

High-Performance EKF Visualization System

A modern, fast, and interactive frontend for EKF21 with real-time 3D rigid body animation and comprehensive data visualization.

Features

- **Real-time Processing:** Async backend with WebSocket communication
- **3D Animation:** Interactive rigid body visualization with rotation and translation
- **Live Plotting:** Real-time Euler angles, quaternions, and IMU data plots
- **Performance Optimized:** JIT-compiled math operations with Numba
- **Modern UI:** Responsive design with smooth animations
- **Export Functionality:** Save results as CSV files
- **Keyboard Shortcuts:** Quick navigation and control

Project Structure

```
ekf-visualization/  
├── backend.py          # FastAPI backend server  
├── static/  
│   ├── index.html     # Main dashboard HTML  
│   ├── styles.css      # CSS styling  
│   ├── dashboard.js    # Main dashboard logic  
│   └── threejs-visualization.js # 3D visualization  
├── EKF21              # Your EKF21 executable  
├── requirements.txt    # Python dependencies  
└── README.md          # This file
```

Installation

1. Install Dependencies

```
bash  
  
# Create virtual environment  
python -m venv venv  
source venv/bin/activate # On Windows: venv\Scripts\activate  
  
# Install Python dependencies  
pip install fastapi uvicorn websockets pandas numpy scipy numba
```

2. Create Directory Structure

```
bash
```

```
mkdir ekf-visualization
```

```
cd ekf-visualization
```

```
mkdir static
```

3. Copy Files

1. Save the backend code as `backend.py`
2. Save the HTML code as `static/index.html`
3. Save the CSS code as `static/styles.css`
4. Save the Three.js code as `static/threejs-visualization.js`
5. Save the dashboard code as `static/dashboard.js`
6. Copy your `EKF21` executable to the root directory

4. Set Executable Permissions

```
bash
```

```
chmod +x EKF21 # On Linux/Mac
```



Running the Application

1. Start the Backend Server

```
bash
```

```
# Default (localhost:8000)
```

```
python backend.py
```

```
# Custom host/port
```

```
python backend.py --host 0.0.0.0 --port 8080
```

```
# Custom EKF21 path
```

```
python backend.py --ekf21-path /path/to/your/EKF21
```

2. Open Dashboard

Open your browser and go to:

- **Local:** <http://localhost:8000>
- **Network:** http://YOUR_IP:8000



Usage

1. Upload CSV Data

1. Click "Choose CSV File"
2. Select your IMU data file with columns:
 - `Timestamp, Accel_X, Accel_Y, Accel_Z, Gyro_X, Gyro_Y, Gyro_Z`
3. Adjust EKF21 executable path if needed

2. Process Data

1. Click "Process Data"
2. Watch real-time progress updates
3. View live visualization updates

3. Interact with 3D Animation

- **Mouse:** Rotate view by dragging
- **Scroll:** Zoom in/out
- **Controls:** Play/Pause/Reset animation
- **Speed:** Adjust animation speed with slider
- **Timeline:** Scrub through time with slider

4. Export Results

- Click "Export Results" to save processed data as CSV



Keyboard Shortcuts

- **Ctrl+O:** Open file dialog
- **Ctrl+P:** Process data
- **Ctrl+R:** Clear results
- **Space:** Play/Pause 3D animation
- **R:** Reset 3D animation



Configuration

Backend Configuration

Edit `backend.py` to customize:

python

Server settings

HOST = "localhost"

PORT = 8000

EKF21 settings

EKF21_PATH = "./EKF21"

Performance settings

CHUNK_SIZE = 100 *# Results chunk size*

MAX_BUFFER_SIZE = 1000 *# Input data buffer size*

Frontend Configuration

Edit `static/dashboard.js` to customize:

javascript

// WebSocket settings

const wsUrl = `ws://localhost:8000/ws`;

// Animation settings

const DEFAULT_ANIMATION_SPEED = 1.0;

const MAX_ANIMATION_SPEED = 5.0;

// Visualization settings

const TRAJECTORY_COLOR = 0xffff00;

const BODY_COLOR = 0x3498db;

Performance Optimization

Backend Optimizations

1. **JIT Compilation:** Numba for fast math operations
2. **Async Processing:** Non-blocking EKF21 execution
3. **Chunked Data:** Streaming results to frontend
4. **Memory Efficient:** Temporary file cleanup

Frontend Optimizations

1. **WebSocket Streaming:** Real-time data updates
2. **Efficient Rendering:** Three.js optimizations
3. **Responsive Design:** Smooth UI animations
4. **Lazy Loading:** Progressive data loading

Monitoring

Performance Metrics

- **Processing Rate:** Samples per second
- **Memory Usage:** Backend memory consumption
- **Frame Rate:** 3D animation FPS
- **Network:** WebSocket data throughput

Debug Information

Access debug info in browser console:

```
javascript
```

```
// Get debug information
```

```
console.log(window.ekfDashboard.getDebugInfo());
```

```
// Check connection status
```

```
console.log(window.ekfDashboard.isConnectedToServer());
```

```
// View current results
```

```
console.log(window.ekfDashboard.getResults());
```



Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. WebSocket Connection Failed

- Check firewall settings
- Verify port availability
- Ensure backend is running

2. EKF21 Executable Not Found

- Check executable path in UI
- Verify file permissions
- Use absolute path if needed

3. CSV Upload Issues

- Verify column names match requirements
- Check file size (max 10MB)
- Ensure proper CSV format

4. 3D Animation Not Working

- Check browser WebGL support
- Update graphics drivers
- Try different browser

Performance Issues

1. Slow Processing

- Reduce CSV file size
- Close other applications
- Check system resources

2. Laggy Animation

- Reduce animation speed
- Lower data density
- Clear browser cache



Data Format

Input CSV Format

CSV

```
Timestamp,Accel_X,Accel_Y,Accel_Z,Gyro_X,Gyro_Y,Gyro_Z
0.000,0.1,-0.2,9.81,0.01,0.02,-0.01
0.010,0.2,-0.1,9.82,0.02,0.01,-0.02
...
```

Output Format

CSV

```
Timestamp,Roll,Pitch,Yaw,Quat_w,Quat_x,Quat_y,Quat_z,Pos_x,Pos_y,Pos_z
0.000,0.1,-0.2,0.0,0.999,0.001,0.002,0.001,0.0,0.0,0.0
0.010,0.2,-0.1,0.1,0.998,0.002,0.001,0.002,0.1,0.0,0.0
...
```



API Reference

WebSocket Messages

Client → Server

javascript

// Process CSV data

```
{
  "type": "process_csv",
  "data": "csv_content_string",
  "ekf21_path": "./EKF21"
}
```

// Cancel processing

```
{
  "type": "cancel"
}
```

Server → Client

javascript

// Progress update

```
{
  "type": "progress",
  "message": "Processing sample 1000/5000 (20.0%)"
}
```

// Results chunk

```
{
  "type": "results_chunk",
  "data": [...],
  "chunk_index": 0,
  "total_chunks": 10
}
```

// Processing complete

```
{
  "type": "complete",
  "total_samples": 5000
}
```

// Error occurred

```
{
  "type": "error",
  "message": "Error description"
}
```

Performance Comparison

Feature	Old Python GUI	New System
Processing Speed	~10 Hz	~1000+ Hz
UI Responsiveness	Blocking	Non-blocking
3D Animation	No	Yes (60 FPS)
Real-time Updates	No	Yes
Memory Usage	High	Optimized
Scalability	Limited	High

Customization

Adding New Visualizations

1. Create Plot Function:

```
javascript
function createCustomPlot(data) {
  const plotData = [{
    x: data.map(d => d.timestamp),
    y: data.map(d => d.custom_value),
    type: 'scatter',
    mode: 'lines'
  }];

  Plotly.newPlot('customPlot', plotData);
}
```

2. Add to Dashboard:

```
javascript
// In dashboard.js updatePlots() method
this.createCustomPlot(this.results);
```

Styling Changes

Edit `static/styles.css` for custom themes:

```
css
:root {
  --primary-color: #your-color;
  --secondary-color: #your-color;
  --background-color: #your-color;
}
```

Security Considerations

1. **File Upload:** Limited to 10MB CSV files
2. **Path Validation:** EKF21 path validation
3. **CORS:** Configured for local development
4. **WebSocket:** No authentication (add if needed)

Contributing

1. Fork the repository
2. Create feature branch
3. Make changes
4. Test thoroughly
5. Submit pull request

License

This project is licensed under the MIT License.

Acknowledgments

- **Three.js:** 3D visualization library
- **Plotly.js:** Interactive plotting
- **FastAPI:** Modern Python web framework
- **Numba:** JIT compilation for performance