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*Researcher, engineer, and designer with multidisciplinary experiences in deep learning, robotics, medical device development, and mixed reality. My research interests broadly intersect with **human-centered design of intelligent systems**. I am currently working on deep learning and medical technologies related to **digital medicine** at MIT.*

EDUCATION



ETH Zurich | MSc Mechanical Engineering, concentration in Robotics

Expected Spring 2023

Thesis (at MIT): Bridging the domain shift in clinical deep learning with adversarial augmentations

Semester Project: Worldloop Transfer – evaluating perceptual capabilities learned through embodied tasks

Coursework: Probabilistic Artificial Intelligence, 3D Vision, Human Factors, Mixed Reality, Computer Vision



University of British Columbia | BSc Mechanical Engineering, with distinction

2020

Thesis: Wheelchair detection and state estimation using laser scanning sensors for mobile robots

Coursework: Machine Learning, Algorithms, Data Structures, Mechanical Design, Instrumentation

EXPERIENCES

Traverso Lab, MIT | Advisors: Giovanni Traverso, Hen-Wei Huang, Peter Chai

Full Year 2022

Visiting Scholar for Master Thesis

Python, sensors, bioethics

- Developing mitigation strategies for data distribution shift of deep learning models used in clinical applications
- Evaluating patient acceptability and bioethics of closed-loop drug delivery systems with diagnostic abilities

Visual Intelligence and Learning Lab, EPFL | Advisors: Amir Zamir

Summer – Fall 2021

Summer@EPFL Research Intern

Python, PyTorch, Habitat

- Investigated perceptual capabilities developed by reinforcement learning agents trained on embodied tasks
- Developed transfer learning framework to evaluate active perception modules on downstream vision tasks

Attentiv Medical | Advisors: Konrad Walus, Manon Ranger

Fall 2019 – Fall 2021

Co-Founder and Research Lead

Python, scikit-learn, sensors

- Designed a patentable bioelectric sensor and real-time monitoring system for detecting IV infiltration
- Led 80+ user and expert interviews to determine engineering, regulatory, and clinical design requirements

Awards: James Dyson National Winner (\$3k) and International Top 20, Microsoft Discover AI – Healthcare Winner (\$6k), Medical Device Design Center – Principal Award (\$5k), UBC Innovation on Board Start-Up Competition Runner Up (\$2.5k), New Venture Design Best Project (\$800), New Venture Design Industry Award (\$600), RBC Get Seeded Winner (\$500)

CARIS Robotics Lab, UBC | Advisor: Machiel Van der Loos

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Bachelor Thesis

ROS, Python, MATLAB, scikit-learn, TensorFlow

- Proposed a wheelchair state estimation algorithm to improve safety in interactions with mobile robots
- Used a multi-class neural network to predict wheelchair orientation from 2D laser data with 86% accuracy

Coursera | Team: Payments Engineering, Decision Science

Summer 2020

Software Engineering Intern

Scala, Python, SQL

- Led the backend consolidation of billing information for 6.5M+ monthly transactions in a RESTful API
- Analyzed 900+ A/B experiments and causally identified patterns in statistically significant revenue patterns

Amazon | Team: Amazon Marketplace

Summer 2019

Software Engineering Intern

Java, Spring, AWS (SNS, SQS, Lambda)

- Designed a backend pipeline using AWS services to guarantee real-time event polling and delivery
- Implemented an event-processing service in Java for 120k+ annual Amazon membership events

Blackberry QNX (Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Centre) | Advisor: Gordon Bell

Fall 2018

Autonomous Vehicle R&D Intern

C, MATLAB, QNX, LiDAR

- Developed a LiDAR processing algorithm that detects road signs and free space with < 10 ms runtime
- Applied projective geometry to 3D LiDAR point cloud to fuse with 2D camera image for visualization at CES

CERTEC Group, Lund University | Advisor: Héctor Caltenco

Summer 2017

Research Assistant

Arduino, sensors, fabrication, user testing

- Prototyped a hand spasticity rehabilitation device that provides stimulating motion-triggered feedback
- Integrated real-time control of a computer keyboard using hand movements with accelerometers and Arduino

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Vinker Y, Pajouheshgar E, **Bo J**, Bachmann R, Bermanno AH, Cohen-Or D, Zamir A, Shamir A (2022). CLIPasso: Semantically Aware Object Sketching. *ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH 2022)*. ([Best Technical Paper](#))

Conferences

Bo J, Ta K, Nishida R, Yeh G, Tsang V, Bolton M, Ranger M, Walus K (2022). ATTENTIV: Instrumented Peripheral Catheter for the Detection of Catheter Dislodgement in IV Infiltration. *44th Annual International Conference on the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (IEEE EMBC 2022)*. ([Oral](#))

Agrawal D*, Lobsiger J*, **Bo J**, Kaufmann V, Armeni I (2022). HoloLabel: Augmented Reality User-In-The-Loop Online Annotation Tool for As-Is Building Information. *European Conference on Computing in Construction 2022*.

Bo J, Van der Loos HFM (2021). Detection of Wheelchair Orientation in Human-Robot Interactions. *13th International Conference BIOMDLore 2021*.

Abstracts

Bo, J (2020). Detection of Wheelchairs Using Laser Scanning Sensors for Mobile Robotics. *Multidisciplinary Undergraduates Research Conference 2020*. ([Best Oral Presentation](#))

Gwara M, Tsang VL, Thompson CA, Smith S, **Bo J**, Fletcher S, Janusz N, Chew SY, Janusz M, Thompson CK, Bertrand M, Woods H, Thompson C (2017). Use of Centralized Electronic Medical Records System in Paediatric Care. *American Academy of Pediatrics Conference 2017*.

AWARDS

2022	Graduate Student Research Grants (3400 USD) – <i>IEEE Computational Intelligence Society</i>
2022	Zeno Karl Schindler Master Thesis Grant (10,500 CHF) – <i>Zeno Karl Schindler Foundation</i>
2022	Swiss-European Mobility Scholarship (4500 CHF) – <i>Swiss-European Mobility Programme</i>
2021	Heyning-Roelli Mobility Grant (1100 CHF) – <i>Heyning-Roelli Foundation</i>
2021	EPFL Summer Research Fellowship (4800 CHF) – <i>École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne</i>
2020	Order of the White Rose Scholarship Finalist – <i>Nominated by UBC Applied Science</i>
2020	Top 5% Academic Ranking – <i>UBC Applied Science and Mechanical Engineering</i>
2020	Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (17,500 CAD, declined) – <i>NSERC Canada</i>
2019	Speak Out for Engineering Americas (1 st Place, 300 GPB) – <i>Institution of Mechanical Engineers</i>
2019	Women in Technology Scholarship (10,000 CAD) – <i>IKB BC Scholarship Society</i>
2016	NSERC Experience Award (4500 CAD) – <i>NSERC Canada</i>
All years	UBC Dean's Honour List – <i>University of British Columbia</i>

LEADERSHIP & MENTORSHIP

ML Corner, Traverso Lab | Lead Organizer 2022 – Present

- Manages the first machine learning reading group at the Traverso Lab of 10+ students and postdocs.

Open Roboethics | Competition & Toolkit Team 2022 – Present

- Organizes roboethics competitions and developing a public-use ethical AI toolkit

connect-f, UBC | STEM Mentor 2020 – 2021

- Mentored high school students in exploring an education and career in engineering and computer science

International Children's Advisory Network (iCAN) | Conference Committee Chair 2016 – 2019

- Led a 10+ member international team to plan events and fundraisers for the annual iCAN Summits
- Reviewed and improved upon European Medicine Agency's pediatrics clinical research policies

Kidscan Youth Advisory Council | Youth Advisor & Mentor 2014 – 2019

- Advised 10+ Vancouver research teams on promoting youth involvement in pediatrics research
- Reviewed Canada-wide policies for standardizing clinical pediatrics research consent/assent protocol

SKILLS

Languages: Python (PyTorch, Tensorflow, scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, matplotlib), Java, Scala, C, MATLAB, SQL

Others: ROS, QNX, Linux, Unity, Blender, HoloLens, AWS, Arduino, SolidWorks, Fusion 360