Chang Yu

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, USA 2023 – Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Chenfanfu Jiang and Prof. Demetri Terzopoulos.

University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

Chengdu, China

(Honor) **B.Eng. in Software Engineering,** Elite Program

2019 - 2023

GPA: 3.99/4.0 **Average Score:** 92.24 **Rank:** 1/57

Honors and Awards: UESTC Outstanding Undergraduate; Honor Graduate; Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship (2019-2023)

Publications

VR-GS: A Physical Dynamics-Aware Interactive Gaussian Splatting System in Virtual Reality

Ying Jiang*, Chang Yu*, Tianyi Xie*, Xuan Li* (* joint first authors), Yutao Feng, Huamin Wang, Minchen Li, Henry Lau, Feng Gao, Yin Yang, Chenfanfu Jiang. ArXiv, 2024.

Gaussian Splashing: Dynamic Fluid Synthesis with Gaussian Splatting Yutao Feng*, Xiang Feng* (* joint first authors), Yintong Shang, Ying Jiang, Chang Yu, Zeshun Zong, Tianjia Shao, Hongzhi Wu, Kun Zhou, Chenfanfu Jiang, Yin Yang. ArXiv, 2024.

MeshTaichi: A Compiler for Efficient Mesh-based Operations Chang Yu*, Yi Xu* (* joint first authors), Ye Kuang, Yuanming Hu, Tiantian Liu. ACM Transactions on Graphics [Proceedings of SIGGRAPH Asia], 2022.

Real-time Physics Engine Based on MPM & PBD Yilong Wu*, Chang Yu* (* joint first authors). International Conference on Virtual Reality and Visualization (ICVRV), 2020.

Experience

Artificial Intelligence & Visual Computing Lab at UCLA

Los Angeles, USA

Graduate Student Researcher, Advisor: Chenfanfu Jiang

Jul '23 – Present

Research Topic: Computer graphics, physically-based simulation and high-performance computing on modern graphics architecture.

Taichi Graphics (now Meshy)

Beijing, China

Research & Development Intern, Advisor: Tiantian Liu

Mar '21 – Jul '23

Research, development and deployment of MeshTaichi extension. A research project. Developed and deployed a novel GPU mesh compiler based on Taichi that provides an intuitive programming model for efficient mesh-based operations. Devised the programming interface and backend code generation. Implemented XPBD, Projective Dynamics, and Lagrangian-force MPM for experiments. Submitted a patent. Work published in SIGGRAPH Asia 2022.

Development of Taichi's Vulkan GPU backend. Developed and deployed an IR builder to convert CHI IR (Taichi Lang's Intermediate Representation) into SPIR-V (Standard Portable Intermediate Representation), which could be compiled and executed by Vulkan SDK and OpenCL. Served as a Taichi deployment solution for non-CUDA GPU environment and Ahead-of-Time compilation. Technical talks presented on TaichiCon01/02.

Teaching. Teaching Assistant of Taichi Graphics Course S1 (in Chinese), Fall 2021.

Skills

Technical expertise: C/C++(OpenGL, Vulkan), CUDA, Python(Taichi, PyTorch, Tenserflow), Git, LaTeX, SSH, CMake, Houdini, Unity, UE5.

Natural languages: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native).

Selected Projects

Implicit MPM: Implemented an implicit Material Point Method solver with the fixed-corotated elastic model in Taichi Lang. Used the Newton-Raphson method and matrix-free preconditioned conjugate gradient method to solve non-linear equations. [♂ Link]

Sand & Water MPM: Implemented an explicit Material Point Method solver for simulating porous sand and water two-way coupling using APIC and MLS-MPM transfer schemes. GAMES 201 final project & selected course project. [C] Link]