# Roey Mechrez, PhD

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## PERSONAL DATA

I'm the CTO and a Co-founder at BeyondMinds where I lead a group of top AI researchers and scientists. Prior to joining BeyondMinds I did my PhD at the Technion-Israel, where I worked with Prof. Lihi Zelnik-Manor. My work lies at the intersection of computer vision and deep learning. Specifically, my research interests are in realistic image generation, manipulation, and transformation, focussing on tools, algorithms, and new paradigms for photo editing and synthesis. During my PhD research I was worked on Image-to-image problems, Image Generation and GANs, Super-resolution, Photorealistic synthesis, and Template Matching. My masters and bachelors were done at Tel Aviv University in Biomedical Engineering (cum laude).

NATIONALITY

The Netherlands, Israel

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (native), English (fluent)

### **EDUCATION**

2015 - 2019

Research area

**PhD** in Electrical Engineering, *Technion — Israel Institute of Technology* 

Computer Vision, Image editing and synthesis, Tracking and matching

and Deep learning.

Prof. Lihi Zelnik-Manor. Supervisor

Co-Supervisor Dr. Eli Shechtman (Adobe Research).

2012 - 2014

M.Sc in Biomedical Engineering, Tel-Aviv University

Thesis title Patch-based Segmentation for MS lesions, link.

Supervisor

Prof. Hayit Greenspan and Prof. Jacob Goldberger (Bar-Ilan University)

Score

95.1(/100) Cum Laude; link

We proposed a fully automatic method for segmentation of Multiple

sclerosis (MS) lesions in brain MRI. The method is based on

similarities between multi-channel patches.

2010 - 2013

B.Sc in Biomedical Engineering, Tel-Aviv University

Score

91.1(/100) Cum Laude; link

- Self-Supervised Dynamic Networks for Covariate Shift Robustness Cohen, T., Shulman N., Morgenstern H., Mechrez R., Farhan, E., under review. arXiv.
- 2019 **Saliency Driven Image Manipulation** (extended version)

  Mechrez, R., Shechtman, E. and Zelnik-Manor, L.,

  Machine Vision and Applications (special issue: IEEE WACV'18). link
- 2018 Adversarial Feedback Loop
  Shama, F., Mechrez, R., Shoshan, A., and Zelnik-Manor, L.,
  ICCV'19. arXiv.
- 2018 Dynamic-Net: Tuning the Objective Without Re-training Shoshan, A., Mechrez, R., and Zelnik-Manor, L., ICCV'19. arXiv.
- Improving CNN Training using Disentanglement for Liver Lesion Classification in CT

  Ben-Cohen, A., Mechrez, R., Yedidia, N. and Greenspan, H.,

  EMBC arXiv
- The 2018 PIRM Challenge on Perceptual Image Super-resolution link Blau, Y.\*, Mechrez, R.\*, Timofte, R., Michaeli, T. and Zelnik-Manor, L., ECCV workshop. arXiv.
- The Contextual Loss for Image Transformation with Non-Aligned Data. link Mechrez, R.\*, Talmi, I\*. and Zelnik-Manor, L., ECCV. arXiv.

  Selected for full oral presentation at the conference. Acceptance rate 2.4%.

  (60 papers out of 3000 submissions.)
- Maintain Natural Image Statistics with the contextual loss. link *Mechrez, R.\*, Talmi, I\*., Shama, F. and Zelnik-Manor, L., ACCV. arXiv.*
- 2018 Saliency Driven Image Manipulation. Best paper people choice Mechrez, R., Shechtman, E. and Zelnik-Manor, L., WACV . link
- 2017 **Photorealistic Style Transfer with Screened Poisson Equation.** *Mechrez, R., Shechtman, E. and Zelnik-Manor, L., BMVC. link*

International Society for Optics and Photonics. link

- Template Matching with Deformable Diversity Similarity. (Spotlight) link Talmi, I\*., Mechrez, R.\* and Zelnik-Manor, L., CVPR.

  Selected for a spotlight presentation at the conference. Acceptance rate 8%.

  (215 papers selected for spotlight oral or full oral out of 2620 submissions.)
- Patch-based Segmentation with Spatial Consistency: application to MS Lesions in Brain MRI.

  Mechrez, R., Goldberger, J. and Greenspan, H., in International Journal of Biomedical Imaging. link
- MS lesion segmentation using a multi-channel patch-based approach with spatial consistency.

  Mechrez, R., Goldberger, J. and Greenspan, H., in SPIE Medical Imaging.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2019	Excellence Scholarship Faculty Funding
	The Technion Israel
2018	KLA academic excellence award - for the WACV'18 paper
	The Technion Israel link
2018	KLA outstanding conference papers award - for the ECCV'18 paper
	The Technion Israel
2018	Best papers (people choice) - WACV'18
	IEEE Winter Conf. on Applications of Computer Vision link
2018	WACV PhD Forum - Traveling Grant
	IEEE Winter Conf. on Applications of Computer Vision link
2017	The Andrew and Erna Finci Viterbi Fellowship Program
	The Technion Israel link
2017	Traveling grant - Workshop on Machine Learning and Computer Vision,
	Janelia Research Campus link
2014	Excellence in Research Studies Award,
	Tel-Aviv University School of Engineering link
2013	Scholarship for Meritorious Achievement in B.Sc studies
	Tel-Aviv University School of Engineering.
2012	Dean's List, Tel-Aviv University School of Engineering.
2009	Dean's List, Tel-Aviv University School of Engineering.

#### **SERVICE**

Co-Organizing AIM: Advances in Image Manipulation workshop and challenges on image and video manipulation in conjunction with ECCV. website.

Organizing PIRM: Workshop and Challenge on Perceptual Image Restoration and Manipulation in conjunction with ECCV. website.

CVPR 2018, 2019, 2020 - Reviewer
ECCV 2018, 2019, 2020 - Reviewer
ICCV 2018, 2019, 2020 - Reviewer
CVPR Outstanding Reviewers

#### **EXPERIENCE**

2019 (March)  Lecturer: CNN for Computer Vision Winter School, The Technion Based on the seminal course by Stanford University – CS231n. link  2016 - 2018  Teaching Assistant, The Technion Computer Vision Algorithms (EE) 2017, 2018.  2015 - 2019  Undergraduate Project Mentor, The Technion I have mentored more then 15 projects in the field of computer vision and deep learning.  2017  Researcher intern, IBM Research Haifa (May-July) Computer Vision and Augmented Reality group Supervisor: Leonid Karlinsky, PhD  2016 - 2017  Pixel Club coordinator, The Technion a joint CS and EE colloquium on computer vision, image processing and computer graphics, and any other "pixel" oriented field. website.  2015 - 2016  Teaching Assistant, The Technion Data Structures and Algorithms  2013 - 2015  Algorithm Engineer, RSIP Vision - Tel-Aviv image processing, computer vision, image registration and heart conduction models.  Teaching Assistant, Tel-Aviv University Pattern Recognition, Introduction to Chemistry, Medical Signals Processing laboratory (NMR, MRI, ultrasound and imaging).	Present	CTO, co-founder, Head of UK, BeyondMinds, Tel-Aviv, London.
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#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Scientific Experience with Python and MATLAB.

Deep learning with TensorFlow, pyTorch and MatConvNet
Programming Basic Knowledge of C and C++

## MILITARY SERVICE

2003 - 2009 Full military service as a Air Traffic Controller (ATC).

Still in active reserve duty as ATC (Major). Commander of sub-unit of 30 soldiers; operational flight; control system Characterization; leading of system implementation process; in charge of officers training