

## Info

Name Dr.-Ing. Timo Korthals

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Skills sensor & information fusion, robotics, curiosity driven / reinforcement / unsupervised / deep / machine learning, embedded and high-level programming in C/C++, ROS, embedded systems development, Python, Tensorflow, Linux application development, Yocto, Matlab



## Professional Career

01/21 - today **DLR Project** Agri-Gaia - An agribusiness AI ecosystem for the agri-food industry (CES)

10/20 - today CLAAS E-Systems GmbH ([CES](#))

## Ph.D. Thesis

Affiliation Bielefeld University - Cognitronics & Sensor Systems Group

Title Deep Generative Models for Multi-Modal Perception under the Influence of Ambiguity

At-A-Glance My work tackled the **learning of acting on multi-modal data** while facilitating **multi-modal deep generative models** to learn **multi-sensory fusion**. In the context of **artificial intelligence**, my approach contributes to **unsupervised curiosity-driven** learning of **active sensing** for a robot fleet equipped with visual, depth, and proximity sensors.

## Academic Career

Affiliations Cognitronics & Sensor Systems Group ([AG-KS](#))  
Research Institute for Cognition and Robotics ([CoR-Lab](#))  
Center for Cognitive Interaction Technology ([CITEC](#))  
Bielefeld University - Germany ([UBi](#))

11/18 - 09/20 **BMBF Project** ML4Pro<sup>2</sup> Machine Learning for Production and Products - Distributed Robot Fleet Management (CoR-Lab in association with **Miele Cie. KG**)

11/17 - 02/18 **BMBF Concept Elaboration** for Self-Organising Machine Control Systems for Cooperating Agbot Fleets entitled Agrosystems of the Future (CITEC)

01/17 - 12/19	<b>DAAD PPP Grant</b> on Learning to act on Multi-Modal Data in collaboration with the ACRV lab at the Queensland University of Technology
02/15 - 02/16	<b>ERASMUS+ Lecturer</b> at Aarhus University
07/14 - 10/17	<b>BMBF Project</b> in the Leading Edge Cluster for Cyber-Physical Systems for Electronic Environment Detection and Mapping in Agriculture Scenarios (CoR-Lab in association with <b>CLAAS KGaA mbH</b> )
09/13 - 12/18	<b>DFG Project</b> Mini Robot Developement (CITEC)
09/13 - 06/14	<b>PhD Scholarship Holder</b> Mini Robot Developement (CITEC)

## Education

03/12 - 06/13	<b>Electrical Engineering Master - University of Paderborn</b> Topic: Unsupervised Learning of Acoustic- and Word-Units via Hierarchical, Generative Models
03/10 - 08/10	<b>Peking/China</b> , Beihang University of Aeronautics & Astronautics
08/07 - 03/12	<b>Electrical Engineering Bachelor - University of Paderborn</b> Topic: Evaluation of Algorithms for Creating Disparity Maps on the Basis of Monocular Video Streams

## RoboCup Competitions

04/14 - 04/16	Open Challenge @Home: 2014 Germany (4 <sup>th</sup> ), 2015 Germany (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2016 Netherlands (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
08/14 - 08/16	World Cup @Home: 2014 Brasil (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2015 China (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 2016 Germany (1 <sup>st</sup> )
03/12	Open Challenge Rescue League: 2012 Germany (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

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