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Publications

Recent preprints

Lekan Molu, Namhoon Lee, and Venkatraman Renganathan. [Hopf-Lax Nonconvex Optimization of Reachable Sets on Non-viscous Hamilton-Jacobi PDEs](#). 2025.

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Alex Lamb, Riashat Islam, Yonathan Efroni, Aniket Didolkar, Dipendra Misra, Dylan Foster, **Lekan Molu**, Rajan Chari, Akshay Krishnamurthy, John Langford. [Guaranteed Discovery of Control-Endogenous Latent States with Multi-Step Inverse Models](#). *Transactions in Machine Learning Research*. February 2023.

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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](#). *Medical Physics (AAPM)* 46 (6), E237-E237, San Antonio, TX, July 2019.

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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*, Anaheim, CA, USA. July 2015.

Invited Talks and Organized Workshops

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| Cornell Tech | Towards Safe Autonomous Systems: Between Bellman and Isaacs .
Cornell Tech, New York, New York. 2025. |
| Princeton University | Numerical algorithms for verification in autonomous systems..
Princeton, New Jersey. 2025. |
| Microsoft Research (Global) | A Collision-Free Engine for Autonomous Systems .
Microsoft Research Annual TechFest (Project Green) Lead Workshop Organizer, Redmond, Greater Seattle Area, 2025. |
| McGill University | Emerging mathematical modeling and control tools for deformable robots and animated characters..
MILA and McGill University. Nov 2024. |
| Microsoft Research (Global) | Towards structured representations in deep models and policies: symmetries, compactness, and vector homomorphisms .
Microsoft Research Annual TechFest (Project Green) Lead Workshop Organizer, Redmond, Greater Seattle Area, 2024. |
| Yale University | Mixed H_2/H_∞ stochastic RL policy optimization analysis..
Yale University, New Haven, Conn, USA. Nov 2023. |
| Open Robotics | Soft-Robotic Position Correction Mechanisms in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy .
Open Robotics Foundation , Mountain View, CA, USA. January 2019. |

- Stanford University [Robotic Radiotherapy: Automating Position Correction in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy](#).
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 2018.
- Preferred Networks [Neural Networks and Adaptive Control](#).
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 Worth, TX [A Wearable Soft Robotic Modular System for Head and Neck Motion Correction in Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy](#).
University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute, Fort Worth, Texas, USA. May 2019.
- EFSC'17 Vancouver, BC [Soft Robotic Modules as Position Correcting Mechanisms in Cancer RT](#).
3rd Entrepreneurship Forum & Start-up Competition, EFSC'17, Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 2017.
- UTSW, Dallas, TX [A 3-DOF Neuro-Adaptive Patient Pose Correcting System For Frameless and Maskless Cancer Radiotherapy](#).
Physics Research Seminar Series, Radiation Oncology Department, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX, USA. March 2017.
- IEEE Arlington, TX [Towards automated accurate patient positioning in maskless cancer radiotherapy](#).
IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, UT Arlington, TX, USA. December 2015.

Research Mentoring

Postdoctoral Scholars at MSR

- 2024 - 2025 Taylor Webb, Princeton Neuroscience PhD, UCLA and MSR Postdoc. Resuming as Assistant Professor at University de Montreal, 2025.
- 2023 - 2024 Shaoru Chen (UPenn ECE PhD co-advised by George Pappas); advised as MSR Postdoc. Now Senior Machine Learning Engineer at LinkedIn, 2024 - Present.
- 2023 - 2024 Anurag Koul (Oregon State PhD); advised as MSR Postdoc. Now Senior Applied Scientist II at Amazon NYC, 2024 - Present.
- 2022 - 2024 Akanksha Saran (UT Austin CS PhD); advised as MSR Postdoc. Now Research Scientist at Sony AI, Bay Area.
- 2022 - 2023 Hosein Hasanbeig (Oxford PhD advised by Alessandro Abate); advised as MSR postdoc. Now Senior Researcher at Microsoft Experiences+Devices Management, Washington D.C.

Research Interns at MSR

- Summer 2024 [Abulikemu Abuduweili](#), CMU Robotics PhD Student. Incoming Research Scientist at Reliant Robotics, Bay Area.
- Summer 2022 [Leilei Cui](#), NYU PhD Student. Now Postdoctoral scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- Summer 2023 [Harley Wiltzer](#), McGill PhD Student; advised by Marc Bellemare and David Meager.
- Summer 2023 [Thomas C.K. Zhang](#), UPenn 5th-year PhD Student advised by Nikolai Matni.
- Summer 2023 [Etiosa Omeike](#), Princeton CS BA, MSR undergraduate intern; now PhD student with Prof. Marynel Vázquez at Yale.

External PhD Students

- 2024 - [Will Sharpless](#), UCSD Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering PhD Student; advised by Prof. [Sylvia Herbert](#).
- 2023 - [Gilbert Bahati](#), Caltech Mechanical Engineering PhD student, advised by Prof. [Aaron Ames](#).
- 2024 - [Haoxiang You](#), Yale Mechanical Engineering PhD Student; advised by Prof. [Ian Abraham](#).
- 2025 - [Promise Ekpo](#), Princeton Masters student; now PhD student at CornellTech Airlab (advised by Prof. [Angelique Taylor](#)).

General Engineering Mentoring

- 2017 - 2018 Adwait Kulkarn. UT Dallas Mechanical Engineering Masters student. Currently Vice President of Engineering at Drov Technologies, MN.
- 2017 - 2018 Ajith Venkateswaran. UT Dallas Computer Engineering Masters student. Senior Robotics Software Engineer, Samsung Research, America; Now Software Tech Lead Embedded Automotive Platforms, Wayve, Bay Area.
- 2017 - 2019 Rachael Thompson. Plano High School Student. Currently an undergrad at MIT's CSAIL. Class of 2021. Now PhD Student at Brown.

Select Leadership

Professional Organizations

- 2020 - **NYAS**, *The New York Academy of Sciences*, Member
- 2017 - **IEEE RAS**, *The IEEE Robotics and Automation Society*, Member
- 2017 - **IEEE CSS**, *The IEEE Control Systems Society*, Member
- 2020-2021 **AAPM**, *The American Association of Physicists in Medicine*, Junior Member, Member
- 2020-2021 **ASTRO**, *The American Society for Radiation Oncology*, Member

Research community leadership and activities

- 2017-Present **Journals and Conference Papers Reviewing Activities**, *ASME*, *ICML*, *ICLR*, *IEEE ICRA*, *IROS*, *ACM*, *ACC*, *CDC*, and *IFAC* publications are top journals and proceedings in the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Machine Learning, Electrical Engineering, Computing machinery, and Automatic Control Engineering respectively, known for disseminating bleeding-edge research and cutting-edge technological advancements in robotics, machine learning and control systems
- '20 **ICLR**, *The International Conference of Learning Representations*, A 1% publication avenue for cutting-edge research on all aspects of deep learning used in the fields of artificial intelligence, statistics and data science, as well as important application areas such as machine vision, computational biology, speech recognition, text understanding, gaming, and robotics
- '19 **JBHI**, *An IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics Access*
- '19 **External Grants Reviewer**, *AI for Species Discovery*, [National Geographic Society](#)
- '18, '19 **Automatica**, *The International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC)*
- '17, '18, '19 **Access**, *IEEE Access Journal*
- '17, '18, '19 **NCAA**, *Springer's Neural Computing and Applications*
- '17 - **ICML**, *International Conference on Machine Learning*
- '18 - **CDC**, *IEEE International Conference on Decision and Control*, Flagship Control and Decision-Making Control Conference Proceedings in the World
- 2017 - **DSCC**, *American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Dynamic Systems and Control Conference*, Conference Proceedings
- '17 - **ICRA**, *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, Flagship IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Conference in the World
- '17 - **IROS**, *IEEE/Robotics Society of Japan (RSJ) International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*, Flagship IEEE/RSJ Conference on Robotics
- '17 - **ACC**, *IEEE American Control Conference*, Premiere American Control Conference Venue

- '17 - **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

Miscellaneous

- 2017 – Now **Member, IEEE Control Systems Society**
- 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.
- 2012 **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.

Awards and honors

- 2011 PTDF Overseas Scholarship, £25,500+ for one year. (~1.7% acceptance).
- Oct. 2018 Google AI Travel and Conference Grant.
- August 2018 IEEE RAS/IROS 2018 Travel Award.
- August 2017 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 Mary and Richard Templeton Graduate Fellowship.
- July 2017 ROSCon Scholarship (Open Software for Robotics Foundation).
- Nom. Feb '17 President's Teaching Excellence Award.
- Dec. 2016 Golden Key International Honour Society.
- August 2016 IEEE RAS/ISAM Travel Award (CASE 2016).
- 2015 - 2016 Ericsson Graduate Fellowship.
- 2014 - 2015 Jonsson Scholarship.

Languages

- English Reads, writes, and speaks fluently. *Lived in Nigeria, United Kingdom and United States.*

References

- Referees Professional and character referees available upon request.