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MASTER DEGREE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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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
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engineering

Computational
Thinking

How Do We Train a Computer Engineer?

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Autonomous
Robotics

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Computational
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Bioinformatics

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competencies
in basic
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

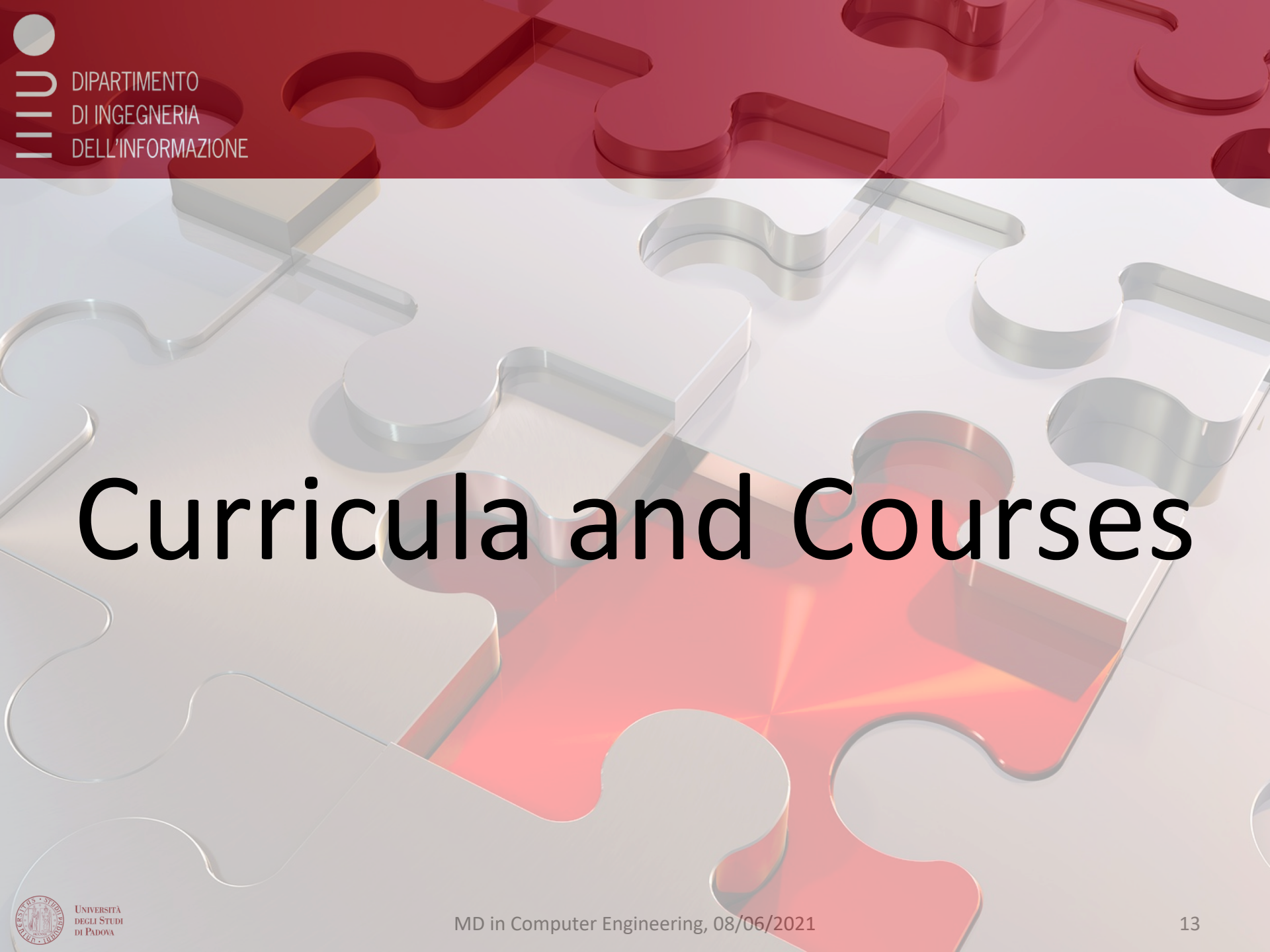
Constant care
for the
student

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Curricula and Courses

What are the Curricula and Courses?

Internship/Research
Training & Thesis

4 CURRICULA

Artificial Intelligence
and Robotics

Bioinformatics

High Performance and
Big Data Computing

Web Information and
Data Engineering

Core Competencies



Degree Structure

MANDATORY COURSES

Course	CFU	Period
Automata, Languages and Computation	9	Y1.1
Machine Learning	6	Y1.1
Operations Research 1	9	Y1.1

**COMMON TO ALL
CURRICULA**

MANDATORY COURSES

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST X CFU

OTHER CHOICES

**CURRICULUM
SPECIFIC**

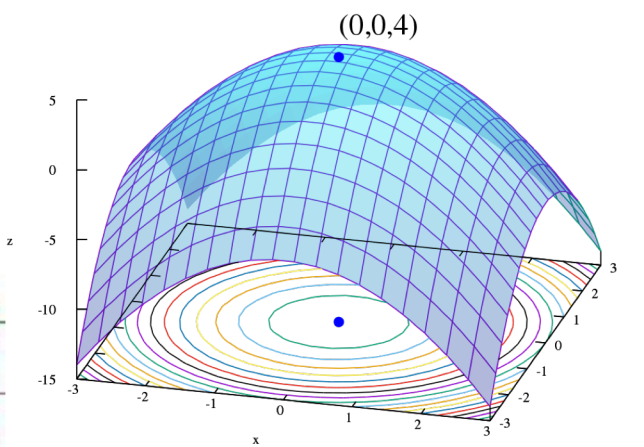
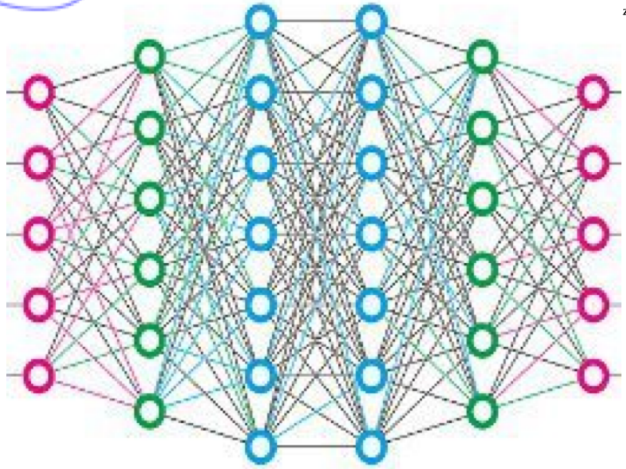
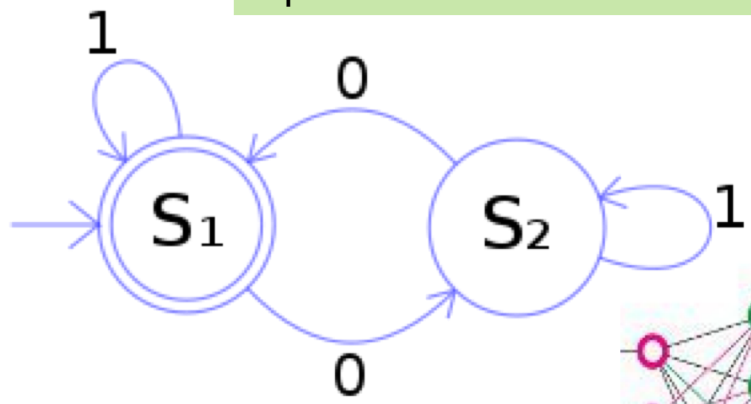
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activity	CFU	
English Language/Italian Language	3	
Internship/Research Training	9	Y2
Final Project	21	Y2

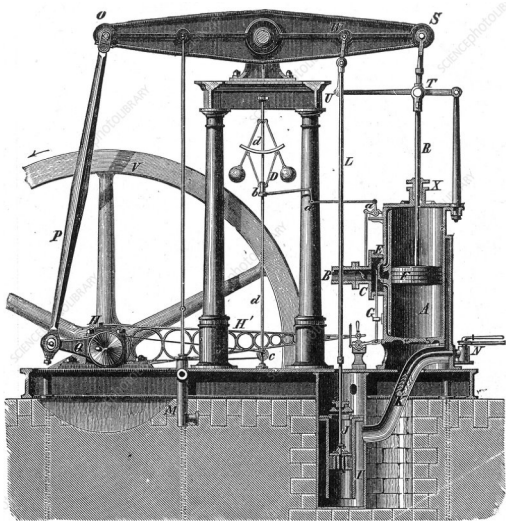
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Core Competencies

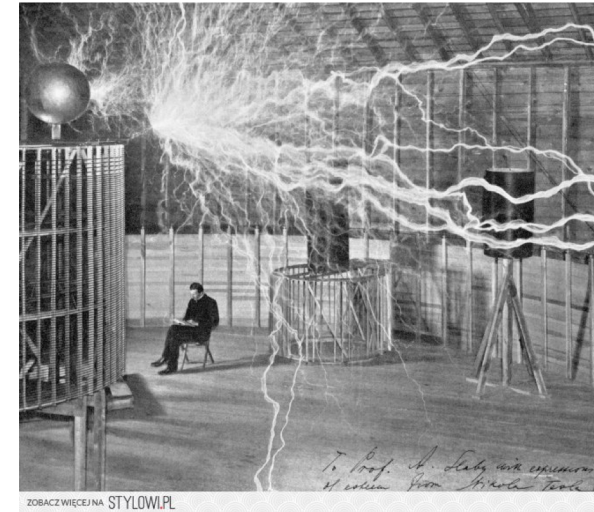
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Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

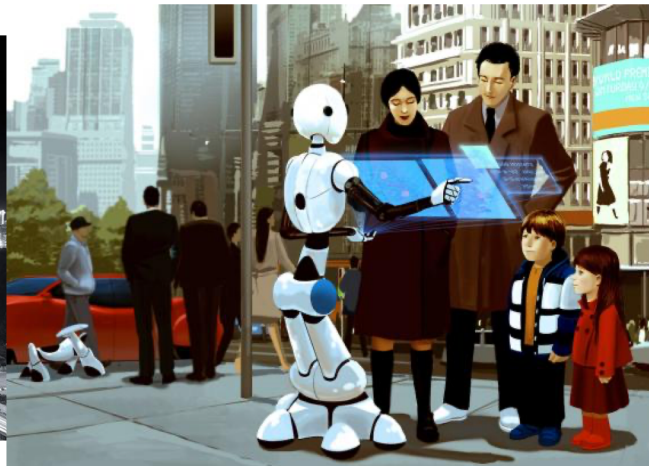


Like the steam-engine or
electricity in the past...



AI and Robotics

are transforming our world, our society and our industry



Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

MANDATORY COURSES

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

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 27 CFU

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

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Neurorobotics and Neurorehab.	6	Y1.1
Quality Engineering	6	Y1.1
Game Theory	6	Y2.1
Innovation, Entrepreneurship, ...	9	Y2.2
Operation Research 2	6	Y2.2



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.

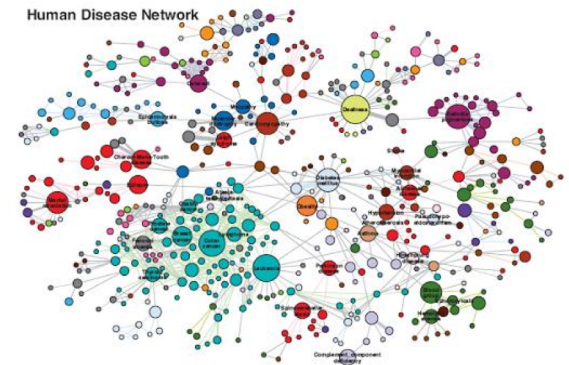
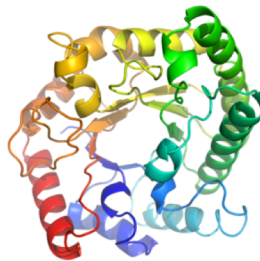
Hands-on experience with laboratories in AI, Robotics, Computer Vision, Industrial Robotics, etc.

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



NB:

- No prerequisites in Biology/Chemistry/Medicine are needed!
- 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
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 24 CFU (18 CFU FROM C.E.)

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
Advanced Algorithm Design	9	Y2.1
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Imaging for Neuroscience	9	Y1.2
Structural Bioinformatics	6	Y1.2
Genomics and NGS Data Analysis	9	Y2.2
Computers and Network Security	6	Y2.2



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Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

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Computers and Network Security	6	Y2.2



Key characteristics:

Interdisciplinary themes

Course choices:

- core competencies in computer engineering

- specific knowledge on processing biological data

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 algorithms

Advanced computing systems

2021 *This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute*



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

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 21 CFU		
Course	CFU	Period
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Bioinformatics	9	Y1.2
Search Engines	9	Y1.2
Deep Learning	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1

OTHER CHOICES		
Course	CFU	Period
Cryptography	6	Y1.1
Computational Genomics	6	Y2.1
Game Theory	6	Y2.1
Stochastic Processes	6	Y2.2
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

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Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

Key characteristics

Advanced algorithms for crunching data

Statistical methods for understanding data

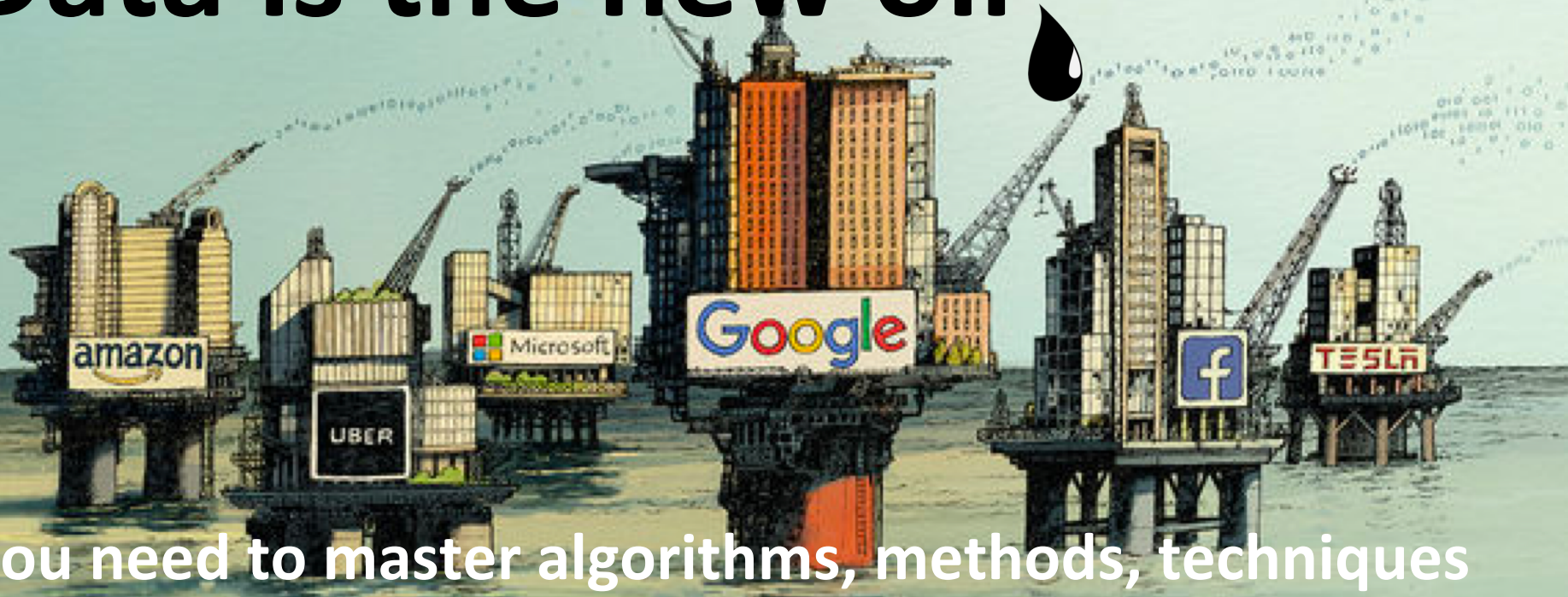
Parallel computing systems for handling big data

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



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

OTHER CHOICES

Course	CFU	Period
Inferential Statistics	6	Y1.1
Quality Engineering	6	Y1.1
Big Data Computing	6	Y1.2
Geographic Information Sys.	6	Y1.2
Information Security	6	Y2.1
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 18 CFU

Course	CFU	Period
Foundations of Databases	6	Y1.1
Software Platforms	6	Y1.1
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1
Concurrent and Real Time Programming	6	Y2.1
Computers and Network Security	6	Y2.2
Computer Engineering for Music and Multimedia	6	Y2.2
Natural Language Processing	6	Y2.2

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

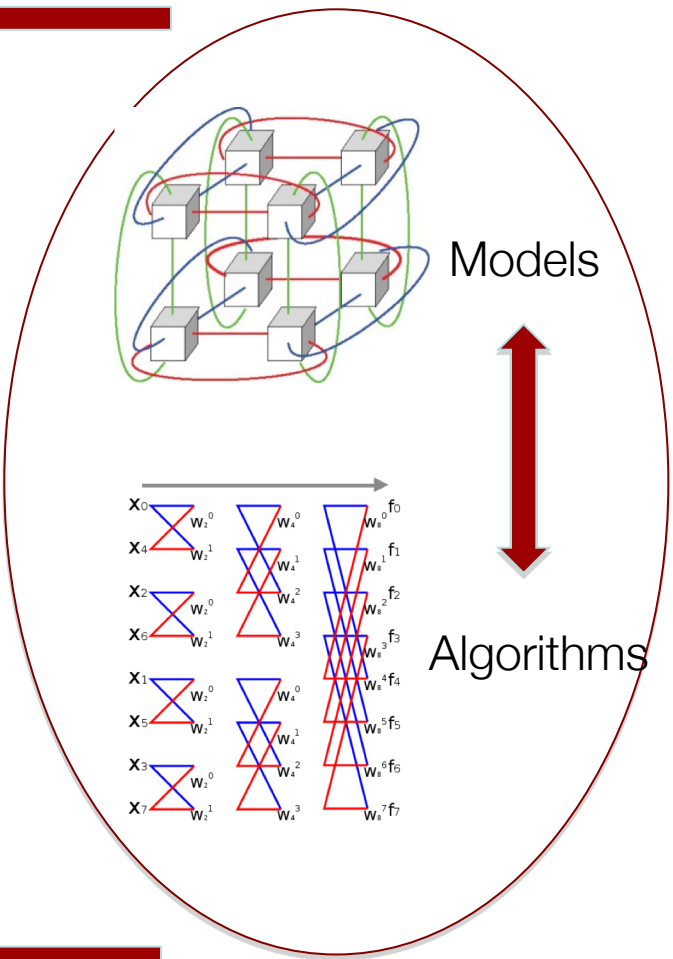


Parallel hierarchical architectures




Artificial intelligence

Applications



- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

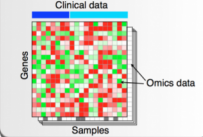
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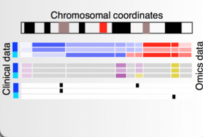
DNA

Strings on A,C,G,T

Matrix Heatmaps

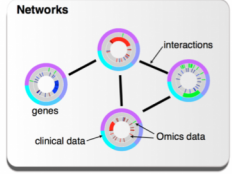


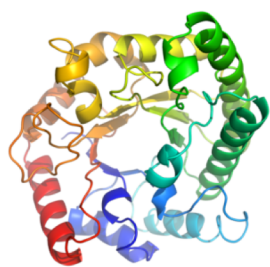
Genomic Coordinates



Mutation patterns in disease

Networks

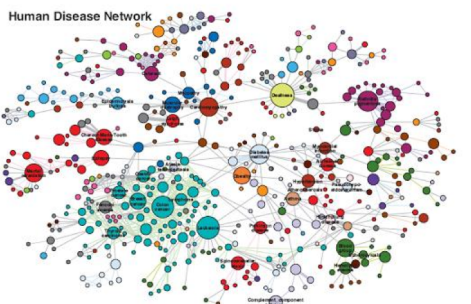




Proteins

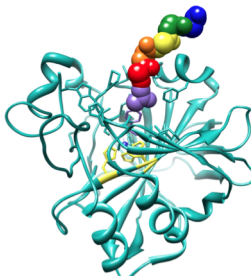
3D structures

Human Disease Network




Relations

Graphs and networks




Protein-drug interaction


short Illumina PE reads



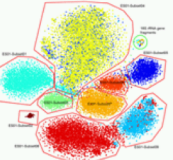
Metagenome assembly




Q-check



Genome/contig binning



Taxonomic classification



Community of species

- Computer engineering for music and multimedia



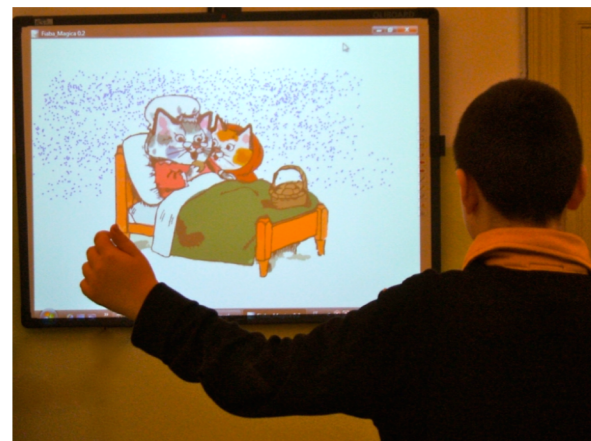
Affective computing



Multimedia, interaction, augmented reality
for artistic production and rehabilitation



Musical cultural heritage



- ## Predictive models





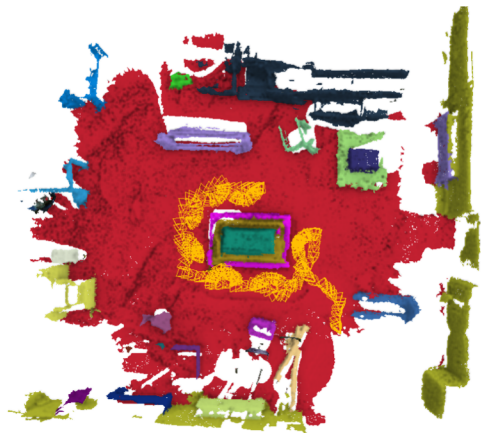
- Information retrieval and databases



- Intelligent robotics and autonomous systems



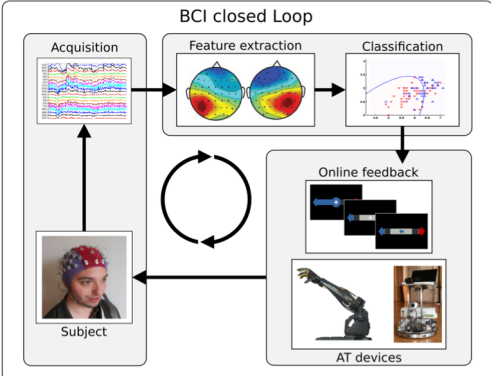
Perception and action loop



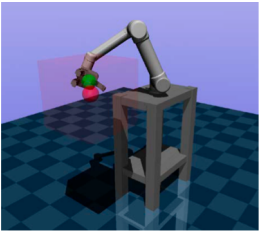
3D environment reconstruction and segmentation



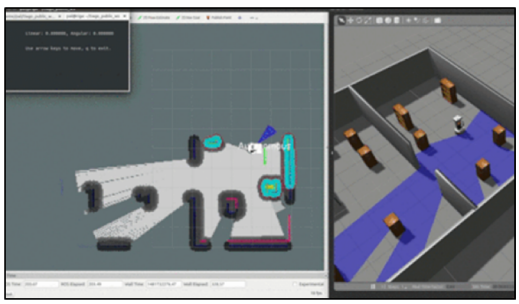
Robotics for Industry 4.0



Neurorobotics & Brain-computer interface

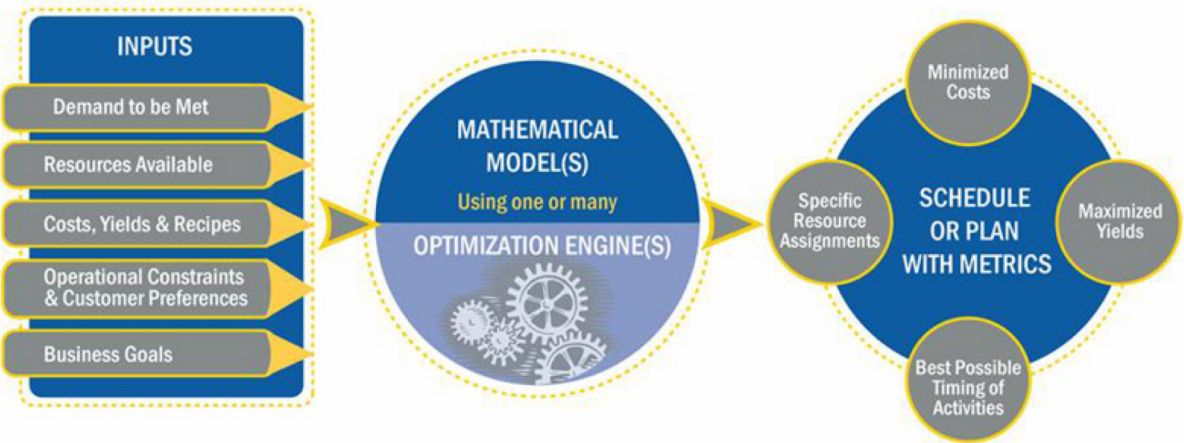


AI for Human-robot collaboration

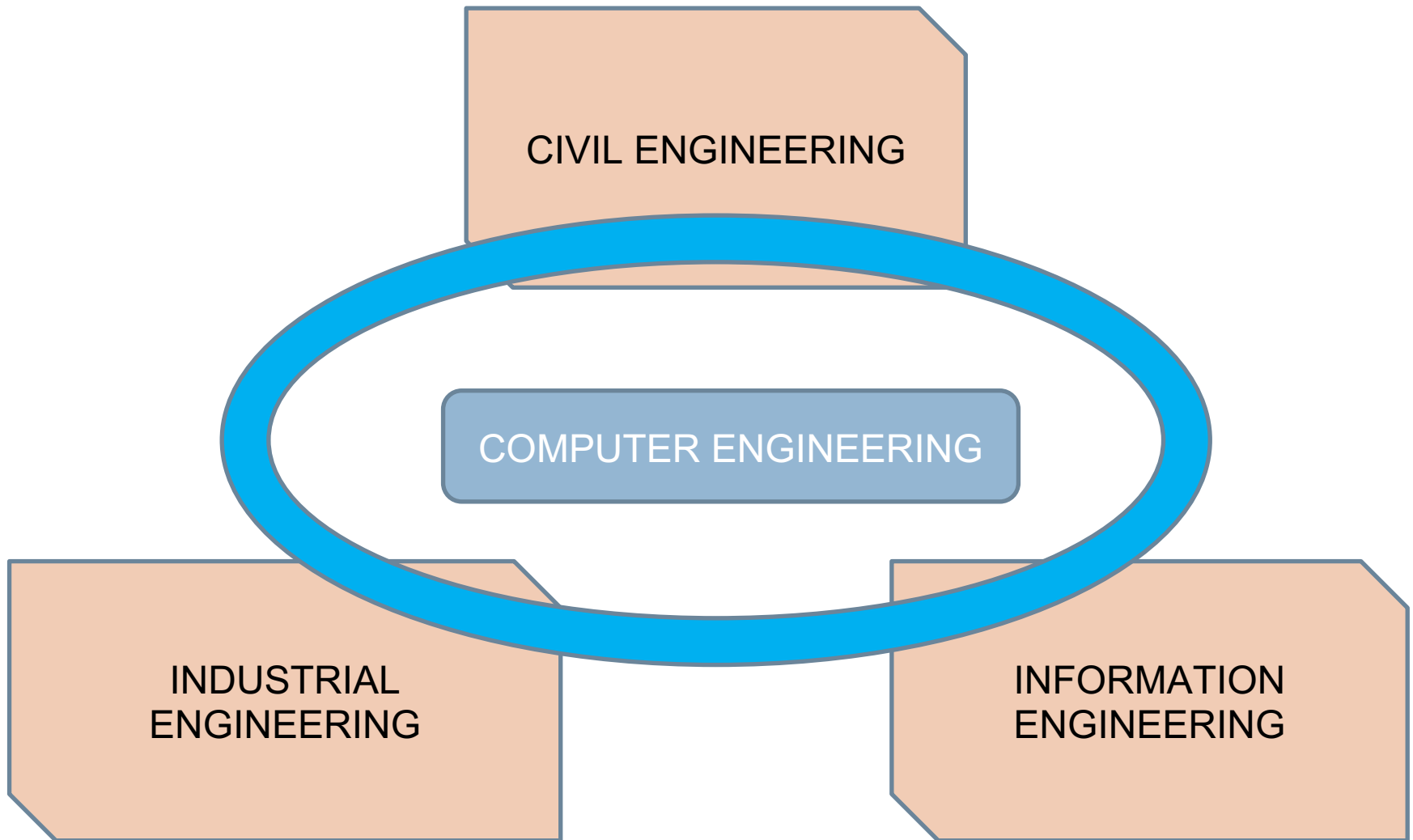


Robot task and motion planning

- Operation research



Computer Engineering in the «*World of Engineering*»



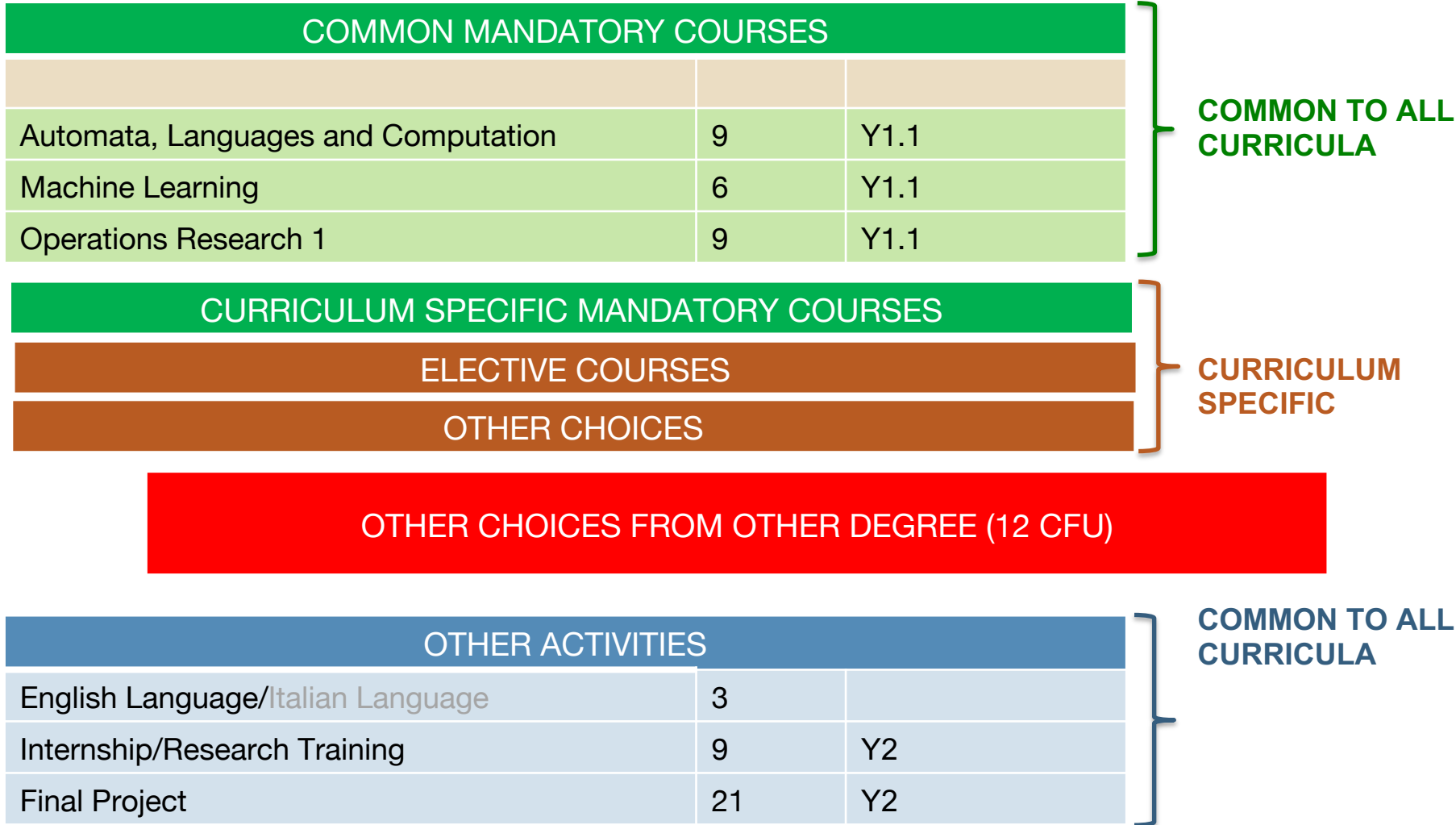


...a national project:

Computing Systems for Smart Infrastructures



Open Badge on «Expert in Smart Infrastructures»





Computing Systems for Smart Infrastructures (within High Performance and Big Data Computing)

CURRICULUM 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
Artificial Intelligence	6	Y1.2
Operations Research 2	6	Y2.2

ELECTIVE COURSES: AT LEAST 21 CFU		
Course	CFU	Period
Bioinformatics	9	Y1.2
Search Engines	9	Y1.2
Deep Learning	6	Y1.2
Distributed Systems	9	Y2.1
Learning from Networks	6	Y2.1

OTHER CHOICES		
Course	CFU	Period
Cryptography	6	Y1.1
Computational Genomics	6	Y2.1
Game Theory	6	Y2.1
Stochastic Processes	6	Y2.2

Computing Systems for Smart Infrastructures

ELECTIVE COURSES @ OTHER MASTER DEGREE: 12 CFU		
Course	CFU	
Circular Economy	6	
Land surveying and geographical information systems	9	
Material flow systems and logistic networks	9	
Safety and security in transport and strategic infrastructure	6	
Smart Grids	6	
Structural and geotechnical control and monitoring	9	
...more....		

Job Market