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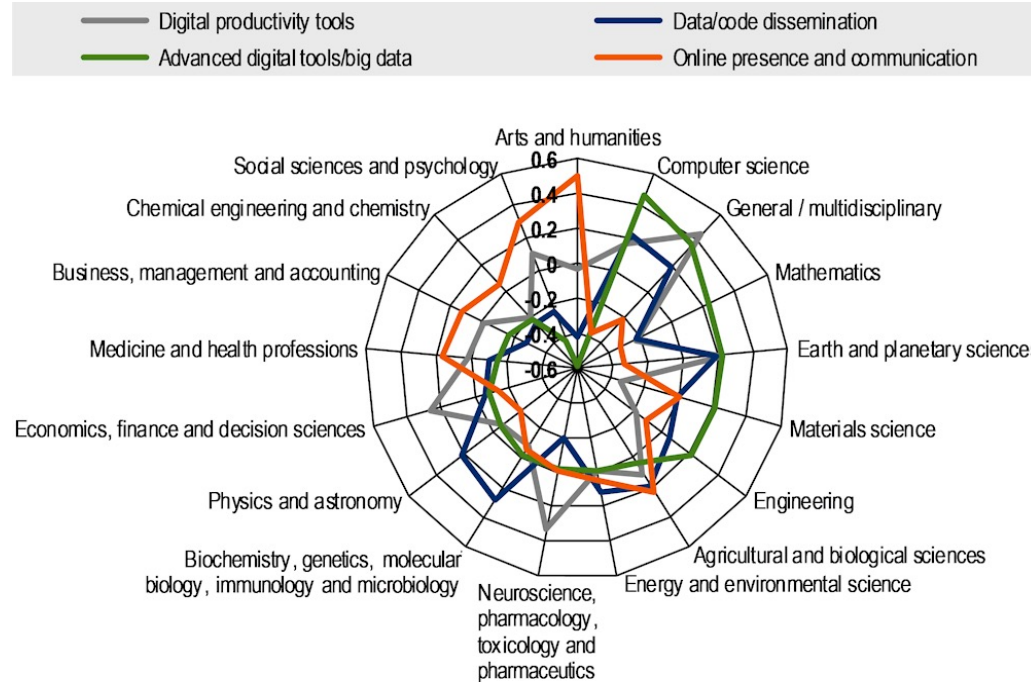


# House of Computing and Data Science at Universität Hamburg Setting the Stage for Research Software Engineering

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# Digital transformation happens very heterogeneously



Notes: This is an experimental indicator. This figure presents average scores for four latent factors representing different facets of digitalization for each scientific field. The factor analysis is based on responses by scientists to 36 questions relating to digital or digitally-enabled practices. These are combined in four synthetic indicators that have been normalized to have an overall zero average and identical variance.

How to read this figure: computer science's highest score for the factor representing the use of advanced digital tools (grey line) represents high relative intensity on this facet. Conversely, low relative intensity is seen on the digital facet representing online presence and communication (orange line) for scientists in this area.

Source: Bello, M., & Galindo-Rueda, F. (2020). *Charting the digital transformation of science: Findings from the 2018 OECD International Survey of Scientific Authors (ISSA2)*. OECD. <https://doi.org/10.1787/1b06c47c-en>

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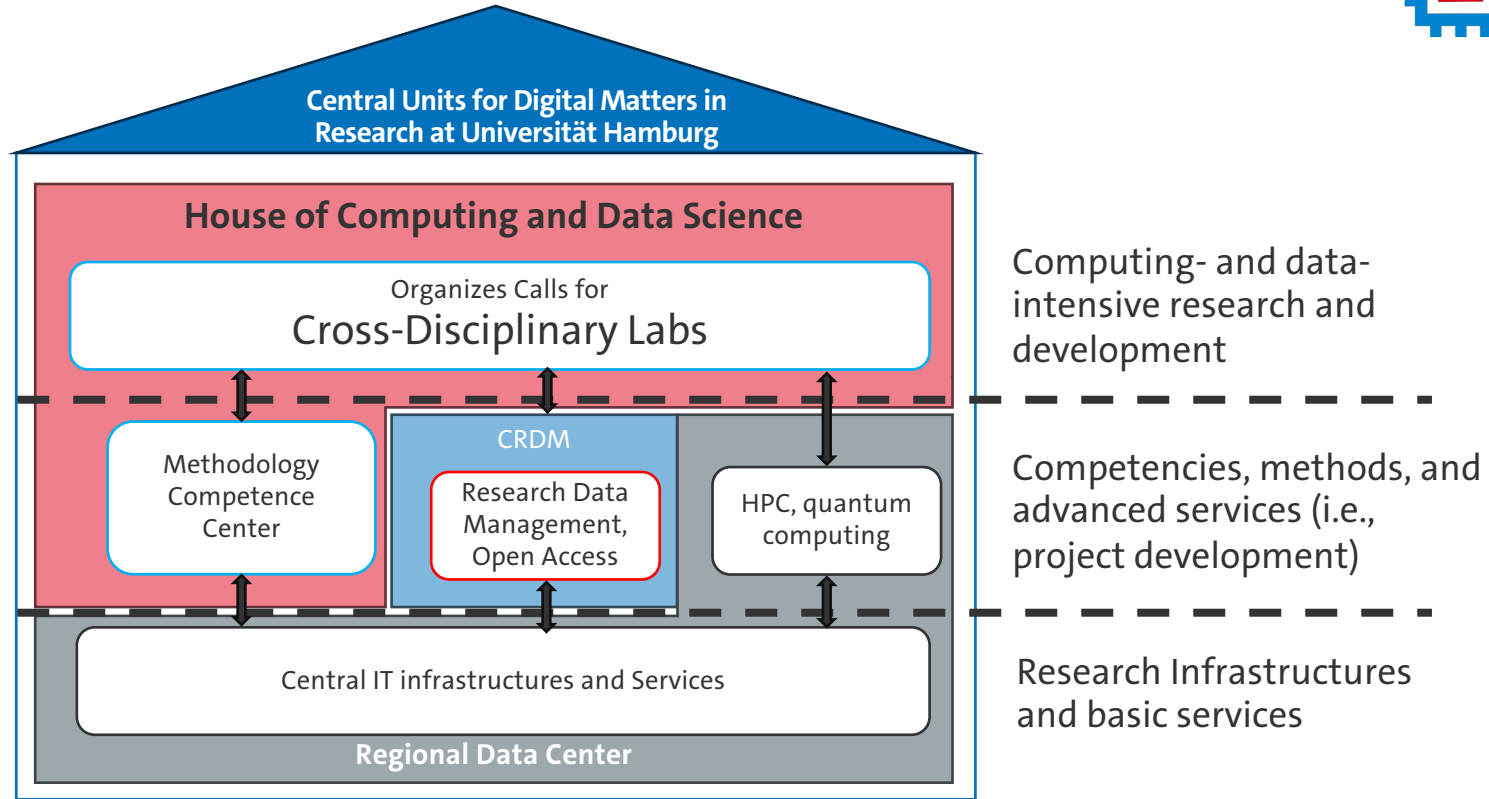
# Suggested solution: “House of Computing and Data Science”



## The **HCDS**

- central institution of the Universität Hamburg
- supports interdisciplinary research and application of innovative digital methods
- coordinates and supports the implementation of the digital strategy in research at the Universität Hamburg
- Fuels the easy adoption, usage, and research of digital methods in its Methodology Competence Center
- Offers various disciplines and projects a forum for the exchange of information and collaboration at the interface between methodological sciences and applied sciences in the Cross-Disciplinary Labs

# Structure of the House of Computing and Data Science



# Offerings of HCDS



## Consultation in the Methodology Competence Center

- Clarification of the research subject
- Methodological status quo in application discipline
- Outlining requirements and pointing to potential solutions

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# Offerings of HCDS

## Service- & Third-Party Funded Projects

- Systematic development of projects based on consulting
  - Check for potential of co-financing & third-party funding
  - Systematic project development with application discipline
- „Digital knowledge sociological discourse analysis“  
cooperation with emp. Cultural studies

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# Offerings of HCDS

## Cross-Disciplinary Labs

- Interdisciplinarity at the Eye Level
- Aim for long-lasting, interdisciplinary cooperation
- Aim of knowledge generation in application discipline and methodological discipline
- Feedback in the methodology competence center for dissemination

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- Teaching in the field of AI / ML / Software Engineering etc.
- Consultation on digital research methods and application potential
- Implementation support and conception of digital solutions
- Application of data science methods and analysis as a service

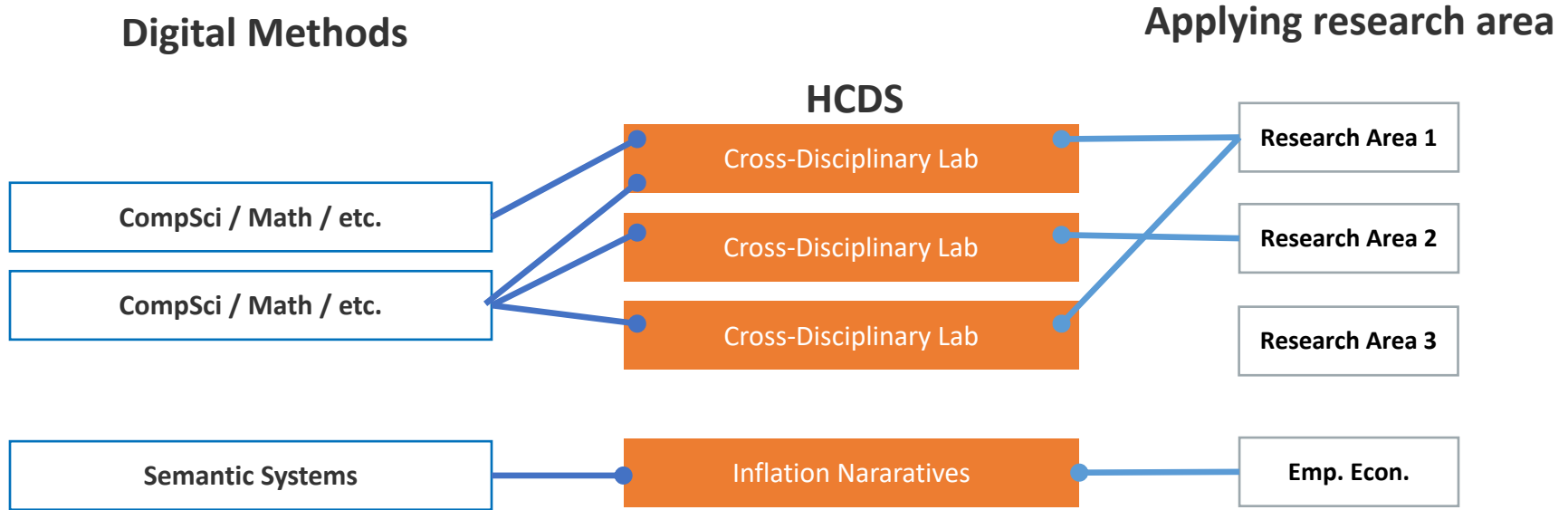
Python / Gitlab  
for everyone

Musicology:  
scraping of song  
texts from the  
internet

Quantitative law  
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“Ständiger  
Rechtsprechung”



# Cross-Disciplinary Labs (CDLs) – Interdisciplinary cooperation on equal terms



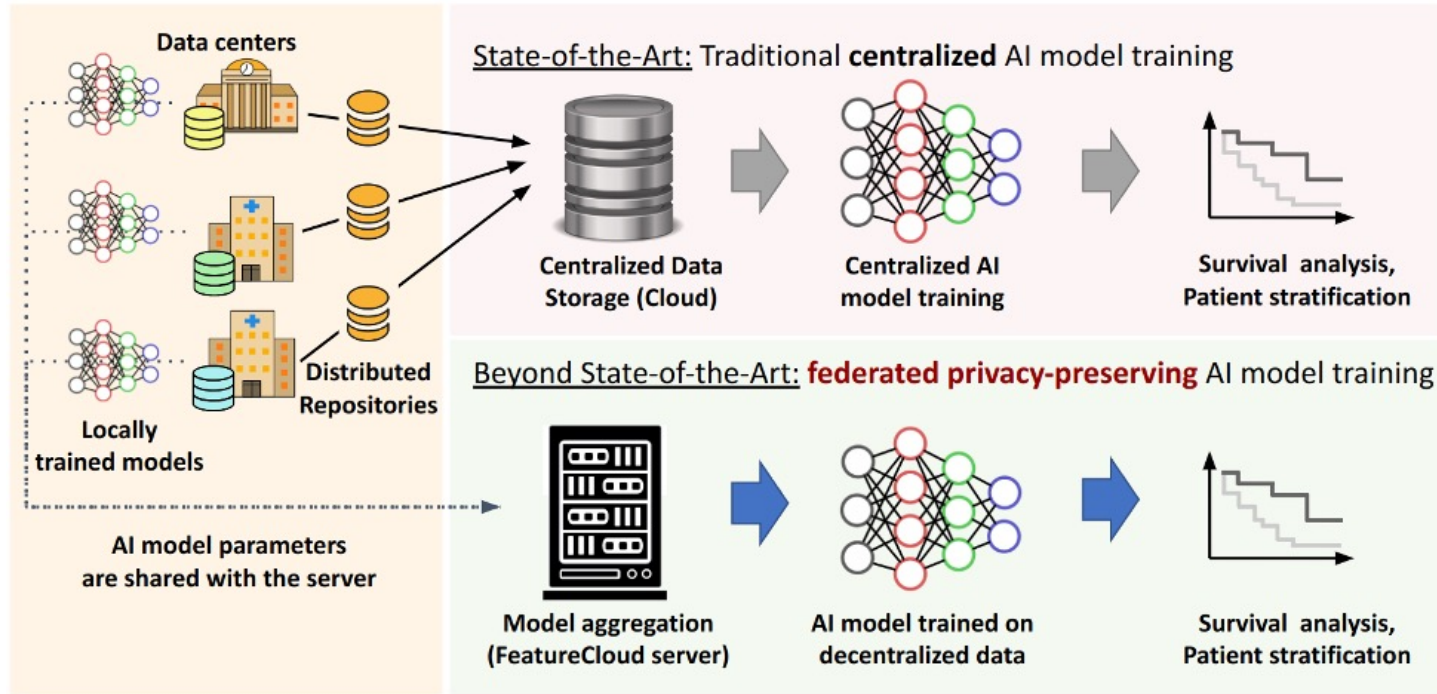
# CDL example: FLIGHT - Federated Learning-Guided digital Health



## ■ Cooperation Partners

- Center for Molecular Neurobiology Hamburg (ZMNH) at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)
- Center for Bioinformatics, Computational Systems Biology
- Institute of Pathology with the Sections Molecular Pathology and Cytopathology at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)

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# CDL example: Predicting COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake from Public Discourse - A Machine Learning Approach

- Cooperation Partners
  - Hamburg Center for Health Economics and Faculty of Business Administration
  - English Department, Faculty of Humanities





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