



# Big Data Systems

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Introduction

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# This Lecture

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1. Introduction
  - Big Data
  - Data Engineering
2. Course Organization
  - Content, Timeline, Textbooks
  - Data Engineering Curriculum
  - Exercises & Exam
  - Registration & Projects

# Who am I?

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Until 2011: PhD in CS at University of Passau

- Distributed databases

Until 2015: Postdoc at University of Toronto

- Big data systems / benchmarking

Until April

- Visiting Professor & Research Director at DIMA group, TU Berlin
- Deputy Director of Department IAM at DFKI
- Scientific Coordinator of the Berlin Big Data Center

Since Mai

- Professor for Data Engineering Systems, Digital Engineering Faculty, HPI, U Potsdam

Other activities

- TPC Professional Affiliate
- Co-Founder of bankmark

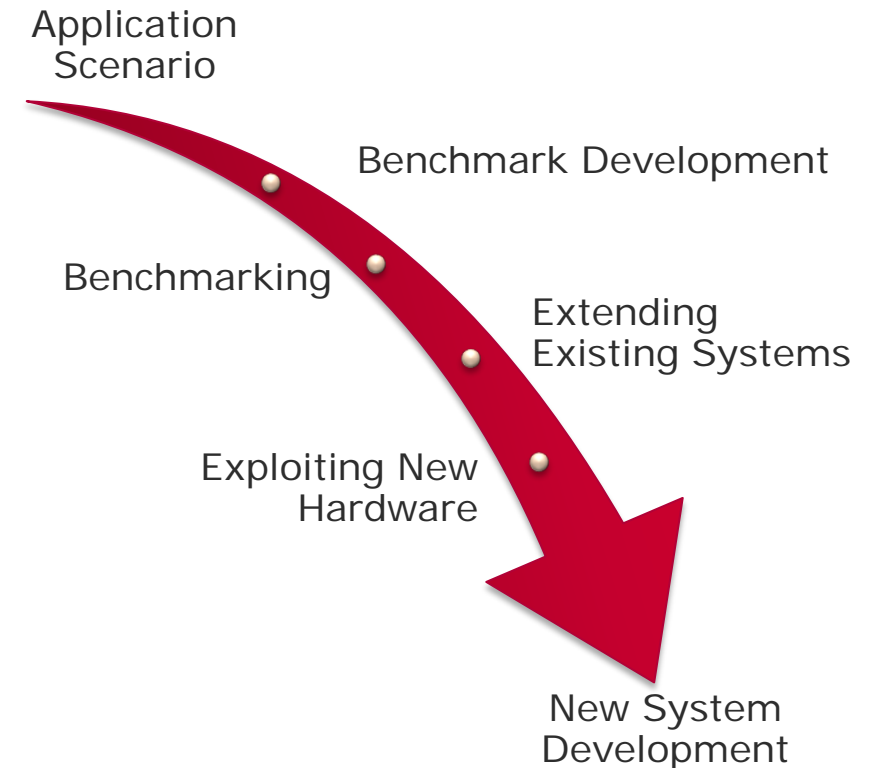
# Research Topics

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- Database Management
  - SIGMOD 17, VLDBJ 18
- Machine Learning Systems
  - PVLDB 17, SOCC 18, DAMON 18, EDBT 19
- Stream Processing
  - ICDE 18, EDBT 18, SIGMOD 19, PVLDB 19
- Benchmarking
  - SOCC 17, BeyondMR 17, ICDE 18, ICPE 18

Interested in a thesis? Write us an e-mail.

## Research Approach



# Big Data

Data is growing

Messages, tweets, social networks (statuses, check-ins, shared content), blogs, click streams, various logs, ...

- *Facebook: > 1,5B active users, > 60B messages/day*
- *Twitter: > 300M active users, > 500M tweets/day*

Everyone is interested!

**The value of data is decreasing with its age!**



# What is Big Data?

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- **Big data** is an *accumulation* of data that cannot be processed / handled using traditional data management processes / tools.
- A *big data management infrastructure* should ensure that the underlying hardware, software, and architecture have *the ability to enable learning (from data) using analytics*.

# Big Data Characteristics (*in Vs*)

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- volume
  - “data at rest”
- the amount of data with respect to the number of observations (size of the data) and the number of variables (dimensionality of the data)
  
- variety
  - “data in many forms”
  - heterogeneity of data types (i.e., structured, semi-structured, unstructured)
  - data sources that are either private or public
  - examples include log files, text, web, images, video, audio

## Big Data Characteristics (*in Vs*) - Contd.

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- velocity
  - “data in motion” or “data in transit” (aka streaming data)
  - ... is concerned with the data generation rate
  - ... is concerned with the rate which data arrives
  - ... is concerned with the timeframe in which they must be acted upon
  - requires appropriate data handling mechanisms
  
- veracity
  - “data in doubt”
  - ... is concerned with noise and processing errors, including the reliability (i.e., quality over time) and validity of the data
  
- value, variability, validity, vulnerability, volatility, visualization, ...



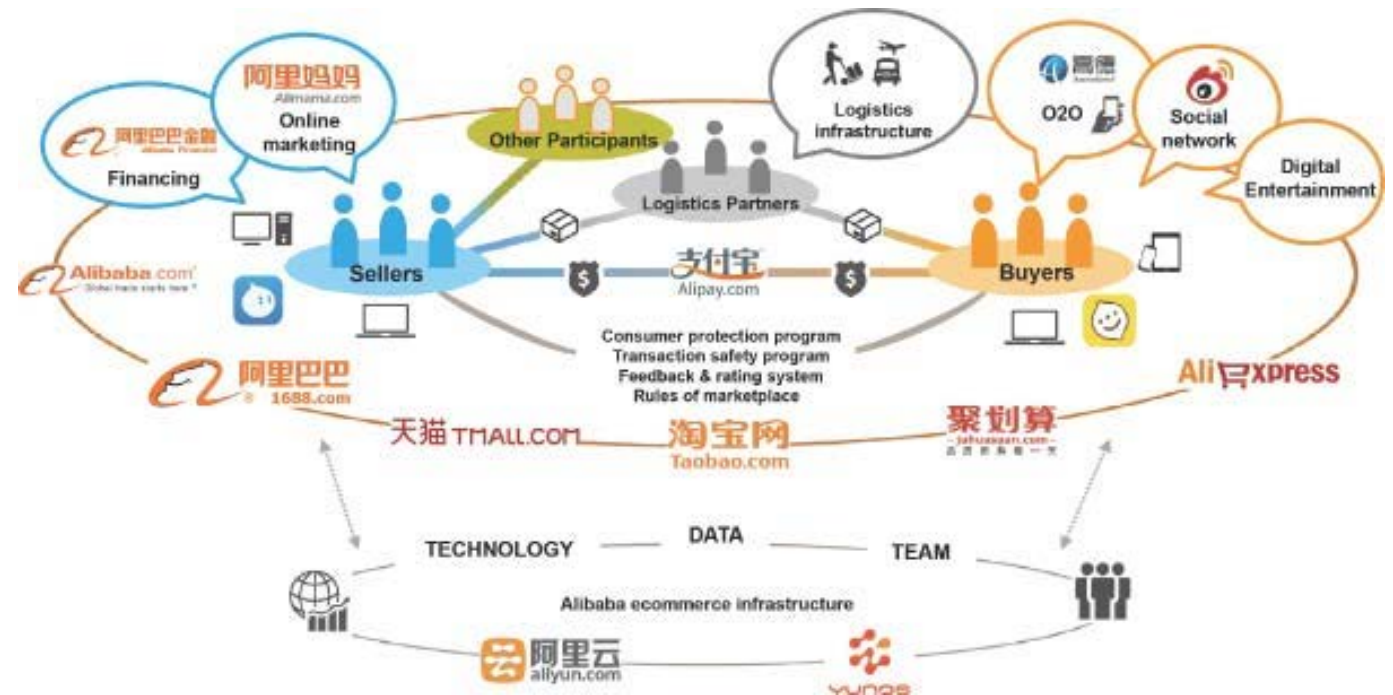
# Where Does Big Data Come From?

## Online Retail – Alibaba Group

- 443M internet users (Feb 2017)
- 493M mobile users
- 12,7B annual orders
- 255M annual active buyers
- 57M packages/day

### Alibaba Singles Day 2018 (11.11.)

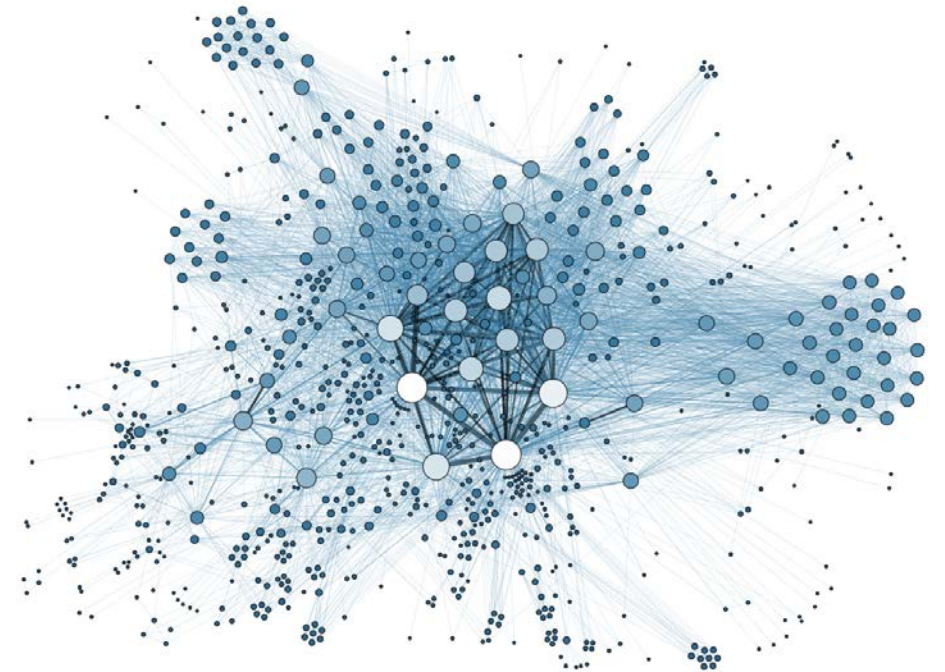
- USD 1B\$ in <2 min
- USD 30B\$ the whole day
- Buyers, Sellers, Logistics, Payments, ...
- Cloud computing, Big Data Technologies , Machine Learning, ...



# Where Does Big Data Come From?

## Social Network - Twitter

- ~ 500M tweets sent per day current
- 310M monthly active users
- 1.3B accounts created
- 500M visitors monthly without logging in
- 208 the average number of followers
- Katy Perry has the most followers with over 87M
- 83% of world leaders are on Twitter
- Applications
  - Shortest paths between two people
  - Centralities analysis
  - Finding and ranking expertise
  - Social media monitoring
  - Security



# Risks of (Big) Data

## Mistakes

Spurious correlations  
Bias  
Simpsons paradox

### General problems

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of ethics

## Manipulation

Fit data to result  
Biased training  
Manipulative visualization

### General solutions

- Education
- Regulation

## Misuse

Discrimination  
Observation  
Data privacy violations  
Espionage

## Data Monopoly

Circle of big companies  
Lack of control  
Non-equal opportunity

# But there is so much more...

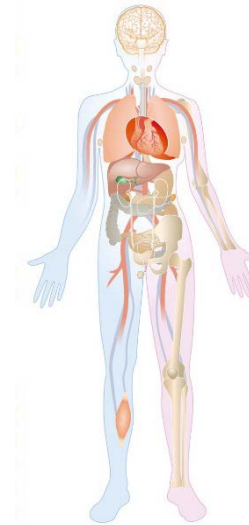
## Autonomous Driving

- Requires rich navigation info
- Rich data sensor readings
- 1GB data per minute per car (all sensors)<sup>1</sup>



## E-health

- 3.2 billion base pairs of DNA (genomics)
- 10 million proteins in a person (proteomics)



## Pre-processing of sensor data

- CERN experiments generate ~1PB of measurements per second.
- Unfeasible to store or process directly, fast preprocessing is a must.



<sup>1</sup>Cobb: <http://www.hybridcars.com/tech-experts-put-the-brakes-on-autonomous-cars/>

# Benefits of (Big) Data

## Economics

Predictive maintenance

Fraud detection

Capacity planning

Process optimization

## Automotive

Traffic optimization

Easier multi-modal routing

Autonomous driving

Increase of safety

## Health

Early diagnostics

Personalized medicine

Support for doctors

Reduction of costs

## Science

Evidence-based research

Fast analysis and data reuse

## General benefits

- Superior pattern recognition
- Automatic learning

# Making Use of Big Data – a.k.a. Data Science

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## Empirical evidence

- Describe natural phenomena

## Scientific theory

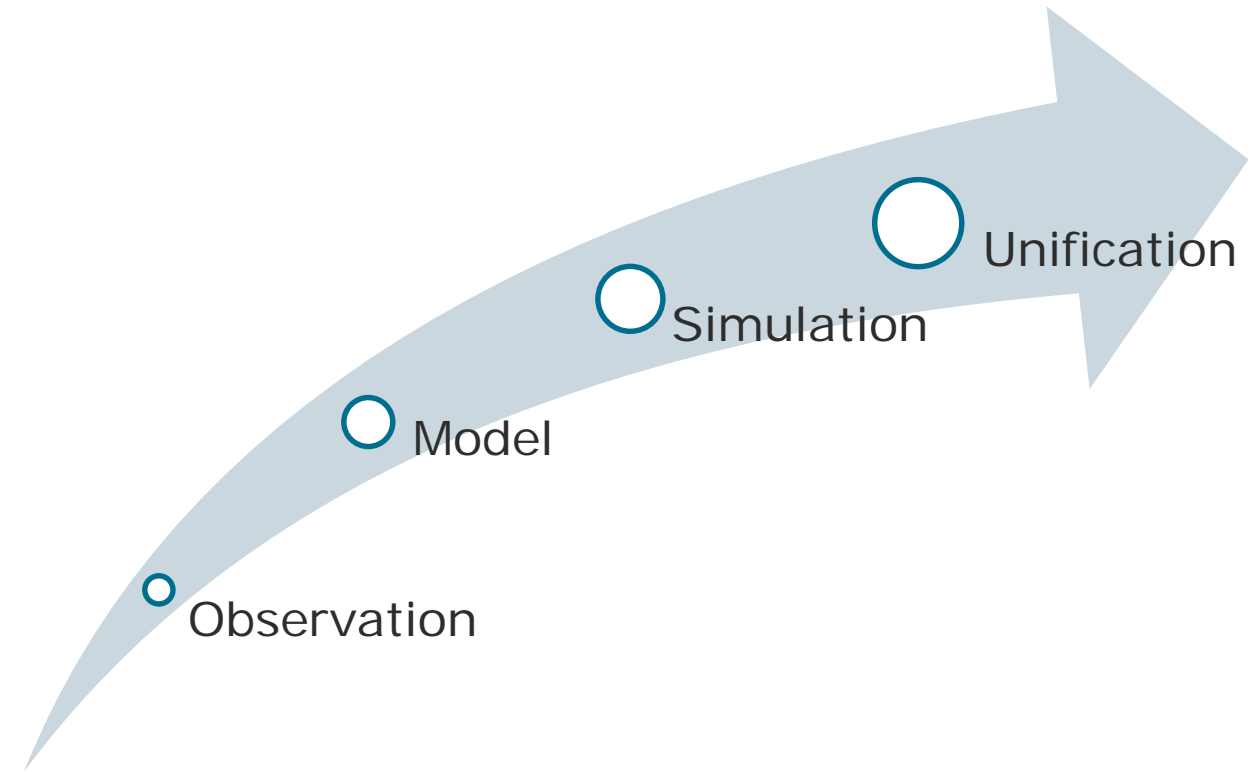
- Build theory and test it
- Relativity theory

## Computational science

- Complex models and simulations
- Weather prediction

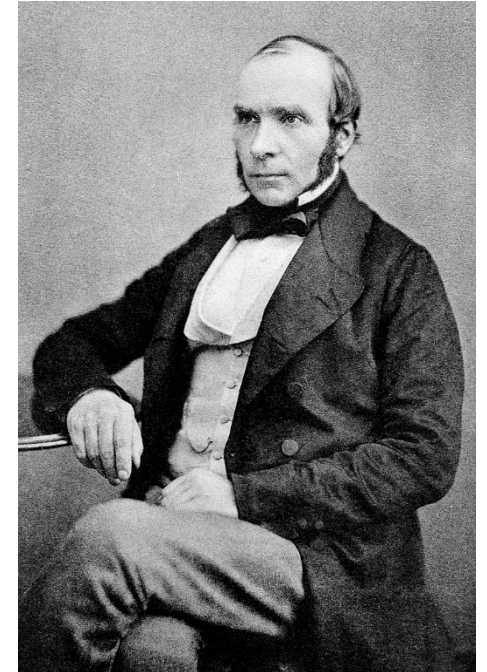
## Data science

- Unify theory, experiment, and simulation
- Process big data by software and hardware



# John Snow – 19th Century Data Scientist

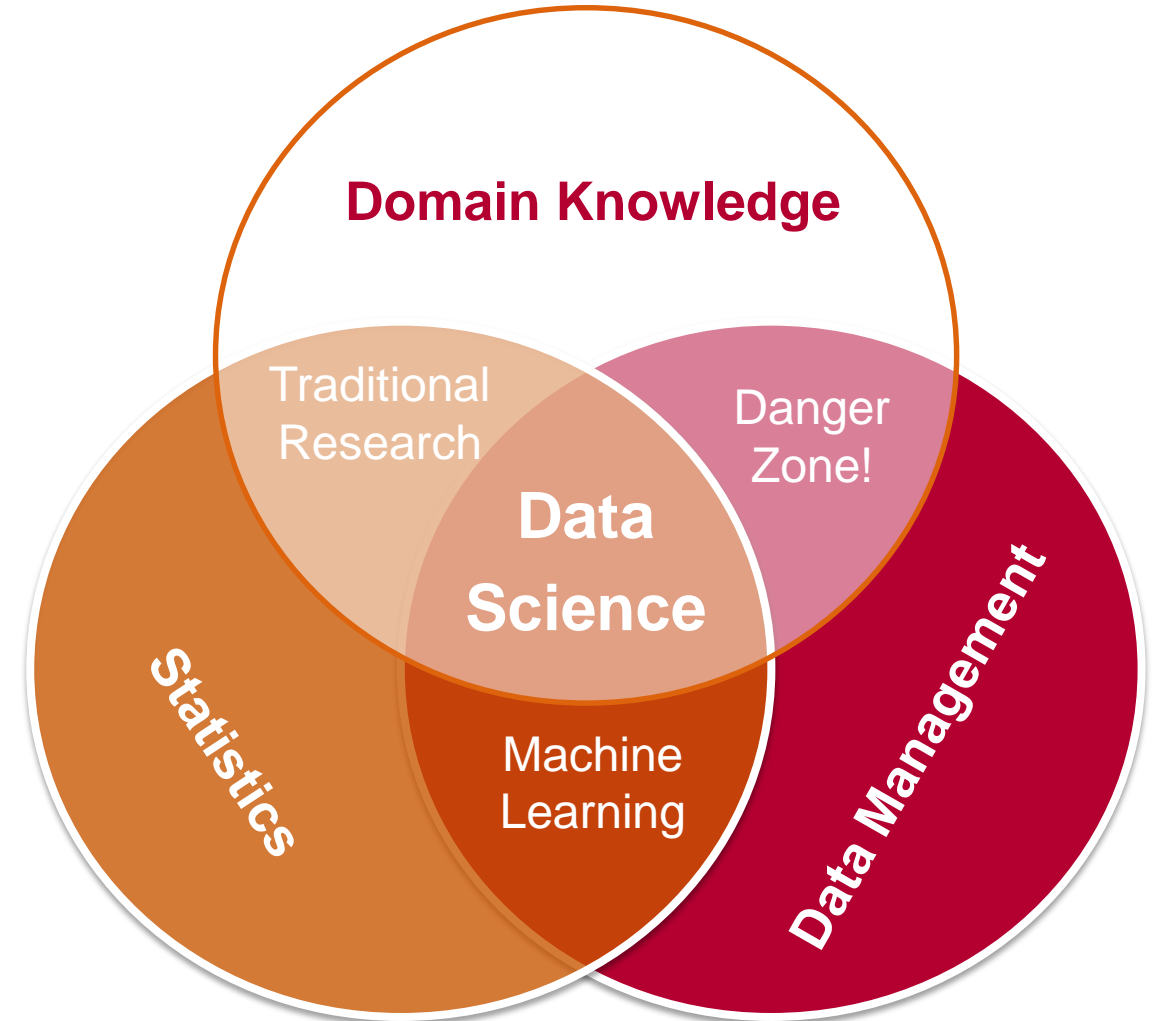
- Cholera in London 1850s
  - Miasma theory – bad air
- John Snow
  - Found connections to food and water
  - Investigated relation of water supply and Soho outbreak (1854)
  - Later discovered general problems with downstream Thames water supplies



*John Snow*

# Data Scientist Today

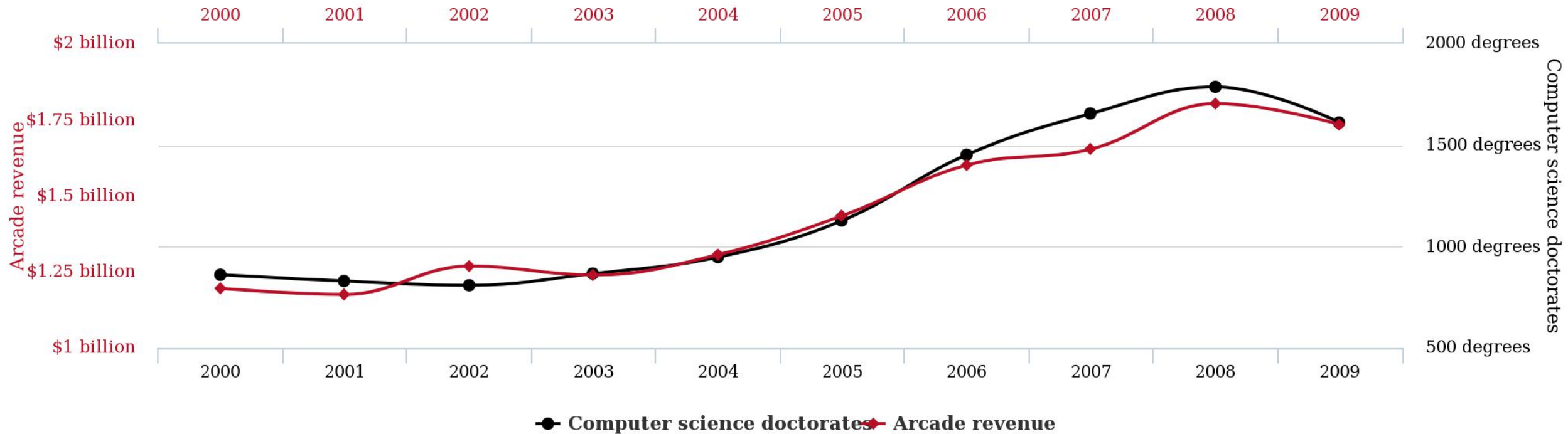
- Sexiest job of the 21st century
  - Requires rich skill set
  - Statistics, ML, CS, ...
- Typical job description
  - Curate data
  - Explore data
  - Build ML models
  - Infer information
  - Solve business problem
  - Master's or Ph.D. in relevant field



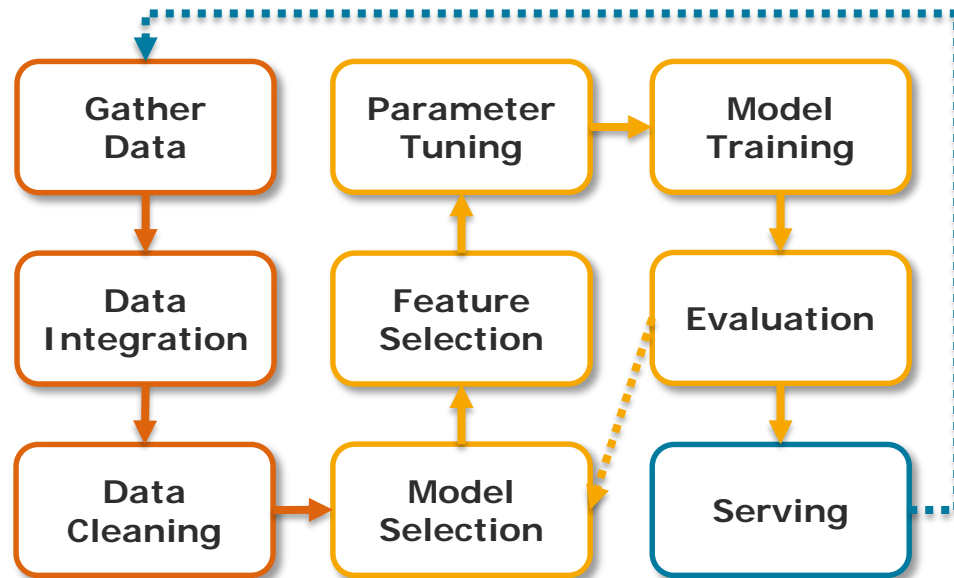


# Danger Zone!

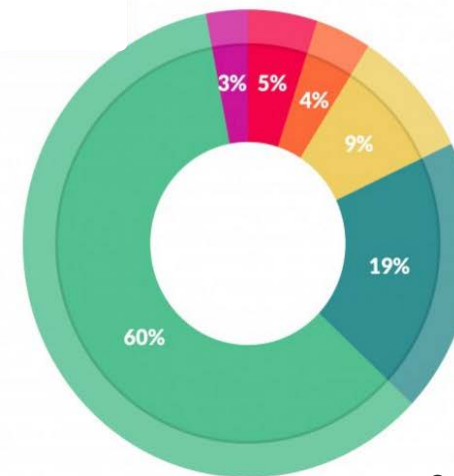
## Total revenue generated by arcades correlates with Computer science doctorates awarded in the US



# Data Science Pipelines



*Data preparation accounts for about 80% of the work of data scientists*



What data scientists spend the most time doing

- Building training sets: 3%
- Cleaning and organizing data: 60%
- Collecting data sets: 19%
- Mining data for patterns: 9%
- Refining algorithms: 4%
- Other: 5%

CrowdFlower's Data Science Report 2016

- Preprocessing, Training, Inference
- Highly iterative and repetitive
- One data scientist per use case
- Month(s) per use case

# The Data Science Challenge

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At least one data scientist per problem / use case

- Needs to understand the domain
- Needs to understand ML / programming / statistics

So many problems

- Every instance of a use case comes with different data
- Volume, variety, velocity, ...

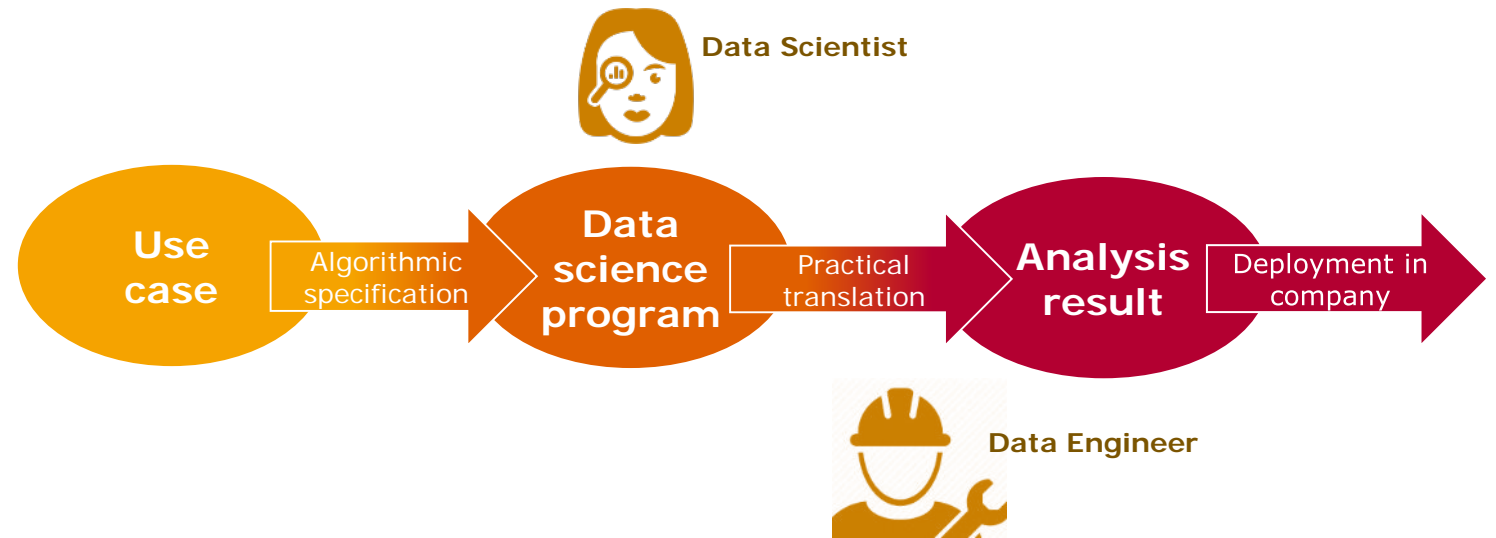
Too few people can do it!

**AI Winter  
is Coming**



# Enter Data Engineering

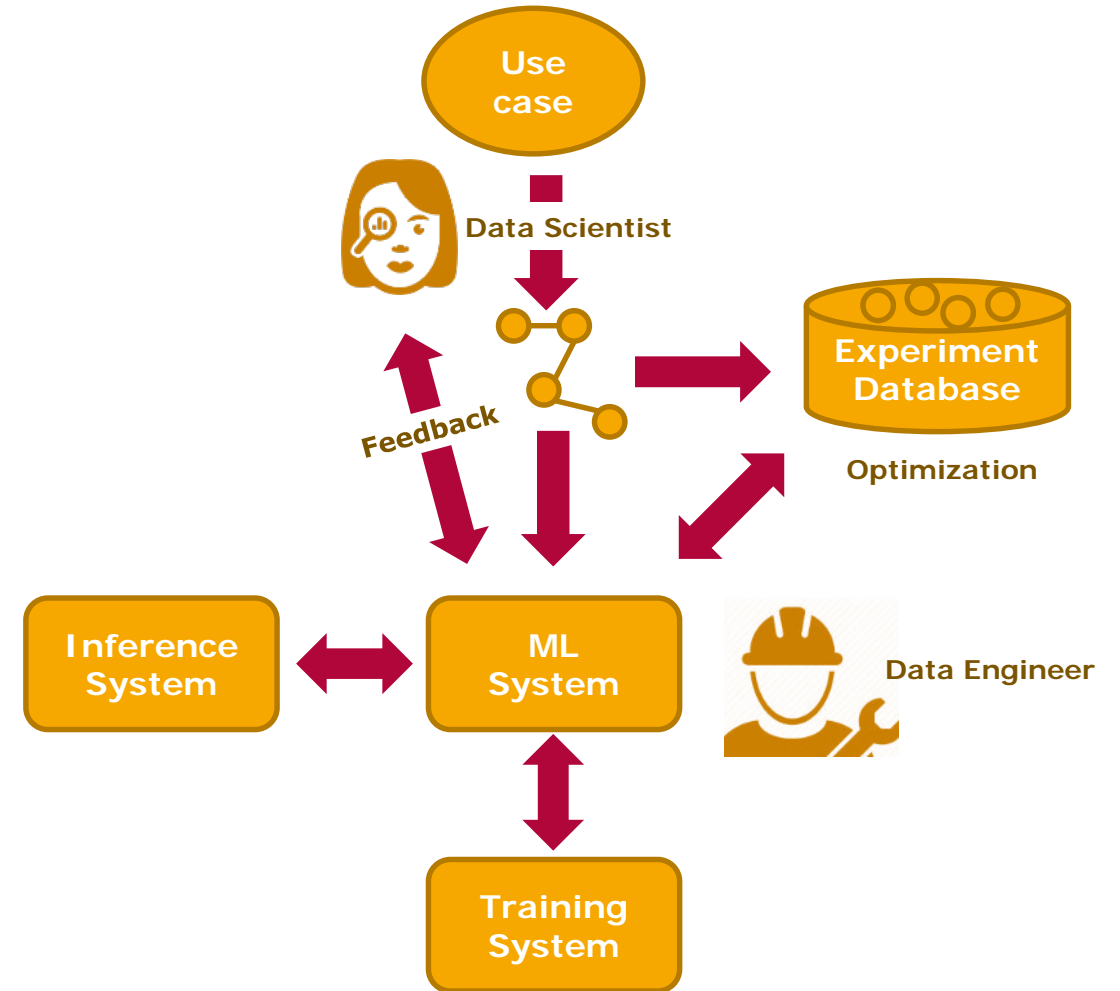
- Data Science
  - Organize data
  - Analyze data
  - Solve business problem
- Data Engineering
  - Construct architecture
  - Maintain data pipelines
  - Productize data science
- Job openings in US (on LinkedIn)
  - Data Science 20K, Data Engineering 40K



# End-to-End Machine Learning (Data Engineering 2.0)

Decouple and formalize individual steps  
Create common intermediate representations

- Tooling for preprocessing
- Experiment databases
  - Reuse knowledge
  - Simplify process
- Deployment systems
  - Manage models
  - Deploy training
  - Deploy inference



# Data Engineering Systems

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## Systems that enable data engineering

- Database systems
- Stream processing systems
- Graph processing systems
- Machine learning systems
- ...

## Systems that support data science

- Experiment databases
- Optimizers
- Deployment systems
- End-to-end ML



# Ethical Considerations

- With great power comes great responsibility
- Not everything is a tool
  - True for systems, algorithms, data
- Everybody in/on the pipeline needs to be responsible, careful, and thoughtful
- Examples
  - Scoring / rating
  - Targeting
  - No built in safety switch



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# Course Logistics

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## DBT: Lecture

- Tuesdays, 11-12:30, HS 3
- Thursdays, 11-12:30, HS 2
  - (check full schedule for details)

## Contact

- Prof. Dr. Tilmann Rabl
- e-mail: [tilmann.rabl@hpi.de](mailto:tilmann.rabl@hpi.de)
- Office hours (by advance appointment via email)
  - Tuesdays, 13-14, F1.03
  - I have an open door policy (as long as I can)



# Course Contents Overview

- Introduction
- Large Scale Data Processing
- Key Value Stores
- Stream Processing
- Machine Learning Systems
- Graph Processing
- Processing on Modern Hardware
- Performance Estimation/Analysis

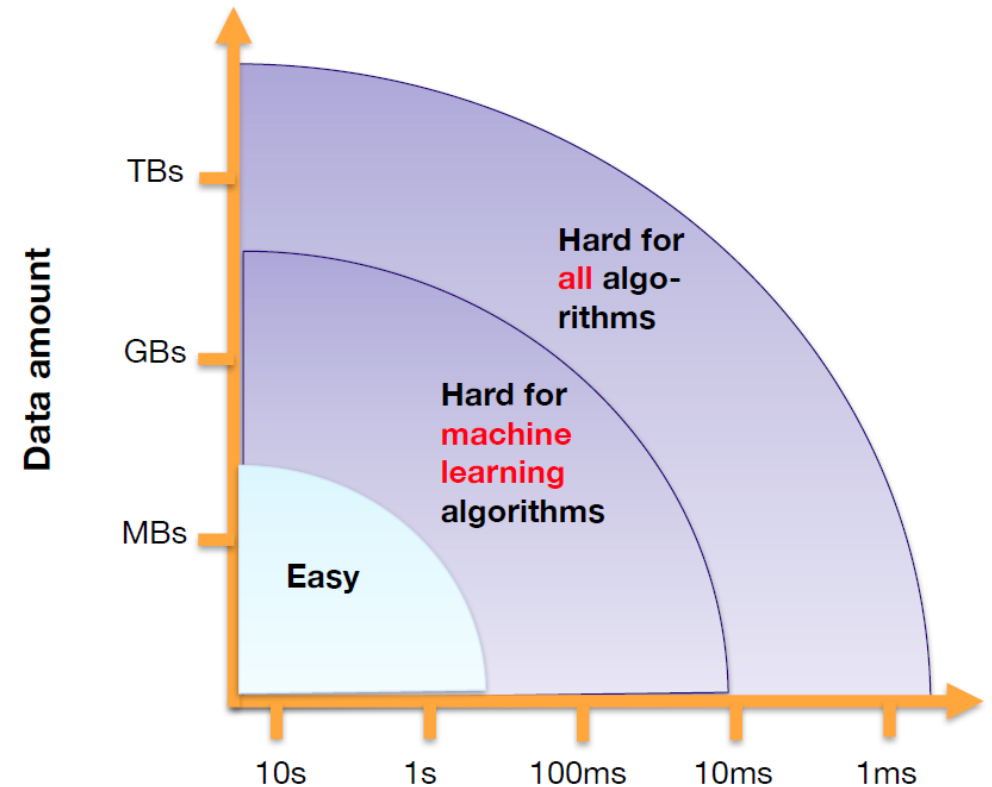


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# Tentative Timeline

Date	Tuesday	Thursday
15./17.10.	Introduction	<i>No class</i>
22./24.10.	DBS Recap	DBS Recap II
29.10/31.10.	<i>20 Years HPI</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
5./7.11.	Big Data Stack	<i>Solution Quiz I</i>
12./14.11.	Benchmarking & Measurement	Cloud/Container
19./21.11.	<i>Modern Hardware</i>	File Systems
26. /28.11.	Map/Reduce	<i>Solution Quiz II</i>
3./5.12.	KV-Stores	Consistency
10./12.12.	Stream Processing	Windows
17./19.12.	Tables and State	<i>Solution Quiz III</i>

## Tentative Timeline cont'd

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Date	Tuesday	Thursday
7./9.1.	Stream Optimizations	<i>Solution Quiz IV</i>
14./16.1.	ML Systems	ML Exec Strategies
21./23.1.	ML Lifecycle	Graph Processing
28./30.1.	Graph Processing II	<i>Solution Quiz V</i>
4./6.2.	Q&A	Final Exam

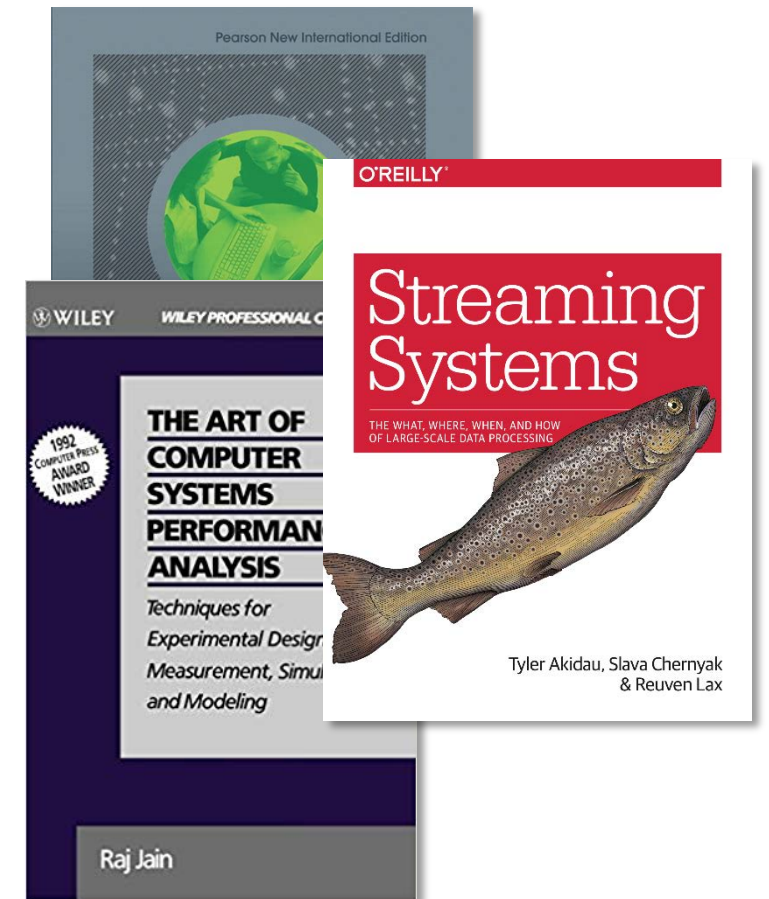
# Grading in a Nutshell

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- 5 Exercise sheets
  - 1 self assessment
  - 4 graded exercises (5 points each)
  - 20% of total points
- Programming Exercises
  - November (7%)
  - January (8%)
- Exam
  - February (65%)

# Literature

- Database Systems: The Complete Book, Hector Garcia-Molina, Jeff Ullman, and Jennifer Widom
- Streaming System, Akidau, Chernyak, Lax
- The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis, Jain
- More to be added...
- Will be available at Data Engineering Systems library soon! (Campus II, Building F, second floor)
- *My slides are usually self-containing!*



# Slides

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- I refine my slides until the day/hour before the lecture
- Slides are usually available shortly before the lecture (sometimes shortly after the lecture)
- If there are any errors, please send me **an e-mail**

# Course Instructors

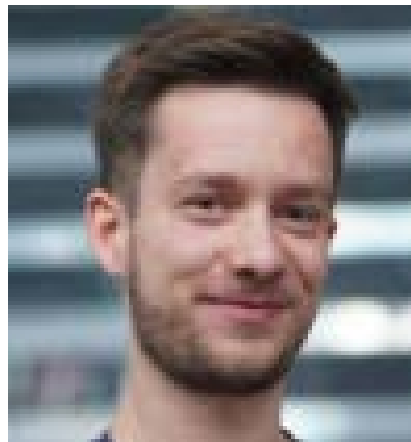
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- Lawrence Benson



Additional support:

- Nina Ihde
- Maximilian Böther



# Course Registration

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- Lst. Friedrich Moodle
  - <https://hpi.de/friedrich/moodle/course/view.php?id=66>
  - Password: BigDataRocks!
  
- All slides, quizzes, resources
- Use the forum!



# Code of Conduct

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- Asking questions is greatly encouraged
  - Discuss questions with each other (except exams)
  - Submit homework individually, but feel free to discuss
  
- The Limits of collaboration
  - Do not just share solutions with each other - explain your solutions
  - Plagiarism, copying or other forms of dishonesty **will result in failing the course**
  
- Communication
  - Learn how to write professional emails: <https://medium.com/@lportwoodstacer/how-to-email-your-professor-without-being-annoying-af-cf64ae0e4087>
  
- Generally
  - Treat everyone with respect and consideration
  
- Disclaimer: This is a new course, by a new group, please be patient. 😊

# Other Courses

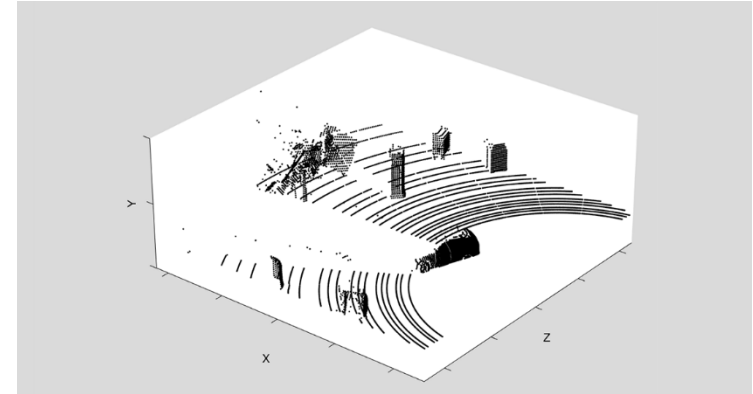
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- Practical Data Engineering
  - Lecture series with practitioners and researchers
  - Tuesdays, 17:00 – 18:30, HS 2
  - Master and Bachelor, 3 ECTS
  
- Foundations of Database Systems
  - Seminar on basic DBS topics
  - Thursdays, 13:30 – 15:00, F-1.04
  - Bachelor, 3 ECTS
  
- Projects & Theses
  - Topics on Data Engineering Systems available

# DEBS Grand Challenge 2020

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- Event / Stream Processing Challenge
  - Since 2011, open to everyone
  - Yearly contest, <https://debs.org/grand-challenges/>
  - Opportunity to compete and work with interesting data sets
  - Current contest not announced yet (~ Dec)
  
- Interested Students
  - Can contact me for mentoring
  - Finalists attend DEBS 2020 in Montreal, Canada (we pay whatever is not covered by travel stipend)
  - Could be a great start into a research career and opportunity for networking



# SIGMOD Programming Contest

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- SIGMOD Programming Contest
  - Since 2009, student teams of degree-granting institutions
  - Yearly contest, see last year <https://sigmod19contest.itu.dk/index.shtml>
  - Opportunity to compete and learn DB internals (last year: sorting)
  - Current contest not announced yet (~ End Feb – End May)
  
- Interested Students
  - Can contact me for mentoring
  - Finalists attend SIGMOD 2020 in Portland, USA  
(we pay whatever is not covered by travel stipend)
  - Could be a great start into a research career and opportunity for networking

# Thank you for your attention!

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- Questions?
- Thursday no class!
- Next week:
  - DB Recap!