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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, USA

Ph.D. Candidate of ECE (DICE track); GPA: 3.9 / 4.0; supervised by Prof. Alan Bovik

Aug. 2022 - Now

National Taiwan University

Taipei, Taiwan

Master of CS; GPA: 4.0 / 4.3

Sep. 2016 - Aug. 2018

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Bachelor of ECE

Hsinchu, Taiwan Sep. 2012 - June. 2016

Work Experience

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, USA

Graduate Research Assistant, Lab of Image/Video Engineering and in collaboration with YouTube Aug 2022 - Present

- Deep Video Cropper: Develop a new database to address the challenge. Design new ROI detection algorithms.
- o Dynamic Video Outpainting: Leverage our video cropper to enable video outpainting beyond center crops.
- A Cropping-Based Preprocessing Method for Video Quality Assessment: Employ video cropping as a preprocessing strategy to enhance the accuracy of video quality assessment.

Amazon Inc. Bellevue, USA

Applied Scientist Intern, Astro Home Robot Team

May 2025 - Aug 2025

o Advanced Frame Sampling For Video Understanding: Conduct research on video question answering and grounding via multi-modal large language model.

Bellevue, USA Amazon Inc.

Applied Scientist Intern, Astro Home Robot Team

May 2024 - Aug 2024

Text-guided Video Reframing: Conduct research on video reframing and video language modeling.

Mediatek Inc. Hsinchu, Taiwan

AI Software Engineer, Computational Artificial Intelligent Department, Algorithm Team

Mar 2021 - July 2022

- Machine Learning Toolkits [link]: Develop and test components of efficient DL toolkit which utilizes special IR to support several AI frameworks. Provide example codes and optimization report for AutoML on semantic segmentation. Enable the entire framework to support Tensorflow V2. Enable the AutoML toolkit to support device-aware searching. Enable the toolkit to fetch latency and power information from AI platforms.
- Neural Network Accelerator [link]: Develop and test resizing operators in Mediatek AI Compiler which enables deep models to run parallel on multi-cores AI Processing Unit (Dimensity 9000).

Perfect Corp. Taipei, Taiwan

Computer Vision Software Engineer, Magic Technology Team

Jun 2020 - Feb 2021

- o Develop SkinCare AR algorithms [link]: Implement high-resolution, realistic, light reflection considered skin texture/pore removal algorithms on mobile devices. Combine digital image processing methodology and deep learning-based skin/texture/pore segmentation models.
- o Optimize model pruning and face alignment algorithms: Implement state-of-the-art pruning methods on Perfect's deep face alignment models which is for real-time makeup rendering.
- Develop tagging tools: Develop face alignment data tagging tools to reduce labeling time and enhance quality.

SenseTime Ltd. Shenzhen, China

Trainee Computer Vision Researcher, SenseTime and CUHK Joint Lab

Sep 2018 - April 2019

- o CelebAMask-HQ [2k+ stars, 300+ forks] [link]: Present MaskGAN (CVPR'20) for diverse and interactive face manipulation and contribute a large-scale high-resolution face segmentation dataset called CelebAMask-HQ.
- Switchable Normalization on Generative Adversarial Network: Discover the probability of learning to select different normalizers for different layers of a discriminator by meta-learning.

National Taiwan University

Taipei, Taiwan

Graduate Research Assistant, Communications and Multimedia Lab

Sep 2016 - Aug 2018

- Attribute Augmented Face Hallucination: Present the first face hallucination model which exploit attribute information to assist ultra low resolution image recovering (CVPRW'18).
- Pose Invariant Virtual Try-on Shoes: Present the first shoes try-on framework which is based on key point detection and conditional image completion (ACCV'18).

QNAP Systems Taipei, Taiwan

Software Engineering Intern, Cloud Innovation Group

July 2016 - Aug 2016

• Implement an universal cloud client of Slack: Integrate the application of QNAP NAS (Network-Attached Storage), Connect To Cloud Drive, with Slack. Enable users to synchronize files between Slack and QNAP NAS.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Text-guided Video Reframing

Lee, C., Liu, B., Su, C., Bovik, A. C., Sun, M., Kuo, C. TIP (Under Review)

Subjective Portrait Region Cropping On Landscape Video with Temporal Smoothing Lee, C., Mandal, M., Birkbeck, N., Wang, Y., Adsumilli, B., Bovik, A. C. TIP (Under Review)

Is HDR Always Better Than SDR?

Chen, B., Lee, C., Chen, Y., Shang, Z., Wei, H., Bovik, A. C. TIP (Under Review)

Conference Publications

- Memory Tree Guided Key Frame Querying for Efficient 3D Question Answering Huang, S., Chen, F., Tsao, L., Lee, C., et al. ICLR'26 (Under Review)
- HDRSDR-VQA: A Subjective Video Quality Dataset for HDR and SDR Evaluation [link]
 Chen, B., Lee, C., Chen, Y., Shang, Z., Wei, H., Bovik, A. C. PCS'25
- Subjective Portrait Region Cropping On Landscape Video Study [link]

Lee, C., Mandal, M., Birkbeck, N., Wang, Y., Adsumilli, B., Bovik, A. C. ICIP'24

MaskGAN: Towards Diverse and Interactive Facial Image Manipulation [link]

Lee, C., Liu, Z., Wu, L., Luo, P. CVPR'20, Top 1% most influential papers

- PIVTONS: Pose Invariant Virtual Try-on Shoes with Conditional Image Completion [link] Chou, C., Lee, C., Zhang, K., Lee, H., Hsu, W. H. ACCV'18(Oral)
- Attribute Augmented Convolutional Neural Network for Face Hallucination [link]

 Lee, C., Zhang, K., Lee, H., Cheng, C., Hsu, W. H. CVPRW'18
- Drone-View Building Identification by Cross-View Visual Learning [link]

 Chen, C., Kuo, Y., Lee, T., Lee, C., Hsu, W. H. CVPRW'18

Course Projects

- Expainable Image Quality Assessment Using LLM [link]: Our explainable image quality assessment model offers in-depth reasoning of the quality scores it estimates. (UT ECE, generative model course)
- AutoPortrait: Create Portrait Videos [link]: A framework designed to convert a video in landscape mode to a portrait mode video. (UT ECE, digital video course)
- HouseMonitor: A Real-Time Surveillance Android App [link]: Users can control the angle of a remote camera and see real-time video of house on a mobile phone. (NYCU CS, embedding system course)
- Intelligent Speech Emotion Recognition Android App: Users can record a piece of voice and identify its emotion on a mobile phone. (NYCU ECE, spacial project course)

Programming Skills

- Languages: Python (4 years industry experience), C/C++ (2.5 years industry experience), JAVA (1 year industry experience), Objective-C (1 year industry experience)
- Toolkits: Pytorch, Tensorflow, FFmpeg, OpenCV, CUDA, Docker, Latex, Android, iOS
- Platforms: Linux, MacOS, Windows, Vim, Visual Studio, Android Studio, Xcode, Jira, Git