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RESEARCH INTERESTS Ultrafast 3D Ultrasound Imaging, Deep Learning in Ultrasound, Signal & Image Processing

EDUCATION **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL** Expected June 2023
Ph.D. candidate in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Advisor: Prof. Pengfei Song
"Innovations in Three-dimensional Ultrafast Ultrasound Imaging"
Sub Field: Biomedical Imaging & Signal Processing
GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Aug 2017 - Dec 2018
M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Sub Field: Signal & Image Processing and Machine Learning
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Southeast University, Nanjing, China Aug 2013 - June 2017
B.Eng. in Information Engineering
Honor Student in Chien-Shiung Wu College
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RESEARCH & PROJECTS **Ultrafast 3D Ultrasound Imaging Using Fast-tilting and Redirecting Reflectors** May 2019 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Pengfei Song, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Collaborations with Texas A&M University

- Proposed a new 3D ultrasound imaging technique: Fast Acoustic Steering via Tilting Electromechanical Reflectors (FASTER). The FASTER 3D imaging achieved high volume rates with conventional 1D array transducers, which could make 3D ultrasound imaging to be a possibility wherever 2D ultrasound imaging is used [[Press Coverage](#)] ;
- Apply FASTER 3D imaging in different imaging modalities such as shear wave imaging and ultrasound microvessel imaging.

Ultrafast 3D Ultrasound Imaging Using 2D Row-Column Addressing (RCA) Arrays Dec 2019 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Pengfei Song, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Collaborations with Mayo Clinic

- Achieved high volume-rate 3D imaging with comparable imaging quality using RCA arrays;
- Proposed multiple advanced 3-D ultrasound modes with RCA arrays including 3-D shear wave elastography and 3-D super-resolution ultrasound localization microscopy;
- Developed a deep learning-based 3D adaptive beamforming method to improve spatial resolution and image contrast.

Deep Learning-based Phase Aberration Correction Jan 2022 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Pengfei Song, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Collaborations with Prof. Mark Anastasio

- Proposed a deep learning-based phase aberration correction algorithm that directly operates on the pre-beamformed, raw channel data;
- Achieved beamformed image correction with improved beam width as well as localization error for super-resolution ultrasound localization microscopy application.

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PATENT	P. Song, Z. Dong , M. R. Lowerison, J. Zou, and S. Li, <i>Systems and methods for fast acoustic steering via tilting electromechanical reflectors</i> , US Patent App. 17/237,011, Oct. 2021.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Assistant, Advanced Topics in Biomedical Ultrasound Imaging (ECE 598PS) University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Spring 2023
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	Knight Fellowship in Electrical and Computer Engineering for 2022-2023 May 2022 Spring 2022 conference travel award Mar 2022 Merit Student in Southeast University Nov 2015 & 2016 Meritorious Winner in Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling Apr 2016 President Scholarship, top 1%, Southeast University Nov 2015 The First Prize of the tenth Freescale Cup Intelligent Car Contest East China Region Aug 2015 Zhiwei Zhang Scholarship, top 1%, Southeast University June 2015
SKILLS & LANGUAGES	High-level languages: Python, C/C++, Julia Algorithm development: MATLAB Libraries Toolkit: TensorFlow, Pytorch Hardware description language: Verilog HDL Others: Linux, git Languages: native in Chinese (Mandarin), fluent in English