# Ross B. Alexander

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**EDUCATION** 

M.S. Aeronautics & Astronautics, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

05/2021

Supported by 3-year Stanford Graduate Fellowship (SGF) **B.S. Aerospace Engineering** (Honors), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

05/2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS Future graduate research is focused on optimization, statistical machine learning, reinforcement learning, decision theory, and human-centered autonomous systems.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Advanced Numerical Simulation (AERO 430), Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University, Spring 2018 – Spring 2019

Numerical and analytical simulation of physical problems in sciences and engineering using applied methods; developing and using numerical techniques for physical problems described by nonlinear algebraic equations, ordinary and partial differential equations.

## Engineering Mathematics II (MATH 152), Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University, Spring 2017

Differentiation and integration techniques and their applications (area, volumes, work), improper integrals, approximate integration, analytic geometry, vectors, infinite series, power series, Taylor series, computer algebra.

### Engineering Mathematics (ENGR 289), Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University, Fall 2016

Study of functions, graphs of polynomial and rational functions, radical functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, inequalities, trigonometric functions, fundamental identities, right triangles, trigonometric equations.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

#### **Undergraduate Researcher**

08/2018 - 12/2018

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

## **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

01/2017 - 05/2017

Texas A&M University, National Aerothermochemistry Lab, College Station, TX

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## **Machine Learning & Simulation Intern**

05/2019 - 08/2019

CFD Research Corporation, Huntsville, AL

#### **Hypersonics Intern**

05/2018 - 08/2018

CFD Research Corporation, Huntsville, AL

### **Computational Analyst Intern**

05/2017 - 08/2017

Corvid Technologies, Mooresville, NC

# PUBLICATIONS (UNREFEREED)

- 4. Alexander, R. B., Kaminsky, A. L. (2019), *Optimization of guided weapon designs with a stochastic objective function using a genetic algorithm*, Report produced for CFD Research Corporation during Summer 2019 internship
- 3. Alexander, R. B., Caesar, J. M., Doddanavar, R. C., Doll, J. Q. (2018), *Integrated flight modeling: trajectory analysis and hybrid engine performance*, Conference proceedings of the 2018 Spaceport America Cup
- 2. Alexander, R. B. (2017), *Correlation study of CFD turbulence modeling approaches for an axisymmetric missile concept*, Report produced for Corvid Technologies during Summer 2017 internship
- 1. Alexander, R. B. (2017), *CFD analysis and optimization of flow deflector geometry for a supersonic free jet*, Conference proceedings of the 2017 Spaceport America Cup

\*Publications available on personal website

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 4. Integrated Flight Modeling: Trajectory Analysis and Hybrid Engine Performance, 2019 Texas A&M University Student Research Symposium (SRW), College Station, TX, March 2019
- 3. *Design, Development, and Testing of a Hybrid Sounding Rocket*, Southwest Aerospace Symposium (AIAA North Texas Chapter), Arlington, TX, September 2018
- 2. Integrated Flight Modeling: Trajectory Analysis and Hybrid Engine Performance, 2018 Spaceport America Cup Conference, Las Cruces, NM, June 2018
- 1. *CFD Analysis and Optimization of Flow Deflector Geometry for a Supersonic Free Jet*, 2017 Spaceport America Cup Conference, Las Cruces, NM, June 2017

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Stanford University

Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science & Engineering (SGF) (2019-2022)

Texas A&M University

**Dean's Honor Roll** (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

Larry J. McQuien '76 "Take Flight" Award (2018-2019)

**Donna and Dub Jett '68 Aerospace Engineering Scholar** (2017-2018)

**Hugh G. Robinson Endowed Opportunity Award** (2015-2019)

Mildred & Willy F. Bohlmann, Jr. '50 President's Endowed Scholar (2015-2019)

**General James H. Doolittle Scholar** (05/2019), Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) **Charles Hoult Award for Modeling & Simulation** (06/2017), Experimental Sounding Rocketry Association **Eagle Scout** (08/2014), Boy Scouts of America

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)**