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Education

Ph.D.	Electrical Engineering	University of California, Berkeley	2006
		Dissertation: A Categorical Theory of Hybrid Systems Advisor: Shankar Sastry	
M.A.	Mathematics	University of California, Berkeley	2006
B.S.	Mechanical Engineering	University of St. Thomas	2001
B.A.	Mathematics	University of St. Thomas	2001

Appointments

Bren Professor	Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Control and Dynamical Systems, Caltech, January 2017 to present
Associate Professor	Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering, School of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, July 2015 to December 2016
Associate Professor & Morris E. Foster Faculty Fellow II	Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Texas A&M University, Sept. 2014 to June 2015
Assistant Professor	Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M University, August 2008 to Aug. 2014 Electrical & Computer Engineering, Texas A&M University, May 2011 to Aug. 2014 Computer Science & Engineering, Texas A&M University, Dec. 2013 to Aug. 2014
Postdoctoral Scholar	Control and Dynamical Systems, California Institute of Technology, August 2006 to August 2008. Advisor: John Doyle.
Graduate Student Researcher	Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2002 to Spring 2006. Advisor: Shankar Sastry.

Research Interests

Areas of Interest	<i>Nonlinear Control, Robotics, and Hybrid Systems</i> : Theoretical foundations of nonlinear control and hybrid systems, including Lyapunov-based methods, control barrier functions, optimization-based control. Applications to robotic systems, with an emphasis on walking and legged robots, along with dynamic robots in general including: ground robots, aerial robots, heterogeneous multi-robot systems. Applications domains include: cyber-physical and autonomous systems, embedded and networked systems, validation and verification, test and evaluation. Robotic applications center around robotic assistive devices, from prostheses to exoskeletons, with a special focus on restoring mobility.
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Honors and Awards

- ◇ **Leon O. Chua Award**, UC Berkeley (2005), for “outstanding achievement in an area of nonlinear science from any discipline, including biological, engineering, mathematical, physical and social sciences.”
- ◇ **Bernard Friedman Memorial Prize in Applied Mathematics**, UC Berkeley (2006), for “demonstrated ability to do research in applied mathematics.”
- ◇ **National Science Foundation CAREER Award**, 2010, for the project: “Closing the Loop on Walking: From Hybrid Systems to Bipedal Robots to Prosthetic Devices and Back.”
- ◇ **Plenary Speaker**, *Robotic Motion and Control (RoMoCo)*, 2011.
- ◇ **Plenary Speaker**, *Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC)*, 2013.
- ◇ **Best Paper Award**, *IEEE International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems, Networks, and Applications (CPSNA)*, 2013.
- ◇ **Best Paper Award Finalist**, *International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems (ICCPS)*, 2014.
- ◇ **DENSO Best Student Paper Award**, as advisor, with students Ayonga Hereid and Shishir Kolathaya, *Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC)*, 2014.
- ◇ **Morris E. Foster Faculty Fellow II**, Texas A&M University, 2014, for “many accomplishments and future potential.”
- ◇ **Donald P. Eckman Award**, American Automatic Control Council (AACC), 2015, “For fundamental contributions to the dynamic walking of bipedal robots, including foundational results for hybrid and nonlinear systems, together with the experimental realization of formal results on novel robotic platforms.”
- ◇ **Best Paper Award Finalist**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2016.
- ◇ **Plenary Speaker**, *American Control Conference (ACC)*, 2016.
- ◇ **Best Student Paper Award Finalist**, as advisor, with students Vahid Azimi (visiting student), Tony Shu (undergraduate), Huihua Zhao, Eric Ambrose, *American Control Conference (ACC)*, 2016.
- ◇ **Best Conference Paper Award Finalist**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2017.
- ◇ **Best Medical Robotics Paper Award Finalist**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2017.
- ◇ **Best Multi-Robot Systems Paper Award**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2017.
- ◇ **Okawa Foundation Research Grant**, for “Safety Critical Autonomy in Robotic Locomotion,” 2017.
- ◇ **Earnest C. Watson Lecture**, “Toward the Robots of Science Fiction,” California Institute of Technology, 2017.
- ◇ **Google Research Award**, Machine Learning and Data Mining, 2017.
- ◇ **Plenary Speaker**, *Southwest Robotics Symposium*, 2018.
- ◇ **Best Theory Paper Award Finalist**, *International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems (ICCPS)*, 2018.

- ◇ **Invited Speaker**, *National Academy of Engineering (NAE), Mechanical Engineering Section*, 2018.
- ◇ **Best New Application Paper Award**, *IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering*, 2019.
- ◇ **RoboCup Best Paper Award**, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2019.
- ◇ **IEEE Antonio Ruberti Young Researcher Prize**, *IEEE Control Systems Society*, 2019, "For fundamental contributions to the nonlinear control of hybrid and safety-critical systems, with application to walking robots and robotic assistive devices that restore mobility."
- ◇ **Invited Speaker**, *TEDx Manhattan Beach*, 2019.
- ◇ **Best Conference Paper Award**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2020.
- ◇ **Best Paper Award on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)**, *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2020.

Funding

Current Projects

Robotic Inspection of Distillation Column Trays Proposal, Dow Chemical, PI: A. Ames (joint project with JPL), 1/1/2020-12/31/2023, \$2,128,415.

Formal Methods for V&V and T&E of Autonomous Systems, AFOSR, PI: R. Murray; Co-PI: A. Ames, 6/6/2019-9/5/2022, \$1,500,000.

Collaborative Research: Intelligent and Agile Robotic Legged Locomotion in Complex Environments: From Hybrid Systems to Planning, Safety, and Robust Control, NSF, PI: A. Ames (Collaborative with Virginia Tech, PI: Kaveh Hamed), 9/1/2019-8/31/2022, \$341,940.

NRI: FND: COLLAB: Cooperative Legged Robots for Manipulation in Complex Environments: A Hybrid Systems Approach to Safe and Distributed Control, NSF, PI: A. Ames (Collaborative with Virginia Tech, PI: Kaveh Hamed), 9/1/2019-8/31/2022, \$375,000.

CPS: Medium: Safety-Critical Cyber-Physical Systems: From Validation & Verification to Test & Evaluation, NSF, PI: A. Ames, Co-PI: R. Murray, 10/1/2019-9/30/2022, \$1,199,209.

Safety-Critical Planning for Heterogenous Multi-Agent Robot Teams with Humans in the Loop, Raytheon, PI: A. Ames, 12/1/2018-11/30/2021, \$450,000.00.

Specification-guided and Capability-aware Autonomy for Long-endurance Situational Awareness in Subterranean Environment, JPL (prime sponsor: DARPA), PI: J. Burdick (Co-PI: A. Ames), 10/01/2018-09/30/2021, \$1,044,000.00.

Dynamic Crutch Free Walking for Paraplegics with the Wandercraft Exoskeleton, Wandercraft, PI: A. Ames, 1/1/18-12/31/2020., \$352,959.00.

Gift Funding

Robots in the Wild: Unifying Learning and Control for Robust Locomotion, Google Faculty Research Awards Program, \$150,000.00.

Miso Robotics, \$50,000.00.

Safety-Critical Autonomy in Robotic Locomotion, Okawa Foundation Research Grant, \$10,000.00.

Cheetah Mobile, *Graduate Student Fellowship*.

Gregg Zietlin Discovery Fund.

MCE Big Idea Fund.

Past Projects

A Robotic Bouncing Ball, Disney, PI: A. Ames, 8/1/2017-7/31/2020., \$450,000.00.

CPS: TTP Option: Synergy: Safe and Secure Open-Access Multi-Robot Systems, NSF, PI: M. Egerstedt, Co-PIs, A. Ames, R. Beyah, E. Feron, 10/1/15-9/30/19, \$1,000,000. Award Number: 1544332. (Co-PIs Ames' component, \$237,216).

CPS: Synergy: Learning to Walk - Optimal Gait Synthesis and Online Learning for Terrain-Aware Legged Locomotion, NSF, PI: P. Vela, Co-PIs, A. Ames, D. Goldman, E. Verriest, 10/1/15-9/30/19, \$800,000. Award Number: 1544857. (Co-PIs Ames' component, \$250,376).

NRI: Collaborative Research: Unified Feedback Control and Mechanical Design for Robotic, Prosthetic, and Exoskeleton Locomotion, NSF, PI: A. Ames, 9/1/15-8/31/19, \$712,010.00. Award Number: 1526519. (Collaborative proposal with Michigan, PI: J. Grizzle, CMU, PI: K. Sreenath, and Northwestern/RIC, PI: L. Hargrove. Total award \$1.8M.)

Adaptive Verifiable Autonomy for Space Missions: Concurrent Control and Model Adaptation under Uncertainty, JPL, PI: A. Ames (Co-PI R. Murray), 06/24/2018-06/30/2019, \$95,000.00.

Physics-infused Learning for Autonomous Dynamic Robots, DARPA, PI: A. Animeshree (Co-PIs A. Ames, J. Burdick, S-J. Chung, Y. Yue), 09/24/2018-03/23/2020, \$1,000,000.00.

Safety-critical control of power networks, BATTEL (PNNL), PI: S. Low (Co-PIs A. Ames), 9/1/2018-8/31/2019, \$144,000.00.

Dynamic Locomotion in Diverse and Natural Terrain, JPL (NASA), PI: A. Ames, 5/1/2018-4/30/2019, \$76,200.00.

CPS: Frontier: Collaborative Research: Correct-by-Design Control Software Synthesis for Highly Dynamic Systems, NSF, PI: A. Ames, 2/15/13-2/14/18, \$1,100,000. Award Number: 1239055. (Collaborative proposal with Michigan, PI: J. Grizzle, Award number: 1239037, UCLA, PI: P. Tabuada, Award number: 1239085, and CMU, PI: H. Geyer, Award number: 1239143. Total award \$4M.)

Safety-critical Autonomy and Verification for Space Missions, JPL, PI: A. Ames (Co-PI R. Murray), 06/24/2018-06/30/2019, \$180,000.00.

CPS Medium: Collaborative Research: A CPS Approach to Robot Design, NSF, PI: A. Ames, 9/25/11-8/31/16, \$317,573. Award number: CNS-1136104. (Collaborative proposal with Rice University, PI: W. Taha, co-PI's: C. Cartwright and M. O'Malley, \$1.4M. Award number: CNS-1136099.)

CAREER: Closing the Loop on Walking: From Hybrid Systems to Bipedal Robots to Prosthetic Devices and Back, NSF, PI: A. Ames. 06/01/10-05/31/16, \$400,000. Supplement for NSF Workshop on Formal Composition of Motion Primitives: \$10,300. Award number: CNS-0953823.

DRC Consortium: Next Generation Humanoid Robot for Disaster Response, Texas Emerging Technology Fund, Fiscal Agent: A. Ames, 10/1/13-9/31/18, \$1,000,000. (Additional cost-sharing and matching funds from TAMU of \$276,700.) Joint project with NASA, UT Austin and the DRC Consortium.

Efficient Bipedal Robotic Walking: SLIP Model based Human-Inspired Control, SRI International, PI: A. Ames, 8/15/13-6/31/15, \$236,790. (Representing work on M3A project, funded by DARPA, \$4M.)

Human-Like Walking Controller for NASA's Robonaut 2, NASA, PI: A. Ames, 8/01/11-7/31/14, \$90,000. Grant number: NNX11AN06H.

Next Generation Humanoid for Disaster Response, NASA, PI: A. Ames, 8/31/12-1/15/14, \$100,000. Grant number: NNX12AQ68G. (Representing work as a Key Investigator for the NASA JSC DRC Team, funded by DARPA, \$3M.)

Achieving Bipedal Locomotion with Robonaut through Human-Inspired Control, NASA, PI: A. Ames, 12/31/11-12/31/12, \$90,000. Grant number: NNX12AB58G.

MRI: Acquisition of Mobile, Distributed Instrumentation for Response Research (RESPOND-R), NSF, PI: R. Murphy, Co-PI: A. Ames, R. Stoleru, D. Song, R. Gutierrez-Osuna, 9/01/09-9/01/13, \$2M (with \$307,239 allocated to co-PI Ames). Award number: CNS-0923203.

Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program Award, THECB, PI: A. Ames, 8/01/10-5/31/13, \$196,691, Project number: 000512-0184-2009.

Robots

The theoretic methods developed have been realized on over 20 different robot platforms: R – Index = 21

Quadrupeds



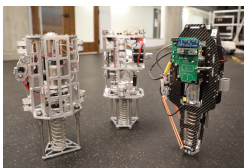
Quadrupedal robots are studied from the perspective of achieving dynamic and robust walking behaviors, wherein they are decomposed into collaborative bipedal robots. This allows for the methods from the lab developed for bipedal robots to be applied to their quadrupedal counterparts. The specific robots pictured are the Vision 60 series built by Ghost Robotics.

V3. *Coupled Control Systems: Periodic Orbit Generation, with application to quadrupeds* [J4], February 2020. <https://youtu.be/G1pgSXMinoU>

V2. *From Bipedal Walking to Quadrupedal Locomotion: Full-Body Dynamics Decomposition for Rapid Gait Generation* [C9], May 2020. <http://ames.caltech.edu/ma2019bipedal.mp4>

V1. *First steps towards full model based motion planning and control of quadrupeds: A hybrid zero dynamics approach* [C28], September 2019. <http://ames.caltech.edu/ma2019first.mp4>

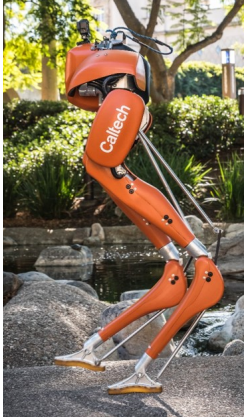
Hopping Robots



Hopping robots are used to studying the generating of dynamic behaviors on robotic systems. These ideas are demonstrated on custom-built hopping robots.

V2. *Moving-Mass Hopping Robots with Parallel Elasticity* [C2], 2020. <http://ames.caltech.edu/ambrose2019improved.mp4>

V1. *Design and Comparative Analysis of 1D Hopping Robots* [C21], 2019. <http://ames.caltech.edu/ambrose2019design.mp4>

Cassie

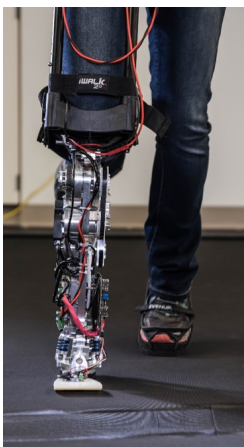
Cassie is a bipedal robot developed and built by Agility Robotics. At Caltech, custom walking algorithms were developed and implemented to achieve robust walking including walking outdoors. Additionally, advanced dynamic behaviors were achieved including jumping.

- V4. *An inverse dynamics approach to control Lyapunov functions* [C13], June 2020. <https://vimeo.com/362721158>
- V3. *Cassie Jumping* [C49], February 2018. <https://youtu.be/qANxY3AhTm8>
- V2. *Cassie walking on uneven terrain (with custom onboard walking controllers)* [C32], April 2019. <https://youtu.be/NYooAyAC0kA>
- V1. *Cassie walking around Caltech (with Agility Robotics walking controller)*, October 2017. <https://youtu.be/wXvz1TPAkMo>

Exoskeleton

The ATALANTE exoskeleton was designed and built by Wandercraft, a French robotics company. Dynamic walking on the exoskeleton, i.e., the first example of exoskeleton walking without crutches, was achieved using the same mathematical framework that was realized on DURUS. Gaits are generated using the methods developed by the lab, collaboratively with Wandercraft and University of Michigan.

- V4. *Towards Variable Assistance for Lower Body Exoskeletons* [J10], 2020. <http://ames.caltech.edu/gurriet2019towards.mp4>
- V3. *Preference-Based Learning for Exoskeleton Gait Optimization* [C18], 2019. <https://youtu.be/-27sHXsvONE>
- V2. *First dynamic walking on an exoskeleton for paraplegics* [C40], May 2018. <https://youtu.be/V30HsyUD4fs>
- V1. *Exoskeleton in AMBER Lab*, April 2019. <https://youtu.be/S55PeYWBBRI>

AMPRO 3

AMPRO 3 is the third generation powered transfemoral prosthesis custom designed and built by AMBER lab. It includes series elastic actuators at the knee and ankle, along with a 2 degree of freedom ankle with compliance. Different assistive gaits have been realized, including walking on flat ground and up and down slopes. It was demoed in front of Congress in 2016.

- V5. *Recurrent Neural Network Control of a Hybrid Dynamical Transfemoral Prosthesis* [C6], 2020. <http://ames.caltech.edu/gao2020recurrent.mp4>
- V4. *Model-Based Adaptive Control of Transfemoral Prostheses* [J15], 2020. <http://ames.caltech.edu/azimi2019model.mp4>
- V3. *AMPRO 3 walking in the lab*, 2018. <https://youtu.be/DbhHyJ0QjaQ>
- V2. *AMPRO 3 walking outdoors*, 2018. https://youtu.be/9CjBgSP_MwU
- V1. *AMPRO 3 demo in DC*, July 2016. https://youtu.be/8kRGBT_iHpk

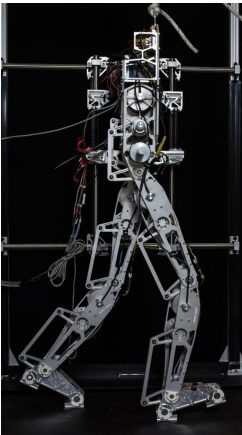
Modified Segway



A segway type robot was modified from the ground up, with completely new on-board electronics, control, sensing and computation. This allows for the real-time control and implementation of safety-critical control algorithms, i.e., control barrier functions.

- V3. *Learning for safety-critical control with control barrier functions* [C17], 2020. <https://vimeo.com/380798276/f37b003db3>
- V2. *Autonomous Navigation* [C48], 2018. <https://youtu.be/Nxb1MwX8P1o>
- V1. *Safe behavior through control barrier functions* [C42], May 2017. <https://youtu.be/RYXcGT08Chg>

AMBER 3M



AMBER 3M is the 3rd generation bipedal robot custom built and designed by AMBER lab. It is a planar robot that has multiple leg configurations that can be used to test different walking behaviors.

- V4. *Walking on slippery surfaces* [C29], 2019. <https://youtu.be/G9dhcgyvcyI>
- V3. *AMBER 3 walking in AMBER Lab*, October 2018. <https://youtu.be/v4egr2VDhGk>
- V2. *Testing the efficiency of different leg configurations* [C51], December 2016. <https://youtu.be/shA2Bwjij7Y>
- V1. *AMBER 3M: Walking with Mechanics Based Control* [C80], July 2016. <https://youtu.be/xw8jaDz8XTc>

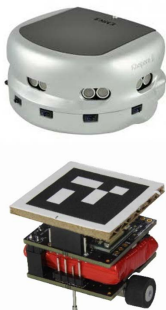
Quadrotors



Quadrotors are used, with custom controllers, to test concepts related to multi-robot systems and collision avoidance (collaboratively with Georgia Tech).

- V1. *Barrier Certificates for Safe Quad Swarm* [C62], July 2016. <https://youtu.be/rK9oyqccMJw>

Ground Vehicles



Ground vehicles, i.e., wheeled vehicles, are used to demonstrate concepts related to swarm robotics and automotive systems, and specifically control barrier functions. Platforms include the Kepler robotics and Gritsbots.

- V3. *Safety Barrier Certificates for Collision-Free Multi-robot Systems: Experiments* [J27], 2017. https://youtu.be/-WUkzik1_VQ
- V2. *Multi-objective compositions for collision-free connectivity maintenance in teams of mobile robots* [C83], 2016. <https://youtu.be/LXzgx CzZIsM>
- V1. *Robotarium Algorithm Development: Safety Barrier Certificates* [C59], September 2016. <https://youtu.be/PWJk-oMcgn4>

DURUS



DURUS is a 23 degree of freedom humanoid robot with onboard processing and power. It was developed through a DARPA funded collaboration between SRI international, Ames' AMBER lab and OSU. Importantly, it has a passive spring at the ankle allowing energy to be stored and released during locomotion. This necessitated the use of hybrid zero dynamics (HZD) for the walking gait generation, in which a new paradigm for generating HZD gaits was introduced utilizing direction collocation based optimization. The end result was the most efficient locomotion realized on a bipedal humanoid robot, which was demonstrated at the DRC finals. Videos of DURUS walking gait be found at:

- V4. *DURUS Walks like a Human* [B1], 2016. <https://youtu.be/1fC7b2LjVW4>
- V3. *3D Flat-Footed Walking Gait*, [J19] 2015. <https://youtu.be/zpWmKQzexSQ>
- V2. *DURUS: SRI's Ultra-Efficient Walking Humanoid Robot*, Spectrum, June 2015. <https://youtu.be/HyqT9Bdamt8>
- V1. *Dynamic Walking on DURUS at the 2015 DRC Finals*, [C82] June 2015. <https://youtu.be/a-R4H8-8074>

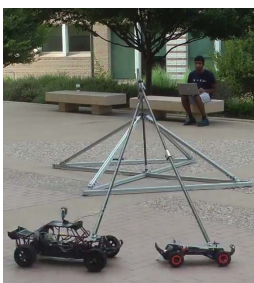
AMPRO



AMPRO is an intelligent powered prosthesis with 2 degrees of actuation—at the knee and ankle—that was designed and built in AMBER Lab at Texas A&M University. Controllers will developed by translating formal controller synthesis for bipedal robots to prosthesis, including online optimization-based controllers, and the result has been stable robotic assisted locomotion both in the lab and outside a laboratory setting. Videos of the resulting robotic assisted walking can be seen at:

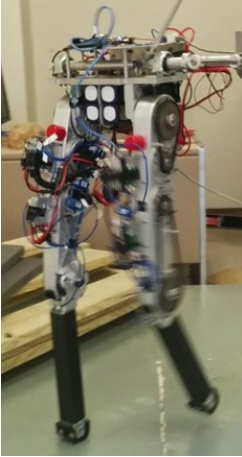
- V4. *Realization of stair ascent and motion transitions on prostheses* [C96], 2015. <https://youtu.be/oNZxkiiCnUg>
- V3. *Multi-Contact Prosthesis Walking with AMPRO* [J32, C95], 2015. <https://youtu.be/K6mKYrVYVwE>
- V2. *AMPRO: Realizing Nonlinear Controllers on Prosthesis* [J29, C98], October 2014. <http://youtu.be/NxJ7nMsJ63o>
- V1. *Introducing AMPRO: Translating Robotic Locomotion to Powered Transfemoral Prosthesis* [C97, C110], October 2014. http://youtu.be/Ez0Ib0CP_pU

Autonomous Cars



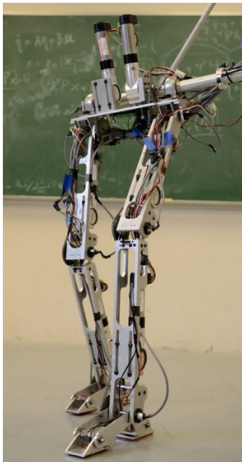
Autonomous cars modified by AMBER Lab from commercially available scale-model cars to include onboard processing, sensing and power. This testbed allows for the testing of advanced controllers experimentally—including online optimization-based controllers. A video can be found at:

- V1. *Adaptive Cruise Control: Experimental Validation of Advanced Controllers on Scale-Model Cars* [C90], October 2014. <http://youtu.be/9Du7F76s4jQ>

2D DURUS

2D DURUS is a planar (2D) robot designed and built by SRI International, with control algorithms that result in locomotion designed and implemented by and at AMBER Lab at Texas A&M University. This robot has served as a testbed in achieving highly efficient locomotion, e.g., through the implementation of online optimization-based control methods, and has resulted in walking with a electrical specific cost of transport of 0.63 (nearing a humans metabolic cost of transport of 0.20). Additionally, running was achieved on this robot. Videos can be seen at:

- V5.** *Online Gait Generation* [C71], March 2016. <https://youtu.be/pvH3c2G2Pj4>
- V4.** *Bipedal Robotic Running on DURUS-2D* [C58], March 2015.
<https://youtu.be/3XQ006kvHFY>
- V3.** *CLF based QP Control on DURUS-2D* [C87], January 2015.
<http://youtu.be/hYaUzE21ZN4>
- V2.** *Model Predictive Control on DURUS-2D* [C92], 2015.
<https://youtu.be/OG-WIfWMZek>
- V1.** *Introducing: DURUS-2D* [C88], August 2014. <http://youtu.be/V3Ax08x6s28>

AMBER 2

AMBER 2 is a 2D fully actuated bipedal walking robot that was designed and built in AMBER Lab at Texas A&M University. Locomotion was achieved using human-inspired control, implemented through torque control. In addition, walking with multiple heel-toe behavior has been demonstrated. Videos can be seen at:

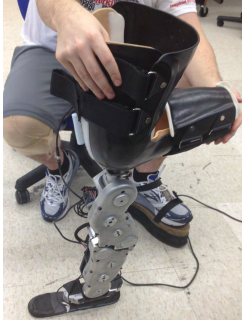
- V4.** *Robustness Tests on the Bipedal Robot AMBER 2*, April 2014.
http://youtu.be/q0FThc1fe_U
- V3.** *Dynamic Robotic Dancing* [B3], March 2014.
<http://youtu.be/IwR9XvojXWo>
- V2.** *Human-Like Multi-Contact Walking with AMBER 2* [J28, C108], October 2013.
<http://youtu.be/VvkIdCK1L54>
- V1.** *Robotic Walking with AMBER 2.0* [C105], August 2013.
<http://youtu.be/d6oM5sLI9vA>

ATRIAS

ATRIAS is a compliant underactuated 2D robot developed and built by Oregon State University (OSU). Through collaboration between AMBER Lab and OSU, multi-domain walking was achieved using SLIP based optimization coupled with human-inspired control. A video of walking behavior can be found at:

- V1.** *Dynamic Multi-Domain Bipedal Walking with ATRIAS* [J28, C101], October 2013.
<http://youtu.be/yiEbWwC-sR0>

Vanderbilt Prosthesis



The Vanderbilt Prosthesis is a powered transfemoral prosthesis located at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC). Through collaboration among AMBER Lab, RIC and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, impedance parameters for the device were learned based upon robotic walking gaits generated through human-inspired control. These parameters successfully yielded natural locomotion experimentally. A video of walking behavior can be found at:

- VI.** *Impedance Control for Lower-Limb Prostheses* [C111], April 2013.
<http://youtu.be/AzF5-gqtRbc>

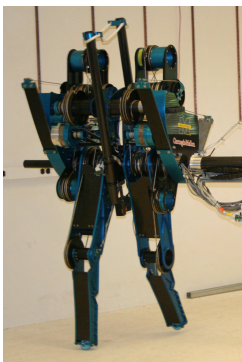
Valkyrie



Valkyrie is a humanoid robot developed by NASA Johnson Space Center. Locomotion, including slow walking, turning, side-stepping, and walking backwards, was achieved using algorithms developed by AMBER Lab. In addition, a method for full-body coordination was developed by AMBER Lab allowing for behaviors like stepping up and over a cinder block as illustrated in the following video:

- VI.** *Valkyrie - Cinder Block* [J37], November 2013
<http://youtu.be/qubDKVCut4o>

MABEL



MABEL is a 2D underactuated bipedal walking robot at the University of Michigan that was designed at Oregon State University. Locomotion was achieved through collaboration between AMBER Lan and the University of Michigan using Control Lyapunov Function Based Quadratic Programs (CLF based QPs), implemented through torque control. This is the first example of locomotion with online CLF based QPs. Videos of the walking behaviors are at:

- V2.** *Dynamic Torque Saturation with a CLF-based Feedback Controller on MABEL* [J35], February 2013. <http://youtu.be/rc1FSXpfrM>
- VI.** *Robotic Walking with Control Lyapunov Functions* [J40, C120], November 2012.
http://youtu.be/ZchIcWL_Vcg

NASA Prototype Legs

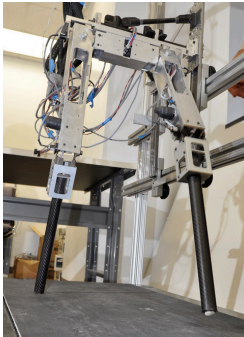


The NASA Prototype Legs are a fully actuated 3D bipedal robot leg testbed developed by NASA Johnson Space Center. Locomotion was achieved using human-inspired control coupled with partial hybrid zero dynamics reconstructions. This is the first example of dynamic walking achieved on a full-scale 3D bipedal robot.

- V1.** *3D Human-Inspired Robotic Walking on NASA's Prototype Biped*, 2013.
<https://youtu.be/73neNIYJ4dU>

Additional details can be found in the Master's Thesis of M. J. Powell.

AMBER 1



AMBER 1 is a 2D underactuated bipedal walking robot that was designed and built in AMBER Lab at Texas A&M University. Locomotion was achieved using human-inspired control, implemented through voltage control. In addition to flat ground walking, walking up and down slopes and rough terrain locomotion has been demonstrated. Videos of the walking behaviors and robustness tests are at:

- V4.** *Quadratic Programs + Impedance Control for Prosthesis* [C110], September 2013. <http://youtu.be/3Uf1xhfX7WE>
- V3.** *Walking on Rough Terrain with Motion Transitions* [C123], August 2012.
<https://youtu.be/aUiEXt8otrY>
- V2.** *Robustness Tests on the Bipedal Robot AMBER* [C127], February 2012.
<http://youtu.be/RgQ8atV1NW0>
- V1.** *AMBER Walking with Human-Inspired Control* [J39, C118], December 2011.
<http://youtu.be/SYXWoNU8QUE>

NAO



NAO is a 3D fully actuated humanoid robot that is commercially available and produced by Aldebaran Robotics. Locomotion was achieved using custom software developed by AMBER Lab based upon human-inspired control as implemented through onboard position controls. In addition to flat ground walking, speed regulated walking was achieved. Videos of the walking behaviors are at:

- V3.** *Speed Regulated Robotic Walking on NAO* [C113], April 2013
<http://youtu.be/POUERYbDEJc>
- V2.** *3D Robotic Walking through Motion Transitions* [C116], September 2012
<http://youtu.be/kLakY9rWh6Y>
- V1.** *NAO: First Human-Inspired Robotic Walking* [J39, C119], October 2011
<http://youtu.be/OBGHU-e1kc0>

Teaching Experience

Teaching

Instructor, *Nonlinear control* (CDS 233). Graduate level course, Caltech, Spring 2018, 2019, 2020. Course description: “This course studies nonlinear control systems from Lyapunov perspective. Beginning with feedback linearization and the stabilization of feedback linearizable system, these concepts are related to control Lyapunov functions, and corresponding stabilization results in the context of optimization based controllers. Advanced topics that build upon these core results will be discussed including: stability of periodic orbits, controller synthesis through virtual constraints, safety-critical controllers, and the role of physical constraints and actuator limits. The control of robotic systems will be used as a motivating example.”

Instructor, *Nonlinear dynamics* (CDS 232). Graduate level course, Caltech, Winter 2018, 2019, 2020. Course Description: “This course studies nonlinear dynamical systems beginning from first principles. Topics include: existence and uniqueness properties of solutions to nonlinear ODEs, stability of nonlinear systems from the perspective of Lyapunov, and behavior unique to nonlinear systems; for example: stability of periodic orbits, Poincaré maps and stability/invariance of sets. The dynamics of robotic systems will be used as a motivating example.”

Instructor, *Advanced Topics in Systems and Control* (CDS 270). Graduate level course, Caltech, Spring 2017. Course description: “CDS 270 is an ongoing course that is aimed at exploring the applications of control and dynamical systems (CDS) tools to new domains.”

Instructor, *Nonlinear Systems* (ECE 6552). Graduate level course, Georgia Institute of Technology, Spring 2016. Course description: “Classical analysis techniques and stability theory for nonlinear systems. Control design for nonlinear systems, including robotic systems. Design projects.”

Instructor, *Capstone Design* (ME 4182). Senior level undergraduate course, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2015 and Fall 2016. Course description: “Teams apply a systematic design process to real multidisciplinary problems. Problems selected from a broad spectrum of interest areas, including biomedical, ecological, environmental, mechanical, and thermal. ”

Instructor, *Dynamics and Vibrations* (MEEN 363). Junior level undergraduate course, Texas A&M University, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011. Course description: “Application of Newtonian and energy methods to model dynamic systems (particles and rigid bodies) with ordinary differential equations; solution of models using analytical and numerical approaches; interpreting solutions; linear vibrations.”

Instructor, *Design of Nonlinear Control Systems*. (MEEN 655). Graduate level course, Texas A&M University, Spring 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2014. Course description: “Nonlinear phenomena such as multiple equilibria, limit cycles and complex behavior will be introduced. Planer dynamical systems will be considered and theorems characterizing their behavior will be discussed. Foundational theorems for nonlinear systems such as existence and uniqueness will be proven. Stability of nonlinear systems will be considered in great detail, introducing Lyapunov’s theorem as well as the converse stability theorems. Results related to the control of nonlinear systems, such as input/output linearization and zero dynamics will be considered and examples will be given. Mechanical systems will be used as a prime example of nonlinear systems. Finally, more advanced concepts from control will be discussed, e.g., hybrid systems, together with the needed mathematical background.”

Instructor, *Dynamic Systems and Controls* (MEEN 364). Junior level undergraduate course, Texas A&M University, Fall 2008 and Fall 2009. Course description: “Mathematical modeling, analysis, measurement and control of dynamic systems; extensions of modeling techniques of MEEN 363 to other types of dynamic systems; introduction to feedback control, time and frequency domain analysis of control systems, stability, PID control, root locus; design and implementation of computer-based controllers in the lab.”

Instructor, *Engineering Laboratory* (MEEN 404). Senior level undergraduate course, Texas A&M University, Fall 2010 and Fall 2012. Course description: “Systematic design of experimental investigations; student teams identify topics and develop experiment designs including establishing the need; functional decomposition; requirements; conducting the experiment; analyzing and interpreting the results and preparing written and oral reports documenting the objectives, procedure, analysis, and results and conclusions of three experiments.”

Instructor, *Introduction to Dynamics* (CDS 140A), co-taught with Sujit Nair. First year graduate level course, California Institute of Technology, Fall 2007. Course covered “basics in topics in dynamics in Euclidean space, including equilibria, stability, Lyapunov functions, periodic solutions, Poincaré-Bendixon theory, Poincaré maps, the Euler-Lagrange equations, mechanical systems, dissipation, energy as a Lyapunov function, and simple conservation laws. Introduction to basic bifurcations and eigenvalue crossing conditions. Discussion of bifurcations in applications, invariant manifolds, the method of averaging, Melnikov’s method, and the Smale horseshoe.”

Developed, organized and taught: *Bipedal Robotic Walking: From Theory to Practice*, a special research course on bipedal robotic walking, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006, UC Berkeley. Resulted in an original research paper, which appeared in the 2006 Workshop on Lagrangian and Hamiltonian Methods for Nonlinear Control: “Towards the Geometric Reduction of Controlled Three-Dimensional Robotic Bipedal Walkers.”

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Circuit Analysis (EE 42), Fall 2001, UC Berkeley.

Student Advising

Current Graduate Students

Wenlong Ma (PhD student, Spring 2012-present)
Eric Ambrose (PhD student, Fall 2013-present)
Jake Reher (PhD student, Spring 2014-present)
Rachel D. Gehlhar (PhD student, Fall 2016-present), *NSF Fellow*
Xiaobin Xiong (PhD student, Spring 2017-present)
Andrew Singletary (PhD student, Fall 2017-present)
Andrew Taylor (PhD student, Fall 2017-present)
Maegan Tucker (PhD student, Fall 2017-present), *NSF Fellow*
Prithvi Akella (PhD student, Spring 2019-present)
Ryan Costner (PhD student, Spring 2020-present)
Min Dai (PhD student, Spring 2020-present)
Wyatt Ubellacker (PhD student, Spring 2020-present)
Noel Csomay-Shanklin (PhD student, Spring 2020-present)
Amy (PhD student, Spring 2020-present)
Kejun (Amy) Li(PhD student, Spring 2020-present)

Ph.D. Students Graduated

Thomas Gurriet
Thesis: *Applied Safety Critical Control*.
Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering
Institution: California Institute of Technology
Graduation Date: April, 2020 (Defended May 2020)

Matthew Powell
Thesis: *Mechanics-Based Control of Underactuated Robotics Walking*.
Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering
Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology
Graduation Date: August, 2017 (Defended June 2017)

Micheal Grey (co-advised with Karen Liu)
Thesis: *High Level Decomposition for Bipedal Locomotion Planning*.
Degree Conferred: PhD, Robotics
Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology
Graduation Date: August, 2017 (Defended June 2017)

Shishir Kolathaya

Thesis: *Input to State Stabilizing Control Lyapunov Functions for Hybrid Systems.*

Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduation Date: December, 2016

Ayonga Hereid

Thesis: *Dynamic Humanoid Locomotion: Hybrid Zero Dynamics Based Gait Optimization via Direct Collocation Methods.*

Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduation Date: August, 2016

Huihua Zhao

Thesis: *From Bipedal Locomotion to Prosthetic Waling: A Hybrid System and Nonlinear Control Approach.*

Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduation Date: August, 2016

Ryan Sinnet

Thesis: *Energy Shaping of Non-Smooth Mechanical Systems with Application to Bipedal Locomotion.*

Degree Conferred: PhD, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A&M University

Graduation Date: May, 2015

**M.S. Students
Graduated**

Thomas Waters

Thesis: *Realizing Simultaneous Lane Keeping and Adaptive Speed Regulation on Accessible Mobile Robot Testbeds.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduation Date: September, 2017

Jonathan Horn

Thesis: *Design and Implementation of the Powered Self-Contained AMPRO Prostheses.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: August, 2015

Aakar Mehra

Thesis: *Analysis of Various Adaptive Cruise Controllers via Experimental Implementation.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: August, 2015

Eric Cousineau

Thesis: *Realizing Torque Controllers for Underactuated Bipedal Walking Using the Ideal Model Resolved Motion Method.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: December, 2014

Shao-Chen Hsu

Thesis: *Control Barrier Function based Quadratic Programs with Application to Bipedal Robotic Walking.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: December, 2014

Wenlong Ma

Thesis: *Flat-Foot Dynamic Walking via Human-Inspired Controller Design.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: May, 2014

Matthew Powell

Thesis: *Robot Controller Generation through Human-Inspired Optimization.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: December, 2013

Jordan Lack

Thesis: *Planar Multicontact Locomotion using Hybrid Zero Dynamics.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: December, 2013

Shishir Kolathaya

Thesis: *Achieving Human-Inspired Walking in AMBER on flat-ground, up-slope and rough terrain with Hybrid Zero Dynamics.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: September, 2012

Murali Pasupuleti

Thesis: *Design and Implementation of Voltage Based Human Inspired Feedback Control of a Planar Bipedal Robot AMBER.*

Degree Conferred: Masters of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: May, 2012

Ryan Sinnet

Thesis: *Hybrid Geometric Feedback Control of Three-Dimensional Bipedal Robotic Walkers with Knees and Feet.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: May, 2011

Bhargav Kothapalli

Thesis: *Application of Product Design Concepts and Hybrid System Dynamics to Demonstrate Zero Behavior and Zero Periodic Orbits in a Physical Double Pendulum Setup.*

Degree Conferred: Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Institution: Texas A& M University

Graduation Date: May, 2011

**Postdoctoral
Scholars**

Ugo Rosolia (September 2019 - Present), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.

Mohamadreza Ahmadi (January 2019 - Present), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.

Yuxiao Chen (July 2018 - Present), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.

Petter Nilsson (September 2017 - December 2019), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.

Luca Bonanomi (September 2017 - May 2019), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.

Shishir Kolathaya (January 2017 - December 2017), Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow.
Now an INSPIRE Faculty fellow in the Robert Bosch Center for Cyber Physical Systems (RBCCPS) in IISc Bangalore.

Christian Hubicki (August 2015 - December 2016), Georgia Tech Postdoctoral Fellow. Now an assistant professor at Florida State University.

Austin Jones (July 2015 - December 2015), Georgia Tech Postdoctoral Fellow.

**Research
Engineers**

Eric Cousineau (January 2015 - July 2015), TEES Research Engineering Associate.

Dr. Benjamin Morris (October 2012 - December 2013), TEES Associate Research Engineer.

**Visiting
Scholars**

Vahid Azimi (June 2016 - December 2016), Cleveland State University

Victor Christian Paredes Cauna (January 2013 - December 2013), National University of Engineering, Lima, Peru.

**Undergraduate
Student
Researchers/
Mentorship**

Robert Gregg (SUPERB program, UC Berkeley, Summer 2005)

Jessica Austin (Senior Thesis, Caltech, Fall 2007 - Spring 2009)

Rigoberto Lopez (2009-2010)

Supported by the LSAMP program for underrepresented minorities.

Ivan Joel Alaniz (2010)

George Montgomery (2010-2011)

Peter Nystrom (2011)

Grant O'Connor (Summer 2011)

Michael Zeagler (2011-2013)

Shawanee Patrick (2010-present)

Recipient of the Undergraduate Summer Research Grant (USRG), 2011

Supported by the LSAMP program for underrepresented minorities, Fall 2011

Eric Cousineau (2011-2012)

Recipient of the Undergraduate Summer Research Grant (USRG), 2011

Bridget Hill (Fall 2012)

Jonathan Horn (Summer 2012-Fall 2013)

John Mayo (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

John Micheal Frullo (Summer 2014)

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), 2014

Nathan Viehmann (Summer 2014)

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), 2014

Alejandro Azocar (Fall 2014 - Spring 2015)

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, Thesis: Using Neural Signals for Real-time Robot Control

Tony Shu (Fall 2015 - Fall 2016)

Jordyn Schroeder (Summer 2016)

Andrew Singletary (Summer 2016 - Fall 2016)

Continued as graduate student in the lab

Maegan Tucker (Summer 2016 - Fall 2017)

Continued as graduate student in the lab

Sara Adams (SURF student, Summer 2017)

Noel Csomay-Shanklin (SURF student, Summer 2017)

Continued as graduate student in the lab

Filippos Lymperopoulos-Bountalis (SURF student, Summer 2017)

Elin Samuelsson (SURF student, Summer 2017)

Michael Estrada (WAVE student, Summer 2018)

Sergio Esteban (WAVE student, Summer 2018)

Alexander Bouman (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Jesus Hernandez (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Cindy Huang (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Hana Keller (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Connor Soohoo (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Hyung Ju Suh (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Andrew Galassi (SURF student, Summer 2018)

Paulina Ridland (SURF student, Summer 2019)

Sofia Kwok (SURF student, Summer 2019)

Allison Cheng (SURF student, Summer 2019)

Andrew Galassi (SURF student, Summer 2019)

Alexander Bouman (SURF student, Summer 2019)

Annabel Gomez (FSRI student, Summer 2019)

Diana Frias Franco (FSRI student, Summer 2019)

Lorenzo Shaikewitz (SURF student, Summer 2020)

Toussaint Pegues (SURF student, Summer 2020)

Professional Experience and Service

Workshop Organizer

RSS Workshop on Dynamic Locomotion, co-organized with Koushil Sreenath, July 12-13 2014, UC Berkeley, CA. Additional details at: <http://www.dynamiclocomotion.org/>

2nd NSF Workshop on Formal Composition of Motion Primitives, co-organized with Jessy Grizzle and Necmiye Ozay, April 8 2013, CPS Week, Philadelphia, PA. Additional details at: www.formalcomp.com

NSF Workshop on Formal Composition of Motion Primitives, co-organized with Calin Belta, June 12 2012, MIT. Additional details at: www.formalcomp.com

Invited Session Organizer

Theory and Applications of Control Barrier Functions, co-organized with Dimitra Panagou, Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2020.

Professional Service	Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Member, IEEE CSS Technical Committee on Hybrid Systems. Member, ASME Dynamic Systems and Control Division, Robotics Technical Committee.
Associate Editor (Journal)	IEEE Transactions on Robotics (TRO), 12/2014-12/2016
Associate Editor (Conference)	IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent and Robotic Systems (IROS) 2011, 2012, 2013.
Conference Chair	<i>Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control</i> , 2020, co-organized with Sanjit Seshia
Area Chair	<i>Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)</i> , 2020.
Program Committee	IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (CCTA 2017) ACM/IEEE International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems (ICCPS 2014). Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR 2014) Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS 2014, RSS 2017). Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC 2012, HSCC 2011 and HSCC 2010). IEEE Workshop on Design, Modeling and Evaluation of Cyber Physical Systems (CyPhy 2012, CyPhy 2011).
NSF Panel Reviewer	1 CAREER Panel. 1 National Robotics Initiative (NRI) panel. 1 Smart Health and Wellbeing panel, CISE Directorate. 4 Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) panels, CISE Directorate.
Journal Reviewer	• SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization. • IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control. • IEEE Transactions on Robotics. • IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine. • Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications. • Control Systems Magazine. • ESAIM: Control, Optimization, and the Calculus of Variations. • IEEE Transactions on Mechatronics. • Optimal Control, Applications and Methods. • Nonlinear Analysis: Hybrid Systems. • ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement and Control.

- Conference Reviewer**
- Conference on Decision and Control.
 - American Control Conference.
 - European Control Conference.
 - International Symposium of Robotics Research.
 - IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation.
 - Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control.
 - IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems.
 - Workshop on Design, Modeling and Evaluation of Cyber-Physical Systems.
 - ACM/IEEE International Conference on Cyber-Physical Systems.
 - Robotics: Systems and Science.
 - Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics.

Invited Presentations

- [P95] **Restoring Dynamic Mobility with Exoskeletons**
Wandercraft Webinar, Paris (virtually), July, 2020.
- [P94] **Safety-Critical Autonomy for Dynamic Robots**
Robust Autonomy Workshop, Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS), July, 2020.
- [P93] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robots**
Contextual Robotics Seminar, UC San Diego, April, 2020.
- [P92] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robots**
Stanford Robotics Seminar, Stanford, February, 2020.
- [P91] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Robotics, Controls, and Dynamical Systems (RCDS) Seminar Series, CU Boulder, November, 2019.
- [P90] **Learning the Model to Reality Gap in Dynamic Robots**
Workshop on Learning for Control, NSF CPS PI Meeting, November, 2019.
- [P89] **Towards the Robots of Science Fiction**
TEDx, Manhattan Beach, October, 2019.
- [P88] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
GRASP Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania, September, 2019.
- [P87] **Real-World Deployment of Nonlinear Control**
Challenges and Solutions for Legged Robotics: Control, Dynamics, and Optimization for Theory and Application, ACC Workshop, May, 2019.
- [P86] **Learning the Model to Reality Gap in Dynamic Robots**
Learning Legged Locomotion, ICRA Workshop, May, 2019.
- [P95] **Optimization-Based Control of Legged Robots**
Toward Online Optimal Control of Dynamic Robots: From Algorithmic Advances to Field Applications, ICRA Workshop, May, 2019.
- [P84] **Real-World Deployment of Nonlinear Control**
Towards Real-World Deployment of Legged Robots, ICRA Workshop, May, 2019.
- [P83] **The Quest for Autonomy on Robotic Systems**
SOCal Robotics Symposium, Caltech, April, 2019.
- [P82] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Distinguished Series in Autonomy and Control, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April, 2019.

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- [P81] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
ECE and CPSRC Seminar, University of California, Santa Cruz, April, 2019.
- [P80] **Robotics + Control + Machine Learning**
AI for Science, Caltech, February, 2019.
- [P79] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
DREAM Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, January, 2019.
- [P78] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Cymer Center for Control Systems and Dynamics, University of California, San Diego, November, 2018.
- [P77] **Imagining the Robots of Science Fiction**
Mechanical Engineering Section, National Academy of Engineering, October, 2018.
- [P76] **Automatic Control of Autonomous Robots**
Vistas in Control, ETH Zürich, September, 2018.
- [P75] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL), Boston MA, September, 2018.
- [P74] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
MAE Seminar, University of California, Irvine, May, 2018.
- [P73] **Toward the Robots of Science Fiction**
Caltech Alumni Association, California Institute of Technology, May, 2018.
- [P72] **The Quest for Autonomy on Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Plenary Speaker, Southwest Robotics Symposium, January, 2018.
- [P71] **Toward the Robots of Science Fiction**
Earnest C. Watson Lecture Series, California Institute of Technology, December, 2017.
- [P70] **Eye, Robot: Computer Vision and Autonomous Robotics**
Deep Learning Summit, Amazon AWS re:Invent, November, 2017.
- [P69] **Unified Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Center for Controls, Dynamical Systems, and Computation (CCDC), University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), October, 2017.
- [P68] **Unified Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Center for Systems and Control, University of Southern California (USC), October, 2017.
- [P67] **Composing Motion Primitives on Walking Robots: A Categorical Perspective**
IROS Workshop: Planning Legged and Aerial Locomotion with Dynamic Motion Primitives, IROS, September, 2017.
- [P66] **Towards the Robots of Science Fiction**
CAM Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, September, 2017.
- [P65] **Safe and Efficient Dynamic Robotic Locomotion**
RSS Workshop: Challenges in Dynamic Legged Locomotion, Robotics System and Science, July, 2017.
- [P64] **Categorical Perspectives on Hybrid Systems with a View Toward Robotics**
Invited Workshop, SIAM Conference on Control and Its Applications, July, 2017.

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- [P63] **Dynamic Walking on Humanoid Robots and Robotic Assistive Devices**
Centre Automatique et Systèmes, École des Mines de Paris, June, 2017.
- [P62] **Imagining the Robots of Science Fiction**
Keynote Speaker, Entrepreneurs Forum, California Institute of Technology, May, 2017.
- [P61] **Optimization-Based Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
William E. Boeing Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics Distinguished Seminar Series, University of Washington, March, 2017.
- [P60] **Unified Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
IST Lunch Bunch, Caltech, March, 2017.
- [P59] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Mechanical Engineering Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), December, 2016.
- [P58] **Safety-Critical Control of Dynamic Robotic Systems**
Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena CA, November, 2016.
- [P57] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots and Robotic Assistive Devices**
Planery Presentation, American Control Conference (ACC), Boston, July, 2016.
- [P56] **Control of Hybrid System Models of Robotic Systems: Bipedal Walking**
DISC Summer School, The Netherlands, June, 2016.
- [P55] **Towards the Humanoid Robots of Science Fiction**
Design of Robotics and Embedded systems, Analysis, and Modeling Seminar (DREAMS), UC Berkeley, May, 2016.
- [P54] **Towards the Humanoid Robots of Science Fiction**
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Colloquium Series, Cornell University, May, 2016.
- [P53] **Towards the Humanoid Robots of Science Fiction**
Center for Information & Systems Engineering Seminar, Boston University, February, 2016.
- [P52] **Humanoid Robots as ART: Challenges and Opportunities in Dynamic Walking**
Workshop on Accessible Remote Testbeds, National Science Foundation, November, 2015.
- [P51] **Towards the Humanoid Robots of Science Fiction**
Laboratory for Computational Sensing + Robotics, Johns Hopkins University, November, 2015.
- [P50] **Triumph of Control Theory: How Hybrid System Models and Nonlinear Control Realized Efficient Dynamic Walking on the Humanoid Robot DURUS**
Mechanical and Civil Engineering Seminar, California Institute of Technology, November, 2015.
- [P49] **Towards the Humanoid Robots of Science Fiction.**
7785: Introduction to Robotics Research, Georgia Institute of Technology, October, 2015.
- [P48] **First Steps toward Formal Controller Synthesis for Bipedal Robots**
Hybrid Modeling Languages (HyML), Rice University, May, 2015.
- [P47] **Online Optimization-Based Control of Bipedal Walking Robots.**
Automatic Control Laboratory, ETH Zürich, November, 2014.
- [P46] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
ECE Departmental Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, August, 2014.

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- [P45] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
ECE Departmental Seminar, University of Minnesota, April, 2014.
- [P44] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
ME Departmental Seminar, Southern Methodist University, March, 2014.
- [P43] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
MCE Department Seminar, California Institute of Technology, February, 2014.
- [P42] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
Control Seminar Series, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, February, 2014.
- [P41] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
681 Graduate Seminar Series, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, February, 2014.
- [P40] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
GRASP Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2013.
- [P39] **Human-Inspired Control of Bipedal Robotics via Control Lyapunov Functions and Quadratic Programs.**
Invited (keynote) speaker, Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control, Philadelphia, PA, March, 2013.
- [P38] **Controlling the Next Generation of Bipedal Robots.**
Departement of Mechanical Engineering Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA, February, 2013.
- [P37] **Better Feedback Control of Bipedal Locomotion.**
International Workshop on Recent Developments in Robotics and Control (SpongFest), University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas TX, November, 2012.
- [P36] **Simplicity on the Far Side of Complexity in the Control of Bipedal Robots.**
Control and Dynamical Systems Department Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, October, 2012.
- [P35] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking: From Theorems to Experimental Realization.**
681 Graduate Seminar Series, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, September, 2012.
- [P34] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking: Formal Methods, Software Structures and Experimental Realization.**
Halmstad Colloquium, Halmstad University, Halmstad, Sweden, June, 2012.
- [P33] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking: From Theorems to Experimental Realization.**
Automated Control Seminar, Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH) Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, June, 2012.
- [P32] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking: From Human Data to Controller Design to Experimental Realization.**
Departmental Seminar, Aeronautics & Astronautics Department, University of Washington, Seattle, March, 2012.
- [P31] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking: From Human Data to Controller Design to Experimental Realization.**
Control Science Laboratory (CSL), Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February, 2012.

- [P30] **Human-Inspired Bipedal Robotic Walking.**
Departmental Seminar, Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, November, 2011.
- [P29] **First Steps Toward Automatically Generating Bipedal Robotic Walking from Human Data.**
Keynote Presentation, 8th International Workshop on Robot Motion and Control (RoMoCo), Gronow, Poland, June, 2011.
- [P28] **From Human Data to Bipedal Robotic Walking and Beyond.**
Departmental Seminar, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Northwestern University, Chicago IL, March, 2011.
- [P27] **From Human Data to Bipedal Robotic Walking and Beyond.**
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