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## Research Interests

Image Restoration, Turbulence Mitigation, Face Recognition at Long Range, Adversarial Robustness, On-manifold Adversarial Training, Generative Model, Scientific Computing

## Education

<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	USA
<i>Ph.D. in Computer Science</i>	2020-2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Affiliation: Artificial Intelligence for Engineering and Medicine Lab, Mathematical Institute for Data Science</li><li>○ Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa</li></ul>	
<b>University of Maryland, College Park</b>	USA
<i>M.S. in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation</i>	2018-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Affiliation: University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies</li><li>○ Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa</li></ul>	
<b>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</b>	Hong Kong
<i>M.Phil. in Mathematics</i>	2016-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Advisor: Prof. Ronald Lok Ming Lui</li><li>○ Thesis: <a href="#">Deformation Processing for Image Restoration and Retargeting</a></li></ul>	
<b>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</b>	Hong Kong
<i>B.Sc. in Mathematics, Second Class Honors Upper Division</i>	2012-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Streams: Enrichment Stream in Mathematics, Computational and Applied Mathematics Stream</li></ul>	

## Research Experience

<b>MINDS Postdoctoral Fellow at Johns Hopkins University</b>	2022.1 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa</li><li>○ Collaboration with: Prof. Alan Yuille, Prof. Vishal Patel</li><li>○ Project: IARPA Biometric Recognition And Identification At Altitude And Range (BRIAR)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Atmospheric Turbulence Restoration</i></li><li>• <i>Biometric Identification in Security Videos</i></li><li>• <i>Body Recognitions at Long Range</i></li><li>• <i>Gait Recognition at Long Range</i></li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Research Assistant at Johns Hopkins University</b>	2020.8 - 2021.12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa</li><li>○ Collaboration with: Prof. Soheil Feizi</li><li>○ Project: DARPA Guaranteeing AI Robustness Against Deception (GARD)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>On-manifold Adversarial Training with Exact Manifold Information using Normalizing Flow</i></li><li>• <i>Robust Object Detection</i></li></ul></li></ul>	

- *Identification of Attack-Specific Signatures in Adversarial Examples*
- *Robust Interpolated On-Manifold Adversarial Training*
- *Transferability of Robustness in Mutual Learning*
- *Foundation Research on On-Manifold Adversarial Robustness*

#### Research Assistant at University of Maryland, College Park

2018.12 - 2020.8

- Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa
- Collaboration with: Prof. Carlos Castillo
- Project: IARPA JANUS
  - *Single Face Restoration at Long Range*
  - *Single Face Semantic-Aware Restoration and Recognition at Long Range*
  - *Semi-Supervised Facial Landmark Localization and Restoration at Long Range*

#### Research Assistant at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2016.8 - 2018.8

- Advisor: Prof. Ronald Lok Ming Lui
- Project: Mathematical Models for Deformation Analysis and Their Applications
  - *Restoration of Atmospheric Turbulence-Distorted Images via RPCA and Quasiconformal Maps*
  - *Real-Time Turbulence-Degraded Images Restoration in a Variational Framework*
  - *Data-Driven Turbulence-Degraded Images Restoration*

#### Research Internship at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2015.9 - 2016.7

- Advisor: Prof. Ronald Lok Ming Lui
- Conducted research in Convolutional Neural Network with applications to computer vision
- Conducted research in Quasi-conformal Geometry with applications to motion frames interpolation

## Book Chapter

- [1] [CP Lau](#) and R Chellappa, Remote Face Recognition. *Encyclopedia of Cryptography, Security and Privacy*, Springer, (2021).

## Publications and Preprints

### Submitted

- [CP Lau](#), J Liu, H Sourì, WA Lin, S Feizi, R Chellappa, Interpolated Joint Space Adversarial Training for Robust and Generalizable Defenses. Under review
- J Liu, [CP Lau](#), S Feizi, R Chellappa, [Mutual Adversarial Training: Learning together is better than going alone](#). Under review
- H Sourì\*, P Khorramshahi\*, [CP Lau](#), M Goldblum, R Chellappa, [Identification of Attack-Specific Signatures in Adversarial Examples](#). Under review

### Published/Accepted

- [11] J Liu, A Levine, **CP Lau**, R Chellappa, S Feizi, Segment and Complete: Defending Object Detectors against Adversarial Patch Attacks with Robust Patch Detection. *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. (2022)
- [10] PH MA, **CP Lau**, N Yu, A Li, JP Sheng, Application of Deep Learning for Image-based Chinese Food Nutrients Estimation. *Food Chemistry*. (2021)
- [9] **CP Lau**, C Castillo, R Chellappa, ATFaceGAN: Single Face Semantic Aware Image Restoration and Recognition from Atmospheric Turbulence. *IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science (TBIOM)*. (2021)
- [8] PH MA, **CP Lau**, N Yu, A Li, JP Sheng, Q Wang, P Liu, Image-based Nutrient Estimation for Chinese Dishes Using Deep Learning, *Food Research International* (2021)
- [7] **CP Lau**, A Kumar, R Chellappa, AT-Key: Semi-Supervised Landmarks Guided Restoration of Atmospheric Turbulent Images, *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing (JSTSP)*. (2021)
- [6] WA Lin<sup>1</sup>, **CP Lau**<sup>1</sup>, A Levine, R Chellappa, S Feizi, Dual Manifold Adversarial Robustness: Defense against Lp and non-Lp Adversarial Attacks, *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)* (2020)
- [5] WH Chak, **CP Lau**, LM Lui, Subsampled Turbulence Removal Network. *Journal on Mathematics, Computation and Geometry of Data* (2020)
- [4] **CP Lau**, H Sourì, R Chellappa, ATFaceGAN: Single Face Image Restoration and Recognition from Atmospheric Turbulence. *IEEE International Conference and Workshops on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition* (2020) (Oral) (Honorable Mention Award)
- [3] **CP Lau**, YH Lai, LM Lui, Restoration of Atmospheric Turbulence-distorted Images via RPCA and Quasiconformal Maps. *Inverse Problem* (2019).
- [2] **CP Lau**, YH Lai, LM Lui, Variational models for joint subsampling and reconstruction of turbulence-degraded images. *Journal of Scientific Computing*, 1-38 (2018).
- [1] **CP Lau**, CP Yung, LM Lui, Image retargeting via Beltrami representation. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)*, 27(12), 5787-5801 (2018).

## Selected Awards

IEEE International Conference and Workshops on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition	USA
o Best Paper (Honorable Mention Award)	2020
NeurIPS 2020	USA
o Travel Award	2020
University of Maryland, College Park	USA
o Dean's Fellowship	2018-2020
2017 Imaging Science Camp, VISSA	Shenzhen, China
o Presidential Prize for Best Presentation by Prof. Tony F. Chan	2017
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
o Postgraduate Studentship	2016-2018

## Talks

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<sup>1</sup> First two authors contributed equally

1. NeurIPS 2020, December 6-12, 2020, Virtual  
Title: Dual Manifold Adversarial Robustness: Defense against  $L_p$  and non- $L_p$  Adversarial Attacks ([Link](#))
2. 15th IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG), November 16-20, 2020, Virtual  
Title: ATFaceGAN: Single Face Image Restoration and Recognition from Atmospheric Turbulence ([Link](#))
3. SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (IS18), June 5-8, 2018, Bologna, Italy  
Title: Variational Models for Joint Subsampling and Reconstruction of Turbulence-degraded Images
4. (Invited talk) The International Conference on Image Processing: Theory, Method and Applications (ICIPTMA), May 19-21, 2017, Heilongjiang, China  
Title: Restoration of Atmospheric Turbulence-distorted images via RPCA and Quasiconformal Maps
5. 2017 Imaging Science Camp, March 10-12, 2017, Shenzhen, China  
Title: Restoration of Atmospheric Turbulence-distorted images via RPCA and Quasiconformal Maps

## Professional Service

Reviewer	2018-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems</i></li> <li>○ <i>IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence</i></li> <li>○ <i>IEEE Transactions on Multimedia</i></li> <li>○ <i>IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging</i></li> <li>○ <i>The IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-based Surveillance</i></li> <li>○ <i>AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence</i></li> <li>○ <i>Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)</i></li> </ul>	

## Teaching Experience

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Johns Hopkins University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Teaching Assistant, Guest Lecturer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN.520.665 Machine Perception. Fall 2021</li> <li>• EN.520.650 Machine Intelligence. Spring 2021</li> <li>• EN.520.665 Machine Perception. Fall 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2020-2021
Department of Mathematics, University of Maryland, College Park	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH120 Elementary Calculus I. Spring 2019</li> <li>• MATH141 Calculus II. Fall 2018</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2018-2019
Department of Mathematics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATH4250 Game Theory. Spring 2018</li> <li>• MATH3360 Mathematical Imaging. Fall 2017.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2016-2018

- MATH4250 Game Theory. Spring 2017.
- MATH3360 Mathematical Imaging. Fall 2016.

## Mentoring Experience

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| ○ Jiang Liu, (PhD student), <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>     | <i>2020-present</i> |
| ○ Zhaoyang Wang, (PhD student), <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> | <i>2021-present</i> |
| ○ Yuxiang Guo, (PhD student), <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>   | <i>2021-present</i> |

## References

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