

# Junlin Ou

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## Education

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➤ **University of South Carolina**

- Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering Jan. 2020-Dec. 2023

➤ **Northwestern Polytechnical University**

- M.S. in Armament Science and Technology Sep. 2016-Jun. 2019
- B.S. in Mechanism Design, Manufacturing and Automation Sep. 2012-Jul. 2016

## Research Interest

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➤ **High Performance Computing, and Artificial Intelligence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems**

- GPU and Edge Computing
- Path and Route Planning
- Computer Vision and Deep Learning
- Reinforcement Learning, Optimization, and Control

## Research Experience

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➤ **Autonomous Multi-Robot Cooperation and Real-time Planning (Funded by DoT and SPARC Graduate Research Grant)** Jan. 2020-Present

- Developed innovative initialization methods and integrated them with various approaches, including reinforcement learning, genetic algorithm, A\*, Dijkstra's algorithm, dynamic programming, among others to enable real-time path planning for mobile robots in dynamic environments.
- Developed a low-cost indoor positioning system (around \$300) for the localization of mobile robots.
- Developed a heterogenous computing platform (CPU+GPU) to accelerate the path planning process.
- Optimized PID controllers to improve control stability and reliability of mobile robots.
- Deployed GPU-enabled path planning algorithms and ROS on Jetson Nano, Jetson TX2, Jetson Xavier NX, and Jetson AGX Xavier edge devices.
- Developed a ROS framework to enable wireless communication among multiple robots.

➤ **First Responder Dispatching Route Planning (Funded by FRA)** Jun. 2022- Aug. 2024

- Developed rapid routing algorithms for first responders, specifically for scenarios with road blockage and congestion.
- Accelerated the routing process using GPU computing.

➤ **Real-Time Health and Security Monitoring and Diagnosis of Manufacturing Systems Based on Energy Consumption Auditing (Funded by US Air Force)** May. 2022- Aug. 2024

- Developed a side-channel energy auditing approach and a system on Raspberry Pi to read voltage, current, and power consumption data during robot operation.
- Integrated OctoPrint and ROS on a Raspberry Pi to monitor the operating status of a 3D printer.
- Developed a novel method utilizing the Specific Energy Consumption (SEC) model to detect anomaly during the 3D printing process.

➤ **Assessment of Reliability and Effectiveness of Multi-AUV systems** Dec. 2015-Jun. 2019

- Developed an improved model for evaluating the effectiveness of multi-Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) systems within the Weapon System Effectiveness Industry Advisory Committee (WSEIAC) framework.
- Analyzed the effect of nodes movement, temperature, and salinity on reliability of multi-AUV systems.

## Journal Publications

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1. **Ou, J.**, Wu, Xuanke, Qian, Y., & Wang, Y.. GPU-enabled Evolutionary Dynamic Programming for Rapid Route and Rescue Planning for First Responders. *Journal of Traffic and Transportation Engineering (English Edition)* (accepted).
2. Song, G.; **Ou, J.**; Cao, Y.; Wang, Y.. An Energy Auditing System based on Learnable Positional Embedding and Edge Computing for in-situ Monitoring of 3D Printing Processes. *The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology* (accepted)
3. **Ou, J.**, Song, G., & Wang, Y. (2025). Graphics processing unit-enabled path planning based on global evolutionary dynamic programming and local genetic algorithm optimization. *Applied Soft Computing*, 113167.
4. Wei, X., Ma, D., **Ou, J.**, Song, G., Guo, J., Robertson, J. W., ... & Liu, C. (2024). Narrowing Signal Distribution by Adamantane Derivatization for Amino Acid Identification Using an  $\alpha$ -Hemolysin Nanopore. *Nano Letters*.
5. **Ou, J.**, Hong, S. H., Song, G., & Wang, Y. (2023). Hybrid Path Planning based on Adaptive Visibility Graph Initialization and Edge Computing for Mobile Robots. *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*, 126.
6. Yang, H., **Ou, J.**, & Wang, Y. (2023). Neural-physics multi-fidelity model with active learning and uncertainty quantification for GPU-enabled microfluidic concentration gradient generator design. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 417, 116434.
7. **Ou, J.**, Hong, S. H., Kyzer, T., Yang, H., Zhou, X., & Wang, Y. (2023). A low-cost indoor positioning system based on data-driven modeling for robotics research and education. *Robotica*, 1-20.
8. Hong, S. H., **Ou, J.**, & Wang, Y. (2022). Physics-guided neural network and GPU-accelerated nonlinear model predictive control for quadcopter. *Neural Computing and Applications*, 1-21.
9. Hong, S. H., Shu, J. I., **Ou, J.**, & Wang, Y. (2022). GPU-enabled microfluidic design automation for concentration gradient generators. *Engineering with Computers*, 1-16.
10. **Ou, J.**, Hong, S. H., Ziehl, P., & Wang, Y. (2022). GPU-based Global Path Planning Using Genetic Algorithm with Near Corner Initialization. *Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems*, 104(2), 1-17.
11. Liang, Q., **Ou, J.**, & Xue, Z. (2020). All-terminal reliability of multi-AUV cooperative systems in horizontally stratified SOFAR channel. *Ships and Offshore Structures*, 15(5), 474-478.
12. Liang, Q., **Ou, J.**, Shi, L., & Zhang, X. (2020). Optimization of multiple autonomous underwater vehicle cooperative system communication network topology based on total energy consumption. *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part M: Journal of Engineering for the Maritime Environment*, 234(3), 668-675.
13. Liang, Q., Sun, T., & **Ou, J.** (2019). System reliable probability for multi-AUV cooperative systems under the influence of current. *The Journal of Navigation*, 72(6), 1649-1659.
14. Liang, Q., **Ou, J.**, Xue, Z., & Ippolito, C. (2019). Influences of temperature and salinity on holistic network performability of multi-AUV cooperative systems. *ISA transactions*, 93, 165-171.

## Conference Proceedings

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1. **Ou, J.**, Hong, S. H., & Wang, Y. (2023, April). Adaptive Visibility Graph Initialization on Edge Computing to Accelerate Hybrid Path Planning for Mobile Robots. In SoutheastCon 2023 (pp. 411-417). IEEE.
2. Chandarana, P., **Ou, J. (co-first author)**, & Zand, R. (2021, October). An Adaptive Sampling and Edge Detection Approach for Encoding Static Images for Spiking Neural Networks. In 2021 12th International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC) (pp. 1-8). IEEE.
3. Liang, Q., **Ou, J.**, Zhang, X., & Wang, Y. (2020, November). A kind of effectiveness of searching submarine for multiple Autonomous Underwater Vehicle cooperative systems. In 2020 3rd International Conference on Unmanned Systems (ICUS) (pp. 195-202). IEEE.
4. Liang, Q., **Ou, J.**, Yan, X., & Zhang, X. (2018, October). Effect of nodes movement on all-terminal reliability of multi-AUV cooperative system. In OCEANS 2018 MTS/IEEE Charleston (pp. 1-6). IEEE.

## Grant and Award

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- **Second place in the Poster Presentation Competition in Discover USC 2024** Apr. 2024
- **SPARC Graduate Research Grant** (Title: Autonomous Multi-Robot Cooperation and Real-time Planning for Intelligent Manufacturing and Warehousing; Award Amount: \$4,991.00) Jan. 2023
- **National Excellent Master Dissertation Award nomination**, China Ordnance Society, Beijing, China. Mar. 2021
- **Second Prize**, the 6th National Competition of Design and Production of Underwater Vehicle, Xi'an, Shaanxi, China. Aug. 2017
- **Platinum Award**, Robot Innovation Competition in northwestern division, Shaanxi, China. May. 2017
- **Second Prize of the Excellence Scholarship**, Northwestern Polytechnical University. Nov. 2015
- **First Prize**, Mathematical Contest in Modeling in Northwestern Polytechnical University. May. 2015
- **Second Prize of the Excellence Scholarship**, Northwestern Polytechnical University. Nov. 2014
- **Second Prize of the Excellence Scholarship**, Northwestern Polytechnical University. Nov. 2013

## Work Experience

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| ➤ <b>Assistant Professor</b>         | Middle Tennessee State University | Aug. 2025 - Present   |
| ➤ <b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b>         | University of South Carolina      | Jan. 2024 - Jul. 2025 |
| ➤ <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> | University of South Carolina      | Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2023 |
| ➤ <b>Grader</b>                      | University of South Carolina      | Sep. 2023 - Dec. 2023 |

## Mentoring Experience

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| ➤ <b>Boshi Chen, Ph.D. student</b>  | Aug. 2024-Jul. 2025 |
| ➤ <b>Yichuan Cao, Ph.D. student</b> | Aug. 2022-Jul. 2025 |
| ➤ <b>Tianqi Huang, ME student</b>   | Aug. 2021-May. 2022 |

## Professional Skills

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- **Software**
  - Proficient in Python, MATLAB, ROS, C++, VS Code, Anaconda, and Microsoft Office.
- **Hardware**

- Hands-on experiences with Jetson AGX Orin, Jetson AGX Xavier, Jetson Nano, Jetson TX2, Jetson Xavier NX, Raspberry Pi, camera, mobile robot, 3D printer, energy monitor, and robotic arm.

➤ **Others**

- Fluent in English and Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin).
- Team-spirited, diligent, responsible, open-minded, and self-motivated.

## **Service**

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➤ **Journal Reviewer**

- ISA Transactions, Ocean Engineering, Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing, Journal of Automobile Engineering, Journal of Engineering Manufacture, The Journal of Supercomputing.

➤ **Journal Editor**

- Computers and Artificial Intelligence Oct. 2024- Sep. 2027

➤ **Volunteer**

- Reviewer in Poster Presentation Competition in Discover USC 2024 2024
- Load shoe boxes onto a trailer (shoe boxes filled with supplies and toys to be distributed to children around the world by Samaritan's Purse). 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024