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# ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

## Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

08/2016 - 07/2020

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Advisors: Prof. Pheng-Ann Heng & Prof. Chi-Wing Fu

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# B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

09/2012 - 07/2016

South China University of Technology (SCUT)

GPA: 3.95/4.0 (rank  $1^{st}$  in All-English-Teaching Union Class)

★ Selected by SCUT for a special class for the most promising students

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Professor, South China University of Technology	06/2025 - present
Research Scientist, Shanghai Artificial Intelligence Laboratory	03/2022 - 06/2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	08/2020 - 02/2022

### RESEARCH RECORDS

Dr. Hu's research interests span **computer vision**, **low-level vision**, **vision perception**, **medical AI**, and **deep learning**. Specifically, his research focuses on: (a) Revitalizing visual content under adverse weather and complex illumination conditions. (b) Developing intelligent perception and reasoning systems capable of continuous operation and adaptability to diverse environments. (c) Creating next-generation multimodal models that handle multiple tasks efficiently, advancing understanding and shaping a visual world closely aligned with physical reality. Dr. Hu boasts an extensive publication record, with **more than 50 academic papers** published in prestigious journals and conferences, including IEEE TPAMI, CVPR, and ICCV. His work has garnered significant attention, as evidenced by his **Google Scholar citation over 6000** and an **h-index of 34**. He has been recognized as one of **the World's Top 2% Scientists** by Stanford University for 2022-2024 and was selected for the **Outstanding Young Talents Program of China**.

### HONORS & AWARDS

World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University	2022-2024
Outstanding Young Talents Program of China [国家高层次人才计划青年项目]	2023
Achieved Excellence in the Hong Kong Young Scientist Award ( ${f two~winners}$ in Engineering Science in ${f HK}$ ) 2021	
CVPR Doctoral Consortium Award (31 awardees <b>globally</b> )	2020
Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship (the <b>highest</b> scholarship for students studying in Hong Kong)	2016
Top 10 Outstanding Students at SCUT ( $\underline{\mathbf{rank}}\ 1^{st}$ , the <b>highest</b> award for students at SCUT)	2016
Google Excellence Scholarship (one of 58 winners in <b>China</b> )	2015
Tencent Outstanding Scholarship (the <b>only</b> undergraduate winner at SCUT)	2015
National Scholarship (the <b>highest</b> national wide scholarship for undergraduate students in China)	2013

# Summary: CVPR/ICCV/ECCV (16), TPAMI (3), IEEE Transactions (20)

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# TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

# The Future of AI in Vision and Healthcare: Multimodal Large Language Models for Image Perception, Restoration, and Medical Applications

- ♦ Talk at Southeast University, December 2024.
- ♦ Talk at The University of Hong Kong, November 2024. [information] [instagram] [facebook]

# Revitalizing Visual Content under Adverse Weather and Complex Illumination

♦ Talk at The University of Hong Kong, January 2024.

# Demystifying the Giants: An Introduction to Large Language and Vision Models with Healthcare Applications

♦ Tutorial at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, November 2023.

# Learning for Visions Under the Adverse Weather and Complex Illumination

- ♦ Talk at ShanghaiTech University, November 2023. [information]
- ♦ Talk at Zhejiang Lab, June 2023.
- ♦ Talk at University of Cambridge, May 2023. [information] [twitter]
- ♦ Talk at South China University of Technology, March 2023.

# Basic Vision Models (Object Detection)

♦ Tutorial at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, February & September 2022.

### Shadow Detection and Removal with Deep Learning

- ♦ Talk at Shanghai AI Laboratory, October 2021.
- ♦ Talk at TechBeat, August 2021.

- ♦ Talk at Nanjing University, May 2021.
- ♦ Talk at Nanjing University of Science and Technology, May 2021.
- ♦ Talk at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, April 2021.
- ♦ Talk at Peng Cheng Laboratory Overseas Young Scientist Forum, July 2020.
- ♦ Talk at Shantou University, December 2019.

### **Instance Segmentation and Instance Shadow Detection**

♦ Tutorial at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, October 2021.

# Mask-ShadowGAN: Learning to Remove Shadows from Unpaired Data

♦ Talk at Hong Kong Computer Vision Workshop, October 2019. (Best Oral Presentation Award)

# Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection

♦ Talk at AI Research Club, July 2018.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

# Area Chair

♦ MICCAI 2025

# Conference Reviews / PC Members

IEEE CVPR (2019-2025), IEEE ICCV (2019 [Outstanding Reviewer], 2021, 2023, 2025), ECCV (2020, 2022, 2024), NeurIPS (2023), ICLR (2023-2025), SIGGRAPH Asia (2022), AAAI (2020-2025), ACM MM (2021, 2022, 2024), PG (2020, 2021), MICCAI (2019-2021)

### Journal Reviews

♦ IEEE TPAMI, IJCV, IEEE TIP, IEEE TMM, IEEE TITS, IEEE TMI, IEEE TNNLS, IEEE TCSVT, IEEE TVT, Neurocomputing, JBHI, Computer Vision and Image Understanding, Artificial Intelligence Review, The Visual Computer, Computers & Graphics, IEEE CG&A

### **STUDENTS**

### **Previous Mentorship**

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- Tianyu Wang (Jan. 2022 Mar. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, PhD Student at CUHK) (now Research Scientist at Adobe Research, USA)
- Chuanjun Zheng (Jul. 2022 Jun. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab) (now PhD student at Northeastern University, USA)
- ♦ Yurui Zhu (Jul. 2022 Apr. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, PhD Student at USTC)
- Min Shi (Jul. 2022 Apr. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, MPhil Student at HUST)
- ♦ Sitong Wu (Apr. 2022 Mar. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, PhD Student at CUHK)
- ♦ Weiyun Wang (Jul. 2022 Feb. 2023, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, PhD Student at Fudan)
- ♦ Zhenchao Jin (May 2022 Dec. 2022, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, PhD Student at HKU)
- Xuanyu Yang (Jul. 2022 Dec. 2022, Research Intern at Shanghai AI Lab, Undergraduate Student at SJTU)
- ♦ Yitong Jiang (Dec. 2018 Mar. 2019, Undergraduate at CUHK) (now PhD student at CUHK)
- ♦ Lihao Liu (Aug. 2017 Feb. 2020, MPhil at CUHK) (now Applied Scientist at Amazon, USA)