

FU ZHENGYU

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EDUCATION

ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

MSc in Robotics, Systems and Control

Sep 2023 – Present

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Hong Kong

BSc in Computer Engineering (CPEG) & Integrative Systems and Design (ISD)

Sep 2018 – May 2023

- First-class honours
- Awards & Scholarships: Dean's List, University's Scholarship of Continuing Undergraduate Students, HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Talent Development Scholarship, HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Reaching Out Award

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, United States

Robotics Institute Summer Scholars (RISS)

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Zachary Manchester

ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

Invited visiting student at Robotic Systems Lab (RSL)

Sep 2021 – May 2022

- Grade: 6/6
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Marco Hutter, Dr. Farbod Farshidian

PUBLICATIONS

- Yang, S., Zhang, Z., **Fu, Z.**, and Manchester, Z., *Cerberus: Low-Drift Visual-Inertial-Leg Odometry For Agile Locomotion*, 2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) **Accepted**
A preprint is available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.07654>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Primal-Dual Augmented Lagrangian Solver for Model Predictive Control

REx Lab, CMU

Robotics Institute Summer Scholar (RISS)

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

- Proposed a numerical implementation of a primal-dual formulation of the augmented Lagrangian in C++, which was two times faster than OSQP in solving dynamically constrained control problems of planar drones.
- Implemented a block-wise LDL routine in C with BLAS, which exploited the sparsity of the optimal control problems. The block-wise LDL was superior to QDLDL when the linearised dynamics matrices with moderate size were densely populated, even though state and input cost matrices were diagonal.
- The RISS presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xK1cLN08k8>
- The RISS paper is available at <https://bit.ly/risspapeer>

Optimal Control Solvers for Legged Robots

RSL, ETH Zurich

Bachelor Thesis Student

Sep 2021 – May 2022

- Implemented a parallelizable QP solver named Proportional-Integral Projected Gradient (PIPG) under the nonlinear MPC (NMPC) framework of OCS2, which verified the feasibility of boosting control frequency by parallel computing. For more information, please see my Bachelor thesis at <https://bit.ly/rslthesis> (Note: OCS2 is a C++ toolbox tailored for Optimal Control for Switched Systems)
- Revised the parallelization scheme of the backward pass of differential dynamic programming (DDP) in OCS2, which improved the performance by 18%. The pull requests (PRs) are merged into the main branch, and the toolbox is available at <https://github.com/leggedrobotics/ocs2>

PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Joint Spatial-Temporal Motion Planning for Manipulators

RoboticsX, Tencent

Software Engineer (Internship)

Jun 2023 – Aug 2023

- Implemented Safe Interval Path Planning (SIPP) with Trajectory Optimization (TO) to improve the motion planning of manipulators in dynamic environments. The method explores planning possibilities in both spatial and time domains, enabling planning of the “wait” action between “move” active to avoid getting stuck into certain local minima.
- A demonstration can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/5JieOrueuSY>

State Estimation, Planning and Control for Quadrotors

Department of ECE, HKUST

Software Engineer (Coursework)

Mar 2021 – Jun 2021

- Implemented a feature-based Visual Odometry (VO) with ROS integration.
- By using the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF), the estimated states from the VO were fused with the data from the on-board IMU to obtain better performance.
- A minimum snap trajectory was generated offline and tracked online by a quadrotor in a moderately convoluted indoor environment.
- A real-world experiment can be viewed on <http://fu-zhengyu.xyz/quadrotor/>

Control of Industrial Manipulators

Hong Kong Centre For Logistics Robotics

Software Engineer (Internship)

Jan 2021 – Feb 2021

- Implemented a ros2_control-compatible hardware interface for NACHI MZ25 manipulator in ROS2 Foxy
- A demonstration can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/Z5zklPai2QI>

Multi-agent System Control

Department of ECE, HKUST

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jun 2020 – Aug 2021

- Implemented an iterative linear quadratic regulator (iLQR) with MPC to control differential wheeled robots. A demonstration can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/XL8FVjdYE0M>
- Implemented graph-based formation controllers in ROS Melodic and verified the controllers in a simulated environment in Gazebo. A demonstration can be viewed on http://fu-zhengyu.xyz/relative_formation/

RoboMaster Competition

Robotics team, HKUST

Software Engineer

Oct 2018 – Sep 2019

- In charge of designing and implementing a quaternion-based attitude controller for a 2-axis stabilizer.
- Implemented a forward kinematics solver and motor controllers for a Mecanum mobile platform.
- Designed and implemented the major codebase for the infantry robots.
- Team Website - <https://www.robomasterhkust.com/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Mechatronic Systems Design with Embedded Computing

Department of ECE, HKUST

Teaching Assistant

Feb 2021 – May 2021

- Designed lab manuals and programming exercise to familiarise students with Arm®-based microcontrollers.
- In charge of leading laboratory sessions

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- 2019 RoboMaster International qualification tournament, RoboMaster 1st Prize
- Cyber Defenders Challenge – Team Up for the Good Fight, China Everbright Bank & HKUST 1st Prize
- 2016 RoboCup Junior Rescue Line International Competition in Leipzig, Germany 1st Prize

SKILLS

Programming	(Well-experienced in)C++, C, Python, MATLAB, ROS;(Capable of)Julia, JavaScript, ROS2
Mechanical	CAD software(Rhino, Solidworks, Fusion 360), Physical prototyping(CNC, Laser cutter, water jet)