Zicong Fan (Alex)



Research interest

My primary focus in research centers on 3D vision, especially as it applies to digital human modeling and mixed reality. I am interested in topics including 3D hand-object reconstruction, 3D interacting hand reconstruction, 3D hand pose estimation, and egocentric vision. See more on my personal page.

Education

ETH Zürich [Supervisors: Otmar Hilliges, Michael J. Black]

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Zürich, Switzerland Fall 2020 – Present

The University of British Columbia [Supervisors: Leonid Sigal, Jim Little]

Thesis Masters in Computer Science [94/100]

Vancouver, Canada Fall 2018 – Summer 2020

The University of British Columbia

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science [91/100]

Vancouver, Canada Fall 2016 – Summer 2018

Employment

Advanced Interactive Technologies, ETH Zürich

Ph.D. Student Researcher

Zürich, Switzerland August 2020 – Present

Perceiving Systems, Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

Ph.D. Student Researcher

Tübingen, Germany April 2022 – March 2023

Publication

<u>Fan Z.</u>, Taheri O., Tzionas D., Kocabas M., Kaufmann M., Black M., and Hilliges O. **ARCTIC: A Dataset for Dexterous Bimanual Hand-Object Manipulation.** IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023. [Project][Video][Code][Paper]

Ziani A.*, <u>Fan Z.*</u>, Kocabas M., Christen S. and Hilliges O. **TempCLR: Reconstructing Hands via Time-Coherent Contrastive Learning.** IEEE International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV), 2022. (*Equal Contri.)

[Project][Video][Code][Paper]

<u>Fan Z.</u>, Spurr A., Kocabas M., Tang S., Black M.J., Hilliges O. **Learning To Disambiguate Strongly Interacting Hands via Probabilistic Per-Pixel Part Segmentation.** IEEE International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV), 2021. [Oral] [Project][Video][Code][Paper]

Karunratanakul K., Spurr A., <u>Fan Z.</u>, Hilliges O, Tang S. **A skeleton-driven neural occupancy representation for articulated hands.** IEEE International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV), 2021. [Oral] [Project][Video][Paper]

<u>Fan Z.</u>, Meng L., Chen T.Q., Li J., Mitchell I. **Learning Motion Predictors for Smart Wheelchair using Autoregressive Sparse Gaussian Process.** IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2018.

[Paper]

Service

Workshop organizer: HANDS at ICCV'23

Reviewer: CVPR '23, ICCV '23, ECCV '22, SIGGRAPH ASIA '23, 3DV '23, '24, RA-L '23

Skills

Programming Languages:

• Proficient: Python, MATLAB, Java, C/C++

• Prior experience: CUDA kernel, HTML/CSS, TypeScript, Julia, Erlang, Lua

Technologies/Environment: Unix/Linux, Git, PyTorch, Robot Operating System (ROS).

Teaching

• ETH Machine Perception: Spring '21/'22/'23

• ETH Informatik II: Fall '21

• UBC CPSC 425 Computer Vision: Spring '19, Fall '19

• UBC CPSC 422 Artificial Intelligence: Fall '18

Awards and Recognitions

Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's, April 2019

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) (national)

"The objective of the CGS-M Program is to help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies."

Trek Excellence Scholarship, August 2017

The University of British Columbia (institutional)

Awarded to students in the top 5% of their undergraduate years, faculty, and school based on the top 27 credits.

Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Medal, May 2016

Governor General of Canada (national)

Awarded to the Langara graduate from a two-year Associate Degree Program with the highest cumulative GPA. The Collegiate Bronze Medal is at the postsecondary level.