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## PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

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I am a highly motivated and versatile individual, If I am not already working on a project then I am researching a new one. My research areas and fields of experience include robotic vision, motion planning and control. I am passionate about robotics, automation and AI, always eager to learn more and find challenging problems to engage myself in. I'm a tech enthusiast and always try to stay up-to-date with the latest technologies.

## EDUCATION

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- **Beijing Institute of Technology** Beijing, China  
*M.S. Mechanical Engineering; GPA: 3.6 .* Sep 2021 - Jul 2023  
**Thesis:** Motion Planning Framework of Robotic Rat for Behavioral Interaction  
*Notable Courses:* Advanced Robotics, Design and Application of Robotic Systems,  
Micro-Nano Manufacturing and Mirco-Nano Robotic Technology.
- **Beijing Institute of Technology** Beijing, China  
*B.S. Mechatronics Engineering; GPA: 3.36 .* Sep 2017 - Jul 2021  
**Thesis:** Plane Detection and Humanoid Robot Local Path Planning Based on Depth Vision.

## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Motion Control Algorithm Engineer** Aug 2023 ~ Current  
*Xiaomi Technology Inc. Robotics Department*
  - **Robotic Control and Motion Planning:**  
Developing motion control algorithms for quadrupedal robotic platforms using MPCs and deep reinforcement learning.
- **Student Researcher** 3 years  
*Beijing Advanced Innovation Center for Intelligent Robots and Systems (BAICIRS)*
  - **Bio-Inspired Robotics Team:** Prof. Qing Shi  
Conducted research on motion planning, pose detection, etc. for the rat-inspired robotic platform SMuRo. Co-authored two scientific papers.
  - **Humanoid Robotics Team:** Prof. Xuechao Chen  
Carried out the development of a depth vision local path planning algorithm for the team's humanoid robot BHR-2. Organized into bachelor thesis which received "outstanding" grade.

## PROJECTS

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- **Quadruped: Cyberdog 2** Xiaomi Inc., Robotics Department  
*Motion Control Algorithm Engineer - Dr. Yangwei You* Aug 2023 - Current
  - **Reinforcement Learning Based Quadruped Locomotion:**  
Used Methods: Actor-Critic Methods, PPO  
Tools: Isaac Sim, Python, PyTorch, C++,
  - **Optimization Based Quadruped Skateboarding:** [3]  
Used Methods: Model Predictive Control  
Tools: ROS, C++, Gazebo

## • **Robotic-Rat: SMuRo**

BAICIRS, Bio-inspired Robotics Team

Member of Research Team - Prof. Qing Shi

Jul 2021 - Jul 2023

- **Motion Planning Framework of Robotic Rat for Behavioral Interaction:**

Master Thesis: Developed motion re-targeting method for rat-robot mapping, modeled rat behaviours using ProMPs and implemented rat tracking through visual servoing.

Used Tools: ROS, C++, ProMP, Gazebo, Ipopt Non-linear Optimization Library

- **Real-Time Rat Pose Estimation:** [1]

Used Tools: PyTorch, Python, Gazebo

- **Imitation Learning for Motion Generation:** [2]

Used Tools: PyTorch, Python, C++, Gazebo

## • **Humanoid Robotics**

BAICIRS, Humanoid Robotics Team

Graduation Project - Prof. Xuechao Chen

Dec 2020 - Jun 2021

- **Footstep Planning for a Humanoid Robot Based on Depth Vision:**

Bachelor Thesis, outstanding grade.

Used Tools: C++, MATLAB, Point Cloud Library (PCL)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Robot Motion Planning:** Experienced with various motion planning algorithms, probabilistic methods and non-linear optimization as well as hardware implementations using C++ and ROS.
- **Control of Robotic Systems:** Kinematic and Dynamic modeling, Trajectory Optimization, Model Predictive Control.
- **Vision & Sensors:** RGB-D Cameras, IMUs, Image processing (OpenCV), Point cloud processing (PCL).
- **Machine Learning:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Imitation Learning, Object Detection & Recognition (YOLO)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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- **Programming:** C/C++, CMake, MATLAB, Python, OpenCV, Linux, ROS, Qt, LaTeX, Git, Bash.
- **Simulation:** Isaac Sim, MuJoCo, Simulink, Gazebo.
- **3D Modeling & CAD:** Solidworks, AutoCAD, Blender.
- **Embedded Development:** Experienced with C and C51 development of micro-controller applications (STM32, Arduino).

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] X. Guo, G. Jia, **M. Al-Khulaqui**, Z. Chen, T. Fukuda, and Q. Shi. Real-time pose estimation of rats based on stereo vision embedded in a robotic rat. In *2023 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, pages 4690–4695, 2023. DOI: 10.1109/IROS55552.2023.10342475.
- [2] H. Xie, G. Jia, **M. Al-Khulaqui**, Z. Gao, X. Guo, T. Fukuda, and Q. Shi. A motion generation strategy of robotic rat using imitation learning for behavioral interaction. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, 7(3):7351–7358, 2022. DOI: 10.1109/LRA.2022.3182472.
- [3] Z. Xu, **M. Al-Khulaqui**, H. Ma, J. Wang, Q. Xin, Y. You, M. Zhou, D. Xiang, and S. Zhang. Optimization based dynamic skateboarding of quadrupedal robot. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2024. (Accepted).

## LANGUAGES

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- **English:** Fluent, IELTS 8.0.
- **German:** Intermediate, Goethe B1.
- **Chinese:** Fluent
- **Arabic:** Fluent, Mother Language.
- **Japanese:** Basic

## REFERENCES

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- **Yangwei You:** PhD,  
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