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## **EDUCATION**

# University of Michigan College of Engineering

Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelors of Science in Computer and Electrical Engineering

Aug. 2023 - May. 2026

- Selected Coursework: Advanced Embedded Systems, Embedded Control Systems, Control Systems Design
- Campus Involvement: Michigan Aeronautical Science Association(MASA) Avionics Project Lead, VSA

## **EXPERIENCE**

## University of Michigan - CAEN

Ann Arbor, MI

Classroom Technology Maintenance Technician

Aug. 2025 - Present

- Serving as technical resource for maintaining integrated AV systems, diagnosing faults in signal and control hardware
- Identified and resolved system-level connectivity issues by analyzing signal paths and verifying network configurations for AV control hardware
- Performed routine maintenance and diagnostics on over 70+ multimedia classrooms to maintain system reliability

## Michigan Aeronautical Science Association(MASA)

Ann Arbor, MI

Avionics Subteam Project Lead

Sept. 2024 - Present

- Driving development of 2.4GHz LoRa-based telemetry system in a 10+ person Avionics team for real-time rocket flight data transmission, using dual-antenna ground station to enhance signal reception at altitudes up to 75,000 feet
- Orchestrating integration of radio systems with microcontroller firmware to achieve 40Kbps telemetry data rate
- Conducting RF link budget analysis and optimization to achieve -123.9 dBm received power sensitivity at 20km range

# **PROJECTS**

## Multi-Modal Robotic Gantry Control System

- Engineered a real-time STM32 control system for a 2-axis gantry, integrating a vision system (SPI) and a custom wireless Wii remote (I2C/UART) that processed raw 10-bit IR sensor data
- Authored interrupt-driven firmware to manage asynchronous data and hardware safety, achieving motor control step frequencies up to 3 kHz and failsafe operation via GPIO limit switch interrupts
- Implemented a GPIO handshake for the SPI link, using a logic analyzer to verify data integrity and enable reliable, high-throughput data transfer from the vision system

#### Model-Based Adaptive Cruise Control & Autonomous Steering

- Developed a multi-mode ACC system in Simulink for an NXP S32K144, deploying control logic via Stateflow to maintain set speeds and safe following distances
- Engineered C-based S-Functions to process CAN bus data from 6 vehicles, enabling robust lead-vehicle detection for the ACC state machine
- Tuned a PD controller for autonomous steering, achieving stable lane-keeping at 30 m/s and providing realistic force feedback through a haptic steering wheel

#### 8-Bit Dual-Mode Ripple-Carry Adder

- Fabricated an 8-bit dual-mode ripple-carry adder using pass transistor logic in Cadence Virtuoso using Differential Cascode Voltage Switch Logic for high-speed operation, achieving 1GHz clock frequency at low power consumption
- Designed synchronous reset logic and dual operating modes, performing extensive timing verification and power analysis

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Control Systems Analysis: Modeling of Dynamic Systems, University of Colorado Boulder (Coursera), Issued July 2025
- Electric Power Systems, University at Buffalo (Coursera), Issued June 2025
- C Programming for Embedded Applications, LinkedIn Learning, Issued June 2025

#### SKILLS

Languages: C, C++, Python, Verilog, ARM Assembly

Hardware & Platforms: Embedded Systems, FPGAs (Intel/Altera), Microcontrollers (STM32, NXP S32K144), RPi Software & Tools: MATLAB/Simulink, Cadence Virtuoso, ModelSim, Quartus, Altium Designer, SPICE, NXP S32 Design Studio, VS Code, Git, STM32CubeIDE