

Design it, build it, break it, fix it, and optimize it.

Education

2019–2023 **B.E. in Mechatronics Engineering**, *Guangdong University of Technology*, Guangzhou, China.
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Professional Experience

Academic

2022– **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Hybrid Robotics (Prof. Koushil Sreenath)*, University of California, Berkeley.

- Developed **legged_control** [S1], a Nonlinear MPC and WBC framework for legged robot based on OCS2 and ros-controls.
- Worked on adding the exponential DCBF duality constraints to an NMPC controller for obstacle avoidance in quadruped robot locomotion [S2].
- Implemented all code and conducted all experiments independently.
- Results [C1] submitted to **ICRA2023**.

2021– **Undergraduate Researcher**, *CLEAR Lab (Prof. Wei Zhang)*, Southern University of Science and Technology.

- Developed **cheetah_ros** [S3], a hardware and simulation interface of quadruped robot (Unitree's Aliengo) based on ros-control, and Cheetah-Software.
- Worked on controlling a quadruped robot to bump the ball in the air to the desired position using trajectory optimization and convex-MPC.
- Implemented all code and conducted all experiments independently.
- Results [C2] submitted to **ICRA2023**.

2019–2021 **Captain & Founder**, *DynamicX Robot Team*, Guangdong University of Technology

- Found and led a team of up to 45 people building and controlling seven different robots and participating in the RoboMaster University Championship. (More than 400 universities worldwide and 35000 students participated in this competition).
- Designed and manufactured the mechanical structure of Mecanum, Swerve Drive, and Omni Wheel chassis; Two-axis gimbal and ball shooter system; Five-axis robot arm; Supervised all the designs and drawing before manufacturing.
- Developed **rm-controls** [S4], control and simulation framework for RoboMaster competition robot based on ROS. Implemented the PID, LQR, and some kinematics algorithms and programs of the robots mentioned above.
- Developed a ROS driver and firmware for synchronizing the high-speed camera with IMU [S5] and a target detecting and tracking program using OpenCV and Kalman Filter.

Industry

2018–2019 **Embedded Engineer Intern**, *DJI Technology Co., Ltd*, RoboMaster High-School Students vacation
Vacation Camp.

- Setup PID controller with BLDC motor by CAN interface on STM32 and Jetson TX2.
- Developed an omnidirectional chassis controller and three-axis robot arm's kinematics.
- Developed a navigation program accounting AprilTag, IMU, and the ROS navigation stack.

2015–2018 **Individual Developer**, *High and Middle School*.

- Reproduced several open-source FDM 3D printers (Kossel) in middle school.
- Developed a novel desktop **Selective-Laser-Sintering 3D printer** in high school.

Skills

Control Experience using TO [C2], NMPC [C1, S1], MPC [C2], TVLQR, LQR [S4], Kalman Filter [C1, C2, S1, S3, S4], and PID [S4] on real robots.

Mechanics Design: Fusion 360, Solidworks; Manufacture: CNC and 3D print.

Program C++ [S1, S2, S3, S4, S5], C [S5, S6], Python with strict format and clear code.

Tools Expert on ROS1 with ros-control and Gazebo [S1, S2, S3, S4]; Frequent use of L^AT_EX, Linux, Git, OpenCV.

Publications

Publications Statistics:

Conference Proceedings: 2
Selected Open Source Software: 6

Open Source Softwares Statistics:

Total Stars Earned: 460
Total Commits: 3.2k

Conference Proceedings

- [C1] **Qiayuan Liao**, Zhongyu Li, Akshay Thirugnanam, Jun Zeng, and Koushil Sreenath. Walking in narrow spaces: Safety-critical locomotion control for quadrupedal robots with duality-based optimization. In *2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Under Review. [[pdf](#)], [[arxiv](#)] [[video](#)].
- [C2] **Qiayuan Liao**, Zhefeng Cao, Hua Chen, and Wei Zhang. Real-time trajectory optimization and control for ball bumping with quadruped robots. In *2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Under Review. [[pdf](#)], [[arxiv](#)] [[video](#)].

Selected Open Source Softwares

- [S1] legged_control: a Nonlinear MPC, WBC framework for legged robot based on OCS2, and ros controls. **220 Stars**. [[code](#)], [[video](#)].
- [S2] Implementation of paper [C1] based on [S1]. [[code](#)].
- [S3] cheetah_ros: a hardware, simulation interface of quadruped robots based on ros control, and Cheetah-Software. [[code](#)].
- [S4] rm-controls: a software stack based on ros-controls for controlling RoboMaster robots. **130 Stars**. [[code](#)], [[docs](#)], [[videos](#)].
- [S5] Camera and IMU synchronization. [[camera code](#)], [[IMU code](#)].
- [S6] A Real time patched kernel (4.4.86) and testing tools for UP board Ubuntu. [[code](#)].

Additional Info

Conference Reviewer

- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022

Academic Collaborators

- Prof. Koushil Sreenath, UC Berkeley
- Prof. Wei Zhang, SUSTech

Industry Collaborators

- Xingxing Wang, Unitree Robotics
- Xingye (Dennis) Da, XPeng Robotics

Leadership

- Once led a team whose number exceeds 80 for two years, about half of which are active duty and the other part are preparatory intern members;
- Handled dozens of projects with a year-long development cycle at the same time;
- Interacted with dozens of people and assigned tasks daily

Awards and Honors

2021	RoboMaster University Championship (more than 200 Chinese teams at the time)	<i>Top 32</i>
2020	Guangdong University of Technology student scholarship	<i>1st Class</i>
2019	RoboMaster Winter Camp for High School Students	<i>Champion</i>
2018	Denmark Young Scientists Fair and Contest	<i>1st Place</i>