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SENIOR DEEP LEARNING ENGINEER AT NVIDIA · EXPERT IN COMPUTER VISION AND MACHINE LEARNING

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Summary

Current Senior Deep Learning Engineer at NVIDIA · Previous Applied Scientist at Amazon ('19-'21) · Ph.D. in Electrical & Computer Engineering at UW · 9 filed U.S. patents and 25 publications · Tech Lead of Metropolis Multi-Camera Tracking AI Workflow integrated to Mega Omniverse Blueprint with demos featured in CES'25 & GTC'25 keynotes by Jensen Huang · Senior Area Editor of IEEE T-CSVT · Organizing Committee Lead of AI City Challenges at CVPR · Winning team's leader at the 2nd AI City Challenge in CVPR'18 · Finalist in 2 Best Student Paper Awards at ICPR'16

Education

University of Washington (UW)

PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Seattle, WA, USA

Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2019

- Advised by Prof. Jenq-Neng Hwang (IEEE Fellow), dissertation titled "Robust Video Object Tracking via Camera Self-Calibration"

University of Washington (UW)

M.S. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Seattle, WA, USA

Sep. 2014 - Mar. 2016

- GPA: 3.83/4.0

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

B.S. IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING WITH MANAGEMENT (JOINT PROGRAMME)

London, UK

Sep. 2010 - Jun. 2014

- First Class Honours

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT)

B.S. IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING WITH MANAGEMENT (JOINT PROGRAMME)

Beijing, China

Sep. 2010 - Jun. 2014

Work Experience

NVIDIA

SENIOR DEEP LEARNING ENGINEER, METROPOLIS

Redmond, WA, USA

May 2021 - PRESENT

- Led development of a real-time location system (RTLS) for spatial AI agents based on our state-of-the-art **BEV-SUSHI** 3D perception architecture
- Integrated RTLS in **Mega Omniverse Blueprint**, with demos featured at CES'25 & GTC'25 keynotes in warehouse & Foxconn factory digital twins
- Organizing **AI City Challenges** at CVPR with Omniverse-generated 3D perception data released in NVIDIA's **Open Physical AI Dataset** at GTC'25

Amazon

APPLIED SCIENTIST, AMAZON ONE

Seattle, WA, USA

Jul. 2019 - May 2021

- Worked on the research team that developed and launched **Amazon One**, an identity service using people's palm for payment, entry and more
- Invented an architecture that utilized various modalities of sensor data for automated user identification and was filed for a **U.S. patent**
- Invented a mechanism to update identification data in automated user-identification systems that was also filed for a **U.S. patent**

NVIDIA

INTELLIGENT VIDEO ANALYTICS INTERN

Santa Clara, CA, USA

Jun. 2018 - Mar. 2019

- Created **CityFlow**, a city-scale benchmark for multi-target multi-camera (MTMC) vehicle tracking and ReID, accepted to **CVPR'19 (Oral)**
- Proposed **PAMTRI**, a pose-aware multi-task network for vehicle ReID using highly randomized synthetic data, accepted to **ICCV'19**

University of Washington

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Seattle, WA, USA

Jun. 2015 - Jun. 2018

- Built clustering-based vehicle tracking and camera self-calibration that won in **Track 1** of the **2nd AI City Challenge Workshop** in **CVPR'18**
- Developed multi-camera tracking from visual and semantic features that won in **Track 3** of the **2nd AI City Challenge Workshop** in **CVPR'18**
- Proposed evolutionary camera self-calibration from tracking, a finalist of **2 Best Student Paper Awards** at **ICPR'16** (funded by Prism Skylabs)

Professional Services

IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (T-CSVT)

SENIOR AREA EDITOR

Remote

Jan. 2025 - PRESENT

AI City Challenge Workshops at IEEE Conf. Comput. Vis. Pattern Recognit. (CVPR)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE LEAD

Remote

Jun. 2020 - PRESENT

Selected Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

The staged knowledge distillation in video classification: Harmonizing student progress by a complementary weakly supervised framework
Chao Wang, Zheng Tang
T-CSVT 34.8 (2024) pp. 6646–6660. 2024

WSSGCN: Wide sub-stage graph convolutional networks
Chao Wang, Zheng Tang, Hailu Xu
Neurocomputing 602 (2024) p. 128273. 2024

CONFERENCE PAPERS

The 8th AI City Challenge
Shuo Wang, David C. Anastasiu, Zheng Tang, Ming-Ching Chang, Yue Yao, Liang Zheng, Mohammed Shaiqur Rahman, Meenakshi S. Arya, Anuj Sharma, Pranamesh Chakraborty, Sanjita Prajapati, Quan Kong, Norimasa Kobori, Munkhjargal Gochoo, Munkh-Erdene Otgonbold, Ganzorig Batnasan, Fady Alnajjar, Ping-Yang Chen, Jun-Wei Hsieh, Xunlei Wu, Sameer Satish Pusegaonkar, Yizhou Wang, Sujit Biswas, Rama Chellappa
Proc. CVPR Workshops, pp. 7261–7272, 2024, Seattle, WA, USA

Radiance field learners as UAV first-person viewers
Liqi Yan, Qifan Wang, Junhan Zhao, Qiang Guan, Zheng Tang, Jianhui Zhang, Dongfang Liu
Proc. ECCV, 2024, Milan, Italy

PAMTRI: Pose-aware multi-task learning for vehicle re-identification using highly randomized synthetic data
Zheng Tang, Milind Naphade, Stan Birchfield, Jonathan Tremblay, William Hodge, Ratnesh Kumar, Shuo Wang, Xiaodong Yang
Proc. ICCV, pp. 211–220, 2019, Seoul, Korea

CityFlow: A city-scale benchmark for multi-target multi-camera vehicle tracking and re-identification
Zheng Tang, Milind Naphade, Ming-Yu Liu, Xiaodong Yang, Stan Birchfield, Shuo Wang, Ratnesh Kumar, David C. Anastasiu, Jenq-Neng Hwang
Proc. CVPR, pp. 8797–8806, 2019, Long Beach, CA, USA

Camera self-calibration from tracking of moving persons
Zheng Tang, Yen-Shuo Lin, Kuan-Hui Lee, Jenq-Neng Hwang, Jen-Hui Chuang, Zhijun Fang
Proc. ICPR, pp. 260–265, 2016, Cancún, México

Selected Patents

Determining camera placement for optimized scene coverage using light transport simulation
Shenxin Jiang, Yuxing Wang, Shangru Li, Haoquan Liang, Tongwei Dai, Zheng Tang
U.S. Patent Application No. 19/080,481 (Pending), 2025

3D multi-camera object detection and tracking framework with sparse object queries and feature sampling
Yizhou Wang, Sameer Satish Pusegaonkar, Vishal Kumar, Yuxing Wang Chetan Sethi, Ganapathy Seshadri Cadungude Aiyer, Alice Li, Yun He, Kartikay Thakkar, Zheng Tang, Swapnil Rath, Bhushan Rupde, Sujit Biswas
U.S. Patent Application No. 19/079,809 (Pending), 2025

Subject re-identification using semantic attribute recognition
Sameer Satish Pusegaonkar, Zheng Tang, Yizhou Wang, Sujit Biswas, Yuxing Wang
U.S. Patent Application No. 18/960,754 (Pending), 2024

Multi-sensor subject tracking for monitored environments for real-time and near-real-time systems and applications
Zheng Tang, Sujit Biswas, Ganapathy Seshadri Cadungude Aiyer, Shuo Wang, Akshay Agrawal, Sameer Satish Pusegaonkar
U.S. Patent Application No. 18/605,121 (Pending), 2024

Three-dimensional multi-camera perception systems and applications
Zheng Tang, Yizhou Wang, Orcun Cetintas, Sameer Satish Pusegaonkar, Ganapathy Seshadri Cadungude Aiyer, Shuo Wang, Akshay Agrawal, Sujit Biswas, Tim Meinhardt, Laura Leal-Taixe
U.S. Patent Application No. 18/898,120 (Pending), 2024

Honors & Awards

2022	T-CSVT Best Associate Editor Award , IEEE Circuits and Systems Society (CASS)	Remote
2019	People’s Choice Award , Code for the Kingdom (C4TK) Hackathon	Seattle, WA, USA
2018	Winner of Track 1 (Traffic Flow Analysis) , 2nd AI City Challenge Workshop in CVPR’18	Salt Lake City, UT, USA
2018	Winner of Track 3 (Multi-camera Vehicle Detection & ReID) , 2nd AI City Challenge Workshop in CVPR’18	Salt Lake City, UT, USA
2016	Finalist in IBM & Intel Best Track 3 Student Paper Awards , ICPR’16	Cancún, México

Skills

Programming	Python (expert), C/C++ (proficient), Java (proficient), JavaScript (proficient), MATLAB (expert), \LaTeX (expert)
Frameworks & Tools	PyTorch (expert), TensorFlow (expert), Git (expert), Docker (expert), OpenCV (expert), Kafka (expert), Unity (proficient)
Languages	English (proficient), Mandarin (native), Cantonese (native), Spanish (elementary)