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## RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

My research focuses on developing safe autonomous systems through failure-guided, closed-loop learning, and delivering safety guarantees via lightweight, context-aware guardrails at runtime. Building on my prior work in unsupervised LLM-driven robot failure analysis and safety monitoring for high-speed perception-driven systems, I now aim to create advanced safety-reasoning models that generalize across embodiments and enhance the robustness and scalability of large embodied robot foundation models and vision-language-action (VLAs) models.

## EDUCATION

- **Stanford University** Stanford, CA  
*Ph.D. in Aeronautics and Astronautics; Advisor: Somil Bansal; GPA: 4.00/4.00* Jan 2025 – Present
- **Stanford University** Stanford, CA  
*M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics; GPA: 4.00/4.00* Jan 2025 – Dec 2026 (exp.)
- **Indian Institute of Technology (BHU)** Varanasi, India  
*B.Tech. in Electronics Engineering; Advisor: Om Jee Pandey; GPA: 9.42/10.00* Nov 2020 – May 2024

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Aryaman Gupta\***, Kaustav Chakraborty\*, Somil Bansal, “Detecting and Mitigating System-Level Anomalies of Vision-Based Controllers”, *ICRA '24*
- [2] A.M. Ali, **Aryaman Gupta**, H.A. Hashim, “Deep Reinforcement Learning for Sim-to-Real Policy Transfer of VTOL-UAVs Offshore Docking Operations”, *Applied Soft Computing Journal*
- [3] Neha Sharma, **Aryaman Gupta**, Sivala Deepak, Om Jee Pandey, “Node Fault Prediction Assisted Small-World IoT Networks Using ML Frameworks”, *IEEE ANTS'24* [Best Paper Award]

\*Equal Contribution

## PREPRINTS

- [1] **Aryaman Gupta\***, Yusuf Umut Ciftci\*, Somil Bansal, “From Perception Logs to Failure Modes: Language-Driven Semantic Clustering of Failures for Robot Safety”
- [2] Kaustav Chakraborty, **Aryaman Gupta**, Somil Bansal, “Enhancing Safety and Robustness of Vision-Based Controllers via Reachability Analysis”

## EXPERIENCE

- **Safe and Intelligent Autonomy Lab** Stanford, CA  
*Graduate Student | Prof. Somil Bansal* Aug 2024 - Present
  - **Research Area:** Safe and robust generalist robot policies through failure-guided closed-loop learning.
  - Developed multimodal LLM-based unsupervised methods to identify and interpret robot failure modes from deployment data, enabling continual policy improvement and enhanced runtime safety monitoring.
  - Worked on safeguarding high-speed systems, such as F1-Tenth cars and drones operating under visuomotor policies, solely through perception inputs (LiDAR/camera) and no privileged information.
- **University of Southern California** Los Angeles, CA  
*Research Internship | Prof. Somil Bansal* May 2023 - Aug 2024
  - **Goal:** Provide safety guarantees on vision-based controllers leveraging knowledge of their failures.
  - Mined failure modes of an aircraft taxiing system by computing Neural Reachable Tubes (NRTs).
  - Developed a runtime vision-based failure monitor and fallback mechanisms, reducing failures by 42%.
  - Fine-tuned policy on augmented failure dataset, reducing failures by 20% and prediction error by 10%.
  - Applied Conformal Prediction for probabilistic safety guarantees enabling deployment under uncertainty.

- **Carleton University** Ottawa, Canada  
Jan 2023 - Dec 2023
    - *Research Internship | Prof. Hashim Mohamed*
    - **Goal:** Develop docking mechanism for VTOL-UAVs on offshore charging platforms using Deep-RL.
    - Built a custom environment for UAV landing with JONSWAP model-based hydrodynamic disturbances (waves) acting on the docking station, making it oscillate on the water surface.
    - Implemented DQN and PPO algorithms to compare performance among value and policy-based agents.
    - Agents successfully learnt to land precisely and safely through a carefully designed reward function.
  
  - **Indian Institute of Science** Bengaluru, India  
May 2022 - July 2022
    - *Research Internship | Prof. Bharadwaj Amruthur*
    - **Goal:** Develop centralized multi-agent exploration and vision-aided dynamic collision avoidance systems.
    - Implemented RRT-exploration algorithm and map merging on a multi-robot fleet for collective SLAM.
    - Performed real-time map updates, detecting obstacles with 3D Object Detection through infrastructure cameras and using Gradient Descent to optimize obstacles' 3D real-world position for avoidance.
    - Developed ROS packages that can be configured and implemented on custom hardware testbeds.
  
  - **Changwon National University** Changwon, South Korea  
Mar 2022 - July 2022
    - *Research Internship | Prof. Oh-Seol Kwon*
    - **Goal:** Develop a deep learning architecture for efficient object detection in low-resolution aerial images.
    - Combined Faster R-CNN, Edge Enhanced Network, and SRGAN architectures for the joint task.
    - Performed End-to-End Training of the entire pipeline, feeding detector's loss to SRGAN network.
    - Obtained testing accuracies of 95.5% on COWC and 83.2% on OGST datasets.
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- SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**
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| • Annenberg Scholarship, USC   | 2024 |
| • Best Paper Award – IEEE Advanced Networks and Telecommunication Systems                      | 2024 |
| • Best Undergraduate Thesis – among 146 students in ECE IIT BHU                                | 2024 |
| • IUSSTF-Viterbi Scholarship – among top 15 students selected across India                     | 2023 |
| • DAAD-WISE Scholarship  | 2023 |
| • Mitacs GRI Scholarship   | 2023 |
| • Honourable Mention by IIT BHU for technical achievements, leadership, and student mentorship | 2023 |
| • 2nd Position – All IITs Robotics Association Challenge                                       | 2021 |
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- SELECTED PROJECTS**
- **Multi-Agent Warehouse Cleaning**
    - **Goal:** Develop a Multi-Agent Coverage and Cleaning system for unknown terrains using ground robots. [\[Link\]](#)
    - Built a swarm of Omnidrive Robots and mapped the terrains using RRT-based Multi-Aobot Exploration.
    - Distributed terrain among multiple agents by computing Voronoi Cells using Fortune's Algorithm.
    - Used Polygon Planners for computing Boustrophedon Paths for each agent for complete coverage.
  
  - **UAV Swarming**
    - **Goal:** Develop PID Position Control for a swarm of multiple drones. [\[Link\]](#)
    - Used ArUco marker and Time of Flight (TOF) Lidar sensor for pose estimation with Kalman Filter for correction.
    - Implemented Cascaded PID for 3D position control and Python-based socket communication.
    - Used Flocking Algorithm for implementing swarm motion of drones in PyBullet simulation software.
  
  - **Multi-Purpose Household Robot (Supervised by Prof. Shyam Kamal, IIT BHU)**
    - **Goal:** Design a Compact Ground Robot that can perform household tasks like Cleaning and Child-Care. [\[Link\]](#)
    - Designed a CAD model and integrated ROS autonomy packages for Exploration, Navigation, and Coverage.
    - Used Computer Vision for tasks like threat detection and child tracking for child care in households.
    - Developed prototype with Jetson Nano and STM Microcontroller and using Intel Realsense for perception.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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### • Graduate Courses

- AA-276 (Principles of Safety-Critical Autonomy)
- AA-228 (Decision Making Under Uncertainty)
- ENGR-205 (Introduction to Control Design)
- AA-228V (Validation of Safety-Critical Systems)
- AA-203 (Optimal and Learning-Based Control)
- AA-242A (Classical Dynamics)

### • Undergraduate Courses

- MA-101 (Real Analysis)
- MA-102 (Linear Algebra)
- MA-202 (Probability and Statistics)
- CSO-102 (Data Structures and Algorithms)
- CSO-332 (Ubiquitous Computing)
- CSO-458 (Soft Computing)

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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- **Languages and Libraries:** Python, C++, MATLAB, Julia, JAX, Hugging Face, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, OpenCV, OpenAI Gym, X-Plane, CARLA
- **Technologies and Tools:** ROS, ROS2, Flightmare, AutowareAI, Open3D, Linux, Git, Docker, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INVOLVEMENTS

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- Reviewer – CoRL (2025), T-RO (2025), RA-L (2025)
- Working Group Member – Stanford Center for AI Safety
- Technical Lead – RoboReG, a student-led robotics research group at IIT BHU

## STUDENT MENTORSHIP

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- Joyce Yang (Cornell BS CS), Tito Rosas (UCLA BS ME)