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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Computer Science, Duke University, USA

Aug 2018 - Dec 2023 (expected)

- Research area: Computer Vision and Robotics, supervised by Dr. Carlo Tomasi
- Focused on optical flow estimation, stereo depth perception, 3D scene geometry and motion tracking from videos
- Relevant coursework: Machine Learning (A+), Intro to Deep Learning (A+), Theory of Inference (A+), Predictive Modeling (A), Information Theory (A), Bayesian and Modern Statistics (A), Probability/Measure Theory (A)

B. S. in Computer Science, Nanjing University, China

Sept 2014 - June 2018

- Student of the Kuang Yaming Honors School of Nanjing University ("NJU Elite Program")
- Overall GPA: 4.59/5.00, ranking 1/41 in the Computer Science Elite Program
- Relevant coursework: Machine Learning (100/100), Pattern Recognition (100/100), Artificial Intelligence (97/100), Digital Image Processing (94/100), Computer Graphics (90/100), Multivariate Statistical Analysis (94/100)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Duke University Computer Vision Lab

Sept 2018 - present

Advisor: Dr. Carlo Tomasi

- Research on the semi-supervised training of optical flow and active learning as an approach to reduce annotation costs; first-author paper accepted by ECCV 2022
- Research on using semantic segmentation to improve unsupervised optical flow estimation for autonomous driving videos; first-author paper accepted by ICCV 2023
- Research on the joint estimation of optical flow, stereo depth, and 3D rigid motion segmentation from stereo videos; specifically interested in autonomous driving applications; first-author paper in progress
- Research on the unsupervised refinement of optical flow (paper accepted by BMVC 2022) and transformer-based video interpolation (paper accepted by ACCV Workshop 2022, VTTA@ACCV Workshop Best Paper Award.)

Duke University learning-to-learn optimization project

July 2019 - June 2020

Advisor: Dr. Rong Ge

- Collaborated on the research of the meta-learning of optimizers, leading to a second-author paper in ICML 2021
- Implemented open-source meta-learning code and ran all experiments for the paper

Nanjing University LAMDA (Learning And Mining from DatA) group

Mar 2017 - May 2018

Advisor: Dr. Zhi-Hua Zhou

- Contributed open source code for the models gcForest (a deep forest) and eForest (a forest auto-encoder)
- Worked on improving deep forest by adding in decision path information as the final-year bachelor's degree thesis

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist Intern, Meta Platforms Inc., USA

May 2023 - present

• Core AI Team and Computational Photography Team (Reality Labs); Optical flow estimation and video enhancement

Research Engineer Intern, Meta Platforms Inc., USA

May 2022 - Aug 2022

• RL Research Surreal Team (Reality Labs); Stereo matching, depth perception, and 3D reconstruction for AR device

Research Scientist Intern, Facebook Inc., USA

May 2020 - Aug 2020

• RL Research Agios Team (Reality Labs); Optical flow estimation and hand motion tracking for VR device

Teaching Assistant, Duke University, USA

Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

- Teaching assistant for Computer Vision (Spring 2019) and Elements of Machine Learning (Fall 2019)
- Held office hours and Q&A sessions; graded exams and assignments

PUBLICATIONS

- Xiang Wang, Shuai Yuan, Chenwei Wu, and Rong Ge. Guarantees for Tuning the Step Size using a Learning-to-Learn
 <u>Approach</u>. In Proceedings of the 38th *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, pp. 10981-10990.
 <u>PMLR</u>, 2021.
- Shuai Yuan, Xian Sun, Hannah Kim, Shuzhi Yu, and Carlo Tomasi. Optical Flow Training under Limited Label Budget via Active Learning. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, pp. 410-427. Springer, 2022.
- Shuzhi Yu, Hannah Kim, **Shuai Yuan**, and Carlo Tomasi. <u>Unsupervised Flow Refinement near Motion Boundaries</u>. In *British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)*. BMVA Press, 2022.
- Hannah Kim, Shuzhi Yu, **Shuai Yuan**, and Carlo Tomasi. <u>Cross-Attention Transformer for Video Interpolation</u>. In Proceedings of the *Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV) Workshops*. **Best Paper Award** for <u>VTTA@ACCV</u> Workshop. 2022.
- Shuai Yuan, Shuzhi Yu, Hannah Kim, and Carlo Tomasi. SemARFlow: Injecting Semantics into Unsupervised Optical Flow Estimation for Autonomous Driving. Accepted by International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV). 2023.
- Fanjie Kong, **Shuai Yuan**, Weituo Hao, and Ricardo Henao. <u>Mitigating Test-Time Bias for Fair Image Retrieval</u>. *arXiv* Preprint. 2023.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming**: C/C++, Python, MATLAB, and R
- Frameworks: PyTorch and Tensorflow; Linux-based servers; multi-GPU distributed training
- Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese

HONORS & AWARDS

- Duke PhD Fellowship, 2018
- Lu Dexin Award of Nanjing University, 2018
- International Exchange Student Scholarship of K.Y. Honors School, Nanjing University, 2017
- First Prize of the Elite Program Scholarship Award, 2015 and 2016
- First Prize of the People's Scholarship Award, 2015 and 2016

COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP

Student Assistant, Duke CS Faculty Search Committee

Jan 2019 - Mar 2020

- Notified the students of faculty search schedules and arranged escorts from volunteers
- Organized graduate student meetings with prospective new faculties and collected student feedbacks.

Vice President, Students' Union of the Kuang Yaming Honors School, NJU

July 2015 - July 2016

- Mainly in charge of student academic activities
- Organized a university-level research essay contest and 6 public lectures/seminars
- Increased activity popularity (measured by number of participants) by 25% over the previous best record