Yu Guo

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ABOUT ME

My background is mainly focused on Computer Graphics, specially in Physics-based Rendering and Inverse-rendering. I am also interested in Material Capture and generation by using GAN/Diffusion model. How to decompose light/shadow and material properties from a 3D model (Mesh/NeRF/3DGS) and make it relightable and editable are what I am willing to solve. Besides, I am interested in any project related to Meta Human. See last page for more information.

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA, US

Ph.D in Computer Science

Sept. 2016 - Aug. 2021

Dissertation: Multi-scale Appearance Modeling of Complex Materials.

Advisor: Shuang Zhao

University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Beijing & Shenzhen, China

M.S. in Computer Science Sept. 2010 – Jul. 2013

Thesis: GPU-based Soft Body Deformation with Nonlinear Finite Element Method.

Advisor: Pheng Ann Heng (CUHK)

Central South University

Changsha, China

B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Sept. 2006 - Jul. 2010

Thesis: Forces Distribution with Fractal Theory in High Velocity Compaction Technology.

WORKING EXPERIENCES George Mason University (Researcher)

Remote, US

Projects: Light-stage reconstruction; 3D Gaussian splat relighting.

Feb. 2024 -

Advisor: Jinwei Ye, Yu Ji

Tencent America, IEG (Senior Researcher)
Projects:

New York & Playa Vista, CA, US

Sept. 2021 -

- Video generation: Re-stylization and stabilization of rendered MMD model with Stable diffusion.

- Product image generation: We use fine-tuned Diffusion model to generate high quality image, and use image-based relighting technique to make the foreground and background lighting consistant.
- Texture map delighting: Remove shadows and highlights in texture maps and make Photogrammetry pipeline more efficient.
- Unreal Engine 5 plug-in: Volumetric rendering with multiple scattering and phase function supported.

 Manager: Changxi Zheng and Bo Yang

Facebook Reality Lab (Internship)

Sausalito, CA, US

Projects: Eye caustics rendering and its inverse problem.

July. 2020 – Sept. 2020

Advisor: Christophe Hery, Olivier Maury

Adobe Research (Internship)

San Jose, CA, US

Projects: Material capture and estimation.

July. 2019 – Sept. 2019

Advisor: Miloš Hašan, Kalyan Sunkavalli

Megvii (Face++) Research (Internship)

Redmond, WA, US

Projects: Human face shadow/highlight removal and face relighting.

July. 2018 - Sept. 2018

Advisor: Jue Wang

Autodesk (Internship)

San Francisco, CA, US

Projects: Efficient volumetric rendering of 3D-printing materials.

July. 2017 - Sept. 2017

Advisor: Miloš Hašan

Nanyang Technological University

Singapore

Research Associate at BeingThere Centre (BTC), IMI

Oct. 2013 – Mar. 2016

(BTC is a US\$18 million international research project on 3D Telepresence and Virtual Reality between ETH (Markus Gross), UNC (Henry Fuchs) and NTU (Nadia Magnenat Thalmann).)

Projects: Stereo rendering; Physical-based video manipulation; Virtual try-on system for prescription glasses.

Collaborators: Miriam Reiner, Jean-Charles Bazin, Tobias Martin, Claudia Plüss, Pierre-Yves Laffont, Qian Zhang

Advisor: Tat-Jen Cham

Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology

Shenzhen, China

Research Assistant at HCI lab

Sept. 2011 - Jul. 2013

Projects: Mesh processing; Soft body simulation; Virtual surgery; CUDA acceleration.

Advisor: Pheng-Ann Heng, Yongming Xie

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"BiGS: Bidirectional Gaussian Primitives for Relightable 3D Gaussian Splatting" by Liu Zhenyuan, Yu Guo, Xinyuan Li, Bernd Bickel, Ran Zhang. (Arxiv 2024)

"Textureless Deformable Object Tracking with Invisible Markers" by Xinyuan Li, Yu Guo, Yubei Tu, Yu Ji, Yanchen Liu, Jinwei Ye, Changxi Zheng. (ICCP 2024 and TPAMI Special Issue)

"Woven Fabric Capture from a Single Photo" by Wenhua Jin, Beibei Wang, Milos Hasan, Yu Guo, Steve Marschner and Lingqi Yan. (SIGGRAPH Asia 2022)

"Beyond Mie Theory: Systematic Computation of Bulk Scattering Parameters based on Microphysical Wave Optics" by Yu Guo, Adrian Jarabo and Shuang Zhao. (SIGGRAPH Asia 2021 and TOG 2021)

"MaterialGAN: Reflectance Capture using a Generative SVBRDF Model" by Yu Guo, Cameron Smith, Miloš Hašan, Kalyan Sunkavalli and Shuang Zhao. (SIGGRAPH Asia 2020 and TOG 2020)

"A Bayesian Inference Framework for Procedural Material Parameter Estimation" by Yu Guo, Miloš Hašan, Lingqi Yan and Shuang Zhao. (PG 2020 and CGF 2020)

"Position-Free Monte Carlo Simulation for Arbitrary Layered BSDFs" by Yu Guo, Miloš Hašan and Shuang Zhao. (SIGGRPAH Asia 2018 and TOG 2018)

"A Virtual Try-on System for Prescription Eyeglasses" by Qian Zhang, Yu Guo, Pierre-Yves Laffont, Tobias Martin, and Markus Gross. (CG&A 2017)

"Physically Based Video Editing" by Jean-Charles Bazin, Claudia Plüss (Kuster), Yu Guo, Tobias Martin, Alec Jacobson, and Markus Gross. (PG 2016 and CGF 2016)

"A GPU-Accelerated Finite Element Solver for Simulation of Soft-Body Deformation" by Yu Guo, Jianying Li, Ping Liu, Qiong Wang, and Jing Qin. (ICIA 2013)

"A Master-Slave Robotic Simulator Based on GPUDirect" by Jianying Li, Yu Guo, Heye Zhang, Yongming Xie. (IROS 2012)

Reviews

TOG, CGF, SIGGRAPH, SIGGRAPH Asia, EG, PG

Previous Projects (main contribution)

Tencent America:



- UE5 plugin
- Snow rendering
- Multiple scattering



- Photogrammetry
- Texture delighting
- Shadow removal



- Image generation
- Diffusion models
- Relighting



- Cartoon stylization
- Stable Diffusion
- Video stabilization

PhD:



- Forward rendering
- Layered BSDF
- PBRT-v4



- Volume rendering
- Wave optics

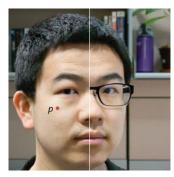


- Inverse-rendering
- SVBRDF
- MaterialGAN

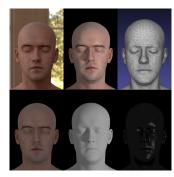


- Procedural material
- Bayesian theory
- MCMC sampling

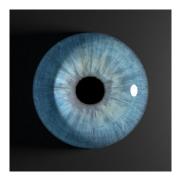
Human face related:



- Virtual try-on
- Prescription glasses Face rendering



- Face relighting



- Eye rendering
- Eye reconstruction