Yuhang Lu

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#### EDUCATION

The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, China

Ph.D. in Musketeers Foundation Institute of Data Science

Oct. 2025 - Sep. 2029 (Expected)

Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Beijing, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Internet of Things Engineering; GPA: 87.9/100

Sept. 2018 - Jun. 2022

Queen Mary University of London

London, UK

Bachelor of Engineering in Internet of Things Engineering; First Class Degree

Sept. 2018 - Jun. 2022

## Work Experience

### ShanghaiTech University

Shanghai, China

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Yuexin Ma)

Aug. 2022 - Apr. 2025

- Led and contributed to cutting-edge research in 3D visual perception, focusing on developing label-efficient and memory-optimized perception systems for autonomous driving.
- o Conceptualized and proposed novel solutions to enhance model performance, improving accuracy and efficiency in specific tasks.
- o Spearheaded the implementation of key project code and played a lead role in drafting, revising, and submitting research papers for publication.

## OpenDriveLab, Shanghai AI Lab

Shanghai, China

Research Intern (Supervisor: Hongyang Li)

Jun. 2025 - Present

o Contributed to cutting-edge research in autonomous driving, focusing on developing robust and efficient solutions for real-world challenges.

#### Research Interests

My research focuses on advancing AI's ability to understand the 3D world with human-like perception. Currently, I am working on:

- Developing resource-efficient 3D perception algorithms minimizing annotation needs and memory overhead.
- Leveraging human-like reasoning abilities to improve model performance and generalization.
- Designing highly adaptive autonomous driving algorithms capable of autonomous self-evolution from driving experience for diverse scenarios.

#### Publications

- Yuhang Lu, Jiangnan Shao, Xinge Zhu, Yuexin Ma. ReAL-AD: Towards Human-Like Reasoning in End-to-End Autonomous Driving. Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2025.
- Ziyang Yan, Wenzhen Dong, Yihua Shao, Yuhang Lu, Liu Haiyang, Jingwen Liu, Haozhe Wang, Zhe Wang, Yan Wang, Fabio Remondino, Yuexin Ma. RenderWorld: World Model with Self-Supervised 3D Label. 2025 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2025)
- Yuhang Lu\*, Yichen Yao\*, Jiadong Tu\*, Jiangnan Shao\*, Yuexin Ma, Xinge Zhu. Can LVLMs Obtain a Driver's License? A Benchmark Towards Reliable AGI for Autonomous Driving. Thirty-Ninth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-25)
- Yuhang Lu, Xinge Zhu, Tai Wang, Yuexin Ma. OctreeOcc: Efficient and Multi-Granularity Occupancy Prediction Using Octree Queries. Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024
- Yuhang Lu\*, Qi Jiang\*, Runnan Chen, Yuenan Hou, Xinge Zhu, Yuexin Ma. See More and Know More: Zero-shot Point Cloud Segmentation via Multi-modal Visual Data. Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.

#### Research on multimodal zero-shot point clouds segmentation

ICCV 2023 Poster (Supervisor: Yuexin Ma)

Jun. 2022 - Feb. 2023

- Proposed a novel multimodal zero-shot approach for point cloud semantic segmentation.
- Designed an effective feature-fusion method with semantic-visual feature enhancement, improving alignment between visual and semantic features for better recognition of unseen classes.
- Achieved state-of-the-art performance on SemanticKITTI and nuScenes datasets.

#### Research on efficient camera-based occupancy prediction

NeurIPS 2024 Poster (Supervisor: Yuexin Ma and Tai Wang)

Mar. 2023 - Oct. 2023

- Introduce a 3D occupancy prediction framework using multi-granularity octree query, which sparsifing space, reducing necessary voxels and preserving vital spatial information.
- Develop a semantic-guided octree initialization module and an iterative structure rectification module to provide the network with optimal initialization and dynamic octree adjustments for enhanced representation.
- Achieve state-of-the-art performance while reducing around 20% computational overhead

#### Research on driving knowledge data and its boost for downstream VLMs

AAAI 2025 (Supervisor: Yuexin Ma and Xinge Zhu)

Mar. 2024 - Sep. 2024

- Introduce IDKB, the first large-scale vision-language dataset explicitly containing both driving theory and practical knowledge.
- Evaluated 15 leading Large Vision-Language Models (LVLMs) on the IDKB dataset, providing a comprehensive analysis of their driving capabilities.
- Led a team of three co-authors to successfully complete the project, overseeing all phases of development and research.

#### Research on human-like end-to-end autonomous driving systems

ICCV 2025 (Supervisor: Yuexin Ma and Xinge Zhu)

Oct. 2024 - Mar. 2025

- Developed ReAL-AD, an end-to-end autonomous driving framework with hierarchical cognitive alignment, integrating human-like decision-making into trajectory planning.
- Designed three core components: Strategic Reasoning Injector (VLM-driven decisions), Tactical Reasoning Integrator (structured controls), and Hierarchical Trajectory Decoder (motion refinement); maintained full execution consistency.
- $\circ$  Achieved 30%+ improvement in safety metrics and planning accuracy, surpassing baselines on *NuScenes* and *Bench2Drive* datasets.

# Miscellaneous

- Languages: Chinese (native), English (IELTS 7)
- Technical Toolkit: Python, Git, PyTorch, Linux/Shell, LATEX
- Academic Services: Reviewer for ICCV, NeurIPS, AAAI...