

EDUCATION

The George Washing University (GWU)

Washington, DC USA

Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, Advisor: Murray H. Loew

2017–Current

M.S. in Computer Science, Advisor: Claire Monteleoni

2015–2017

Northeast Forestry University (NEFU)

Harbin, China

M.S. in Biophysics, Advisor: Dawei Qi

2010–2013

B.S. in Physics

2006–2010

RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Research Interests: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Image Processing, Computer Vision

Transparent Deep Learning

2018–Current

- Learnability of deep learning models
- Generalizability of deep neural networks
- Data separability measure
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) performance evaluation

Deep Learning Applications on Medical Images

2017–Current

- Deep learning models for medical images segmentation
- GANs for cancer detection
- Transfer learning for cancer detection

Hyperspectral Images-based Cardiac Ablation Lesion Detection

2016–2018

- Optimization of wavelength selection for multispectral image acquisition
- Unsupervised learning for lesions detection on hyperspectral images

Climate (Frost Point) Data Collection and Analysis

2016

Department of Computer Science at GWU, Advisor: Claire Monteleoni

Scene Image Identification and Positioning

2014

Advisor: Dongjie Zhu at Harbin Institute of Technology

Non-destructive Testing for Wooden Materials

2010–2013

- Defects description in blockboard
- Multifractal analysis for the defects recognition
- Automatic fiberboard density testing based on CT

The Design and Production of Chinese Medicine Ultrasonic Extraction Machine

2009–2010

Adviser: Runzhou Su at NEFU

- Participated in the undergraduate innovative experimental project of NEFU

- [1] A. Lou, **S. Guan**, and M. H. Loew, “DC-UNet: rethinking the U-Net architecture with dual channel efficient CNN for medical image segmentation”, in *Medical Imaging 2021: Image Processing*, International Society for Optics and Photonics, vol. 11596, SPIE, 2021, pp. 749–759. DOI: 10.1117/12.2582338.
- [2] **S. Guan** and M. Loew, “An internal cluster validity index using a distance-based separability measure”, in *2020 IEEE 32nd International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI)*, 2020, pp. 827–834. DOI: 10.1109/ICTAI50040.2020.00131.
- [3] **S. Guan** and M. Loew, “Evaluation of generative adversarial network performance based on direct analysis of generated images”, in *2019 IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition Workshop (AIPR)*, 2019, pp. 1–5. DOI: 10.1109/AIPR47015.2019.9174595.
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- [6] H. Asfour, **S. Guan**, N. Muselimyan, L. Swift, M. Loew, and N. Sarvazyan, “Optimization of wavelength selection for multispectral image acquisition: A case study of atrial ablation lesions”, *Biomed. Opt. Express*, vol. 9, no. 5, pp. 2189–2204, May 2018. DOI: 10.1364/BOE.9.002189.
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- [10] H. Mu, M. Zhang, D. Qi, **S. Guan**, and H. Ni, “Wood Defects Recognition Based on Fuzzy BP Neural Network”, *International Journal of Smart Home*, vol. 9, pp. 143–152, 5 2015.
- [11] **S. Guan** and D. Qi, “Defect edge detection in blockboard x-ray images by shannon entropy”, *International Journal on Advances in Information Sciences and Service Sciences*, vol. 5, pp. 988–996, 2013.
- [12] **S. Guan** and D. Qi, “Defects description in blockboard by hough transform and minimum-perimeter polygons”, *International Journal of Advancements in Computing Technology*, vol. 4, no. 23, pp. 365–375, 2012. DOI: 10.4156/ijact.vol4.issue23.43.
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- [2] **S. Guan**, M. Loew, “Understanding the Ability of Deep Neural Networks to Count Connected Components in Images”, *[In press] IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition (AIPR)*, 2020, arXiv: 2101.01386
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- [4] **S. Guan**, M. Loew, H. Ko, “Data Separability for Neural Network Classifiers and the Development of a Separability Index”, *[arXiv Preprint]*, arXiv: 2005.13120
- [5] **S. Guan**, M. Loew, “A Novel Measure to Evaluate Generative Adversarial Networks Based on Direct Analysis of Generated Images”, *[arXiv Preprint]*, arXiv: 2002.12345

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- **Journal Reviewer:** IEEE TPAMI, IEEE TNNLS, IEEE TEVC, IEEE TMI, IEEE TBD, IEEE Access, PR, ACM TKDD, Computational Intelligence, JAIHC, SPIE JMI, IJMI
- **Conference Reviewer:** AISTATS (2021), WACV (2021)

AWARDS AND HONORS

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|---|------|
| • Collins Distinguished Doctoral Award | 2020 |
| • Honorable Mention Poster Award, SPIE Medical Imaging Conference | 2019 |
| • Gail E. Boggs Graduate Engineering Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • Tyler Wean Scholarship | 2019 |
| • 125th Anniversary Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • Timothy Tong Endowment Fellowship | 2019 |
| • Harriet Green Tischler Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • Provincial Excellent Graduate, Heilongjiang China | 2013 |
| • Excellent Graduate, NEFU | 2013 |
| • National Graduate Fellowship, China | 2012 |
| • Graduate Technology Innovation Project Fund, NEFU | 2010 |
| • Excellent Undergraduate Thesis, NEFU | 2010 |
| • Successful Participant, Mathematical Contest in Modeling | 2010 |

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Biomedical Engineering Capstone Project Lab
BME 4925W, BME 3915W (all courses are in GWU) Spring 2021, Spring 2018
- Computer Vision
BME/ECE 6885 Fall 2020, Spring 2018
- Biomedical Engineering MATLAB Programming
BME 2820 Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
- Biomedical Engineering C Programming
BME 2825 Fall 2019
- Pattern Recognition
BME/ECE 6850 Fall 2018, Fall 2017
- Digital Image Processing
BME/ECE 6840 Spring 2017
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms
CSCI 6212 Fall 2016
- Probability for Computer Science
CSCI 3362/6362 Spring 2016

VOLUNTEER

- IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition (AIPR) Workshop 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016
- IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI) Conference 2018
- AIESEC
“Green Power Now!” Winter 2013, Winter 2012
- AIESEC
“Dear to Dream” Summer 2013, Summer 2012