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## EDUCATION

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École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

Sep. 2020 - Present

- MSc in Robotics (Track: Mobile Robotics), Minor in Data Science

Tongji University, Shanghai, China

Sep. 2015 - Jul. 2020

- BEng in Mechanical Engineering; GPA: 4.57/5 ; Ranking: 4/113
- Awarded Excellent Graduates of Shanghai and Tongji University Outstanding Scholarship

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Robotic Perception, Visual Object Tracking, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), 3D Vision, LiDAR Odometry.  
Pedestrian Intention Prediction, Autonomous Driving

## PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

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**Joint Forecasting of Pedestrian Intention and Bounding Box**

Oct. 2020 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant at Lab of [Visual Intelligence for Transportation \(VITA\)](#), EPFL

Supervisor: [Prof. Alexandre Alahi](#) and [Saeed Saadatnejad](#) (PhD candidate)

- Conducted literature survey on **pedestrian intention estimation**, and investigated both handcrafted and deep learning-based representation and pipelines for intention estimation in busy crossings.

**LiDAR-Based High-Definition Map Development for V2X Applications**

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Perception Algorithm Development Intern

Referee: [Dr. Kai Sun](#) (Chairman & Chief Scientist of [Hesai Technology](#))

- Conducted a survey on high-definition maps and V2X applications from scratch, including mainstream data formats (such as OpenDRIVE, lanelet, NDS), overall production pipeline, production tools, major global suppliers, and related datasets & simulators.
- Participated in the **road test for Hesai's latest 128-line LiDAR Pandar128**, and applied image processing and point cloud registration & matching algorithms to build a **semi-automated workflow from point clouds to high-definition maps** (related works has been submitted to *ICRA 2021*).
- Developed the **HDMaP SDK** (alpha version) based on OpenDRIVE1.6 for V2X scenarios, including **data I/O, coordinate projection, retrieval, visualization**, which provided support for downstream perception algorithms (3D object detection & tracking).

**Online Visual Object Tracking for UAV in Dynamic Environments**

Sep. 2018 - Aug. 2020

Undergraduate Research Assistant at [Vision4Robotics Group](#), Tongji University

Supervisor: [Prof. Changhong Fu](#); Co-advisor: [Prof. Peng Lu](#) (Director of [ArcLab](#), HKU)

- Investigated correlation filter (CF)-based **visual object tracking** for UAV and improved overall tracking performance in challenging scenarios with real-time operational capability. Related work has been published in top conferences and journals.
- Proposed a lightweight and generalizable **triple attention strategy** on CF-based framework by exploiting mutual independence of the appearance model and feature responses to implement real-time tracking for UAV (accepted by *IROS 2020* as **first author**).

- Employed the adaptive **GMSD-based context analysis** and **dynamic weighted filters** for utilizing both contextual and historical information, and leveraged **lightweight convolution features** to efficiently raise the tracking robustness (accepted by *Neural Computing and Applications* as **first student author**).
- Exploited the inter-frame information between prediction and backtracking phases for further incorporating the **bidirectional incongruity error** into the CF learning (accepted by *ICRA 2020*).
- Proposed the adaptive **sample purification strategy** integrating with multiple convolutional features to tackle the issue of invalid samples (published in *IROS Workshop 2019*).
- Realized **nonsingleton fuzzy logic controllers** for unmanned aerial manipulators, reducing error rate by 20% compared to PID controllers in six types of trajectories.

#### Tongji University Design & Innovation College

Sep. 2018 - Jan. 2019

Teaching Assistant in Open Source Hardware and Programming

Supervisor: [Prof. Xiaohua Sun](#) (Director of [Center for Digital Innovation](#))

- Designed three sets of **serial electromechanical modules** for Industrial Design first-year students
- Delivered lectures on basic mechanical theory cooperating with Arduino hardware and programming and advanced RGBD sensors for the semester project [[video](#)]

#### Tongji University DIAN Racing Formula Student Electric Team

Sep. 2016 - Dec. 2018

Powertrain Group Leader

Referee: [Prof. Dr.-Ing. Tong Zhang](#) (Director of the Clean Energy Automotive Engineering Center)

- Designed and optimized the overall powertrain system for **China's first leading four-wheel-drive Formula Student Racecar**, achieving 8% higher efficiency and 10% more lightweight.
- Participated FSEC 2017 - 2018 and SFJ 2018 as **Chief Powertrain Engineer** and reported at open-house Design Final Event, contributing to DIAN Racing's win in First Place in Engineering Design and Efficiency Prize, and Best Powertrain Award. [[video](#)]

#### SLAM and Autonomous Navigation for Skid Steer Wheel Robot

Jul. 2018 - Aug. 2018

Robotics Algorithm Development Intern

Referee: [Dr. Kai Sun](#) (Chairman & Chief Scientist of [Hesai Technology](#))

- Implemented sensor fusion between **40-channel LiDAR (Pandar40)** and **gyroscope**, achieving a 5% accuracy improvements on advanced SLAM framework and 3D point cloud **mapping of Tongji University Jiading Campus**.
- Deployed control, decision, and communication ROS nodes for the self-developed **skid steer wheel robot**, realizing autonomous navigation and obstacle avoidance in a  $300m^2$  workspace.

#### Tongji University Super Power Robot Team

Oct. 2016 - Jun. 2018

Project Manager & Mechanical Development Leader

Supervisor: [Dr. Jiong Zhao](#) (Senior Engineer Staff Member at Tongji University)

- Led main robots design for national mobile robot competition, RoboMaster, achieving lightweight and stability of the **chassis** and **3DOF pan-tilt mechanism** for **multi-robot interaction**.

## JOURNAL PAPERS

[j3] Changhong Fu\*, Junjie Ye, Juntao Xu, **Yujie He**, and Fuling Lin. "Disruptor-Aware Interval-Based Response Inconsistency for Correlation Filters in Real-Time Aerial Tracking" accepted by *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing* [[code](#)] [[demo](#)] (JCR Q1, IF = 5.855)

[j2] Fuling Lin, Changhong Fu\*, **Yujie He**, Fuyu Guo, and Qian Tang. "Learning Temporary Block-Based Bidirectional Incongruity-Aware Correlation Filters for Efficient UAV Object Tracking" accepted by *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)] (JCR Q1, IF=4.133)

[j1] Changhong Fu\*, **Yujie He**, Fuling Lin, and Weijiang Xiong. "Robust Multi-Kernelized Correlators for UAV Tracking with Adaptive Context Analysis and Dynamic Weighted Filters" accepted by *Neural Computing and Applications*. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)] [[demo](#)] (JCR Q1, IF=4.664)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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[c2] **Yujie He**, Changhong Fu\*, Fuling Lin, Yiming Li, and Peng Lu. "Towards Robust Visual Tracking for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle with Tri-Attentional Correlation Filters" accepted by *IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Las Vegas, USA, 2020*. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)] [[demo](#)] [[pre](#)]

[c1] Fuling Lin, Changhong Fu\*, **Yujie He**, Fuyu Guo, and Qian Tang. "Learning Bidirectional Incongruity-Aware Correlation Filter for Efficient UAV Object Tracking" accepted by *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Paris, France, 2020*. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)] [[demo](#)]

## WORKING PAPERS

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[i3] Yue Pan, Pengchuan Xiao, **Yujie He**, Zhenlei Shao\*, and Zesong Li. "MULLS: Versatile LiDAR SLAM via Multi-metric Linear Least Square" submitted to *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Xi'an, China, 2021*. [[code](#)]

[i2] Fuling Lin, Changhong Fu\*, **Yujie He**, Junjie Ye, and Fangqiang Ding. "Region-Oriented UAV Tracking via Inter-Feature Response Mining" submitted to *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Xi'an, China, 2021*. [[code](#)] [[demo](#)]

[i1] Changhong Fu\*, Fuling Lin, Fan Li, and **Yujie He**. "Sample Purification-Aware Correlation Filters for UAV Tracking with Cooperative Deep Features" accepted by *IROS Workshop on Fast Neural Perception and Learning for Intelligent Vehicles and Robotics, Macau, China, 2019*. [[code](#)] [[poster](#)] (Best Poster Award)

## SELECTED HONORS

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<b>Excellent Graduates of Shanghai</b> (top 2% students from all majors, provincial)	<i>Jun. 2020</i>
<b>Best Poster Award</b> of IROS Workshop (top 3 papers)	<i>Nov. 2019</i>
<b>Tongji Scholarship of Excellence</b> (top 5%, departmental)	<i>Dec. 2016 - Dec. 2018</i>
<b>Best Powertrain Award &amp; First Prize</b> in Formula Student China (top 5%)	<i>Nov. 2017 - Nov. 2018</i>
<b>Overall Runner-up of EV class</b> in Student Formula Japan (highest level in Asia)	<i>Sep. 2018</i>
<b>Second Prize</b> in RoboMaster National College Student Robot Contest (top 10%)	<i>Jun. 2018</i>

## SERVICE

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**Reviewer** for IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2020.

**Reviewer** for IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics and Mechatronics (ARM) 2019.

**Teaching Assistant** for D&I-550069 Open-Source Hardware and Programming (Fall 2018) @ Tongji.

## SKILLS

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<b>Simulation</b>	ROS, Simulink
<b>Design</b>	AutoCAD, SolidWorks
<b>Hardware</b>	Arduino, Raspberry Pi
<b>Programming</b>	MATLAB, Python, C/C++, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Libraries</b>	PCL, Open3D, OpenCV
<b>Language</b>	Chinese (Native), English (C1), Deutsch (B1), Français (A1)