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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, Safe AI Lab

Pittsburgh, USA

Aug. 2022 - May 2027 (expected)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)

B.Eng., Automation, School of Electronic Information Electrical Engineering

Shanghai, China

B.Eng., ZhiYuan Honors Program, Zhiyuan College

Sept. 2018 - June 2022

AWARDS

- Carnegie Institute of Technology Dean's Fellowship, 2022
- Shanghai Outstanding Graduate, Top 2.5%
- Zhiyuan Honors Degree, Top 1.5%
- Zhiyuan Honors Scholarship, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, Top 5%
- Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- The Mathematical Contest in Modeling: Meritorious Winner, Top 3%

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Y. Zhang**, Y. Niu, X. Liu, and D. Zhao, "Composer: Scalable and robust modular policies for snake robots," *2024 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, *arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.00871*, 2023.
- [2] C. Wang, **Y. Zhang**, X. Zhang, Z. Wu, X. Zhu, S. Jin, T. Tang, and M. Tomizuka, "Offline-online learning of deformation model for cable manipulation with graph neural networks," *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 5544–5551, 2022.
- [3] L. Han, **Y. Zhang**, and H. Wang, "Vision-based contact point selection for the fully non-fixed contact manipulation of deformable objects," *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 4368–4375, 2022.
- [4] L. Han, **Y. Zhang**, and H. Wang, "Hybrid adaptive vision-force control under the bottleneck constraint," *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, 2022.
- [5] F. Xu, **Y. Zhang**, J. Sun, and H. Wang, "Adaptive visual servoing shape control of a soft robot manipulator using bézier curve features," *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, 2022.

SELECTED RESEARCH

Safe AI Lab

PhD Candidate

Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2022 - present

COMPOSER: Scalable and Robust Modular Policies for Snake Robots [1]

- Proposed a modular policy with a self-attention mechanism to enhance cooperative behaviors
- Employed a high-level imagination policy to enable more efficient learning
- Demonstrated superior efficiency, robustness against corruption, and zero-shot generalizability.

Mechanical Systems Control Lab

Undergraduate Researcher

University of California, Berkeley

June 2021 - Nov. 2021

Offline-online learning of deformation model for cable manipulation with graph neural networks [2]

- Combined offline graph neural network with online residual model to approximate cable dynamics
- Demonstrated faster convergence and less terminal error compared to baselines algorithms
- Improved model training efficiency and generalizability, narrowed sim-to-real gap.

Intelligent Robotics and Machine Vision Lab

Undergraduate Researcher

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Sept. 2020 - June 2022

Safe Vision-based Contact Selection for the Non-fixed Contact Manipulation of Deformable Objects[3]

- Proposed a stabilizing and optimization strategy to select initial manipulation contact points

- Designed an uncalibrated visual servo controller to validate the contact optimization strategy

Hybrid Vision-Force Control for Robotics Manipulation in Confined Space[4]

- Developed an adaptive method to estimate Jacobian matrixes in force space and image space
- Designed a hybrid vision-force controller for manipulation with a desired contact force

Adaptive Visual Servoing Shape Control of A Soft Robot Manipulator Using *Bézier* Curve Features[5]

- Proposed an adaptive *Bézier* curve update algorithm to represent soft continuum robots
- Designed an uncalibrated visual servo controller for shape regulation of the soft continuum robot

EMPLOYMENT

Flexiv Robotics Inc.

Robotic Vision Intern

Dec. 2021 - Mar. 2022

- 3D reconstruction and point cloud registration
- Point cloud feature extraction and visual fixture generation for interactive teleoperation

Shanghai Inspection and Testing Institute of Instruments and Automation Systems Co. Ltd.

Engineer Intern

June. 2021 - Aug. 2021

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, Javascript
- **Software & Tools:** Pybullet, ROS, Matlab, Abaqus, Gmsh, SolidWorks, AutoCAD