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Research Interest

Computer Vision, Machine Learning, 3D Geometry & Reconstruction, VR/AR, 360° Vision, Computational Photography, Robotic Perception, Generative AI

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

National Tsing Hua University

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, advised by Prof. Min Sun

GPA: 4.3/4.3

National Chiao Tung University

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Last 60 credits GPA: 3.74/4.3

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Feb. 2018 – Aug. 2020

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Ning-Hsu Wang, Ren Wang, Yu-Lun Liu, Yu-Hao Huang, Yu-Lin Chang, Chia-Ping Chen, Kevin Jou, "Bridging Unsupervised and Supervised Depth from Focus via All-in-Focus Supervision", ICCV 2021. [link]

Cheng Sun, Chi-Wei Hsiao, **Ning-Hsu Wang**, Min Sun, Hwann-Tzong Chen, "Indoor Panorama Planar 3D Reconstruction via Divide and Conquer", CVPR 2021 Oral. [link]

Ning-Hsu Wang, Bolivar Solarte, Yi-Hsuan Tsai, Wei-Chen Chiu, Min Sun, "360SD-Net: 360° Stereo Depth Estimation with Learnable Cost Volume", ICRA 2020, ICCV 2019 360PI Workshop Spotlight. [link]

PATENT

Methods and Apparatuses of Depth Estimation from Focus Information

MediaTek

Ren Wang, Yu-Lun Liu, Yu-Hao Huang, Ning-Hsu Wang

U.S. Patent Appl. 17/677,365, filed Feb. 2022, published Sep. 2022, no. US20220309696A1. [link]

Feb. 2022

EXPERIENCE

Taiwan AILabs, Metaverse Team Machine Learning Research Engineer

Taipei, Taiwan Aug. 2021-Present

• Metaverse Project

- Led the optimization of the **Omnidirectional Video Face Detection and De-identification** functionality for virtual scene generation, resulting in a notable 400% improvement in inference speed (5 times faster).
- Integrated EquiConv with optical flow method (RAFT) to enhance stability and user experience in virtual scene walk-through, while also contributing to the development of 4 additional features.
- Introduced a novel **light-source representation** and spearheaded the development of a NN model and dataset for **character and object insertion**, **lighting**, **and accurate shadow casting in virtual environments**. (Successfully delivered the feature from inception to completion **within a six-month timeframe**)
- Formulated an inclusive strategy for advancing a **multi-task Generative AI** (**stable-diffusion**) algorithm, emphasizing style generation and super resolution, with additional support for panorama image generation.
- Developed a 360 projection converter to effectively address distortion challenges when utilizing neural network models on 360-degree images.

• Video Enhancement Project

- Engineered a high-performance video enhancement pipeline leveraging cutting-edge **video decompression and super-resolution** techniques. Demonstrated exceptional results, achieving comparable performance to the primary competitor on documentary videos within a month.

• Avatar and Virtual Studio

- Orchestrated the design of the algorithmic development pipeline for avatar movement and action generation.
- Engineered the implementation of the text-to-image feature in a virtual studio, leveraging state-of-the-art Generative AI models.
- Assisted in improving video matting techniques for enhanced background removal.

MediaTek, MM, MTD, IVP

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Feb. 2020-Feb. 2021

Research intern in Computer Vision

- Published an **IEEE conference paper** in Computer Vision (**ICCV 2021**) and obtained a **US Patent** in the field of depth estimation for images with bokeh effects (shallow depth of field).
- Introduced a novel dataset for depth estimation on blurred images and developed an innovative unsupervised training technique.
- Demonstrated exceptional performance by surpassing SOTA methods with significant margins on multiple datasets: DDFF-12-Scenes (5.5%), HCI-4D-Light-Field (20%), and Defocus-Net (27%).

VSLab, National Tsing Hua University

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Graduate Research Assistant

Feb. 2018-Aug. 2020

- Published **two IEEE conference papers** in the fields of Computer Vision and Robotics (**ICRA 2020, CVPR 2021 Oral**).
- Led the 360° Stereo Project, under the guidance of Prof. Min Sun, Prof. Wei-Chen Chiu, and Dr. Yi-Hsuan Tsai; focused on planar reconstruction, co-advised by Prof. Hwann-Tzong Chen.
- Presented two 360° stereo datasets and developed a novel deep neural network for depth estimation on 360° stereo images (ICRA 2020).
- Introduced a new benchmark and method utilizing indoor human structures and 360° images for indoor panorama planar reconstruction (CVPR 2021 Oral).

Young Entrepreneurs of the Future, Epoch Foundation *Technical Lead*

Taipei, Taiwan

Jan. 2018-July. 2018

- Led a technical team in a nationwide startup competition and achieved Second Place in the first stage of the two stages.
- Developed an electronic mask-like device incorporating active noise canceling technology, suitable for both meeting and gaming purposes.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Served as a reviewer for:

• Journals: RA-L, TPAMI, IJCV

Conferences: AAAI 2023, CVPR 2023

SKILLS

Programming: Python, C/C++, HTML/CSS

Tools: PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, Vim, Linux, Git, LATEX

Software/Hardware: LabVIEW, Matlab, LTSpice, ANSYS-Fluent, AutoCAD, Solidworks, Arduino, 8051

Language: Mandarin (native), English (fluent, TOEIC: 900)

HONORS & AWARDS

Honorary Member of The Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of the Republic of China	2020
Appier Conference Scholarship for Top Researches on Artificial Intelligence	2020
Arctic Code Vault Contributor (GitHub)	2020