NRI: FND: Robust and Scalable Planning for Agile and Collaborative Robot Teammates in Complex Environments

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Goal: Robust task and motion planning for unified locomotion and aerial mobility.





Proposed Approach

- Robust phase-space planning and control barrier certificates for versatile terrestrial and aerial maneuvering.
- Sequential composition of template models via game-based reactive synthesis.
- A multi-agent decision-making approach with formal guarantees on achieving team goals.





Scientific and Broader Impact

- Our Vertically Integrated Project (VIP) team at Georgia Tech won **2020 AIM Best Late Breaking Results Poster Award.**
- The VIP team won 2021 First place in the Hardware, Devices & Robotics Track of the GaTech VIP Innovation Competition.
- ENGAGES students won **Outstanding Exhibit Award** in STEM at the YSEA Science Fair.
- 13 Students won Georgia Tech **President's Undergraduate Research Awards.**















Safe Locomotion in Partially Observable Environments



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Navigation specifications

avoid collisions visit location infinitely often collaborate with other robots

Locomotion safety foot placement CoM apex velocity CoM surface

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[Warnke, Shamsah, Li, and Zhao, CDC 2020] [Warnke, Shamsah, Li, Coogan, and Zhao, RSS Workshop 2020] [Shamsah, Warnke, Gu, and Zhao, TRO, in revision, 2022]





Real-time Locomotion Planning Resilient to Anytime Perturbations



 0° perturbation (leg crossing)

90° perturbation



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180° perturbation

270° perturbation

[Gu, Boyd, and Zhao, ICRA, 2022]

[Zhao, Li, Sentis, Topcu, and Jun, IJRR, 2022]

Terrestrial and Aerial Coordination for Resolving Runtime Conflict





Top view

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- Problem: Temporal-logic-based reactive synthesis often predefines allowable environment events.
- An agent may encounter un-modeled failures that is ignored by offline synthesis approaches.
- Resolve unexpected failures through leveraging other agent's assistance at runtime

[Cao, Warnke, Zhao, and Coogan, under review, 2022]



Side view





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