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## **Research Topic**

Mobile Robot motion planning, navigation and exploration

# Work experience

Dec 2021 - Present

Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia, Genova, Italy

**Postdoc** 

• Design perception algorithm for a wheel-legged robotic system to work in a dynamic environment

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid , Computer Vision and Aerial Robotics Group, Madrid, Spain

**Postdoc** 

- Develop planning and vision algorithms for UAV
- Guide students participating in 2021 OPENCV AI competition
- Supervising students for their bachelor and master thesis

#### Education

Sept 2017 - May 2021

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

Automation and Robotics (Doctorate)

- 2021 QS ranking in the subject of Engineering and Technology (Top 100)
- Ph.D thesis: UAV motion planning and exploration using onboard sensors
- Supervisor: Prof. Pascual Campoy
- Cum Laude mention for the Ph.D thesis and defense

Sept 2014 - May 2017

Hefei University of Technology, China

Mechatronic Engineering (Master)

- Master thesis: research on path planning technology of 3D space mobile robot
- Supervisor: Prof. Ping Zhao
- 3rd class graduate scholarship (2016 2017)
- 2nd class graduate scholarship (2014 2016)

Sept 2010 - Jun 2014

Northeast Forestry University, China

Forestry Engineering (Intelligent Equipment Engineering) (Bachelor)

# Project experience

Jan 2019 - Feb 2021

COMCISE: Coordinated Inspection and Security missions by UAVs in cooperation with UGV

Senior Researcher

Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities RTI2018-100847-B-C21, MCIU/AEI/FEDER, UE (2019-2021, Finished, 130680 euros)

Sept 2017 - Dec 2017

Visual Autonomy for UAV in Dynamic environments

Senior Researcher

Funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitivity DPI2014-60139-R (2015-2017, Finished, 183920 euros)

## **Academic Service**

Competition Committee, 2019 international micro air vehicle competition and conference (IMAV), 2019

Bachelor and Master Thesis Technical Supervisor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, 2020-2021

Reviewer, Robotica, frontiers in neurorobotics, ICUAS, IROS, ICRA et al

IEEE student member, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society student member.

## **Honors & Awards**

- Ph.D scholarship funded by Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC), 2017-2021
- Third-place in the grand challenge in the 2020 Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge, 2020
- Third-place in the 2021 OPENCV AI Competition (Region Europe, Russia + Australasia), 2021
- Outstanding student in the Deep Blue Academy online course on motion planning for mobile robot, 2020

#### **Publication**

Journal (in English)

- Lu, L., Carrio, A., Sampedro, C., & Campoy, P. (2021). A Robust and Fast Collision-Avoidance Approach for Micro Aerial Vehicles using a Depth Camera. Remote Sensing, 13 (9), 1796 (IF: 4.848, Q2)
- Novo, Á. Martínez, Lu, L\* & Campoy, P. (2021). Fast RRT\* 3D-Sliced Planner for Autonomous Exploration using MAVs. Unmanned Systems. https://doi.org/10.1142/S2301385022500108 (EI)
- Lu, L., Redondo, C., & Campoy, P. (2020). Optimal Frontier-Based Autonomous Exploration in Unconstructed Environment Using RGBD Sensor. Sensors, 20 (22), 6507 (IF: 3.576, Q3)
- Lu, L., Yunda, A., Carrio, A., & Campoy, P. (2020). Robust Autonomous Flight in Cluttered Environment using a Depth Sensor. International Journal of Micro Air Vehicles. January 2020. (IF: 1.222, Q4)
- Rodriguez-Ramos, A., Alvarez-Fernandez, A., Bavle, H., RodriguezVazquez, J., Lu, L., Fernandez-Cortizas, M., Fernandez, R. A. S., Rodelgo, A., Santos, C., Molina, M., Merino, L., Caballero, F., & Campoy, P. (2020). Autonomous Aerial Robot for High-Speed Search and Intercept Applications. Field Robotics (Accepted)

Journal (in Chinese)

- 陈波芝, 陆亮, 雷新宇, 赵萍. 基于改进快速随机树的双机械臂协同规划方法. 中国机械工程. 2018 (10).
- 陆亮, 王佳琪, 宗成星, 赵萍. 基于A\*算法的四轴飞行器三维路径规划仿真. 合肥工业大学学报(自然科学版). 2017 (03).
- 宗成星, 陆亮, 雷新宇, 赵萍. 一种基于A\*算法的空间多自由度机械臂路径规划方法. 合肥工业大学学报(自然科学版). 2017(02).

## Conference

- R, Suarez Fernandez, Rodríguez Ramos A, Alvare, A, J, Rodríguez-Vázquez J, B, Hriday, Lu, L, et. al (2020, February). The Skyeye Team Participation in the 2020 Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Challenge. Mohamed Bin Zayed International Robotics Competition (MBZIRC) Symposium. 2020.
- Lu, L., Rodriguez-Vazquez, J., Carrio, A.,& Campoy, P. (2019, October). Autonomous Navigation in Dynamic Environments using Monocular Vision. 2019 International Micro Air Vehicle Conference and Flight Competition (IMAV), Madrid, Spain, (pp. 132-137).
- Lu, L., Sampedro, C., Rodriguez-Vazquez, J., & Campoy, P. (2019, June). Laser-based Collision Avoidance and Reactive Navigation using RRT\* and Signed Distance Field for Multirotor UAVs. In 2019 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS), Atlanta, GA, USA, (pp. 1209-1217). IEEE.

#### **Book Chapter**

• Lu, L., Zong, C., Lei, X., Chen, B. & Zhao, P.(2016). Fixed-Wing UAV Path Planning In a Dynamic Environment Via Dynamic RRT Algorithm. Mechanism and Machine Science, pp. 271-282.

## **Skills** Good at Expert Expert **ROS PYTHON** C/C++ Expert **English**

#### Reference

- 1. Dr. Pascual Campoy, Full Professor, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, pascual.campoy@upm.es
- 2. Dr. Ping Zhao, Full Professor, Hefei University of Technology, ping.zhao@hfut.edu.cn