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EDUCATION

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Candidate, Computer Science Dept. and Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition

Aug. 2013–Present | Pittsburgh, PA Advisor: Tai Sing Lee Presidential Fellowship in the Life Sciences, 2015–2016

ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

B.Eng. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Sep. 2009–Jun. 2013 | Hangzhou, China GPA: 3.95/4.0 Rank: 1/180

LINKS

Github://zym1010 LinkedIn://zym1010

COURSEWORK GRADUATE

Computer Vision • Convex Optimization • Topics in Deep Learning • Machine Learning • Neural Signal Processing

COURSERA

Digital Signal Processing • Probabilistic Graphical Models • An Introduction to Functional Analysis

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Proficient

Python • MATLAB

Familiar

C • C++ • Java • R • Shell

OPEN SOURCE

I have developed various tools for computational neuroscience, computer vision, data management, lab management, etc. to facilitate research in Lee Lab. See **zym1010.github.io/software**.

BOOK NOTES

I have accumulated a large amount of notes on deep learning, graphical models, image statistics, computational neuroscience, etc. See **zym1010.github.io/notes**.

RESEARCH

My main research interests are using and developing neural network-based models to explain computation mechanisms underlying lower visual areas of primates, as well as general machine learning and computer vision problems.

PUBLICATIONS | INCLUDING SOME IN PREPARATION

- 1. **Yimeng Zhang**, Tai Sing Lee, Shiming Tang, "Convolutional neural network models for modeling V1 responses to complex patterns," Submitted to *J. of Computational Neuroscience*.
- 2. Shiming Tang, Tai Sing Lee, Ming Li, **Yimeng Zhang**, Yue Xu, Fang Liu, Benjamin Teo, Hongfei Jiang, "Large-scale two-photon imaging revealed complex pattern selectivity of V1 superficial layer neurons in macaque," in *Current Biology*, in press.
- 3. Hao Wang, Xingyu Lin, **Yimeng Zhang**, Tai Sing Lee, "Learning Robust Object Recognition Using Composed Scenes from Generative Models," in *14th Conference on Computer and Robot Vision (CRV)*, 2017.
- 4. Xingyu Lin, Hao Wang, Zhihao Li, **Yimeng Zhang**, Alan Yuille, Tai Sing Lee, "Transfer of View-manifold Learning to Similarity Perception of Novel Objects," in *5th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2017.
- 5. **Yimeng Zhang**, Xiong Li, Jason M. Samonds, Tai Sing Lee, "Relating functional connectivity in V1 neural circuits and 3D natural scenes using Boltzmann machines," in *Vision Research*, 2015.

POSTERS & ABSTRACTS | INCLUDING SOME IN PREPARATION

- 1. Shiming Tang, **Yimeng Zhang**, Zhihao Li, Ming Li, Fang Liu, Hongfei Jiang, Tai Sing Lee, "Large-scale two-photon imaging reveals high population sparseness in superficial layer of primate V1," Submitted to *Current Biology*.
- 2. **Yimeng Zhang**, Corentin Massot, Tiancheng Zhi, George Papandreou, Alan Yuille, Tai Sing Lee, "Understanding neural representations in early visual areas using convolutional neural networks," in *Neuroscience (SfN)*, 2016.
- 3. Zhihao Li, **Yimeng Zhang**, Ming Li, Fang Liu, Hongfei Jiang, Tai Sing Lee, Shiming Tang, "Sparse and distributed codes of neuronal population in primary visual cortex," in *Neuroscience (SfN)*, 2016.
- 4. **Yimeng Zhang**, Xiong Li, Jason M. Samonds, Benjamin Poole, Tai Sing Lee, "Relating functional connectivity in V1 neural circuits and 3D natural scenes using Boltzmann machines," in *Computational and System Neuroscience* (*Cosyne*), 2015.

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | RESEARCH INTERN

Jul. 2012–Oct. 2012 | Vancouver, Canada Advisor: Rabab Ward

• Application of compressive sensing to EEG signals