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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Mechanical design, Robotic tail, Legged robots, Haptic devices.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 2023, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Aug. 2018-Jul. 2023

Major: Mechanical and Automation Engineering. Supervisor: AU Kwok Wai Samuel. GPA: 3.787/4.0.

M.Sc. 2018, Purdue University, USA.

Aug. 2016-May. 2018

Major: Mechanical Engineering. 3+2 Program (1 year exchange). GPA: 3.823/4.0.

B.S. 2017, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)

Sep. 2013-Jul. 2017

Major: Mechanical Engineering. GPA: 3.79/4.0 (5/37, Tsien Hsue-shen class, Honor Program).

PROJECT EXPERIENCES:

• Towards Agile Maneuver for Terrestrial Robots with Spatial Morphable Inertial Appendage

Project Description: My Ph.D. thesis project, the objective is to propose novel spatial morphable inertial tail designs with enhanced inertial adjustment capability in three-dimension (3D) space and investigate its capability in assisting agile maneuvers for terrestrial robots. (Supervisor: Prof. AU Kwok Wai Samuel, CUHK, Sep. 2018-Jan. 2023.)

• A Novel 3-DoF Large Force Haptic Device for the Wrist Motion

Project Description: Personal proposed project, the objective is to design a haptic device capable of providing large output forces, low inertia, high force transparency, high stiffness, and a large range of motion. The project targets potential applications in VR devices, teleoperation masters, and exoskeletons. (CUHK, Apr. 2023-Until Now.)

• Teleoperated Legged-Manipulator with Replaceable Instruments

Project Description: Lab project, we aim at developing a teleoperated legged-manipulator robot system with replaceable instruments for the application in hospitals and logistics warehouses. Now I am the mechanical design group leader. (Supervisor: Prof. AU Kwok Wai Samuel, CUHK, Jan. 2023-Until Now.)

• Humanoid Leg Design Based on Parallel Mechanism

Project Description: Personal proposed project, the objective is to enhance the performance of humanoid leg joints using parallel mechanisms. In the latest design, I propose the utilization of three motors in the hip joint of the leg to collectively drive the hip pitch movement. (CUHK, Oct. 2019-Until Now.)

Design of a 6-DoF Tailed Monopod Robot with a 3-DoF Active Leg

Project Description: Lab project, the objective is to propose a 6-DoF tailed monopod robot by integrating a 3-DoF omni-directional leg with our 3-DoF morphable inertial tail. The goal is to construct a highly agile robot capable of executing more agile behaviors. (Supervisor: Prof. AU Kwok Wai Samuel, CUHK, Jan. 2020-Jul. 2020.)

Design of a Tailed Quadruped Robot Towards Various Somersault Motions

Project Description: Personal proposed project, inspired by the agile aerial maneuvers of kangaroo rats, this project aims to explore the application of a 3-DoF morphable inertial tail to assist quadruped robots in

achieving various challenging somersault motions. (CUHK, Jun. 2021- Aug. 2021.)

• Design of a Tailed Quadruped Robot for Walking on Pipes and Ropes

Project Description: Personal proposed project, inspired by the agile movements of rodents traversing ropes and pipes, this project aims to explore the application of a 3-DoF morphable inertial tail to assist quadruped robots in achieving challenging walking movements on pipes and ropes. (CUHK, Jun. 2021- Aug. 2021.)

• Design of a Humanoid Dexterous robot hand

Project Description: Lab project, the objective is to develop an innovative cable-driven approach for humanoid robot finger design, while simultaneously increasing the degree of freedom (DoF) of the robot hand from 13 to 22. (*Supervisor: Prof. Fuchun Sun, IEEE Fellow, Tsinghua University, Jun. 2017-Aug. 2017.*)

PUBLICATION LIST

[1] Y. Tang, **J. An** (**co-first author**), X. Chu, S. Wang, C. Y. Wong, and K. W. Samuel Au, "Towards Safe Landing of Falling Quadruped Robots Using a 3-DoF Morphable Inertial Tail," *ICRA*, 2022.

[2] **J. An**, X. Ma, C. H. David Lo, W. S. Ng, X. Chu, K. W. Samuel Au, "Design and Experimental Validation of a Monopod Robot with 3-DoF Morphable Inertial Tail for Somersault," *IEEE Transaction on Mechatronics*, 2021.

[3] **J. An**, T. Y. Chung, C. H. D. Lo, C. Ma, X. Chu and K. W. Samuel Au, "Development of a Bipedal Hopping Robot With Morphable Inertial Tail for Agile Locomotion," *BioRob*, 2020.

[4] K. W. Samuel Au, J. An, X. Chu, T. Y. Chung, C. H. Lo, H. W. Yip, Carlos Ma. "Morphable inertial appendage, systems and associated methods," *US Provisional Patent*, US 62/810,258.

COMPETITION EXPERIENCES

•	Professor Charles K. Kao Student Creativity Awards 2 nd Place	May. 2019
•	RoboMaster 2018	Jan. 2018-May. 2018
•	Purdue Mechatronics Robot Competition 2 nd Place	Jan. 2017-May. 2017
•	The 9th Social Practice and Technological Competition for Energy	Feb. 2016-Aug. 2016
	Conservation and Emissions Reduction 2 nd Prize	
•	RoboMaster 2016	Jan. 2016-Jul.2016
•	The 2nd SUAV Contest in SJTU	Nov. 2015-Apr. 2016
•	Mathematical Contest in Modeling America 2 nd Prize	Feb. 2015
•	The 10th Freescale Cup National Smart Car Contest 1st Prize	Jan. 2015-Aug. 2015
•	RoboCup China Open 2014 2 nd Place	Jul. 2014-Dec. 2014
•	The 2nd NAO Robot Online Programming Contest Gold Award	Feb.2014- Jul.2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Eleme Industry Scholarships 2014-15, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Oct. 2015
- National Scholarship 2013-14, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Oct. 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS