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#### **Proficient in**

Python, ROS 1&2, Bash, Gazebo, SLAM, Autonomous Navigation, Robot Middleware Framework, NodeRed, Turtlebot, Crazyflie/ Crazyswarm, DJI Drones.

### **Familiar With**

C++, MATLAB, Sensor Fusion, CM Labs'
Vortex Studio , MiR, Clearpath Robotics'
Husky A100, SLAM and Autonomous
Navigation, Meta Quest VR Dev

### **Technical Disclosures**

May 2024 (ARTC) Decentralized multi-robot planning and negotiation system for fleet management system

May 2023 (ARTC) GPS-Denied UAV-UGV Relative Positioning System via Vision-IMU-UWB Fusion and Eventtriggered tracking

Mar 2023 (ARTC) System for Remotely Operated Earthworks

Sep 2021

(NTU)

A Resilient Real-Time AGV Fleet Management Method (R2FM) for Efficient Material Handling As a Robotics Development Engineer, I bring dedicated expertise in mobile robot navigation and multi-robot heterogeneous fleet management. With a strong focus on innovation, I have successfully deployed practical and effective solutions in the warehouse and medium-level industries. Proficient in software development and simulations, I ensure thorough testing and seamless deployment of robotics systems. Passionate about pushing the boundaries of technology, I am driven to contribute to advancements in robotics.

## **Education**

2018-08 -2019-07

# Master of Science: Computer Control And Automation

Nanyang Technological University - Singapore

Coursework with a thesis in Data Driven Extraction of Challenging Situations for Autonomous Vehicles, using Visual and CanBUS vehicle data.

2013-07 -2017-05

# Bachelor of Technology: Applied Electronics And Instrumentation

College of Engineering Trivandrum - University of Kerala, Kerala, India

Internship at Bharat Petroleum Corporate Limited.

# **Work History**

Jul 2021 - Current

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Agency for Scientific Technology and Research

- Enterprise Adapter in Supply Chain 4.0: I developed an enterprise adaptor for fleet management that efficiently controls mobile robot fleets in warehouses. The adapter serves to function in a warehouse ecosystem encompassing numerous machines and 3 robot fleets of different brands and modules to integrate building infrastructures like doors and lifts.
- UAV UGV Detection and Tracking System: I developed and implemented a AI detection and tracking system to track a drone tethered to a land-based unmanned guided vehicle (UGV) to facilitate its landing on top of the UGV, with a performance improvement of over 80% in detection time over detection based systems.
- Simulation Test for Remotely Teleoperated Earthworks Excavator: I led testing and integration efforts for the Remote teleoperation of an Earthworks Excavator project in addition to integrating a Unity based simulation test bed. The solution completely replaces human spotters in construction sites thereby reducing fatal accidents.
- Technical Lead in Technical Upliftment: I developed and deployedCreated 3D simulations for Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMR), enhancing testing efficiency and safety. I developed and deployed a physics based simulation test bed, using 3D mesh of in-house AMR, for software testing and development that aided local robotics manufacturer's deployment efforts.
- Technical Expertise Showcase: I implemented custom navigation stack and motor control software as part of software upgradation for a local logistics and robotics manufacturer.
- Industry Deployment Project: I am currently developing and deploying a simulation (Gazebo) that can run over 100 mobile robots and integrated into a fleet management system to showcase an improved commercial

#### **Relevant Courseworks**

Robotics, Control Systems, Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, Sensors, Biomedical Instrumentation, MEMs, Image Processing, Digital Signal Processing, Algorithms, Linear Algebra, Project Management Fundamentals.

#### **Relevant Test Scores**

TOEFL	
Reading	27
Listening	26
Speaking	26
Writing	27
TOTAL	106
GRE	
Quant	164
Verbal	161
Writing	3.0
TOTAL	325

- Airport Baggage Handling System for Singapore Changi Airport operations.
- Co Principal Investigator in Biomedical Grant: I am leading the development as co-principal investigator in development of a novel robotized automation system to perform cleaning and disinfection in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Cleanroom Environments, in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD). I will be leading development for a Robotized Vertical Surface Cleaning module using a Mobile Manipulator. The system will serve to alleviate labor costs and reduce operational costs for medtech giants like GSK, Sanofi, etc.
- Multi-robot Optimal Task Allocation: I researched and developed a
  modified Job Shop Scheduling algorithm for optimizing Multi Robot Task
  Allocation. The machine task allocation algorithm was modified for a
  robotic fleet accounting for additional constraints like chained tasks and
  robot payload capacities.
- Multi Robot Teleoperation and Control Module for Cities of Tomorrow: I
  developed and integrated a module for switching teleoperation control
  amongst a robotic fleet in a fleet control system for better control in
  dynamic manual risk prone areas.
- Optimal Volume Fill Rate module for PnG: I developed and aided in optimisation efforts on a module to generate loading patterns for Stock Keeping Units (SKU) into trucks. The resulting module is in the pipeline to be adopted by PnG Pakistan for their operations.

Jul 2021 -Dec 2019

## Research Engineer

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## **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Aug 2023 GPS-Denied UAV-UGV Relative Positioning
System Via Vision UWB Fusion

Sep 2023 A novel interoperability evaluation framework for the warehouse management system

## Other Achievements

- The paper I co-authored, GPS-Denied UAV-UGV Relative Positioning System via Vision-UWB Fusion, secured the award for the best Research Paper in the conference, ICIEA 2023.
- I was involved in the Showcasing the setup of the remote teleoperation of the earthworks excavator at the National Robotics Programme Expo, Singapore, 2023; held at Singapore University for Technology and Design.
- My team achieved the runner-up position at the Singapore Startup Weekend Hackathon 2022 as part of a cohesive team, highlighting effective teamwork and problem-solving abilities.
- I have curated and participated in musical performances for the TEDxNTU chapter, demonstrating creativity, presentation skills, and the ability to engage and captivate an international audience.