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I am a Ph.D. student at Cornell Tech, under the supervision of Dr. Wendy Ju. My research focuses on understanding how people interact with emerging technologies. In particular, I am interested in human-robot interaction and the challenges it presents. My approach involves utilizing the Wizard-of-Oz technique for in-the-wild deployments to simulate robots' autonomy and elicit natural interaction behaviors. By leveraging unique interaction data collected through the Wizard-of-Oz technique, I aim to bootstrap robots' social intelligence. Through my research, I aspire to provide valuable guidelines for the design of future technologies that seamlessly integrate into human environments.

E D U C A T I O N

- 2017–2021 **Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD
Whiting School of Engineering, B.S. in Applied Mathematics and Statistics,
Computer Science, and Cognitive Science.
Whiting School of Engineering, M.S. in Computer Science

P O S I T I O N S

- 2021–Present **PhD Student**, Cornell Tech
Advised by Professor Wendy Ju,
New York, NY
- 2020–2021 **Research Assistant**, Personal Robotics Lab, University of Washington
Advised by Tapomayukh Bhattacharjee (now an assistant professor at Cornell University),
Online
- 2020–2021 **Research Assistant**, Intuitive Computing Lab, Johns Hopkins University
Advised by Professor Chien-Ming Huang,
Baltimore, Maryland
- Summer 2019 **Research Intern**, Learning Algorithms and System Laboratory (LASA), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Laussane, Switzerland
- 2017–2021 **Research Assistant**, Honey Lab, Johns Hopkins University
Advised by Professor Christopher Honey,
Baltimore, MD

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Spring 2023 **INFO5755/INFO6755/CS5755/CS6755. Mobile Human Robot Interaction Design** Cornell Tech.
Develop new labs for students to learn ROS and build mobile robots. (**Best TA Award**)
- Fall 2021 **CS4750/CS5750/ECE4770/MAE4760. Foundations of Robotics.** Cornell University.
Design assignments for students to learn robot kinematics, planning, and control. (**Best TA Award**)
- Fall 2020 **601.457. Computer Graphics.** Johns Hopkins University.
Help students with basic computer graphics operations in C++.
- Fall 2019, Spring 2020 **553.430. Introduction to Statistics.** Johns Hopkins University.
Teach weekly sessions to cover detailed statistical derivations and examples.
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PUBLICATIONS

- Papers David Goedicke, Alexandra WD Bremers, Sam Lee, **Fanjun Bu**, Hiroshi Yasuda, Wendy Ju. “XR-OOM: MiXed Reality driving simulation with real cars for research and design”. In: *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. 2022, pp. 1–13.
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- Shima Rahimi Moghaddam, **Fanjun Bu**, Christopher J Honey. “Learning Representations from Temporally Smooth Data”. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2012.06694* (2020).
- Demos and Videos **Fanjun Bu**, Ilan Mandel, Wen-Ying Lee, Wendy Ju. “Trash Barrel Robots in the City”. In: *Companion of the 2023 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*. HRI ’23. Stockholm, Sweden: Association for Computing Machinery, 2023, pp. 875–877. ISBN: 9781450399708. DOI:

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<https://doi.org/10.1145/3568294.3580206>.

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Ayesha Rascoe, "Researchers released robot trash cans in NYC to see how people would react," National Public Radio (NPR), April 16, 2023.

Patricia Waldron, "(Almost) everyone likes a helpful trash robot," Cornell Chronicle, April 19, 2023.

Mike Snider, "Robots in the Big Apple: Robo-trash cans patrolling New York plaza make friends, creep out some," USA TODAY, April 15, 2023.

Evan Ackerman, "Humans (Mostly) Love Trash Robots > Simple robots wander NYC asking for trash and recycling, and it's adorable," IEEE Spectrum, Mar 10, 2023