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<COMPUTER ENGINEERING>@DEI:
The Whole Story



What Are We Going to Talk About?

What will you
become?

What are our
secret
ingredients?

How do we train
a computer
engineer?

What are the
curricula and
courses?

What are you
going to do?



How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Strong
competencies
in math and
physics

Strong
competencies
in basic
engineering

Computational
Thinking



How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Advanced
Algorithmics

Strong
competencies
in math and
physics

Strong
competencies
in basic
engineering

Computational
Thinking



How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

High
Performance
Computing

Strong
competencies
in math and
physics

Strong
competencies
in basic
engineering

Computational
Thinking

How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Artificial
Intelligence

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competencies
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physics

Strong
competencies
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engineering

Computational
Thinking



How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Autonomous
Robotics

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competencies
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Strong
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engineering

Computational
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How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

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Bioinformatics

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competencies
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engineering

Computational
Thinking

How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Databases,
Search, and
Web

Strong
competencies
in math and
physics

Strong
competencies
in basic
engineering

Computational
Thinking

How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

Soft Skills

Cooperation
with
stakeholders

Networks,
Systems, and
Security

Strong
competencies
in math and
physics

Strong
competencies
in basic
engineering

Computational
Thinking



What Will You Become?

Great
attractiveness
on the job
market

Ready for
research and
development in
industry and
academia

Strong and
wide-spectrum
competencies in
computer
engineering

Specialistic
competencies in
emerging areas
of computer
engineering

Ready for the
pervasiveness
of informatics
in society and
industry



What are our Secret Ingredients?



Excellence
in research

Strong
industrial
synergies

Careful
design of
teaching offer

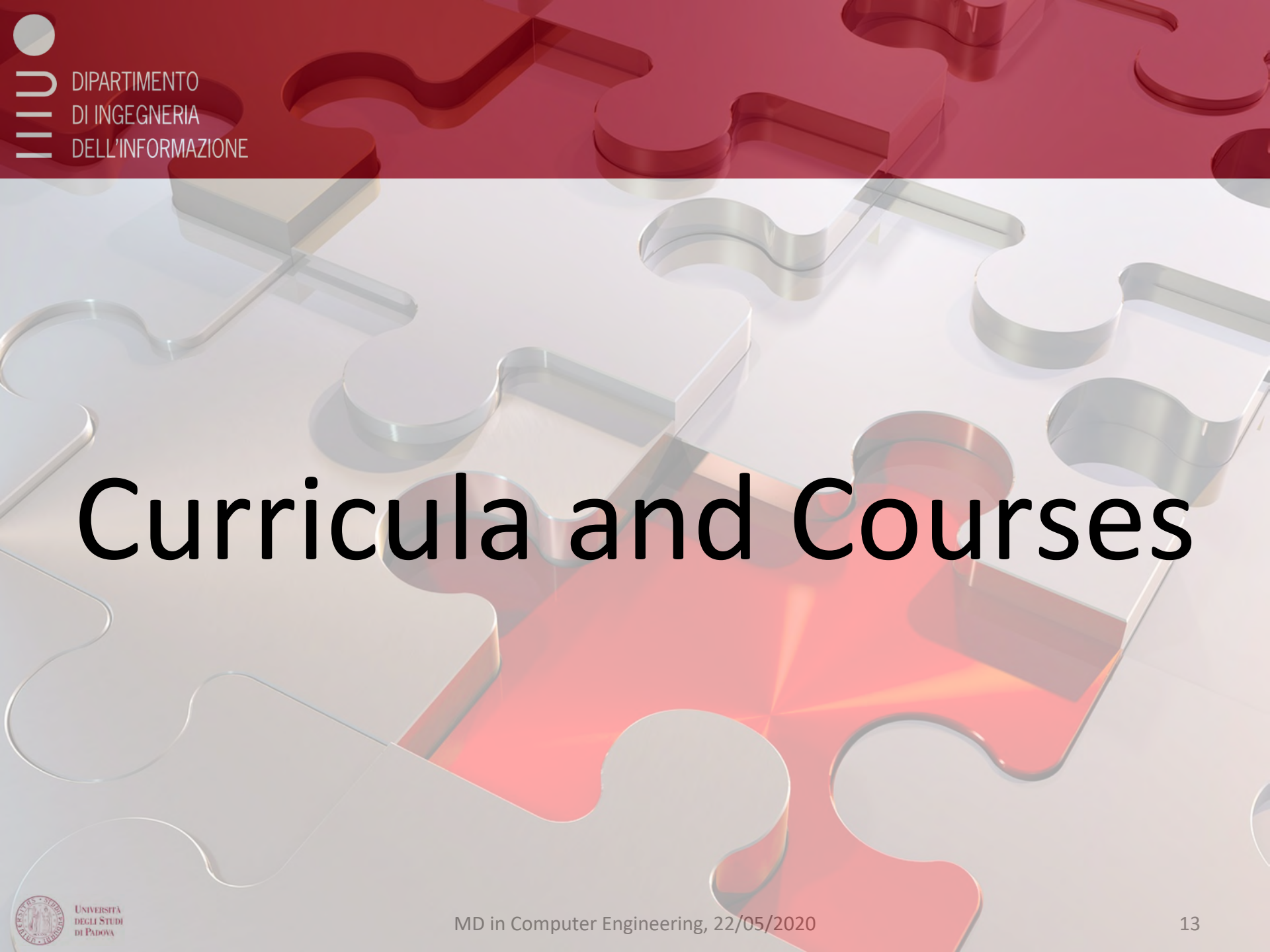
Constant care
for the
student

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Curricula and Courses

What are the Curricula and Courses?

Thesis & Internship

Artificial Intelligence
and Robotics

Bioinformatics

High Performance and
Big Data Computing

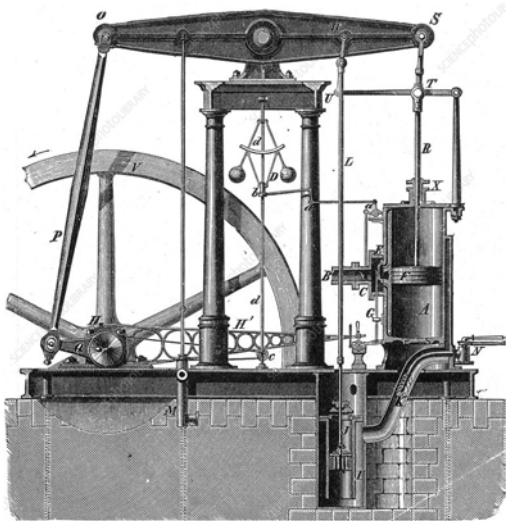
Web Information and
Data Engineering

Core Competencies

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MANDATORY COURSES		
Course	CFU	Period
Automata, Languages and computation	9	Y1.1
Machine learning	9	Y1.1
Operations Research 1	9	Y1.1

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics



Like the steam-engine or
electricity in the past...



AI and Robotics
are transforming our world, our society and our



Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

MANDATORY COURSES

Course	CFU	Period
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Computer Vision	9	Y1.2
Intelligent Robotics	9	Y2.1 (F)

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 24 CFU

Course	CFU	Period
Deep Learning	6	Y1.2
Robotics and Control 1	9	Y1.2
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1
Industrial Robotics	6	Y2.1 (F)
3D Data Processing	6	Y2.2 (F)
Natural Language Proc.	9	Y2.2 (F)
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1 (F)

(F): Available from the 2021/2022 academic year

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Neurorobotics and Neurorehab.	6	Y2.1
Quality Engineering	6	Y1.1
Innovation, entrepreneurship, ...	6	Y2.2
Internet of Things and Smart Cities	6	Y2.2
Game Theory	2	Y2.1

Key characteristics:

Interdisciplinary topics because AI & Robotics is a multi-discipline science

Course choices:

- ❑ core competencies in computer engineering
- ❑ Complements from key disciplines: control theory, mechanics, economics, etc.

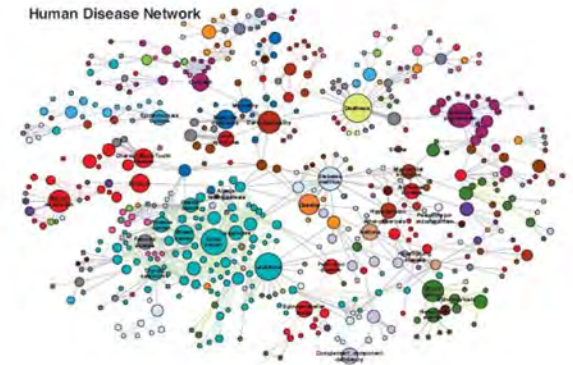
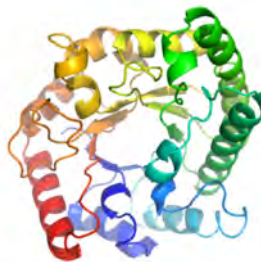
Hands-on experience with laboratories in AI, Robotics, Computer Vision, Industrial Robotics, etc.

Soft skills: team work, goal driven productivity, critical thinking, proactiveness, ...



Motivation

- Large and complex modern biological and medical data sets require advanced computational skills
- The global bioinformatics market is expected to register substantial growth in the near future



Techniques developed for biological data find applications in other areas



Bioinformatics

MANDATORY COURSES

Course	CFU	Period
Inferential Statistics	6	Y1.1
Bioinformatics	9	Y1.2
Computational Genomics	6	Y2.1 (F)
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1 (F)

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 24 CFU

Course	CFU	Period
Foundations of databases	6	Y1.1
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Web applications	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1 (F)
Computers and network security	6	Y2.2 (F)

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Human Data Analytics	6	Y1.2
Imaging for Neuroscience	9	Y1.2
Structural Bioinformatics	6	Y1.2
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2 (F)
Genomics and NGS data analysis	9	Y2 (F)

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Bioinformatics

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Web applications	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1 (F)
Computers and network security	6	Y2.2 (F)

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Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Web applications	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1 (F)
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Structural Bioinformatics	6	Y1.2
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2 (F)
Genomics and NGS data analysis	9	Y2 (F)

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Key characteristics:

Interdisciplinary themes

Course choices:

- ❑ core competencies in computer engineering
- ❑ key disciplines in life and physical sciences, and medicine

Hands-on experience on biological/biomedical data
(projects or assignments)

Soft Skills: communication, teamwork, problem
solving, critical thinking

Motivation

Data, data everywhere!

Extracting significant information
from data



We need:

Efficient and scalable analytics

Advanced computing systems

High Performance and Big Data Computing

MANDATORY COURSES		
Course	CFU	Period
Inferential Statistics	6	Y1.1
Parallel Computing	9	Y1.2
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1 (F)

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 24 CFU		
Course	CFU	Period
Foundations of databases	6	Y1.1
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Bioinformatics	9	Y1.2
Search Engines	9	Y1.2
Deep Learning	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1 (F)

OTHER CHOICES		
Course	CFU	Period
Cryptography	6	Y1.1
Computational Genomics	6	Y2.1 (F)
Game theory	6	Y2.1 (F)
Natural Language Processing	6	Y2.2 (F)
Stochastic Processes	6	Y2.2 (F)
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2 (F)

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High Performance and Big Data Computing

MANDATORY COURSES		
Course	CFU	Period
Inferential Statistics	6	Y1.1
Parallel Computing	9	Y1.2
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1 (F)

(F): Available from the 2021/2022 academic year



High Performance and Big Data Computing

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 24 CFU			OTHER CHOICES		
Course	CFU	Period	Course	CFU	Period
Foundations of databases	6	Y1.1	Cryptography	6	Y1.1
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2	Computational Genomics	6	Y2.1 (F)
Bioinformatics	9	Y1.2	Game theory	6	Y2.1 (F)
Search Engines	9	Y1.2	Natural Language Processing	6	Y2.2 (F)
Deep Learning	6	Y1.2	Stochastic Processes	6	Y2.2 (F)
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)	Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2 (F)
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1 (F)			

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Key characteristics

Advanced algorithms for crunching data

Statistical methods for understanding data

Parallel computing systems for handling big data

Hands-on experience on parallel programming,
cloud platforms, big data frameworks

Soft skills: problem solving, teamwork

Data is the new oil



You need to master algorithms, methods, techniques and architectures to store, manage, access, search, recommend, link, and share both structured and unstructured data at Web scale

David Parkins



Web Information and Data Engineering

MANDATORY COURSES

Course	CFU	Period
Computer Networks	9	Y1.2
Search Engines	9	Y1.2
Web Applications	6	Y1.2
Database 2	9	Y2.1 (F)

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Cryptography	6	Y1.1
Digital Forensics	6	Y1.1
Quality Engineering	6	Y1.1
Wireless Networks	6	Y1.1
Information security	6	Y2.1 (F)
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2 (F)

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 18 CFU

Course	CFU	Period
Foundations of databases	6	Y1.1
Software platforms	6	Y1.1
Inferential Statistics	6	Y1.1
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1 (F)
Concurrent and Real Time Programming	6	Y2.1 (F)
Computers and Network Security	6	Y2.2 (F)
Computer Engineering for Music and Multimedia	6	Y2.2 (F)
Natural Language Processing	6	Y2.2 (F)

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Key characteristics:

Wide-reaching competencies and skills in impacting domains (health, cultural heritage, intellectual property, multilingual and multimodal information access, social media, e-commerce, ...)

Course choices:

- ❑ **wide**-spectrum competencies in core computer engineering
- ❑ **wide**-ranging knowledge in databases, Web applications, search engines, recommender systems, semantic technologies, distributed systems, and security

Widen your soft skills and hands-on experience on managing, accessing, sharing any kind of data (projects or assignments)

Thesis and Internship

Thesis & Internship/Research Training

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English language (3 CFU)
Internship or Research Training: (9
CFU)
Thesis (21 CFU)

- Advanced computing paradigms and AI

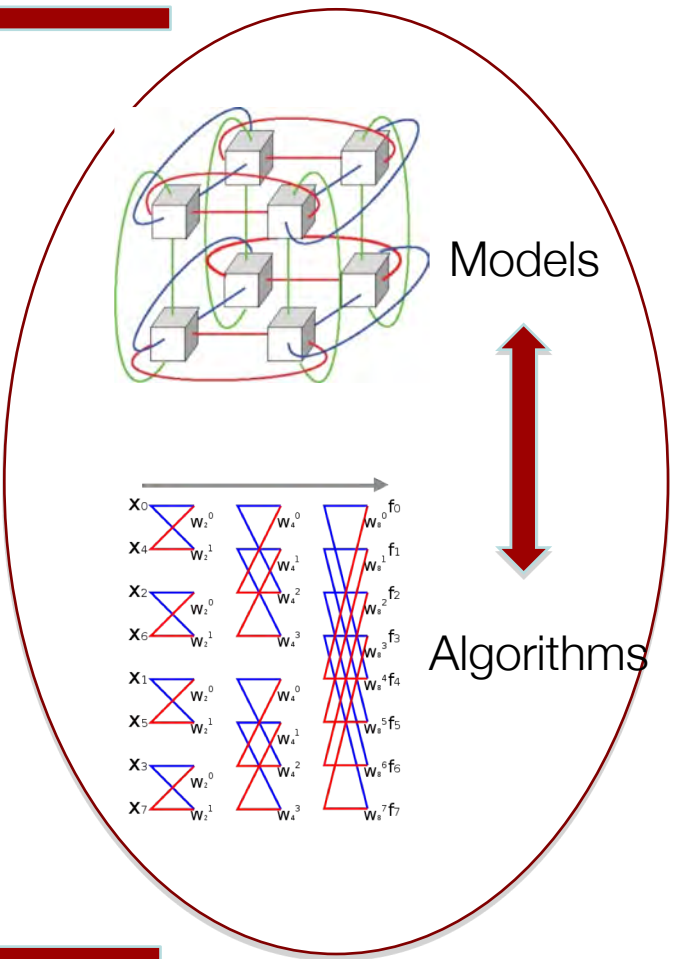


Parallel hierarchical architectures



Artificial intelligence

Applications



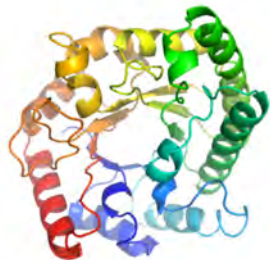
- Bioinformatics and Computational

Biology



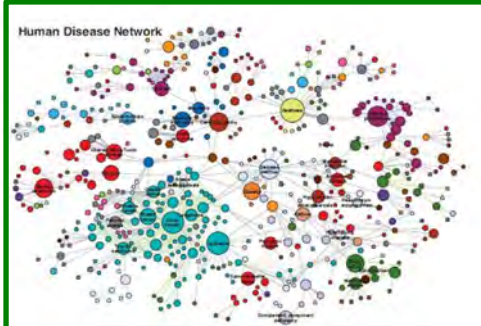
DNA

Strings on A,C,G,T



Proteins

3D structures

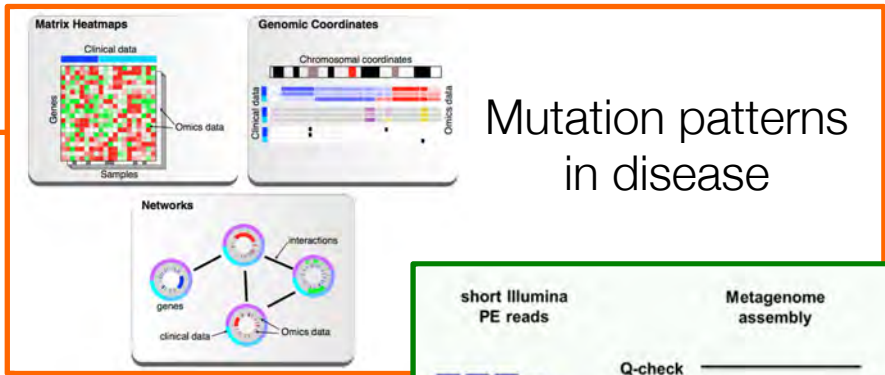


Relations

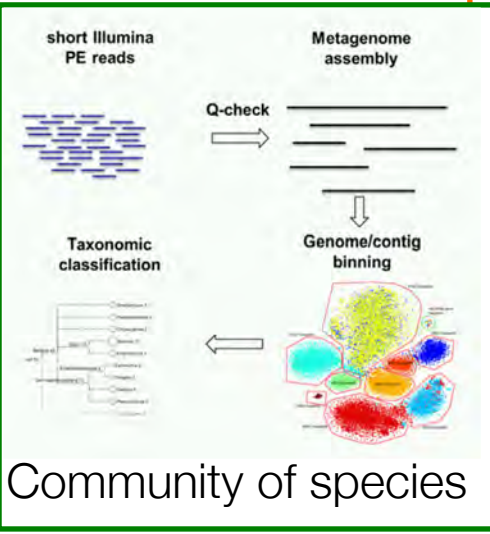
Graphs and networks



Protein-drug
interaction



Mutation patterns
in disease



Community of species

- Computer engineering for music and



Affective computing



Multimedia, interaction, augmented reality
for artistic production and rehabilitation



Musical cultural heritage



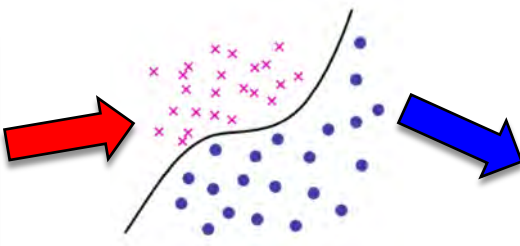
- Data mining and machine learning

Data

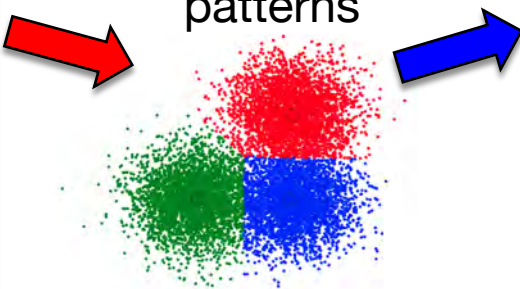
Algorithms

Models

Predictive models



Significant patterns



Biology/Medicine

Recommendation systems

NETFLIX

Social network

- Information retrieval and



- Intelligent robotics and autonomous systems



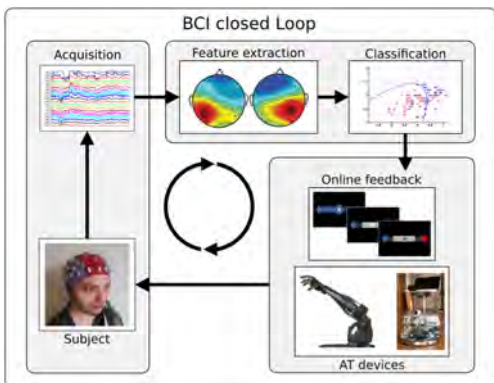
Perception and action loop



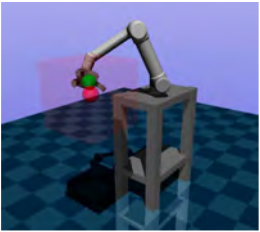
3D environment reconstruction and segmentation



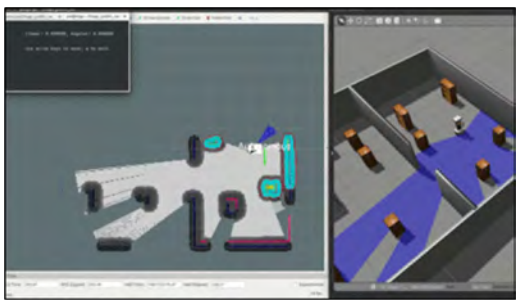
Robotics for Industry 4.0



Neurorobotics & Brain-computer interface

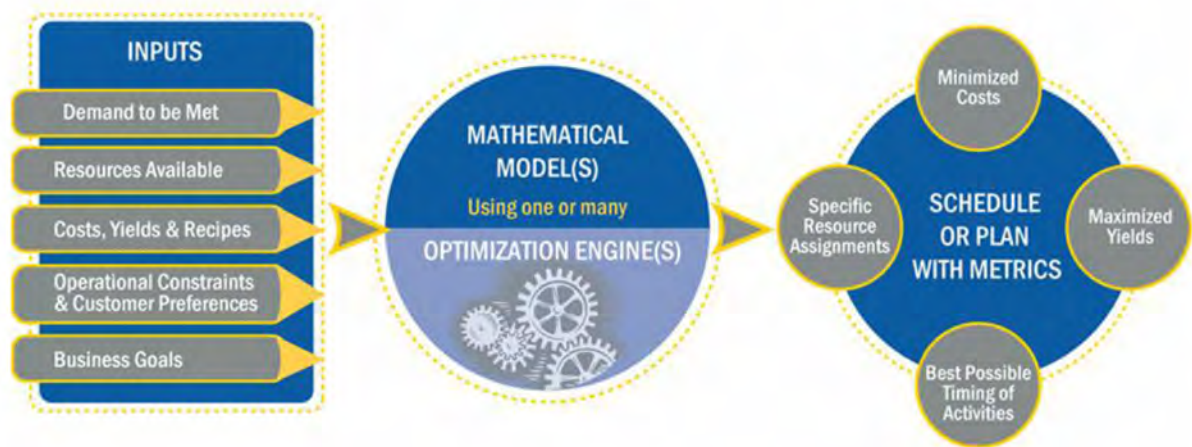


AI for Human-robot collaboration



Robot task and motion planning

- Operation research



Job Market