



Industrial Applied Data Science @ ZHAW

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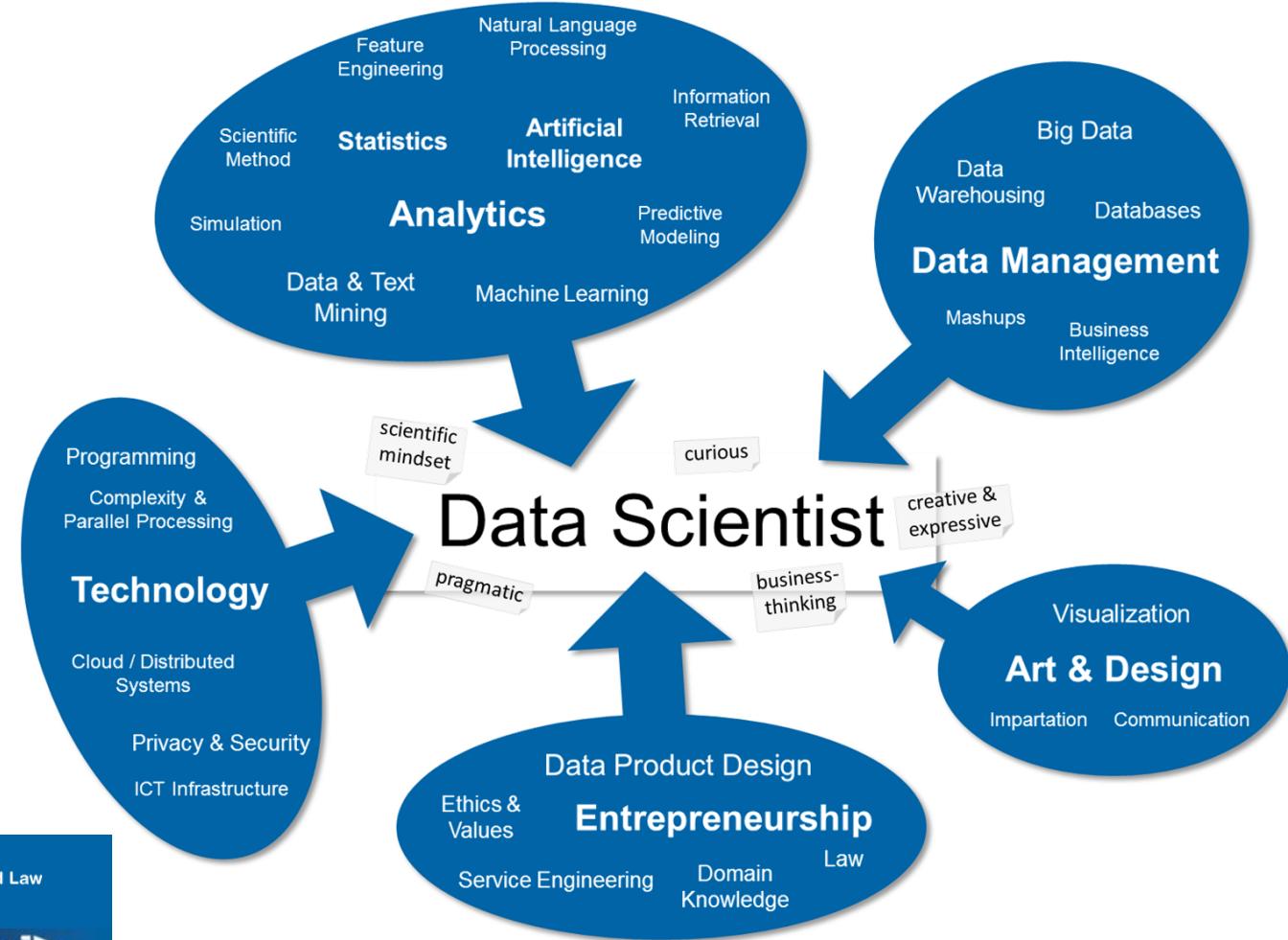
Prof. Dr. Thilo Stadelmann
Head of Datalab, the ZHAW Data Science Laboratory

1. Key research topics and people

People: ca. 80 researchers from 3 departments

Digitalisation in practice:

- Statistical data analysis, **predictive modeling**
- **Machine learning**, in particular **deep learning**
- **Information retrieval**, **text analytics**
- **Big data**, databases & data warehousing
- Information **visualization**, **visual analytics**
- Business intelligence, decision support
- **Privacy**, security, **data product design**
- **Subject matter expertise**: law, life sciences, ...



See Stadelmann, Stockinger, Braschler, Cieliebak, Baudinot, Dürr and Ruckstuhl: *Applied Data Science in Europe*. ECSS 2013, Amsterdam.

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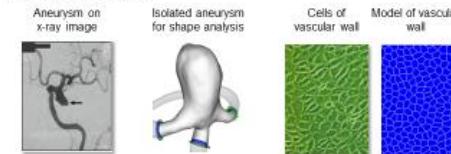
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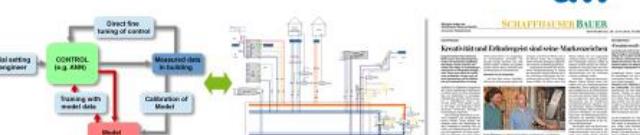
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Hydrobus: Simulation-based Optimization



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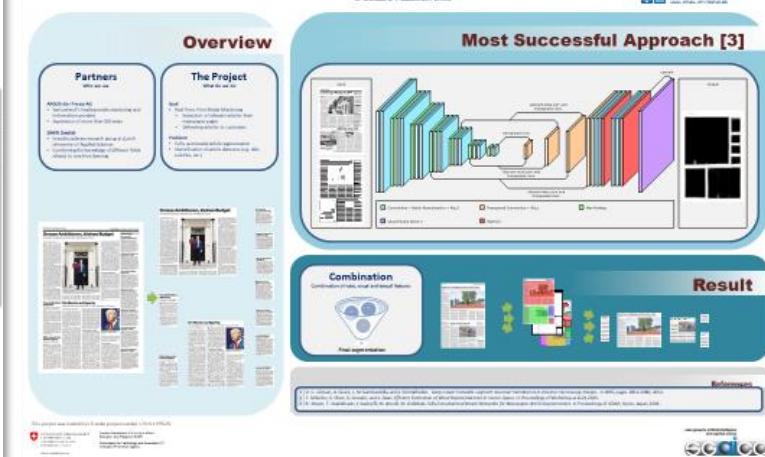
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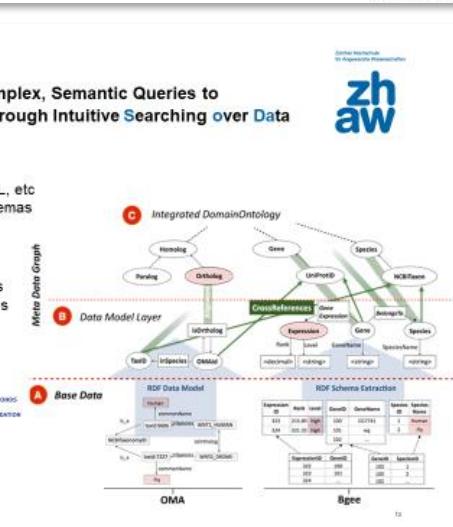
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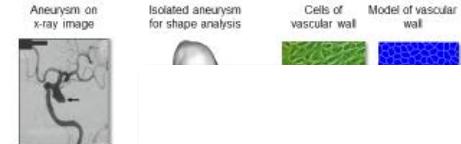
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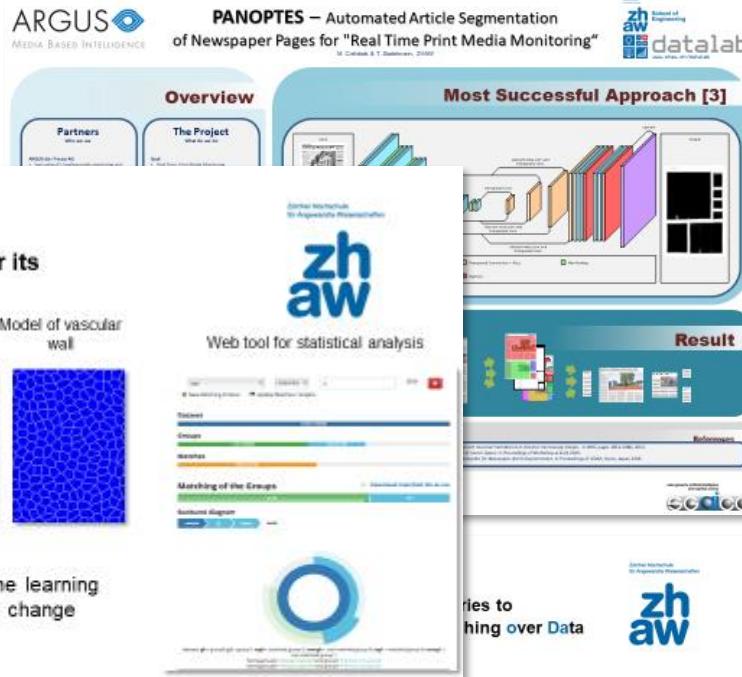
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MEDIA BASED INTELLIGENCE



Web tool for statistical analysis

PANOPTES – Automated Article Segmentation of Newspaper Pages for “Real Time Print Media Monitoring”



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The Project
Most Successful Approach [3]
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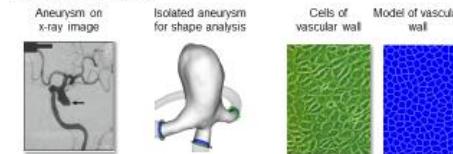
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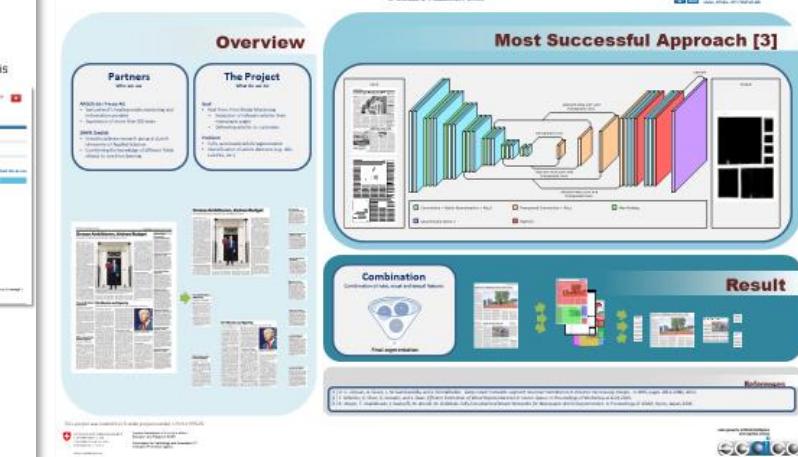
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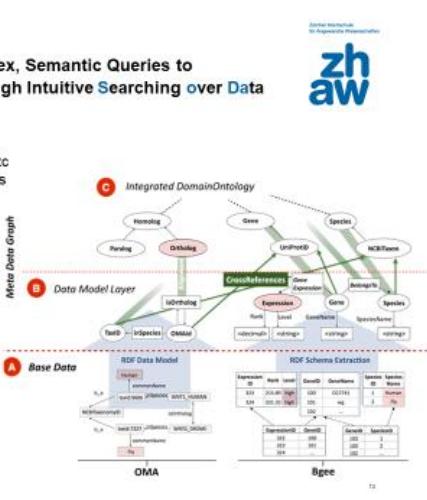
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3. Education activities

Undergraduate

- Involved in numerous courses of B.Sc. Programs
→ e.g., «scripting», «big data», «data mining», «AI», «information retrieval», «data warehousing», ...



Graduate and post-graduate

- Master of Science in Engineering specialization** in data science: e.g., «machine learning»
- Ph.D. programs:** with Universities of Venice, Zurich, and Neuchatel



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Professional education

- Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in Data Science**
- Completely booked** almost until end of 2019

CAS Data Product Design

Data-specific Service Design,
Data-specific Business Models,
Practice workshop,
Security & Privacy

CAS Machine Intelligence

Machine Learning,
Deep Learning,
Text Analysis, Advanced topics
in Big Data

CAS Statistical Modeling

Information processing with R,
Advanced regression modeling,
Analysis of time to event data,
Network analysis

CAS Information Engineering

Scripting in Python,
Information Retrieval &
Text Analytics, Databases &
SQL, Data Warehousing,
Big Data

CAS Data Analytics

Data Description &
Visualization, Statistical
Foundations of Analytics,
Multiple Regression,
Time Series & Forecasting,
Clustering & Classification

4. Highlights



Community involvement: Started Swiss Conference series on Data Science

- Grew from 120 participants to 270 (2014→2017)
- Handed it over to Data+Service community in 2018 (400 participants)
- Full academic track with IEEE sponsorship planned for 2019 (June 14, Bern)

Generating impact

- Co-initiator of **National Thematic Network**: Swiss Alliance for Data-Intensive Services
- **Book**: Braschler et al. (Eds.): “Applied Data Science” (Springer 2018, to appear)

