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EDUCATION

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

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

08/2016 - Present

Expected graduation date: 07/2020

South China University of Technology (SCUT)

B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

GPA: 3.95/4.0 (**rank 1st** in All-English-Teaching Union Class)

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

09/2012 - 07/2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests cover **computer vision** and **deep learning**, with special emphasis on **low-level vision**. Specifically, I am dedicated to designing learning frameworks by exploring the physical properties of various vision applications, including shadow image analysis, rain removal, and saliency detection. I am also interested in exploring robust learning algorithms with less human supervision for image recognition and restoration, which helps to improve scene understanding and enhance camera capability.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Hong Kong Ph.D. Fellowship (the **highest** scholarship for students studying in Hong Kong)

2016 - 2020

CVPR Doctoral Consortium Award

2020

Best Oral Presentation Award of Hong Kong Computer Vision Workshop (the **only** winner)

2019

ICCV Outstanding Reviewer Award (top **3.6%**)

2019

Excellent Teaching Assistant at CSE Department, CUHK

2018

Top 10 Outstanding Students at SCUT (**rank 1st**, the **highest** award for students at SCUT)

2016

Gold Award of Pan-Pearl-River-Delta University IT Project Competition in China

2016

Google Excellence Scholarship (one of 58 winners in **China**)

2015

Tencent Outstanding Scholarship (the **only** undergraduate winner at SCUT)

2015

National Scholarship (the **highest** national wide scholarship for undergraduate students in China)

2013

First Prize of Adolescents Science & Technology Innovation Contest in Hebei Province

2011

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Summary: TPAMI/CVPR/ICCV/ECCV (7), IEEE Transactions (9).

Refereed Conference Papers

[C1] *Instance Shadow Detection*

Tianyu Wang*, **Xiaowei Hu***, Qiong Wang, Pheng-Ann Heng, and Chi-Wing Fu. (*joint 1st authors)

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2020.

[C2] *Mask-ShadowGAN: Learning to Remove Shadows from Unpaired Data*

Xiaowei Hu, Yitong Jiang, Chi-Wing Fu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.

IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2019.

[C3] *Deep Multi-Model Fusion for Single-Image Dehazing*

Zijun Deng, Lei Zhu, **Xiaowei Hu**, Chi-Wing Fu, Xuemiao Xu, Qing Zhang, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.

IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2019.

[C4] *Depth-Attentional Features for Single-Image Rain Removal*

Xiaowei Hu, Chi-Wing Fu, Lei Zhu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2019.

[C5] *Probabilistic Multilayer Regularization Network for Unsupervised 3D Brain Image Registration*

Lihao Liu, **Xiaowei Hu**, Lei Zhu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (**MICCAI**), 2019.

[C6] *Enhancing Augmented VR Interaction via Egocentric Scene Analysis*

Yang Tian, Chi-Wing Fu, Shengdong Zhao, Ruihui Li, Xiao Tang, **Xiaowei Hu**, and Pheng-Ann Heng.

Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (**Ubicomp**), 2019.

- [C7] *Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection*
Xiaowei Hu, Lei Zhu, Chi-Wing Fu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2018. (**Oral**)
- [C8] *Recurrently Aggregating Deep Features for Salient Object Detection*
Xiaowei Hu, Lei Zhu, Jing Qin, Chi-Wing Fu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2018. (**Spotlight**)
- [C9] *R³Net: Recurrent Residual Refinement Network for Saliency Detection*
Zijun Deng*, **Xiaowei Hu***, Lei Zhu, Xuemiao Xu, Jing Qin, Guoqiang Han, and Pheng-Ann Heng. (*joint 1st authors)
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI**), 2018. (**Oral**)
- [C10] *Bidirectional Feature Pyramid Network with Recurrent Attention Residual Modules for Shadow Detection*
Lei Zhu, Zijun Deng, **Xiaowei Hu**, Chi-Wing Fu, Xuemiao Xu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2018.
- [C11] *Deep Attentional Features for Prostate Segmentation in Ultrasound*
Yi Wang, Zijun Deng, **Xiaowei Hu**, Lei Zhu, Xin Yang, Xuemiao Xu, Pheng-Ann Heng, and Dong Ni.
International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (**MICCAI**), 2018.

Refereed Journal Papers

- [J1] *SAC-Net: Spatial Attenuation Context for Salient Object Detection*
Xiaowei Hu, Chi-Wing Fu, Lei Zhu, Tianyu Wang, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**TCSVT**, IF: 4.046), 2020.
- [J2] *Saliency-Aware Texture Smoothing*
Lei Zhu*, **Xiaowei Hu***, Chi-Wing Fu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng. (*joint 1st authors)
IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (**TVCG**, IF: 3.780), 2020.
- [J3] *Ψ -Net: Stacking Densely Convolutional LSTMs for Sub-cortical Brain Structure Segmentation*
Lihao Liu*, **Xiaowei Hu***, Lei Zhu, Chi-Wing Fu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng. (*joint 1st authors)
IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (**TMI**, IF: 7.816), 2020.
- [J4] *CANet: Cross-disease Attention Network for Joint Diabetic Retinopathy and Diabetic Macular Edema Grading*
Xiaomeng Li, **Xiaowei Hu**, Lequan Yu, Lei Zhu, Chi-Wing Fu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (**TMI**, IF: 7.816), 2020.
- [J5] *SALMNet: A Structure-Aware Lane Marking Detection Network*
Xuemiao Xu, Tianfei Yu, **Xiaowei Hu**, Wing W. Y. Ng, Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (**TITS**, IF: 5.744), 2020.
- [J6] *Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection and Removal*
Xiaowei Hu, Chi-Wing Fu, Lei Zhu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (**TPAMI**, IF: 17.730), 2019.
- [J7] *SINet: A Scale-Insensitive Convolutional Neural Network for Fast Vehicle Detection*
Xiaowei Hu, Xuemiao Xu, Yongjie Xiao, Hao Chen, Shengfeng He, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (**TITS**, IF: 5.744), 2019.
- [J8] *Deep Attentive Features for Prostate Segmentation in 3D Transrectal Ultrasound*
Yi Wang, Haoran Dou, **Xiaowei Hu**, Lei Zhu, Xin Yang, Ming Xu, et al.
IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (**TMI**, IF: 7.816), 2019.
- [J9] *Aggregating Attentional Dilated Features for Salient Object Detection*
Lei Zhu, Jiaying Chen, **Xiaowei Hu**, Chi-Wing Fu, Xuemiao Xu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**TCSVT**, IF: 4.046), 2019.
- [J10] *CATARACTS: Challenge on Automatic Tool Annotation for cataRACT Surgery*
Hassan Al Hajj, Mathieu Lamard, Pierre-Henri Conze, Soumali Roychowdhury, **Xiaowei Hu**, et al.
Medical Image Analysis (**MedIA**, IF: 8.88), 2019.

Papers under Review

- [U1] *Revisiting Shadow Detection: A New Benchmark Dataset for Complex World*
Xiaowei Hu, Tianyu Wang, Chi-Wing Fu, Yitong Jiang, Qiong Wang, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**TIP**, IF: 6.790).
- [U2] *Single-Image Real-Time Rain Removal Based on Depth-Guided Non-Local Features*
Xiaowei Hu, Lei Zhu, Tianyu Wang, Chi-Wing Fu, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**TIP**, IF: 6.790).

- [U3] *Anonymous*
 Xiao Tang, **Xiaowei Hu**, Chi-Wing Fu, and Daniel Cohen-Or.
 Submitted to the ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (**UIST**).
- [U4] *Anonymous*
 Xiaomeng Li, **Xiaowei Hu**, Xiaojuan Qi, Lequan Yu, Pheng-Ann Heng, and Lei Xing.
 Submitted to International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (**MICCAI**).
- [U5] *Recurrent Residual Refinement Network for Saliency Detection*
 Zijun Deng, Lei Zhu, **Xiaowei Hu**, Xuemiao Xu, Jing Qin, Guoqiang Han, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
 Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**TCSVT**, IF: 4.046).
- [U6] *Learning Gated Global Residual for Single-Image Rain Streak Removal*
 Lei Zhu, Zijun Deng, **Xiaowei Hu**, Xuemiao Xu, Jing Qin, and Pheng-Ann Heng.
 Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**TCSVT**, IF: 4.046).

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Intern, The Chinese University of Hong Kong** 06/2015 - 08/2015
 Advisor: Prof. Pheng-Ann Heng
 Worked on the deep learning techniques for vehicle detection.
- Research Intern, Hong Kong Baptist University** 08/2014
 ★ Selected by the outstanding undergraduate research opportunity program
 Advisor: Prof. Yiu-Wing Leung & Doc. Hai Liu
 Worked on the fault-tolerant algorithms for cognitive radio networks.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, South China University of Technology** 01/2013 - 07/2016
 Advisor: Prof. Xuemiao Xu
 Led a team and worked on the intelligent transportation system (authorized three Chinese invention patents).

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- Teaching Assistant at CUHK**
- ◇ Advanced Topics in Computer Graphics and Visualization (Excellent Teaching Assistant) Spring 2018
 - ◇ Digital Logic and Systems Fall 2016-2018
 - ◇ Linear Algebra and Vector Calculus for Engineers Spring 2017
- Supervision**
- ◇ Supervise junior Ph.D. (Tianyu Wang and Xiao Tang), M.Phil. (Zijun Deng, Lihao Liu, and Tianfei Yu), and undergraduate (Yitong Jiang) students to publish research papers on top-tier conferences and journals.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Invited Talks**
- ◇ Talk at Shantou University, “Deep Learning for Shadow Detection and Removal” December 2019
 - ◇ Hong Kong Computer Vision Workshop, “Mask-ShadowGAN: Learning to Remove Shadows from Unpaired Data” (Best Oral Presentation Award) October 2019
 - ◇ AI Massive Open Online Course, “Direction-Aware Spatial Context Features for Shadow Detection” July 2018
- Conference Reviews**
- ◇ ECCV’20, CVPR’20, AAAI’20, MICCAI’20, ICCV’19 (Outstanding Reviewer), CVPR’19, MICCAI’19.
- Journal Reviews**
- ◇ IJCV, IEEE TIP, IEEE TMM, IEEE TITS, IEEE TMI, IEEE TCSVT, Neurocomputing, IEEE Access, etc.