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Robotics | Control Systems | ML

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Education

2014-2019

PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, USA. "A Multi-DOF Soft Robot Mechanism for Patient Motion Correction and Beam Orientation Selection in Cancer Radiation Therapy." Advisors: Nick Gans (UTD) and Steve Jiang (UT Southwestern Medical Center.) | Committee Members: Drs. Mark Spong, Tyler Summers, Dinesh Bhatia, and Yonas Tadesse. | External Examiner: Prof. Phillip Anderson.

 $2012 \quad \textbf{Master of Science in Engineering in Control Systems}, \textit{The University of Sheffield}, \textit{Sheffield}, \textit{United}$ Kingdom. "Autonomous Navigation of a Rotorcraft Unmanned Aerial Vehicle using Machine Vision.". Advisor: Tony J. Dodd. | Committee Members: Drs. George Panoutsos and Robin Pursehouse. | Dissertation reviewed by Mahdi Mahfouf.

Experience: Leadership, Hardware, and Computing

Team Leader

Collaborator/ Experience leading/working with teams to create and execute plans to bring-up, and validate designs to achieve system level functionalities. Experience working closely with partnership teams (e.g. research and supply chain, industrial manufacturing), and external vendors by optimizing the manufacturing process for volume scale-up. Designing sensor integration, testing and calibration methodology for volume manufacturing at lowest cost, and iterating on ideas, prototype, test, refine cycle. Managing by positive influence.

Innovation

Experience solving complex system issues, developing system requirements, driving technical innovation and roadmap. Experience gathering requirements, defining high level architecture, executing hardware design, and product validation. Experience in companies and universities (Europe, Asia, and Africa), across disciplines and industries.

Hardware

Prototyping

Experience in components selection (including design and verification of programmable soft actuators, linear actuators, bike gear drivetrains, & braking systems), sensors (MEMs, liquid metals, & cameras and optical systems) selection and integration, microcontrollers integration (National Instruments, Raspberry Pi's, Arduinos), components specifications, schematic design, PCB layout and bring up.

Embedded **Systems**

Experience with design of embedded systems, completing board layouts, assembling, testing, debugging, and integrating designs into opto-electro-mechanical systems. Communication protocols (e.g. SPI, I^2C , TCP/IP, UDP), Linux/Python scripting, and C++. Enjoy being hands-on in the lab, in the details (soldering, oscilloscopes, data acquisition) and a thriving gusto for engineering.

Research

2021 - Present Senior Researcher, Microsoft Research, New York City, NY 10012, USA.

Reinforcement Learning Group, 300 Lafayette Street, New York City, NY 10012.

2019 - 2021

Postdoctoral Scholar, The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelpia, PA, USA.

Department of Radiation Oncology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

Summer '19

Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA.

Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology, Pritzker School of Medicine, The University of Chicago.

Summer '18 Research Intern, Preferred Networks, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

"Preferred Networks is one of a tiny handful of Japanese 'unicorns', or technology startups valued at more than \$1 billion." – The Wall Street Journal, 10/15/2018

Research Intern within the Robotics Team. Worked on stable learning of complex robot motion-planning/manipulation tasks. Implemented Khansari-Zadeh's CLF-DM on the Tokyo Robotics 7-DoF Arm. Proposed a DP approach for better complex robot trajectory imitation.

Fall '17 - Research Assistant, Medical Aritificial Intelligence and Automation Laboratory, Division of Medical

Spring '19 Physics and Engineering, Radiation Oncology Department, UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Research Assistant for Dr. Steve Jiang, Barbara Crittenden Professor of Cancer Research, UTSW Department of Radiation Oncology.

Developed a multidisciplinary approach (spanning Deep learning, optimal control, dynamic programming, and game theory) in order to solve the classic beam orientation optimization (BOO) problem.

- Summer Fall **Research Assistant**, Dr. Tyler Summers, Mechanical Engineering, UT Dallas.
 - '17 Dynamic Programming, Decision Theoretic Control, Machine/Reinforcement Learning.

 Developed a conservative controller for mitigating the lack of robustness in multi-stage decision policies.
 - Fall '14 Research Assistant, Dr. Nick Gans, Electrical Engineering, University of Texas at Dallas.
 - Spring 19 Control Systems, Systems Identification, State Estimation and Computer Vision.

Conceived the prototypical testbed, procured hardware, integrated components to simulate soft robot compensating systems for patients in intensity modulated radiotherapy.

Summer '16 Hardware Integration Intern, Amazon Robotics LLC.

SLAM, Software and Hardware Integration Intern.

Helped integrate the hardware and software for the P3-DX robot used as a recreational robot in the Amazon Robotics office.

Spring '16 Hardware Integration Intern, Advanced Robotics Lab, Amazon Robotics LLC.

Hardware Integration Intern.

Wrote the codebase for the line scanners used in tracking objects in amazon warehouse assembly lines.

Computing

P.D.E.s Level Set Methods: Finite Differences; Upwinding; Weighted Essentially Non-oscillatory Solutions.

Deep Learning; Hamilton-Jacobi (Bellman/Isaacs) Equations. Numerical Schemes: Differential Dynamic Programming, Iterative Linearization Methods; Quazilinearization Methods.

Optimal Numerical Schemes: Differential Dynamic Programming, Iterative Linearization Methods; Quasi-

control linearization Methods.

Programming C++, Python, Lua, MATLAB, LabVIEW.

Libraries Point Cloud Library, OpenCV, Eigen, Docker, PyTorch, OpenAI Gym, MuJoCo, Numpy, SciPy, Scikit-Learn, C++11/14 standards.

OS OSX, Debian, Windows.

OSRF ROS 1.x/ROS 2.0.

Web HTML, Markdown, socket.io, node.js, and express.js.

Teaching:

- Spring '20 **Adjunct Instructor, RBOT 250- Robot manipulation, planning and control**, *Brandeis University*. Designing course outlines and teaching.
- Fall '14 '16 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Robotics**, *University of Texas at Dallas*.

 Guided students during laboratories in programming the Robai Cyton 300R2 Robot and graded homeworks.
 - Spring '15 **Teaching Assistant, Linear Systems (M.S. Class)**, *University of Texas at Dallas*.

Responsible for helping Masters students with linear control theory applications; graded homeworks and midterms.

Select OpenSource Projects

Lyapunov- Python Implementation of "Learning Control Lyapunov Functions for Dynamical Systems" (Available Learner at https://github.com/robotsorcerer/LyapunovLearner).

LevelSetPy Implementations of common level set methods for computing the solutions to Hamilton-Jacobi Equations (Available at https://github.com/robotsorcerer/LevelSetPy).

Keyence Minimal source code for retrieving profile map from the keyence LJV-7000 series line scanners (Available at https://github.com/lakehanne/keyence).

Publications

Olalekan Ogunmolu. A Constitutive Framework For The Representation of the Viscosity Solutions of Dirichlet-type Hamilton-Jacobi Equations. Transactions in Automatic Control, 2022.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Shaoru Chen, and George Pappas. "Constraints-Preserving" Controllers in Large-Scale Systems. International Journal of Robotics Research, 2022.

Olalekan Ogunmolu. A Cauchy-type Hamilton-Jacobi Successive Approximation Scheme For Reachable Sets Computation. In Letters to The IEEE Control Systems Society, Presentation Option at Conference on Decision and Control, Cancun, Mexico. 2022.

Olalekan Ogunmolu. ComplexBRAT: Complex Backward Reach-Avoid Tubes: An Emergent Collective Behavior. Workshop on the Algorithm Foundations of Robotics (WAFR) XV, May 2022.

Olalekan Ogunmolu. Xinmin Liu, Nicholas Gans, and Rodney Wiersma, Mechanism and Constitutive Model of a Continuum Robot for Head and Neck Cancer Radiotherapy. IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2020), Paris, France. October 2020.

Azar Sadeghnejad Barkousaraie, Olalekan Ogunmolu, Steve Jiang, and Dan Nguyen. A Fast Deep Learning Approach for Beam Orientation Selection Using Supervised Learning with Column Generation on IMRT Prostate Cancer Patients. The International Journal of Medical Physics Research and Practice, 2020.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Michael Folkerts, Dan Nguyen, Nicholas Gans, and Steve Jiang. Deep BOO: Automating Beam Orientation Selection in Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy. Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics XIII, International Workshop (WAFR), Mérida, Mexico. December 2018.

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Olalekan Ogunmolu, Adwait Kulkarn, Yonas Tadesse, Xuejun Gu, Steve Jiang, and Nick Gans. Soft-NeuroAdapt: A 3-DOF Neuro-Adaptive Pose Correction System For Frameless and Maskless Cancer Radiotherapy. IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 2017. DOI: 10.1109/IROS.2017.8206211.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Nicholas Gans, and Tyler Summers. Robust Zero-Sum Deep Reinforcement Learning. arxiv PrePrints, arxiv ID:1710.00491, Oct 2017.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Xuejun Gu, Steve Jiang, and Nicholas Gans, Nonlinear Systems Identification Using Deep Dynamic Neural Networks. arxiv PrePrints, arxiv ID:1610.01439, Oct 2016.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Xuejun Gu, Steve Jiang, and Nick Gans. Vision-based control of a soft-robot for Maskless Cancer Radiotherapy. IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), Fort-Worth, Texas, August 2016. DOI: 10.1109/CoASE.2016.7743378.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Xuejun Gu, Steve Jiang, and Nick Gans. A Real-Time Soft-Robotic Patient Positioning System for Maskless Head-and-Neck Cancer Radiotherapy. IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), Gothenburg, Sweden, August 2015. DOI: 10.1109/CoASE.2015.7294318.

Azar Sadeghnejad Barkousaraie, Olalekan Ogunmolu, Steve Jiang, and Dan Nguyen. Using supervised learning and guided Monte Carlo tree search for beam orientation optimization in radiation therapy. Under review at International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, XXII (MICCAI), Shenzhen, China. October 2019.

Azar Sadeghnejad Barkousaraie, **Olalekan Ogunmolu**, Steve Jiang, and Dan Nguyen. Deep Learning Neural Network for Beam Orientation Optimization. To appear in *International Conference on the use of Computers in Radiation Therapy XVI (ICCR)*, Montreal, CA. June 2019.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Dan Nguyen, Xun Jia, Weiguo Lu, Nick Gans, and Steve Jiang. Automating Beam Orientation Optimization for IMRT Treatment Planning: A Deep Reinforcement Learning Approach. 60th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, Nashville, TN (AAPM). July 2018.

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Olalekan Ogunmolu, Azar Sadeghnejad Barkousaraie, Nicholas Gans, Steve Jiang, and Dan Nguyen. An Approximate Policy Iteration Scheme for Beam Orientation Selection in Radiation Therapy. *Medical Physics (AAPM)* 46 (6), E386-E386 San Antonio, TX, July 2019.

Azar Sadeghnejad Barkousaraie, **Olalekan Ogunmolu**, Steve Jiang, and Dan Nguyen. A Reinforcement Learning Application of Guided Monte Carlo Tree Search Algorithm for Beam Orientation Selection in Radiation Therapy. *Medical Physics (AAPM)* 46 (6), E236-E236, San Antonio, TX, July 2019.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Nicholas Gans, and Tyler Summers. Minimax Iterative Dynamic Game: Application to Nonlinear Robot Control Tasks. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation.*Machine Learning for Planning and Control Workshop Extended Abstract (ICRA 2018), Madrid, Spain. October 2018.

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Tyler Summers, **Olalekan Ogunmolu**, and Nicholas Gans. Robustness Margins and Robust Guided Policy Search for Deep Reinforcement Learning". *IROS 2017 Abstract Only Track*, Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 2017.

Olalekan Ogunmolu, Nick Gans, Steve Jiang, and Xuejun Gu. An Image-Guided Soft Robotic Patient Positioning System for Maskless Head-And-Neck Cancer Radiotherapy: A Proof-of-Concept Study. *American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) Annual Meeting*, Annaheim, CA, USA. July 2015.

Olalekan Ogunmolu. Towards Real-Time Motion Compensation in Radio-Transparent Robotic Radiation Therapy. Technical Report, November 2019.

Invited Talks

Open Robotics Soft-Robotic Position Correction Mechanisms in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy.

Open Robotics Foundation, Mountain View, CA, USA. January 2019.

Stanford Robotic Radiotherapy: Automating Position Correction in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy. University Department of Energy Resources Engineering, **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA, USA. November

2018.

UChicago Robotic Radiotherapy: Automating Position Correction in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy.

Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology, **The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, USA.

November 2018.

ATR CNS Labs Minimax Iterative Dynamic Game.

Department of Brain Robot Interface, **Computational Neuroscience Labs, ATR**, Osaka, Japan. August

Preferred Neural Networks and Adaptive Control.

Networks **Preferred Networks Tech. Talk**, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Japan. August 2018.

Google SoftNeuroAdapt: A 3-DoF Neuro-Adaptive Healthcare System.

Work presented by Nick Gans, Google Robotics, Mountain View, CA. USA. September 2017.

UTARI, Fort A Wearable Soft Robotic Modular System for Head and Neck Motion Correction in Intensity-

Worth, TX Modulated Radiation Therapy.

University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute, Fort Worth, Texas, USA. May 2019.

EFSC'17 Soft Robotic Modules as Position Correcting Mechanisms in Cancer RT.

Vancouver, BC 3rd Entrepreneurship Forum & Start-up Competition, EFSC'17, Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 2017.

UTSW, Dallas, A 3-DOF Neuro-Adaptive Patient Pose Correcting System For Frameless and Maskless Cancer Radio-

TX therapy.

Physics Research Seminar Series, Radiation Oncology Department, **UT Southwestern Medical Center**, Dallas, TX, USA. March 2017.

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IEEE Towards automated accurate patient positioning in maskless cancer radiotherapy.

Arlington, TX IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, UT Arlington, TX, USA. December 2015.

Awards and honors

o Google AI Travel and Conference Grant	October 2018
○ IEEE RAS/IROS Travel Award (IROS 2018)	August 2018
 Finalist at the 3rd Entrepreneurship Forum and Startup Competition Sponsored by IEEE Robotics and Automation Society, KUKA AG, and Univ. Hamburg 	August 2017
• NSF Doctoral Consortium Award (IROS 2017)	August 2017
o Mary and Richard Templeton Graduate Fellowship	August 2017
o ROSCon Scholarship (Open Software for Robotics Foundation)	July 2017
o President's Teaching Excellence Award for Teaching Assistants	Nom. Feb. 2017
o Golden Key International Honour Society	Inducted Dec. 2016
○ IEEE RAS/ISAM Travel Award (CASE 2016)	August 2016
o Ericsson Graduate Fellowship	2015 - 2016
o Jonsson Scholarship	2014 - 2015
• Achievement Award, University of Florida (Declined)	Fall 2014
\circ PTDF Overseas Scholarship Award, £25,500+ for one year. (~1.7% acceptant	nce) 2011
• Federal Government (of Nigeria) Scholarship (~3.6% acceptance)	2002
○ Ondo State (Nigeria) Scholarship (~10% acceptance)	2004

Select Leadership

Editorial Leadership

2020-2021 Associate Editor, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation., ICRA.

2019-2021 Grants Reviewer, National Geographic AI for Species Discovery.

Peer Reviewing Activities (Research)

2022 - Present RAL, IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters..

2019-Present JBHI, An IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics Access.

2018-Present Automatica, The International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), Impact Factor: 6.355.

2017-Present Access, IEEE Access Journal.

2017-Present NCAA, Springer's Neural Computing and Applications, Impact Factor: 4.664.

2018-Present **CDC**, *IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control*, Flagship Control and Decision-Making Control Conference Proceedings in the World, Impact Factor: 4.09, H-index: 42.

- 2017-Present **DSCC**, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Dynamic Systems and Control Conference, Conference Proceedings, H-index: 8.
- 2017-Present ICRA, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Flagship IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Conference in the World, H5-index: 82.
- 2017-Present IROS, IEEE/Robotics Society of Japan (RSJ) International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Flagship IEEE/RSJ Conference on Robotics, H5-index: 58.
- 2017-Present ACC, IEEE American Control Conference, Premiere American Control Conference Venue, H5-index: 41.
- 2017-Present **The IFAC World Congress**, *The International Federation of Automatic Control*, A worldwide, interdisciplinary congress of scientists and engineers to share up-to-date, complete and universal view of control and analysis techniques, Impact Factor: 2.653 at 2014.

Miscellaneous

- 2017 **Invited Contributor**, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Robots and Intelligent Systems (IROS)*, Abstract Only Track, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2017 Now Member, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society.
- 2016-Now Member, IEEE Boston, Greater Boston, USA.
- 2015 2016 **Science instructor**, *IEEE Dallas Shoulder of Giants Workshops*, Dallas, TX.

 Participant at IEEE Dallas Young Professionals community outreaches in promoting STEM education and awareness in the Dallas/Fort-Worth Metroplex.
 - 2015 Summer Science Program, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.Trained high-school kids in basic robots control and programming with the Berkeley Snap! kit and arduino.
 - Workshop participant, ILA Berlin Airshow, Berlin, Germany.Selected by Cassidian (an EADS company) for the Aerospace Systems Engineering workshop.
 - 2012 **Workshop participant**, *Farnborough International Airshow*, NE Hampshire, England. Selected by Airbus (an EADS company) among participants at the *UAV and Fighter Aircraft* workshop.

Mentoring

Undergraduate mentoring:

- Summer 2017 Rachael Thompson. Plano High School Student. Currently an undergrad at MIT's CSAIL. Class of 2021
 - 2016 2017 Alex Tomkovich. Computer Engineering Junior.
 - Spring 2015 Grant Carr. Computer Engineering Junior.

Masters mentoring:

- 2016 2017 Adwait Kulkarn. Mechanical Engineering Masters student (Currently at Drov Technologies, MN).
 - 2015 Ajith Venkateswaran. Computer Engineering Masters student (Currently Senior Robotics Software Engineer, Samsung Research, America).

Select OpenSource Projects

- Lyapunov- Python Implementation of "Learning Control Lyapunov Functions for Dynamical Systems". (Avail-Learner able at https://github.com/lakehanne/LyapunovLearner)
- Awesome- A curated list of neural applications in control theory and practice. (Available at NeuroControl https://github.com/lakehanne/awesome-neurocontrol)
 - Awesome- A curated list of screw theory and practice in continuum, soft and semi-rigid robots. (Available at Screw https://github.com/lakehanne/awesome-screw-theory)
 Theory
 - PCL Fix for segfault in our-cvfh algorithm in the point-cloud library. (Available at PR 1827)
 - GPS Catkinized version of Levine et. al's guided policy search algorithm in ROS Indigo (Available at https://github.com/lakehanne/gps). Dockerized version available at gps-docker.
 - Keyence Minimal source code for retrieving profile map from the keyence LJV-7000 series line scanners. (Available at https://github.com/lakehanne/keyence)

RBN Recurrent Batch Normalization of Neural Networks in Torch7. (Available at https://github.com/element-research/rnn)

DICE Sørensen-Dice coefficients in Torch7. (Available at https://github.com/lakehanne/nn).

FARNNs Training of multilayer networks, simple recurrent neural networks, long short-term memory cells (with peep-hole connections), fast LSTMS, and recurrent batch normalized FastLSTMs to model the relationship between Borel measurable sets. (Available at https://github.com/lakehanne/FARNN)

Languages

English Reads, writes, and speaks fluently

Japanese Basic proficiency

Yoruba Reads, writes, and speaks fluently.

Lived in Nigeria, United Kingdom and United States.

Lived in Japan for 3 months.

Native Nigerian Language. Spoken at home.

References

Nick Gans

Professor of Electrical Engineering University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, USA

Steve Jiang

Barbara Crittenden Professorship in Cancer Research Vice Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology Director, Div. of Medical Physics and Engineering University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, TX, USA

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