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## Education

**University of Pittsburgh** August 2016 - August 2019  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, **summa cum laude**, departmental honors

**Carnegie Mellon University** May 2017 - May 2018  
Visiting/Non-Degree Student

**Beijing Jiaotong University** September 2014 - June 2016  
Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Technology, Discontinued (Transferred out)

## Publications

Yanqi Zhou\*, Xuanyi Dong\*, Berkin Akin\*, Mingxing Tan, Daiyi Peng, **Tianjian Meng**, Amir Yazdanbakhsh, Da Huang, Ravi Narayanaswami, James Laudon. Rethinking Co-design of Neural Architectures and Hardware Accelerators, in *Submission to ICML 2021*.

Rui Qian\*, **Tianjian Meng\***, Boqing Gong, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Huisheng Wang, Serge Belongie, Yin Cui. Spatiotemporal Contrastive Video Representation Learning. In *NeurIPS 2020 SSL Workshop*, in *Submission to CVPR 2021*.

**Tianjian Meng\***, Xiaohan Chen\*, Yifan Jiang, Zhangyang Wang. A Design Space Study for LISTA and Beyond. In *The 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, May 2021.

Denny Zhou, Mao Ye, Chen Chen\*, **Tianjian Meng\***, Mingxing Tan\*, Xiaodan Song, Quoc Le, Qiang Liu, Dale Schuurmans. Go Wide, Then Narrow: Efficient Training of Deep Thin Networks. In *The 37<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, July 2020.

Wenqi Shao\*, **Tianjian Meng\***, Jingyu Li, Ruimao Zhang, Yudian Li, Xiaogang Wang, Ping Luo. SSN: Learning Sparse Switchable Normalization via SparsestMax. In *The IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2019.

## Experiences

**Software Engineer at Google Research** September 2019 - Present  
Brain Team  
Host: Dr. Mingxing Tan and Dr. Quoc Le  
- Working on improving model efficiency with AutoML.  
- Working on self-supervised representation learning for video understanding and object detection.

**Research Intern at ByteDance AI Lab** July 2019 - September 2019  
Visual Computing Group  
Mentor: Dr. Changhu Wang  
- Worked on Computer Vision technologies for video content understanding and moderation.  
- Provided services for ByteDance core products including TikTok, BuzzVideo and Vigo Video.

**Research Assistant at Carnegie Mellon University** January 2019 - July 2019

The Robotics Institute

Cooperator: Prof. Xiaolong Wang

- Worked on efficient video compression and representation learning.

**Research Assistant at Chinese University of Hong Kong** August 2018 - December 2018

CUHK-SenseTime Joint Laboratory

Mentor: Prof. Ping Luo

- Proposed a novel algorithm called **SparsestMax** which turns sparse constrained optimization problem into feed-forward computation.
- Applied *SparsestMax* to normalization method in deep neural network, and proposed **Sparse Switchable Normalization**, which achieved both higher performance and faster inference speed on various challenging computer vision tasks.
- Applied *SparsestMax* to other domains such as efficient single-shot neural architecture search.

**Research Intern at SenseTime Research** May 2018 - December 2018

Human-Cyber-Physical Intelligence Integration

Mentor: Dr. Litong Feng and Prof. Liang Lin

- Developed and maintained an user-friendly, modular, and extensible internal deep learning tool chain for automatic and distributed model training.
- Built a robust and usable model conversion and low-precision network quantization pipeline, accelerating models by  $3\times$  without harming the performance and integrating model training and product deployment seamlessly.
- Re-implemented *Efficient Neural Architecture Search* and conducted research on efficient neural architecture and augmentation search for an AutoML platform.
- Participated in several computer vision competitions such as *Open Images* and *AI Challenger*.

**Research Assistant at University of Pittsburgh** April 2017 - April 2018

Pitt Computational Social Dynamics Lab

Supervisor: Prof. Yu-Ru Lin

- Participated in the project *Data Wrangling for Nuclear Nonproliferation Monitoring*, which aimed to recognize and prevent anomalous nuclear activities.
- Scraped and prepared data using publicly available information, and used text mining techniques for anomaly detection.
- Built a visualization system to map the machine classified cuing information over geo-space and time and help nonproliferation decision making.

## Competitions

Top 14% in <i>The 3rd YouTube-8M Video Understanding Challenge</i> (ICCV'19 Workshop)	2019
4th in <i>AI Challenger Short Video Real-time Classification</i>	2018
Top 12% in <i>Google AI Open Images - Visual Relationship Track</i> (ECCV'18 Workshop)	2018
Top 2% in <i>2018 Data Science Bowl</i>	2018
Silver Award (top 5%) in <i>Capital University Entrepreneurship Competition</i>	2016
First Prize in <i>ACM-ICPC University Programming Competition in Beijing Jiaotong University</i>	2015

## Technical Strengths

### Programming Language

Python, C/C++, Java, JavaScript, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Proficient Toolkit

PyTorch, TensorFlow, MXNet, ONNX, TensorRT, Docker, Django, React, D3.js, Bootstrap