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## Education

**Ph.D in Computer Science**

*University of Texas at Austin*

*Advisor: Prof. Alan Bovik*

Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2017

**Bachelor of Technology (Hons.) in Computer Science**

*International Institute Of Information Technology*

July 2005 - May 2009

## Research Interests

Computer vision, machine learning, and visual perception.

Video and image understanding, Representation learning, Responsible and Explainable AI.

## Positions Held

**Fundamental AI Research (FAIR), Meta AI**

*Senior Research Scientist*

Oct. 2017 - present

**Google**

*Software Engineering Intern*

May 2016 - Aug. 2016

**Microsoft Research**

*Research Intern*

May 2015 - Aug. 2015

**Symphony Commerce**

*Software Developer Intern*

May 2013 - Aug. 2013

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*Software Engineer Intern*

May 2012 - Aug. 2012

**Laboratory for Image and Video Engineering, University of Texas at Austin**

*Graduate Research Assistant and Assistant Director*

Jan. 2013 - Aug. 2017

**Texas Advanced Computing Center, University of Texas at Austin**

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Sep. 2011 - Dec. 2012

## Awards and Achievements

- Recipient of the Distinguished alumni award of IIIT-Hyderabad in 2021.
- Second place in EPIC-Kitchens CVPR 2019 Action Recognition Challenge.
- Recipient of UT-Austin's Graduate Recruitment Fellowship offered to those who rank in the top 10% of all students by the Department of Computer Science for the academic years 2013-2016.
- Best paper finalist at Asilomar Conf. Signals, Systems, and Computers in 2014.
- Recipient of Grace Hopper Celebration Scholarship Grant for the academic year 2014.
- Recipient of the *MCD fellowship* offered by UT-Austin for the academic year 2013-14.
- Selected as one of the 90 young leaders across the globe for *Starting Bloc Fellowship* in 2013.
- Received a *one-of-a-kind* award for my community services both within and outside of IIIT in 2009.
- Selected as one of the 7 delegates from all over India to represent Indian Engineering by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, Gov. of India at Singapore as part of a cultural exchange program between India and Singapore, July 2008
- Included in the Dean's List, for the years 2005 - 2009 for excellence in academic performance in IIIT.
- One of the finalists for [Google India Women in Engineering Award, 2008](#).

## Mentoring

- **Internships:** Zhenheng Yang (Summer'18), Krishna Kumar Singh (Summer'19), Simon Vanderhende (Fall'21)
- **University collaborations:** Zhenqiang Ying, Haoran Niu, Maniratnam Mandal (UT-Austin, 2018 - 2021) Vikram Ramaswamy, Sing Yu Lin, Dora Zhao (Princeton, 2021-2022)
- **Career support:** Several junior women research engineers and scientists (Meta AI, 2018-2022, WiML, 2019 - present).

## Selected Projects

### Video content moderation (2018, Meta AI):

- Built and deployed a high-precision video action recognition system in Instagram to automatically moderate objectionable content like child pornography and gun violence 80% more than before.

### Responsible Computer Vision (2019 - 2021, Meta AI):

- Led a company-wide effort to build fair and equitable computer vision algorithms; built stratified evaluation datasets; designed metrics and recognition systems which yield geographical-equity.
- Published a fairness evaluation playbook for the entire AI-org to measure and mitigate biases of several computer vision models; instrumental in bringing awareness about responsible AI.

## Publications (Updated list [here](#))

### Book Chapters

- **D. Ghadiyaram**, T. Goodall, L. K. Choi, and A. C. Bovik, “Perceptual Image and Video Quality,” *Encyc. Img. Proc.*
- L. K. Choi, T. Goodall, **D. Ghadiyaram**, and A. C. Bovik, “Perceptual Image Enhancement,” *Encyc. Img. Proc.*

### Patents

- A. Bovik, **D. Ghadiyaram**, and J. Pan, “Predicting a Viewer’s Quality of Experience,” US Patent 20,170,085,617, 2017.

### Journals

- J. Kim, H. Zeng, **D. Ghadiyaram**, S. Lee, L. Zhang, and A.C. Bovik, “Deep Convolutional Neural Models for Picture Quality Prediction,” *IEEE Sig. Proc. Magazine*, Nov. 2017.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, J. Pan, and A. C. Bovik, “Learning a Continuous-Time Streaming Video QoE Model,” *IEEE Trans. Image Proc.*, vol. 27, no. 5, pp 2257 - 2271, Jan. 2018.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, J. Pan, and A. C. Bovik, “A Subjective and Objective Study of Stalling Events in Mobile Streaming Videos,” *IEEE Trans. Circ. and Syst. for Video Tech.*, Oct. 2017.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, J. Pan, A. C. Bovik, A. K. Moorthy, P. Panda, and K. C. Yang, “In-capture Mobile Video Distortions: A Study of Subjective Behavior and Objective Algorithms,” *IEEE Trans. Circ. and Syst. for Video Tech.*, May 2017.
- D. Kundu, **D. Ghadiyaram**, A. C. Bovik, and B. L. Evans, “No-Reference Quality Assessment of High Dynamic Range Pictures,” *IEEE Trans. Img. Proc.*, Mar. 2017.
- D. Kundu, **D. Ghadiyaram**, A. C. Bovik, and B. L. Evans, “Large-scale Crowdsourced Study for High Dynamic Range Pictures,” *IEEE Trans. Img. Proc.*, vol. 26, no. 10, pp 4725-4740, June 2017.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Perceptual Quality Prediction on Authentically Distorted Images Using a Bag of Features Approach,” *J. of Vision*. vol. 17, no. 32, Jan. 2017.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Massive Online Crowdsourced Study of Subjective and Objective Picture Quality,” *IEEE Trans. Img. Proc.* vol. 25, no. 1, Jan. 2016.

### Conference Proceedings

(\* indicates joint authorship)

- S. Vandenhende, D. Mahajan, F. Radenovic, and **D. Ghadiyaram** “Making Heads or Tails: Towards Semantically Consistent Visual Counterfactuals,” ECCV 2022.
- Z. Ying, **D Ghadiyaram**, and A Bovik, “Telepresence Video Quality Assessment,” ECCV 2022
- A Duarte, S Palaskar, L Ventura, **D Ghadiyaram**, K. Haan, F. Metze, J. Torres, X. Giro-i-Nieto, “How2Sign: a large-scale multimodal dataset for continuous American sign language,” CVPR 2021.
- Z. Ying, M. Mandal, **D Ghadiyaram\***, and A Bovik, “Patch-VQ: Patching Up the Video Quality Problem,” CVPR 2021.
- K. K. Singh, D. Mahajan, K. Grauman, Y. J. Lee, M. Feiszli, and **D. Ghadiyaram**, “Don’t Judge an Object by Its Context: Learning to Overcome Contextual Bias,” CVPR 2020 (**Oral**).
- Z. Ying, H. Niu, P. Gupta, D. Mahajan, **D. Ghadiyaram\***, and A. Bovik\*, “From Patches to Pictures (PaQ-2-PiQ): Mapping the Perceptual Space of Picture Quality,” CVPR 2020.
- X. Yan, I. Misra, A. Gupta, **D. Ghadiyaram\***, and D. Mahajan\*, “ClusterFit: Improving Generalization of Visual Representations,” CVPR 2020.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, M. Feiszli, D. Tran, X. Yan, H. Wang, and D. Mahajan, “Large-scale weakly-supervised pre-training for video action recognition,” *CVPR*, Long Beach, June 16 - 20, 2019.
- Z. Yang, D. Mahajan, **D. Ghadiyaram**, R. Nevatia, V. Ramanathan, “Activity Driven Weakly Supervised Object Detection,” *CVPR*, Long Beach, June 16 - 20, 2019.
- B. Xiong, Y. Kalantidis, **D. Ghadiyaram**, and K. Grauman, “Less is More: Learning Highlight Detection from Video Duration,” *CVPR*, Long Beach, June 16 - 20, 2019.

- **D. Ghadiyaram**, C. Chen, S. Inguva, and A. Kokaram, “A No-Reference Video Quality Predictor for Compression and Scaling Artifacts,” *IEEE Int. Conf. Image Proc.*, Beijing, Sept. 17-20, 2017.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, J. Pan, A. C. Bovik, A. K. Moorthy, P. Panda, and K. C. Yang, “Subjective and Objective Quality Assessment of Mobile Videos with In-Capture Distortions,” *Int. Conf. on Acoustics, Speech, and Sig. Proc.*, New Orleans, March 5-9th, 2017.
- D. Kundu, **D. Ghadiyaram**, A. C. Bovik, and B. L. Evans, “No-reference Image Quality Assessment for High Dynamic Range Images,” *Proc. Asilomar Conf. on Sig., Syst. and Comput.*, Nov. 2016.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Scene Statistics of Authentically Distorted Images in Perceptually Relevant Color Spaces for Blind Image Quality Assessment,” *IEEE Int. Conf. Image Proc.*, Sept. 2015.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, J. Pan, and A. C. Bovik, “A time-varying subjective quality model for mobile streaming videos with stalling events,” *In Proc. SPIE Optical Engg. + App.*, Aug. 2015.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Feature Maps Driven No-Reference Image Quality Prediction of Naturally Distorted Images,” *In Proc. SPIE Conf. Human Vision and Electronic Imaging*, San Francisco, CA, Feb 9 - 12, 2015.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Blind Image Quality Assessment on Real Distorted Images using Deep Belief Nets,” *IEEE Global Conf. on Signal and Information Proc.*, Atlanta, Dec. 2014.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, A.C. Bovik, H. Yeganeh, R. Kordasiewicz, and M. Gallant, “Study of the effects of stalling events on the Quality of Experience of mobile streaming videos,” *IEEE Global Conf. on Signal and Information Proc.*, Dec. 2014.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Crowdsourcing Study of Subjective Image Quality,” *Asilomar Conf. Signals, Systems, and Computers*, Pacific Grove, CA, Nov 2 - 5, 2014.
- H. Yeganeh, R. Kordasiewicz, M. Gallant, **D. Ghadiyaram**, and A. C. Bovik, “Delivery quality score model for internet video,” *IEEE Int. Conf. Image Proc.*, Paris, Oct 27 - 30, 2014.
- **D. Ghadiyaram** and A. C. Bovik, “Online Crowdsourcing of Subjective Quality Assessment of Images,” *J. of Vision*, vol. 14, no. 10, 2014.
- **D. Ghadiyaram**, M. V. Borker, and J. Sivaswamy, “Impulse Noise Removal from Color Images with Hopfield Neural Network and Improved Vector Median Filter,” *Indian Conference on Computer Vision Graphics & Image Processing*, 2008.

## Technical Reports

- **D. Ghadiyaram**, N. Joshi, and A. Kapoor, “Selectively Deep Neural Networks at Runtime,” Technical Report, 2016.

## Thesis

- **D. Ghadiyaram**, “Perceptual Quality Assessment of Images and Videos In the Wild,” PhD Thesis. Supervisor: Prof. Alan Bovik, UT Austin, 2017.

## Professional Service Activity

### Program Chair

- Neural and Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)’22, [Datasets and Benchmarks track](#).

### Organizer

- [Responsible Computer Vision](#), European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV’22).
- [XAI4CV: Explainable Artificial Intelligence for Computer Vision](#), Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR’22).
- [Responsible Computer Vision](#), Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR’21).

### Session Chair

- Chaired featured papers panel at Neural and Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)’22.

### Program Committee Member

- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Conference on Artificial Intelligence, ’20, ’21.

### Area Chair

- Women in Machine Learning (WiML) Workshop at NeurIPS, ’20, ’21.
- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, ’21.
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Conference on Artificial Intelligence, ’22.

## Journal Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions of Image Processing, '13,'14,'15,'16,'17,'18,'19.
- IEEE Transactions. on Multimedia, '16,'17,'18,'19.
- Electronics Letters, '16,'17,'18,'19.
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, '15,'16,'17,'18,'19.
- Digital Signal Processing, '15,'16,'17,'18,'19.
- EURASIP Journal on Image and Video Processing, '15,'16,'17,'18,'19.
- IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, '15,'16,'17,'18,'19.

## Conference Reviewer

- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), '20, '22, '23.
- Neural and Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), '22.
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), '22.
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Conference on Artificial Intelligence, '20, '22.
- The Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP), '14, '17, '18, '19,'20,'21, '22, '23.
- Women in Machine Learning Workshop, '19, '20, '21, '22.
- ACM SIGGRAPH, '17.

## Invited and Conference Talks

- “Future of Computer Vision Datasets,” Invited speaker at CVPR 2021.
- “Learning Generalized Visual Representations at Facebook,” Invited talk at NeurIPS, Dec. 2020.
- “Don’t Judge an Object by its Context: Learning to Overcome Contextual Bias,” Oral Presentation at CVPR, June 2020.
- “Large-scale weakly-supervised pre-training for Video Action Recognition,” Invited talk at EPIC-Kitchens Action Recognition Challenge, CVPR, Long Beach, June 2019.
- “Less is more: Learning Highlight Detection from Video Duration,” Invited talk at Learning from Unlabeled Videos, CVPR, Long Beach, June 2019.
- “From Visual Recognition to Reasoning at Facebook,” presented at F8, an annual developer conference attended by 5000 researchers, developers, and entrepreneurs world-wide, May 2019.
- “Feature maps driven no-reference image quality prediction of authentically distorted images,” Oral presentation at Human Vision and Electronic Imaging, San Francisco, Feb. 2015.
- “Crowdsourced study of subjective image quality,” Oral presentation at Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems and Computers, California, Nov. 2014.