# AYBERK YARANERI

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#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering GPA: 3.43/4.00

Minor in Computer Science

#### TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

**Programming Languages:** C++, Python, MATLAB, Java

Tools: Git, Vim, GDB, Clang, TensorFlow, Keras, OpenVino

Other Competencies: Linux Command Line, LaTeX

# **EXPERIENCE**

## Illinois Applied Research Institute

February 2019 - September 2019

2018 - 2022

Robotics Developer

- · Assisted in the development of autonomous multirotor UAVs intended for a simulated reconnaissance mission utilizing convolutional neural networks for detection and tracking of ground ajents.
- · Conducted transfer learning on various objec t detection networks such as Faster R-CNN, SSD, and YOLO.
- · Optimized trained neural networks using the OpenVino toolkit to run on an Intel Movidius Neural Computer Stick for accelerated on-oard inference.
- · Configured Raspberry Pi computers to work with the Movidius NCS and transmit observations as Mavlink messages through the Pixhawk flight controller's telemetry connection.
- · Wrote code to automate data collection and labelling which expedited the training process.

#### LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

# NASA Student Launch Rocketry Competition

September 2018 - Present

Chief Engineer of Payload

- · Collaborating with Project Manager in leading the development of an air deployed autonomous quadrotor tasked to collect a simulated ice sample.
- · Implementing computer vision algorithms in C++ which will detect and guide the UAV towards ice retrieval site.
- · Applying software-in-the-loop methods using Ardupilot-SITL and Gazebo to thoroughly test corner cases and validate software reliability.

## NASA Midwest High Power Rocketry Competition

September 2018 - September 2019

Avionics Team Lead

- · Lead an all-freshman team in developing an avionics package tasked to collect performance data of a supersonic high powered rocket.
- · Embedded a Raspberry Pi Zero as the primary flight computer which utilized I2C and SPI communication protocols to acquire data from on-board sensors.
- · Assigned and oversaw the development of flight software written in Python for all sub systems.
- · Coordinated the development and assembly of a printed circuit board allowing for a more streamlined design.

## Spaceport America Cup Rocketry Competition

September 2018 - June 2019

Avionics Team Member

- · Lead the development of an on-board flight computer designed to actuate external control surfaces for roll control and active drag manipulation.
- · Embedded an Atmega328P microcontroller and wrote flight software implementing a closed loop PID controller.
- · Designed a printed circuit board that served as the primary structural member of the flight computer.
- · Assisted in the development of Wi-Fi enbaled solid state switches using ESP8266 microcontrollers to wirelessly toggle power to onboard systems.