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## EDUCATION

**Carnegie Mellon University** 2020 -  
*Ph.D.* in Robotics (advised by [Kris Kitani](#))

**Shanghai Jiao Tong University** 2016 - 2020  
*B.Eng* in Software Engineering (advised by [Cewu Lu](#))

## PUBLICATIONS

Grasping Diverse Objects with Simulated Humanoids [\[project\]](#) [NeurIPS]  
Zhengyi Luo\*, **Jinkun Cao\***, Sammy Christen, Alexander Winkler, Kris Kitani, Weipeng Xu 2024

Mixed Gaussian Flow for Diverse Trajectory Prediction [\[preprint\]](#) [NeurIPS]  
Jiahe Chen\*, **Jinkun Cao\***, Kris Kitani, Jiangmiao Pang 2024

CooHOI: Learning Cooperative Human-Object Interaction with Manipulated Object Dynamics [\[arxiv\]](#)  
[NeurIPS(Spotlight)]  
Jiawei Gao, Ziqin Wang, ..., **Jinkun Cao**, Xiaolin Hu, Si Liu, Jifeng Dai, Jiangmiao Pang 2024

Real-Time Simulated Avatar from Head-Mounted Sensors [\[project\]](#) [CVPR]  
Zhengyi Luo, **Jinkun Cao**, Rawal Khirodkar, Alexander Winkler, Jing Huang, Kris Kitani, Weipeng Xu 2024

Multi-Object Tracking by Hierarchical Visual Representations [\[arxiv\]](#) [ICRA]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Jiangmiao Pang, Kris Kitani 2024

Harmony4D: A Video Dataset for In-The-Wild Close Human Interactions [NeurIPS D&B]  
Rawal Khirodkar, Jun-Ting Song, Jinkun Cao, Zhengyi Luo, Kris M. Kitani 2024

Universal Humanoid Motion Representations for Physics-Based Control [\[project\]](#) [ICLR(Spotlight)]  
Zhengyi Luo, **Jinkun Cao**, Josh Merel, Alexander Winkler, Jing Huang, Kris M. Kitani, Weipeng Xu 2024

Unified Human-Scene Interaction Via Prompted Chain-Of-Contacts [\[arxiv\]](#) [ICLR(Spotlight)]  
Zeqi Xiao, Tai Wang, Jingbo Wang, **Jinkun Cao**, Wenwei Zhang, Bo Dai, Dahua Lin, Jiangmiao Pang 2024

Perpetual Humanoid Control for Real-time Simulated Avatars [\[arxiv\]](#) [ICCV]  
Zhengyi Luo, **Jinkun Cao**, Alexander Winkler, Kris Kitani, Weipeng Xu 2023

Deep OC-SORT: Multi-Pedestrian Tracking by Adaptive Re-Identification [\[arxiv\]](#) [ICIP]  
Gerard Maggolino\*, Adnan Ahmad\*, **Jinkun Cao**, Kris Kitani 2023

Observation-Centric SORT: Rethinking SORT for Robust Multi-Object Tracking [\[arxiv\]](#) [CVPR]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Jiangmiao Pang, Xinshuo Weng, Rawal Khirodkar, Kris M. Kitani 2023

MV-JAR: Masked Voxel Jigsaw and Reconstruction for LiDAR-Based Self-Supervised  
Pre-Training [\[arxiv\]](#) [CVPR]  
Runsen Xu, Tai Wang, Wenwei Zhang, Runjian Chen, **Jinkun Cao**, Jiangmiao Pang, Dahua Lin 2023

Track Targets with Dense Spatio-Temporal Position Encoding [\[arxiv\]](#) [BMVC(Oral)]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Hao Wu, Kris Kitani 2022

An Empirical Study of Disentanglement for Contrastive Learning without Negatives [NeurIPS]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Ruiqian Nai, Qing Yang, Jialei Huang, Yang Gao [\[arxiv\]](#) 2022

DanceTrack: Multi-Object Tracking in Uniform Appearance and Diverse Motion [\[paper\]](#) [CVPR]  
**Jinkun Cao\***, Peize Sun\*, Yi Jiang, Zehuan Yuan, Song Bai, Kris Kitani, Ping Luo 2022

Instance-Aware Predictive Navigation in Multi-Agent Environments [\[paper\]](#) [ICRA]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Xin Wang, Trevor Darrell, Fisher Yu 2021

Attribute Restoration Framework for Anomaly Detection [\[paper\]](#) [IEEE T-MM]  
Chaoqing Huang\*, Fei Ye\*, **Jinkun Cao**, Maosen Li, Ya Zhang, and Cewu Lu 2020

Cross-Domain Adaptation for Animal Pose Estimation [\[paper\]](#) [ICCV(Oral)]  
**Jinkun Cao**, Hongyang Tang, Hao-Shu Fang, Xiaoyong Shen, Cewu Lu, Yu-Wing Tai 2019

Pairwise Body-Part Attention for Recognizing Human-Object Interactions [\[paper\]](#) [ECCV]

**IN SUBMISSION**

Multi-Modal Hand-Object Interaction Generation  
**Jinkun Cao**, Jingyuan Liu, Kris Kitani, Yi Zhou

TransTrack: Multiple-Object Tracking with Transformer [\[preprint\]](#)  
 Peize Sun, **Jinkun Cao**, Yi Jiang, Rufeng Zhang, Enze Xie, Zehuan Yuan, Ping Luo

**OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS**

- **OC-SORT**: A Kalman filter-based object tracking algorithm open-sourced on [Github](#). It has been adopted in many open-sourced object tracking projects.

- **AlphaPose**: I was a main contributor of the original Lua version of the human pose estimation algorithm [RMPE](#) in COCO-Keypoint-Detection Challenge, which was later refactored and rewritten in Pytorch to be [AlphaPose](#), a popular pose estimation codebase with 6.5k stars on Github.

- **Open mmtracking**: I am a main contributor of [OpenLab mmtracking](#), a popular multi-object tracking codebase with more than 2k stars on Github.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Nvidia Research**, *Research Scientist Intern* 2024.5 - 2024.12  
 with [Ye Yuan](#), [Umar Iqbal](#), Haotian Zhang, Yuke Zhu and Jim Fan

**Adobe Research**, *Research Scientist Intern* 2023.5 - 2024.3  
 with [Yi Zhou](#) on *hand-object interaction generation*

**Meta Reality Labs**, *Research Scientist Intern* 2022.5 - 2022.12  
 with [Zhe Cao](#), [Shih-En Wei](#) and [Weipeng Xu](#) on *video human pose estimation*

**Tsinghua Univeristy & Shanghai Qi-Zhi Institute**, *Visiting Scholar* 2020.3 - 2021.4  
 with [Yang Gao](#) on *unsupervised representation learning*

**Bytedance AI Lab**, *Research Intern* 2020.5 - 2020.8  
 with [Yuning Jiang](#) and Hao Wu on *video analysis and understanding*

**Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research**, *Visiting Student* 2019.7 - 2019.12  
 with [Trevor Darrell](#) and [Fisher Yu](#) on *multi-agent forecasting and planning*

**Tencent YouTu X-Lab**, *Research Intern* 2018.7 - 2018.9  
 with [Xiaoyong Shen](#) and [Yu-Wing Tai](#) on *domain adaptation*

**Machine Vision and Intelligence Group, SJTU**, *Research Assistant* 2016.9 - 2020.6  
 with [Cewu Lu](#) on *pose estimation and action recognition*

**SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD & GRANTS**

ICRA Travel Award, 2024  
 Meta Research PhD Fellowship, 2023  
 ICLR Travel Award (Financial Assistance), 2023  
 NeurIPS Top Reviewer, 2022  
 NeurIPS Travel Award, 2022  
 CMU Graduate Travel Grants, 2022  
 CVPR 2022 Workshop Travel Grants, 2022  
 CMU Graduate Fellowship, 2020  
 Yuan-Qing Yang Foundation Scholarship, 2020  
 MengJiaChenYue Scholarship, 2019  
 Oversea Visiting Funding Scholarship, 2019  
 National Scholarship, 2019  
 A-Class Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2018  
 B-Class Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2017, 2019  
 SJTU Merit Student, 2017, 2018  
 National Scholarship for Encouragement, 2017, 2018  
 SJTU-Wish Scholarship, 2017  
 SJTU-Adrian Scholarship, 2016

**US PATENTS**

**Perpetual Humanoid Control for Real-time Simulated Avatars** [in process]  
 Zhengyi Luo, **Jinkun Cao**, Alexander Winkler, Kris Kitani, Weipeng Xu

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**ACADEMIC  
SERVICES****Conference Reviewer**

Computer Vision: ICCV (21, 23), ECCV (20, 22, 24), CVPR (22, 23, 24), WACV (24), 3DV (25)

Robotics: ICRA (22, 23), IROS (22)

Machine Learning: NeurIPS (22, 23, 24), AAAI (22, 23, 24), ICML (23,24), ICLR (24,25)

Graphics and VR: Siggraph Asia (24), ISMAR (23)

**Journal Reviewer**

RA-L, TMM, TNNLS, TCSVT, IJCV, TMLR

**Conference Volunteer**

ICLR 2023, Hybrid (Virtual and Kigali, Rwanda)

**Workshop Organizer**

ECCV'2022: "Multiple Object Tracking in Complex Environments Workshop" [\[link\]](#)

**SCHOOL  
SERVICES****Teaching Assistant**

16720 Computer Vision, 2022 Spring

16824 Visual Learning Recognition, 2022 Fall

**Student Member on Thesis Committee of**

[Muyang Li](#) (w/ Song Han, Jun-Yan Zhu, Tianqi Chen)

[Zhengyi Luo](#) (w/ Kris Kitani, David Held, Fernando de la Torre)

[Rohan Choudhury](#) (w/ Katerina Fragkiadaki, Laszlo Jeni, Kris Kitani)

**Admission Committee**

Master of Robotics, 2021

Master of Computer Vision, 2021, 2024

**TALKS**

Gesture Lecture about human pose and motion

05-899D: Interactive Extended Reality 2023

**RESEARCH  
MENTORSHIP**

Jyun-Ting Song

MSR @ CMU

2023

Hyukjae Kwark

MSCS @ CMU → Engineer @ Zensors

2023

Zeqi Xiao

PhD @ NTU

2023

Jiahe Chen

Undergrad @ ZJU → PhD @ Shanghai Jiao-Tong Univ

2023

Gerard Maggolino

MSCV @ CMU → Engineer @ Tesla

2022 - 2023

Adnan Ahmad

MSCV @ CMU → Engineer @ Meta

2022 - 2023

Runsen Xu

PhD @ CUHK

2022 - 2023

Yunhao Fang

Undergrad @ ZJU → MSCS @ UCSD

2022