A SUMMER IN MUNICH WITH REACTIVE ROBOTICS

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WHAT IS REACTIVE ROBOTICS?

• a two years old startup in Munich, Bavaria, Germany
• with a staff of ~20 engineers, software programmers, and business developers
• developing a new robotics system for providing Very Early Mobilization Therapy (VEM) to patients in the Intensive Care Unit
Some of my colleagues, including Katie Jones ‘14 in the plaid coat
THE WORK

• Tested prototypes of a new robotic therapy system for Intensive Care Unit patients
• Developed new features to improve the robotic therapy experience
• Learned the Scrum method of engineering development
MOST REWARDING?

• Walking through the therapy to clinicians and seeing their enthusiasm for its possible impact for intensive care unit patients

• Demonstrating the therapy to investors before a successful fundraising round
WHAT DID I LEARN ABOUT MY AMBITIONS?

• Confirmed my interest in robotics
• Enjoyed the fulfillment of helping develop new medical technologies…
• … but not all the corresponding paperwork
• Really liked working in a company of this size and stage
ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS NEAR MUNICH: