Andrew Loveless

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EDUCATION

• University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Sep. 2018 - May 2023 (expected)

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Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering Advisors: Prof. Ronald Dreslinski and Prof. Baris Kasikci

• Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN

B.S. in Electrical Engineering

Aug. 2008 - Dec. 2013

Publications

• Development and Testing of a Vehicle Management System for Autonomous Spacecraft Habitat Operations G. Aaseng, J. Frank, M. Iatauro, C. Knight, R. Levinson, J. Ossenfort, M. Scott, A. Sweet, J. Csank, J. Soeder, D. Carrejo, A. Loveless, T. Ngo, and Z. Greenwood

AIAA SPACE Forum and Exposition 2018

• A Proposed Byzantine Fault-Tolerant Voting Architecture using Time-Triggered Ethernet

A. Loveless, C. Fidi, and S. Wernitznigg

SAE AeroTech Congress and Exhibition 2017

• A Modular, Scalable Avionics Architecture for Future Exploration Missions

C. Fidi and A. Loveless

AIAA SPACE Forum and Exposition 2017

• Approach for Sizing and Turndown Analysis of a Variable Geometry Spacecraft Radiator

L. Erickson and A. Loveless

NESC Thermal and Fluids Analysis Workshop 2017

• On TTEthernet for Integrated Fault-Tolerant Spacecraft Networks

A. Loveless

AIAA SPACE Forum and Exposition 2015

• On Augmented DVH Analysis

A. Loveless, A. Roy, I. Das, and O. Nohadani

AAPM Annual Meeting and Exhibition 2013

Professional Experience

• NASA Johnson Space Center

Houston, TX

Command and Data Handling Software Architect

Sep. 2018 - Present

• Provide Time-Triggered Ethernet (TTE) and fault tolerance expertise to the Gateway and Advanced Exploration Systems (AES) Avionics and Software (A&S) Projects.

AES A&S Project Command and Data Handling Lead

Oct. 2016 - Aug. 2018

- Led development of a triplex voting system that reduces cost, size, weight, and power by eliminating the need for a
 fourth computer to tolerate one Byzantine fault, can use commercial boards and operating systems, and was
 successfully demonstrated in the Integrated Power, Avionics, and Software (iPAS) facility.
- Proposed and successfully demonstrated a novel approach for constructing fault-tolerant voting systems using TTE when end systems may fail arbitrarily.
- Wrote and maintained the TTE drivers and time-triggered scheduler for the Core Flight System (CFS), an open C-based software framework used for a variety of spaceflight missions.
- Successfully integrated 80+ data flows and 15+ software applications from the A&S, Autonomous Systems and Operations (ASO), and AES Modular Power Systems projects for the A&S FY17 Integrated Test.
- Updated the Subnetwork Packet Service book to suit time-triggered networks as part of the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS) Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services (SOIS) working group.

Network Development Engineer

Mar. 2014 - Sep. 2016

 Built network drivers for several embedded platforms (e.g. Aitech SP0-100, Space Micro Proton 400K) and operating systems (e.g. RTLinux, VxWorks), forming the foundation for all future Engineering Directorate projects using TTE.

- Extended the TTE technology by creating a full network stack in software increasing the max message size from 1500 to 64K bytes with <10% overhead, and enabling a demo of the Orion Ascent Abort-2 flight software during the A&S FY15 Mid-Year Integrated Test.
- Identified eight pathstones enabling manned Mars exploration and presented suggested next steps and partnerships to Engineering Directorate management as the networking domain lead for JSC's L-8 effort.

Internships

• NASA Johnson Space Center

Houston, TX

Command and Data Handling Branch

Summer 2013

• Successfully developed an embedded network analyzer enabling real-time visualization of hand controller commands sent from the Flight Deck of the Future to flight computers running in the iPAS facility.

Command and Data Handling Branch

Summer 2012

• Successfully developed a data acquisition system with custom I/O board and MCF51JF microcontroller enabling real-time monitoring and logging of pressure data from cold gas thrusters in the iPAS facility.

Spacecraft Software Engineering Branch

Spring 2011

• Collaborated with Tietronix Software to design several graphical user interfaces successfully demonstrated within the Habitat Demonstration Unit to control camera and power subsystems from a tablet or phone.

Onboard Computer and Information Systems Branch

Summer 2010

• Spearheaded knowledge capture program to archive technical specifications and other valuable records related to the Space Shuttles avionic systems prior to retirement of the vehicle.

Data Processing Systems Branch

Fall 2009

- o Completed core Data Processing Systems (DPS) flight controller training and Single Systems Trainer exams.
- o Monitored Space Shuttle DPS in the Mission Control Center during missions STS-128 and STS-129.

Undergraduate Research

• Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN

Fiber-Optic Controller for fMRI Testing (PI: Prof. Thomas Talavage)

Fall 2013

• Led team of four undergraduates designing an improved fiber-optic joystick used by clinicians to evaluate a patient's higher cognitive function during functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) tests.

Optimization in Radiation Therapy (PI: Prof. Omid Nohadani)

Fall 2012 - Spring 2013

• Created software enabling the quantitative comparison of radiation treatment plans based on historical data – eliminating bias by allowing clinicians to distinguish plans that otherwise appear visually identical.

Electric Field Fringe Effect Simulation (PI: Prof. Daniel Elliott)

Fall 2012

• Developed models characterizing electric field uniformity between conductor plates and produced results used in creating a new technique for measuring the amplitude of optical transitions in atomic Cesium.

• Rice University

Houston, TX

Microscope Image Comparison (PI: Prof. Weiwei Zhong)

Summer 2011

 \circ Developed algorithm to compare the clarity of photos taken by a microscope imaging robot in real time – reducing the number of pictures requiring manual review from 5K+ to <500 per run.

NEW TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

- MSC-26370-1 Time-Triggered Ethernet Application for NASA's Core Flight System (CFS)
- MSC-26369-1 Time-Triggered Scheduler Application for NASA's Core Flight System (CFS)
- MSC-26364-1 Method for Ensuring Data Consistency Between Devices Using Time-Triggered Ethernet
- MSC-26058-1 Software Library Extension for TTEthernet Phoenix Intellectual Property

AWARDS AND HONORS

- NASA JSC Engineering Directorate Academic Fellowship (Sep. 2019 Present)
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- NASA Honor Award, Early Career Achievement Medal (Aug. 2018)
- [Nomination] NASA AES Innovation Award, Fault-Tolerant Voting Architecture using CFS and TTE (Mar. 2018)
- [Nomination] Rotary National Stellar Team Award for Space Achievement, NASA AES A&S Team (Jan. 2018)
- [Nomination] NASA Honor Award, Group Achievement, AES ASO Project (Dec. 2017)
- NASA AES Certificate of Achievement, A&S Project FY16 Integrated Test (Oct. 2016)
- NASA JSC Avionic Systems Division Recognition Award, Time-Triggered Ethernet Development (Oct. 2015)
- Purdue Trustees Merit Scholarship (Aug. 2008 May 2013)