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Education

Northeastern University

China

Master in Control Science and Engineering

09/2023 - Present (expected 06/2026)

- College Of Information Science and Engineering (GPA 89.06/100)

Shenyang University of Chemical Technology

China

Bachelor in Process Equipment and Control Engineering

09/2019 - 06/2023

- School of Mechanical and Power Engineering (GPA 89.63/100)

Research Experience

Multi-UAV Cooperative Hoisting and Trajectory Planning in Constrained Environments 2023 - 2024

- Proposed a unified optimization framework (GeoSafe) that introduces a rotational degree of freedom to the standard 4-DOF model, expanding the solution space for navigating narrow passages.
- Utilized the MINCO transformation to reformulate the constrained formation adjustment and obstacle avoidance problem into a single unconstrained optimization, enabling efficient, real-time trajectory generation.
- Validated with scalable formations (2-4 UAVs) in extensive simulations and real-world experiments, demonstrating superior success rates and computational efficiency compared to IF-based and sampling-based methods.

Lightweight and Efficient Occupancy Mapping for UAV Autonomous Exploration 2024 - 2025

- Proposed a linear parametric model using the Random Mapping Method (RMM) for lightweight map representation, capable of inferring and completing unobserved regions caused by occlusions to improve map integrity.
- Implemented the online map construction framework on a custom UAV platform with Livox Lidar, enabling real-time updates and fast query responses during autonomous exploration.
- Validated the method in extensive simulations and real-world tests, demonstrating that it surpasses traditional methods in storage efficiency, access time, and prediction accuracy.

Fast and Efficient Autonomous Flight in Large-Scale Environments 2024 - 2025

- Proposing a unified linear parametric framework that leverages the Random Mapping Method (RMM) to concurrently model both occupancy grids and ESDF maps for autonomous flight.
- Deriving a closed-form, resolution-invariant ESDF from the parametric model, which eliminates the need for traditional interpolation and enables highly efficient trajectory optimization.
- Validating the complete flight system (FELP) in diverse, large-scale environments, demonstrating superior performance in both mapping and planning efficiency against state-of-the-art methods.

Unified Parametric Mapping and Perception-Aware Planning for Mobile Robots 2024 - 2025

- Proposed a unified mapping framework (RMRP) using random mapping and sparse random projection to create a lightweight, continuous linear parametric map, supported by a novel Residual Energy Preservation Theorem for theoretical guarantees.
- Developed a perception-aware planning framework (RPATR) for UAVs that uses the map's analytical gradient to refine initial paths and a closed-form ESDF model for back-end optimization, enabling proactive navigation by predicting unobserved areas.
- Extended the framework to UGVs for terrain-aware navigation by modeling terrain and its analytical gradient to avoid hazards, and validated the entire system in diverse scenarios, demonstrating superior performance in mapping and planning.

Research Interest

- My future research interests lie in machine learning, particularly in end-to-end autonomous driving and other ML-based applications for unmanned systems. I am keenly following the developments in the autonomous driving field.

Skills

- **Software:** WSL2, Git, SolidWorks, Adobe illustrator, Adobe After Effects, Fluent
- **Programming:** C/C++, Python for Linux (ROS), CUDA
- **Engineering:** Mechanical Assembly & Soldering
- **Soft Skills:** Planned, Responsible, Organized, Self-Motivating, Adaptability, Analytical Thinking

Awards & Honors

- First-Class Academic Scholarship, Northeastern University (2024, 2025, University-level)
- National University Mechanical Engineering Innovation and Creativity Competition Zhuoran-Dushun Cup (2022, National Second Prize, Team Leader)
- Wenyu Scholarship for the year 2021 (2022, University-level)

Publications

- **Xingyu Li**, Hongyu Nie, Haoxuan Xu, Xingrui Liu, Zhaotong Tan, Chunyu Jiang, Yang Feng and Sen Mei, "GeoSafe: A Unified Unconstrained Multi-DOF Optimization Framework for Multi-UAV Cooperative Hoisting and Obstacle Avoidance". (Accepted by 2025-IROS)
- **Xingyu Li**, Haoxuan Xu, Xingrui Liu and Zhaotong Tan, "Real-Time Occupancy Grid Mapping Using RMM on Large-scale and Unstructured Environments". (Accepted by 2025-IROS)
- Hongyu Nie*, **Xingyu Li***, Xu Liu, Decai Li, Yuqing He, "FELP:Fast and Effective Autonomous Flight on Large-scale and Cluttered Environments Based on Unified Linear Parametric Map".(Accepted by 2025-RAL) (*: equal contribution)
- Hongyu Nie*, **Xingyu Li***, Xu Liu, Zhaotong Tan, Sen Mei, Wenbo Su, "Unified Linear Parametric Map Modeling and Perception-aware Trajectory Planning for Mobile Robotics". (Submitted to 2025-TRO) (*: equal contribution)