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## Education

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### Stanford University

U.S.A

PH.D. OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

September 2018 - Now

- GPA not available yet

### Tsinghua University

China

BACHELOR OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

September 2014 - July 2018

- GPA: 91/100

## Publications

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Yang Shu, **Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang. **Transferable Curriculum for Weakly-Supervised Domain Adaptation**. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2019.

Mingsheng Long, **Zhangjie Cao**, Jianmin Wang, Michael I. Jordan. **Conditional Adversarial Domain Adaptation**. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* 2018.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Lijia Ma, Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang. **Partial Adversarial Domain Adaptation**. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018.

Mingsheng Long, **Zhangjie Cao**, Jianmin Wang, Han Zhu, Michael I. Jordan. **Learning Transferable Visual Features with Very Deep Adaptation Networks**. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Ziping Sun, Jianmin Wang. **Deep Priority Hashing**. *ACM Multimedia Conference (ACM MM)*, 2018.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang, Michael I. Jordan. **Partial Transfer Learning with Selective Adversarial Networks**. *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2018.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Chao Huang, Jianmin Wang. **Transfer Adversarial Hashing for Hamming Space Retrieval**. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2018.

Zhongyi Pei<sup>†</sup>, **Zhangjie Cao**<sup>†</sup>, Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang. **Multi-Adversarial Domain Adaptation**. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2018. (<sup>†</sup>Equal Contribution)

Mingsheng Long, **Zhangjie Cao**, Jianmin Wang, Philip S. Yu. **Learning Multiple Tasks with Multi-linear Relationship Networks**. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2017.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Jianmin Wang, Philip S. Yu. **HashNet: Deep Learning to Hash by Continuation**. *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2017.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Qixing Huang, Ramani Karthik. **3D Object Classification via Spherical Projections**. *International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV)*, 2017.

**Zhangjie Cao**, Mingsheng Long, Qiang Yang. **Transitive Hashing Network for Heterogeneous Multimedia Retrieval**. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2017. (**Oral Presentation**)

## Research Experience

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National Lab for Big Data Systems, School of Software, Tsinghua University

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Mentor: Mingsheng Long

PROJECTS ON DEEP LEARNING TO HASH

Jan. 2016 - Nov. 2017

PAPER: TRANSITIVE HASHING NETWORK FOR HETEROGENEOUS MULTIMEDIA RETRIEVAL

- Proposed a new cross-modal retrieval scenario where no explicit cross-modal relationship exists between query and database.
- Proposed a Transitive Hashing Network (THN), which can transfer knowledge between modalities by heterogeneous relationship learning and between domains by homogeneous distribution alignment to build a transitive path from query to database.
- Achieved huge accuracy boost ( $\sim 10\%$  on ImageNet-1000 to Yahoo-QA). Wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

PAPER: HASHNET: DEEP LEARNING TO HASH BY CONTINUATION

- Proposed an end-to-end HashNet, the first deep architecture to learn exactly binary codes for image retrieval and compression.
- Enabled back-propagation of deep networks with sign activation function by continuation method, which attacks the ill-posed gradient problem by sequentially optimizing a series of easier networks that converge to the original optimization problem.
- Proposed a weighted likelihood to learn hash codes from data where numbers of similar pairs and dissimilar pairs are imbalanced.
- Implemented HashNet, and reimplemented state-of-the-art methods and wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

PAPER: TRANSFER ADVERSARIAL HASHING FOR HAMMING SPACE RETRIEVAL

- Proposed Transfer Adversarial Hashing (TAH), the first model that enabled Hamming space retrieval across different domains, which achieved  $O(1)$  search cost by pruning candidates with hash table lookup within Hamming Radius 2.
- Proposed a novel pairwise cross-entropy loss based on  $t$ -distribution to concentrate similar images within small Hamming ball.
- Integrated domain-adversarial network for knowledge transfer between domains, enabling hashing for transfer retrieval tasks.
- Constructed new transfer retrieval datasets from the latest VisDA 2017 domain adaptation challenge dataset, implemented TAH and reimplemented state-of-the-art methods, and wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

PAPER: DEEP FOCAL HASHING

- Proposed Deep Focal Hashing (DFH), which achieved state-of-art image retrieval performance based on Hamming ranking.
- Extended the Focal Loss (ICCV'17 best student paper) to metric learning with pairwise supervision, which focused deep hashing models on harder pairs and rarer classes.
- Proposed a Quantization Focal Loss, which focused deep hashing models on instances more difficult to quantize into hash codes.
- Implemented DFH, reimplemented state-of-the-art methods and wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

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**Mentor: Mingsheng Long**

**PROJECTS ON DOMAIN ADAPTATION**

*Sept. 2016 - June. 2018*

PAPER: MULTI-ADVERSARIAL DOMAIN ADAPTATION

- Proposed to use the probability over classes as the weighting strategy for training multiple adversaries in domain adaptation.
- Implemented Multi-Adversarial Domain Adaptation (MADA), designed and ran experiments and helped to proofread the paper.

PAPER: PARTIAL TRANSFER LEARNING WITH SELECTIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORKS

- Proposed a new Partial Transfer Learning paradigm to relax the label space assumption from the same to source including target.
- Proposed a Selective Adversarial Network (SAN) with multiple adversarial networks and a weighing mechanism at both instance-level and class-level, which encourages positive transfer of relevant classes and circumvents negative transfer of outlier classes.
- Achieved huge accuracy boost ( $\sim 10\%$  on ImageNet-1000 to Caltech-256). Wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

PAPER: PARTIAL ADVERSARIAL DOMAIN ADAPTATION

- Proposed Partial Adversarial Domain Adaptation (PADA) with a class-level weighing mechanism on one adversarial network, which reduces the computational time and memory consumption compared to SAN.
- Achieved comparable accuracy with SAN on dataset with large domain gap (Office-Home) and large-scale dataset (ImageNet-Caltech). Wrote the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

PAPER: LEARNING TRANSFERABLE FEATURES WITH VERY DEEP ADAPTATION NETWORKS

- Identified the performance bottleneck caused by poor initialization, and proposed a progressive strategy to stabilize training across the classification loss and the adaptation loss, achieving significant accuracy improvement.
- Implemented the proposed Very Deep Adaptation Network (VDAN) and reimplemented state-of-art methods in Caffe.
- Designed a series of in-depth experiments for different datasets, methods, and configurations, conducted and analyzed all experiments.

PAPER: CONDITIONAL ADVERSARIAL DOMAIN ADAPTATION

- Implemented the proposed Conditional Domain Adversarial Network (CDAN) in both Caffe and Pytorch frameworks.
- Designed and conducted experiments and helped proofread the paper.

PAPER: LEARNING MULTIPLE TASKS WITH MULTILINEAR RELATIONSHIP NETWORKS

- Implemented in Pytorch the Multilinear Relationship Networks (MRN), the pioneering model that captured tensor relationships.
- Proposed an efficient strategy by Tensor Decomposition to dramatically speedup computation and prevent numerical instability.
- Designed a series of experiments for new datasets and comparison methods, conducted all experiments and helped proofread the paper.

**Department of Computer Science and Lewis-Sigler Institute of Integrative Genomics, Princeton University**

U.S.A

**Mentor: Olga Troyanskaya**

PROJECT: ALGORITHMS USING DEEP LEARNING FOR NONCODING VARIANTS RECOGNITION

July, 2016 - August, 2016

- Designed new architecture with multiple classifiers build on each convolutional layers to exploit low level features and solved the gradient vanishing problem of the original network.
- Considering the relation of different chromatin features (labels), I improved the classifying layer with low rank technical.
- The new architecture outperformed existing methods under standard evaluation criteria such as AUC of PR Curve and ROC Curve.

**Department of Computer Science, The University of Texas at Austin**

U.S.A

**Mentor: Qixing Huang**

PAPER: 3D OBJECT CLASSIFICATION VIA SPHERICAL PROJECTIONS

Feb. 2017 - May, 2017

- Proposed a spherical representation leveraging depth variation and contour information for 3D objects.
- Developed deep neural networks composing of two parts for depth and contour representation respectively to classify 3D objects.
- Implemented Spherical Projection in caffe framework and carefully designed experiments to compare our method with state of the art methods under standard evaluation criteria on large scale 3D Recognition Dataset.
- Wrote the first version of the paper under the supervision of my mentor.

## Honors & Awards

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| 2015 | <b>National Scholarship</b> , Tsinghua University  | China           |
| 2015 | <b>Best Project Award</b> , Course of Architecture of Computer and Network   | China           |
| 2016 | <b>Qualcomm Scholarship</b> , Tsinghua University  | China           |
| 2018 | <b>Rank 3 in Visual Domain Adaptation Challenge (VisDA-2018)</b> , ECCV2018 Workshop Challenge ( <a href="http://ai.bu.edu/visda-2018">http://ai.bu.edu/visda-2018</a> ) | Munich, Germany |

## Skills

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- Programming** Proficient in Python, C/C++ , LaTeX and Matlab; Familiar with Lua, Bash, JAVA and Haskell
- Framework** Proficient in Caffe and PyTorch; Familiar with Torch with Lua and Tensorflow
- Languages** English, Chinese (native speaker)