ENYU ZHAO

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EDUCATION

University of Utah Aug 2025 - Present

Kahlert School of Computing

· Degree: PhD in Computing, AI,

University of Southern California

Sept 2022 - May 2024

Thomas Lord Department of Computer Science

Degree: Master of Science in Computer Science,

GPA: 3.91/4

· Major Courses: Robotics, Deep Learning for Robotic Manipulation, Machine Learning, Computer Graphics, etc.

Dalian University of Technology

Sept 2018 - June 2022

Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering

· Degree: Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Technology,

GPA: 3.77/4

· Major Courses: Deep Learning, Algorithm Analysis, Probability and Statistics, Compiler's Principle, etc.

PUBLICATION

The MOTIF Hand: A Robotic Hand for Multimodal Observations with Thermal, Inertial, and Force Sensors Hanyang Zhou*, Haozhe Lou*, Wenhao Liu*, Enyu Zhao, Yue Wang, Daniel Seita

· ISER 2025 [Paper (arxiv)] [Website]

HRIBench: Benchmarking Vision-Language Models for Real-Time Human Perception in Human-Robot Interaction Zhonghao Shi, Enyu Zhao, Nathaniel Dennler, Jingzhen Wang, Xinyang Xu, Kaleen Shrestha, Daniel Seita, Maja Matarić

· ISER 2025 [Paper (arxiv)] [Code]

ManipBench: Benchmarking Vision-Language Models for Low-Level Robot Manipulation

Enyu Zhao*, Vedant Raval*, Hejia Zhang, Jiageng Mao, Zeyu Shangguan, Yue Wang, Daniel Seita

· CoRL 2025 [Paper (arxiv)] [Website]

GPT-Fabric: Smoothing and Folding Fabric by Leveraging Pre-Trained Foundation Models

Vedant Raval*, Enyu Zhao*, Hejia Zhang, Stefanos Nikolaidis, and Daniel Seita

· ISRR 2024. [Paper (arxiv)] [Website]

Time-aware MADDPG with LSTM for multi-agent obstacle avoidance: a comparative study

Enyu Zhao, Ning Zhou, Chanjuan Liu, Houfu Su, Yang Liu, Jinmiao Cong

· Complex & Intelligent Systems Volume 10, 4141-4155.

[Paper]

Instant Photorealistic Style Transfer: A Lightweight and Adaptive Approach

Rong Liu, Enyu Zhao, Zhiyuan Liu, Andrew Feng, Scott John Easley

· arXiv preprint arXiv:2309.10011.

[Paper (arxiv)] [Website]

SDI: A tool for speech differentiation in user identification

Muhammad Abdul Basit, Chanjuan Liu, Enyu Zhao

· Expert Systems with Applications, Volume 243, 122866. [Paper]

ONGOING PROJECTS

GPT-Fabric++ May 2024 - present

USC SLURM Lab

· A follow-up work of GPT-Fabric, focusing on enhancing the generalizability of VLMs in fabric manipulation tasks.

EXPERIENCE

$USC\ Sensing,\ Learning,\ and\ Understanding\ for\ Robotic\ Manipulation\ (SLURM)\ Lab$

Dec 2023 - May 2025

Research Assistant

Los Angeles, United States

· Conducted research on multi-modality large language models and robotics manipulation.

USC Institute for Creative Technologies

Aug 2023 - May 2024

Research Scientist Intern

Los Angeles, United States

· Conducted research on multi-agent and graph neural network.

Cisco Systems China Research & Development Co Ltd

Jul 2021 - Nov 2021

Research Scientist Intern

Shanghai, China

· Conducted research on small-scale computer vision models and development.

SERVICE

Reviewer for 3D Visual Representations for Robot Manipulation workshop

ICRA 2024

Reviewer for Agile Robotics: From Perception to Dynamic Action workshop

ICRA 2024

COURSE PROJECTS

LLM-based Copilot for Enhanced Vehicle Functionality

Mar 2024 - May 2024

Develop an LLM-powered copilot with advanced capabilities in task decomposition, language understanding, and API coordination for a set of scenarios frequently performed by drivers.

Modeling Earthquake Damage

Mar 2023 - May 2023

Build machine learning model for the "Richter's Predictor: Modeling Earthquake Damage" competition and achieved top 5% ranking.

HONORS

· Ph.D. Fellowship from The University of Utah.	2025
· OpenAI Researcher Access Program (\$5000 API credits).	2024
· Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest in Modeling.	2021
· DUT Scientific Innovation Prize	2019
· DUT Academic Achievement Prize	2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- · Programming Language: Python, C++, C, MATLAB
- · Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, ROS, Rllib, Tianshou