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EDUCATION

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas Expected Spring 2020
Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering (Dynamic Systems and Control), GPA 3.93/4

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China Awarded 2015
M.S., Mechanical Engineering (Thermal Engineering), GPA 85.10/100

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China Awarded 2012
B.S. with high honors, Mechanical Engineering (Thermal Engineering), GPA 85.43/100

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ISS Lab (Battery Management), University of Kansas 2015–Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Huazhen Fang

- Conduct research on embedded system application-oriented lithium-ion battery management, including battery physics-based equivalent circuit modeling, parameter identification, state estimation, battery health-aware optimal charging, and battery pack thermal management
- Complete 4 journal papers (2 under review) and 6 conference papers on battery management
- Direct lab battery tester operation and oversee around ten students in battery testing

Heat Transfer and Cooling Lab, Northwestern Polytechnical University 2012–2015
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Hui ren Zhu

- Performed CFD simulation to study impingement cooling at jet engine turbine blade
- Conducted heat transfer measurement of turbine blade using transient liquid crystal technique

Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Lab, Northwestern Polytechnical University 2011
Research Assistant, funded by National Innovation Experiment Program for Undergraduates

- Evaluated adsorption capability of magnesium-aluminium hydrotalcite for fluoride ion

WORK EXPERIENCE

Battery Simulation Group, ANSYS, Lebanon, New Hampshire Summer 2019
Battery Software Development Intern, Supervisor: Dr. Genong Li

- Wrote tutorials for ANSYS Fluent multiphysics-based battery modeling package
- Tested ANSYS Fluent battery model identification tool and user-defined battery model
- Performed CFD simulation of thermal field of industrial battery packs using ANSYS Fluent

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mechanical Engineering Department, University of Kansas Fall 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant for ME320 Dynamics and ME321 Dynamic Simulations

- Support faculty and students (around 90) in ME320 classroom setting
- Co-instruct students (around 90) in ME321 lab setting for dynamic simulation using Adams

JOURNAL PAPERS

- J.5 **N. Tian**, H. Fang and Y. Wang, “Real-time optimal lithium-ion battery charging based on explicit model predictive control,” submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics*, under review
- J.4 **N. Tian**, Y. Wang, J. Chen and H. Fang, “One-shot parameter identification of an equivalent circuit model for batteries: Methods and validation,” submitted to *Journal of Energy Storage*, under review
- J.3 **N. Tian**, H. Fang, J. Chen and Y. Wang, “Nonlinear double-capacitor model for rechargeable batteries: Modeling, identification and validation,” accepted by *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*
- J.2 **N. Tian**, H. Fang and Y. Wang, “3-D temperature field reconstruction for a lithium-ion battery pack: A distributed Kalman filtering approach,” *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, vol. 27, no. 2, pp. 847–854, 2019
- J.1 H. Fang, **N. Tian**, Y. Wang, M. Zhou and M.A. Haile, “Nonlinear Bayesian estimation: From Kalman filtering to a broader horizon,” *IEEE/CAA Journal of Automatica Sinica*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 401–417, 2018

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- C.7 M. Proctor, **N. Tian** and H. Fang, “Battery state-of-charge estimation based on nonlinear double-capacitor model and extended Kalman filter,” accepted by *the 2020 IEEE Annual Green Technologies Conference*, Oklahoma City, USA, 2020
- C.6 **N. Tian**, H. Fang and Y. Wang, “Parameter identification of the nonlinear double-capacitor model for lithium-ion batteries: From the Wiener perspective,” in *Proceedings of American Control Conference*, Philadelphia, USA, Jul. 10–12, 2019
- C.5 **N. Tian**, H. Fang and Y. Wang, “Real-time optimal lithium-ion battery charging based on explicit model predictive control,” in *Proceedings of the 28th International Symposium on Industrial Electronics*, Vancouver, Canada, Jun. 12–14, 2019
- C.4 **N. Tian**, H. Fang and J. Chen, “A new nonlinear double-capacitor model for rechargeable batteries,” in *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society*, Washington D.C., USA, Oct. 21–23, 2018
- C.3 **N. Tian**, Y. Wang, J. Chen and H. Fang, “On parameter identification of an equivalent circuit model for lithium-ion batteries,” in *Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications*, Kohala Coast, HI, USA, Aug. 27–30, 2017
- C.2 **N. Tian** and H. Fang, “Distributed Kalman filtering-based three-dimensional temperature field reconstruction for a lithium-ion battery pack,” in *Proceedings of American Control Conference*, Seattle, WA, USA, May. 24–26, 2017
- C.1 **N. Tian**, H. Zhu and M. Zhang, “Numerical analysis of flow and heat transfer of inclined impingement in the trailing edge of turbine blade,” in *International Symposium on Jet Propulsion and Power Engineering*, Beijing, China, Sep. 15–19, 2014

PATENT

N. Tian and H. Zhu, “An inclined impingement cooling channel,” Patent No. CN104,265,376B, April 2016 (assigned to Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China)

PRESENTATIONS

- P.8 “Software development for lithium-ion battery management,” at 2019 URSSI Winter School in Research Software Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Dec. 17–19, 2019
- P.7 “Advanced lithium-ion battery management,” at 2019 American Control Conference, Philadelphia, Jul.11, 2019
- P.6 “Parameter identification of the nonlinear double-capacitor model for lithium-ion batteries: From the Wiener perspective,” at 2019 American Control Conference, Philadelphia, Jul.10, 2019
- P.5 “A new nonlinear double-capacitor model for rechargeable batteries,” at 8th Midwest Workshop on Control and Game Theory at Washington University in St. Louis, Apr. 27, 2019
- P.4 “A new equivalent circuit model for rechargeable batteries,” at 13th Berkeley Energy & Resources Collaborative (BERC) Energy Summit, UC Berkeley, Feb. 21, 2019
- P.3 “A new nonlinear double-capacitor model for rechargeable batteries,” at 44th Annual Conference of the IEEE Industrial Electronics Society, Washington D.C., Oct. 22, 2018
- P.2 “Model predictive control for battery charging,” at 1st Model Predictive Control Summer School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Jul. 28, 2017
- P.1 “Distributed Kalman filtering-based three-dimensional temperature field reconstruction for a lithium-ion battery pack,” at 2017 American Control Conference, Seattle, Washington, May. 24, 2017

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Orientation Leader, Summer Orientation at University of Kansas, Summer 2018
Education Volunteer, Lab Outreach at Douglas County Juvenile Detention Center, 2016–Present
Education Volunteer, Engineering Expo and Summer Camp at University of Kansas, 2016
Vice President, Student Branch of Shaanxi Society of Engineering Thermophysics, 2014–2015
Sessional Lecturer, Xi’an Electric Power College, Xi’an, China, Fall 2013
Freshman Mentor, Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi’an, China, Fall 2011
Volunteer Leader, International Horticultural Exposition, Xi’an, China, July 2011
Education Volunteer, Xinfeng Elementary School, Zhangye, China, July 2009

MEMBERSHIP

IEEE Student Membership	2017–Present
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SKILLS

MATLAB, SolidWorks, Adams, ANSYS Fluent, UG, AutoCAD, CSS, HTML, C, Python

AWARDS

Student Travel Award, 2019 URSSI Winter School in Research Software Engineering	2019
Tradition of Excellence Award, University of Kansas	2019
Student Travel Award, 2019 American Control Conference	2019
Student Travel Award, 8th Midwest Workshop on Control and Game Theory	2019
International Student Leader, KU International Student Services	2018, 2019
GEA Travel Award, KU Engineering School	2018, 2019
Graduate Presentation Travel Award, University of Kansas	2018
Student Travel Award, 1st Model Predictive Control Summer School	2017

SERVICE

Student Liaison for ASME DSCD Energy Systems Technical Committee

- Co-organized Student Career Advising Session at Dynamic Systems and Control Conference (DSCC) 2019 in Park City, Utah

Paper Reviewer

- Journal of Control, Automation and Electrical Systems
- CDC (2019), ACC (2017, 2019, 2020), IFAC World Congress (2020), DSCC (2017, 2018), IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications (2017, 2018), IEEE International Conference on Control and Automation (2017, 2019), IEEE International Symposium on Industrial Electronics (2019), IEEE International Conference on Industrial Electronics for Sustainable Energy Systems (2020), SAE World Congress (2020)