

# Jon Arrizabalaga

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## EDUCATION

- **Technical University of Munich** Munich, Germany  
*PhD - Robotics & Control; Advisors: Prof. Markus Ryll, Prof. Zachary Manchester* November 2020 - Present
- **KTH Royal Institute of Technology** Stockholm, Sweden  
*Master of Science - Mechatronics* September 2018 - July 2020
- **University of Navarre** San Sebastian, Spain  
*Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering* September 2014 - July 2018

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **Carnegie Mellon University** Pittsburgh, USA  
*Visiting PhD - Robotics Institute (RI); Advisor: Prof. Zachary Manchester* January 2024 - Present
- **Charles University** Prague, Czech Republic  
*Visiting PhD - Mathematics Institute; Advisor: Prof. Zbyněk ŠÍR* May 2023
- **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** Shanghai, China  
*Visiting student - Mechanical Engineering* September 2017 - January 2018

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Bosch Research** Renningen, Germany  
*MSc Thesis - Robotics Researcher; Advisors: Dr. Niels van Duijkeren, Dr. Ralph Lange* January 2020 - July 2020
- **Porsche AG** Weissach, Germany  
*Intern - Test Field; Advisor: Eric Preisig* May 2019 - September 2019

## TEACHING

- **Engineering Mechanics I** Technical University of Munich  
*Lecturer; Programme: BSc Aerospace, Enrolled students: 200 (21-22), 350 (22-23) and 450 (23-24)* Winter Semesters 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24
- **Mechanics for Aerospace** Technical University of Munich - Asia (Singapore)  
*Lecturer; Programme: MSc Aerospace, Enrolled students: 20 (23-24) and 25 (24-25)* Winter Semesters 23-24 and 24-25
- **Introduction to ROS (Robot Operating System)** Technical University of Munich  
*Lecturer; Programme: MSc Robotics / Mechanical / Aerospace, Enrolled students: 50* Summer Semesters 21-22 and 22-23
- **Dynamics Motion and Control** KTH Royal Institute of Technology  
*Teaching Assistant; Programme: MSc Robotics / Mechanical / Mechatronics, Enrolled students: 50* Winter Semester 19-20
- **Robust Mechatronics** KTH Royal Institute of Technology  
*Teaching Assistant; Programme: MSc Robotics / Mechanical / Mechatronics, Enrolled students: 50* Winter Semester 19-20

## HONORS & AWARDS

- **Best Robocup Paper Award (finalist)** IROS 2024  
*Honors the best paper related to RoboCup research presented at IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems. Out of approximately 4000 submissions, 5 papers are nominated.* Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Best PhD Lecturer Award** Technical University of Munich  
*Recognizes the PhD lecturer who has received the highest evaluations from BSc and MSc students within the Aerospace and Geodesy faculty* Winter Semester 21-22
- **Outstanding End-of-Degree Award (finalist)** University of Navarre  
*Honors BSc. students who have excelled in both their academic and extracurricular endeavors* Years 14-18

## INVITED TALKS

- **Vijay Kumar Lab - GRASP Laboratory** University of Pennsylvania  
*Prof. Vijay Kumar; Talk title: A Universal Formulation for Path-Parametric Planning & Control* May 24
- **Robotics and Perception Group** University of Zurich  
*Prof. Davide Scaramuzza; Talk title: Towards Time-Optimal Tunnel-Following for Quadrotors* April 22
- **Institute of Flight Systems** German Aerospace Center, DLR  
*Prof. Stefan Levedag; ; Talk title: Path-Parametric Planning and Control for Autonomous Aerial Vehicles* January 23

## PUBLICATIONS

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- *A Universal Formulation for Path-Parametric Planning and Control*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, Z. Sir, Z. Manchester, M. Ryll; Under review, 2025 — Paper, Website, Code,
- *Differentiable Collision-Free Parametric Corridors*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, Z. Manchester, M. Ryll; IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2024 — Paper, Code, Video, Talk — **Best Paper Finalist**
- *PHODCOS: Pythagorean Hodograph-based Differentiable Coordinate System*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, F. Vega, Z. Sir, Z. Manchester, M. Ryll; IEEE Aerospace Conference, Big Sky, Montana, USA, 2025 — Paper, Code, Talk
- *Geometric Sloss-Free Tracking for Robotic Manipulators*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, L. Pries, R. Laha, R. Li, S. Haddadin, M. Ryll; IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Yokohama, Japan, 2024 — Paper, Code, Video, Talk
- *Learning for CasADi: Data-Driven Models in Numerical Optimization*; T. Salzmann, J. Arrizabalaga\*, J. Andersson, M. Pavone, M. Ryll; Learning for Dynamics and Control Conference (L4DC), 2024 — Paper, Code, Talk
- *Pose-Following with Dual Quaternions*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, M. Ryll; IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Singapore, 2023 — Paper, Code, Talk
- *SCTOMP: Spatially Constrained Time-Optimal Motion Planning*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, M. Ryll; IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Detroit, USA, 2023 — Paper, Video
- *Spatial Motion Planning with Pythagorean Hodograph curves*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, M. Ryll; IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Cancun, Mexico, 2022 — Paper, Video, Talk
- *Towards Time-Optimal Tunnel-Following for Quadrotors*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, M. Ryll; IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Philadelphia, USA, 2022 — Paper, Video
- *Neural-MPC: Deep learning model predictive control for quadrotors and agile robotic platforms*; T. Salzmann, E. Kaufmann, J. Arrizabalaga\*, M. Pavone, D. Scaramuzza, M. Ryll; Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2022 — Paper, Code
- *A caster-wheel-aware MPC-based motion planner for mobile robotics*; J. Arrizabalaga\*, N. van Duijkeren, M. Ryll, R. Lange; IEEE International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR), Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2021 — Paper, Video, Thesis

## STUDENTS MENTORED

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|  | <i>now at</i>                   |
| • <b>Luis F. Recalde</b><br><i>Research Project:</i> Dual-Quaternions for Rigid Body Predictive Control  | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| • <b>Giuseppe Soldati</b><br><i>Semester Thesis:</i> Development of an Optimal Control-Based Tracker for the Rocket Hopper   | Technical University of Munich  |
| • <b>Harun Tongay Tamtürk</b><br><i>Semester Thesis:</i> Flight Corridor Planning for Navigation of UAVs within Dynamics Environments<br><i>MSc. Thesis:</i> Vision-Based Localization of High-Altitude UAVs | Airbus Defence and Space        |
| • <b>Bruno Sorban</b><br><i>Semester Thesis:</i> Optimal Trajectory Control of a Hopper Rocket, Code   | Rocket Factory Augsburg         |
| • <b>Tommaso Faraci</b><br><i>Research Project:</i> Economic MPC for Path-Parametric Control   | German Aerospace Center (DLR)   |

## EXTRACURRICULAR PROJECTS

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| • <b>ASCENT - Rocket Hopper</b><br><i>Guidance and Control Lead; Website</i>                               | Technical University of Munich<br>2022-2024                |
| • <b>The Juggling Robot Project</b><br><i>Team Lead, Software and Control Engineer; Video (year 21-22)</i> | KTH Royal Institute of Technology<br>Winter Semester 19-20 |
| • <b>Formula Student</b><br><i>Vehicle Dynamics Engineer; Team: Tecnun eRacing</i>                         | University of Navarre<br>Seasons 16-17 and 17-18           |

## REVIEW ACTIVITIES

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- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)
- IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS)
- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems (TSMC)
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)
- IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)
- Robotics Science and Systems (RSS)
- IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)