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#### Education

Louisiana State University

BATON ROUGE, LA, U.S.A.

Ph.D. Candidate

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Control System and Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, Anhui, P.R.C.

**Bachelor of Natural Science** 

July 2012

Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Department of Modern Mechanics

# **Professional Experience**

Louisiana State University

BATON ROUGE, LA, U.S.A.

**Aerial Robotic Network for Agricultural Applications - Research Assistant**July 2016 – Present Designed and built quadrotor fleet from scratch. Developed autonomous flight control firmware on MCU and flight control/monitor applications on PC. Developed distributed control network for quadrotors.

Multi-Agent System Formation Control - Research Assistant

July 2016 – Present

Developed new formation control methods, provided mathematical proofs, conducted simulational and experimental validation.

Computational Molecule Synthesis - Research Assistant

*October* 2015 – *May* 2016

Developed open-source software which can decompose large molecules to small bio-active fragments, then use fragments to generate target molecules or new molecules for drug design.

**Multirotor Copter Applications in Agriculture - Research Assistant**February 2015 – June 2015

Developed an application to process aerial images. Optimized the software for better processing speed.

**Teaching Assistant** 

August 2015 – May 2016

Machine Design Lab (ME 4201), Autonomous Vehicles (ENGR 4200).

University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, Anhui, P.R.C.

**Bionic Four-Tail Fin UUV** (Mimic Dragonfly) - Research Assistant August 2011 – January 2013 Developed program on MCU for motor control, developed remote control and wireless data transfer programs on PC and MCU for the bionic UUV with four oscillatory tail fins. The tail fins were designed to mimic the motion pattern of a dragonfly.

Bionic Long Undulatory Fin UUV (Mimic Black Ghost Knifefish) November 2011 – June 2012 Designed and built a UUV to mimic the propulsion pattern of black ghost knifefish. Developed program on Arduino for the UUV. Studied the effects of the frequency and amplitude of the swaying fin ray, wave number in the fin surface, and the speed of the incoming flow on propulsion thrust.

#### Bionic Double-Tail Fin UUV

*September 2011 – May 2012* 

Conducted experiments to optimize the performance of the double tail fin UUV. Developed a whole system to automatically conduct experiment, collect and process data, and plot results.

# Flow Trajectory After Passing Dual Circular Cylinder

October 2011 – November 2011

Designed and built an adjustable dual circular cylinder model for the fluid experiment. Conducted experiments with hydrogen bubbles, laser beam, and high resolution high speed camera to study the water flow trajectory after passing dual circular cylinder.

#### **Composite Bionic Actuators**

*April* 2011 – *August* 2011

Assisted with motion pattern design. Developed programs on Arduino for the actuators.

#### **Research Interests**

- Multi-Agent Systems
- Lyapunov-Based Nonlinear Control
- Robotics

#### **Publications**

### Referred Journal Articles

- 4. **Tairan Liu**, Marcio de Queiroz, Pengpeng Zhang, and Milad Khaledyan. Further results on the distance and area control of planar formations. *International Journal of Control*. Accepted
- 3. Pengpeng Zhang, Marcio de Queiroz, Milad Khaledyan, and **Tairan Liu**. Control of directed formations using interconnected systems stability. *Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control*, 141(4):041003, 2019
- 2. Limeng Pu, Misagh Naderi, **Tairan Liu**, Hsiao-Chun Wu, Supratik Mukhopadhyay, and Michal Brylinski. eToxPred: a machine learning-based approach to estimate the toxicity of drug candidates. *BMC Pharmacology and Toxicology*, 20(1):2, 2019
- 1. **Tairan Liu**, Misagh Naderi, Chris Alvin, Supratik Mukhopadhyay, and Michal Brylinski. Break down in order to build up: Decomposing small molecules for fragment-based drug design with eMolFrag. *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling*, 57(4):627–631, 2017

### Manuscripts in Submission

- 2. **Tairan Liu** and Marcio de Queiroz. Distance + angle-based control of 2d rigid formations. *Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control*. Under review
- 1. Milad Khaledyan, **Tairan Liu**, and Marcio de Queiroz. Flocking and target interception control for formations of nonholonomic kinematic agents. *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems and Technology*. Under review

## **Conference Proceedings**

1. **Tairan Liu**, Marcio de Queiroz, Pengpeng Zhang, and Milad Khaledyan. Directed formation control of *n* planar agents with distance and area constraints. In *2019 Annual American Control Conference (ACC)*, Philadelphia, PA, Jul 2019. To appear

### Conference Poster

1. **Tairan Liu**, Misagh Naderi, Supratik Mukhopadhyay, and Michal Brylinski. Decomposing small molecules for fragment-based drug design with eMolFrag. In *SCALA 2018 - Scientific Computing Around Louisiana*, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, Feb 2018

### **Skills**

Hardware: Arduino, Raspberry Pi, STM32 FC, NodeMCU, XBee, etc.

Software: XCTU, QT Creater, Microsoft Office, TeXstudio, Inkscape, AutoCAD, Arduino IDE, etc.

**Programming Languages:** Python, MATLAB/Simulink, C, C++ (associated with GUI design with QT).

**Natural Languages:** Chinese (*mother tongue*) and English.

**Others:** HPC (*Philip@LSU*, *SuperMike-II@LSU*, *QB2@LONI*), LaTeX.

# Other Experience

# University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, Anhui, P.R.C.

#### **Translation of CFD Code**

October 2012 – January 2013

Translated CFD code (Lattice Boltzmann Method and Immersed Boundary Method) in Fortran to C/C++.

### Robo-Game Competition of USTC (2010)

*June* 2010 – *October* 2010

Participated in prototyping and building of autonomous and manned robots, and developed program on MCU for the autonomous robot.

### **Graduate Level Courses**

- Advanced Mechanical Systems Control
- Introduction to Modern Control Theory
- Advanced Linear Systems
- Advanced Topics in Control
- Industrial Robotics
- Topics in Modern System Science

- Advanced Engineering System Dynamics
- Sensors and Actuators
- Numerical Methods in Applied Mechanics
- Advanced Vibrations
- $\bullet$  Intelligent Control and Applications in Power Systems

### **Professional Activities**

Membership

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Student Member since 2017.