

Unmanned Systems Planning and Control based on Bionic Swarm Movement

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This talk presents swarm control for self-organized system with fixed and switching topologies. The generation strategy, motion control law of a novel leader-follower relation-invariable persistent formation (RIPF), which is a kind of distance-based directed formation for multi-agent systems (MASs), will be discussed. An efficient algorithm is designed to find out if a persistent formation can be generated from a rigid graph. Derived from the properties of a rigid graph, an algorithm to generate a RIPF from any initial location is presented. The communication topology is automatically generated based on RIPF. With the selected minimum agent-movement RIPF, lastly, a control law is designed to drive this initial RIPF to the desired RIPF with given distances among agents. Simulation results show the proposed generative method, control law, and downward-tree are effective to realize the desired formation.

Short Bio for C. L. Philip Chen



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