple datasets.
- Applied deep learning on unbalanced astrophysics datasets, and improved the performance for galaxy cluster classification.

Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

• CS216: Introduction to Software Engineering Techniques

Fall 2019

• CS215: Introduction to Program Design, Abstraction and Problem Solving

Spring 2019 • CS216: Introduction to Software Engineering Techniques

Fall 2018

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Aug. 2017 - Present

Sept. 2013 - June 2017

• CS371: Introduction to Computer Networking

Spring 2018

Journal Publications

1. Xiaoqin Wang, Gongbo Liang, Yu Zhang, Hunter Blanton, Zachary Bessinger, Nathan Jacobs. "Inconsistent Performance of Deep Learning Models on Mammogram Classification". In Journal of the American College of Radiology, 2020.

Conference Publications

- 2. Gongbo Liang, Xiaoqin Wang, Yu Zhang, Nathan Jacobs. "Weakly-Supervised Self-Training for Breast Cancer Localization". In Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 2020.
- 3. Yu Zhang, Xiaoqin Wang, Hunter Blanton, Gongbo Liang, Xin Xing, Nathan Jacobs. "2D Convolutional Neural Networks for 3D Digital Breast Tomosynthesis Classification". In IEEE International Conference of Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2019.
- 4. Gongbo Liang, Xiaoqin Wang, Yu Zhang, Xin Xing, Hunter Blanton, Tawfiq Salem, Nathan Jacobs. "Joint 2D-3D Breast Cancer Classification". In IEEE International Conference of Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2019.

Workshop Publications

- 5. Gongbo Liang, Yu Zhang, Nathan Jacobs. "Neural Network Calibration for Medical Imaging Classification Using DCA Regularization". In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Workshop: Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning, 2020.
- 6. Yu Zhang, Gongbo Liang, Tawfiq Salem, Nathan Jacobs. "Defense-PointNet: Protecting PointNet Against Adversarial Attacks". In IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BiqData) Workshop: The Next Frontier of Biq Data From LiDAR, 2019.

Abstracts

- 7. Gongbo Liang, Yu Zhang, Jinze Liu, Nathan Jacobs, Xiaoqin Wang. "Training Deep Learning Models as Radiologists: Breast Cancer Classification Using Combined Whole 2D Mammography and Full Volume Digital Breast Tomosynthesis". In Radiological Society of North America 105th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting (RSNA), 2019.
- 8. Yu Zhang, Gongbo Liang, Nathan Jacobs, Xiaoqin Wang. "Unsupervised Domain Adaptation for Mammogram Image Classification: A Promising Tool for Model Generalization". In Conference on Machine Intelligence in Medical Imaging (C-MIMI), 2019.

Manuscripts & Under Review

- 9. Y. Su, **Yu Zhang**, G. Liang, J. A. ZuHone, D. J. Barnes, N. B. Jacobs, M. Ntampaka, W. R. Forman, R. P. Kraft, P. E. J. Nulsen, C. Jones, E. Roediger. "A machine learning approach to the census of galaxy clusters".
- 10. Gongbo Liang, Connor Greenwell, **Yu Zhang**, Xiaoqin Wang, Ramakanth Kavuluru, Nathan Jacobs. "Weakly-Supervised Feature Learning Using a Text and Image Matching Network for Medical Image Analysis".
- 11. Gongbo Liang, **Yu Zhang**, Xiaoqin Wang, Nathan Jacobs. "Improved Trainable Calibration Method for Neural Networks".
- 12. M. Usman Rafique, **Yu Zhang**, Nathan Jacobs. "GUSNAV: Guided and Unguided Synthesis of Natural Appearance Variations".

Talks

- "Defense-PointNet: Protecting PointNet Against Adversarial Attacks", Dec. 2019, IEEE BigData LiDAR Workshop, Los Angeles, CA
- "Unsupervised Domain Adaptation for Mammogram Image Classification : A Promising Tool for Model Generalization", Sep. 2019, C-MIMI, Austin, TX

Awards

- Conference Travel Grant, University of Kentucky, 2019
- ATS Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 2017-2018

Service

- Reviewing for IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2020)
- Reviewing for The British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC 2020)

Memberships

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Student Member
- Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM), Student Member