



The Engineering Reality of Virtual Reality 2023

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The Engineering Reality of Virtual Reality 2023

Conference overview

Virtual and augmented reality systems are evolving. In addition to research, the trend toward content building continues and practitioners find that technologies and disciplines must be tailored and integrated for specific visualization and interactive applications. This conference serves as a forum where advances and practical advice toward both creative activity and scientific investigation are presented and discussed. Research results can be presented and applications can be demonstrated.

Conference Chairs: Margaret Dolinsky, Indiana University (US), and Ian E. McDowall, Fakespace Labs, Inc. (US)

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MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023

Monday 16 January PLENARY: Neural Operators for Solving PDEs

Session Chair: Robin Jenkin, NVIDIA Corporation (United States)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Deep learning surrogate models have shown promise in modeling complex physical phenomena such as fluid flows, molecular dynamics, and material properties. However, standard neural networks assume finite-dimensional inputs and outputs, and hence, cannot withstand a change in resolution or discretization between training and testing. We introduce Fourier neural operators that can learn operators, which are mappings between infinite dimensional spaces. They are independent of the resolution or grid of training data and allow for zero-shot generalization to higher resolution evaluations. When applied to weather forecasting, neural operators capture fine-scale phenomena and have similar skill as gold-standard numerical weather models for predictions up to a week or longer, while being 4-5 orders of magnitude faster.

Anima Anandkumar, Bren professor, California Institute of Technology, and senior director of AI Research, NVIDIA Corporation (United States)

Anima Anandkumar is a Bren Professor at Caltech and Senior Director of AI Research at NVIDIA. She is passionate about designing principled AI algorithms and applying them to interdisciplinary domains. She has received several honors such as the IEEE fellowship, Alfred. P. Sloan Fellowship, NSF Career Award, and Faculty Fellowships from Microsoft, Google, Facebook, and Adobe. She is part of the World Economic Forum's Expert Network. Anandkumar received her BTech from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, her PhD from Cornell University, and did her postdoctoral research at MIT and assistant professorship at University of California Irvine.

EI 2023 Highlights Session

Session Chair: Robin Jenkin, NVIDIA Corporation (United States)

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Cyril Magnin II

Join us for a session that celebrates the breadth of what EI has to offer with short papers selected from EI conferences.

NOTE: The EI-wide "EI 2023 Highlights" session is concurrent with Monday afternoon COIMG, COLOR, IMAGE, and IQSP conference sessions.

IQSP-309

Evaluation of image quality metrics designed for DRI tasks with automotive cameras, Valentine Klein, Yiqi Li, Claudio Greco, Laurent Chanas, and Frédéric Guichard, DXOMARK (France)

SD&A-224

Human performance using stereo 3D in a helmet mounted display and association with individual stereo acuity, *Bonnie Posselt, RAF Centre of Aviation Medicine (United Kingdom)*

IMAGE-281

Smartphone-enabled point-of-care blood hemoglobin testing with color accuracy-assisted spectral learning, *Sang Mok Park¹, Yuhyun Ji¹, Semin Kwon¹, Andrew R. O'Brien², Ying Wang², and Young L. Kim¹; ¹Purdue University and ²Indiana University School of Medicine (United States)*

AVM-118

Designing scenes to quantify the performance of automotive perception systems, *Zhenyi Liu¹, Devesh Shah², Alireza Rahimpour², Joyce Farrell¹, and Brian Wandell¹; ¹Stanford University and ²Ford Motor Company (United States)*

VDA-403

Visualizing and monitoring the process of injection molding, *Christian A. Steinparz¹, Thomas Mitterlehner², Bernhard Praher², Klaus Straka^{1,2}, Holger Stitz^{1,3}, and Marc Streit^{1,3}; ¹Johannes Kepler University, ²Moldsonics GmbH, and ³datavisyn GmbH (Austria)*

COIMG-155

Commissioning the James Webb Space Telescope, *Joseph M. Howard, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (United States)*

HVEI-223

Critical flicker frequency (CFF) at high luminance levels, *Alexandre Chapiro¹, Nathan Matsuda¹, Maliha Ashraf², and Rafal Mantiuk³; ¹Meta (United States), ²University of Liverpool (United Kingdom), and ³University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)*

HPCI-228

Physics guided machine learning for image-based material decomposition of tissues from simulated breast models with calcifications, *Muralikrishnan Gopalakrishnan Meena¹, Amir K. Ziabari¹, Singanallur Venkatakrishnan¹, Isaac R. Lyngaas¹, Matthew R. Norman¹, Balint Joo¹, Thomas L. Beck¹, Charles A. Bouman², Anuj Kapadia¹, and Xiao Wang¹; ¹Oak Ridge National Laboratory and ²Purdue University (United States)*

3DIA-104

Layered view synthesis for general images, *Loic Dehan, Wiebe Van Ranst, and Patrick Vandewalle, Katholieke University Leuven (Belgium)*

ISS-329

A self-powered asynchronous image sensor with independent in-pixel harvesting and sensing operations, Ruben Gomez-Merchan, Juan Antonio Leñero-Bardallo, and Ángel Rodríguez-Vázquez, University of Seville (Spain)

COLOR-184

Color blindness and modern board games, Alessandro Rizzi¹ and Matteo Sassi²; ¹Università degli Studi di Milano and ²consultant (Italy)

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023

KEYNOTE: SD&A 2 (T2.1) **Joint Session**

Session Chair: Nicolas Holliman, King's College London (United Kingdom)

10:50 – 11:50 AM

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SD&A-224

KEYNOTE: Human performance using stereo 3D in a helmet mounted display and association with individual stereo acuity, Bonnie Posselt, RAF Centre of Aviation Medicine (United Kingdom)

Wing Commander (Dr) Bonnie Posselt is a medical officer in the RAF (UK) specialising in Aviation and Space Medicine. Bonnie is currently based at the RAF Centre of Aviation Medicine in Bedfordshire, UK, having recently returned from a 3.5year exchange tour to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. While working with the 711th Human Performance Wing and the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in Ohio, Bonnie undertook a PhD in Helmet Mounted Displays and vision standards in collaboration with the University of Birmingham (UK). Bonnie is a graduate of the University of Manchester, King's College London, and the International Space University. She is an associate fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association and elected member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Stereoscopy in VR (T2.2) **Joint Session**

Session Chair: Nicolas Holliman, King's College London (United Kingdom)

11:50 AM – 12:30 PM

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SD&A-225

Incidence of stereo-blindness in a recent VR distance perception user study, Michael Wiebrands, Andrew J. Woods, and Hugh Riddell, Curtin University (Australia)

12:10

SD&A-226

Evaluating requirements for design education in a virtual studio environment, Bjorn Sommer¹, Ayn Sayuti², Zidong Lin¹, Shefali Bohra¹, Emre Kayganaci¹, Caroline Yan Zheng¹, Chang Hee Lee³, Ashley Hall¹, and Paul Anderson¹; ¹Royal College of Art (United Kingdom), ²Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) (Malaysia), and ³Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) (Republic of Korea)

Tuesday 17 January PLENARY: Embedded Gain Maps for Adaptive Display of High Dynamic Range Images

Session Chair: Robin Jenkin, NVIDIA Corporation (United States)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Images optimized for High Dynamic Range (HDR) displays have brighter highlights and more detailed shadows, resulting in an increased sense of realism and greater impact. However, a major issue with HDR content is the lack of consistency in appearance across different devices and viewing environments. There are several reasons, including varying capabilities of HDR displays and the different tone mapping methods implemented across software and platforms. Consequently, HDR content authors can neither control nor predict how their images will appear in other apps.

We present a flexible system that provides consistent and adaptive display of HDR images. Conceptually, the method combines both SDR and HDR renditions within a single image and interpolates between the two dynamically at display time. We compute a Gain Map that represents the difference between the two renditions. In the file, we store a Base rendition (either SDR or HDR), the Gain Map, and some associated metadata. At display time, we combine the Base image with a scaled version of the Gain Map, where the scale factor depends on the image metadata, the HDR capacity of the display, and the viewing environment.

Eric Chan, Fellow, Adobe Inc. (United States)

Eric Chan is a Fellow at Adobe, where he develops software for editing photographs. Current projects include Photoshop, Lightroom, Camera Raw, and Digital Negative (DNG). When not writing software, Chan enjoys spending time at his other keyboard, the piano. He is an enthusiastic nature photographer and often combines his photo activities with travel and hiking.

Paul M. Hubel, director of Image Quality in Software Engineering, Apple Inc. (United States)

Paul M. Hubel is director of Image Quality in Software Engineering at Apple. He has worked on computational photography and image quality of photographic systems for many years on all aspects of the imaging chain, particularly for iPhone. He trained in optical engineering at University of Rochester, Oxford University, and MIT, and has more than 50 patents on color imaging and camera technology. Hubel is active on the ISO-TC42 committee Digital Photography, where this work is under discussion, and is currently a VP on the IS&T Board. Outside work he enjoys photography, travel, cycling, coffee roasting, and plays trumpet in several bay area ensembles.

Engineering Reality of Virtual Reality 2023 Conference Welcome

Session Chairs: Margaret Dolinsky, Indiana University (United States) and Ian McDowall, Intuitive Surgical / Fakespace Labs (United States)

3:30 – 3:35 PM

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The Engineering Reality of Virtual Reality Conference was formed in 1994. Over the past decades, ERVR has collaborated extensively with the Stereoscopic Displays and Applications Conference and this year is also collaborating with the Human Vision and Electronic Imaging Conference.

VR Systems and Immersion (T3) **Joint Session**

Session Chairs: Margaret Dolinsky, Indiana University (United States) and Ian McDowall, Intuitive Surgical / Fakespace Labs (United States)

3:35 – 5:45 PM

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3:35 ERVR-213
Display system sharpness modeling and requirement in VR and AR applications, Jiawei Lu, Trisha Lian, and Jerry Jia, Meta (United States)

4:05 ERVR-214
Tangible extended reality with sensor fusion, Yang Cai, CMU (United States)

4:25 ERVR-216
Immersion, presence and behavioral validity in virtual and augmented environments, Daniel R. Mestre; CNRS and Aix-Marseille University (France)

4:45 ERVR-217
Immersive security personnel training module for active shooter events, Sharad Sharma and Nishith Mannuru, University of North Texas (United States)

5:05 ERVR-218
Mobile augmented reality system for object detection, alert, and safety, Sharad Sharma¹, Nishith Mannuru¹, and Don Engel²; ¹University of North Texas and ²University of Maryland, Baltimore County (United States)

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023

KEYNOTE: AR/VR Special Session 1 (W1) **Joint Session**

Session Chair: Alexandre Chapiro, Meta (United States)

9:05 – 10:10 AM

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KEYNOTE: Display consideration for AR/VR systems, Ajit Ninan, Reality Labs at Meta (United States)

Ajit Ninan is a display industry veteran and led the way to the industry adopting HDR. His inventions & innovations are manifest in millions of shipped HDR TV's and consumer electronics from multiple companies. He holds 400+ granted patents in imaging and display technology and now works in imaging related to AR/VR at Meta as Senior Director of Applied Perceptual Science and Image Quality. His work spans multiple subjects ranging from Displays, Imaging, Color, Video, Compression, Audio and Networking. His career spans early start-ups to public companies. Ninan is the inventor of the local dimmed quantum dot TV and led the way to the industry adoption of quantum dot displays by working with Vizio, Nanosys and 3M to release the first of its kind R-series QD TV with HDR. He also led the effort with the JPEG committee to standardize JPEG-XT to enable JPEG HDR images. Ninan was inducted as a SMPTE Fellow for his contributions to imaging and standards. The display that caused the world to adopt HDR called the "Pulsar" capable of 4000nits down to .005nits with P3 color in 2010, built by Ninan and his team, has received many awards including the Advanced Imaging Society's Lumiere award which enabled the development of Dolby Vision and earned Ninan an Emmy.

AR/VR Special Session 2 (W2) **Joint Session**

Session Chairs: Nicko Caluya, Ritsumeikan University (Japan) and Alexandre Chapiro, Meta (United States)

10:50 AM – 12:30 PM

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HVEI-220

Comparison of AR and VR memory palace quality in second-language vocabulary acquisition (Invited), Xiaoyang Tian, Nicko Caluya, and Damon M. Chandler, Ritsumeikan University (Japan)

11:10

HVEI-221

Projection mapping for enhancing the perceived deliciousness of food (Invited), Yuichiro Fujimoto, Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Japan)

11:30

HVEI-222

Real-time imaging processing for low-vision users, Yang Cai, CMU (United States)

11:50

HVEI-223

Critical flicker frequency (CFF) at high luminance levels, Alexandre Chapiro¹, Nathan Matsuda¹, Maliha Ashraf², and Rafal Mantiuk³; ¹Meta (United States), ²University of Liverpool (United Kingdom), and ³University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)

12:10

HVEI-253

A multichannel LED-based lighting approach to improve color discrimination for low vision people, Linna Yang¹, Éric Dinet¹, Pichayada Katemake², Alain Trémeau¹, and Philippe Colantoni¹; ¹University Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne (France) and ²Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)

Wednesday 18 January PLENARY: Bringing Vision Science to Electronic Imaging: The Pyramid of Visibility

Session Chair: Andreas Savakis, Rochester Institute of Technology (United States)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Cyril Magnin I/II/III

Electronic imaging depends fundamentally on the capabilities and limitations of human vision. The challenge for the vision scientist is to describe these limitations to the engineer in a comprehensive, computable, and elegant formulation. Primary among these limitations are visibility of variations in light intensity over space and time, of variations in color over space and time, and of all of these patterns with position in the visual field. Lastly, we must describe how all these sensitivities vary with adapting light level. We have recently developed a structural description of human visual sensitivity that we call the Pyramid of Visibility, that accomplishes this synthesis. This talk shows how this structure accommodates all the dimensions described above, and how it can be used to solve a wide variety of problems in display engineering.

Andrew B. Watson, chief vision scientist, Apple Inc. (United States)

Andrew Watson is Chief Vision Scientist at Apple, where he leads the application of vision science to technologies, applications, and displays. His research focuses on computational models of early vision. He is the author of more than 100 scientific papers and 8 patents. He has 21,180 citations and an h-index of 63. Watson founded the Journal of Vision, and served as editor-in-chief 2001-2013 and 2018-2022. Watson has received numerous awards including the Presidential Rank Award from the President of the United States.

PANEL: AR/VR Special Session (W3.1) **Joint Session**

Session Chairs: Nicko Caluya, Ritsumeikan University (Japan) and Alexandre Chapiro, Meta (United States)

Panelists: Alexandre Chapiro, Meta (United States); Yuichiro Fujimoto, Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Japan); Nicolas Holliman, King's College London (United Kingdom); and Ajit Ninan, Reality Labs at Meta (United States)

3:30 – 4:50 PM

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DISCUSSION: Wednesday End of Joint Sessions (W3.2) Joint Session

Session Chair: Damon Chandler, Ritsumeikan University (Japan)

4:50 – 5:30 PM

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Please join us for a lively discussion of today's presentations. Participate in an interactive, moderated discussion, where key topics and questions are discussed from many perspectives, reflecting the diverse HVEI community.