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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

PhD in Robotics 2023-today At the roBot Intelligence Group (BIG)

Techniche Universität München (TUM)

MSc. Mechatronics and Robotics 2020-2022 Thesis led to 2 publications at IROS and ICRA

Universidade de São Paulo (USP)

BSc. Mechatronics Engineering 2017-2023 Achieved 2 publications at ICRA 2021

FELLOWSHIPS

Fundação Estudar Fellowship 2024-today Leaders Program - 0.05% approval rate

TCS Presidential Fellowship 2024-today Presidential Scholarship funded by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for outstanding graduate students at CMU

AUCANI Merit Scholarship

2020-2022 USP merit Scholarship for academic exchange programs

LANGUAGES

Portuguese - Native

English - Fluent

German - Intermediate

Spanish - Intermediate

French - Basic

Chinese - Basic

OBJECTIVE

I am a passionate roboticist and AI researcher pursuing a PhD in Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) at the roBot Intelligence Group (BIG). My research focuses on Robotic Learning facilitated by multimodal human-robot interaction and self-supervised learning.

EXPERIENCE

Microsoft - Research Intern

Applied Sciences Group (ASG)

May 2024 - Aug 2024

Researched autonomous virtual agents for the Windows OS, contributed to the Windows Agent Arena project, and developed a temporal aware RAG system for Autonomous Agents.

Autonomous Systems and Robotics Research Group Jan 2023 - Apr 2023

Research on foundational models for Robotics & Developed an autonomy stack for indoor monocular drones. O video

Koya Al Startup — Machine Learning Researcher

Jul 2023 - Aug 2023

Led the research on foundational models knowledge distillation for efficient entity extraction and classification in web-scrapped data and product catalogs.

MIRMI & Microsoft collaboration — Researcher

Nov 2021 - Nov 2022

Led a collaboration between the Munich Institute of Robotics and Machine Intelligence (MIRMI) and Microsoft. Researched on reshaping robotic motion plans using visual-language human interactions. Published at IROS 2022 and ICRA 2023.

Carnegie Mellon University Internship — Research Intern May 2020 - Nov 2020 Robotics Institute Summer Scholar (RISS) at the AirLab CMU. Still as an undergrad, I achievied 2 publications at IEEE -ICRA 2021 as 1st and 2nd author.

CITI USP, Brazil - Research intern

Aug 2018 - May 2020

Created and developed an embedded system for sea turtle monitoring and organic sensing. Applied concepts of distributed networks, swarm intelligence, and Lora communication. # link

USP & Aalto University collaboration

Aug 2018 - May 2019

International Product Development in collaboration with Aalto University, Finland. Led a team of 8 on the technical development of a Hydro Acoustics Localization and Communication System for Divers, sponsored by SAAB (€10.000). The project was the cover of the Finnish magazine "Metallitekniikka". # link

Skyrats - Member

Feb 2018 - Apr 2020

Group of Autonomous drones in USP. Developed computer vision and path planning algorithms for embedded systems. ## link

Grupo Turing - Head of Project Management

Feb 2018 - Aug 2018

A group at USP with the goal of studying, applying, and disseminating Artificial Intelligence Knowledge.

AB InBev - Summer Intern

Jan 2018 - Mar 2018

Developed computer vision solutions for product identification, Business Intelligence and predictive analytics at the Logistics and Distribution Center in São Paulo.

PUBLICATIONS





GRAPPA: Generalizing and Adapting Robot Policies via Online Agentic Guidance

preprint | 2025 (under review)

2025



ChatGPT for Robotics: Design Principles and Model Abilities

2023

2022



LATTE: LAnguage Trajectory TransformEr

Published at ICRA 2023 conference.



Reshaping Robot Trajectories Using Natural Language Commands: A Study of Multi-Modal Data Alignment Using **Transformers**

Published at IROS 2022 conference | IEEE 2022 ICRA workshop on Shared Autonomy in Physical Human-Robot Interaction | IEEE 2022 ICRA workshop on Collaborative Robots and the Work of the Future | Northwest Robotics Symposium 2022



Do You See What I See? Coordinating Multiple Aerial Cameras for Robot Cinematography

Published in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2021)

2021



Batteries, camera, action! Learning a semantic control space for expressive robot cinematography

pdf • video Published in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2021)

2021

2020



Graph Neural Networks for Improved El Nino Forecasting

Published in NeurIPS 2020 workshop on Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning & EGU2021 (Proposal paper) 🖮 pdf

HONORS & AWARDS

Fellow at Fundação Estudar

TCS Presidential Fellow Presidential Scholarship funded by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for outstanding graduate students at CMU 2024

Spotlight contribution - IEEE 2022 ICRA workshop on Collaborative Robots and the Work of the Future

07/2020 - today

2022

Leaders program (approval rate = 0.05%)

AUCANI merit scholarship recipient 2020

USP merit Scholarship for academic exchange programs

Microsoft AI for Earth Grantee 2020 2020

Summer Exchange in China (Huawei)

Oct 2019 - Nov 2019

(Seeds for the Future program)

Winning Team at Hackathon Ambev 2017

(Hack the World 2017 SP)

Best project award and Team leader at PACE POLI USP 2017 Competition (1st out of 200 teams)

Brazilian Robotics Olympics Finalist (OBR) A retodayative of the State of São Paulo at the national stages of the Brazilian Robotics Olympics. 2015 & 2016

Silver medal in the national Theoretical Robotics Olympics (OBR)

2016

Team gold medal at the "International Olympiad Mathématiques sans frontières"

2016