

Education



Stanford M.S. Mech Eng (2009 - 2011)

UC Davis B.S. Applied Physics (2004 - 2008)



Deep Learning Specialization (Coursera / Andrew Ng)



Computer Vision NanoDegree (Udacity)



Reinforcement Learning Specialization (University of Alberta Online)

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Work Experience

Stealth: Staff Software Engineer

- _ Led software development / architecture
- Developed ML / Computer Vision Tools

Intuitive Surgical: Senior Software Engineer

- Created computer vision software (Cognex) for feature detection / targeting and classification (weld quality assessment) for numerous weld applications
 - Wrote automation workflow state machine for welding system: hardware integration, GUI (C#)
 - Designed software architecture to control test equipment for a fully automated production line with <10s takt time, integrating SCARA arms / vision systems / conveyors (Denso / Wincaps III)

Intuitive Surgical: Software Automation Manager

- (Aug 2015 June 2017) Managed software development team, supporting all automated production equipment for instrument and accessory lines (>1 million instruments / year)
- Balanced competing priorities, urgent deadlines, and customer needs, which allowed team members to focus on development
- Drove re-architecture of codebase into a common framework, unifying isolated projects into extensible and re-usable code with high enough test coverage to start using continuous integration principles

Intuitive Surgical: Software Automation / Mfg Engineer

- Led software development for Instrument Performance Testers, reducing takt time by 80%. This success led to factory-wide adoption (Python and Matlab)
- Implemented torque measurement & cable tensioning control algorithms (Matlab). This improved _ precision and accuracy, leading to Cpk increases of up to 3x across 24 instrument lines

Luidia (eBeam Interactive Whiteboards): Software / Mechanical Design Engineer (2011-2013)

- Wrote Kalman filter, reducing stylus latency by 50% and increasing effective precision by 2.5x
- Optimized stylus firmware responsiveness with sleep timer improvements (PIC assembly)
- Developed eBeam Glove to control a cursor and use hand poses to interact with eBeam software _

NASA Ames & SETI: Hyperspectral Image Processing Researcher

- Developed software tools to perform mapping of key minerals on the surface of Mars (IDL & ENVI)
- Simulated Martian surface, modeling mineral mixing, light contributions, atmospheric effects, and sensor imperfections (warping, noise, frequency sensitivity curves), prior to processing the CRISM data pipeline.
- Developed noise-filtering algorithm for Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars (CRISM), allowing continued use years after failure of a critical cooler

Relevant Academic / Internship Experiences

- California Solar Advisory Board Student Researcher: Assess and present technologies to lawmakers
- UC Davis / Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider Research Assistant: Isolated individual particle pathways in heavy-ion collisions, increasing knowledge of physics immediately following The Big Bang (C++)

Independent Projects

- CardShark: Wrote program to play the SET card game, performing real-time card detection and identification and producing output camera feed which overlays solution information
- Image Captioner: Created and trained model to process input images and generate english sentence descriptions of the scene
- Deep Q-Learner: Designed a Deep Q learner from scratch to solve OpenAI Gym's LunarLander-v2 -
- Facial Keypoint Tracker: Developed and trained keypoint tracking model with the Youtube Faces _ Dataset, using Haar Cascades and a CNN network
- _ Segmentation Pipeline: Wrote a data segmentation pipeline using segmentation models pytorch's Unet architecture, and summarize the data with a convex hull in post-processing
- Auto-encoder for Anomaly Detection: Developed model and post-processing pipeline to detect key features and unanticipated defects in manufacturing images using very limited training datasets

(Oct 2022 - Present)



(June 2017 - Aug 2020)

(Nov 2013 - Aug 2015)

(2007-2009)

(2004-2011)