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Education

University of Oxford

DPHIL ENGINEERING SCIENCE

- Supervisor: Prof. Kostas Margellos
- Supervisor: Prof. Sina Ober-Blobaum

Oxford, United Kingdom

2020 - present

ETH Zurich

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ETH IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Zurich, Switzerland

2016 - 2019

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg Gesamtschule

ABITUR 1.0 (HIGHEST GRADE IN COHORT)

Göttingen, Germany

2007 - 2016

Professional Experience

Mar 2020 – Dec 2021 **Environmental Justice Campaign Organizer**

NooWorld, Los Angeles

Oct 2019 – Apr 2020 **Intern (project on the Surface Simulator for Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover)**

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena

Sep 2018 – Jun 2019 **Control Engineer**

Swiss Academic Spaceflight Initiative, Zurich

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016 **Intern (project on a local positioning system for UAVs)**

Debuggable Limited, Berlin

Sep 2015 - Jun 2016 **Research Assistant**

Institute for Computer Science, University of Göttingen

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 **Introduction to Control Theory**, Teaching Assistant

Somerville College, University of Oxford

Spring 2022 **LEGO Football Control Lab**, Teaching Assistant

Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford

Spring 2019 **Numerical Methods**, Teaching Assistant

Department of Mathematics, ETH Zurich

Fall 2018 **Digital Circuits Lab**, Teaching Assistant

Institute for Electrical Engineering, ETH Zurich

Publications

PUBLISHED

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blobaum, Kostas Margellos (2022). Verification of safety critical control policies using kernel methods. Conference Proceedings 2022 European Control Conference (ECC).

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blobaum, Kostas Margellos (2021). Multi-objective minimum time optimal control for low-thrust trajectory design. Conference Proceedings 2021 European Control Conference (ECC).

UNDER REVIEW

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blobaum, Kostas Margellos (2022). Multi-objective low-thrust spacecraft trajectory design using reachability analysis. European Journal of Control

IN PREP

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blöbaum, Kostas Margellos (2022). Safety-Aware Hybrid Control of Airborne Wind Energy Systems.

Awards, & Grants

AWARDS

- 2019 **2nd place in the 10k ft Category (ETH University team), 4th overall winner in a field of 120 international teams**, Spaceport America Cup
- 2016 **"Jugend Forscht" (youth science), 2nd place**, German Engineering Association
- 2014 **"Jugendmusiziert" (youth music), regional 1st prize, state 2nd prize (Saxophone)**,

GRANTS

- 2022 **Graduate Study Support Fund**, Keble College, Oxford
- 2021 **Graduate Study Support Fund**, Keble College, Oxford

Presentations

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blöbaum, Kostas Margellos (2022). Verification of safety critical control policies using kernel methods. 2022 European Control Conference (ECC 22), London, United Kingdom

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blöbaum, Kostas Margellos (2022). Safety-Critical Hybrid Control of Airborne Wind Energy Systems, Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC 2021), Milan, Italy

Nikolaus Vertovec, Sina Ober-Blöbaum, Kostas Margellos (2021). Multi-objective minimum time optimal control for low-thrust trajectory design. 2021 European Control Conference (ECC 21), Rotterdam, Netherlands

Mentoring

- 2021-2022 **Keisuke Sano**, Undergraduate, University of Oxford

Outreach & Professional Development

PEER REVIEW

Automatica

IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology (TCST)

Wind Energy Science

American Control Conference (ACC)

Learning for Dynamics & Control Conference (L4DC)

International Symposium on Mathematical Theory of Networks and Systems (MTNS)

Airborne Wind Energy Conference (AWEC)

European Control Conference (ECC)