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Experience

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Robotics Research Intern

Jun 2025 – Aug 2025 — Monterey, CA

- Implemented “Z-Splat” RGB–Sonar sensor fusion for Gaussian Splatting
- Led the collection of real-world sonar and RGB monacam data
- Curated simulated data using The Stanford 3D Scanning Repository
- Presented research at the MBARI intern symposium

NASA JSC ELECTRO-OPTICS LABORATORY

Optical Navigation Software Engineer Intern

May 2024 – Aug 2024 — Houston, TX

- Developed calibration tool for intrinsic parameters of Artemis II flight cameras
- Generated camera calibration datasets for testing
- Facilitated checkerboard and ChArUco board calibration tests vs. star field
- Networked across NASA divisions to enable collaboration

NASA JSC SENSS LABORATORY

GN&C Development and Testing Intern

Jan 2024 – Aug 2024 — Houston, TX

- Tested LIDAR-based hazard detection, safe site identification, and safe site selection in real-time HWIL
- Developed test plan for evaluating machine vision-based GN&C algorithms
- Conducted experimental test campaign to evaluate active terrain relative navigation algorithms
- Built PID for manual gimbal control with auxiliary IMU using Raspberry Pi UART and SBUS circuit design

NASA JSC HIVE LABORATORY

Autonomous Rover & Augmented Reality Spacesuits Intern

Aug 2023 – Dec 2023 — Houston, TX

- Developed rover’s autonomous navigation system with obstacle avoidance
- Created a tessellated map to facilitate autonomous navigation using ROS and RGBD video feed
- Programmed umbilical interface assembly to simulate life support systems
- Improved a telemetry stream that displays rover telemetry, location / GPS data, and speed
- Physically tested designs on a simulated Mars terrain field

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA – NSF REU

UAS GN&C Research Intern

May 2023 – Aug 2023 — Norman, OK

- Trained and used a YOLOv8 model for real-time UAS detection, tracking, and relative localization
- Used OpenCV to estimate position, velocity, and attitude from camera data
- Designed a formation control strategy for managing UAS swarm movements
- Validated controls via simulation & UAS flight tests (DroneDome at OU)
- Conducted real-world tests at the UASIPP site for further system performance

PROFESSOR DENNIS DELGADO (SPAS AT RIT)

Computer Vision Engineer - Studio Assistant

Oct. 2022 – May 2023 — Rochester, NY

- Applied PCA to extract eigenfaces from face-net outputs on film frames
- Implemented sparse/dense optical flow and delta-frame motion detection

Education

Oregon State University

Robotics Ph.D. (**GRA**)

Advisor: G. Hollinger

Robot Decision Making Lab

Rochester Institute of Technology

B.S. in Computer Science

SUNY Adirondack

Early College Career Academy

Networking / Cyber Security

Cochise College

Intelligence Operations Studies

Skills

Programming / Toolsets:

Python, ROS(2), Linux, Git, C++,
C, SQL, Java, Lisp, Matlab, Simulink,
Unreal Engine, Arduino

Frameworks / Libraries:

Gaussian Splatting, OpenCV,
TensorFlow, PyTorch, scikit-learn,
NumPy, Pandas, Simulators

Professional:

Communication, Teamwork, Military
Briefing, Research Proposal,
Collaboration, Self-Motivation,
Passionate

Leadership & Activities

NASA Tours & Lectures Astronaut
Chair

NASA Fish Committee President

RIT Robotics, AI, and Space

Exploration Clubs

OSU & RIT Div. 1 League of Legends

E-Sports Athlete

Projects

Monocular Vision-Based Control of UAS
Swarm (NSF-REU)

Gesture-based UAV Control via
EMG+IMU (Undergrad)

SLAM Integration for Autonomous
UAVs (Independent)

Experiment adding SMOTE to CNN
Net Traffic ID (Undergrad)

Fashion MNIST Classifier w/
TensorFlow CNN (ML)

OpenCV Motion Detector / Object
Tracking / Optical Flow (Personal)