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This dissertation represents a culmination of Philip Twu's doctoral research at the Georgia Robotics and Intelligent Systems (GRITS) Lab from Fall 2008 to Spring 2012. Jointly, the tools support a multi-agent system design methodology that is showcased through examples in three program domains: air traffic merging and spacing beneath the FAA's NextGen system, collaborative multi-UAV convoy safety in dynamic conditions, and an educational device for teaching robotics at the graduate level. In particular, it presents a suite of tools that he had developed which fit into various stages of the multi-agent system design process: ranging from initial network design, to local execution using decentralized coordination strategies. It's the author's firm belief that as autonomous and unmanned systems become significantly affordable, commonplace, and reliable soon, that the ideas which are presented right here will significantly contribute towards transitioning multi-agent systems from the lab to becoming a fundamental element of our everyday lives.



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