

ZHAN, YANG

Email: yzhan3@ncsu.edu

Home page: yangzhanz.com

Education

NC State University, Raleigh, United States	Aug. 2025-Current
Ph.D. in Computer Science	
Supervisor: Prof. Qiao Jin	
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan	Oct. 2022-Sep. 2024
Master of Engineering in Graduate School of Fundamental Science and Engineering	
Supervisor: Prof. Tatsuo Nakajima	
GPA: 3.73/4.0	
Wuhan University, Wuhan, China	Sep. 2018-Jun. 2022
Bachelor of Engineering, Electronic Information Engineering	
GPA: 89.6/100 (3.76/4.0)	

Professional Experiences

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan	Sep. 2024-Jul. 2025
Research Assistant	
Supervisor: Prof. Tatsuo Nakajima	

Research

VL/HCC 2025, NC State University	Dec. 2024-Mar. 2025
<i>From Tool to Partner: Exploring the Roles of Embodiment on AI Agent in Pair Programming</i>	
Xiaoran Yang, Yang Zhan , Noboru Matsuda, Qiao Jin	
Master thesis / SIGIR-AP 2024, Waseda University	Mar. 2024-Jul. 2024
<i>Effect of Presentation Methods on User Experiences and Perception in VR Shopping Recommender Systems</i>	
Yang Zhan , Tatsuo Nakajima	
IEEE VR 2024 (Poster) / 🏆 AVI 2024 (Acceptance rate 28%), Waseda University	Apr. 2023-Dec. 2023
<i>Investigating User Experience in Virtual Goods Shopping through a VR Diegetic In-Game Store</i>	
Yang Zhan* , Yiming Sun*, Tatsuo Nakajima	
IEEE ICMA 2023 (Oral), Waseda University	Jan. 2023-Apr. 2023
<i>Balancing Real-world Interaction and VR Immersion with AI Vision Robotic Arm</i>	
Xiaoran Yang*, Yang Zhan* , Yukiko Iwasaki, Miaohui Shi, Shijie Tang, Hiroyasu Iwata	
Bachelor thesis, Wuhan University	Dec. 2021-May. 2022
<i>Superpixel based no-reference Image Quality Transformer (SPIQ)</i>	
Yang Zhan , Advisor: Guangyi Yang	
Research intern, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	Jul. 2021-Dec. 2021
<i>GAIAR: Geometric Latency Compensation in Augmented Reality</i>	
Advisor: Lik Hang Lee (KAIST), Tristan Braud (HKUST)	
Team leader, Wuhan University	Dec. 2020-Oct. 2021
<i>Deep Superpixel-based Network for Blind Image Quality Assessment, arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.06564</i>	
Guangyi Yang, Yang Zhan , Yuxuan Wang, Advisor: Guangyi Yang	

* Contributed equally

Awards

Graduate Merit Award	NC State University 2025
Azusa Ono Memorial Scholarship	Waseda University 2023
Partial Tuition Waiver Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students	Waseda University 2022
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship	Waseda University 2022
Outstanding Student Award	Wuhan University 2019
The Third Prize of Scholarship in Electronic Information School	Wuhan University 2019

Leadership & Activities

Communication Engineering Laboratory, WHU Teaching Assistant	Feb. 2021-Jul. 2021
---	---------------------

Skills

Programming Language: C# (Unity), Python (PyTorch), TypeScript, MATLAB, Swift, R, C, Verilog HDL
Language: English (TOEFL iBT:102, R:27, L:28, S:24, W:23), Mandarin and Cantonese (native)