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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2017 - 2022 (expected)

PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Cambridge, MA

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

June 2017

B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Cambridge, MA

Minors in Mechanical Engineering, Comparative Media Studies

GPA: 4.9/5.0

Work and Research Experience

MIT Computer Science & Artifical Intelligence Lab., Distributed Robotics Group

2016 – present Cambridge, MA

Researcher with Dr. Daniela Rus

- Designed electricaly-powered soft robotic actuator based on chiral shear auxetic patterns
- Mechanically characterized force output and compliance of actuator, creating biomimetic fingers and tentacles

Toyota Research Institute

2017

Robotics Intern

Cambridge, MA

- Designed automated mechanical testing rigs to evaluate performance of new soft tactile sensor against simulation
- Created new silicone-based tactile skin and performed experiments on mechanical adhesion and accuracy
- Explored current tactile sensing solutions contacting manufacturers and recreating academic prototypes

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Mechanical Engineering

2014 - 2017

Researcher with Dr. John Hart

Cambridge, MA

- Created machine vision algorithms in C++ for dynamic photolithography system, increasing speed of tracking, detection and encapsulation by 300% with multithreading, Kalman filters and bit plane splicing.
- Performed encapsulation experiments on liver hepatocytes in photopolymers for tissue engineering applications.
- Adapted photolithographic system to a robot arm, enabling accurate micropatterning on macro-scale objects. Improved scanning system's accuracy and designed mechanical enclosures for electronic / optical systems.
- Designed and printed NFC circuits to test capabilities of photolithography system for flexible circuits
- Analyzed performance of various particle detection and tracking algorithms in simulated and actual conditions.

2016

iPad Hardware Systems Integration, Electrical Engineering Intern

Cupertino, CA

- Designed schematic and PCB in Cadence for internal project board involving high-speed signals.
- Wrote TCL scripts to validate functionality of SoCs. Deployed this test suite on SMT, FATP and REL lines in China.
- Performed power validation and signal integrity measurements on low and high speed signals, including I2C and SPI.
- Wrote scripts in Lua, C++ and Python for internal eye diagram measurements & thermal experiments on battery life.

Square

Electrical Engineering Intern

San Francisco, CA

- Wrote C code for NFC card proximity detection, part of firmware needed to pass contactless payment certification
- Tuned NFC antennas with VNA and SMT rework skills, enabling proposal of new antenna design directions
- Wrote Python script to send HCI commands to Bluetooth chip, validating results with spectrum analyzer
- Created preliminary schematics and PCB layout for new NFC board in Altium

Projects

For pictures and more detailed information, please go to http://lillych.in

2.72 - Elements of Machine Design

2016

Desktop lathe that maintained 50 micron precision even after being dropped. Won first place for highest accuracy

MIT Mobile Autonomous Systems Laboratory

2016

2014

Cube-stacking autonomous robot. Won first place, best software, best wiki and "most likely to be staff" award

Guitar-playing robot that uses solenoids to strum and a rack-and-pinion setup to fret. Won first place.

Publications

- 1. Stevens, A., Oliver, R., Kirchmeyer, M., Wu, J., Chin, L., Polsen E., Archer, C., Boyle, C., Garber, J., and Hart, J. (2016). Conformal robotic stereolithography. 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing, 3(4): 226-235.
- 2. Harrow, C. and Chin, L. (2014). Technology-Enhanced Discovery. Mathematics Teacher, 107: 660-665.