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SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN · PH.D. CANDIDATE · GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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## Education

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### Florida Institute of Technology

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE: GPA - 4.0/4.0

- Research Interests: Formal Methods, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep and Transfer Learning, LLMs and Automation
- Dissertation: What is Common Knowledge Across Domains? Investigating Shared Representations in Transfer Learning (Advisor: Dr. Siddhartha Bhattacharyya)

Melbourne, Florida

January 2023 - May 2026

### Florida Institute of Technology

MASTER'S LEVEL COURSEWORK IN COMPUTER SCIENCE: GPA - 4.0/4.0

- Core subjects: Artificial Intelligence, Database Systems, Formal Methods, Advanced Software Engineering, Speech Recognition.

Melbourne, Florida

May 2022 - December 2023

## Skills

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### Programming

Java, C/C++, Python, Visual Basic, Bash, MATLAB, MySQL, MongoDB, LaTeX

### Web & API Development

Django, FastAPI, Node.js, PHP/Apache, REST APIs

### Frontend

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, React.js, JQuery

### Data Analytics

Jupyter, pandas, Dask, Statsmodels, Seaborn, MySQL Workbench, Neo4j, ElasticSearch

### Machine Learning Libraries

scikit-learn, XGBoost, OpenCV, nltk, pandas, scipy

### Deep Learning / LLMs

TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, Cuda, TensorRT, BERT, GPT, Hugging Face Transformers

### Formal Verification

NuSmv/NuXmv, Uppaal, AGREE, TLA+ - Coq (Class Projects)

### Robotics & Systems Engineering

Robot Operating System (ROS), AADL, SysML, Gazebo, RViz, Agile Software Development

### Other Tools

Docker, Git, Perforce, GitHub Actions, NLP Modules, SparkAR Studio, Android Studio, Arduino

### Project Tools

Jira, Trello, Miro, Notion, Slack, Teams

## Experience

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### ASSIST Research Lab, Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, FL

RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

- Working with a team of research professionals for formal methods of verification and run-time assurance, ML, IoT, robotics, and cyber security.
- Collaborating on NASA's **University Leadership Initiative (Round 8)** as part of a **Florida Tech**-led multi-university/industry team to develop a framework for **trustworthy, increasingly autonomous aviation safety systems**; partners include **Penn State, NC A&T State, UF, Stanford, Santa Fe College, Uni of New Mexico, Collins Aerospace, and ResilienX**; part of awards totaling up to \$20.7M over three years.
- Collaborating with **Collins Aerospace, Iowa State University, RTX Technologies Research Center (RTRC), and Smart Information Flow Technologies (SIFT)**, funded by **DARPA** with the task of formally modeling human cognitive behavior representation with respect to cyber-sickness in AR/VR systems.
- Advising a Ph.D. student on transfer learning, automated data labeling, and assurance frameworks for vision-based classification in autonomous aircraft systems funded by **NASA**, addressing safety and reliability challenges in aviation technologies.
- Collaborating with **Penn State University** on the application of **Large Language Model (LLM) translation** for cognitive architectures, focusing on enhancing the integration of LLMs to facilitate communication and knowledge transfer within cognitive systems.
- Contributed with **Critical Frequency Design**, funded by **Naval Air Systems Command**, with the task of developing a modeling approach for designing, maintaining, and supporting air and sea platform fiber optic communications technology.
- Collaborated with **Rockwell Collins and Soar Tech**, funded by **NASA** with the task of formally verifying the autonomous agent to assure safety as well as the logical correctness of the safety-critical system.
- Collaborated with **professors on the development of research proposals** on diverse topics, including cognitive agents on human behavior, the assurance of artificial intelligence in safety-critical systems, and the fine-tuning of LLMs for domain-specific queries.
- Investigated the development of a **cognitive-enhanced agent** for automatically piloting aircraft in dense urban environments which emphasized safe and reliable takeoff/landing among aerial traffic without human intervention.
- Developed an **autonomous aircraft perception system** for accurately detecting and labeling line markings on an airport taxiway.
- Presented **AssistTaxi**, a novel dataset for runway and taxiway analysis, contributing to autonomous operations.
- Advised **5 groups of computer science students** on the design, development, and deployment of software for their senior projects
- Mentored **undergraduate** and **high school students** on machine learning engineering approaches in the aerospace and systems domains, leading to **conference publications** that addressed real-world challenges in these fields.
- Assisted with the **formulation of quizzes and homework projects** for the courses: Python, Database Systems, Web Applications, Big Data and Management, and Software Metrics.
- Recognized with multiple honors and leadership roles, including **Outstanding Student of the Year** at Honors Convocation 2025, **Inducted Member of Phi Kappa Phi**, and **President of the Florida Tech Badminton Club**.

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| <b>Software and Systems Engineering, Avidyne</b>  | <i>Melbourne, FL</i>   |
| SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN   | <i>May 2025 – Present</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed and executed <b>end-to-end (E2E) test and evaluation (E2TE)</b> workflows for <b>aviation simulation software</b>, increasing test coverage across navigation, communication, and flight display systems by 25%.</li> <li>Developed, integrated, and debugged <b>C-based flight software modules</b> in the avionics stack, ensuring compliance with real-time, safety-critical, and DO-178C guidelines.</li> <li>Created and optimized <b>50+ system-level and flight-specific test cases</b> in simulation environments, reducing verification cycle time by 15%.</li> <li>Automated regression and validation processes by writing <b>Visual Basic and C test scripts</b>, accelerating simulation turnaround by 20%.</li> <li>Utilized <b>industry-standard tools</b>—Perforce (P4), Visual Studio, and proprietary avionics simulation frameworks—to streamline development and validation pipelines.</li> <li>Executed <b>hardware-in-the-loop simulations</b>, diagnosing and resolving execution issues to improve simulation-to-aircraft fidelity by 10%.</li> <li>Contributed to flight code development for Avidyne's <b>Quantum Open Avionics Platform</b>, supporting rapid prototyping of <b>customizable, next-generation avionics solutions</b>.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>L3Harris Institute for Assured Information, Florida Institute of Technology</b>  | <i>Melbourne, FL</i>   |
| GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT   | <i>May 2024 – July 2024</i>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed a <b>decentralized framework</b> enabling <b>multiple autonomous agents</b>—robotic dogs, drones, and mobile robots—to coordinate, communicate, and reach shared goals.</li> <li>Collaborated with <b>developers and professors</b> to rigorously test the system in both <b>simulation</b> and <b>real-world environments</b>.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>IRI Research, Florida Institute of Technology</b>  | <i>Melbourne, FL</i>   |
| GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT   | <i>May 2023 - August 2023</i>                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed and <b>implemented a framework using AI language models</b> to automatically extract software requirements from source code.</li> <li>Supervised and coordinated with undergraduate students towards the development process.</li> </ul>  |  |
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| <b>Publications</b>   |  |
| <b>Modular Test-time Input-Space Refinement for Few-Shot Segmentation</b>   | <i>Under Review</i>  |
| MAH KHAN, P GANERIWALA, A ALVAREZ AND S BHATTACHARYYA   | <i>IEEE Trans on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence</i> |
| <b>Surveying the Landscape of Transfer Learning: Common Knowledge and Beyond</b>  | <i>Under Review</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, N NEOGI AND S BHATTACHARYYA   | <i>IEEE Trans on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence</i>     |
| <b>An Exploratory Analysis on Auto-generating System Diagrams from the Natural Language</b>   | <i>Under Review</i>  |
| C CHAMBERS, P GANERIWALA, S MUELLER, S BHATTACHARYYA AND C SEN  | <i>IEEE Systems Journal</i>  |
| <b>Compositional Reasoning over System Architectures with Integrated Cognitive Model</b>  | <i>Under Review</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, C CHAMBERS, S BHATTACHARYYA, I AMUNDSON, AND J BABAR  | <i>IEEE SysCon 2026</i>  |
| <b>A Multi-Dataset Effectiveness Analysis using IPAssess</b>  | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| A DHANAWADE, P GANERIWALA, AND S BHATTACHARYYA  | <i>ISAIM 2026</i>  |
| <b>AssistTaxi-v2: A Scalable Dataset for Taxiway/Runway Scene Understanding Under Diverse Conditions</b>  | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, MAH KHAN, A ALVAREZ, S BHATTACHARYYA, N NEOGI AND S LEHMAN  | <i>AIAA SciTech 2026</i>   |
| <b>Explainable Assurance through Compositional Verification with Cognitive Models</b>   | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, C CHAMBERS, S BHATTACHARYYA, AND J BABAR  | <i>IEEE RTSS/ESRA 2025</i>   |
| <b>Evaluating LLM Translation for Prompt-Enhanced ACT-R and Soar Models</b>   | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, S WU, S BHATTACHARYYA AND F RITTER  | <i>BRIMS 2025</i>  |
| <b>Enabling Formal Verification in a Common Model of Cognition</b>  | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| P GANERIWALA, M MATSUMURO, F RITTER AND S BHATTACHARYYA   | <i>BRIMS 2025</i>  |
| <b>Integrating Reconfigurable Accelerators with Quantum Computing</b>   | <i>Accepted</i>  |
| PRATIBHA, P GANERIWALA AND N MAHMUD   | <i>IEEE QCE QCORE Workshop 2025</i>                                |

**Adapt, But Don't Forget: Fine-Tuning and Contrastive Routing for Lane Detection under Distribution Shift**

Accepted

MAH KHAN, P GANERIWALA, S LEHMAN, A ALVAREZ, S BHATTACHARYYA AND N NEOGI

ICCV2COOOL Workshop 2025

**AI Driven Differentiation and Quantification of Metal Ions Using ITIES Electrochemical Sensors**

Accepted

M AHMED, P GANERIWALA, A SAVVIDOU, N BREEN, S BHATTACHARYYA, P PATHIRATHNA

*Journal of Sensor and Actuator Networks* 2025

**FLAIR: Few-Shot Learning for Grapheme Recognition in Ancient Scripts**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA AND D MITRA

CVPR SINT4CH Workshop 2025

**Few-Shot Learning for Grapheme Recognition in Ancient Scripts**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA AND D MITRA

*ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage* 2025

**Can Someone Prove Your Operator Won't Get Distracted? A Gentle Introduction to Formal Methods in Human Factors**

Accepted

S GILBERT, P GANERIWALA, J LATHROP, A NEWENDORP, S FIEFFER, P WU, I AMUNDSON, C CHAMBERS, A KOHL, S KHAN, M SANAEI, J BABAR, T WANG, D MUSLINER, R GOLDMAN, J GOTTLIEB, S GILBERT, E WINER, M DORNEICH AND S BHATTACHARYYA

HFES 2025

**Modeling and Formal Analysis of High-Assurance Mixed-Reality Systems**

Accepted

I AMUNDSON, J BABAR, H HERENCIA-ZAPANA, S F ROLLINI, B BRUSSEE, P WU, T WANG, D MUSLINER, R GOLDMAN, J GOTTLIEB, A NEWENDORP, A KOHL, S FIEFFER, S KHAN, M SANAEI, M MUSCALA, S GILBERT, E WINER, M DORNEICH, J LATHROP, P GANERIWALA, C CHAMBERS AND S BHATTACHARYYA

AIAA DATC/IEEE DASC 2025

**Systems Engineering with Architecture Modeling, Formal Verification and Human Interactions for Learning-Enabled Autonomous Agent**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, R JONES, M MATESSA, S BHATTACHARYYA, J DAVIS, S ROLLINI, H PUROHIT, N NEOGI

*INCOSE Systems Journal*

**Design and Validation of Adaptive Learning-Enabled Increasingly Autonomous Systems**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, M MATESSA, S BHATTACHARYYA, R JONES, J DAVIS, P KAUR, S ROLLINI, N NEOGI

IEEE SysCon 2025

**Automating Physics-Based Reasoning for SysML Model Validation**

Accepted

C CHAMBERS, S MUELLER, P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA AND C SEN

IEEE SysCon 2025

**Runway vs. Taxiway: Challenges in Automated Line Identification and Notation Approaches**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, A ALVAREZ, A ALQAHTANI, S BHATTACHARYYA, MAH KHAN, N NEOGI

IEEE SysCon 2025

**Exploring Machine Learning Engineering for Object Detection and Tracking by Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)**

Accepted

A GUNA, P GANERIWALA, AND S BHATTACHARYYA

IEEE ICMLA 2024

**ALINA: Automated Line Identification and Notation Algorithm**

Accepted

MA H KHAN, P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA, N NEOGI AND R MUTHALAGU

CVPR VDU Workshop 2024

**AssistTaxi: A Comprehensive Dataset for Taxiway Analysis and Autonomous Ops**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA, S GUNTHER, B KISH, MA H KHAN, A DHADOTI AND N NEOGI

IEEE ICMLA 2023

**Towards Knowledge Extraction and Parsing of XML Metadata for SysML System Architecture Modeling**

Accepted

C CHAMBERS, P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA, C SEN AND N NUR

IEEE UEMCON 2023

**Automated Framework to Extract Software Requirements from Source Code**

Accepted

C MISKELL, R DIAZ, P GANERIWALA, K SLHOUB, F NEMBHARD

ACM NLPIR 2023

**Assuring Learning-Enabled Increasingly Autonomous Systems (ALEIAS)**

Accepted

N NARAYAN, P GANERIWALA, R JONES, M MATESSA, S BHATTACHARYYA, J DAVIS, H PUROHIT AND S ROLLINI

IEEE SysCon 2023

**IPAssess: A Protocol-Based Fingerprinting Model for Device Identification in IoT**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, S NANDANWAR, A GUPTA, S BHATTACHARYYA AND R MUTHALAGU

SAI IntelliSys 2023

**Cross Dataset Analysis with Network Architecture Repair for Transfer Learning**

Accepted

P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA, R MUTHALAGU AND N NEOGI

IEEE T-IV 2023

**Functional Reasoning of System Architecture in the System Modeling Language (SysML) With XML Representation**

Accepted

C CHAMBERS, P GANERIWALA, C SEN AND S BHATTACHARYYA

ASME IDETC-CIE 2023

**Modeling IoT Behavior for Enforcing Security and Privacy Policies**

Accepted

A GUPTA, D CAMPOS, A DCOSTA, P GANERIWALA, S BHATTACHARYYA AND T OCONNOR

SAI Computing Conference 2022

**Towards Generating System Arch and Formal Functional Description in AADL**

Accepted

A CHAUHAN, P GANERIWALA, C SEN AND S BHATTACHARYYA

ASME IDETC-CIE 2022