

# Runyi Yang

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## EDUCATION

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**Imperial College London**, London, United Kingdom **Sep 2023 - Sep 2024**

*Master of Research (MRes) in AI and Machine Learning, Computing, advised by Dr. Tolga Birdal*

**Research Topic:** Quantifying Camera Relocalization Uncertainty via Conformal Prediction

**Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)**, Beijing, China

**Sep 2019 - Jun 2023**

*Bachelor of Engineering in Automation, GPA: 3.8/4.0, Score: 90.1/100, Rank: <10%*

**Awards:** Outstanding Graduates of BIT, Outstanding Student Award, CASC Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship × 7, Student Representation of School of Automation

**Concentrated Fields:** NeRFs; 3D Reconstruction; Implicit Representation; Scene Understanding

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Runyi Yang**, Zhou Jiang, Zhenxin Zhu, Baijun Ye, Yifei Zhang, Yuantao Chen, Hao Zhao: *SUNDAE: Spectrally Pruned Gaussian Fields with Neural Compensation*. (In submission)

Yongliang Shi\*, **Runyi Yang\***, Zirui Wu, Pengfei Li, Caiyun Liu, Hao Zhao, Guyue Zhou: *City-scale continual neural semantic mapping with three-layer sampling and panoptic representation*. Knowledge-based Systems.

Zirui Wu, Tianyu Liu, Liyi Luo, Zhide Zhong, Jianteng Chen, Hongmin Xiao, Chao Hou, Haozhe Lou, Yuantao Chen, **Runyi Yang**, Yuxin Huang, Xiaoyu Ye, Zike Yan, Yongliang Shi, Yiyi Liao, Hao Zhao: *MARS: An Instance-aware, Modular and Realistic Simulator for Autonomous Driving*. CAAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence. (Best Paper Runner-up Award, Oral Presentation, 2/348)

**Runyi Yang**, Zirui Wu, Yongliang Shi, Xin Wu, Guyue Zhou, Yurong Chen, Hongbin Zha, Hao Zhao: *PMB: Compositional Attribute-object Understanding with Pronouns*. (In submission)

Zirui Wu, Yuantao Chen, **Runyi Yang**, Zhenxin Zhu, Chao Hou, Yongliang Shi, Hao Zhao, Guyue Zhou: *AsyncNeRF: Learning Large-scale Radiance Fields from Asynchronous RGB-D Sequences with Time-Pose Function*. (In submission, arxiv: 2211.07459)

Xiangyuan Zeng, Bowen Jiang, Hussain Muhammad Talha, Jianxun Jiang, **Runyi Yang**. *Attitude Control Experiments of Cubic Rover on Low-Gravity Testbed*. Transactions of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

\*Equal contribution

## EXPERIENCE

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**DISCOVER Lab, Institute for AI Industry Research, Tsinghua University**

**Hybrid**

*Computer Vision Researcher*, Advised by Prof. Zhou Guyue and Prof. Zhao Hao. *May 2022 - Present*

- Research in **Neural Radiance Fields** and **3D reconstruction**. Improve the sampling methods of point clouds for the implicit representation. Integrate graph-based methods to NeRFs and 3D Gaussian Splatting. Achieved balanced performance of rendering effects like PSNR, storage and performance.
- Research in **scene understanding (compositional zero-shot learning)**. Regularize the output of the text branch and modify the neural network architecture of the image branch. Achieve SOTA performance on 3 public datasets MIT-States, UT-Zappos and VAW-CZSL.
- Research in **camera pose estimation** (corresponding to SLAM), use deep learning methods to generate a robust loop-closure module. Build a loop-closure system for Xiaomi Robots indoor use.
- Research in large-scale city map reconstruction using **Signed Distance Fields**. Achieved balanced performance on storage and geometric shape.
- Produced 5 research papers, and 2 were accepted.

**SOTA Tech Shanghai co., Ltd.****Hybrid***Co-Founder (CTO, part-time)**Jun 2023 – Present*

- Develop a metaverse social platform by integrating MVS 3D reconstruction and Neural Radiance Fields. Built the whole pipeline and now mainly responsible for the algorithm and software maintenance.

**Johnson Matthey Challenge, Data Study Group, The Alan Turing Institute****London, UK***Facilitator**Nov 2023 - Dec 2023*

- Use LSTM, NARX and Transformer to forecast time series control variables in chemical processing scenarios. Achieved less than 0.1 RMSE in the prediction.
- Use conformal prediction methods to quantify the prediction region and uncertainty of the forecasting model.
- Facilitate a multidisciplinary team of 10 PhD researchers and data scientists.

**Xverse (Top Metaverse Company in China)****Shenzhen, China***Strategy Analyst**June 2023 – Aug 2023*

- Analysis of cutting-edge academic research and technological methods and tools, including NeRFs, 3D Reconstruction and LLMs.
- Focusing on applications in the intelligent city, intelligent agriculture, digital culture heritage, and virtual cultural tourism.

**Dynamics and Advanced Control Laboratory, Beijing Institute of Technology****Beijing, China***Research Intern (Robotics Group), Advised by Prof. Zeng Xiangyuan**Jun 2021 - May 2022*

- Build a microgravity platform for robotic physical simulation and produced 1 research paper.

*Research Intern (Machine Learning Group), Advised by Prof. You Yuyang.**Nov 2019 - Sep 2021*

- A Non-destructive BCI Rehabilitation System and EEG Signal classification.

**HONORS & PRIZES**

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| ◦ CICA 2023 Best Paper Runner-up Award.                                                    | May 2023 |
| ◦ Honorable Mention, Mathematical Contest In Modeling, Comap                               | May 2022 |
| ◦ Third Prize, 13 <sup>th</sup> National Mathematical Competition for College Students     | Dec 2021 |
| ◦ Third Prize, 12 <sup>th</sup> International Humanoid Robot Olympiad                      | Oct 2021 |
| ◦ First Prize, BIT Balance Car Competition                                                 | Jun 2021 |
| ◦ Second Prize, Electronic Design Competition                                              | Apr 2021 |
| ◦ Second Prize in Beijing, National Mathematical Contest in Modelling for College Students | Oct 2020 |
| ◦ Second Prize, College Students' Physics Academic Competition of Beijing                  | Aug 2020 |

**SKILLS and LANGUAGE**

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- Programming: **Python (PyTorch)**, **C & C++**, **MATLAB**, Web (PHP+JavaScript+html5), Kubeflow, Linux
  - Software: Proteus, Multisim, Simulink (MATLAB), AutoCAD, Altium Designer, MeshLab
  - IELTS: 7.0 (Listening 7.5, Reading 8.0, Writing 7.0, Speaking 6.0), CET-6: 557/710

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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| ◦ <i>Founder, President</i> , BIT Swimming Club                         | Dec 2019 - Jun 2022 |
| ◦ <i>Captain</i> , BIT Swimming Team                                    | Mar 2021 - Jun 2022 |
| ◦ <i>Organizer</i> , First Swimming Match of BIT vs. Beihang University | Jun 2021            |
| ◦ <i>Organizer</i> , Second Swimming Games of BIT                       | Nov 2020            |