Liam Robinson

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EDUCATION

Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN
PhD Aeronautics and Astronautics – 4.0 GPA
MS Aeronautics and Astronautics – 4.0 GPA
BS Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering – 4.0 GPA

Jan 2024 - Present January 2023 - Dec 2023 Aug 2019 - Dec 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 – Aug 2024

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

The Aerospace Corporation – Graduate Astrodynamics Intern

May 2023 – Aug 2023

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

Katalyst Space Technologies - Guidance, Navigation, and Control Intern

May 2022 – Aug 2022

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

Analytical Graphics, Inc. – Systems Engineering Intern

Jan 2021 - May 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 $\sim 10,000$ 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