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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:** Multivariate Calculus (92/100), Classical Statistics with MATLAB Application (93/100), 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 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**

- In progress ...

**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 surprisingly simple but effective pre-training method for few-shot intent recognition by leveraging labeled public intent data and unlabeled target domain data.
- Collaborated in improving IntentBERT 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. We tackled the problem by leveraging pre-training and contrastive learning.

**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 feature selection and machine learning models to detect lung cancer with selected biomarkers in breath.

**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 together with Matthew Ricci and Minju Jung etc., a deep-learning-based system of coupled oscillators that can learn to synchronize across a distribution of disordered network conditions.

## 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.