Yang Wang

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Highlights

5+ years of experience on computer vision research and application, focusing on video understanding

- Video understanding: highlight detection, action & context separation, temporal modeling, graph modeling. Published in CVPR, FG, BMVC, WACV.
- Human hand detection: context modeling. Published in ICCV.
- Image/video enhancement: GIF color dequantization, video interpolation, real noise denoising. Published in CVPR, AAAI.
- Internship experience at Megvii, Kwai, and Facebook AI.

Education Stony Brook University (SBU)

9/2014-5/2020

Ph.D. in Computer Vision

• Adviser: Prof. Minh Hoai Nguyen

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) 9/2009-7/2013

B.E. in Electronic Engineering

Experience Perception Software Engineer @ Waymo

6/2020-Present

• Topic: Make cars see and understand.

Research Internship @ Kwai Y-Lab (Palo Alto)

12/2019-1/2020

- Host: Haibin Huang
- Topic: Reinforcement Learning for Stroke-based Painting

Research Internship @ Facebook AI Research

6/2019-9/2019

5/2018-8/2018

- Host: Prof. Lorenzo Torresani, Gedas Bertasius
- Topic: Supervoxel Attention Graphs for Long-Range Video Modeling

Research Internship @ Megvii Research (Redmond)

- Host: Jue Wang (Director), Haibin Huang (Research Scientist)
- Topic: Color Dequantization and Temporal Interpolation of GIF images
 - proposed GIF2Video, the first learning-based method for enhancing the visual quality of GIFs in the wild; introduced two large datasets, namely GIF-Faces and GIF-Moments, for both training and evaluation.

Research Assistant @ Computer Vision Lab, SBU

12/2014-5/2020

- Advisor: Prof. Minh Hoai Nguyen
- Topic: Video Understanding and Human Action Recognition
 - $-\,$ detect highlight action segments in videos
 - separate human action from context using conjugate samples
 - eigen evolution pooling for temporal feature aggregation
- Topic: Object Detection, Unsupervised Learning, Visualization, etc.
 - human hand detection and orientation estimation in the wild

- visualize the learning process of deep neural networks
- unsupervised learning of flow estimation network by watching videos

Research @ Information Processing Center, USTC

- Advisor: Prof. Houqiang Li
- Topic: Video Super Resolution (B.E. Dissertation)
 - modeled imaging process (optical flow, blur kernel, down-sampling, noise) as a Bayesian network; derived formulation from MAP principle; solved optimization using IRLS and Conjugate Gradient approach.

National University Innovation Program, China

8/2012-3/2013

9/2012-6/2013

- Advisor: Prof. Ao Li
- Topic: miRNA Target Prediction using Data-Driven Approach
 - mRNA-miRNA dataset collection by parsing mirTarbase webpage and Microarray data; feature selection from gene sequence and functional information using mRMR; significant improvement on miRNA target prediction.

USTC-MSRA Smart Campus Program

2/2012-6/2012

- Topic: USTC Social Network
 - built a social network using UCHome; redesigned interface and functionality, enabling students to share posts, search books, follow classes, etc.

USTC Robot Contest, Team Leader, Enter the Final

6/2011-9/2011

- Topic: Human-assisting Robot
 - built a prototype robot that assists blind people to walk at home and on street; our robot relies on assorted sensors (ultrasonic/infrared/color sensors) and can be controlled with voice commands (Lingyang-SPCE061A).

Honor & Award

CS Department Chair Fellowship, SBU Research Fellowship, National University Student Innovation Program 4/2013 Meritorious Winner, MCM (Mathematical Contest in Modeling) 3/2013 GDC-Tech Outstanding Student Scholarship, USTC Robot Game Contest, Enter the Final, Team Leader, USTC 10/2011 Outstanding Student Scholarship, USTC Physics Olympiad Second Prize, Shandong Province 3/2009

Skill

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++/Java Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV

Academic Service

Conference Reviewer

- CVPR 2018, 2019, 2020; ICCV 2019; ECCV 2018, 2020; AAAI 2020, 2021;
- BMVC 2020; ACCV 2020; WACV 2021;
- ICCVW-RLQ 2019; CVPRW-MBCCV 2019; ICVGIP 2016, 2018;

Student Mentorship, CS, SBU

- Justin Zhang. Regional finalist of Siemens science competition. 2017
- Abhinand Sivaprasad. Regional finalist of Siemens science competition. 2015

• Selina Wang. Research on action boundary detection. 2015

Teaching Assistant, CS, SBU

- CSE-114/130: Introduction to Programming in Java/C
- CSE-214: Data Structures & Algorithms in Java
- CSE-512: Machine Learning

Publication

- (P1) Yang Wang, Gedas Bertasius, Tae-Hyun Oh, Abhinav Gupta, Minh Hoai, Lorenzo Torresani. "Supervoxel Attention Graphs for Long-Range Video Modeling", IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2021).
- (P2) Yang Wang, Vinh Tran, Gedas Bertasius, Lorenzo Torresani, Minh Hoai. "Attentive Action and Context Factorization", The British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC 2020).
- (P3) Yuqian Zhou, Jianbo Jiao, Haibin Huang, Yang Wang, Jue Wang, Honghui Shi, Thomas Huang. "When AWGN-based Denoiser Meets Blind Real Noise", AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2020).
- (P4) Supreeth Narasimhaswamy, Zhengwei Wei, Yang Wang, Justin Zhang, Minh Hoai. "Contextual Attention for Hand Detection in the Wild", International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2019).
- (P5) Yang Wang, Haibin Huang, Chuan Wang, Tong He, Jue Wang, Minh Hoai. "GIF2Video: Color Dequantization and Temporal Interpolation of GIF images", IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2019).
- (P6) Yang Wang, Minh Hoai. "Pulling Actions out of Context: Explicit Separation for Effective Combination", IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2018).
- (P7) Yang Wang, Vinh Tran, Minh Hoai. "Eigen-Evolution Dense Trajectory Descriptors", IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG 2018).
- (P8) Wen Zhong, Cong Xie, Yuan Zhong, Yang Wang, Wei Xu, Shenghui Cheng, Klaus Mueller. "Evolutionary Visual Analysis of Deep Neural Networks", International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-W 2017) Workshop on Visualization for Deep Learning.
- (P9) Yang Wang, Minh Hoai. "Improving Human Action Recognition by Non-action Classification", IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2016).
- (P10) Ning Wang, Yang Wang, Yaodong Yang, Yi Shen, Ao Li. "miRNA Target Prediction Based on Gene Ontology", International Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Design (ISCID 2013).

Preprint

- (Q1) Vinh Tran, **Yang Wang**, Minh Hoai. "Back to the Future: Knowledge Distillation for Human Action Anticipation",
- (Q2) Yang Wang, Vinh Tran, Minh Hoai. "Eigen Evolution Pooling for Human Action Recognition",