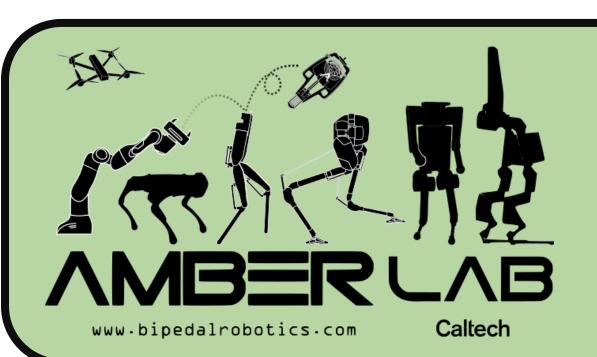


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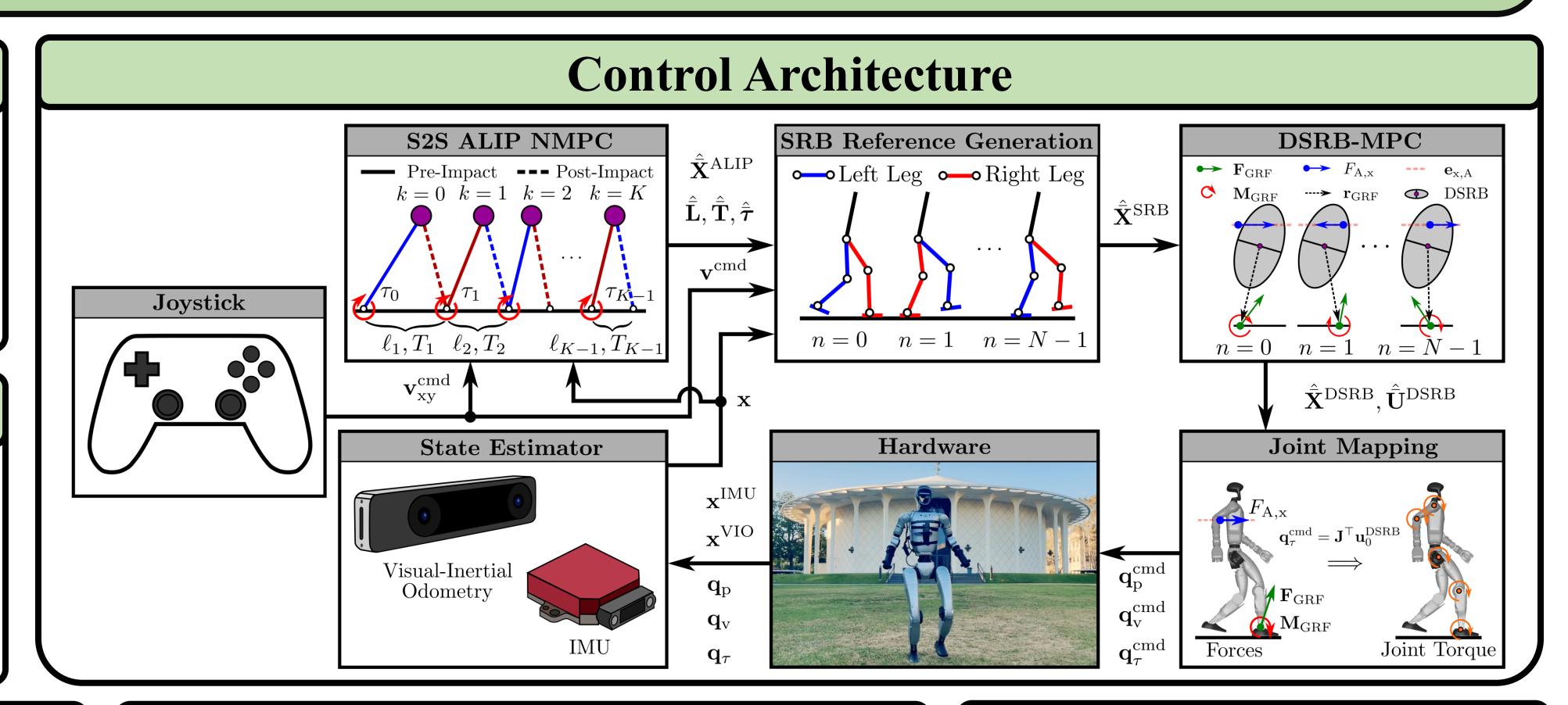
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Motivation

Bridge the gap between fast ROM control and more versatile whole body control for humanoid locomotion

Overview

- High level ALIP NMPC step planner
- Mid level decomposed SRB MPC
- Experimental validation



High Level Planner - ALIP S2S NMPC

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}^{\text{ALIP}}, \boldsymbol{\ell}, \mathbf{T}, \boldsymbol{\tau}} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{k+1}^{\text{ALIP}}\|_{\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{x}}} + \|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\ell}}_{k}\|_{\mathbf{R}_{\ell}} + \|\tilde{T}_{k}\|_{R_{T}} + \|\boldsymbol{\tau}_{k}\|_{\mathbf{R}_{\tau}}$$
s.t. Eq. (11), $k \in \{1, \dots, K-1\}$

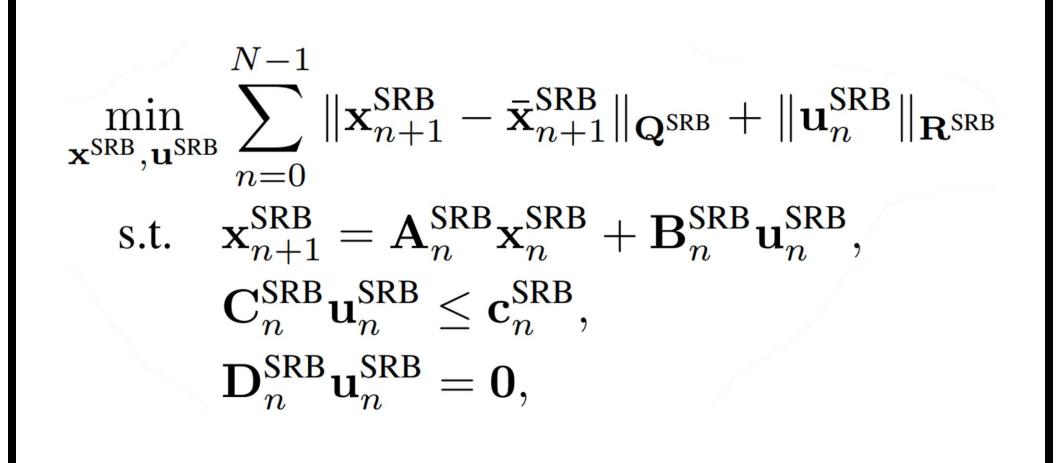
$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{lb}}^{\text{ALIP}} \leq \mathbf{x}_{k}^{\text{ALIP}} \leq \mathbf{x}_{\text{ub}}^{\text{ALIP}}, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

$$\ell_{\text{lb}} \leq \ell_{k} \leq \ell_{\text{ub}}, \quad k \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$$

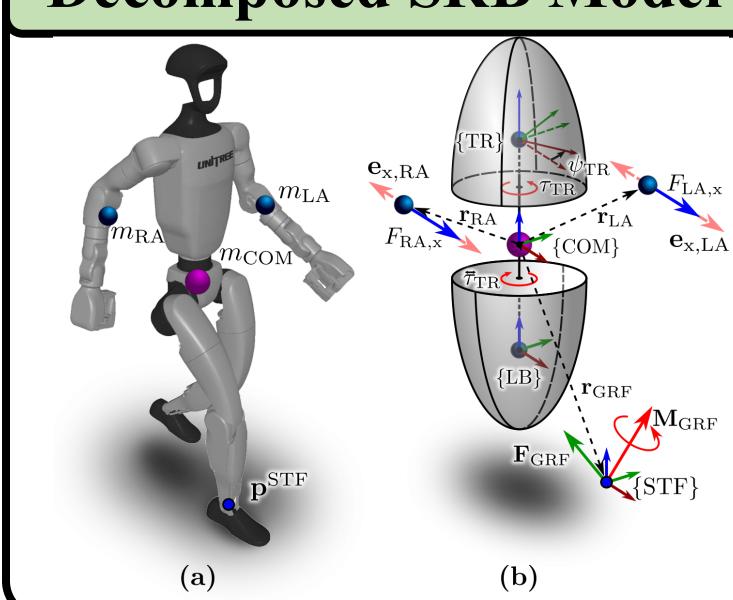
$$T_{\text{lb}} \leq T_{k} \leq T_{\text{ub}}, \quad k \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{lb}}^{\text{ALIP}} = \mathbf{\Phi}(T_{0} - t_{\text{curr}}) \mathbf{x}_{0}^{\text{ALIP}} + \mathbf{\Gamma}(T_{0} - t_{\text{curr}}) \boldsymbol{\tau}_{0}$$

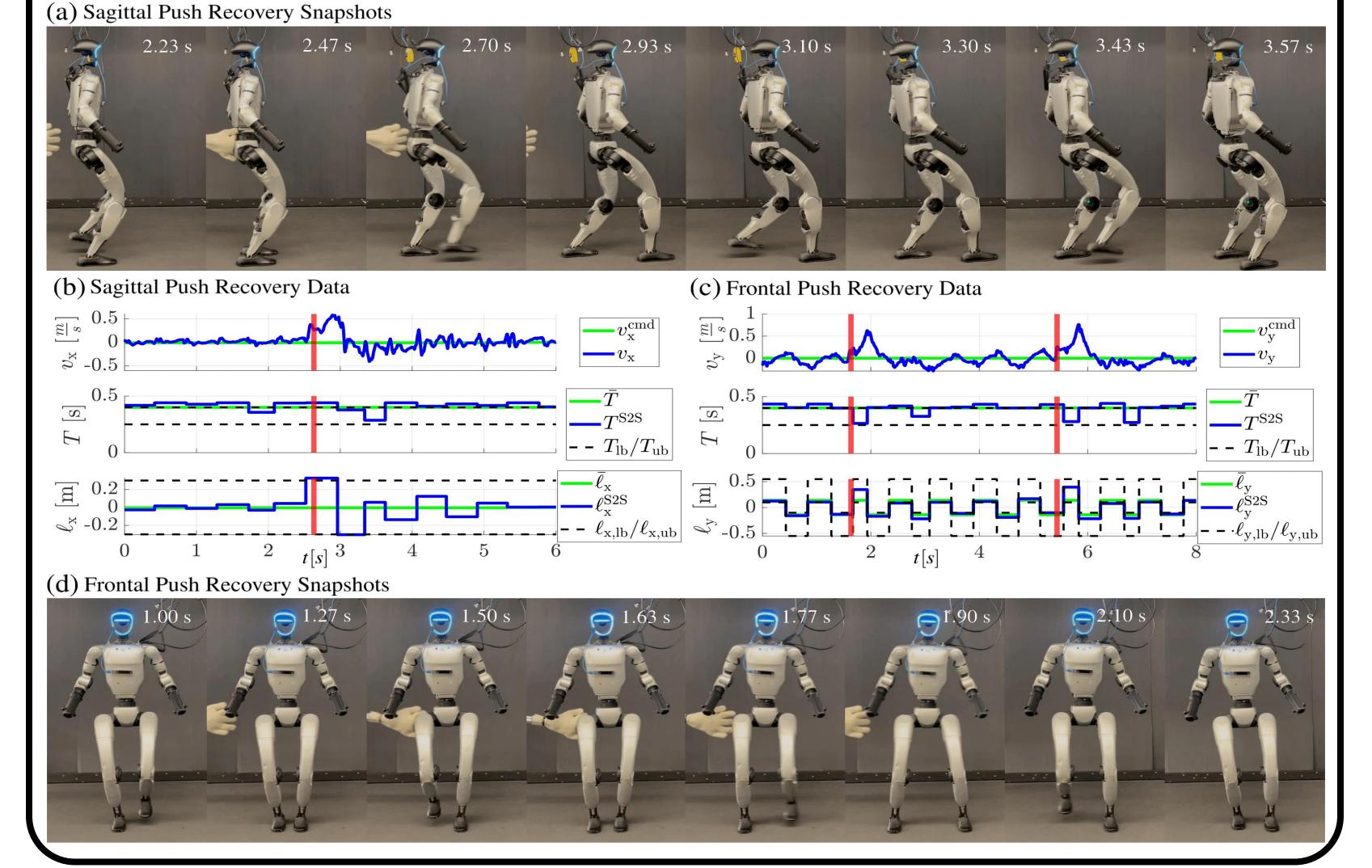
Mid Level Planner – SRB-MPC



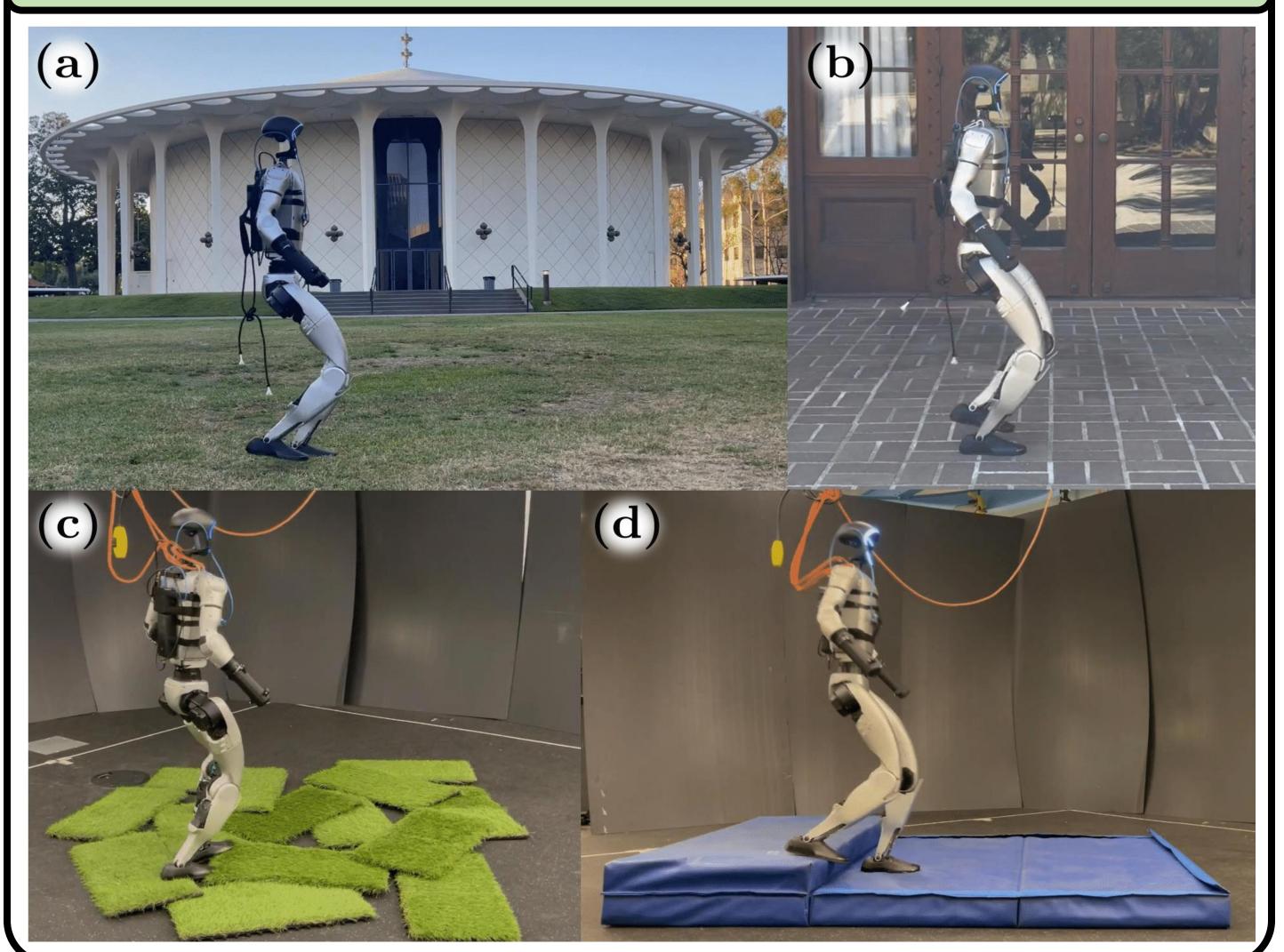
Decomposed SRB Model



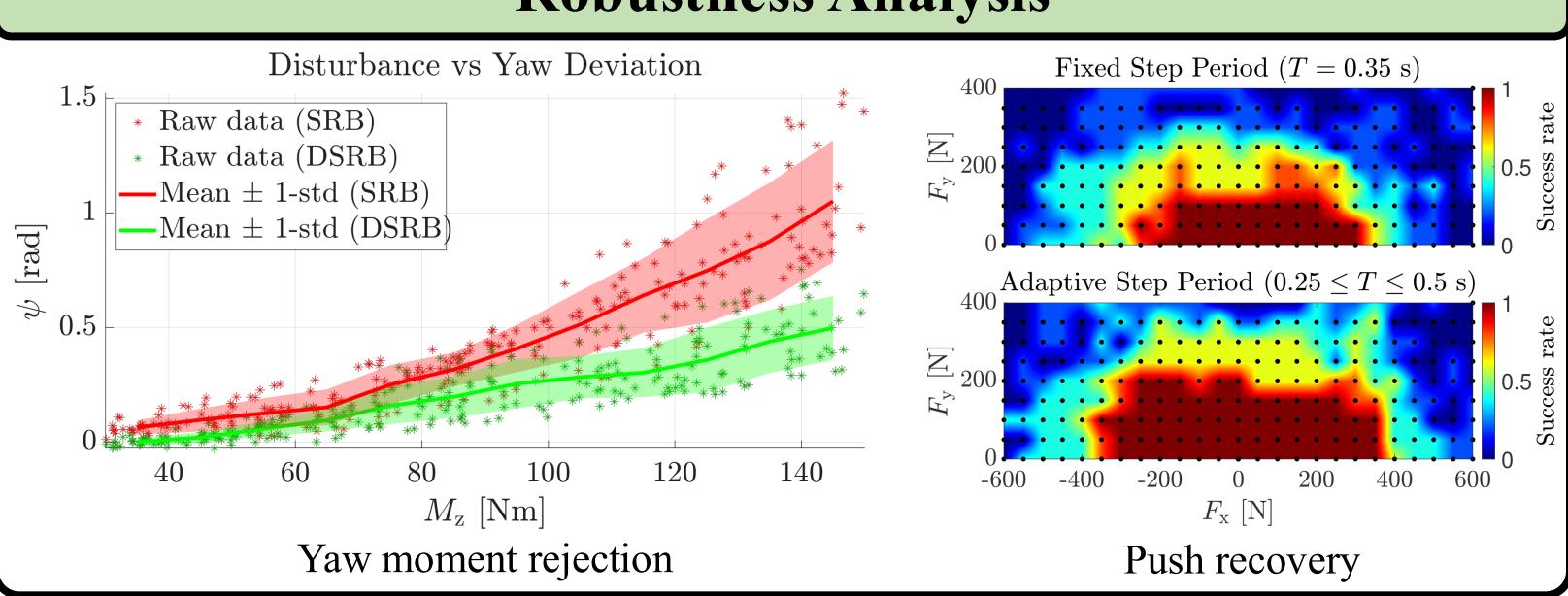
Push Recovery Experiments



Terrain Traversal Experiments



Robustness Analysis



Key Takeaways

- Step period optimization increases flexiblity and robustness
- Upper body control can help stabilizing the system
- Constraining the arm motion limits versatility

Project Page

https://adrianghansah.github.io/H-RO-MPC/





