# LI WANG

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### **EDUCATION**

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

**Doctor of Philosophy** in Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Master of Science in Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Huazhong University of Sci. & Tech., Wuhan, China

# Bachelor of Science (with honor) in Department of Mechanical Engineering GPA: 91.60/100 Ranking: 1/54

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology

Topic: Safe Learning and Control of Multi-robot Systems (Video Link 1, 2)

August 2014 - Present Advisor: Magnus Egerstedt

August 2014 - May 2018 (expected)

GPA: 4.00/4.00

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July 2012 — May 2014

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- $\cdot \ \, \text{Developed safety control certificates to ensure safe aggressive maneuvers of multi-quadrotor and mobile robot swarms.}$
- · Designed online safe learning algorithm for quadrotor dynamics using recursive Gaussian Process with safety guarantees.
- · Implemented safety certificates on teams of quadrotors and robots with Robot Operating System (ROS) (C++, Python).
- · Integrated a multi-robot test-bed with multiple quadrotors, mobile robots, joystick/Iphone, and motion capture system
- · Programmed stable hovering and trajectory tracking of quadrotors with Extended Kalman Filter and sensor fusion.

### Graduate Research Assistant, Clemson University

Topic: Online Control, Estimation and Sensor Fusion of Bioreactor (Award Link)

May 2013 - May 2014 Advisor: Richard Groff

- · Developed and implemented nonlinear adaptive state estimator for online tracking of oxygen uptake rate in bioreactor.
- · Designed and implemented a Kalman filter and particle filter for bioreactor sensing data filtering and fusion
- · Implemented bioreactor real-time control and data acquisition with xPC-target, OPC, UDP and serial communication

# Undergraduate Research Group Leader, HUST

March 2011 - June 2012

Topic: Geometric error modelling and compensation for multi-axis machine tools

Advisor: Fangyu Peng

- · Used CAD/CAM software for machine tools and parts modeling and tool cutting path generation and optimization
- · Modeled kinematics of multi-axis machine tools with geometric error and developed tool path post-processing algorithms

### WORK EXPERIENCE

# Summer Research Intern, Siemens Corporate Technology

May 2017 - August 2017

Project: Planning and Scheduling of Flexible Manufacturing Systems

Advisor: Ulrich Muenz

- · Developed Model Predictive Control based planning and scheduling algorithm for flexible manufacturing systems.
- $\cdot$  Implemented the MPC graph-based planner in C++ and interfaced with Siemens Tecnomatix plant simulator.

# Summer Research Intern, OFS Fitel LLC

June 2014 - August 2014

Project: Software Development for Plasma-based Optical Fiber Manufacturing Process

Advisor: David Braganza

- · Worked on hardware&software integration for Siemens PLC, HMI, RF power circuit, and other periphery devices.
- $\cdot \ \, \text{Developed software for manufacturing recipe optimization and automation in multi-programming language environment}$

# Summer Research Intern, DEPUSH Robotic Education Technology

June 2011 - August 2011

Project: Educational reconfigurable mechantronical platform (Video Link)

Advisor: Kevin Rong

· Developed a modular mechantronic platform with mechantronic transmission, micro-controller and Labview interface

### Lab Teaching Assistant, Georgia Tech, Clemson University

July 2012 - August 2015

Courses: Mechantronic System, Electronics Lab

Advisors: Allen Robinson, John Wagner

· Taught signal acquisition/processing with transistor circuit, PLC programming, Labview sampling, and CNC operation

# SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE SKILLS

Programming Tools:
System&Controls:
Machine Learning:
Signal Processing:
Robotic Hardware:
Robotic Software
Robotics
Sensors&Hardware
CAD/CAM
Engineering Skills

Python, C and C++, Matlab&Simulink, ROS (in Ubuntu Linux), PLC, Labview Linear/nonlinear/optimal/networked control, regular/cascaded PID control, LQR control Gaussian Process, Hidden Markov Model, PCA, Expectation-Maximization, KNN/Q learner Complementary/Kalman/Extended-Kalman/Particle Filtering, SVD, Convex optimizations Crazyflie Quadrotor, AR Drone, Segway/Khepera III/Magellan Pro Robots, GRIST bots ROS, MQTT, Player/Stage, Vrep simulator, Rviz, Optitrack/Vicon Motion Capture System Quadrotor dynamics, manipulator forward/inverse kinematics, path planning (PRM, A\*) x-PC Target, Servo/step motor, Laser range sensor, Accelerometer, Anolog IO, Gas sensor Solidworks(3 yrs), AutoCAD(3 yrs), UG(3 yrs), Inventor(2 yrs), Mastercam(1 yr)

Siemens PLC, CNC, Micro-Controller, Oscilloscope, Signal generator, 3D printing, Laser cutter

### SELECTED HONORS

Best Multi-Robot Paper Award: Best Multi-Robot Systems Paper Award at top Robotics conference ICRA 2017

Jenny H. Krauss Fellowship: Awarded to top Georgia Tech graduate students with excellent academic record

Top winner of BlueCompetition: A worldwide competition sponsored by BlueSens Gas Sensor GmbH(Germany)

Chinese National Innovation Grants: Awarded to teams of undergraduates with innovative research projects

### MEDIA COVERAGE

- D1. IEEE spectrum, "Swarms of Robots Manage to Not Run Into Each Other", Web link
- D2. Engadget, "Virtual 'top hats' ensure swarming drones won't crash", Web link
- D3. Robohub, "The Robotarium: A remotely accessible swarm robotics research testbed", Web link
- D4. Digital trends, "This swarm of drones uses virtual force fields to avoid crashing into each other", Web link

### **SERVICE**

Tour Organizer, showed live robotic demos (quadrotor swarm and mobile robot swarm experiments) during 2014-2017 to

- Industrial visitors from: BMW, United Technologies Research Center, Siemens Corporate Technology, Littler Mendelson, Denso Corporation, Texas Instrument, Marvel Studios, Walmart, Samsung Electronics, Ford Motor, etc.
- Academical visitors from: NASA, ONR, 2016 Robotics Roadmap, the Ray Foundation, Cristo Rey High School, CMU, UCLA, University of Maryland, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 2016/2017 Robotics Open House, Clayton State University, AIAA Technical Committee, George Walton Academy, Tuskegee university, etc.

Session Co-Chair, IFAC Conference on Analysis and Design of Hybrid Systems, Atlanta, 2015.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

### A. Master's Thesis

A1. "Design and Implementation of a Real-time Adaptive Oxygen Transfer Rate Estimator", Clemson University, 2014

### B. Peer-reviewed Journal Papers

- B1. **L. Wang**, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Super-Ellipsoidal Barrier Certificates for Safe Maneuvers in Teams of Quadrotors", *IEEE Transactions on Robotics (T-RO)*, under review.
- B2. L. Wang, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Safety Barrier Certificates for Collisions-Free Multi-robot Systems", *IEEE Transactions on Robotics (T-RO)*, vol. 33, no. 3, pp. 661-674, 2017.
- B3. F. Peng, J. Ma, **L. Wang**, R. Yan and B. Li, "Post-processing Algorithm Based on Total Differential Method for Multi-axis Machine Tools with Arbitrary Configuration", *Chinese Journal of Mechanical Engineering*, vol. 48, no. 13, pp. 121-127, 2012.

# C. Peer-reviewed Conference Papers

- C1. **L. Wang**, E. A. Theodorou, and M. Egerstedt, "Safe Learning of Quadrotor Dynamics Using Barrier Certificates", *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2018, under review.
- C2. L. Wang, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Safe Certificate-Based Maneuvers for Teams of Quadrotors Using Differential Flatness", *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, pp. 3293-3298, 2017.
- C3. D. Pickem, P. Glotfelter, L. Wang, M. Mote, A. Ames, E. Feron, and M. Egerstedt, "The Robotarium: A Remotely Accessible Swarm Robotics Research Testbed", *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Best Multi-Robot Systems Paper Award, pp. 1699-1706, 2017.
- C4. **L. Wang**, D. Han, and M. Egerstedt, "Permissive Barrier Certificates for Safe Stabilization Using Sum-of-squares", 2018 American Control Conference (ACC), under review.
- C5. L. Wang, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Multi-objective Compositions for Collision-free Connectivity Maintenance in Teams of Mobile Robots", 2016 Decisions and Control Conference (CDC), pp. 2659-2664, Dec. 2016.
- C6. L. Wang, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Safety Barrier Certificates for Heterogeneous Multi-robot System", 2016 American Control Conference (ACC), pp. 5213-5218, July 2016.
- C7. U Borrmann, L. Wang, A. Ames, and M. Egerstedt, "Control Barrier Certificates for Safe Swarm Behavior", 2015 IFAC Conference on Analysis and Design of Hybrid Systems (ADHS), Oct. 2015.
- C8. L. Wang, M. E. Pepper, A. Padmakumar, T. C. Burg, S. W. Harcum, and R. E. Groff, "A Real-time Adaptive Oxygen Transfer Rate Estimator for Metabolism Tracking in Escherichia coli Cultures", *IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference*, pp. 6191-6194, 2014
- C9. M. E. Pepper, L. Wang, A. Padmakumar, T. C. Burg, S. W. Harcum, and R. E. Groff, "A CMI(Cell Metabolic Indicator)-based Controller for Achieving High Growth Rate E.coli Cultures", *IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference*, pp. 2911-2915, 2014