Tools for visual expression and communication.

Abstract:

Photos and videos are now a main mode of communication, used to tell stories, share experiences and convey ideas. However, common media editing tools are often either too complex to master, or oversimplified and limited. In this talk I will present my strategy towards the creation of media editing techniques that are easy to learn, yet expressive enough to reflect unique creative objectives. We will mostly discuss one specific domain --- human heads --- which are both extremely common (i.e. people care about people) and technologically challenging. I will present several works on editing video by editing text, perspective manipulation, and in-camera lighting feedback. I will also discuss exciting future opportunities related to neural rendering and digital representations of humans.

BIO

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