

Welcome to WU Vienna's *Department for Information Systems and Operations Management*



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About Vienna University of Economics and Business:

- Organisation and Structure... Some facts about WU

Established in **1898**



Today: 21.489 students



FACULTY AND STAFF¹

Total faculty ²	597 (44% women)
Teachers	116 (43% women)
Administrative staff	546 (68% women)
Total	1,259 (54% women)

² not including project staff, source: **WU Facts & Figures**

11 Departments (soon 12):

Economics *

Finance, Accounting and Statistics *

Foreign Languages and Business Communication

Global Business and Trade *

Information Systems and Operations Management *

Management *

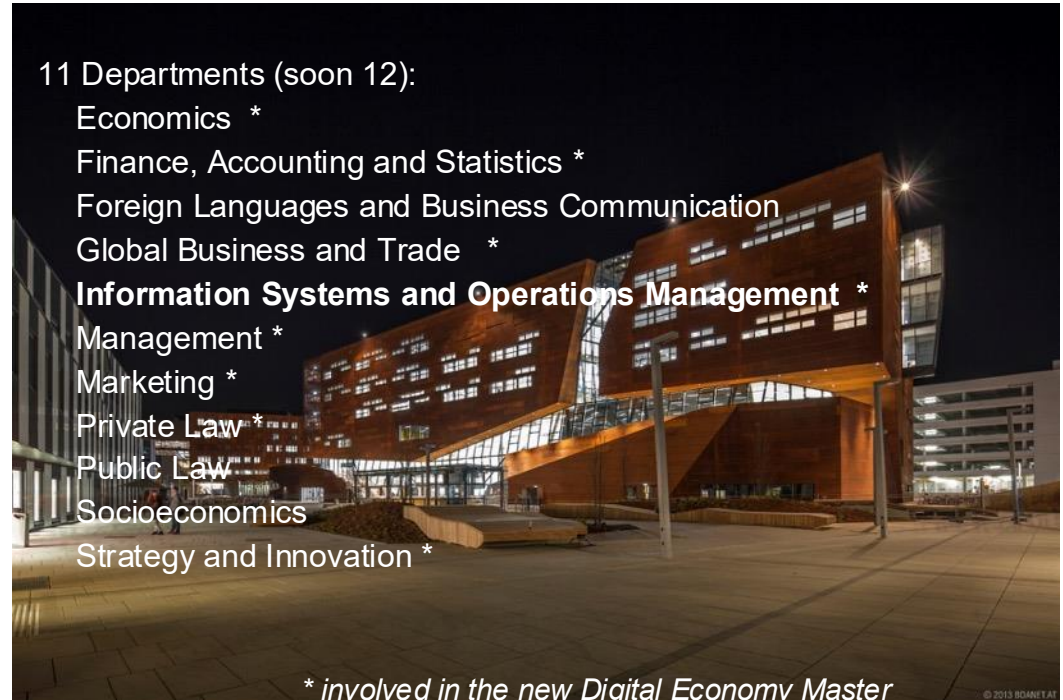
Marketing *

Private Law *

Public Law

Socioeconomics

Strategy and Innovation *



** involved in the new Digital Economy Master*

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Our Department:

Department Board



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Department Head



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Deputy Department Head



Mag.phil. Julia Landgraf

Department Manager

INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEX NETWORKS >

INSTITUTE FOR DATA, ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABILITY >

INSTITUTE FOR DATA, PROCESS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT >

DIVISION KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT >

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL ECOSYSTEMS >

INSTITUTE FOR DISTRIBUTED LEDGERS AND TOKEN ECONOMY >

INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL >

INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SOCIETY >

INSTITUTE FOR PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT >

Research Institutes & Competence Centers:

COMPUTATIONAL METHODS (FIRM) >

CRYPTOECONOMICS >

EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH >

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT >

APPLIED AI COMPETENCE CENTER >

Our Department: Selected Collaborations within WU:

Cross-departmental Master Programs



Department for Information Systems & Operations Management



Prof. Bernroider
Information
Management &
Control



Prof. Dorner
Digital Ecosystems



Prof. Polleres
Data, Process Management



Prof. Sabou
Semantic Systems,
Knowledge Management



Prof. Reiner
Supply-Chain Management



Prof. Surana
Endowment Chair: Data, Energy, and Sustainability



Prof. Taudes
Research Inst. Cryptoeconomics



Prof. Wakolbinger
Research Inst. Supply Chain
Management (SCM)



Prof. Hornik
Research Inst.
Computational Methods
(FIRM)

Research Institutes & Competence Centers:



Prof. Stagl
Competence Center for
Sustainability Transformation and
Responsibility (STaR)


Teaching: Undergraduate




Undergraduate Specialization Data Science/ WU Data Science Lab



SBWL Data Science



Institute for Data, Process and Knowledge Management



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SBWL Data Science

SBWL „Data Science“

The ever growing economic significance in terms of efficient processing and analysis of Big Data for businesses, has led to a research area commonly labelled as "Data Science", which is getting more and more attention in both academia and industry (cf. also the following articles published in the WU-Magazine [1] and in the Journal of the Austrian Computer Association (OCA) [2]).

In response to these global trends WU takes an interdisciplinary, cross-department approach by providing this new SBWL for Bachelor students.

Many departments of the WU are already focusing on Data Science in their research. Among these, the following are involved in the new SBWL:

Teaching

- [Informationen zum Wahlfach Design von Informationssystemen und Algorithmisches Denken und Programmierung](#)
- [SBWL Process & Knowledge Management](#)
- [SBWL Data Science](#)
- [Master Specialization IS & Processes](#)
- [Master's Program Digital Economy](#)
- [Data Science Program at the WU Executive Academy](#)

<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/dpkm/teaching/sbwl-data-science>

Data Science SBWL: Organisation

<https://www.wu.ac.at/dpkm/teaching/sbwl-data-science/>

Schedule:

SS 2025	WS 2025/2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Processing 1• Data Processing 2• Data Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications of Data Science• Data Science Lab

Next cohort:

WS 2025/2026	SS 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Processing 1• Data Processing 2• Data Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications of Data Science• Data Science Lab

What is the Data Science Lab?

- Final course of the **SBWL Data Science**, an **interdisciplinary specialization** in the **Bachelor program** jointly delivered by **four WU departments**.
- Structured around **capstone project** in which student teams tackle challenging **real-world problems** provided by an **industry partner** as “customer”.



- 100+ Projects
- 500+ Students
- 40+ industry partners



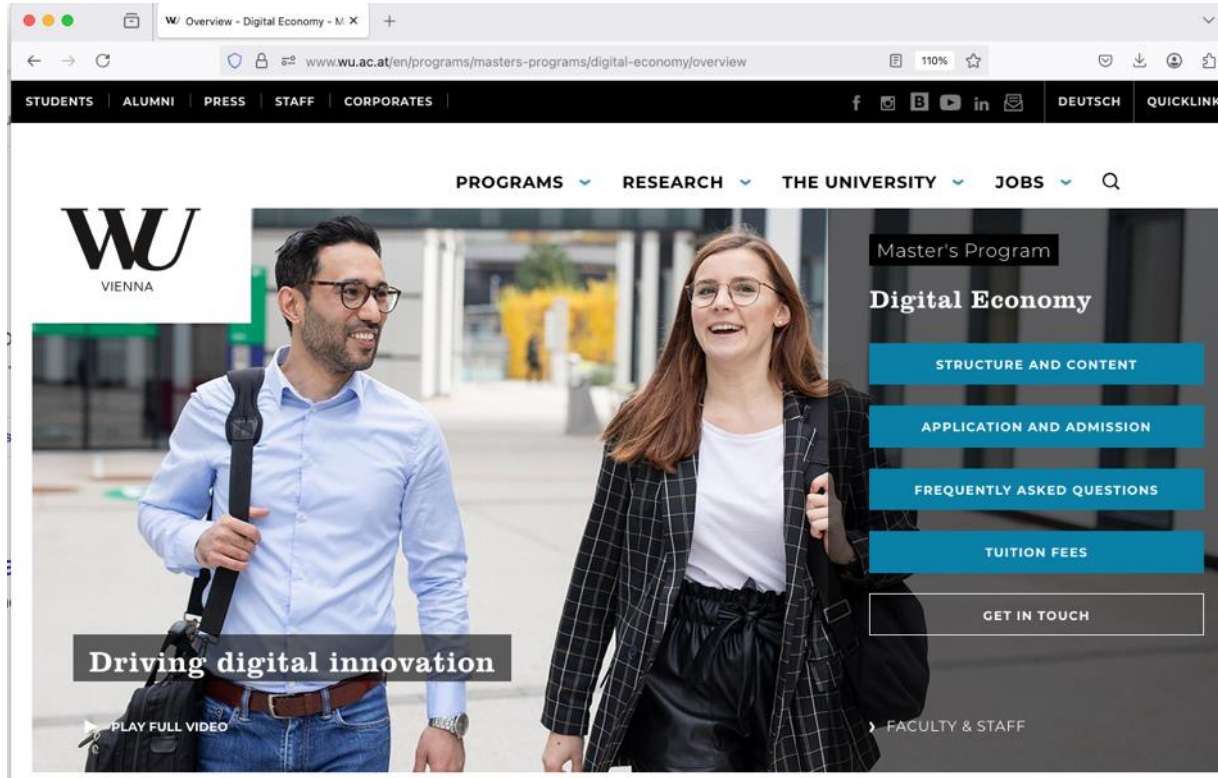
Some of our industry partners (present and past)



Teaching: Master



Digital Economy - Master



<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/masters-programs/digital-economy/>

Digital Economy: Curriculum

Bridging Courses: IT & IS Skills, Applied Microeconomics

1. WS	Digital Markets and Strategies ²	IT Gov., Risk and Control ¹	Marketing and Innovation ¹	Bus. Process Management ¹	Value-based System Engineering ¹	System Dev. and Operations ¹
2. SS	Business Project ³	Transformative Management ¹	IT Law ¹	Data Manag. and Analytics ¹	Distributed Systems ¹	Security and Privacy ¹
3. WS	Research & Industry Lab ³	Elective(s) I ³	Master Thesis Seminar ¹			
4. SS	Elective(s) II ³	Master Thesis ⁴				

Index	ECTS	Working hours
1 = 4 ECTS	4	100
2 = 8 ECTS	8	200
3 = 12 ECTS	12	300
4 = 20 ECTS	20	400

3 Specializations (selectable from a total of 24 ECTS)

Information Systems

Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (12 ECTS)
Digital Network Analytics (12 ECTS)
Digital Ethics and Sustainability (12 ECTS)
Business Process and Risk Management (12 ECTS)
Digital Ecosystems (12 ECTS)
Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology (12 ECTS)

Digital Economics and Law

Advanced Topics in IT Law (6 ECTS)
Economics of Digitalization (6 ECTS)
One course block from Information Systems (12 ECTS)

Digital Business, Management and Strategy

Critical Thinking in Data Analytics (6 ECTS)
Advanced Topics in Strategy (6 ECTS)
Advanced Topics in Finance (6 ECTS)
Advanced Topics in Logistics (6 ECTS)
One course block from Information Systems (12 ECTS)

Idea

Apply state-of-the-art skills to genuine business and research projects

Provide learning and research opportunity for both students and industry/research partners

Collaborate to create theoretical and practical insights into the Digital Economy

Lab organisation

Student groups work on dedicated topics

Interdisciplinary groups possible (IS and Management, Strategy, Marketing, Law...)

Industry and research partners coach and collaborate with student groups

WU professors and dedicated PhD students mentor groups

Partners



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Follow us (MSc Digital Economy) for news on

- projects
- events
- alumni
- partners
- research!



WU Innovative Teaching Award 2023

For innovative teaching and partnerships

*Prof. Verena Dörner
Prof. Gerlinde Fellner-Röhling*

Master of Science (MSc) Supply Chain Management (SCM)



Master's Program

Supply Chain Management

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS

STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TUITION FEES

GET IN TOUCH

› CAREER PROSPECTS

› FACULTY & STAFF

› EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<https://www.wu.ac.at/en/programs/masters-programs/supply-chain-management/overview/>

SCM: Curriculum

Master's Program in Supply Chain Management (NEU)					
1. Sem	Supply Chain Strategy and Digital Innovation (15 ECTS)	Supply Chain Planning and Control (12,5 ECTS)	Supply Chain Operations (17,5 ECTS)	Supply Chain Analytics (15 ECTS)	Research and Industry Projects (15 ECTS)
2. Sem					
3. Sem	Electives (2 x 10 ECTS)				
4. Sem	Thesis Seminar (5 ECTS)	Master's Thesis (20 ECTS)			

2nd year: Electives, Seminar Courses and Master Thesis

Electives: 2 out of 9

Advanced Methods and Tools in Supply Chain Analytics

Business Intelligence in Supply Chains

(Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Supply Chain Management)

Location Intelligence in Supply Chains

Marketing Research and Analytics

Recent Topics in Supply Chain Management

Supply Chain Finance and Risk Management

Sustainable and Humanitarian Supply Chains

Transport and Logistics

Supply Chain Management – Course Abroad I*

Supply Chain Management – Course Abroad II*

Seminar Courses: 1 out of 5

Decision Models and Analysis

IT Seminar

Transport and Logistics

Decision Analysis, Algorithms and Optimization

Sustainable Supply Chain Management



Prepare and Defend Thesis

Research & Industry Projects

Thesis Seminar

Master's Thesis



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Building a better
working world

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AUSTRIAN INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY

SAP

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Österreich**

OMV

* Accredited courses in case of exchange semester

Shaping the Future of Procurement 2024/25 – Deloitte Best Procurement Students Award

Deloitte.



Welcome to the award ceremony for
the 2nd Deloitte Best Procurement
Students Award

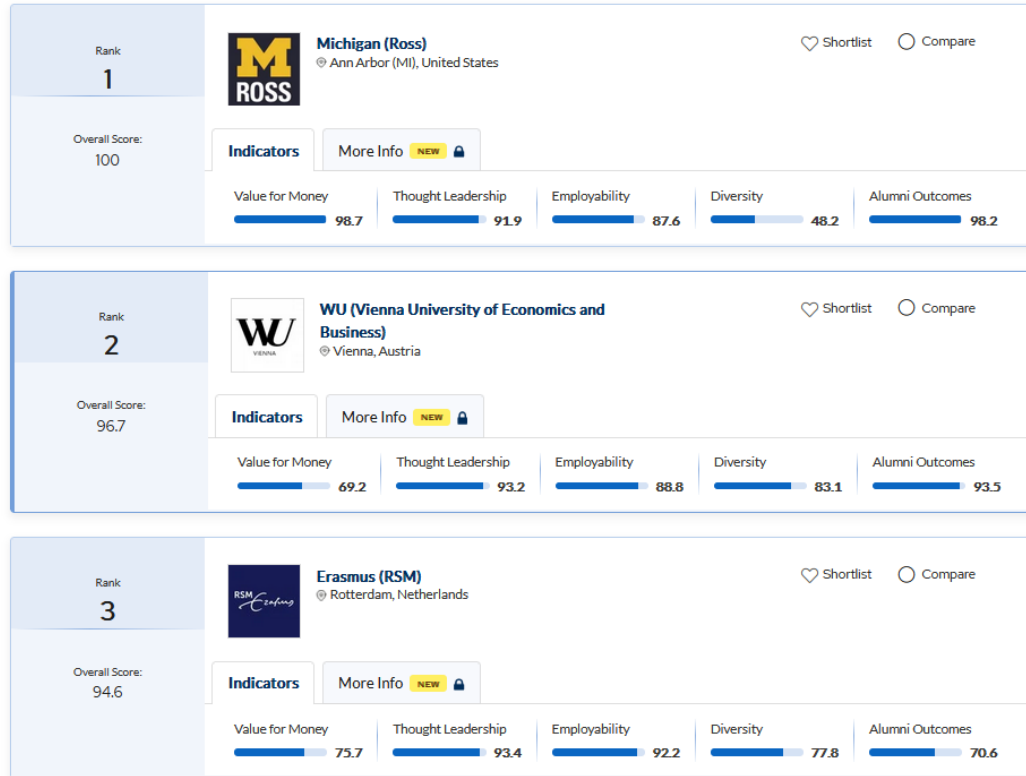


MAKING AN
IMPACT THAT
MATTERS
since 1845

CLASSIFIED: CONFIDENTIAL



QS Ranking



<https://www.topuniversities.com/business-masters-rankings/supply-chain-management>

Teaching: Executive Education



Executive MBA

Digital Transformation & Data Science

Who studies Digital Transformation & Data Science?

Executives who want to deepen and update their business know-how & gain technical skills to better manage DS and DT initiatives

Experts from the technical field who want to deepen their leadership skills & gain a good understanding of general management topics

People who need **systematic business education & technical skills** to realize their career goals

Executive MBA

Digital Transformation & Data Science



18
Months
duration



70%
International students



15
Industries
represented



13
Years working
experience Ø



5
Years leadership
experience Ø



37
Years age of
participants Ø

Top 5 functions



Digital Transformation

Data Science

Electives

Blockchain Transforming Business

Data Governance

Organizational Design
with Agile Leadership



Int'l Immersion

Male/Female



*Figures based on last 3 intakes

International immersion 2024



HARVARD
Faculty Club



Research: Competence Center



Computational Methods and Infrastructure

Methodological research on computational methods and AI modelling

Provides infrastructure and technological research support

- ▶ enables researchers to explore and use cloud services
- ▶ provides access to state-of-the-art codes/pre-trained models
- ▶ enables researchers to run research on algorithms and architectures

Applications of AI

Research on AI applications and consequences on business and society

Facilitates applied AI research and builds up an AI community

- ▶ ensures compliant research in experimental settings
- ▶ disseminates AI knowledge, provides training
- ▶ builds up practice contacts and industry collaborations

Some Applications of AI@Institute for Digital Ecosystems



GenAI in Supply Chains

with INESC-TEC in Portugal



Christina Schamp
WU Vienna



Verena Dorner
WU Vienna

AI literacy

with colleagues from
WU, TU Wien

How AI shapes work

with colleagues from
WU Wien



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Recommender systems

with colleagues from Uni
Wien, TU Wien

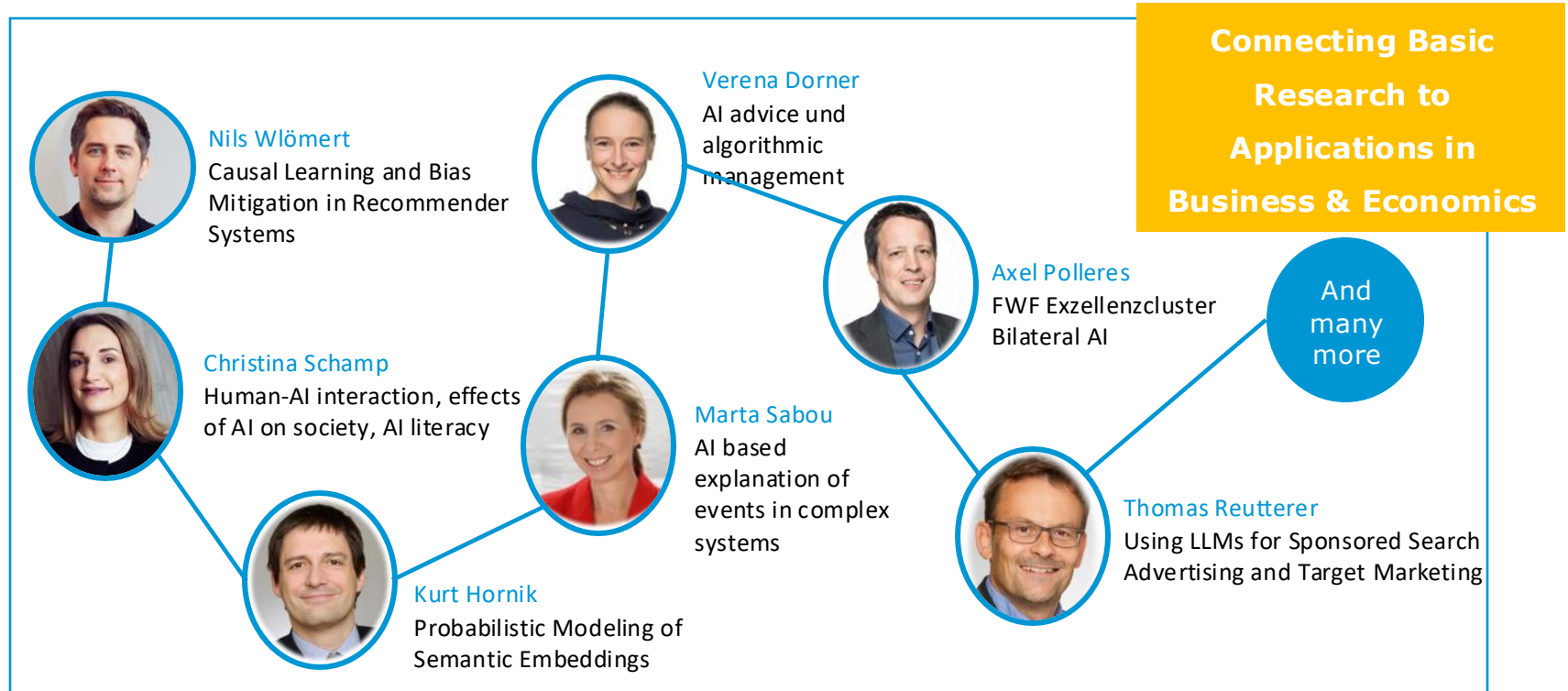


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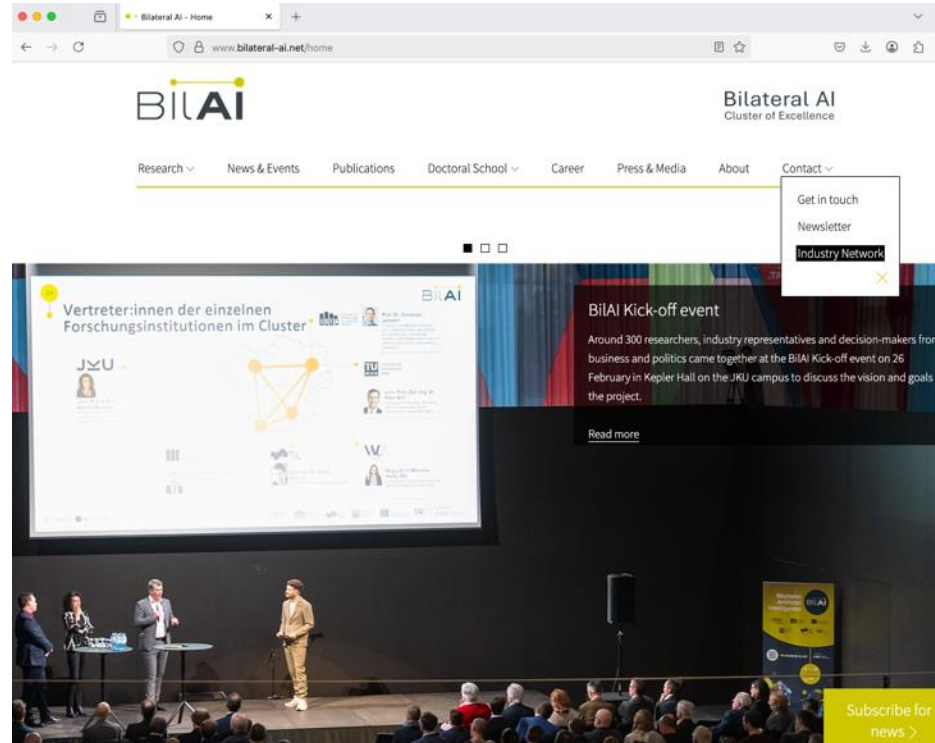
WU Competence Center for Applied AI and Scientific Computing



Research: National Collaborations in Austria



Basic Research: Bilateral AI (BiLAI) Cluster of Excellence



<https://www.bilateral-ai.net/home>



JKU



Martina Seidl
Symbolic AI
SAT Solving
Formal methods



Sepp Hochreiter
Machine Learning
LSTM
Vanishing gradient

- Institute for Machine Learning
- ELLIS Unit Linz
- LIT AI Lab
- Institute for Symbolic Artificial Intelligence

**UNIVERSITÄT
KLAGENFURT**



Gerhard Friedrich
Symbolic AI
Model-based reasoning

- Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity

**TU
Graz**



Robert Legenstein
Machine Learning
Computational Neuroscience

- Institute of Machine Learning and Neural Computation

ISTA

Institute of
Science and
Technology
Austria



Christoph Lampert
Machine Learning
Trustworthy Learning

- Machine Learning and Computer Vision group
- ELLIS Unit ISTA

**TU
WIEN**

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Agata Ciabattoni
Logic Reasoning



Thomas Eiter
Symbolic AI
Knowledge representation

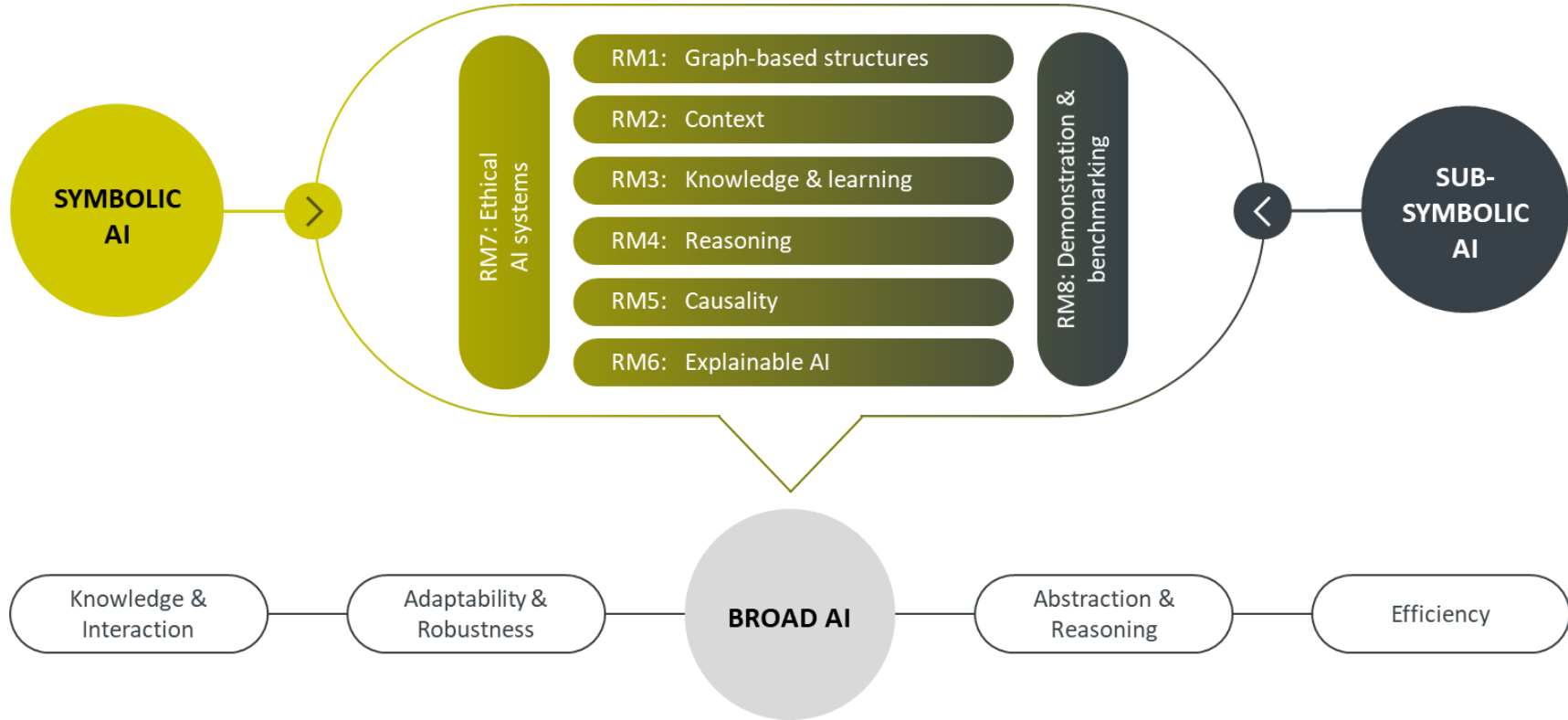
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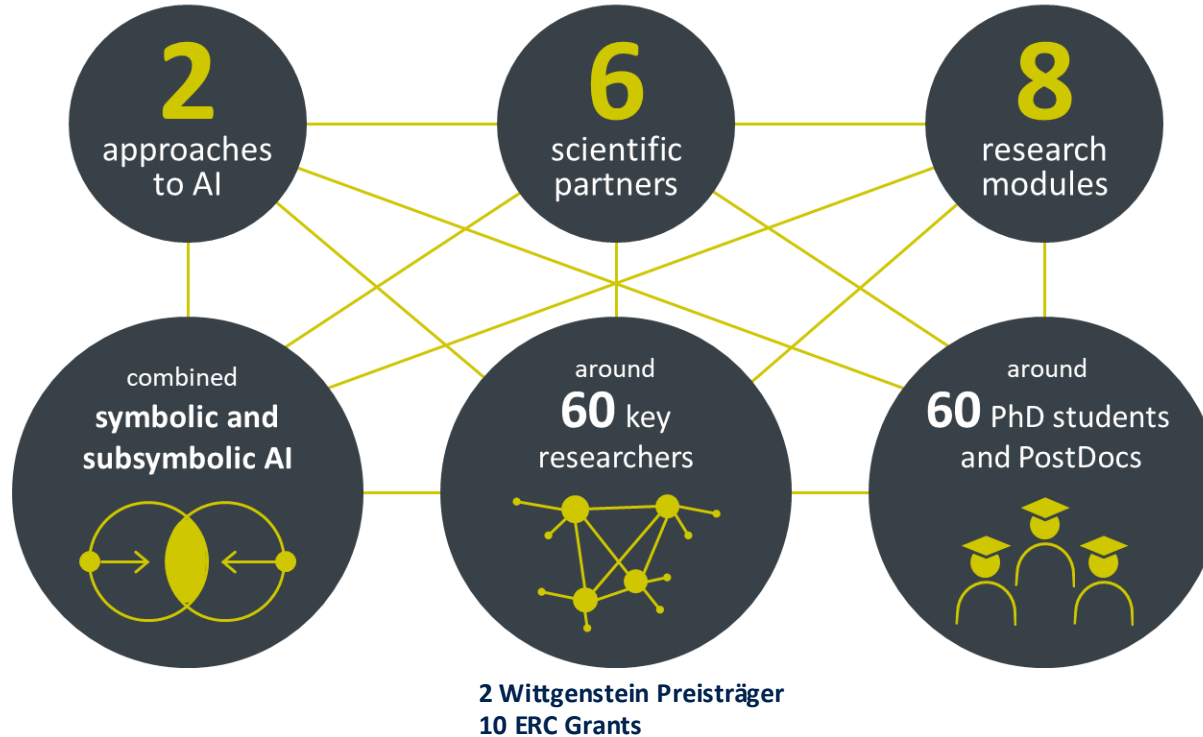
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Knowledge Graphs

- Institute for Data Process and Knowledge Management



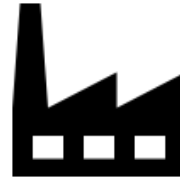


Outreach: Provide value to Practice and Society:



Public

Discussions&Panels
Education Initiatives



Industry

Industry Workshops
Industry Network



Startups

Innovation Workshops
Incubator Workshops

Interdisciplinary Research: Partnering for Digital Humanism (TU Vienna, Uni Wien)

Digital Humanism Doctoral College - Shaping a responsible digital future

2024-11-06, DOCTORAL SCHOOL

We are excited to announce the launch of the new
“Digital Humanism” Doctoral College together with Uni
Wien and WU Wien!

From WU Vienna:



... and many more



Applied Research: FAIR-AI^e

Fostering Austria's Innovative strength and Research excellence in Artificial Intelligence



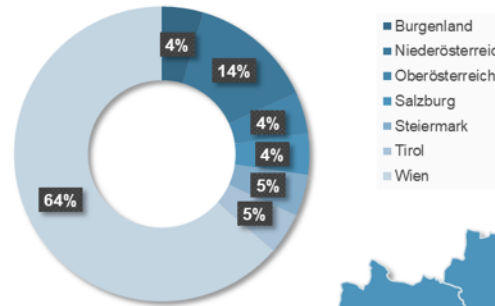
Artificial Intelligence Mission Austria
Förderinitiative (Aim At)
Leitprojekt



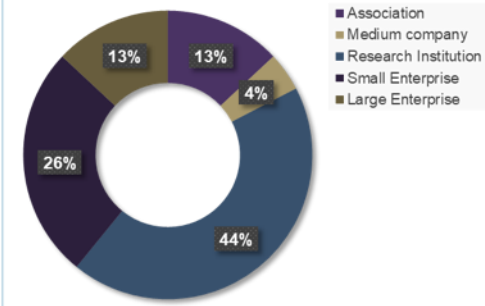
- Projektpartner

- 22 Partnerorganisationen
- 111 MitarbeiterInnen
- 7 Bundesländer

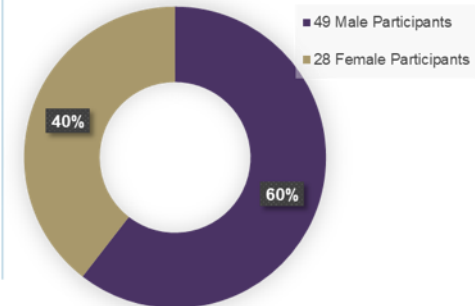
Cross-location cooperations

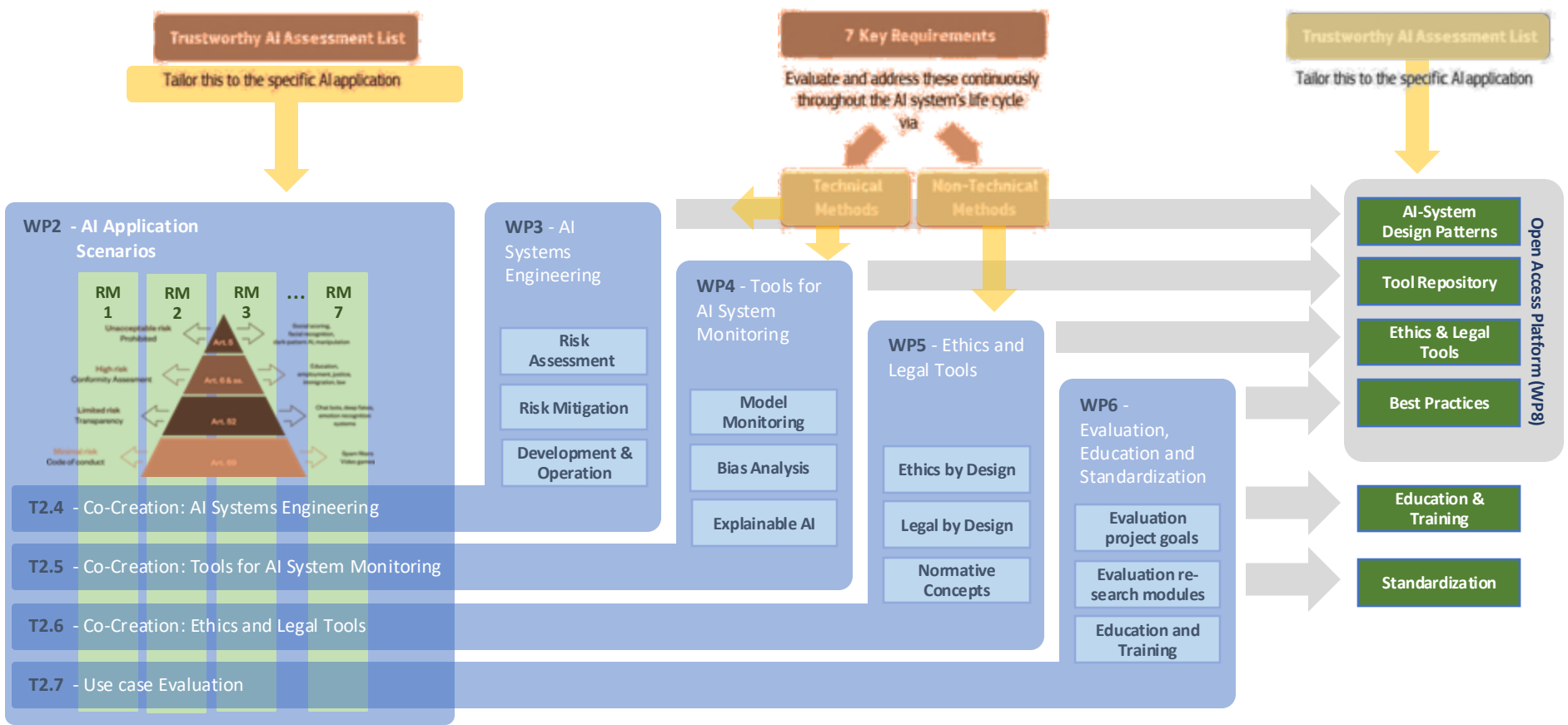


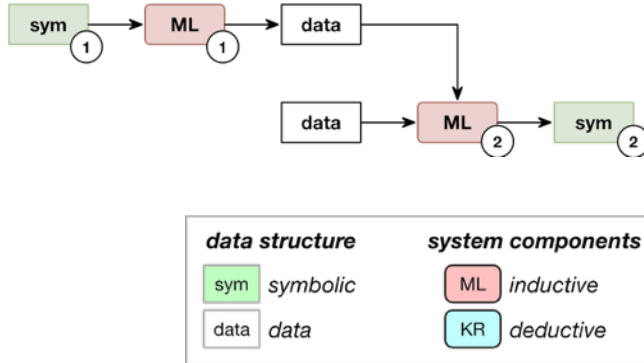
Partner Types



Gender Balance







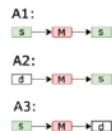
AI system design patterns as abstractions to:

- (1) make AI system architecture transparent to stakeholders with heterogeneous AI knowledge;
- (2) identify risks at system component level;
- (3) trace risk propagation;
- (4) derive targeted mitigation strategies;
- (5) select system design patterns taking into account the risks associated with each pattern.

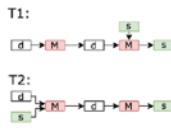
Boxology v1 – cf. [1]

Design patterns for hybrid AI systems:

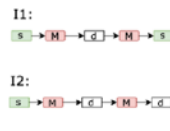
Atomic-Patterns



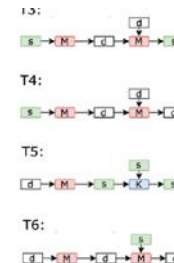
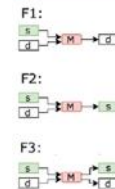
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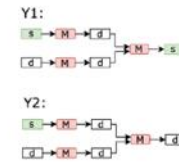
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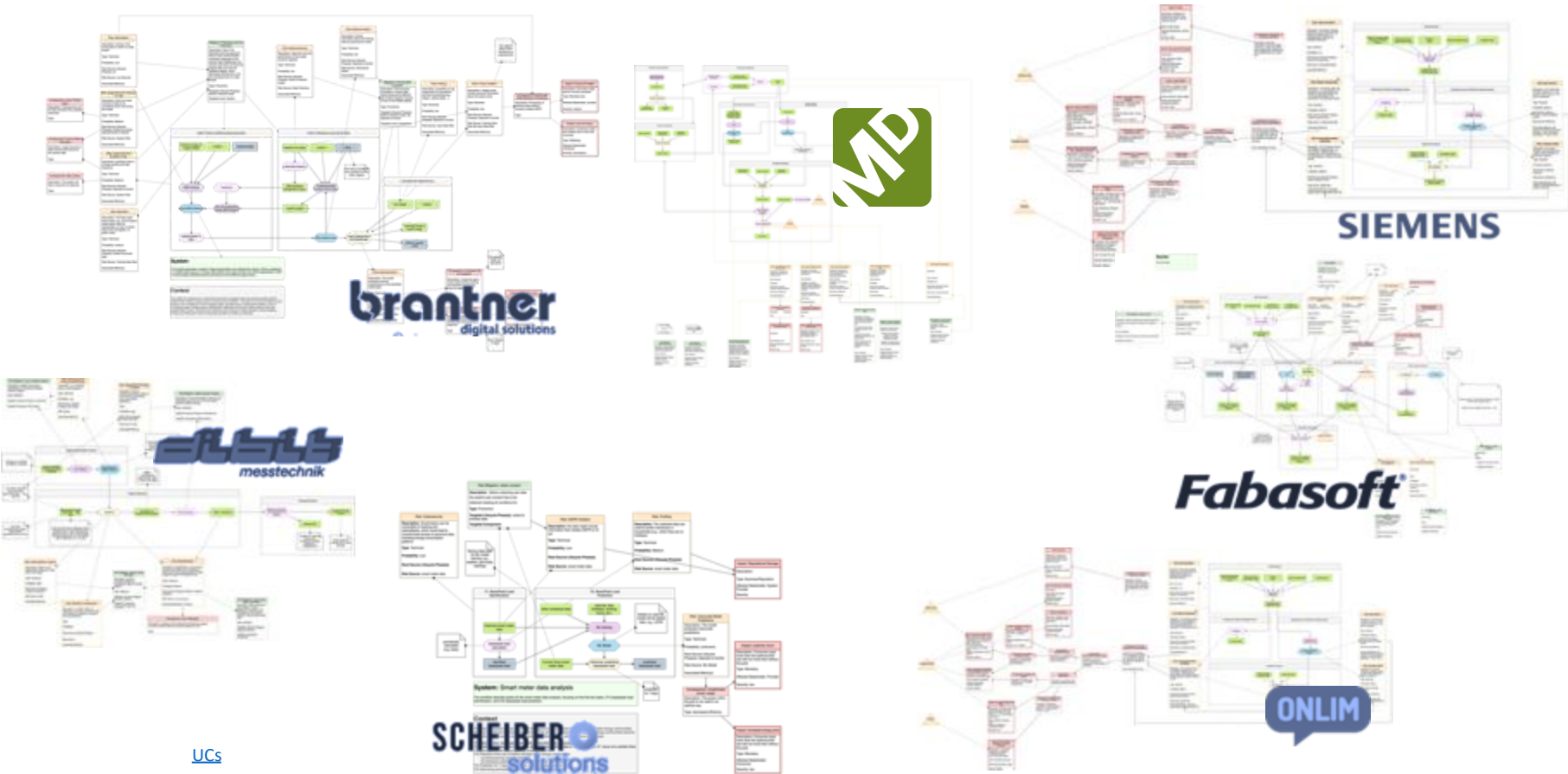
Fusion-Patterns



Y-Patterns



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 [3] F. J. Ekaputra et. al, "Describing and Organizing Semantic Web and Machine Learning Systems in the SWeMLS-KG," ESWC 2023.



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