# ZILINGHAN LI

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## **EDUCATION**

# University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, IL

 $\textit{Master of Science in Computer Science} \mid \textit{GPA:} \ 4.0/4.0$ 

Aug. 2022 – May. 2024

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering | GPA: 3.89/4.0

Sep. 2018 – May. 2022

### **Zhejiang University**

Hangzhou, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering | GPA: 3.97/4.0

Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2022

• Selected Honors: UIUC Highest Honor at Graduation (2022), National Scholarship (< 1%, 2019).

#### **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages**: Python, C++, C, JavaScript, Dart, Java **Tools**: PyTorch, AWS, Docker, React, Git, CUDA, SQL, NoSQL

### WORK EXPERIENCE

# **Argonne National Laboratory**

Lemont, IL

Graduate Visiting Student at Data Science Learning Division

Jan. 2023 - Present

- Led the project to build a platform for providing privacy-preserving federated learning as a service, which allows different institutions to easily and securely train robust machine learning models together without transferring large and private datasets. [Website]
- Led the development and maintenance of the Advanced Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning (APPFL) framework, adding features including asynchronous federated learning algorithms, model compression, personalizations, and new communication protocols. [Github]
- Designed and implemented a novel asynchronous federated learning algorithm for more efficient federated learning across heterogeneous client devices. **[OpenReview]**

## **Amazon Web Services**

Sunnyvale, CA

Software Development Engineer Intern

May. 2023 - Aug. 2023

• Developed a mobile application for Android and iOS, aimed at helping customers learn about the AWS IoT Device Location API and showcasing its capabilities for resolving IoT device locations without a built-in GPS.

#### **National Center for Supercomputing Applications**

Student Research Assistant

Champaign, IL Sep. 2021 - Dec. 2021

- Proposed a semi-supervised learning method with triplet loss to achieve more than 98.5% face recognition accuracy by only using two face images per person for training.
- Designed a video character tracker to return character appearing time slots by combining the semi-supervised face recognizer and multi-human tracker, which reaches  $70\%^{\sim}80\%$  tracking accuracy on collected datasets.

#### PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

- Li, Z., et al, 2024. FedCompass: Efficient Cross-Silo Federated Learning on Heterogeneous Client Devices using a Computing Power Aware Scheduler. In *The 12th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*. [Paper]
- Wilkins, G., Di, S., Calhoun, J., Li, Z., et al, 2024. FedSZ: Leveraging Floating-Point Lossy Compression for Federated Learning Communications. Submit to *IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems*.
- Li, Z., et al, 2023. Secure Federated Learning Across Heterogeneous Cloud and High-Performance Computing Resources A Case Study on Federated Fine-tuning of LLaMA 2. Submit to Computing in Science & Engineering.
- Hoang, T.-H., Fuhrman, J., Madduri, R., Li, M., Chaturvedi, P., Li, Z., et al, 2023. Enabling End-to-End Secure Federated Learning in Biomedical Research on Heterogeneous Computing Environments with APPFLx. *arXiv* preprint. [Paper]
- Li, Z., et al, 2023. APPFLx: Providing Privacy-Preserving Cross-Silo Federated Learning as a Service. In *IEEE 19th International Conference on e-Science (e-Science)*. [Paper]
- Li, Z., Wang, X., Zhang, Z., Kindratenko, V., 2023. ViCTer: A Semi-Supervised Video Character Tracker. In *Machine Learning with Applications*. [Paper]
- Wu, Y., Miao, X., Li, Z., He, S., Yuan, X., Yin, J., 2023. An Efficient Generative Data Imputation Toolbox with Adversarial Learning. In 2023 IEEE 39th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE). [Paper]
- Yuan, X.\*, **Li**, **Z.**\*, Wang, G., 2022. Activematch: End-to-End Semi-Supervised Active Representation Learning. In 2022 *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*. (\*: equal contributions) [**Paper**]