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Relevant Work Experience

Georgia State University, Nuclear Physics Group

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Lead Hardware Developer

January 2014 – present

Design for prototype and manufacture, assemble, and test hardware (EE, layout, and 3D CAD for HV, RF, High-Speed, microcontroller circuits) and software (web stack and embedded development using C, C++, JS with source control (Git, CVS)) with documentation. Manage servers and computing resources (Scientific, Debian, Centos, Arch). Mentor and teach undergraduate physics students hardware skills. Direct hardware team, make critical design decisions. Take shift at PHENIX, and beamtests.

Projects

- *MPPC power supply*: Precision high voltage boost converter with SPI control coupled with 24-bit ADC for temperature and bias read-back providing closed loop control.
- *MPPC sensor boards*: Small (25mm × 7mm) high speed (500Mhz-10Ghz) pre-amplifying and mounting assembly. Interfaced with Cat-5 cable providing power, signal, temperature, and test led control.
- *MPPC Interface*: Provides power, bias voltage, and other slow control along with high speed signal routing for 8 sensor boards. Multiple boards can be added to a backplane and controlled through a web interface.
- *Scintillator Panel*: Plastic scintillator sheets milled, and embedded with wavelength shifting fiber optic for improved light collection efficiency.
- *Wireless Geiger Counter*: IoT based low cost and power data logging Geiger wand based around the ESP-8266. Logs data locally, or transmits to remote database for radiation monitoring and education.
- *mRICH*: Modular ring imaging Cherenkov detector for the electron ion collider (EIC) project. Provides differentiation between π^\pm and K^\pm particles from collisions. Prototype beamtest, Fermilab April 2016.
- *Coincidence Counter*: High speed (ns) signal readout, replacing KMEC crate modules with embedded systems for cosmic ray detection and logging.
- *Finger Hodoscope*: Finger scintillators with embedded fibers coupled to MPPC sensors providing position and angle of charged particles. Used for cosmic ray measurements, beamtest, muon tomography.

Roswell Telemetry

ROSWELL, GEORGIA

Embedded System Programmer & Electrical Engineer

February 2012 – September 2012

Port Atmel .Net Micorframework for over the air reprogramming. Constructed and maintained prototyping equipment including an aluminum forge and a 3D printer. QC and Debug failed hardware. Research materials for future improvement of products. Produced and tested field electronics for parking sensors and relay stations.

Affiliations

GSU Nuclear Physics Group, PHENIX/sPHENIX, eRD14 PID Consortium, Brookhaven National Laboratory (GERT, Collider User Training) Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (GERT, Controlled Access, Radiological Worker).

Education

Georgia State University

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Bachelor of Science, Physics

2015

Skills

Technical: Electronics design and prototyping, Circuit Design, Soldering (to 0201), Schematic Capture/PCB Layout (DipTrace, Eagle CAD), Embedded Systems (Atmel, Arduino, Espressif), FPGA (Spartan-6), Server and network management and construction, CNC milling/cutting/printing, Remote Control and autonomous flight, Molding and Casting, Photography and Filmography.

Programming: C, C++, Web Front/Backend(HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node JS, Docker), Java, Shell, make, HDL, Python, SQL, Android SDK, G-Code, LaTeX.

Software Packages: Autodesk Suite, Adobe Suite, Blender, Eclipse, IntelliJ IDEA, Audacity, SketchUp, Solidworks, MS Office Suite, CAM, Linux/Unix.

Natural languages: English, Urdu (*mother tongue*), French (*elementary level*)
