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For a full listing of CSS technically cosponsored conferences, please visit http://ieeecss.org/conferences/technically-co-sponsored and for a list of the upcoming and past CSS main conferences please visit http://ieeecss.org/conferences/financially-sponsored

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## 1.4. CSS Publications Content Digest

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The IEEE Control Systems Society Publications Content Digest is a novel and convenient guide that helps readers keep track of the latest published articles.



The CSS Publications Content Digest, available at

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#### **1.7. Submission to IEEE Control Systems Letters with CDC Option** Contributed by: Francesca Bettini, bettini@dei.unipd.it

Submission to IEEE Control Systems Letters with CDC (2020) option starting January 6, 2020, is possible

As for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, also this year the IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS) offers the opportunity for authors to not only publish a paper in the journal but also to present the same paper at the flagship conference of the IEEE Control Systems Society: the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC).

The joint submission to IEEE Control Systems Letters and CDC 2019 will be possible from January 6 to March 3, 2020.



Manuscripts submitted to the L-CSS with the CDC option will undergo a regular review as papers submitted to the Letters (so they should be submitted only to the L-CSS and not to the CDC). At the end of the first round of review, the reviews and the Associate Editor's report will be forwarded to the CDC Program Committee, which will use them to decide on the inclusion of these manuscripts in the program of the Conference. After the first cycle of review, the decisions about the acceptance or rejection of the manuscript for the L-CSS and for the CDC will be independent of each other. In particular, reviews and reports collected during a possible second round of review will not be forwarded to the CDC Program Committee.

Note that you can submit your paper through the Letters also if the paper will be part of an Invited Session at CDC 2020. In that case you should select "L-CSS and CDC Invited Session", as submission type.

For more information about joint submission to L-CSS and CDC see, specifically, this link section "L-CSS and CDC."

For more information about the L-CSS, please check the website at http://ieee-cssletters.dei.unipd.it/index.html.

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# 2 Miscellaneous

**2.1. Graduate School on Control: Networked Control of Multi-Agent Systems** Contributed by: Jan Lunze, Lunze@atp.rub.de

International Graduate School on Control: Networked Control of Multi-Agent Systems

Networked Control of Multi-Agent Systems Module M03 of the International Graduate School on Control 2020 organised by the European Embedded Control Institute (EECI) Date: February 10 – 14, 2020 Venue: Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Jan Lunze, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany Registration: www.eeci-igsc.eu Registration deadline: January 12, 2020

Course description: Networked control uses the flexibility of digital communication systems to connect arbitrary components on demand, which makes novel control structures possible and poses fundamental research questions: Under what conditions should information be transferred from one control loop to another one? What is the minimum requirement on the communication structure to solve a control problem at hand? Why are certain information structures more favourable than others?

Starting with fundamental notions of algebraic graph theory, the course shows how graph theory and systems theory have to be combined to find networked controllers that make linear agents to synchronise or to follow set-point commands collectively. It presents a novel methodology for the selection of an appropriate communication structure for which all agents react on leader commands as quickly as possible. Furthermore, it shows how the agents can generate an overall system with a reasonable structure based only on their local information, such that the communication structure adapts to disturbances in a self organised way.

The introduction of the main ideas is illustrated by numerous examples from diverse fields like vehicle platooning, networks of coupled oscillators or electrical power systems. The course participants should solve exercises, partly by using MATLAB, to learn more about the interesting dynamical phenomena that occur in networked systems.

## Topics:

- Introduction to networked systems
- Algebraic graph theory
- Consensus in continuous-time and discrete-time systems
- Synchronisation of multi-agent systems with identical and individual dynamics
- Design of the communication structure of networked controllers
- Self-organisation in networked systems

The course uses the new textbook: Jan Lunze: Networked Control of Multi-Agent Systems ISBN 9789463867139



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The book provides more than 100 exercises, some of which will be used in the course. Furthermore, the book gives supplementary material on matrix theory, probability theory and MATLAB functions for graphs. Back to the contents



## 3 Books

## 3.1. Privacy in Dynamical Systems

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Privacy in Dynamical Systems, Farokhi, Farhad (Ed.), Springer, 2020. https://www.springer.com/in/book/9789811504921 eBook ISBN: 978-981-15-0493-8 Hardcover ISBN: 978-981-15-0492-1

This book addresses privacy in dynamical systems, with applications to smart metering, traffic estimation, and building management. In the first part, the book explores statistical methods for privacy preservation from the areas of differential privacy and information-theoretic privacy (e.g., using privacy metrics motivated by mutual information, relative entropy, and Fisher information) with provable guarantees. In the second part, it investigates the use of homomorphic encryption for the implementation of control laws over encrypted numbers to support the development of fully secure remote estimation and control. Chiefly intended for graduate students and researchers, the book provides an essential overview of the latest developments in privacy-aware design for dynamical systems.

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5. Privacy Verification and Enforcement via Belief Manipulation (Bo Wu, Hai Lin and Ufuk Topcu)

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# 3.2. Estimation and Inference in Discrete Event Systems

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Estimation and Inference in Discrete Event Systems: A Model-Based Approach with Finite Automata by Christoforos N. Hadjicostis 2020, Springer (https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030308209) ISBN 978-3-030-30821-6

This book chooses a popular model for emerging automation systems—finite automata under partial observation—and focuses on a comprehensive study of the key problems of state estimation and event inference. The text includes treatment of current, delayed, and initial state estimation. Related applications for assessing and enforcing resiliency—fault detection and diagnosis—and security—privacy and opacity—properties are discussed, enabling the reader to apply these techniques in a variety of emerging applications, among them automated manufacturing processes, intelligent vehicle/highway systems, and autonomous vehicles.

The book provides a systematic development of recursive algorithms for state estimation and event inference. The author also deals with the verification of pertinent properties such as:

- the ability to determine the exact state of a system, "detectability";
- the ability to ensure that certain classes of faults can be detected/identified, "diagnosability"; and

• the ability to ensure that certain internal state variables of the system remain "hidden" from the outside world regardless of the type of activity that is taking place, "opacity".

This book allows students, researchers and practicing engineers alike to grasp basic aspects of state estimation in discrete event systems, aspects like distributivity and probabilistic inference, quickly and without having to master the entire breadth of models that are available in the literature.

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Both regular and short papers are solicited. The submitted paper should be no more than 8 TMech published manuscript pages, excluding photos and bios of authors. The submissions will be subject to a normal peer review process in the standard of TMech. A Regular Issue of TMech will be dedicated to publishing all accepted and presented papers in October 2020. As the concurrent submission, the decision for the submitted paper, upon the completed review process in which only one round of major/minor revision is allowed, falls into one of the following two categories:



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#### **5.1. Submission to IEEE Control Systems Letters with CDC Option** Contributed by: Francesca Bettini, bettini@dei.unipd.it

Submission to IEEE Control Systems Letters with CDC (2020) option starting January 6, 2020, is possible

As for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, also this year the IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS) offers the opportunity for authors to not only publish a paper in the journal but also to present the same paper at the flagship conference of the IEEE Control Systems Society: the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC).

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Manuscripts submitted to the L-CSS with the CDC option will undergo a regular review as papers submitted to the Letters (so they should be submitted only to the L-CSS and not to the CDC). At the end of the first round of review, the reviews and the Associate Editor's report will be forwarded to the CDC Program Committee, which will use them to decide on the inclusion of these manuscripts in the program of the Conference. After the first cycle of review, the decisions about the acceptance or rejection of the manuscript for the L-CSS and for the CDC will be independent of each other. In particular, reviews and reports collected during a possible second round of review will not be forwarded to the CDC Program Committee.

Note that you can submit your paper through the Letters also if the paper will be part of an Invited Session at CDC 2020. In that case you should select "L-CSS and CDC Invited Session", as submission type.

For more information about joint submission to L-CSS and CDC see, specifically, this link section "L-CSS and CDC."

For more information about the L-CSS, please check the website at http://ieee-cssletters.dei.unipd.it/index.html.

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## **5.2. Conference on Methods and Models in Automation and Robotics, Poland** Contributed by: Pawel Dworak, pawel.dworak@zut.edu.pl

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# 5.3. Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Greece

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Call-for-Papers: 2020 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS'20), Athens, Greece, June 9-12, 2020 (http://www.uasconferences.com)

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the ICUAS Association, it is our pleasure to invite you to contribute to and participate in the 2020 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, ICUAS'20, which will be held for the first time outside the U.S., in Athens, Greece, on June 9-12, 2020, at the luxurious Divani Caravel Hotel (http://divanicaravelhotel.com). This annual conference has grown tremendously; it has earned the respect of the professional community and it is constantly co-sponsored technically by the



IEEE CSS and RAS and the Mediterranean Control Association. The conference is fully sponsored by the ICUAS Association. Following the usual tradition, the conference will be preceded by one day of tutorials and workshops, followed by three full-days of technical sessions. In 2020, we will introduce 'poster papers' again, which will go under the same thorough review process, but will report on new ideas with only preliminary results. Keynote lectures, panel discussions and a social agenda will complement and complete the four-day event.

Conference topics include (but not limited to): Airspace Control; Integration; Sense-Detect-and-Avoid Systems; Airspace Management; Interoperability; Security; Airworthiness; Levels of Safety; Sensor Fusion; Autonomy; Manned/Unmanned Aviation; Smart Sensors; Biologically Inspired UAS; Micro- and Mini- UAS; Standardization; Certification; Networked UAS; Technology Challenges; Control Architectures; Payloads; Training; Energy Efficient UAS; Path Planning and Navigation; UAS Applications; Environmental Issues; Regulations; UAS Communications; Fail-Safe Systems; Reliability of UAS; UAS Testbeds; Frequency Management; Risk Analysis; UAS Transportation Management (UTM); Policy/Regulation/Law Aspects. The major themes of ICUAS '20 are: integration of manned-unmanned aviation into the national airspace, legal, ethical and privacy issues, regulations, benefits of unmanned aviation to society, UAS/RPAS design for safety, reliability and resilience, and technology standards.

Through Keynote addresses, round table panel discussions and presentations, it is expected that the outcome of the Conference will be a clear understanding of what industry, military, civilian, national/international authorities need, and what are the crucial next steps that need to be completed before UAS are utilized in everyday life applications.

IMPORTANT DATES (Please check the latest information at http://www.uasconferences.com) February 14, 2020: Full Papers/ Invited Papers/Tutorial Proposals Due April 15, 2020: Acceptance/Rejection Notification May 8, 2020: Upload Final, Camera Ready Papers April 15 - May 8, 2020: Early Registration

## PAPER SUBMISSION: All papers must be submitted and uploaded electronically.

Go to https://controls.papercept.net. Click on the link "Submit a Contribution to ICUAS'20" and follow the steps. The paper format must follow IEEE paper submission rules, two-column format using 10 point fonts, Times New Roman. The maximum number of pages per submitted paper is 10. For accepted papers, up to two additional pages will be permitted for a charge of \$100 per additional page. Illustrations and references are included in the page count. Invited and Special Sessions: Proposals for invited/special sessions must be submitted/uploaded electronically. A Summary Statement describing the motivation and relevance of the proposed session, invited paper titles and author names must be uploaded electronically by February 14, 2020. In addition, authors must submit FULL versions of invited papers'. Workshops/Tutorials: Proposals for workshops/tutorials should contain title, the list of speakers, and extended summaries (2000 words) of their presentations. Proposals must be sent by e-mail to the Tutorial/ Workshop Chair by February 14, 2020. Paper Review Process: All submitted papers will undergo a peer review process coordinated by the Program Chairs, Advisory Committee Members, IPC members and qualified reviewers. Authors will be notified of results at the latest by April 15, 2020. Accepted papers must be uploaded electronically no later than May 8, 2020. Authors are encouraged to accompany their presentations



with multimedia material, which will be included in the Conference Digital Proceedings. Conference Proceedings will be acquired by IEEE and they appear in IEEE Xplore.

Welcome and look forward to receiving your contributions and attendance to the ICUAS'20! For detailed information please see www.uasconferences.com.

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**5.4. Mathematical Problems in Engineering and Aerospace, Czech Republic** Contributed by: Seenith Sivasundaram, seenithi@gmail.com

World Congress: Mathematical Problems in Engineering, Aerospace, and Sciences When: Date: June 23-26, 2020

Where: Location: Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic Website: http://www.icnpaa.com http://www.icnpaa.com/index.php/icnpaa/ICNPAA2020

ICNPAA's AIM: Mathematical Problems in Engineering, Aerospace, and Science have stimulated cooperation among scientists from a variety of disciplines. Developments in computer technology have additionally allowed for solutions to mathematical problems. This international forum will extend scholarly cooperation and collaboration, encouraging the dissemination of ideas and information. The conference will have a pool of active researchers, with a proper balance between academia and industry, as well as between senior and junior researchers, including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. It is anticipated that such a balance will provide both senior and junior researchers an opportunity to interact and to have a wider picture of recent advances in their respective fields. The conference, especially, enables the setting up of new interdisciplinary research directions among its participants by establishing links with world-renowned researchers, making possible joint international projects that will no doubt bring about fresh and innovative ideas and technologies in engineering, aerospace, and sciences.

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IFIP: International Federation of Information Processing CTU: Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic.

The proceedings will be published by the American Institute of Physics.

AIP Conference Proceedings are indexed in:

- Astrophysics Data System(ADS)
- Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)
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## 5.5. Polish Control Conference PCC2020, Poland

Contributed by: Andrzej Bartoszewicz, andrzej.bartoszewicz@p.lodz.pl

Call-for-Papers: Polish Control Conference PCC2020 https://www.kka.p.lodz.pl/

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to contribute to and participate in the 2020 Polish Control Conference, which will be held in Lodz, Poland, on June 22-24, 2020.

Conference topics include (but are not limited to):

- 1. Modelling, identification, and analysis of automation systems.
- 2. Design of control systems.
- 3. Calculation methods, data processing and communication in control.
- 4. Mechatronics and robotics.
- 5. Automated manufacturing systems.
- 6. Industrial systems.
- 7. Transportation and vehicle systems.
- 8. Biological, medical and ecological systems.
- 9. Control of social systems.
- 10.Social impact of automation.

Important dates:

Paper submission - January 20, 2020

Acceptance/Rejection notification - March 20, 2020

Upload of final, camera ready papers - April 10, 2020

All papers must be submitted electronically via EasyChair system https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=kkapcc2020



Further details can be found at https://bit.ly/35PfVbh

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Polish Control Conference 2020 in Lodz.

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## **5.6. Conference on Control, Automation and Systems, South Korea** Contributed by: Zee Yeon Lee, conference@icros.org

2020 The 20th International Conference on Control, Automation and Systems (ICCAS 2020) October 13–16, 2020, BEXCO, Busan, Korea http://2020.iccas.org

The aim of the ICCAS is to bring together researchers and engineers worldwide to present their latest works, and disseminate the state-of-the-art technologies related to control, automation, robotics, and systems.

Paper Submission: The conference invites three types of submission: "Regular Paper", "Research Poster Paper", and "Organized (Invited) Session/Mini-symposium Paper".

Indexed in: IEEE Xplore, EI compendex, and SCOPUS

General Chair: Duk Hyun Kang (RS Automation, Korea) General Co-Chair: Kyung-Soo Kim (KAIST, Korea) Program Co-Chairs: Hyo-Sung Ahn (GIST, Korea), Hyungbo Shim (Seoul National Univ., Korea) Organized by Institute of Control, Robotics and Systems (ICROS)

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**5.7. Workshop on Nonlinear System Identification Benchmarks, The Netherlands** Contributed by: Maarten Schoukens, m.schoukens@tue.nl

5th Workshop on Nonlinear System Identification Benchmarks

We are pleased to invite you to the 5th Edition of the Workshop on Nonlinear System Identification Benchmarks held at the Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands, 20-22 April 2020 (http://www.nonlinearbenchmark.org/benchmarkWorkshop.html). The workshop is preceded by a doctoral course on nonlinear system identification, 14-17 April 2020 http://www.nonlinearbenchmark.org/benchmarkCourse.html

This year again, the workshop is building upon its basic ingredients: - It stands as a forum facilitating the exchange of ideas and knowledge between the control, machine learning, and mechanical communities.

- A selection of renowned keynote speakers from the same 3 communities and beyond are invited to share their views on the future trends in nonlinear system identification with the audience. The list of keynote speakers will be announced through the workshop website.

- Attendees are challenged to apply their favorite system identification tool to a carefully established list of benchmark systems. Today, 10 different datasets are featured, addressing a wide range of state-of-the-art challenges in the field with various levels of difficulties.



- A 4-day course on nonlinear system identification precedes the workshop (14-17 April 2020).

The workshop is open to both presenting and non-presenting participants. Visit www.nonlinearbenchmark.org to get full information about the workshop!

Important dates:

- Registration deadline: February 01, 2020, register here

-Abstract submission deadline: March 15, 2020 - 1-page abstract template available here -Notification of acceptance: March 22, 2020

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Eindhoven next April.

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### **5.8. Workshop: Introduction to Quantum Systems and Feedback Control, USA** Contributed by: Reza Moheimani, Reza.Moheimani@utdallas.edu

Tutorial Workshop: Introduction to Quantum Systems and Coherent Quantum Feedback Control

Date & Venue: Thursday March 19, 2020, 9:00am-3:00pm, Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas

Speaker: Professor Ian Petersen (Australian National University)

Registration: Registration is free, but seats are limited. A link for registration is available at: https://engineering.utdallas.edu/engage/events/introduction-to-quantum-systems-and-coherent-quantum-feedback-control/

Target Audience: Grad Students and Professors with a background in control theory wishing to learn something about quantum control.

Main topics covered: Open Quantum Systems, Linear quantum system models in the Heisenberg picture of quantum mechanics, Schrodinger picture Master equation models, Quantum Stochastic Differential equation models of finite level open quantum systems, Measurement feedback H infinity control of linear quantum systems, Physical Realizability for linear quantum systems and finite level quantum systems, Coherent Quantum H infinity control of linear quantum systems, Coherent Quantum LQG control, suboptimal and optimization based approaches to coherent quantum LQG control, Robust Stability of Nonlinear Quantum Systems, The structure of linear quantum systems and the quantum Kalman decomposition, The structure of two level open quantum systems, Quantum risk sensitive cost functions, measurement based quantum risk sensitive control. Phase insensitive quantum amplifiers, non-reciprocal phase insensitive quantum amplifiers.

Note: This event will be followed by a two-day workshop on Atomically Precise Fabrication of Solid-State Quantum Devices. More information available on: https://engineering.utdallas.edu/quantum-workshop/ Back to the contents



## **6 Positions**

## 6.1. PhD: City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Contributed by: Ehsan Nekouei, enekouei@cityu.edu.hk

PhD position at the Department of Electrical Engineering, City University of Hong Kong.

Description: In this project, we will study the privacy level of human users in networked control systems, e.g., intelligent transportation networks and smart buildings, wherein sensor measurements are accessible by untrusted parties. We will also develop design methodologies to ensure the privacy of users within these systems, based on dynamic programming and reinforcement learning (RL) techniques.

International applicants will be considered for the Hong Kong Ph.D. fellowship scheme which provides an annual stipend of HK\$309,600 (approximately US\$39,700) and a conference and a research-related travel allowance of HK\$12,900 (approximately US\$1,700) per year for each awardee for a period up to three years. https://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html

**Requirements:** 

- 1. An undergraduate or a master degree from an internationally recognized university
- 2. Strong background in probability theory and control systems
- 3. Good programming skills
- 4. A background in dynamic programming and optimal control is a plus

Contact: Please send the following documents to enekouei@cityu.edu.hk and indicate in the subject "Ph.D. Application"

- 1. Your CV
- 2. One-page research statement and motivation
- 3. A copy of your transcripts.

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## 6.2. PhD: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

Contributed by: piyush grover, piyush.grover@unl.edu

Applications are invited for Ph.D. positions in the http://engineering.unl.edu/dsl/ Dynamical Systems Lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. DSL focusses on developing analysis, control and optimization methods for nonlinear dynamical systems, and their application to several areas including large-scale multi-agent robotics, fluid mechanics, structural mechanics/nonlinear vibration and astrodynamics.

Competitive applicants will have Bachelor's or Master's degree in Engineering, Physics or Applied Math, with a strong background in mathematics and computation.

There are two open positions:

- 1). Large-scale multi-agent control using ideas from continuum/fluid mechanics.
- 2). Dynamics and control of microfluidic and active fluid systems



About UNL and MME: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a member of the 'Big-Ten', is the flagship land grant university of Nebraska. UNL is classified within the Carnegie "R1-Doctoral Universities: Highest Research Activity" category. The MME department has a vibrant and growing program in both dynamical systems and fluid mechanics.

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## 6.3. PhD: University of Leicester, UK

Contributed by: Andrea Lecchini-Visintini, alv1@leicester.ac.uk

PhD: Impact MRC Studentship, University of Leicester, UK

Impact MRC Studentship: Brain Tissue Pulsations: modelling and machine learning methods for the detection of raised intracranial pressure in adult intensive care.

Supervisors: Dr Emma Chung, Department of Cardiovascular Sciences, University of Leicester, Dr Andrea Lecchini-Visintini, Department of Engineering, University of Leicester, Professor Stuart Smith, Queen's Medical Centre, University of Nottingham,

Raised Intracranial Pressure (ICP) can occur in patients with bleeding or swelling of the brain in a number of brain pathologies such as head trauma, stroke, intracranial tumours and cerebral oedema. Raised ICP, if untreated, can lead to devastating brain damage. Prompt recognition and treatment is of paramount importance, but current monitoring methods require neurosurgical insertion of a device beneath the skull, which is extremely invasive.

This PhD project aims to develop criteria for the detection of raised ICP, based on non-invasive ultrasound measurements of brain tissue pulsations, for automated detection and monitoring of brain swelling. The methodology adopted in the project combines cerebral blood flow regulation modelling with machine learning methods. The project will support the development of a clinical ultrasound portable prototype being pioneered at Leicester, together with our industry partner (Nihon Kohden), for the rapid assessment of brain injury, and is expected to generate high impact biomedical engineering and clinical publications.

The ideal candidate will have a degree in Engineering, Physics, or Applied Mathematics and an interest in physiological modelling and machine learning methods.

Further details and application forms can be found at: https://more.bham.ac.uk/mrc-impact/phd-opportunities/

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact Dr Andrea Lecchini-Visintini at alv1@leicester.ac.uk

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## 6.4. PhD: George Washington University, USA

Contributed by: Peng Wei, pwei@gwu.edu

Two PhD positions at George Washington University (Washington DC)

Peng Wei is an assistant professor in George Washington University Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department. By contributing to the intersection of control, optimization, machine learning, and artificial intelligence, he develops autonomy and human-in-the-loop decision support tools for aeronautics, aviation and aerial robotics. His current focus is on safety, efficiency, and scalability for decision making systems in complex, uncertain and dynamic environments. Recent applications include: Air Traffic Control/Management (ATC/M), Airline Operations, UAS Traffic Management (UTM), eVTOL Urban Air Mobility (UAM) and Autonomous Drone Racing (ADR). Prof. Wei is leading the Intelligent Aerospace Systems Lab (IASL). He is an associate editor of AIAA Journal of Aerospace Information Systems. He received Ph.D. degree in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University in 2013 and B.S. degree in Automation from Tsinghua University in 2007.

There will be two PhD positions in Prof. Peng Wei's group starting from Fall 2020. Motivated students with excellent mathematical background, strong programming skills, and aviation/aeronautics passion are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to a background in applied mathematics, control theory, optimization and operations research, robotics, or reinforcement learning.

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## 6.5. PhD: KU Leuven, Belgium

Contributed by: Jan Swevers, jan.swevers@kuleuven.be

Funded Ph.D. Position at the KULeuven Department Mechanical Engineering (Belgium) on integrated identification and control for mechatronic systems.

The system identification and control community are largely disconnected, and hence model characteristics important in control design (e.g. model structures appropriate for certain control approaches, accuracy in a specific frequency domain, model simplicity, model uncertainty bounds) are not considered by most identification approaches. In order to cope with the high complexity (Multi-Input, Multi-Output (MIMO); non-linearity; constrained actuators; uncertainties ... ) of industrial mechatronic systems, control design and system identification need to be more integrated: system identification and model structure selection must be oriented towards later control development, relation between control performance and model accuracy needs to be understood better, assessment of control performance needs to be traced back to controller type selection and/or model improvement.

In this research you will develop a methodology and software that allows for an integrated system identification and controller approach. This software supports the iterative controller development process in which:

- suitability and quality of models and controllers will be assessed as well as their mutual fit,
- model structures will be selected and models identified, and
- controller structures selected and model-based controllers developed.



In this iterative process, choices will be made on how to improve the control design or the model for the controller.

More specifically, you will work on techniques to assess closed-form controllers and MPC-like controllers and determine the key tuning parameters that affect their performance and robustness. Key technology of this assessment is parametric optimization. To support the assessment of MPC-like controllers, you will also develop a user-friendly software tool to quickly and semi-automatically set up an MPC-like controller. This tool will be based on existing solvers and relying on CasADi (www.casadi.org), integrating all steps with minimal human intervention. You will be working together with another PhD candidate focusing more on system identification. Implementation and validation of controllers and experimental validation of developed software on mechatronic lab systems are part of the job.

You will be embedded in the MECO (Motion Estimation Control and Optimization) research team of the KU Leuven Department of Mechanical Engineering. The MECO team focusses on the identification, analysis and control of mechatronic systems such as autonomous guided vehicles, robots, and machine tools. It combines theoretical innovations with experimental validations. The theoretical research benefits from the team's expertise on numerical optimization, while MECO's practical knowhow and industrial collaboration are supported by its participation as part of the DMMS core lab in Flanders Make - the strategic research center for the manufacturing industry in Flanders.

Ideal candidates hold a Master's degree in mechanical, control or electrical engineering, or computer science. Successful candidates are typically ranked at or near the top of their classes, have a solid background in optimization, systems and control, relevant computer programming skills (Python or Matlab, C++), and enthusiasm for experimental work and controller implementations and validations on mechatronic systems. Team player mentality, independence, and problem solving attitude are expected, and proficiency in English is a requirement.

Applicants whose mother tongue is neither Dutch nor English must present an official language test report. The acceptable tests are TOEFL, IELTS, and Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) or Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE). Required minimum scores are:

- TOEFL: 600 (paper-based test), 100 (internet-based test);

- IELTS: 7 (only Academic IELTS test accepted);

A fully funded PhD position in an international context for four years at the KULeuven: a top European university and a hub for interdisciplinary research in the fields of systems, control and optimization. You will be embedded in the MECO research team of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The doctoral candidate will work in world-class facilities with highly qualified experts, and will benefit from the training scheme developed based on the expertise of academic and industrial partners. A start date in the course of 2020 is to be agreed upon.

To apply, visit our website and follow this link: https://www.mech.kuleuven.be/en/pma/research/meco/vacancies



## 6.6. PhD: Tel Aviv University, Israel

Contributed by: George Weiss, gweiss@eng.tau.ac.il

PhD position in modelling & control of switched power converters and power grids at Tel Aviv University

The School of Electrical Engineering at Tel Aviv University in Israel is looking for a PhD student, employed as Early Stage Researchers (ESR) in the fields of power system modelling, control and power electronics, with emphasis on the control of switched power converters as part of a power grid. The ESR will work in Prof. George Weiss' group.

This position is one of the 15 positions available within the WinGrid network, sponsored by the EU under the Marie Sklodowska-Curie actions in the H2020-MSCA-ITN Program (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant Agreement Number 861398). The WinGrid consortium will train the next generation of researchers on future power system integration issues associated with large-scale deployment of wind generation, focusing on the modelling and control aspects of wind turbine design, and the system stability issues and supervisory structures required for robust implementation.

WinGrid consortium academics are located in Denmark (Aalborg University and the Technical University of Denmark), in the UK (University of Warwick, Imperial College London), Germany (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel), Israel (Tel Aviv University) and Ireland (University College Dublin). We have 9 prestigious industry partners who will be hosting the ESRs for secondments, mostly from Europe.

The successful candidate will receive a three year financial package, in accordance with the European Commission rules for ESRs, consisting of:

1. Monthly living allowance + Monthly mobility allowance (gross, before applicable personal deductions and taxes) – around €2,800;

- 2. For those eligible to Monthly family allowance as well around  $\in$  3,200;
- 3. Visits to partner universities and/or industrial partners will be covered separately by the grant;
- 4. Three (3) secondments with project partners, out of which one in industry.

Applicants should hold a MSc in Control Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Power Electronics, Applied Mathematics or closely related fields and have basic knowledge in control theory, power electronics and partial differential equations.

Applicants must comply with the European Commission, Horizon 2020 Guidelines mobility rules. In particular, they must not have performed their main activity in Israel for more than 12 months of the 36 months preceding the position.

Early-Stage Researchers must be in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers, starting at the date of obtaining the degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate. Application procedure: send your CV (pdf format), list of grades, certificates, list of 3 referees and motivation letter to Prof. George Weiss, gweiss@eng.tau.ac.il, with cc to Brighitte Shalom, brighitte@tauex.tau.ac.il.

The selected candidates will be invited for an interview, via Skype or phone. Questions can be addressed to: Prof. George Weiss, gweiss@eng.tau.ac.il.



Tentative starting date: April 1, 2018.

About Tel Aviv University (TAU): TAU fosters and encourages the spirit of research, innovation and entrepreneurship among its students, researchers and alumni.

• TAU is a Reuters "Top 100 Innovation University".

• TAU ranks 8th in the world for graduates that established "unicorn" companies worth \$1 billion or more (Sage 2017). TAU is the only non-U.S. university to make the top 10.

• TAU ranks 26th in the world for citation impact per faculty member in the 2017 QS rankings.

• TAU ranks 75th in the world by the number of research publications and the number of publications in the most prestigious journals (2017 Leiden Ranking)

TAU ranks 5th in winning European Research Council (ERC) grants among 172 leading European research institutions.

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### 6.7. PhD: Technical University of Munich, Germnay Contributed by: Matthias Althoff, althoff@in.tum.de

PhD Position for Safe Human-Robot Interaction at TUM

The Research Group Cyber-Physical Systems of Prof. Matthias Althoff at the Technical University of Munich offers a PhD position for Safe Human-Robot Interaction. The offered position has a strong focus on motion planning of robots and formal verification. The Technical University of Munich is one of the top research universities in Europe. The university fosters a strong entrepreneurial spirit and international culture that places it at the forefront of research in a diversity of disciplines.

More information can be found at https://bit.ly/2ZaZa81

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## 6.8. PhD: Østfold University College, Norway

Contributed by: Maben Rabi, maben.rabi@hiof.no

PhD student position on Sensing, Control and Testing in a Warning system for Slippery road conditions

There will be a fully funded PhD student position that shall start in early 2020 and last for three years. This shall be within the CriSp project, which is funded by both Østfold University College and the Research council of Norway. The project shall develop a warning system for slippery conditions on roads, by calculating and communicating a critical speed that shall vary with road conditions. We shall continuously estimate the critical speed, by collecting sensor data related to friction and skidding, from those vehicles that recently passed through the given road section, and then processing this aggregate data in real-time.

The research of the PhD student shall involve: (i) sensor data processing and sensor fusion algorithms to better detect skidding of vehicles, (ii) adjusting automatic cruise control algorithms, (iii) building a proto-type mobile robotic test platform, and (iv) testing using the prototype platform and also using real vehicles at purpose-built test tracks. This work shall be in cooperation with the project's other partners: SimulaMet,



Volvo cars, Asta Zero, Tracsense, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, and the Institute for Transport Economics Olso.

Essential Criteria:

- Master's degree (equivalent to 120 credits according to Norwegian standard definitions) in Computer science, Control systems, Embedded systems, Machine learning, Mechatronics or similar relevant field
- The average grade for courses in the Master's degree must be B or better, in terms of the Norwegian grading scale

• The average grade for courses in the Bachelor's degree must be C or better, in terms of the Norwegian grading scale

- Solid programming competence in C, C++, Python, Java or an equivalent language
- Competence in basic Robotics / Mechatronics / Embedded systems

• Fluent oral and written communication skills in English. For international candidates (outside of EU/EEA area), the required proficiency proof is one of: (i) a TOEFL score that is at least 90 points for the internet based test, or at least 600 points for the paper based test, (ii) an IELTS score that is at least 6.5, (iii) a score of at least 62 on the Pearson Test of English Academic, or (iv) at least one of the following Cambridge ESOL certificates: First Certificate in English, Certificate in Advanced English, Certificate of Proficiency in English.

The following merits shall be advantageous

- Experience working with mobile robots
- Fluency in modelling Mechanical systems
- Understanding of algorithms for State estimation, and Control
- Understanding of Real-time systems

About the research group, and the application process:

This position is at the Cyber-physical systems group at Østfold University College. In this group we study Real-time systems, Wireless sensor networks, Networked control, Hybrid systems, Modelling and Simulation etc. And our application areas include: Robotics, Production technology, Building automation, Energy efficiency, Connected and intelligent transportation systems, Cloud services etc, For more information this research group please visit:

https://www.hiof.no/it/english/research/groups/cyber-physical-systems/index.html

Østfold University College is located in at Halden, Norway. For more information please visit:

https://www.hiof.no/english/about/

This position is subject to approval from the administration of the University College. If this approval is given, then there shall be a web-based official announcement and application portal at:

https://www.hiof.no/english/about/vacant-positions/

If approved, the official announcement shall appear sometime after the middle of January and the application deadline shall be about four to five weeks after the date of the official announcement. If you have any questions, then please send an email to Maben Rabi.

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## 6.9. PhD: Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

Contributed by: George Nikolakopoulos, geonik@ltu.se

Phd Positions in Aerial Robotics

The Robotics Team at the Department of Computer Science and Electrical and Space Engineering at Luleå University of Technology is now looking for 2 PhD Students contributing to our growing activities in Aerial Robotics. The group is heavily involved in a large amount of National and European research grants in this area spanning from UAVs, UGVs, Space Exploration and Biologically inspired Robotics.

The positions will involve dense research activities in the following areas

- Design, Development and Control of Collaborative aerial and ground agents
- Collaborative formation and scenario accomplishment
- Collaborative Vision for robotics
- Decentralized Task execution and overall mission planning
- Visual Servoing
- Deep Learning for Autonomy and Adaptation
- Aerial Vision
- Networked Control
- Switching Reconfigurable Control
- Collaborative Mapping and Exploration
- Field Robotics
- Reinforcement Learning for task replication

Tasks: The candidates will perform research with substantial experimental components that should be published in peer-reviewed international journals and at major conferences. The position will include supervision of MSc students, Teaching Assistant tasks and support in acquire funding for future research projects from research funding agencies/councils, EU framework program or industry.

For further information please contact Professor George Nikolakopoulos +46 920 491298, geonik@ltu.se

For more information please visit:

- https://www.ltu.se/ltu/Lediga-jobb/test-script?l=en

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## 6.10. PhD: The University of Texas at San Antonio, USA

Contributed by: Ahmad F. Taha, ahmad.taha@utsa.edu

I have two PhD positions for Fall 2020 in optimization and control of dynamic networks with applications to transportation systems, water distribution networks, and smart power grids at the ECE Department, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The ECE department at UTSA hosts the largest PhD program in terms of the number of PhD students, and the department has 30+ faculty in various engineering disciplines, with six faculty in systems and controls.

Interested applicants should have **all** of the following qualifications:



- a master's degree in engineering, applied mathematics, or related fields;

- strong background in optimization, linear systems theory, and machine learning (basic)
- a solid set of GPA, TOEFL, and GRE scores

Interested candidates can send me their transcripts and brief resume at ahmad.taha@utsa.edu, alongside any previously published papers, and copies of GRE/TOEFL scores. Emails should indicate that you have seen this ad in this E-Letter.

San Antonio is the seventh largest US city in terms of population, has moderate weather year round, and is very affordable for graduate students.

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## 6.11. PhD/Postdoc: Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Contributed by: Matthias A. Müller, mueller@irt.uni-hannover.de

PhD/Postdoc position in Control Theory, Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

We offer one PhD/Postdoc position at the Institute of Automatic Control at the Leibniz University Hannover, Germany. The project will focus on optimization-based state estimation and control for nonlinear uncertain systems. In particular, moving horizon estimation schemes shall be developed for which desired closed-loop guarantees can be given, but also a more general scope including data- and learning-based approaches shall be considered. The project will focus on the development of novel control-theoretic methods which are of relevance in various cutting-edge applications such as robotics, power systems, or autonomous driving.

The position is both suitable for a PhD student or Postdoc. We offer a competitive salary according to the German pay scale TVL-13, including social benefits. The candidate is expected to hold a Master/Doctoral degree in control engineering or a related subject with specialization in control. Also, teaching assistance in bachelor and master level control courses is expected.

Please send your application including a complete curriculum vitae, certificates, and a motivational letter until February 15, 2020 to mueller@irt.uni-hannover.de

For more information on the position, please contact Prof. Matthias Müller, mueller@irt.uni-hannover.de or consult the webpage www.irt.uni-hannover.de/jobs

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## 6.12. PhD/Postdoc: Tsinghua University, China

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Minimally Invasive BMI and Robotics Lab - Tsinghua University

Dear Colleagues:

The newly established Minimally Invasive Brain-Machine Interface Materials and Robotics Lab in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing, is seeking graduate students, research



staff, and post-doctoral research associates. Candidates with backgrounds in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering, Robotics, Control Theory, Mathematics, Biomaterials, and any related fields are strongly encouraged to apply. We are a highly interdisciplinary research group focusing on cutting-edge research on Brain-Machine Interfaces and neural engineering using a robotics and nanotechnology approach. Salaries are highly competitive, and there are abundant scholarship and fellowship opportunities to work at the best university in China. Opportunities to advance one's career through national talent and grant programs are also available.

Interested applicants please send their CV to ptraylor19@mails.tsinghua.edu.cn.

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#### 6.13. Postdoc: Glasgow Caledonian University, UK

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Research Fellow (RF) position for the EPSRC-ORCA Hub funded Robust Robotic Manipulation of Physical Structures Under Water (ROBMAN)

The School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment (SCEBE) at Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow UK, is offering a Research Fellow (RF) position for highly qualified post-doctoral researchers, for the EPSRC-ORCA Hub funded Robust Robotic Manipulation of Physical Structures Under Water (ROB-MAN) project. It is a well-paid (up to Grade 7, point 40 salary scale, depending on the experience) one year long position, starting on March 1st, 2020.

## ROBMAN is and EPSRC funded project through ORCA Partnership Funding

(https://orcahub.org/engagement/partnership-fund), dedicated to developing robust controllers and observers for underwater vehicle and robot manipulators in order to enable Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) of underwater pipes and assets through physical interaction. The ROBMAN consortium is composed of underwater manipulation team at Heriot-Watt University, Glasgow Caledonian University, and Subsea7 within the ORCA Hub project. The recruited RF will work in close collaboration with another Research Associate in Heriot-Watt University and also with the engineers in Subsea7. The postdoctoral researcher in this position will develop control and observer technology using the system already available at Heriot-Watt University in close collaboration with the Heriot-Watt underwater manipulation team and will conduct underwater demonstrations in the FLoWave Ocean Energy Research Facility with our underwater robots. Afterwards, the developed technology will be adapted and demonstrated in an industrial manipulation setup of Subsea7. In brief, ROBMAN will involve front-edge manipulation research with highly sophisticated experimental facilities and active industry involvement, targeting unmet technological needs in real-life industrial underwater applications.

Therefore, we are looking for a highly experienced and motivated researcher willing to work as part of our team in the area of control and robotics for underwater applications. The ideal candidate should hold a PhD in a relevant area of Robotics or Control or related subject (or a thesis submitted by the start date of the project) and have a strong theoretical understanding and an experimental background in one or more of the following fields: Robotic Manipulation, Control, Observer Design, Underwater Robotics.

Applicants should provide the following (besides any other documents requested in official application):



-Letter of motivation highlighting relevance of background to the project, -CV

-Two major publications in relation to the project,

-Two reference letters

Informal enquiries are welcomed and should be made to Dr. Ibrahim Kucukdemiral, Glasgow Caledonian University, School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment, Department of Applied Science, Glasgow, UK. Ibrahim.kucukdemiral@gcu.ac.uk T:+44 (0)141 273 1621

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## 6.14. Postdoc: Beihang University, China

Contributed by: Qing Gao, gaoqing@buaa.edu.cn

Postdoc: Beihang University (Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics)

A Postdoc position (2-years fixed term) is available in quantum control theory/ quantum machine learning with applications to quantum computation, at the Department of Automatic Control, Beihang University, China. The AC department is among the top 5 in the discipline of control science and engineering among Chinese universities.

Interested applicants should have all of the following qualifications:

a) a doctoral degree in engineering, applied mathematics, or related fields;

b) strong background in control theory. Knowledge in stochastic systems and quantum physics is preferred but not essential;

c) at least one paper published in top control journal like IEEE Trans. and Automatica.

This position will be under Prof. Qing Gao and Prof. Jinhu Lv's supervision.

Information about prof. Gao can be found at https://bit.ly/33NV1HH

Information about Prof. Jinhu Lv can be found at https://bit.ly/2PdtASh

For the successful applicant, the annual salary will be CNY 230,000 or 300,000, depending on his/her research background. For other benefits, for example, the successful applicant's children will have access to Beihang's kindergarten/primary school/middle school, please contact Prof. Gao for details.

Inquiries or applications can be sent directly to gaoqing@buaa.edu.cn. A full application should contain a CV, Representative publications, and at least two reference letters.

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## 6.15. Postdoc: Heriot-Watt University, UK

Contributed by: Mustafa Suphi Erden, m.s.erden@hw.ac.uk

Post-doc Position in Heriot-Watt University in Robotics on Control of an Underwater Vehicle-Manipulator Robot System



The School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (EPS) at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK, is offering a post-doctoral research associate (RA) position for highly qualified post-doctoral researchers, for the EPSRC-ORCA Hub funded ROBMAN project. It is a well paid (up to Grade 8/35 depending on the experience, meaning the salary will be in the range £32,817 - £42,792 depending on the experience), one year long position, starting on March 1st, 2020.

## ROBMAN is and EPSRC funded project through ORCA Partnership Funding

(https://orcahub.org/engagement/partnership-fund), dedicated to developing robust controllers and observers for underwater vehicle and robot manipulators in order to enable Non-Destructive Examination (NDE) of underwater pipes and assets through physical interaction. The ROBMAN consortium is composed of Heriot-Watt University, Glasgow University, and Subsea7 within the ORCA Hub project. The recruited researcher will work in close collaboration with another Research Associate in Glasgow University and also with the engineers in Subsea7. We have a team of underwater manipulation in Heriot-Watt University, composed of academic supervisors, post-doctoral researchers, and PhD students working on a Stewart Platform, a Kuka LWR, an Underwater ROV, and an underwater manipulator to develop manipulation capability to trace the surface of underwater pipes. The Stewart Platform and Kuka LWR robot are used to replicate the underwater ROV-manipulator system in lab room. The postdoctoral researcher in this position will develop control and observer technology using these systems in close collaboration with the Heriot-Watt underwater manipulation team and will conduct underwater demonstrations in the FLoWave Ocean Energy Research Facility with our underwater robots. Afterwards, the developed technology will be adapted and demonstrated in an industrial manipulation setup of Subsea7. In brief, ROBMAN will involve front-edge manipulation research with highly sophisticated experimental facilities and active industry involvement, targeting unmet technological needs in real-life industrial underwater applications.

Applicants should provide the following documents and apply through https://bit.ly/2P9DbdT. Partial application documents will not be considered.

-Letter of motivation highlighting relevance of background to the project,

-CV

-Two major publications in relation to the project,

-Two reference letters.

For any inquiry please contact Dr. Mustafa Suphi Erden: m.s.erden@hw.ac.uk Mustafa Suphi Erden Assistant Professor Heriot-Watt University, School of Engineering and Physical Sciences, EM 2.01 Edinburgh, EH14 4AS, UK Tel. +441314514159 URL: https://researchportal.hw.ac.uk/en/persons/mustafa-suphi-erden

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## 6.16. Postdoc: University of Padova, Italy

Contributed by: Chiuso Alessandro, chiuso@dei.unipd.it

Call for Interest - 2 Post Doc positions at Univ. of Padova

Two post-doc applications (see details below) are sought in the context the following project funded by the Department of Information Engineering, University of Padova: Title of the project Personalized whole brain models for neuroscience: inference and validation

Abstract: Contemporary neuroscience has embraced network science to study the complex and self organized structure of the human brain, with the promise of addressing key societal issues such as neural degeneration and treatment of neurological and psychiatric diseases and damages. These objectives will be pursued in this highly interdisciplinary project following a data-driven model based approach: our final goal is to design novel algorithmic solutions for data-driven inference of whole-brain mesoscale dynamical models as well as to develop and validate (or invalidate) models based on both data driven as well as methodological studies. Ideally, these models should provide solid grounds to develop (i) novel individual-level features for predicting cognitive and behavioral deficits originated by brain lesions or neuro-degeneration and (ii) simulation tools for designing personalized treatments such as stimulation.

Team: The post-docs will work in an interdisciplinary team composed of Engineers, Psychologists, Neurologists and Physicists

Contacts: Prof. Alessandro Chiuso Department of Information Engineering University of Padova chiuso@dei.unipd.it Prof. Alessandra Bertoldo Department of Information Engineering University of Padova bertoldo@dei.unipd.it

- Post Doc # 1: 24 months (possibly extended to 36 month)

Activity: The Post-Doc will develop and refine algorithms for estimation of effective connectivity models from neuroimaging data (fMRI) providing also an in-depth comparison between different classes of methodologies (e.g. DCM-like models and "Granger" causality type models). He/she will also actively collaborate in the validation studies and work in close interaction with the external collaborators (neurologists, neuroscientists, physicists).

Profile: The ideal candidate should have a recent PhD in engineering, applied mathematics/physics, statistics, computer science, and related fields. He/she must have demonstrated experience in complex system modeling and advanced analytic techniques (e.g. multivariate approaches, machine learning, graph theory etc.). Strong analytical/mathematical skills are a requirement. Experience in one or more areas of neuroimaging will be plus. Programming skills (C, C++, Python, Matlab) are not a prerequisite, but a clear advantage. Moreover, the candidate must be highly motivated and creative individual with the ability to work in a dynamic, multi-disciplinary research environment and be willing to interact with both experimental and theoretical neuroscientists.



Salary: 25k to 30k Euro per year depending upon qualification.

- Post Doc # 2: 24 months (possibly extended to 36 month)

Activity: The activities will be mainly related to the preprocessing and analysis of neuroimaging data as well as validation, via systematic statistical testing, of effective connectivity models on animal data as well as on stroke patients. In particular, the post-doc will be involved in the design of experiments and conduct human neuroimaging research on normal brain organization and changes in network architecture among patients with stroke, with an emphasis on effective and functional connectivity network mapping. The post-doc will compare the human results with those he/she will obtain working with whole-brain rs-fMRI signals from the animal model.

Profile: The position is open to recent PhDs in applied mathematics/physics, computer science, engineering, statistics and related fields, with demonstrated ability to conduct high impact research. The successful applicant will have expertise in anatomical MRI, dMRI and/or rs-fMRI analysis, familiarity with control theory and system identification, time-series analysis, statistics and graph theoretic and network modeling. Expertise in vivo electrophysiology signals analysis is also desirable. Experience with neuroimaging analysis programs (ANTs, FSL, SPM, FreeSurfer or other relevant programs), and strong knowledge on programming (e.g. good command of scripting, Python and Matlab) is also expected.

Clearly, the successful candidate will be part of a diverse and multidisciplinary group including engineers of different specialties, neuroscientists, physicists, therefore a strong attitude and flexibility in teamworking are required to foster cross-breeding and fertilization among the different disciplines involved in the project.

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Salary: 25k to 30k Euro per year depending upon qualification.

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## 6.17. Postdoc: Zhejiang University, China

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Postdocs: Zhejiang University and Wahaha Intelligent Robotics Co., China

Zhejiang University and Wahaha are jointly looking for two postdocs available as soon as possible to work at both Zhejiang University and Wahaha Intelligent Robotics Co. in Hangzhou.

The research project is broadly on robotics and control. The successful applicants will be offered

• A competitive salary (Chinese RMB 200,000 to 300,000 per year plus housing allowance, negotiable de-

pending on the qualification) by Zhejiang University and Wahaha Intelligent Robotics Co.

- State-of-the-art experimental platforms.
- Full contract for 2 years with the possibility of renewal on performance.

## Qualifications



• A Ph.D. degree in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, or a closely related field.

- Excellent background and a record of journal publications in robotics or control theory and applications.
- Good industrial/practical experience.

Interested candidates should send their CV (with names of at least two references) and a cover letter describing their specific interest and how their background fits the qualifications to Dr. Lijun Zhu lijun.zhu@wahaha.com.cn

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#### 6.18. Postdoc: University of New Mexico, USA

Contributed by: Carol Jimerson, carolj@unm.edu

Postdoctoral Associate: Stochastic Reachability for Autonomous Cyber-Physical Systems

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of New Mexico (UNM) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate with an anticipated start date of March 2020.

Position: The postdoctoral associate will work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers in Electrical and Computer Engineering and in Computer Science to develop theory and algorithms to enable autonomy in dynamic and uncertain environments. Specifically, the postdoctoral associate will 1) incorporate stochastic reachable sets into a model predictive control framework, and investigate convergence, convexity, and optimality,

2) develop scalable under-approximations in the case of imperfect measurements, and

3) integrate learning into stochastic reachability-based planning algorithms, to enable navigation in dynamic environments with poorly characterized uncertainty.

This is a benefits-eligible, one-year appointment that may be renewed for an additional year contingent upon satisfactory performance and availability of resources. No teaching is expected during the appointment. Salary is dependent upon experience and qualification.

How to apply:Interested candidates should provide a CV, a cover letter summarizing capabilities and interests, and contact information for three professional references.

Please online: https://unm.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/18/home?c=unm&sq=req11321.

Applications received by February 15, 2020, will receive full consideration, although the position will remain open until filled.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. by the time of appointment in engineering, computer science, mathematics, or a closely related field, and demonstrate excellent potential for research.

Preferred Qualifications: Desirable experience includes work in hybrid systems, stochastic optimal control, reachability analysis, optimization, or learning. In addition, the applicant should have a demonstrated



commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and student success, as well as working with broadly diverse communities.

About UNM: The University of New Mexico is a family-friendly and an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer, making decisions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected class. We are committed to hiring and retaining a diverse workforce. The University of New Mexico is a recipient of an ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant from NSF to promote and advance women and minority faculty in STEM fields, and SOE is partnering with the ADVANCE at UNM program to help recruit and retain an excellent and diverse faculty. Albuquerque is a beautiful and historic city with terrific weather, rich cultural life, and lots of outdoor activities. Cradled in the Rio Grande Valley beneath the Sandia Mountains, Albuquerque is by far the largest city in the state, acting as the media, educational, and economic center of New Mexico. For more information go to https://advance.unm.edu/why-abq/

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## 6.19. Postdoc: Université Paris-Saclay, France

Contributed by: Pedro Rodriguez-Ayerbe, pedro.rodriguez@centralesupelec.fr

Postdoc: Université Paris-Saclay, CNRS, CentraleSupélec, L2S, France.

Post-doctoral research: EBM (Electron Beam Melting) numerical control strategies for very high speed metal additive manufacturing

Laboratory: L2S (Laboratoire des Signaux et Systèmes), UMR 8506 CentraleSupélec-CNRS-Univ. Paris Sud, Département Automatique, Plateau de Moulon, 3 rue Joliot-Curie, 91 192 Gif sur Yvette cedex

Context: In metal additive manufacturing, one of the principal objectives is to optimise the machine productivity maximizing the path following speed, whatever the actuator used for control and the associated energy source. In this context, an important link relates to the elaboration of optimal control strategies for the considered actuators. Previous works have opened up perspectives in SLM (Selective Laser Melting) processes with a galvanometer as the actuator of the operating part and a laser as the associated energy source. In the framework of this research work, and in order to carry out very high speed path following, we will focus more specifically on the EBM (Electron Beam Melting) type process. EBM associates an electron gun for the energy source and a coil as the actuator performing the control of the electron beam. The work will focus in particular on the control of the coil currents, the interest residing in the possibility of obtaining very fast dynamics for this actuator, which is not possible with SLM process.

The research will mainly be conducted at L2S, but may also include actions on a machine equipped with an electron gun present at the LPGP (Laboratoire de Physique des Gaz et des Plasmas) in Orsay. They will also be the opportunity of exchanges with other PhD students on related subjects.

More details can be found at: https://bit.ly/2PMukPE

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## 6.20. Postdoc: University of Utah, USA

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Postdoctoral Scholar Position on Cyber-Physical Resilience

The Utah Smart Energy Laboratory (http://usmart.ece.utah.edu) at University of Utah has immediate opening for Postdoctoral Research Associates on developing intelligent controllers for cyber-physical resilience of power systems. Ideal candidate would have expertise on the application of machine learning methods, control theory, and mathematical optimization in power systems operation.

Applicants should apply for the position online at https://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/101751

Applications will be reviewed immediately, and the posting is open until the position is filled.

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#### 6.21. Postdoc: Rutgers University, USA

Contributed by: Laurent Burlion, laurent.burlion@rutgers.edu

Postdoc Position at Rutgers University, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

A Postdoctoral Associate is available as soon as possible at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Candidate will work under the guidance of Professor Laurent Burlion. Position is Full Time. Candidate should have strong background in robust control and/or constrained control and/or optimal control. The purpose of the project is to develop new control techniques for floating offshore wind turbines, or wind farms, using the discipline of control co-design.

Minimum requirements:

- Highly motivated candidates with strong background in engineering
- PhD degree in control
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience as first author on one or more scholarly peer reviewed publications.
- Any special computer skills or equipment utilized: Matlab and/or Python and/or C++.

Please apply using the link: https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/105817

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## 6.22. Postdoc: University of California, Berkeley

Contributed by: Scott Moura, smoura@berkeley.edu

Open Postdoc Position Advisor: Professor Scott Moura Energy, Controls, and Applications Lab (eCAL) Website: http://ecal.berkeley.edu/ University of California, Berkeley



PDF Of Ad: https://berkeley.box.com/s/4ft24rrk1t6wki9vy5dxokqnw1sv3igq

We are currently seeking postdoctoral scholar candidates to lead the following projects:

• **Optimization of (A)EV Fleets, Charging Infrastructure, and Routing**: This project seeks to optimize the total cost of ownership for an (automated) electric vehicle fleet of trucks for moving goods. Technical skills involve network modeling, optimization, transportation science, data analytics, simulation, and strong project management & communication skills.

• SIrpEV (Smart LeaRning Pilot for Electric Vehicles): SIrpEV is a University of California research project developing the next-generation of EV charging stations that intelligently manages electric power and parking through machine learning. Technical skills involve machine learning, optimization, modeling, simulation, software development (backend databases & algorithms + frontend UI/UX), and strong project management & communication skills.

• Tools for Electric Bus Fleet Planning & Operation: This project seeks to construct a tool for optimizing electric bus fleets and charging infrastructure to minimize total cost of ownership. Technical skills involve energy system modeling, optimization, simulation, and strong project management & communication skills.

• State & Parameter Estimation for Battery Pack with Heterogeneous Cells: The objective is to estimate the state-of-charge and state-of-health in battery packs where the cells are heterogeneous due to variations in health, temperature, and charge levels. Technical skills involve nonlinear systems, estimation theory, statistical inference, and strong project management & communication skills.

• Electrochemical Model-Based Battery Fast Charging: The objective is to experimentally quantify the benefits of an electrochemical model-based battery management system in terms of fast charge times and capacity loss. Technical skills involve electrochemical battery modeling, optimal control, estimation theory, hardware-in-the-loop experimentation, and strong project management & communication skills.

Expected Start Date: January 2020 - June 2020

Ideal Candidates should satisfy the following criteria:

- Graduate student GPA with minimum 3.5 GPA
- Strong background in controls, optimization, mathematics and physics
- Strong background in energy systems modeling
- Strong MATLAB and/or Python programming experience
- Strong presentation and writing skills

If interested, then please apply at https://forms.gle/K7ciH5WBYH9dbRvU6 by January 31, 2020. To begin, prepare your CV, 1-3 publications, two references (emails only), and transcript. Also, be prepared to answer the following questions in detail:

- 1. Why are you interested in a postdoctoral scholar position at eCAL?
- 2. What is your most relevant previous experience with respect to the projects in the job ad?
- 3. What are your medium-to-long term career objectives?

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## 6.23. Postdoc: North Carolina A&T State University, USA

Contributed by: Ali Karimoddini, akarimod@ncat.edu

Post-Doctoral Position in Control of Multi-Agent Robotic Systems

The Autonomous Cooperative Control of Emergent Systems of Systems (ACCESS) Laboratory at NC A&T State University, invites applications for a full-time, post-doctoral research associate position in Multi-Agent Robotic Systems applications particularly the Cooperative Control of UASs for Smart Agriculture, Environment, and Infrastructure. The project uses cooperative control of UASs and distributed remote sensing techniques for applications such as smart farming or infrastructure inspection.

This is a non-tenure-track, year-to-year appointment, renewable annually for up to two years subjected to satisfactory performance, availability of resources, and the needs of the Lab. We thus look for applicants that have a demonstrated track record in the applications of multi-agent systems. Programming and practical experiences with embedded real-time systems are desired.

The candidate will be also working with both graduate and undergraduate students in a mentoring role, and will be involved in conducting workshops, and seminars. The candidate will enjoy a dynamic and collaborative working environment. If interested, please submit your application via https://jobs.ncat.edu/postings/18833.

For any question, please contact Dr. Karimoddini (akarimod@ncat.edu).

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## 6.24. Postdoc: Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

Contributed by: George Nikolakopoulos, geonik@ltu.se

Post Docs in Aerial and Space Robotics

The Robotics Team at the Department of Computer Science and Electrical and Space Engineering at Luleå University of Technology is now looking for 3 post-docs contributing to our growing activities in Aerial and Space Robotics. The group is heavily involved in a large amount of National and European research grants in this area spanning from UAVs, UGVs, Space Exploration and Biologically inspired Robotics.

The positions will involve dense research activities in the following areas

- Field Robotics
- Vision for robotic navigation
- Collaborative formation and scenario accomplishment
- Visual Servoing
- Space Vision and Space Visual Features
- Quaternion control design
- Space Visual Odometry
- Advanced Model Based Filtering (e.g. EKF, UKF)
- Perception and Estimation
- Switching Reconfigurable Control



• Collaborative Mapping and Exploration

The candidate will perform research with substantial theoretical and experimental components that should be published in peer-reviewed major international journals and at major conferences. The position will include supervision of MSc and PhD students, and to acquire funding for future research projects from research funding agencies/councils, EU framework program or industry. The candidate will need to represent the group in different occasions, both in Sweden and abroad. Perfect scientific skills with excellence in real life experimentation, former experience in Basic Research funded grants and successful track record in fund raising, as well as perfect communication and management skills are considered as a strong plus. Finally, a former PhD in robotics or control and estimation in the related area within publications in the previous research topics is also considered as a plus. The position might also involve teaching, seminars and presentations.

As a post-doctoral fellow, you work actively and independent in relation to ongoing research projects. We are looking for a candidate who can contribute to activities at the Robotics team and work in close collaboration with the senior researchers at the research group.

The position is limited to 1 year with possible extension. For further information please contact Professor George Nikolakopoulos +46 920 491298, geonik@ltu.se

For more information please visit:

- https://www.ltu.se/ltu/Lediga-jobb/test-script?l=en

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## 6.25. Postdoc: KTH, Sweden

Contributed by: Håkan Hjalmarsson, hjalmars@kth.se

Postdoctor in Modeling and Control of Metabolic Networks for Bioproduction

A postdoc scholarship in modeling and control of metabolic networks for bioproduction is available at the Division of Decision and Control Systems at KTH, Stockholm, Sweden. The open postdoc position is associated with the Centre for Advanced BioProduction, AdBIOPRO, led by KTH, and in collaboration with Lund University and Karolinska University Hospital as well as seven Swedish companies in the Biopharmaceutical/Biotech industry, including GE Healthcare. The Centre focuses on bioproduction based on mammalian cells, with the objective to respond to the paradigm shift towards continuous processing.

The postdoc project concerns model based control and optimization of intracellular networks and cell cultures by manipulating culture media and other process parameters. It involves developing methodologies for mechanistic metabolic network modeling, parameter estimation and experiment design for such models, optimizing cell metabolism through media feeds for perfusion, and feedback control of perfusion processes. The project is in close collaboration with the School of Chemistry, Biotechnology and Health at KTH, world leading in perfusion and hosting extensive laboratory facilities, and our industrial partners, with the ultimate objective to verify methodologies in an industrial setting.



Candidates should have a Ph.D. or be near Ph.D. defense in Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering or Biotechnology. The candidate should have a strong background from at least one of the areas biosystems modeling, system identification or model based control, and experience from at least one more of these areas.

## More details can be found at

https://www.kth.se/en/om/work-at-kth/lediga-jobb/what:job/jobID:307897/where:4/ Deadline for applications: February 15. For more information please contact Prof. Håkan Hjalmarsson (hjalmars@kth.se), or Prof. Elling Jacobsen (jacobsen@kth.se).

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## 6.26. Faculty: Virginia Tech, USA

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Two Assistant Professor Positions in Connected Technologies in Agriculture Applications

The School of Plant and Environmental Sciences (SPES) at Virginia Tech seeks to fill two academic year (9month) tenure-track faculty positions in Connected Technologies in Agricultural Applications at the Assistant Professor rank with responsibilities in research and teaching. The incumbents will conduct research on the application of autonomous, semi -autonomous, remote sensing, and smart systems in the production of, but not limited to, agronomic crops, specialty crops, or agricultural soil and water systems. The incumbents are expected to work collaboratively within and across academic units at Virginia Tech, including national or international collaborations. The individuals will cooperatively develop and teach new classes related to connected technologies in agriculture. A Ph.D. in plant science, soil science, engineering, or a closely related discipline is required. Demonstrated experience in the use of connected technologies is required. A commitment to mentoring students, diversity and inclusion is required. To obtain more information and to apply for this position go to [Job #512093 at https://www.jobs.vt.edu]. Review of applications will begin on January 6, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status; or otherwise discriminate against employees or applicants who inquire about, discuss, or disclose their compensation or the compensation of other employees, or applicants; or any other basis protected by law.

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## 6.27. Faculty: University of Sheffield, UK

Contributed by: Rebecca Fieldsend, r.fieldsend@sheffield.ac.uk

The Department of Automatic Control and Systems Engineering at the University of Sheffield, UK is recruiting to a number of academic positions:

- Lecturer in Medical Robotics
- Lecturer in Machine Learning and Control
- Professor in Control and Power Systems



We are looking for innovative and visionary researchers to join our growing department, post-holders will also contribute to the department's undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes and to the supervision of PhD students.

For further information about the open positions and department, please visit: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/acse/people/jobs

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## 6.28. Faculty: Texas A&M University, USA

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Assistant, Associate or Full Professor – Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology Program (Mechatronics)

The Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution, College of Engineering, at Texas A&M University invites applications for a tenured or tenure track faculty position at the assistant, associate, or full professor levels with expertise in one or more of the following areas: mechatronics, industrial and mobile robotics, automation, product design, industrial internet of things (IIoT), cyber-physical systems, and embedded systems. This is a full-time, nine-month academic appointment with an anticipated start date of fall 2020.

The successful applicant will teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels; advise and mentor graduate students; develop an independent, externally funded research program; participate in all aspects of the department's activities; and serve the profession. Through effective industrial advisory committees that provide valuable guidance, the department has numerous opportunities for the development of laboratories and sponsorship of applied research activities. Candidates should have relevant hands-on experience with applied research and technology development in robotics and automation, academic leadership experience and/or experience with the Accreditation Board of Engineering Technology and its accreditation processes. By being an integral part of the College of Engineering, there is excellent interaction with faculty in other engineering programs to support large-scale college initiatives, as well as access to graduate students to assist in instructional and applied research activities. Strong written and verbal communication skills are required. Applicants should consult the department's website to review our academic and research programs (engineering.tamu.edu/etid).

Qualifications: Applicants must have an earned doctorate in an appropriate engineering field or a closely related engineering or science discipline.

Application Instructions: Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, teaching statement, research statement, and a list of four references (including postal addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) by applying for this specific position at http://apply.interfolio.com/68043. Full consideration will be given to applications received by December 15, 2019. Applications received after that date may be considered until the position is filled. It is anticipated the appointment will begin fall 2020. For additional information, please contact Dr. Rainer Fink at fink@tamu.edu.

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#### **6.29. Faculty: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway** Contributed by: Roger Skjetne, roger.skjetne@ntnu.no

Faculty position: Professor/Associate Professor in Marine Cybernetics at NTNU, Norway

We have a vacancy for a Professor/Associate Professor of Marine Cybernetics at the Department of Marine Technology at NTNU, Norway. The professorship is sponsored by Equinor through the Akademiaagreement for 5 years and afterwards fully covered by the university. The profile concerns physical modelling and control system design including autonomy for marine cyber-physical systems such as ocean structures, ships, and marine robots. With increasing digitalization of the marine and maritime industries, incl. ocean assets for renewable energy, wind turbines, aquaculture plants, etc., the field also needs to expand and integrate towards maritime Internet of Things (IoT), networks and communication, cybersecurity, (big) data analytics, artificial intelligence incl. machine learning, and marine autonomy.

The position is especially established to strengthen the research activity on theoretical, numerical, and experimental methods in the framework of marine cybernetics with strong interaction between marine technology, control engineering, and computer science.

The vacant position has specific responsibility for teaching and supervising students and for carrying out research in the areas relevant for the field of marine cybernetics, such as:

- Design of intelligent autonomous marine systems using methods from optimization theory, stochastic filtering, reachability analysis, data analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.

- Control system design based on methods from linear, nonlinear, hybrid, and optimal control and estimation theory, including stochastic systems theory.

- Mathematical and data-driven modelling of ships, ocean structures, and marine robots, including the ocean environment.

- Numerical analytics and simulation within a framework of using digital twins for design, testing/verification, and validation purposes of marine control systems, including marine autonomous systems.

- Experimental testing and validation in the hydrodynamic laboratories, as well as field campaigns.

For more information and to submit application, see:

https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/179350/professor-associate-professor-of-marine-cybernetics Application deadline: February 1st, 2020

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## 6.30. Faculty: Johns Hopkins University, USA

Contributed by: Enrique Mallada, mallada@jhu.edu

Faculty Position at the Johns Hopkins Mathematical Institute for Data Science (MINDS)

Although not stated explicitly in the call, candidates broadly working on the mathematical foundations of assured autonomy and learning for control of safety-critical systems will be considered.

Faculty Position in Data Science at the Johns Hopkins Mathematical Institute for Data Science (MINDS)

The Johns Hopkins Mathematical Institute for Data Science (MINDS) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position. The successful candidate is expected to conduct fundamental research in the mathematical, statistical and computational foundations of machine learning.

Outstanding candidates at all academic ranks will be considered. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Statistics, or related fields, and will be expected to establish a strong, independent, multidisciplinary, and internationally recognized research program. Commitment to teaching excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels is required.

Primary appointments will be in the academic Department most appropriate for the candidate within the Whiting School of Engineering – e.g. Applied Math and Statistics, Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, or Electrical and Computer Engineering. For additional information see

https://www.minds.jhu.edu/job-openings/.

Opportunities for interactions across the University include the Center for Imaging Science, the Center for Language and Speech Processing, the Laboratory for Computational Sensing and Robotics, the Institute for Data-Intensive Engineering and Science, the Institute for Computational Medicine, the Malone Center for Engineering in Healthcare, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, and the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

All applicants should submit their application online at https://apply.interfolio.com/70041 Electronic applications should include a cover letter describing the principal expertise of the applicant, a statement of teaching interests, a statement of research interests, a complete resume, and a publication list. Applications at the Assistant Professor level should also include at least three reference letters. Applications at the Associate or Full Professor levels should not include reference letters or names at this stage.

Applications will be reviewed starting January 15, 2020, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Onsite interviews will be conducted on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21.

The Johns Hopkins University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer that actively encourages interest from minorities and women and is committed to recruiting, supporting, and fostering a diverse community of outstanding faculty, staff, and students. All applicants who share this goal are encouraged to apply. The Johns Hopkins University is an EEO/AA Employer.