



Towards a Reliable Cerebellum System for Low-Altitude Embodied Agents

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ABSTRACT

Low-altitude embodied agents, such as drones, are increasingly expected to operate autonomously in complex real-world environments. Yet reliable low-level autonomy remains a major bottleneck, especially under GPS-denied conditions, aggressive motion, and dynamic obstacles. This talk presents our recent efforts toward building a reliable "cerebellum system" for embodied agents through robust GPS-denied localization and fast obstacle avoidance. We explore how edge-assisted perception, visual SLAM, and event-driven sensing can provide stable, low-latency sensorimotor capabilities for lightweight aerial platforms. Beyond these systems, the talk will further discuss our recent thinking on whether a reliable "cerebellum" can also serve as a critical foundation for future embodied AI "cerebrum" systems, enabling more robust, efficient, and scalable embodied intelligence.

BIOGRAPHY

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All are welcome!



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