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RESEARCH SUMMARY

My research interests are in computer vision, deep learning, and graphics. More specifically, I am interested in using deep networks for image synthesis, as well as unsupervised learning and generative modeling.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Adobe Research

Research Scientist, San Francisco, CA

May 2018 – Present

Research Intern, Seattle, WA

May – Aug 2017

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Student Researcher, Berkeley, CA

- Computer Vision Group, PI: Prof. Alexei A. Efros

Jan 2015 – May 2018

- Video & Image Processing Lab, PI: Prof. Avideh Zakhor

Aug 2012 – Dec 2014

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS)

Aug 2012 – May 2018

- Thesis: Image Synthesis for Self-Supervised Visual Representation Learning
- Advisor: Prof. Alexei A. Efros

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

- M.Eng. in Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)

Aug 2009 – May 2010

- Cumulative GPA: 4.13 / 4.30

- B.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)

Aug 2006 – Dec 2009

- Cumulative GPA: 4.02 / 4.30

- Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List all semesters

PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCE

- [13] S. Wang, O. Wang, R. Zhang, A. Owens, A. A. Efros. *CNN-generated images are surprisingly easy to spot...for now*. In *CVPR*, 2020 (oral presentation).
- [12] D. Smirnov, M. Fisher, V. Kim, R. Zhang, J. Solomon. *Deep Parametric Shape Predictions using Distance Fields*. In *CVPR*, 2020.
- [11] N. Fish, R. Zhang, L. Perry, D. Cohen-Or, E. Shechtman, C. Barnes. *Image Morphing with Perceptual Constraints and STN Alignment*. In *CGF*, 2020.
- [10] S. Wang, O. Wang, A. Owens, R. Zhang, A. A. Efros. *Detecting Photoshopped Faces by Scripting Photoshop*. In *ICCV*, 2019.
- [9] A. Ghosh, R. Zhang, P. K. Dokania, O. Wang, A. A. Efros, P. H.S. Torr, E. Shechtman. *Interactive Sketch & Fill: Multiclass Sketch-to-Image Translation*. In *ICCV*, 2019.
- [8] R. Zhang. *Making Convolutional Networks Shift-Invariant Again*. In *ICML*, 2019.
- [7] R. Zhang, P. Isola, A. A. Efros, E. Shechtman, O. Wang. *The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Deep Features as a Perceptual Metric*. In *CVPR*, 2018.
- [6] J.Y. Zhu, R. Zhang, D. Pathak, T. Darrell, A. A. Efros, O. Wang, E. Shechtman. *Toward Multimodal Image-to-Image Translation*. In *NIPS*, 2017.
- [5] R. Zhang*, J.Y. Zhu*, P. Isola, X. Geng, A. S. Lin, T. Yu, A. A. Efros. *Real-Time User-Guided Image Colorization with Learned Deep Priors*. In *SIGGRAPH*, 2017. (*equal contribution)
- [4] R. Zhang, P. Isola, A. A. Efros. *Split-Brain Autoencoders: Unsupervised Learning by Cross-Channel Prediction*. In *CVPR*, 2017.
- [3] R. Zhang, P. Isola, A. A. Efros. *Colorful Image Colorization*. In *ECCV*, 2016 (oral presentation).
- [2] R. Zhang, S. Candra, K. Vetter, A. Zakhor. *Sensor Fusion for Semantic Segmentation for Urban Scenes*. In *ICRA*, 2015.
- [1] R. Zhang and A. Zakhor. *Automatic Identification of Window Regions on Indoor Point Clouds Using LiDAR and Cameras*. In *WACV*, 2014.

PREPRINT

- [iii] P. Manocha, A. Finkelstein, Z. Jin, N. J. Bryan, R. Zhang, G. J. Mysore. *Transforming and Projecting Images to Class-conditional Generative Networks*. In *ArXiv*, 2020.

- [ii] M. Huh, R. Zhang, J.Y. Zhu, S. Paris, A. Hertzmann. *Transforming and Projecting Images to Class-conditional Generative Networks*. In *ArXiv*, 2020.
- [i] A.X. Lee, R. Zhang, F. Ebert, P. Abbeel, C. Finn, S. Levine. *Stochastic Adversarial Video Prediction*. In *ArXiv*, 2018.

AWARDS

Paper Reviewing Recognitions

- NeurIPS, top 50% reviewer Dec 2019
- CVPR, outstanding reviewer Jul 2019

Best Presentation Award, SIGGRAPH Thesis Fast Forward

Jul 2018

Adobe Research Fellowship

Jan 2017

William S. Einwechter Award, Cornell University

May 2010

- Presented to an outstanding senior who demonstrated distinguished record of service to School of ECE, College of Engineering and the university while maintaining academic performance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AREA CHAIR

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)

2020

PAPERS REVIEWED

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)	2018, 2019
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)	2016, 2018, 2020
International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)	2017, 2019
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS, NeurIPS)	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
International Conference in Machine Learning (ICML)	2019, 2020
Special Interest Group in Graphics (SIGGRAPH)	2017, 2018, 2019
Special Interest Group in Graphics, Asia (SIGGRAPH Asia)	2017, 2018, 2019
International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)	2015, 2018
International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)	2019
Transactions in Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)	2018
Transactions in Image Processing (TIP)	2017, 2018
Technical Committee on Vision and Graphics (TCVG)	2018
Pacific Graphics	2018
Eurographics	2019

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Advancements in Image Manipulation (AIM), at ICCV 2019	Nov 2019
New Trends in Image Restoration and Enhancement (NTIRE), at CVPR 2019	Jul 2019

SELECTED PUBLICITY

Adobe MAX (Sneak Peek). <i>Project About Face</i> .	Nov 2019
The Verge. <i>Adobe's prototype AI tool automatically spots Photoshopped faces</i> .	Jun 2019
The New Yorker. <i>In the Age of A.I., Is Seeing Still Believing?</i>	Nov 2018
Gizmodo. <i>AI-Powered Software Makes It Incredibly Easy to Colorize Black and White Photos</i> .	May 2017
UK Times. <i>Computers give the past a blast of colour</i> .	Apr 2016
Reddit (front page). <i>Use deep learning algorithms to add color to black and white images</i> .	Jun 2016
TechCrunch. <i>This neural network 'hallucinates' the right colors into black and white pictures</i> .	Mar 2016

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Analyzing CNN Artifacts in Discriminative and Generative Models

CVPR AC Workshop

Mar 2020

Making Convolutional Networks Shift-Invariant Again

Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Seminar

Aug 2019

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)

Jun 2019

Google Research, Cambridge, MA

May 2019

Modeling Perceptual Similarity and Shift-Invariance in Deep Networks

NAVER Labs, Tech talk

Oct 2019

University College London, Smart Geometry Processing Group seminar

Oct 2019

Oxford University, VGG seminar

Oct 2019

Scale.AI, seminar talk

Aug 2019

	Toyota Technological Institute of Chicago (TTIC), Young Researcher Talk	May 2019
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Computer Vision Seminar	Apr 2019
	Deep Learning for Content Synthesis	
	Association for Content Editors (ACE) Tech Day with Adobe	Sep 2019
	Hollywood Professional Association (HPA) Tech Retreat	Feb 2019
	Image Synthesis for Self-Supervised Visual Representation Learning	
	Stanford University, Graphics Group; University of Michigan, Computer Vision Group	Jan 2019
	Berkeley Special Topics in Deep Learning Seminar, CS 294-131	Nov 2018
	SIGGRAPH 2018 Thesis Fast Forward (3 min)	Jul 2018
	Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Seminar, Dissertation Talk	Apr 2018
	Alibaba Research; Amazon AI Deep Learning; DeepScale; Facebook AML; Fyusion;	Mar 2018
	Google Research; Intel Intelligent Systems; NVIDIA Research	
	Adobe Research; Allen Institute for AI (AI2); Amazon A9; Apple Turi; eBay Research;	Feb 2018
	Snap Research; WaveOne	
	Multimodal Image-to-Image Translation	
	University of Washington, Graphics and Imaging Lab (GRAIL)	Jul 2018
	Real-Time User-Guided Image Colorization with Learned Deep Priors	
	Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (SIGGRAPH)	Aug 2017
	NVIDIA SIGGRAPH Innovation Theater	Aug 2017
	Cross-Channel Visual Prediction	
	Graphics and Mixed Environment (GAMES) Webinar	Oct 2017
	Global AI Hackathon Webinar	Jun 2017
	Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Seminar	Apr 2017
	Colorful Image Colorization	
	Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Seminar	Sep 2017
	European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)	Oct 2016
	Oxford University; INRIA Paris; INRIA Sophia Antipolis; École des Ponts ParisTech	Jun 2016
	Sensor Fusion for Semantic Segmentation for Urban Scenes	
	Berkeley Deep Drive (BDD) Kickoff	Mar 2016
	Amazon Computer Vision PhD Symposium	Oct 2015
	International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)	Mar 2015
	Automatic Identification of Window Regions on Indoor Point Clouds Using LiDAR and Cameras	
	Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)	May 2014
	Microsoft Research (MSR) Computer Vision Group	Jan 2014
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Berkeley EECS Department	
	▪ CS 188 Intro to Artificial Intelligence, <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i>	Jan – May 2017
	• Instructor: Prof. Anca Dragan	
	▪ CS 280 Computer Vision, <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i>	Jan – May 2016
	• Instructor: Prof. Alexei A. Efros	
	Cornell ECE Department	
	▪ ECE 2100 Intro to Circuits, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Jan – May 2010
	• Instructor: Prof. Alyosha Molnar	
	▪ ECE 2100 Intro to Circuits, <i>Course Assistant</i>	Aug – Dec 2008
	• Instructor: Prof. John Belina	
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE	Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Mentorship Program, Mentor	Aug – Dec 2017
	Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), Computer Vision Intersession Leader	Jan 2014
	Clarksville Middle School, Howard County Public School System, Volunteer	Dec 2010 – May 2011
INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE	Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL), Laurel, MD	Jul 2010 – Jul 2012
	▪ Missile Defense Radar Engineering Group, Air & Missile Defense Dept (AMDD), <i>Staff Engineer</i>	
	▪ Electro-Optical & Infrared Systems and Technologies Group, AMDD	

SKILLS	Python, PyTorch, Caffe, GitHub, L ^A T _E X
LANGUAGES	Chinese (Mandarin) – Conversational