



# Xiaoran Zhang

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## Education

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**University of California, Los Angeles**  
*M.S. in Electrical Computer Engineering*

Los Angeles, CA, USA  
Sep. 2019 - June 2021(expected)

**Beijing Institute of Technology**  
*B.Eng. in Automatic Control* / Advisor: Dawei Shi

Haidian District, Beijing, China  
Sep. 2015 - June 2019

- School of Automation international class (for the selected top undergraduates)
- GPA: 91.57/100, Rank: 2/36 | Xute Li Special Fellowship (highest honor for the top 0.06% undergraduates)

## Work & Research Experience

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**BIT Institute of Automation & Peking University Third Hospital**  
*Research Assistant* / Supervisor: Prof. Dawei Shi and Dr. Yan Li

Haidian District, Beijing, China  
Feb. 2019 – Sep. 2019

- Designed an automatic localization tool for cervical spondylotic myelopathy segmentation using deep CNN and a novel level set evolution approach.

**BIT Institute of Automation**  
*Research Assistant* / Supervisor: Prof. Dawei Shi

Haidian District, Beijing, China  
Oct. 2018 - June 2019

- Designed a fully automated approach to calibrate subcutaneous continuous glucose monitoring sensors using blood glucose measured by self-monitoring devices.
- Designed a state estimation algorithm using minimum-variance input estimation for blood glucose and interstitial glucose kinetics to reduce the computation complexity and calibration frequency.

**University of Alberta Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute**  
*Mitacs Research Assistant* / Supervisor: Dr. Kumaradevan Punithakumar

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
July. 2018 - Apr. 2019

- Designed a fully automated segmentation approach by integrating U-net based deep convolutional neural network with a novel unscented Kalman filter which includes a time-varying angular frequency to characterize cardiac motion.
- Designed a classification network prior to training which separates data into three chamber groups and then loads corresponding network to achieve a faster training time and a better accuracy.

**BIT National Key Lab of Intelligent System**  
*Research Assistant* / Supervisor: Prof. Senchun Chai

Haidian District, Beijing, China  
Dec. 2017 - June 2019

- Designed a state estimation model which integrates Nonlinear AutoRegressive Moving Average with Exogenous Input (NARMAX) with Least Square Support Vector Machine (LSSVM) for GPS outage periods
- Designed input vector by using time-serial planar angular velocity and acceleration together with historical location increment to excavate data features in time dimension.

## Publications

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- [1] **X. Zhang**, Y. Li, Y. Liu, D. Shi\*. Automatic Segmentation of Spinal Cord Using Deep Convolutional Neural Network and Grayscale Regularized Level Set Evolution. In preparation.

- [2] **X. Zhang**, W. Zhang, Y. Cao, D. Shi\*, L. Shi. Optimal Continuous Glucose Monitoring Sensor Calibration for Patients with Type 1 Diabetes. in Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Industrial Symposium on Industrial Electronics (ISIE), Vancouver, Canada, 2019, pp. 617-622. **Oral presentation.** [\[Paper\]](#)
- [3] **X. Zhang**, G. Martin, M. Noga and K. Punithakumar. Fully Automated Left Atrial Segmentation from Cine Long-axis MR Image Sequences Using Deep Convolutional Neural Network with Unscented Kalman Filter. Medical Image Analysis (MedIA), 2019. Under review.
- [4] **X. Zhang**, G. Martin, M. Noga and K. Punithakumar. Fully Automated Left Atrial Segmentation from MR Image Sequences Using Deep Convolutional Neural Network with Unscented Kalman Filter. in Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), Madrid, Spain, 2018, pp. 2316-2323. **Oral presentation.** [\[Paper\]](#)
- [5] **X. Zhang**, Y. Bai and S. Chai\*. State Estimation for GPS Outage Based on Improved Nonlinear Autoregressive Model. in Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Software Engineering and Service Science (ICSESS), Beijing, China, 2018, pp. 840-843. **Oral presentation.** [\[Paper\]](#)

## Presentations

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- “A Smart Tool for Left Atrial Segmentation”. Oral presentation on MABM (Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence on Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics, BIBM 2018, Madrid, Spain, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
- “Continuous Location Estimation During GPS Outage”. Oral presentation on model and algorithm session, ICSESS 2018, Beijing, China, Nov. 23<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Honors & Awards

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- **Xute Li Special Fellowship** (9/all undergraduates), BIT, (highest honor for student in BIT) [\[Link\]](#) 2019
- Graduate with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honor, BIT and Beijing Municipal Education Commission [\[Link\]](#) 2019
- Excellent Graduation Thesis, BIT 2019
- Special Award for Outstanding Innovation, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China 2019
- **Mitacs Award for Outstanding Innovation-Undergraduate** (1/all Mitacs interns), Mitacs [\[Link\]](#) [\[Video\]](#) 2018
- Diwen Scholarship (1/36), BIT 2018
- **Meritorious Winner in ICM/MCM** (8.88%), COMAP 2018
- Nominated for Best Student in Class Award, RWTH Aachen University 2017
- **National Scholarship** (1/36), the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China 2016
- Beijing Triple 'A' Outstanding Student Award (1/320) by Beijing Municipal Education Commission 2016
- Outstanding Student (2/320), BIT 2016 - 2017
- 1st Class Scholarship (1/36), BIT 2016 - 2017

## Summer & Winter Schools

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<b>RWTH Aachen University</b>	Aachen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
<i>Automation and Simulation Engineering Summer School</i>	July. 2017 - Aug. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA: 4.0/4.0   Nominated for Best Student in Class Award</li> </ul>	

<b>University of California, San Diego</b>	San Diego, CA, USA
<i>Academic English Winter School</i>	Jan. 2017 - Feb. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPA: 4.0/4.0</li> </ul>	

## Skills & Interests

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Programming Language: Python, Matlab, C/C++, Java (Android),	
Languages: English, Chinese, German	
Interests: Swimming, Piano, Singing, Volleyball, Table Tennis	
Miscellaneous: Top 3 in best singer competition, BIT	2015
Best player in man single rope skipping competition (246 times in one minute), BIT	2016