SIMON BACHHUBER

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Education

Dr.-Ing. in AI in Biomedical Engineering at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen, Germany

Sep, 2021 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Thomas Seel @ Thesis: Dynamic motion state estimation and control via RNNs and sim-to-real transfer

M.S. in Physics at The University of Regensburg, Regensburg, Germany

Oct, 2018 - Nov, 2020

Grade: 1.2 (GPA: 3.8/4) **②** Thesis: Increasing label efficiency in supervised classification for industrial application

B.S. in Physics at **The University of Regensburg**, Regensburg, Germany

Mar, 2015 – Jul, 2018

Grade: 1.6 (GPA: 3.4/4) **@** Thesis: *Lieb-Liniger model for relativistic particles*

Work Experience

Institute of Mechatronic Systems, Hanover, Germany

Sep, 2024 - Present

Learning Control and Inertial Motion Tracking Technology, Postdoctoral Researcher

• Proposal writing work and supervision of Ph.D. students

Department Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical Engineering, Erlangen, Germany

Sep, 2021 - Aug, 2024

Learning Control and Inertial Motion Tracking Technology, Doctoral Researcher

- Developing RNN-, Neural-ODE-, and Transformer-based solutions for human motion capture with wearable, inertial sensors and for autonomous learning control
- In three years, published seven papers in first-authorship and six papers in co-authorship published in top-outlets (IROS, TMLR, ...)
- Presented our research and re-presented our department at several international conferences in Sweden, Singapore, and Abu Dhabi
- Won **②** Jean-Pierre Le Cadre Award (**best-paper award**) as first author (2nd runner-up) and as co-author
- Supervised several student projects, three Bachelor thesis and four Master thesis students
- Designed and delivered a highly-rated course on Explainable ML with over 300 participants, teaching advanced concepts with clarity

German Aerospace Center, Ulm, Germany

Apr, 2021 - Jul, 2021

Battery Degradation Simulation, Scientific Staff

Prototyped a modular, json-based experiment configuration system, improving experiment reproducibility and iteration speed

BMW AG, Regensburg, Germany

Sep, 2020 - Mar, 2021

Anomaly Detection for Predictive Maintenance, Internship

• Developed and deployed (via Azure) an anomaly detection system within months that proved so effective that it was rolled out to other production sites; received an outstanding @ employment reference letter

Related Projects

Plug-and-Play Inertial Motion Tracking, state-of-the-art methods with < 5 lines of code

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• Contains methods of more than five papers, both constraint-based as well as ML-based methods; made portable via ONNX

Recurrent Inertial Graph-based Estimator, a novel, message-passing RNN architecture

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• contains a complete physics engine, a motion generation engine, extensive quaternion algebra, and a feature-complete deep learning stack with WandB logging, all written in JAX that automatically scales from a single CPU to multiple GPUs (SIMD)

Neural ODE Control, automatic design of feedback controllers, uses JAX and MuJoCo

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• Automatic design of Neural-ODE-based output feedback policies via truncated backpropagation through time or Deep RL

Skills

- Programming Languages: Deep understanding of the Python language (including the interpreter itself); comfortable with Matlab, Julia, C, Bash, Cython, Zsh, Scala (random order)
- Python: Over six years experience, skilled in publishing and maintaining packages on PyPI, automated CI via Github Actions and flake8, pytest, mkdocs, black, mypy, pytype
- Deep Learning Frameworks: Over **five years experience in PyTorch, Tensorflow, JAX**; in general proficient in autograd and array frameworks such as Numba, MLX, PyTensor, CuPy; Personal LLM project involving finetuning Llama3 using torchtune
- High-performance Computing: Comfortable with SLURM, ray, optuna, multiprocessing, asyncio, TorchScript, Azure Cloud, Databricks
- Tools: Bitbucket, Github, Gitlab, MuJoCo, Stable Baselines 3, OpenAI Gym, Ray RLLib, LATEX, Typst, Jira, Slack, Teams, WandB, Neptune

Selected Publications & Google Scholar

- [1] S. Bachhuber, A. Pawluchin, A. Pal, I. Boblan, and T. Seel, "A Soft Robotic System Automatically Learns Precise Agile Motions Without Model Information," in 2024 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Oct. 2024. doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2408.03754.
- [2] S. Bachhuber, I. Weygers, D. Lehmann, M. Dombrowski, and T. Seel, "Recurrent Inertial Graph-Based Estimator (RING): A Single Pluripotent Inertial Motion Tracking Solution," *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, Jul. 2024, [Online]. Available: https://openreview.net/forum?id=h2C3rkn0zR
- [3] S. Bachhuber, D. Lehmann, E. Dorschky, A. D. Koelewijn, T. Seel, and I. Weygers, "Plug-and-Play Sparse Inertial Motion Tracking With Sim-to-Real Transfer," *IEEE Sensors Letters*, vol. 7, no. 10, pp. 1–4, Oct. 2023, doi: 10.1109/LSENS.2023.3307122.