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Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science

In Progress
University of Southern California
GPA: 3.930

M.S. in Computer Science - Intelligent Robotics

August 2009
University of Southern California
GPA: 3.910

B.S. in Computer Engineering & Computer Science

December 2006
University of Southern California
GPA: 3.497

Technical Skills

Programming Languages

C++ (11) · C · Python · MATLAB · Javascript · Perl · Spin

Software Libraries

Boost · ZeroC Ice · Eigen · OpenCV · ROS · Qt · Thrust · Arduino

Electrical Engineering Tools

Altium Designer · Cadsoft Eagle · Surface Mount Assembly

Engineering Abilities

Image Processing · Robotic Perception & Localization · Distributed Systems · Circuit Board Design

Experience

USC Computer Science Department

Fall 2007 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant in Laurent Itti's iLab

- Currently working on vision and point cloud perception systems for the DARPA Humanoid Robotics competition.
- Implemented NRT, a C++ modular programming framework for distributed image processing and robotics.
- Implemented tracking and object recognition systems for DARPA's Neovision2 project.
- Implemented a distributed attention system for DARPA's Cognitive Technologies Threat Warning System (CT2WS) project.
- Performed circuit design, assembly, and embedded programming for Beobot2.0, iLab's next generation 16-core mobile robot.

NASA / Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Summer 2012

Intern in the Computer Vision for Surface Applications Group

- Tuned and optimized a vision based monocular stabilization system for use in a quadrotor.
- Built an extensible framework for managing JPL's fleet of quadrotors in ROS.
- Ported a Rapidly Exploring Random Tree path planner for use on the quadrotors.
- Wrote an efficient Alpha/Beta filter to integrate and smooth quadrotor velocity and IMU data.

South Pasadena Educational Foundation

Summers 2007 - 2011

Teacher Trainer

- Designed a robotics curriculum to be taught to middle school students.
- Provided weekly training sessions for teachers.

USC Computer Science Department

Fall 2007 - 2009

CS445 Introduction to Robotics Lab Assistant

- Designed and taught curricula for weekly three-hour lab sessions.
- Designed and built a custom robotics controller board based on a 600Mhz Overo processor.
- Built a software architecture and library to help the students cross-compile and upload code, as well as libraries for motion control, data acquisition, image processing, and communication.

Microsoft

Summer 2004

Intern in the Security Division

- Developed security database migration tools in C#.

Publications

Performance Evaluation of Neuromorphic-Vision Object Recognition Algorithms

Rangachar Kasturi*, Dmitry Goldgof, Rajmadhan Ekambaram, Gill Pratt, Eric Krotkov, Douglas Hackett, Qinfen Zheng, Yang Ran, Rajeev Sharma, mark anderson, Mark Alan Peot, Mario Aguilar, Deepak Khosla, Yang Chen, Kyungnam Kim, Lior Elazary, Randolph Voorhies, Daniel Parks, Laurent Itti

Proc. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR) 2014

Finding Planes in LiDAR Point Clouds for Real-Time Registration

Randolph C. Voorhies*, Shane Grant*, Laurent Itti

Proc. IEEE/RSH International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2013

An Autonomous Manipulation System based on Force Control and Optimization

Ludovic Righetti, Mrinal Kalakrishnan, Peter Pastor, Jonathan Binney, Jonathan Kelly, Randolph C. Voorhies, Gaurav Sukhatme, Stefan Schaal

Autonomous Robots 2013

Neuromorphic Bayesian Surprise for Far-Range Event Detection

(Winner of the Best Student Paper Award)

Randolph C. Voorhies, Lior Elazary, Laurent Itti

Proc. IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal Surveillance (AVSS) 2012

Centralized Server Environment for Educational Robotics

Randolph Voorhies, Christian Siagian, Lior Elazary, Laurent Itti

Proc. IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2009

Application of a Bottom-Up Visual Surprise Model for Event Detection in Dynamic Natural Scenes

Randolph Voorhies, Lior Elazary, Laurent Itti

Vision Science Society Annual Meeting (VSS) 2010

Beobot 2.0: Cluster Architecture for Mobile Robotics

Christian Siagian, Chin-Kai Chang, Randolph Voorhies, Laurent Itti

Journal of Field Robotics (JFR) 2010

Honors

Member Phi Kappa Phi · Co-Chair of the "Education Robotics" session for IROS 2009