

Education

- 2020-present **University of Waterloo**, *Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science.*
Waterloo AI Lab and Vector Institute
Supervisor: Prof. Yaoliang Yu and Prof. Sun Sun
- 2018-2020 **University of Manitoba**, *M.Sc. in Computer Science.*
Computer Vision Lab, Supported by University of Manitoba Graduate Funding
Supervisor: Prof. Yang Wang
Thesis: Anomaly Detection in Surveillance Videos using Deep Learning
- 2013-2017 **University of Electronic Science and Technology of China**, *B.E. in Electronic Engineering.*
Statistical Machine Intelligence and Learning Lab
Supervisor: Prof. Zenglin Xu and Prof. Zhao Kang
Thesis and patent: Design of a Phase-Reconfigurable Antenna Unit
- 2016 **University of California, Santa Barbara**, *Electrical Computer Engineering.*
Exchange Program, Funded by China Scholarship Council

Experiences

- 2022 **Research Internship**, *Huawei Noah's Ark Lab, Montreal.*
Machine Learning Researcher on Neural Network Quantization
Published a paper in NeurIPS 2023.
- 2021 **Research Internship**, *National Research Council of Canada, Waterloo.*
Machine Learning Researcher on Contrastive Learning
Published a paper in NeurIPS 2021 Workshop and TMLR 2023.
- 2020-2022 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Waterloo.*
CS480/680: Introduction to Machine Learning
CS116: Introduction to Computer Science 2
CS245: Logic and Computation
- 2018-2020 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Manitoba.*
COMP4190: Advanced Artificial Intelligence
COMP4550: Real-time Systems

Award and Honors

- 2024 David R. Cheriton Graduate Scholarship
- 2023 NeurIPS 2023 Top Reviewer
- 2023 Conference Funding, University of Waterloo
- 2023 Graduate Student Research Dissemination Award, University of Waterloo
- 2019-2020 University of Manitoba Graduate Funding (UMGF)
- 2019 University of Manitoba Graduate Studies Travel Funding
- 2018-2019 University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship
- 2013-2017 People's Scholarship of China
- 2016 China Scholarship Council Scholarship for Studying Abroad
- 2016 UESTC Exchange Award

Publications

Journal Papers

- [1] **"*f*-MICL: Understanding and Generalizing InfoNCE-based Contrastive Learning"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Guojun Zhang, Sun Sun, Hongyu Guo, Yaoliang Yu, in *Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)*, 2023 (also appeared in *NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Self-supervised Learning*).
- [2] **"Indiscriminate Data Poisoning Attacks on Neural Networks"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Gautam Kamath, Yaoliang Yu, in *Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)*, 2022 (also appeared in *NeurIPS 2022 ML Safety Workshop* and *Trustworthy and Socially Responsible Machine Learning (TSRML) Workshop*).
- [3] **"AdaCrowd: Unlabeled Scene Adaptation for Crowd Counting"**, Mahesh Kumar Krishna Reddy, Mrigank Rochan, **Yiwei Lu**, Yang Wang, in *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, Volume 24, Page 1008-1019, 2022.
- [4] **"Structure Learning with Similarity Preserving"**, Zhao Kang, Xiao Lu, **Yiwei Lu**, Chong Peng, Wenyu Chen, and Zenglin Xu, in *Neural Networks, 2020*, Volume 129, Page 138-148.

Conference Papers

- [5] **"Understanding Neural Network Binarization with Forward and Backward Proximal Quantizers"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Yaoliang Yu, Xinlin Li, Vahid Partovi Nia, in *NeurIPS 2023*.
- [6] **"Exploring the Limits of Model-Targeted Indiscriminate Data Poisoning Attacks"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Gautam Kamath, Yaoliang Yu, in *ICML 2023*.
- [7] **"Few-shot Scene-Adaptive Anomaly Detection" (Spotlight)**, **Yiwei Lu**, Frank Yu, Mahesh Kumar K and Yang Wang, in *ECCV 2020*.
- [8] **"Future Frame Prediction Using Convolutional VRNN for Anomaly Detection"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Mahesh Kumar K, Seyed shahabeddin Nabavi and Yang Wang., in *IEEE AVSS 2019*.
- [9] **"Similarity Learning via Kernel Preserving Embedding"**, Zhao Kang, **Yiwei Lu**, Yuanzhang Su, Changsheng Li, Zenglin Xu, in *AAAI 2019*.
- [10] **"Homoglyph Attack Detection with Unpaired Data"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Mahesh Kumar K, Noman Mohammed, Yang Wang, in *ACM/IEEE Symposium on Edge Computing 2019*.

Workshop Papers

- [11] **"CM-GAN: Stabilizing GAN Training with Consistency Models"**, Haoye Lu, **Yiwei Lu**, Dihong Jiang, Spencer Ryan Szabados, Sun Sun, Yaoliang Yu, in *ICML 2023 Wrokshop on Structured Probabilistic Inference & Generative Modeling*.
- [12] **"Semantic Segmentation in Compressed Videos"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Ang Li and Yang Wang, in *IEEE International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing 2019*.

Submitted Papers

- [13] **"Indiscriminate Data Poisoning Attacks on Pre-trained Feature Extractors"**, **Yiwei Lu**, Matthew Y.R Yang, Gautam Kamath, Yaoliang Yu, submitted in 2023.

Service

Conference Reviewer, *ICLR 2024*, *NeurIPS 2023*, *ICML 2023*, *TSMLR 2022*, *NeurIPS 2022*, *HAET 2022*, *ICML2022*, *AAAI 2022*, *AAAI 2021*.

Journal Reviewer, *Neural Networks*, *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*.