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Education

Shenzhen Technology University (First-Tier Undergraduate Program)

School of Sino-German Intelligent Manufacturing, B.Eng. in Automation Shenzhen, China
Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2025

GPA: 3.84/4.50 Rank: 5/132

Selected Publications & Major Achievements

- [TII] *Multiagent Formation Control and Dynamic Obstacle Avoidance Based on Deep Reinforcement Learning*. Second Author. *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics*, 2024.
- [IROS] *Application of LLM Guided Reinforcement Learning in Formation Control with Collision Avoidance*. First Author. Accepted at *IROS 2025*.
- **Patent (Under Review)**: A Method for Multi-Agent Formation Obstacle Avoidance Base on Reinforcement Learning. Second Author(Teacher First Author).
- **Competitions**: 1st Prize – National College Robotics Innovation Competition (2024); 3rd Prize – China Robot Competition (2024).

Project Experience

Multi-Agent Formation and Dynamic Obstacle Avoidance via Deep Reinforcement Learning

Core Member

Mar. 2024 – Jan. 2025

Framed the multi-agent formation and obstacle avoidance problem as an MDP. Applied PPO algorithm with actor-critic architecture, Laplacian matrix for consensus, and LSTM. Deployed on Ackermann robots (Jetson AGX Orin + STM32F103) using ROS and visual-inertial SLAM. Achieved 97% success rate in cluttered environments (vs. 70% in prior SOTA).

Outcome: Published in *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics*; national invention patent under substantive examination.

Applying LLMs in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning

Project Lead

Nov. 2024 – Present

Used LLMs' prior semantic knowledge to guide online adaptation of RL reward functions based on high-level evaluation criteria. Achieved 95% task success across diverse scenarios.

Outcome: Accepted at *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*.

Intelligent Quadruped Robot for Autonomous Inspection

Project Lead

Apr. 2023 – Aug. 2024

Worked on DeepRobotics Jueying Lite2. Configured Jetson Orin NX environment with GPU-enabled OpenCV, VINS, RealSense, YOLO models, and TensorRT optimization. Replaced default PD controller with MPC (from CMU project) and integrated ETH's RL controller for autonomous inspection.

Outcome: Third Prize, 2024 China Robot Competition & RoboCup China; First Prize, 2024 National College Robotics Innovation Competition.

Adaptive MPC Control for Quadrotor UAVs

Project Lead

Aug. 2024 – Present

Built custom quadrotor (Jetson Orin NX + CUAV V5, PX4). Integrated with QGC via MAVROS. Applied MPC and L1 adaptive control to maintain trajectory tracking under 50% payload and strong wind. Error < 5%.

Outcome: Simulation and hardware setup completed; fine-tuning ongoing.

Controller Design for Quadruped Robots using MPC and RL

Project Lead

Dec. 2024 – Present

Defined reward function based on gait/velocity accuracy. Trained policy via PPO and actor-critic for 12-joint commands. Used MPC for foot force and joint velocity, and computed torque via inverse dynamics.

Outcome: In progress.

Honors and Awards

- First Prize, 2024 National College Robotics Innovation Competition
- Third Prize, 2024 China Robot Competition & RoboCup China
- Third Prize, 2023 “Bank of Construction Cup” National Energy Conservation Competition
- Second Prize, 2023 “HuaShu Cup” National Mathematical Modeling Contest
- Third Prize, 2023 Guangdong Mathematical Modeling Contest
- Third Prize, 2023 RAICOM Shadow Pursuit Competition (Guangdong)
- Second Prize, 13th National Market Research and Analysis Competition

Technical Skills

Programming: C/C++, Python, MATLAB/Simulink

Platforms: Jetson, STM32, Raspberry Pi, PX4

Frameworks: ROS, PyTorch, TensorFlow

Control: MPC, RL-based control systems

Deployment: Embedded systems, visual perception modules, real-time optimization

Languages

English: IELTS 6.5, fluent in academic writing and oral communication; 2 overseas study programs

German: B1 level (CGT6)

Chinese (Cantonese): Fluent