#### Selected Publications & Talks

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**What the DAAM: Interpreting Stable Diffusion Using Cross Attention.**

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Longlong Jing, Toufiq Parag, Zhe Wu, Yingli Tian, Hongcheng Wang, WACV 2021 [[pdf](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.00197)]

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Wenyan Li and Ferhan Ture. SIGIR 2020 [[pdf](http://ferhanture.com/Research_files/sigir2020_annotation.pdf)] [[presentation](http://ferhanture.com/Research_files/sigir2020-presentation.pptx)]

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