

# Lantao Yu

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Image Processing, Computational Photography, Computer Vision, Machine Learning**

## EDUCATION

**Rice University**, Houston, TX, USA

- *Doctor of Philosophy*, in Electrical and Computer Engineering 05/2016 - 12/2020
- *Master of Science*, in Electrical and Computer Engineering 08/2012 - 04/2016

**Tianjin University**, Tianjin, CN

09/2008 - 07/2012

- *Bachelor of Engineering*, in Measuring and Control Technology and Instrument (with honor)

## RELATED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Computational Photography, Deep Learning, Data Mining & Statistical Learning, Introduction to Linear Programming, Advanced Topics in Optimization, Digital Signal Processing, Advanced Digital Signal Processing, Statistical Signal Processing

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Rice University**

Houston, TX, USA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT WITH PROF. MICHAEL ORCHARD

01/2013 - PRESENT

**Research** on modeling the location-related and non-local features for image processing using complex-valued image presentation framework and manifold-inspired models. **Interest** in accurate edge detection for medical image analysis, image interpolation, aliasing mitigation for image display, image compression.

- Model non-redundant complex-valued coefficients for image compression [Ongoing].
- Propose world's first two-dimensional, non-redundant, multi-resolution, multi-directional complex-valued representation [8].
- Develop aliasing mitigation algorithms to increase display quality [Ongoing].
- Work on improving the selection of similar patches in extremely aliased regions for exploiting non-local similarity for image interpolation, with state-of-the-art PSNR [7].
- Develop parallel algorithm to exploit non-local similarity with improved selection of similar patches in mildly aliased regions for image interpolation [3, 4].
- Identify the accurate locations of edges for quantifying the motion of human retinal imagery, with sub-pixel accuracy [2].
- Unravel aliased co-located bands of coefficients for reconstructing the interpolated images [1].

**Facebook, Inc**

MENLO PARK, CA, USA

RESEARCH INTERN WITH DR. TODD KEELER

06/2020 - 08/2020

**Test** and implement deep learning-based optical flow estimation algorithms on neural processing unit (NPU) for virtual reality (VR) headset.

- Test the runtime of well-known FlowNet, FlowNet-2, RAFT algorithms on GPU and NPU.
- Develop the optimal downsampling operator in terms of prediction accuracy.

- Address the blocky artifacts of RAFT.
- Optimize RAFT with shorter runtime and acceptable prediction error.

#### **Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories**

CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA

RESEARCH INTERN WITH DR. DEHONG LIU

05/2019 - 08/2019

**Research** on blind fusion for remote-sensing multi-spectral and panchromatic images [5, 6].

- Propose a novel, state-of-the-art model for estimating the blur kernel coefficients.
- Propose a state-of-the-art pansharpening model for estimating high-resolution multi-spectral images.
- Build novel models for dehazing remote-sensing imagery.
- One patent filed on blind multi-spectral image fusion [P1].

#### **SKILLS**

Python, MATLAB, PyTorch, C++, Halide

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- [8] Lantao Yu and Michael T. Orchard, “Complex-Valued Image Modeling and its Applications to Image Compression”, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, to be submitted.
- [7] Lantao Yu, Kuida Liu, and Michael T. Orchard, “Manifold-Inspired Single Image Interpolation”, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, submitted (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.00145>).
- [6] Lantao Yu, Dehong Liu, Hassan Mansour, and Petros T. Boufounos, “Fast and High-Quality Blind Multi-spectral Image Pansharpening”, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, 2021.
- [5] Lantao Yu, Dehong Liu, Hassan Mansour, Petros T. Boufounos, and Yanting Ma, “Blind Multi-spectral Image Pan-sharpening”, *Proc. ICASSP*, 2020.
- [4] Lantao Yu and Michael T. Orchard, “When Spatially-Variant Filtering Meets Low-Rank Regularization: Exploiting Non-Local Similarity for Single Image Interpolation”, *Proc. ICIP*, 2019.
- [3] Lantao Yu and Michael T. Orchard, “Single Image Interpolation Exploiting Semi-Local Similarity”, *Proc. ICASSP*, 2019.
- [2] Lantao Yu and Michael T. Orchard, “Accurate Edge Location Identification Based on Location-directed Image Modeling”, *Proc. ICIP*, 2019.
- [1] Lantao Yu and Michael T. Orchard, “Location-directed Image Modeling and its Application to Image Interpolation”, *Proc. ICIP*, 2018.

#### **PATENTS**

[P1]. Dehong Liu, Lantao Yu, Hassan Mansour, Petros Boufounos, Yanting Ma, “Systems and Methods for Blind Multi-Spectral Image Fusion”, US 20210319534A1.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**National Scholarship** from Ministry of Education of China 09/2011

**Rice Graduate Fellowship** from Rice University 08/2012 - 05/2013

**Rice Engineering Alumni Travel Award** from Rice University 02/2019, 09/2019

**Travel Award** from IEEE Signal Processing Society 10/2018

**Honorable Mention in Mathematical Contest in Modeling** from COMAP 02/2012

#### **PAPER REVIEW**

ACM Transactions on Graphics, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, IEEE Transactions on Circuits Systems and Video Technology, ICASSP 2021

## REFERENCES

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