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**Education** 

Sep. 2016 - Apr. 2021 Northeastern University, Boston, USA

Doctors of Philosophy Major: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Yun Raymond Fu

Thesis: Correlation Discovery for Multi-view and Multi-label Learning [PDF]

Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2016 Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China

Master of Science in Engineering Major: Electronic & Information Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Aimin Zhang

Thesis: Vision based PCB Defects Detection Algorithms and System Implementation [PDF]

Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2013 Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China

Bachelor of Engineering Major: Electrical Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Zhenshen Qu

Thesis: Vision based Intravenous Bottle Foreign Matter Inspection [PDF]

Field of Interests

Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Multi-modal (Vision-Language) Learning, Large-Language Model, Transfer Learning Reinforcement Learning, NLP

**Skills** 

**Programming Skills:** Python, C/C++, MATLAB.

Operation System: Linux (Ubuntu), MacOS, Windows.

**Software:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Point Cloud Library, MATLAB/Simulink, Tableau.

</> Experiences

• Zillow, Seattle, WA Department of AI, Rich Media Experience team & AI Media Insights team.

Sr. App. Scientist 01/2024-Present

Open-set Multi-model Home Data Understanding, Python

Developed vision-language models for open-set image classification, object detection, and semantic segmentation tasks. The model improves flexibility and compatibility for Zillow applications.

[Multi-Modal] Open-set Vision-Language Models] Semantic Segmentation Foundational models CLIP

Large-scale Indoor Dataset Collection, Python StreamLit Label Studio

Designed and created a large-scale indoor semantic segmentation dataset. Developed an advanced annotation tool that integrates foundational vision models (e.g., Segment Anything) to reduce mask annotation workload and enhance annotation efficiency and accuracy.

[Indoor Image Dataset] [Segment Anything Model] [Mask Annotation] [UI Design]

Researh Intern Supervisor: LLM & Open-Vocabulary Detection, Python GPT4

Recruited and supervised 2 interns. (1) Developed a large-scale indoor description dataset using GPT4 and CV models with human-in-the-loop supervision. Designed and trained a generative AI model which achieves home-level description generation capacity. (2) Introduced an enhanced open-set object detection model that balances task-specific detection performance while maintaining open-set capacity for handling unexpected input. This model enhances the robustness of Zillow's real-world applications.

[Generative AI] [GPT4] [Indoor Description Dataset] [Description Generation] [Connectivity Analysis]

Applied Scientist 06/2021-01/2024

Home 2D & 3D Feature Extraction, Python

Developed CV/ML models which explores 2D & 3D home data in both visual and language modalities. The learned home features and insights improves the performances of various Zillow applications.

Computer Vision | Multi-modal | Foundational models | Large Language Model | Zillow Indoor Dataset |

Research Intern Supervisor, Python

Recruited and supervised 1 research intern. Proposed a domain adaptation-based computer vision model for the Home Layout Estimation task. Enhanced the robustness and precision of Zillow's products.

[Layout estimation] [Adaptive fine-tuning] [Transfer Learning] [Few-shot Learning]

• Northeastern University, Boston, MA Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering.

Research Assistant 09/2016-04/2021

Multi-modal Learning, Python MATLAB

(1) Led a team in collecting a large-scale multi-modal (RGB-D, EMG, Skeleton) action dataset; (2) Proposed various multi-modal methods that fully explore latent correlations across modalities; (3) Developed generative strategies to address multi-modal challenges (e.g., modality missing and corruption).

[Multi-modal] Generative Model] RGB-D] Transfer Learning Action Recognition Electromyography (EMG)

#### Transfer Learning & Domain Adaptation, Python MATLAB

(1) Designed novel training strategies that adapt large models to fit specific tasks with limited data, either in a supervised or unsupervised manner; (2) Various modules are designed for different data types (e.g., images, depth, 3D point cloud, multi-modal) and different settings (e.g., co-training, self-supervised, generative, adversarial).

Domain Adaptation Transfer Learning Co-training 3D Image Generation Incremental Learning Life-long Learning

#### Multi-label Learning, Python MATLAB

Proposed methods which predict multiple labels from a single instance. Modules are designed for tackling challenges such as complex label correlations and long-tail label distributions. Models are evaluated in various applications such as image classification, annotation, and retrieval.

Multi-label | Label Correlation | Generative | Manifold Learning | Active Learning | Transfer Learning | Domain Adaptation

## **Teaching Assistant** 09/2016-04/2021

# Data Visualization (EECE5642), Python Tableau MATLAB

Introduced diverse visualization strategies in various scenarios, including presentations, reports, and research papers. Tools such as MATLAB and Tableau are introduced in assignments.

# Unsupervised Machine Learning (DS5230), Python MATLAB

Introduced various traditional and SOTA unsupervised learning strategies such as clustering, dimension reduction, auto-encoder, deep learning, self-supervised learning, etc.

Computer Vision (EECE 5639), Python MATLAB C/C++

Introduced conventional and advanced computer vision algorithms including image processing, 3D reconstruction, deep learning, classification, detection, segmentation, etc.

#### • Samsung Research America, Mountain View, CA Group of Artificial Intelligence.

Research Intern 05/2020-09/2021

#### Multi-modal (RGB-D) visual saliency detection, Python

Explored a multi-modal (RGB-D) saliency detection framework. A Knowledge-Distillation strategy is implemented to reduce the network's complexity and enhance inference efficiency on mobile platforms. Multi-Modal Learning RGB-D Saliency Detection Model Compression

#### • **NEC Labs America, Princeton, NY** Department of Data Science and System Security.

Research Intern 05/2019-01/2020

#### Reinforced Sentiment Classification, Python

Proposed a reinforcement learning-based NLP model which predicts sentimental polarities of a given text. It disregards task-irrelevant text and instead prioritizes identifying the most effective clues. It considerably reduces the computational resource requirements.

Sentiment Classification | NLP | Reinforcement Learning

#### Graph Data Representation Learning, Python

Developed a novel mechanism for learning graph data representations. Graph structured data retains valuable connectivity information among instances (e.g., social networks and advertising). The model allows for inductive and unsupervised learning in a highly efficient and effective manner. Graph Isomorphism | Graph Similarity | Representation Learning | Auto-encoder | Random Walk

### • Zebra Technology, Lincolnshire, IL Chief Technology Office, Computer Vision Algorithm.

CV Engineer Intern 05/2018-09/2018

#### Robust 3D Objects Detection & Localization, C/C++ Python

Developed computer vision system with the capability to capture 3D containers, classify container types, and accurately measure the dimensions/locations. The system is able to perform high-precision localization in high-level noise and low computational cost (e.g., embedded platform)

RGB-D Point Cloud 3D Deep Learning Object Detection

05/2017-09/2017

#### Vision-based Human & Pose Detection, C/C++ Python

Deployed human/face detection and pose estimation algorithms in a warehouse environment. It effectively tackles challenges such as low illumination, occlusion, and various interruptions. Computer Vision Pose detection Faster-RCNN YOLO QR Code

# Publications

#### Conferences & Journals

- > Tonmoay Deb, Lichen Wang, Zachary Bessinger, Naji Khosravan, Eric Penner, Sing Bing Kang, "ZInD-Tell: Towards Translating Indoor Panoramas into Descriptions," IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition(CVPR) Workshop, 2024 [PDF][Supplement]
- > Taotao Jing, Lichen Wang, Naji Khosravan, Zhiqiang Wan, Zachary Bessinger, Zhengming Ding, Sing Bing Kang, "iBARLE: imBalance-Aware Room Layout Estimation," IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2024 [PDF]
- > Chang Liu, Lichen Wang, Yun Fu, "Rethinking Neighborhood Consistency Learning on Unsupervised Domain Adaptation," ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM), 2023 [PDF]
- > Yue Bai, Lichen Wang, Yunyu Liu, Yu Yin, Hang Di, Yun Fu, "Semi-supervised Domain Adaptive Structure Learning," IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP) [PDF]

- > Can Qin, **Lichen Wang**, Qianqian Ma, Yu Yin, Huan Wang, Yun Fu, "Semi-supervised Domain Adaptive Structure Learning," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)* [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Kasey Lee, Seungju Han, Jae-Joon Han, Changkyu Choi, Yun Fu, "Generative Multi-Label Correlation Learning," *ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)* [PDF]
- > Yi Xu, **Lichen Wang**, Yizhou Wang, Can Qin, Yulun Zhang, Yun Fu, "MemREIN: Rein the Domain Shift for Cross-Domain Few-Shot Learning," *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2022 [PDF]
- > Yi Xu, **Lichen Wang**, Yizhou Wang, Yun Fu, "Adaptive Trajectory Prediction via Transferable GNN," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022 [PDF]
- > Chang Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Yun Fu, "Meta Adversarial Weight for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation," *SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, 2022 [PDF]
- > Yue Bai, Zhiqiang Tao, **Lichen Wang**, Sheng Li, Yu Yin, Yun Fu, "Collaborative Attention Mechanism for Multi-Modal Time Series Classification," *SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, 2022 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Yunyu Liu, Hang Di, Can Qin, Gan Sun, Yun Fu, "Semi-supervised Dual Relation Learning for Multi-label Classification," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)* [PDF]
- > Can Qin, Handong Zhao, **Lichen Wang**, Huan Wang, Yulun Zhang, Yun Fu, "Slow Learning and Fast Inference: Efficient Graph Similarity Computation via Knowledge Distillation," *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Lichen Wang, Bo Zong, Yunyu Liu, Can Qin, Wei Cheng, Wenchao Yu, Xuchao Zhang, Haifeng Chen, Yun Fu, "Aspect-based Sentiment Classification via Reinforcement Learning," *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Chang Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Kai Li, Yun Fu, "Domain Generalization via Feature Variation Decorrelation," *ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Songyang Jiang, Bin Sun, **Lichen Wang**, Yue Bai, Kunpeng Li, Yun Fu, "Skeleton Aware Multi-modal Sign Language Recognition," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop*, 2021 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Yun Fu, "Generic Multi-label Annotation via Adaptive Graph and Marginalized Augmentation," ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD) [PDF]
- > Can Qin, **Lichen Wang**, Qianqian Ma, Yu Yin, Huan Wang, Yun Fu, "Contradictory Structure Learning for Semi-supervised Domain Adaptation," *SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Yue Bai, **Lichen Wang**, Zhiqiang Tao, Sheng Li, Yun Fu, "Correlative Channel-Aware Fusion for Multi-View Time Series Classification," *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Jiahua Dong, Yang Cong, Gan Sun, Bingtao Ma, **Lichen Wang** "I3DOL: Incremental 3D Object Learning without Catastrophic Forgetting," *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2021 [PDF]
- > Yue Bai, **Lichen Wang**, Yunyu Liu, Yu Yin, Yun Fu, "Dual-Side Auto-Encoder for High-Dimensional Time Series Segmentation," *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2020 [PDF]
- > Yunyu Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Yue Bai, Can Qin, Zhengming Ding, and Yun Fu, "Generative View-Correlation Adaptation for Semi-Supervised Multi-View Learning," *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2020 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Bin Sun, Joseph Robinson, Taotao Jing, and Yun Fu, "EV-Action: Electromyography-Vision Multi-Modal Action Dataset," *IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG)*, 2020 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Bo Zong, Qianqian Ma, Wei Cheng, Jingchao Ni, Wenchao Yu, Yanchi Liu, Dongjing Song, Haifeng Chen, Yun Fu, "Inductive and Unsupervised Representation Learning on Graph Structured Objects," *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2020 [PDF]
- > Lichen Wang, Yunyu Liu, Can Qin, Gan Sun, Yun Fu, "Dual Relation Semi-supervised Multi-label Learning," AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2020 [PDF]
- > Can Qin, Haoxuan You, **Lichen Wang**, C.-C. Jay Kuo, Yun Fu, "PointDAN: A Multi-Scale 3D Domain Adaption Network for Point Cloud Representation," *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Seungju Han, Jae-Joon Han, Changkyu Choi, Yun Fu, "Generative Correlation Discovery Network for Multi-Label Learning," *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) (Long paper)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > Denghui Zhang, Junming Liu, Hengshu Zhu, Yanchi Liu, **Lichen Wang**, Pengyang Wang, Hui Xiong, "Job2Vec: Job Title Benchmarking with Collective Multi-View Representation Learning," *ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) (Long paper)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Zhiqiang Tao, Yunyu Liu, Yun Fu, "Generative Multi-View Human Action Recognition," *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) (Oral)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > Can Qin, **Lichen Wang**, Yulun Zhang, Yun Fu, "Generatively Inferential Co-Training for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation," *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) Workshop (Best paper award)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > Gan Sun, Yang Cong, **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Yun Fu, "Online Multi-task Clustering for Human Motion Segmentation," *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) Workshop*, 2019 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Yun Fu, "Low-Rank Transfer Human Motion Segmentation," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)* [PDF]
- > Yulun Zhang, Kunpeng Li, Kai Li, **Lichen Wang**, Bineng Zhong, Yun Fu, "Image Super-Resolution Using Very Deep Residual Channel Attention Networks," *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2019 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Yun Fu, "Adaptive Graph Guided Embedding for Multi-label Annotation," *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2018 [PDF]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Zhengming Ding, Yun Fu, "Learning Transferable Subspace for Human Motion Segmentation," *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2018 [PDF]
- > Lichen Wang, Aimin Zhang, Chujia Guo, Pervez Bhan, Tian Yan, "Modified Multi-target Recognition Based on CamCom," Chi-

nese Control Conference (CCC), 2015 [PDF]

> **Lichen Wang**, Aimin Zhang, Chujia Guo, Songyun Zhao, Pervez Bhan, "3-D Reconstruction for SMT Solder Joint Based on Joint Shadow," *Chinese Control and Decision Conference (CCDC)*, 2015 [PDF]

#### Patents

- > Naji Khosravan, **Lichen Wang**, Sing Bing Kang, "Automated Building Identification Using Floor Plans and Acquired Building Images," *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 11830135B1* [PDF][Google Patent]
- > Eric M. Penner, Naji Khosravan, Sing Bing Kang, **Lichen Wang**, Zachary S. Bessinger, "Automated Generation and Use of Building Information from Analysis of Floor Plans and Acquired Building Images," *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 2024/0096097A1* [PDF]
- > Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, **Lichen Wang**, "Reinforced Text Representation Learning," *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 20210248425* [PDF][Google Patent][Research Paper]
- > Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, **Lichen Wang**, "Unsupervised Graph Similarity Learning Based on Stochastic Subgraph Learning," *granted U.S. Invention Patent No. 20210089652* [PDF][Google Patent][Research Paper]
- > Lichen Wang, Yan Zhang, Kevin O'Connell, "Three-Dimensional (3D) Depth Imaging Systems and Methods for Dynamic Container Auto-Configuration," *granted U.S. and International Invention Patent No. 11010915* [PDF\_US][PDF\_CN][Google Patent]
- > Yan Zhang, Kevin O'Connell, Jay Williams, **Lichen Wang**, "Systems and Methods for Automatic Camera Installation Guidance (CIG)," *granted U.S. and International Invention Patent No. 10820307* [PDF\_US][PDF\_CN][Google Patent]
- > **Lichen Wang**, Min Wu, Qinglin Liu, "Novel Methods and System for Evaporator Frosting Inspection," *granted China Invention Patent No. CN201511025257.3* [PDF\_CN]
- > Zhenshen Qu, **Lichen Wang**, Wenhua Jiao, Changlun Gao, Pengshan Ren, Haisheng Wang, "Novel Methods and System of Foreign Matter Inspection in Infusion Bottle," *granted China Invention Patent No. CN2013102084539* [PDF\_CN]