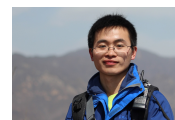


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Bio

I lead a team that focus on AI ISP and AI Video Codec (including software and silicon) for next generation AI-Camera. Before that, I got my PhD and Bachelor of Engineering from Tsinghua University in Jun. 2017 and Jun. 2012 respectively. In Jul. 2012, before my PhD began, I went to a reading club on Deep Learning with two friends. Three months later, Deep Learning won the Image-Net Classification Challenge and has been changing the world since then. In 2015, I talked to the same two friends, but in a small startup called SenseTime. I have been working here till now. I'm looking for talented researchers, engineers and interns in areas of vision, photography, codec, software and hardware. We have talented team, leading solutions and innovative products. Positions are available in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hangzhou. We believe revolutionary products require software hardware co-design. If you share the same vision, join us.

Education

- 2012 – 2017 **Ph.D.**, *Department of Automation, Tsinghua University, Beijing.*
Research topics: computer vision and deep learning.
Thesis: Object Detection by Deep Convolutional Neural Networks
- 2008 – 2012 **B.Eng.**, *Department of Automation, Tsinghua University, Beijing.*

Experience

- 2015 – 2021 **From Intern to Director, SenseTime.**
- I lead a team that focuses on next-generation AI-Camera. Our selected revolutionary products:
 1. AI ISP (software and silicon for flagship mobile phone). I built the ISP team from zero. We were the pioneer that bring AI to ISP. We work with the top mobile phone OEMs. We are working towards bringing spectacular photography to everyone.
 2. AI Codec. I built the Codec team from zero. We were the pioneer that bring AI to image and video compression. The image compression software *DIC* (deep image compression) can reduce image bitrate to less than half of JPEG with no visual loss.
 3. Face Capture Camera (surveillance camera). We were the pioneer that use deep learning on cameras. We achieve beyond 90% market share (vendor market). The system also provided a base prototype for Face-Unlocking (pioneer in Android community) and SenseTime AI Chip S1.
 4. Face Detection System (in almost all the products SenseTime provide). We were the pioneer that apply deep learning in face detection and face tracking. We spent 5 years to craft a system that produces a system for industrial grade face detection. (Similar Case: Tesla crafted automatic factories for manufacturing vehicles.) We closed the topic (for now). We did not invent camera, we perfected it.
- 2020 – 2021 **Director, head of ISP&Codec, SenseTime.**
- AI ISP, AI Codec, software and silicon

- 2017 – 2020 **Senior Researcher, head of AI Camera, SenseTime.**
- Research: AutoML, ISP, Codec, Video Recognition, Detection.
 - Products: AI ISP Chip, Face Capture Camera, Face Detection SDK, Face Unlocking SDK, and other Core Algorithms of SmartPhone and SmartCity
- 2015 – 2017 **Research Intern, SenseTime.**
- I delivered the face detection sdk for all the face products of SenseTime. Named *Hunter*, it is the most widely used sdk in SenseTime history. See the demo on <http://www.sensetime.com>
- 2012 – 2017 **PhD Student Researcher, Tsinghua University.**
- With Prof. Xiu Li
 - Focused on computer vision and deep learning. I had been doing research on CNN model compression, face recognition, object detection, image classification, semantic segmentation and 3D reconstruction.
- Spring, 2014 **Research Assistant, Broadband Network and Digital Media Laboratory, Department of Automation, Tsinghua University, Beijing.**
- Worked on depth estimation from single still images (2D to 3D). Our algorithm used a very light-weight model while achieved state-of-the-art results. See publications (ACCV2014, T.CSVT2016) for details.
 - Worked with Prof. Qionghai Dai (now Fellow of Chinese Academy of Engineering) and Dr. Yangang Wang (now Associate Professor of Southeast University)
- Nov. 2013 **Visiting Student, Web Science DTC, University of Southampton, UK.**
- Investigated Visualizations of Marketing Trends on Online Social Networks
- Summer, 2011 **Visiting Student, The Intelligent Modelling and Analysis Research Group, The University of Nottingham, UK.**
- Investigated Energy Decision in Future City

Selected Publications

Yi Zhang, Hongwei Qin, Xiaogang Wang, and Hongsheng Li. Rethinking noise synthesis and modeling in raw denoising. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision*, pages 4593–4601, 2021.

Dailan He, Yaoyan Zheng, Baocheng Sun, Yan Wang, and Hongwei Qin. Checkerboard context model for efficient learned image compression. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*, pages 14771–14780, 2021.

Yongqiang Yao, Yan Wang, Yu Guo, Jiaojiao Lin, Hongwei Qin, and Junjie Yan. Cross-dataset training for class increasing object detection. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.04621*, 2020.

Rundong Li, Yan Wang, Feng Liang, Hongwei Qin, Junjie Yan, and Rui Fan. Fully quantized network for object detection. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019.

Yi Wei, Xinyu Pan, Hongwei Qin, Wanli Ouyang, and Junjie Yan. Quantization mimic: Towards very tiny cnn for object detection. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018.

Shaohui Liu and Hongwei Qin. EFA: Efficient multi-frame aggregation for robust tracking. *SenseTime Internal(unpublished)*, 2017.

Congrui Hetang, Hongwei Qin, Shaohui Liu, and Junjie Yan. Impression network for video object detection. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1712.05896*, 2017.

Zekun Hao, Yu Liu, Hongwei Qin, Junjie Yan, Xiu Li, and Xiaolin Hu. Scale-aware face detection. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2017.

Hongwei Qin and Junjie Yan. 1000 fps high performance face detection on cpu via net2net compression. *SenseTime Internal(unpublished)*, 2017.

Hongwei Qin, Junjie Yan, Xiu Li, and Xiaolin Hu. Joint training of cascaded CNN for face detection. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2016.

Hongwei Qin, Xiu Li, Yangang Wang, Yongbing Zhang, and Qionghai Dai. DEPT: Depth estimation by parameter transfer with a lightweight model for single still images. *Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, IEEE Transactions on*, 2016.

Hongwei Qin, Xiu Li, Jian Liang, Yigang Peng, and Changshui Zhang. Deepfish: Accurate underwater live fish recognition with a deep architecture. *Neurocomputing*, 2015.

Academic Activities

- Since 2014 **Reviewer: IJCV, ECCV, CVPR, ICCV etc.**
2017 **President and Founder of Tsinghua-SenseTime AI Club.**

Former Interns (Undergraduates list only)

- Zekun Hao Undergraduate@Beihang CS, now PhD@Cornell
Ji Lin Undergraduate@Tsinghua EE, now PhD@MIT
Congrui Undergraduate@Beihang CS, then Master@CMU, now Engineer@Waymo
Hetang
Shaohui Liu Undergraduate@Tsinghua EE, now PhD@ETH
Yi Wei Undergraduate@Tsinghua EE, now PhD@Tsinghua
Mingjie Sun Undergraduate@Tsinghua Yao Class, now PhD@CMU
Zhen Dong Undergraduate@Peking University MicroElectronics, now PhD@Berkeley
Jiayi Weng Undergraduate@Tsinghua CS, now Master@CMU
Dasong Li Undergraduate@Shanghai Jiaotong University EE, now PhD@CUHK
Yi Zhang Undergraduate@Nanjing University InfoManagement, now PhD@CUHK

Recent Awards

- 2020 **SenseTime Outstanding Team for AI ISP Chip.**
2019 **SenseTime Dean Innovation Award (for AI Camera).**
2018 **SenseTime Outstanding Team for Deep Learning Camera. SenseTime Outstanding Individual.**

2015-2017 **Many Internship Awards in SenseTime.**

Nov. 2014 **National PhD Fellowship.**

Interests

2012–2013 **Mountaineering.**

- Served as team member and climbing captain in Tsinghua University Mountaineering Team
- Climbed Touding Mengke Snow Mountain East Peak (5483m) and South Peak (5475m) in Gansu, Xuanwu Peak (5383m) in Sichuan, and Tuanjie Peak(5827m) in Qinghai

2013–present **Cycling.**

- Surrounded Qinghai Lake
- Completed North Guangdong Line
- Surrounded Erhai Lake
- Surrounded Lugu Lake

2015–present **Long Distance Hiking.**

- Shenzhen 100km Hiking 2015 2016 2017
- North Xinjiang Hiking in 2017 as an after-graduation trip

2010–present **Marathon.**

- Completed several half Marathons in Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Shanghai

2012–present **Photography.**

- Photographed for 2012 Tsinghua University Mountaineering Team

2014–present **Blogger, <http://qinhongwei.com>.**

- Top Single Article Pageviews: 10000+

2017–present **WeChat blog, *Dr_red_*.**

- Top Single Article Pageviews: 10000+