Yuanyuan Gao

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Education

PhD | Mechanical Engineering
RPI | 2015-2020
- Research: Machine Learning; Image Processing; Brain Imaging; Surgical Skill Assessment; Neuromodulation
- Advisor: Suvranu De & Xavier Intes

Visiting Scholar| Industrial & Systems Engineering
University of Buffalo|2018-2019
- Advisor: Lora Cavuoto

MS | Mechanical Engineering
Beihang University | 2010-2013
- Advisor: Chao Yun

BS | Aircraft Environment and Life Security Engineering
Beihang University | 2006-2010

Skills

Programming Language
Python • C/C++/C# • VB • SQL
Statistical Tools
Matlab • SPSS • Minitab • G*Power;
Hardware
fNIRS spectrometers • Trans-cranial electrical stimulation device
Laparoscopic skill trainer
Others
Microsoft Office Series • Latex

Certification

Databases and SQL for Data Science
Coursera | 03.2020
Introduction to Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation
Harvard Medical School | 03.2016

Language Skills

English and Mandarin

Patents

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Work Experience

Research Assistant | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2015-2020)
- Project 1: Evaluating brain activation changes during motor learning
  - Demonstrated that specific brain areas (PFC, M1 and SMA) were activated by neuromodulation and the bimanual motor skills were enhanced as well.
  - Led the collaboration with researchers and surgeons from **University of Buffalo** and **Harvard Medical School**
  - Drafted Army grant proposal **($6.5M)**
- Project 2: Predicting surgical skills from fNIRS
  - Achieved R^2 = 0.73 and AUC = 0.91 by designing a deep learning (CNN) model to extract features from fNIRS data to predict the motor skill level.
- Project 3: Predicting learning curve characteristics
  - Predicted accurately (R^2 = 0.81) the learning curve characteristics from the initial performance by machine learning.
- Project 4: Removing motion artifacts in fNIRS data
  - Constructed a sophisticated designed deep learning model to remove the motion artifact existing in fNIRS data.

Motor Design Engineer | SAIC MOTOR (Shanghai) (2013-2015)
- Project 1: SV71, Console
  - Changed design of Console to enlarge the storage space.
- Project 2: SV61&EV69, Instrument Panel and Door Panel
  - Improved the quality and the design.
- **Award: New Start of Season of the Department of Body and Design**

Publication and Talks

Journal Papers
- A Machine Learning approach to predict surgical learning curves. **Gao, Y.** *et al.* 2019. ***Surgery***
- Functional brain imaging reliably predicts bimanual motor skill performance in a standardized surgical task. **Gao, Y.** *et al.* 2019.IEEE TBME (Under review). ***Preprint***
- A comprehensive review of experimental neuroimaging studies of the effect of transcranial electrical stimulation on human motor skills, **Gao, Y.** *et al.* 2020. Prepared to submit. ***Preprint***

Conference Presentations
- SPIE.bios, San Francisco, 2019.
- OSA Biophotonics Congress: Optics in the Life Sciences, 2019 &2020.

Workshops
- Multiple invited talks in 'Deep Learning Journal Club' in RPI, 2016-2020

Teaching and Mentoring

- Graduate Teaching Assistant at RPI (4 Semesters)
- Undergraduate Research Program (URP) mentor at RPI