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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Machine Learning and Medical Image Analysis

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA, 2021

- Dissertation: “*Algorithms and Benchmarks for Robust Visual Object Tracking*”
- Advisor: Prof. Haibin Ling
- Committee: Prof. Xianfeng Gu, Prof. Dimitris Samaras, Prof. Jie Yang

B.S., College of Informatics, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, Hubei, China, 2013

- Major in Computer Science and Technology

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Assistant Professor, University of North Texas  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Denton, TX USA, 2021–now

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- World’s Top 2% Scientists, 2021 (by Stanford University)
- CVPR Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MVQYJiMAAAAJ>

**Selected Journal Articles** (Impact factors (IF) updated in 2022)

- [1] Libo Zhang\*, Junyuan Gao\*, Zhen Xiao, and Heng Fan, “AnimalTrack: A Benchmark for Multi-Animal Tracking in the Wild,” *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 2022, in press. (\*equal contribution) (IF: 13.369)
- [2] Qin Zhou, Runze Wang, Guodong Guo, Heng Fan, and Guoyan Zheng, “Towards Bridging the Distribution Gap: Instance to Prototype Earth Mover’s Distance for Distribution Alignment,” *Medical Image Analysis (MedIA)*, 82: 102607, 2022. (IF: 13.828)
- [3] Pengfei Zhu, Longyin Wen, Dawei Du, Xiao Bian, Heng Fan, Qinghua Hu, and Haibin Ling, “Detection and Tracking Meet Drones Challenge,” *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)*, 44(11): 7380-7399, 2022. (IF: 24.314)
- [4] Ying Liu, Heng Fan, Xiaohui Yuan, and Jinhai Xiang, “GL-GAN: Adaptive Global and Local Bilevel Optimization for Generative Adversarial Network,” *Pattern Recognition (PR)*, 123: 108375, 2022. (IF: 8.518)
- [5] Heng Fan, Hexin Bai, Liting Lin, Fan Yang, Peng Chu, Ge Deng, Sijia Yu, Harshit, Mingzhen Huang, Juehuan Liu, Yong Xu, Chunyuan Liao, Lin Yuan, and Haibin Ling, “LaSOT: A High-quality Large-scale Single Object Tracking Benchmark,” *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 129: 439–461, 2021. (IF: 13.369)
- [6] Ying Liu, Heng Fan, Fuchuan Ni, and Jinhai Xiang, “ClsGAN: Selective Attribute Editing Based On Classification Adversarial Network,” *Neural Networks (NN)*, 133: 220-228, 2021. (IF: 9.657)

- [7] Qin Zhou, Heng Fan, Hua Yang, Hang Su, Shibao Zheng, Shuang Wu, and Haibin Ling, “Robust and Efficient Graph Correspondence Transfer for Person Re-identification,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP)*, 30: 1623-1638, 2021. (IF: 11.041)
- [8] Zhigang Chang, Qin Zhou, Heng Fan, Hang Su, Hua Yang, Shibao Zheng, and Haibin Ling, “Weighted Bilinear Coding over Salient Body Parts for Person Re-identification,” *Neurocomputing*, 407: 454-464, 2020. (IF: 5.779)
- [9] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “Parallel Tracking and Verifying,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP)*, 28(8): 4130-4144, 2019. (IF: 11.041)
- [10] Heng Fan, Xue Mei, Danil Prokhorov, and Haibin Ling, “Multi-level Contextual RNNs with Attention Model for Scene Labeling,” *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (T-ITS)*, 19(11): 3475-3485, 2018. (IF: 9.551)
- [11] Heng Fan and Jinhai Xiang, “Robust Visual Tracking with Multitask Joint Dictionary Learning,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video and Technology (T-CSVT)*, 27(5): 1018-1030, 2017. (IF: 5.859)

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- [12] Liting Lin\*, Heng Fan\*, Zhipeng Zhang, Yong Xu, and Haibin Ling, “SwinTrack: A Simple and Strong Baseline for Transformer Tracking,” *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022. (\*equal contribution)
- [13] Mingzhe Guo\*, Zhipeng Zhang\*, Heng Fan, and Liping Jing, “Divert More Attention to Vision-Language Tracking,” *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022. (\*equal contribution)
- [14] Yongsheng Yu, Libo Zhang, Heng Fan, and Tiejian Luo, “High-Fidelity Image Inpainting with GAN Inversion,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 242-258, 2022.
- [15] Mingzhe Guo, Zhipeng Zhang, Heng Fan, Liping Jing, Yilin Lyu, Bing Li, and Weiming Hu, “Learning Target-aware Representation for Visual Tracking via Informative Interactions,” *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 927-934, 2022.
- [16] Heng Fan, Halady Akhilesha Miththanaya, Harshit, Siranjiv Ramana Rajan, Xiaoqiong Liu, Zhilin Zou, Yuewei Lin, and Haibin Ling, “Transparent Object Tracking Benchmark,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 10734-10743, 2021.
- [17] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “CRACK: Cascaded Regression-Align-Classification for Robust Visual Tracking,” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 7013-7020, 2021.
- [18] Heng Fan, Fan Yang, Peng Chu, Yuewei Lin, Lin Yuan, and Haibin Ling, “TracKlinic: Diagnosis of Challenge Factors in Visual Tracking,” *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 970-979, 2021.
- [19] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “MART: Motion-Aware Recurrent Neural Network for Robust Visual Tracking,” *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 566-575, 2021.
- [20] Fan Yang, Heng Fan, Peng Chu, Erik Blasch, and Haibin Ling, “Clustered Object Detection in Aerial Images,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 8311-8320, 2019.
- [21] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “Siamese Cascaded Region Proposal Networks for Real-Time Visual Tracking,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 7952-7961, 2019.
- [22] Heng Fan, Liting Lin, Fan Yang, Peng Chu, Ge Deng, Sijia Yu, Hexin Bai, Yong Xu, Chunyuan Liao, and Haibin Ling, “LaSOT: A High-quality Benchmark for Large-scale Single Object Tracking,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 5374-5383, 2019.
- [23] Heng Fan, Peng Chu, Longin Jan Latecki, and Haibin Ling, “Scene Parsing via Dense Recurrent

- Neural Networks with Attentional Selection,” *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 1816-1825, 2019.
- [24] Peng Chu, Heng Fan, Chiu C. Tan, and Haibin Ling, “Online Multi-Object Tracking with Instance-Aware Tracker and Dynamic Model Refreshment,” *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 161-170, 2019.
- [25] Qin Zhou, Heng Fan, Shibao Zheng, Hang Su, Xinzhe Li, Shuang Wu, and Haibin Ling, “Graph correspondence transfer for person re-identification,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 7599-7606, 2018.
- [26] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “Parallel Tracking and Verifying: A Framework for Real-Time and High Accuracy Visual Tracking,” *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 5486-5494, 2017.
- [27] Heng Fan and Haibin Ling, “SANet: Structure-Aware Network for Visual Tracking,” *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops*, 42-49, 2017.
- [28] Heng Fan and Jinhai Xiang, “Robust Visual Tracking via Local-Global Correlation Filter,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 4025-4031, 2017.
- [29] Heng Fan, Xue Mei, Danil Prokhorov, and Haibin Ling, “Cross Datasets Vegetation Detection with Spatial Prior and Local Context,” *IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV)*, 735-740, 2016.

## TEACHING

- CSCE 5218 & 4930, *Deep Learning*, University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Spring 2022, Spring 2023.
- CSCE 3110, *Data Structures and Algorithms*, University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.

## ADVISING

### Doctoral Student Supervision

- Xiaoqiong Liu

### Master Student Supervision

- Thanh Le

### High School Student Supervision

- Helen Li (TAMS)

### PhD Committee Member

- Saba Yousefian Jazi
- Zhaochen Gu
- Ziruo Yi
- Himanshu Sharma
- Md Marufi Rahman
- Amar Man Maharjan, defended 2022

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Senior Conference Committee

- Area Chair, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (**WACV**), 2022, 2023
- Co-organizer, International Workshop on Computer Vision for UAVs, in **ECCV**, 2020

### Conference Program Committee/Reviewers

- Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**) - Datasets and Benchmarks Track, 2021
- IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (**WACV**), 2021, 2022
- European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2020, 2022
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2020-2022
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2019
- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2019-2023

### Journal Reviewers

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (**T-PAMI**)
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**T-CSVT**)
- Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation (**JVCIR**)
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (**T-ITS**)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**T-IP**)
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (**T-MM**)
- Robotics and Autonomous Systems (**RAS**)
- IEEE Signal Processing Letters (**SPL**)
- ACM Computing Surveys (**CUSR**)
- The Visual Computer (**TVC**)
- Knowledge-Based Systems
- Pattern Recognition (**PR**)
- Signal Processing
- Neurocomputing

### REFERENCES

Available upon request.