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#### **EDUCATION**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison** 

Madison, WI

PhD in Computer Science

Sep 2021 - Present

**University of California San Diego** 

La Jolla, CA

MS in Computer Science, GPA: 3.86/4.00

Sep 2019 - Jun 2021

**Shanghai Jiao Tong University** 

Shanghai, China

BS in Information Engineering, GPA: 3.71/4.00

Sep 2015 - Jun 2019

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Conference Papers:**

- [1] Danilo Gasques, Janet Johnson, Tommy Sharkey, Yuanyuan Feng, **Ru Wang**, Zhuogun Robin Xu, Enrique Zavala, Yifei Zhang, Wanze Xie, Xinming Zhang, Konrad Davis, Michael Yip, Nadir Weibel. ARTEMIS: A Collaborative Mixed-Reality System for Immersive Surgical Telementoring. In *Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on* Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21)
- [2] Zhuoran Song, **Ru Wang**, Dongyu Ru, Zhenghao Peng, Hongru Huang, Hai Zhao, Xiaoyao Liang, Li Jiang. Approximate Random Dropout for DNN training acceleration in GPGPU. In Design, Automation & Test in Europe Conference & Exhibition (DATE), 2019.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

# Attention-Aware AR Systems to Empower People with Low Vision

Jul 2021 - Present

Advised by Prof. Yuhang Zhao, UW-Madison CS

- Led the project and developed accessible user interface for eye-tracking calibration for people with low vision,
- Developed a calibration algorithm to better adapt to the vision-use pattern of people with central vision loss.

#### AR Systems to Facilitate Safe Cooking for People with Visual Impairment

Aug 2020 - Present

Advised by Prof. Yuhang Zhao & Prof. Bilge Mutlu, UW-Madison CS

- Observed blind/low vision (BLV) participants cooking at home and conducted interview with BLV participants and occupational therapists,
- Analysed qualitative data to extract BLV people's challenges and needs in kitchen activities.

## **CogTeach: Online Teaching Platform with Real-time Cognitive Feedback** Advised by Prof. Xinyu Zhang, UCSD ECE

Oct 2020 - Present

- Built a system prototype to synchronize gaze information across teacher end and student end,
- Developed an active query and classification mechanism to detect students' confusion state on the fly.

#### ARTEMIS: Augmented Reality Technology-Enabled reMote Integrated Surgery Advised by Prof. Nadir Weibel, UCSD CSE

Jul 2020 - Dec 2020

- Conducted cadaver studies in a local hospital to evaluate the system performance,
- Observed and analyzed surgeons' communication behaviors in different surgical procedures,

#### Approximate Random Dropout for DNN Training Acceleration in GPGPU Advised by Prof. Li Jiang, SJTU

Dec 2017 - May 2018

- Designed and implemented a time-efficient dropout algorithm to reduce unnecessary computation in matrix multipli-
- The fully-connected layer with proposed dropout method is 2X faster in training phase, with negligible accuracy drop.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Computer Sciences, UW-MadisonMadison, WIResearch AssistantAug 2021 - PresentWeibel's Lab, UCSD CSELa Jolla, CA

Research Assistant (GSR) Jul 2020 - Sep 2020

**Tencent**Software Engineering Intern
Beijing, China
Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

Clobotics Shanghai, China Software Engineering Intern Dec 2018 - Jun 2019

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Winner CHI 2021 Student Volunteer (SV) happi design contest 2021

Overseas Research Scholarship (First Class) Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2019

# **SERVICES**

Student Volunteer CHI 2021 2021

# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Programming:** Python, C/C++, C#, JavaScript, Java, Scala, ŁTEX, HTML/CSS, Git

**Software & Tools:** ML/DL: PyTorch, Scikit-Learn

Others: Unity, Android Studio, Arduino, Adobe Illustrator, Spark