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<td>Graph-based visualization of neuronal connectivity using matrix block partitioning and edge bundling Tim McGraw</td>
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<td>Fuzzy Skeletonization Improves the Performance of Characterizing Trabecular Bone Micro-Architecture Cheng Chen, Dukai Jin, and Punam K. Saha</td>
<td>Image Annotation Incorporating Low-Rankness, Tag and Visual Correlation and Inhomogeneous Errors Yuqing Hou</td>
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| 11:10      | Visualization techniques for the developing chicken heart Ly Phan, Cindy Grimm, and Sandra Rugonyi | Time-varying surface reconstruction of an actor's performance L. Blache, M. Desbrun, C. Loscos, and L. Lucas |

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<td>An Efficient Non-Parametric Background Modeling Technique with CUDA Heterogeneous Parallel Architecture Brandon Wilson and Alireza Tavakkoli</td>
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| 11:10      | Experimental evaluation of rigid registration using phase correlation under illumination changes Alfonso Alba and Edgar Arce-Santana | Finding the N-cuts of Watershed Partitions for Image Segmentation Chao Zhang and Sokratis Makrogiannis |
| 11:50      | HMM based evaluation of physical therapy movements using Kinect tracking Carlos Palma, Augusto Salazar, Francisco Vargas | |

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| 9:00    | Automatic Segmentation of Extraocular Muscles Using Superpixel and Normalized Cuts  
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Chun Dong and Timothy S. Newman                                                           |
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| 11:30   | Impact of the Number of Atlases in A Level Set Formulation of Multi-atlas Segmentation  
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| 11:50   | Probabilistic Labeling of Cerebral Vasculature on MR Angiography  
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Peter Kan, Johannes Unterguggenberger, and Hannes Kaufmann                               |
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Sampling and Reconstruction of High-Dimensional Visual Appearance

Ravi Ramamoorthi
University of California, San Diego, USA

Abstract

Many problems in computer graphics and computer vision involve high-dimensional 3D-8D visual datasets. Real-time image synthesis with changing lighting and view is often accomplished by pre-computing the 6D light transport function (2 dimensions each for spatial position, incident lighting and viewing direction). Realistic image synthesis also often involves acquisition of appearance data from real-world objects; a BRDF (Bi-Directional Reflection Distribution Function) that measures the scattering of light at a single surface location is 4D and spatial variation and subsurface scattering involve 6D-8D functions. In computer vision, problems like lighting insensitive facial recognition similarly involve understanding the space of appearance variation across lighting and view. Since hundreds of samples may be required in each dimension, and the total size is exponential in the dimensionality brute force acquisition or pre-computation is often not even feasible. In this talk, we describe a signal-processing approach that exploits the coherence, sparsity and inherent low-dimensionality of the visual data, to derive novel efficient sampling and reconstruction algorithms. We describe a variety of new computational methods and applications, from affine wavelet transforms for real-time rendering with area lights, to space-time and space-angle frequency analysis for motion blur and global illumination, to compressive light transport acquisition. In computer vision, we introduce a new framework of differential photometric reconstruction to tame the complexity of real-world reflectance functions. The results point toward a unified sampling theory applicable to many areas of signal processing, computer graphics and computer vision.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Ravi Ramamoorthi is a professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California, San Diego, and Director of the UC San Diego Center for Visual Computing. He joined the department in Jul 2014, moving from a tenured faculty appointment at the EECS department in UC Berkeley, where he had been since January 2009. Earlier, he was on the faculty of the Computer Science Department at Columbia University since August 2002, when he received his PhD from Stanford University. He obtained his BS and MS degrees in computer science and physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1998. Prof. Ramamoorthi is an author of more than 100 refereed publications in computer graphics and computer vision, including 50 at ACM SIGGRAPH/TOG, and has played a key role in building multi-faculty research groups that have been recognized as leaders in computer graphics and computer vision at Columbia, Berkeley and UCSD. His research has been recognized with a half-dozen early career awards, including the ACM SIGGRAPH Significant New Researcher Award in computer graphics in 2007, and the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) for his work in physics-based computer vision in 2008. Prof. Ramamoorthi's work has had substantial impact in industry, with techniques like spherical harmonic lighting being adopted in industry-standard RenderMan software, and widely used in interactive applications and movie productions; he has consulted with Pixar and startups in computational imaging. He has graduated more than 20 postdoctoral, Ph.D. and M.S. students, many of whom have taken positions at leading universities or research labs, and he has taught the first open online course in computer graphics as one of the first nine classes on the EdX platform, with more than 80,000 registrations to date and a Chinese translation available via XuetangX; his online videos have been watched more than 300,000 times.
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Making Small Spaces Feel Large: Practical Illusions in Virtual Reality

Evan Suma
University of Southern California

Abstract

Over the past few years, virtual reality has experienced a remarkable resurgence. Fueled by a proliferation of consumer-level head-mounted display and motion tracking devices, an unprecedented quantity of immersive experiences and content has become available for both desktop and mobile VR platforms. However, the problem of locomotion - human movement through a virtual world - remains a significant practical challenge. Many of the VR applications available to date require seated use or limit body movement within a small area, instead relying a gamepad or mouse/keyboard for movement within the virtual environment. Lacking support for natural walking, these virtual locomotion mechanisms do not fully replicate the physical and perceptual cues from the real world and subsequently often fall short in maintaining the illusion that the user has been transported to another location. In this talk, I will introduce a number of perceptual illusions that can overcome the spatial limitations imposed by the real world. This approach, known as redirected walking, has stunning potential to fool the senses. I will present a series of perceptual experiments that have convinced users that they were walking along a straight path while actually traveling in a circle, or that the virtual environment was much larger than it actually was. Additionally, I will discuss algorithmic approaches that leverage these illusory techniques for the dynamic exploration of arbitrary virtual environments, thus enabling the creation of systems that can automatically steer users away from the boundaries of the physical space while walking through a potentially infinite virtual world.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Evan Suma is the Associate Director of the MxR Lab at the Institute for Creative Technologies and a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Southern California. He received his Ph.D. in 2010 from the Department of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His interests broadly include the research and development of techniques and technologies that enhance immersive virtual environments and 3D human-computer interfaces. He is also particularly interested in leveraging virtual reality for the empirical study of human perception and cognition. Dr. Suma has written or co-authored over 60 academic publications, eight of which have been recognized with conference awards, and is a five-time SIGGRAPH presenter. His gesture interaction middleware toolkit (FAAST) has been widely adopted by the research and hobbyist communities, and his online research videos have been viewed over 2.4 million times. His team received first place at the 2015 SIGGRAPH Immersive Realities AR/VR Contest.
KEYNOTE TALK
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
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Visualization and Analysis of Urban Data

Cláudio Silva
New York University

Abstract

Today, 50% of the world's population lives in cities and the number will grow to 70% by 2050. Urban data opens up many new opportunities to improve cities and people’s lives. In NYC, by integrating and analyzing data sets from multiple city agencies, the Bloomberg administration was able improve the success rate of inspections. A marked reduction in crime both in New York and Los Angeles has been in part attributed to data-driven policing. Policy changes have also been triggered by data-driven studies that, for example, showed correlations between foreclosures and increase in crime, the effects of subsidized housing on surrounding neighborhoods, and how low income households use the flexibility provided by vouchers to reach neighborhoods with high performing schools. But in each of these successes, the level of effort required to gather, integrate, analyze the relevant data, design and refine models, or develop and deploy apps, is staggering. Further as data volumes and data complexity continue to explode, these problems are only getting worse. In this talk, we will provide an overview of research in the development of new methods and systems for enabling interdisciplinary teams to better understand cities. We will also show some applications of our work.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Cláudio Silva is a professor of computer science and engineering and data science at New York University. Claudio’s research lies in the intersection of visualization, data analysis, and geometric computing, and recently he has been interested in the analysis of urban data and sports analytics. He has published over 220 journal and conference papers, is an inventor of 12 US patents. His work received over 10,000 citations according to Google Scholar and an h-index of 50. Cláudio has served on the editorial boards of several journals, including IEEE Transactions on Big Data, ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems, Computer Graphics Forum, The Visual Computer, Graphical Models, Computer and Graphics, Computing in Science and Engineering, and IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics. He helped developed a number of award-winning software systems, most recently Major League Baseball (MLB) MLB.com's Statcast player tracking system. He is an IEEE Fellow and was the recipient of the 2014 IEEE VGTC Visualization Technical Achievement Award “in recognition of seminal advances in geometric computing for visualization and for contributions to the development of the VisTrails data exploration system.” He is currently Chair of the IEEE Technical Committee on Visualization and Graphics.
Google Street View: Overview & Computer Vision Challenges

Luc Vincent
Google, USA

Abstract

From its humble beginnings in 2007, Google Street View has grown to become a global product available in over 50 countries, and an indispensable feature of Google Maps. It is the result of a massive engineering effort by a team including software engineers, product managers, optical designers, mechanical engineers, UI designers, computer vision scientists, operations experts, and scores of others. The initial vision for Street View was provided by Google co-founder Larry Page: back in 2002, he personally collected street scene videos from his moving car in order to bootstrap a new research initiative focused on making street level imagery useful. Turning this initial vision into a product required developing major new pieces of technology, including robust data collection platforms (vans, cars, tricycles, snowmobiles, “trekkers”, etc.), systems for computing accurate pose from imperfect sensors, various software components to stitch, blend, color correct and warp collected imagery, a number of systems to address privacy issues, and a lot more. This presentation will give an overview and brief history of the Street View project, and highlight some of the unique computer vision challenges that are keeping the engineering team busy.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Luc Vincent joined Google in 2004 to work on the Google Books project. While he was ramping up Google's Optical Character Recognition efforts, he got involved in an early stage project whose goal was to capture a large amount of street level imagery and make it universally accessible and useful. Under Luc's leadership, this project became Google Street View and launched officially in May 2007. Luc is now an engineering director in charge of Street View and other map-related imagery projects. Before Google, Luc was Chief Scientist, and then Vice President of Document Imaging at LizardTech, a developer of advanced image compression software. Prior to this, he led an R&D team at the prestigious Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC). He was also Director of Software Development at Scansoft (now Nuance) and held various technical management and individual contributor positions at Xerox Corporation. Luc has over 60 publications in the area of computer vision, image analysis, and document understanding. He has served as an Associate Editor for the IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), and for the Journal of Electronic Imaging. He has also chaired SPIE's conferences on Document Recognition, the International Symposium on Mathematical Morphology (ISMM), and been in the program committee of numerous conferences and workshops. Luc earned his B.S. from Ecole Polytechnique, M.S. in Computer Science from University of Paris XI, and PhD in Mathematical Morphology from the Ecole des Mines de Paris in 1990.
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Machine vision for robotic bin-picking: Sensors and algorithms

Oncel Tuzel
Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL)

Abstract

For over four years, at MERL, we have worked on the robot “bin-picking” problem: using a 2D or 3D camera to look into a bin of parts and determine the pose, 3D rotation and translation, of a good candidate to pick up. We have solved the problem several different ways with several different sensors. I will briefly describe the sensors and the algorithms. In the first half of the talk, I will describe the Multi-Flash camera, a 2D camera with 8 flashes, and explain how this inexpensive camera design is used to extract robust geometric features, depth edges and specular edges, from the parts in a cluttered bin. I will present two pose estimation algorithms, (1) Fast directional chamfer matching—a sublinear time line matching algorithm and (2) specular line reconstruction, for fast and robust pose estimation of parts with different surface characteristics. In the second half of the talk, I will present a voting-based pose estimation algorithm applicable to 3D sensors. We represent three-dimensional objects using a set of oriented point pair features: surface points with normals and boundary points with directions. I will describe a max-margin learning framework to identify discriminative features on the surface of the objects. The algorithm selects and ranks features according to their importance for the specified task which leads to improved accuracy and reduced computational cost.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Oncel Tuzel is a senior principal member of the research staff in Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories, Cambridge. He received his BS and the MS degrees in computer engineering from the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey in 1999 and 2002 respectively, and the Ph.D. from the computer science department at Rutgers University in 2008. Prior to his Ph.D., Oncel worked as a lead software engineer for four years in Ankara, Turkey developing 3D games and simulations. His research interests are broadly in computer vision, machine learning and robotics. His current research topics include deep learning and structured learning for scene labeling and object classification, learning based image enhancement and reinforcement learning. He has co-authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications and holds 25 patents. His work has received the best paper runner-up award in 2007 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), honorable mention award in 2015 Robotics Science and Systems Conference (RSS), and the 2014 R&D 100 award—awarded to 100 most innovative technology introduced in 2013.
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Back to the Drawing Board:
Extracting 3D Drawings from Multiview Imagery

Benjamin B. Kimia
Brown University

Abstract
The three-dimensional reconstruction of scenes from multiple view geometry has made impressive strides in recent years, chiefly by methods correlating isolated feature point and intensities across views. In the general setting, i.e., without requiring controlled acquisition, limiting the number of objects, or requiring patterns on objects, the vast majority of these methods produce unorganized point clouds, meshes, or voxel representations of the reconstructed scene. Many applications, e.g., robotics, urban planning, and industrial design, however, require structured representations, which make explicit 3D curves, 3D surfaces, and their spatial relationships. We present an approach to produce a 3D drawing of a scene, i.e., a set of 3D curve fragments together with their spatial relations captured in the form of a graph, from a large set of multiview data. The 3D drawing is complementary to extracting surface representations which can now be constrained by the 3D drawing acting like a scaffold to hang on the computed representations, leading to increased robustness and quality of reconstruction. The integration of curve geometry is a promising direction for multiview reconstruction.

Speaker Bio-Sketch: Benjamin Kimia is a Professor in the Department of Electrical Sciences and Computer Engineering at Brown University School of Engineering. He is also the associate director of the Laboratory for Engineering Man/Machine Systems (LEMS), an interdisciplinary group focused on signal and image processing, control, multimedia, and computer engineering. Dr. Kimia received the B.Eng. Honors degree from McGill University, Montreal, Canada in 1982, followed by M. Eng. (1986) and Ph.D. (1991) degrees in the areas of Computer Vision and Image Processing. Prof. Kimia's current research interests are focused on mathematical, psychophysical, and computational models for visual processing with applications to assistive devices for the visually impaired, medical imaging, animal behavior analysis, digital archaeology. His research program is based on skeletal representations of shapes and images, multiview reconstructions based on differential geometry, etc.
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