

XIJIA “POLINA” ZHANG

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Aug. 2024 – May. 2029

Ph.D. in Robotics

University of Michigan

Sep. 2022 – May. 2024

B.S.E in Computer Science

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2024

B.E in Electrical and Computer Engineering

PUBLICATIONS

[“Explaining Agent Behavior with Large Language Models”](#) 

Zhang Xi-Jia, Yue Guo, Simon Stepputtis, Katia Sycara, Joseph Campbell

IROS 2023 Workshop

[“Learning Effective Action Advising in the Face of Changing Rewards”](#)

Yue Guo, **Zhang Xi-Jia**, Simon Stepputtis, Joseph Campbell, Katia Sycara

CoLLAs 2024 (Oral)

[“Sensor Array Optimization for the Electronic Nose via Different Deep Learning Methods”](#) 

Zhang Xi-Jia*, Tao Wang*, Wangze Ni, Yongwei Zhang, Wen Lv, Min Zeng, Jianhua Yang, Nantao Hu, Rui Zhan, Guang Li, Zhiqiang Hong, Zhi Yang

Sensors and Actuators: B, 2024

[“Model-Agnostic Policy Explanations with Large Language Models”](#) 

Zhang Xi-Jia, Yue Guo, Shufei Chen, Simon Stepputtis, Matthew Gombolay, Katia Sycara, Joseph Campbell

(in submission)

[“Towards Human-Free Semantic Interpretability in Reinforcement Learning via Vision-Language Models”](#)

Zhaoxin Li*, **Zhang Xi-Jia***, Batuhan Altundas, Letian Chen, Rohan Paleja, Matthew Gombolay

(in submission)

[“Teaching the Teacher: Enhancing Human-to-Robot Skill Demonstration with Live Foundation Model and Augmented Reality Feedback”](#)

Nina Moorman, Matthew Luebbers, **Zhang Xi-Jia**, Zulfiqar Zaidi, Marcus Lau, Yixing Yao, Megan Langwasser, Letian Chen, Sanne van Waveren, Matthew Gombolay

(in submission)

[“Communication and Verification in LLM Agents towards Collaboration under Information Asymmetry](#)

Run Peng, Ziqiao Ma, Amy Pang, Sikai Li, **Zhang Xi-Jia**, Yingzhuo Yu, Cristian-Paul Bara, Joyce Chai

(in submission)

SKILLS

Toolchain

ROS, ROS2, Linux, Docker, Huggingface, RLlib

Frameworks & Libraries

Gym, NLTK, Transformers, Pytorch, Scikit-Learn, OpenAI

Hands-On Robotics

TIAGo, Jaco Arm, Khepera, Fetch, Turtle Bot

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

Sep. 2024 Robotics Fellowship

Georgia Institute of Technology

Mar. 2024 James B. Angell Scholar

University of Michigan

Apr. 2024 Elected Member

Tau Beta Pi, Michigan Gamma

May. 2021 Chun-Tsung Scholarship

Shanghai Jiao Tong University