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RESEARCH INTERESTS Natural Language Understanding & Machine Learning (structured prediction, visual resoning, grounded language learning, representation learning)

EDUCATION University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland Nov 2018 - Present

Ph.D., ILCC; advised by Prof. Ivan Titov and Mirella Lapata

ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China Sep 2015 - Jun 2018

M.Sc., Computer Science; advised by Prof. Kewei Tu Thesis: Natural Language Parsing and Grammar Learning

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Yanpeng Zhao, Jack Hessel, Youngjae Yu, Ximing Lu, Rowan Zellers, Yejin Choi. Connecting the Dots between Audio and Text without Parallel Data through Visual Knowledge Transfer *Preprint 2021*.

Yanpeng Zhao, Ivan Titov. Visually Grounded Compound PCFGs. In the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2020), Online, November 16–20, 2020. Best Paper Honorable Mention.

Yanpeng Zhao, Ivan Titov. Unsupervised Transfer of Semantic Role Models. *Preprint* 2020.

Yanpeng Zhao, Liwen Zhang, Kewei Tu. Gaussian Mixture Latent Vector Grammars. In the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2018), Melbourne, Australia, July 15-20, 2018. Best Paper Award Nomination.

Yanpeng Zhao, Victoria W. Bi, Deng Cai, Xiaojiang Liu, Kewei Tu, Shuming Shi. Language Style Transfer from Non-Parallel Text with Arbitrary Styles. *Preprint 2018*.

Chen Zhu, Yanpeng Zhao, Shuaiyi Huang, Kewei Tu, and Yi Ma. **Structured Attentions for Visual Question Answering**. *In the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2017)*, Venice, Italy, October 22-29, 2017.

Yanpeng Zhao, Yetian Chen, Kewei Tu, and Jin Tian. Learning Bayesian Network Structures Under Incremental Construction Curricula. Neurocomputing 2017.

EXPERIENCE

Allen Institute for AI, Seattle, US (Remote)

May 2021 - Sep 2021

Research Intern with Dr. Jack Hessel, Youngjae Yu, and Yejin Choi

 Proposed VIP-ANT (VIsually Pivoted Audio and(N) Text) that relies on contrastive trimodal pre-training to connect audio and text via images.

Tencent AI Lab, Shenzhen, China

Jul 2017 - Nov 2017

Research Intern with Dr. Victoria W. Bi, Xiaojiang Liu, and Shuming Shi

• Investigated a new language-style-transfer problem and developed a neural model which transfers sentences with arbitrary unknown styles to a target style.

SIST, ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China

Sep 2015 - Jun 2016

Teaching Assistant with Prof. Hao Chen and Sören Schwertfeger

• Assisted instructors with lectures for CS100 (Programming Languages and Data Structures) and CS110 (Computer Architecture I).

AWARDS		
And	Honors	

National Scholarships for Graduate Students (top 5%)	
2nd place in the Sequence Prediction Challenge (SPICE), ICGI	
Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, Hubei Province (top 5%)	
Meritorious Winner, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 11%)	2014
First prize, China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Hubei Province	2013

Professional Service

Reviewer for the Neurocomputing Journal (2016, 2017), ACL (2020, 2021), NAACL (2021), EMNLP (2021)

Volunteer at the ShanghaiTech Symposium on Information Science and Technology Jun 2016