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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<p>Hi! My research is fundamentally grounded in exploring and advancing <b>Landed Generative AI</b>, with particular emphasis on studying the autonomy of intelligent agents (<i>task planning, external tool use</i>), decision/reasoning reliability (<i>alignment, uncertainty, adaptability</i>), and resource efficiency (<i>parameter, data, computation</i>) in Generative AI Systems (<i>ChatGPT, GPT-X, diffusion models</i>). I'm leading the <b>NCSU Generative Intelligent Computing Lab</b>. <u>My long-term research goal is to liberate AI productivity and democratize its application to serve a broader range of populations and real-world applications, equally, sustainably, and responsibly.</u></p>	
WORKING	<p><b>Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University</b>, NC, USA. Aug 2022-Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Computer Science</li> <li><b>ICCCN Best Paper Award, 2023</b></li> </ul>	
EDUCATION	<p><b>PhD, Penn State University</b>, PA, USA. 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College of IST Award for Excellent Teaching <a href="#">[Top 2]</a></li> </ul> <p><b>MS, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences</b>, Beijing, China 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese Academy of Sciences President's Fellowship <a href="#">[Top 1]</a></li> </ul> <p><b>BE, Renmin University of China</b>, Beijing, China 2014</p>	
PUBLICATION SUMMARY	<p><b>Published: 49</b> papers, <b>27</b> first/advising-authored papers, and <b>10</b> filed patents.  <b>Impact: 2699</b> citations, h-index: <b>12</b>, i10-index: <b>17</b> (as of Oct 11th, 2023).  Published at NeurIPS, ICLR, AAAI, ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, CVPR, ICCV, DAC, etc.</p>	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 1st Workshop on DL-Hardware Co-Design for AI Acceleration @AAAI2023, Chair</li> <li>Resource-Efficient Learning for Knowledge Discovery Workshop @KDD2023, Co-Chair</li> <li>ML &amp; NLP Learning Community (Chinese), Founding Committee Member</li> <li>ACM SIGAI Newsletter, Column Editor</li> <li>NSF CAREER Panel Reviewer, 2023</li> <li>Area Chair, Session Chair, (Senior) Program Committee Member for <math>\geq 50</math> times</li> </ul>	
EDUCATION OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCSU Educational Workshops (Integrating ChatGPT into K-12 Classrooms), Co-Chair</li> <li>NSF REU Site (SRCA, Socially Relevant Computing and Analytics), UG Mentor</li> <li>NCSU CSC 298 (Introduction to Computer Science Research Methods), Mentor (2 UGs)</li> <li>NCSU COE REU Program, UG Mentor (<b>\$3,000 Research Award awarded to my student</b>)</li> <li>NSF-funded IUSE project (ExplainIt), UG Class Instructor</li> <li>NSF REU Site proposal (Topic: Algorithms and Theory), Mentor (2 UGs for 3-5 years)</li> </ul>	
OPEN-SOURCE PROJECT	<p><b>Gentopia.AI: A Collaborative Platform for Tool-Augmented LLMs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Goal:</b> Aim to specialize &amp; share agents to overlay collective growth for greater intelligence</li> <li><b>Teams:</b> Researchers from NC State, George Mason, NYU, UMich, CMU</li> <li><b>Web:</b> <a href="https://github.com/Gentopia-AI">https://github.com/Gentopia-AI</a>, <b>Demo</b> <a href="#">[link]</a>, <b>Quick Start</b> <a href="#">[link]</a></li> <li><b>Paper:</b> Accepted to EMNLP'23 (System Demo) <a href="#">[link]</a></li> </ul>	

- [1] Binfeng Xu, Xukun Liu, Hua Shen, Zeyu Han, Yuhan Li, Murong Yue, Zhiyuan Peng, Yuchen Liu, Ziyu Yao, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Gentopia: A Collaborative Platform for Tool-Augmented LLMs [C]. The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. (**EMNLP 2023, System Demo Track**)
- [2] Jianwei Li, Qi Lei, Wei Cheng, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Towards Robust Pruning: An Adaptive Knowledge-Retention Pruning Strategy for Language Models [C]. The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. (**EMNLP 2023**)
- [3] Jianwei Li, Weizhi Gao, Qi Lei, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Breaking through Deterministic Barriers: Randomized Pruning Mask Generation and Selection [C]. The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. (**EMNLP 2023, Findings**)
- [4] Jiasheng Gu, Zifan Nan, Zhiyuan Peng, Xipeng Shen, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Co-evolving Data-driven and NLU-driven Synthesizers for Generating Code in Domain Growth and Data Scarcity [C]. The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. (**EMNLP 2023, Pan-DL Workshop**)
- [5] Dongyao Zhu, Bowen Lei, Jie Zhang, Yanbo Fang, Yiqun Xie, Ruqi Zhang, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Rethinking Data Distillation: Do Not Overlook Calibration [C]. International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV 2023**)
- [6] Jiaqi Wang, Xingyi Yang, Suhan Cui, Liwei Che, Lingjuan Lyu, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Fenglong Ma. Towards Personalized Federated Learning via Heterogeneous Model Re-assembly [C]. The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2023**)
- [7] Shuya Li, Hao Mei, Jianwei Li, Hua Wei, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Toward Efficient Traffic Signal Control: Smaller Network Can Do More [C]. The 62nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (**CDC 2023**)
- [8] Lei Zhang, Jie Zhang, Bowen Lei, Subhabrata Mukherjee, Xiang Pan, Bo Zhao, Caiwen Ding, Yao Li, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Accelerating Dataset Distillation via Model Augmentation [C]. The 34th IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR 2023, Highlight Paper**)  
Acceptance rate: **235/9155=2.5%**
- [9] Shengkun Tang, Yaqing Wang, Zhenglun Kong, Tianchi Zhang, Yao Li, Caiwen Ding, Yanzhi Wang, Yi Liang, and **Dongkuan Xu**. You Need Multiple Exiting: Dynamic Early Exiting for Accelerating Unified Vision Language Model [C]. The 34th IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR 2023**)
- [10] Bowen Lei, Ruqi Zhang, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Bani K Mallick. Calibrating the Rigged Lottery: Making All Tickets Reliable [C]. The 11th International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2023**)
- [11] Qin Zhang, Shangsi Chen, **Dongkuan Xu**, Qingqing Cao, Xiaojun Chen, Trevor Cohn, and Meng Fang. A Survey for Efficient Open Domain Question Answering [C]. The 61th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2023**)
- [12] Longfeng Wu, Bowen Lei, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Dawei Zhou. Towards Reliable Rare Category Analysis on Graphs via Individual Calibration [C]. The 29th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**KDD 2023**)
- [13] Chengyuan Liu, Divyang Doshi, Muskaan Bhargava, Ruixuan Shang, Jialin Cui, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Edward Gehringer. Labels Are Not Necessary: Assessing Peer-Review Helpfulness Using Domain Adaptation Based on Self-Training [C]. The 18th Workshop on Innovative Use of NLP for Building Educational Applications (**BEA 2023**)

- [14] Zihan Dong, **Dongkuan Xu**. Exploring the Augmented Large Language Model with Mathematical tools in Personalized and Efficient Education [C]. The 6th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data (**ICAIBD 2023**)
- [15] Yuchen Liu, Mingzhe Chen, **Dongkuan Xu**, Zhaohui Yang, and Shangqing Zhao. E-App: An Environment-Aware Access Point Planning Framework for mmWave Wireless LANs [C]. The 32nd International Conference on Computer Communications and Networks (**ICCCN 2023, Best Paper Award**)
- [16] Yue Xiang, Dongyao Zhu, Bowen Lei, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Ruqi Zhang. Efficient Informed Proposals for Discrete Distributions via Newton’s Series Approximation [C]. The 26th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (**AISTATS 2023**)
- [17] Shaoyi Huang, Haowen Fang, Kaleel Mahmood, Bowen Lei, Nuo Xu, Bin Lei, Yue Sun, **Dongkuan Xu**, Wujie Wen, and Caiwen Ding. Neurogenesis Dynamics-inspired Spiking Neural Network Training Acceleration [C]. The 60th Design Automation Conference (**DAC 2023**)
- [18] Shaoyi Huang, Bowen Lei, **Dongkuan Xu**, Hongwu Peng, Yue Sun, Mimi Xie, and Caiwen Ding. Dynamic Sparse Training via Balancing the Exploration-Exploitation Trade-off [C]. The 60th Design Automation Conference (**DAC 2023**)
- [19] Jianwei Li, Tianchi Zhang, Enxu Yan, and **Dongkuan Xu**. FP8-BERT: Post-Training Quantization for Transformer [C]. The 1st Workshop on DL-Hardware Co-Design for AI Acceleration (**DCAA 2023**)
- [20] Yiqun Xie, Zhili Li, Han Bao, Xiaowei Jia, **Dongkuan Xu**, Xun Zhou, and Sergii Skakun. Auto-CAM: Label-Free Earth Observation Imagery Composition and Masking Using Spatio-Temporal Dynamics [C]. The 37th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2023**)
- [21] Dongsheng Luo, Wei Cheng, Yingheng Wang, **Dongkuan Xu**, Jingchao Ni, Wenchao Yu, Xuchao Zhang, Yanchi Liu, Yuncong Chen, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Time Series Contrastive Learning with Information-Aware Augmentations [C]. The 37th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2023**)
- [22] Yingjie Tian, Weizhi Gao, Qin Zhang, Pu Sun, and **Dongkuan Xu**. Improving long-tailed classification by disentangled variance transfer [J]. **Internet of Things (2023)**: 100687.
- [23] **Dongkuan Xu**, Subhabrata Mukherjee, Xiaodong Liu, Debadeepta Dey, Wenhui Wang, Xiang Zhang, Ahmed H. Awadallah, and Jianfeng Gao. Few-shot Task-agnostic Neural Architecture Search for Distilling Large Language Models [C]. The 36th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2022**)
- [24] Ian En-Hsu Yen, Zhibin Xiao, and **Dongkuan Xu**. S4: a High-sparsity, High-performance AI Accelerator [C]. Sparsity in Neural Networks 2022 Workshop (**SNN 2022**)
- [25] Shaoyi Huang, Ning Liu, Yueying Liang, Hongwu Peng, Hongjia Li, **Dongkuan Xu**, Mimi Xie, and Caiwen Ding. An Automatic and Efficient BERT Pruning for Edge AI Systems [C]. The 23rd IEEE International Society for Quality Electronic Design (**ISQED 2022**)
- [26] Shaoyi Huang\*, **Dongkuan Xu\***, Ian En-Hsu Yen, Sung-En Chang, Bingbing Li, Shiyang Chen, Mimi Xie, Hang Liu, and Caiwen Ding. Sparse Progressive Distillation: Resolving Overfitting under Pretrain-and-Finetune Paradigm [C]. The 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2022**)  
Acceptance rate: 714/3350=21.3%

- [27] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Dongsheng Luo, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. InfoGCL: Information-Aware Graph Contrastive Learning [C]. The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $2372/9122=26.0\%$
- [28] **Dongkuan Xu**, Ian En-Hsu Yen, Jinxi Zhao, and Zhibin Xiao. Rethinking Network Pruning - under the Pre-train and Fine-tune Paradigm [C]. 2021 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL-HLT 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $477/1797=26.5\%$
- [29] Xin Dong, Yaxin Zhu, Zuohui Fu, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Gerard de Melo. Data Augmentation with Adversarial Training for Cross-Lingual NLI [C]. The 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $714/3350=21.3\%$
- [30] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Jingchao Ni, Dongsheng Luo, Masanao Natsumeda, Dongjin Song, Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Deep Multi-Instance Contrastive Learning with Dual Attention for Anomaly Precursor Detection [C]. The 21th SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (**SDM 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $85/400=21.3\%$
- [31] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Xin Dong, Bo Zong, Wenchao Yu, Jingchao Ni, Dongjin Song, Xuchao Zhang, Haifeng Cheng, and Xiang Zhang. Multi-Task Recurrent Modular Networks [C]. The 35th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $1692/7911=21.4\%$
- [32] **Dongkuan Xu**, Junjie Liang, Wei Cheng, Hua Wei, Haifeng Cheng, and Xiang Zhang. Transformer Style Relational Reasoning with Dynamic Memory Updating for Temporal Network Modeling [C]. The 35th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $1692/7911=21.4\%$
- [33] Hua Wei, **Dongkuan Xu**, Junjie Liang, and Zhenhui Li. How Do We Move: Modeling Human Movement with System Dynamics [C]. The 35th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $1692/7911=21.4\%$
- [34] Junjie Liang, Yanting Wu, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Vasant Honavar. Longitudinal Deep Kernel Gaussian Process Regression [C]. The 35th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2021**)  
Acceptance rate:  $1692/7911=21.4\%$
- [35] Dongsheng Luo, Wei Cheng, **Dongkuan Xu**, Wenchao Yu, Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Parameterized Explainer for Graph Neural Network [C]. The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2020**)  
Acceptance rate:  $1900/9454=20.1\%$
- [36] Xin Dong, Yaxin Zhu, Yupeng Zhang, Zuohui Fu, **Dongkuan Xu**, Sen Yang, and Gerard de Melo. Leveraging Adversarial Training in Self-Learning for Cross-Lingual Text Classification [C]. The 43rd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (**SIGIR 2020**)  
Acceptance rate:  $300/1062=28.2\%$
- [37] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Bo Zong, Dongjin Song, Jingchao Ni, Wenchao Yu, Yanchi Liu, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Tensorized LSTM with Adaptive Shared Memory for Learning Trends in Multivariate Time Series [C]. The 34th AAAI International

Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2020**)

Acceptance rate: 1591/7737=20.6%

- [38] Junjie Liang, **Dongkuan Xu**, Yiwei Sun, and Vasant Honavar. Longitudinal Multi-Level Factorization Machines [C]. The 34th AAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2020**)  
Acceptance rate: 1591/7737=20.6%
- [39] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Dongsheng Luo, Xiao Liu, and Xiang Zhang. Spatio-Temporal Attentive RNN for Node Classification in Temporal Attributed Graphs [C]. The 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI 2019**)  
Acceptance rate: 850/4752=17.9%
- [40] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Dongsheng Luo, Yameng Gu, Xiao Liu, Jingchao Ni, Bo Zong, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Adaptive Neural Network for Node Classification in Dynamic Networks [C]. The 19th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (**ICDM 2019**)  
Acceptance rate: 183/930=19.7%
- [41] **Dongkuan Xu**, Wei Cheng, Bo Zong, Jingchao Ni, Dongjin Song, Wenchao Yu, Yuncong Chen, Haifeng Chen, and Xiang Zhang. Deep Co-Clustering [C]. The 19th SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (**SDM 2019**)  
Acceptance rate: 90/397=22.7%
- [42] Jingchao Ni, Shiyu Chang, Xiao Liu, Wei Cheng, Haifeng Chen, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Xiang Zhang. Co-Regularized Deep Multi-Network Embedding [C]. The 27th International Conference on World Wide Web (**WWW 2018**)  
Acceptance rate: 170/1175=14.5%
- [43] Yingjie Tian, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Chunhua Zhang. A Review of Multi-Instance Learning Research [J]. Operations Research Transactions, 2018, 02: 1-17
- [44] **Dongkuan Xu**, Jia Wu, Dewei Li, Yingjie Tian, Xinquan Zhu, and Xindong Wu. SALE: Self-Adaptive LSH Encoding for Multi-Instance Learning [J]. **Pattern Recognition**, 2017 (**7.74 impact factor**)
- [45] Dewei Li, **Dongkuan Xu**, Jingjing Tang, and Yingjie Tian. Metric Learning for Multi-Instance Classification with Collapsed Bags [C]. The 30th IEEE International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (**IEEE IJCNN 2017**)
- [46] Dewei Li, Wei Zhang, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Yingjie Tian. Multi-Metrics Classification Machine [C]. International Conference on Information Technology and Quantitative Management (**ITQM 2016**) (**Best Paper Award**)
- [47] **Dongkuan Xu**, and Yingjie Tian. A Comprehensive Survey of Clustering Algorithms [J]. Annals of Data Science, 2015, 2(2): 165-193
- [48] **Dongkuan Xu**, Tianjia Chen, and Wei Xu. A Support Vector Machine-Based Ensemble Prediction for Crude Oil Price with VECM and STEPMRS [J]. International Journal of Global Energy Issues, 2015
- [49] **Dongkuan Xu**, Yi Zhang, Cheng Cheng, Wei Xu, and Likuan Zhang. A Neural Network-Based Ensemble Prediction Using PMRS and ECM [C]. The 47th IEEE Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (**HICSS 2014**)

INDUSTRY  
EXPERIENCE

**Microsoft Research (MSR)**, Redmond, WA

2021

- Research Intern, Mentors: Subho Mukherjee, Xiaodong Liu, Debadepta Dey, Ahmed H. Awadallah, Jianfeng Gao
- Project: Task-agnostic Auto-Transformer Search [NeurIPS 2022]

	<b>Moffett.AI</b> , Los Altos, CA	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Intern, Mentor: <b>Ian En-Hsu Yen</b>, Co-founder</li> <li>• Project: Data-free Model Compression [NAACL 2021 &amp; a U.S. patent]</li> </ul>	
	<b>NEC Labs America</b> , Princeton, NJ	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Intern, Mentor: <b>Wei Cheng</b></li> <li>• Project: Knowledge Transfer in Multi-Task Learning [AAAI 2021]</li> <li>• Project: Trend Learning in Multivariate Time Series [AAAI 2020]</li> </ul>	
	<b>NEC Labs America</b> , Princeton, NJ	2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Intern, Mentor: <b>Wei Cheng</b>, Senior Researcher</li> <li>• Project: Contrastive Anomaly Detection [SDM 2021]</li> </ul>	
ACADEMIA EXPERIENCE	<b>Penn State University</b>	2017-2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Research Assistant, Adviser: <b>Xiang Zhang</b></li> <li>• Thesis: Resource-efficient Deep Learning: Democratizing AI at Scale</li> </ul>	
	<b>Chinese Academy of Sciences</b> , Beijing, China	2014-2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate Research Assistant, Adviser: <b>Yingjie Tian</b></li> <li>• Thesis: Efficient Multi-instance Learning</li> </ul>	
	<b>Renmin University of China</b> , Beijing, China	2012-2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate Research Assistant, Adviser: <b>Wei Xu</b></li> <li>• Thesis: Ensemble Forecasting Model for Time Series Data</li> </ul>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Instructor at NC State</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSC 422: Automated Learning and Data Analysis Course Materials: <b>Introduction to Data Mining (Second Edition)</b></li> </ul>	Spring 2023, Fall 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSC 791&amp;591: Advanced Topics in Efficient Deep Learning Course Materials: <b>Dive into Deep Learning</b></li> </ul>	Fall 2022
	<b>Teaching Assistant at Penn State</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRA 268, Visual Analytics Instructor: Prof. <b>Mahir Akgun</b> Course Materials: <b>Visual Analytics with Tableau</b> (<b>Responsible for teaching lab classes of 46 students</b>)</li> </ul>	Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRA 450, Cybercrime and Cyberwar Instructor: Prof. <b>John Hodgson</b> Course Materials: <b>Cybersecurity: What Everyone Needs to Know</b></li> </ul>	Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DS/CMPSC 410, Programming Models for Big Data Instructor: Prof. <b>John Yen</b> Course Materials: <b>Learning Spark</b></li> </ul>	Spring 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRA 365, Statistics for Security and Risk Analysis Instructor: Dr. <b>James Farrugia</b> Course Materials: <b>Discovering Statistics Using R</b></li> </ul>	Fall 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DS 402, Introduction to Social Media Mining Instructor: Prof. <b>Suhang Wang</b> Course Materials: <b>Social Media Mining: An Introduction</b></li> </ul>	Spring 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRA 365, Statistics for Security and Risk Analysis Instructor: Dr. <b>Katherine Hamilton</b></li> </ul>	Spring 2019

Course Materials: Foundations and Practice of Intermediate Statistics

- IST 210, Organization of Data Fall 2018  
Instructor: Prof. [Xiang Zhang](#)  
Course Materials: [Database Systems Concepts](#)  
(**The Award for Excellence in Teaching Support**)

**Guest Lecturer**

- COSI 133A, Graph Mining Fall 2021  
Brandeis University, Slides [\[Link\]](#)
- COSI 165B, Deep Learning Spring 2021  
Brandeis University, Slides: [\[Link\]](#)

MENTORING  
EXPERIENCE

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

- Zhiyuan (Jerry) Peng, NC State University  
Topic: Augmented Large Language Model

**Ph.D. Students**

- Jianwei (Eric) Li, Ph.D. at NC State University  
Topic: Large Language Model Safety
- Chengyuan Liu, Ph.D. at NC State University  
Topic: Large Language Model in Education

**Undergraduate Researchers**

- Aditya Basarkar, Undergraduate at NC State University  
Topic: Large Language Model-driven Agents
- Zihan (Z) Dong, Undergraduate at NC State University  
Topic: Large Language Model in K-12 Education
- Rishabh Patel, Undergraduate at NC State University  
Topic: Large Language Model in Science Discovery

**Intern Researchers**

- Bowen Lei, Ph.D. student at Texas A&M University  
Topic: Theoretical Foundations of Sparse Training
- Binfeng Xu, Research Engineer at eBay  
Topic: Augmented Large Language Model
- Yuhan Li, Master at Tianjin University  
Topic: Augmented Large Language Model
- Hanyang Lin, Master at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Topic: Autonomous Tool Learning
- Zhengdong Zhang, Master at Georgia Tech  
Topic: Large Language Model in Education
- Xukun Liu, Undergraduate at SUSTech  
Topic: Efficient Transformer Architecture Search
- Boyan Li, Undergraduate at SUSTech  
Topic: Augmented Large Language Model
- LiChia (Jerry) Chang, Undergraduate at SUSTech  
Topic: Augmented Large Language Model

**Panel Reviewer**

- NSF CAREER, 2023

**Column Editor**

- ACM SIGAI Newsletter

**Workshop Chair**

- The First Workshop on DL-Hardware Co-Design for AI Acceleration @AAAI2023
- The Resource-Efficient Learning for Knowledge Discovery Workshop @KDD2023

**Session Chair**

- Scalable, Distributed Systems & Trustable AI @KDD2022
- Deep Learning: New Architectures and Models @KDD2022

**Academic Committee Member**

- Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing Community (MLNLP)

**Area Chair**

- The Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING) 2024

**Senior Program Committee**

- AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2024
- International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2021

**Program Committee**

- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2021, 2022, 2023
- AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) 2020-2023
- Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) Rolling Review 2022
- North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) 2021
- Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2020, 2021
- International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) 2022
- Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG) 2022
- International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2020, 2022
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM) 2022
- SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM) 2022
- European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL) 2021
- Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) 2020, 2021, 2022
- Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics & International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (AAACL-IJCNLP) 2020
- International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

**Journal Reviewer**

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
- IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics
- Information Fusion
- ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)
- Pattern Recognition
- Neural Networks
- ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing
- IEEE Access
- Neural Computation
- Complexity



- Soft Computing
- Journal of Sports Engineering and Technology
- Complex & Intelligent Systems
- Multimedia Tools and Applications
- Big Data

#### External Conference Reviewer

- AAAI'18-20, ACM CIKM'18-19, Big Data'18, ICDM'18-19, IJCNN'16-17, ITQM'16-17, KDD'18-21, SDM'18-22, TheWebConf (WWW)'20-22, WSDM'20-21

#### Conference Volunteer

- The Annual Conference of NAACL-HLT, 2021
- Backuping SDM Session Chairs, 2021
- The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2021
- The 26th SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, 2020

#### PATENTS

- Spatio Temporal Gated Recurrent Unit  
Wei Cheng, Haifeng Chen, and **Dongkuan Xu**  
U.S. Patent. 11,461,619. Oct. 2022
- System and Method for Knowledge-Preserving Neural Network Pruning  
Enxu Yan, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Zhibin Xiao  
U.S. Patent. 11,200,497. Dec. 2021

#### PATENT APPLICATIONS

- Information-aware Graph Contrastive Learning  
Wei Cheng, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Haifeng Chen  
U.S. Patent App. 17/728,071. Dec. 2022
- Neural Network Pruning Method and System via Layerwise Analysis  
Enxu Yan, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Jiachao Liu  
U.S. Patent App. 17/107,046. Jun. 2022
- Bank-balanced-sparse Activation Feature Maps for Neural Network Models  
Enxu Yan, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Jiachao Liu  
U.S. Patent App. 17/038,557. Mar. 2022
- Tensorized LSTM with Adaptive Shared Memory for Learning Trends  
Wei Cheng, Haifeng Chen, Jingchao Ni, **Dongkuan Xu**, and Wenchao Yu  
U.S. Patent App. 16/987,789. Mar. 2021
- Modular Networks with Dynamic Routing for Multi-task Recurrent Modules  
Wei Cheng, Haifeng Chen, Jingchao Ni, and **Dongkuan Xu**  
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TALKS

- Sculpting the Future of Collective Growth in Collaborative AI  
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- Testing Accuracy is Not All You Need: Less Training Cost & More Testing Reliability  
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- Resource-efficient Deep Learning: Democratizing AI at Scale  
Pinterest, San Francisco, USA, Aug 2022
- Resource-efficient Deep Learning: Democratizing AI at Scale  
Amazon Search (A9), USA, May 2022
- Resource-efficient Deep Learning: Democratizing AI at Scale  
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- Resource-efficient Deep Learning: Democratizing AI at Scale  
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- BERT Architecture and Computation Analysis  
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NEC Laboratories America, Princeton, USA, May 2019
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HONORS AND  
AWARDS

- North Carolina State University**
- ICCCN Best Paper Award 2023
- The Pennsylvania State University**
- College of IST Award for Excellence in Teaching Support (top 2) 2019
  - Third Place Winner (Eng.) in The 37rd Annual PSU Graduate Exhibition 2022
  - NAACL Scholarship 2021
  - SIAM Student Travel Award 2021
  - KDD Student Registration Award 2020
  - AAAI Student Scholarship 2020
  - IST Travel Award 2019-2021
- University of Chinese Academy of Sciences**
- Chinese Academy of Sciences President's Fellowship (the most prestigious award) 2016
  - National Graduate Scholarship, China (2% in university) 2016
  - Graduate Student Academic Scholarship 2015-2017
- Renmin University of China**
- First-class Scholarship of Sashixuan Elite Fund, China (5% in university) 2014

- Kwang-hua Scholarship of RUC, China 2014
- Second-class Scholarship of Excellent Student Cadre 2014
- Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest in Modeling, USA 2013
- First-class Scholarship of Social Work and Volunteer Service of RUC 2013

- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- IEEE Membership 2023-Present
  - ACM Membership 2021-Present
  - ACL Membership 2021-Present
  - AAAI Student Membership 2019-2021
  - Volunteer of Beijing Volunteer Service Federation 2012-2014
  - President of Youth Volunteers Association of School of Information 2012-2013
  - Leader of National Undergraduate Training Programs 2011-2012