

## Zhong Li

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Computer Vision and Graphics, Artificial Intelligence, Computational Photography, Image-based Rendering and Relighting, Light Fields, Neural Rendering, 3D Reconstruction, 3D Human Digitization.	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Delaware</b> , Newark, Delaware Ph.D, Computer Science, Winter 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisors: Jingyi Yu, Ph.D</li></ul> <b>University of Missouri</b> , Columbia, Missouri M.S, Computer Science, Summer 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisor: Ye Duan, Ph.D</li></ul>	
INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Apple Inc, Cupertino, CA, USA</b> <i>Senior Computer Vision/Machine Learning Research Engineer: <b>July 2024 - Present</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>3D GenAI:</b> Developing core algorithms for 3D computer vision projects, focusing on reconstruction and generative AI techniques, leveraging machine learning models.</li></ul> <b>OPPO Research, Palo Alto, CA, USA</b> <i>Staff Research Scientist/Technical Lead: <b>March 2019 - July 2024</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>3D Photo and Video:</b> Leading a team in the development and delivery of an immersive six-degrees-of-freedom (6DoF) video and imaging experience for OPPO MR device.</li><li>• <b>TOF/RGB human motion capture:</b> Lead a team to successfully deliver an on-device real-time TOF/RGB human motion capture function for OPPO future AR wearable device and virtual human project.</li><li>• <b>One Shot Human 3D Digitization:</b> Served as the lead on a project to digitize humans from a single image. My responsibilities included the design and implementation of the core algorithm.</li></ul>	
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<sup>†</sup> Corresponding Author <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yifeng Huang, Zhang Chen, Yi Xu, Minh Hoai, <b>Zhong Li</b><sup>†</sup>. "DualMat: PBR Material Estimation via Coherent Dual-Path Diffusion." accepted by ACM International Conference on Multimedia, (<b>ACM MM</b>), 2025.</li><li>2. Tianyu Luan, Yuanhao Zhai, Jingjing Meng, <b>Zhong Li</b>, Zhang Chen, Yi Xu, and Junsong Yuan. "Scalable High-Fidelity 3D Hand Shape Reconstruction via Graph-Image Frequency Mapping and Graph Frequency Decomposition." <i>IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence</i>, (<b>TPAMI</b>), 2025.</li><li>3. Zhexiong Xiong, Zhang Chen, <b>Zhong Li</b>, Yi Xu, Nathan Jacobs. "PanoDreamer: Consistent Text to 360-Degree Scene Generation." <i>IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops(CV4Metaverse)</i>, (<b>CVPR-W</b>), 2025</li></ol>	

4. Yuzhong Huang, **Zhong Li**, Zhang Chen, Zhiyuan Ren, Guosheng Lin, Fred Morstatter, and Yi Xu. "OrientDream: Streamlining Text-to-3D Generation with Explicit Orientation Control." Preprint on *arXiv*, arXiv:2406.00000, 2024. *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2025
5. Aoming Liu, **Zhong Li**<sup>†</sup>, Zhang Chen<sup>†</sup>, Nannan Li, Yi Xu and Bryan A. Plummer. "PanoFree: Tuning-Free Holistic Multi-view Image Generation with Cross-view Self-Guidance." accepted by *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2024.
6. Zhan Li, Zhang Chen<sup>†</sup>, **Zhong Li**<sup>†</sup>, Yi Xu. "Spacetime Gaussian Feature Splatting for Real-Time Dynamic View Synthesis." To appear at *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2024.
7. Tianyu Luan, **Zhong Li**, Lele Chen, Xuan Gong, Lichang Chen, Yi Xu, Junsong Yuan. "Spectrum AUC Difference (SAUCD): Human Aligned 3D Shape Evaluation." To appear at *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*,
8. Jiaxiong Qiu, Ruihong Ceng, **Zhong Li**, Han Yan, Ming-Ming Cheng, Bo Ren. "NeuSmoke: Efficient Smoke Reconstruction and View Synthesis with Neural Transportation Fields." (*SIGGRAPH Asia*), 2024.
9. Yuxiang Cai, Jiaxiong Qiu, **Zhong Li**, Bo Ren. "NeuralTO: Neural Reconstruction and View Synthesis of Translucent Objects." *ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH)*, 2024.
10. **Zhong Li**, Liangchen Song, Zhang Chen, Xiangyu Du, Lele Chen, Junsong Yuan, Yi Xu "Relit-NeuLF: Efficient Relighting and Novel View Synthesis via Neural 4D Light Field." In *Proceedings of the 31th ACM International Conference on Multimedia*, (**ACM MM**), 2023.
11. Zhang Chen<sup>†</sup>, **Zhong Li**<sup>†</sup>, Liangchen Song, Lele Chen, Jingyi Yu, Junsong Yuan, Yi Xu. "NeuRBF: A Neural Fields Representation with Adaptive Radial Basis Functions" To appear at *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision. (ICCV)*, 2023. (github star>250)
12. Wentao Ba, Lele Chen , Libing Zeng, **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, Junsong Yuan, Yu Kong. "Uncertainty-aware State Space Transformer for Egocentric 3D Trajectory Forecasting." To appear at *IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision. (ICCV)*, 2023.
13. Yuqi Ding, **Zhong Li**, Zhang Chen, Yu Ji, Jingyi Yu, Jinwei Ye. Full-Vome 3D Fluid Flow Reconstruction with Light Field PIV. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, (**TPAMI**), 2023.
14. Liangchen Song, Anpei Chen, **Zhong Li**<sup>†</sup>, Zhang Chen, Lele Chen, Junsong Yuan, Yi Xu, and Andreas Geiger. "NeRFPlayer: A Streamable Dynamic Scene Representation with Decomposed Neural Radiance Fields." *IEEE Transactions on Visualization & Computer Graphics*, (**TVCG**), Special Issue on 2023 *IEEE Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces (VR)*
15. Libing Zeng, Lele Chen , Wentao Bao, **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, Junsong Yuan, Nima Kalantari. "3D-aware Facial Landmark Detection via Multiview Consistent Training on Synthetic Data." To appear at *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2023.

16. Isabella Liu, Linghao Chen, Ziyang Fu, Liwen Wu, Haian Jin, **Zhong Li**, Chin Ming Ryan Wong, Yi Xu, Ravi Ramamoorthi, Zexiang Xu, Hao Su. "OpenIllumination: A Multi-Illumination Dataset for Inverse Rendering Evaluation on Real Objects" *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems(NeurIPS)*,2023.
17. Tianyu Luan, Yuanhao Zhai, Jingjing Meng, **Zhong Li**, Zhang Chen, Yi Xu, Junsong Yuan. "High Fidelity 3D Hand Shape Reconstruction via Scalable Graph Frequency Decomposition." To appear at IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2023.
18. **Zhong Li**, Liangchen Song, Celong Liu, Junsong Yuan and Yi Xu. NeuLF: Efficient Novel View Synthesis with Neural 4D Light Field. In *Proceedings of the Eurographics Symposium on Rendering*, (**EGSR**), 2022.
19. Yuliang Guo, **Zhong Li**<sup>†</sup>, Zekun Li, Xiangyu Du, Shuxue Quan, and Yi Xu. "PoP-Net: Pose over Parts Network for Multi-Person 3D Pose Estimation from a Depth Image." In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*, (**WACV**), 2022.
20. Celong Liu, Lingyu Wang, **Zhong Li**, Shuxue Quan, and Yi Xu. "Real-Time Lighting Estimation for Augmented Reality via Differentiable Screen-Space Rendering." *IEEE Transactions on Visualization & Computer Graphics* ,(**TVCG**),2022
21. Zhuo Su, Lan Xu, Dawei Zhong, **Zhong Li**, Fan Deng, Shuxue Quan, and Lu Fang. "Robustfusion: Robust volumetric performance reconstruction under human-object interactions from monocular rgbd stream." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence* ,(**TPAMI**),2022
22. Liangchen Song, Sheng Liu, Celong Liu, **Zhong Li**, Yuqi Ding, Yi Xu, and Junsong Yuan. "Learning Kinematic Formulas from Multiple View Videos." In *Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Multimedia*, (**ACM MM**), 2021.
23. **Zhong Li**, Lele Chen, Celong Liu, Fuyao Zhang, Zekun Li, Yu Gao, Yuanzhou Ha, Chenliang Xu, Shuxue Quan, and Yi Xu. "Animated 3D Human Avatars from a Single Image with GAN-based Texture Inference." accepted by *Computers & Graphics*, (**C&G**) (2021).
24. **Zhong Li**, Yu Ji, Jingyi Yu, and Jinwei Ye. "3D Fluid Flow Reconstruction Using Compact Light Field PIV" accepted by *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2020.
25. Lele Chen, Guofeng Cui, Celong Liu, **Zhong Li**, Ziyi Kou, Yi Xu, and Chenliang Xu. "Talking-head Generation with Rhythmic Head Motion" accepted by *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2020.
26. Celong Liu, **Zhong Li**, Shuxue Quan, and Yi Xu. "Lighting Estimation via Differentiable Screen-Space Rendering." In *2020 IEEE Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces Abstracts and Workshops (IEEE VRW)*, pp. 575-576. *IEEE*, 2020.
27. Wei Yang, Yingliang Zhang, Jinwei Ye, Yu Ji, **Zhong Li**, Mingyuan Zhou, Jingyi Yu. "Structure from Motion on XSlit Cameras". accepted by *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*, 2019
28. **Zhong Li**, Lele Chen, Celong Liu, Yu Gao, Yuanzhou Ha, Chenliang Xu, Shuxue Quan, Yi Xu. "3D Human Avatar Digitization from a Single Image". accepted by *ACM SIGGRAPH International Conference on Virtual Reality Continuum and*

Its Applications in Industry (ACM VRCAI), 2019. **Oral presentation. Best Paper Award.**

29. **Zhong Li**, Xin Chen, WangYiteng Zhou, Yingliang Zhang, Jingyi Yu. "Pose2Body: Pose-Guided Human Parts Segmentation." accepted by IEEE Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME), 2019. **Oral presentation**
30. **Zhong Li**, Minye Wu, WangYiteng Zhou, Jingyi Yu. "4D Human Body Correspondences from Panoramic Depth Maps." accepted by IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2018.
31. **Zhong Li**, Yu Ji, Wei Yang, Jinwei Ye, Jingyi Yu. "Robust 3D Human Motion Reconstruction Via Dynamic Template Construction." accepted by International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV), 2017. **Spotlight Oral presentation**
32. Yingliang Zhang, **Zhong Li**, Wei Yang, Peihong Yu, Haiting Lin, Jingyi Yu. "The Light Field 3D Scanner." accepted by IEEE International Conference on Computational Photography (ICCP), 2017. **Oral presentation**

PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES

**Conference Program Committee Member and Reviewer:**

- SIGGRAPH 2024/CVPR 2021,2022,2023,2024 / NeurIPS 2023,2024
- ICCV 2021,2023/ ECCV 2022,2024 / ICLR 2024
- AAAI 2020,2021,2024,2025 / IJCAI 2023,2024 /ISMAR 2022,2024 / IEEE VR 2023 / ACCV 2024 / WACV 2024

**Journal Reviewer:**

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence(**TPAMI**)
- International Journal of Computer Vision (**IJCV**)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing(**TIP**)
- IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems(**TCAS**)
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia Computing Communications and Applications(**TOMM**)
- Neurocomputing/Computer&Graphics/Machine Vision&Applications/The Visual Computer Journal(TVCJ)  
/Image and Vision Computing/Science China/Display/Measurement/Computer Vision and Image Understanding(CVIU)

HONORS AND  
AWARDS

**Best Paper Award**, ACM VRCAI 2019(ACM SIGGRAPH International Conference on Virtual Reality Continuum and Its Applications in Industry.)  
**Best Poster Award**, SSIST 2018(ShanghaiTech Symposium on Information Science and Technology) **Outstanding Team Award**, OPPO Research Institute, 2019/2020/2021  
**Breakthrough Innovation Award**, OPPO Research Institute, 2020  
**Professional Development Award**, University of Delaware, 2018.  
**Excellent Undergraduate Thesis Award**, Human University of Sci and Tech, 2012

## PATENT

- **Zhong Li**, and Jason Chieh-sheng Yang. "Dynamic local temporal-consistent textured mesh compression." U.S. Patent No. 10,417,806. 17 Sep. 2019.
- **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, and Shuxue Quan. "Human body model reconstruction method and reconstruction system." U.S. Patent No. 11,928,778, March 12, 2024.
- Yuliang Guo, **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, and Shuxue Quan. "Method for identifying human poses in an image, computer system, and non-transitory computer-readable medium." U.S. Patent No. 18/559,082.
- **Zhong Li**, Shuxue Quan, and Yi Xu. "Real-time hand-held markerless human motion recording and avatar rendering in a mobile platform" U.S. Patent 18/399,927.
- Celong Liu, Yi Xu, **Zhong Li**, and Shuxue Quan. "Method for rendering virtual object based on illumination estimation, method for training neural network, and related products." WO Patent No. 2,021,151,380 A1. 05 August. 2021
- **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, and Shuxue Quan."System and method for virtual fitting." WO Patent No. 2,021,179,936 A1. 09 Sep. 2022
- **Zhong Li**, Yi Xu, and Shuxue Quan. "System and method for visualizing light rays in a scene." WO Patent No. 2,021,169,766 A. 02 Sep. 2021

## INVITE TALKS

- **Sony Research** Human Digitization, 2019
- **Samsung Research** Novel View Synthesis, 2022
- **China 3DV**- Spacetime Gaussian Feature Splatting for Real-Time Dynamic View Synthesis
- **Purdue University** Towards Efficient, Dynamic, and Portable Immersive Media, 2023
- **Florida State University** Towards Efficient, Dynamic, and Portable Immersive Media, 2024

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, Matlab, PHP, Mysql.
- Applications/Library platform: Pytorch, OpenCV, OpenGL, Android NDK, SNPE, ONNX, EIGEN, VCG library, CGAL, LATEX, Autodesk 3Ds Max, Autodesk Maya, Blender, Agisoft, Paraview.
- Operating Systems: Linux, Windows.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Graphics & Imaging Laboratory**, University of Delaware, Newark, USA  
Graduate Research Assistant **Sep 2015 - Dec 2018**  
Working on several projects related to 3D Computer Vision and Graphics

- **3D Human Body Non-Rigid Reconstruction**  
In multi-view human body capture systems, the recovered 3D geometry or even the acquired imagery data can be heavily corrupted due to occlusions, noise, limited field-of-view, etc. We present a graph-based non-rigid shape registration framework that can simultaneously recover 3D human body geometry and estimate pose/motion at high fidelity.

- **4D Dynamic Human Mesh Compression**

The availability of affordable 3D full body reconstruction systems has given rise to free-viewpoint video (FVV) of human shapes. Most existing solutions produce temporally uncorrelated point clouds or meshes with unknown vertex correspondences. Individually compressing each frame is ineffective and still yields to ultra-large data sizes. We present an end-to-end deep learning scheme to establish dense shape correspondences and subsequently compress the data.

- **Human Body Semantic Segmentation.**

We developed a novel technique that we call Pose2Body that robustly conducts human parts segmentation based on the pose estimation results. We partition an image into superpixels and set out to assign a segment label to each superpixel most consistent with the pose. We design special feature vectors for every superpixel-label assignment as well as superpixel-superpixel pairs and model optimal labeling as to solve for a conditional random field (CRF).

- **Light Field 3D Scanner**

We present a novel light field structure-from-motion (SfM) framework for reliable 3D object reconstruction. Specifically, we use the light field (LF) camera such as Lytro and Raytrix as a virtual 3D scanner.

**CG & Image Understanding Lab**, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA

Completed the Master Thesis

**Feb 2013 - June 2015**

- **3D Face Reconstruction and Tracking Using SIFT Iterative Closest Points By Consumer Depth Camera**

Develop an automatic 3D face reconstruction and pose estimation framework using consumer depth camera

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

- 15 fall: CISC 106 GEN COMPUTER SCIEN FOR ENGNR
- 16 spring: CISC 220 DATA STRUCTURE