

Kai Yan

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Education

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science

Jun. 2020 – Present

Irvine, CA

- **Research:** Differentiable Rendering
- **Advisor:** Shuang Zhao

University of California, Irvine

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science && Computer Game Science

Sep. 2016 – Mar 2020

Irvine, CA

- **Minor:** Film and Media Studies
- **Research:** Computer Graphics, Machine Learning, Computer Vision
- **Advisor:** Shuang Zhao
- **Thesis:** Path-Space Differentiable Rendering

Publications

PSDR-Room: Single Photo to Scene using Differentiable Rendering

Kai Yan, Fujun Luan, Miloš Hašan, Thibault Groueix, Valentin Deschaintre, Shuang Zhao

SIGGRAPH ASIA 2023, Dec 2023

Neural-PBIR Reconstruction of Shape, Material, and Illumination

Cheng Sun, Guangyan Cai, Zhengqin Li, Kai Yan, Cheng Zhang, Carl Marshall, Jia-Bin Huang, Shuang Zhao, Zhao Dong

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2023), October 2023

Efficient Estimation of Boundary Integrals for Path-Space Differentiable Rendering

Kai Yan, Christoph Lassner, Brian Budge, Zhao Dong, and Shuang Zhao

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH 2022), 41(4), July 2022

Physics-Based Inverse Rendering using Combined Implicit and Explicit Geometries

Guangyan Cai, Kai Yan, Zhao Dong, Ioannis Gkioulekas, and Shuang Zhao

Computer Graphics Forum (EGSR 2022), 41(4), July 2022

Path-Space Differentiable Rendering

Cheng Zhang, Bailey Miller, Kai Yan, Ioannis Gkioulekas, and Shuang Zhao

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH 2020), 39(4), July 2020

Systems

PSDR-JIT (PSDR-CUDA)

- Authors: Kai Yan, Shuang Zhao
- <https://github.com/andyankai/psdr-jit>
- PSDR-Jit is a GPU based differentiable renderer using Optix 7 for ray tracing and Drjit for reverse-mode automatic differentiation. It have been used in several SIGGRAPH/EGSR/CVPR/ICCV projects

Experiences

Meta Reality Lab

Research Intern

Jun. 2024 –

Redmond, WA

Weta Digital x Unity

Research Intern

Jul. 2023 – Dec. 2023

Wellington, NZ

- Collaborators: Marc Droske, Vincent Pegoraro, Jirka Vorba
- Topic: Differentiable Rendering support for production.

MiHoYo

Research Intern

Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023

Shanghai, CN

- Topic: Differentiable Rendering support for Artist/Game development

Adobe Research

Research Intern

Jun. 2022 – Oct. 2022

San Jose, CA

- Collaborators: Milos Hasan, Fujun Luan, Valentin Deschaintre
- Topic: Scene Level Inverse Rendering with Learning Priors and Physics-Based Differentiable Rendering.

Meta Reality Lab

Research Intern

Jun. 2021 – Feb. 2022

Redmond, WA

- Collaborators: Zhao Dong, Christoph Lassner, Brian Budge
- Topic: Object Level Inverse Rendering using Physics-Based Differentiable Rendering.

Professional Activities

Program Committee : Eurographics Symposium on Rendering (EGSR)

Reviewer : ACM SIGGRAPH, ACM SIGGRAPH ASIA, ACM Transactions on Graphics (TOG), Eurographics

Teaching

CS 112 : COMPUTER GRAPHICS (TA)

ICS 162 : Modeling and World Building (TA)

ICS 33 : INTERMEDIATE PRGRMG (TA)

ICS 45C : PROGRAM IN C/C++ (TA)

ICS 32 : PROG SOFTWARE LIBR (TA)

Skills

Languages : C/C++, Python, Matlab, Mathematica

Tools : CUDA, PyTorch, Optix, Mitsuba, Blender, Unity, Unreal

Hobbies : Anime, Games, Movies, CG, Art, Modeling, Piano