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EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

July 2020 - July 2024

- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering), Distinction Honours
- Awards & Honours: Dean's List (Top 5%); Science and Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship (SM2) Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

"Robi Butler: Remote Multimodal Interactions with Household Robot Assistant" | In Submission

Anxing Xiao*, Nuwan Janaka, Tianrun Hu, Anshul Gupta, Kaixin Li, Cunjun Yu, David Hsu [arXiv, video, website]

"ManiFoundation Model for General-Purpose Robotic Manipulation of Contact Synthesis with Arbitrary Objects and Robots" | IROS 2024 (Oral)

Zhixuan Xu*, Chongkai Gao*, Zixuan Liu*, Gang Yang*, Chenrui Tie, Haozhuo Zheng, Haoyu Zhou, Weikun Peng, Debang Wang, **Tianrun Hu**, Tianyi Chen, Zhouliang Yu, Lin Shao [arXiv, website, code]

RESEARCH RELATED WORK&INTERN EXPERIENCES

Research Engineer @ Adaptive Computing Lab, NUS (Full-Time)

Aug 2024 – Aug 2025

- Supervised by Prof. David Hsu, Smart System Institute (SSI) & School of Computing (SoC)
- Led foundational research on human-robot teaching interfaces, establishing design principles for household robotics teleoperation that optimize both user experience and robot learning efficiency
- Developed a comprehensive imitation learning pipeline integrating multiple data gathering methods with advanced policy training (ACT, Diffusion Policy) for diverse robotic platforms (Fetch, Kinova Gen3, Franka) [code]

Research Assistant Internship @ LinS Lab, NUS (Part-Time)

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

- Supervised by Assistant Prof. Lin Shao, School of Computing (SoC)
- Led development of an enhanced Gaussian Splatting framework for indoor 3D reconstruction, incorporating novel geometric constraints for improved accuracy [code, doc]

ASTAR Student Research Assistant @ NTU (Part-Time)

Jun 2022 - Jul 2022

Implemented a knowledge-based Question and Answer System based on BERT & GPT2 [code]

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Digital Twin Aug 2024 – Feb 2025

- Created a high-fidelity Gazebo simulation platform by leveraging my 3D reconstruction pipeline [code]
- Course project platform with Fetch robot capabilities (navigation, manipulation, motion planning) integrated

NTU Final Year Project: Study of local descriptors in Visual Place Recognition

July 2023 - July 2024

- Identified limitations in conventional local descriptor sampling methods for VPR acceleration
- Developed enhanced descriptor selection methods using semantic segmentation and high-pass filters [code, report]

NTU Undergraduate Research (URECA)

Aug 2021 – July 2022

Developed a SLAM simulation environment in Gazebo for multi-sensor testing with various configurations

OTHER WORK&INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Machine Learning Engineer Internship @ Continental AG (Full-Time)

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023

- Developed the core SLAM modules for autonomous forklift project at Changi Airport
- Implemented visual loop closure detection using NetVLAD, SuperPoint, and SuperGlue
- Built benchmarking framework to evaluate custom SLAM implementation against RTABmap and Kalman filter-based solutions using ROS2 Humble

RELAVENT COURSE PROJECTS

Intelligent Agents [code]; Neural Network [code]; Embedded Programming [code]; Signal Processing [code]; Advanced Algorithms [code]; Microprocessor [code]; Digital System Design [code]; Object Oriented Design and Programming [code]; Data Science [code]; Data Structure and Algorithm [code];

SKILLS

Languages: Chinese, English; Programming: Python, C, C++, Java; Framework: ROS1, ROS2, Gazebo, PyTorch