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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Representation Learning, 3D Scene Understanding, Multimodal Reasoning.

EDUCATION

- **MBZUAI** 02, 2026 - UAE
Postdoc Associate
 - Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Salman Khan and Prof. Dr. Fahad Shahbaz Khan.
 - Topics: VLM(A), Multi-Modal Learning, Earth Observation
- **University of Pisa (UNIPi) & University of Trento (UNITN)** 11, 2021 - 10, 2025 Italy
National Ph.D. in AI for Society
 - Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Nicu Sebe and Prof. Dr. Rita Cucchiara.
 - Thesis Title: Representation Learning Via Transformer: From 2D to 3D
- **Peking University (PKU)** 09, 2017 - 01, 2021 China
MS in Computer Applied Technology
 - Supervised by: Prof. Dr. Hong Liu.
 - Thesis Title: Grouped Spatial-Temporal Enhancement Modeling Based Human Action Recognition
 - Awards: The 2nd prize of the May 4th Youth Science Award (Challenge Cup of PKU) in 06, 2019
- **Central South University (CSU)** 09, 2012 - 07, 2016 China
BA in Microelectronics Manufacturing Engineering
 - Scholarship: Three times a 3rd-class scholarship winner in 2013, 2014, and 2015.

VISITING RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Visiting Ph.D. Student at INSAIT ** 04, 2024 - 09, 2025 Sofia, Bulgaria
Advised by Prof. Dr. Luc Van Gool
 - *All-in-One Image Restoration*: At INSAIT, I led the development of efficient and scalable restoration models for diverse degradations. I proposed AnyIR (*Accepted* to TMLR), a lightweight framework leveraging shared semantics for unified restoration with >80% reduction in parameters and FLOPs. Building on this, I developed MIRAGE (*Accepted* to ICLR'26), which combines modular feature decomposition and manifold-based contrastive learning to enhance generalization. These works form a solid foundation for practical, high-quality image (and potentially video) enhancement under real-world conditions.
 - *Large Multimodal Models (LMM)*: I explored extending LMMs beyond natural images to structured, domain-specific modalities. We proposed EarthMind (*Submitted* to ICLR'26), a 4B vision-language framework for remote sensing, achieving SOTA performance on the proposed EarthMind-Bench and surpassing GPT-4o, demonstrating strong potential for generalization across multi-granular, multi-sensor visual domains.
 - *3D Representation Learning*: Additionally, I am interested in processing irregular 3D data such as point clouds and Gaussian splats, with a focus on extracting meaningful representations to support downstream tasks. I contributed to ShapeSplat (*Accepted* by 3DV'25 as Oral), which introduces self-supervised learning on object-level 3D Gaussians via masked autoencoding. We then extended this to large-scale scenes with SceneSplat (*Accepted* to ICCV'25 as Oral), addressing structured scene-level representation learning. Then the dataset was extended from 7K to 49K scenes as SceneSplat++ (*Accepted* by NeurIPS'25).
- **Visiting Ph.D. Student at Computer Vision Lab of ETH Zürich ** 08, 2023 - 01, 2024 Zürich, Switzerland
Advised by Prof. Dr. Luc Van Gool
 - *Low-Level Vision*: During my stay at the CVL of ETH Zürich, I proposed SemanIR, a transformer-based image restoration framework that constructs and shares key-semantic dictionaries to enable efficient and accurate restoration with linear attention complexity, achieving state-of-the-art performance across six benchmark tasks. This work has been **Accepted** by NeurIPS'2024.
 - *3D Representation Learning*: Meanwhile, I also worked on a novel framework that integrates contrastive learning into masked autoencoding for 3D point cloud pretraining by using dual random masking and shared-weight reconstruction, achieving decent performance across classification, segmentation, and few-shot tasks. This work has been **Accepted** by ACCV'2024.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- [C.1] **Bin Ren**, Runyi Yang, Qi Ma, Xu Zheng, Mengyuan Liu, Danda Pani Paudel, Luc Van Gool, Rita Cucchiara, Nicu Sebe. **Rethinking Expressivity and Degradation-Awareness in Attention for All-in-One Blind Image Restoration**. Accepted by ICLR'2026.
- [C.2] **Bin Ren**, Yawei Li, Xu Zheng, Yuqian Fu, Danda Pani Paudel, Hong Liu, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Luc Van Gool, and Nicu Sebe. **Manifold-aware Representation Learning for Degradation-agnostic Image Restoration**. Accepted by ICLR'2026.
- [C.3] **Bin Ren**, Xiaoshui Huang, Mengyuan Liu, Hong Liu, Fabio Poiesi, Nicu Sebe, and Guofeng Mei. **Masked Clustering Prediction for Unsupervised Point Cloud Pre-training**. Accepted by AAAI'2026 as **Oral**.
- [C.4] **Bin Ren**, Yawei Li, Jingyun Liang, Rakesh Ranjan, Mengyuan Liu, Rita Cucchiara, Luc Van Gool, Ming-Hsuan Yang, and Nicu Sebe. **Sharing Key Semantics in Transformer Makes Efficient Image Restoration**. Accepted by NeurIPS'2024.
- [C.5] **Bin Ren**, Yahui Liu, Yue Song, Wei Bi, Rita Cucchiara, Nicu Sebe, and Wei Wang. **Masked Jigsaw Puzzle: A Versatile Position Embedding for Vision Transformers**. Accepted by CVPR'2023.
- [C.6] **Bin Ren**, Guofeng Mei, Danda Pani Paudel, Weijie Wang, Yawei Li, Mengyuan Liu, Rita Cucchiara, Luc Van Gool, and Nicu Sebe. **Bringing masked autoencoders explicit contrastive properties for point cloud self-supervised learning**. Accepted by ACCV'2024.
- [C.7] **Bin Ren**, Hao Tang, Yiming Wang, Xia Li, Wei Wang, and Nicu Sebe. **PI-Trans: Parallel-ConvMLP and Implicit-Transformation Based GAN for Cross-View Image Translation**. Accepted by ICASSP'2023.
- [C.8] **Bin Ren**, Hao Tang, and Nicu Sebe. **Cascaded Cross MLP-Mixer GANs for Cross-View Image Translation**. Accepted by BMVC'2021 as **Oral**.
- [C.9] Davide Lobba, Fulvio Sanguigni, **Bin Ren***, Marcella Cornia, Rita Cucchiara, and Nicu Sebe. **Inverse Virtual Try-On: Generating Multi-Category Product-Style Images from Clothed Individuals**. Accepted by ICLR'2026.
- [C.10] Mengjiao Ma, Qi Ma, Yue Li, Jiahuan Cheng, Runyi Yang, **Bin Ren***, Nikola Popovic, Mingqiang Wei, Nicu Sebe, Luc Van Gool, Theo Gevers, Martin R Oswald, Danda Pani Paudel. **SceneSplat++: A Large Dataset and Comprehensive Benchmark for Language Gaussian Splatting**. Accepted by NeurIPS'2025.
- [C.11] Yue Li, Qi Ma, Runyi Yang, Huapeng Li, Mengjiao Ma, **Bin Ren***, Nikola Popovic, Nicu Sebe, Ender Konukoglu, Theo Gevers, Luc Van Gool, Martin R Oswald, Danda Pani Paudel. **Scenesplat: Gaussian splatting-based scene understanding with vision-language pretraining**. Accepted by ICCV'2025 as **Oral**.
- [C.12] Yuqian Fu, Runze Wang, **Bin Ren**, Guolei Sun, Biao Gong, Yanwei Fu, Danda Pani Paudel, Xuanjing Huang, Luc Van Gool. **ObjectRelator: Enabling Cross-View Object Relation Understanding Across Ego-Centric and Exo-Centric Perspectives**. Accepted by ICCV'2025 as **Highlight**.
- [C.13] Qi Ma, Yue Li, **Bin Ren***, Nicu Sebe, Ender Konukoglu, Theo Gevers, Luc Van Gool, and Danda Pani Paudel. **ShapeSplat: A Large-scale Dataset of Gaussian Splats and Their Self-Supervised Pretraining**. Accepted by 3DV'2025 as **Oral**.
- [C.14] Mengyi Zhao, Mengyuan Liu, **Bin Ren**, Shuling Dai, and Nicu Sebe. **Modiff: Action-conditioned 3d motion generation with denoising diffusion probabilistic models**. Accepted by ICASSP'2024.
- [C.15] Chang Liu, Mengyi Zhao, **Bin Ren**, Mengyuan Liu, and Nicu Sebe. **Spatio-Temporal Graph Diffusion for Text-Driven Human Motion Generation**. Accepted by BMVC'2023 as **Oral**.
- [J.1] **Bin Ren**, Hao Tang, Fanyang Meng, Runwei Ding, Philip Torr, and Nicu Sebe. **Cloth interactive transformer for virtual try-on**. Accepted by ACM ToMM, 2023.
- [J.2] Weixin Ye, Wei Wang, Yahui Liu, Yue Song, **Bin Ren***, Wei Bi, Rita Cucchiara, and Nicu Sebe. **A Unified Masked Jigsaw Puzzle Framework for Vision and Language Models**. Accepted by TPAMI, 2025.
- [J.3] Hao Tang, **Bin Ren**, and Nicu Sebe. **A pure MLP-Mixer-based GAN framework for guided image translation**. Accepted by PR, 2024.
- [J.4] Ti Wang, Mengyuan Liu, Hong Liu, **Bin Ren**, Yingxuan You, Wenhao Li, Nicu Sebe, and Xia Li. **Uncertainty-Aware Testing-Time Optimization for 3D Human Pose Estimation**. Accepted by TMM, 2025.
- [J.5] Wenhao Li, Mengyuan Liu, Hong Liu, **Bin Ren**, Xia Li, Yingxuan You, and Nicu Sebe. **HYRE: Hybrid Regressor for 3D Human Pose and Shape Estimation**. Accepted by TIP, 2024.

SELECTED SUBMITTED WORKS

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- [J.1] **Bin Ren**, Eduard Zamfir, Zongwei Wu, Yawei Li, Yidi Li, Danda Pani Paudel, Radu Timofte, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Luc Van Gool, and Nicu Sebe. **Any Image Restoration via Efficient Spatial-Frequency Degradation Adaptation**. Accepted with Minor Revision from TMLR.
- [C.2] Yan Shu, **Bin Ren***, Zhitong Xiong, Danda Pani Paudel, Luc Van Gool, Begum Demir, Nicu Sebe, Paolo Rota. **EarthMind: Towards Multi-Granular and Multi-Sensor Earth Observation with Large Multimodal Models**. Submitted to ICLR in 2025.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Workshop/Challenge Organizer: NTIRE (9th, 10th) at CVPR'(24,25), AIM (6th) at ICCV'25, SPI (1st) at SWC'24.
- Conference Reviewer: NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, ACL, ACCV, BMVC, 3DV, and ICASSP, etc.
- Journal Reviewer: TPAMI, TIP, IJCV, RAL, TMM, and ToMM, etc.
- Area Chair: BMVC'25

SKILLS

- Programming: Python, PyTorch, Linux, Huggingface, Git, ViM.
- Research: Vision Transformer, Low-Level Vision, Gaussian Splatting, 3D Vision, Self-Supervised Learning.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (C1, Frequent use), Italian (A2, Basic), Mandarin (Native).

Interests: Cooking, Hiking, and Singing.