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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor : Nathan Jacobs Aug. 2017 - Present

Northeastern University (CN)

School of Computer Science and Engineering

B.E. in Telecommunications

Sept. 2013 - June 2017

SKILLS

Experience: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Domain Adaptation, Multimodal Integration

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

APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Jan. 2020 - Present

- Multi-domain semantic segmentation and depth estimation for unmanned aerial systems.
- Explored deep learning on astrophysics using imbalanced multi-modal data.
- Classification, detection, segmentation, and calibration on 2D and 3D medical images.

Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2019

- CS215: Introduction to Program Design, Abstraction and Problem Solving
- CS216: Introduction to Software Engineering Techniques
- CS371: Introduction to Computer Networking

Journal Publications

- 1. Gongbo Liang, Connor Greenwell, **Yu Zhang**, Xiaoqin Wang, Ramakanth Kavuluru, Nathan Jacobs. "Contrastive Cross-Modal Pre-Training: A General Strategy for Small Sample Medical Imaging". In *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (JBHI)*, 2021. arXiv:2010.03060
- 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 deep learning view of the census of galaxy clusters in IllustrisTNG". In *Monthly Notices of the Royal* Astronomical Society (MNRAS), 2020. arXiv:2007.05144
- 3. 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 (JACR)*, 2020. Link

Conference Publications

- Gongbo Liang, Xin Xing, Liangliang Liu, Yu Zhang, Qi Ying, Ailing Lin, and Nathan Jacobs. "2D Convolutional Neural Networks for Alzheimer's Disease MRI Classification.".
 In Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC), 2021.
- 5. **Yu Zhang**, Gongbo Liang, Yuanyuan Su, Nathan Jacobs. "Multi-Branch Attention Networks for Classifying Galaxy Cluters". In *International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, 2020. Link
- Gongbo Liang, Yu Zhang, Xiaoqin Wang, Nathan Jacobs. "Improved Trainable Calibration Method for Neural Networks on Medical Imaging Classification". In to British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), 2020. arxiv:2009.04057
- 7. 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. Link
- 8. **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. arXiv:2002.12314
- 9. 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. arXiv:2002.12392

Workshop Publications

- 10. Usman Rafique, **Yu Zhang**, Benjamin Brodie, Nathan Jacobs. "Unifying Guided and Unguided Outdoor Image Synthesis". In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*: NTIRE 2021. Link
- 11. Gongbo Liang, Sheng-Chieh Lin, **Yu Zhang**, Yuanyuan Su, Nathan Jacobs. "Optical Wavelength Guided Self-Supervised Feature Learning For Galaxy Cluster Richness Estimate". In *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Workshop:*Machine Learning and Physical Sciences, 2020. arXiv:2012.02368
- 12. 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. Link
- 13. Yu Zhang, Gongbo Liang, Tawfiq Salem, Nathan Jacobs. "Defense-PointNet: Protecting PointNet Against Adversarial Attacks". In *IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData) Workshop: The Next Frontier of Big Data From LiDAR*, 2019. arXiv:2002.11881

Abstracts

- 14. 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.
- 15. 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. arXiv:2003.01111

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

- Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (TCSVT)
- Reviewer for IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2020
- Reviewer for The British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC) 2020, 2021

${\bf Memberships}$

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