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EDUCATION

2018 Oct. – 2021 Sep. **Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering**, Tohoku University, Japan.

• GPA: 4.0/4.0.

 Dissertation title: Autonomous Limbed Climbing Robots for Challenging Terrain Exploration

2016 Oct. – 2018 Sep. M.Sc. in Aerospace Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan.

• GPA: 4.0/4.0.

 Dissertation title: Gait Planning for a Free-Climbing Robot in Consideration of the Gripping Forces

2013 Apr. – 2016 Sep. B.Sc. in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan.

GPA: 3.4/4.0

 Dissertation title: Performance Evaluation of Time-of-Flight camera for a Lunar Exploration Micro-rover

Half Year Academic Acceleration

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 Oct. –	Assistant Professor, Space Robotics Lab., Department of Aerospace Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan.
2019 –	Paper Reviewer for IEEE/RSJ IROS, IEEE ICRA, IEEE RA-L, IEEE T-MECH.
2019 Apr. – 2021 Sep.	JSPS Research Fellow, Space Robotics Lab., Tohoku University, Japan.
2019 Oct. – 2020 Sep.	Research Intern, Robotic Systems Lab., ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
2016 Oct. – 2021 Sep.	Teaching Assistant for more than five semester classes on Robotics, Control Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan.
2017 Jun. – 2018 Mar.	Software Engineer Intern , Google Lunar XPRIZE participant, HAKUTO/ispace, inc., Japan.

AWARDS

- 2021 The Highly Commended Paper Award, CLAWAR conference.
- The Best Presentation Award, The Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (SICE), Tohoku Chapter.
- 2019 The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineering (JSME), Miura Award, Tohoku University.

PUBLICATIONS AND PATENT – see the Google Scholar Citations

Journals (selected)

- 2021 Analysis of Motion Control for a Quadruped Ground-Gripping Robot for Minor Body Exploration on Uneven Terrain, *Trans. JSASS*.
- 2018 Qualification of a Time-of-Flight Camera as a Hazard Detection and Avoidance Sensor for a Moon Exploration Microrover, *Trans. JSASS*.
- 2018 Preliminary Radiation Test Result for Space-Ready Qualification of Lunar Micro Rover, *Trans. JSASS*.

Conference Proceedings (selected)

- 2022 A Pin-Array Structure for Gripping and Shape Recognition of Convex and Concave Terrain Profile, *Proc. IEEE ROBIO*. (accepted)
- 2022 Low-Reaction Trajectory Generation for a Legged Robot in Microgravity, Proc. IEEE/SICE SII.
- 2022 Path and Gait Planning of Limbed Climbing Robots for Planetary Cliff Exploration, *Proc. ISTS*.
- 2022 Lunar Skylight Exploration by a Limbed Climbing Robot Using a Hand-Eye System, *Proc. ISTS*.
- 2021 Simulation-Based Climbing Capability Analysis for Quadrupedal Robots, *Proc. CLAWAR*.
- 2021 ClimbLab: MATLAB Simulation Platform for Legged Climbing Robotics, *Proc. CLAWAR*.
- 2021 HubRobo: A Lightweight Multi-Limbed Climbing Robot for Exploration in Challenging Terrain, *Proc. IEEE RAS Humanoids*.
- Non-Periodic Gait Planning Based on Salient Region Detection for a Planetary Cave Exploration Robot, *Proc. i-SAIRAS*.
- 2020 Dynamic Equilibrium of Climbing Robots Based on Stability Polyhedron for Gravito-Inertial Acceleration, *Proc. CLAWAR*.

Patent

2022 Patents for Gripping Mechanism, PCT international application: PCT/JP2022/021947

Skills

Programming Languages C/C++, Python, MATLAB, Arduino, html

Softwares ROS, Gazebo, SolidWorks, EAGLE, Git, LaTeX