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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dynamics, guidance and control for autonomous and unmanned vehicles, recently working on the data-driven path planning and control of multi-agent systems in the presence of uncertainty.

EXPERTISE AND SKILLS

- Dynamic modeling and experiments of mechanical systems
- Document processing and web design: Word, Excel, LaTex, Html/CSS
- Computer aided design: AutoCAD, Catia
- Image and signal processing: ImageJ, Spider81
- Finite element simulation: Ansys, Abaqus
- Programming language and numerical analysis: Python, Matlab, Maple
- State-of-the-art path planning and control algorithm and toolbox: **RRT**, **MCTS**, **PID**, **MPC**, **Simulink**, ...

EXPERIENCE

Program of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, UCSD joint with SDSU, ${\sf CA}, {\sf US}$

Research Assistant

Aug. 2019 - Present

- Data-driven path planning and control of multi-agent systems in the presence of uncertainty
- Formulate chance constrained path planning to deal with uncertainty encountered by autonomous vehicles
- Propose a transformation of relative uncertainty to reduce the collision-avoidance problem
- Develop Markov Decision Process (MDP) and Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) algorithms with continuous action space for the safe and efficient path planning of multi-agent systems
- Build a rapid, data-driven way to estimate the distribution of uncertainty through Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

Department of Biomedical Engineering, UNC-Chapel Hill joint with NCSU, NC, US

Research Assistant

Aug. 2018 - May. 2019

- CT image segmentation and signal processing using Matlab
- Filtering of high-frequency noise in CT images with FFT
- 3D reconstruction of CT images through ImageJ
- Geometric modeling and finite element analysis of a human arm using Ansys

State Key Laboratory of Mechanics and Control of Mechanical Structures, Nanjing, P. R. China

Research Assistant

Apr. 2017 - Jul. 2018

- Dynamic modeling of rigid and flexible spacecraft models coupled with control moment gyroscopes
- Attitude maneuver and vibration control of spacecraft models using control moment gyroscopes based on model predictive control (MPC)

Shenyang Aircraft Corporation, Shenyang, P. R. China

Technical Intern

Jul. 2013 - Aug. 2013

- Practice in casting, forging, machining, and producing of aircraft components
- Mechanical design of an airplane tail, structural strength calculation using Ansys, technical drawing using AutoCAD and Catia, technical reports writing of the airplane tail

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Student

August 2019 - present

University of California San Diego / San Diego State University

- Joint Doctoral Program of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Advisors: Professor Jun Chen, Professor Sonia Martínez
- Doctoral Qualifying Exam (DQE) passed
- Research Topic: Data-driven path planning and control of multi-agent systems in the presence of uncertainty

Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics

M.S., Dynamics and Control, Aerospace Engineering, April 2017

- Excellent Graduate Student
- Thesis: Dynamic Modeling and Control for Space Structures Using Gyroscopes
- Advisors: Professor Dongping Jin, Professor Hao Wen
- Area of Study: Dynamics and Control

B.S., Aerospace Engineering, June 2014

- Excellent Undergraduate Student
- Mechanics Specialization (with emphasis on structural strength and vibration)

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Fellowship	2021-2022
 Admission into academic organizations AIAA, IEEE HKN 	Jan. 2020
Excellent Student Scholarship	2017
Award of Excellent Graduate Student	Apr. 2017
First prize in Mathematical Modeling Competition	Jun. 2016
Full Scholarship for Master Student	Sep. 2014
• First prize in 4th Social Science Competition for Engineering Students	Jun. 2013
First prize in Fluid Mechanics Experiment Competition	Dec. 2012

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND

SERVICE

Publication Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
- American Control Conference
- IEEE International Conference on Control and Automation
- AIAA Scitech Forum
- AIAA Aviation Forum and Exposition

Conference Presentation

- AIAA SciTech Forum 2022 (coming)
- 16th IEEE International Conference on Control and Automation (October 2020)
- AIAA AVIATION Forum and Exposition (June 2020)

Academic Society Membership

- Student Member, AIAA (2020 present)
- Student Member, IEEE HKN (2020 present)

Teaching Assistant

• AE696 State Space Flight Control (Fall 2019-2021)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Safety Assured Online Guidance with Airborne Separation for Urban Air Mobility Operations in Uncertain Environments, P. C. Wu, X. X. Yang, P. Wei, J. Chen. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. (Submitted)
- [2] Risk-bounded Path Planning for Unmanned Aircraft System Operations under Uncertainty, P. C. Wu, J. F. Xie, Y. C. Liu, J. Chen. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. (Submitted)
- [3] Comparisons of RRT and MCTS for Safe Assured Path Planning in Urban Air Mobility, P. Wu, J. Chen. *AIAA SciTech Forum*, San Diego, California, 2022. (Accepted)
- [4] Safe Path Planning for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle under Location Uncertainty, P. C. Wu, J. F. Xie, J. Chen. 16th IEEE International Conference on Control and Automation, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, 2020. (DOI:10.1109/ICCA51439.2020.9264542)
- [5] Probabilistic Guaranteed Path Planning for Safe Urban Air Mobility using Chance Constrained RRT*, P. C. Wu, L. Li, J. F. Xie, J. Chen. AIAA AVIATION Forum and Exposition, Reno, Nevada, 2020. (DOI: 10.2514/6.2020-2914)
- [6] Attitude Maneuver Control and Vibration Suppression of Spacecraft with Flexible Appendages via Control Moment Gyroscopes (in Chinese), Wu, P. C. M. Sc. dissertation, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 2017.
- [7] Model predictive control of rigid spacecraft with two variable speed control moment gyroscopes, Wu, P. C., Wen, H., Chen, T., and Jin, D. P. *Applied Mathematics and Mechanics*, 38(11), 1551-1564, 2017. (DOI: 10.1007/s10483-017-2278-9)
- [8] The attitude maneuver of a large space structure based on nonlinear model predictive control (in Chinese), Wu, P. C., Wen, H., Chen T., and Jin, D. P. *The 2nd Academic Conference of Deployable Space Structures*, Beijing, China, 2016.