

# POST-GRADUATE

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**EVENTS****DIT Alumni & AlumniNet e.V.**

**Thurs, 26 November 2020, 6 pm:**  
Online-SYP - Productively working during Homeoffice

**Wed, 9 December 2020, 6 pm:**  
Online Presentation: Enhance your job search with skill profiles

**Sat, 27 March 2021:** SYP: Communication and Conflict management (*The seminar had to be post-poned from November 2020 to March 2021*)

**Thurs, 17 December 2020, 7 pm:**  
Teaser event about our online coaching programme about "Time sovereignty, energy and focus" starting in January

**University**

**Fri, 13 November 2020:** DigiHealthDay – Global Digital Health – Today, Tomorrow and Beyond

**Fri, 13 November 2020:** Deggendorf Scientific Colloquium

**Wed, 18 November 2020:** 5th Founder's Day at DIT - Alumni are cordially invited! Exciting start-up pitches from selected teams and an exclusive keynote. The event is free of charge. [www.pmit-ext.th-deg.de/seminare/dates/view/1414](http://www.pmit-ext.th-deg.de/seminare/dates/view/1414)

**Fri, 20 & Sat, 21 November 2020:**  
Bayerwald Hackathon

**Wed, 2 December 2020:**  
Virtual Master Info Evening

**Preface**

Dear Absolvira,

the first version of this preface was written during Election Night, when it looked as if the new American president was going to be the old one. The tide has turned, democracy prevails, but what remains is a stale aftertaste of four years in which the values that give society the status of "civilised" have been turned upside down.

There may be a new president, but his majority was a narrow one, and not a purely American phenomenon, as the Corona discussions alone show: Recognising scientific findings, evaluating them and developing and implementing appropriate action maxims seemed logical until recently, but are now threatened with extinction, along with thousands and thousands of animal and plant species. Here we are, as academics, called upon to act collectively and to hold up the shield of science together. You, as alumni of a university, are called upon, through close exchange with the students, to help shape their future and set the course for a future in which values such as sustainability, scientific excellence, truth and community regain the upper hand. So become an active member of the Alumni Network!

Next year, the AlumniNet e.V. association will be 29 years old, we are currently planning a multi-variant concept with many opportunities for active participation. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved. Offer us your expertise as speaker in alumni talks, as coach in seminars, as mentor, or simply as participant in networking events.

However, situations such as election night are also a good exercise for dealing with things that don't go as you would like. Here, the methods can be applied that help you to remain relaxed in stressful situations and thus ensure that you keep a cool head and make wise decisions. How good is it that DIT alumni, together with the network association AlumniNet, will soon be offering numerous seminars on topics that can help them advance both privately and professionally. Either way, it's time to get off the sofa!

We are looking forward to seeing you and wish you relaxed entertainment while reading this new issue of Post-Graduate.

Best regards,

Your

Ulrike Sauckel

Further information and events can be found on the event calendar:  
[www.th-deg.de/en/dit/events](http://www.th-deg.de/en/dit/events)



## Alumni Profile

## MICHAEL BAUER - ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Career development.**

In the summer of 2005 I completed my studies in the field of electrical engineering and information technology with the focus on automation technology as the last graduating class as Dipl.-Ing.(FH) at the University of Applied Sciences in Deggendorf. Before starting my professional life, I travelled through New Zealand and Australia from October to February 2006, before I started working as a test field engineer for small and large engines at the Loher motor factory in Ruhstorf.

During my two years of work I was able to build up my specialist knowledge of motors with/without explosion protection (Ex d, Ex i, Ex e) and generators, which was very helpful when I joined Finergy AG, based in Voerde/NRW, as „Sales and Service Engineer“ for wind power generators and converters. In September 2011 I changed to Siemens AG and was responsible as „Quality Manager in Project“ for preventive and operative quality planning and assurance in transnational projects for generators for the

entire product life cycle. Due to the job requirements at both, Flender AG and Siemens AG, I had to make many business trips in Europe and China to get to know the country and its people directly on site.

In May 2017 I changed to the engineering office IB Graf for electrotechnical building equipment in Pfarrkirchen, which I took over one year later as owner with the current company name IB Bauer+Graf. The field of activity covers a wide range of tasks in the most diverse sub-trade from industrial buildings to the planning of villas for high voltage/low voltage applications and lighting design, taking into account the installation depth and safety-relevant equipment required by the client.

**Reminiscing allowed: Remember your student days.**

I have fond memories of my studies: learning and living in Deggendorf corresponded to my ideas and was very structured during my eight semesters, based on the lecture plan. I had a certain classmateship with my fellow students, and the professors were always interested in communicating knowledge in a comprehensible way and responding directly to questions during the lecture. The lecture style and the experiments in the laboratories also reminded me to a large extent of my school days and the documents provided for the lecture were very well prepared.

To this day I still meet former fellow students in my professional environment.

**What advice would you give to today's students?**

My time at Siemens and my planning office has always shown me and continues to show me new develop-

ment opportunities to advance professionally and personally. I always accepted these opportunities and thus followed a certain road map that life and the professional world offered me. During my studies, the professors also taught me that constant learning in a professional environment, including language skills in English, awaits graduates and is indispensable. I can underline this statement as fully correct. The studies in Deggendorf enabled me to pursue my career so far and were a very good decision on my path in life.



## NUMBERS, DATES AND FACTS ABOUT THE WINTER SEMESTER 2020/2021

**Our university family has now grown to 7,941 Students (30 September 2020) and 776 employees. The proportion of foreign students from over 100 countries who come to study in Deggendorf or Pfarrkirchen and Cham is an impressive 29 %.**

Despite some uncertainties in regards to the Corona Pandemic, we were able to welcome 30 new exchange students within the framework of our exchange programmes in the winter semester 2020/2021. In addition, 20 exchange students from the summer semester decided to spend another semester at our university and five incoming students completed their first "online semester abroad" at DIT. This is possible because the lectures for exchange students in the winter semester 2020/21 are almost exclusively virtual.

The university is currently divided into eight faculties:

- Applied Healthcare Sciences
- Computer Science
- Applied Natural Sciences and Industrial Engineering
- Applied Economics
- Civil and Construction Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Media Technology
- European Campus Rottal-Inn
- Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics

The university now also has eleven Technology Campuses (TC). The research institutes, which have been successively established since 2009, are located in the neighbouring districts of Cham, Regen, Freyung-Grafenau, Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz, Weißenburg-Gunzenhausen and Passau. Experts there

develop application-related special solutions in close cooperation with high-tech companies. At the centre of this institutional work is the symbiosis of scientific research and economic applicability. Companies benefit from access to DIT's laboratory and research capacities, and valuable industrial contacts are created for research interns and prospective graduates.

In this issue we report on the opening of the TC Plattling (p. 12), in autumn 2022.

### Alumni Events

## ONLINE SEMINAR: PRODUCTIVELY WORKING DURING HOME OFFICE

26 NOVEMBER 2020 | 6 PM

On Thursday, 26 November 2020 we offer our alumni a virtual seminar on the topic "Successfully working in the home office" from 6 - 7.30 pm. The seminar will be held via Zoom.

Work in home offices and online teams has been increasing not only since Corona: colleagues are spread over several locations, sometimes several countries and continents. But working together at the same location also requires new arrangements for collaboration in times of home office, which means that work can also function very well from a distance.

However, in an online team, without the contact on site in the corridor or

in the common break, informal arrangements and spontaneous exchange are often missing. It is easier to lose the overview, "nobody knows what the other person is doing" and the risk of misunderstandings and misinterpretations increases.

In our interactive and practice-oriented online seminar you will deal with the most important aspects for successful work in the home office. Practical tips, tools shown live and direct application help you to become fit for work and cooperation in the home office in 90 minutes.

The following main topics will be covered in the interactive seminar:

- Keeping focus in the home office
- Keep in touch in the home office
- Stay healthy in your home office
- Tools for success in the home office

Registration is now possible at [alumni@th-deg.de](mailto:alumni@th-deg.de).

The seminar is free of charge for AlumniNet members. Non-members pay € 50.

By registering you agree to our seminar guidelines.



Feedback on the Corona Pandemic

ALUMNI SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH US

In the last issue we asked our alumni to share their experiences during the Corona pandemic. Here is the collected feedback, thank you very much for your contributions!



**Our alumnus Martin Klepper has used the time to make his life-long dream come true: A dog.**

The Corona summer holiday was the perfect starting point for this. The little one is called Alpha and was warmly welcomed into Martin Klepper's family.

He even has his own Instagram account: leben\_mit\_alpha ;-)

*Image Alpha: Martin Klepper*

**Alexander Raab: e-learning as new science topic**

"After my Bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and management, I set the course in life once again and began studying dentistry with the aim of becoming an oral surgeon. To finance this, I work as a freelance lecturer for engineering sciences. The Corona crisis changed both my new studies and my work: numerous hygiene regulations changed the way I treat patients, and both as a student and as a lecturer, I suddenly had to deal intensively with e-learning, which is why I am currently doing a doctorate in this field."

*Image: Alexander Raab*



**Carlo Schöpp: "Not everything was bad"**

You can bet that anyone who was asked in a job interview five years ago where they see themselves in five years' time was wrong! The pandemic has not only turned the working world upside down. Working 4.0 has been accelerated by Corona in a way never imagined. Digital working, digital semester, digital society and associations... Corona is in a way a kind of world championship. The country, society and economic system that can best cope with the pandemic will gain a long-lasting global competitive advantage. Bavaria has done very well here. Moreover, rural areas have experienced a noticeable boost in attractiveness!

Perfect timing - Corona could not slow us down in our private lives

either. Our wedding took place right between the two waves, so we could celebrate without any noticeable restrictions. And that's exactly what we wish everyone else. Make

the best of the situation and stay healthy!

*Image: Philippa & Carlo Schöpp*



## ALUMNI SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH US

**The founders and siblings Jean-Pierre and Isabelle Tran from the J&I Viands Group GmbH are pursuing a new approach to gastronomy with the JACCI Asian Kitchen**

Isabelle Tran completed her Bachelor's degree in International Management at DIT in 2013. With her company, she was even included in the COSME support programme for entrepreneurs in autumn 2019 and supported by the EFSI European Fund for Strategic Investment.

- 1. Project: 10/2019  
JACCI Asian Kitchen
- 2. Project: 03/2020  
JACCI petite Delivery
- 3. Project: 11/2020  
(Name not published yet)

*On course for success despite Corona?*

Yes, that's possible :) JACCI petite Delivery was created abruptly by the Corona crisis. In the middle of March all catering businesses including JACCI Asian Kitchen were shut down, but as a young start-up we could not afford a loss of sales. The delivery service without customer contact at



the front door was or is absolutely predestined in the current situation. We have used the Corona crisis as an opportunity to build up our delivery service. Our quick adaptability and a young IT-affine catering team helped us to be flexible and, above all, to cope quickly with changes. In the area of JACCI Asian Kitchen we decided against high commission delivery and started with our own ordering system.

Our advantage was an already existing customer base and a developed social media network, which enabled us to market the delivery system consistently. The biggest challenge was the time pressure, to find a customer-friendly system on the one hand and a system that is easy to use for the employees on the other. A completely separate app would not have been possible due to the rush and the high investment costs. After a lot of research, we found a Berlin start-up that cooperated with

us and within two weeks, with many sleepless nights, we managed to digitalise our ordering system and have been on the market with JACCI petite since the beginning of April. Originally the delivery service was only to be offered on a temporary basis, but fortunately this has started so well that we decided to continue JACCI petite Delivery in Thalkirchen after lockdown ended.

*Image: Isabelle Tran*



Founders at DIT

EASY2PARTS

The start-up "Easy2Parts" from DIT ranks is on the road to success. The founders Robert Hilmer, Sebastian Freund and Michael Neuhauser are DIT alumni and have come together through the university.

Robert Hilmer studied part-time operational management, Sebastian Freund first studied industrial engineering and management and then went on to study general management in the MBA programme. Michael Neuhauser is a graduate of the Applied Computer Science programme. The team of the university's Startup Campus has supported the start-up from the very beginning and is eagerly following the next steps.

We asked the start-up "Easy2Parts" how they have been dealing with the Corona period so far. Robert Hilmer, one of the founders, gave us the following answer: In order to better understand how we are doing, I would first like to briefly describe what Easy2Parts does: Easy2Parts is the first platform that combines a social network with supply chain software, making the procurement of production components and assemblies by AI enour-



mously easier and more transparent. We founded the company in April 2019 and were able to generate the first revenues as early as July 2019 by linking buyers and manufacturing companies via our web portal. Since then, we have been the first point of contact for manufacturing parts for your customers. With the outbreak of the Corona crisis, we then had to move from the start-up centre to the home office. As we are very digitally oriented, this was of course no problem. We celebrated our one-year company anniversary via MS Teams. As you can see on the photo, we still had

fun doing that. Unfortunately, some of our customers had to struggle with considerable consequences of the lock-down, which also affected us. By acquiring new customers, we were nevertheless able to increase our sales considerably and attract investors for Easy2Parts. This makes us one of the few start-ups to have successfully completed funding in the middle of the Corona crisis, and we are well positioned for the future.

Further information on the start-up can be found on:

[www.easy2parts.com](http://www.easy2parts.com)

Image: Robert Hilmer  
Image: DIT



**New Professors**

**PROF DR CHRISTINA BAUER**

Faculty Applied Computer Science



**Alumna of:**

Regensburg University, Degree in Information Sciences

**Doctorate in:**

Information Sciences

**Professional Steps:**

Development of intelligent pedestrian navigation systems as part of a research project at Regensburg University, lecturer for software design and evaluation at Regensburg University, course coordination of the newly introduced Digital Humanities Masters at Regensburg University, requirements engineering and new development of public administration systems at AKDB

**At DIT for (faculty/topic area):**

Applied Computer Science / Artificial Intelligence and Digital Teaching

**What to you value most about DIT:**

The latest developments and inventions are quickly being incorporated into teaching

**Special Projects:**

Intelligent user centred e-learning systems

**Favourite holiday destination:**

Ireland

**PROF DR ANDREAS GRÖTSCH**

Faculty Applied Economics



**Alumnus of:**

Business administration and law in Munich

**Doctorate in:**

Law

**Professional Steps:**

Since 1998 in the law firm Wannemacher & Partner as RA and StB, 15 years lecturer at the University of Osnabrück

**At DIT for (faculty/topic area):**

Applied Economics, tax compliance, criminal tax law, corporate social responsibility

**What do you value most about DIT:**

A particularly innovative university with a strong practical orientation

**Special Projects:**

Prevention of criminal tax proceedings

**Favourite holiday destination:**

Cape Town



**New Professors**

**PROF DR MATTHIAS HUBER**

Faculty European Campus Rottal-Inn



**Alumnus of:**

TU Munich: Mechanical Engineering/Energy Technology  
LMU: Economics

**Doctorate in:**

Optimisation of Energy Systems at the TU Munich

**Professional Steps:**

Boston Consulting Group  
Ifo Institute  
Siemens AG

**At DIT for (Faculty/topic area):**

ECRI / Energy Systems and Smart Buildings

**What to you value most about DIT?**

The high degree of innovation and the international orientation

**Special Projects:**

Hopefully soon the design of the new campus building in Pfarrkirchen as a Living Lab for new energy and Smart Building/Smart City technologies

**Favourite holiday destination:**

Chiemgau for the mountains and Andalusia for the beach :-)

**PROF DR THOMAS STÖRTKUHL**

Faculty Applied Computer Science



**Alumnus of:**

Diploma in Physics at the Technical University of Munich, Bachelor in Philosophy at the Munich Philosophical University

**Doctorate in:**

Numerical solutions of the biharmonic equation, Technical University of Munich

**Professional Steps:**

Security Team at Hypovereinsbank, IT Security Consulting at Secaron AG (Member of the Management Board), Head of the Industrial IT Security Team at TÜV SÜD, Head of Security Management Unit at Koramis GmbH, since 1 October 2020 Professor at DIT

**At DIT for (faculty/topic area):**

Applied Computer Science / Cyber Security

**What do you value most about DIT?**

Openmindedness

**Special Projects:**

Security Management



## FILM FROM DIT ALUMNUS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD



**Your film *Accept* was shown at the Los Angeles Crime & Horror Film Festival. Please tell us a little bit more about the movie (from the idea to the final realisation) and how it ended up at this festival.**

*Manuel Klavers:* *Accept* is about a girl who hides her true self after the death of her father in order to be able to lead a normal life with her family. When she is pursued by threatening figures, she has to face her fears and accept herself. The idea and the script were my own. It was very important to me personally to tell the story of self-discovery and the challenges it presents. Especially when you deviate from the norm, it is often difficult to stand by yourself. The short film was realised by me and two other media technology students Maximilian Stahl and Paul Bickhoff. We shot for almost two weeks in April 2019 and then worked on the final version until January 2020. After completion, I submitted the film to several festivals both in Germany and internationally. I thought that a genre festival would be a very good match for our film. Then we got the go-ahead and now we've even received an award for it, which we're naturally very proud of.



**Unfortunately, the festival takes place online, otherwise you would be in Los Angeles now, right?**

*Manuel Klavers/Maximilian Stahl:* That's right, as filmmakers festivals are of course always a great way to make contact. That's why we wouldn't have wanted to miss it. And it would have been great to receive the award in Los Angeles in person.

**Can you watch the film on some sort of platform/online?**

*Manuel Klavers/Maximilian Stahl:* At the moment the film is still on a festival tour. That means it is unfortunately not yet freely available. But because many festivals are online, it can be watched again and again on on-demand platforms. Information on this can be found on our website [www.accept-film.de](http://www.accept-film.de) or our Instagram account @accept.film.

**Congratulations Mr Stahl, you will receive the award for "Best Cinematography" during the festival. This is not only a reason for you to celebrate and be proud, but also for the whole film team, your professor (Prof Jens Schanze), the faculty and, of course, all of DIT. At the same time, you have already successfully entered professional life. How will the award (probably) affect you and where do you actually work?**

*Maximilian Stahl:* I can't say at the moment what effect the award will have on me. In any case, it fills me with pride to receive such an award at an international film festival for my first scenic film. It was the first major film production in which I was solely responsible for the image design on set, i.e. camera work and lighting. The award also confirms to me that the effort, passion and time that I and

my team put into the project definitely paid off. I am currently employed by Dr Holiday AG in Regensburg. I am responsible for the brand Topfit Service Germany with a former fellow student for the entire video and film production. I also work as a freelance cameraman: [www.maximilianstahl.de](http://www.maximilianstahl.de).

**Mr Klavers, what are your plans for the future?**

*Manuel Klavers:* In January 2019, I started my own business with the agency Filmimpuls in Passau. I produce commercials, image films and other video content for companies. Besides that I also produce my own short films. If the opportunity arises, I would of course love to direct a major film project. Festivals like the Los Angeles Crime & Horror Film Festival already offer me good opportunities to make important contacts in the industry.

**Many thanks to both of you for the interview!**

*Images: Accept-Film*



News

NEWS FROM THE VEREIN ALUMNINET E.V.

**Review: Pre-Halloween and Team Building Event**

At the end of October, AlumniNet e.V. organised a first virtual team-building event with its members. Divided into groups and connected via Zoom, the participants played an online version of the well-known Escape Rooms. The game was completely virtual and could therefore be played optimally in the current Corona time. Through the small groups and the mix of graduates and students, the members got to know each other while trying to solve the puzzles and were able to lay the first foundation for networking in the club right away.

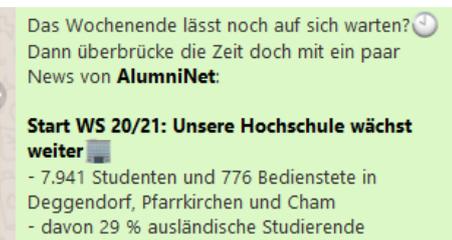


**New AlumniNet Logo**

At the virtual annual general meeting in September 2020, the alumni and student association presented the new logo to its members. Based on the previous design, our logo now shines in a more modern look. Next year the association will celebrate its 20th anniversary... we can look forward to exciting activities.

**New from Autumn 2020: The AlumniNet Newsletter**

Since autumn 2020, the AlumniNet association has been offering its members a very special form of association communication. Interested members have the opportunity to register for the AlumniNet WhatsApp newsletter. With the newsletter, they receive all news about DIT and especially about AlumniNet e.V. and DIT Alumni, conveniently via message on their smartphones. The service is free of charge and you can subscribe and unsubscribe at any time.

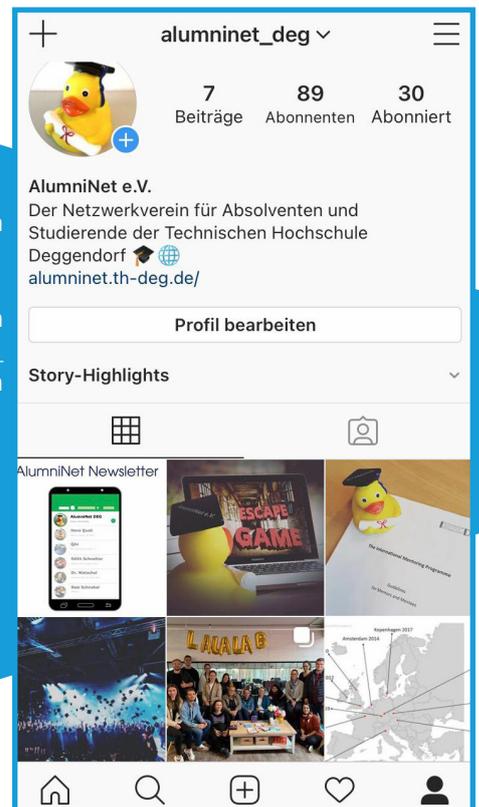


**AlumniNet e.V. now has an Instagram account!**

AlumniNet e.V. is on Instagram finally now. Follow us @alumninet\_deg and follow our graduates on their adventures...

Also use the hashtag #alumninet.

We like reposting! ;-)



Technology Campus at DIT

NEW DIT TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS IN PLATTLING



**On 6 October, another technology and research campus of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology was opened. The new Research Centre for Modern Mobility (MoMo) is located in Plattling**

The focus areas of research are divided into the fields of technology development for modern mobility and robotics. The team deals with the fields of energy storage, power electronics, autonomous mobility and robot-based computer tomography. Hans Schmalhofer, first mayor of the town of Plattling, DIT president Prof Dr Sperber and Science Minister Bernd Sibler welcomed the limited number of guests in the new building in Plattling, which was limited to 40 people due to the pandemic. For the town of Plattling, the establishment of the technology transfer centre represented a considerable investment, but it is nevertheless an important step for the town, declared Mayor Schmalhofer, and added, not without pride: "Plattling will become a research location for a university - with a key technology for the future!" Indeed, the constellation of the thematically very well

coordinated research community combined with the scientific skills of DIT forms a unique selling point in the field of modern mobility. According to the operational director of the MoMo, graduate engineer Katrin Juds, "This should be a good basis for further research alliances which can additionally strengthen the region economically." Minister of State Sibler also praised DIT and its role as an important East Bavarian piece in the Bavarian High Tech Agenda. Sibler stressed: "Thinking progress from the region - that is the formula behind the new research centre 'Modern Mobility'. With its long tradition as a railway town and transport hub, Plattling is an excellent location for working on the mobility of tomorrow. Our university of applied sciences and technical universities are strong drivers of innovation. It is from here that the future is shaped - for the region, for Lower Bavaria and for all of Bavaria".

The close networking with the campus in Deggendorf ensures a broad spectrum of research and development capacities, as is the case with all DIT TCs. This includes contract research, funded projects, bachelor and master theses or seminars and workshops. "The MoMo is associated with promising options for regional structural support in all areas of mobility," confirmed DIT President Sperber.

**Technology Development at the MoMo**

**Chemistry and technology of electrochemical energy storage**

(Modern energy storage systems for mobile applications, grid stabilisation through storage solutions, improved battery storage systems, innovative energy storage systems, hybrid solutions for Deutsche Bahn) - Prof Dr techn Michael Sternad

**Power Electronics**

(High-performance charging stations in combination with storage solutions, DC/DC conversion in fuel cell systems, smart grid, power electronics in the vicinity of rail vehicles, etc.) - Prof. Dr-Ing. Otto Kreuzer

**Solutions for autonomous driving**

(Sensor technology, algorithms, networking in the vehicle, metrological function validation, ... all topics around autonomous systems and autonomous driving) - Prof. Thomas Limbrunner

**Intelligent autonomous robotics and computer-aided measurement technology at the MoMo**

**Robot-based computer tomography**

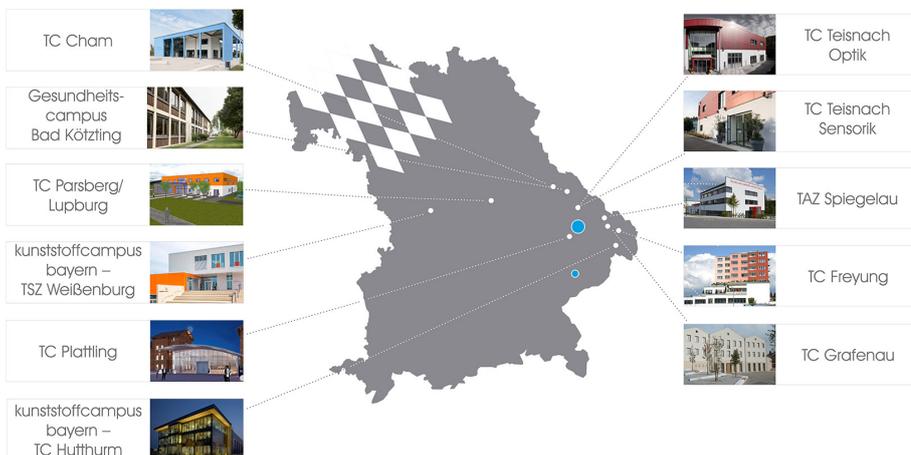
(3D Digitalisation of large objects up to complete vehicles using a robot-based digitalisation cell based on X-ray computed tomography) - Prof. Dr-Ing. Jochen Hiller

**Autonomous intelligent robots**

Joint research lab with DLR Institute of Robotics (Learning robots that independently master complex tasks: from humanoid assistance robots for home, production or agriculture to autonomous exploration drones) - Prof. Dr-Ing. Berthold Bäuml

Find out more:

<http://www.th-deg.de/en/tc-plattling>





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