Fujitsu Research of Europe
Assimilation for large-scale digital twins
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About the Organisation

Are you someone who enjoys using your research mindset to explore and innovate? Do you want to shape your world and change the way it works? Do you want to collaborate with committed people and achieve results together to develop truly human centric innovation? Are you someone who is interested in creating innovations to build trusted, sustainable societies using insights from big data, digital twins, and computational social science? If this is your world, here is an opportunity to shape it for the better.

At Fujitsu Research of Europe (FRE), we are combining research and industrial innovation to transform businesses and society. FRE is a multidisciplinary centre which, as part of Fujitsu's global R&D activity, conducts research and innovation – shaping our world for the better as well as supporting the constant learning of our employees.

About the Project

The Social Digital Twin project develops solutions to social issues. We create integrated technologies that combine large scale data with knowledge from a variety of fields, including data science, the humanities, and social sciences. We are developing systems that use real-world, real-time data to create digital twins that mirror the behaviour of complex systems – cities, transport, power – and enable their management.

One component of the SDT platform will be digital twins that reflect the state and behaviour of objects in the physical world. The models used by these twins will be continuously updated with real-time sensor data. These data will be noisy and gappy, so we need to ensure that they are smoothly integrated into running models.

We are creating an implementation of this concept by building a digital twin of the transport network of a region of the UK to manage the flow of people to meet sustainability goals. Input data includes open datasets, commercial data, and synthesised sources.

Smooth integration of data into running digital twins – assimilation - is a new and necessary area of research for the SDT project, so we are looking for an intern to help us start the investigation. The intern will set up a model flow of data from source to digital twin (of a transport system) and use this to implement and evaluate assimilation techniques on real-time data e.g Kalman filtering.

Further work may include reviewing the state of the art and/or the implementation of more sophisticated assimilation techniques.

Expected Outcomes

- Initial understanding of assimilation for the SDT
- Model implementation of data flow
- Present the results of the work to an international audience of stakeholders throughout Fujitsu Research
- Grow skills and expertise, both in yourself and for FRE

Person Specification

- Familiarity with one or more of: assimilation, agent-based modelling, or large-scale modelling
- Ability to discover and assess technical information
- Experience of performing well both when working as part of a team and individually

Internship Logistics

Start date: January/February 2023
Duration: 3 months full time equivalent (part-time possible)
Location: Hybrid, office in central Slough.
Renumeration: Renumeration: £30000 p.a. pro rata

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