

# Andreas Ziegler

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## Summary

I am a broadly trained roboticist with a passion for application-driven robotics, computer vision, and machine learning research. I developed novel algorithms and implemented them to work on real robots. Having lived, studied, and worked in diverse environments—including Zurich, Basel, Lausanne, Tübingen, Paris, Shanghai, and Seoul/Incheon—I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas with individuals from diverse backgrounds. Diverse perspectives foster creativity and innovation, enabling teams to navigate challenges and deliver impactful results.

I am committed to contributing to a collaborative work environment that embraces experimentation, celebrates learning from failures, and ensures mutual respect and openness. I believe such a culture empowers individuals to take ownership, enabling both personal and collective growth.

I now seek to grow as an individual contributor while leveraging my leadership experience to foster team collaboration and drive impactful results. By transitioning from individual successes to driving collective achievements, I aspire to stimulate the field of robotics, computer vision, and machine learning as a Postdoctoral Researcher.

## Personal details

Nationality Swiss

## Education

2021.06– **PhD Candidate, University of Tübingen**, Tübingen, Germany

Thesis: Event-based computer vision for fast robot control

- In collaboration with Sony AI Zürich
- Thesis supervisors: Prof. Dr. Andreas Zell and Prof. Dr. Andreas Geiger

2014.09–2018.04 **MSc ETH in EEIT**, ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland

Specialized in: Robotics, Computer Vision and Machine Learning

Master Thesis: A Representation for Exploration that is Robust to State Estimate Drift

- Examiner: Prof. Dr. Roland Siegwart and Prof. Dr. Davide Scaramuzza
- Resulted in [11]

Semester Project 2: Map Fusion for Collaborative UAV SLAM

- Examiner: Prof. Dr. Roland Siegwart and Prof. Dr. Margarita Chli

Semester Project 1: Robust object tracking in 3D by fusing ultra-wideband and vision

- Examiner: Prof. Dr. Luc Van Gool and Prof. Dr. Otmar Hilliges

2009.09–2013.09 **BSc FHO in Electrical Engineering**, University of Applied Science Eastern Switzerland (HSR), Rapperswil, Switzerland

Specialized in: Digital Signal and Image Processing, Embedded Systems and Software Engineering, and Mobile Communication

2011.09–2012.08 **Exchange year**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China

Courses taken: Chinese language, Electrical engineering and Computer Science

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## Publications

- [1] T. Gossard, J. Schmalzl, A. Ziegler, and A. Zell, “Spin detection using racket bounce sounds in table tennis,” in *2025 IEEE International Workshop on Sport, Technology and Research (STAR)*, IEEE, Oct. 2025. [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.11760>.
- [2] T. Gossard, A. Ziegler, and A. Zell, “Tt3d: Table tennis 3d reconstruction,” in *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops*, Jun. 2025.
- [3] A. Ziegler, D. Joseph, T. Gossard, E. Moldovan, and A. Zell, “Biasbench: A reproducible benchmark for tuning the biases of event cameras,” in *2025 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*, IEEE, Jun. 2025. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2504.18235. [Online]. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/CVPRW63382.2024.00339>.
- [4] A. Ziegler, K. Vetter, T. Gossard, J. Tebbe, S. Otte, and A. Zell, “Detection of fast-moving objects with neuromorphic hardware,” in *2025 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, IEEE, May 2025. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2403.10677. [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2403.10677>.
- [5] T. Gossard, J. Krismer, A. Ziegler, J. Tebbe, and A. Zell, “Table tennis ball spin estimation with an event camera,” in *2024 IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*, IEEE, Jun. 2024. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2404.09870.
- [6] T. Gossard, A. Ziegler, L. Kolmar, J. Tebbe, and A. Zell, “Ewand: A calibration framework for wide baseline frame-based and event-based camera systems,” in *2024 International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, IEEE, 2024. [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2309.12685.pdf>.
- [7] T. Gossard, J. Tebbe, A. Ziegler, and A. Zell, “Spindoe: A ball spin estimation method for table tennis robot,” in *2023 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, IEEE, Oct. 2023. DOI: 10.1109/iros55552.2023.10342178. [Online]. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/IROS55552.2023.10342178>.
- [8] A. Ziegler, T. Gossard, K. Vetter, J. Tebbe, and A. Zell, “A multi-modal table tennis robot system,” in *RoboLetics: Workshop on Robot Learning in Athletics @CoRL 2023*, 2023. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2310.19062. [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.19062>.
- [9] A. Ziegler, D. Teigland, J. Tebbe, T. Gossard, and A. Zell, “Real-time event simulation with frame-based cameras,” in *2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, IEEE, May 2023. DOI: 10.1109/icra48891.2023.10160654. [Online]. Available: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ICRA48891.2023.10160654>.
- [10] A. Horvath et al., “Focus on time: Dynamic imaging reveals stretch-dependent cell relaxation and nuclear deformation,” *Biophysical Journal*, Jan. 2021. DOI: 10.1016/j.bpj.2021.01.020.
- [11] T. Cieslewski, A. Ziegler, and D. Scaramuzza, “Exploration without global consistency using local volume consolidation,” in *IFRR International Symposium on Robotics Research (ISRR), Hanoi, 2019*, IFRR: IEEE, Oct. 2019. [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.5167/uzh-197724>.

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## Work experience

- 2021.06–2025.11 **PhD Candidate**, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, 100%
- Working on event-based computer vision for fast robot control in collaboration with Sony AI Zürich
  - Supervision of MSc and BSc students
  - Teaching Assistant
- Technologies used: C++, Python, Julia, PyTorch, OpenCV, numpy, Eigen, ROS1/2, git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

2023.11–2024.03	<b>Research Scientist Intern</b> , Sony AI, Zurich, Switzerland, 100% Worked on multi modal camera calibration under the supervision of Dr. Raphaela Kreiser and Dr. Naoya Takahashi. Technologies used: C++, Python, OpenCV, Ceres, git
2022.08–2022.10	<b>Computer Vision &amp; ML Research Intern</b> , Prophesee, Paris, France, 100% Worked on slow motion from frame and event data under the supervision of Dr. Amos Sironi. Technologies used: Python, PyTorch, OpenCV, numpy, git, Atlassian tools
2018.09–2021.05	<b>Robotics Engineer</b> , MT-Robot AG, Zwingen, Switzerland, 100% Accomplished tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Development of a computer vision based safety field intrusion detection system</li><li>○ Improvement of a multi robot collision avoidance system</li><li>○ Development and maintenance of software for autonomous mobile robots (AMRs), including topics such as multi sensor fusion, mapping, path planning, (multi robot) obstacle avoidance, etc.</li><li>○ Deputy Scrum Master</li></ul> Technologies used: C++, Python, ROS1/2, DDS, OpenCV, CMake, git, Atlassian tools
2018.06–2018.09	<b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Zürich, Robotics and Perception Group, Zurich, Switzerland, 100% Continued working on my master thesis project which lead to [11].
2018.04–2018.06	<b>Research Associate Intern</b> , Disney Research Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland, 100% Integrated a Leica total station in an existing ROS setup within the PaintCopter project. Technologies used: C++, Python, ROS, Ceres, CMake, git
2018.02–2018.03	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Laboratory for Orthopaedic Biomechanics at the University and ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland, 100% Developed an LED light controller for a microscope setup which contributed to [10]. Technologies used: C++, Qt, wxWidgets, CMake, git
2017.03–2017.08	<b>Computer Vision &amp; Robotics Research Intern</b> , Pix4D SA, Lausanne, Switzerland, 100% Accomplished tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Worked on indoor navigation for UAVs</li><li>○ Implementation of a filtering method for a robust target detection</li><li>○ Investigation of barcode localization and detection algorithms for automatic inventory</li></ul> Technologies used: C++, ROS, OpenCV, Eigen, Conan, CMake, Jenkins, git
2015.08–2018.06	<b>Software Engineer &amp; System Administrator</b> , Accelerom AG, Zürich, Switzerland, 20%-30% Technologies used: Java, Groovy, JavaScript, jQuery, CSS, Grails, Hibernate, MySQL, git, Redmine, Tomcat, Apache, SAMBA
2014.02–2015.08	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Laboratory for Orthopaedic Biomechanics at the University and ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland, 100%/20% Continued my work, provided further consulting and maintenance.
2013.11–2014.02	<b>Research Assistant (Civil service)</b> , Computer Assisted Research and Development, University Hospital Balgrist, Zürich, Switzerland, 100% Worked on segmentation algorithms for computer-assisted surgical planning. Technologies used: Matlab, C#, VTK, CVS
2013.08–2013.11	<b>Research Assistant (Civil service)</b> , Laboratory for Orthopaedic Biomechanics at the University and ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland, 100% Accomplished tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Extended and adapted a microscope control software</li><li>○ Developed and implemented a stretcher control software</li></ul> Technologies used: C++, Qt, wxWidgets, CMake, git

2008.08–2009.03	<b>Computer Science Intern</b> , <i>ERPsourcing AG</i> , Wallisellen, Switzerland, 100%
2004.08–2008.08	<b>Electronics Engineer Apprentice</b> , <i>Hch. Kündig &amp; Cie. AG</i> , Rüti ZH, Switzerland, 100%

## Independent coursework and training

Startup Center Tübingen	Leadership Talent Academy. Certificate earned on November, 2024
SIY	Search Inside Yourself: Emotional Intelligence for Leadership. Certificate earned on May 28, 2024
Center for Nonviolent Communication	NVC Workshops. Certificate earned on October 6, 2024
University of Tübingen	Career Development through Research Funding. Certificate earned on October 7, 2025
University of Tübingen	Writing successful grant proposals. Certificate earned on July 11, 2025
University of Tübingen	From Chaos to Structure: Time- and Self-Management for a More Efficient Work Style. Certificate earned on March 9, 2022
University of Tübingen	Slidewriting and Storylining. Certificate earned on May 16, 2022
University of Tübingen	Setting and Achieving Goals Efficiently. Certificate earned on May 5, 2022
University of Tübingen	Speedreading. Certificate earned on April 14, 2022
edX	DT-01x: Self-Driving Cars with Duckietown by ETHx on edX. Specialization Certificate earned on Auguts 15, 2021
Coursera	Deep Learning, a 5-course specialization by deeplearning.ai on Coursera. Specialization Certificate earned on March 16, 2018
edX	Autonomous Mobile Robots by ETHx on edX. Certificate earned on April 17, 2014

## Media coverage

Schwäbisches Tagblatt	Forscherteam der Uni Tübingen entwickelt Tischtennis-Roboter
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## Academic services

Conference workshops	Workshop on Neuromorphic Perception for Real World Robotics (NeuRobots), IROS 2025
Paper reviews	IROS, ICRA, CoRL, CVPR, RA-L, T-ASE

## Supervised thesis

Bachelor thesis	Simulating event-based cameras with frame-based cameras, Daniel Teigland Deep-learning based table tennis ball tracking with an event camera, Genc Ahmeti Event-camera, camera and robot arm calibration, Levin Kolmar
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- 3D trajectory prediction from event data, Julian John  
Pushing an event-simulator towards its limit, Laura Schiller  
Adding noise and artifacts to the event-simulator, Steven Krämer  
Event-based camera bias optimization, Eric Langlouis  
Multi object tracking via event-based motion segmentation with event cameras, Zhiyu Han  
Automatic bias optimization for event cameras using Reinforcement Learning, Emil Moldovan  
Automatic bias optimization for event cameras using offline Reinforcement Learning, David Joseph  
Grasping a table tennis ball using Model Predictive Control, David Grawe  
Asynchronous Graph-based Neural Networks for Ball Detection with Event Cameras, Adrian Bytyqi  
Spin estimation of a table tennis ball with an event-camera, Maximilian Schnitt  
Event-Based vision for a tactile sensor, Alexander Löwe  
Asynchronous Graph-based Neural Networks for Ball Detection with Event Cameras, Sonja Baumann
- Master thesis Spiking neural network for event based ball detection, Karl Vetter  
Event-based spin estimation, Julian Krismer  
Real-time MPC control of an industrial robot arm for table tennis, Till Köpf  
Automatic bias optimization for event cameras using Inverse Reinforcement Learning, Manuel Rauschenberger  
Learning-based spin estimation of table tennis ball with an event-camera, Levin Kolmar

## Teaching activities

- SS 2025 Teaching Assistant: Mobile Robots  
AS 2024 Teaching Assistant: Foundations of Robotics  
SS 2024 Teaching Assistant: Mobile Robots  
AS 2023 Seminar: Robotics and Robot Vision  
AS 2022 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Computer Engineering  
SS 2022 Teaching Assistant: Mobile Robots  
AS 2021 Teaching Assistant: Deep Learning

## Languages

- German Mother tongue  
English Excellent, Level C1  
French Good, Level B1,  
Korean Basics, Level A2  
Chinese Basics, Level A1

## Technical skills

Languages C++, Python, Julia, C, Java  
Software packages OpenCV, ROS1/2, PyTorch, Eigen, boost, DDS

## Hobbies

Sports Wing Chun Kung Fu, Yoga, Jogging, Mountaineering  
Music Drums, Piano, Vocals

## Extra-Curricular activities

- Foodsaver at Foodsharing, managing a Labdoo hub
- Co-clerk at Switzerland Yearly Meeting (Quakers)