

# TRONG-DOAN NGUYEN

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## SUMMARY

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- Graduate researcher in apply machine learning, optimization and control (non)linear dynamical systems
- Ongoing research: design, implementation and performance analysis of controllers for smart building and autonomous driving systems
- Goal: to bridge the gap between theory and real world challenges

## EDUCATION

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### **NOTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**

*August 2019 - now*

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Informatics**

- **Topic:** Apply Machine Learning, Control Theory, and Optimization to control Nonlinear Dynamical Systems
- Advisor: Prof. Truong X. Nghiem

### **NATIONAL CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY**

*September 2016 - August 2018*

#### **Master of Science**

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

- Mechanical Engineering Department
- **Concentrations:** Control Theory, Machine Learning
- Advisor: Prof. An-Chen Lee
- Thesis: *Data-driven Model Approach Method in Control Selective Laser Melting process*

### **HANOI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

*September 2011 - June 2016*

#### **Mechatronics Engineering**

Overall GPA: 3.22/4.0

- **Concentrations:** Robot's Mechanics & Dynamics, Control Theory
- Advisor: Prof. Quang-Hoang Nguyen
- Thesis: *Evolution algorithms on tuning controllers parameters*

### **LUONG VAN TUY SPECILIZED HIGH SCHOOL**

*August 2009 - June 2011*

#### **Physic-concenstration class**

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

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### **VINSMART**

Hanoi, Vietnam

#### **Embedded engineer**

*March 2019 - July 2019*

- Study Telecommunication System's architecture
- Participated in developing architecture for the layer 3 of Vinsmart's 5G NR base station

### **VINFAST**

Haiphong, Vietnam

#### **Project Management Officier - PMO**

*December 2018 - March 2019*

- Interior junior-PMO: Cooperate with vendors and engineering team of Interior module to solve problems (engineering change, supply chain, development ...) occur during PTO phrase
- Keep track of project's progress and report to Vinfast's Chairwomen

### **VIETTEL AEROSPACE INSTITUTE**

Hanoi, Vietnam

#### **Control systems engineer**

*November 2018 - December 2018*

Last update: Feb 2020

- Design new guidance law and control architecture for unmanned aerospace systems

## HONORS

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- **Fast Pitch Award** - [AzSEC - 8<sup>th</sup> Arizona Student Energy Conference](#) 2019
- **Academic Achievement Award** of National Chiao Tung University 2017
- **Full Scholarship** of Ministry of Science and Technology Taiwan for Master students 2016
- **TOKAI GOKYO Scholarship** (TOKAI company) for excellent students of Hanoi University of Science and Technology 2014
- **Bronze medal**, National Mechanics Olympiad Contest, subject: Engineering mechanics 2013
- **Two second prizes**, Creative Contest for Youth and Students Ninh Binh 2011
- **Second prize**, Provincial Excellent Students Contest, Physics 2011
- **Silver medal**, Creative contest for youth and students Vietnam 2010  
*One of Vietnam students participated in International Exhibition for Young Inventors, Nigeria*
- **Third prize**, Creative Ideas and Solutions for Saving Energy and Protecting Environment, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union 2010

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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- Cyber-Physical Systems
- Control and Optimization Theory
- Machine Learning
- Autonomous Technology

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] T. X. Nghiem, T. Nguyen, and V. Le. “Fast Gaussian Process based Model Predictive Control with Uncertainty Propagation”. In: *2019 57th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton)*. Sept. 2019, pp. 1052–1059. DOI: [10.1109/ALLERTON.2019.8919857](https://doi.org/10.1109/ALLERTON.2019.8919857).

## TEACHING & RESEARCHING EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant at the [ICONS lab](#) SICCS

08.2019 - now

- [Control Autonomous Driving System](#)
- Apply Machine Learning in control Smart Building System

### Principal Investigator

- **Co-PI** 2 capstone projects
  - EE capstone: Connected Autonomous Vehicles
  - CS capstone: Autonomous F1/10 Racing for Everyone
- **PI** of a Student Research Grant (~\$2500): Data-Driven Analytics of Building Utility Demand

### Teaching Assistant

- EE 499 - Introduction to Autonomous Driving 01.2020 - 05.2020

### Research Assistant at the Automatic Control Lab Mechanical Engineering Department

08.2016 - 07.2018

- Apply Machine Learning in control Selective Laser Melting

**Research Assistant at the Laboratory of Applied Mechanics**  
**Department of Applied Mechanics**

*08.2014 - 06.2016*

- Robot manipulators' dynamics and control

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**TRAINING & CERTIFICATES**

- Machine Learning Stanford ONLINE and Coursera (June 12, 2016) [Certificate](#)
- Control of Mobile Robots Georgia Institute of Technology and Coursera (July 27, 2016) [Certificate](#)
- CSE1309x: Python Programming The University of Texas System and edX (March 21, 2016) [Certificate](#)

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**LANGUAGE & TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- **Languages:** Vietnamese (Native), English (Professional proficient)
- **Programming languages:** Python (proficient), C/C++ (proficient), ROS (proficient), Matlab (proficient)
- **Scientific software tools:** opencv, scikit-learn, numpy, matplotlib, Simulink, Anova, Eureqa, GPTIP
- **Technical writing:** Microsoft Words, Excel, Power Point, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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**REFERENCES**

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