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Role: CEO @ Multi AI, Inc. **US Work**: No Restrictions

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Education

2019 - 2022	University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering (Specialization: Robotics)
2016 - 2018	University of Texas at Austin , Austin, TX M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering
2011 - 2016	RWTH Aachen University , Aachen, Germany B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering
2014 - 2015	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Visiting Undegraduate Research Scholar
	Professional Experience
09/2022 – Present	Multi AI, Inc. (San Francisco, CA & Austin, TX) – Chief Executive Officer Development of multi-agent decision-support AI for the DoD.
11/2021 - 09/2022	Droneconia LLC (Austin, TX) – Chief Technology Officer Development of multi-drone mission planning AI for public safety applications.
01/2019 - 12/2022	Autonomous Systems Group (UT Austin) – NSF-Supported Researcher Research in novel applications and navigation algorithms for aerial robotics.
08/2016 - 12/2018	Advanced Manufacturing Center (UT Austin) – Research Assistant Research in data-driven control for additive manufacturing.
01/2016 - 04/2016	Mercedes-Benz (Stuttgart, Germany) – Operations Assistant Robotic assembly optimization for OM-651 engine at Daimler headquarters.
11/2015 - 12/2015	Ford Germany (Cologne, Germany) – Maintenance Intern Maintenance support of ABB robots for aluminum die casting of engines.
04/2015 - 11/2015	Fraunhofer Institute of Laser Technology (Aachen, Germany) –Research Assistant ; Laser metal deposition for crack-free 3D metal objects.

- 10/2014 02/2015University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) Undergraduate Research
Scholar; Development of high-sensitivity signal detection mechanisms.
- 07/2014 10/2014 Machine Tools and Production Engineering Lab (Aachen, Germany) Research Assistant; Assisting strategic positioning of global production sites.

Achievements & Recognitions

- **Pentagon Wargaming Development Partnership**. Six-figure SBIR Phase III by Chief of Wargaming, OUSD A-S (Pentagon), and Air Force Autonomy Prime.
- **Invited Expert to Texas AI Caucus**. Advised Texas State Representative Giovanni Capriglione on AI policy and commercial regulations.
- **Seven-Figure TACFI Selection by US Air Force**. Awarded for highly-selective Funding Increase program by Air Force Ventures for decision-support AI.
- **Major Phase III Award by US Air Force Autonomy Prime**. Six-figure contract for multi-agent coordination AI.
- **Capital Factory Accelerator**. Selected for Texas's largest and most active startup accelerator.
- **Launch Texas Awardee**. Launch Texas awardee of newly-founded space entrepreneurship program at UT Austin.
- **Major Phase II Award by US Air Force Agility Prime**. Secured first six-figure contract for multi-agent coordination AI to accelerate rapid scaling in DoD.
- **Selection for Elite Startup Accelerators**. MassChallenge finalist out of 400 startups and selection to exclusive Air Force Technology Acceleration Program.
- **Texas Venture Labs Commercialization Award Winner**. Five-figure prize for highest commercialization success among Texas student startups.
- **Bridge-to-Phase II Award Winner**. UT Discovery grant for accelerating national security decision-support AI.
- **Major Air Force Programs and Prime Support**. Formal endorsements from AFWERX, AFRL ACT3, RQQ, RISB, and Textron for startup's solution offering.
- **GAIN Mechanical Engineering Department Award**. Outstanding research contributions award at University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018-2020 **National Science Foundation (NSF)-Supported Researcher**. Selected researcher on multi-year project with CalTech, Berkeley, Northeastern, and RPI.
 - **Sandia National Laboratories Grant**. Proposed and won five-figure funding for innovative laser pre-scan process enhancing 3D printing quality.
 - **Undergraduate Research Opprunity Award**. Dual award by the University of Michigan and RWTH Aachen University for undergraduate research.

Publications

A. Nettekoven, Matthew Carlin, Ufuk Topcu. "Large-Scale Fleet Coordination for Contested Logistics." *Technical Report to US Air Force SBIR Phase II-III*.

- 2022 **A. Nettekoven**. "On the Feasibility of 3D Printing with Multicopters." *Ph.D. Dissertation at the University of Texas at Austin.*
- 2022 **A. Nettekoven**, Scott Fish, Joseph Beaman, and U. Topcu. "Towards online monitoring and data-driven control: a study of segmentation algorithms for infrared images of the powder bed." *2022 International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium*.
- 2021 A. Nettekoven, N. Franken, and U. Topcu. "Geometrical Analysis of Simple Contours Deposited by a 3D Printing Hexacopter." 2021 International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium.
- 2021 **A. Nettekoven** and U. Topcu. "A 3D Printing Hexacopter: Design and Documentation." *2021 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS).*
- 2021 Z. Wang, X. Xiao, A. Nettekoven, et al. "From agile ground to aerial navigation: Learning from learned hallucination." 2021 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).
- 2019 Y. Tan, B. Jin, **A. Nettekoven**, et al. "An encoder-decoder based approach for anomaly detection with application in additive manufacturing." *2019 18th IEEE international conference on machine learning and applications (ICMLA).*
- 2019 Z. Xu, **A. Nettekoven**, et al. "Graph temporal logic inference for classification and identification." *2019 IEEE 58th Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*.
- 2018 **A. Nettekoven**. "Predictive iterative learning control with data-driven model for near-optimal laser power in selective laser sintering." *2018 Master's Thesis.*
- 2018 **A. Nettekoven**, S. Fish, J. Beaman, and U. Topcu. "Predictive Iterative Learning Control with Data-Driven Model for Optimal Laser Power in Selective Laser Sintering." *2018 International Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium*.

Services

2021 – present **Peer Reviewer for Robotics and Engineering Conferences:**

- International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)
- International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)
- American Control Conference (ACC)
- North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC)
- Solid Freeform Fabrication Symposium (SFF)
- Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)
- 2020 2023 **Guest Lecturer for Undergraduate Feedback Control**. Presentations of realworld control applications to engineering students at UT Austin.

- 2021 **Texas Robotics Motion Capture Space**. Designed, directed, and commissioned high-resolution motion capture space for UT Austin robotics program.
- 2021 **Public Safety Drone Collaboration Workshop**. Organized Drone workshop for Austin PD, Texas DPS, Travis County Sheriff's Office, and Austin Fire.
- 2020 2022 **Research Mentor**. Supervised 7 undergraduate research assistants: Sriram Bommakanti, Kadhir Umasankar, Nicholas Franken, Harrison Jin, Meenakshi Swaminathan, Steven Diep, and Mario Gonzalez.
 - 2020 **Research Instructor**. Led full-time summer research internships for 17 undergraduate students in the Autonomous Systems Group.

Press Coverage

- 2023 Jeremey R. Dunn. "Tech Connect partner uses AI to assist in in-theater mission planning." *Defense Visual Information Distribution Service* (08/23/2023).
- 2023 Deborah Yao. "Hybrid AI Reduces Generative AI Hallucinations, Applied Intelligence Live! Austin 2023." *AI Business* (09/21/2023).
- 2022 Nat Levy. "Ready for Launch." *Texas Engineer* (2022-2023 issue).

Invited Talks and Presentations

- 12/2024 US Air Force Wargaming Offices and OUSD A-S Chief of Wargaming Workshop.
- 03/2024 HAF/a5, SAF/SA, HAF/A4, RGPA, AMC A5-8, AMC A9 Wargaming Capabiltiy Review.
- 09/2023 Capital Factory Accelerator First Look Kickoff.
- 08/2023 National Security Innovation Council (NSIC).
- 05/2023 Texas Innovation Center Board Meeting and Luncheon.
- 11/2022 Launch Texas Award and Kickoff at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 09/2022 Blue Tech Collider Multi-Drone Show Case.
- 08/2022 Solid Freeform Fabrication Conference 2022.
- 07/2022 MassChallenge Early-Stage Startup Accelerator Kickoff.
- 02/2022 Hanscom and Incirlik US Air Force Base Capability Review.
- 08/2021 Solid Freeform Fabrication Conference 2021.
- 06/2021 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.
- 04/2021 Texas Robotics Research Seminar.
- 02/2021 Graduate and Industry Networking event, University of Texas at Austin.

- 10/2020 Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin.
- 03/2019 NSF Cyberphysical System Review with Caltech, Berkeley, Northeastern, RPI.
- 08/2018 Solid Freeform Fabrication Conference 2018.
- 02/2017 America Makes Project Review with US Air Force AFRL.
- 06/2016 International Center for Sustainable Textiles at RWTH Aachen University.
- 02/2015 Barton Research Group at the University of Michigan.