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Computer Vision, Machine Learning and Medical Image Analysis

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA, 2021

- Dissertation: “*Algorithms and Benchmarks for Robust Visual Object Tracking*”
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B.S., Computer Science & Technology, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, Hubei, China, 2013

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Assistant Professor, University of North Texas
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Denton, TX USA, 2021-now

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Junior Faculty Research Award, 2024
Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of North Texas
- World’s Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University, 2021-2023
- ICCV Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2023
- CVPR Outstanding Reviewer Award, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

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Selected Journal Articles

- [1] Yunhao Li, Zhen Xiao, Lin Yang, Dan Meng, Xin Zhou, Heng Fan, and Libo Zhang, “AttMOT: Improving Multiple-Object Tracking by Introducing Auxiliary Pedestrian Attributes,” *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS)*, 36(3): 5454-5468, 2025.
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- [10] Libo Zhang*, Lutao Jiang*, Ruyi Ji, and Heng Fan, “PIDray: A Large-scale X-ray Benchmark for Real-World Prohibited Item Detection,” *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 131: 3170-3192, 2023. (*equal contribution)
- [11] Libo Zhang*, Junyuan Gao*, Zhen Xiao, and Heng Fan, “AnimalTrack: A Benchmark for Multi-Animal Tracking in the Wild,” *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 131: 496-513, 2023. (*equal contribution)
- [12] Qin Zhou, Runze Wang, Guodong Guo, Heng Fan, and Guoyan Zheng, “Towards Bridging the Distribution Gap: Instance to Prototype Earth Mover’s Distance for Distribution Alignment,” *Medical Image Analysis (MedIA)*, 82: 102607, 2022.
- [13] Pengfei Zhu, Longyin Wen, Dawei Du, Xiao Bian, Heng Fan, Qinghua Hu, and Haibin Ling, “Detection and Tracking Meet Drones Challenge,” *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)*, 44(11): 7380-7399, 2022.
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- [24] Weihong Li, Xiaoqiong Liu, Heng Fan[†], and Libo Zhang[†], “CGTrack: Cascade Gating Network with Hierarchical Feature Aggregation for UAV Tracking,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2025. (†equal advising)
- [25] Zhipeng Zhang, Zhenyu Li, Hanshi Wang, He Yuan, Ke Wang, and Heng Fan, “The Devil is in the Quality: Exploring Informative Samples for Semi-Supervised Monocular 3D Object Detection” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2025.
- [26] Xin Gu, Yaojie Shen, Chenxi Luo, Tiejian Luo, Yan Huang, Yuewei Lin, Heng Fan[†], and Libo Zhang[†], “Knowing Your Target : Target-Aware Transformer Makes Better Spatio-Temporal Video Grounding,” *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2025. (†equal advising)
- [27] Liang Peng*, Junyuan Gao*, Xinran Liu*, Weihong Li*, Shaohua Dong*, Zhipeng Zhang, Heng Fan[†], and Libo Zhang[†], “VastTrack: Vast Category Visual Object Tracking,” *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 130797–130818, 2024. (*equal contribution; †equal advising)
- [28] Yunhao Li, Qin Li, Hao Wang, Xue Ma, Jiali Yao, Shaohua Dong, Heng Fan[†], and Libo Zhang[†], “Beyond MOT: Semantic Multi-Object Tracking,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 276-293, 2024. (†equal advising)
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- [32] Xin Gu*, Heng Fan*, Yan Huang, Tiejian Luo, and Libo Zhang, “Context-Guided Spatio-Temporal Video Grounding,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 18330-18339, 2024. (*equal contribution)
- [33] Yawen Lu, Dongfang Liu, Qifan Wang, Cheng Han, Yiming Cui, Zhiwen Cao, Xueling Zhang, Yingjie Victor Chen, and Heng Fan, “ProMotion: Prototypes As Motion Learners,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 28109-28119, 2024.
- [34] Jinzhi Zheng, Heng Fan, and Libo Zhang, “Kernel Adaptive Convolution for Scene Text Detection via Distance Map Prediction,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 5957-5966, 2024.
- [35] Hao Wang*, Yongsheng Yu*, Tiejian Luo, Heng Fan, and Libo Zhang, “MaGIC: Multi-modality Guided Image Completion,” *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024. (*equal contribution)
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- [39] Bohai Gu, Heng Fan, and Libo Zhang, “Two Birds, One Stone: A Unified Framework for Joint Learning of Image and Video Style Transfers,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 23545-23554, 2023.
- [40] Yaojie Shen*, Xin Gu*, Kai Xu, Heng Fan, Longyin Wen, and Libo Zhang, “Accurate and Fast Compressed Video Captioning,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 15558-15567, 2023. (*equal contribution)
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- [42] Mingzhe Guo*, Zhipeng Zhang*, Heng Fan, and Liping Jing, “Divert More Attention to Vision-Language Tracking,” *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 4446-4460, 2022. (*equal contribution)
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- [44] Mingzhe Guo, Zhipeng Zhang, Heng Fan, Liping Jing, Yilin Lyu, Bing Li, and Weiming Hu, “Learning Target-aware Representation for Visual Tracking via Informative Interactions,” *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 927-934, 2022.
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- [49] Fan Yang, Heng Fan, Peng Chu, Erik Blasch, and Haibin Ling, “Clustered Object Detection in Aerial Images,” *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 8311-8320, 2019.
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- [58] Heng Fan, Xue Mei, Danil Prokhorov, and Haibin Ling, "Cross Datasets Vegetation Detection with Spatial Prior and Local Context," *IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV)*, 735-740, 2016.

TEACHING

- CSCE 6280, *Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence*, University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Fall 2023, Fall 2024.
- CSCE 5218/4930, *Deep Learning*, University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025.
- CSCE 3110, *Data Structures and Algorithms*, University of North Texas, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.

ADVISING

Doctoral Student Supervision

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Master Student Supervision

- Andres Escamilla Varela, 2024
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- Luke Liu, Centennial High School, 2024
- Saikiran Motati, Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), 2023
- Helen Li (female), Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), 2022

PhD Committee Member

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UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- Faculty Search Committee, 2023-2024
Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of North Texas
- Graduate Committee, 2021-2023
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Services

- Associate Editor, Pattern Recognition (**PR**), 2025-now

Senior Conference Committee

- Area Chair, IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2025
- Area Chair, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (**WACV**), 2022-2025
- Area Chair, IEEE International Conference on Multimedia & Expo (**ICME**), 2025
- Co-organizer, New Trends in AI-Generated Media and Security, in **AVSS**, 2024
- Co-organizer, Computer Vision for UAVs Workshop and Challenge, in **ECCV**, 2020

Conference Program Committee/Reviewers

- Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**) - Datasets and Benchmarks Track, 2021
- IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (**WACV**), 2021, 2022
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (**IROS**), 2024
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (**ICRA**), 2025
- European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2020, 2022, 2024

- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2020-2022
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2019, 2023
- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2019-2025

Journal Reviewers

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (**T-PAMI**)
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (**T-CSVT**)
- Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation (**JVCIR**)
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (**T-ITS**)
- ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems (**T-SAS**)
- International Journal of Computer Vision (**IJCV**)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**T-IP**)
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (**T-MM**)
- Robotics and Autonomous Systems (**RAS**)
- IEEE Signal Processing Letters (**SPL**)
- ACM Computing Surveys (**CUSR**)
- The Visual Computer (**TVC**)
- Knowledge-Based Systems
- Pattern Recognition (**PR**)
- Signal Processing
- Neurocomputing

REFERENCES

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