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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Oxford, UK

2014 - 2018

- Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Engineering Science
  - Thesis: Deep Neural Networks in Computer Vision and Biomedical Image Analysis
  - Supervisors: Professor Alison Noble OBE FREng FRS & Professor Andrew Zisserman FRS
  - Examined by: Professor Andrea Vedaldi (internal) & Professor Daniel Rueckert (external)

### University College London, UK

2012 - 2013

- Master of Science (MSc) in Computer Graphics, Vision and Imaging
- Thesis: Document Authorship Recognition with Machine Learning
- Passed thesis with distinction

### **Queen Mary, University of London, UK** (Exchange student with partial scholarships)

2011 - 2012

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Telecommunication Engineering with Management
  - · Graduated with First-class Honours

#### Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China

2008 - 2011

- Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Telecommunication Engineering
  - Graduated with First-class Honours

#### WORK **EXPERIENCE**

# Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford.

Nov 2017 - Present

- Postdoctoral Researcher in Visual Geometry Group, Seebibyte Project.
- · Develop new Deep Learning architectures for template-wise face recognition.
  - · Transfer current computer vision technologies to industry and other academic disciplines, such as archaeology, art, geology, medicine, plant sciences and zoology.

#### MRC Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology, University College London.

Sep 2013 – Feb 2014

- Research Assistant.
  - Develop cell tracking systems for microscopy video streams.

■ Google Oxford-Deepmind Graduate Scholarships

#### **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Best Paper Award

MICCAI workshop on Fetal and InFant Image Analysis, FIFI 2017.

Google DeepMind

2017

2017

- Best Poster Award
  - Functional Imaging and Modelling of the Heart, FIMH 2017.

2015 - 2017

- Oxford-DeepMind Full Graduate Scholarships in Machine Learning and Biomedical Image Analysis.
- Magadalen Award China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF).

2014 - 2015

- For students with excellent academic record.
- Travel Award Wolfson College, Oxford.

2015

#### RESEARCH **INTERESTS**

#### **Human Speaker (Voice) Recognition**

Jun 2018 – Present

- Explore Deep Learning architectures for speaker recognition.
- Supervisor: Professor Andrew Zisserman

#### **Category-agnostic Objects Counting**

Jan 2018 - Present

• I am co-developing mahine learning models that are capable of counting obejcts of any categories in an image. While deploying the pre-trained model to unseen domains, it also enables fast adaptation by human interaction.

Supervisor: Professor Andrew Zisserman

#### **Human Face Recognition**

Nov 2017 - Jun 2018

- I have been a principal contributor in collecting and releasing the first large-scale face recognition dataset (VGGFace2), with large pose and age variations, while having minimal label noise.
- I have developed the state-of-the-art Deep Learning architecture (Comparator Networks) for template-wise face verification. This novel architecture design can ingest multiple images as input, measure relative image visual qualities with internal competition, and encode multiple discriminative regions by soft-attention mechanism, all in one end-to-end trainable system.

• Supervisor: Professor Andrew Zisserman

### Structure Segmentation in Cardiac Magnetic Resonance (CMR) Imaging Dec 2016 – Dec 2017

■ I have co-developed the first Deep Learning architecture ( $\Omega$ -Net) that offers the potential to mimic the diagnosis process of cardiac radiologists, where structure localization, re-orientation and segmentation on the cardiac MR videos are trained simultaneously in one model. Supervisor: Professor Alison Noble & Professor Andrew Zisserman

#### Key Structure Localization & Alignment in 3D Fetal Neurosonography

Nov 2016 - Aug 2017

• I have co-developed the Deep Learning model for 3D brain structure localization and fully-automated alignment of 3D fetal brain ultrasound volume to a canonical reference space using multi-task Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).

Supervisor: Professor Alison Noble & Professor Andrew Zisserman

# **Cell Detection & Counting in Microscopy Imaging**

Dec 2014 - Jun 2015

• I have proposed the *first* Fully Convolutional Regression Networks (FCRNs) for microscopy cell detection and counting, which has now become a standard approach in this field. According to Google Scholar, this work has been cited 67 times.

Supervisor: Professor Alison Noble & Professor Andrew Zisserman

# JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Davis M. Vigneaulta\*, **Weidi Xie**\*, Carolyn Y. Ho, David A. Bluemke, and J. Alison Noble, "Ω-Net: Fully Automatic, Multi-View Cardiac MR Detection, Orientation, and Segmentation with Deep Neural Networks". In: *Medical Image Analysis*, Volume 48, August 2018, Pages 95-106. (\* **indicates to equal contribution, joint first author**, 5-Year Impact Factor: 5.417)
- [2] Ruobing Huang, **Weidi Xie**, and J. Alison Noble, "VP-Nets: Efficient Automatic Localization of Key Brain Structures in 3D Fetal Neurosonography". In: *Medical Image Analysis*, Volume 47, July 2018, Pages 127–139. (5-Year Impact Factor: 5.417)
- [3] Ana I.L. Namburete\*, **Weidi Xie\***, Mohammad Yaqub, Andrew Zisserman, J. Alison Noble, "Fully-Automated Alignment of 3D Fetal Brain Ultrasound to A Canonical Reference Space Using Multi-task Learning". In: *Medical Image Analysis*, Volume 46, May 2018, Pages 1-14. (\* indicates to equal contribution, , joint first author, 5-Year Impact Factor: 5.417)
- [4] **Weidi Xie**, J. Alison Noble, and Andrew Zisserman, "Microscopy Cell Counting And Detection with Fully Convolutional Regression Networks". In: *Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering: Imaging & Visualization*.

#### CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- [5] **Weidi Xie**, Li Shen, and Andrew Zisserman, "Comparator Networks". In: *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018.
- [6] **Weidi Xie** and Andrew Zisserman, "Multicolumn Networks on Face Recognition". In: *British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)*, 2018.
- [7] Qiong Cao, Li Shen, **Weidi Xie**, Omkar M. Parkhi, and Andrew Zisserman, "VGGFace2: A Dataset for Recognising Faces Across Pose and Age". In: *IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (F&G)*, 2018, Oral.
- [8] Erika Lu, **Weidi Xie**, and Andrew Zisserman, "When Tracking Met Counting: An Adaptable, Self-Similarity Counting Network". Submitted to *Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)*, 2018. (UnderReview)
- [9] Mohammad Ali Maraci, **Weidi Xie**, and J. Alison Noble, "Can Dilated Convolutions Capture Ultrasound Video Dynamics?". In: 9th International Conference on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging (MLMI), 2018.
- [10] Ana I.L. Namburete, **Weidi Xie**, and J. Alison Noble, "Robust Regression of Brain Maturation from 3D Fetal Neurosonography using CRNs". In: *MICCAI Workshop on Fetal and InFant Image analysis (FIFI)*, 2017. Best Paper Award.
- [11] Davis M. Vigneaulta, **Weidi Xie**, David A. Bluemke, and J. Alison Noble, "Feature Tracking Cardiac Magnetic Resonance via Deep Learning and Spline Optimization". In: *Functional Imaging and Modelling of the Heart (FIMH)*, 2017. Best Poster Award.

- [12] Yipeng Hu, Eli Gibson, Li-Lin Lee, Weidi Xie, Dean C. Barratt, Tom Vercauteren, and J. Alison Noble, "Freehand Ultrasound Image Simulation with Spatially-conditioned Generative Adversarial Networks". In: MICCAI Workshop on Reconstruction and Analysis of Moving Body Organs (RAMBO), 2017.
- [13] Weidi Xie, J. Alison Noble, and Andrew Zisserman, "Microscopy Cell Counting with Fully Convolutional Regression Networks". In: MICCAI 1st Deep Learning Workshop (DLMIA), 2015.
- [14] Weidi Xie, J. Alison Noble, and Andrew Zisserman, "Layer Recurrent Neural Networks". Technical Report, https://openreview.net/pdf?id=rJJRDvcex.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (F&G), Xi'an, China, 2018
- Deep Learning Workshop in MICCAI, Munich, Germany, 2015
- Microscopy Cell Counting with Fully Convolutional Networks, in Heidelberg Collaboratory for Image Processing Group, Heidelberg, Germany, 2015

- **PROFESSIONAL &** Reviewer for MICCAI, ECCV.
- **ACTIVITIES**
- Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging.
- Reviewer for IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics.

#### **LANGUAGES**

- Chinese (Native)
- English (Full Professional Proficiency)

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