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## Curriculum Vitae

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## Work Experience

### KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Postdoctoral Fellow, Digital Future

Supervisor: Prof. Patric Jensfelt and Dr. Olov Andersson

Stockholm, Sweden

Jan, 2025 – Present

## Education

### University of Hong Kong

Ph.D., Robotics

Supervisor: Prof. Fu Zhang and Prof. James Lam

Hong Kong SAR, China

Sept, 2020 – Dec, 2024

### Beihang University

B.Eng, Automation

Beijing, China

Sept, 2016 – July, 2020

## Publications

### First Authored & Co-first Authored

- [TRO'2023] **Yixi Cai**, Fanze Kong, Yunfan Ren, Fangcheng Zhu, Jiarong Lin, and Fu Zhang. Occupancy grid mapping without ray-casting for high-resolution lidar sensors. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, volume 40, pages 172–192, 2024. [Paper].
- [TRO'2022] Wei Xu\*, **Yixi Cai\***, Dongjiao He, Jiarong Lin, and Fu Zhang. Fast-lid2: Fast direct lidar-inertial odometry. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, volume 38, pages 2053–2073. IEEE, 2022. [Paper].

### Featured

- [IJRR'2023] Guozheng Lu, **Yixi Cai**, Nan Chen, Fanze Kong, Yunfan Ren, and Fu Zhang. Trajectory generation and tracking control for aggressive tail-sitter flights. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, volume 43. SAGE Publications Sage UK: London, England, 2023. [Paper].
- [TRO'2023] Jiarong Lin, Chongjian Yuan, **Yixi Cai**, Haotian Li, Yunfan Ren, Yuying Zou, Xiaoping Hong, and Fu Zhang. Immesh: An immediate lidar localization and meshing framework. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, volume 39, pages 4312–4331, 2023. [Paper].
- [SR'2023] Nan Chen, Fanze Kong, Wei Xu, **Yixi Cai**, Haotian Li, Dongjiao He, Youming Qin, and Fu Zhang. A self-rotating, single-actuated uav with extended sensor field of view for autonomous navigation. *Science Robotics*, volume 8, page eade4538. American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2023. [Paper].
- [TMECH'2022] Youming Qin, Nan Chen, **Yixi Cai**, Wei Xu, and Fu Zhang. Gemini ii: Design, modeling, and control of a compact yet efficient servoless bi-copter. *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, volume 27, pages 4304–4315. IEEE, 2022. [Paper].

### Others

- [TRO'2024] Fangcheng Zhu, Yunfan Ren, Longji Yin, Fanze Kong, Qingbo Liu, Ruize Xue, Wenyi Liu, **Yixi Cai**, Guozheng Lu, Haotian Li, et al. Swarm-lid2: Decentralized, efficient lidar-inertial odometry for uav swarms. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*. IEEE, 2024. [Paper].

- [RAL'2024] Hairuo Wei, Rundong Li, **Yixi Cai**, Chongjian Yuan, Yunfan Ren, Zuhao Zou, Huajie Wu, Chunran Zheng, Shunbo Zhou, Kaiwen Xue, and Fu Zhang. Large-scale multi-session point-cloud map merging. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, pages 1–8, 2024. [Paper].
- [IROS'2024] Yunfan Ren, **Yixi Cai**, Fangcheng Zhu, Siqi Liang, and Fu Zhang. Rog-map: An efficient robocentric occupancy grid map for large-scene and high-resolution lidar-based motion planning. In *2024 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, pages 8119–8125. IEEE, 2024. [Paper].
- [TRO'2024] Guozheng Lu, Yunfan Ren, Fangcheng Zhu, Haotian Li, Ruize Xue, **Yixi Cai**, Ximin Lyu, and Fu Zhang. Autonomous tail-sitter flights in unknown environments. *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*. IEEE, 2024. [Preprint].
- [IJRR'2024] Haotian Li, Yuying Zou, Nan Chen, Jiarong Lin, Xiyuan Liu, Wei Xu, Chunran Zheng, Rundong Li, Dongjiao He, Fanze Kong, **Yixi Cai**, et al. Mars-lvig dataset: A multi-sensor aerial robots slam dataset for lidar-visual-inertial-gnss fusion. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*. SAGE Publications Sage UK: London, England, 2024. [Paper].
- [CASE'2023] Yuying Zou, Haotian Li, Yunfan Ren, Wei Xu, Yihang Li, **Yixi Cai**, Shenji Zhou, and Fu Zhang. Perch a quadrotor on planes by the ceiling effect. In *2023 IEEE 19th International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*, pages 1–7. IEEE, 2023. [Paper].
- [RAL'2023] Fanze Kong, Xiyuan Liu, Benxu Tang, Jiarong Lin, Yunfan Ren, **Yixi Cai**, Fangcheng Zhu, Nan Chen, and Fu Zhang. Marsim: A light-weight point-realistic simulator for lidar-based uavs. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, volume 8, pages 2954–2961. IEEE, 2023. [Paper].
- [TCST'2022] Wei Xu, Dongjiao He, **Yixi Cai**, and Fu Zhang. Robots' state estimation and observability analysis based on statistical motion models. *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, volume 30, pages 2030–2045. IEEE, 2022. [Paper].
- [RAL'2021] Fanze Kong, Wei Xu, **Yixi Cai**, and Fu Zhang. Avoiding dynamic small obstacles with onboard sensing and computation on aerial robots. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, volume 6, pages 7869–7876. IEEE, 2021. [Paper].

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## Fellowships & Awards

**Digital Future Postdoctoral Fellowship**, 2025-2026

**RSS Pioneer** in Robotics: Science and Systems 2024

**Best Paper Award Finalist** in IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics, 2023

**Y S and Christabel Lung Postgraduate Scholarship** for Engineering Students 2020-2021.

**University Postgraduate Fellowships** for the academic year 2020-21.

**Postgraduate Scholarships**, as a Ph.D. research scholar at University of Hong Kong.

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## Scholarly Reviews

**Transactions on Robotics**

**Journal of Field Robotics**

**Transactions on Mechatronics**

**Robotics and Automation Letters**

**Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles**

**Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems**

**International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2024**

**International Conference on Intelligent Robots and System (IROS) 2022-2024**

