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APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Researcher, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)

Department of Computer Science

Feb '25 to current Lausanne, CH

EDUCATION

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL)

Ph.D in Computer Science – Major in Artificial Intelligence (GPA: 5.4/6.0)

Sep '19 to Jan '25 Lausanne, CH

Relevant courses: Learning Theory, Optimization for Machine Learning, Information Theory, Distributed Information Systems

University of California Berkeley

Aug '17 to Dec '18

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering – Major in Fluids (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Berkeley, CA

Relevant courses: Machine Learning, Optimization Methods, Tensor Calculus, Differential Geometry, Advanced Fluid Mechanics, Ocean Engineering

Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace, Supaéro (ISAE Supaéro)

Aug '15 to Sep '19 Toulouse, FR

Equiv. Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering ("Ingénieur ISAE Supaéro", GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Relevant courses: Advanced Probability and Statistics, Computer Science, Continuum Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Google Research (Arkadia)

Jun '22 to Sep '22

Research Intern (qbecker@) – Host: Dr. Urs Bergmann (ursbergmann@)

Berlin, DE

- Developed a differentiable geometric primitives composition module (JAX)
- Programmed deep vision models (JAX, TF1, and TF2) that learn to decompose an occupancy mask into primitives
- Implemented optimal transport-based losses to train models to simplify building footprints into primitives (JAX)

EPFL

Sep '19 to Jan '25 Lausanne, CH

Ph.D Candidate – Advisor: Prof. Dr. Mark Pauly

- Introduced and implemented a rationalization algorithm for bending-active structures that optimizes a single kit of parts to approximate many user-defined designs
- Implemented an inverse design pipeline for deployable assemblies of curved elastic beams (C++ with Python bindings)
- Developed a forward design tool based on conformal map for C-shells (Rhino-Grasshopper plugin)
- Designed generative models to solve constrained physics-based inverse problems
- Developed differentiable physics simulation frameworks: billiard game with diverse obstacles (PyTorch), constrained elastic deformations of 3D volumetric objects (C++, PyTorch, and JAX)

Dassault Systèmes

Jan '19 to Jul '19

Paris, FR

Developed a clustering algorithm based on hash tables to find geometrically similar 3D parts within a dataset

Sep '17 to Dec '18

Graduate Student – Advisor: Prof. Dr. Reza Alam

Research Intern in Machine Learning

Berkeley, CA

- Developed an ad hoc genetic algorithm coupled with a boundary element method to optimize underwater vehicles
- Trained a deep neural network to morph an underwater vehicle's shape according to its environment

ISAE Supaéro

Jan '17 to Jul '17

Undergraduate Student - Advisor: Prof. Dr. Laurent Joly

Toulouse, FR

Coded the method of characteristics for supersonic flows to design nozzles (then validated with CFD)

PUBLICATIONS

Quentin Becker*, Uday Kusupati*, Seiichi Suzuki, Mark Pauly (*joint first authors). Computational Design of a Kit of Parts for Bending-Active Structures. ACM Transactions on Graphics (Proc. of SIGGRAPH Asia 2024), 43.6, article 230 (December 2024): 1-16.

Quentin Becker, Seiichi Suzuki, Mark Pauly. Interactive Design of C-shells Using Reduced Parametric Families. Journal of the International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures, Vol. 65 (2024) No. 2 June n. 220.

Quentin Becker, Seiichi Suzuki, Yingying Ren, Davide Pellis, Julian Panetta, Mark Pauly. C-shells: Deployable Gridshells with Curved Beams. ACM Transactions on Graphics (Proc. of SIGGRAPH Asia 2024), 42.6, article 181 (December 2023): 1-17 (Best Paper Award Honorable Mention)

Michelis, Mike Yan, and Quentin Becker. On Linear Interpolation in the Latent Space of Deep Generative Models. ICLR 2021 Workshop on Geometrical and Topological Representation Learning. 2021. (Spotlight)

Quentin Becker, Mohammad-Reza Alam, and Alexandre Immas. Hydrodynamic Design of a Morphic Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Using Neural Networks. ASME 2019 38th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering. American Society of Mechanical Engineers Digital Collection. 2019.

INVITED TALKS

NVIDIA Toronto AI Lab, "Geometry-Informed Inverse Design of Physical Systems", hosted by Prof. David Levin

February 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EPFL Teaching Assistant for CS-457 Geometric Computing Lausanne, CH

Fall 2021, 2023

Developed recitations, created theory and coding homework (FEM, autodiff, adjoint sensitivity analysis)

Co-Head Teaching Assistant for CS-341 Introduction to Computer Graphics

Spring 2019, 2020

Created coding homeworks (raytracing on the GPU), developed and led recitations, supervised coding projects

Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant for Math-101 Analysis I and II Teaching Assistant for CS-107 Introduction to Programming

Fall 2022, 2024

Berkeley, CA

Graduate Student Instructor (50%) for Physics-8A Introductory Physics

Fall, Spring 2017

MENTORSHIP

Master Thesis

UC Berkeley

Orfeas Liassoutos (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Cooperative Geometric Locomoters

Spring 2025

Semester Projects

Mathilde Simoni (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Neural Subspaces for Symplectic Physical Trajectories

Spring 2024

Danila Zubko (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Latent Space Physical Simulations

Fall 2023

Vishal Pani (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Generative Model Evaluation Metric Using Differential Geometry

Spring 2022

Cosme Jordan (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Generative Inverse Design of Kirigami Sheets

Fall 2021

Amine Chaouchi (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Unsupervized Disentanglement of Caricatures Generation

Spring 2020

Mike Jan Michelis (MS student, TUM); Topic: Interpolations in a Generative Model's Latent Space

Fall 2020

Nathan Greslin (MS student, EPFL); Topic: Body Capture from a Single Image

Fall 2020

Summer Interns

Janet Qian (BS student, MIT); Topic: Topological Inverse Design of Elastic Springs

Summer 2024

Jae Yoon (David) Cha (BS student, University of Waterloo); Topic: Elastic Single Axis Joints Simulation

Summer 2023

Han Ying (BS student, CMU); Topic: Interactive Surface Parameterization

Summer 2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewing

SIGGRAPH

AWARDS/HONORS

IT SKILLS

Merit Scholarship, Fondation ISAE SUPAERO

May '17

Programming: Python (JAX, PyTorch, TF), C++, WebGL, Matlab

Membership, Golden Key (GKIHS)

Feb '18

Others: LATEX, Git, Google Internal Coding Infrastructure, Rhino-

Grasshopper, Catia, StarCCM+, Fluent

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- SUPAERO Junior Conseil the Junior Entreprise of ISAE SUPAERO, Head of the event division
- SUPAERO Fencing Club, President of the association
- SUPAERO Student Association, Section treasurer
- Ose L'ISAE, Volunteer in the social outreach section of ISAE SUPAERO

NON-RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

Airbus Saint Eloi Intern (laser measurements on engine pylons) Jun '16 to Jul '16 Toulouse, FR