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EDUCATION

Aug. 2018 – present The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering

• Advisor: Luis Sentis

Aug. 2018 – Aug. 2022 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering

• Thesis topic: Operational Space Control of Compliant Isoelastic Robots and

Their Interaction with an DIARC Cognitive Architecture

• Advisor: Luis Sentis

Aug. 2014 – May. 2018 Stonybrook University, Stonybrook, NY

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

• Summa Cum Laude

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2019 – present Graduate Research Assistant

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

• Planning, control, optimization, and machine learning algorithms for humanoid robots

• Control and optimization algorithms for an isoelastic manipulator

June. 2023 – August. 2023 **Robotics Software Engineer Intern**

Apptronik Inc, Austin, TX

• Development of inertia-aware model predictive control (MPC) algorithms for humanoid robots

• Trajectory generation support for the Apollo humanoid robot bring up

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **SH. Bang,** C. Gonzalez, G. Moore, DH. Kang, M. Seo, and L. Sentis, "RPC: A Modular Framework for Robot Planning, Control, and Deployment," *IEEE International Symposium on System Integration (SII)*, 2025 (To appear)
- 2. **SH. Bang**, C. Jové, and L. Sentis, "RL-augmented MPC Framework for Agile and Robust Bipedal Footstep Locomotion Planning and Control," *IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids)*, 2024 (To appear)
- 3. **SH. Bang**, J. Lee, C. Gonzalez, and L. Sentis, "Variable Inertia Model Predictive Control for Fast Bipedal Maneuvers," *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2024 (To appear)
- 4. L. Rossini, E. Hoffman, **SH. Bang**, L. Sentis, and N. Tsagarakis, "A Real-Time Approach for Humanoid Robot Walking including Dynamic Obstacles Avoidance," *IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots* (*Humanoids*), 2023
- 5. M. Seo, S. Han, K. Sim, **SH. Bang**, C. Gonzalez, L. Sentis, and Y. Zhu, "Deep Imitation Learning for Humanoid Loco-manipulation through Human Teleoperation," *IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids)*, 2023
- 6. **SH. Bang**, C. Gonzalez, J. Ahn, N. Paine, and L. Sentis, "Control and Evaluation of a Humanoid Robot with Rolling Contact Joints on its Lower Body," *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, 2023
- 7. C. Gonzalez, **SH. Bang**, P. Li, S. Chinchali, and L. Sentis, "Learning Adaptive Horizon Maps Based on Error Forecast for Model Predictive Control," *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2023
- 8. J. Ahn, SH. Bang, C. Gonzalez, Y. Yuan, and L. Sentis, "Data-driven safety verification for legged robots,"

IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids), 2022

- 9. J. Lee, J. Ahn, D. Kim, **SH. Bang**, and L. Sentis, "Online gain adaptation of whole-body control for legged robots with unknown disturbances," *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, vol. 8, 2022.
- 10. J. Ahn, S. J. Jorgensen, **SH. Bang**, and L. Sentis, "Versatile locomotion planning and control for humanoid robots," *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, vol. 8, 2021.
- 11. J. Lee, **SH. Bang**, E. Bakolas, and L. Sentis, "MPC-Based Hierarchical Task Space Control of Underactuated and Constrained Robots for Execution of Multiple Tasks," *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)* 2020
- 12. J. Ahn, D. Kim, **SH. Bang**, N. Paine, and L. Sentis, "Control of a high performance bipedal robot using viscoelastic liquid cooled actuators," *IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids)*, 2019

UNDER REVIEW

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2022 – May. 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Texas at Austin, Aerospace Engineering & Engineering Mechanics,

Austin TX

• Decision and Control of Human-Centered Robots (ASE389)

Jan. 2021 – May. 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Texas at Austin, Aerospace Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, *Austin, TX*

• Flight Dynamics (ASE367K)

Sep. 2018 – Dec. 2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Texas at Austin, Mechanical Engineering, Austin, TX

• Experimental Fluids Mechanics (ME 130L)

SKILLS

Program Language C++, Python, Matlab

Library Pinocchio, PyTorch, Protobuf, ZeroMQ

Simulator Dart, Pybullet, MuJoCo

Language English (fluent), Korean (native)

SOFTWARES

RPC C++ library designed to integrate multiple physics-based simulators, planning and

control modules, visualization tools, plotting and logging utilities, and operator interfaces

for robotic systems. (https://github.com/shbang91/rpc)

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

PnC C++ library designed for generating trajectories for a robot system and stabilizing the

system over the trajectories. (https://github.com/junhyeokahn/PnC)

PyPnC Python implementation of PnC. (https://github.com/junhyeokahn/PyPnC)

pink Python inverse kinematics for articulated robot models based on Pinocchio

(https://github.com/stephane-caron/pink)