



# Digitalization Tools for Human-centered Intelligence

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# Agenda

*A perspective, current projects and future work*

- Introducing the speaker and AKII Microlab
- AI and VR? What, where, why?
- AI and VR in the digital world
- When AI meets VR for society
- Where are we heading?

## Introducing the speaker



PhD in Neuroscience and Autonomous Robotics,  
Summa cum Laude

Specialized in designing and implementing  
AI and ML system for  
real-world problems

### Academic Research

Head of Research Lab  
AI and VR  
*As of 2017*



AUDI  
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Lecturer  
*As of 2017*



Postdoctoral Fellow,  
Lecturer  
*2016-2017*



Research Assistant (PhD)  
*2011-2016*



### Industry Research

Senior Research Engineer  
AI, ML & Big Data  
*As of 2017*



Software Engineer  
Automotive  
*2009-2011*



Software Engineer  
Automotive  
*2009-2011*

WIND RIVER

Software Engineer  
Embedded Systems  
*2007-2008*



## Introducing AKII Microlab



DR. CRISTIAN  
AXENIE,  
GROUP LEADER,  
PI IN AI AND ML



PROF. DR. THOMAS  
GRAUSCHOPF,  
PI IN VR



ARMIN  
BECHER,  
PHD STUDENT



SEBASTIAN  
POHL,  
MSC STUDENT



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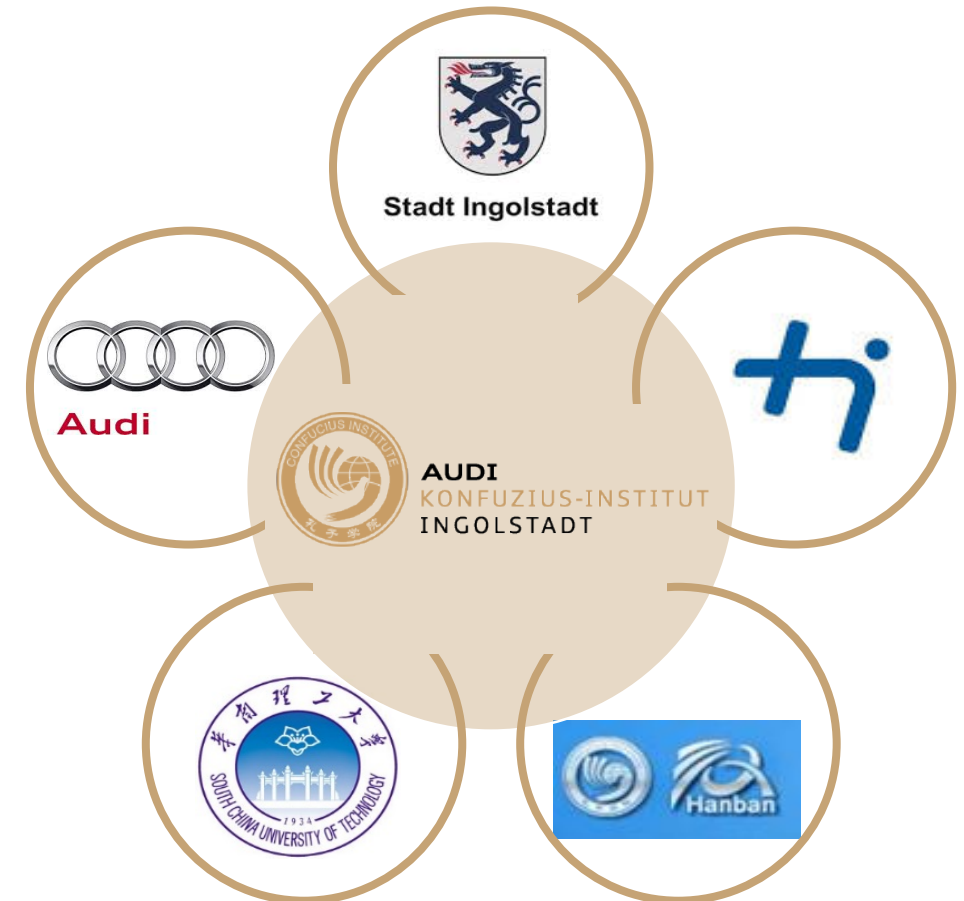
# Confucius Institutes in Germany



## Audi Konfuzius Institut Ingolstadt (AKII)

*Specialization in Technology, Innovation, Management and Sustainability*

- Among **19 locations** in Germany, **AKII** is **unique** in its **focus**.
- **AKII** offers the usual **basic Chinese language** and **cultural** programs.
- **AUDI** and the **Local Administration Ingolstadt** are dominant partners bringing a **technological, innovation management** and **sustainability** component to AKII.
- **AKII** has an **advisory board** from **SCUT** and **THI** as academic components.





# AI and VR? What, where, why?



## AI and VR? What, where, why?

From the OR ...



... to the grocery store.



From the theater ...



... to the classroom.

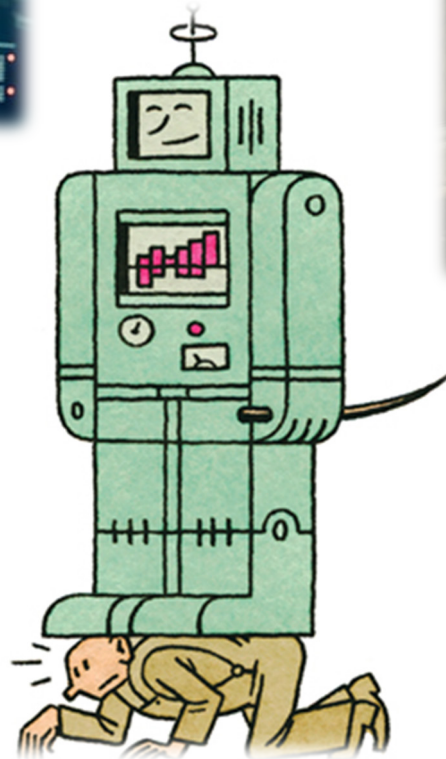
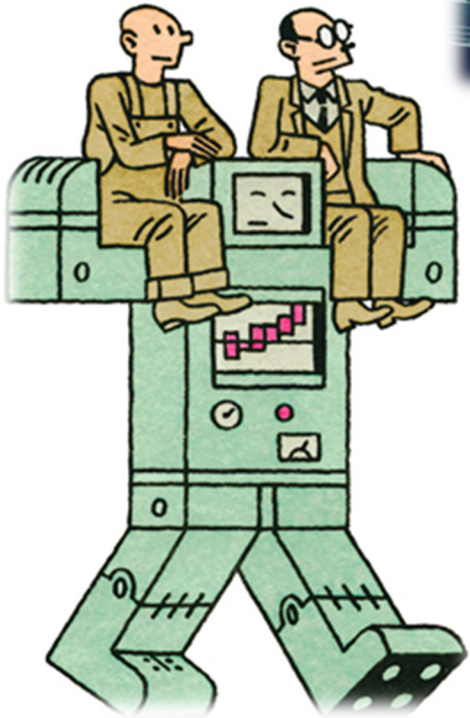


# AI and VR? What, where, why?

Toward utopia...



... or dystopia ...





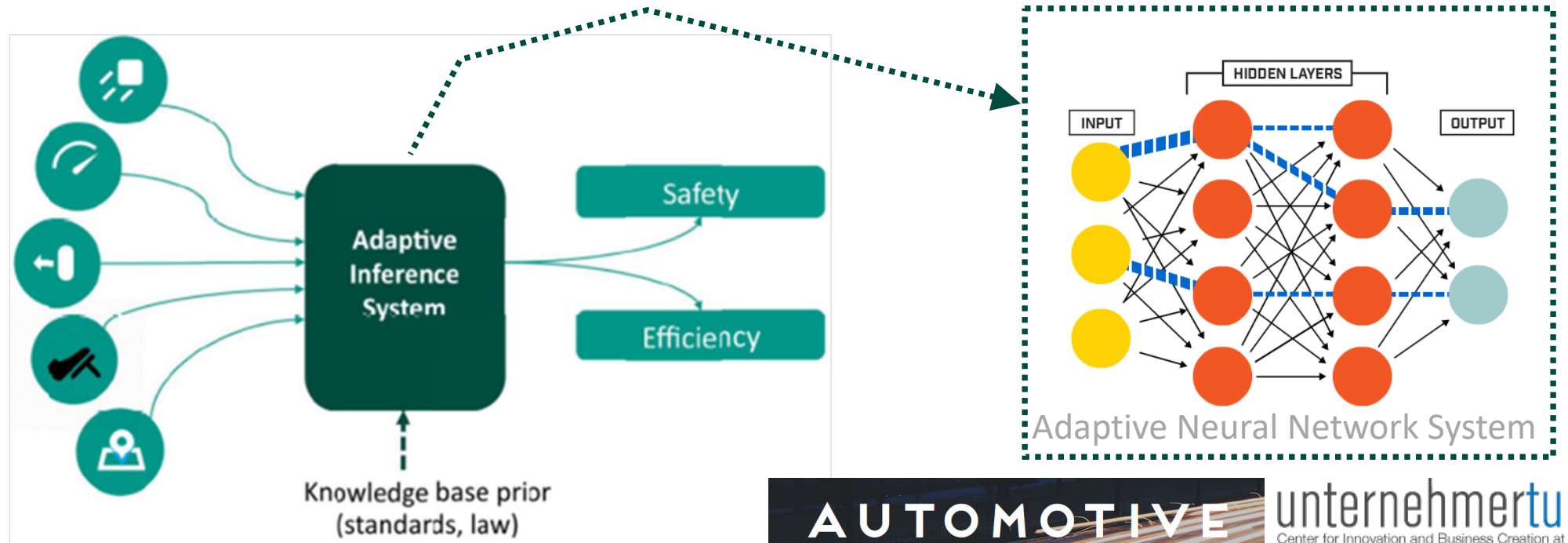


# AI in the Digital World

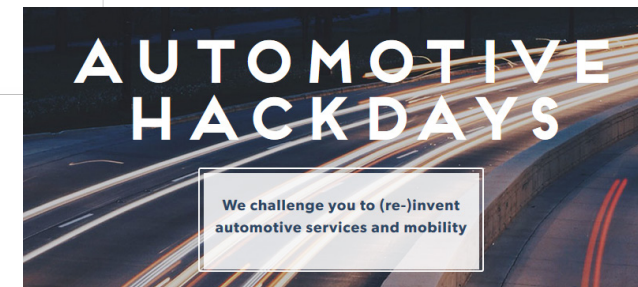
## AI in the digital world – Automotive

### BMW Automotive Data Hackdays\* – Mobility SaaS *(Project completed)*

The Automotive Hackdays are a 5 day coding event where developers, designers, engineers and makers get together to rapidly prototype and iterate new automotive concepts using data gathered from real BMW and MINI cars.



**\*Awarded 1st prize (5000EUR)**



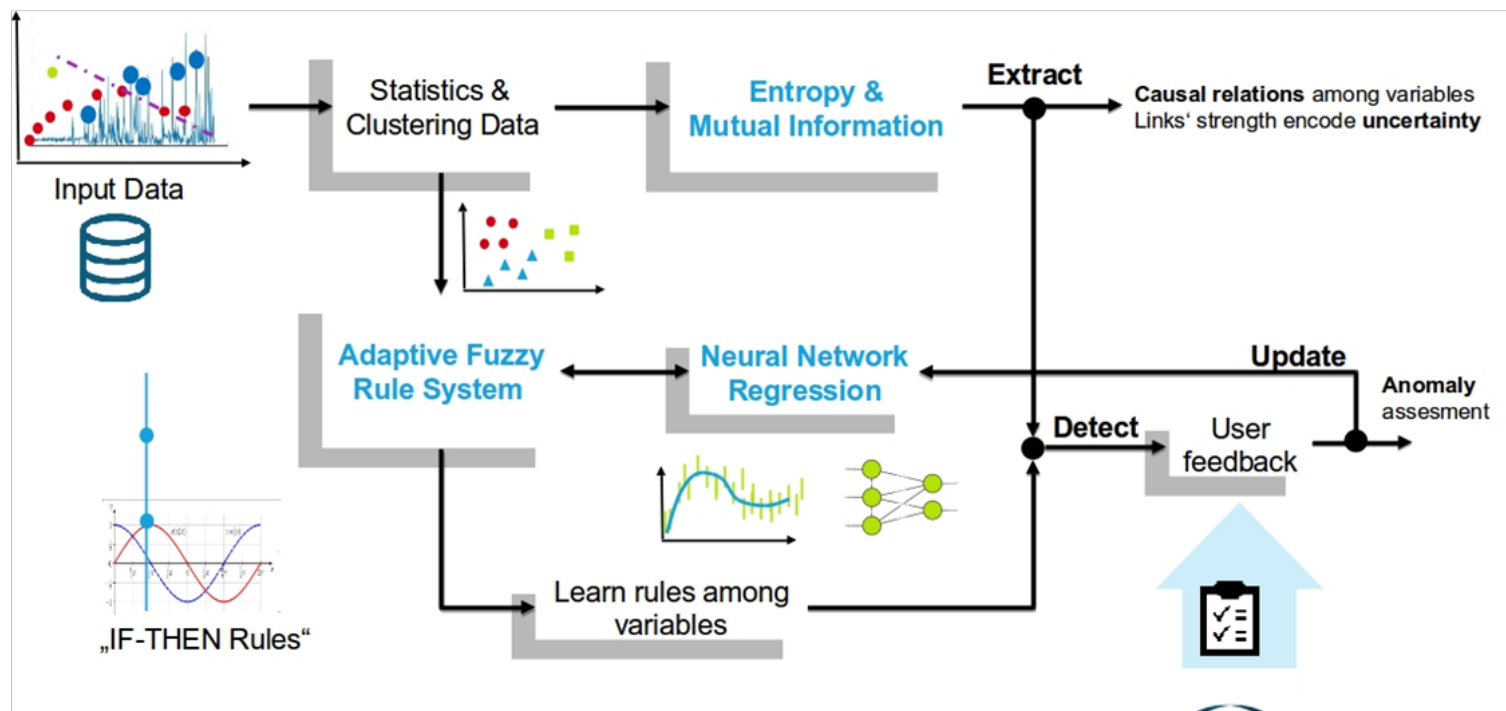
**unternehmertum**  
Center for Innovation and Business Creation at TUM



## AI in the digital world – Fintech

### Daimler Financial Tech Data Hackaton\* – Anomaly Detection Agent *(Project completed)*

Develop an AI agent constantly runs through the data (leasing contracts in Sweden) and makes the user aware of potential data inconsistencies, incorporates user's feedback and adapts.



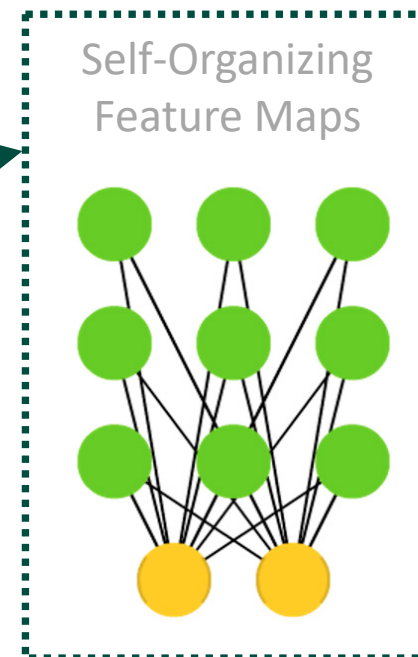
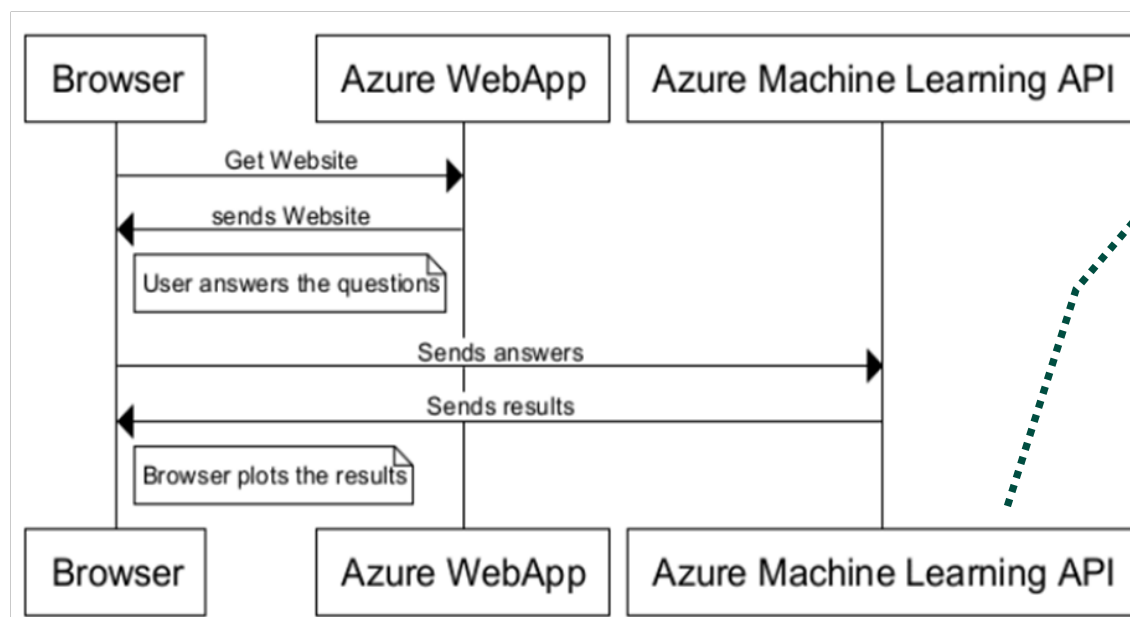
**\*Awarded 1st prize**



## AI in the digital world – HR and Psychology

### Burda HR Data Hackaton\* – Psychometric Data Mining *( Project completed)*

Using neural networks to learn the complex patterns that exist among and between the responses to items in questionnaires. These could represent crucial aspects of human personality if only they could be made available to human resource professionals.



**Hubert Burda Media**

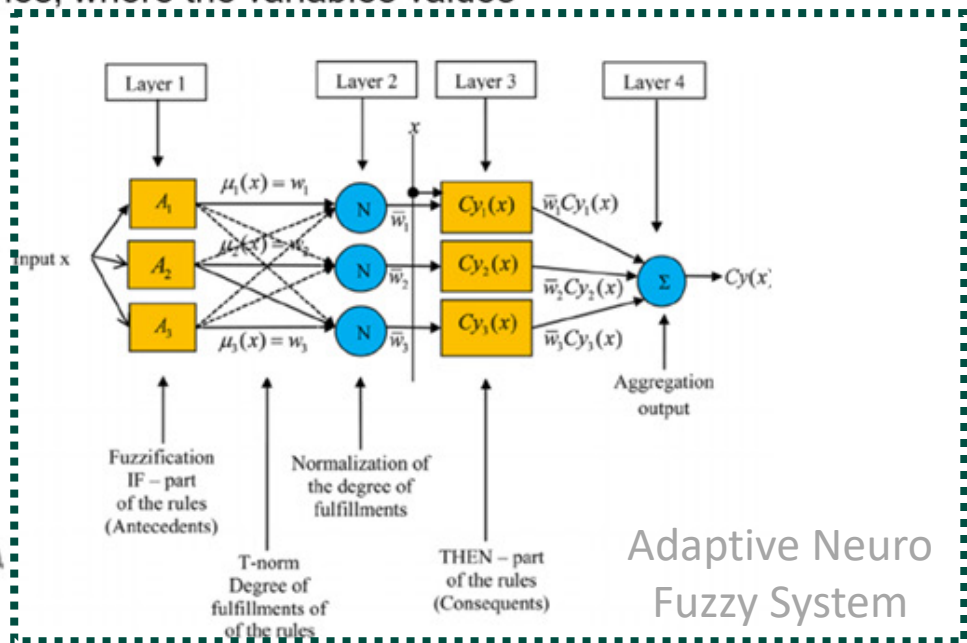
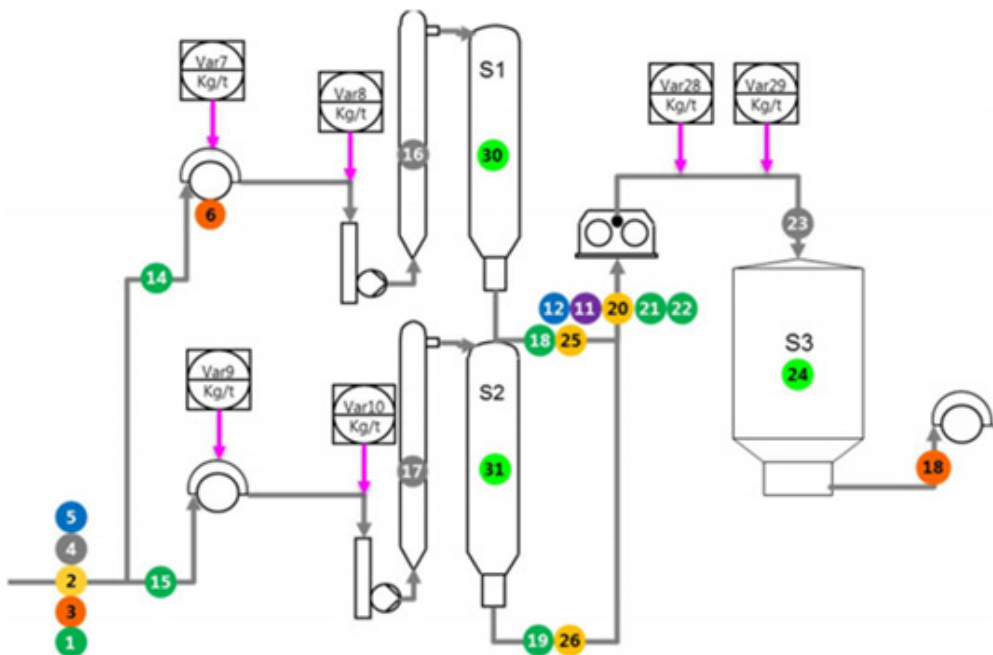
**\*Awarded Microsoft Cognitive Technologies Prize**



# AI in the digital world – Industrial Automation

## Andritz Big Data Analytics – Industrial Process Optimization *(Project completed)*

The task was to find relationship between alarms, operator actions and process data from some pulp and paper mill. The process data was given as time series, where the variables values always have a timestamp.



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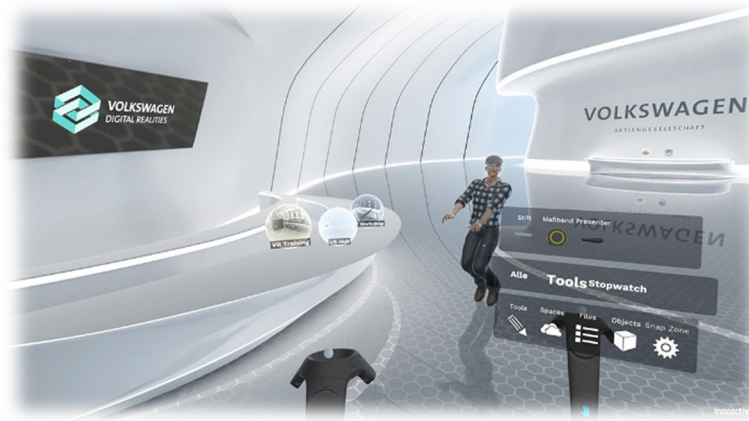


# VR in the Digital World

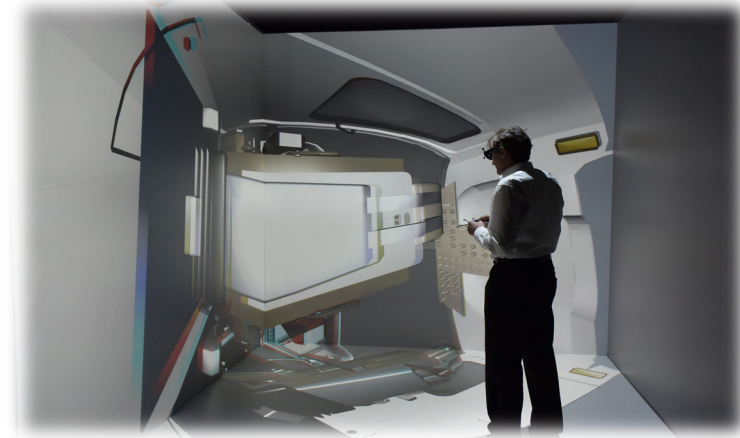
## VR in the digital world – Automotive *( Projects completed )*

- Project in Automotive for collaborative VR:

- High-end renderings
- Construction validation
- Virtual installation
- Ergonomics



High-end renderings



Construction validation

- **Latencies** in distributed VR causes **misunderstandings** and **decreases** the **efficiency**
- **Cooperation** with **Audi** to develop a measurement system to **measure delays** **between distributed** VR systems



Virtual installation for ergonomics

## VR in the digital world – Artistic performances and historical projects *( Projects completed)*

- The Futurologische Kongress is an **art and interactive media** event in cooperation with the Theater Ingolstadt
- Over 14.000 people visit the congress and AKII Microlab for an **interactive 3D experience** in the **VR CAVE**



Game playing



High-end renderings

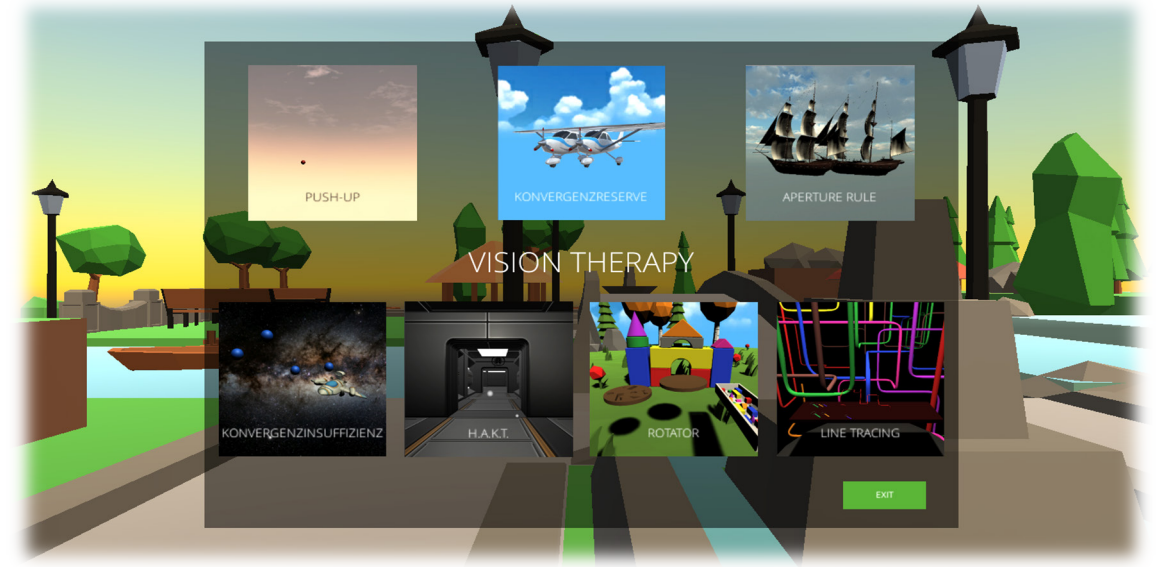
- **Virtual Reconstruction** of the 1875 Ingolstadt Fortress
- Collaboration with public institutions and companies

## VR in the digital world – Rehabilitation *( Project completed )*

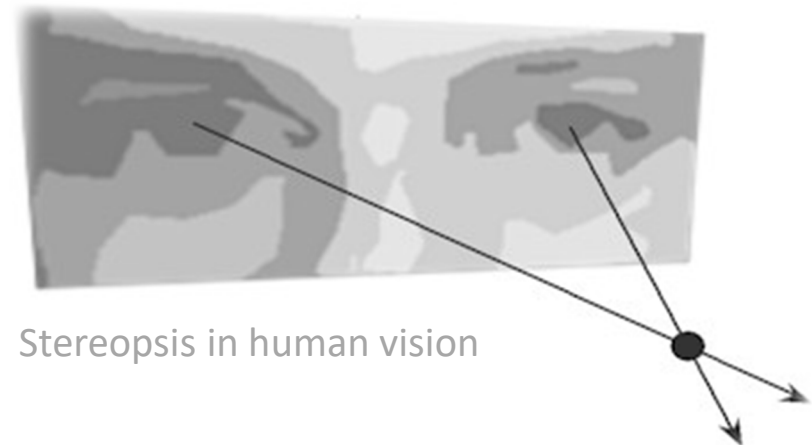
- Software to treat deficiency in stereopsis – **perceiving depth using our two eyes** using an immersive VR
- Cooperation project and **preliminary tests** with **optometrists** of Brillenburg Ingolstadt



System setup



Software interface and functionality



Stereopsis in human vision





# When AI meets VR for society



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## *Educational Technologies (EdTech)*

### VIRTOOAIR EDTECH

*Virtual Reality TOOLbox for Avatar Intelligent Reconstruction in EDucational TECHnology*

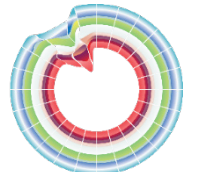
- **Combine AI and VR**
- **Augment teaching methodologies and learning techniques**
- **Use in remote and online learning**
- **Easy adoption**



Sample experience: Solar System Lecture



Sample experience: Learning bike riding rules



Immersive Design  
Research — Lab





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## Physical Rehabilitation Technology

### VIRTOOAIR REHABTECH

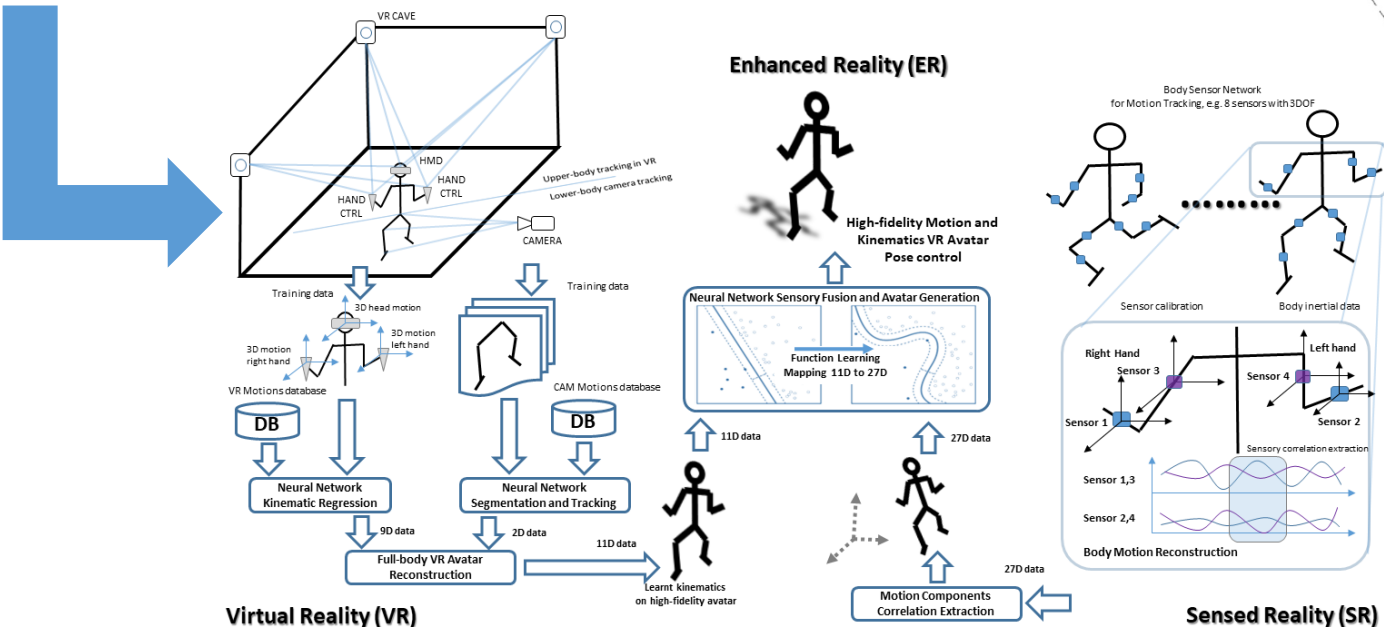
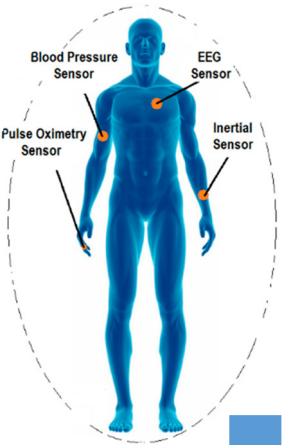
#### Virtual Reality TOOLbox for Avatar Intelligent Reconstruction in Rehabilitation Technology



**ABB Research Award**  
in Honor of Hubertus  
von Gruenberg

*Grant application in review*

- **MOREPHEUS: MOtor** Rehabilitation in an Extended reality Platform using High-fidelity Exercise Understanding and Sensing.
- **VR and AI for personalized motor rehabilitation and posture control in Parkinson's Disease patients.**





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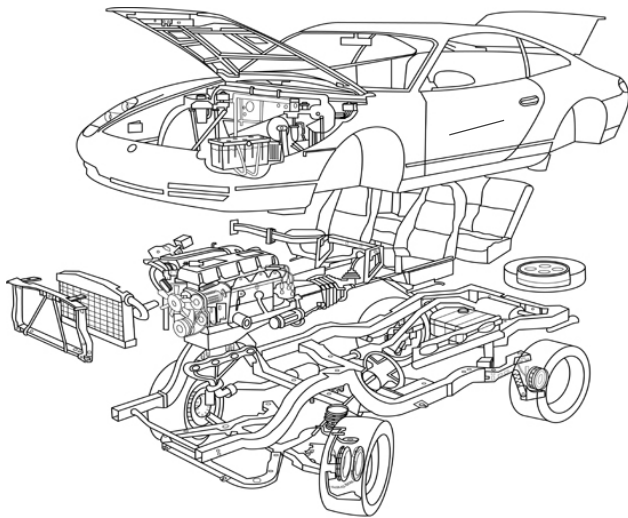
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## Automotive Inspection Technology

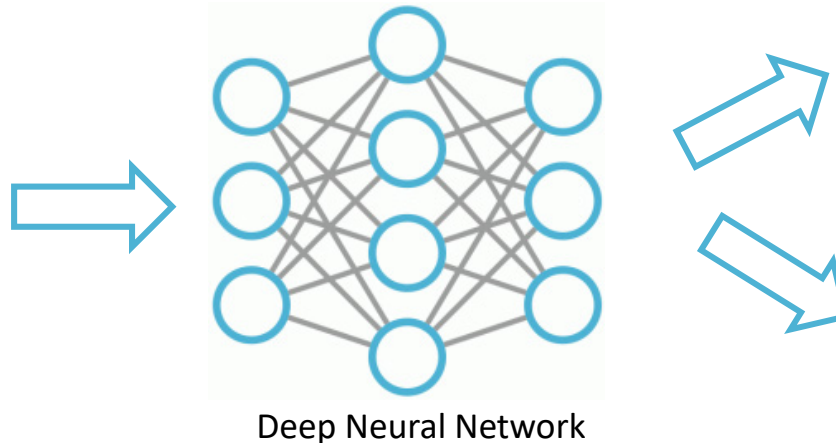
VIRTOOAIR AUTOTECH

*Virtual Reality TOOLbox for Avatar Intelligent Reconstruction in Inspection Technology*

- **Automated visualization & AI analysis of car damage / homologation** inspection data in VR
  - AI based anomaly / defect (scratch) finding in 360 images of cars
  - Homologation problems



Explosion diagram of car or 3D pictures

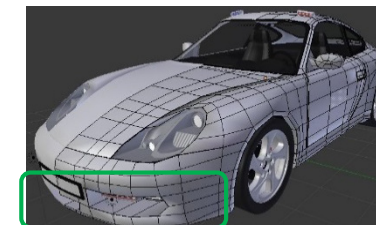


*Planning pilot project*

**AVANTI: Automated VR visualization and AI understanding of TÜV Inspections**



Detected scratch



Detected custom tuning





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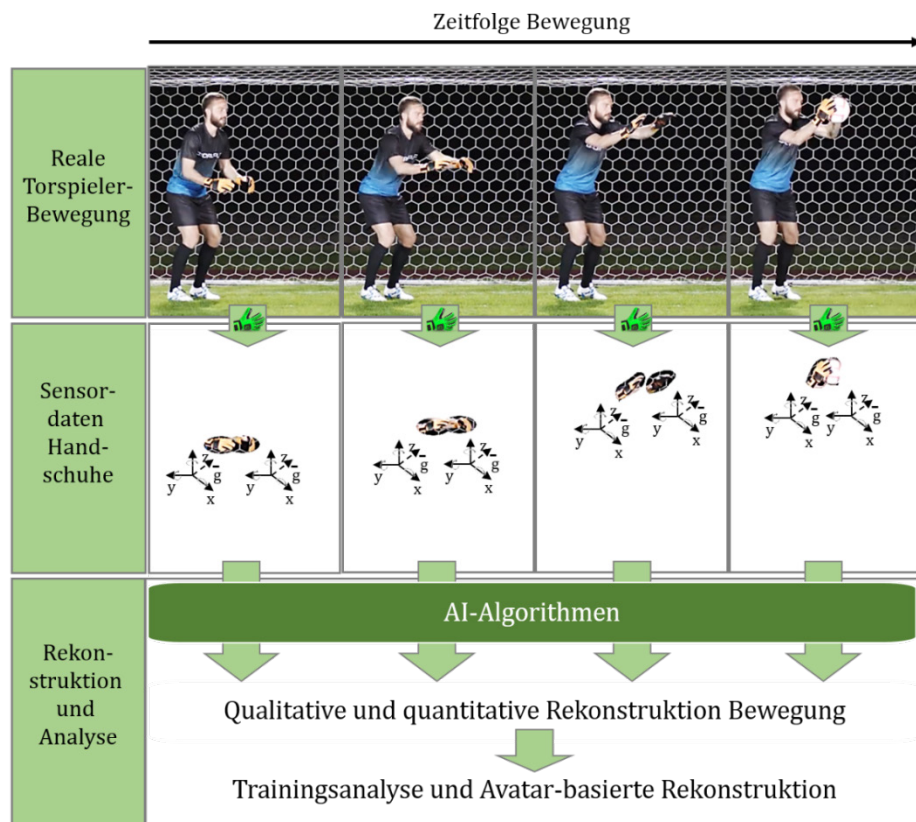
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## Rehabilitation Technology

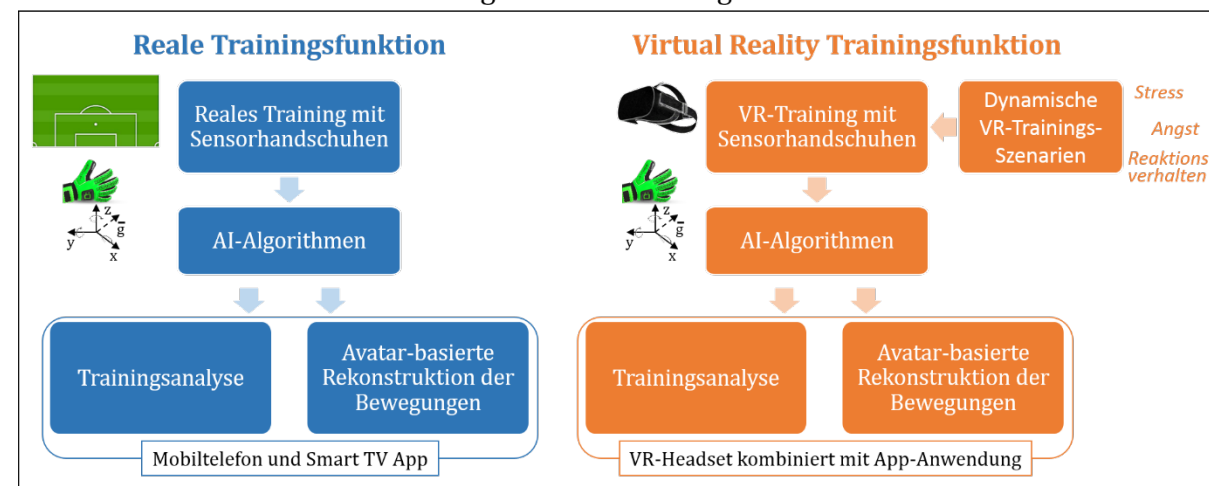
### VIRTOOAIR SPORTTECH

#### Virtual Reality TOOLbox for Avatar Intelligent Reconstruction in Sports Training Technology

- Combine **AI** and **VR** Goalkeeper Biomechanical and Psychological Training



AI-gestütztes Trainingstool





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## *Medical Technologies (MedTech)*

### VIRTOOAIR MEDTECH

*Virtual Reality TOOLbox for Avatar Intelligent Reconstruction in MEDical TECHnology*

- **pain management** and **attenuation** after **chemotherapy**
- **VR** to **decrease** the number of **treatment sessions**
- may **reduce** or **eliminate** the need for **pharmaceuticals**



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Akademisches Lehrkrankenhaus der  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

### Daria Kurz

Leitende Oberärztin

Gynäkologisches  
Krebszentrum

Interdisziplinäres  
Brustzentrum

*Planning collaboration*



Easy adoption setup



# Where are we heading?



## Where are we heading? *Pros and Cons of AI and VR*

### Reasons why healthcare consumers will/will not use an AI-powered virtual doctor

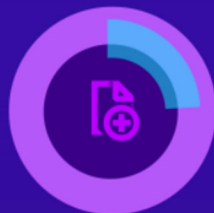
#### Why use AI?



**47 %**  
Available  
whenever I  
need it



**36 %**  
Saves time  
by avoiding  
a trip to  
the doctor



**24 %**  
Assesses vast  
amounts of  
relevant  
information

#### Why not?



**29 %**  
I like visiting  
the doctor



**26 %**  
I don't  
understand  
enough  
about how...



**23 %**  
I don't like to  
share my  
data

Source: Accenture 2018





Are you ready?

Is your business / service ready for the digital transformation?

- We are still **focused** on **academic research**.
- We continuously **seek new challenges** and **funding options** to **support** our **research**.
- **Support** is always **appreciated**, and we are more than **happy** to **collaborate** on **new challenges**!

