

WEI XIA

Dr. Wei Xia has been working on the development of SIMPACK at INTEC for the last three years. Her role in the development team is mainly focussed on the continued improvement of the SIMPACK graphical user interface (GUI), in particular the GUI for the modules SIMBEAM, the Wheel/Rail pre-processor, the track module and Code Export.

Wei is another cosmopolitan INTEC team member; she is of Chinese origin, and she grew up, studied in China, before moving to Germany in 1989.

At the technical university of Clausthal she completed her doctorate in physical metallurgy. It was during her doctorate, that Wei became proficient in Fortran programming, which is now a major part of her work at INTEC. During her studies and through her previous work, Wei has also become an experienced user of CAD and FE programs. Wei's interests are not only scientific; her hobbies include painting and music, in particular concert and ballet.

TOM BURTON

Tom has been an integral part of the SIMPACK development team for over three years, specialising in the implementation of new SIMPACK modelling elements. He is also our expert when it comes to SIMPACK user routine customer support and training courses.

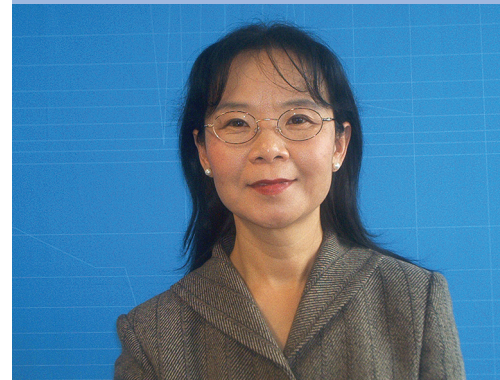
Before joining INTEC in November 2000, Tom was already an old hand at SIMPACK, after working for almost a year with SIMPACK in England alongside Steven Mulski (featured last SIMPACK News), previously having studied at Birmingham University, school of manufacturing and mechanical engineering.

Tom brings a touch of the English culture to INTEC and along with his lively and chirpy nature breeds a pleasant atmosphere in the developers' team.

RONALD GEIGER

Ronald Geiger is INTEC's newest employee, having joined us in August this year. He is another international member of the INTEC team, however he comes from slightly further afield. Ronald was born and grew up in Windhoek, Namibia, before studying civil engineering in Cape Town. He then moved to Munich, where he spent two years studying for a post-graduate MSc in computational mechanics, where his studies focussed on the Finite-Element method.

He is currently working on FEMBS related projects at INTEC and is also responsible for the FEMBS and SIMBEAM hotline. When not at INTEC, Ronald likes to spend his time snowboarding, the non-simulation side to flexible bodies and beams.



Dr. Wei Xia



Tom Burton



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