# **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**

- 2024, Outstanding Performance Award, Faculty of Engineering, University of Waterloo
- 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 Signal Processing Society 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 Signal Processing Society 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
- Judge for MIT TR35 China
- 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**

- 2024, Postdoctoral Fellow E. Rezk won prestigious Alice Wilson Award by Royal Society of Canada
- 2024, Postdoctoral Fellow E. Rezk won competitive NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2024, MASc student S. Chowdhury won competitive NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship
- 2023, PhD student M. Eisapor won competitive Ontario Graduate Scholarship and President's Graduate Scholarship
- 2022, Undergraduate Research Assistant Raymond Zhou won IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant to attend IEEE International Conference on Image Processing
- 2022, Postdoctoral Fellow W. Zhou won prestigious ACM SIGMM Outstanding Dissertation Award
- 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
- 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 (undergraduate level) W2008, W2009, S2010(1), S2010(2), F2012(1), F2012(2), F2013(2)
- ECE318: Communication Systems (undergraduate level) F2011, W2014
- ECE313/ECE413: Digital Signal Processing (undergraduate level) S2016, S2018, S2020, F2022, F2023, F2024, F2025
- ECE417: Image Processing (undergraduate level) W2014, W2022, W2023, W2024, W2025
- ECE613/ECE710-T13: Image Processing and Visual Communication (graduate level) W2008, F2009, F2012, F2013, F2016, F2017, F2018, F2019, F2020, W2022, W2023, W2024, W2025
- ECE710-T16: Digital Signal Processing (undergraduate level) W2009, F2010, S2016, F2021
- ECE200A/ECE300B: Electrical and Computer Engineering Practice (undergraduate level) F2011, F2013
- ECE499: Engineering Project (undergraduate level) from F2009 to W2014
- EE4328: Introduction to Digital Image Processing (Univ. of Texas Arlington, undergraduate level), F2006
- EE5350: Digital Signal Processing (Univ. of Texas Arlington, graduate level), F2005
- EE5359: Advanced Image Processing and Visual Communications (Univ. of Texas Arlington, undergraduate level) S2006, S2007

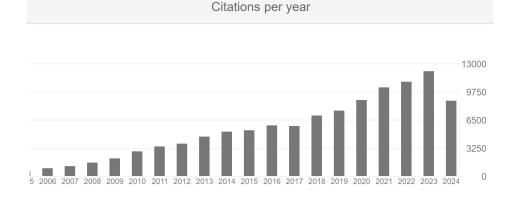
# Funded Research Projects

- 2022 2026, Transforming pathology using artificial intelligence to improve patient outcome and hospital efficiency, ORF Research Excellence Round 10, C\$1,721,681, Role: co-PI (PI: K. Plataniotis; co-PIs: A. Moshovos, C. Rowsell, P. Diamandis)
- 2023 2025, Grain-aware video quality assessment and encoding optimization in streaming media applications, MITACS Accelerate program, C\$180,000, Role: PI
- 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

• 270+ publications with 110,000+ citations by Google Scholar statistics



#### **Journal Publications**

- W. Zhou and Z. Wang, "Perceptual Depth Quality Assessment of Stereoscopic Omnidirectional Images", IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, accepted, to appear, 2024.
- [2] X. Liu, J. Yan, Z. Wan, Y. Fang and Z. Wang, "A quality-of-experience database for omnidirectional video streaming," *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing*, vol. 17, no. 5, pp. 949-963, Sept. 2023.
- [3] H. Su, Q. Liu, Y. Liu, H. Yuan, H. Yang, Z. Pan and Z. Wang, "Bitstream-based Perceptual Quality Assessment of Compressed 3D Point Clouds," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 32, pp. 1815-1828, 2023.
- [4] 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*, vol. 29, no. 8, pp. 3642-3655, Aug. 2023.
- [5] Z. Duanmu, W. Liu, D. Chen, Z. Li, Z. Wang, Y. Wang, and W. Gao, "A Bayesian quality-ofexperience model for adaptive streaming videos," ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing Communications and Applications, vol. 18, Issue 3s, pp. 1-24, Feb. 2023.
- [6] S. Athar and Z. Wang, "Degraded reference image quality assessment," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 32, pp. 822-837, Jan. 2023.
- [7] Y. Wang, Z. Wang, Q. Hu, Y. Zhou and H. Su, "Hierarchical semantic risk minimization for largescale classification," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, vol. 52, no. 9, pp. 9546-9558, Sep. 2022.
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- [15] Z. Wang, H. Yeganeh, K. Zeng and J. Wang, "Diagnosing visual quality impairments in highdynamic-range/wide-color-gamut videos," *Journal of Digital Video*, vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 74-83, Dec. 2020.
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