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# **Employment**

| Research Scientist, TCL AI Lab Hong Kong, HKSAR, China<br>Research, Design and Development of Deep Learning Algorithms for Smart Homes | April 2020 - Present  |
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| Algorithm Specialist, TCL Research Hong Kong, HKSAR, China Research and development of TCL deep learning inference platform            | Oct 2019 – Mar 2020   |
| Lab Engineer, City University of Science and Information Technology, Pakistan, Conduct laboratory classes in Control Systems           | May 2013 – Aug 2016   |
| <b>Visiting Lecturer</b> , City University of Science and Information Technology, Pakistan Taught Programing with MATLAB               | Dec 2012 – Mar 2016   |
| Teaching Assistant, City University of Science and Information Technology, Pakistan  | Oct 2012 – April 2013 |

| Education   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Ph.D.Electrical Engineering, City University of Hong Kong, HKSAR, China Advisor: Po Lai-Man | Sep 2016 – Aug 2019  |
| Thesis Title: Face Anti-Spoofing using Convolutional Neural Networks                        |                      |
| M.S.Electrical Engineering, NUCES-Peshawar, Pakistan  | Aug 2013 – July 2015 |
| Advisor: Muhammad Tariq   |                      |
| Thesis Title: Object Tracking and Image Transmission in Wireless Multimedia Sensor          | r Networks           |

#### B.Sc. Electrical Engineering, CUSIT-Peshawar, Pakistan,

Sep 2008 – Sep 2012

Advisor: Adam Khan

Thesis Title: Intelligent Traffic Control System

#### Technical Skills

Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, MATLAB, Vim, ONNX, Anaconda, Linux

Assisted professors in the preparation of checking quizzes and assignments

## Research Interest

- Computer Vision, Deep Learning, and Machine Learning with Applications in Video, Audio, and Image
- Decentralized Deep Learning with Applications in On-Device Training and Inference
- Multimodal Self-Supervised Learning, Neural Network Parameterization, Multimodal Large Language Models (MLLMS)

## Awards

- Research Tuition Scholarship 2018-2019
- Outstanding Academic Performance Award 2018
- Full-time PhD Studentship by HKSAR Government 2016-2019
- Active Student Residence Award 2018
- Bronze Medal in M.Sc Electrical Engineering 2015
- Gold Medal in B.Sc. Electrical Engineering 2012
- National ICT R&D Funds 2011-2012

## **Publications**

#### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- K. W. Lau, L.-M. Po, and Y. A. U. Rehman, "Large separable kernel attention: Rethinking the large kernel attention design in cnn," *Expert Systems with Applications*, vol. 236, p. 121352, 2024.
- K. W. Lau, Y. A. U. Rehman, and L.-M. Po, "Audiorepinceptionnext: A lightweight single-stream architecture for efficient audio recognition," *Neurocomputing*, p. 127432, 2024.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, L. M. Po, and M. Liu, "Livenet: Improving features generalization for face liveness detection using convolution neural networks," *Expert Systems with Applications*, vol. 108, pp. 159–169, 2018.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, M. Tariq, and T. Sato, "A novel energy efficient object detection and image transmission approach for wireless multimedia sensor networks," *IEEE sensors journal*, vol. 16, no. 15, pp. 5942–5949, 2016.
- Y. Zhao, L.-M. Po, K.-W. Cheung, W.-Y. Yu, and Y. A. U. Rehman, "Scgan: Saliency map-guided colorization with generative adversarial network," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, 2020.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, L.-M. Po, and M. Liu, "Slnet: Stereo face liveness detection via dynamic disparity-maps and convolutional neural network," *Expert Systems with Applications*, vol. 142, p. 113002, 2020.
- Y. Zhang, L. M. Po, M. Liu, Y. A. U. Rehman, W. Ou, and Y. Zhao, "Data-level information enhancement: Motion-patch-based siamese convolutional neural networks for human activity recognition in videos," *Expert Systems with Applications*, vol. 147, p. 113 203, 2020.
- W.-F. Ou, L.-M. Po, C. Zhou, Y. A. U. Rehman, P.-F. Xian, and Y.-J. Zhang, "Fusion loss and inter-class data augmentation for deep finger vein feature learning," *Expert Systems with Applications*, vol. 171, p. 114584, 2021.
- M. Liu, H. Fu, Y. Wei, Y. A. U. Rehman, L.-m. Po, and W. L. Lo, "Light field-based face liveness detection with convolutional neural networks," *Journal of Electronic Imaging*, vol. 28, no. 1, p. 013 003, 2019.
- M. Liu, L.-M. Po, Y. A. U. Rehman, X. Xu, Y. Li, and L. Feng, "Video copy detection by conducting fast searching of inverted files," *Multimedia Tools and Applications*, vol. 78, no. 8, pp. 10601–10624, 2019.
- Y. Zhang, L.-M. Po, J. Xiong, Y. A. U. Rehman, and K.-W. Cheung, "Asnet: Auto-augmented siamese neural network for action recognition," *Sensors*, vol. 21, no. 14, p. 4720, 2021.
- J. Xiong, L.-M. Po, K. W. Cheung, et al., "Edge-sensitive left ventricle segmentation using deep reinforcement learning," Sensors, vol. 21, no. 7, p. 2375, 2021.
- Y. Zhao, L.-M. Po, W.-Y. Yu, et al., "Vcgan: Video colorization with hybrid generative adversarial network," *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, vol. 25, pp. 3017–3032, 2022.
- Y. A. Ur Rehman, M. Tariq, and O. U. Khan, "Improved object localization using accurate distance estimation in wireless multimedia sensor networks," *PloS one*, vol. 10, no. 11, e0141558, 2015.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, L.-M. Po, and J. Komulainen, "Enhancing deep discriminative feature maps via perturbation for face presentation attack detection," *Image and Vision Computing*, vol. 94, p. 103858, 2020.

### Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

- K. W. Lau, Y. A. U. Rehman, P. P. B. de Gusmão, L.-M. Po, L. Ma, and Y. Xie, "Fedrepopt: Gradient reparametrized optimizers in federated learning," in *Proceedings of the Asian Conference on Computer Vision*, 2024, pp. 1866–1882.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, K. W. Lau, Y. Xie, L. Ma, and J. Shen, "Exploring federated self-supervised learning for general purpose audio understanding," in *IEEE ICASSP 2024 workshop*, IEEE, 2024.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, Y. Gao, P. P. B. De Gusmão, M. Alibeigi, J. Shen, and N. D. Lane, "L-dawa: Layer-wise divergence aware weight aggregation in federated self-supervised visual representation learning," in *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision*, 2023, pp. 16464–16473.

- Y. A. U. Rehman, Y. Gao, J. Shen, P. P. B. de Gusmão, and N. Lane, "Federated self-supervised learning for video understanding," in *Computer Vision–ECCV 2022: 17th European Conference, Tel Aviv, Israel, October 23–27, 2022, Proceedings, Part XXXI*, Springer, 2022, pp. 506–522.
- Y. Xie, J. Wen, K. W. Lau, Y. A. U. Rehman, and J. Shen, "What should be equivariant in self-supervised learning," in *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*, 2022, pp. 4111–4120.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, L. M. Po, and M. Liu, "Deep learning for face anti-spoofing: An end-to-end approach," in 2017 Signal Processing: Algorithms, Architectures, Arrangements, and Applications (SPA), IEEE, 2017, pp. 195–200.
- Y. A. U. Rehman, L.-M. Po, M. Liu, Z. Zou, and W. Ou, "Perturbing convolutional feature maps with histogram of oriented gradients for face liveness detection," in *International Joint Conference: 12th International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Security for Information Systems (CISIS 2019) and 10th International Conference on EUropean Transnational Education (ICEUTE 2019)*, Springer, 2019, pp. 3–13.
- M. Liu, L.-m. Po, Y. A. U. Rehman, X. Xu, Y. Li, and L. Feng, "A novel inverted index file based searching strategy for video copy detection," in 2017 Signal Processing: Algorithms, Architectures, Arrangements, and Applications (SPA), IEEE, 2017, pp. 307–312.
- Y. Zhou, M. Kwan, K. Tolentino, et al., "Udc 2020 challenge on image restoration of under-display camera: Methods and results," in European Conference on Computer Vision, Springer, 2020, pp. 337–351.
- Y. A. UrRehman, A. Khan, and M. Tariq, "Modeling, design and analysis of intelligent traffic control system based on integrated statistical image processing techniques," in 2015 12th International Bhurban Conference on Applied Sciences and Technology (IBCAST), IEEE, 2015, pp. 169–174.

#### **PhD-Thesis**

• Y. A. U. Rehman, "Face anti-spoofing using convolutional neural networks," City University of Hong Kong, 2019.

## **Book Chapters**

• Y. A. U. Rehman and M. Tariq, "Visual information processing and transmission in wireless multimedia sensor networks: A deep learning based practical approach," in *Internet of Multimedia Things (IoMT)*. Elsevier, 2022, pp. 47–66.

# **Projects**

| Decentralized Image Understanding for Smart Homes Location: AI Lab, TCL Research Hong Kong, KSAR, China       | 2022-current |
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| Video Understanding for Smart Homes<br>Location: AI Lab, TCL Research Hong Kong, KSAR, China                  | 2019-2022    |
| Deep Learning for Image Understanding in Mobile Applications<br>Location: TCL Research Hong Kong, KSAR, China | 2019-2021    |
| Face Presentation Attack Detection Location: City University of Hong Kong, HKSAR, China                       | 2016-2019    |
| Object Detection and Localization in Multimedia Sensor Networks<br>Location: NUCES-Peshawar, Pakistan         | 2013-2015    |

# Reviewer

- IEEE Access
- Elsevier Expert Systems with Applications
- KSII Transactions on Internet and Information Systems
- Elsevier Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology
- Elsevier Signal Processing and Image Communication

# Languages

- ENGLISH
- $\bullet$  URDU
- PASHTU
- MANDARIN (Beginner)