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Research Interests Large-scale spatiotemporal learning, Deep learning, Tensor methods, and their applications.

APPOINTMENT

Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts College of College of Computer and Information Science

Assistant Professor, Aug 2018 - Present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Aug 2017 - Aug 2018

#### California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

Postdoctoral Scholar, Aug 2017 - Aug 2018

• Advisors: Anima Anandkumar, Yisong Yue

**EDUCATION** 

# University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Ph.D., Computer Science, Aug 2012 - Aug 2017

Thesis: Tensor Learning for Large-Scale Spatiotemporal Analysis

Finalist in William F. Ballhaus, Jr. Prize for Excellence in Graduate Engineering Research

• Advisors: Yan Liu, Cyrus Shahabi

#### Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, PRC

Chu Kochen Honors College

B.S in Computer Science, Aug 2008 - June 2012

• Advisor: Zhihua Zhang

AND HONORS

Selected Awards Best Dissertation Award, Computer Science Department, University of Southern California, 2018

Best Paper Award at Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), time series workshop, 2017

SIGKDD Scholarship: ACM 50th Celebration of the Turing Award, San Francisco, 2017

Selected in MIT Rising Stars in EECS: An Academic Career Workshop for Women, MIT, 2015

Annenberg Graduate Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2012-present

Selected in ACM Heidelberg Laureate Forum - Abel, Fields, Turing laureates meet next generation, University of Heidelberg, 2013

Microsoft 2011 Young Fellowship, Microsoft Research Asia, 2011

International Forum (iF) Design Hanover Global Concept Award, iF, 2010

First prize in Undergraduate Research and Innovation, Zhejiang University, 2010

Outstanding Undergraduate Award, Zhejiang University, 2009, 2008.

#### Preprints

- [P1] Rose Yu, Sung-En Chang, Xun Zheng, Ian E.H. Yen ,Pradeep Ravikumar "Efficient Tensor Decomposition with Boolean Factors" Preprint arXiv:1810.04754
- [P2] Stephan Zheng, Rose Yu, Yisong Yue "Multi-resolution Tensor Learning for Large-Scale Spatial Data" Preprint arXiv:1802.06825
- [P3] Rose Yu, Stephan Zheng, Anima Anandkumar, Yisong Yue "Long-term Forecasting using Tensor-Train RNNs" Preprint arXiv:1711.00073
- [P4] Paroma Varma, Bryan He, Dan Iter, Peng Xu, Rose Yu, Christopher De Sa, Christopher Ré, "Socratic Learning", Preprint arXiv:1610.08123

# CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- [C1] Nima Dehmamy, Albert-László Barabási, Rose Yu. "Understanding the Representation Power of Graph Neural Networks in Learning Graph Topology" To appear in *Proceeding of Advances* in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2019
- [C2] Yukai Liu, Rose Yu, Stephan Zheng, Eric Zhan, Yisong Yue. "NAOMI: Non-Autoregressive Multiresolution Sequence Imputation" To appear in Proceeding of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2019
- [C3] Guanya Shi, Xichen Shi, Michael O'Connell, Rose Yu, Kamyar Azizzadenesheli, Anima Anandkumar, Yisong Yue, Soon-Jo Chung "Neural Lander: Stable Drone Landing Control using Learned Dynamics" In Proceedings of International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2019
- [C4] Yaguang Li, Rose Yu, Cyrus Shahabi, Yan Liu "Diffusion Convolutional Recurrent Neural Network: Data-Driven Traffic Forecasting" In Proceedings of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2018
- [C5] Rose Yu, Guangyu Li, Yan Liu. "Tensor regression meets Gaussian Processes." In Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2018
- [C6] Rose Yu, Yaguang Li, Ugur Demiryurek, Cyrus Shahabi, Yan Liu. "Deep Learning: A Generic Approach for Extreme Condition Traffic Forecasting." In Proceedings of the Seventeenth SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM), 2017
- [C7] Rose Yu, Yan Liu. "Learning from Multiway Data: Simple and Efficient Tensor Regression." In Proceedings of the 33th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2016
- [C8] Dingxiong Deng, Cyrus Shahabi, Ugur Demiryurek, Linhong Zhu, Rose Yu, Yan Liu, "Latent Space Model for Road Networks to Predict Time-Varying Traffic", In *Proceeding of ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining* (KDD), 2016
- [C9] Rose Yu, Andrew Gelfand, Suju Rajan, Cyrus Shahabi, Yan Liu. "Geographic Segmentation via Latent Poisson Factor Model." in ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), 2016
- [C10] Rose Yu, Dehua Cheng, Yan Liu. "Accelerated Online Low Rank Tensor Learning for Multivariate Spatiotemporal Streams." In Proceedings of the 32th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2015
- [C11] Rose Yu, Mohammad Taha Bahadori, Yan Liu. "Fast Multivariate Spatio-temporal Analysis via Low Rank Tensor Learning." In Proceeding of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2014 Spotlight
- [C12] Rose Yu, Xinran He, Yan Liu. "GLAD: Group Anomaly Detection in Social Media Analysis." In Proceeding of ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD),2014
- [C13] Cuixia Gao, Naiyan Wang, Qi Yu, Zhihua Zhang. "A Feasible Nonconvex Relaxation Approach to Feature Selection." In Proceeding of 24th AAAI conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2011

[C14] Qi Yu, Zhihao Ding, Rong Rong, Wang Donghui, Zhengyue Zhang. "Dark Pixel Detection: A Novel Single Image Dehaze Approach". In Proceeding of 27th Image and Vision Computing New Zealand (IVCNZ), 2011

# JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [J1] Rose Yu, Yan Liu. "Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Social Media Data" In Encyclopedia of GIS, 2016
- [J2] Rose Yu, Huida Qiu, Zhen Wen, Ching-Yung Liu, Yan Liu. "A Survey on Social Media Analysis Anomaly Detection" In ACM KDD Exploration, 2016
- [J3] Rose Yu, Xinran He, Yan Liu. "GLAD: Group Anomaly Detection in Social Media Analysis -Extended Abstract." In ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery in Data (TKDD), 2015

# SELECTED WORKSHOP PAPERS (UNREFEREED)

- [W1] Rui Wang, Adrian Albert, Karthik Kashinath, Mustafa Mustafa, Rose Yu. "Towards physics informed deep learning for spatiotemporal modeling of turbulence flow". In 9th International Workshop on Climate Informatics, 2019
- [W2] Clara De Paolis, Saeed Amizadeh, Rose Yu. "A Neural Framework for Learning DAG to DAG Translation". In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), relational representation learning workshop, 2018
- [W3] Rose Yu, Stephan Zheng, Anima Anandkumar, Yisong Yue. "Long-term forecasting using Tensor-Train RNN". Best Paper Award in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), time series workshop, 2017
- [W4] Yaguang Li, Rose Yu, Cyrus Shahabi, Yan Liu. "Diffusion Convolutional Recurrent Neural Network: Data-Driven Traffic Forecasting". Oral and poster presentation at Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), time series workshop, 2017
- [W5] Rose Yu, Stephan Zheng. "Learning Chaotic Dynamics with Tensor RNN". In *International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML), Deep structured prediction workshop, 2017
- [W6] Rose Yu, Paroma Varma, Dan Iter, Chris De Sa, Christopher Re, "Socratic Learning". In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) future of interactive machine learning workshop, 2016

# EMPLOYMENT

#### IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, USA

Research Intern June 2015 - August 2015

Work with Hongfei Li, Anshul Sheopuri in Customer Analytic team on IBM Xtify push intelligence platform. Developed deep learning models for GPS data from Xtify to predict users' click behavior and build customer profiles.

#### Yahoo! Labs, Sunnyvale, California, USA

Research Intern

June 2014 - August 2014

Work with Andrew Gelfand, Suju Rajan in Personalization team on Yahoo! Aviate location-aware app recommendation. Developed a hierarchical Bayesian model for geographical segmentation problem in App usage. Continue academic collaboration through November on "Geographic Segmentation via Latent Poisson Factor Model".

# Intel Lab, Santa Clara, California, USA

Research Intern

May 2013 - August 2013

Work with Context-Aware Technology team of Intel Immersive Experience Research (IXR) division. Analyze smart phone usage data and propose a graphical model based algorithm to predict the potential contacts and applications on smart phones. Analyze NBC Universal movie data and fit regression models to predict future DVD/CD sales.

Microsoft R&D, Minghang, Shanghai, USA

Program Manager Intern

June 2011 - June 2012

Work with Commerce team in Microsoft's Server & Tools Business. Build SDK Wiki for Commerce platform partners. Design API prototype for guest purchase without Window Live ID authentication feature. Adapt platform working flow of payment instruments risk check and fraud detection for Microsoft Office 360 and Azure.

RESEARCH GRANTS Navy STTR Subcontract: Predictive Graph Convolutional Networks

ONR ECP Subcontract: Learning and Prediction of Dynamic Processes on Evolving Networks

Abiomed Research Grant Anticipating Patient Outcome via Machine Learning

Mathworks Microgrant Battery State of Health Machine Learning Prognostics

NSF CRII IIS-1850349: Multiresolution Tensor Learning for Scalable and Interpretable Spatiotemporal Analysis

TEACHING

Machine Learning Seminar (CS 4950)

Fall 2019

Introduction to Computer Science Research (CS 3950)

Fall 2019

Special Topics in AI: Deep Learning (CS 7180)

Spring 2018

Machine Learning (CS 6140)

Fall 2018

Machine Learning (CSCI 567)

Spring 2016

Guest lecturer: taught Gaussian mixture models and EM algorithm.

8th International Workshop on Climate Informatics 2018 (CI 2018),

Henry L. Pierce Laboratory Seminar Series, MIT,

### Advanced Big Data Analytics (CSCI 686)

Fall 2015

Sep 2018

Sep 12, 2018

Teaching assistant: Led weekly section; redesigned assignments and mini-project on topic modeling to reflect developments in big data analysis.

INVITED TALK

Hazy Research Group Seminar, Stanford University	August, 2016
KDD 2019 tensor methods workshop	August, 2019
Google Research, Mountain View	July, 2019
International Workshop on Machine Learning Theory, Peking University	June, 2019
ICLR 2019 Workshop on Deep Generative Models	May, 2019
Amazon Research, Palo Alto	Dec, 2018
Salesforce Research, Palo Alto,	Dec, 2018
Machine Learning Group Seminar, Harvard,	Nov 28, 2018
Clinical Machine Learning Group Seminar, MIT,	Nov 13, 2018

Japan RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project (AIP), Tokyo,	July 3, 2018
Disney Research, Burbank,	May 22, 2018
Department of Management Science, University of Miami	Nov 18, 2017
Department of Computing and Mathematically Sciences, Caltech	Oct 6, 2017
Center of Data Science, New York University	March 30, 2017
Department of Computer Science, Brown University	March 13, 2017
School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology	March 6, 2017
College of Computer and Information Science, Northeastern University	March 3, 2017
AI with The Best, Online Conference	Sep 17, 2016
Computer Science Department, Stanford University	May 23, 2016
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Northeastern University	Nov 12, 2015

# ACADEMIC SERVICE Workshop Co-organizer

ICML Time Series Workshop, 2019

National Science Foundation (NSF), Panel Reviewer, 2018

KITP Conference: At the Crossroad of Physics and Machine Learning, 2018

ICML Time Series Workshop, 2017

NIPS Woman in Machine Learning Workshop, 2016

NIPS workshop on Learning with Tensors: Why Now and How? (Tensor-Learn), 2016

#### Conference Organizing Committee

Proceedings Chair, WSDM (2018) Short Paper Chair, CIKM (2017)

#### **Program Committee**

ICML (2019, 2018), KDD (2019), ICLR (2019), AISTATS (2019), SDM (2019), NIPS (2018), AAAI (2018), IJCAI (2018), CIKM (2017), NIPS Time Series Workshop (2016), ICML Time Series Workshop (2016)

#### Reviewer

Proceedings of IEEE, Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR), Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD), IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE), IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Transaction (ITS)