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

EDUCATION



ETH Zurich | MSc Mechanical Engineering, *concentration in Robotics*

Expected Spring 2023

Thesis (at MIT): TBD

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

Papers

- 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 (EMBC)*.
- 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*.
- Vinker, Y, Pajouheshgar, E, **Bo, J**, Bachmann, R, Bermano, AH, Cohen-Or, D, Zamir, A, Shamir, A (2022). CLIPasso: Semantically Aware Object Sketching. *ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH)*. [\[paper\]](#)
- Bo, JY**, Van der Loos, HFM (2021). Detection of Wheelchair Orientation in Human-Robot Interactions. *International Conference BIOMDLore*. [\[paper\]](#)

Abstracts

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

AWARDS

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| 2022 | Swiss-European Mobility Scholarship (4500 SFr.) – <i>Swiss-European Mobility Programme</i> |
| 2021 | Heyning-Roelli Mobility Grant (1100 SFr.) – <i>Heyning-Roelli Foundation</i> |
| 2021 | EPFL Summer Research Fellowship (4800 SFr.) – <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) – <i>Institution of Mechanical Engineers</i> |
| 2019 | Women in Technology Scholarship (\$10,000 CAD) – <i>IKB BC Scholarship Society</i> |
| 2017 | Go Global Research Abroad Programs Award (\$2000 CAD) – <i>University of British Columbia</i> |
| 2016 | NSERC Experience Award (\$4500 CAD) – <i>NSERC Canada</i> |
| All years | UBC Dean's Honour List – <i>University of British Columbia</i> |

ADVISORY & MENTORSHIP

- Open Roboethics | Competition & Toolkit Team** 2021 – Present
 - Volunteer for organizing AI ethics competitions and developing a public-use ethical AI toolkit
- connect-f, UBC | STEM Mentor** 2020 – Present
 - Mentoring 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
- Computer:** ROS, QNX, Linux, Unity, Blender, HoloLens, AWS
- Engineering:** SolidWorks, Fusion360, ANSYS, Arduino, 3D printing, soldering, instrumentation