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BASICS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reasoning, Planning, Reinforcement Learning, Neuro-Inspired AI, Meta-Learning

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science Mila (L'institut québécois d'intelligence artificielle) / McGill University, CGPA: 4.0/4.0 Advisors: Doina Precup & Yoshua Bengio	2020 - Now
Master of Science, Computer Science Mila / McGill, CGPA: 4.0/4.0; Advisors: Doina & Xiaowen Chang	2018 - 2020
Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science & Technology Dalian University of Technology, GPA: 90.0%+; Advisor: Hongwei Ge	2014 - 2018

PAPERS (CONFERENCE)

- "*Revisiting Heterophily For Graph Neural Networks*" - S. Luan, C. Hua, Q. Lu, J. Zhu, **M.Z.**, S. Zhang, X.W. Chang, D. Precup @ *NeurIPS 2022*.
- "*Temporal Abstractions-Augmented Temporally Contrastive Learning: An Alternative to the Laplacian in RL*" - A. Erraqabi, M.C. Machado, **M.Z.***, S. Sukhbaatar, A. Lazaric, L. Denoyer, Y. Bengio @ *UAI 2022*.
- "*A Consciousness-Inspired Planning Agent for Model-Based Reinforcement Learning*" - **M.Z.***, Z. Liu*, S. Luan*, S. Zhang*, D. Precup, Y. Bengio @ *NeurIPS 2021*.
- "*META-Learning State-Based Eligibility Traces for More Sample-Efficient Policy Evaluation*" - **M.Z.***, S. Luan*, I. Porada*, X.W. Chang & D. Precup @ *AAMAS 2020*.
- "*Break the Ceiling: Stronger Multi-Scale Deep Graph Convolutional Networks*" - S. Luan*, **M.Z.***, X.W. Chang & D. Precup @ *NeurIPS 2019*.
- "*Exploring Overall Contextual Information for Image Captioning in Human-Like Cognitive Style*" - H. Ge, Z. Yan, K. Zhang, **M.Z.** & L. Sun @ *ICCV 2019*.
- "*Two-stage Automatic Image Annotation Based on Latent Semantic Scene Classification*" - H. Ge, K. Zhang, Y. Hou, C. Yu, **M.Z.**, Z. Wang & L. Sun @ *IJCNN 2020*.
- "*Strategy Selection in Complex Game Environments based on Transfer Reinforcement Learning*" - H. Ge, **M.Z.**, K. Zhang & L. Sun @ *IJCNN 2019*.
- "*Multi-Grained Cascade AdaBoost Extreme Learning Machine for Feature Representation*" - H. Ge, W. Sun, **M.Z.**, K. Zhang, L. Sun & C. Yu @ *IJCNN 2019*.
- "*A Selective Ensemble Learning Framework for ECG-Based Heartbeat Classification with Imbalanced Data*" - H. Ge, K. Sun, L. Sun, **M.Z.** & C. Wu @ *BIBM 2018*.

* Equal Contributions

- *"A Many Objective Evolutionary Algorithm with Fast Clustering & Reference Point Redistribution"* – M.Z., H. Ge, H. Han & L. Sun @ CEC 2018.


PAPERS (JOURNAL)

- *"Bi-space Interactive Cooperative Coevolution for Large Scale Blackbox Optimization"* – H. Ge, M.Z., Y. Hou, K. Zhang, L. Sun, G. Tan, Q. Zhang, C.L.P. Chen @ Applied Soft Computing, 2020.
- *"A Two-Engine Interaction Driven Many-Objective Evolutionary Algorithm with Feasibility-Aware Adaptation"* – H. Ge, M.Z., K. Zhang & Y. Hou @ Applied Soft Computing, 2019.
- *"Stacked Denoising Extreme Learning Machine Autoencoder based on Graph Embedding for Feature Representation"* – H. Ge, W. Sun, M.Z. & Y. Yao @ IEEE Access, 2019.
- *"An Interactive Many Objective Evolutionary Algorithm with Cascade Clustering & Reference Point Incremental Learning"* – H. Ge*, M.Z.*, L. Sun, Z. Wang, G. Tan, Q. Zhang & C.L.P. Chen @ IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, 2018.

PAPERS (NON-ARCHIVAL)

- *"Training Matters: Unlocking Potentials of Deeper Graph Convolutional Neural Networks"* – S. Luan*, M.Z.* , X.W. Chang & D. Precup @ arXiv, 2020.
- *"Complete the Missing Half: Augmenting Aggregation with Diversification for Graph Convolutional Networks"* – S. Luan*, M.Z.*, C. Hua*, X.W. Chang & D. Precup @ arXiv, 2020.
- *"Generalizable Meta-Heuristic based on Temporal Estimation of Rewards for Large Scale Blackbox Optimization"* – M.Z.*, H. Ge*, Y. Lian & K. Zhang @ arXiv, 2018.

SOFTWARE & PATENTS

- *"Captur3"*: turning iPhones into 3D scanners, upload your favs to the metaverse! 
- *"SOOPLAT: An Experimental Platform for Single Objective Optimization"* – M.Z. @ GitHub, 2018.
- *"Fast Dichotomic CNN for Traffic Sign Identification"* – H. Ge, M.Z., X. Yang @ SIPO, 2018
- *"Peach Segmentation with Deep Reinforcement Learning"* – H. Ge, M.Z., J. Lin, L. Sun @ SIPO, 2018.

WORK & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Research Intern @ Microsoft Research (Montreal)	2022 - Now
Research Scientist @ Haiper LTD	2021 - Now
Teaching Assistant @ McGill University	2019 - 2021
CIFAR Deep Learning & Reinforcement Learning Summer School	2019, 2020
Research Engineer Intern @ Neusoft (Dalian)	2016, 2017

HONORS & AWARDS

Ph.D.:

FRQNT Ph.D. Fellowship (1st-place of 2020 applicants)

Master:

DeepMind Graduate Award (2019)

Graduate Mobility Award (2019)

Undergraduate:

Academic Excellence Awards (2015 - 2018)

Outstanding Bachelor Thesis (2018)

Outstanding Student Researcher of the Year (2018)

