

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

August 2023— Present	Degree:	Doctor of Philosophy in Machine Learning & Robotics
	Institution:	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
	GPA:	4.0 of 4.0
August 2021— May 2023	Degree:	Master of Science in Robotics
	Institution:	Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Institute
	GPA:	4.0 of 4.0
August 2017— May 2021	Degree:	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
	Institution:	University of California, Berkeley
	GPA:	3.9 of 4.0
		Graduated with High Honors and Department Award for Designs. Minor in Mechanical Engineering

Academic Appointments

August 2021— Present	Lab:	Carnegie Mellon University, Robotics Institute
	Interests:	Robot learning, representation learning, 3D vision
	Advisors:	Prof. David Held
	Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research on visual representation learning methods for fast policy transfer in learning-from-demonstration problems.• Devise visuomotor policy and skills learning and transfer learning frameworks for complex objects manipulation tasks.
April 2019— May 2021	Lab:	Berkeley AI Research
	Interests:	Robot learning, vision, control theory
	Advisors:	Prof. Ken Goldberg, Dr. Jeffrey Ichnowski
	Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research on deep learning, computer vision, control theory, and their applications in robot learning.• Research projects involve efficient 6-DoF grasping, dynamic deformable objects manipulation, visuomotor control, and 3D vision.

Professional Appointments

May 2022—
August 2022

Company: Amazon.com, Inc., San Francisco
Position: Applied Research Scientist II Intern (Level 5)
Advisors: Dr. Benjamin Biggs, Dr. Achal Dave
Experience:

- Design next-generation 3D Virtual Try-On (VTO) deep learning model for Amazon Style Physical Store.
- Investigate generative models for virtual try-on and animatable deep 3D human models.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Brian Okorn*, Chu Er Pan*, **Harry Zhang***, Benjamin Eisner*, David Held, “TAX-Pose: Task-Specific Cross-Pose Estimation for Robot Manipulation”. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, 2022 (* indicates equal contribution).

Ben Eisner*, **Harry Zhang***, David Held, “FlowBot3D: Learning 3D Articulation Flow to Manipulate Articulated Objects”. *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, June 2022 (* indicates equal contribution) - **Best Paper Award Finalist (selection rate 1.5%)** .

Yahav Avigal*, Vishal Satish*, **Harry Zhang**, Huang Huang, Michael Danielczuk, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Ken Goldberg, “AVPLUG: Approach Vector Planning for Unicontact Grasping amid Clutter”. *IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*, August 2021.

Harry Zhang, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Daniel Seita, Jonathan Wang, Ken Goldberg, “Robots of the Lost Arc: Learning to Dynamically Manipulate Fixed-Endpoint Ropes and Cables”. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, June 2021.

Shivin Devgon, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Ashwin Balakrishna, **Harry Zhang**, Ken Goldberg, “Orienting Novel 3D Objects Using Self-Supervised Learning of Rotation Transforms”. *IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*, August 2020.

Harry Zhang, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Yahav Avigal, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ion Stoica, Ken Goldberg, “Dex-Net AR: Distributed Deep Grasp Planning Using an Augmented Reality Application and a Smartphone Camera”. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, June 2020.

Preprints & Tech Reports

Harry Zhang*, Benjamin Biggs*, Achal Dave, “Strike a Pose: Animating Virtual Try-On”. *Under Review*, 2022.

Harry Zhang*, Huang Huang*, Bobby Yan*, “Safe Deep Model-Based Reinforcement Learning with Lyapunov Functions”. *Under Review*, 2022.

Harry Zhang, Yahav Avigal, Samuel Paradis, “6-DoF Grasp Planning using Fast 3D Reconstruction and Grasp Quality CNN”. *ArXiv*, 2020

Harry Zhang, Priya Sundaresan, Aditya Ganapathi, Shivin Devgon, “Deep Correspondence Matching for Deformable Objects”. *ArXiv*, 2019

Talks

Learning for Robotics Tech Talk. *Neurocean, Hangzhou, China*, July 2022.

FlowBot 3D Interview. *MIT Tech Review, China*, April 2022.

Dex-Net AR Interview. *VentureBeat, Berkeley, CA*, June 2020.

Personal Projects

- **Open Source Deep RL Book.** Wrote a collection of notes on Deep Reinforcement Learning. Maintain and curate the notes on an open source repository, with 28 stars on Github. The book now is being extensively used in Berkeley's Deep RL course. *2019 - Present*.
- **Lyapunov-Constrained Safe Model-Based RL.** Investigate Lyapunov constraints to give better convergence guarantees for safety-augmented deep model-based RL algorithms such as SAVED and ABC-LMPC. *2020 - 2021*

Selected Coursework

- **CMU.** Intermediate Statistics (*36-700*), Graduate Optimization (*10-725*), Probabilistic Graphical Models (*10-708*), Kinematics, Dynamics, and Control (*16-711*), Cooperative AI (*15-763*).
- **Berkeley.** Deep Reinforcement Learning (*CS 285*), Linear Systems Theory (*EE 221*), Non-linear Systems Theory (*EE 222*), Computer Vision (*CS 280*), 3D Vision (*EE 290*), Convex Optimization (*EE 127*), Machine Learning (*CS 189*), Artificial Intelligence (*CS 188*), Model Predictive Control (*ME 231A*), Advanced Robotics (*CS 287*), Deep Learning (*CS 182*).

Teaching

CMU: Head TA for Computer Vision, TA for Graduate Convex Optimization.

Berkeley: TA for Undergraduate CS Theory, Convex Optimization, Machine Learning.

Outreach and Service

- **Reviewer for IEEE ICRA (3x), IEEE IROS (4x), IEEE CASE (3x).**
- **Berkeley AI Research Blog Curator.** Helped coordinate and maintain BAIR Blog and website.
- **Berkeley AI4ALL Co-Organizer.** Organized AI4ALL-Berkeley crash courses, and designed a 2-day project on computer vision for high school students.
- **Berkeley AI Research Ambassador.** Hosted lab tours and robot demos for middle school and high school students.

Honors and Awards

- Siebel Scholars Nomination (2022)
- Citadel Data Open East Coast Second Place (2021)
- Warren Y. Dere Design Award (2 chosen out of 1800 graduating seniors, 2021)
- 6 Times UC Berkeley Dean's List (Top 10%, 2017-2021)

- Electrical Engineering Honor Society Eta Kappa Nu Member (Top 20%, 2019)
- Engineering Honor Society Tau Beta Pi Member (Top 15%, 2019)
- Mechanical Engineering Honor Society Pi Tau Sigma Member (Top 20%, 2018)
- Kraft Award for Freshmen Recipient (Top 1%, 2017)
- AAPT Physics Bowl Competition US National Rank 24 in Division I (2016).
- Concours Lépine Européen de Strasbourg - Médailles d'Or / Gold Medal in Concours Lépine Invention Competition of France (2016).
- Chinese Mathematics Olympiad Bronze Medal (2015).

Relevant Skills

- **Libraries:** Experience with Matplotlib, Numpy/Scipy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, various OpenAI libraries (gym, baselines, etc.), OpenCV, ROS, TensorFlow, PyTorch, PyBullet, Blender.
- **Programming:** Python, Java, C, C++, MATLAB.
- **Languages:** Fluent in Mandarin, English. Intermediate in Spanish.
- **Physical Robots:** Experience with Sawyer, Franka Panda, UR5, YuMi, and Fetch.
- **Other skills:** Google Cloud, Docker, AWS, L^AT_EX, Ubuntu, Vim.