

Ph.D. in Robotics



	Work Experience
2020-now	Rokae Robotics.
	Mechatronics Engineer, Robotic R&D Center, Beijing, China.
2020 - 2019	Italian Institute of Technology (IIT).
	Post Doc, Humanoid and Human Centered Mechatronics (HHCM), Genoa, Italy.
	Education
2019 - 2015	Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) & University of Genoa (UniGe).
	Ph.D. in Robotics, Advanced Robotics (ADVR), Genoa, Italy.
2015 - 2011	Zhejiang University.
	B.E in Mechatronics , Chu Kochen Honors College (CKC), Hangzhou, China.
	Research Interests
	Under-Actuated Robotic Hands, Series Elastic Actuator, Cobot Actuators
	Tendon Driven Mechanism, Articulated Robots, Mechatronics Design
	Skills and Expertise
$\mathbf{R} \& \mathbf{D}$ Tools	Design: PTC Creo, SolidWorks, AutoCAD
	Simulation and Modeling: ANSYS, Adams, MATLAB Simulink, Gazebo & ROS
	Programming: C/C++, Matlab
Engineering	BOM & Assembly & Maintain Documentation, CNC Manufacturing Process, Precise Manual Assembly
Academic	Latex + JabRef, Word + Zotero, Academical Presentation
Multimedia	Filmora, Kdenlive, Inkscape, SketchUp
Language	English (fluent), Chinese (mother tongue), Italian and German (basic)
	Projects
2020-now	xMate-CR , <i>ROKAE</i> , China, ROKAE next generation cobots for industrial application. Develop Generated Integrated Actuators (GIA) and xMate-CR7/12 cobots.
2020-2019	INAIL , <i>IIT</i> , Genova, Italian Institute for Insurance against Workplace Injuries Project. Develop a high-integrated and under-actuated Hand (HERI II-H) for HyQ-Real Robot.
2019-2015	Pholus , <i>IIT</i> , Genova, Italy-Singapore Military Project. Develop two high-integrated and under-actuated Hands for (HERI II-P) Pholus Robot.
2018-2015	CENTAURO , <i>IIT</i> , Genova, European Project H2020-ICT-23-2014. Design and develop an under-actuated and finger modular Hand (HERI II-C) for CENTAURO robot.
2017-2016	WALK-MAN, IIT, Genova, European Project FP7-ICT-2013-10.
	Design and develop a novel 3-DoF leg (eLeg) powered by adjustable series and parallel compliant actuation principles for higher energy efficiency and explosive motion.
2015-2013	ZJUNlict, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou.
	Design and develop omni-wheeled soccer robots for RoboCup SmallSize League.

Awards

- 2020.10 Z-Park U30, Winner.
 30 under 30 in Zhong Guan Cun Science Park (Z-Park), Beijing, China
- 2015.08 **RoboCup**, **Third-place**. SmallSize League, Hefei, China, Member of ZJUNlict
- 2014.07 **RoboCup**, **Championship**. SmallSize League, Joao Pessoa, Brazil, Member of ZJUNlict
- 2014.04 **RoboCup IranOpen**, **Second-place**. SmallSize League, Tehran, Iran, Member of ZJUNlict

Publications

- 2021 E. Barrett, **Z. Ren**, N. G. Tsagarakis, "*Grasping with Embedded Synergies through a Reconfigurable Electric Actuation Topology*", in IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).
- 2020 V. D. Amara, J. Malzahn, Z. Ren, W. Roozin, N. G. Tsagarakis, "On the Efficient Control of Series-Parallel Compliant Articulated Robots", in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- 2019 W. Roozing, Z. Ren, N. G. Tsagarakis, "An Efficient Leg with Series-Parallel and Biarticular Compliant Actuation: Design Optimisation, Modelling, and Control of the eLeg", in International Journal of Robotics Research (IJRR).
- 2019 T. Klamt, D. Rodriguez, L. Baccelliere, Et al., Z. Ren, Et al., U. Suess, N. Tsagarakis and S. Behnke, "Flexible Disaster Response of Tomorrow - Final Presentation and Evaluation of the CENTAURO System", in IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine (RAM).
- 2019 N. Kashiri, L. Baccelliere, L. Muratore, A. Laurenzi, Z. Ren, E. Hoffman, G. Rigano, Et al., N. G. Tsagarakis, "CENTAURO: A Hybrid Locomotion and High Power Resilient Manipulation Platform", in IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RAL)
- 2018 **Z. Ren**, W. Roozing and N. G. Tsagarakis, "*The eLeg: A Novel Efficient Leg Prototype Powered by Adjustable Parallel Compliant Actuation Principles*", in IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids).
- 2018 W. Roozing, **Z. Ren** and N. G. Tsagarakis, "*Design of a novel 3-dof leg with series and parallel compliant actuation for energy efficient articulated robots*", in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- 2018 Z. Ren, N. Kashiri, C. Zhou and N. G. Tsagarakis, "*HERI II: A Robust and Flexible Robotic Hand based on Modular Finger design and Under Actuation Principles*", in IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).
- 2017 Z. Ren, C. Zhou, S. Xin and N. G. Tsagarakis, "HERI Hand: A Quasi Dexterous and Powerful Hand with Asymmetrical Finger Dimensions and Under Actuation", in IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).
- 2014 C. Li, R. Xiong, Z. Ren, T. Jian and Y. Zhao "Zjunlict: Robocup 2014 small size league champion", in Robot Soccer World Cup, Spring Cham, 47-59.

The Robots that I Built









HERI Hand-II

eLeg

Soccer Robot

ROKAE-GIA