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Work experience

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| 2022.2 – Present | Assistant professor , Institute for Ocean Engineering
Shenzhen International Graduate School, Tsinghua University | Shenzhen, China |
| 2019.8 – 2021.8 | Postdoctoral research fellow , Department of Marine Technology
Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
Centre for Research-based Innovation of Marine Operations (SFI MOVE)
- Topic: Onboard decision support and digitization in intelligent marine operations
(Sea state estimation, model auto-tuning, and wave prediction based on vessel responses) | Trondheim, Norway |
| 2019.4 – 2019.8 | Researcher , Department of Ocean Operations and Civil Engineering
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Topic: Simulation and control of floating wind turbine installation | Ålesund, Norway |

Education

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| 2016.1 – 2019.8 | Ph.D. , Department of Marine Technology
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Centre for Research-based Innovation of Marine Operations (SFI MOVE)
Centre for Autonomous Marine Operations and Systems (NTNU AMOS)
- Thesis: Advanced control algorithms to support automated offshore wind turbine installation
- Main supervisor: Roger Skjetne, Co-supervisor: Zhen Gao | Trondheim, Norway |
| 2013.8 – 2015.6 | MSc. in Marine Technology (Specialization in Marine Cybernetics)
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Thesis: Fault-tolerant control of thruster-assisted position mooring system
- Supervisor: Roger Skjetne | Trondheim, Norway |
| 2008.9 – 2012.6 | B.Eng. in Ocean Engineering, Dalian University of Technology
- Thesis: The schematic design of a 19000DWT production oil tanker | Dalian, China |

Research interests

System identification, guidance, navigation, and control theory of marine surface vessels and onboard equipment; intelligent and digitalized marine operations and offshore wind energy; sea state estimation

Teaching experience

MR8500 - PhD Topics in Marine Control Systems, NTNU, 2020

Lectures: Backstepping design on complex nonlinear systems. [Link: Slides [1](#), [2](#)]

Supervision experience

Co-supervision of PhD student at NTNU

Behfar Ataei, 2019.8–2022.6, Virtual prototyping of installation of offshore power systems.

Co-supervision of master students at NTNU

Sindre Sagsveen Slåttum, 2020.8–2021.6, Load and sea state estimation based on distributed IMUs.

Yuxuan Cai, 2020.8–2021.6, Data-driven condition monitoring of marine battery energy storage systems.

Jens Nikolai Alfsen, 2019.8–2020.6, Dynamic optimal path-planning for autonomous harbor maneuvering.

Caroline Sophie Røhm Fleischer, 2019.8–2020.6, Optimal path-planning on a bio-inspired neural network landscape model for autonomous surface vessels.

Hongyu Zhou, 2019.8–2020.6, Autonomous guidance, stepwise path planning, and path-following control with anti-collision for autonomous marine robots.

Elias Gauslaa, 2019.8–2020.6, Navigation, guidance, and control for autonomous aut docking of ships.

Jakob Stensvik Jensen, 2019.8–2020.6, Dynamic optimal path-planning for autonomous harbor maneuvering.

Baiheng Wu, 2018.4–2019.1, Image processing and target tracking technology in the sea cucumber fishing application.

Academic experience

Participation research projects

2022 – 2015 Distinguished Young Scholars of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (Overseas)

Norwegian Centre of Research-based Innovation SFI MOVE (Marine Operations in Virtual Environments)

2016-2019 Project 5: Innovative installation of wind power systems

2019-2021 Project 6: Onboard decision tool

Norwegian Centre of Excellence, NTNU AMOS (Centre for Autonomous Marine Operations and Systems)

2016-2019 Project 3: Risk management and maximized operability of ships and ocean structures

Centre for Research-based Innovation SFI SAMCoT (Sustainable Arctic Marine and Coastal Technology)

2019 Numerical simulations of moored floating structures in ice

Funding/grants

Open Project of the State Key Laboratory of Ocean Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

2017 – 2020 Research and development of innovative offshore wind farm installation techniques, second applicant

Open Project of the State Key Laboratory of Coastal and Offshore Engineering, Dalian University of Technology

2018 – 2020 The structural influence of passive damper to offshore wind turbine, second applicant

Norwegian Ship Owner's Association's Fund, 2016, 2020

Publications

Journal papers

- [1] Xingji Yu*, Kristian Stenerud Skeie, Michael Dahl Knudsen, **Zhengru Ren**, Lars Imsland, and Laurent Georges. Influence of data pre-processing and sensor dynamics on grey-box models for space-heating: Analysis using field measurements. *Building and Environment*, page 108832, 2022. In press, [Q1,IF:6.456].
- [2] **Zhengru Ren**, Amrit Shankar Verma, Ye Li*, Julie J.E. Teuwen, and Zhiyu Jiang. Offshore wind turbine operations and maintenance: A state-of-the-art review. *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 144:110886, 2021. [Q1,IF:14.982].
- [3] **Zhengru Ren**, Amrit Verma*, Behfar Ataei, Karl Henning Halse, and Hans Petter Hildre. Model-free anti-swing control of complex-shaped payload with offshore floating cranes and a large number of lift wires. *Ocean Engineering*, 228:108868, 2021. [Q1,IF:3.795].
- [4] **Zhengru Ren***, Xu Han, Amrit Shankar Verma, Johann Alexander Dirdal, and Roger Skjetne. Sea state estimation based on vessel motion responses: improved smoothness and robustness using Bézier surface and L1 optimization. *Marine Structures*, 76:102904, 2021. [Q1,IF:3.458].
- [5] **Zhengru Ren***, Roger Skjetne, Amrit Shankar Verma, Zhiyu Jiang, Zhen Gao, and Karl Henning Halse. Active heave compensation of floating wind turbine installation using a catamaran construction vessel. *Marine Structures*, 75:102868, 2021. **ESI highly-cited paper** [Q1,IF:3.458].
- [6] Xu Han*, **Zhengru Ren**, Bernt Johan Leira, and Svein Sævik. Adaptive identification of lowpass filter cutoff frequency for online vessel model tuning. *Ocean Engineering*, 236:109483, 2021. [Q1,IF:3.795].
- [7] Xu Han*, Bernt Johan Leira, Svein Sævik, and **Zhengru Ren**. Onboard tuning of vessel seakeeping model parameters and sea state characteristics. *Marine Structures*, 78:102998, 2021. [Q1,IF:3.458].
- [8] Amrit Shankar Verma*, Sandro Di Noi, **Zhengru Ren**, Zhiyu Jiang, and Julie J.E. Teuwen. Minimum leading edge protection application length to combat rain-induced erosion of wind turbine. *Energies*, 14(6):1629, 2021. [Q3,IF:3.004].
- [9] Kamran Ali Shah, Fantai Meng*, Ye Li*, Ryozi Nagamune, Yarong Zhou, **Zhengru Ren**, and Zhiyu Jiang. A synthesis of feasible control methods for floating offshore wind turbine system dynamics. *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 151:111525, 2021. [Q1,IF:14.982].
- [10] Hongyu Zhou, **Zhengru Ren***, and Roger Skjetne. Stepwise path planning with anti-collision using stream function for marine vessels. *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, 2021. Accepted, [Q1,IF:5.485].
- [11] 周利, 段玉响, 任政儒, and 安松. 主动式升沉补偿控制系统及运动预报. 华中科技大学学报 (自然科学版), 2021.
- [12] **Zhengru Ren***, Bo Zhao, and Dong Trong Nguyen. Finite-time neural adaptive control of a class of nonlinear system: Proved by Bernoulli inequality. *IEEE Access*, 8:47768–47775, 2020. [Q1,IF:3.367].
- [13] **Zhengru Ren**, Roger Skjetne, Zhiyu Jiang*, and Zhen Gao. Active single-blade installation using tugger line tension control and optimal control allocation. *International Journal of Offshore and Polar Engineering*, 30(2):220–227, 2020. [Q1,IF:0.670].
- [14] Amrit Shankar Verma*, Zhiyu Jiang, **Zhengru Ren**, Marco Caboni, Hans Verhoef, Harald van der Mijle Meijer, Saullo G.P. Castro, and Julie J.E. Teuwen. A probabilistic long-term framework for site-specific erosion analysis of wind turbine blades: A case study of 31 Dutch sites. *Wind Energy*, pages 1315–1336, 2021. [Q2,IF:2.730].

- [15] Amrit Shankar Verma*, Zhiyu Jiang, **Zhengru Ren**, Weifei Hu, and Julie Teuwen. Effects of onshore and offshore environmental parameters on leading edge erosion of wind turbine blades: A comparative study. *Journal of Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering*, 143(4):042001, 2020. [Q3,IF:1.355].
- [16] Ming Song*, Bin Qin, Li Zhou, and **Zhengru Ren**. A three-dimensional model for strength assessment of type-c independent cargo tank structures. *Journal of Ship Production and Design*, 36(04):271–279, 2020. [Q4,IF:1.141].
- [17] Roger Skjetne and **Zhengru Ren***. A survey on modeling and control of thruster-assisted position mooring systems. *Marine Structures*, 74:102830, 2020. [Q1,IF:3.458].
- [18] Amrit Shankar Verma*, Zhiyu Jiang, **Zhengru Ren**, Zhen Gao, and Nils Petter Vedvik. Effects of wind-wave misalignment on a wind turbine blade mating process: impact velocities, blade root damages and structural safety assessment. *Journal of Marine Science and Application*, 19:218–233, 2020.
- [19] **Zhengru Ren***, Roger Skjetne, and Zhen Gao. A crane overload protection controller for blade lifting operation based on model predictive control. *Energies*, 12(1):50, 2019. **ESI highly-cited paper** [Q3,IF:3.004].
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- [26] Jiafeng Xu, **Zhengru Ren***, Yue Li, Roger Skjetne, and Karl Henning Halse. Dynamic simulation and control of an active roll reduction system using free-flooding tanks with vacuum pumps. *Journal of Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering*, 140:061302, 2018. [Q3,IF:1.355].
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Conference papers

- [1] Fan Gao, Astrid H. Brodtkorb, Sigrid Marie Mo, **Zhengru Ren**, and Asgeir J. Sørensen. Adaptive backstepping control of ship speed tracking and hybrid mode selection. *IFAC-PapersOnLine*, 54(16):63–69, 2021.
- [2] Amrit Shankar Verma, Zhiyu Jiang, **Zhengru Ren**, and Julie Teuwen. Leading edge erosion of wind turbine blades: Effects of environmental parameters on impact velocities and erosion damage rate. In *ASME 2020 39th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering*, pages OMAE2020–18173. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2020.
- [3] Zhiyu Jiang, Bjørnholm Marius, Jiamin Guo, Wenbin Dong, **Zhengru Ren**, and Amrit Shankar Verma. Damage identification of a jacket support structure for offshore wind turbines. In *The 15th IEEE Conference on Industrial Electronics and Applications (ICIEA2020)*, pages 995–1000. IEEE, 2020.
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- [5] 段玉响, 任政儒, and 周利. 主动式升沉补偿技术研究现状和发展趋势. *舰船科学技术*, 2020.
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- [10] Jingzhe Jin, Vatne Sigrid Ringdalen Jiang, Zhiyu, **Zhengru Ren**, Yuna Zhao, and Zhen Gao. Installation of pre-assembled offshore wind turbines using a catamaran vessel and an active gripper motion control method. In *Grand Renewable Energy 2018 Proceedings*, 2018.
- [11] **Zhengru Ren**, Roger Skjetne, and Zhen Gao. Modeling and control of crane overload protection during marine lifting operation based on model predictive control. In *ASME 2017 36th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering*, pages OMAE2017–62003. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2017.

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- [13] **Zhengru Ren** and Roger Skjetne. An on-site current profile estimation algorithm for a moored floating structure. *IFAC-PapersOnLine*, 49(23):153–158, 2016.
- [14] **Zhengru Ren** and Roger Skjetne. A tension-based position estimation solution of a moored structure and its uncertain anchor positions. *IFAC-PapersOnLine*, 49(23):251–257, 2016.
- [15] **Zhengru Ren**, Roger Skjetne, and Øivind Kåre Kjerstad. A tension-based position estimation approach for moored marine vessels. *IFAC-PapersOnLine*, 48(16):248–253, 2015.
- [16] **Zhengru Ren**, Roger Skjetne, and Vahid Hassani. Supervisory control of line breakage for thruster-assisted position mooring system. *IFAC-PapersOnLine*, 48(16):235–240, 2015.

Reviewer for international journals and conferences

Marine Structures

Ocean Engineering

Applied Ocean Research

Journal of Offshore Mechanics and Arctic Engineering

Journal of Marine Science and Engineering

IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems

IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems

IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems

IEEE Access

Engineering Structures

Journal of Materials Research and Technology

International Journal of Energy Applications and Technologies

Energies

IFAC Conference on Control Applications in Marine Systems (CAMS)

International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering (OMAE)

International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference (ISOPE)

International Offshore Wind Technical Conference (IOWTC)

IFAC World Congress