Xilong(Logan) Zhou

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Education

PhD in Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M University

August 2018 – Present

MS in Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M University (GPA 4.0/4.0)

August 2014 – August 2016

BE in Petroleum Engineering, China University of Petroleum Beijing (GPA 90/100)

August 2010 - June 2014

Research Interest

I am interested in computer graphics and deep learning. Currently I am focusing on solving an inverse rendering problem (material appearance modeling) using deep learning technique.

Research Experience

Estimation of the reflectance properties from multiple images

June 2020 - Present

· Propose a novel optimization strategy to estimate the reflectance properties from multiple input images

Estimation of the reflectance properties from a single image

June 2019 – *September* 2020

- Train a CNN and cGAN framework using perceptual loss to estimate the reflectance properties of planar materials from a single input image
- Propose a hybrid training strategy to address the gap between synthetic and real images

Study adsorption property of nanoparticle used in enhanced oil recovery

January 2015 – August 2016

• Propose a bilayer adsorption model of nanoparticles

Publication

Xilong Zhou and Nima Khademi Kalantari. "Adversarial Single-Image SVBRDF Estimation with Hybrid Training" (conditionally accepted at Eurographics 2021)

Xilong Zhou, Jenn-Tai Liang, Corbin D Andersen, Jiajia Cai and Ying-Ying Lin. "Enhanced Adsorption of Anionic Surfactants on Negatively Charged Quartz Sand Grains Treated with Cationic Polyelectrolyte Complex Nanoparticles". Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects, 553, 397-405, September (2018).

Selected Projects

Computational photography & digital image

• Image alignment based on SSD metric; gradient-based image blending; seam carving using dynamic programming; camera calibration and HDR reconstruction; poisson image matting.

Image synthesis & computer graphics

- Implement ray tracer algorithm from scratch to simulate color bleeding, depth of field, reflection/refraction, motion blur, environment mapping, texture mapping, etc;
- Simulate appearance of different materials using spectrum and Cook-Torrance BRDF model;
- Implement radiosity algorithm, volume rendering and mipmap texturing with anisotropic filters.

Physically based modeling

• KD-tree based particle system simulation, flocking system, rigid body simulation, spring structure simulation and fluid simulation.

Deep learning for computer graphics

• Implement paper "deep illumination: approximating dynamic global illumination with generative adversarial networks".

Teaching

PETE 612: Unconventional Oil and Gas, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2015

PETE 321: Formation Evaluation, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2016

CSCE 222: Discrete Structure for Computing, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

CSCE 441: Analysis of Algorithm, Teaching Assistant, Summer 2019

CSCE 421: Machine Learning, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020

Honors & Awards

Student Representative in "Petro Bowl" Contest in ATCE	October 2013
 National First Prize of National Petroleum Engineering Design Competition 	May 2013
 Honorable Mention of Mathematical Contest in Modeling (International) 	April 2013
 National Second Prize of National Mathematics Modeling Contest 	September 2012

Programming Skills

Python, Pytorch, Cuda, C++, Matlab, Mathematica, Javascript

Extra-Curriculum Activities

Volunteer in the International Triathlon World Championship (2011) Beijing college student art performance (2010)