

### Learning with Apple Technologies

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- 30.000 students
- One of Germany's 9 Excellence Universities
- Technology focus

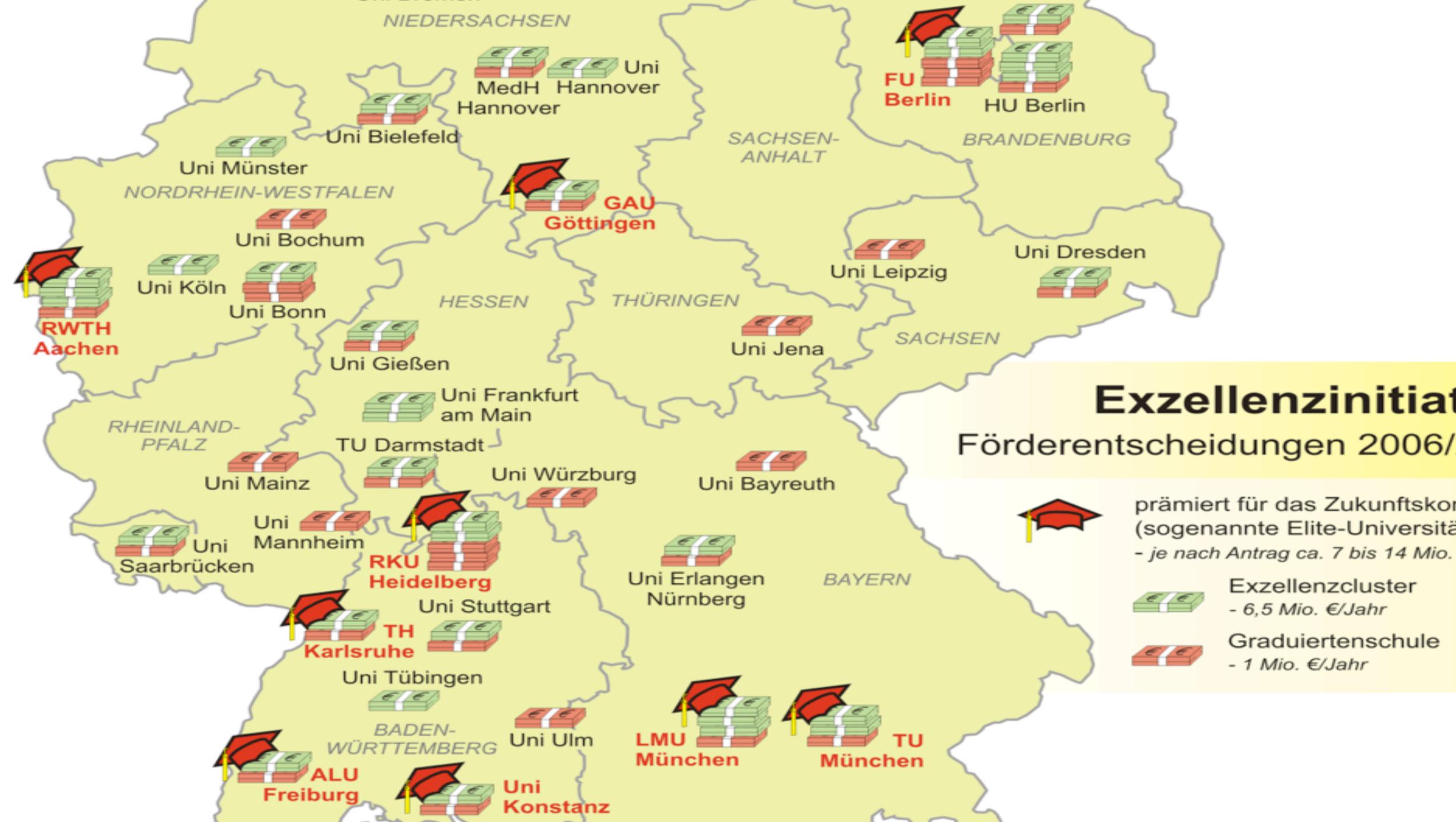




# • Highest research funding from DFG (the German NSF) in the nation









## Media Computing Group

- Part of the Computer Science
  Department
- Our focus: New technologies for Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)
- Apple-based



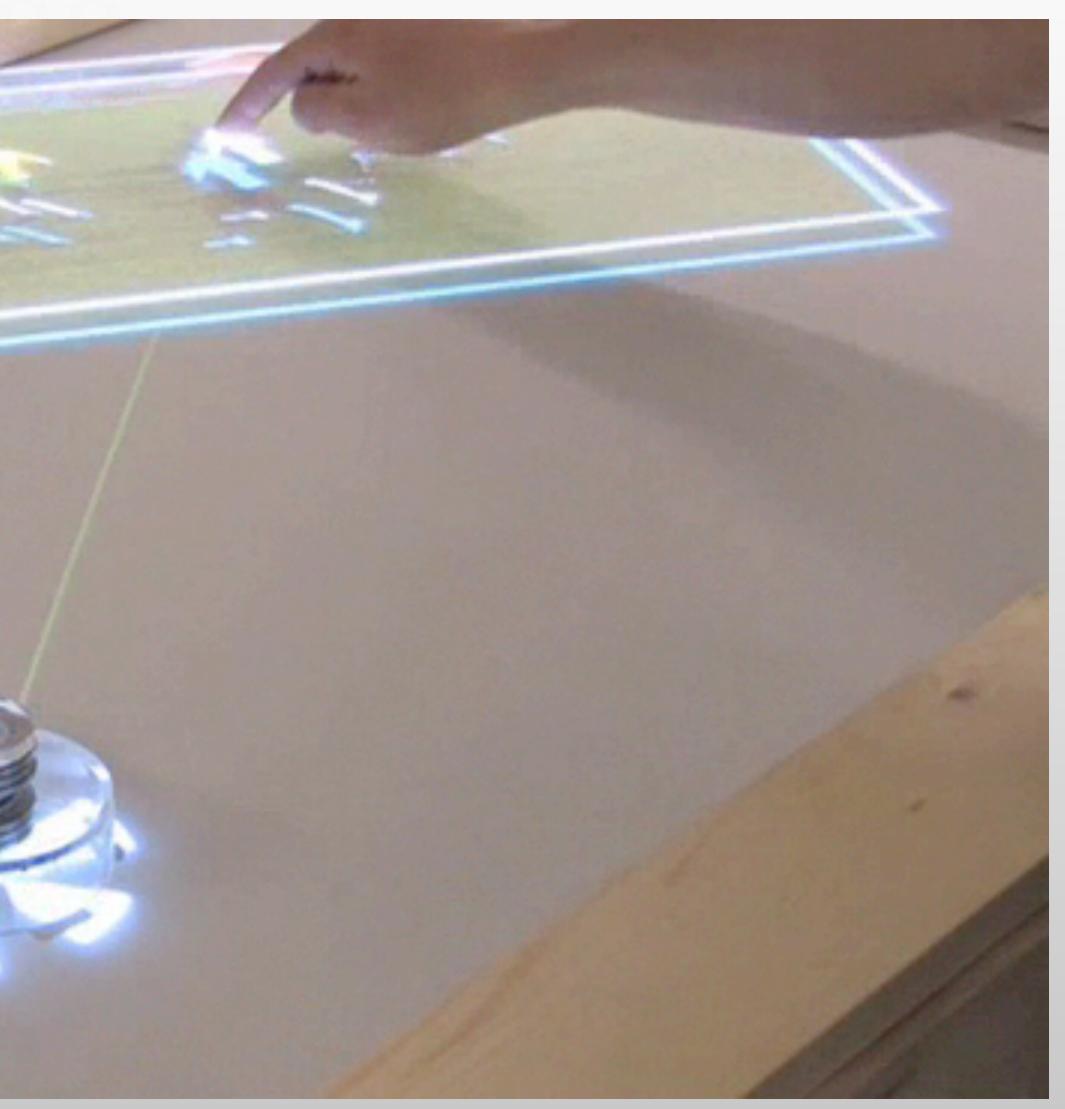
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#### Media Computing Group: Projects







#### http://hci.rwth-aachen.de/videos/i10/projects-2.m4v



# Why Apple: General

- Unix-based OS
- Robust through small hardware model range
- Subtle usability advantages (consistency, user-centeredness)
  - If switching is possible
- Essentially no viruses
- No client OS software license hassles
- Low Total Cost of Ownership





# Why Apple: Universities

- No hardware in lowest price segment
  - But higher-end hardware makes more sense for many universities due to re-selling difficulties
- Apple On Campus online store
- Helpful infrastructure: Apple dealers, Apple Education support • Open-source base OS, open standards support
- eLearning through simple media handling







## Why Apple: Computer Science

- Only OS offering both MS Office and Unix shell
- Free, modern IDE (Xcode)
  - But: Microsoft Academic Alliance Program
- Innovative OS features for academic R&D
  - Core Image,...





#### Observation: Growing market share among students and faculty





#### Mac-only applications



#### Virtualization



#### "But Does It Run Windows?!"



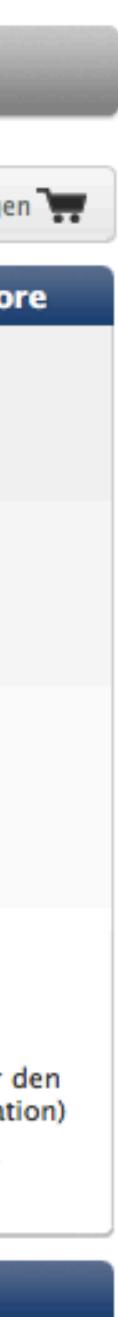
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# Apple Campus Rep

- make purchase decisions
- Funded through external agency
- Weekly helpdesk hours
- Runs <u>mac.rwth-aachen.de</u> with help for Mac users on campus



#### Student helping other students understand Apple technologies and





### Large Project Agreements

- Support through very competitive pricing for equipping major new strategic centres
- Example: HumTec (50 researchers, €300k)





## RWTH Aachen University on iTunes U

- 2001/2002: Stanford faculty
- 2006: Stanford iTunes U beta, contacted Apple
- 2008: RWTH selected for iTunes U pilot
- I/2009: RWTH on iTunes U launch



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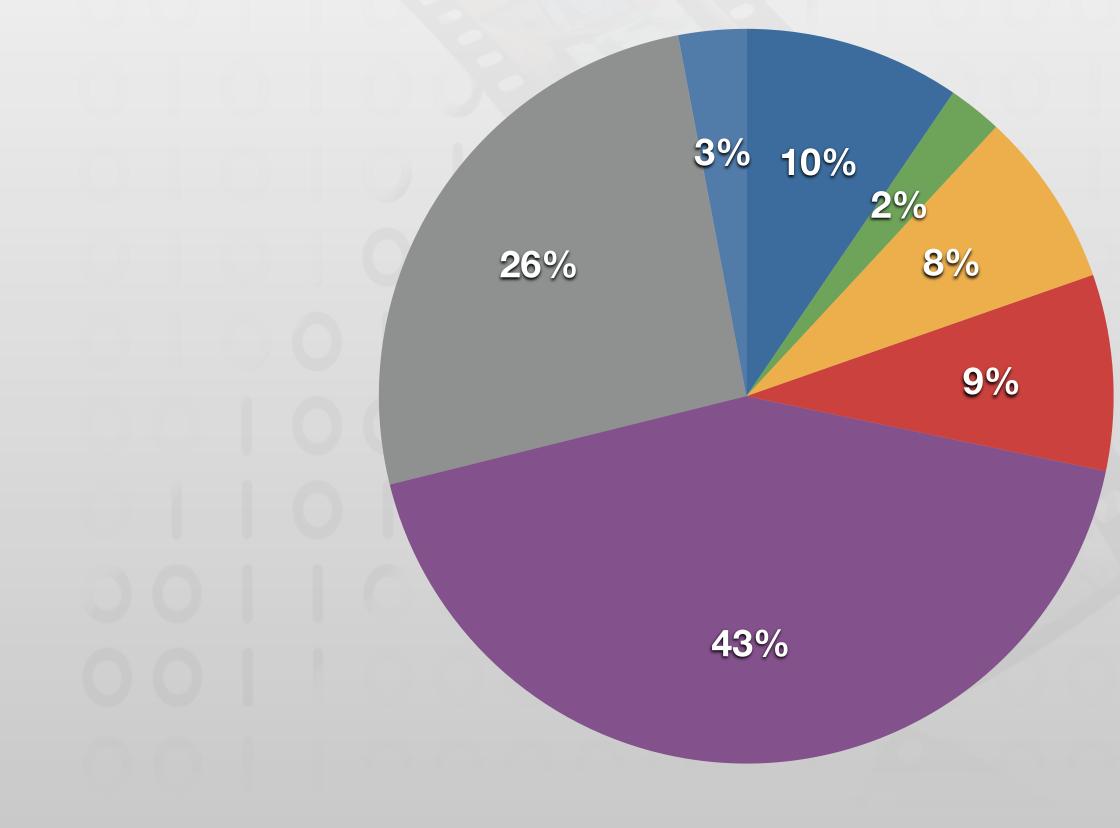
## **RWTH on iTunes U Today**

- Over II million downloads (33 TB transferred) I0 active faculty from 5 departments
- 336 files (mostly videos) in 36 tracks





## Number of Files by Department





RWTH Public Relations

- **Excellence** Initiative
- Architecture
- **Civil Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- Medicine
- Mechanical Engineering



### **AATCe at RWTH**

- Apple Authorized Training Center for Education since 2008
- 4 Trainers from 3 departments
  - Mostly administrators
- Certified to hold introductory and advanced IT courses on Mac OS 10.6
- Builds "corporate memory"



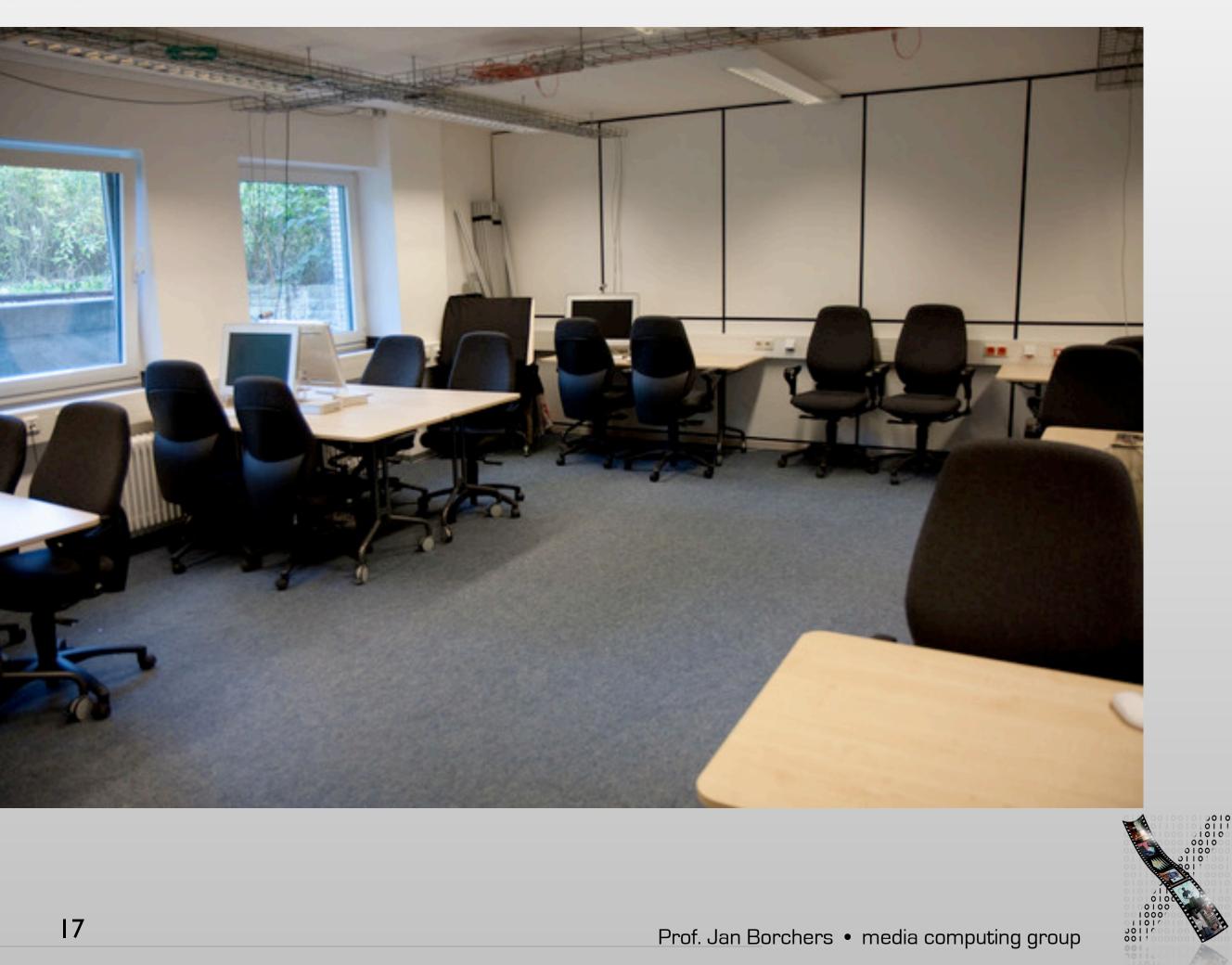




- Space for 16 students at 8 workstations
- Mac minis, 23" Cinema Displays
- High-speed network
- Projector & speakers



## AATCe Lab





- Room for 50 students
- Projector, speakers
- eBeam whiteboard
- Audio/video recording technology



#### **AATCe Seminar Room**



### Lecture Video Recording

#### Video

- HD camera with tripod Screen cast for the slides (iShowU)
- Audio
  - Wireless + room microphones
  - Laptop sound
- Setup

  - Test audio and video each recording session Start lecture and recording in sync





### Lecture Video Editing

- Hardware
  - Fast machines (Mac Pro)
  - Large screens (30")
  - Headphones
- Software
  - Final Cut Pro
- Training
  - Apple training available





### Lecture Video Editing

- Focus on the slides
  - The slides make the content, the speaker the atmosphere
- Cut out...
  - Administrative stuff
  - Long questions or student activities
  - Breaks
  - Mistakes



For iTunes U: copyrighted material



## Lecture Video Production

- Podcast Producer 2
  - Comes with 10.6 server
- Automatically encode video into different formats and publish One workflow per lecture
  - Workflow defines meta-data (i.e. where to publish, format)
  - Can be edited by hand





## Apple Technology In Our Group

- 3 student labs, I video editing lab
  - 8 Mac minis, 10 Mac Pros, 6 Power Macs
  - 23"/30" Cinema Displays
- Media Space
  - 4 MacBook Pros with 40" SmartBoard Displays
- 5 Xserves, I2TB Promise Raid
- Personal MacBook Pros+30"+iPhones
- Mobile classroom



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### The Aachen Media Space

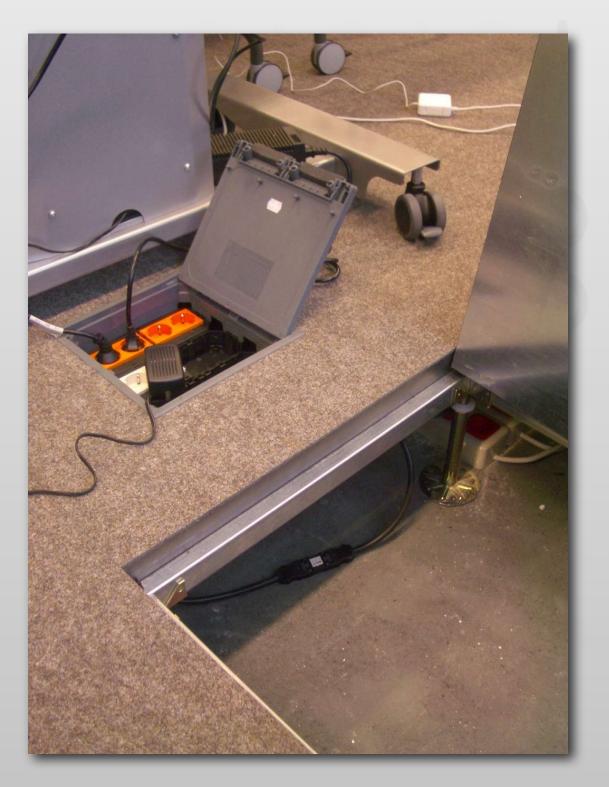
#### • 3 Main Functions:

- Testbed for our research
- Everyday meetings and presentations
- Showcase for visitors
- Part of flexible floor concept for entire group
  - Electronic whiteboards
  - Disappearing computers
  - Completely reconfigurable
  - Mobile walls and furniture





### Aachen Media Space











## iPhone Development Class

- Il lectures, weekly assignments, final project
- Students expected to know OO programming
- Covers 3.1
- Faster pace and additional topics compared to Stanford class (databases, networking, audio, ...)
- 21 students
- <u>hci.rwth-aachen.de/iphone</u>





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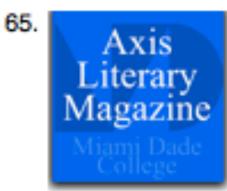
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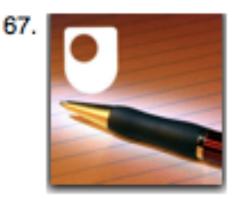




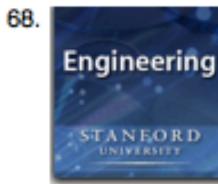
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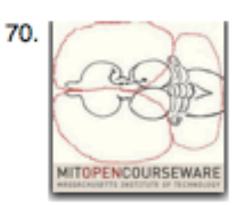
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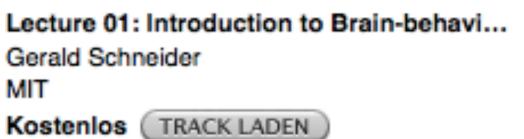


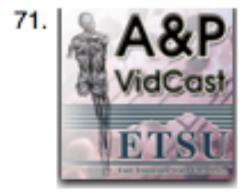
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What's Hot in Jet Engines John Eaton Stanford Kostenios (TRACK LADEN









01 - Introduction John Merriman

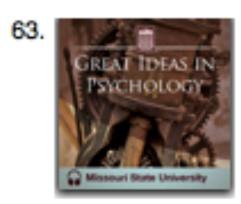


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#### Florida Folk Music: Baby I Am Georgia B...

Red & Murphy Henry with Tuck Tucker Florida Department of Education

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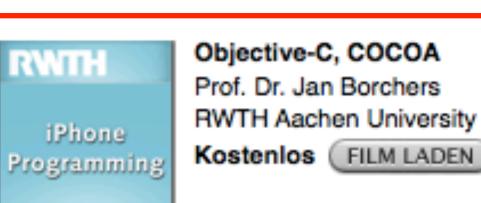


The Myth of Psyche Todd Daniel Missouri State University Kostenios (TRACK LADEN

#### Dinkinish O'Connor Miami Dade College Kostenios (TRACK LADEN)



All change - crisis as opportunity Professor Jaideep Prabhu Cambridge University Kostenios (TRACK LADEN



Bones of the Hand Dr. Allan Forsman East Tennessee State University Kostenios (FILM LADEN



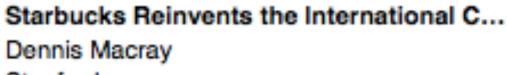
Economics

Rumi the Poet: Self-Portrayal, Dialogue ... Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak Stanford Kostenios (TRACK LADEN

#### Google Mobile App

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## Cocoa Heads

- Monthly informal get-togethers
- Short talks by participants on current Cocoa technologies
  - iPhone SDK programming (May'08), Apple Mail plugin development, ...
- First German chapter (cocoaheads.de)







### Summary: Puzzle Pieces

- Why Apple?
- Apple On Campus online store • Apple Campus Representative
- Agreements for large projects
- iTunes U
- AATCe training center
  - iPhone development classes
  - Cocoa Heads





