

## EDUCATION

### Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Master of Science in Robotics | School of Computer Science | December 2025

- School of Computer Science, GPA 4.0/4.0

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering & Robotics | May 2023

- College of Engineering, GPA 3.97/4.0

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Autonomy Software Engineer | Stealth Startup | January 2025 - Present

- Led object detection model data collection, annotation, and training pipelines for drone anti-poaching data
- Built out augmented reality overlays and detection mapping features for real-time situational awareness
- Developed on-device infrastructure like CI image builds, live video streaming, video recording, and LoRa vehicle trackers

### Robotics Graduate Researcher | AirLab | Fall 2023 - November 2025

- Designed the autonomy and perception for a powerline-charging VTOL using classical and learning-based vision methods
- Researched mapping algorithms for deep learning-based depth estimation in ROS, utilizing OpenCV and PCL libraries

### Robotics Software Engineer Intern | Symbotic | Summer 2024

- Led full production software deployment of a ROS and C++ based test stand for warehouse robot diagnostics
- Wrote a Bash-based continuous deployment pipeline for the test stand and its companion computer
- Developed a proof-of-concept camera calibration system using OpenCV and AprilTags for onboard robot cameras

### Robotics Software Engineer Intern | Gecko Robotics | Summer 2023

- Prototyped an Adaptive Extended Kalman Filter using Python for wheel encoder sensor fusion on NDT-inspection robots
- Implemented the A-EKF in real-time using C++ and ROS2 using Docker, Git, and Ubuntu

### Mechatronics Engineer Intern | Advanced Optonics | Spring 2023 (Part-Time)

- Wrote C++ ESP Firmware for reading MEMS capacitive sensors for medical cochlear implant electrodes
- Created and iterated on custom PCBs for sensor reading hardware
- Wrote a Python client for parsing incoming data and running data analysis and visualization

## PROJECTS

### Gaussian Splatting Mapping with Learning-based Depth Estimation | Spring 2024

- Designed a pipeline for integrating depth maps and camera poses into a Gaussian Splatting SLAM algorithm
- Evaluated GS-SLAM's ability to mitigate noise biases from state of the art monocular and stereo depth estimation models

### CoralBot Autonomous Coral Reef Surveying Robot | Spring 2023

- Created an autonomous, IMU-guided boat to survey reef health metrics
- Programmed Python architecture on Raspberry Pi to control microcontroller actuation and data collection subsystems

### Jenga-Stacking Robotic Arm Manipulation | Fall 2022

- Programmed a robotic arm in MATLAB to stack Jenga blocks in a uniform pattern using a feeder
- Applied Inverse Kinematics, Trajectory Planning, and Homogeneous Transforms to optimize arm motion and controls

### C++ Roller Coaster Simulator | Spring 2021

- Developed a C++ Object Oriented 2D Roller Coaster Simulator with graphics and user interface
- Programmed a 4D state-space model of car interaction to create a physics based simulation

## SKILLS

**Software:** Python, C++, ROS/ROS2, Rust, Bash, Linux, PX4, ArduPilot, Isaac Sim, Gazebo, SolidWorks

**DevOps:** Docker, Git/GitHub/GitLab, Google Cloud, CVAT, Supabase

**Libraries:** Eigen, Open3D, OpenCV, Pandas, PCL, PyTorch

**Hardware:** CAD, FDM 3D Printing, Manual Machining, Motor Control Systems, PCB Design, Rapid Prototyping, Soldering

## RELEVANT COURSES

C++ for Engineers

Planning in Robotics

Computer Vision

Visual Learning & Recognition

Robot Kinematics & Dynamics

Robot Localization & Mapping

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Student-Athlete, Varsity Soccer Team,** Carnegie Mellon | 2019-2023

**Army ROTC Cadet,** Assistant Head of Planning & Operations | 2021-2023

**CERLAB Research Assistant** working on the Autonomous Welding Robot | 2021-2022

## LEADERSHIP & HONORS

**Distinguished Military Graduate,** Top 20% of Cadets in the nation | 2023

**Tau Beta Pi Executive Board** Engineering Honor Society | 2021-2023

**Pi Tau Sigma Executive Board** Mechanical Engineering Honor Society | 2021-2023