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Education

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Ph.D. in Computer Science

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Hong Kong, China

Peking University

Master in Software Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Zhifang Sui

Sep. 2020 – Jul. 2023

Beijing, China

Peking University

B.S. in Physics (Department of Astronomy)

Advisor: Asst. Prof. Lijing Shao

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Preprints

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- **TokenSkip: Controllable Chain-of-Thought Compression in LLMs**
Heming Xia, Yongqi Li, Chak Tou Leong, Wenjie Wang, Wenjie Li
- **Beyond Single Frames: Can LLMs Comprehend Temporal and Contextual Narratives in Image Sequences?**
Xiaochen Wang*, Heming Xia*, Jialin Song, Longyu Guan, Yixin Yang, Qingxiu Dong, Weiyao Luo, Yifan Pu, Yiru Wang, Xiangdi Meng, Wenjie Li, Zhifang Sui
- **How Far are LLMs from Being Our Digital Twins? A Benchmark for Persona-Based Behavior Chain Simulation**
Rui Li, Heming Xia, Xinfeng Yuan, Qingxiu Dong, Lei Sha, Wenjie Li, Zhifang Sui
- **PEToolLLM: Towards Personalized Tool Learning in Large Language Models**
Qiancheng Xu, Yongqi Li, Heming Xia, Fan Liu, Min Yang, Wenjie Li

Publications

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- **SWIFT: On-the-Fly Self-Speculative Decoding for LLM Inference Acceleration**
Heming Xia, Yongqi Li, Jun Zhang, Cunxiao Du, Wenjie Li
The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations. ICLR 2025.
- **AppBench: Planning of Multiple APIs from Various APPs for Complex User Instruction**
Hongru Wang, Rui Wang, Boyang Xue, Heming Xia, Jingtao Cao, Zeming Liu, Jeff Z. Pan, Kam-Fai Wong
Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2024.
- **A Survey on In-context Learning**
Qingxiu Dong, Lei Li, Damai Dai, Ce Zheng, Jingyuan Ma, Rui Li, Heming Xia, Jingjing Xu, Zhiyong Wu, Baobao Chang, Xu Sun, Lei Li, Zhifang Sui
Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2024.
- **Enhancing Tool Retrieval with Iterative Feedback from Large Language Models**
Qiancheng Xu, Yongqi Li, Heming Xia, Wenjie Li
Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2024 (Findings).
- **Taking a Deep Breath: Enhancing Language Modeling of Large Language Models with Sentinel Tokens**
Weiyao Luo, Suncong Zheng, Heming Xia, Weikang Wang, Yan Lei, Tianyu Liu, Shuang Chen, Zhifang Sui
Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2024 (Findings).
- **Unlocking Efficiency in Large Language Model Inference: A Comprehensive Survey of Speculative Decoding**
Heming Xia, Zhe Yang, Qingxiu Dong, Peiyi Wang, Yongqi Li, Tao Ge, Tianyu Liu, Wenjie Li, Zhifang Sui
The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. ACL 2024 (Findings).
- **Can Large Multimodal Models Uncover Deep Semantics Behind Images?**
Yixin Yang, Zheng Li, Qingxiu Dong, Heming Xia, Zhifang Sui
The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. ACL 2024 (Findings).

- **ImageNetVC: Zero- and Few-Shot Visual Commonsense Evaluation on 1000 ImageNet Categories**
Heming Xia*, Qingxiu Dong*, Lei Li, Jingjing Xu, Tianyu Liu, Ziwei Qin, Zhifang Sui
Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2023 (Findings).
- **Bi-Drop: Enhancing Fine-tuning Generalization via Synchronous sub-net Estimation and Optimization**
Shoujie Tong*, Heming Xia*, Damai Dai, Runxin Xu, Tianyu Liu, Binghuai Lin, Yunbo Cao, Zhifang Sui
Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2023 (Findings).
- **Speculative Decoding: Exploiting Speculative Execution for Accelerating Seq2seq Generation**
Heming Xia*, Tao Ge*, Peiyi Wang, Si-Qing Chen, Furu Wei, Zhifang Sui
Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. EMNLP 2023 (Findings).
- **Enhancing Continual Relation Extraction via Classifier Decomposition**
Heming Xia, Peiyi Wang, Tianyu Liu, Binghuai Lin, Yunbo Cao, Zhifang Sui
The 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. ACL 2023 (Findings, Short Paper).
- **Lossless Acceleration for Seq2seq Generation with Aggressive Decoding**
Tao Ge, Heming Xia*, Xin Sun*, Si-Qing Chen, Furu Wei
Microsoft Research Technical Report.
- **Premise-based Multimodal Reasoning: Conditional Inference on Joint Textual and Visual Clues**
Qingxiu Dong*, Ziwei Qin*, Heming Xia, Tian Feng, Shoujie Tong, Haoran Meng, Lin Xu, Zhongyu Wei, Weidong Zhan, Baobao Chang, Sujian Li, Tianyu Liu, Zhifang Sui
The 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. ACL 2022.
- **Improved deep learning techniques in gravitational-wave data analysis**
Heming Xia, Lijing Shao, Junjie Zhao, Zhoujian Cao
Physical Review D 103 (2021), 024040.

Open-Source Projects

- **Spec-Bench for Speculative Decoding (Python, PyTorch):** Developed a comprehensive benchmark and unified evaluation platform for assessing leading Speculative Decoding methods across diverse application scenarios.
- **Seq2Seq Inference Acceleration with Speculative Decoding (Python, Fairseq):** Released all the codes and checkpoints utilized in Speculative Decoding, which achieves 3x-5x inference speedup with only 300MiB of extra memory cost.
- **Deep Learning Toolkits for Gravitational-wave Analysis (Python, PyTorch):** Developed a deep learning toolkit for gravitational-wave (GW) data analysis, which supports GW data generation, visualization and classification.

Services and Membership

- Area Chair: ACL 2025
- Reviewer: NeurIPS 2022, AACL 2022, AACL 2023, ACL 2024, EMNLP 2024, ICLR 2025, ACL 2025
- Member: Department of Liaison, the Student Union of Peking University, 2018 - 2021

Invited Talks

- **COLING 2025 Tutorial**, Abu Dhabi, Speculative Decoding for Efficient LLM Inference, 01/2025.
- **CIP Group, CASIA**, Speculative Decoding: Past, Recent Advancements, and Future Directions, 04/2024.
- **NICE-NLP**, Unlocking Efficiency in LLM Inference: A Comprehensive Survey of Speculative Decoding, 03/2024.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, Latex, C/C++, Java, Shell, MATLAB, HTML/CSS

Developer Tools: PyCharm, VS Code, Git, Docker, Linux, Vim, Eclipse

Libraries/Frameworks: PyTorch, Transformers, Fairseq, TensorFlow, PyTorch-Lightning, spaCy, NumPy, WordPress

Honors and Awards

- Merit Student, Peking University 2021
- Scholarship of National Astronomical Observatory, Chinese Academy of Sciences 2019
- Merit Student, Henan Province, China 2016