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Curriculum Vitae

Chen Li was born in Shandong, China, in 1992. In 2011, she began her bachelor's studies in Information Engineering at Ludong University, located near the east coast of Shandong province, China. In 2015, Chen pursued a master's degree in computer science at China Agricultural University in Beijing, China. During her three-year master's program, she focused on data prediction models and developed an interest in computer vision and image processing. She earned her master's degree in 2018. Aligned with her research interests in computer vision, Chen joined the Computational Bio-imaging group at Leiden University, supervised by Prof. Dr. Ir. Fons J. Verbeek. Her four-year study, supported by the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), involved cell image analysis in both 2D and 3D domains, as well as time-lapse data analysis. She completed projects in collaboration with Naturalis and the Institute of Biology (IBL) of Leiden University.

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