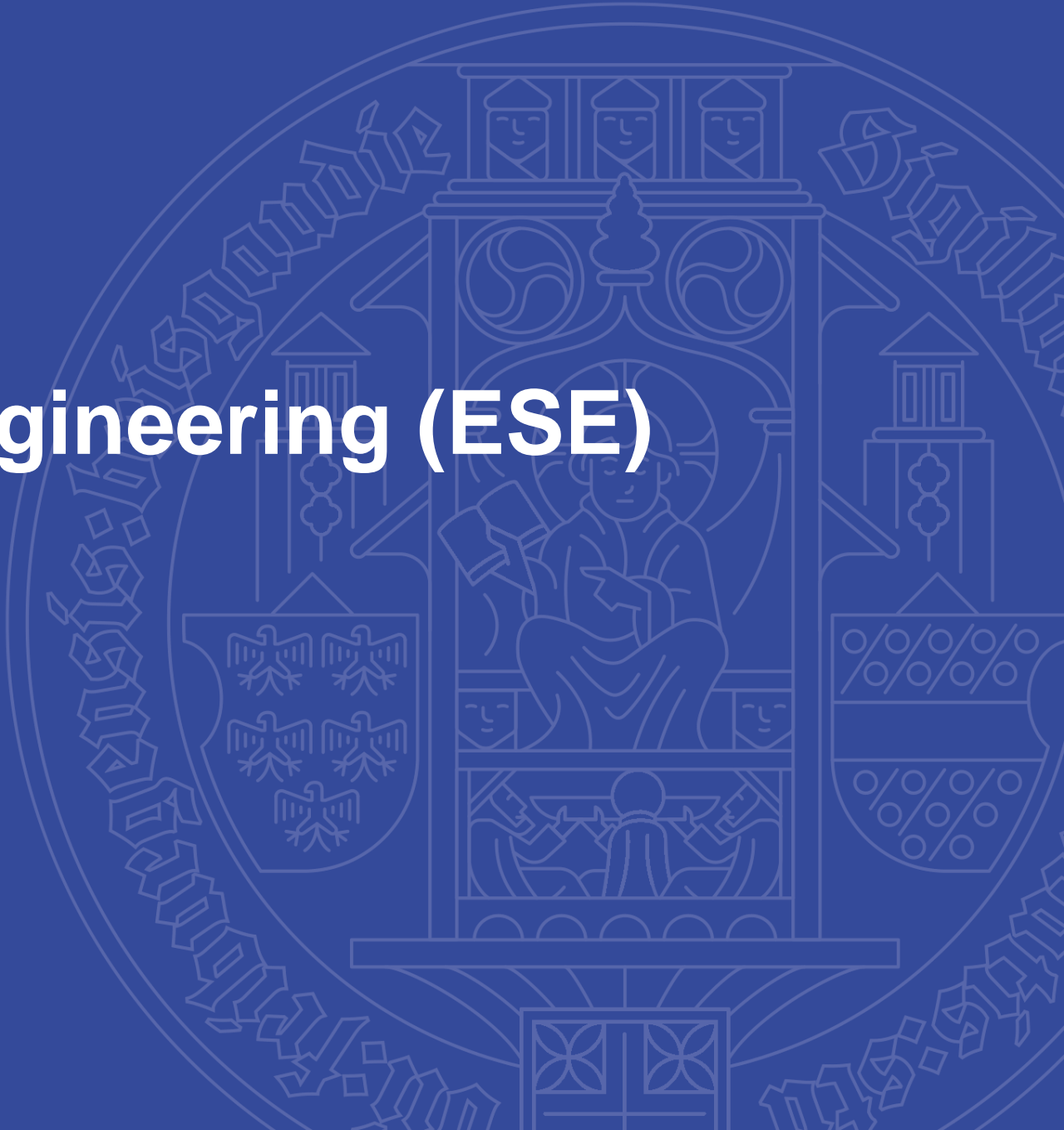


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# Master of Science Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE)

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# About me

## Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Bastian E. Rapp

- 2005, mechanical engineering  
University of Karlsruhe
- 2008, PhD in Microfluidics and Biosensors  
University of Karlsruhe
- 2017, Habilitation on fluid mechanics and microfluidics  
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
- 2018, Full Professor Process Technology  
IMTEK, University of Freiburg
- 2018, Founding CEO and current CTO of Glassomer GmbH
- several industry/academic awards (selection):  
*GMM, Edison Award, Südwestmetallförderpreis*, 2 of my former PhD students won the *Deutsche Studienpreis*
- since WS 2023/2024: Dean of Studies of IMTEK

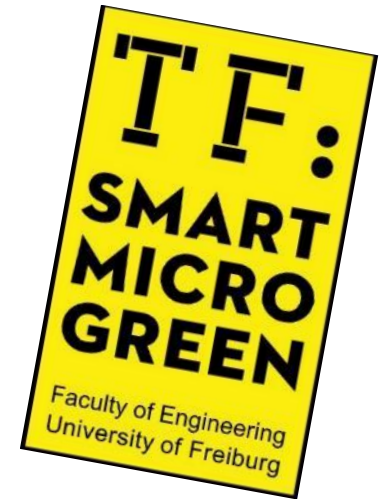
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# The Faculty of Engineering

- Founded in 1995
- Faculty of Engineering consists of
  - Department of Computer Science
  - Department of Microsystems Engineering
  - Department of Sustainable Systems Engineering (founded 2015)
- Some statistics
  - 50 professors & group leaders (and still growing)
  - More than 500 employees
  - More than 2400 students (**Women: ca. 21%, Internationals: ca. 37% (more than 50 nations)**)



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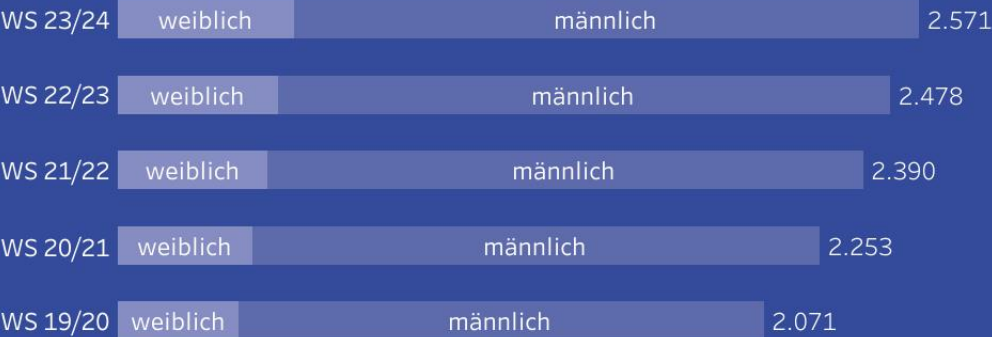


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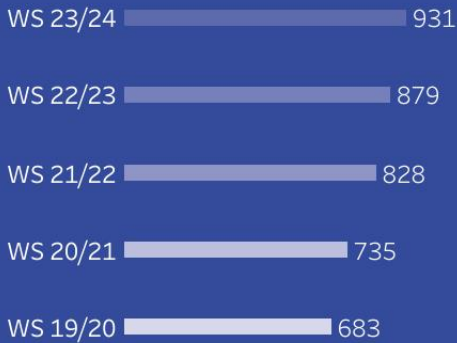
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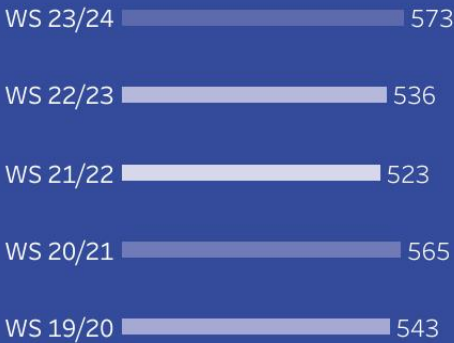
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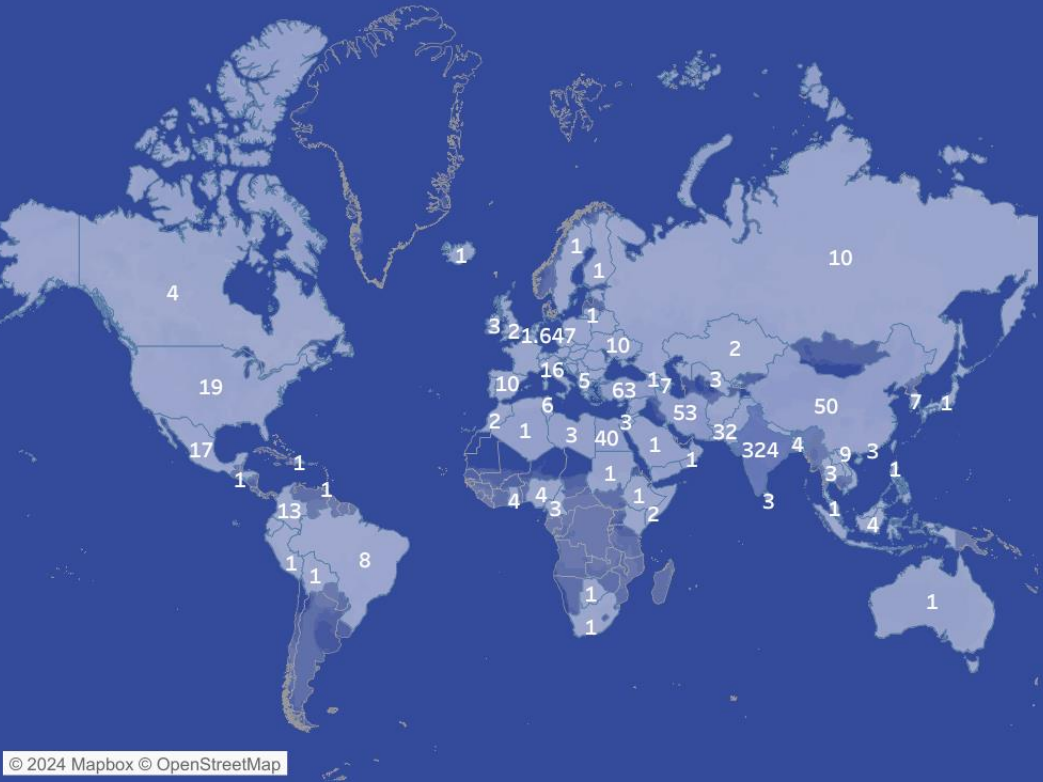
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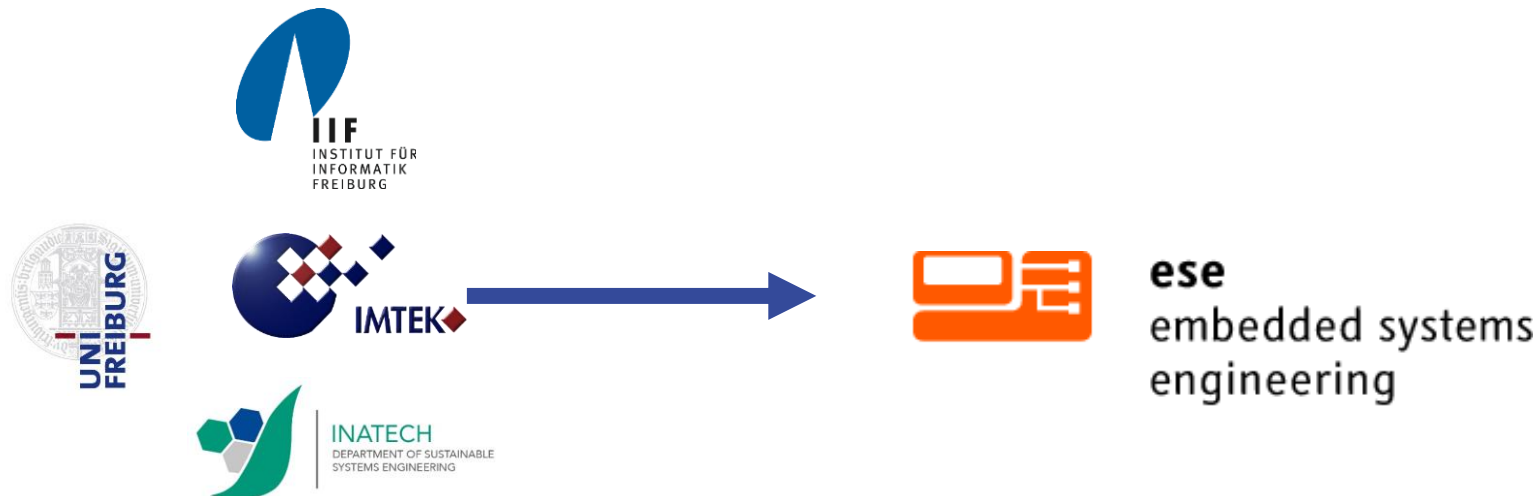
Studierende nach Staatsangehörigkeit



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# Embedded Systems at the Faculty of Engineering

- 21 Laboratories at IMTEK, 18 Chairs/research groups at IIF
- Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE) touches all of our core competencies
- Cooperation of professors and lecturers from the departments of Computer Science (CS), Microsystems Engineering (MSE) and Sustainable Systems Engineering (SSE), as well as external experts



# What is special at the Faculty of Engineering?

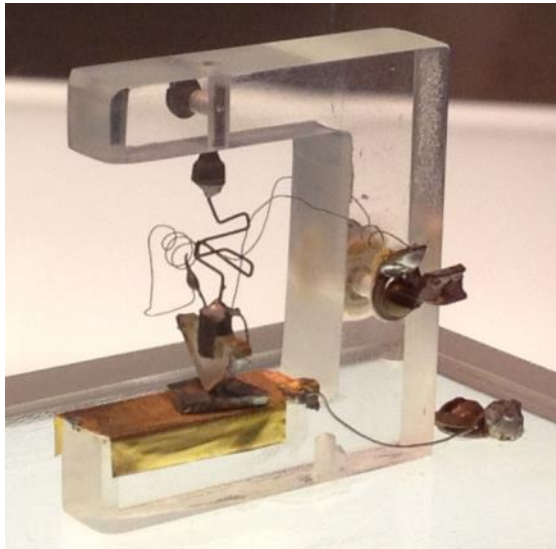
- Unique combination of Computer Science and MSE
- Interdisciplinary study programme
- Great infrastructure:  
cleanrooms, laboratories, computer pools, Wi-Fi, tele-teaching facilities, own engineering library
- Close contact to
  - Faculties of Biology, Chemistry, Medical Science, Physics, Materials Science
  - Uniklinik (University Hospital Freiburg)
  - 5 local Fraunhofer Institutes
  - industrial enterprises
- Numerous contacts to the industry



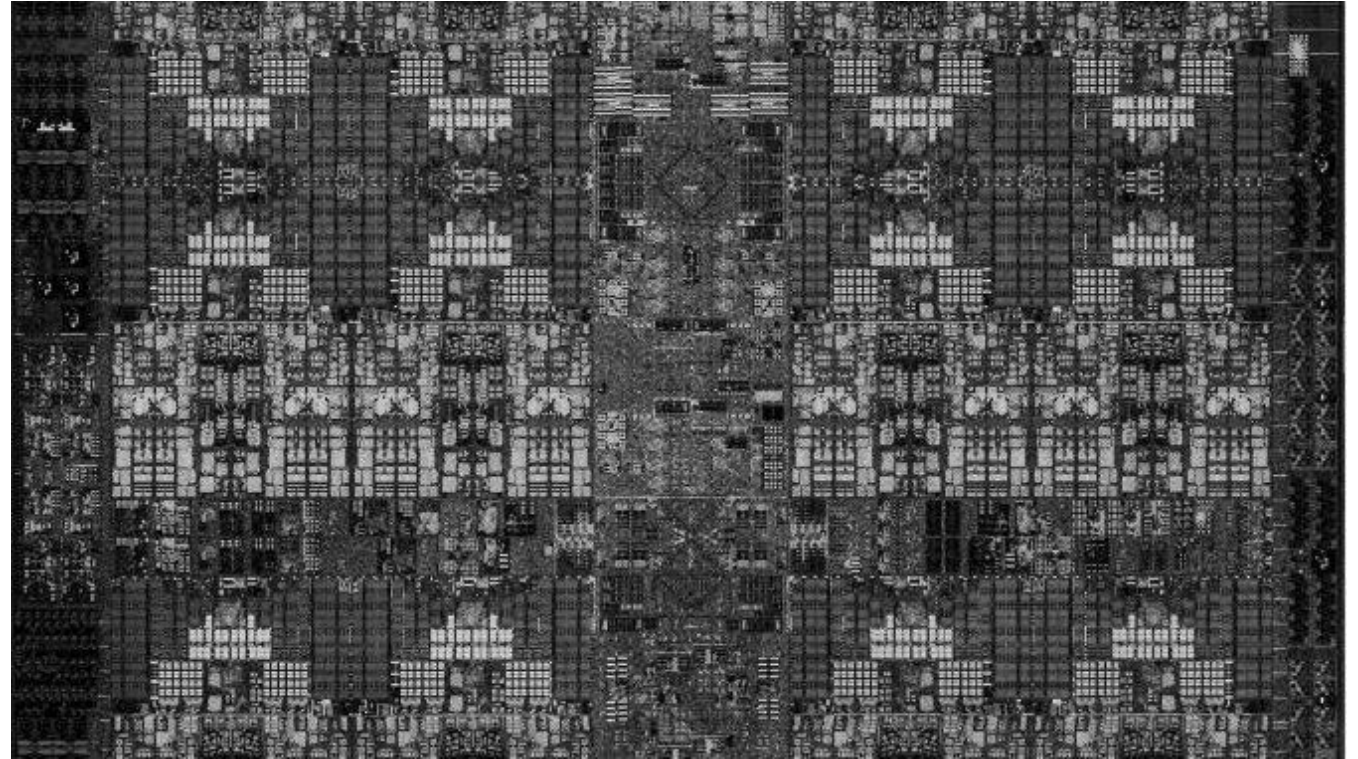
# From the first transistor to super computers



*John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain  
at Bell Labs, 1948*



*the first transistor ever built  
exhibited at Bell labs*



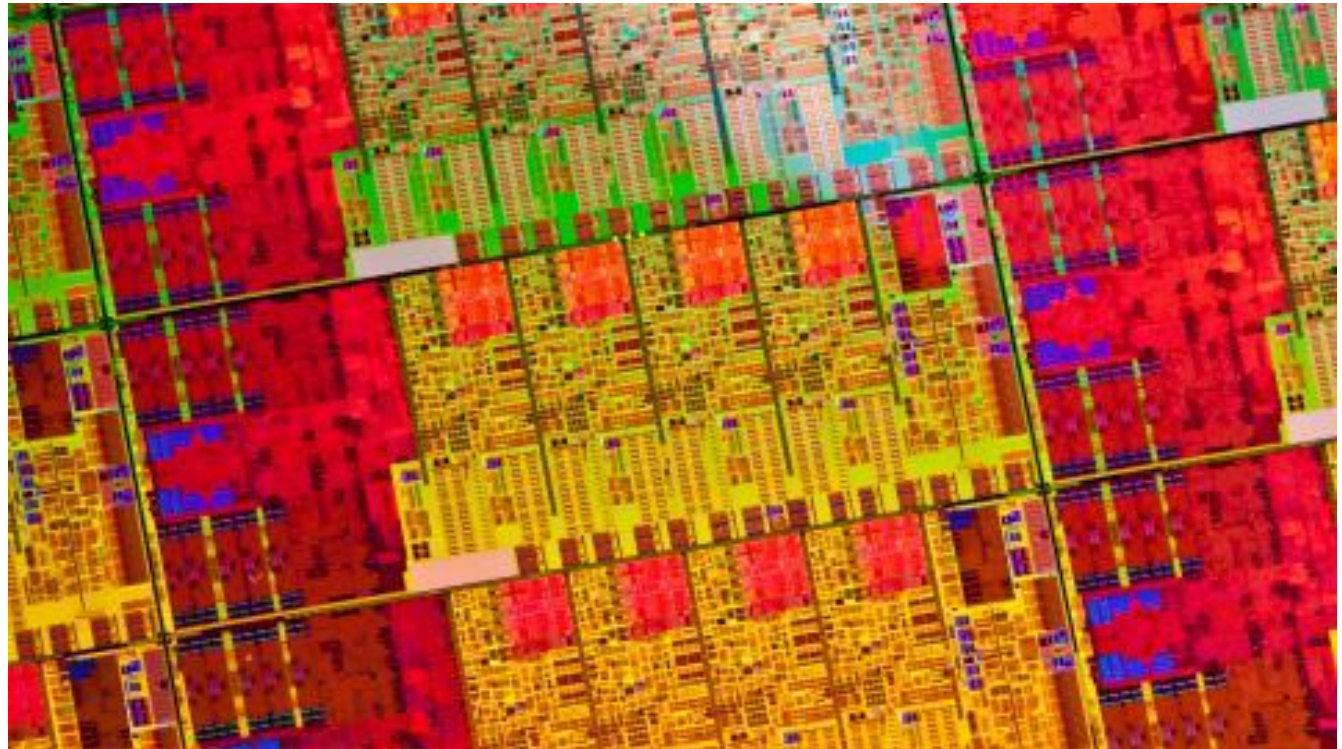
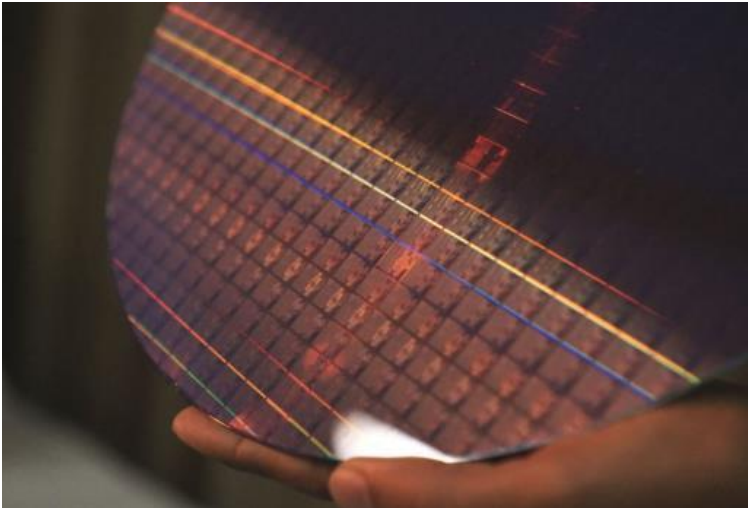
*IBM Power9 supercomputer with 150 petaflops (peta=1E15)*



# The power of microelectronics



area: 148.000.000 km<sup>2</sup>  
population: 7.8 billion people (2020)

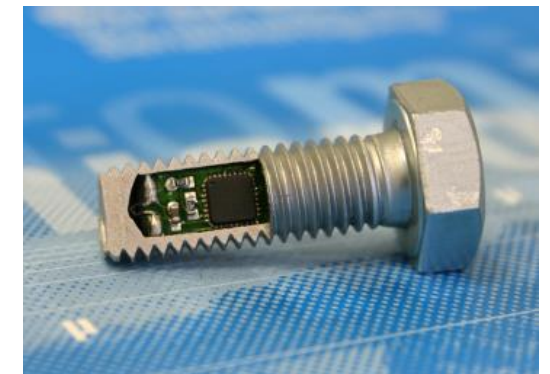
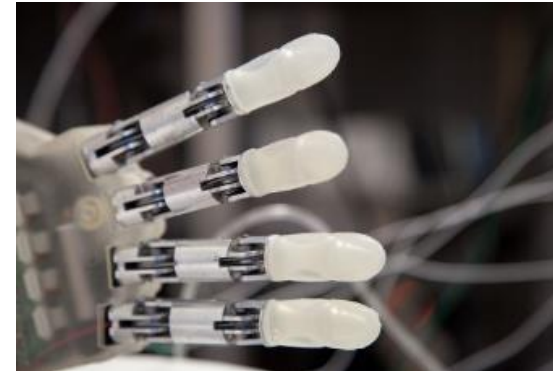


area: 30.000 mm<sup>2</sup>, 100 million transistors / mm<sup>2</sup>  
population: 3.000 billion transistors (10 nm node, 2019)



# Embedded Systems and where to find them

- Automotive engineering
- Bio/Medical technology
- Smart homes
- Telecommunications
- Media and consumer electronics
- Controlling and regulation in manufacturing processes
- Aerospace ...



# General programme structure

## Structural principles of all study programmes at the faculty

- Ca. 30 ECTS per semester
- 30 hours work-load per credit point  
→ full-time study programme with ~900 hours/semester
- All programmes are organized in modules
- A module can consist of one or several courses or elements
- Performance evaluation after the semester

# The Master programme ESE is...

- generally an international study programme
  - Most courses are offered in English
  - But some elective courses in German only
- a mixture of “compulsory elective” courses (to build a sound foundation in the area of Embedded Systems) and a big variety of elective courses and concentrations, which allow for individual specialization
- flexible: The study plan provides the frame, which you fill up with courses (→ when you do them is up to you)



# Structure of the study programme

## (Overview)

### 1. Area Computer Science

- Essential Lectures in Computer Science
- Elective Courses in Computer Science

### 2. Area Microsystems Engineering

- Advanced Microsystems Engineering
- Microsystems Engineering Concentration Areas

### 3. Optional area Customized Course Selection

**Total 1-3: 90 ECTS credits**

**Master module: 30 ECTS credits**

**Altogether: 120 ECTS credits**

# More details on course structure, exam regulations etc.

- ... will be provided directly after I'm done here.
- Will afterwards be available through video tutorials at:  
<https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/studies-and-teaching/a-to-z-study-faq/freshers-info>
- Topics handled there:
  - Understanding the regulations for the curriculum and designing your personal study plan
  - Administrative matters
  - Quick introduction to rules for examinations
  - Finding information and help
  - Using HISinOne to book your courses and exams

# Problems with your studies? Or other issues?

- If you have any questions or problems:  
**Act immediately and do not procrastinate!**
- Contacts & info sources:
  - Official information sources by university, faculty and study programme
  - Academic advising
  - Lecturers / assistants / mentors
  - Fachschaft (faculty's student committee)
  - Information centers like the Student Service Center, Office of Student Services etc.
  - Fellow students



# Gegen sexuelle Belästigung, Gewalt und Stalking Against Sexual Harassment, Violence, and Stalking



## **Beratung? Counselling?**

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+49 152 22928696

[www.gleichstellungsbuero.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.gleichstellungsbuero.uni-freiburg.de)

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# Some thoughts to share...

- **A Master's programme in Germany: A University is NOT a school!**
  - You have to organize your courses ... and your life
  - You have to register for your courses on your own
  - We challenge you from the first day on to assess given knowledge...
  - ...and to transfer given knowledge from one course to another
  - We will show you many aspects of embedded systems and their applications to broaden your knowledge and increase the opportunities for an exciting career.
- **That means for you...**
  - YOU have to take the initiative to ASK, ASK and read until you understand!
  - WE give you the overview, YOU have to learn the details.

# The art of living

## Enjoy being a student!

It is helpful to

- structure your day
- have unstructured free time
- meet colleagues
- keep up with your work
- regularly relax and get out



## Don't forget

- Family
- Friends
- Sports
- Culture
- Nature...





# Moreover...

- Buy some textbooks
- Contact your mentor
- Form study groups
- Do a project / internship
- Poke around in the laboratories (Hiwi-jobs)
- Find a MSc thesis & a supervisor early on
- Re-enroll and register for things
- Get enough sleep



# Mentoring

- **Every student has a faculty mentor**
  - A professor as a contact person
  - Assigned by the Dean of Studies
- **Student's contact for:**
  - problems
  - questions
  - clarifications
  - job searches
  - recommendations
  - or just general advising

# Also here for your questions: Academic advisors

## Contact information:

- Martina Nopper (Dipl.-Inf.)  
Study advisor for computer science and ESE
- Phone: +49 761 203 8169



Please check the consulting hours for phone calls:

<https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>

## Counterpart in the MSE department:

- Frank Goldschmidtboing
- Phone: +49 761 203 7496



Mail (shared!): [studienberatung@ese.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:studienberatung@ese.uni-freiburg.de)

# Further contact points at our faculty

- Examination Office
  - Susanne Stork, Anne-Julchen Müller, Ilka Muckle, Isabela Buchholzer
  - <https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>  
→ Examinations Office Faculty of Engineering
- Student advising on general matters
  - Ursula Epe
  - <https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/study-programs/counseling>  
→ Programme coordination and general study advice
- Fachschaft: (faculty's student committee)
  - <http://fachschaft.informatik.uni-freiburg.de>





# And after graduation?

## In Industry

- Find out what you like during your MSc programme
- Use job portals and company websites to monitor the market
- Visit career workshops and gather tips how to apply
- Go to recruiting fairs

## PhD as research assistant

- Perform a research project (on your own)
- Look for an open position
- Apply
- Get hired & paid for your PhD project
- Take on responsibility as project and lab assistant
- Support your professor in educational tasks
- Duration: 3 to 5 years

**We wish you  
good luck & much success  
with your studies!**

