

Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

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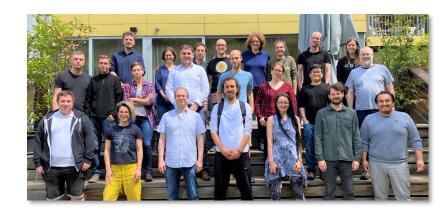
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GROUP OVERVIEW

- Head of Competence Unit: Dr. Ross King
- Group Size: 40
 - 8 Seniors (2 Thematic Coordinators)
 - 26 Scientists / Research Engineers
 - 4 Junior Scientists
 - 1 Technician



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Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

R&D Domains



Cultural Data Science

- FAIR Data Principles
- Digital Preservation
- Electronic Archiving
- Culturomics

Industrial Data Science

- Digitalisation
- Industry 4.0
- Predictive Maintenance
- Spatial DS

Data Science for Public Security

- Virtual Assets and DeFi
- Consumer Protection
- Disinformation
- Hybrid Threats
- Assisting LEAs
- Anti-Terror

Green Data Science

- Sustainable Forestry & Agriculture
- Extreme Weather & Climate Change
- Circular Economy
- Green Al

NLP

Computer Vision

Al Audio

Trustworthy Al

Geo-spatial Analytics

Al Ethics

Applied Artificial Intelligence

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Topics



Trustworthy Al

Image/Video

- Object Detection
- · Object Tracking
- Biometrics
- Media Forensics

Audio

- Event Detection
- · Scene Classification
- Keyword Detection
- Speech to Text
- Embeddings & Similarity

Text

- Named Entity Recognition
- Sentiment detection
- Hate Speech detection
- Sexism detection
- Text Similarity
- Large Language Models

Time Series

- Anomaly Detection
- Predictive Maintenance
- Geo-Spatial analysis
- Movement prediction

Multi-Modal Analytics

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Fraud Detection

Topic-Lead:

Mag. Andrew Lindley

Research Engineer

Customers:

- Austrian government agencies
- Watchlist Internet
- Free Service for Austrian consumers

Topic Goals:

- Prevention through technical security measures
 - Fraudsters operate at a rapid pace, fake-shops are deployed at large numbers and most often have a limited uptime.
 - Reduce the window of opportunity for fraudsters by protecting consumers from new fake-shops in real-time
 - Support automation in expert organizations

Topic Results:

- Fake-Shop Detector (FSD) Infrastructure & Tools
 - Integrated Tools and Workflows for Expert Organizations: Enabling an additional Al based 'perspective' for experts
 - Browser Plugin (protect yourself and others) for consumers
 - Fake-Shop Archive and trained Al models to detect Fake-Shops based on their 'similarity' to already known threats in real-time





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Disinformation Detection



Topic-Lead:

Dr. Alexander Schindler

Thematic Coordinator Multi-Modal AI **DI. Martin Boyer** Senior Research

Engineer

Customers:

Austrian government agencies

Topic Goals:

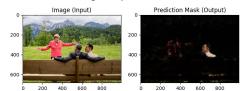
- Identify disinformation threats
- Identify Hate Speech & Extremism
- Analyse Hybrid Threats & Threats against critical infrastructures

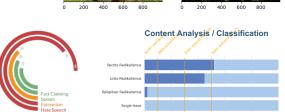
Topic Results:

- Threat analysis report
- Prototype detectors for
 - Fake faces
 - Extremist Symbols
 - Deepfakes
 - Misleading news
 - Extremist Content

Sexism, writing/reporting style, etc.

Image manipulation detection





Research Project Line



Recognise fake profile photos



Recognising the recording location



longitude: 10.743129 latitude: 47.53484



Multimedia Forensics

Topic-Lead:

DI. Martin Boyer Senior Research

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Dr. Alexander Schindler

Thematic Coordinator
Multi-Modal AI

Dr. Sven Schlarb

Scientist

Customers:

Law Enforcement Agencies (nat., EU)

Topic Goals:

- Identify investigation relevant concepts in mass multi-media data
- Assist LEAs agents in identifying relevant content / suspects (Crime, Terrorism)
- Reduce information overlagad

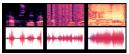
Topic Results:

- Visual object detectors / trackers
- Acoustic Scene Classification
- Audio Event Detection
- Audio Similarity Search
- Speaker Identification / Diarization
- Acoustic Keyword Spotting
- Named Entities: Weapons, Drugs

Weapon Detection (in Text)



Noise Invariance



Acoustic Keyword Spotting



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Search by example / content-similarity



Acoustic Scene Classification







Network monitoring and analysis



Topic-Lead:

Dr. Pedro Casas Senior Scientist

Customers:

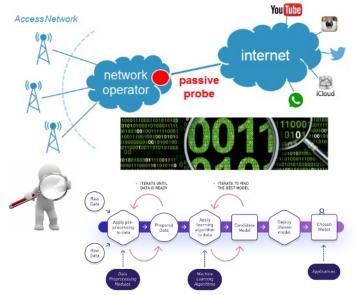
Telecommunications equipment manufacturer

Topic Goals:

Design and develop a machine-learning based system for end-to-end monitoring of encrypted streaming traffic

- Machine learning models to predict occurrence of streaming degradation in encrypted traffic
- Machine learning models to predict user watching and playback behavior in encrypted traffic
- Open software-based monitoring solution for monitoring of encrypted network traffic
- Improvement of network management capabilities under encrypted network traffic scenarios







Industrial Data Science

Deep Learning for Outage prediction



Topic-Lead:

DI. Clemens Heisstracher

Scientist

Customers:







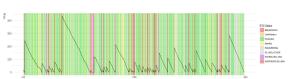


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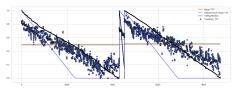
Provide generic algorithmic building blocks for

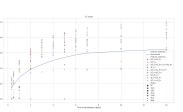
- outage prediction in data streams
- data-driven maintenance strategy for plasma etch systems

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- Stream-based analytics and visualization algorithms
- Data-driven maintenance and decision support models
- Machine learning models for predicting time-to-failure (TTF)
- Prediction models with precisions up to 90%, potential reduction of down-time between 12-21%, increased overall availability of 2%
- Maintenance strategy and deployment concept
- Recommendations for further increasing data quality and prediction capabilities

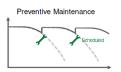


















Spatial Data Science



Topic-Lead:

Dr. Anita Graser

Scientist

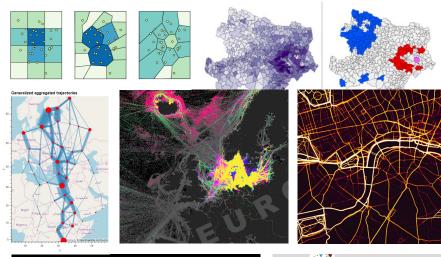
Customers:

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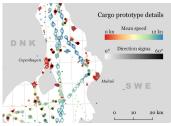
Topic Goals:

- Provide methods and tools to build Al for spatiotemporal data
- Apply geospatial machine learning (GeoAl) to improve model results

- Spatiotemporal analytics & visual analytics
- Location selection & classification
- (Geo)Data-driven machine learning
- Movement classification, prediction & anomaly detection







Green Data Science



Topic-Lead:

Dr. Jasmin Lampert

Senior Scientist

Customers:



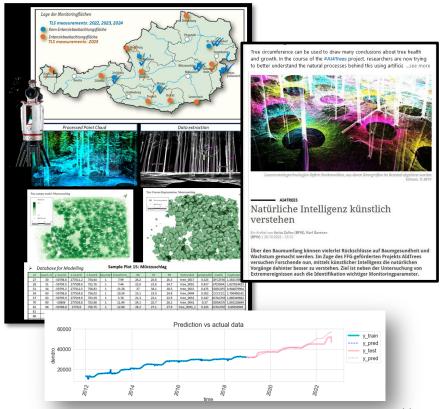




Topic Goals:

- Al and Data Science methods for tackling climate change
- Making Al algorithms computationally more efficient
- Development of physics-informed machine learning framework for weather and climate predictions

- Explainable AI models for predicting tree growth
- Data-driven prediction of vermin occurrence
- Susceptibility maps for shallow landslides
- Data quality assurance for environmental sensors



Explainable Al

Topic-Lead:

DI. Anahid Jalali

Scientist

Customers:

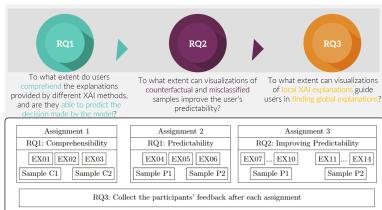
Lateral topic

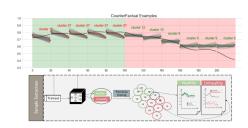
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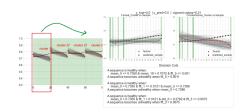
- Identify influential feature on model prediction
- Assist developers and/or domain experts with boosting the model performance & increasing data quality
- Increasing system's interpretability

- Visualizations of model agnostic & specific
 - locally explained influential features
 - globally explained influential features
 - Cohort explained influential features
- A user centric XAI Evaluation setup
- Interactive environment for experts to extract local & global explanations from a trained model











QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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