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## Education

Ph.D., Industrial and Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 08/2023  
Thesis Title: Computational Simulation and Machine Learning for Quality Improvement in Composites Assembly  
Advisor: Dr. Xiaowei Yue

M.S., Materials Science and Engineering, University of California, San Diego, CA 12/2011

B.S., Engineering Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 05/2010

## Academic Appointments

*Clinical Assistant Professor* 08/2023-present  
Management Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

## Other Positions and Employment

*Engineering Supervisor*, REI Automation, Columbia, SC 2018-2019

*Controls Engineer*, REI Automation, Columbia, SC 2015-2018

*R&D Engineer*, Axelgaard Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Fallbrook, CA 2012-2015

## Honors and Awards

Student Travel Award 4/2021  
NAMRC 49 / MSEC 2021

NSF Student Support Award 04/2021  
QPRC

Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Finalist 05/2020

ISE Graduate Fellowship, Virginia Tech Fall 2019  
- Spring 2020

## Educational Activities

### Teaching Activities in Programs and Courses

*Instructor*, Operations Management (MGSC 395), University of South Carolina Fall 2023  
*Teaching Assistant*, Economic Evaluation of Industrial Projects (ISE 5434), Virginia Tech Spring 2022  
*Teaching Assistant*, Machine Learning for System Intelligence (ISE 5984), Virginia Tech Fall 2021  
*Teaching Assistant*, Project Management and System Design (ISE 4005/4006), Virginia Tech Spring 2020  
*Teaching Assistant*, Experimental Techniques (MAE 170), University of California, San Diego Fall 2019  
*Teaching Assistant*, Experimental Techniques (MAE 170), University of California, San Diego Fall 2011

### Scholarship

#### Peer-reviewed publications

**Tim Lutz**, Xiaowei Yue, and Jaime Camelio. "Towards a Digital Twin: Simulation and Residual Stress Analysis in Aerospace Composite Structures Assembly." *International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference*. Vol. 85819. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2022.

Areej AlBahar, Inyoung Kim, **Tim Lutz**, and Xiaowei Yue. "Stress-Aware Optimal Placement of Actuators for Ultra-High Precision Quality Control of Composite Structures Assembly." *2022 IEEE 18th International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*. IEEE, 2022.

Yinhua Liu, Wenzheng Zhao, **Tim Lutz**, and Xiaowei Yue. "Task allocation and coordinated motion planning for autonomous multi-robot optical inspection systems." *Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing*, pages 1–14, 2021.

#### Working Papers

**Tim Lutz**, Yinan Wang, Xiaowei Yue, Jaime Camelio. "Reinforcement Learning for Fuselage Shape Control during Aircraft Assembly."

Yinan Wang, **Tim Lutz**, Juan Du, and Xiaowei Yue. "SmartFixture: Physics-guided Reinforcement Learning for Automatic Fixture Layout Design in Manufacturing Systems."

#### Presentations, Posters & Abstracts

**Tim Lutz**, Xiaowei Yue, and Jaime Camelio. "Towards a Digital Twin: Simulation and Residual Stress Analysis in Aerospace Composite Structures Assembly." *International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference 2022*.

**Tim Lutz.** Digital Twin Development and Maximum Stress Prediction for Composite Fuselage Assembly. Poster presented at the *Quality and Productivity Research Conference*, 2021, Tallahassee, FL.

### **Editorial Responsibilities**

IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering, Reviewer      2021, 2022, 2023

### **Professional Development**

FANUC, *HandlingTool Operation and Programming* (robot programming)      2018

ePLAN, *ePLAN P8 Basic Training* (electrical CAD)      2017

Siemens, *TIA Portal Programming 1* (PLC programming)      2015

Cognex, *In-sight Spreadsheet Standard* (machine vision)      2014