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EDUCATION

University of Houston

Ph.D student, Computer Science

08/2020 - Present

- Instructional Assistant
- Cumulative G.P.A 4.0/4.0
- Anticipated Graduation Date 05/2025

University of Illinois at Springfield

Master of Science, Computer Science

01/2019 - 05/2020

- Graduate Assistant
- Graduated with honor
- Cumulative G.P.A 4.0/4.0

North China University of Technology

Bachelor of Science, Cyber Security

09/2013 - 07/2018

- Undergraduate Research Assistant
- Cumulative G.P.A 3.5/4.0

TECHNICAL SKILL

- **Research Topics** Quad and Hexa Mesh Generation and Optimization, Visualization, Computer Graphics, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Digital Twin, UI/UX design
- Programming Language C/C++, Python, R, SQL
- Simulation Software SOFA, MFEM, FEniCS, Deepxde
- Software & Toolkit MATLAB, VTK, Qt5, OpenGL, Blender, Libigl, LATEX

EXPERIENCE

ABB Corporate Research Center

Ladenburg, Germany

Research Intern

06/2023 - 09/2023

- Created of a benchmark simulation of a lid-driven cavity problem based on the finite element method for the coupled system of Navier-Stokes equations and heat equation.
- Developed a physics-informed neural network for the prediction of physical fields in the benchmark problem.
- Numerically validated improvement of sensor performance based on physical-informed neural networks.

State Key Laboratory of Information Security, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Beijing, China 07/2016 - 07/2018

Research Intern

- Attended Chinese Academy of Sciences Innovation Practice Training Program for digital watermark.
- Developed a system for mapping any data into a set of GIF images with precomputed encoding rules.
- Designed a library to manage, distribute, and store 4 TB GIF images and their property to multiple physical nodes using the Hadoop distributed file system and SQL.
- Designed an algorithm using Apache Spark to calculate the encoding rules for the 4 TB GIF image data set on 6 physical nodes and 250 GB DRAM.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Hex/Quad Visualization Toolkit for Reveal Poor-quality Element

University of Houston, TX, USA

Geometry Modeling, Visualization

11/2020 - 12/2021

- Proposed a glyph design for highlighting the small elements that have bad mesh quality. This design can effectively allow people to focus on the bad quality elements without being disturbed by the element size.
- Developed a cross-platform multi-view mesh quality visualization system to analyze mesh quality globally, regionally, adjacently, and locally.
- Developed a boundary error visualization system using the UV mapping method. This system transferred 3D surface error to the plane height difference.

• Implementing a web application based on three.js for the proposed system for cross-platform access.

Quadrilateral Mesh Optimization

Geometry Modeling

University of Houston, TX, USA 08/2020 - 11/2020

- Optimized the configuration of an embedded polygon constructed based on the one-ring neighbors of vertex.
- Produced an inversion-free mesh and outperforms the existing methods with best quality meshes.
- Developed a robust Hex/Quad mesh half-edge data structure.

Wild Life Detection

University of Illinois at Springfield, IL, USA

Deep Learning

10/2019 - 05/2020

- Employed the animal images and their background images in the region proposal component to extract region candidates for the animal's location.
- The proposed method can detect wildlife animals in night images with an average accuracy of 68%. For deer, the method is 95% accurate.

Network Intrusion Detection

University of Illinois at Springfield, IL, USA

Cyber Security, Deep Learning

08/2018 - 09/2019

- Collected 246 unique exploit-payload pairs from two common operating systems.
- Covert 12597 attack network traffic data in image format, and label the region of malware.
- Trained a real-time object detection system with 99% accuracy on the dataset.

AWARD

- 2023 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) 2023 RISE Professional Scholarship
- 2019 University of Illinois Springfield Graduate with Honors
- 2017 Chinese Academy of Sciences Undergraduate Innovation Practice Training Program
- 2016 National Undergraduate Freescale Smart Car Contest Beijing Regional Second Prize
- 2015 National Undergraduate Freescale Smart Car Contest Beijing Regional Third Prize
- 2015 National Undergraduate Robotics Contest National Second Prize
- 2015 National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest Beijing Regional Third Prize
- 2015 National Undergraduate Game Design Contest Third Prize

PUBLICATION

- 1. **Si, Lei**, Haowei Cao, and Guoning Chen. Hybrid base complex: Extract and visualize structure for hexdominant meshes. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2024
- 2. Giulia Toti, **Si, Lei**, David Daniels, Matin Amoozadeh, Mohammad Alipour, and Guoning Chen. Students and instructors reflections on the impact of covid-19 on computer science education after one year of remote teaching. 12 2023
- 3. Si, Lei and Guoning Chen. A visualization system for hexahedral mesh quality study. IEEE VIS, 2023
- 4. Muhammad Naeem Akram, **Si, Lei**, and Guoning Chen. An embedded polygon strategy for quality improvement of 2d quadrilateral meshes with boundaries. In *VISIGRAPP* (1: GRAPP), pages 177–184, 2021
- 5. Yanhui Guo, Thomas A Rothfus, Amira S Ashour, **Si, Lei**, Chunlai Du, and Tih-Fen Ting. Varied channels region proposal and classification network for wildlife image classification under complex environment. *IET Image Process.*, 14(4):585–591, 2020
- 6. Chunlai Du, Shenghui Liu, **Si, Lei**, Yanhui Guo, and Tong Jin. Using object detection network for malware detection and identification in network traffic packets. *CMC-COMPUTERS MATERIALS & CONTINUA*, 64(3):1785–1796, 2020
- 7. Chunlai Du, Shenghui Liu, Yanhui Guo, **Si, Lei**, and Tong Jin. Detection and information extraction of similar basic blocks used for directed greybox fuzzing. In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Security*, pages 353–364. Springer, 2020
- 8. Yanhui Guo, Amira S Ashour, **Si, Lei**, and Deep P Mandalaywala. Multiple convolutional neural network for skin dermoscopic image classification. In *2018 IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT)*, pages 365–369. IEEE, 2018