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#### **EDUCATION**

# Qazvin Azad University (QIAU) - 2011-2016

Bachelor's Degree of Science in Software Engineering

- Ranked among top 6 in entrance exam in more than 500 participants.
- Project: Soccer Field Object Detection using Convolutional Neural Network

# National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET) - 2004-2011

High School - Diploma in Mathematics and Physics Discipline

- Admitted over thousand of applicants.
- GPA: 16.60/20

# **WORKING EXPERIENCES**

# Nao<sup>1</sup> Biped Lab.<sup>2</sup>, QIAU - Team Leader

Since November 2015

 Managing team of 15 working on Nao biped robots in order to participate in RoboCup Competition.

# Negar Affarin Barajin (NAB³), Tehran, Iran- Chief Technology Officer

Since October 2015

- Creating 3D model from 2D images/videos.
- Managing a team of 5 on development and maintenance of To3D.net website and engine.

#### **QGrid Lab., QIAU** - Development Team Member

2013 - 2015

- QGrid is a grid computing project based on BOINC<sup>4</sup> platform and producing 10 TFlops computational power.
- Searching over 15 framework available for Grid and Cluster processing.
- Implementation of BOINC on about 100 computers to recycle the dead time of office computers.

#### Nao Biped Lab., QIAU - Computer Vision Team

Since November 2011

 Working in a team of 12 on biped robot vision in order to detect objects on a standard soccer field.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aldebaran Nao Robot : http://www.aldebaran.com/en/humanoid-robot/nao-robot

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://mrl-spl.ir/

<sup>3</sup> http://to3d.net/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing

# **SELECTED PROJECTS**

# Shifting Organizational Culture and a Democratic Adaptation of Agile Software Engineering Paradigms for Research - Mechatronics Research Laboratories<sup>5</sup>, QIAU -- 2016

- Adapting a combination of SCRUM and XP software development processes and team management systems for Research Labs and implementing it in Nao Biped Lab. which later followed by other MRL Labs.
- Designing a human resource management and recruiting framework for Nao Biped Lab.

#### To3D.Net - NAB, SRC.Systems -- 2015

- Implementing an automatic engine to create 3D models from sets of images/videos of an object at any scale using photogrammetry techniques.
- Developing a website for offering the mentioned service publicly.

# Soccer Field Object Recognition - Nao biped Lab., QIAU -- 2015

- Detecting every object in a soccer field such as goal posts, field and lines, robots, and ball utilizing machine learning.
- Implementation of detection module for a VGA camera for real-time application in tight computation constraints.
- Designing a Convolutional Neural Network to recognize objects in a dynamic environment, independent from lighting.

#### **Green SRC** - SRC.Systems -- 2015

- This project makes buildings more intelligent so that they can interact more with the individuals and be more energy efficient.
- The system learns the human reactions, preferences and behavior and tries to manipulate environment parameters according to these information..

### Overt Visual Attention Control in Soccer - Nao biped Lab., QIAU -- 2014

• Calculating of the best direction to look/go based on previous observations

#### Environment Modeling in a Soccer Game - Nao biped Lab., QIAU -- 2013

- Estimation, filtering and tracking position and prediction of detected objects.
- Constructing a model of the world by Bayesian approaches like particle filter.
- Track robot self location using particle filter algorithms.

#### **Semi-Automatic Sensor Calibration** - Nao biped Lab., QIAU -- 2012

• Calibration of camera and gyro sensor displacement using Gauss-Newton optimization method. Calibrations are used for determining the object's position.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

#### Recipient of Scholarship from QIAU

Since 2011.

#### **Technical Committee of RoboCup Iran Open**

Since 2015

#### Make it up to Quarter Final in World RoboCup Championship

Standard Platform League, João Pessoa, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://mrl.ir/

# 3rd place of RoboCup German Open

Standard Platform League, Magdeburg, 2014.

## 1st place of RoboCup Iran Open

Standard Platform League, Tehran, 2012, 2013, 2014.

# Participating to World RoboCup Championship

Standard Platform League, since 2012.

# **SELECTED PUBLICATION**

- Overt Visual Attention Control for Humanoid Robots, (in preparation).
- Aref Moqadam Mehr, et al. MRL-SPL 2016 Team Description Paper (TDP), RoboCup 2016 Leipzig, Germany.
- Aref Moqadam Mehr, Novin Shahroudi. A Debugger Tool for Vision on Humanoid Framework. Iran Open 2013 5th International Symposium - IEEE indexed. April - 2013
- Majid Lashgarian, Mohammad Shafiei R. N., Mohammad Ali Zakeri Harandi, Aref Moqadam Mehr, et al., MRL-SPL 2013 Team
   Description Paper (TDP), RoboCup 2013 Eindhoven, Netherlands.
- Ehsan Hashemi, Maani Ghaffari Jadidi, Mostafa Yaghobi, Aref
  Moqadam Mehr, et al., MRL-SPL Code Release and Team Report

#### **TALKS**

#### An Efficient Graph-Based Image Segmentation

Qazvin Islamic Azad University - 2015

#### **Scrum Software Engineering**

Qazvin Islamic Azad University - 2014

#### **Active Vision and Head motion**

Iran Open Innovation Challenge - 2014

#### **Object Oriented Analysis and Design**

Qazvin Islamic Azad University - 2014

# A Debugger Tool for Vision on Humanoid Framework

Iran Open Symposium - 2013

# **SKILLS**

**Natural Languages:** Persian (Native), English(Very Fluent), Spanish (Beginner), German, Turkish

**Social Skills:** Human Resource Management, Executive Planning, Working with variant personalities, Interviewing applicants.

**Methodologies:** Machine Learning (SVM, NN, ConvNet, Bayesian Filters), Photogrammetry, Grid Based Searches, Swarm Optimization, Gradient Descent

**Programming Languages:** C/C++ (expert), MATLAB (expert), PHP, C#, Python, Shell Script, MySQL

**Technologies & Libraries:** V4L, V4L2, BOINC, OpenGL, OpenMVG, OpenCV, OpenMP, OpenCL

**SDK/API:** BOINC, Qt SDK, .Net, Android SDK

IDE/Applications: MATLAB, GDB, Subversion, Git, Eclipse, Qt Creator, Visual

Studio, Vim, Android Studio

# **REFERENCES**

**Omid AmirGhiasvand**, Managing Director of Research Centers, QIAU, amirghiasvand@qiau.ac.ir