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I am a Staff Research Scientist at Facebook AI. My research interest lies in the intersection between Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing. I completed my PhD in Computer Science from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2019. My advisor is [Tamara L. Berg](#). My research goal is to build an artificial intelligent system that can communicate with people in a natural way, involving asking and answering questions, commonsense reasoning, and performing actions to better people's life.

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D in Computer Science</b> , <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2014.08 — 2019.05
<b>M.S in Information Engineering</b> , <i>Shanghai Jiao Tong University</i>	2011.09 — 2014.04
<b>B.S in Information Engineering</b> , <i>Shanghai Jiao Tong University</i>	2007.09 — 2011.07

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Facebook AI</b>	<b>Menlo Park, CA</b>
<i>Staff Research Scientist</i>	2022.08 — Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI Creative, e.g., Text-guided Image Generation, etc.</li> <li>Multimodal (Vision+Language) Research and Applications for Ads.</li> </ul>	
<i>Senior Research Scientist</i>	2021.07 — 2022.08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision+Language Research, e.g., large-scale multimodal pre-training, interactive visual search, etc.</li> <li>Multimodal Applications on E-Commerce, e.g., IG Shops, Marketplace, Visual Search, etc.</li> </ul>	
<i>Research Scientist</i>	2020.03 — 2021.07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision+Language Research, e.g., visual question answering, trace-guided image captioning, etc.</li> <li>Multimodal Applications on Ads Ranking, building content-based triggers and features.</li> </ul>	
<b>Microsoft</b>	<b>Bellevue, WA</b>
<i>Researcher</i>	2019.06 — 2020.03
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision+Language Research, e.g., image-text pre-training, video-text pre-training, image synthesis, etc.</li> </ul>	

## PUBLICATION

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- [26] Zihang Meng, **Licheng Yu**, Ning Zhang, Tamara L. Berg, Babak Damavandi, Vikas Singh, Amy Bearman, "Connecting What to Say With Where to Look by Modeling Human Attention Traces", in CVPR 2021.
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- [20] Jie Lei, **Licheng Yu**, Tamara L. Berg, Mohit Bansal, "TVQA+: Spatio-Temporal Grounding for Video Question Answering", in ACL 2020.
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- [13] Anja Belz, TL Berg, **Licheng Yu**, "From image to language and back again", in JNLE 2018.
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- [10] Hongteng Xu, **Licheng Yu**, Mark Davenport, Hongyuan Zha, "A unified framework for manifold landmarking", in IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, 2018.
- [9] **Licheng Yu**, Patrick Poirson, Shan Yang, Alexander C. Berg, Tamara L. Berg, "Modeling Context in Referring Expressions", in ECCV, 2016 (Spotlight).
- [8] Shan Yang, Zherong Pan, Tanya Ambert, Ke Wang, **Licheng Yu**, Tamara L. Berg, Ming C. Lin, "Detailed Garment Recovery from a Single-View Image", in ACM Transactions on Graphics 2017.
- [7] **Licheng Yu**, Eunbyung Park, Alexander C. Berg, Tamara L. Berg, "Visual Madlibs: Fill-in-the-Blank Description Generation and Question Answering", in ICCV, 2015.
- [6] Yi Xu, **Licheng Yu**, Hongteng Xu, Truong Nguyen, "Vector Sparse Representation of Color Image Using Quaternion Matrix Analysis." in IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP), 2015.
- [5] **Licheng Yu\***, Hongteng Xu\*, Hongyuan Zha, Yi Xu. "Dictionary Learning with Mutually Reinforcing Group-Graph Structures." in AAAI, 2015 (\* denotes equal contribution).
- [4] **Licheng Yu**, Yi Xu, Hongteng Xu, Hao Zhang, "Quaternion-based Sparse Representation of Color Image." in ICME, 2013 (Oral).
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- [2] **Licheng Yu**, Yi Xu, Bo Zhang, "Single Image Super-resolution via Phase Congruency Analysis." in VCIP, 2013 (Oral).
- [1] **Licheng Yu**, Hongteng Xu, Yi Xu, Xiaokang Yang, "Robust Single Image Super-resolution based on Gradient Enhancement", in APSIPA 2012.

## INTERN EXPERIENCE

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### Facebook AI

Research Intern

Menlo Park, CA

2018.05 – 2018.08

- Embodied Question Answering - robot navigation in an unseen environment answering a given question.

### Adobe Research

Computer Vision Research Intern

San Jose, CA

2017.05 – 2017.08

- Referring Expression Comprehension - localize an object described by a sentence.
- Project page: <http://vision2.cs.unc.edu/refer>

### eBay Research

Computer Vision Research Intern

San Jose, CA

2016.05 – 2016.08

- Product attribute prediction and localization.
- US Patent 17,165,481: Visual aspect localization presentation
- US Patent 11,200,273: Parallel prediction of multiple image aspects

## ACTIVITIES

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Reviewer of CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, TPAMI

2014 – now

Organizer of VALUE Challenge, ICCV 2021

2021.10

Organizer of LVVU Workshop, CVPR 2020

2020.06

Organizer of Tutorial - Recent Advances in Vision-and-Language Research, CVPR 2020

2020.06

Winner of VQA 2020 Challenge

2020.06

Spotlight Presentation at CVPR 2017

2017.07

Spotlight Presentation at ECCV 2016

2016.09

## SKILLS

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### Tools and Languages

Python, PHP, Java, Javascript, C++/C, Lua, Git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Markdown

### Framework

PyTorch, TensorFlow, Torch7, Caffe

### Communication

Chinese, English