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#### Education

10.2015 – present M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)* 

- GPA: 1.2/1.0, focusing on the Mechatronics & Information Technology
- Thesis: Decentralized Planning of Macro-Actions for Cooperative Automated Vehicles with Hierarchical Monte Carlo Tree Search
- · Supervisors: Prof. Dr.-Ing. J. Marius Zöllner, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christoph Stiller

10.2014 – 09.2015 Exchange Student in Mechanical Engineering, RWTH Aachen University

- Thesis: Multi-Objective Optimization of Suspension Geometry for Achieving the Desired Wheel Kinematics Characteristics
- · Supervisor: Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Lutz Eckstein

09.2011 – 07.2015 B.Eng. in Vehicle Engineering, *Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)* 

- GPA: 91/100, Top 5%
- · National Merit Scholarship, Outstanding Undergraduates Award

## **Research Experience**

03.2018 – now FZI Research Center for Information Technology Karlsruhe, Germany

Research Assistant, Cooperatively Interacting Automobiles (DFG 1835)

- Integrated Deep Q-Network (TensorFlow) into Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) to achieve faster convergence
- · Parallelization of MCTS with CUDA Thrust

06.2017 – 02.2018 FZI Research Center for Information Technology Karlsruhe, Germany

**Master Candidate**, Decentralized Planning of Macro-Actions for Cooperative Autonomous Vehicles

- Proposed the algorithm Decentralized Hierarchical Monte Carlo Tree Search (DecH-MCTS) for decentralized hierarchical learning in multi-agent system
- Applied this algorithm to achieve the decentralized cooperative planning of macroactions (such as overtake, etc.) for automated vehicles
- Validated its faster and better convergence in simulation environment (ROS&SUMO)
   with 6 conflict scenarios, analyzed and visualized the result with Python

12.2016 – 05.2017 Daimler AG Stuttgart, Germany

**Intern**, Development of Camera-based Driver Assistance System

- Applied the idea of HoG-Vector (from Computer Vision) to the time-series analysis, extracted robust feature of two dimensions from CAN-data of 500 dimensions
- Built a classifier with Random Forest to recognize the false alarms of Lane Departure Warnings with recall of 97%

01.2016 – 09.2016 FZI Research Center for Information Technology Karlsruhe, Germany

**Research Assistant**, *Predictive Modeling in Electrical Mobility* 

• Built a predictive model using nonparametric regression and Markov Chains to predict the following driving events with tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$ 

02.2015 – 09.2015 Institute for Combustion Engines, RWTH Aachen

Aachen, Germany

Research Assistant, Development of a new Hybrid Powertrain with three Drive-Modes

• Designed and simulated 8 drive cycles and finished the whole Model-in-the-Loop phase, found and solved 4 errors during the starting and mode change

01.2015 - 07.2015

**Institute for Automotive Engineering, RWTH Aachen** 

Aachen, Germany

Research Assistant, Optimization of axle kinematics using Genetic Algorithm

Applied the genetic algorithm NSGA-II and developed a toolchain to optimize any kind of suspensions to desired kinematic characteristics

05.2012 - 10.2013

#### **National Undergraduate Training Program**

Beijing, China

Gait Control, Bionic Quadruped Robot with flexible Spine and elastic Feet

- · Implemented a CPG Network to realize 4 gaits (Trot, Walk, Pace, Gallop)
- Introduced the Lateral-Stepping-Reflex based on an extended CPG-Network and ZMP theory, enabled the robot to keep balance under max. 1.5g lateral impact in the simulation environment (MSC-ADAMS&Simulink)

### **Publications**

- [1]\*Kurzer, K., \*Zhou, C., and Zöllner, J. M. (2018). Decentralized Planning of Macro-Actions for Cooperative Automated Vehicles with Hierarchical Monte Carlo Tree Search, in *IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV)*, 2018 (accepted).
- [2] Han, B., Jia Y., Li H., Luo Q., **Zhou, C**. (2016). **Posture Adjustment for Quadruped Robot Trotting on a Slope**, *Transactions of Beijing Institute of Technology* 36.3, 242-246.
- [3] Luo, Q., Zhou, C., Jia, Y., Gao, J., Liu, F. (2015). CPG-Based Control Scheme for Quadruped Robot to Withstand the Lateral Impact, *Transactions of Beijing Institute of Technology* 35.4, 384-390.
- [4] Luo, Q., Gao, J., Zhou, C., Huang, Y. (2015). The structural design, simulation analysis and parameter optimization of the cheetah robot's leg components, *Int. J. Computational Vision and Robotics* 5.1, 23-36.

#### **Patents**

- [1] Luo, Q., Huang, Y., Gao, J., Zhou, C., Zhang, B., Liu, F. and Ke, Z. (2013). Similar dual-A-arm suspended robot crotch lateral-deviation damping system. CN103318290.
- [2] Luo, Q., Ke, Z., **Zhou, C.**, Huang, Y., Liu, F., Zhang, B., and Gao, J. (2013). **Adjustable and controllable flexible bendable biological lumbar vertebrae structure system for quadruped robot**. CN103303389.
- [3] Luo, Q., Gao, J., Zhang, B., Liu, F., **Zhou, C**., Huang, Y., and Ke, Z. (2013). **Omni directional and self-adaptation elastic foot of quadruped robot**. CN103303388.

#### **Skills**

**Languages** native in Chinese, full professional proficiency in German (C1) and English (TOEFL 106)

**Programming** C++, , R, MATLAB, ROS, C, Linux, Python, TensorFlow