Redesigning Companies for Al

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Breakthroughs in Al



Yoshua Bengio University of Montreal «We had a series of important [...] breakthroughs with **deep learning**. [...] **speech recognition** came around 2010, and then **computer vision** around 2012. [...] In 2014 and 2015, we had breakthroughs in **machine translation** [...].»



Geoffrey Hinton University of Toronto / Google «Today, [AI] has already done great things, [...] it can't be all just hype. It's how your cell phone **recognizes speech**, it's how a computer can **recognize** things in **photos**, and it's how Google does **machine translation**.»



Probe in StarCraft 2: LiquidTLO vs. AlphaStar

«Enemy ahead. Taking fire. Kaboom!»



Companies adopting Al

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella on the extraordinary potential of AI

Forbes, 06/04/18

ABB on the hunt for acquisitions in artificial intelligence

Reuters, 03/29/18

Amazon Says It Has Over 10,000 Employees Working on Alexa, Echo WSJ, 11/13/18 **Novartis CEO who wanted to bring tech into pharma now explains why it's so hard** Bloomberg, 01/16/19



Al for Swisscom

Network & Infrastructure

Consumer Business

Enterprise Business

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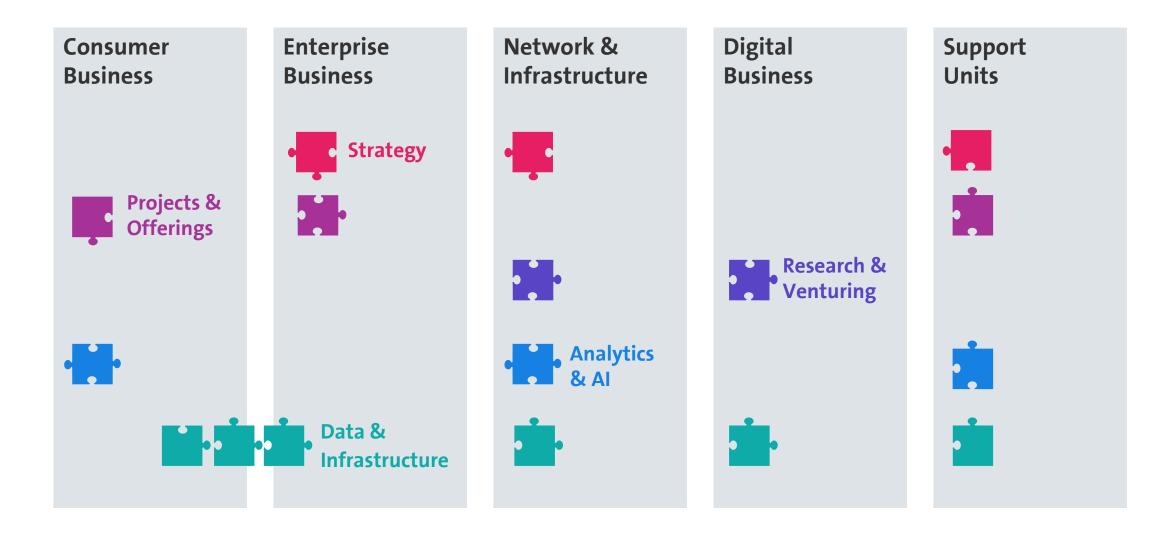


We were tasked to align AI activities across units

Consumer	Enterprise	Network &	Digital	Support
Business	Business	Infrastructure	Business	Units



Al activities in different units





Ownership of entire AI value creation







Offerings & Projects



Research & Venturing



Applied Analytics & Al



Infrastructure & Data



Horizontal organization aligning activities of units

Consumer Business	Enterprise Business	Network & Infrastructure	Digital Business	Support Units		
Data, Analytics & Al						
Consumer Analytics & Al	Enterprise Analytics & Al	Network & Infrastructure Analytics & Al	Digital Business Analytics & Al	Support Analytics & Al		
Data Lake						



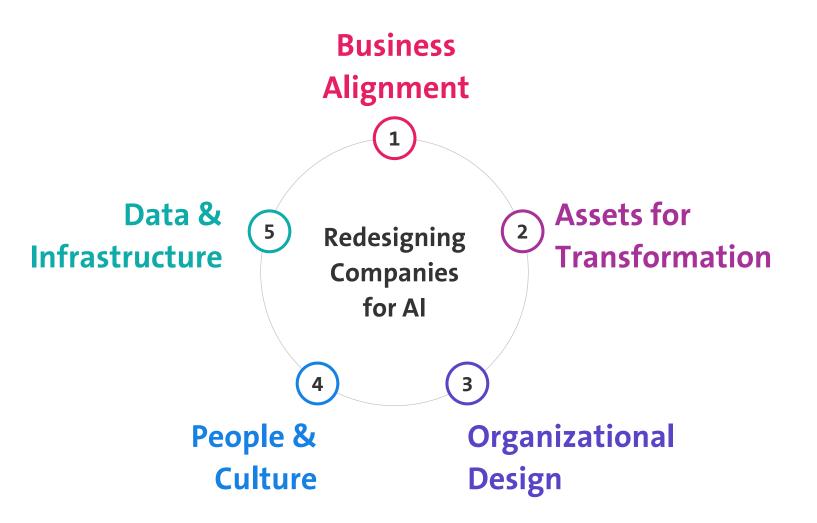
Will you be redesigning companies for AI?







Steps for redesigning companies for Al





Business Alignment



Identify important business problems

- Vision
- Customers
- Strategy

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- Cost vs. revenue
- Low hanging fruits
- Risk assessment

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Find examples of successful research or companies

- Inspiration
- Scope
- Education
- Competition
- Startups

Define Al activities and roadmap

- Business case
- Roadmap
- Metrics
- Management support
 & commitment









AI for Network & Infrastructure

Roll-out & Improvement

Joint embedding of network parameters and usage data for problem importance ranking

Anomaly Detection

Time series analyses and predictive models with Kalman Filters

Predictive Maintenance

Adaptive hardware cooling and lightning impact prediction with multiple linear regression





AI for Market Offerings

Voice Search for Swisscom TV

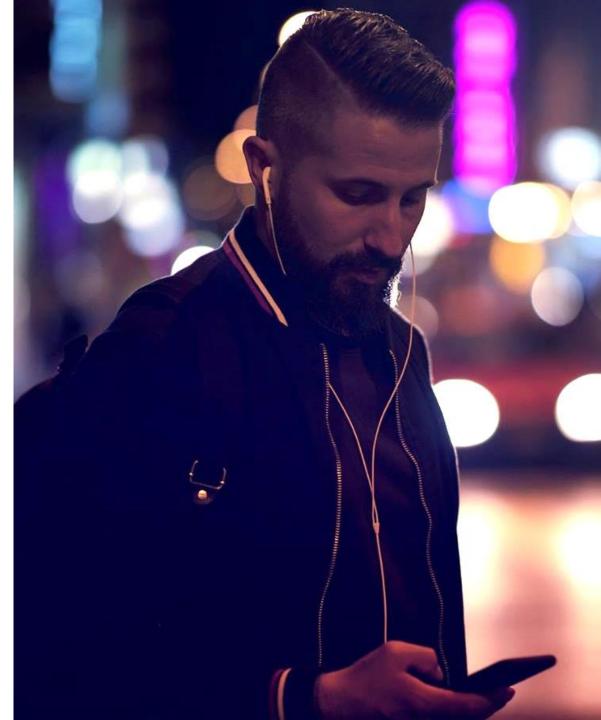
Dual encoders for TV retrieval bots based on German ASR input

Content Recommendation for Swisscom TV

Hybrid recommenders leveraging user and broadcast embedding spaces using variational autoencoders

Machine Translation

One transformer to rule them all -Or maybe a few transformers to rule them all





Al for Customer Interaction & Support

Customer Interaction Triage

Massively multi-class triage with ensembles of CNN-RNN stacks with attention

Conversational Hotline

Voice-based interaction in Swiss German using hybrid ASR models and classifiers based on sentence embeddings

Agent Advisory

Agent Advisory models based on semantic similarity measured with CNNs and sent2vec





Assets for Transformation



Find & recruit experts

- Al experts
- Agile leaders
- Hire experts with network
- Roles for development & operations
- Conferences & events

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Find relevant data & infrastructure

- Architecture
- Catalogue
- Unique data
- Sourcing
- Storage
- Processing
- Access



Find existing AI projects & partners

- POCs
- Showcases
- Needs of customer & units
- Vendors
- Research
- Venturing
- Startups



Organizational Design



Choose adequate organizational design

- Executive power & support
- Horizontal organization
- Ownership of entire value creation
- Centralized budget
- Mission statement
- Metrics

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Adopt agile ways of working

- Sync activities
- Increase transparency
- Unified backlog
- Common rituals
- Shared documentation
- Manage uncertainty & risk

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Define roles & responsibilities

- Agile roles
- Accountability
- Dependency management
- Standardized processes
- Stakeholder management
- Line vs. virtual organization









People & Culture



Empower agile leadership

- New career paths
- Fun
- Purpose
- Open feedback
- No silos
- Flat hierarchy
- Intrapreneurship

Education

- Status quo
- Identify needs & problems
- Collaboration with universities
- Business & product mindset
- Roadshow



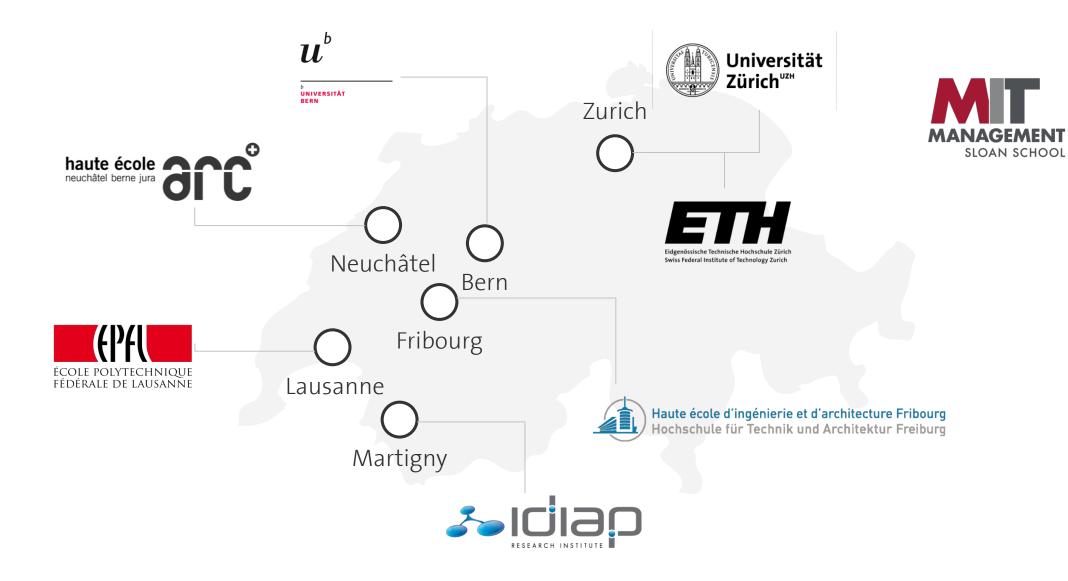
Research

- Research lab on campus
- Master & PhD students
- Framework agreement
- Mixed teams
- Publications
- Recruiting





Research Collaborations





Curate data & master infrastructure



Curate data assets

- Data lake
- Architectural guidelines
- Consulting
- Data quality
- Self services
- Company-wide processes

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Data governance & security

- Separate governance
- Ethics board
- Reviews
- External audits
- Certification

Hybrid

- Infrastructure
- On-premise infrastructure
- Al services
- Leverage cloud offerings
- Harmonize tooling
- Self service
- Access rights & profiles



Will you be redesigning companies for AI?





Thank you!

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