Duc Vu

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Education

Miami University - Oxford, Ohio *2019 - 2024*
Bachelor of Science, Data Science and Statistics GPA: 3.83/4.0
Bachelor of Arts, Economics
***Honors**: Cum Laude*

Publications

Preprints

* - equal contribution

3. **Anti-I2V: Safeguarding your photos from malicious image-to-video generation.**
Duc Vu, Anh Nguyen, Chi Tran and Anh Tran.
Under Review, 2025.

2. **InverFill: One-Step Inversion for Enhanced Few-Step Diffusion Inpainting.**
Duc Vu*, Kien Nguyen*, Trong-Tung Nguyen, Ngan Nguyen, Phong Nguyen, Khoi Nguyen, Cuong Pham and Anh Tran.
Under Review, 2025.

1. **VideoDrift: Plug-and-Play Video Refinement for Diffusion Models via KV-Anchored Attention.**
Ngan Nguyen, **Duc Vu**, Trong-Tung Nguyen, Phuc Lai, Cuong Pham and Anh Tran.
Under Review, 2025.

Conference Publications

4. **Improved Training Technique for Shortcut Models.**
Anh Nguyen*, Viet Nguyen*, **Duc Vu**, Trung Tuan Dao, Chi Tran, Toan Tran and Anh Tran.
*Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2025.*

3. **SwiftBrush v2: Make Your One-step Diffusion Model Better Than Its Teacher.**
Trung Tuan Dao, Thuan Hoang Nguyen*, Thanh Le*, **Duc Vu***, Khoi Nguyen, Cuong Pham and Anh Tran.
*European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2024.*

2. **EFHQ: Multi-purpose ExtremePose-Face-HQ dataset.**
Trung Tuan Dao*, **Duc Vu***, Cuong Pham, Anh Tran.
*Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2024.*

1. **Preserving simulation insight while removing data: verification of compressed simulation traces via machine learning.**
My Nguyen, **Duc Vu**, Anh Vo, Luke Liang and Philippe J Giabbanelli.
*Annual Modeling and Simulation Conference (**ANNSIM**), 2023.*

Work Experience

Qualcomm AI Research *March, 2025 - Current*
AI Research Resident *Hanoi, Vietnam*
Advisors: Dr. Anh Tran

- Introduced an image cloaking framework that effectively protects user images from malicious use across diverse image-to-video models, including both UNet- and DiT-based architectures.
- Devised architectural refinements and training strategies that improved Shortcut models, achieving FID 5.27 and 2.05 on ImageNet 256×256 with one and four sampling steps, respectively.
- Introduced a one-step diffusion inversion network that enables high-quality, few-step image inpainting with only 0.07 s of additional overhead.
- Developed a one-step frame-wise enhancement module that boosts video fidelity and delivers 2.8×–4.7× faster end-to-end performance compared to previous methods.

VinAI Research *March, 2022 - March, 2025*
AI Research Resident *Hanoi, Vietnam*
Advisors: Dr. Anh Tran

- Engineered a dataset of 30,000 augmented infrared facial images using a 3D Morphable Model, boosting driver facial landmark detection accuracy by 15% for driver monitoring system (DMS).

- Established a benchmark dataset of 450,000 frames for extreme head poses, cutting error rates by 10-20% for the then-current state-of-the-art face generation and reenactment techniques.
- Introduced a fused one-step diffusion model by combining two efficient training strategies and a novel CLIP loss, resulting in a then-current state-of-the-art Fréchet Inception Score of 8.14.

PIXTA Co. Ltd *December, 2020 - July, 2021*
Data Scientist Intern *Hanoi, Vietnam*

- Synthesized stock-quality images with StyleGAN2 and experimented with super-resolution methods, generating more than 2000 stock-quality images.
- Designed a face detection model on image patches specialized for high-resolution images, improving reviewing speed by around 30% and publishing time by 50% (from 7 days to 4 days).
- Deployed and evaluated a multi-task model that helped enhance customer experience, cleaned around 4 million unlabeled images (5% of total images), and re-categorized age and emotion groups of 13.5 million stock images.

Selected Awards and Honors

- Scholar Leaders - Miami University, Oxford *2022-2023*
- President's List - Miami University, Oxford *Fall 2019-20, Spring 2022-23*
- Dean's List - Miami University, Oxford *Spring 2019-20, Spring 2021-22, Fall 2022-23, Fall 2023-24*

Professional Responsibilities

- *Reviewer:* CVPR (2026), CVPRW (2025), ACCV (2025).

References

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