Congcong Liu Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Ph.D. candidate in ECE.

Sep. 2015 - Aug. 2020 (expected)

- Research Interests: Vision Attention, Computer Vision, Eye Tracking
- Advisor: Prof. Bertram E. Shi

Zhejiang University, Zhejiang, China

Bachelor of Information Engineering.

Sep. 2011 - Jun. 2015

- GPA: 3.95/4.0 (Ranking: Top 5%)
- Graduated with honor of Zhejiang Province

Undergraduate thesis: Real-time multi-face tracking based on a panoramic camera.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Learning Attention from Human for Robot Navigation Jan. 2019 - present

• Learned attention from human and incorporated it into RL architectures.

Using Eye Gaze to Improve Autonomous Driving

Aug. 2018 - Jan. 2019

- Learned a task-driven attention model and incorporated it into autonomous driving.
- Proposed gaze modulated dropout for imitation learning in driving scenarios.

Interaction between Gaze and Physiological Signal Jan. 2017 - Aug. 2018

- Quantifying subjects' responses to viewing a garden scene at various stages.
- Analyzed differential response for different stages based on sequential modelling.

Remote Gaze Tracking System for 3D Environments Sep. 2015 - Dec. 2016

 Proposed a non-intrusive 3D gaze tracking system in real environment which is robust to head motion.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Yuying Chen*, **Congcong Liu***, Ming Liu, Bertram Shi, "Navigation in Crowds by Graph Convolutional Networks with Attention Learned from Human Gaze". arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.10400., 2019.
- Congcong Liu*, Yuying Chen*, Lei Tai, Haoyang Ye, Ming Liu, Bertram Shi, "A Gaze Model Improves Autonomous Driving". ACM Symposium on Eye Tracking Research & Applications (ETRA), 2019.
- 3. Lei Tai, Peng Yun, Yuying Chen, Congcong Liu, Haoyang Ye, Ming Liu, "Endto-end Driving Deploying through Uncertainty-Aware Imitation Learning and Stochastic Visual Domain Adaptation". *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2019.
- 4. Yuying Chen*, **Congcong Liu***, Lei Tai, Ming Liu, Bertram Shi, "Gaze Training by Modulated Dropout Improves Imitation Learning". *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2019.
- 5. Congcong Liu*, Yuying Chen*, Lei Tai, Ming Liu, Bertram Shi, "Utilizing Eye Gaze to Enhance the Generalization of Imitation Network to Unseen Environments". *International Conference on Machine Learing (ICML) Workshop*, 2019.

- Congcong Liu, Yawen Zhang, Karl Herrup, Bertram Shi, "On the Interaction between Gaze Behavior and Physiological Responses when Viewing Garden Scenes".
 International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 2018.
- 7. Congcong Liu, Yawen Zhang, Seiko Goto, Minkai Sun, Karl Herrup, Bertram Shi "Quantifying Interactions between Gaze Behavior and Physiological Responses When Viewing Japanese Style Gardens". Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association, 2018.
- 8. Congcong Liu, Karl Herrup, Bertram Shi, "Remote gaze tracking system for 3D environments". International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 2017.
- 9. Yawen Zhang, Congcong Liu, Karl Herrup, Bertram Shi, "Physiological Responses of the Youth Viewing a Japanese Garden". *International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, 2018.
- 10. Minkai Sun, Karl Herrup, Bertram Shi, Yutaka Hamano, **Concong Liu**, Seiko Goto, "Changes in visual interaction: Viewing a Japanese garden directly, through glass or as a projected image". *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 2018.
- 11. Seiko Goto, Thomas J Gianfagia, John P Munafo, Eijiro Fujii, Xuting Shen, Minkai Sun, Bertram Emil Shi, Congcong Liu, Hiroshi Hamano, Karl Herrup, "The power of traditional design techniques: The effects of viewing a Japanese garden on individuals with cognitive impairment". HERD: Health Environments Research & Design Journal, 2016.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

SENG Academic Award (Top RPG Award) School of Engineering, HKUST 2019 Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Hong Kong Research Grants Council 2015 Outstanding Graduates of Zhejiang Province Zhejiang University 2015 Scholarship for Outstanding Students (First Class) Zhejiang University, 2012, 2014 Excellent Student Awards Zhejiang University, 2012-2014 Scholarship for Outstanding Merits Zhejiang University, 2012-2014 The National Optical Design Competition (Third Prize) Optical Society of China, 2014 Scholarship for Outstanding Students (Second Class) Zhejiang University, 2013 Physical Competition of Zhejiang Province (Second Prize) Physical Society of Zhejiang Province, 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2016

Fall 2016

ELEC 1200: A System View of Communications: from Signals to Packets

Instructor: Prof. Danny Hin-Kwok TSANG

ECE Department, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Teaching Assistant

ELEC 5300: Stochastic Processes Instructor: Prof. Wai Ho MOW

ECE Department, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Oral Presentations:

- IROS 2019, Macau, China
- Asian Deans Forum 2019, Seoul, Korea
- ETRA 2019, Denver, USA
- ICML 2019, Long Beach, USA
- EMBC 2018, Hawaii, USA

• EMBC 2017, Jeju, South Korea

Referee Services:

• International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2020

Skills Programming: Experienced in Python, C, Matlab

Deep Learning: Pytorch, TensorFlow, Keras

Language: Native in Mandarin; Fluent in English; Basic in Cantonese