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Education

Tsinghua University

B.ENG. IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

Beijing, China

Sep. 2020 - Present

Publications

DoorMan: Closed-Loop Task Planning and Manipulation for Door Opening in the Wild with Haptic Feedback

Zhi Wang*, Yuchen Mo*, Shengmiao Jin, Wenzhen Yuan

IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2025, Under Review

[\[Paper\]](#), [\[Video\]](#), [\[Code\]](#), [\[Website\]](#)

KOSMOS-E: Learning to Follow Instruction for Robotic Grasping

Zhi Wang*, Xun Wu*, Shaohan Huang, Li Dong, Wenhui Wang, Shuming Ma, Furu Wei

IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and System (IROS), 2024

[\[Paper\]](#), [\[Video\]](#), [\[Code\]](#), [\[Website\]](#)

Research Experience

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT [ROBOTOUCH LAB](#), ADVISED BY [PROF. WENZHEN YUAN](#)

Champaign, USA

Mar. 2024 - Present

- **Research Topics: Mobile Manipulation, Bimanual Humanoid Manipulation for Articulated Objects in Open World**
- Proposed DoorBot, a haptic-aware closed-loop hierarchical control framework that enables robots to explore and open different unseen doors in the wild. We test our system on 20 unseen doors across different buildings, featuring diverse appearances and mechanical types. Our framework achieves a 90% success rate, demonstrating its ability to generalize and robustly handle varied door-opening tasks.

Microsoft Research Asia (MSRA)

RESEARCH INTERN AT [NLC GROUP](#), ADVISED BY [DR. SHAOHAN HUANG](#)

Beijing, China

June. 2023 - Mar. 2024

- **Research Topics: Multimodal Large Language Model for Robotic Grasping**
- Proposed KOSMOS-E, a Multimodal Large Language Model (MLLM) that leverages instruction-following robotic grasping data to enhance capabilities for precise and intricate robotic grasping maneuvers.

Tsinghua University, IIS

RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT [ISR-LAB](#), ADVISED BY [PROF. JIANYU CHEN](#)

Beijing, China

Sep. 2021 - Sep. 2022

- **Research Topics: Bipedal Humanoid Robot in the Wild**
- Introducing STAR1, a versatile humanoid robot capable of superior locomotion performance in diverse environments.

Industry Experience

EncoSmart Technology (Beijing) Co., LTD.

ROBOTICS AND COMPUTER VISION INTERN. [\[CODE\]](#) [\[WEBSITE\]](#)

Beijing, China

Apr. 2023 - Jul. 2023

- Developed a core component of LAVA, a fully automated intelligent frying system, by creating a highly precise hand-eye calibration tool that enabled complex robotic manipulation tasks like magnet suction, mobile manipulator calibration, and visual grasping.

Honors & Awards (selected)

Jul. 2023 **Fourth Place in RoboCup 2023 Humanoid KidSize League (3 %)**, Team Member

Bordeaux, France

Oct, 2024 **Tsinghua University Science and Technology Innovation Scholarship (1 %)**, (2021, 2023, 2024)

Beijing, China

Oct, 2024 **Grand Prize of Tsinghua University International Study Scholarship (1 %)**, EE Department

Beijing, China

Skills

Programming Python, C/C++, Linux, MATLAB, \LaTeX

Frameworks PyTorch, NumPy, OpenCV, Git, Anaconda, Docker

Hardware Arduino, STM32, ESP32, FPGA, PCB Design, BLDC-FOC Driver

Robotics UR5e Robot Arm, FR5 Robot Arm, RealMan Humanoid Robot, Aelos Robot, ROS1/2, PyBullet, Realsense, Kinect