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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Automatic & Trustworthy Machine Learning
- Self-Driving - Training, Testing and Simulation
- 3D Computer Vision

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Student, University of Toronto* Sep 2019 – present
- Department of Computer Science
 - Advisor: Prof. Raquel Urtasun
- B.S., Information Security, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China* Sep 2015 – Jun 2019
- GPA: 4.00/4.3 (91.8/100), **Rank: 1/97**
 - Advisor: Prof. Cewu Lu and Prof. Gongshen Liu

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Researcher I, Waabi Innovation Inc., Canada* Mar 2021 – present
- Manager: Prof. Raquel Urtasun
- Research Scientist, UberATG Toronto, Canada* Sep 2019 – Feb 2021
- Manager: Prof. Raquel Urtasun
 - Focus: Automating the Training & Testing for Self-Driving
- Research Intern, Ant Financial, Alibaba Group, China* Jun 2019 – Aug 2019
- Host: Prof. Le Song
 - Focus: Decision-based Black-box Attack
- Research Intern, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, China (remotely)* Oct 2018 – May 2019
- Host: Prof. Bo Li
 - Focus: Trustworthy Machine Learning
 - Work with Profs. Yang Liu (UCSC), Sijia Liu (MSU) and Ruoxi Jia (Virginia Tech)
- Research Intern, University of California, Berkeley, China (remotely)* Jun 2018 – Sep 2018
- Host: Prof. Bo Li and Prof. Dawn Song
 - Focus: Trustworthy Machine Learning

PUBLICATIONS (*=equal contribution) See Google Scholar.

CONFERENCES

- [1] **Jingkang Wang***, Tianyun Zhang*, Sijia Liu, Pin-Yu Chen, Jiachen Xu, Makan Fardad and Bo Li. Adversarial Attack Generation Empowered by Min-Max Optimization. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021.
- [2] **Jingkang Wang***, Hongyi Guo*, Zhaowei Zhu and Yang Liu. Policy Learning Using Weak Supervision. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021.
- [3] **Jingkang Wang**, Ava Pun, James Tu, Sivabalan Manivasagam, Abbas Sadat, Sergio Casas, Mengye Ren and Raquel Urtasun. AdvSim: Generating Safety-Critical Scenarios for Self-Driving Vehicles. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2021.
- [4] James Tu*, Tsunhsuan Wang*, **Jingkang Wang**, Sivabalan Manivasagam, Mengye Ren and Raquel Urtasun. Adversarial Attacks on Multi-Agent Communication. *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2021.

- [5] Sean Segal, Nishanth Kumar, Sergio Casas, Wenyuan Zeng, Mengye Ren, **Jingkang Wang** and Raquel Urtasun. Just Label What You Need: Fine-Grained Active Selection for Perception and Prediction through Partially Labeled Scenes. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, 2021.
- [6] Nicholas Vadivelu, Mengye Ren, James Tu, **Jingkang Wang** and Raquel Urtasun. Learning to Communicate and Correct Pose Errors. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, 2020.
- [7] **Jingkang Wang**, Yang Liu and Bo Li. Reinforcement Learning with Perturbed Rewards. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2020. (**Spotlight**)
- [8] Gerald Friedland, Ruoxi Jia, **Jingkang Wang**, Bo Li and Nathan Mundhenk. On the Impact of Perceptual Compression on Deep Learning. *International Conference on Multimedia Information Processing and Retrieval (MIPR)*, 2020.
- [9] **Jingkang Wang***, Jianing Zhou*, Jie Zhou and Gongshen Liu. Multiple Character Embeddings for Chinese Word Segmentation. *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2019.
- [10] Yiping Chen*, **Jingkang Wang***, Jonathan Li, Cewu Lu, Zhipeng Luo, Han Xue and Cheng Wang. LiDAR-Video Driving Dataset: Learning Driving Policies Effectively. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2018.

WORKSHOPS

- [1] **Jingkang Wang***, Mengye Ren*, Ilija Bogunovic, Yuwen Xiong and Raquel Urtasun. Cost-Efficient Online Hyperparameter Optimization. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), RealML Workshop*, 2020.
- [3] **Jingkang Wang***, Gaoyuan Zhang* and Sijia Liu. Is Robust Neurons' Activation Sufficient to Robustify CNNs against Adversarial Attacks? *ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), AdvML Workshop*, 2020.
- [4] Tianshi Cao*, **Jingkang Wang***, Annie Zhang and Sivabalan Manivasagam. BabyAI++: Towards Grounded-Language Learning beyond Memorization. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), BeTR-RL Workshop*, 2020.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

- National Scholarships in China (1%), 2016, 2017, 2018
- Level-A SJTU Outstanding Scholarships (1%) 2016, 2017, 2018
- Excellent Bachelor Thesis (Top %1) of SJTU 2019
- Outstanding Undergraduate in Shanghai 2019
- First Prize in National College Student Information Security Contest 2018
- Meritorious Winner Prize in The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM) 2018
- Second Prize in The Chinese Mathematics Competition (CMC, Shanghai) 2017
- Second Prize in National College Students Information Security Contest 2017
- First Prize in Chinese Mathematical Olympiad (CMO, 10th in Province) 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

I am/was a conference reviewer for

- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)
- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
- Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
- Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
- ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)
- International Conference on Pervasive Artificial Intelligence (ICPAI)

I am/was a journal reviewer for

- Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU)
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (TSP)

**TALKS &
PRESENTATIONS**

- Physics-based Differentiable Rendering. UofT Reading Group. Mar 2021
- Differentiable Monte Carlo Ray Tracing through Edge Sampling. CSC2547. Feb 2021
- Trust Region Policy Optimization (TRPO). CSC2621. Feb 2020
- Efficient Nonmyopic Active Search. CSC2547 Learning to Search. Oct 2019
- Towards Secure and Interpretable Learning in Deep Neural Networks. Uber ATG. Jul 2019