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Education

Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science, Robotics Institute

2022.8 - 2024.8

Master of Science in Robotics

- GPA: 4.16/4.0
- Coursework: Optimal Control & Reinforcement Learning (A), Machine Learning (A+), Kinematics/Dynamics/Control (A+), Mechanics of Manipulation (A).
- Research interest: Model-based robotics control, data-driven robotics control, and robotics system design.

Tongji University, Institute of Rail Transit

2017.9 - 2022.6

Bachelor in Vehicle Engineering (Railway), Minor in Artificial Intelligence

- GPA: 4.78/5.0 or 92.83/100, rank No.1 in the department.
- Coursework: Design of Mechatronics System, Power Electronics Technology, Design of Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulic Transmission, Computer Hardware Technology, C++, etc.
- Awards and honors: Graduation with Honor College Graduate Excellence Award of Shanghai (top 5%), Outstanding Graduation Project (top 5%), National Scholarship (top 5%), Special Award in Tongji University Challenge Cup (team leader, top 5%), #1 in Tongji University Excellent Scientific Research and Education Competition (team leader, top 1), First Prize Scholarship (3 times, top 10%).

Publications

- 1. [RAL, submitted] "Graph-Propagation-based Kinematic Algorithm for In-pipe Truss Robots." **Yu Chen**, Jinyun Xu, Yilin Cai, Shuo Yang, Ben Brown, Fujun Ruan, Yizhu Gu, Howie Choset, and Lu Li.
- [RAL, submitted] "A Compacted Structure for Cross-domain learning on Monocular Depth and Flow Estimation." Yu Chen*, Xu Cao*, Xiaoyi Lin, Baoru Huang, Xiao-Yun Zhou, Jian-Qing Zheng, Guang-Zhong Yang.
- [IROS] "Semi-Supervised Vein Segmentation of Ultrasound Images for Autonomous Venipuncture." Yu Chen, Yuxuan Wang, Bolin Lai, Zijie Chen, Xu Cao, Nanyang Ye, Zhongyuan Ren, Junbo Zhao, Xiao-Yun Zhou, Peng Qi.
- 4. [IDETC-CIE] "Autonomous robotic subcutaneous injection under near-infrared image guidance." Dingliang Huang, Bin Hu, Yinna Chen, **Yu Chen**, Liangchen Sui, Zhaoyang Wang, Yijun Jiang, Zhongyuan Ren, Yuxuan Wang, Xu Cao, Peng Qi.
- 5. [IROS workshop] "VeniBot: Towards Autonomous Venipuncture with Automatic Puncture Area and Angle Regression from NIR Images," Xu Cao, Chen Zijie, Bolin Lai, Yuxuan Wang, Yu Chen, Zhengqing Cao, Zhilin Yang, Ye Nanyang, Junbo Zhao, Xiao-Yun Zhou, Peng Qi.
- 6. [Cell Research] "Deep learning-based rapid generation of broadly reactive antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 and its Omicron variant." Hantao Lou, Jianqing Zheng, Xiaohang Fang, Zhu Liang, Meihan Zhang, **Yu Chen**, Chunmei Wang, Xuetao Cao.

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Research Experiences

Biorobotics Lab, Carnegie Mellon University

2022.9 – present

Supervised by Prof. Howie Choset and Prof. Guanya Shi

Pittsburgh, USA

 Proposed an efficient framework solving large-scale distance-based inverse kinematics for a broad range of articulated robots and complex task constraints utilizing the graph propagation method.

Supervised by Prof. Howie Choset and Prof. Ben Brown

- Proposed and formulated an efficient locomotion technique for the confined-and-complex-space traversal of truss robots.
- Devised a computationally efficient kinematic algorithm for truss robots using graph propagation principles.
- Designed and constructed an in-pipe truss robot hardware system capable of navigating straight pipes and pipe elbows.

Supervised by Prof. Zhongqiang Ren (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

Proposed and implemented a parallel computation approach to efficiently solve multi-object shortest-path-problems.

Big Data Institute, University of Oxford

2022.6 - 2022.8

Supervised by Prof. Guang-Zhong Yang and Dr. Jian-Qing Zheng

Shanghai, China

- Developed a general compact framework facilitating cross-domain learning in monocular depth and flow estimation.
- Created a novel generative model employing GAN and diffusion techniques for the generation of protein sequences.

School of Electronics and Information Engineering, Tongji University

2020.6 - 2022.5

Supervised by Dr. Xiao-Yun Zhou and Prof. Peng Qi

Shanghai, China

Proposed and formulated an overall hardware-software framework for an autonomous venipuncture robot, including
mechanical structure design and the formulation of a semi-supervised learning algorithm for ultrasound-image-based vein
detection.

Institute of Rail Transit, Tongji University

2018.4 - 2019.4

Supervised by Prof. Zhi-Zhuang Yu

Shanghai, China

• Proposed a wedge-principle-based self-locking technique for fastener vibration resistance.

Selected Patents

- 1. [CN113788081B] "Multi-terrain Driving Unmanned Vehicle Based on Vehicle Body Deformation." Qing Jia, **Yu Chen**, Rongsheng Zhou, Yijun Jiang, Bowen Liang, Wenyi Cui, Chen Luo.
- 2. [CN114252178A] "Touch Sensor, Pressure Event Detection Method and Device and Intelligent Robot." Peng Qi, **Yu Chen**, Yu Zheng, Zhengyou Zhang, Juhong Wang, Tingting Liu.
- 3. [CN112109111A] "Three-Dimensional Mechanical Joint, Mechanical Arm and Control Method for Oblique-Section Cylindrical Connection." Peng Qi, Yu Chen.
- 4. [CN112089490A] "Full-Automatic Venipuncture Recognition Integrated Robot." Peng Qi, **Yu Chen**, Xu Cao, Yuxuan Wang, Zhiyu Tian.
- 5. [CN112022293A] "Gesture Recognition Venipuncture Method and Device for Intravenous Injection Robot." Peng Qi, Yu Chen.
- [CN112022294A] "Operation Trajectory Planning Method of Venipuncture Robot Based on Ultrasonic Image Guidance." Peng Qi, Yu Chen.
- 7. [CN111968097A] "Blood Vessel Puncture Image Processing Method and Blood Vessel Puncture Robot." Peng Qi, Yu Chen.

Skills

Languages: Mandarin, English, German

Programming: C/C++, Python, Matlab, Arduino IDE

Computer-Aided Design: AutoCAD, Solidworks, UG (Unigraphics NX), AD (Altium Designer), Blender

Computer-Aided Engineering: ANSA, HyperMesh, Simulink, LabVIEW