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# **Professional Experience**

### Student Assistant, (Fraunhofer IPA)

**Stuttgart, DE** 08/2024 - present

- Preparing datasets by auto-labeling defects in high-resolution manufacturing component images using models like YOLOv5, SAM, and SAM2 for bounding box and mask generation.
- Optimized the labeling workflow to improve efficiency, ensuring high-quality labels for training defect detection models.

### **Internship**, (Bosch Center for Artificial Intelligence)

Renningen, DE 11/2023 - 04/2024

- Developed and integrated new robustness metrics to evaluate the impact of object-centric data changes on perception models.
- Benchmarked detection accuracy and robustness of perception models in autonomous driving scenarios, utilizing vision transformers like StreamPETR, FAR3D, and FIERY (static and temporal)
- Simulated real-world variations in the nuScenes dataset with corruptions (e.g. Gaussian noise, frost) and instance manipulations (e.g. object scaling from  $1.0 \times$  to  $2.0 \times$ ), achieving 100% object isolation accuracy for precise data processing.
- $\bullet$  Leveraged NVIDIA A100 and V100 GPUs for evaluation, reducing inference time by up to 40% while identifying key corner cases in model performance.

### Working Student, (Daimler Truck AG)

**Stuttgart, DE** 02/2023 - 10/2023

- ullet Enhanced MoLaSim (in-house engine mount analysis tool) by integrating VBA scripts, improving the analysis speed by 25%and enhancing the user interface, resulting in a 15% increase in usability based on internal feedback.
- Automated Simpack (multi-body simulation tool) workflows by creating custom Python scripts, reducing data export time by 30%, and improving data accuracy by 10%, leading to more efficient simulations in daily operations.

#### Student Assistant, (Fraunhofer IPA)

**Stuttgart, DE** 04/2023 - 09/2023

- Conducted comprehensive literature research and analyzed data from over 50 sources to forecast commodity price trends.
- $\bullet$  Engineered a Python-based dashboard for transport route monitoring, integrating real-time data from 10+ sources and enhancing system functionality by 30%.
- $\bullet$  Independently developed a route planning module that reduced transport planning time by 20% and improved route optimization by 15%.

# Student Assistant, (Greenteam Uni Stuttgart)

**Stuttgart, DE** 11/2022 - 03/2023

- Contributed to developing a driverless race car for international Formula Student Electric competitions.
- Implemented vehicle pose estimation using perception data through C++ and ROS2.
- $\bullet$  Enhanced a landmark-based pose-graph mapping system, enhancing the precision of vehicle localization by 20%

### Student Research Assistant, (Universität Stuttgart IPV)

**Stuttgart, DE** 01/2022 - 09/2022

- Designed and simulated equivalent circuit models of Li-ion batteries using MatLab/Simulink, achieving a 95% correlation with experimental data.
- Implemented and evaluated multiple algorithms for estimating State of Charge (SoC) and State of Health (SoH) degradation.
- Characterized and parameterized Li-ion cells across a temperature range of  $-20^{\circ}C$  to  $+60^{\circ}C$  using Distribution of Relaxation Time (DRT) from synthetic Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) data.

#### Education

# MSc Electrical Engineering Universität Stuttgart

**Stuttgart, DE** *2021-2024* 

Grade: 2.3 (Tentative)

Master's Thesis: "Soft Labeling in Advanced Data Augmentation Strategies for Image Classification Training"

BTech Electronics and Communication Engineering GGSIP University (MAIT)

Delhi, IN 2017-2021

Grade: 8.98

# **Publications**

# Towards a Practical Evaluation of Adversarial Robustness of Machine Learning Classifiers Proceeding IMECE 2024

- Developed a novel adversarial distance estimation algorithm using iterative attacks that achieved up to 30-40% tighter perturbation bounds compared to traditional methods like DeepFool, significantly improving the accuracy of robustness evaluation across 500+ test samples in image classification tasks.
- Performed extensive parameterization and ablation studies across three norm distances  $(L_1, L_2, L_\infty)$ , with over 20% reduction in computation time compared to existing methods.
- $\bullet$  Presented at IMECE 2024 (ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition), showcasing research that led to up to 50% better adversarial distance estimates, validated on large-scale machine learning datasets.

# Design of Circularly polarized irregular octagonal shaped and dumbbell slotted planar and conformal patch antenna

#### SCI 2021

- Designed and simulated circularly polarized planar and conformal patch antennas with octagonal and dumbbell slot geometries, optimizing polarization and impedance bandwidth for high-frequency communication.
- Published in **SCI 2021**, highlighting the antenna design's ability to maintain robust circular polarization and meet performance targets in planar and conformal configurations.

# Skills

- **Programming and Software Development:** Python, Matlab, C++, Git, Simulink, ROS2 (Robot Operating System), Linux, VBA
- Machine Learning and Computer Vision: PyTorch, Tensorflow, AWS Sagemaker, IBM LSF, Image processing, Object Detection
- Tools and Platforms: StreamLit, Autodesk Fusion 360, Solidworks, SimPack

# **Projects**

# Structured Comparison of Metrics to Evaluate the Robustness of Image Classification Models. (Forschungsarbeit) github.com/forschungsarbeit

- Developed and evaluated robustness metrics (Adversarial Distance and CLEVER Score) on WideResNet models trained with the CIFAR-10 dataset, demonstrating upper and lower bounds using the Lipschitz Continuity principle.
- Implemented an early-stopping Projected Gradient Descent algorithm using CleverHans, reducing adversarial attack iterations by 50% while maintaining model accuracy.
- Analyzed adversarial robustness of image classifiers using  $L_{\infty}$  norm and CLEVER score, showing a 30% increase in resilience to adversarial attacks.

#### F450 Quadcopter (Major Project)

- Designed and constructed a stable Quadcopter with F450 frame characteristics capable of transporting a  $CO_2$ -containing payload for emergency response operations.
- Engineered the Quadcopter to maintain stability and flight performance under varying payload conditions, optimizing lift and control systems to support a payload of up to 2 kg.

#### Languages