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Research Interests

Computational Optics, with a particular focus on Optics Simulator, Light Shaping, Computational Imaging, Adaptive Optics, Far-field Optical Microscopy (Nanoscopy), and Optical Manufacturing.

Research Experience

2024/04 – Present **The**

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

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Postdoctoral Fellow

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Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

College of Optical Science and Engineering

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Education

2018/09 - 2023/12

Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

Ph.D. in Optical Engineering

Advisors: Prof. Xiang Hao & Prof. Cuifang Kuang & Prof. Xu Liu

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The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Research Postgraduate Visiting Student in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

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2014/09 - 2018/06

South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China *B.E.* in Optoelectronic Information Science and Engineering

Representative Publications

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- Y. Hu^* , X. $\text{Liu}^{*,\dagger}$, X. Liu, and X. Hao^{\dagger} , "Diffraction modeling between arbitrary planes using angular spectrum rearrangement," *Optica*, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 39–45, 2025, (**IF** = **8.4**), [**Monthly Top Downloads**].
- **X. Liu**, S. Tu, Y. Hu, Y. Peng, Y. Han, C. Kuang, X. Liu, and X. Hao, "In situ fully vectorial tomography and pupil function retrieval of tightly focused fields," *Nature Communications*, vol. 16, no. 1, p. 3478, 2025, (IF = 14.7), [Monthly Top Downloads].
- **X. Liu**, Y. Hu, S. Tu, C. Kuang, X. Liu, and X. Hao, "Fast generation of arbitrary optical focus array," *Optics and Lasers in Engineering*, vol. 162, p. 107 405, 2023, (**IF** = **3.5**).
- H. Wei^{*}, **X. Liu**^{*}, X. Hao, E. Y. Lam, and Y. Peng, "Modeling off-axis diffraction with the least-sampling angular spectrum method," *Optica*, vol. 10, no. 7, pp. 959–962, 2023, (**IF** = **8.4**), [**Monthly Top Downloads**].
- **X. Liu**, S. Tu, C. Kuang, X. Liu, and X. Hao, "Calibration of phase-only liquid-crystal spatial light modulators by diffractogram analysis," *Optics and Lasers in Engineering*, vol. 156, p. 107 056, 2022, (**IF** = 3.5).

- **X. Liu***, L. Li*, X. Liu, X. Hao, and Y. Peng, "Investigating deep optics model representation in affecting resolved all-in-focus image quality and depth estimation fidelity," *Optics Express*, vol. 30, no. 20, pp. 36 973–36 984, 2022, (**IF** = **3.2**).
- **X. Liu**, Y. Peng, S. Tu, J. Guan, C. Kuang, X. Liu, and X. Hao, "Generation of arbitrary longitudinal polarization vortices by pupil function manipulation," *Advanced Photonics Research*, vol. 2, no. 1, p. 2 000 087, 2021, (IF = 3.7), [Cover Story].
- **X. Liu**, S. Tu, Y. Xu, H. Song, W. Liu, Q. Liu, C. Kuang, X. Liu, and X. Hao, "Aberrations in structured illumination microscopy: A theoretical analysis," *Frontiers in Physics*, vol. 7, no. 254, 2020, (**IF** = **1.9**).

Honors & Achievements

- Nomination Award at the Three-Year Achievement Exhibition of Computational Imaging, Chinese Society for Optical Engineering. In recognition of contributions in optics simulators and computational imaging.
- 2022 | Individual scholarship for innovation and entrepreneurship, Zhejiang University.
 - **Junshi Chen scholarship**, Zhejiang University.
 - Outstanding graduate student, Zhejiang University.
 - **Merit graduate student**, Zhejiang University.
- Junshi Chen scholarship, Zhejiang University.
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 - **Merit graduate student**, Zhejiang University.
 - Outstanding graduate student cadres, Zhejiang University.
- 2020 Junshi Chen scholarship, Zhejiang University.
 - Outstanding graduate student cadres, Zhejiang University.
- 2019 **Outstanding graduate student**, Zhejiang University.
- Third-class award on 3rd Physics Tournament of SCUT, South China University of Technology.

Reviewer Service

- Optica, Laser & Photonics Review, Advanced Science, Optics Letters, Optics Express, Journal of Microscopy, and Optics Communications.
- Siggraph (Asia) and ICCP

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

- The 4th International Conference on Computational Imaging, Xiamen, China Invited talk "Free-space wave propagation modeling with least-sampling angular spectrum method"
- Guest Lecture, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia Invited talk "Exploring wave propagation modeling in free space"

Teaching Experience & Mentorship

2022 – 2025 **Student Mentorship**

Doctoral Thesis: "Joint Design of Optics and Algorithms for Large-FoV Imaging", Haoyu Wei, *The University of Hong Kong*

Paper: H. W*, **X. Liu***, et al., *Optica* 2023

2021 – 2024 Student Mentorship

Doctoral Thesis: "Manipulation and Characterization of Optical Field with Differentiable Optics", Yiwen Hu, *Zhejiang University*

Paper: Y. H^* , **X.** $Liu^{*,\dagger}$, et al., *Optica* 2025

2023 Student Mentorship

Master Thesis: "Deep Stereo Optics Imaging for High Fidelity Depth Estimation", Yuhui Liu, *The University of Hong Kong*

2022 Student Mentorship

Undergraduate Thesis: "Full Vectorial Manipulation of Tightly Focused Optical Field", Haiwei Wang, *Zhejiang University*

Remote Student Mentorship

Undergraduate Thesis: "Numerical Simulation of Vectorial Field Based on Vectorial Diffraction Theory", Yunpeng Wang, Changchun University of Science and Technology

Granted Patents

- Xiang Hao, Xin Liu, Cuifang Kuang, Xu Liu, "A Method for Point Spread Function Reconstruction", CN110133849B, National Invention Patent of China.
- Xiang Hao, Xin Liu, Shijie Tu, Xu Liu, "A Two-Dimensional Rapid Beam Scanning Module for Confocal Fluorescence Microscopy", CN109491065A, National Invention Patent of China.
- Xu Liu, Xin Liu, Xiang Hao, Cuifang Kuang, Haifeng Li, "A Device for Common-path Beam Modulation in Imaging and Lithography Systems", CN110568650B, National Invention Patent of China.
- Xiang Hao, Xin Liu, Yubing Han, Cuifang Kuang, Xu Liu, "A Method and Device for Calibration of Phase-only Spatial Light Modulators", CN112697401A, National Invention Patent of China.
- Xiang Hao, Xin Liu, Cuifang Kuang, Xu Liu, "A Device for Generating Super-resolution Optical Focus Arrays", CN110568731B, National Invention Patent of China.
- Xiang Hao, Shijie Tu, **Xin Liu**, Xu Liu, "A Multicolor Super-Resolution Microscope with Automatic Alignment Capability", CN109358030B, National Invention Patent of China.

Skills

Coding MATLAB, Python, LabVIEW, and LabVIEW.

Languages English (Good reading, writing and speaking); Mandarin (Native).

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