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RESEARCH INTERESTS Connecting human-centered design, cognition, applied artificial intelligence and digital computing to improve people's learning capabilities, creativity, and productivity.

**EDUCATION** 

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Science in *Electrical & Computer Engineering*, GPA: 4.00/4.00

April 2023

University College London, London, United Kingdom

Master of Science with **Distinction** in *Medical Image Computing* 

August 2021

**Beijing Normal University**, Beijing, China Bachelor of Science in *Physics*, GPA: 3.60/4.00

June 2020

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Wengxi Li, Roy Pea, Nick Haber, Hari Subramonyam, "Tutorly: Turning Programming Videos Into Apprenticeship Learning Environments with LLMs." ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST'24). (Under review)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **Totorly: Turning Programming Videos Into Apprenticeship Learning Environments with LLMs**Advisor: Prof. Hariharan Subramonyam

Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI

• Practice Video Content by Learning Goals

- Designed a video segmentation algorithm that can use large language models (LLM) to segment programming tutorial videos into short clips based on user-input learning goals
- Created an algorithm that could use LLM to extract the procedural and declarative knowledge from video segments and arrange cognitive apprentice methods for each segment
- Domain-Specific Language for Conversation
  - Deployed a domain-specific language (DSL) containing the action and interaction for each teaching method for producing prompts and parameters to generate active guidance
  - The DSL can be automatically generated and freely customized from videos on various topics (e.g., exploratory data analysis, machine learning, game development, etc)
- Intelligent Conversational System and Evaluation
  - Implemented a Chatbot as a JupyterLab extension, which leverages the DSL to provide adaptive direction and monitoring for students to learn the video content and acquire knowledge
  - Conducted technical evaluation and user study on the system. The accuracy of the generated dialog reached over 80% and participants' performance on tests increase from 55% to 74.5%

**Real-time Refocusing Algorithms for Acoustic Neurostimulations** 

[Paper] [Poster] [Code]

Advisor: Dr. Antonio Stanziola, Prof. Bradley Treeby

Biomedical Ultrasound Group, UCL

- Geometric Algorithms Design and Simulation
  - Applied the Time Reversal (TR) algorithm to simulate the ultrasonic focus movement during neurostimulation sessions and got the transmit phases of three fixed targets
  - Calculated the phase difference of the transmitted wave due to the head movements for the three targets using the Geometric Beamforming (GB) algorithm

# • Dataset Built and Deep Neural Network Training

- Simulated the phase difference for 50 different patients, 50 random targets for each patient, and 10 sets of transformations (including displacements and rotations) for each target
- Implemented a neural network model that takes target position, head displacement, and rotation as input and outputs phase difference prediction

## • Results and conclusions

- Geometric method: The GB algorithm works only when the focal point is at the center and the near side, so neural network prediction is necessary
- Deep neural network: A single model for all the skulls performs poorly, so training a specific model for each skull is more effective

### COURSE PROJECTS

ErgoSmart: Workers-AI Interaction for Ergonomic Solutions with a Vision Language Approach Advisor: Prof. Anhong Guo [Report] [Code]

### • Dataset Built and Model Fine Tune

- Created a dataset containing images of ten ergonomic problem categories, along with a script that maps each problem to a list of feasible solutions
- Fine-tuned the Bootstrapping Language-Image Pre-training (BLIP) model, which takes images as input and outputs question titles, with an accuracy of 73.39%

# • Human-AI Interaction Design

- To achieve human-in-the-loop, a feedback mechanism is designed that puts the user's choices and the suggestions of ergonomics experts into practice
- ErgoSmart can adjust the overall solution priority according to all users' preferences and provide a platform for communication with experts when no satisfactory solution is found

## SERVICE

#### Volunteer

UIST 2023 San Francisco, CA (Win the T-shirt Design Contest!)

## **Social Inverstigator**

Microscopic survey of China's real progress (Completed 150 sample families' household surveys)

### **SKILLS**

- Back-end development & Statistical: Python (Flask, PyTorch), C++, MATLAB, R
- Front-end development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, TypeScript, React, Vue.js

# HONORS AND AWARDS

The First-Class Fellowships (Top 5%) of Beijing Normal University	2018
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Meritorious Winner (Top 7%) of Mathematical Contest in Modeling	2018