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Education

- **Carnegie Mellon University** 2019 – present
Ph.D. in Machine Learning advised by [Andrej Risteski](#) and [Pradeep Ravikumar](#).
- **Stanford University** 2017 – 2019
M.S. in Computer Science advised by [Fei-Fei Li](#).
- **The University of Hong Kong** 2013 – 2017
B.Eng. CS Major & Math Minor, First-Class Honour.

Publications and Preprints

- **TinyGSM: achieving > 80% on GSM8k with small language models**
preprint [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Sebastien Bubeck, Ronen Eldan, Janardhan Kulkarni, Yuanzhi Li, Anh Nguyen, Rachel Ward, Yi Zhang
- **Understanding Augmentation-based Self-Supervised Representation Learning via RKHS Approximation**
ICLR 2024 (Spotlight) [[link](#)]
Runtian Zhai, [Bingbin Liu](#), Andrej Risteski, Zico Kolter, Pradeep Ravikumar
- **Exposing Attention Glitches with Flip-Flop Language Modeling**
NeurIPS 2023 (Spotlight) [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Jordan T. Ash, Surbhi Goel, Akshay Krishnamurthy, Cyril Zhang
- **Transformers are uninterpretable with myopic methods: a case study with bounded Dyck grammars**
NeurIPS 2023 [[link](#)]
Kaiyue Wen, Yuchen Li, [Bingbin Liu](#), Andrej Risteski
- **Transformers Learn Shortcuts to Automata**
ICLR 2023 (Oral) [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Jordan T. Ash, Surbhi Goel, Akshay Krishnamurthy, Cyril Zhang
- **Masked prediction tasks: a parameter identifiability view**
NeurIPS 2022 [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Daniel Hsu, Pradeep Ravikumar, Andrej Risteski
- **Analyzing and Improving the Optimization Landscape of Noise-Contrastive Estimation**
ICLR 2022 (Spotlight) [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Elan Rosenfeld, Pradeep Ravikumar, Andrej Risteski
- **Contrastive learning of strong-mixing continuous-time stochastic processes**
AISTATS 2021; abstract version presented at the WiML workshop collocated with NeurIPS 2020. [[link](#)]
[Bingbin Liu](#), Pradeep Ravikumar, Andrej Risteski
- **Generalized Boosting**
NeurIPS 2020 [[link](#)]
Arun Sai Suggala, [Bingbin Liu](#), Pradeep Ravikumar
- **Spatiotemporal Relationship Reasoning for Pedestrian Intent Prediction**
ICRA 2020, IEEE-RAL [[link](#)].
[Bingbin Liu](#), Ehsan Adeli, Zhangjie Cao, Kuan-Hui Lee, Abhijeet Shenoi, Adrien Gaidon, Juan Carlos Nieves
- **A Computer Vision System for Deep Learning-based Detection of Patient Mobilization Activities in the ICU**
Nature Digital Medicine 2019 [[link](#)]
Serena Yeung*, Francesca Rinaldo*, Jeffrey Jopling, [Bingbin Liu](#), Rishab Mehra, Lance Downing, Michelle Guo, Gabriel Bianconi, Alexandre Alahi, Julia Lee, Brandi Campbell, Kayla Deru, William Beninati, Li Fei-Fei, Arnold Milstein

- **Learning to Decompose and Disentangle Representations for Video Prediction**
NeurIPS18 [link]
 Jun-Ting Hsieh, Bingbin Liu, De-An Huang, Li Fei-Fei, Juan Carlos Niebles
- **Temporal Modular Networks for Retrieving Complex Compositional Activities in Videos**
ECCV18 [link]. Also presented at WiCV 2018.
 Bingbin Liu, Serena Yeung, Edward Chou, De-An Huang, Li Fei-Fei, Juan Carlos Niebles
- **3D Point Cloud-Based Visual Prediction of ICU Mobility Care Activities**
MLHC18 [link]
 Bingbin Liu*, Michelle Guo*, Edward Chou, Rishab Mehra, Serena Yeung, N. Lance Downing, Francesca Rinaldo, Jeffrey Jopling, Branci Campbell, Kayla Deru, William Beninati, Arnold Milstein, Li Fei-Fei
- **Descriptive Analysis of ICU Patient Mobilization from Depth Videos**
ML4H 2018 (colocated with NeurIPS 18)
 Laëtitia Shao*, Zaid Nabulsi*, Ruchir Rastogi*, Bingbin Liu, Francesca Rinaldo, Serena Yeung, N. Lance Downing, William Beninati, Arnold Milstein, Li Fei-Fei

Research Experience

- **Microsoft Research Lab – Redmond** *Summer 2023*
 Mentored by Yi Zhang, Yanzhi Li, Rachel Ward, Ronen Eldan, Sébastien Bubeck.
- **Microsoft Research Lab – New York City** *Summer 2022*
 Mentored by Cyril Zhang, Akshay Krishnamurthy, Surbhi Goel, Jordan T. Ash.
 Transformers for algorithmic reasoning tasks defined with finite-state automata.
- **Stanford Vision and Learning Lab** *Stanford University, 2017 – 2019*
 Advised by Fei-Fei Li and Juan Carlos Niebles.
 Compositional video understanding with graphs, temporal modules, and disentangled representations.
- **Partnership in AI Assisted Care (PAC)** *Stanford University, 2017 – 2019*
 Advised by Fei-Fei Li, Arnold Milstein, Serena Yeung.
 Student lead of the ICU team: using depth videos to monitor and document patient mobilization levels in ICU care.
- **HKU Computer Vision Lab** *The University of Hong Kong, 2016 – 2017*
 Advised by Kenneth K.Y. Wong.
 Final year project: improving video object recognition with temporal context using a T-CNN based framework.
- **UCSB Programming Language Lab** *UC Santa Barbara, Feb – June 2016*
 Advised by Ben Hardekopf.
 Undergraduate study: building a compiler in Haskell of a functional ISA for simplified formal verifications.

Teaching Experience

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** *Carnegie Mellon University*
 - 10716 - Advanced Machine Learning, Spring 2022
 - 10707 - Advanced Deep Learning, Spring 2021
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** *Stanford University*
 - CS231N - Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
 - MED277/CS337 - AI-Assisted Health Care, Fall 2018, Winter 2019.

Work Experience

- **Group IT Intern at CLP Power Hong Kong Limited** *Hong Kong, Summer 2016*
Enterprise and Analytics Team: data analysis to enhance services at the help desk and critical systems.
- **Software Engineering Intern at Hututa Technologies Limited** *Hong Kong, Summer 2015*
Test and development of a system for efficient big data processing.

Services and Other Experience

- **Organizing**
Organizer of the [Mathematics of Modern Machine Learning \(M3L\)](#) workshop at NeurIPS 2023.
- **Reviewing**
Reviewer for ICLR, ICML, NeurIPS (top 8% reviewer at NeurIPS 2022), AISTATS.
- **Doctoral Review Committee** *Carnegie Mellon University, 2020 – 2023*
DRC member of the Machine Learning Department.
- **CMU AI Undergraduate Mentoring Program** *Carnegie Mellon University, 2020, 2023*
Graduate student mentor for undergraduates from underrepresented groups.
- **AI4ALL** *Stanford University, Summer 2018*
Research mentor of the NLP team. [[website](#)]
- **Girls teach Girls to Code** *Stanford University, Spring 2018*
Mentor lead for the AI track. [[website](#)]
- **HKU Buddy Program** *The University of Hong Kong, 2014 - 2017*
Buddy mentor for Engineering freshmen and exchange students.
- **HKU Student Ambassador** *The University of Hong Kong, 2014 - 2015*
Student helper at admission talks and the information day.

Awards

- **Tang Family Presidential Fellowship** 2023
- **Powering a Sustainable Generation Scholarship by CLP** 2015
- **HKU World Wide Scholarship** 2015
- **Dean's Honours List** 2013 - 2017
- **Lee Shau Kee Scholarships** 2013 - 2017