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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research centers on navigation, motion control, and human-robot interaction, with the aim of enabling robots with semantic understanding of open-world human environments and generate contextually appropriate behaviors.

EDUCATION _

Harbin Institute of Technology

Sep 2022 - Jun 2026 (Expected)

B.E. in Automation (Shenzhen Campus), GPA: 91.25/100

Honors: First-Class Academic Scholarship, Second-Class Enterprise Scholarship

Publications _

[1] S. Luo*, J. Zhu*, P. Sun*, Y. Deng, C. Yu, A. Xiao, X. Wang, "GSON: A Group-based Social Navigation Framework with Large Multimodal Model", In submission to *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. [Paper] [Video]

RESEARCH

Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Tsinghua SIGS

Jan 2024 – Sep 2024 Shenzhen, China

Research Intern with Prof. Xueqian Wang

• Developed a group-based social navigation framework (GSON) to enable mobile robots to perceive and exploit the social group of their surroundings by leveling the visual reasoning capability of the Large Multimodal Model.

- Applied visual prompting techniques to zero-shot extract the social relationship among pedestrians and combined the result with a robust pedestrian detection and tracking pipeline.
- Proposed a novel planning framework that integrates a social structure-based mid-level planner between global path planning and local motion planning to preserve the global context and reactive response.

PROJECTS

Wheeled Biped Robot: Modeling and Control

Dec 2022 - Dec 2023

Project Lead; Advisor: Dr. Yaming Ge

Education Center of Experiment and Innovation, HITsz

- Performed systematic modeling of the wheel-leg inverted pendulum system and linearized the model. Applied Virtual Model Control (VMC) principles to derive joint motor torques and designed an LQR controller for optimized control.
- Developed the chassis structure and electrical system for the wheel-leg robot, using an STM32 microcontroller as the primary control unit to implement the control algorithms effectively.
- Conducted motion control simulation and validation within the Simscape Multibody framework and deployed the control system on the physical robot platform.

Small-scale Autonomous Driving System

Oct 2023 - Dec 2023

Project Lead; Advisor: Dr. Yaming Ge

Education Center of Experiment and Innovation, HITsz

- Developed an autonomous driving system that uses traffic cones for trajectory tracking, incorporating the Gmapping algorithm for real-time mapping along with integrated path planning and navigation functions.
- Implemented the A* algorithm for global path planning, optimized trajectories using Minimum Snap, and applied Pure Pursuit for local tracking.
- Employed YOLO for object detection, converted it to an RKNN model to enable NPU acceleration, ensuring efficient inference.

Motion Target Control and Autonomous Tracking System

2ed - 5th Aug 2023

Advisor: Dr. Yuanqing Li

Education Center of Experiment and Innovation, HITsz

- Designed two standalone laser gimbal systems: one dedicated to edge detection and tracking of two-dimensional objects, and the other for tracking the motion of the first system.
- Applied the Sobel operator for edge extraction and implemented a PD controller for precise tracking.
- The system reliably tracks rotational movements of an A4 paper frame within 0.5 seconds, maintaining an inter-laser error below 0.02 meters.

COMPETITION AWARD _____

• National Undergraduate Electronics Design Contest	National First Prize	Aug~2023
• National Undergraduate Smart Car Contest (Racing Competition)	National First Prize	$Dec\ 2023$
• National Undergraduate Smart Car Contest (Intelligent Inspection)	National First Prize	$Aug\ 2024$

SKILLS

- Programming: C/C++, Python, MATLAB
- Software & Tools: ROS, OpenCV, CubeMX, Keil, Solidworks
- Hardware: Multiple Motors and Sensors, STM32, Arduino