Master of Science Embedded Systems Engineering

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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)
- More than
  - 50 professors & group leaders
  - more than 450 employees
  - more than 2250 students
    - Women: 19%
    - Internationals: 33% (~40 nations)

IIF INSTITUT FÜR INFORMATIK FREIBURG

IMTEK

INATECH DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

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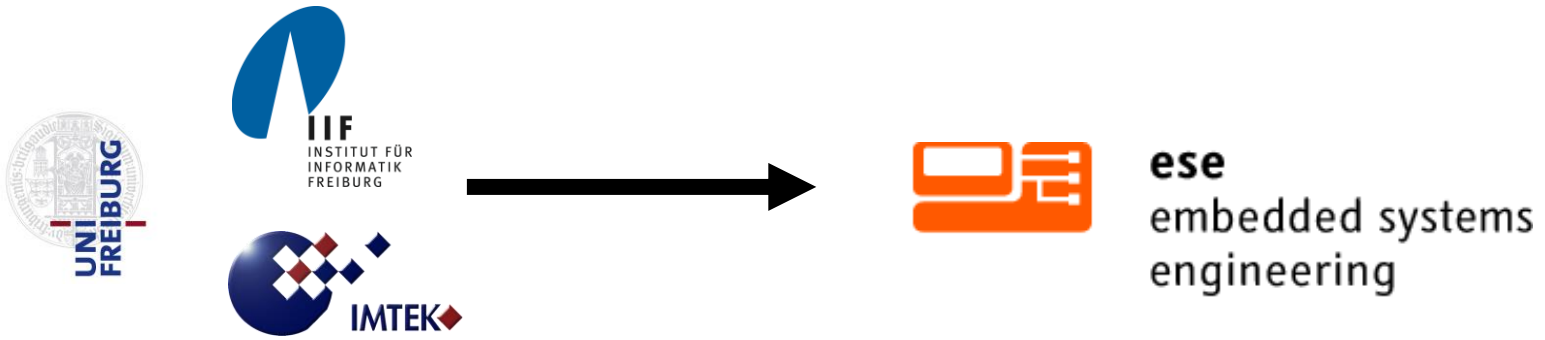
Embedded Systems at the Faculty of Engineering

- Embedded Systems Engineering (ESE) touches all of our core competencies
- Cooperation of professors and lecturers from the departments of Computer Science (CS) and Microsystems Engineering (MSE) as well as external experts



22 Laboratories at IMTEK

- **MEMS Applications**
  Prof. Dr. Roland Zengerle
- **Assembly and Packaging Technology**
  Prof. Dr. Jürgen Wilde
- **Bio- and Nanophotonics**
  Prof. Dr. Alexander Rohrbach
- **Biomedical Microtechnology**
  Prof. Dr. Thomas Stieglitz
- **Biomicrotechnology**
  Prof. Dr. Ul250rich Egert
- **Chemistry and Physics of Interfaces**
  Prof. Dr. Jürgen Rühe
- **Design of Microsystems**
  Prof. Dr. Peter Woias
- **Electrical Instrumentation and Embedded Systems**
  Prof. Dr. Stefan Rupitsch
- **Gas Sensors**
  Prof. Dr. Juergen Woellenstein
- **Materials Process Technology**
  Prof. Dr. Thomas Hanemann
- **Micro- and Material Mechanics**
  Prof. Dr. Christoph Eberl
- **Microactuators**
  Prof. Dr. Ulrike Wallrabe
- **Microelectronics**
  Prof. Dr. Yiannos Manoli
- **Micro-optics**
  Prof. Dr. Hans Zappe
- **Microsystems Materials**
  Prof. Dr. Oliver Paul
- **Nanotechnology**
  Prof. Dr. Margit Zacharias
- **Optical Systems**
  Prof. Dr. Carsten Buse
- **Process Technology**
  Prof. Dr. Bastian Rapp
- **Sensors**
  Prof. Dr. Gerald Urban
- **Simulation**
  Prof. Dr. Lars Pastewka
- **Smart Systems Integration**
  Prof. Dr. Alfons Dehé
- **Systems Theory**
  Prof. Dr. Moritz Diehl

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21 Chairs/research groups at IIF

- **Algorithms and Complexity**
  Prof. Dr. Fabian Kuhn
- **Bioinformatics**
  Prof. Dr. Rolf Backofen
- **Algorithms and Data Structures**
  Prof. Dr. Hannah Bast
- **Computer Architecture**
  Prof. Dr. Armin Biere
- **Operating Systems**
  Prof. Dr. Christoph Scholl
- **Embedded Systems**
  tba
- **Software Engineering**
  Prof. Dr. Andreas Podelski
- **Programming Languages**
  Prof. Dr. Peter Thiemann
- **Foundations of AI**
  Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nebel
- **Autonomous Intelligent Systems**
  Prof. Dr. Wolfram Burgard
- **Machine Learning**
  Prof. Dr. Frank Hutter
- **Neurorobotics**
  Prof. Dr. Joschka Boedecker
- **Representation Learning**
  Prof. Dr. Josif Grabocka (Jun.Prof.)
- **Robot Learning**
  Prof. Dr. Abhinav Valada (Jun.Prof.)
- **Cognitive Computation**
  apl. Prof. Dr. Marco Ragni
- **Graphics Data Processing**
  Prof. Dr. Matthias Teschner
- **Computer Vision and Image Processing**
  Prof. Dr. Thomas Brox
- **Databases and Information Systems**
  tba
- **Networks and Telematics**
  Prof. Dr. Christian Schindelhauer
- **Communication Systems**
  Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schneider
- **Gender Studies in STEM**
  Prof. Dr. Anelis Kaiser

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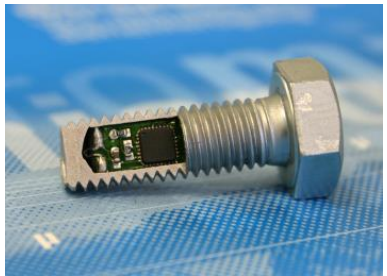
What is special @ the Faculty of Engineering?

- Unique combination of Computer Science and MSE
- Interdisciplinary study program
- Great infrastructure:
  cleanrooms, laboratories, computer pools, WiFi, 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

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 …

Quellen: wikipedia bzw. TF



General program structure

Structural principles of all study programs at the faculty

- Ca. 30 ECTS per semester
- 30 hours work load per credit point
- All programs are organized in modules
- A module can consist of one or several courses
- Performance evaluation after the semester

The Master program ESE is…

- generally an international study program
  - 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 program and recommended courses for this semester

Overview

1. Area Computer Science
   - Essential Lectures in Computer Science Bereich
   - Elective Courses in Computer Science
2. Area Mikrosystems Engineering
   - Advanced Microsystems Engineering
   - Microsystems Engineering Concentration Areas
3. Facultative area Customized Course Selection

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

Master module **30 ECTS**

Structure of the study program

Module / Area	Semester	ECTS credits
Area Essential Lectures in Computer Science Select 3 to 6 from 9 modules	1 or 3	18 to 36
Elective Courses in Computer Science 1. Specialization Courses in Computer Sci: Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Physical Systems 2. Seminars (up to 2, 3 ECTS each) 3. Projekt (1 with 18 ECTS)	2 to 3	18 to 36 First >=18 Rest ≤ 18 Only 2. OR 3.
Area Advanced Microsystems Engineering Select 3 to 6 from 8 modules	1 or 3	18 to 36
Microsystems Engineering Concentrations 1. Circuits and Systems 2. Materials and Fabrication 3. Biomedical Engineering 4. Photonics	2 to 3	18 to 36 First >=18 Rest ≤ 18
Customized Course Selection	2 and 3	≤ 18
Master thesis + presentation	4	27 + 3
Overall		120

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More details on course structure, exam regulations etc.

- … will be provided by the study advisor, Ms. Nopper, directly after I‘m done here.
- Is also available through video tutorials at: https://www.tf.uni-freiburg.de/en/studies-and-teaching/a-to-z-study-faq/freshers-info
  → Further information and tutorials
- Topics handled there:
  - Building your study plan
  - Administrative things
  - Rules for Examinations
  - Finding information and help
  - Course booking in HISinOne

Problems with your studies?

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

Some thoughts to share…

- **A Master‘ program in Germany**
  - 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 oppurtunites 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
- occasionally relax and get out

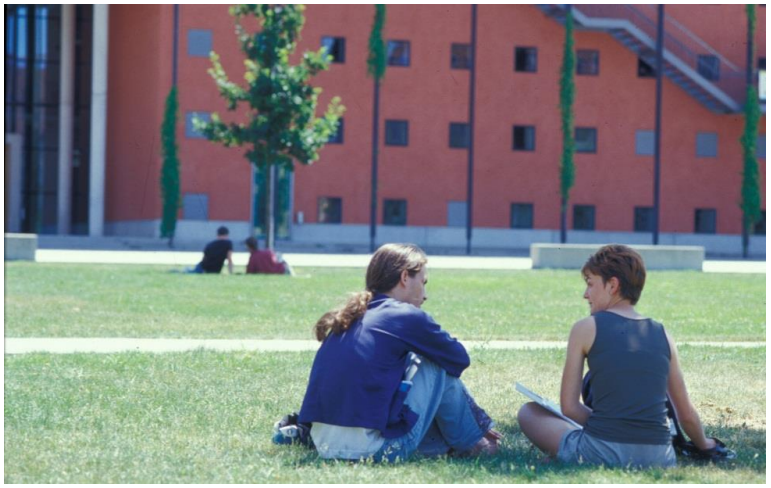
Don‘t forget

- Family
- Friends
- Sports
- Culture
- Autumn leaves…

Quelle: TF / M. Diehl / Mellar

Moreover…

- Buy textbooks
- Contact your mentor
- Form study groups
- Poke around in the laboratories
- Find an MSc thesis advisor early on
- Stay registered
- Get enough sleep



Quelle: TF

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 Goldschmidtböing
- Phone: +49 761 203 7496

Mail (for both):
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Further contact points at our faculty

- Examination Office
  - Susanne Stork & Anne-Julchen Müller
  - 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
    → Program 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 program
  - Use job portals and company websites to monitor the market
  - Visit career workshops to 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 paid for the PhD project
  - Take on responsibility as project assistant
  - Support your professor in educational tasks
  - Duration: 3-5 years

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