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Education

Georgia Institute of Technology <i>PhD Robotics</i>	Atlanta, GA 2018- <i>cur.</i>
Georgia Institute of Technology <i>MS Computer Science - Machine Learning</i>	Atlanta, GA 2018-2020
Duke University <i>BS Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	Durham, NC 2014-2018

Publications

- *ContactOpt: Optimizing Contact to Improve Grasps* - **Patrick Grady**, Chengcheng Tang, Christopher D. Twigg, Minh Vo, Samarth Brahmhatt, Charles C. Kemp, *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2021 (oral)*
- *Masked Reconstruction based Self-Supervision for Human Activity Recognition* - Harish Haresamudram, Apoorva Beedu, Varun Agrawal, **Patrick Grady**, Irfan Essa, Judy Hoffman, Thomas Ploetz, *Ubiquitous Computing/International Semantic Web Conference (UbiComp/ISWC) 2020*
- *Learning to Collaborate from Simulation for Robot-Assisted Dressing* - Alexander Clegg, Zackory Erickson, **Patrick Grady**, Greg Turk, Charles Kemp, C. Karen Liu, *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) 2020*
- *A Study of Energy Losses in the World's Most Fuel Efficient Vehicle* - **Patrick Grady**, Gerry Chen, Shomik Verma, Aniruddh Marellapudi, Nico Hotz, *IEEE Vehicle Power and Propulsion Conference (VPPC) 2019 (oral)*

Technical Experience

Facebook Reality Labs
Research Intern, Nimble VR *Summer 2020*

- Developed contact estimation and optimization methods for high-quality hand object poses

Healthcare Robotics Lab
Graduate Research Assistant with Dr. Charlie Kemp *2018 - cur*

- Grasp contact mapping and synthesis from physics simulation
- Simulation-to-real transfer of Deep RL policies for robot-assisted dressing

Duke Electric Vehicles
President (2016-2018), Electrical Lead (2014-2016) *2014 - 2018*

- **Guinness World Record:** Most efficient electric vehicle. 27,482 MPGe (battery-electric)
- **Guinness World Record:** Most fuel-efficient vehicle. 14,573 MPG (hydrogen fuel cell)
- Led team of 15 undergraduates to design battery and fuel cell powered vehicles for the Shell Eco-Marathon
- Led two year initiative to push the team past Eco-Marathon competition, to seek and ultimately

- achieve two World Records
- Vehicle designer, high level architect of vehicle powertrain and aerodynamics. Justified with extensive simulation and real-world testing

NVIDIA Circuits Research Group

Research Intern

Summer 2017

- High-speed signalling for next-gen memory to GPU communications
- Benchmarked ground-referenced 25 Gbps signalling test chips

Summer Lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2017 - 2018

- 4D imaging of lightning using wide-bandwidth interferometry
- Voxel-based signal processing for high-fidelity maps

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer

Politeknik Brunei, Brunei

Mar 2019

- Invited to lecture on design and integration of BLDC motor drives

Invited Talks

- *14,500 MPG: Design of the World's Most Fuel Efficient Vehicle*. Duke University

Feb 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- CS 6601 - Artificial Intelligence
- CS 7463 - Deep Learning
- CS 6476 - Computer Vision
- ECE 3072 - Electrical Energy

Fall 2020

Spring 2020

Fall 2019

Fall 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- ECE 110 - Fundamentals of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- ECE 230 - Microelectronic Devices and Circuits, Projects Lab

Spring 2016

Fall 2016

Selected Projects

Online Imitation Learning for Warm-Starting of DQN

CS 8803 Class Project [Link]

2019

- Developed RL agent to play OpenAI Gym car racing environment
- Leveraged experience of an oracle agent to accelerate training of Deep Q Network
- Achieved human-level performance with 6x fewer training episodes

EasyController2 BLDC Motor Drive

Duke Electric Vehicles

2019

- Open source design for BLDC motor controller, board design and code
- Used as reference design and teaching aid for multiple Eco-Marathon teams

Awards

Guinness World Record: Most efficient electric vehicle, 27,482 MPG

2019

Guinness World Record: Most fuel efficient vehicle, 14,573 MPG	2018
Shell Eco-Marathon: First place battery-electric prototype. Best of 25 teams	2018
Shell Eco-Marathon: First place hydrogen prototype. Best of 7 teams	2018
Shell Eco-Marathon: First place battery-electric prototype. Best of 30 teams	2017
Georgia Tech CreateX: Idea2Prototype grant	2019
HackMIT: Winner	2016
HackDuke: Winner	2015
Microsoft Code Competition: Winner. Best of 30 teams	2015, 2017
ACM IC Programming Contest: 5th of 180 teams in Mid-Atlantic conference	2015
FAA Private Pilot: Glider	
Media Coverage: [Clean Technica] [News and Observer] [Killer Innovations] [Duke Chronicle]	