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## RESEARCH AREAS

- Large-scale Systems
- Cyber-Physical Systems
- Mobile Robotics
- Cloud-based Robotics
- Assistive Robotics

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Bird Flocking Inspired Formation Control for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Using Stereo Camera (*IEEE Systems Journal* 2018)

Improved deep neural network object tracking system for applications in home robotics (*Computational Intelligence for Pattern Recognition, 2018*)

Multi-Agent Exploration for Faster and Reliable Deep Q-Learning Convergence in Reinforcement Learning (World Automation Congress (WAC) 2018)

Task allocation using parallelized clustering and auctioning algorithms for heterogeneous robotic swarms operating on a cloud network (*Autonomy and Artificial Intelligence: A Threat or Savior?*, 2017)

## RECENT FUNDED GRANTS

US Army RDECOM Inaugural HBCU/MI Student Design Competition: *SNAP Drone: Modular 3D Printed Packable Quadcopter Assembled in a Snap*  
Role: PI  
Sponsor: US Army RDECOM  
Amount: \$6,791  
Project Period: 03/15/2019-09/14/2019

Loitering Alert System for Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Vestibules  
Role: PI  
Sponsor: Financial Institution  
Amount: \$131,824  
Project Period: 07/17/2017-06/30/2018

Modeling, Analysis and Control of Large Scale Autonomous System of Vehicles  
Role: Senior Investigator  
Sponsor: North Carolina Agricultural & Tech State  
Amount: \$266,200 annual (\$1.25 ML)  
Project Period: 05/01/2015 – 05/01/2020

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## UNIQUE EXPERTISE / RESOURCES / AWARDS / QUALITIES / OTHER

- Member IEEE
- Member IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Assistive Robotics
- Complex Software System Design