

# CHAOYI ZHOU

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## EDUCATION

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- Clemson University, US *Jan. 2024 - Present*  
*Ph.D in Computer Science*  
Advisor: Prof. Siyu Huang
- University of Southern California (USC), US *Jan. 2021 - Dec. 2022*  
*M.S. in Computer Science(General)*  
Advisor: Prof. Yajie Zhao
- GPA: 3.60/4.00
- Nanjing University Of Posts And Telecommunications (NUPT), China *Sep. 2016 - June. 2020*  
*B.S. in Computer Science and Technology*
- GPA: 3.69/5.00

## PUBLICATION

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- Wu, G., Zhou, J., Yang, J., [Zhou, C.](#), and Xiong, Y., 2021. TableRobot: an automatic annotation method for heterogeneous tables. *Procedia Computer Science*, 187, pp.432-439.
- X. Wang , [C. Zhou](#) , X. Xub ,\* “Application of C4.5 Decision Tree for Scholarship Evaluations”, *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Ambient Systems, Networks and Technologies (ANT)*, Science Direct *Procedia Computer Science*, April 29-May 2, 2019, Leuven, Belgium.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- [3D Reconstruction, Enhancement and Generation](#) *Jan. 2024 - Present*  
*Graduate Research Assistant*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Siyu Huang, Assistant Professor, Clemson University*
- Introduced a novel dataset construction strategy that captures artifacts due to information loss in the reconstruction process.
  - Integrated attention mechanisms to incorporate neighboring views as conditions into the training of diffusion models, enabling not only photo-realistic but also view consistent generation.
  - Proposed a more fair evaluation pipeline for 3D Gaussian Splatting.
  - Proposed a view consistency based strategy for optimizing 3D Gaussian Splatting.
- [Outdoor Scene Reconstruction and Understanding](#) *Jun. 2023 - Dec. 2023*  
*Graduate Research Assistant*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Rongjun Qin, Associate Professor, Ohio State Univeristy*
- Developed interactive visualization software for the IARPA outdoor scene reconstruction challenge, facilitating intuitive analysis of complex spatial data.
  - Developed a highly robust and precise Structure-from-Motion system applied for the IARPA outdoor scene reconstruction challenge, especially resolving challenging cases effectively.
  - Engineered an affordable SDK for sky cameras, making it possible for budget-friendly devices to accurately reconstruct the sky's HDRI and analyze sky radiance values.
  - Implemented deep learning models to simulate shading on outdoor scene objects based on the sky's radiance, thus recovering the environment's true RGB values.

- [Aerial to Ground Novel View Generation](#) *May. 2022 - Jun. 2023*  
*Student Researcher, Transitioned to Full-Time Computer Vision Engineer after Graduation*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Yajie Zhao, Research Assistant Professor and Director of Vision and Graphics Lab, Institute of*

### *Creative Technologies, USC*

- Utilized Unreal Engine 5 to construct comprehensive synthetic and real outdoor scene datasets, accompanied by the development of custom rendering plugins to enhance data realism and diversity.
- Implemented a conditional generative model for estimating 3D-flow from single-view inputs, enabling view synthesis through forward warping.
- Enhanced 3D-flow methodology by integrating Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF), improving the generation of novel views from single-view inputs with added depth information and geometric guidance.
- Applied Diffusion models and Generative Adversarial Networks for high-resolution image inpainting and style transfer.

### **Mechanical System Defect Detection and Tracking**

*Feb. 2022 - May. 2022*

*Student Researcher*

*Supervisor: Dr. Preetham Aghalaya Manjunatha, SHM Lab, University of Southern California*

- Developed a multi-process program for evaluating traditional point cloud registration methods, enhancing computational efficiency and accuracy.
- Built deep learning models for feature detection and registration of point clouds, significantly improving matching precision.
- Quantitized and localized the change for the object after performing transfer learning.

### **Monocular Depth Estimation with Post Optimization**

*Aug. 2021 - Nov. 2021*

*Research Assistant*

*Supervisor: Assistant Professor, Dr. Zhaoxin Li, Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences*

- Implemented a two branch Multi-scale Residual Pyramid model predict the corresponding depth and surface normal based on a single view input .
- Leveraged surface normals to further refine depth estimates, enhancing result accuracy.

### **3D Motion Detection in Big Outdoor Environment**

*Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020*

*Research Assistant*

*Supervisor: Assistant Professor, Dr. Zhaoxin Li, Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences*

- Estimated the camera poses using Structure From Motion(SFM) from the video stream.
- Localized the target image to perform the 3D object detection

### **AWARD**

- NYIT Presidential and Dean's Honors List, granted by New York Institute of Technology

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Programming:	Python, Java, C#, C++
Software & Tools:	Computer Visions: Opencv, Pointcloud Library(PCL), Open3d
	Machine learning: Pytorch, torchvision, Numpy, Pandas
	Simulation: Linux, Unreal Engine, Unity, Airsim