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# Algorithms for Automatic Tagging of Medieval Manuscripts

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#### Aims

- Automatic identification of macro and micro structural layout elements, e.g. number of lines
- Statistical analysis of objectified, reproducible and at micro level differentiated features
- Visual analysis of hidden relationships between many groups of codices



### **Data Processing and Visualization**

- Data Handling: data is managed by repository using KIT Data Manager services
- **Preprocessing** of the manuscript images: color calibration, spatial calibration and noise removal
- Object Segmentation: pages, images, text areas
- Feature Extraction: e.g. page size, pictorial space, written space
- Metadata: results are extended in XML schema according to TEI P5 in DARIAH Annotation Infrastructure

## Virtual Scriptorium St. Matthias

- Digital reconstruction of the library of the Benedictine abbey St. Matthias, Trier
- 440 codices (8<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> century)
- 170,000 digitized codex pages
- 1,000,000 files in various formats (~5 TB)
- Online available: http://stmatthias.uni-trier.de



 Visual Analysis: gain better insights into multi dimensional datasets of digitized medieval manuscripts



#### Workflow for the extraction of layout features





An example of interactive visual analysis with highlighted dataset

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