Albrecht Dürer’s »Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse« – perhaps one of his most expressive woodcuts – embodies humankind’s basic fears like no other work of its discipline. While until a short time ago, war, hunger and mass deaths had only been present for us in the news at best, the pandemic has upturned our lives suddenly and profoundly.

With Dürer, who himself had to flee from the plague to Italy in 1494, the arrow symbolizes the outbreak that hits all people unexpectedly and seemingly out of nowhere. In contrast to the Middle Ages, there seems to be no place in our globalized world that promises safety from the pandemic.

On the other hand, we know today that the causes of diseases are completely earthly. We can classify the genomes of bacteria and viruses, detect mutations, monitor their spread and discover the mechanisms they use to infect human bodies.

There are many places, including Dresden, where reliefs of the Dance of Death remind us of the plague outbreaks of the Middle Ages. The original version of the »Dresden Dance of Death« was divided in two by a depiction of the »tree of knowledge«. Even then, it seems, it was thought that only faith and science can hold the Grim Reaper at bay.

Today, highly efficient vaccines, which have been developed, produced and administered worldwide with unbelievable speed, raise our hopes that the crisis will be over in the foreseeable future.

Of course, the standstill that has paralyzed society and economy this past year has not stopped at the gates of Fraunhofer IVI. Within a matter of days, all work had to be relocated to the home office, childcare had to be organized, business trips replaced by video calls, and new types of collaboration installed via screen. With great mutual understanding, we succeeded in all of this, and we even finished the fateful Corona year with one of our best annual results yet. For this, I would like to thank all our employees from the bottom of my heart.

Loosely based on Max Frisch, standstill leads to death. This gloomy perspective is becoming reality for many companies in a wide variety of sectors. The fact that Fraunhofer IVI can look into the future with great confidence is due to our strong industry partnerships and our well-filled commission books, which guarantee stable finances not only for 2021, but also for many years to come. In the first year of its existence, our application center at TH Ingolstadt has also made a positive development by acquiring interesting projects, increasing their staff numbers and expanding their network. Ingolstadt is a charming former garrison town whose barracks and parade grounds remind me a little bit of the dark days of my own compulsory military service. The military command »Attention« (in German: »Stand still«) – which demands an act of unconditional subordination – hits us during the pandemic in the middle of our day-to-day lives. Therefore, I would like to close with the words of Matthias Claudius »Niemand ist frei, der über sich selbst nicht Herr ist (No one is free who is not their own master)« and hope for the sake of all of us that standing to attention, i.e., »standing still«, will not become a habit and we will soon be able to meet quite freely again.
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Industrial revenues 48 %
EU 5 %
Basic financing 6 %
Miscellaneous 5 %
Public sector 36 %

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

in € million

EMPLOYEES

114 Research fellows
78 Research assistants
5 Trainees
22 Administrative and technical staff
Since the end of 2018, compliance with the ISO 26262 standard has been mandatory not only in the development of passenger cars, but also in the field of «bus and trucks». As a result, manufacturers and suppliers in this sector are faced with enormous development expenses.

Since the introduction of the ISO 26262 standard in 2010, there has been an international set of rules for the implementation of functional safety in the electric/electronic systems of passenger cars. In December of 2018, compliance with this standard has also become mandatory for commercial vehicles.

The development departments of large automotive corporations were directly involved in the creation and implementation of the standard, and were able to compensate their expenses due to their large production volumes. The «bus and trucks» niche sector, on the other hand, is faced with a great challenge. Not only the costs, but also the process demands in terms of the design, development and testing of components according to the requirements of ISO 26262 are often very much overburdening.

In order to support this clientele, which has been one of the main customers of the Department for Vehicle and Transport System Engineering for a long time, a highly specialized team was established and trained at the institute.

In close collaboration with the institute’s clients in the commercial vehicles sector, this team provides support in the development of new ISO 26262-compliant E/E systems. Their services range from knowledge transfer to the design and development of ISO 26262-compliant systems, as well as their testing and validation. A spin-off company was founded specifically for the purpose of manufacturing and supplying standards-compliant control systems for clients’ assembly lines.

The key element in this process is to assess the risk of possible errors in planned components in order to gauge the development process’ complexity and the necessity to include the ISO 26262 standard. While a defective fan control, for example, causes almost no further risks, failures and malfunctions of the steering control system can lead to major accidents. Therefore, these technologies must be developed and tested strictly in accordance with the standard. To guarantee compliance, possible failure cases and their consequences are systematically evaluated and categorized (QM = uncritical to ASIL D = very high risk).

It is important to note that certification according to the ISO 26262 standard usually cannot be obtained for an ongoing or concluded development process. Instead, all work carried out for a development project has to be standards-compliant from the start. Therefore, the institute’s advice favors mutual communication from an early point on, so that details can be specified and unnecessary expenses can be avoided.

### RANGE OF SERVICES

- Design and dimensioning of electric powertrains in commercial and special-purpose vehicles
- Implementation concepts for electric buses
- Fast-charging concepts for electric vehicles
- Electrification and automation of agricultural machinery
- Characterization and monitoring of energy storage systems/high-voltage batteries
- Control center for autonomous driving in yards
- Fully automated maneuver planning for heavy goods vehicles
- Analyses, surveys and development work in the field of vehicle and traffic safety
- Monitoring and analysis of technical systems
- Functional safety of commercial vehicles (ISO 26262)

### Functional Safety in Commercial Vehicles – a Challenge

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The nation-wide industry standard for product and control modules (PKM) developed by Fraunhofer IVI has been used for the first time for purchases made at ticket machines.

The sale of tickets for different local transport tariffs is a great challenge for railway companies. In three railway networks operated by Abellio, ticket machines had to be supplied with a total of ten district tariffs, one state tariff and the German national railway tariff (DB tariff). As the first of over 35 non-state owned railway companies in Germany, Abellio has employed the PKM technology developed by Fraunhofer IVI.

The aforementioned tariffs differ significantly from each other: not only in terms of their systematic approach and product range, but also in their spatio-temporal settings and individual customer characteristics, discounts and transfer/riding along options. The product modules ordered by Abellio contain the entirety of knowledge about the tariffs, with the exception of the DB tariff. This knowledge includes the tariff data itself, but also complex algorithms needed to process the data within the ticket machine.

Essential prerequisites for this are a programming language developed at Fraunhofer IVI that is being used throughout the sector as the »PKM standard«, as well as a standards-compliant interpreter software installed on the ticket machine.

In addition to determining appropriate tariff products including their spatial and temporal validity, the modules execute additional tasks, such as interaction with the user interface. Here, they provide information for displaying and ticket printing and in part also for ticket storage via chip card or barcode.

Initial module configuration was carried out via the »Produkteditor« (product editor, PED). This software allows the creation and editing of standards-compliant modules, as well as the exchange of modules with additional users. All product modules can be updated continuously and tested thoroughly before their operation on devices. PED has already been licensed by a variety of transport companies and associations.

For Abellio, one great advantage of using the PKM technology – in contrast to the tariff data supply method used before – lies in its independence from device software. Both data and algorithms are transparent and can be edited and reused largely independently from the device manufacturer. Another positive effect stems from »memory mapping«, which is run for the first time and which lowers RAM usage to a fraction of the raw data size. This way, ticket machines with limited data storage remain operational without additional hardware even at high data volumes. The operation of PKM ensures an overall level of quality, time savings and efficiency heretofore unknown to the industry.
In 2020, the general population as well as public offices and relief organizations were faced with so far unknown and complex challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, for which there are no standard solutions. Since the very beginning of the pandemic, Fraunhofer IVI has given practical support by developing new system components.

Answering a request from the Team Saxony command and situation center – a joint initiative of the Saxon chapters of DRK (German Red Cross), Malteser Hilfsdienst, Johanniter, ASB (Workers’ Samaritan Federation) and DLRG (German Lifesaving Association) – Fraunhofer IVI has developed a novel MobiKat® component that is able to coordinate the work of over 3000 individuals. The system allows optimal combination of all incoming data. This way, support was provided for operational decision-making and subsequent messages to affected persons, volunteers and staff concerning order generation, notification, status tracking, etc. were automatically generated and sent.

Initially, they were used to monitor high-risk material and medication storage facilities (masks, disinfectants, protective gear).

Thanks to the extremely positive experience gained in this area, the cameras later successfully helped monitor the compliance with rules of distance and hygiene in public areas.

The lockdown’s unusual framework conditions also called for the ad-hoc development of new methods for the distribution of forces and resources. For the optimized scheduling of patrol cars for the protection of objects closed down or exposed due to COVID-19 and spread over a large area, new processes and algorithms were designed in a short time span and evaluated together with users in the police force.

Within the scope of the Fraunhofer MobiKat®-Pan project, all MobiKat® modules were successfully improved to suit the new demands made by the pandemic. New functions were provided for practical use within short development and testing cycles.

Thanks to the close and trusting cooperation with decision-makers and operative staff, all solutions were continuously adapted to the dynamically progressing demands and quickly applied to tackle the pandemic effectively.

MobiKat®-Pan:
Emergency Aid for Pandemic Relief
Roadside safety systems and high-performance Car2Infrastructure communications can make a valuable contribution to reducing the accident frequency at inner-city intersections. The so-called »smart intersection« is one of the three key topics within the Fraunhofer IoT-COMMs research cluster.

High-automation transport systems and connected traffic participants, as well as associated questions of increased traffic safety, resource efficiency and utilization of existing transport infrastructures, are synonyms for processes of profound change in the field of mobility.

Due to the fact that only parts of the cognition and active chains are covered by the individual perspective of one vehicle, relying on this one perspective is not considered sufficiently safe for automated and connected driving in complex urban traffic scenarios that involve a high level of interaction with other traffic participants. With the help of a smart intersection, however, inner-city traffic can be observed and evaluated much better and faster.

In close collaboration with the »Cognitive and Cooperative Systems« department, the Fraunhofer Application Center »Connected Mobility and Infrastructure« at TH Ingolstadt develops concepts that make traffic safer through infrastructure assistance and security systems.

The implementation of stationary sensors (such as cameras, radar, LiDAR) allows traffic monitoring at inner-city transportation hubs and in complex traffic situations. As a result, support can be provided for the traffic participants.

In addition, communication modules (Car2X roadside units) are installed in order to exchange relevant information – for example, dynamic object maps – between traffic and infrastructure. This assistance and protection improves the safety of the overall traffic system (e. g., for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists), as well as transport efficiency.

The test beds required for highly automated and connected driving assisted by infrastructure are currently under construction. The Fraunhofer IVI test track in Dresden is available as a non-public traffic area. A public rotary traffic located within the Ingolstadt digital test bed is used for transferring testing scenarios to the complex public traffic area.
The results presented above were submitted as a Master Thesis to the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at FSU Jena.

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Vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications is currently focused exclusively on motorized vehicles. Including bicycles in connected traffic opens up new options for improving their safety. The aim of this master thesis was to develop and implement a V2X-based collision detection concept.

The basis for the investigations was the Fraunhofer IVI «Rad im Fokus» project («Focus on Bikes») funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Free State of Saxony within the scope of the «Synchronous Mobility 2023» research initiative («Synchronized Mobility 2023»).

As a first step, six scenarios were defined that cover frequent accident types involving bicycles: collisions with car doors (dooring), intersections with poor visibility, crashes during right turns or lane changes of cars, as well as rear-impact collisions. For each scenario, a specific model was developed and methods for position estimation were applied. In order to determine the risk of a collision, the models process information from V2X messages, such as cooperative awareness messages (CAMs). CAMs can be sent by vehicles and contain, for example, their own current position, speed and direction of travel. In addition, OpenStreetMap data and historical accident data is used. The latter allows the issuing of alerts to bike riders about static danger points where increased numbers of bicycle accidents have occurred.

implemented as a Java library and run on a mobile device, the software detects potential critical situations involving passenger cars. Incoming messages are viewed as events and collisions are represented by complex event patterns. The Siddhi complex event processing (CEP) engine processes steadily incoming data in real-time and detects complex event patterns. Siddhi is based on Siddhi Streaming SQL, a language similar to SQL that is able to receive, process and publish events. By implementing it into a simple Android application, the library developed in the scope of the thesis was tested in terms of its operability on mobile devices. During the evaluation phase, simulation data was used to validate the model for collision detection and to analyze its CPU load and memory usage on smartphones. It was possible to detect potential collisions especially of the dooring, right turn and poor visibility intersection scenarios reliably and at an early stage.

Within the «Rad im Fokus» project, a prototype of a communications-ready e-bike was built. It is equipped with communication and locating modules, as well as alert components such as vibrating handlebars. The prototype will be used to test both the collision model and the alerts system.
The results presented above were submitted as a Diploma Thesis to the Faculty of Mechanical Science and Engineering at TU Dresden.

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Due to global population growth and the reduction of agricultural land throughout the world, fields must be cultivated efficiently without causing any damages in the process. In the presented thesis, a drive system for a packer roller for electrically driven agricultural machines was designed that supports this aim.

Conventional rollers are pulled by agricultural machines. The presented packer roller, however, has its own drive system allowing improved soil cultivation. During the design phase, several variations of packer rollers were developed and investigated. The tire packer design, which consists of eight radial tires in total, proved to be especially well suited for the intended purpose. Proof of the prototype’s functionality is obtained in the early stages of development by checking whether the agricultural machine is able to drive on asphalt surfaces without the help of additional wheels.

Figure 1 gives a schematic overview of the drive concept. The tire packer is driven by a combination of two electric motors, two planetary gear trains and two chain drives. Due to this power distribution, the packer roller can be divided into two symmetrical halves, making the design simpler and spreading the components’ weight more evenly and symmetrically across the packer roller’s length.

After the electric motors and the corresponding planetary gear trains were selected, a decision was made regarding an appropriate transmission system. In a direct comparison between belt transmission and roller chain, the latter emerged as a promising solution for power transmission from the planetary gear train to the tire packer. An important advantage of using roller chains in agricultural machines is their robustness against environmental influence, for example, humidity, high temperatures and dirt. In addition, a roller chain requires less space compared to a belt transmission of similar power specifications, which allows for a compact design and an increased effective length of the packer roller.

Afterwards, the drive system’s remaining components were selected with the help of corresponding strength calculations. The concept’s construction design was carried out in the CATIA V5 CAD system. A FEM analysis of the construction was then carried out based on the CATIA model in order to find the required dimensions of components. After defining the framework conditions and loads occurring in different load cases, the results were evaluated using von Mises equivalent stresses according to the maximum distortion criterion theory. The thesis’ final results were incorporated in the production of a prototype of the agricultural machine.
January 23, 2020
At the TU Dresden »Branchentreff Energy Management & Environmental Technologies« event, Fraunhofer IVI presented their latest research topics and attractive job offers.

January 27, 2020
The SteigtUM project develops a rental service offering cargo bikes for the cost-efficient transport of luggage and goods. The kick-off took place at TU Bergakademie in Freiberg.

February 6, 2020
During his tour of the Lusatian Lake District, the Brandenburg Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour and Energy, Jörg Steinbach, also visited the autartec® house at Lake Bergheide.

June 30, 2020
Fraunhofer IVI’s »SE-Netz system« is now being used by the Federal Criminal Police Office. The cooperation agreement was signed at the Saxon State Office of Criminal Investigation in Dresden.

August 20, 2020
The Saxon State Minister for Regional Development, Thomas Schmidt, acknowledged the autartec® house as an excellent contribution in tackling the current challenges in rural areas.

September 3, 2020
During the 5th simul+ Future Forum, institute director Prof. Dr. Matthias Klingner presented the autartec® house in front of a large audience.

September 25, 2020
The 7th JUG Saxony Day was held as an online conference. Fraunhofer IVI hosted one of the few Meet&Watch events and welcomed a small group of guests at the institute.

October 9, 2020
Head of Department Dr. Kamen Danowski and Michael Löst of the Saxon State Office of Criminal Investigation received the Joseph von Fraunhofer Prize at Fraunhofer’s virtual Annual Meeting.

October 27, 2020
At the BMVI in Berlin, the grant notification for the KIVI project dealing with artificial intelligence in traffic was handed over. Fraunhofer IVI’s application center participates in the project.

December 18, 2020
Federal Minister Andreas Scheuer handed over grant notifications for new research projects. Fraunhofer IVI will receive funding for the ARCADIA study and the SAVeNoW project.
TRADE FAIRS

11th GPEC® – General Police Equipment Exhibition & Conference, Frankfurt/Main
February 18-20, 2020
Presentation of systems for operational command and communication for police and task forces in the following areas:

- Reconnaissance and situation assessment,
- Operative and tactical command,
- Evaluation and documentation of missions, as well as
- Strategic analyses and planning.

System functions include, among others, mission-internal exchange of message including photos, videos and audio recordings, file transfer, file storage, situation visualization on digital maps, as well as AR for orientation purposes.

19th FLORIAN – Trade fair for Fire Brigades, Civil Protection and Disaster Control 2020, Dresden
October 8-10, 2020
Demonstration of the modular MobiKat® system for firefighting and presentation of its newest components:

- Expansion of application range to include Apple devices,
- Redesigned master data portal with the option of representing individual organizational structures within the master data portal.

In addition to the command and documentation of operations, MobiKat® supports complex analyses on the compliance with legal help periods, as well as the development of concepts for the planning of fire safety requirements and rescue service zones.

DAK

DRESDEN COLLOQUIA ON AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY

Supported by Fraunhofer IVI and several institutes of the Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering at TU Dresden, the Dresden Colloquia on Automation Technology (Dresdner Automatisierungstechnische Kolloquien – DAK) has established itself as a high-profile event series with an over 40-year tradition.

The wide range of topics offered covers the entire field of engineering and includes talks on fundamental control and systems theory, applied automation engineering, mechatronics, sensor development, microelectronics and interesting reports from practice-oriented projects.

Presentations held by renowned experts in the field are the main attraction of the regular events. They are usually accompanied by contributions from the organizing institutes, which underlines the importance of DAK as a specialist communication platform for university institutes, higher education institutions and vocational colleges, non-university research institutes, as well as engineering firms and regional industry.

Datenbasierte Regelung mit Garantien
January 13, 2020
Thomas Beckers, M. Sc., Technical University Munich (Germany), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Chair of information-oriented Control

Model-Based Development – The Prosperous Life, Evolution & Impact of a Diesel Engine Model
January 20, 2020
Prof. Lars Ericsson, Linköping University (Sweden), Department of Electrical Engineering, Chair of Vehicular Systems
Events taking place away from the desks, conference rooms and laboratories have always been a vital part of the working life at Fraunhofer IVI. At these occasions, all employees can come together on an informal basis and take the opportunity to exchange ideas, celebrate traditions and seasonal highlights together or join one of the offers promoting physical and mental health – all of which enable them to think beyond their everyday work routines. These events make working at Fraunhofer IVI so attractive and help raise the level of everyone’s satisfaction.

But how can life at the institute be kept up like this in times of social distancing, canceled events and joint activities being reduced to a minimum? 2020, the year of the coronavirus pandemic, has presented enormous challenges to the entire world and therefore also to Fraunhofer IVI.

The staff was forced to learn how to transfer their working routines into the digital world. Thanks to the excellent availability of technical equipment, the tireless effort of the IT department as well as the individual commitment of each and every colleague, the employees managed to successfully work on their projects from home and prevent their close collaboration from coming to a halt.

A lot of patience and good humor were helpful when having to deal with the additional burdens that have been caused by closed schools and daycare centers.

Before virtual kick-off meetings, homeschooling tasks have been quickly corrected, important calls were made on benches beside playgrounds and toddlers popping up in front of cameras have been cheering up weekly team meetings. All these scenes belong to a novel everyday working routine, which will certainly stick around for most of 2021.

Despite all the restrictions throughout the past year, it was still possible to realize a few events before and during the pandemic – then, of course, with the necessary distance and face masks. Before the first lockdown, the popular holiday week was held at the institute in February, offering experiments, fun and games for schoolchildren in grades 1 to 4. After many other events had been cancelled, the staff was also looking forward to the annual fall excursion. This time, it was carried out twice in order to give everyone the chance to take part in the light of the current restrictions. The Pillnitz castle park and the hiking trail leading to the historical Meixmühle mill offered enough space and fresh air so that this traditional event could take place and the corona rules of conduct were abided by.

All colleagues are now hoping for a speedy success in fighting the pandemic. Every employee – anywhere at Fraunhofer – is playing their part in this fight with great effort.
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