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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY Berkeley, CA, US 08/2022-present

PhD candidate in Electrical Engineering, major in signal processing, GPA: **4.0/4.0**

Research focus: Signal processing, image reconstruction and inverse problems solving in computational imaging.

Related courses: Computational Imaging (A+), Optimization Models in Engineering (A+), Intro to Computer Vision and Computational Photography (A), Neural Computation (A+).

Awards and Honors

SPIE-BACUS scholarship 11/2025

Ross N. Tucker Memorial Award 04/2026

PEKING UNIVERSITY Beijing, China 09/2018-07/2022

BS in Electronic and Information Engineering, Overall GPA: **3.776/ 4.000** (1/50 in EIE Dept.)

Awards and Honors

AEON scholarship 01/2021

Merit Student, Peking University (top 10% students in each academic year) 2019, 2020, 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Chaoying Gu, Talha Sultan, Khadijeh Masumnia-Bisheh, Laura Waller, Andreas Velten. "[Fast Non-line-of-sight Imaging with Non-planar Relay Surfaces.](#)" *IEEE International Conference on Computational Photography (ICCP)*. IEEE, 2023.

- Implemented a customized **ray-tracing simulator** and proposed a novel computational method that effectively performs **3D diffraction propagation** for arbitrary surfaces.
- Collected Non-line-of-sight imaging data using an active **laser scanning** system (2D galvos) and single-photon avalanche-diode (SPAD) camera.
- Achieved 2 orders of magnitude better computational complexity compared to state-of-the-art algorithms without quality degradation; open-sourced MATLAB implementation available on [GitHub](#).

Kevin C. Zhou, **Chaoying Gu**, Muneki Ikeda, Tina M. Hayward, Nicholas Antipa, Rajesh Menon, Roarke Horstmeyer, Saul Kato, Laura Waller. "[Large-scale compressive microscopy via diffractive multiplexing across a sensor array.](#)" *Nature Photonics*, 2026.

- Designed a snapshot gigapixel-scale imaging system using a sensor array, enabled by a customized **diffractive optical element** (DOE) to encode the information from the gaps between the individual sensors.
- Developed a deconvolution algorithm incorporating the DOE PSF across $> 5.2 \text{ cm}^2$ FOV with a **fully shift-variant model** and investigated GPU acceleration strategies.

Chaoying Gu, Markus Benk, Antoine Islegen-Wojdyla, Kenneth A. Goldberg, Laura Waller. "[Enhanced extreme ultraviolet mask imaging with Fourier ptychographic microscopy.](#)" *J. Micro/Nanopattern. Mater. Metrol.* 25(3), 2026.

- Applied Fourier ptychographic **phase-retrieval** to emulate wave propagation and simulate photomask through-focus behavior under various illumination patterns and validated with experimental data.
- Predicted lithographic process windows and optimized illumination for high-NA anamorphic imaging.
- Open-sourced **Python/PyTorch** implementation available on [GitHub](#).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

[**Oral Presentation**] **Chaoying Gu**, Antoine Islegen-Wojdyla, Markus Benk, Kenneth A. Goldberg, Laura Waller.

"[Towards Full Field-of-View Fourier Ptychography for Extreme Ultraviolet Microscope.](#)" *IEEE Conference on Computational Imaging Using Synthetic Apertures (CISA)*. IEEE, 2024.

- Extensively evaluated the FPM algorithms and performed EUV microscope **aberration characterization**.
- Achieved a 36-fold increase in the usable field-of-view from the nominal $5 \times 5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$ diffraction-limited area.

[**Oral Presentation**] **Chaoying Gu**, Antoine Islegen-Wojdyla, Markus Benk, Kenneth A. Goldberg, Laura Waller.

"[Enhanced EUV mask imaging using Fourier ptychographic microscopy.](#)" *Advanced Lithography + Patterning*. SPIE, 2025.

- Developed an **automatic differentiation** framework for system **self-calibration** and wavefront error correction, enabling robust reconstruction of elliptical pupils and attenuated phase shift masks.
- Validated Fourier FPM as a promising technique for advanced EUV mask imaging, achieving quantitative phase recovery and enhanced resolution using experimental data from the SHARP EUV microscope at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

[**Oral Presentation**] **Chaoying Gu**, Kevin C. Zhou, Laura Waller. "Neural Network-Accelerated Reconstruction for High-Spatiotemporal-Throughput Video Microscopy of Freely Moving Organisms." *Computational Optical Sensing and Imaging*. Optica Publishing Group, 2025.

- Developed an **end-to-end neural network** to accelerate optimization-based video reconstruction, employing a patch-based strategy involving Fourier convolution kernel to adapt for gigapixel image reconstruction with diffractive multiplexing across a sensor array.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Research Scientist Intern Meta Reality Labs, Redmond, WA 05/2026-08/2026

- Built a benchtop **holographic display** for AR glasses based on a wedge lightguide, using a phase light modulator (PLM) to correct its strongly **spatially-varying aberrations**.
- Trained an **end-to-end** model to calibrate the PLM parameters and pupil modulation, and performed **phase retrieval** for local wavefront calibration for the lightguide.

Source Mask Optimization Intern ASML, San Jose, CA 05/2025-08/2025

- Explored and compared different regularizations in source mask co-optimization for lithography.
- Developed a customized regularization method that improves adherence to specific design rules.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Pre-trained Diffusion Model for Optimization-Guided Deconvolution with Large Kernels

Chaoying Gu, Alex Mehta, Ajil Jalal, Amit Kohli, Laura Waller.

- Applied current **diffusion posterior sampling methods** (e.g., DPS, Red-Diff, DDNM, EDM) to customized deconvolution problems with diffuser PSFs, identifying significant hallucination issues in existing methods.
- Investigated the optimization-inspired purification method to alleviate the trade-off between visual plausibility and measurement data fidelity.

Automatic Regularization for Label-Free Computational Microscopy

UC Berkeley-Biohub Imaging Residency, in collaboration with the waveOrder team at Biohub SF. 05/2026-present

- Learning **regularization parameters** directly from the raw measurements, removing hand-tuning from the reconstruction pipeline.
- Scaling **waveOrder**, a computational framework for label-free imaging, to larger and more diverse datasets.

SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

Enhanced Deconvolution Using Langevin Sampling Beyond maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation

- Replicated results from the **Langevin sparse sampling** method, leveraging Langevin dynamics to reconstruct sparse dictionaries for customized datasets and natural images while analyzing its "automatic pruning" behavior.
- Extended the approach to sample solution spaces for noised image deblurring and deconvolution problems, demonstrating its potential in **uncertainty quantification**.

Stereo Alignment for Multispectral RGB-UV Imaging in Animal Vision Studies

- Built a **synchronized RGB-UV stereo camera** based on Raspberry Pi
- Developed a pipeline for feature-based projection matrix estimation for robust pixel-to-pixel matching of RGB and UV image pairs, applied disparity map generation for **depth estimation**.

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, REACH Academy (Oakland) 03/2024

- Taught science to TK-2 students, fostering curiosity and early STEM engagement through hands-on activities.

Co-President, UC Berkeley Optics Chapter [\[website\]](#) 06/2024-present

- Organized technical seminars featuring speakers from diverse departments, universities, and industry leaders, hosting **14 events** in 2024 with an average attendance of **25 participants**.
- Coordinated professional development events, including resume workshops and mock preliminary exams for first-year graduate students.

Amateur Minesweeper Player [\[profile\]](#) 06/2023-present

- Ranked in the **top 1000 out of over 10 million players** on a worldwide Minesweeper platform.
- Achieved a personal best of 68 seconds on the Expert level.

TEACHING

- Teaching assistant, *Analysis and Design of Analog Circuits*, Peking University 09/2021-06/2022
- Teaching assistant, *EE120 Signals and Systems*, UC Berkeley 01/2025-05/2025
- Head Teaching assistant, *EE120 Signals and Systems*, UC Berkeley 08/2025-01/2026