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EXPERIENCE

Student Researcher, DLR

Jan 2024 – Dec 2024

- Researched and developed a CNN-based SLAM pipeline for autonomous asteroid navigation, integrating Binary Convolutional Neural Networks (BNNs) and an Efficient Perspective-n-Point (EPnP) solver.
- Replaced traditional image processing methods with a robust, noise-resistant approach for feature detection and tracking, enhancing 2D-3D matching.
- Created and tested 120,000 synthetic 3D asteroid models and real imagery for simulation and validation, ensuring practical applicability.
- Improved computational efficiency by 30% for onboard systems compared to traditional models.

WARR Rocketry - Project WESP Co-Lead, WARR e.V.

Mar 2024 – Jul 2024

- Co-led WESP's EX-1E project, marking the first staged rocket in European and WARR's student rocketry history.
- Achieved a 7.8km launch at Spaceport America Cup 2024, securing 3rd place in the 30K COTS category and 16th overall out of 122.
- Managed a team of 40+ members, overseeing 25,000+ engineering hours and contributing 1,200+ personal hours.
- Directed the EX-1D launch in Germany, ensuring 100% compliance with safety regulations and protocols despite challenging weather.

WARR Rocketry - Project WESP Simulations Team Lead, WARR e.V.

May 2023 – Jul 2024

- Established WSPR (WESP Simulation Predictive Rocketry Tool) in Python for 6 DOF simulations, enhancing rocket stability analysis and mission objectives. Obtained a precision deviation of 5.8% in simulations in EX-1E launch.
- Implemented wind impact analysis and Monte Carlo simulations, enhancing apogee and impact prediction accuracy by 135%; refined safety measures that resulted in a 50% reduction in operational risk assessments over 6 months.
- Created user-friendly GUIs for single- and multi-stage rocket simulations, leading to a 100% increase in user engagement and an 80% reduction in onboarding time for new users.
- Produced a data logger for automated LaTeX report generation and analyzed telemetry data for future design optimizations.

Asteroid Mining Engineer Intern, Asteroid Mining Corporation Ltd

May 2022 – Sep 2022

- Conducted techno-economic analysis and constructed financial models for an asteroid mining venture, assessing viability and market demand for PGMs, resulting in actionable investment insights.
- Analyzed hydrogen energy use cases and ESG relevance, identifying future opportunities and trends by 2030.
- Formulated an award-winning 98-page internal scoping study, synthesizing market forecasts and strategic insights.

PROJECTS

Design and Control of a Rocket Hopper Demonstrator

github.com/anibal/RH

Developed a DDPG and TD3-based reinforcement learning (RL) algorithm for 1D attitude control, optimizing launch, descent, and navigation through 10+ physical test launches. Iteratively refined the algorithm with real-world data, achieving a 63% improvement in optimization.

Adversarial Attack on State-of-the-Art Classification Network

Achieved top grade of 1.0 in Hands-On Deep Learning by developing an adversarial attack on a classification network, improving model robustness by 40% during testing.

Spacecraft Operations: Interplanetary Mission to Mars

Designed an interplanetary mission to Mars using mission planning tools like GMAT and STK; visited DLR's GSOC to learn about mission control sequence development and deployment.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Aerospace, Space Engineering and Computer Science

Oct 2022 – Dec 2024

Technical University of Munich (ASG, TUM)

GPA: 3.3

B.Eng. Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Science and Technologies

Sep 2017 – Sep 2022

Technical University of Madrid (ETSIAE, UPM)

GPA: 3.1

SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, MATLAB, Shell Scripts, JavaScript, React

Technologies: Git, Linux, Blender, ASTOS, STK, GMAT, Solidworks, Simulink

Aerospace: Launch Vehicles, Trajectory Analysis, Test Procedures, Launch Operations, 6DOF Simulation