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RESEARCH Interests Computer vision, computer graphics, machine learning, computational imaging.

APPOINTMENT Simon Fraser University Mar 2019 - Present

Postdoctoral Fellow

Supervisor: Prof. Yasutaka Furukawa

Working on deep learning for structured 3D reconstruction.

EDUCATION University of Alberta Sep 2014 - Mar 2019

Ph.D. in Computing Science

Advisors: Prof. Herbert Yang and Prof. Minglun Gong

Thesis: Light transport acquisition and 3d reconstruction in the presence of light

refraction.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Sep 2012 - Aug 2014

M.Sc. in Computer Science Advisor: Prof. Minglun Gong

Area of study: machine learning and computer vision

Thesis: Self-tuning one-class support vector machines for data classification.

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) Aug 2008 – Jul 2012

B.Eng. in Automation, School of Information Science and Technology

AWARDS Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships 2016 - 2018

• \$31500CAD annually support to academically superior graduate students at an Alberta university

Graduate Travel Award

2016

Graduate Student Professional Development Award 2015, 2016 PhD Early Achievement Award 2015

Awarded annually to one PhD student across the department

Dean's Excellence Award

2015

Awarded annually to one PhD student in each department of Faculty of Science

Best Paper Award

o The 28th Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Graduate Student Scholarship (Memorial University)

2012 - 2014

2009 - 2011

 ${\bf Outstanding\ Undergraduate\ Student\ Scholarship\ (USTC)}$

Publications Referred Conferences and Journals

> Yiming Qian, Yinqiang Zheng, Minglun Gong and Yee-Hong Yang. "Simultaneous 3D Reconstruction for Water Surface and Underwater Scene." Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2018.

Bojian Wu, Yang Zhou, **Yiming Qian**, Minglun Gong, Hui Huang. "Full 3D Reconstruction of Transparent Objects." *ACM Transactions on Graphics (Proceedings of SIGGRAPH)*, 2018.

Yiming Qian, Minglun Gong and Yee-Hong Yang. "Stereo-based 3D Reconstruction of Dynamic Fluid Surfaces by Global Optimization." *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2017.

Shibai Yin, **Yiming Qian** and Minglun Gong. "Unsupervised Hierarchical Image Segmentation through Fuzzy Entropy Maximization." *Pattern Recognition*, 2017.

Yunhai Wang, **Yiming Qian**, Yang Li, Minglun Gong and Wolfgang Banzhaf. "Artificial Multi-Bee-Colony Algorithm for k-Nearest-Neighbor Fields Search." *Proceedings of the ACM Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO)*, 2016.

Yiming Qian, Minglun Gong and Yee-Hong Yang. "3D Reconstruction of Transparent Objects with Position-Normal Consistency." Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2016.

Yiming Qian, Minglun Gong and Yee-Hong Yang. "Frequency-based Environment Matting by Compressive Sensing." *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2015.

Yiming Qian, Hao Yuan and Minglun Gong. "Budget-Driven Big Data Classification." Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2015. Best Paper Award.

Yiming Qian, Minglun Gong and Li Cheng. "STOCS: An Efficient Self-Tuning Multiclass Classification Approach." Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2015.

Minglun Gong, **Yiming Qian** and Li Cheng. "Integrated Foreground Segmentation and Boundary Matting for Live Videos." *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* (TIP), 2015.

Hadar Averbuch-Elor, Yunhai Wang, **Yiming Qian**, Minglun Gong, Johannes Kopf, Hao Zhang, Daniel Cohen-Or. "Distilled Collections from Textual Image Queries." *Computer Graphics Forum (Proceedings of Eurographics)*, 2015.

Internships

Google, Mountain View

May 2017 - Aug 2017

- Software engineer intern @ The Chrome Team
- o Mentor: Dr. Yunqing Wang
- I implemented an innovative image warping method for virtual reality stereo video compression, which is currently under patent application.

Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing

Jul 2011 - Jun 2012

- $\circ\,$ Research intern@ Internet Graphics Group
- Mentor: Dr. Xin Tong
- B.Eng thesis topic: facial intrinsic image decomposition
- 20 undergraduate students were enrolled annually into the program across the university.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

o CMPUT 411, Introduction to Computer Graphics, UAlberta

Fall 2015

• COMP 4751, Introduction to Computer Graphics, Memorial

Winter 2014

Guest Lecturer

- CMPUT 411, Introduction to Computer Graphics, UAlberta Fall 2018

 Presented a lecture on line and circle generation in computer graphics.
- CMPUT 611, Computational Photography, UAlberta Winter 2016 Presented a lecture on frequency-based environment matting.

Lab Instructor

- CMPUT 174, Introduction to the Foundations of Computation I Winter 2015
- CMPUT 174, Introduction to the Foundations of Computation I Fall 2014
 Presented 20-minute lectures on introductory python programming, and then assisted students by answering questions in the weekly lab.

Presentations

Conference Posters:

- CVPR workshop, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2018. Refraction-based 3D Reconstruction.
- CVPR, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 2017. Stereo-based 3D Reconstruction of Dynamic Fluid Surfaces by Global Optimization.
- CVPR, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2016. 3D Reconstruction of Transparent Objects with Position-Normal Consistency.
- ICCV, Santiago, Chile, December 2015. Frequency-based Environment Matting by Compressive Sensing.

Academic Talks:

- Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, May 2018. 3D Reconstruction in the Presence of Light Refraction.
- Google, Mountain View, August 2017. Image Warping Methods for Virtual Reality Stereo Video Compression.
- Reverse Expo, Edmonton, Alberta, February 2017. 3D Reconstruction of Transparent Objects with Position-Normal Consistency.

I have given regular presentations (40 minutes each) on a variety of topics in computer vision for the UAlberta Computer Graphics Group weekly seminars.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

I have been a reviewer or a program committee member for the following journals and conferences:

- $\circ\,$ AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2019
- o Pattern Recognition, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- o Machine Vision and Applications, 2017
- o International Conference on Robotics and Automation, 2017
- Ocean Engineering, 2017
- o Journal of Electronic Imaging, 2015
- o ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology, 2014

I have been a volunteer at the following events:

- o Speaker at Let's Talk Science for high school students from rural areas, 2017
- o Tour Guide for Computing Science Open House, 2015, 2016, 2017
- o Demo Presenter at Iverson Programming Competition Day, 2015, 2016