EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

05/2016

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science

Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

06/2010

M.S. in Computer Science

Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

05/2007

B.E. in Computer Science

SKILLS

Programming: C/C++, Java, Matlab, Python, SQL, SPARK, Bash, CUDA, OPENCV

Machine Learning: Dictionary Learning, Deep Learning, Regression and Classification

Image Processing: Registration, Segmentation, Denoising

Computer Vision: Feature extraction, object detection, tracking

EXPERIENCE

Intern, IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA

05/2014-08/2014

Multi-atlas based Image Segmentation

- Implemented multi-atlas based image segmentation system in Java;
- Investigated methods of learning from ambiguous labels using matlab and Java;
- Investigated atlas based image segmentation methods with different local features and classifiers.

Intern, Siemens Corporate Research, Princeton, NJ

05/2012-08/2012

Real-time Object Detection in Ultrasound Videos

- Developed and implemented a needle detection system for ultrasound videos in C++ and MFC;
- Incorporated with different features and hough transform to vote the needle segment;
- Implemented a 3D steerable filtering method to incorporate spatial and temporal information for needle detection.

Research Project, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

09/2014-01/2015

Image Annotation using Deep Representations

- Developed automatic image annotation with Convolutional Neural Network(CNN) features;
- Jointly modeling the image features and word features and tested on multiple dataset;
- Implemented in matlab, C++ and Caffe.

Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

09/2010-present

Coupled Dictionary Learning for Image Analysis

- Developed coupled dictionary learning methods for image analysis;
- Learning coupled dictionaries based on sparse coding, and applied the learned dictionary to multimodal image analysis problems;
- Implemented in matlab and C++.

Research Assistant, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shenzhen, China

09/2009-03/2010

- Energy based Crowd Motion Analysis
- Implemented a abnormal crowd motion analysis system in C++ and OPENCV;
 Developed an energy based crowd motion analysis algorithm based on mutual information;
- Applied the algorithm to detect the crowd abnormal behaviors.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1]. **Tian Cao**, Nikhil Singh, Vladimir Jojic, Marc Niethammer, "Semi-coupled Dictionary Learning for Deformation Prediction", *International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging* (**ISBI**), 2015.
- [2]. **Tian Cao**, Christopher Zach, Marc Niethammer et al., "Multi-modal Registration for Correlative Microscopy using Image Analogies", *Medical Image Analysis* (MedIA), Elsevier, 2014.
- [3]. Tian Cao, Vladimir Jojic, Marc Niethammer et al., "Robust Multimodal Dictionary Learning", The 16th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2013.
- [4].Bo Wang, **Tian Cao**, Yuguo Dai, Dong C. Liu, "Ultrasound Speckle Reduction via Super Resolution and Nonlinear Diffusion", the 9th Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV), 2009.
- [5]. Tian Cao, Bo Wang, Dong C. Liu, "Optimized GPU Framework of Semi-implicit AOS Scheme

Based Speckle Reducing Nonlinear Diffusion", proceedings of SPIE Medical Imaging (SPIE MI), 2009.

[6]. **Tian Cao**, Xinyu Wu, Jinnian Guo, Shiqi Yu, Yangsheng Xu, "Abnormal Crowd Motion Analysis", *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics* (**ROBIO**), 2009.

Honors &	HackNC 2015 Best UI Award.	2015
Awards	ISBI 2015 NIH Traval Award.	2015
	Guanghua Scholarship.	2010
	Outstanding graduate Student Award, Sichuan University.	2010
	Graduate Student Fellowship, Sichuan University.	2007-2010
	Student Innovation Award, Sichuan University.	2005-2007
	1st prize of China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling.	2006