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EDUCATION

Stanford University		
Ph.D. in Aeronautics & Astronautics, Artificial Intelligence Track	GPA: 4.1	June 2024
M.S. in Aeronautics & Astronautics, Artificial Intelligence Track	GPA: 4.1	June 2021
Texas A&M University B.S. in Aerospace Engineering, Honors	GPA: 4.0	May 2019

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, Julia, MATLAB, C++, SQL, HTML/CSS
- Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, PySpark, POMDPs.jl

EXPERIENCE

Stanford Intelligent Systems Lab (SISL) | Stanford University

February 2020 – Present

Autonomous Driving Research

- Planning under uncertainty for autonomous driving in urban scenarios with smart infrastructure
- Developed and implemented novel sensor- and decision-fusion algorithm enabling tractable planning that achieves 0% collision rate in high-risk occluded pedestrian scenarios

COVID-19 Policy Research

- Learning adaptive intervention strategies for control of epidemics on realistic contact networks
- Developed end-to-end decision support tool utilizing modified Monte Carlo tree search (MCTS)

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies (SPCS) | Stanford University

June 2020 - August 2021

Course Instructor

- Developed 80+ hours of undergraduate-level machine learning and data science curriculum
- Lead instructor for 7 two-week courses, taught 100+ students, avg. overall course ratings ~4.6/5.0

CFD Research Corporation | Huntsville, Alabama

May 2019 - August 2019

Machine Learning Intern

- Researched, implemented, and trained deep Gaussian processes (deep GPs) for regression tasks
- Leveraged deep GPs in active learning tasks for ~20% increase in sample efficiency over shallow GPs
- Co-authored research proposals and helped secure contracts totaling \$500K+

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science & Engineering: Top fellowship for incoming STEM Ph.Ds.
- Texas A&M University President's Endowed Scholar: Top scholarship for incoming students
- Charles Hoult Award for Modeling & Simulation: 2017 recipient out of 83 college rocketry teams (IREC)
- Eagle Scout: Highest award in Scouting