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INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

12/2018 – present, **Research Lead / Senior Researcher**, Wormpex AI Research, Bellevue, WA, USA
05/2018 – 12/2018, **Senior Research Scientist**, Snap Inc., Santa Monica, CA, USA
07/2016 – 05/2018, **Research Scientist (I, II, III)**, Snap Inc., Venice, CA, USA
03/2016 – 06/2016, **Research Intern**, Snap Inc., Venice, CA, USA
06/2015 – 09/2015, **Deep Learning Research Intern**, Adobe Research, San Jose, CA, USA
06/2013 – 09/2013, **Research Intern**, Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago, IL, USA
07/2010 – 07/2012, **Project Officer**, Media Technology Lab, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

09/2012 – 09/2016, *University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)*
Major: Vision and Graphics, Computer Science Department
Advisor: Prof. Alan Yuille

Master of Science

09/2012 – 06/2014, *University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)*
Major: Vision and Graphics, Computer Science Department
Advisor: Prof. Alan Yuille

Master of Engineering

08/2010 – 01/2012, *Nanyang Technological University (NTU)*, Singapore
Major: Information Engineering, School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Advisor: Prof. Junsong Yuan

Bachelor of Engineering

09/2006 – 06/2010, *Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)*, China
Major: Communication Engineering, Department of Electronic and Information Engineering
Overall GPA: 91.41/100 (Rank: 1/223) **Mathematical GPA: 96.51/100**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Multimedia, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and Human-Computer Interaction

PUBLICATIONS

(Note: "^" indicates the co-author is the student I mentored during whose internship or during an university collaboration)

JOURNAL

Alexey Kurankin, *et. al*, “Adversarial Attacks and Defences Competition”, NIPS 2017 Competition Book, Springer.

Xiaowei Ding, Jianing Pang, **Zhou Ren**, Mariana Diaz-Zamudio, Chenfangfu Jiang, Zhaoyang Fan, Daniel Berman, Debiao Li, Demetri Terzopoulos, Piotr Slomka, and Damini Dey, “Automated Pericardial Fat Quantification from Coronary Magnetic Resonance Angiography”, *Journal of Medical Imaging (JMI)*, 2016.

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CONFERENCE

Liuhaog Ge[^], **Zhou Ren**, Yuncheng Li, Zehao Xue, Yingying Wang, Jianfei Cai, Junsong Yuan, “3D Hand Shape and Pose Estimation from a Single RGB Image”. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019. (**Oral**)

Jonghwan Mun[^], Linjie Yang, **Zhou Ren**, Ning Xu, and Bohyung Han, “Streamlined Dense Video Captioning”. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019. (**Oral**)

Cihang Xie[^], Yuyin Zhou, Song Bai, Zhishuai Zhang, Jianyu Wang, **Zhou Ren**, and Alan Yuille, “Improving Transferability of Adversarial Examples with Input Diversity”. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019.

Liuhaog Ge[^], **Zhou Ren**, Junsong Yuan, “Point-to-Point Regression PointNet for 3D Hand Pose Estimation”. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018.

Hongyu Xu[^], Xutao Lv, Xiaoyu Wang, **Zhou Ren**, and Rama Chellappa, “Deep Regionlets for Object Detection”. In *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2018.

Sheng Liu[^], **Zhou Ren**, Junsong Yuan, “SibNet: Sibling Convolutional Encoder for Video Captioning”. In *ACM Multimedia Conference (ACM MM)*, 2018. (**Oral**)

Cihang Xie[^], Jianyu Wang, Zhishuai Zhang, **Zhou Ren**, Alan Yuille, “Mitigating Adversarial Effects Through Randomization”. In *International Conf. on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2018. (cited by 58)

Zhou Ren, Hailin Jin, Zhe Lin, Chen Fang, and Alan Yuille, “Multiple Instance Visual-Semantic Embedding”. In *British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)*, 2017. (**Oral**)

Zhou Ren, Xiaoyu Wang, Ning Zhang, and Li-Jia Li, “Deep Reinforcement Learning-based Image Captioning with Embedding Reward”. In *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2017. (**Oral**) (**Nominated to the Best Student Paper Award**) (cited by 56)

Zhou Ren, Hailin Jin, Zhe Lin, Chen Fang, and Alan Yuille, “Joint Image-Text Representation by Gaussian Visual-Semantic Embedding”. In *ACM Multimedia Conference (ACM MM)*, 2016.

Zhou Ren, Chaohui Wang and Alan Yuille, “Scene-Domain Active Part Models for Object Representation”. In *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2015.

Xiaowei Ding, Jianing Pang, **Zhou Ren**, Mariana Zamudio, Daniel Berman, Debiao Li, Demetri Terzopoulos, Piotr Slomka, and Damini Dey, “Automated Pericardial Fat Quantification from Coronary Magnetic Resonance Angiography”. In *Medical Image Understanding and Analysis (MIUA)*, 80-85, 2015. (**Oral**)

Zhou Ren, Junsong Yuan, Chunyuan Li and Wenyu Liu, “Minimum Near-Convex Decomposition for Robust Shape Representation”. In *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2011. (cited by 83)

Zhou Ren, Junsong Yuan, and Zhengyou Zhang, “Robust Hand Gesture Recognition Based on Finger-Earth Mover’s Distance with a Commodity Depth Camera”. In *ACM Multimedia Conference (ACM MM)*, Nov. 2011. (cited by 414)

Zhou Ren, Jingjing Meng, Junsong Yuan, and Zhengyou Zhang, “Robust Hand Gesture Recognition with Kinect Sensor”. In *ACM Multimedia Conference (ACM MM)*, Nov. 2011. (cited by 295)

Zhou Ren, Jingjing Meng, and Junsong Yuan, “Depth Camera based Hand Gesture Recognition and its Applications in Human-Computer-Interaction”. In *IEEE International Conference on Information, Communication, and Signal Processing (ICICS)*, Dec. 2011. (Oral) (cited by 154)

Zhongyuan Lai, Junhuan Zhu, **Zhou Ren**, Wenyu Liu, and Baolan yan, “Arbitrary Directional Edge Encoding Schemes for the Operational Rate Distortion Optimal Shape Coding Framework”. In *2010 IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC)*, pp. 20-29, Nov. 2010. (Oral)

PATENT

Co-inventor with Jingjing Meng and Junsong Yuan, “System and method for robust hand gesture recognition using commodity depth sensor”. Singapore provisional patent application, filed in 10/2011.

Co-inventor with Hailin Jin, Zhe Lin and Chen Fang, “Embedding space for images with multiple text labels”. US patent application, filed in 01/2016.

Co-inventor with Hailin Jin, Zhe Lin and Chen Fang, “Modeling semantic concepts in an embedding space as distributions”. US patent application, filed in 01/2016.

Co-inventor with Xiaoyu Wang, Ning Zhang, and Jia Li, “Embedding-driven image captioning using deep reinforcement learning and lookahead beam search”. US patent application, filed in 11/2016.

Co-inventor with Zehao Xue, “Generating Data in a Messaging System for a Machine Learning Model”. US patent application, filed in 12/2017.

Co-inventor with Roger Luo, Sushobhan Nayak, Xinran He, and Christophe Van Gysel, “Query Matching to Media Collections in a Messaging System”. US patent application, filed in 01/2018.

Co-inventor with Ebony Charlton, Sumant Hanumante, and Dhritiman Sagar, “Device Location based on Machine Learning Classifications”. US patent (US9980100B1), granted in 05/2018.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

ACADEMIC

12/2017 **2nd Place** in **NIPS 2017 Adversarial Defense Challenge** (among 107 competing teams worldwide)

07/2017 **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Best Student Paper Award Nomination**

07/2016 **IEEE Trans. on Multimedia 2016 Prize Paper Award (Best Paper Award)**

09/2012 **UCLA University Fellowship**

08/2011 **EEE Spotlight Promotion Project Award**, School of EEE, NTU (6 out of ~200 research projects in EEE)

06/2010 **First-class Outstanding Undergraduate Dissertation**, in Hubei Province (top 1%)

10/2009 **National First Class Scholarship**, Education Ministry of China (top 0.5%)

10/2007 **Merit Student Award**, and selected to “**Special Eugenics Program**” in HUST (top 1%)

SPORTS

06/2010 **Bronze Medal**, in “**HUST Basketball Graduation Cup**”, a member of School’s Basketball Team

10/2007 Selected to **All-Star Basketball Team**, School of Electronic Information and Communication, HUST

10/2006 **First place, Men’s 1500m running**, School of Electronic Information and Communication, HUST

MENTORED STUDENT

- Lluís Castrejon (*2017 Summer*), PhD student at MILA, University of Montreal
- Zhe Li (*2017 Summer*), PhD student at University of Iowa
- Hongyu Xu (*2017 Summer*), PhD student at University of Maryland, College Park
- Cihang Xie (*2017 Fall – 2018 Spring*), PhD student at Johns Hopkins University
- Sheng Liu (*2017 Fall – present*), PhD student at The State University of New York at Buffalo
- Lihao Ge (*2018 Spring – 2019 Spring*), PhD student at Nanyang Technological University
- Tan Yu (*2018 Summer*), PhD student at Nanyang Technological University
- Shibi He (*2018 Summer*), PhD student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Jonghwan Mun (*2018 Summer*), PhD student at Pohang University of Science and Technology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

09/2013 – 06/2014, **Teaching Assistant/Associate**, CS31, CS32, UCLA

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Operating Systems: Ubuntu, Mac OS, Windows.

Proficient with Caffe, PyTorch, Torch, Tensorflow. Experienced with Microsoft Kinect Sensor, Theano.

Programming languages: C/C++, Python, Lua, Matlab, CPLEX, Lingo.

Fluent in English, native in Mandarin.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS

Highly self-motivated, cooperative, passionate and efficient

Interested in script writing, designing, basketball, and gym workout

REFEREES

Available upon request