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## Education

2016.9-Present    **College of Information and Electrical Engineering, China Agricultural University**
Master of Engineering (MEng), *Computer Science*
- ✧ Research area: **Machine Learning and Deep Learning applications to Multimedia Security, Data Hiding**
- ✧ Advisor: Yiming Xue   Second Advisor: Ping Zhong
- ✧ GPA: 3.11/4.0 (81/100)

2012.9-2016.6    **College of Information and Electrical Engineering, China Agricultural University**
Bachelor of Engineering (BEng), *Electronic and Information Engineering*
- ✧ GPA: 3.13/4.0 (82/100)

## Honors and Awards

- ✧ **The Best 100 Graduation Project** of China Agricultural University in 2016 (June, 2016)
- ✧ **The Third Prize** in Beijing Contest District in National Undergraduate Electronics Design Contest (October, 2015)

## Journal Papers

- ✧ **Mengdi Li**, Kai Mu, Ping Zhong, Juan Wen, Yiming Xue. "Generating Steganographic Image Description by Dynamic Synonym Substitution" Signal Processing **(Under Review, SCI journal)**
- ✧ Juan Wen, Xuejing Zhou, **Mengdi Li**, Ping Zhong. "A Novel Natural Language Steganographic Framework Based on Image Description Neural Network" Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation **(Revision Submitted to Journal, SCI journal)**
- ✧ Ping Zhong, **Mengdi Li**, Kai Mu, Juan Wen, Yiming Xue. "Image Steganalysis in High-Dimensional Feature Spaces with Proximal Support Vector Machine" International Journal of Digital Crime and Forensics **(Published, EI journal,** http://doi.org/10.4018/IJDCF.2019010106, Full Text PDF**)**

## Research/Project

1. Research: a method of generating steganographic image description automatically by deep neural networks
   Supported by **National Natural Science Foundation of China (Grant No.61802410 and 61872368)**
   October 2017 - July 2018 (10 months)
   - ✧ Studied the feasibility of hiding information during the process of generating image description.
   - ✧ Designed and built a steganographic image description model using Tensorflow.
   - ✧ Designed a novel embedding algorithm, which **gained a 20% increase in security** against the state-of-the-art detection algorithm, by preserving the statistical characteristics of word frequency.
   - ✧ Evaluated our method in security and capacity
   - ✧ **Accomplished a research paper.**

2. Research: a faster machine learning based steganalysis algorithm in high-dimensional feature spaces
   Supported by **National Natural Science Foundation of China (Grant No. U1536121)**
   June 2017 - September 2017 (4 months)
   ✧ Compared the performance of some existing classification algorithms including PSVM, FLD, ridge regression and other variants in detection accuracy and efficiency for detecting images carrying secret data.
   ✧ Participated in the design of our method PSVM-ELM.
   ✧ Evaluated our method by comparing it with FLD, ridge regression and PSVM in detection accuracy and efficiency.
   ✧ Experimental results show that the **detection accuracy of our method is increased by about 2%** for the spatial domain steganographic schemes and its **computational time is apparently less (6~10 times)** than that of the FLD and ridge regression for large feature sets.

3. Project: building an Android software to encode secret information in real-time video
   June 2016 - January 2017 (8 months)
   ✧ Acted as **the primary developer responsible for** this project**.**
   ✧ Designed the software framework and realized real-time recording process which includes capturing of audio and video data, compressing them respectively and muxing them into a MP4 file.
   ✧ Designed and implemented a novel multithread hiding algorithm which makes it possible to hide information in real-time recorded video.
   ✧ To the best of our knowledge, this is **the first** tool to hide information in a real-time video. This method is **more secure** than the traditional means of hiding secret data in a stored video.

## Conferences
   ✧ Took part in **The 15th International Workshop on Digital Forensics and Watermarking** held by Institute of Information Engineering, Chinese Academy of Sciences (September, 2016)
   ✧ Took part in **The 10th China Information Hiding Workshop** held by South China University of Technology (March, 2018)

## Skills
**Knowledge of:**
Python • C/C++ • Matlab • Unix/Linux • Vim • LaTeX • Machine Learning (CNN, LSTM, SVM, ELM) • TensorFlow • Android (Java, Native Development) • Video Codec(H.264, FFmpeg&x264)
**Exposure to:**
Git • SVN • Shell • Web Development(Javascript, HTML, CSS) • Verilog

## Languages
Chinese (Native)
English (IELTS: Listening-7, Reading-8, Speaking-5.5, Writing-5.5, OVERALL-6.5)