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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human-Computer Interaction, Intelligent User Interfaces, Sensing & Interaction Techniques, Smart Environments

EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA, USA

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

09/2019-06/2021

National Taiwan University (NTU)

Taipei, Taiwan

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude (Top 1%)

09/2014-01/2019

GPA: 4.26 / 4.30

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Stanford HCI Group

09/2019-present

Advisor: Prof. James Landay (Dept. CS, Stanford)

- Research Areas: **Human-Computer Interaction**, Smart Environments, Augmented Intelligence
- Design and deploy biophilic technology in hybrid physical and digital spaces to bring nature indoor for human wellbeing

Undergraduate Researcher, Interactive Graphics / Computer Graphics Lab

09/2017-03/2019

Advisor: Prof. Bing-Yu Robin Chen (Dept. CSIE, NTU), Prof. Xing-Dong Yang (Dept. CS, Dartmouth College)

- Research Areas: **Human-Computer Interaction**, Haptics, and Electronics Prototyping
- Project 1: Designed a pneumatic interface that emulates physical objects to provide haptic feedbacks in virtual reality
- Project 2: Designed a software tool with an autocomplete feature to assist makers in building virtual breadboard circuits
- Project 3: Designed a pneumatic interface that provides haptic feedback for full-body interactions in virtual reality
- 3 papers accepted by UIST 2018, UIST 2019, and CHI 2019.

Undergraduate Researcher, Vision and Learning Lab

09/2017-01/2019

Advisor: Prof. Yu-Chiang Frank Wang (Dept. EE, NTU)

- Research Areas: Computer Vision, Deep Learning, and Semantic Segmentation
- Proposed a deep neural network that distinguishes the land covers, such as forests and water, within satellite images
- Modified the decoder of DeepLabv3+ by adopting the concept of Deep Layer Aggregation
- Proposed a soft label loss to mitigate boundary effects and developed a post-processing algorithm to refine predictions
- 1 paper accepted by DeepGlobe Workshop in CVPR 2018

Undergraduate Researcher, Multimedia Processing and Communications Lab

07/2016-01/2019

Advisor: Prof. Homer H. Chen (Dept. EE, NTU and IEEE Fellow)

- Research Areas: **Signal Processing**, Image Processing, and Eye Tracking
- Estimated the depth of gaze using eye trackers to enable 3D interactions
- Approximated the temporal variation of gaze fixation using Gaussian noise and estimated the depth based on eye vergence
- 1 paper accepted by ICIP 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- [5] Shan-Yuan Teng, Cheng-Lung Lin, Chi-huan Chiang, **Tzu-Sheng Kuo**, Liwei Chan, Da-Yuan Huang, and Bing-Yu Chen, "TilePoP: Tile-type Pop-up Prop for Virtual Reality," *Proceedings of the 32nd ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2019)*, 2019. **Honorable Mention Award** (Top 5%) [pdf]
- [4] Jo-Yu Lo, Da-Yuan Huang, <u>Tzu-Sheng Kuo</u>, Chen-Kuo Sun, Jun Gong, Teddy Seyed, Xing-Dong Yang, and Bing-Yu Chen, "AutoFritz: Autocomplete for Prototyping Virtual Breadboard Circuits," *Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2019)*, Paper No. 403, 2019. <u>Honorable Mention Award</u> (Top 5%) [pdf]
- [3] Shan-Yuan Teng, <u>Tzu-Sheng Kuo</u>, Chi Wang, Chi-Huan Chiang, Da-Yuan Huang, Liwei Chan, and Bing-Yu Chen, "PuPoP: Pop-up Prop on Palm for Virtual Reality," *Proceedings of the 31st ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2018)*, pp. 5–17, 2018. [pdf]
- [2] <u>Tzu-Sheng Kuo</u>*, Keng-Sen Tseng*, Jia-Wei Yan*, Yen-Cheng Liu, and Yu-Chiang Frank Wang, "Deep Aggregation Net for Land Cover Classification," *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop on DeepGlobe* (CVPRW 2018), 2018. [*co-first authors] [pdf]
- [1] **Tzu-Sheng Kuo**, Kuang-Tsu Shih, Sheng-Lung Chung, and Homer H. Chen, "Depth from Gaze," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 2018)*, pp. 2910–2914, 2018. [pdf]

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honorary Member, Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society - Graduated top 1% in NTU EECS College	06/2018
Dean's List Award (5 times) - Top 5% GPA in each semester	09/2014-06/2018
Appier Scholarship (2 times) - Travel grant for ICIP 2018 and UIST 2018	08/2018
Chien Shih-Liang Memorial Scholarship - Given to 2 students in NTU EECS College each year	05/2018
Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology Research Project Grant	07/2017-02/2018
Irving T. Ho Memorial Scholarship - Given to 1 senior student in NTUEE each year	10/2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(* denotes graduate-level courses)

Teaching Assistant, Computer Vision: from Recognition to Geometry* - Instructor: Prof. Yu-Chiang Frank Wang	09/2018-01/2019
Teaching Assistant, Deep Learning for Computer Vision* - Instructor: Prof. Yu-Chiang Frank Wang	02/2018-06/2018
Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning* - Instructor: Prof. Hung-Yi Lee	09/2017-01/2018
Teaching Assistant, Signals and Systems - Instructor: Prof. Lin-Shan Lee	02/2017-06/2017
Teaching Assistant, Electronics I - Instructor: Prof. Liang-Hung Lu	09/2016-01/2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Intern, Cadence Design Systems, Inc.

San Jose, CA, USA

Manager: Mr. Danny Ho, Mr. Kei-Yong Khoo

07-09/2017

- Focused on Gate-Level and RTL circuit design automation of Cadence Conformal Logic Equivalence Checking (LEC) Tool
- My code was checked-in for production and I received Full-Time Return Offer

PROJECTS (details available on my website)

iTeach - Implemented an ios app in ReactNative and Redux to assist teachers in bringing a class together on mobile devices	02-06/2018
Action Recognition - Implemented CNN and RNN to recognize and localize actions in first-person videos	06/2018
Berkeley Pacman AI - Designed a Pacman AI that played the game by itself using reinforcement learning	09-12/2017
Music Mixer - Designed a digital circuit as a music mixer on FPGA using Verilog	06/2017
Image Generation - Generated anime images from text using Conditional Generative Adversarial Network (CGAN)	05/2017
Image Stitching - Implemented algorithms that generated a panorama from multiple images	05/2017
Video to Caption - Designed CNN and RNN to generate captions from videos automatically	04/2017
High Dynamic Range Imaging - Implemented algorithms that generated an HDR image from multiple images	04/2017

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

(details available on my website)

Founder, MakerSpace of NTUEE

08/2016-06/2018

- Motivated by the need for rapid prototyping tools outside restricted research labs of individual faculty, I founded this makerspace to assist students in doing their side projects. Beyond providing equipments, my team and I also organized workshops in the makerspace to teach students basic prototyping skills, such as the usages of Arduino and 3D Printers.

Chair, 2017 MakeNTU Makeathon

08/2016-02/2017

Inspired by the global maker movement and the democratization of technology, I launched the 1st nationwide makeathon in Taiwan with 200 participants and 70k USD in the arrangement. I led 60 student volunteers and cooperated with Taipei City Government and 22 international companies, including Google, Microsoft, Intel, etc.

Director, Academic Department of NTUEE Student Association

06/2016-06/2017

- I led a team of 30 students to organize various academic affairs, including speeches, awards, NTU festival, NTUEE+ Project, etc., for over 800 students in the EE department.

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming Languages/Tools: C++/C#, Python, Matlab, Javascript, CSS, html, Verilog, Tensorflow, PyTorch, React, Unity, OpenCV, etc. Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native), Japanese (basic)

SELECTED COURSES

(* denotes graduate-level courses)

Software: Deep Learning for Computer Vision*, Machine Learning and Having It Deep and Structured*, Machine Learning*,

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Networking and Multimedia Lab, Digital Visual Effects*, Web Programming, Digital Speech Processing, Data Structure and Programming, Algorithms, Operating System

Hardware: Computer Architecture, IC Design, Digital Circuit Design Lab, Switching Circuit and Logic Design, Circuits, Electronics,

Electromagnetic, Signals and Systems, Introduction to Wireless and Mobile Networking, RF Microwave Wireless Systems

HCI: Human-Computer Interaction, Psychology, Design Thinking Workshop, Creative Thinking, Biology, Clinical Observation

and Demand Exploration*

Mathematics: Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Differential Equation, Discrete Math, Complex Analysis