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#### RESEARCH INTEREST

I have broad interest in Natural Language Processing and Vision-Language Learning. Specifically, I have been working on *reducing the annotation cost* and *improving out-of-distribution robustness* by leveraging various supervision or self-supervision signals.

#### **EDUCATION**

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA, U.S.

Master of Engineering in Machine Learning & Data Science

Sept, 2021 - Jun, 2023

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Selected Courses: Statistical Learning I (A), Statistical Learning II (A), Programming for Data Analysis (A+), Prob & Stats for Data Science (A+), Advanced Statistical NLP (A+), Linear Algebra and Application (A), Statistical Natural Lang Proc (A+), Intro to Visual Learning (A+)

Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R.China

**Bachelor** of Science in Physics

Aug, 2016 - Jun, 2020

- GPA: 87.81/100 (equivalent to 3.7/4.0)
- Graduate from Physics Boling Class, Nankai University
- Selected Courses: Data Structures and Algorithms (91/100), Linear Algebra (96/100)

#### PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

- 1 Haode Zhang, Haowen Liang, **Yuwei Zhang**, Liming Zhan, Xiao-Ming Wu, Xiaolei Lu, Albert Y.S. Lam. Fine-tuning Pre-trained Language Models for Few-shot Intent Detection: Supervised Pre-training and Isotropization. Accepted by *NAACL 2022*. [paper] [code]
- 2 Yuwei Zhang, Haode Zhang, Li-Ming Zhan, Xiao-Ming Wu, Albert Y.S. Lam. New Intent Discovery with Pre-training and Contrastive Learning. Accepted by *ACL 2022*. [paper] [code]
- 3 Haode Zhang\*, **Yuwei Zhang**\*, Li-Ming Zhan, Jiaxin Chen, Guangyuan Shi, Xiao-Ming Wu, Albert Y.S. Lam. Effectiveness of Pre-training for Few-shot Intent Classification. Accepted by *Findings of EMNLP 2021 (short)*. [paper] [code]
- 4 Yuwei Zhang\*, Shuai Xu\*, Ronghua Zhang, Zhichao Deng, Yin Liu, Jianguo Tian, Li Yu, Qiongzheng Hu, Qing Ye. Automated Calculation of Liquid Crystal Sensing Images Based on Deep Learning. Accepted by *Analytical Chemistry*. [paper]
- 5 Jing Li\*, **Yuwei Zhang**\*, Qing Chen, Zhenhua Pan, Jun Chen, Meixiu Sun, Junfeng Wang, Yingxin Li, Qing Ye. Development and validation of a screening model for lung cancer using machine learning: a large-scale, multi-center study of biomarkers in breath. Accepted by *Frontiers in Oncology*. [paper]
- 6 Chengjin Wang\*, **Yuwei Zhang**\*, Shuai Xu, Yuyan Liu, Lindan Xie, Changlong Wu, Qianhui Yang, Yanhua Chu, Qing Ye. Research on assistant diagnosis of fundus optic neuropathy based on deep learning. Accepted by *Current Eye Research*. [paper]
- 7 Matthew Ricci, Minju Jung, **Yuwei Zhang**, Mathieu Chalvidal, Aneri Soni, Thomas Serre. KuraNet: Systems of Coupled Oscillators that Learn to Synchronize. [paper] [code]

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# University of California, San Diego, CA, U.S.

SVCL Lab, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jan, 2022 - Today

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Nuno Vasconcelos

Project: Vision-Language Learning

• Proposed a new task for detecting unanswerable questions in Visual Question Answering.

# The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK S.A.R.

Department of Computing

April, 2021 - Aug, 2021

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Xiaoming Wu

Project: Intent Recognition for Task-oriented Dialogue

- Proposed IntentBERT together with Haode Zhang, a simple and effective pre-training method for few-shot intent recognition. Later improved by regularizing the feature space towards isotropization.
- Proposed MTP-CLNN, a two-stage training framework for new intent discovery. The task aims to uncover novel intent categories from user utterances to expand the set of supported intent classes.

## Nankai University, Tianjin, P.R. China

School of Physics

Jun, 2020 - Nov, 2020

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Qing Ye

Project: Automated Calculation of Liquid Crystal Sensing Images Based on Deep Learning

• Collected liquid crystal microscopies with annotations. Propose a heuristical method for grid detection. Train a U-Net for response segmentation. Implemented a real-time detection software.

### Project: Development of a Screening Model for Lung Cancer Using Machine Learning

• Implemented classification models to detect lung cancer with biomarkers in breath.

## Project: Fundus Optic Neuropathy Diagnosis Using Deep Learning

• Collect diagnosis data. Train CNN for classification. Explain via visualization.

## Brown University, RI, U.S.

Serre Lab, Carney Institute for Brain Science

 $Aug, \ 2019 - Dec, \ 2019$ 

Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Thomas Serre

Project: Systems of Coupled Oscillators that Learn to Synchronize

• Proposed KuraNet with Matthew Ricci etc. for learning couplings between oscillators.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2018-2019 Outstanding College Student Scholarship of Technical Institute of Physics and Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Science
- 2016-2017 Boling Scholarship of Nankai University (10 out of 160 undergrad students)

#### PROGRAMMING SKILLS

**Proficient** Python, PyTorch, Markdown, LaTeX, Git

Familiar Linux, C++, TensorFlow, Keras, MATLAB, HTML, etc.