Liam Robinson

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EDUCATION

Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN

PhD Aeronautics and Astronautics – 4.0 GPA — January 2024 – Present

MS Aeronautics and Astronautics – 4.0 GPA — January 2023 – December 2023

BS Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering – 4.0 GPA — August 2019 – December 2022

EMPLOYMENT

Space Information Dynamics Group – NDSEG Fellow & Graduate Research Assistant — October 2021 – Present

- Designing novel space object characterization algorithms with Dr. Carolin Frueh's Space Information Dynamics group, estimating shape and orientation of human-made space objects from unresolved optical observations
- Introduced new light curve inversion algorithms to estimate non-convex shapes and complex spin profiles
- Collaborated with PhD students on relative pose estimation and filter design for attitude estimation
- Primary operator of the Purdue Optical Ground Station telescope for optical image collection and processing

Astronomical Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland – Visiting PhD Student — May 2024 – August 2024

- Worked with Dr. Thomas Schildknecht's group on image acquisition and processing for satellite characterization

The Aerospace Corporation – Graduate Astrodynamics Intern — May 2023 – August 2023

- Designed novel cislunar formation flight strategies for quasi-periodic orbits in the CR3BP

Katalyst Space Technologies – Guidance, Navigation, and Control Intern — May 2022 – August 2022

- Architected trade study framework for early subsystem validation of novel on-orbit servicing concept

Analytical Graphics, Inc. – Systems Engineering Intern — Jan 2021 – August 2021

- Supported 130 engineers in academia, government, and the defense industry with mission analysis in STK and ODTK

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Best graduate presentation – *Purdue Aeronautics and Astronautics Symposium* 2025
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) - $142,000 2023
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP) - $111,000 2023
- NASA National Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunity Fellowship (NSTGRO) - $150,000 2023
- Third place graduate presentation – *Purdue Aeronautics and Astronautics Symposium* 2023
- Best research talk, interdisciplinary research – *Undergraduate Research Conference* 2022
- Best undergraduate presentation – *Purdue Aeronautics and Astronautics Symposium* 2022

SELECTED FIRST-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

- L. Robinson & C. Frueh, "A CCD/CMOS Telescope Digital Twin for Space Situational Awareness", In: Advances in Space Research, 2025
- L. Robinson & C. Frueh, "Optimal Light Curve Attitude Inversion with Measurement Noise: Two Case Studies", In: Proceedings of the 9th European Conference on Space Debris, 2025
- L. Robinson, "Light Curve Simulation and Shape Inversion for Human-Made Space Objects", Master's Thesis, 2023
- L. Robinson & C. Frueh, "Light Curve Inversion for Reliable Shape Reconstruction of Human-Made Space Objects", In: Proceedings of the 32nd AIAA/AAS Astrodynamics Specialist Conference, 2022

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Founder of Boilerexams.com — November 2019 – Present

- Developed website used by ~10,000 Purdue students per semester to study for exams in 20 STEM courses
- Built and managed team of 50, providing insight into studying performance with 8,500,000 questions studied to date
- Interfaced with the College of Engineering administrators, Vice Provosts, and members of Board of Trustees

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Algorithms: Single/multi-target Kalman filters, batch estimation, track/catalog association, optical photometry/astrometry
Languages: Python, C/C++, Rust, MATLAB, SQL, GLSL | **Technologies:** Git, Linux, Sphinx, Polars, Docker