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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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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

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**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), Methods of Mathematical Physics (90/100), An introduction to the Theory of Groups (93/100)

## PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

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- 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, Qiongzhen 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

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**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 dataset and algorithms 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**

- Feature selection and 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

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- **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

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

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