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Experienced data science researcher with a PhD in astrophysics. Proficient in statistics, modeling, machine learning, and programming, with a proven track record of data-driven insights.

Experience

• Senior Data/Computational Scientist, Turion Space, USA

- 01/2025 Present
- Apply advanced computer vision to extract insights from satellite imagery and synthetic data.
- o Design data fusion pipelines to integrate multi-spectral, temporal, and contextual data.
- o Optimize satellite trajectory using numerical methods for mission planning.
- Associate/Assistant Professor, Physics, NCHU, Taiwan

02/2020 - 01/2025

- Led research group in classifying, clustering, and predicting diverse data with >80% performance.
- Achieved >85% precision using cloud computing to investigate physical properties of galaxies.
- Analyzed, simulated, and visualized >1M data sets from >30 databases, contributing to research.
- Mentored >10 students and postdoctoral researchers to work on astrophysics and data science.
- Delivered >10 lectures and >50 public speaking, and published >40 papers (citations>5000).
- Insight Data Science Fellow (20A.DS.SV), INSIGHT, USA

01/2020 - 03/2020

- o Discovered societal concerns from over 100K survey responses with Elucd company.
- \circ Provided location-specific living information for customers with $\sim 80\%$ performance.
- Utilized Natural Language Processing to capture and cluster unstructured comments.
- Combined text and geographic information to enhance trust and safety.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ASIAA, Taiwan

10/2016 - 01/2020

- Made breakthroughs in understanding active galaxies by XGBoost and Keras algorithms.
- Interpreted different types of super-massive black holes and reached >80% performance.
- Conducted comparisons of galaxy sizes using multi-wavelength (>30 bands) information.
- Inspected galaxy evolution with >20 datasets from X-ray, UV, visible, IR, to radio surveys.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CEA-Saclay, France

10/2014 - 09/2016

- Created a catalog for 500K+ distant galaxies with state-of-the-art decomposed models.
- \circ Evaluated sizes differences (>5 σ) between active and non-active galaxies by image processing.
- Obtained observational data by writing and submitting successful telescope proposals.
- Established statistical connection between active galaxy, star formation and galaxy morphology.
- Postdoctoral/Graduate Research Fellow, MPIA, Germany

09/2010 - 06/2014

- \circ Generated an 800K+ galaxy catalog by implementing Bayesian and chi-square fitting techniques. \circ Reconstructed 3D shapes of galaxies by their 2D projected images.
- \circ Demonstrated differences ($P_{KS} < 0.05$) between nearby and distant galaxies by modeling.
- Unveiled structural and size evolution of galaxies over 11Gyr with interdisciplinary teams.

Education

• Ph.D.: Astronomy, Heidelberg University, Germany

12/2013

o M.S.: Physics, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

06/2010 01/2009

- M.S.: Radio Astronomy and Space Science, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
- B.S.: Communication Engineering, National Chiao-Tung University, Taiwan

06/2007

Skills

- o Computer Vision o Data Modeling and Analysis o Data Visualization o Cloud Computing o Simulation
- o Machine Learning o Statistics o Scientific Computing o Public Speaking o Mentorship o Research
- Image processing Deep Learning Natural Language Processing Dimensionality Reduction
- Programming: Python, SQL, IDL, MATLAB, Mathematica, C, HTML/CSS, Git, & LATEX
- o Packages: Matplotlib, NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, LightGBM, XGBoost, Keras, NLTK, & scikit-learn