Alexander Faché

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Objective

Robotics research assistant and drone enthusiast seeking engaging part-time spring 2021 and full-time summer 2021 internship positions within the field of robotics and autonomy. Self-starter making a profound impact on every team.

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology | Atlanta, GA

August 2016 - December 2020

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. GPA: 3.87 / 4.00 Minors in Computer Science and Robotics.

Starting Master's spring 2021. Pursuing PhD fall 2021.

Skills and Coursework

- Programming: Python, Matlab, Java, C, C++, HTML/CSS
- Software: Git, Android Studio, Firebase, Jupyter, OpenCV, ROS, Autodesk Inventor, Adobe Illustrator, Blender
- Hardware: Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Pixhawk 4, Soldering, Benchtop Electronics
- Fabrication and Machining: 3D Printing, Laser Cutting, Woodshop
- Robotics: Control Systems, Kinematics Transformations, Image Processing
- Computer Science: Data Structures and Algorithms, Mobile Applications and Services, Machine Learning, Game AI
- Communication: Public Speaking, Technical Presentations, Technical Writing, Lead Group Discussions
- Interests: Drones, Robotics, Investing, Ultimate Frisbee (Division I), Scuba Diving (PADI open water certified)
- Languages: English, Flemish

Research Experience

Robotic Snake Research Assistant | Intelligent Vision and Automation Laboratory | Georgia Tech

August 2018 - April 2020

Research group developing a cooperative robotic pair designed to increase operating range capabilities for exploration and mapping. Develop Leader-Follower robotic pair to allow for unprohibited evaluation of robotic snake planning and exploration frameworks.

- Prototype commands in MATLAB to control the movement of a TurtleBot and snake-like robot then publish in ROS and Python.
- Develop high level motion planner for snake-like robot execution of motion primitive sequence and navigation control.
- Experiment with robotic snake tracking using markers and live video feed for PID position control and following capabilities.
- NCUR 2019 publication: "Marsupially-Aided Robotic Snake Exploration and Navigation of Cluttered Environments".

Work Experience

Software Engineering Intern - Avionics Integration | Bell Textron Inc | Fort Worth, TX

July 2020 - August 2020

 $Researched\ air-launched\ effects\ integration\ requirements\ for\ FARA\ mission.\ Developed\ test\ cases\ for\ DCU\ chip\ detect\ \&\ fuzz\ burn\ module.$

- Reviewed mission requirements, summarized data sheets, and attended weekly development meetings to gain ALE integration insight.
- Implemented and validated chip detect module through loopback testing for early engine failure warning for data concentrator unit.

R&D Intern - Center for Cyber Defenders | Sandia National Laboratories | Albuquerque, NM

May 2019 - July 2019

- Responsible for strengthening, researching, and collaborating on a chip analysis product and a solution to data inquiries.

 Engineered functionality of an automated hardware tester to increase efficiency of chip testing and analysis for internal lab.
- Constructed ontologies and developed natural language processing techniques to categorize and structure PDF data.

Projects

Pixhawk 4 Autonomous Quadcopter | Personal Project

June 2020 - Present

Built an autonomous drone using the Pixhawk 4 flight controller. Created complementary step by step YouTube tutorials.

US Traffic Accidents and Weather Events Analysis | Machine Learning | Georgia Tech

February 2020 - April 2020

Analyzed weather conditions and road factors to predict traffic accident crash severity using several supervised learning models.

PID Ball Balancer | Introduction to Automation and Robotics | Georgia Tech

October 2019 - December 2019

Built and programmed a 3-legged platform capable of stabilizing a ping pong ball using PID control laws using a camera feed input.

Freestyle FPV Quadcopter | Personal Project

January 2019 - Present

Researched off-the-shelf hardware and software components to build and fly a freestyle FPV quadcopter.

Leadership

Peer Instructor | The HIVE - ECE Makerspace | Georgia Tech

September 2018 - Present

Train and assist students for manufacturing equipment who are working on projects while fostering an innovative culture.