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## Experience

**Google**, Research, Mountain View, CA, United States, 2022.5 - present  
Position: Software Engineer

**Microsoft**, AI & Research, Sunnyvale, CA, United States, 2018.10 - 2022.5  
Position: Applied Scientist

**Microsoft**, Cloud & AI, Redmond, WA, United States, 2017.5 - 2018.10  
Position: Researcher

**University of California at Berkeley**, EECS, Berkeley, CA, United States, 2015.4 - 2017.5  
Position: Postdoctoral Researcher  
Adviser: Prof. Stuart Russell

**Carnegie Mellon University**, CSD, Pittsburgh, PA, United States, 2013.12 - 2015.3  
Position: Visiting Research Scholar  
Adviser: Prof. Manuela Veloso and Prof. Reid Simmons

**University of Science and Technology of China**, CSD, Hefei, Anhui, China, 2009.9 - 2014.11  
Position: Research Assistant  
Adviser: Prof. Xiaoping Chen

## Education

**University of Science and Technology of China**, Hefei, Anhui, China, 2009.9 - 2014.11  
Ph.D. in Computer Science, advised by Prof. Xiaoping Chen

**University of Science and Technology of China**, Hefei, Anhui, China, 2005.9 - 2009.6  
B.E. in Computer Science

## Publications

- [1] Zhen Qin, Rolf Jagerman, Rama Kumar Pasumarthi, Honglei Zhuang, He Zhang, **Aijun Bai**, Kai Hui, Le Yan, and Xuanhui Wang. Rd-suite: a benchmark for ranking distillation. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 36, 2023.
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- [12] Zongzhang Zhang, David Hsu, Wee Sun Lee, Zhan Wei Lim, and **Aijun Bai**. PLEASE: palm leaf search for POMDPs with large observation spaces. In *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, ICAPS 2015, Jerusalem, Israel, June 7-11, 2015.*, pages 249–258, 2015.
- [13] **Aijun Bai**, Feng Wu, and Xiaoping Chen. Online planning for large Markov decision processes with hierarchical decomposition. *ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST)*, 6(4):45:1–45:28, Jul 2015.
- [14] **Aijun Bai**, Feng Wu, Zongzhang Zhang, and Xiaoping Chen. Thompson sampling based Monte-Carlo planning in POMDPs. In *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling, ICAPS 2014, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA, June 21-26, 2014*, 2014.
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- [21] **Aijun Bai**, Xiaoping Chen, Patrick MacAlpine, Daniel Urieli, Samuel Barrett, and Peter Stone. WrightEagle and UT Austin Villa: RoboCup 2011 simulation league champions. In Thomas Röfer, Norbert Michael Mayer, Jesus Savage, and Uluc Saranli, editors, *RoboCup-2011: Robot Soccer World Cup XV*, volume 7416 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 1–12. Springer, 2011.

## Honors and Awards

**World Champion** of Soccer Simulation 2D, RoboCup 2013, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, Jul 2013.

**World Champion** of Soccer Simulation 2D, RoboCup 2011, Istanbul, Turkey, Jul 2011.

**World Champion** of Soccer Simulation 2D, RoboCup 2009, Graz, Austria, Jun 2009.

## Scholarships

Early Researcher Support of ICAPS, 2014.

Travel Award of NIPS Foundation, 2013.

## Professional Services

**Reviewer:** WSDM 2023, KDD 2023, AAMAS 2011-2013;2017, Agent CN 2012, AAI 2012;2015, RoboCup 2012-2014, IAS 2013;2014, ACCV 2018, CVPR 2019, IEEE Intelligent Systems, Artificial Life and Robotics, Autonomous Robots

**Programme Committee:** IJCAI 2015-2018, AAI 2016-2019, RLDM 2017, AAMAS 2019

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