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Research Interest	Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Reinforcement Learning.	
Education	The State University of New York at Buffalo Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering, 2014, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China M.S., Computer Science and Technology, 2007 B.S., Computer Science and Technology, 2005	
Experience	Salesforce Director of Research, AI	08/2017 to present
	Salesforce Lead Research Scientist	04/2016 to 08/2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop the long term vision for DL/ML in computer vision, speech and natural language processing.• Propose and implement novel AI models, and publish the work in top-tier AI conference.• Lead the several teams and build AI systems such as visual system, chatbot, speech recognition and recommendation system.	
	Metamind (<i>acquired by Salesforce Inc.</i>) Senior Researcher	09/2015 to 04/2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed multimodal deep learning for image/text question-answering, caption ranking• Developed new deep learning model for satellite image segmentation and object detection• Designed and implemented 3D Convolutional Neural Network for medical image diagnosis	
	University of California, Los Angeles(UCLA) Postdoctoral Researcher	06/2014 to 08/2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video understanding and interactive robot learning• Joint human pose estimation and action recognition in video• Deep learning for visual question-answering	
	Honeywell ACS labs Research Intern	06/2012 to 08/2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research in latent topic discovery for domain adaptation	
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- 2017 Our work on a Deep Reinforced Model for Abstractive Summarization
- **Forbes**: Salesforce Announces AI Breakthrough, Reducing Information Overload
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- 2016 Our work on Dynamic Memory Networks for Visual and Textual Question Answering
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- IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2017
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