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	<b>University of Toronto</b> , Toronto, ON, Canada. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Cognitive Engineering Lab & Data-Driven Decision Making Lab (D3M)	<b>Oct 2015-Dec 2016</b>
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS	<b>Imperial College London</b> , London, United Kingdom Ph.D., <b>Artificial Intelligence &amp; Robotics</b> , November 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research Topic: Online Spatio-Temporal Learning and Prediction for Robotic Systems [<b>Nominated for Eryl Cadwaladr Davis Prize 2013/2014</b>]</li><li>Advisor: Prof. Yiannis Demiris</li></ul>	
	<b>The University of Melbourne</b> , Victoria, Australia. Masters (S.S.E.), March 2006.	
	<b>The University of California, Davis</b> , California, USA. Bach. Arts & Sciences (Dual Major), Computer Science, Economics, June 2004. University of California Regents Scholar	
AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS	Best Paper Award, IEEE/RSJ IROS'21. NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA), 2020 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (FTEA), 2020 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (FTEA), 2019 Best Paper Award Finalist, RSS'18. Best Paper Award Finalist, ACM/IEEE HRI'18. Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (FTEA), 2018 Best Paper Award Finalist, ACM RecSys'18. SMART Scholar Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, 2013. UK James Dyson Award National Finalist, 2012. Best Cognitive Robotics Paper Award Finalist, IEEE/RSJ IROS'12. The Design London Fellowship, 2012. The Khazanah Global Scholarship, 2009-2013. IEEE CEC Best Presentation Award, 2006 The University of California Regents Scholarship, 2000-2004.	

The top venues in Computer Science are conferences. The top conferences in robotics are ICRA, IROS, RSS, and HRI. The top conferences in AI/ML are NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, AAAI, and IJCAI.

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- Ansari, A. F., Ang, M. L., & Soh, H. (2021). Refining deep generative models via discriminator gradient flow. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*.
- Xie, Y., Zhou, F., & Soh, H. (2021). Embedding symbolic temporal knowledge into deep sequential models. In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*.
- Chen, K., Lee, Y., & Soh, H. (2021). Multi-modal mutual information (mummi) training for robust self-supervised deep reinforcement learning. In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*.
- Teh, N., Hu, S., & Soh, H. (2021). A theoretical framework for large-scale human-robot interaction with groups of learning agents. In *Companion of the 2021 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*.
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- Kok, B. C., & Soh, H. (2020). Trust in robots: Challenges and opportunities. *Current Robotics Reports*, 1(4), 297–309. doi: 10.1007/s43154-020-00029-y
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- Lee, J., Fong, J., Kok, B. C., & Soh, H. (2020). Getting to know one another: Calibrating intent, capabilities and trust for human-robot collaboration. In *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*.
- Gu, F., Sng, W., Taunyazov, T., & Soh, H. (2020). TactileSGNet: A Spiking Graph Neural Network for Event-based Tactile Object Recognition. In *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*.
- Taunyazov, T., Chua, Y., Gao, R., Soh, H., & Wu, Y. (2020). Fast texture classification using tactile neural coding and spiking neural network. In *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*.
- Bodala, I. P., Kok, B. C., Sng, W., & Soh, H. (2020). Modeling the interplay of trust and attention in hri: An autonomous vehicle study. In *Companion of the 2020 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction* (pp. 145–147).
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- Taunyazov, T., Sng, W., See, H. H., Lim, B., Kuan, J., Ansari, A. F., . . . Soh, H. (2020). Event-driven visual-tactile sensing and learning for robots. In *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*.
- Yam, K. C., Bigman, Y. E., Tang, P. M., Ilies, R., De Cremer, D., Soh, H., & Gray, K. (2020). Robots at work: People prefer—and forgive—service robots with perceived feelings. *The Journal of Applied Psychology*.
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- Taunyazov, T., Koh, H. F., Wu, Y., Cai, C., & Soh, H. (2019). Towards effective tactile identification of textures using a hybrid touch approach. In *2019 International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)* (pp. 4269–4275).
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- Xie, Y., Bodala, I. P., Ong, D. C., Hsu, D., & Soh, H. (2019). Robot capability and intention in trust-based decisions across tasks. In *2019 14th ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)* (pp. 39–47).
- Yaqi, X., Xu, Z., Meel, K. S., Kankanhalli, M., & Soh, H. (2019). Embedding symbolic knowledge into deep networks. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (pp. 4235–4245).
- Soh, H., Pan, S., Min, C., & Hsu, D. (2018, June). The transfer of human trust in robot capabilities across tasks. In *Proceedings of robotics: Science and systems*. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. doi: 10.15607/RSS.2018.XIV.033 [Best Paper Finalist]
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- Lee, Y., Vo, T. V., Lim, K. W., & Soh, H. (2018). Z-transforms and its inference on partially observable point processes. In *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)* (pp. 2369–2375).
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ACADEMIC SERVICES	<p><b>Associated Editor:</b> ACM Transactions on Human-Robot Interaction (2021-present), IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (2021-present).</p> <p><b>Program Committee:</b> HRI'22 (PC), HRI'21 (Technical Advances Theme Chair), HRI'20 (PC), IJCAI'20 (SPC), AAAI'21 (PC), AAAI'20 (PC), AAAI'19 (Senior PC), HRI'19 (LBR Chair), NeurIPS 2018-2021, IJCAI 2016-2018, IEEE SMC 2016.</p> <p><b>Ad-hoc Reviewer:</b> JHRI, RSS 2019, HRI 2018, AAAI 2018, IEEE ICRA 2016-2020, IEEE IROS 2016-2020, ROMAN 17, ISRR 17, IEEE THMS, IEEE TNNLS, Artificial Intelligence Journal, Autonomous Robots.</p>
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GRANTS (ON-GOING)	<p>National Robotics Program (NRP), A*STAR <i>AiSkin 2a: Enhanced Multi-Sensorial Electronic Skins for Collaborative Robots</i> co-PI PI: Benjamin Tee (NUS), co-PI: Zhuangjian Liu (A*STAR)</p> <p>AI Singapore Programme, National Research Foundation (NRF) <b>Apr 2021-March 2025</b> <i>Trust to Train and Train to Trust:</i> co-PI <i>Agent Training Programs for Safety-Critical Environments</i> PI: Pradeep Varakantham (SMU), co-PI: Akshat Kumar (SMU), Arunesh Sinha (SMU), David Lo (SMU), Arvind Easwaran (NTU), Vivian Hsueh Hua Chen (NTU)</p> <p>AI Singapore Programme, National Research Foundation (NRF) <b>Apr 2021-March 2025</b> <i>The "Other Me": Human-Centered AI Assistance In Situ</i> co-PI PI: David Hsu (NUS), co-PI: Atreyi Kankanhalli (NUS), Lee Wee Sun (NUS), Angela Yao (NUS), Lee Gim Hee (NUS), Leong Tze-Yun (NUS), Desmond Ong (NUS), Zhao Sheng-dong (NUS), Pradeep Varakantham (SMU), Akshat Kumar (SMU), Dr. Basura Fernando (A*STAR), Lu Wei (SUTD), Malika Meghjani (SUTD), Georgios Piliouras (SUTD)</p> <p>AI Singapore Programme, National Research Foundation (NRF) <b>Oct 2019-Sep 2022</b> <i>Assistive AI with Artificial Theories of Mind and Body</i> PI</p> <p>National Robotics Program (NRP), A*STAR <b>Oct 2019-Sep 2022</b> <i>Human Robot Interaction Phase 1</i> co-PI PI: Haoyong Yu (NUS), co-PI: Haizhou Li (NUS), David Hsu (NUS), Zhipin Lin (NTU)</p> <p>Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore <b>Oct 2017-Oct 2021</b> <i>Personalized Learning and Assistance for Sustainable Healthcare Management</i> PI</p>	<p><b>June 2021-Aug 2022</b> SGD 1,799,508</p> <p><b>SGD 6,086,963.76</b></p> <p><b>SGD 9,551,520.00</b></p> <p><b>SGD 750,000</b></p> <p><b>SGD 5,749,000</b></p> <p><b>SGD 180,000</b></p>
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