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## Research Interests

Image composition, Image synthesis and editing

EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Aug 2013 – Mar 2017

- Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering
- GPA: 4.5/5.0

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)

Sep 2007 - Jul 2011

- B.Sci. in Computer Science
- GPA: 87.26/100 Rank: 7/155 (5%)

#### Professional Experience

#### Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai, China

Sep 2018 – present

- Associate Professor
- Leading a research lab with 10+ graduate students in Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of top 5 universities in China. The research projects in my lab involve a wide range of learning paradigms and computer vision tasks. The representative research works are concentrated in image/video composition.

## Rice University, Houston, TX, U.S.

Apr 2017 – Aug 2018

- Postdoc Associate
- Working on FLASH (Family-Level Assessment of Screen use in the Home): create
  a platform to automatically, accurately and non-intrusively monitor the screen time
  usage of adults and children in their homes. Involved technics are including but
  not limited to face detection, face tracking, face recognition, and gaze estimation.

## Amazon, Berlin, Germany

Jul 2016 - Oct 2016

- Research Scientist Intern
- Developing computer vision algorithms for "Amazon Fresh" project, specifically, exploiting multi-instance learning techniques for produce (*i.e.*, fruit and vegetable) quality classification and defect localization based on multi-spectrum image.

# Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Aug 2013 – Mar 2017

- Ph.D. Candidate
- Developing algorithms on learning from loosely labeled heterogeneous web data (*e.g.*, images, videos, and text) or multi-view data (*e.g.*, RGB-D data) for computer vision tasks (*e.g.*, image classification, video action recognition, and video event recognition).

#### Stony Brook University, New York, U.S.

Sep 2011 – May 2013

• Research Assistant

 Working on Flora-2 compiler in SILK (Semantic Inferencing on Large Knowledge) project, which is an advanced object-oriented reasoning system based on F-logic, HiLog, and Transaction logic.

#### Motorola Solutions, Shanghai, China

Feb 2011 – Jun 2011

- Engineer Intern
- Developing a software which can extract the textual region from a photo of envelope based on template matching.

#### Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

Jul 2010 – Jan 2011

- Engineer Intern
- Developing a tool for visualizing the decoding procedure in machine translation and another tool for multi-lingual sentence segmentation/alignment.

#### University of Sci. and Tech. of China, Hefei, China

Oct 2009 - May 2010

- B.Sci. Candidate
- Working on AOAB (Automated Optimization Algorithm Benchmarking) system which can evaluate the genetic algorithms uploaded by users on benchmark functions and then send the feedback report to users automatically.

#### Journal Publications

- Zhangxuan Gu, Ziyuan Zhou, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Zihan Zhao, Liqing Zhang\*. "From Pixel to Patch: Synthesize Context-aware Features for Zero-shot Semantic Segmentation." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS), 2022.
- Junjie Chen, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "Depth Privileged Scene Recognition via Dual Attention Hallucination." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP), 2021.
- Jiangtong Li, Liu Liu, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "Memorize, Associate and Match: Embedding Enhancement via Fine-grained Alignment for Image-Text Retrieval." *accepted by IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP)*, 2021.
- Zhangxuan Gu, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Haohua Zhao, Liqing Zhang\*. "Hard Pixel Mining for Depth Privileged Semantic Segmentation." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (T-MM), 2020.
- Jianfu Zhang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "Person Re-Identification with Reinforced Attribute Attention Selection." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP), 2020.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Jianfei Cai, and Ashok Veeraraghavan. "Zero-Shot Learning via Category-Specific Visual-Semantic Mapping." *accepted by IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* (*T-IP*), 2018.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Wen Li, Dong Xu, and Jianfei Cai. "An Exemplar-based Multi-view Domain Generalization Framework for Visual Recognition." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS), 2017.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Wen Li, and Dong Xu. "Visual Recognition by Learning from Web Data via Weakly Supervised Domain Generalization." accepted by IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS), 2016.

- <u>Li Niu</u>, Wen Li, and Dong Xu. "Exploiting Privileged Information from Web Data for Action and Event Recognition." *accepted by International Journal of Computer Vision* (*IJCV*), 2015.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Xinxing Xu, Lin Chen, Lixin Duan, and Dong Xu. "Action and Event Recognition in Videos by Learning from Heterogeneous Web Sources." *accepted by IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems* (*T-NNLS*), 2015.

#### CONFERENCE Publications

- Bo Zhang, Jiacheng Sui, <u>Li Niu</u>\*. "Foreground Object Search by Distilling Composite Image Feature." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- Jiangtong Li, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "Knowledge Proxy Intervention for Deconfounded Video Question Answering." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Junyan Cao, Wenyan Cong, Liqing Zhang. "Deep Image Harmonization with Learnable Augmentation." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Linfeng Tan, Xinhao Tao, Junyan Cao, Fengjun Guo, Teng Long, Liqing Zhang. "Deep Image Harmonization with Globally Guided Feature Transformation and Relation Distillation." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Xing Zhao, Bo Zhang, Liqing Zhang. "Fine-grained Visible Watermark Removal." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- Chao Wang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Bo Zhang, Liqing Zhang\*. "Image Cropping with Spatial-aware Feature and Rank Consistency." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023.
- Ziqi Pan, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "UniGAN: Reducing Mode Collapse in GANs using a Uniform Generator." accepted by Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022.
- Junjie Chen, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Siyuan Zhou, Jianlou Si, Chen Qian, Liqing Zhang\*. "Weak-shot Semantic Segmentation via Dual Similarity Transfer." accepted by Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022.
- Siyuan Zhou, Liu Liu, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang. "Learning Object Placement via Dual-path Graph Completion." accepted by Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022.
- Bo Zhang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Xing Zhao, Liqing Zhang. "Human-centric Image Cropping with Partition-aware and Content-preserving Features." accepted by Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022.
- Yan Hong, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Jianfu Zhang, Liqing Zhang. "Towards Diverse Few-shot Image Generation with Sample-Specific Delta." accepted by Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022.
- Wenyan Cong, Xinhao Tao, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Jing Liang, Xuesong Gao, Qihao Sun, Liqing Zhang\*. "High-Resolution Image Harmonization via Collaborative Dual Transformations." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision

- and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022.
- Jiangtong Li, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liqing Zhang\*. "From Representation to Reasoning: Towards both Evidence and Commonsense Reasoning for Video Question-Answering." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022.
- Wentao Wang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Jianfu Zhang, Xue Yang, Liqing Zhang\*. "Dual-path Image Inpainting with Auxiliary GAN Inversion." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022.
- Yan Liu, Zhijie Zhang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Junjie Chen, Liqing Zhang\*. "Mixed Supervised Object Detection by Transferring Mask Prior and Semantic Similarity." accepted by Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021.
- Junjie Chen, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liu Liu, Liqing Zhang\*. "Weak-shot Fine-grained Classification via Similarity Transfer." accepted by Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021.
- Wentao Wang, Jianfu Zhang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Haoyu Ling, Xue Yang, Liqing Zhang\*. "Parallel Multi-Resolution Fusion Network for Image Inpainting." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021.
- Wenyan Cong, Jianfu Zhang, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Liu Liu, Zhixin Ling, Weiyuan Li, Liqing Zhang. "DoveNet: Deep Image Harmonization via Domain Verification." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020.
- Yi Tu, <u>Li Niu</u>\*, Junjie Chen, Dawei Cheng, Liqing Zhang\*. "Learning from Noisy Web Data with Category-level Supervision." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Qingtao Tang, Ashok Veeraraghavan, and Ashu Sabharwal. "Learning from Noisy Web Data with Category-level Supervision." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2018.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Ashok Veeraraghavan, and Ashu Sabharwal. "Webly Supervised Learning Meets Zero-shot Learning: A Hybrid Approach for Fine-grained Classification." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2018
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Jianfei Cai, and Dong Xu. "Domain Adaptive Fisher Vector for Visual Recognition." accepted by Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2016.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Wen Li, and Dong Xu. "Multi-view Domain Generalization for Visual Recognition." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2015.
- <u>Li Niu</u>, Wen Li, and Dong Xu. "Visual Recognition by Learning from Web Data: A Weakly Supervised Domain Generalization Approach." accepted by Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2015.
- <u>Li Niu</u>#, Wen Li#, and Dong Xu. "Exploiting Privileged Information from Web Data for Image Categorization." *accepted by Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2014.