

# Curriculum Vitae

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Place of birth: Erlangen (Germany)

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## Education:

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017-  
30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 Visiting Graduate Student at Johns Hopkins University  
(Baltimore), Laboratory for Computational Sensing &  
Robotics (Supervisor: Nassir Navab): Robotic  
Guidance for Pelvis Fracture Surgery

15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Ph. D. Student at TU Munich, Chair: Robotics and  
Embedded Systems (Supervisor: Alois Knoll)  
Estimation of a Highly Accurate Robot Model Based  
on X-Ray Observation (in co-operation with Siemens  
Healthcare GmbH)

Winter Term 2012/2013 –  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 M. Sc., Informatics at TU Munich  
Specialization: AI and Robotics, Computer Graphics  
and Vision, Algorithms and Scientific Computing  
Master's Thesis (together with Siemens AG):  
Robotic System for Torque-Based Motion Compensation in Minimally  
Invasive Surgery

Winter Term 2009/2010 –  
Summer Term 2012 B. Sc., Informatics at TU Munich  
Bachelor's Thesis: Depth-based Object Recognition  
for Robot Grasp Planning

2000 – 2009 Ehrenbürg-Gymnasium Forchheim  
(Mathematical and Natural Science)

Summer Term 2007 Early Study at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Computer Science: Algorithms and Data Structures I  
Computer Science: Basics in Computer Science I

Winter Term 2006/2007 Early Study at FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg  
Computer Science: Multilingual Hybrid Language Parsing

## Professional Experience:

11th September 2022 - now	FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, Department AI in Biomedical Engineering Assistive and Intelligent Robotics Lab PostDoc: Development of Systems for Assistive Robotics & Rehabilitation Robotics, Wearables, Teleimpedance, Prosthetics, Contact for Collaborations with Industry Partners and Clinics
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	Schaeffler Technologies AG & Co. KG, Herzogenaurach Specialist Process Control in Research Area Sensors: Development and Implementation of an IIoT Device, Development and Implementation of New Optimization Strategies and Algorithms for Production Machines, Implementation of GUI and Development of Network Communication Processes
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	fortiss GmbH, Munich (in cooperation with Siemens Healthcare, Forchheim) Research Division Cyber-Physical-Systems Researcher in the Project RoboterRöntgen: Project Management, Planning and Execution of High Precision Measurements, Generation of Simulations, Physical Modelling, Supervision of Students, Collaborating between University, Research Institute and Industry Partner
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2012 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	TU Munich, Garching Chair of Scientific Computing Student Researcher: Installation and Execution of SPEC and NAS Benchmarks for Many-Core-Processors, Embedding of C in Fortran-Benchmark, Literature Research
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2012 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	TU Munich, Garching CoTeSys, Cluster of Excellence at the Intelligent Autonomous Systems Group Student Researcher: Generation of PHP Questionnaires, Carrying out Human-Robot-Interaction Studies, Assistance at Supervision of Bachelor Students and „Girlsday“, Assistance at Modifications of Robots
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2011 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	TU Munich, Garching Chair of Scientific Computing Tutor for Numerical Programming
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2010 – 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	TU Munich, Garching Chair of Efficient Algorithms Tutor for Discrete Structures
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	Siemens AG, Munich Working Student: Rating and Classification of Security Vulnerabilities

## Publications:

Jingyu Ouyang, Fabio Egle, Claudia Igney, Thomas Mutzke, Chiheb Dahmani, Claudio Castellini, **Sabine Thürauf**: C-Arm Unleashed: Intuitive Inter-Operative Positioning of C-Arms Using Wearable Gesture Detection, IEEE RAS/EMBS BioRob 2024

**Sabine Thürauf**: Accurate and Efficient Calibration of a Robotic C-Arm System Based on X-Ray Observations. Dissertation, TU Munich, 2018

**Sabine Thürauf**, Oliver Hornung, Mario Körner, Florian Vogt, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: Model-based Calibration of a Robotic C-Arm System using X-Ray Imaging, Journal of Medical Robotics Research Vol. 03, No. 03n04, 2018

**Sabine Thürauf**, Mario Körner, Florian Vogt, Oliver Hornung, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: Environment Effects at Phantom-Based X-Ray Pose Measurements, IEEE EMBC 2017

**Sabine Thürauf**, Oliver Hornung, Mario Körner, Florian Vogt, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: Absolute Accurate Calibration of a Robotic C-Arm System based on X-Ray Observations using a Kinematic Model. IEEE ICRA 2017 Workshop on Surgical Robots: Compliant, Continuum, Cognitive, and Collaborative

**Sabine Thürauf**, Florian Vogt, Oliver Hornung, Mario Körner, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: Experimental Evaluation of the Accuracy at the C-Arm Pose Estimation with X-Ray Images. IEEE EMBC 2016

**Sabine Thürauf**, Markus Wolf, Mario Körner, Florian Vogt, Oliver Hornung, M. Ali Nasser, Alois Knoll: A Realistic X-Ray Simulation for C-Arm Geometry Calibration. IEEE RAS/EMBS BioRob 2016

**Sabine Thürauf**, Oliver Hornung, Mario Körner, Florian Vogt, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: *Evaluation of a 9D-Position Measurement Method of a C-Arm Based on X-Ray Projections*. MICCAI 2015 Workshop on Interventional Microscopy.

**Sabine Thürauf**, Florian Vogt, Oliver Hornung, Mario Körner, M. Ali Nasser and Alois Knoll: *Tuning of X-Ray Parameters for Noise Reduction of an Image-Based Focus Position Measurement of a C-Arm X-Ray System*. IEEE/RSJ IROS 2015 Workshop on Alternative Sensing for Robot Perception: Beyond Laser and Vision.

## Patents:

Abhinav Gulhar, Philip Mewes, Holger Mönnich, **Sabine Thürauf**: Robotic Devices and Methods of Operating Robotic Devices; Publication Number: US10322508B2, CN105643621A & DE102014224123B4

Abhinav Gulhar, Philip Mewes, **Sabine Thürauf**: Method for Operating a Robotic Devices and Robotic Devices; Publication Number: US10065315B2 & DE102014224122B4

## Talks & Panel:

KinderUni Erlangen WS 2024/2025: KI ist so divers wie wir!

ICRA Workshop, Assistive Systems 2024: Lab to Patient Care, Invited Speaker: "Human-Robot-Co-Adaption for Assistive Systems"

ICRA Workshop 2024, A-HUMAN – Advanced human-robot interfaces based on physiological signals and sensory stimulations, Invited Speaker: “Wearables for (tele-)manipulation of different robotic systems”

KinderUni Nürnberg SS 2024: Crashkurs Roboter: Muskelsteuerung und Tracking

PeopleInScience@TF Networking Event at FAU 2024, Panel Member: „Keep Sane in Science – How to Manage Mental Load?“

KinderUni Nürnberg WS 2023/2024: Crashkurs Roboter: Schatzsuche

ENHands Forum 2023, Invited Speaker & Panel Member: “Prosthesis Control for All: Low-Cost Wearable Sensor Solutions”

Wissenschaftstag der Metropolregion Nürnberg, Invited Speaker & Panel Member: „Menschliches und maschinelles Lernen treffen sich: Datenqualität führt zu Ko-Adaption führt zu Akzeptanz“

Joint workshop FAU/DLR, 2023: “Assistive Intelligent Robots and Wearable User Interfaces”

KinderUni Nürnberg SS 2023: Crash-Kurs Roboter: Wie steuere ich einen Roboter?

### **Awards:**

**Sabine Thürauf:** Scholarship holder of Christiane Nüsslein-Vollhard-Foundation 2024

**Sabine Thürauf:** Travel award for Women in Robotics Workshop (WiRW) at the 2018 Robotics: Science and Systems in Pittsburgh

**Sabine Thürauf:** Finalist at Best Poster Award at IEEE RAS/EMBS BioRob 2016

**Sabine Thürauf, Andrea Stefke, Kristina Sawinsky, Martin Leipert:** 1. Prize for “Most Innovative Project” at Innovation Research Lab Exhibition of Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2016

### **Grants:**

#### **Industry**

Project RoboterRöntgen (August 2014-December 2017; approx. 250.000€)

PhD project in cooperation between fortiss and Siemens Healthcare about the calibration of a robotic C-arm system.

*Comment:* The communication between Siemens Healthcare, TU Munich and fortiss was initiated by myself. After the initial planning, the project was managed by myself regarding finances, project re-planning, contract extension, etc. .

#### **DFG**

Research Scholarship (1 year at Johns Hopkins University, AMIRO Lab, Supervisor Iulian Iordachita; approx. 55.000€)

Postdoc project about the calibration of an ophthalmic tool with dynamics model using force and vision measurements.

*Comment: This project was accepted but not performed*

### **Leopoldina**

Leopoldina-Postdoc-Scholarship (1 year at Johns Hopkins University, AMIRO Lab, Supervisor Iulian Iordachita; approx. 55.000€)

Postdoc project about the calibration of an ophthalmic tool with dynamics model using force and vision measurements.

*Comment: This project was accepted not performed*

### **Teaching & Supervision:**

#### **Supervised students:**

**Gongbo Yan:** Catheter Insertion Tracking via EMG (Master's Thesis 2024)

**Nithin Nagaraja Vaidya Sujatha:** Literature Review on Initiative Robot Control (Research Lab 2024)

**Teena Nandwadi:** Design and Implementation of a Vibrotactile Bracelet for Navigation (Research Lab 2023/2024)

**Aksheen Malhotra:** Measuring Muscle Stiffness via Electrical Stimulation (Research Lab 2024)

**Florian Mehrkens:** Cartesian Stiffness Measurements of Humans (February 2024 – June 2024, Master's Thesis)

**Lam Tran:** A Virtual Reality Setup for Measuring Human Stiffness (January 2024 – June 2024, Bachelor's Thesis)

**Rebecca Glas:** Design and Implementation of a Variable Stiffness Exosuit (February 2024 – July 2024, Master's Thesis)

**Fanlin Meng:** A Vibrotactile Navigation System for Scatter Radiation Avoidance (October 2023 – April 2024, Master's Thesis)

**Jingyu Ouyang:** Intuitive Control for Industrial Setups (July 2023 – January 2024, Master's Thesis)

**Markus Wolf:** Evaluation of the Influences of Detector Malpositioning / Misalignment and Tube Malpositioning at the Absolute Calibration of a Robotic C-Arm System (June 2015 - February 2016, Master's Thesis)

**Kristina Sawinsky:** Optimal Measurement Poses for an Absolute Calibration of a Robotic C-arm System (April

2016 – October 2016, Master's Thesis)

**Stefan Freitag:** Improving the Absolute Accuracy of a Robotic C-Arm System with Machine Learning Techniques (November 2016 – July 2017, Master's Thesis)

### Working students & Interns:

**Michael Dietz:** Design and Assistance of Experiments & Implementation of Plug-Ins for C-Arm Simulation (May 2015 – December 2015)

**Alireza Bahram:** Assistance of Experiments & Implementation of Filtering Tool for Laser Tracker Calibration Measurements (October 2015 – February 2016)

**Andrea Stefke:** Design, Assistance and Evaluation of Experiments & Implementation of X-Ray Simulation for Measurement Accuracy Evaluations (January 2016 – March 2017)

**Martin Leipert:** Implementation of Plug-Ins for C-Arm Simulations, Implementation for Extracting Information from X-Ray Images, Implementation of Multiply Tools for Experimental Evaluation (April 2016 – November 2017)

**Luisa Weyers:** Literature Research about C-Arm Calibration and Absolute Accurate Robot Calibration (June 2016 – July 2016 & September 2016 – October 2016)

**Kristina Sawinsky:** Implementation of an Optimizer for Searching Optimal Measurement Poses using the Inverse Fisher Matrix (September 2016 – October 2016)

### Exercises:

Summer Term, 2024:	Intent Detection and Somatosensory Feedback
Summer Term, 2024:	Rehabilitation and Assistive Robotics
Winter Term, 2023/2024:	Human-Robot Co-Adaption
Winter Term, 2023/2024:	Upper Limb Prosthetics
Summer Term, 2023:	Rehabilitation and Assistive Robotics
Winter Term, 2022/2023:	Human-Robot Co-Adaption
Winter Term, 2022/2023:	Upper Limb Prosthetics
Winter Term, 2010/2011:	Discrete Structures
Winter Term, 2011/2012:	Numerical Programming

### Seminars:

Summer Term, 2023/2024:	History of Medical Engineering (Seminar in the Museum)
Winter Term, 2023/2024:	History of Medical Engineering (Seminar in the Museum)
Winter Term 2016/2017:	Robot-Assisted Surgery in Clinics
Summer Term 2017:	Robot-Assisted Surgery in Clinics

### **Committee Work:**

**since 2023:** Member of Profile Center Medical Engineering at FAU Erlangen Nuremberg

**2024:** Organizer ICNR Workshop, “Human Kinematics Monitoring” (accepted, takes place in Nov 2024)

**2023-2025:** Member of Academic Commission for the B. Sc. Artificial Intelligence at FAU Erlangen Nuremberg

**2023-2025:** Elected Deputy Representative of Scientific Staff at the Managing board of the AIBE Department at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg

**2023:** Co-Organizer of AIBE Conference (Internal Conference of Department, approx. 200 participants)

**2016-2019:** Secretary (elected Board Member) of IEEE Student Chapter Munich

**2013:** Student Member of Appointment Committee for “Tenure Track: Games Engineering” (TU Munich)

**2011:** Student Member of Appointment Committee for “Tenured Professorship of Logics and Verification” (TU Munich)

**2011:** Elected Student Representative (TU Munich)

**2009-2013:** Elected Board Member for Fresher’s Event Organization Team at Student Body of Faculty (TU Munich)

### **Attended Courses:**

#### **Summer / Winter Schools:**

2017: GSB Summer School on Precision Medicine (TUM, Aschau am Inn)

2016: Summer Screws - Screw Theory Based Methods in Robotics (ETS, Montreal)

2016: GMSI-GSDM Summer Camp (University of Tokyo, Tokyo)

2016: 1st Italian Multibody Summer School (University Parma, Parma)

2015: International Summer School on Metrology (PTB, Braunschweig)

2014: Hamlyn Winter School on Surgical Imaging and Vision (Imperial College, London)

#### **Soft Skill Courses (since beginning of PhD):**

**2023:** Recognize, Avoid, and Prevent Sexual Harassment

**2023:** Conduct Diversity-Competent Assessments

**2016:** Visibility and Impact of Research: Bibliometry, Scientific Communication and Publication Strategies

**2016:** Should I Stay or Should I Go? (Academic & Industrial Career Planning)

**2016:** Impro Theater Training

**2016:** Good Scientific Practice

**2015:** Individual Change Management

**2015:** Efficiency Skills for Doctoral Candidates

**2015:** Successful Collaboration in Interdisciplinary Teams

**2015:** Leadership and Personality

**Miscellaneous:**

**Languages:**

German (native)  
English (fluent)  
Spanish (basics)  
French (basics)

**Stays Abroad:**

2017 3 Months: USA (Baltimore)  
2001 2 Months: Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)  
1991 6 Months: Spain (Tarragona)

**Family Status:**

married, 4 children

**Parental Leave:**

22.12.2017	-	14.12.2018
29.03.2019	-	18.10.2020
01.08.2021	-	29.05.2022
17.01.2023	-	11.09.2023 (part-time with baby)