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## EDUCATION

Jun 2022 - Present    Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich — PhD at ETH AI Center  
Mar 2021 - Nov 2021    Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich — Master's Thesis at SRL  
Sep 2020 - Mar 2021    École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne — Exchange  
Oct 2019 - Nov 2021    Technical University of Munich — Master Robotics, Cognition, Intelligence  
Sep 2017 - Mar 2018    Tsinghua University, Beijing — Exchange  
Oct 2015 - Sep 2019    Technical University of Munich — Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science  
Specialization in Computer Science, Thesis: *Unsupervised Deep Learning for Liquids*

## EXPERIENCE

Apr 2019 - Sep 2019    Technical University of Munich — Tutor for "Discrete Probability Theory"  
Sep 2018 - Nov 2018    Kratzer Automation AG — Software Developer  
Apr 2018 - Jun 2018    Technical University of Munich — Research Intern in Reservoir Computing  
Nov 2016 - Jul 2017    Neutron Source Heinz Maier-Leibnitz FRM2 — Student Job Data Analysis

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journals

- [1] (2022) Yasa, O., Toshimitsu, Y., **Michelis, M.Y.**, Jones, L.S., Filippi, M., Buchner, T. and Katzschmann, R.K., *An Overview of Soft Robotics*. Annual Review of Control, Robotics, and Autonomous Systems, 6.
- [2] (2022) Dubied, M., **Michelis, M.Y.**, Spielberg, A. and Katzschmann, R.K., *Sim-to-real for soft robots using differentiable fem: Recipes for meshing, damping, and actuation*. IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, 7(2), pp.5015-5022.

### Conferences

- [1] (2024) Lingsch, L., **Michelis, M.Y.**, de Bezenac, E., Perera, S.M., Katzschmann, R., and Mishra, S., *Beyond Regular Grids: Fourier-Based Neural Operators on Arbitrary Domains*. In 2024 in International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML).
- [2] (2023) Lee, J.H., **Michelis, M.Y.**, Katzschmann, R. and Manchester, Z., *Aquarium: A Fully Differentiable Fluid-Structure Interaction Solver for Robotics Applications*. In 2023 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA). IEEE.
- [3] (2022) Gravert, S.D.\*, **Michelis, M.Y.\***, Rogler, S., Tscholl, D., Buchner, T. and Katzschmann, R.K., *Planar Modeling and Sim-to-Real of a Tethered Multimaterial Soft Swimmer Driven by Peano-HASELs*. In 2022 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) (pp. 9417-9423). IEEE.
- [4] (2022) Nava, E., Zhang, J.Z., **Michelis, M.Y.**, Du, T., Ma, P., Grewe, B.F., Matusik, W. and Katzschmann, R.K., *Fast aquatic swimmer optimization with differentiable projective dynamics and neural network hydrodynamic models*. In International Conference on Machine Learning (pp. 16413-16427). PMLR.
- [5] (2021) **Michelis, M.Y.** and Becker, Q., *On linear interpolation in the latent space of deep generative models*. Spotlight Presentation in Geometrical and Topological Representation Learning Workshop at International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR).

## SKILLS

<b>Programming</b>	Python / Java / C / C++	<b>English</b>	Very Fluent, C2
<b>Deep Learning</b>	PyTorch / TensorFlow	<b>German</b>	Native Speaker
<b>Research Areas</b>	Representation Learning / Differentiable Simulation / Physics-Informed Learning	<b>Chinese</b>	Very Fluent
		<b>Dutch</b>	Very Fluent
		<b>French</b>	Good

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- (2022) Best Presentation Award at Soft Robots for Humanity Workshop at IROS 2022
- (2022) Top 10% of reviewers at ICML 2022
- (2021) Spotlight Presentation in Geometrical and Topological Representation Learning Workshop at International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021
- (2015) Won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Finals of the Flemish Mathematics Olympiad + 3 years finalist in a row
- (2015) Entered Second Round of the Flemish Physics and Chemistry Olympiads
- (2014) Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Finals of Flemish Mathematics Olympiad + Best Participant of 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- (2014) Finalist of the Piano Concours de Liège
- (2013) Finalist of the Junior Mathematics Olympiad

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