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Education

University of Southern California (USC)

Aug 2022 – Present

Ph.D. candidate in Electrical and Computer Engineering

• Advisor: Prof. C-C. Jay Kuo

• Thesis: Interpretable and Efficient Multi-Modal Data Interplay: Algorithms and Applications

National Taiwan University (NTU) M.S. in Electrical Engineering

Sep 2019 – Jun 2021

National Taiwan University (NTU) B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Chemistry

Sep 2014 – Jun 2019

Experience

Machine Learning Engineer, Tiktok Inc. - San Jose, CA

May 2025 - Aug 2025

• Video Content Understanding

Selected Publications

[C1] GMA: Green Multi-Modal Alignment for Image-Text Retrieval

Tsung-Shan Yang, Yun-Cheng Wang, Chengwei Wei, Suya You, C.-C. Jay Kuo

Asia Pacific Signal and Information Processing Association Annual Summit and Conference (APSIPA ASC), 2024

• Explainable alignment for features from two separately trained models in different modalities (image and text)

[J1] Efficient Human-Object-Interaction Detection via Interaction Label Coding and Conditional Decision

Tsung-Shan Yang, Yun-Cheng Wang, Chengwei Wei, Suya You, C.-C. Jay Kuo *Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU)*, 2025

 Explainable scheme for two-stage Human-Object Interaction Detection, which reduces the number of FLOPs to 1/15,800 compared to SOTAs

[C2] BPQA: A Blind Point Cloud Quality Assessment Method

Qingyang Zhou, Aolin Feng, Tsung-Shan Yang, Shan Liu, C.-C. Jay Kuo

IEEE International Conference on Image Processing Challenges and Workshops (ICIPCW), 2023

• Achieve the second-best score on the challenge with an interpretable and small learning scheme

[J2] Viewing Bias Matters in 360 Videos Visual Saliency Prediction

Peng-Wen Chen, **Tsung-Shan Yang**, Gi-Luen Huang, Chia-Wen Huang, Yu-Chieh Chao, Pei-Yuan Wu *IEEE Access Journal paper*, 2023

• Statistically analyze the human bias in saliency maps and generalize the spherical kernel to time series data

[C3] NTIRE 2020 Challenge on NonHomogeneous Dehazing

Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops. (CVPRW) 2020.

• Propose an attention refinement block of the deep learning model

Awards/Scholarships

2024 IEEE MIPR Student Grant 2022 Taiwan - USC Scholarship

2014 Fall & 2015 Spring Dean's List

IEEE TCMC

Ministry of Education in Taiwan

Univserity of Southern

2022 Viterbi School of Engineering / Graduate School Fellowship

California

National Taiwan University International Junior Science

2011 Gold Medal

Olympiad (IJSO)

Teaching Experience

Systems for Machine Learning, University of Southern California

2024 Spring, 2025 Spring

- Introduce the hardware of TPUs and GPUs
- Design the project about finetuning LLMs

Introduction for Computer Programming, University of Southern California

2024 Fall

- Lead weekly hand-on labs
- Introduce good coding styles and algorithms

Machine Learning, National Taiwan University

2019 Fall, 2020 Fall

- Design assignments about theoretical analysis and deep learning projects
- Maintain the course website

Data Structure, National Taiwan University

2020 Spring

• Design assignments about theoretical analysis and data structure implementation

General Chemistry, National Taiwan University

2018 Fall

- Lead group discussions and provide hints on assignments
- Provide two-hour TA classes each week for over 300 students

Technologies

Languages: Python, C++, C, HTML, MATLAB

Strength: Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Algorithm Design, Physical Chemistry, Quantum Chemistry

Languages: English as a Second Language, Native Mandarin Speaker

Tools: PyTorch, OpenCV, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-Learn

Projects can be viewed on my GitHub: https://github.com/keevin60907