

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Positions

- 2019 – present, Canada Research Chair, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- 2018 – 2019, University Research Chair, University of Waterloo
- 2015 – present, Professor, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2013 – present, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist, SSIMWAVE Inc.
- 2011 – 2015, Associate Professor, Dept. Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2007 – 2011, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2005 – 2007, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2002 – 2005, Howard Hughes Postdoctoral Research Associate, New York University

### Education

- 2001, Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin, USA
- 1995, M.E., Electronic & Communication Engineering, South China University of Technology, China
- 1993, B.E., Electronic & Information Engineering (with minor in Applied Mathematics), Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China

### Significant Awards and Recognitions

- 2021, **Technology Emmy Award**, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, as Chief Scientist of award recipient: SSIMWAVE Inc.
- 2021, **Excellence in Graduate Supervision**, Faculty of Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2019, **Canada Research Chair** (Tier 1) in Multimedia Quality-of-Experience, NSERC
- 2018, **Fellow of Royal Society of Canada - Academy of Science**, Royal Society of Canada
- 2018, **University Research Chair**, University of Waterloo
- 2017, **Research Excellence Award**, Faculty of Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2017, **IEEE Signal Processing Society Sustained Impact Paper Award**, IEEE Signal Processing Society
- 2016, **Fellow of Canadian Academy of Engineering**, Canadian Academy of Engineering
- 2015, **Primetime Engineering Emmy Award**, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences
- 2015, **Member of College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists**, Royal Society of Canada
- 2014, **E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship**, NSERC
- 2014, **Fellow of IEEE**, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- 2014, **Distinguished Performance Award**, Faculty of Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2013, **IEEE Signal Processing Magazine Best Paper Award**, IEEE Signal Processing Society
- 2012, **ECE Research Award**, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 2009, **IEEE Signal Processing Society Best Paper Award**, IEEE Signal Processing Society
- 2009, **Early Researcher Award**, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation

**Technical Society Membership and Journal Editorial Positions**

- 2022 – present, Senior Editor, *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing*
- 2019 – present, Member, *IEEE SPS Image, Video and Multidimensional Signal Processing Technical Committee*
- 2015 – 2019, Senior Area Editor, *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*
- 2016 – 2018, Associate Editor, *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*
- 2013 – 2015, Member, *IEEE SPS Multimedia Signal Processing Technical Committee*
- 2009 – 2014, Associate Editor, *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*
- 2006 – 2010, Associate Editor, *Pattern Recognition*
- 2006 – 2010, Associate Editor, *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*

**Invited Speech, Conference Organization and Reviews**

- Keynote/plenary/invited speeches of **100+** times in North America, Asia, Australia and Europe
- General Co-Chair, TPC Co-Chair, Workshop Co-Chair, Area Chair, Plenary Chair, Special Session Chair, Registration Chair, and TPC Member for **50+** international conferences
- Reviewer for **50+** international journals, **60+** international conferences, and **10+** funding agencies

**Student Supervision**

- 2005 – present, supervised **60+** highly qualified personnel (HQPs), including Master's students, PhD students, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Visiting PhD students
- 2007 – present, supervised **40+** undergraduate students on fourth-year design projects, undergraduate research assistants, undergraduate student research awards, and engineering design projects

**Student Awards and Recognitions**

- 2022, PhD student Z. Wang won competitive **Jon W. Mark Graduate Scholarship**
- 2022, Undergraduate Research Assistant won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2021, PhD student M. Eisapor won **Savaas Chamberlain Endowment Award**
- 2021, Undergraduate Research Assistant Raymond Zhou won **President's Scholarship of Distinction Research Award**
- 2021, PhD student M. Eisapor won competitive **Ontario Graduate Scholarship** and **President's Graduate Scholarship**
- 2020, PhD student Z. Duanmu won competitive **Jon W. Mark Graduate Scholarship**
- 2020, MASC student M. Naseri won competitive **Vector Institute Scholarship in AI**
- 2020, MASC student C. Li won competitive **Huawei Graduate Scholarship**
- 2020, PhD student S. Athar won **University of Waterloo Teaching Assistantship Award**
- 2019, MASC student X. Guo won competitive **Vector Institute Scholarship in AI**
- 2018, PhD student Z. Duanmu won competitive **Huawei Graduate Scholarship in AI**
- 2018, PhD student R. Mohammadi Nasiri won **University of Waterloo Teaching Assistantship Award**
- 2018, PhD student W. Liu won **Student Travel Grant** to attend ACM Multimedia conference
- 2018, PhD student K. Ma, **Finalist of Governor General's Gold Medal**
- 2018, PhD student Z. Duanmu won **NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship**

- 2017, PhD graduate A. Rehman won **Martin Walmsley Award for Entrepreneurship**, by Ontario Centres of Excellence, given to 1 entrepreneur/year selected from nearly 2,000 companies
- 2017, MASC student Z. Li awarded **Huawei Graduate Scholarship**
- 2017, PhD student Z. Duanmu awarded **Carl Pollock Scholarship**
- 2017, PhD student S. Athar won **Sandford Fleming Foundation Teaching Assistantship Excellence Award**
- 2017, PhD student S. Athar won **University of Waterloo Teaching Assistantship Award**
- 2017, MASC student Z. Li awarded **Richard & Elizabeth Madter Scholarship**
- 2017, former Postdoc Fellow T. Zhao won prestigious **China Young Talent Award**
- 2016, PhD student S. Athar won **University of Waterloo Teaching Assistantship Award**
- 2015, PhD student K. Ma won **China Scholarship Council International Scholarship**
- 2015, Master's student Z. Duanmu won **NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship**
- 2015, PhD student S. Athar won **University of Waterloo Teaching Assistantship Award**
- 2014, PhD student I. Kowalik-Urbaniak won **Honorable Mention Poster Award** at SPIE Medical Imaging Conference
- 2014, PhD student J. Wang won **IEEE Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo
- 2013, PhD student K. Zeng won **Chinese Government Award of Outstanding Student Abroad**
- 2013, PhD student H. Yeganeh won **Best Speaker Award**, UW-ECE Grad Research Seminar
- 2012, MASC student M. Rostami won **Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies** (awarded to 3 Master's level students per year across all disciplines in University of Waterloo)
- 2012, PhD student K. Zeng won **Best Speaker Award**, UW-ECE Grad Research Seminar
- 2012, PhD student K. Zeng won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2012, MASC student M. Rostami won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2012, PhD student A. Rehman won **Best Speaker Award**, UW-ECE Grad Research Seminar
- 2011, PhD student I. Kowalik-Urbaniak won **Best Student Poster Award** at European Workshop on Visual Information Processing
- 2011, PhD student A. Rehman won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grants** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2011, Supervised undergraduate Capstone team (N. McCallum et al.) won **AMD Award for Most Socially Responsible Design Project**
- 2010, PhD student H. Yeganeh received **NSERC Industrial Postgraduate Scholarship**
- 2010, PhD student K. Zeng won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2010, PhD student A. Rehman won **IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant** to IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2008, PhD student Q. Li won **Best Student Paper Award** at IEEE International Conference on Image Processing

### Teaching

- ECE207/ECE342: Signals and Systems – W2008, W2009, S2010(1), S2010(2), F2012(1), F2012(2), F2013(2)
- ECE318: Communication Systems – F2011, W2014

- ECE313/ECE413: Digital Signal Processing – S2016, S2018, S2020, F2022
- ECE417: Image Processing – W2014, W2022
- ECE613/ECE710-T13: Image Processing and Visual Communication – W2008, F2009, F2012, F2013, F2016, F2017, F2018, F2019, F2020, W2022
- ECE710-T16: Digital Signal Processing – W2009, F2010, S2016, F2021
- ECE200A/ECE300B: Electrical and Computer Engineering Practice – F2011, F2013
- ECE499: Engineering Project – from F2009 to W2014
- EE4328: Introduction to Digital Image Processing (Univ. of Texas Arlington), F2006
- EE5350: Digital Signal Processing (Univ. of Texas Arlington), F2005
- EE5359: Advanced Image Processing and Visual Communications (Univ. of Texas Arlington) – S2006, S2007

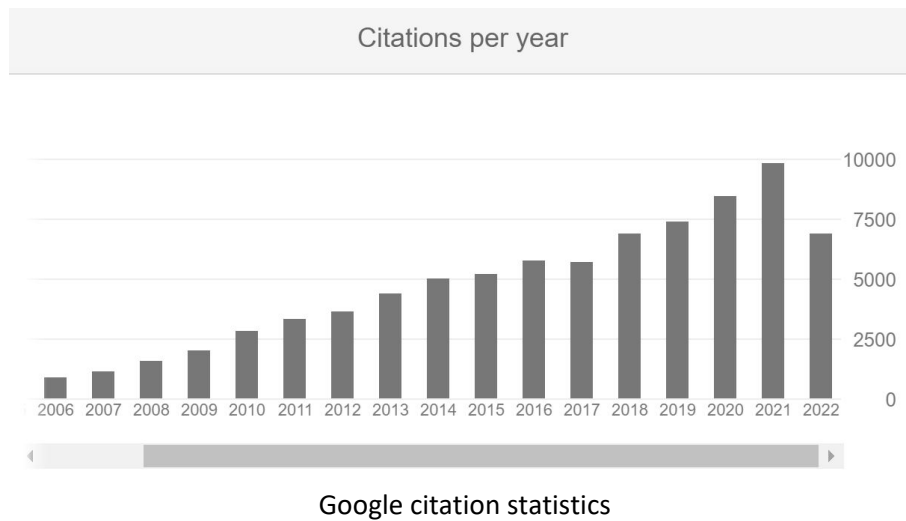
### Funded Research Projects

- 2019 – 2025, Multimedia quality-of-experience, Canada Research Chair Program, NSERC/University of Waterloo, C\$1,890,000, Role: PI
- 2018 – 2024, End-to-end perceptual quality-of-experience measurement and optimization to reshape modern video communication systems, NSERC Discovery Program, C\$456,000, Role: PI
- 2020 – 2022, Quality modeling, coding and streaming of 360 degree video, Xperi/Rovi Inc. University Partnership Grant, C\$364,000, Role: PI
- 2019 – 2022, Video quality-of-experience assessment based on advanced machine learning technologies, MITACS Accelerate program, C\$120,000, Role: PI
- 2017 – 2020, Visual quality-of-experience testing across dynamic range, spatial resolution, frame rate, data rate, display device and viewing condition, SSIMWAVE Inc. Research Grant, C\$200,000, Role: PI
- 2013 – 2018, Quality-of-visual-experience: perceptual assessment, compression and enhancement, NSERC Discovery Program, NSERC Discovery Accelerator Supplement, C\$120,000, Role: PI
- 2013 – 2018, Quality-of-visual-experience: perceptual assessment, compression and enhancement, NSERC Discovery Program, C\$305,000, Role: PI
- 2016 – 2017, Automated instantaneous video quality-of-experience measurement on consumer devices, NSERC Idea-to-Innovation Program, C\$125,000, Role: PI
- 2014 – 2016, An Infrastructure for Quality-of-Visual-Experience Research, NSERC Research Tools and Instruments, C\$149,993, Role: PI
- 2014 – 2016, Exploring the frontiers of quality-of-visual-experience research, NSERC Steacie Memorial Fellowship, C\$250,000, Role: PI
- 2014 – 2016, Modeling human behavioral responses to distortions for visual quality assessment, Royal Society (UK) International Exchanges, £12,000 Role: Co-I (PI: H. Liu)
- 2013 – 2016, Advanced 3D video technologies: quality assessment, display, keying and communications, NSERC Strategic Project Grant Program, C\$594,000, Role: PI
- 2015 – 2015, Prototype Perceptual Video Encoder Development Based on Structural Similarity Quality Criterion, NSERC Idea-to-Innovation Program, C\$60,000, Role: PI
- 2014 – 2015, Prototype Product Development of Device-Adapted Video Quality-of-Experience Analyzer, NSERC Idea-to-Innovation Program, C\$125,000, Role: PI
- 2013 – 2015, Video encoder and quality assessment, Qualcomm Inc. gift fund, US\$30,000, Role: PI
- 2013 – 2013, Development of Perceptual Video Quality Analyze, OCE Voucher for Commercialization, C\$30,000, Role: PI

- 2012 – 2013, Prototype Perceptual Video Encoder Development Based on Structural Similarity Quality Criterion, NSERC Idea-to-Innovation, C\$124,000, Role: PI
- 2012 – 2012, Prototype Perceptual H.264/AVC Video Encoder Development, OCE C4 POP, C\$40,000, Role: PI
- 2012 – 2013, Quality assessment and enhancement of compressed medical images, OCE Collaborative Research, C\$108,000, Role: PI (co-PIs: E.R. Vrscay, D.A. Koff)
- 2011 – 2013, Objective quality assessment and its use in optimizing diagnostically lossless compression of medical images, NSERC CRD, C\$83,082, Role: PI (co-PIs: E.R. Vrscay, D.A.Koff)
- 2011 – 2013, Medical image compression and quality assessment, Agfa Healthcare Inc., C\$54,000, Role: PI (co-PIs: E.R. Vrscay, D.A.Koff)
- 2011 – 2011, Efficient algorithm for all-hardware motion prediction in H.264/AVC video encoding, NSERC Engage, C\$25,000, Role: PI
- 2009 – 2014, Enhancing the perceptual experience in network visual communications, ERA Award, C\$190,000, Role: PI
- 2008 – 2013, Perceptual image processing, NSERC Discovery, C\$90,000, Role: PI

### Publications

- **250+** publications with **80,000+** citations by Google Scholar statistics



### Journal Publications

- [1] Q. Liu, H. Su, Z. Duanmu, W. Liu and Z. Wang, "Perceptual quality assessment of colored 3D point clouds," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022.
- [2] S. Athar and Z. Wang, "Degraded reference image quality assessment," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, 2022.
- [3] Z. Duanmu, W. Liu, D. Chen, Z. Li, Z. Wang, Y. Wang, and W. Gao, "A Bayesian quality-of-experience model for adaptive streaming videos," *ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing Communications and Applications*, 2022.
- [4] Y. Wang, Z. Wang, Q. Hu, Y. Zhou and H. Su, "Hierarchical semantic risk minimization for large-scale classification," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, vol. 52, no. 9, pp. 9546-9558, Sep. 2022.

- [5] H. Yeganeh, K. Zeng and Z. Wang, "Understanding banding – Perceptual modeling and machine learning approaches for banding detection," *SMPTE Motion Imaging Journal*, vol. 131, no. 3, pp. 35-41, April. 2022.
- [6] Z. Duanmu, W. Liu, Z. Wang and Z. Wang, "Quantifying visual image quality: A Bayesian view," *Annual Review of Vision Science*, invited paper, Sep. 2021.
- [7] T. Zhao, Y. Lin, Y. Xu, W. Chen and Z. Wang, "Learning-based quality assessment for image super-resolution," *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, vol. 24, pp. 3570-3581, 2021.
- [8] Z. Duanmu, W. Liu, Z. Li and Z. Wang, "Modeling generalized rate-distortion functions," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 29, pp. 7331-7344, 2020.
- [9] Z. Duanmu, W. Liu, Z. Li, K. Ma and Z. Wang, "Characterizing generated rate-distortion performance of video coding: An eigen analysis approach," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 29, pp. 6180-6193, 2020.
- [10] K. Ma, Z. Duanmu, H. Zhu, Y. Fang and Z. Wang, "Deep guided learning for fast multi-exposure image fusion," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 29, pp. 2808-2819, 2020.
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- [14] W. Zhang, K. Ma, J. Yan, D. Deng, and Z. Wang, "Blind image quality assessment using a deep bilinear convolutional neural network," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, vol. 30, no. 1, pp. 36-47, Jan. 2020.
- [15] Z. Wang, A. Rehman and K. Zeng, "Encoding intelligence for optimal viewer experience in live video distribution," *Journal of Digital Video*, vol. 4, no. 1, pp. 52-57, Dec. 2019.
- [16] Y. Fang, H. Zhu, Z. Wang and S. Li, "Perceptual evaluation of multi-exposure image fusion of dynamic scenes," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 29, pp. 1127-1138, Sept. 2019.
- [17] S. Athar and Z. Wang, "A comprehensive performance evaluation of image quality assessment algorithms," *IEEE Access*, vol. 7, pp. 140030-140070, Sept. 2019.
- [18] Z. Wang and A. Rehman, "Begin with the end in mind: a unified end-to-end quality-of-experience monitoring, optimization and management framework," *SMPTE Motion Imaging Journal*, Society of Motion Picture Technology and Engineering, vol. 128, no. 2, pp. 1-8, Mar. 2019.
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