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Aleksei Zhuravlev

EDUCATION

MSc in Computer Science

University of Bonn, Germany Oct 2022 – Sep 2024

BSc in Physics

Moscow State University, Russia Sep 2018 – Aug 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

ETH Zurich, remote Apr 2023 – Present

Supervisors: Prof. Danda Pani Paudel, Dr. Thomas Probst

- Developed a NeRF-based 3D reconstruction of the human hand from 60 images; evaluated on 500+ sequences from the Interhand3.6m dataset
- Implemented a point-mesh distance finding algorithm on the GPU; reduced the calculation time from 5s to 0.3s compared to the CPU baseline
- Introduced perceptual loss (LPIPS) to enhance the visual quality; improved PSNR score by 14% over MSE loss

Research assistant

Moscow State University, Russia

Supervisors: Prof. Sergei Popov, Prof. Roberto Turolla

Nov 2019 – Feb 2022

- Developed a dark matter detection model using satellite images of neutron stars; processed 3.1 TB of data collected over 4 years
- Utilized Very Deep Super-Resolution (VDSR) network to upscale low-resolution satellite images; improved SSIM metric by 11% over the baseline bicubic interpolation
- Implemented a background subtraction model based on the R-CNN network; achieved a 3x speedup compared to the GrabCut algorithm

PUBLICATIONS

• Toward Constraining Axions with Polarimetric Observations of the Isolated Neutron Star RX J1856.5–3754 (PDF)

A. Zhuravlev, R. Taverna, R. Turolla; *The Astrophysical Journal* (2022)

• Photon-axion mixing in thermal emission of isolated neutron stars (PDF) A. Zhuravlev, S. Popov, M. Pshirkov; *Physics Letters B* (2021)

PROJECTS

• Implicit Hand Reconstruction

Apr 2023 – Present

Project Page

Developed a NeRF-based 3D reconstruction of a human hand from monocular and multi-view sequences, based on Interhand2.6m dataset

• Human Pose Forecasting

Apr 2023 – Sep 2023

Project Page, PDF, Code

Developed a human pose prediction model composed of convolutional layers and Squeeze-and-Excitation blocks; reduced the Mean Per Joint Position Error (MPJPE) by 2.9% over the baseline transformer model

• Seminar in Computer Vision

Sep 2023

Report, Slides

Presented a paper "Panoptic lifting" on 3D semantic segmentation with TensoRF backend; compared with 4 subsequent works

• HackaTUM Hackathon

Nov 2022

1st place (Project Page)

Collected a dataset of 57 3D scans with a microwave detector; trained a ResNet-based model to recognize 3 types of recyclable waste with 73% accuracy

• TUM ML4Earth Hackathon

Oct 2022

1st place (<u>Project Page</u>, <u>Code</u>)

Trained a 5-layer MLP-based network to predict soybean yields in 190 US counties over 5 years; reached 11% test set error

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

• Teaching assistant, Moscow State University

Feb 2021 – Jan 2022

Instructed groups of 20 undergraduates in the "Programming and Computer Science" course; average grades 4.7 out of 5.0

• Scholarship for outstanding students, Moscow State University

Awarded to top 5% of all students

Sep 2020 – May 2022

• Moscow Informatics Olympiad

May 2020

3rd place out of 70+ teams