# FashionBrain: Understanding Europe's Fashion Data Universe

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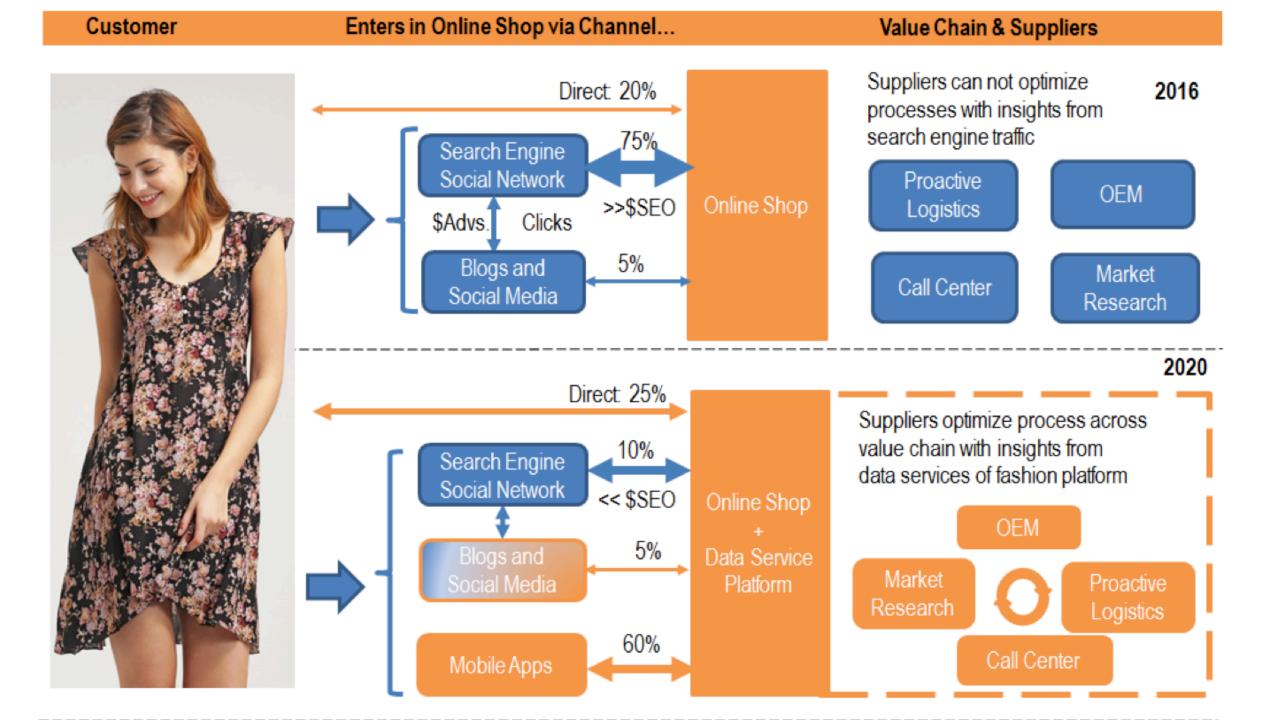








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# Data Challenges in the Fashion Industry

#### Data is not used in an integrated fashion

- Data is stored in silos
- Each data source owns data in different formats and platforms
- Search engines dominate customer behaviors
  - Search engines and social network companies are in a strong position to settle a new global monopoly on customer understanding thanks to AI technology
  - Retailers have limited access to customer data
- Fashion bloggers influence customer choices
  - Limited understanding on bottom-up changes in fashion
  - Shift from traditional stylist-driven fashion

# FashionBrain Objectives

- Novel Shopping Experience: Make Images Searchable
  - Product search and recommendation
  - Moving away from the 'real human shop assistants'
- Shift Traffic away from Web Search Engines to Retailer's Mobile Apps
  - By providing custom shopping experiences and advanced search tools
- Detect Influencers and Predict Fashion Trends
  - Time Series Analysis
  - Social Media data
- Share Insights with Cross Industry Partner Network
  - Data Integration infrastructure based on HDFS and column stores

# Exploitation of Business Data Assets

- Data integration and value creation across
  - Shop Inventory of around 100 online shops
  - Social Media (Fashion bloggers)
  - User reviews about fashion products in 11 languages
  - Product catalogs
  - OEM manufacturer information
  - Sales data
  - Web crawls
  - Crowd-generated data

# Measurement of data exploitation

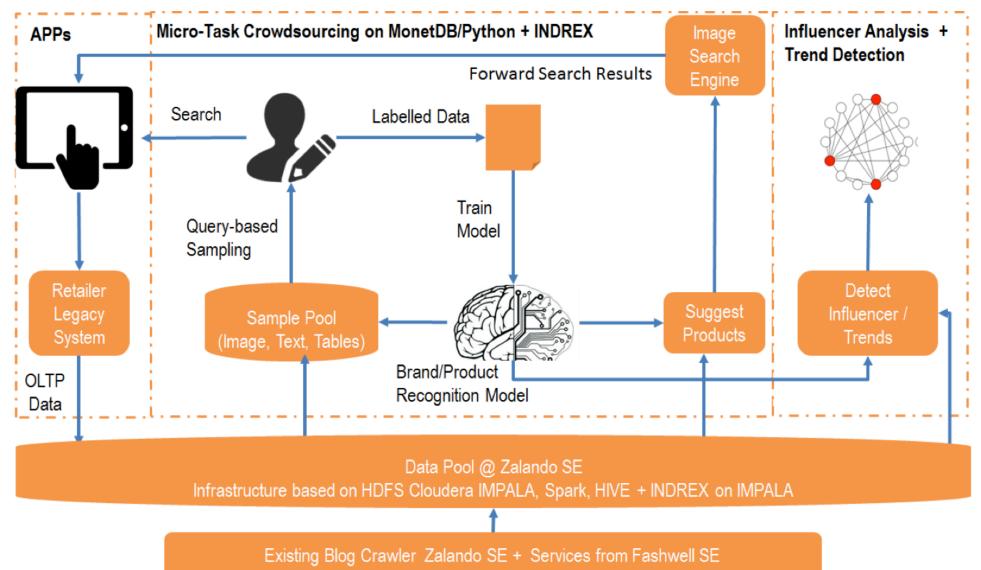
Demos; Algorithms; Impact on sales;

Data asset	Exploited by	Impact on business partners
Shop Inventory of around 100 online shops	Fashwell	Used for Photo-based product search demos
Social Media (Fashion bloggers)	Fashwell	Used for Photo-based product search demos
User reviews about fashion products in 11 languages	Zalando	Demonstrator of text join and relation extraction methods
Product catalogs	Zalando	Used for Photo-based product search demos
OEM manufacturer information	Zalando	Supply chain optimization
Sales data	Zalando	Time Series analysis; Trend detection demo
Web crawls	Beuth	Identification of fashion-related content; Demonstrator of text join and relation extraction methods
Crowd-generated data	All	Used for Photo-based product search demos; Trend detection demo

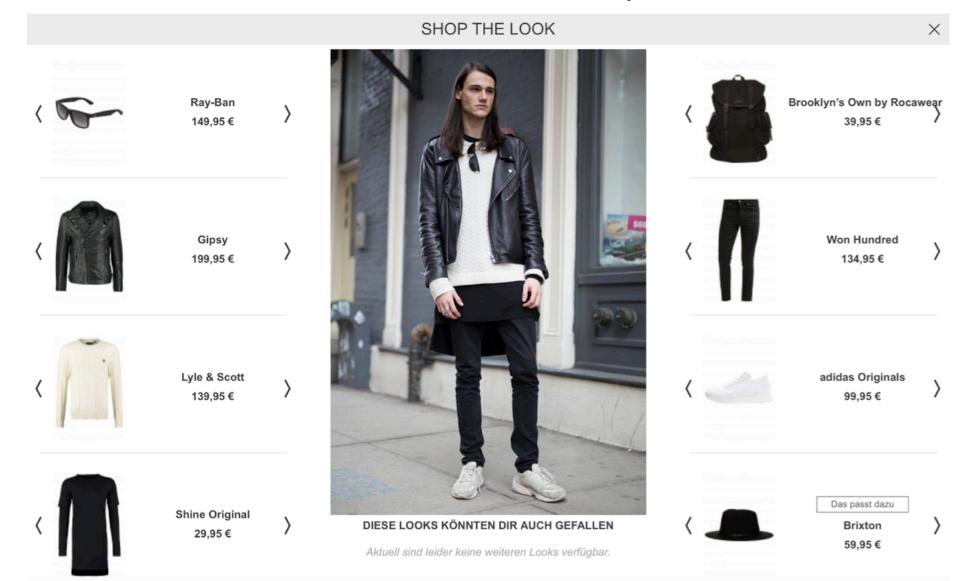
#### FashionBrain - Data Value Chain

- New data entity-centric integration methods
  - Named Entity Recognition and Linking across sources
- New Data Technology
  - Time Series Analysis for Fashion Trend Detection
  - Deep Learning based Text Mining
- Data-driven demos
  - Search by Image
  - Product Recommendation

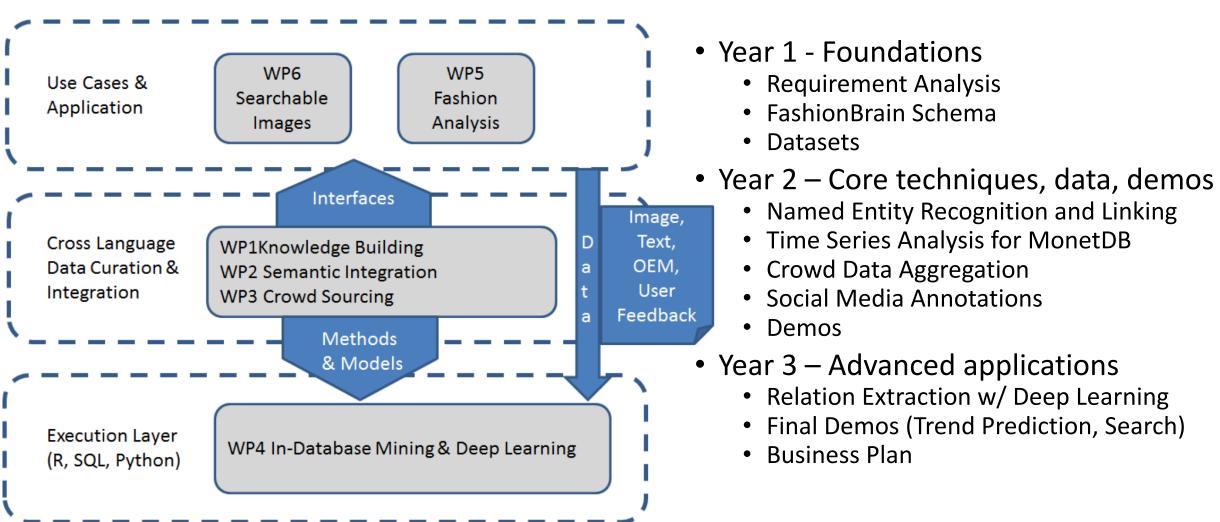
### FashionBrain - Searching and shopping query workflows



# FashionBrain - Photo-based product search



# FashionBrain Project Roadmap



# FashionBrain:

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