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EDUCATION

The University of Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University Sep 2017 - Present
Ph.D. in Robotics and Autonomous Systems

- “Online Robot Learning using Physics-Informed Models”
- Supervised by Dr. Subramanian Ramamoorthy and Dr. Kartic Subr

The University of Edinburgh Sep 2016 - Aug 2017
MRes in Robotics and Autonomous Systems

- “Active Sensing of Spatiotemporal Phenomena with a UAV”
- Supervised by Dr. Subramanian Ramamoorthy

The University of California, Irvine Sep 2014 - Jun 2015
International Exchange Student

- Favorite courses: Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Image Understanding, Computer Photography and Vision

The University of Edinburgh Sep 2012 - May 2016
BSc (Hons) Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science

- “Dynamic Model of Interactions Between Orientation Selective Neurons in Primary Visual Cortex”
- Supervised by Dr. Mark van Rossum

Sofia High Schol of Mathematics Sep 2004 - Jun 2012

- Strong focus on Mathematics and Informatics

PUBLICATIONS

Vid2Param: Modelling of Dynamics Parameters from Video, **M. Asenov**, M. Burke, D. Angelov, T. Davchev, K. Subr, S. Ramamoorthy, *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, Vol 5(2): 414-421. To be presented at the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2020

Active Localization of Gas Leaks using Fluid Simulation, **M. Asenov**, M. Rutkauskas, D.T. Reid, K. Subr, S. Ramamoorthy, *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, Vol 4(2): 1776-1783. Presented at the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2019

Autonomous Multi-species Environmental Gas Sensing using Drone-based Fourier-transform Infrared Spectroscopy, M. Rutkauskas, **M. Asenov**, S. Ramamoorthy, D.T. Reid, *Optics Express*, 2019

Active Sensing of Spatiotemporal Phenomena with a UAV, **M. Asenov**, MSc thesis, The University of Edinburgh, 2017

Dynamic Model of Interactions between Orientation Selective Neurons in Primary Visual Cortex, **M. Asenov**, BSc thesis, The University of Edinburgh, 2016

UAV Forge: Innovation for Personal Autonomous Systems, C. Prijic, **M. Asenov**, R. Wilson, J. Ortega, A. Hashemi, C. Pisuraj, A. Sargsyan, E. Wengert, eScholarship, University of California, Irvine, 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

The University of Edinburgh

Teaching Assistant and Tutor

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

Edinburgh, UK

- Prepared materials for 8 tutorials for Computer Graphics
- Guest Lecture on 'Graphics simulators in robotics'

Amazon, PrimeAir

Research Applied Scientist

Oct 2018 - Dec 2018

Graz, Austria

- Worked on image segmentation from limited data using domain adaption

Defense Science and Technology Laboratory

Research Assistant

Nov 2017 - Sep 2018

Edinburgh, UK

- Collaboration with Heriot-Watt University, BMT and REDALERT, extending on the stage one project
- Data driven fluid simulation approach to characterize gas dynamics

Defense Science and Technology Laboratory

Research Assistant

Jan 2017 - Jun 2017

Edinburgh, UK

- Stage one funded project for detecting and mapping hazardous gases
- Collaboration with Heriot-Watt University, developing a UAV-mounted broadband spectrometer
- Implementing active sensing gas localization and mapping approaches based on Gaussian Processes

The University of Edinburgh

Tutor

Jan 2016 - May 2016

Edinburgh, UK

- Prepared materials and conducted 9 tutorials for Object-Orientated Programming
- Tutored the Advanced tutorials for the course, answered and helped with additional questions

Thales Avionics

Software Integration and Characterization Developer

Jul 2015 - Aug 2015

Irvine, California, USA

- Extended the Google's Blockly visual programming editor to a test automation tool
- Assisted in training a support vector machine, able to estimate performance tests, without running them

Avid Academy for Gifted Youth

Math Tutor and Web Developer

Dec 2014 - May 2015

Irvine, California, USA

- Prepared students for the AIME and AMC math competitions
- Developed educational-focused web content management system using Django

Edinburgh University Students Association

Web Developer and IT Infrastructure Technician

April 2014 - Aug 2014

Edinburgh, UK

- IT support for more than 30 venues during Edinburgh Fringe, the largest art festival in the world
- Developed web content management system using Django, participated in all phases of websites development cycle
- Web server management, including recovering after our servers were compromised

Commquest Ltd

Junior Programmer

Jun 2013 - Jul 2013

Sofia, Bulgaria

- Developed crossword game for the iPhone using Objective-C
- Developed Android game using PhoneGap

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY & EXTRA CURRICULAR

Resident Assistant

Sep 2015 - Aug 2018

- Organized more than 17 events per year, helped students with any academic or personal matter

Representational Roles

Sep 2012 - Current

Student Ambassador, Cohort Student Representative, Informatics School Representative, etc.

- Collecting students' feedback, organized Informatics Ceilidh for more than 200 students
- Toured potential informatics students

EdIntelligence Committee Member

Sep 2017 - Current

- Helped to organize events such as career fairs, lectures, movie screenings, etc.; maintaining the website

Bulgarian National Dances

Sep 2013 - Current

- Took part in numerous semi-professional events: International Evening, 6th Syn Festival Baharat-Spices of Eastern Music, 33th and 34th Annual University of Edinburgh Dance Performance, Concert 'Bulgarians from New Times', Concert for the Liberation Day of Bulgaria

Cycling

April 2019

- Cycled all around Scotland, took part in 256 miles bike ride with Mark Beaumont, raising 400£

TALKS

Robot Learning Using Physics-Informed Models

18th of October, 2019

Guest Lecture, Computer Graphics, The University of Edinburgh

Gaussian Processes. Theory and Applications

8th of March, 2017

Open Tech Meetup, Skyscanner, Edinburgh, UK

Gaussian Processes - When Neural Networks are not Enough

29th of July, 2017

SoftUni, Sofia, Bulgaria

AWARDS

Best Case Study, Edinburgh Robotics Annual Conference

8th October, 2019

Principal's Go Abroad Fund, attended Open Source Conference in Hong Kong

June, 2016

Gold Medal, Scottish Boat Race

28th May, 2016

Silver Medal, BUCS Regatta

1st May, 2016

Dean's Choice Award, UAV Forge: Innovation for Personal Autonomous Systems

March, 2015

Award for best UI, Smart Data Hack

Feb, 2013

SKILLS

Languages

Bulgarian (native), English (fluent)

Leadership

Team leader of more than 50 students for building an autonomous quadcopter

Cross-cultural

Lived in UK, USA, Austria and Bulgaria. Travelled to more than 20 countries