

## Ram Padmanabhan

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### EDUCATION

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**  
Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Melkior Ornik

Urbana, IL, USA  
August 2023 — Present

**University of Michigan**  
M.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Advisor: Prof. Peter Seiler

Ann Arbor, MI, USA  
August 2021 — April 2023

**PES University**  
B. Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering  
Advisors: Prof. Rajini Makam and Prof. Koshy George  
Capstone Project: *Adaptive Iterative Learning Control*

Bengaluru, India  
August 2017 — June 2021

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Journal Articles:

- [1] **R. Padmanabhan** and P. Seiler, “[Analysis of Gradient Descent with Varying Step Sizes using Integral Quadratic Constraints](#),” accepted to *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, 2024.
- [2] **R. Padmanabhan**, R. Makam, and K. George, “[Multiple Estimation Models for Discrete-time Adaptive Iterative Learning Control](#),” *International Journal of Systems Science*, 55(10), pp. 2154–2171, 2024.
- [3] **R. Padmanabhan**, M. Shetty, and T. S. Chandar, “[Discrete Robust Control of Robot Manipulators using an Uncertainty and Disturbance Estimator](#),” *Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement and Control*, 145(5): 051022, May 2023.
- [4] **R. Padmanabhan**, M. Shetty, and T. S. Chandar, “[Discrete-Time Design and Applications of Uncertainty and Disturbance Estimator](#),” *International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control*, 31(10), pp. 4994–5015, Jul. 2021.

#### Conference Papers:

- [5] **R. Padmanabhan**, C. Bakker, S. A. Dinkar, and M. Ornik, “How Much Reserve Fuel: Quantifying the Maximal Energy Cost of System Disturbances,” in *2024 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Milan, Italy, Dec. 2024.
- [6] **R. Padmanabhan**, M. Bhushan, K. K. Hebbar, R. Makam, and K. George, “[Second-Level Adaptation and Optimization for Multiple Model Adaptive Iterative Learning Control](#),” in *2021 Seventh Indian Control Conference*, Mumbai, India, Dec. 2021, pp. 289–294.
- [7] S. Damodaran, **R. Padmanabhan**, R. Maahin, and S. Gurugopinath, “[A Copula-Driven Unsupervised Learning Framework for Anomaly Detection with Multivariate Heterogeneous Data](#),” in *2021 IEEE 31st International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing*, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, Oct. 2021.
- [8] **R. Padmanabhan**, M. Bhushan, K. K. Hebbar, R. Makam, and K. George, “[A Novel Strategy with Multiple Models to Improve Performance of Adaptive Iterative Learning Control](#),” in *2021 IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Computing and Communication Technologies (CONECCT)*, Bengaluru, India, Jul. 2021.
- [9] **R. Padmanabhan**, S. Damodaran, V. N. Batra, and S. Gurugopinath, “[A Convolutional Neural Network Architecture for Camera Model Identification with Small Datasets](#),” in *2020 IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Computing and Communication Technologies (CONECCT)*, Bengaluru, India, Jul. 2020.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Joan and Lalit Bahl Fellowship	August 2024 — May 2025
Prof. CNR Rao Merit Scholarship	August 2017 — May 2020
Prof. MRD Merit Scholarship	August 2017 — May 2020

## TEACHING

<b>Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan</b> <i>EECS 460 — Control System Analysis and Design</i> Held two discussion sessions each week, with teaching evaluations among the University's highest.	Ann Arbor, MI, USA January — April 2023
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<b>Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan</b> <i>EECS 301 — Probabilistic Methods in Engineering</i> Held two discussion sessions each week, with teaching evaluations among the University's highest.	Ann Arbor, MI, USA August — December 2022
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## MENTORING

<b>Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)</b>	August 2024 — May 2025
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<b>Promoting Undergraduate Research in Engineering (PURE)</b> Mentored a group of three undergraduates at UIUC in investigating the performance of different nonlinear Kalman filters on the problem of battery state-of-charge estimation. (One student subsequently joined our primary research group.)	August — December 2023
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## EXPERIENCE

<b>Research Intern, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay</b> <i>Systems and Control Engineering</i> Used feedback linearization to achieve an upwind climb in gliding unmanned aerial vehicles with various wind gradient models, avoiding heavy computations from optimal control formulations.	Mumbai, India December 2020 — May 2021
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<b>Research Intern, Indian Space Research Organization</b> <i>Control and Digital Electronics Group</i> Studied the properties of the Linear and Ensemble Kalman Filter, applied to a one- and three-dimensional motion estimation problem.	Bengaluru, India June — July 2019
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## PEER REVIEWER

IEEE Conference on Decision and Control	2024 —
Automatica	2023 —
IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics	2023 —
IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics	2024 —

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

<b>Northwestern University, Midwest Workshop on Control and Game Theory</b> <i>How Much Reserve Fuel: Quantifying the Maximal Energy Cost of System Disturbances</i>	Evanston, IL, USA April 2024
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<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> <i>Analysis of Gradient Descent with Varying Step Sizes using IQCs</i> [Online]	Berkeley, CA, USA February 2023
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<b>PES University</b> <i>Discrete-Time Design and Applications of Uncertainty and Disturbance Estimator</i>	Bengaluru, India April 2021
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## MEMBERSHIPS

**Graduate Student Member:** IEEE; IEEE Control Systems Society; IEEE Signal Processing Society