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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.China

**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. Research Assistant July 2016 - Present

• Aerial Robotic Network for Agricultural Applications

Research Assistant *October* 2015 – *May* 2016

• Computational Molecule Synthesis

August 2014 - May 2016 **Teaching Assistant** 

• Machine Design Lab

Autonomous Vehicles

University of Science and Technology of China Hefei, Anhui, P.R.China

Research Assistant *July 2012 – January 2013* 

• UUV Electronic System, Remote Control, and Data Transmission

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** 

• Bionic UUV Design, Test, and Data Processing

*March* 2011 – *July* 2012

### **Research Interests**

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

# **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
- Intelligent Control and Applications in Power

Systems

# Research Experience

Louisiana State University

BATON ROUGE, LA, U.S.A.

Aerial Robotic Network for Agricultural Applications

July 2016 - Present

Designed quadrotor fleet from scratch. Developed flight control firmware and flight control/monitor applications on PC. Developed distributed control network for quadrotors.

### **Multi-Agent System Formation Control**

July 2016 – Present

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

### **Computational Molecule Synthesis**

*October* 2015 – *March* 2016

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

# **Multirotor Copter Applications in Agriculture**

*Februrary 2015 – June 2015* 

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

# University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, Anhui, P.R.China

### Four-Tail Fin UUV

*August 2011 – January 2013* 

Designed circuit, developed program on MCU for motor control, developed remote control and wireless data transfer programs on PC and MCU for a bionic UUV with four oscillatory tail fins. The tail fins were designed to mimic the motion pattern of a dragonfly.

### **Black Ghost Knife Fish UUV**

November 2011 – June 2012

Designed a UUV to mimic the propulsion method of the black ghost knifefish. Also designed the circuit, and developed program on Arduino for the UUV. Studied the relation between thrust and the frequency of the swaying fin ray, the relation between thrust and the amplitude of the swaying fin ray, the relation between thrust and the wave number in the fin surface, and the relation between thrust and the speed of the incoming flow.

#### Double-Tail Fin UUV

November 2011 – June 2012

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

### Flow Around Circular Cylinders

October 2011 – November 2011

Designed 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 two circular cylinders.

# **New Bionic Actuator**

April 2011 – August 2011

Designed a circuit for the bionic actuator, and developed program on Arduino for the actuator.

# Other Experience

# University of Science and Technology of China

Hefei, Anhui, P.R.China

### 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 of autonomous and manned robots, and developed program on MCU for the autonomous robot.

# **Publications**

Refereed Journal Articles

- 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

- 3. **Tairan Liu** and Marcio de Queiroz. Distance + angle-based control of 2d rigid formations. *Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control.* submitted
- 2. **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*. submitted
- 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

# Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2. **Tairan Liu** and Marcio de Queiroz. Directed Formation Control with Orthogonal Basis in 2D and 3D space. in preparation
- 1. **Tairan Liu** and Marcio de Queiroz. Directed Formation Control with Distance + Area/Angle Constraints Using Multiple Lyapunov Functions. in preparation

# 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, February 2018

# **Professional Activities**

Membership

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

# **Skills**

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

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