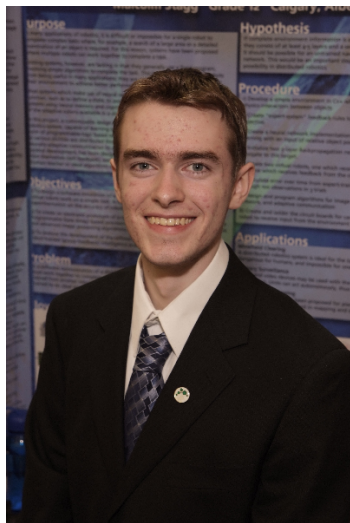


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Distributed Robotics: An Intelligent System

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Abstract: A system of neural-based distributed robotics is proposed for improved performance and environmental interaction. Each robot can learn from an "expert system", group-feedback, and self-feedback. An adaptive communication algorithm is used to share information and present feedback between robots. Computer simulations and a hardware prototype show group-feedback and neural-based robotics as viable possibilities in minefield clearing, exploration and mapping, military surveillance, and other applications.

Biography

I am a grade 12 student with the Alberta Distance Learning Centre in Calgary, Alberta. I live with my mother and brother, and have a pet dog, rabbit, and goldfish. I became fascinated with electronics in grade 2, after reading "Wires and Watts" by Irwin Math. Around this time, I began programming in QBASIC on a 386 computer with MSDOS. I have always had a love for math, completing Math 30 in Grade 10. This has been my eighth science fair project, and fifth time at the Canada Wide Science Fair; with all of my projects involving electronics, programming, and math in some way. I have been honoured to receive several awards over the years, including a gold medal in 2003. I enjoy traveling in the United States, and have had the opportunity to attend two International Science and Engineering Fairs in Phoenix and Indianapolis; receiving two awards in 2005. In my free time, I enjoy bicycling and skating, and have done programming work with an engineering company over the past few years to help create a truck monitoring system, which is now being used in North America and Europe. I plan to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Awards

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