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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

08/2016 - 07/2020

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Advisors: Prof. Pheng-Ann Heng & Prof. Chi-Wing Fu

★ Awardee of the Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

09/2012 - 07/2016

South China University of Technology (SCUT)

GPA: 3.95/4.0 (**rank 1st** in All-English-Teaching Union Class)

★ Selected by SCUT for a special class for the most promising students

EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist, Shanghai AI Laboratory

03/2022 - present

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

08/2020 - 02/2022

RESEARCH RECORDS

Dr. Hu's research interests span **computer vision**, **low-level vision**, **vision perception**, **medical AI**, and **deep learning**. Specifically, his research focuses on: (a) Designing learning algorithms tailored for image and video restoration under challenging weather and lighting conditions. (b) Specializing in the development of intelligent perception methods capable of continuous operation, with the adaptability to varying environments and diverse lighting scenarios. (c) Advancing the development of next-generation computer vision models, efficiently handling multiple tasks, and contributing to a deeper understanding of and an enhanced ability to create the visual world. Dr. Hu boasts an extensive publication record, with **more than 40 academic papers** published in prestigious journals and conferences, including IEEE TPAMI, CVPR, and ICCV. His work has garnered significant attention, as evidenced by his **Google Scholar citation over 3300** and an **h-index of 27**.

HONORS & AWARDS

Achieved Excellence in the Hong Kong Young Scientist Award (two winners in Engineering Science in **Hong Kong**) 2021

Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship (the **highest** scholarship for students studying in Hong Kong) 2016 - 2020

CVPR Doctoral Consortium Award (31 awardees **globally**) 2020

Best Oral Presentation Award of Hong Kong Computer Vision Workshop (the **only** winner) 2019

Top 10 Outstanding Students at SCUT (**rank 1st**, the **highest** award for students at SCUT) 2016

Google Excellence Scholarship (one of 58 winners in **China**) 2015

Tencent Outstanding Scholarship (the **only** undergraduate winner at SCUT) 2015

National Scholarship (the **highest** national wide scholarship for undergraduate students in China) 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Summary: CVPR/ICCV/ECCV (13), TPAMI (2), IEEE Transactions (17)

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2023

- [1] T. Wang, **X. Hu***, P.-A. Heng, and C.-W. Fu, "Instance Shadow Detection with A Single-Stage Detector," *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (IEEE TPAMI)*, vol. 45, no. 3, pp. 3259-3273, 2023.
- [2] H. Yang†, T. Wang†, **X. Hu***, and C.-W. Fu, "SILT: Shadow-Aware Iterative Label Tuning for Learning to Detect Shadows from Noisy Labels," *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, to appear, 2023.
- [3] Y. Zhu†, T. Wang†, X. Fu*, X. Yang, X. Guo, J. Dai, Y. Qiao, and **X. Hu***, "Learning Weather-General and Weather-Specific Features for Image Restoration Under Multiple Adverse Weather Conditions," *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 21747-21758, 2023.

- [4] J. Xu, **X. Hu***, L. Zhu*, Q. Dou, J. Dai, Y. Qiao, and P.-A. Heng, “Video Dehazing via a Multi-Range Temporal Alignment Network with Physical Prior,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 18053-18062, 2023.
- [5] M. Shi, Z. Huang, X. Ma, **X. Hu**, and Z. Cao, “Matching Is Not Enough: A Two-Stage Framework for Category-Agnostic Pose Estimation,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 7308-7317, 2023. (**Highlight**)
- [6] W. Wang, J. Dai, Z. Chen, Z. Huang, Z. Li, X. Zhu, **X. Hu**, T. Lu, L. Lu, H. Li, X. Wang, and Y. Qiao, “InternImage: Exploring Large-Scale Vision Foundation Models with Deformable Convolutions,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 14408-14419, 2023. (**Highlight**)
- [7] J. Ren[†], **X. Hu[†]**, L. Zhu, X. Xu, Y. Xu, W. Wang, Z. Deng, and P.-A. Heng, “Deep Texture-Aware Features for Camouflaged Object Detection,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (IEEE TCSVT)*, vol. 33, no. 3, pp. 1157-1167, 2023.
- [8] S. Xu, H. Zhang, X. Xu*, **X. Hu***, Y. Xu, L. Dai, K.-S. Choi, and P.-A. Heng, “Representative Feature Alignment for Adaptive Object Detection,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (IEEE TCSVT)*, vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 689-700, 2023.
- [9] B. Chen, Z. Chen, **X. Hu**, J. Xu, H. Xie, J. Qin, and M. Wei, “Dynamic Message Propagation Network for RGB-D and Video Salient Object Detection,” *ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing Communications and Applications (ACM TOMM)*, accepted, 2023.

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- [10] Z. Xing[†], T. Wang[†], **X. Hu***, H. Wu, C.-W. Fu, and P.-A. Heng, “Video Instance Shadow Detection,” *Arxiv Tech Report*, 2022.
- [11] J. Dai[†], M. Shi[†], W. Wang[†], S. Wu[†], L. Xing, W. Wang, X. Zhu, L. Lu, J. Zhou, X. Wang, Y. Qiao, and **X. Hu***, “Demystify Transformers & Convolutions in Modern Image Deep Networks,” *Arxiv Tech Report*, 2022.
- [12] T. Wang, **X. Hu***, Z. Liu, and C.-W. Fu, “Sparse2Dense: Learning to Densify 3D Features for 3D Object Detection,” *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022.
- [13] X. Ding, J. Yang, **X. Hu**, and X. Li, “Learning Shadow Correspondence for Video Shadow Detection,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, pp. 705-722, 2022.
- [14] Y. Zhu, X. Wang, X. Fu*, and **X. Hu***, “Enhanced Coarse-to-Fine Network for Image Restoration,” *The first Mobile Intelligent Photography & Imaging Workshop @ ECCV 2022*, pp. 130-146, 2022.
- [15] H. Yao, **X. Hu**, and X. Li, “Enhancing Pseudo Label Quality for Semi-Supervised Domain-Generalized Medical Image Segmentation,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, pp. 3099-3107, 2022.
- [16] Z. Wang, S. Gui, X. Ding, **X. Hu***, X. Xu*, and X. Li, “Spectrum and Style Transformation Framework for Omni-Domain COVID-19 Diagnosis,” *IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence (IEEE TETCI)*, accepted, 2022.

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- [17] **X. Hu**, T. Wang, C.-W. Fu, Y. Jiang, Q. Wang, and P.-A. Heng, “Revisiting Shadow Detection: A New Benchmark Dataset for Complex World,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (IEEE TIP)*, vol. 30, pp. 1925-1934, 2021.
- [18] **X. Hu**, L. Zhu, T. Wang, C.-W. Fu, and P.-A. Heng, “Single-Image Real-Time Rain Removal Based on Depth-Guided Non-Local Features,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (IEEE TIP)*, vol. 30, pp. 1759-1770, 2021.
- [19] T. Wang[†], **X. Hu[†]***, C.-W. Fu, and P.-A. Heng, “Single-Stage Instance Shadow Detection with Bidirectional Relation Learning,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 1-11, 2021. (**Oral**)
- [20] **X. Hu**, C.-W. Fu, L. Zhu, T. Wang, and P.-A. Heng, “SAC-Net: Spatial Attenuation Context for Salient Object Detection,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (IEEE TCSVT)*, vol. 31, no. 3, pp. 1079-1090, 2021.
- [21] X. Li, **X. Hu**, X. Qi, L. Yu, W. Zhao, P.-A. Heng, and L. Xing, “Rotation-oriented Collaborative Self-supervised Learning for Retinal Disease Diagnosis,” *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (IEEE TMI)*, vol. 40, no. 9, pp. 2284-2294, 2021. (**TMI Popular Paper**)
- [22] X. Xu, T. Yu, **X. Hu***, W. W. Y. Ng*, and P.-A. Heng, “SALMNet: A Structure-Aware Lane Marking Detection Network,” *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (IEEE TITS)*, vol. 22, no. 8, pp. 4986-4997, 2021.
- [23] L. Zhu, Z. Deng, **X. Hu***, H. Xie, X. Xu*, J. Qin, and P.-A. Heng, “Learning Gated Non-Local Residual for Single-Image Rain Streak Removal,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (IEEE TCSVT)*, vol. 31, no. 6, pp. 2147-2159, 2021.

- [24] X. Yan, H. Zhang, X. Xu, **X. Hu**, and P.-A. Heng, “Learning Semantic Context from Normal Samples for Unsupervised Anomaly Detection,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, vol. 35, no. 4, pp. 3110-3118, 2021.
- [25] C. Xue, L. Zhu, H. Fu, **X. Hu**, X. Li, H. Zhang, and P.-A. Heng, “Global Guidance Network for Breast Lesion Segmentation in Ultrasound Images,” *Medical Image Analysis (MedIA)*, vol. 70, article no. 101989, 2021.

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- [28] L. Zhu[†], **X. Hu**[†], C.-W. Fu, J. Qin, and P.-A. Heng, “Saliency-Aware Texture Smoothing,” *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (IEEE TVCG)*, vol. 26, no. 7, pp. 2471-2484, 2020.
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- [31] X. Tang, **X. Hu**, C.-W. Fu, and D. Cohen-Or, “GrabAR: Occlusion-aware Grabbing Virtual Objects in AR,” *ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST)*, pp. 697-708, 2020.
- [32] L. Zhu, J. Chen, **X. Hu**, C.-W. Fu, X. Xu, J. Qin, and P.-A. Heng, “Aggregating Attentional Dilated Features for Salient Object Detection,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (IEEE TCSVT)*, vol. 30, no. 10, pp. 3358-3371, 2020.

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- [33] **X. Hu**, Y. Jiang, C.-W. Fu, and P.-A. Heng, “Mask-ShadowGAN: Learning to Remove Shadows from Unpaired Data,” *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, pp. 2472-2481, 2019.
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- [37] L. Liu, **X. Hu**, L. Zhu, and P.-A. Heng, “Probabilistic Multilayer Regularization Network for Unsupervised 3D Brain Image Registration,” *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, pp. 346-354, 2019.
- [38] Y. Wang, H. Dou, **X. Hu**, L. Zhu, X. Yang, M. Xu, J. Qin, P.-A. Heng, T. Wang, and D. Ni, “Deep Attentive Features for Prostate Segmentation in 3D Transrectal Ultrasound,” *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (IEEE TMI)*, vol. 38, no. 12, pp. 2768-2778, 2019.
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- [41] **X. Hu**, L. Zhu, C.-W. Fu, J. Qin, and P.-A. Heng, “Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 7454-7462, 2018. (**Oral**)
- [42] **X. Hu**, L. Zhu, J. Qin, C.-W. Fu, and P.-A. Heng, “Recurrently Aggregating Deep Features for Salient Object Detection,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, pp. 6943-6950, 2018. (**Spotlight**)
- [43] Z. Deng[†], **X. Hu**[†], L. Zhu, X. Xu, J. Qin, G. Han, and P.-A. Heng, “R3Net: Recurrent Residual Refinement Network for Saliency Detection,” *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, pp. 684-690, 2018. (**Oral**)

- [44] L. Zhu, Z. Deng, **X. Hu**, C.-W. Fu, X. Xu, J. Qin, and P.-A. Heng, “Bidirectional Feature Pyramid Network with Recurrent Attention Residual Modules for Shadow Detection,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, pp. 122-137, 2018.
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TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Learning for Visions Under the Adverse Weather and Complex Illumination

- ◊ Talk at Zhejiang Lab, June 2023.
- ◊ Talk at University of Cambridge, May 2023.
- ◊ Talk at South China University of Technology, March 2023.

Basic Vision Models (Object Detection)

- ◊ Tutorial at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, February & September 2022.

Shadow Detection and Removal with Deep Learning

- ◊ Talk at Shanghai AI Laboratory, October 2021.
- ◊ Talk at TechBeat, August 2021.
- ◊ Talk at Nanjing University, May 2021.
- ◊ Talk at Nanjing University of Science and Technology, May 2021.
- ◊ Talk at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, April 2021.
- ◊ Talk at Peng Cheng Laboratory Overseas Young Scientist Forum, July 2020.
- ◊ Talk at Shantou University, December 2019.

Instance Segmentation and Instance Shadow Detection

- ◊ Tutorial at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, October 2021.

Mask-ShadowGAN: Learning to Remove Shadows from Unpaired Data

- ◊ Talk at Hong Kong Computer Vision Workshop, October 2019. (**Best Oral Presentation Award**)

Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection

- ◊ Talk at AI Research Club, July 2018.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conference Reviews

- ◊ IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2019-2023)
- ◊ IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2019 [**Outstanding Reviewer**] /2021/2023)
- ◊ European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2020/2022)
- ◊ Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)
- ◊ SIGGRAPH Asia 2022
- ◊ PC of AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2020-2024)
- ◊ ACM International Conference on Multimedia (ACM MM 2021/2022)
- ◊ Pacific Conference on Computer Graphics and Applications (PG 2020/2021)
- ◊ Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI 2019-2021)

Journal Reviews

- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- ◊ International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (TMM)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (TITS)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (TMI)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (TCSVT)
- ◊ IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology (TVT)
- ◊ Neurocomputing

- ◇ Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (JBHI)
- ◇ Computer Vision and Image Understanding
- ◇ Artificial Intelligence Review
- ◇ The Visual Computer
- ◇ Computers & Graphics
- ◇ IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications (CG&A)