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> In 2019, I undertook summer research on stereo vision with Professor Daniel Scharstein for the Middlebury Stereo Vision benchmark project. Specifically, I was in charge of designing and optimizing the camera calibration step, which estimates the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera system using calibration boards, most commonly a chessboard, which is highly accurate, or an AruCo board, which is less reliable but allows for occlusion of the board. One particular challenge I faced was when I placed the board too far from the camera, and the board could not be properly detected. To solve the problem, I created, printed, and experimented with self-designed AruCo chessboards where I placed AruCo codes in the setting of a chessboard, and ChaRuCo boards, which combines the property of both a chessboard and an AruCo board, to increase detectability and accuracy. I also experimented with different settings and discovered that room setting, lighting, tilt of the board, the number of boards, the placement of boards, and the size of AruCo code all played a role in the detection of board markers. Finally, I wrote and refactored a program that prints the number of detected markers. The program prints out the number of detected markers while the user takes a set of images, output the number of detected markers, and warn the user to retake the image if the number of detected markers is too low. This specific step can improve the quality of data used for camera calibration, bringing more accurate result to the final analysis.

Github

- Camera Calibration
https://github.com/tianshengs/Camera_Calibration_MobileLighting2019
- SteamVR Tracking
https://github.com/tianshengs/SteamVR_Tracking

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Generating High Quality Mobile Image Datasets for the Evaluation of Computer Vision Algorithms

Middlebury College Department of Computer Science

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Daniel Scharstein — Charles A. Dana Professor of Computer Science

Abstract

This research project aims to provide a system for capturing datasets to be used in the evaluation and testing of dense stereo and optical flow computer vision algorithms. The collected datasets will be constituted of high-resolution ambient images captured by smartphones, and ground truth depth maps generated by a structured lighting system. They will be published as the next generation of the well known Middlebury Stereo benchmarks, and will intended to advance stereo and optical flow vision research by supplying highly accurate ground truth depth maps of static indoor scenes.

The main MobileLighting control program is written in Swift and C++ for macOS. It coordinates the different devices used for scene capture, including numerous projectors used to cast structured lighting onto the scene, a robot arm which moves the smartphone, and an IOS app (also written in Swift) which captures photos and IMU data.

To enable repeatable photo and video capture from highly customizable viewpoints and trajectories, the smartphone is mounted on the head of a UR5 robot arm. The arm aims to reproduce actual human arm trajectories recorded with SteamVR using an HTC VIVE tracker. After capture, the realistic kinetic data is smoothed and numerous reference points are chosen along the focal point's path. These trajectories are then loaded onto a Rosvita control server, which mediates communication between the user control program and the robot.

Once the structured light images and ambient data have been collected in coordination with the projectors, robot, and smartphone, the mac program processes the image data to produce precise depth maps of the scene. In order to make the ground truth data as accurate as possible, the program produces camera calibration matrices to correct warping from the capture device's lens and differences in the relative pose of each viewpoint. These matrices are generated by analyzing 30 calibration images taken by the system, a custom version of ArUco fiducial pattern is printed in document and mounted on flat boards.

Motivation

Research in multiview stereo vision and optical flow vision is held back by the absence of precise methods for evaluating the accuracy of different algorithms.

This project will fill that void by providing diverse datasets with subpixel accurate ground truth depth maps which researchers will be able to compare the results of their algorithms against.

The input (ambient) images provided will be true to modern mobile use cases, with images captured by mobile phones under a variety of different lighting conditions.

Calibration

The first step of the process involves taking images with specific coded patterns for intrinsic and extrinsic calibration, which calculates the intrinsic and extrinsic parameters of the camera model we are using.

Fig. 1b: Calibration image capture

Fig. 1a: Calibration process

Calibration Boards

For calibration purposes, we use our customized encoded ArUco boards. ArUco marker is a wide square marker with black corner and an inner binary matrix which determines its unique ID, whose correspondence can be used for calibration purposes. It works successfully with partially occluded views. We have also experienced with ChArUco and Chessboard patterns.

Ground Truth

Ground Truth Calibration Problem

One of the major components required of the finished datasets is highly accurate ground truth depth information. There are a number of highly accurate systems available for 3D scanning. However, calibrating the output of any of these systems for comparison with the output of algorithms run on images from a camera can be daunting, especially when accounting for the relative location of depth sensors versus cameras.

Fig. 2: example of extrinsic calibration between camera and depth scanner that we avoid

Structured Lighting

To avoid the ground truth calibration problem, this system uses the same sensor (the smartphone camera) to obtain both ground truth depth information and stereo vision input images. In order to acquire ground truth, the program uses a "structured lighting" system which projects binary patterns onto the scene to get a unique pixel code for each point. The pixel codes are then compared between views; the more a pixel moves, the closer the surface is to the camera.

Fig. 3: projecting structured lighting onto a scene

Fig. 4: comparing 2D codes of points on image to extract depth information

Control and Coordination

The program is controlled from the central command-line application, MobileLighting Mac. MobileLighting Mac is responsible for commanding the smartphone for image capture, projecting structured lighting from the projectors (attached via a switcher box), commanding the UR5 robot via the Rosvita server, running calibration, processing the images, and recording all relevant scene data. MobileLighting Mac connects to MobileLighting iPhone and MLRobotControl wirelessly using network sockets.

Image capture occurs on a device running an iOS app, MobileLighting iPhone, which takes photos under various exposures and does some image processing automatically.

The movement of robot arm is controlled by the socket server, MLRobotControl, which is responsible for moving robot to specified viewpoint, executing pre-defined trajectories and sending the status of robot back to MobileLighting Mac.

MobileLighting Mac

- Command line tool
- Coordinates between different parts of the system, does image processing and calibration, records data.
- Written in Swift, C++, and Objective-C using Xcode

MobileLighting iPhone

- iOS application
- Responsible for image capture and some image processing.
- Written in Swift using Xcode

MLRobotControl

- Socket server
- Coordinates between the communication of robot and MobileLighting Mac, sends commands to robot arm
- Written in Python using Rosvita

Viewpoint Management with UR5 Robot Arm

In order to have repeatable photo capture from different viewpoints, the smartphone is mounted on the tool head of a UR5 robot arm. Our main method of communicating with the robot arm is through Rosvita, a third-party robot programming environment based on ROS (Robot Operating System)

The robot arm can be instructed to move to a certain position in two different ways: joint positions and poses.

Joint Positions:

Since the robot arm has six joints, a position can be specified using an array of six angles, each represents the angle of a joint. This array gives a unique configuration of the robot arm. As a result, one option to define the viewpoints for the robot arm is to manually record a fixed number of joint positions and have the robot arm to move through them smoothly.

Poses:

The pose, on the other hand, contains an array with seven numbers. The first three numbers are the cartesian coordinate of the robot's tool head. The next four are the quaternions representing the orientations and rotations of the tool head in three dimensions. Therefore, another more advanced option is to extract the human motion poses data using SteamVR with HTC VIVE tracker, then have the robot arm to mimic human motion as accurate as possible by passing the recorded data to Rosvita. The viewpoints will then be selected from the recorded trajectory.

Fig. 5: Smartphone mounting to the tool head

Fig. 6: Robot arm moving to different viewpoints during scene capture

VIVE Realistic Human Motion Tracking

To imitate the human arm motion and then execute the trajectory on the robot arm, VIVE tracker is used along with a base station to extract realistic pose information, which will then be passed to the UR5 robot arm through Rosvita. An image containing the information of the recorded trajectory will also be generated after saving the data. In Rosvita, the viewpoints will be selected according to the tracked poses.

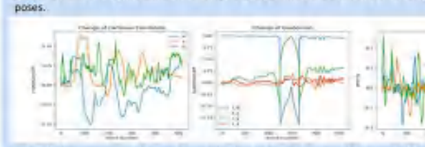

Fig. 7: The image generated that contains graphs showing the information of the recorded change of Cartesian Coordinates, change of quaternion, and velocity through time.

Fig. 8: the base station

Fig. 9: the motion tracker and sensor

Image Processing

To get ground truth depth maps of the highest possible quality, we use an image processing pipeline consisting of 6 steps:

Decode images

Decode the structured lighting images to get a unique pixel code for each point in the scene. This consists in projecting ever narrower lines in both the x- and y- directions (see fig. 3).

Rectify images

Using the extrinsic calibration parameters generated from calibration, rectify images from adjacent camera views so that they appear to lie on the same plane.

Disparity match images

Merge the x- and y- decoded images to get a unique pixel code for each point. Then compare the pixel codes from two views to get a disparity map.

Merge disparity maps

Merge disparity maps produced by different projectors to fill in as many depth values as possible as accurately as possible.

Reproject merged disparity maps

The merged disparities are used to self-calibrate the projector positions. Once the projector relationships are known, half-occluded regions can be filled in with disparity values.

Merge2

Put together original disparities, merged disparities, and reprojected disparities to fill in all possible values.

These steps are all implemented using C++ in MobileLighting Mac.

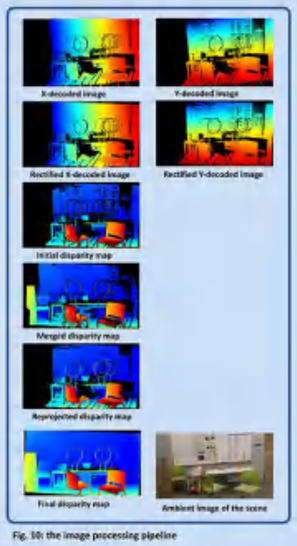

Fig. 10: the image processing pipeline

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Open Source GIS

Skill and Tools: GIS, SQL analysis, Batch Script, RStudio, QGIS

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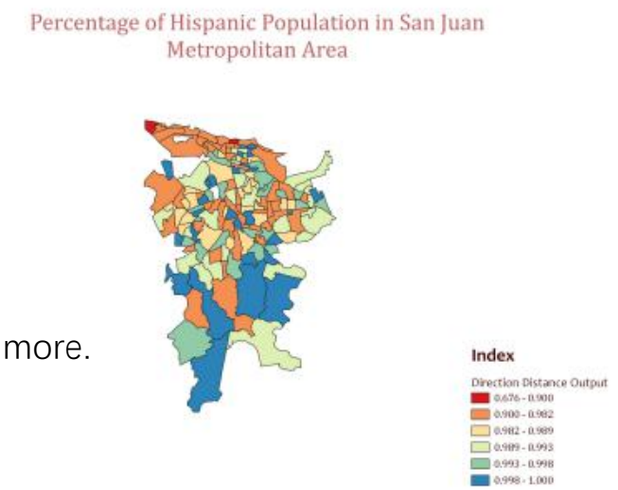
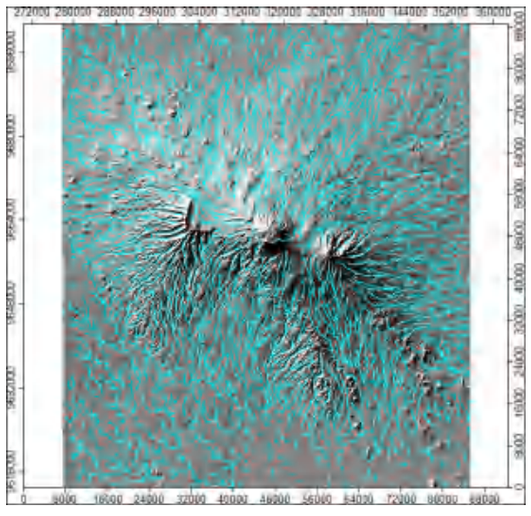
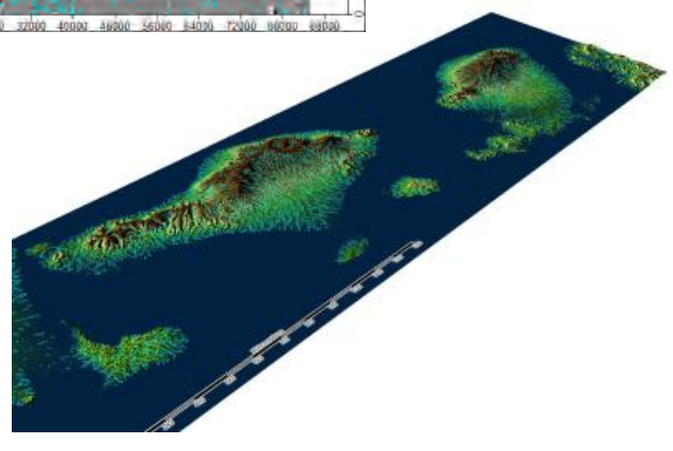


Activity 1: QGIS Modeling

https://tianshengs.github.io/qgisModel.html

I created a model to calculate the direction and distance from a point in QGIS. With the model, I downloaded data from Puerto Rico and did an analysis using the model that I made. Click to learn more.





Activity 2: Hydrology using SAGA

- **Phase 1: Global Digital Elevation Models of Mt. Kilimanjaro**

  https://tianshengs.github.io/globalDigitalElevation.html

  I used SAGA software to derive the channel networks of the Mt. Kilimanjaro region using SRTM data.

- **Phase 2: Global Digital Elevation Models (Automation, Error Propogation and Uncertainty) of Bali and Lombok**

  https://tianshengs.github.io/ModelErrorPropagation.html

  I used batch processing algorithms for SAGA tools to automate the processing tasks to calculate the channel networks of Bali and Lombok Islands, Indonesia, with a focus in understanding sources of errors and comparing elevation models and their resulting hydrological models from two different data sources (Aster and SRTM).

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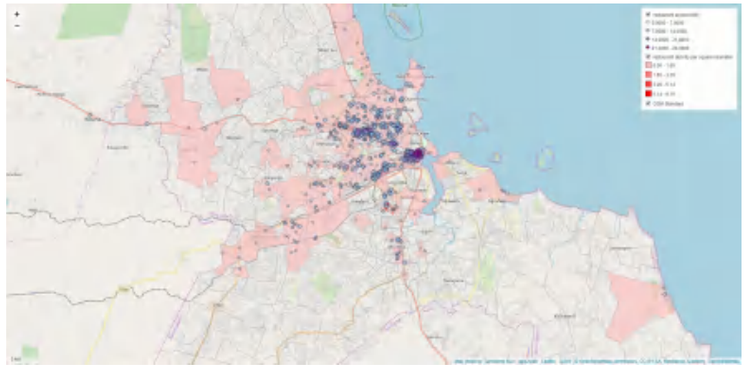
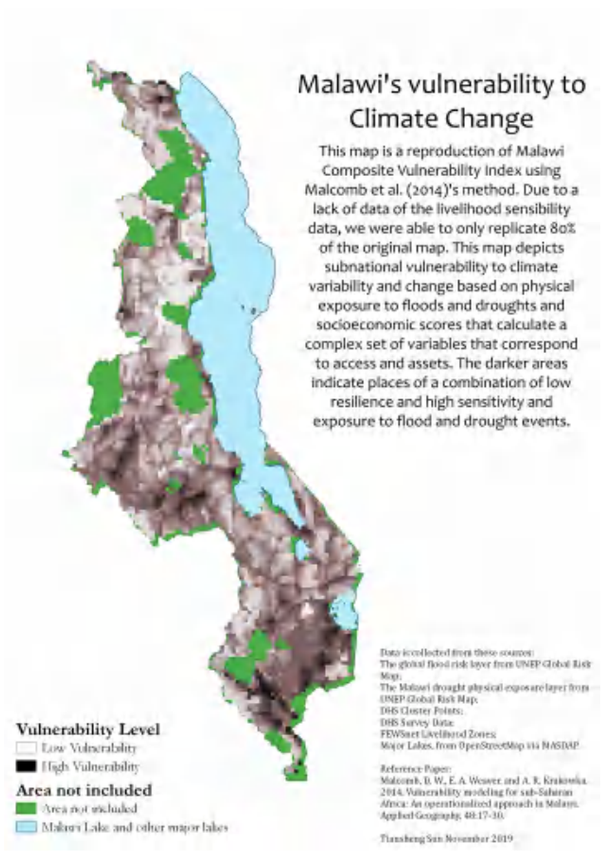
Activity 3: Distribution of Hotels and Their Accessibility to Restaurants in Dar es Salaam

https://tianshengs.github.io/DarAnalysis.html

- Utilized PostGRESQL in QGIS to spatially analyze the spatial distribution of its hotels and their accessibility to the number of restaurants within 500-meter buffer using OpenStreetMap data.
- Created a Leaflet Map to visualize the final result of my analysis.





Activity 4: Vulnerability of Malawi

https://tianshengs.github.io/malawi_analysis.html

For this activity, I try to replicate the analysis of Malawi vulnerability of Malcomb et al.(2014)'s paper and critically understand the reproducibility and uncertainty of his approach.

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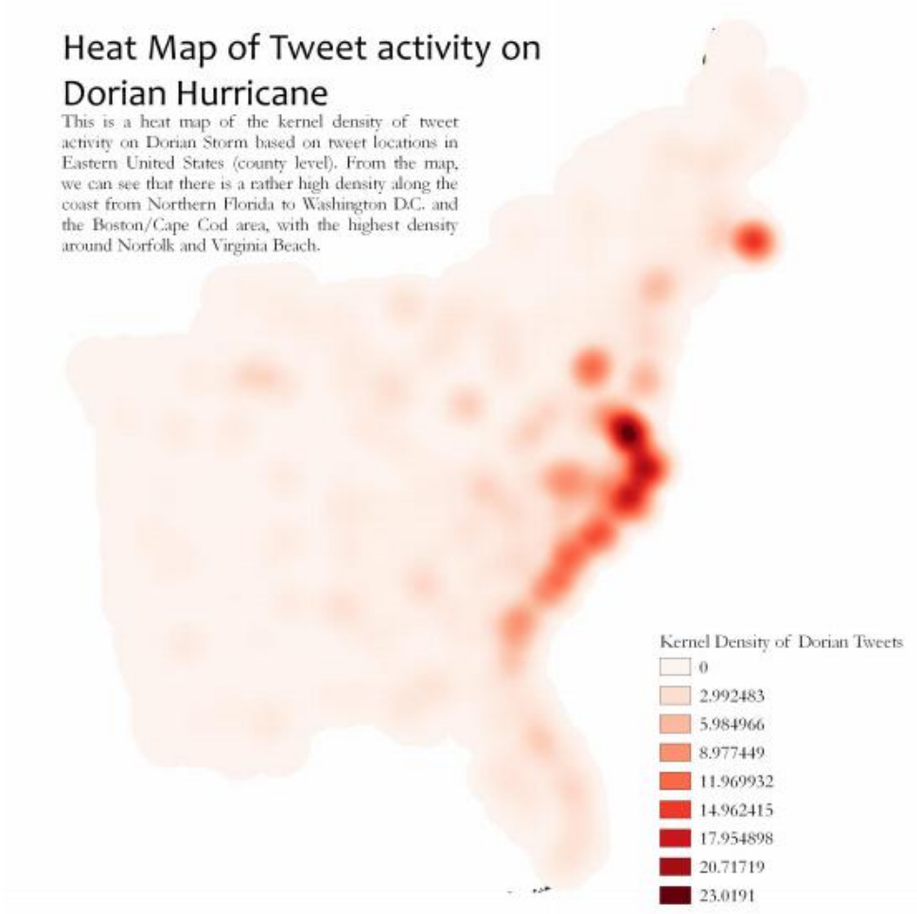
https://tianshengs.github.io

Activity 5: Sharpie versus Storm Surge in the Twittersphere of Hurricane Dorian

https://tianshengs.github.io/twitter_analysis.html

I conducted an analysis of the twitter activity during Hurrican Dorian to identify and map potential geographic clustering and hotspots of Twitter activity and think about whether the real hurricane path or President Trump's fake sharpie maps had driven more Twitter activity.



Activity 6: Christianity in Indonesia: A D3.js visualization

https://tianshengs.github.io/d3_indonesia.html

I learned how to make an interactive visualization using D3.js library and made a map showing the percentage of Christian people in each Indonesian province.

Cartography Design

Skill and Tools: GIS, SQL analysis, Batch Script, RStudio, QGIS

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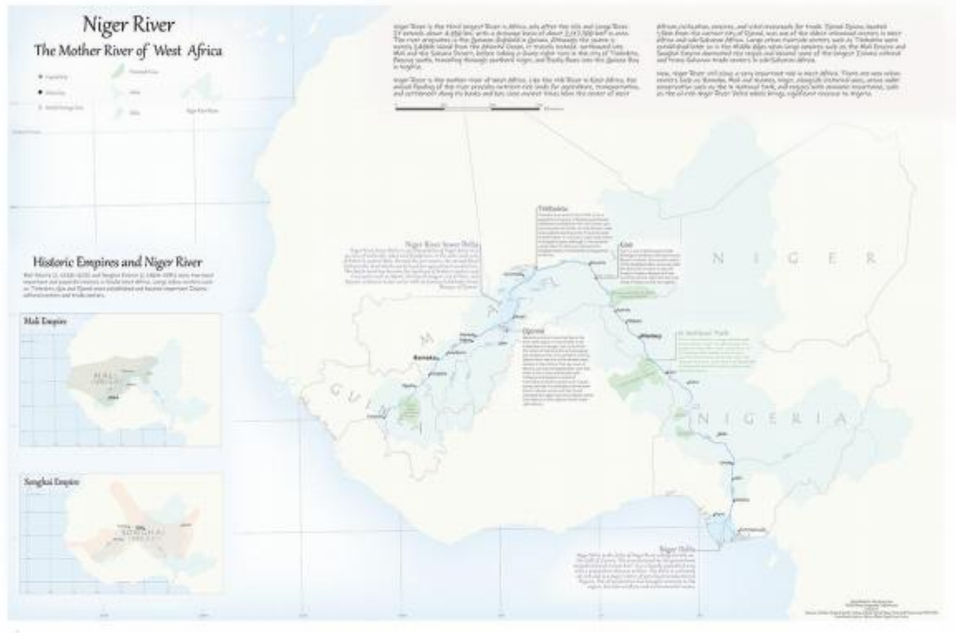
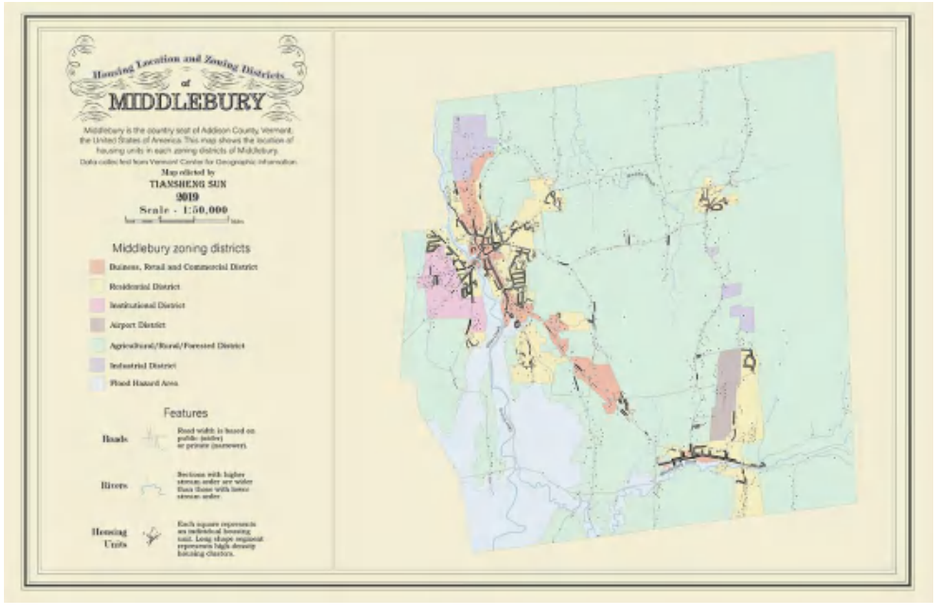


Niger River, the mother river of West Africa

This is a map showing Niger River and the cultural and physical geographic locations related to it.



Housing Location and Zoning Districts of Middlebury

This map shows the location of housing units in each zoning districts of the town of Middlebury, the country seat of Addison County, Vermont, USA.

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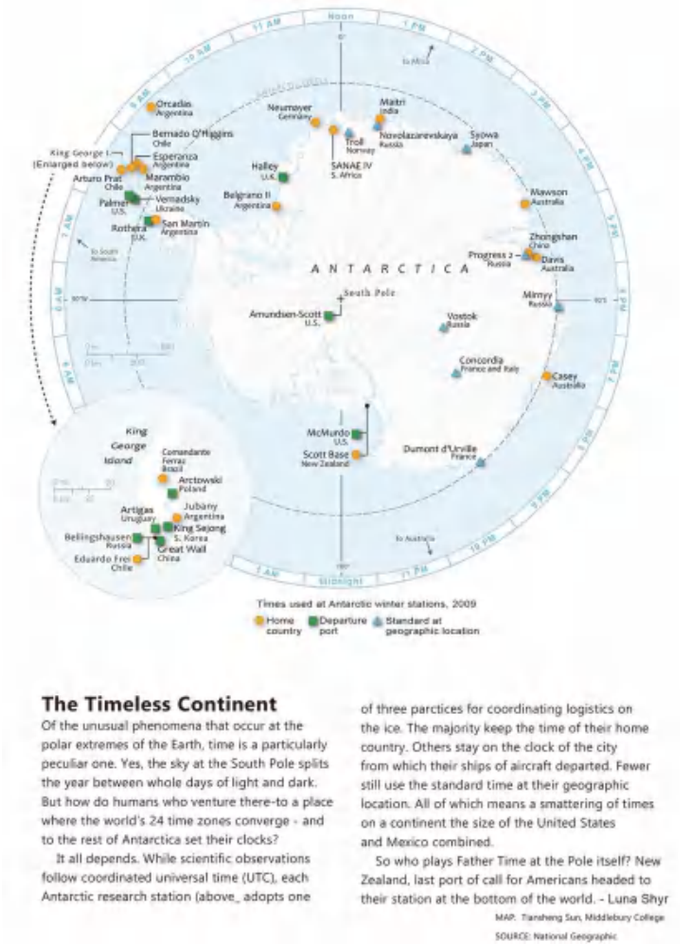

The Timeless Continent

This article is a reproduction of a National Geographic map: the Timeless Continent. This maps show how time is used at Antarctic winter stations in 2009.

Map of Mauritania, Mali, Senegal, Gambia, Burkina Faso, and Guinea-Bissau

This is a reference map of the Sahel and Saharan region of West Africa, showing each countries' major cities, roads, airports, rivers and so on.

Vulnerability of Wuhan City to Waterlogging Event

Skill and Tools: LandSat image and classification tool in ArcMap.

http://www.tianshengs.com/project/12.html

> This is my final paper for Human Geography of Hazards class in which I look into the vulnerability of Wuhan city to Waterlogging event. For the paper, I included the final research project I did for my Remote Sensing for Geoscience class as part of the evidence, in which I looked into the potential lake area change of Wuhan city as a whole and five specific lakes using LandSat image and classification tool in ArcMap.

Images of the Wuhan floods

The subway station in a commercial district in Wuchang was waterlogged

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The entire city is in great danger.

Abstract

In 2016, a series of unexpected storms paralyzed much of the City of Wuhan in central China, leading to severe waterlogging in the city (Figure 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3). The waterlogging event is believed to be the largest after the catastrophic 1998 flood when the entire city was heavily devastated. Though Wuhan is not the only victim of the 2016 waterlogging event, people raised their attention again to this large city in Central China, which has long been vulnerable to waterlogging caused by various flooding and storm events, including the 1931, 1954, and 1998 Yangtze river flood. This paper aims to understand Wuhan'swaterlogging event, especially how inadequate research and the understanding of vulnerability, urban development and governmental policy and inadequacy lead to Wuhan's high vulnerability may increase its vulnerability.

Key words: Wuhan, vulnerability, flood, waterlogging, Urban development, Chinese politics

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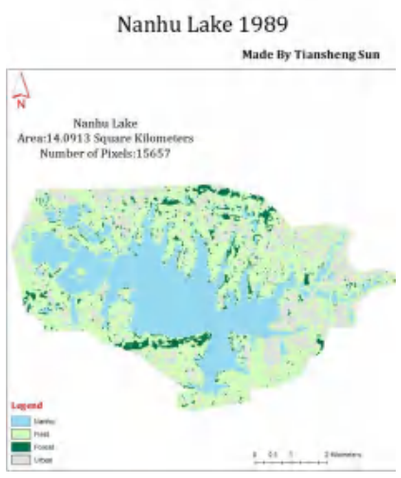
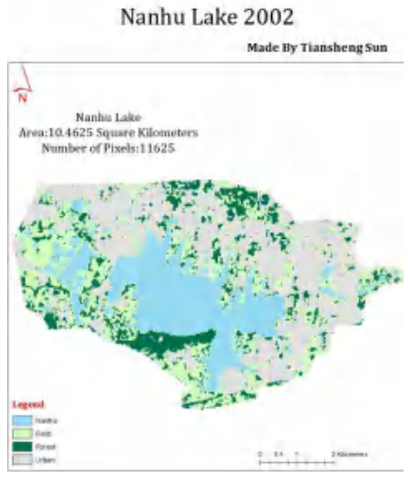
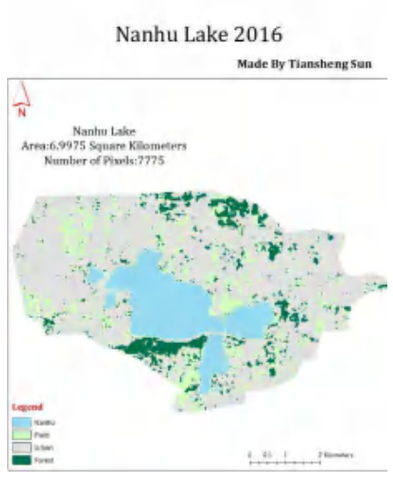
Wuhan's Shrinking Lake – Remote Sensing on Wuhan's 2016 Urban Waterlogging Event

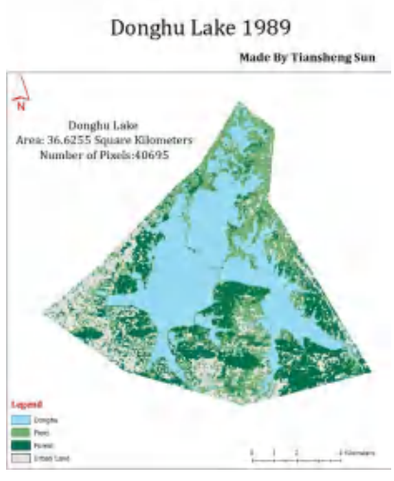
I spearheaded the creation of classified maps of Wuhan City and four lakes: Nanhu, Shaihu, Shahu, and Donghu Lake using Landsat images in ArcMap. Moreover I handled the calculation and comparison of the total lake area and the four specific lakes in metropolitan Wuhan City, China in 1989, 2002 and 2016.

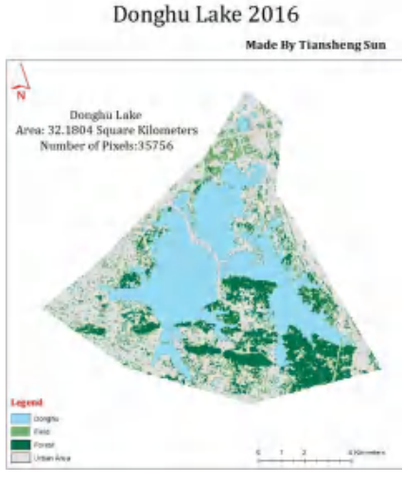






Nanhu images in 1989, 2002, and 2016





Donghu Images in 1989, 1998, and 2016

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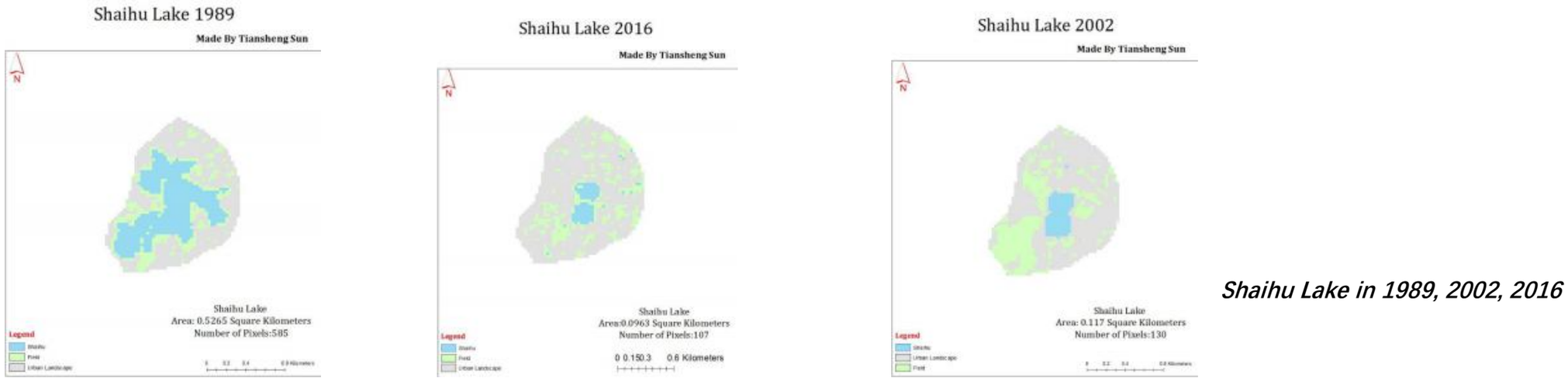
Shahu Images in 1989, 1998, 2016



Shaihu Lake in 1989, 2002, 2016

Geological Evolution of Vermont

Skill and Tools: LandSat image and classification tool in ArcMap.

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Abstract

This paper presents the geologic evolution of Vermont, U.S.A, from 565 Ma- 390 Mafor Geolo201: Bedrock Geology of Vermont". Sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks formed at different period and environments were visited in six field trips around Vermont between September 21t, 2017 and Nov. 2nd, 2017. Descriptions of rocks presented in six geologic belts of Vermont give evidence to their environments of formation, which explain the tectonic evolution in the tectonic summary" section. The paper also pay attention to how geochemistry provides evidence of tectonic environment, and the role of Taconian Orogeny (470-460 Ma) and Acadian Orogeny (410-370) in reshaping the Vermont bedrock history. The appendices include complete field reports for the six field trips.

Keywords: Vermont, bedrock geology, Taconian Orogeny, Acadian Orogeny, tectonic,environment

Geological Evolution of Vermont

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Chan Chan and El Niño:A historical perspective and modern lessons

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This is my final paper for my Environmental Change of Lating America class, in which I looked into the case of Chan chan and how its story provides policy maker a unique perspective for environmental awareness in our modern world.

Executive Summary

El Niño events are not a modern phenomenon, but a long established one. Residents of Chan Chan of the Chimú civilization in pre-Columbian Peruvian coast were among the ones who faced threats from these events. Its story, therefore, is important to our understanding of these events which become increasingly strong in recent years and can provide a lesson of how we may deal with them in contemporary time. With increasing value in tourism, Chan Chan, now as an archaeological zone, should also be used as a site of environmental awareness, educating both the local residents and tourists.

Vermeer and Procelains

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> The paper in which I looked into how Chinese procelains and Delftware had influenced Vermeer's paintings.

Johannes Vermeer, Woman with a Pearl Necklace, 1662-1665, Gemäldegalerie, Berlin

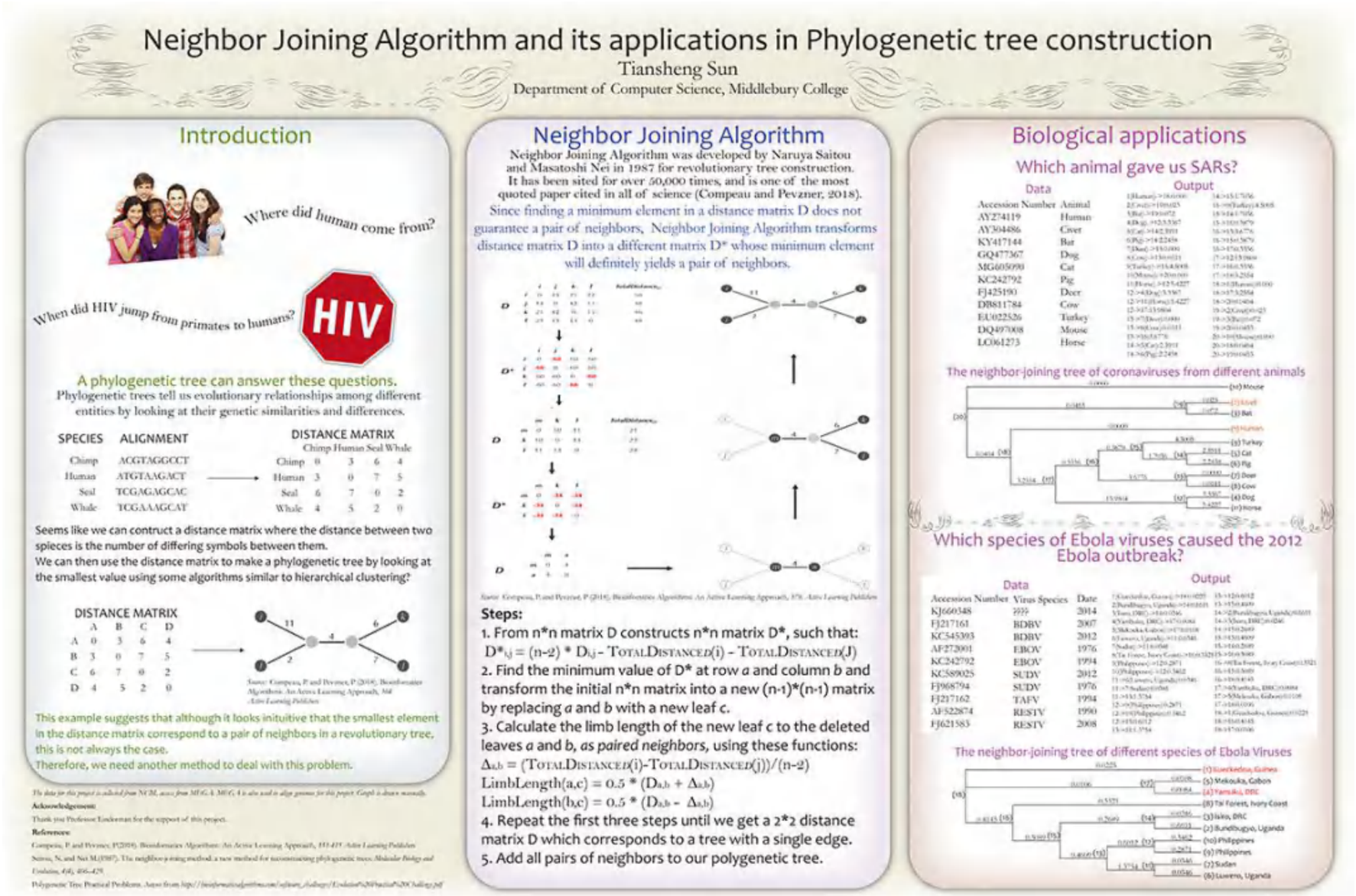
Johannes Vermeer, Young Woman Reading a letter at an Open Window, 1657-1658, Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister, Dresden

Johannes Vermeer, The girl with a Wine Glass, 1661-1662, Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum, Braunschweig

Johannes Vermeer, The Procuress, 1656,Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister, Dresden

Neighbor-Joining Algorithm and its application in bioinformatics algorithm'

This is for the final paper the for which I looked at the neighbor joining algorithm and ran the algorithm on data collected from the MEGA software for the Ebola event in 2012 and the SARs outbreak in 2003 to a construct a revolutionary tree for both events.



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Piano Performances

- Enrique Granados: 4. Quejas, o La Maja y el ruiseñor from Goyescas, Op. 11
  https://youtu.be/YhuAz1eVBPc
- J.S.Bach, French Suite in G Major BWV816: Sarabande & Gavotte
  https://youtu.be/uwUwuXT9xr4
- Gabriel Fauré, Nocturne in E-Flat, Op.36
  https://youtu.be/aW3kB1UJF4U
- Debussy-La plus que lente (Valse)
  https://youtu.be/gKNgYCcYiOw
- Beethoven Moonlight- Sonata Op. 27 No. 2
  https://youtu.be/MD_DKaNCy6s
- Chopin's nocturnes- Op.62 No.2
  https://youtu.be/OqSHfB2Ihcs
- Scarlatti-Sonata In A Major, K.208, L.238
  https://youtu.be/gwXKazehx0Y
- PARTITA1
  https://youtu.be/wUtHQ0ryWBA
- PARTITA2
  https://youtu.be/Uqf3bb_4KwU

Carillon Performances

- **Liling Huang, Belfry Sketches**
  https://youtu.be/IOvwcN-h5Ls

Piano Concert

Music is flowing paining and painting is the art of solificatin of music.
This concert is using piano hearing art to express the spectacular movement of visual art.

- **Complete video of the concert**

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdm3X8OdDD4&feature=youtu.be

- **Short video of the concert**

  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtL8a5EfGMg&feature=youtu.be

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