

# Master ICT for Internet and multimedia engineering



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# **ICT FOR INTERNET AND MULTIMEDIA**

# Do you just “transport” information?

Some will tell you that studying ICT just means becoming a “carrier” of information



truck driver



waiter



or... ??

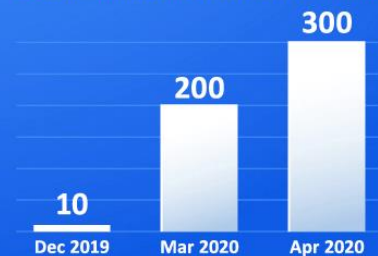
# How much is “transport” worth?

## MARKET CAPITALIZATION OF ZOOM VS. TOP AIRLINES

**zoom**  
Communications

Market Capitalization  
**\$48.78B**

ZOOM DAILY MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Millions)



Source: Statista

**Southwest**  
**\$14.04B**

**DELTA**  
**\$12.30B**

**UNITED**  
**\$5.87B**

**IAG** INTERNATIONAL  
AIRLINES  
GROUP  
**\$4.11B**

**Lufthansa**  
**\$3.87B**

**American Airlines**  
**\$3.89B**

**AIRFRANCEKLM**  
GROUP  
**\$2.14B**

Source: YCharts, as of May 15, 2020. Top airlines are selected based on their 2019 revenue.  
Concept inspired by Lennart Dobravsky at Lufthansa Innovation Hub

**Total Airlines**  
**\$46.21B**



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# Overview

# What is ICT?



- Acronym of Information and Communication Technology = systems (both hardware and software) for transmitting, sharing, and processing information

# Why Internet and multimedia?



## Internet

is the biggest and most widely used telecommunication system in the entire planet

Nowadays  $\simeq$  50% world population is connected  $\rightarrow$  still wide margins for growth



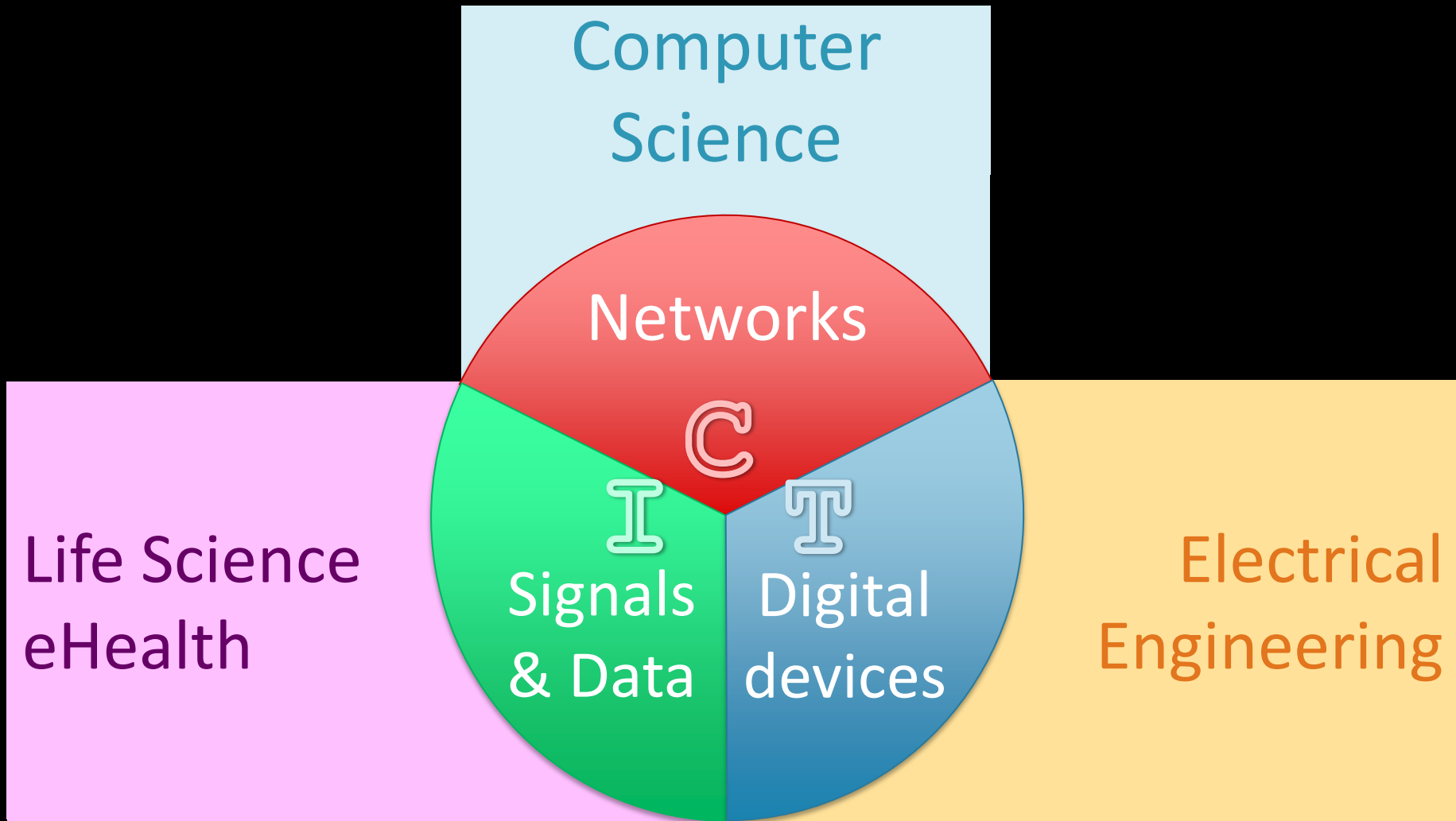
# Why Internet and multimedia?



- **Multimedia** = multiple information sources
- Also multiple ways to communicate  
(Text, Video, Audio, Augmented reality...)
- The majority of Internet traffic is multimedia!



# ICT: cornerstone of the Digital Era

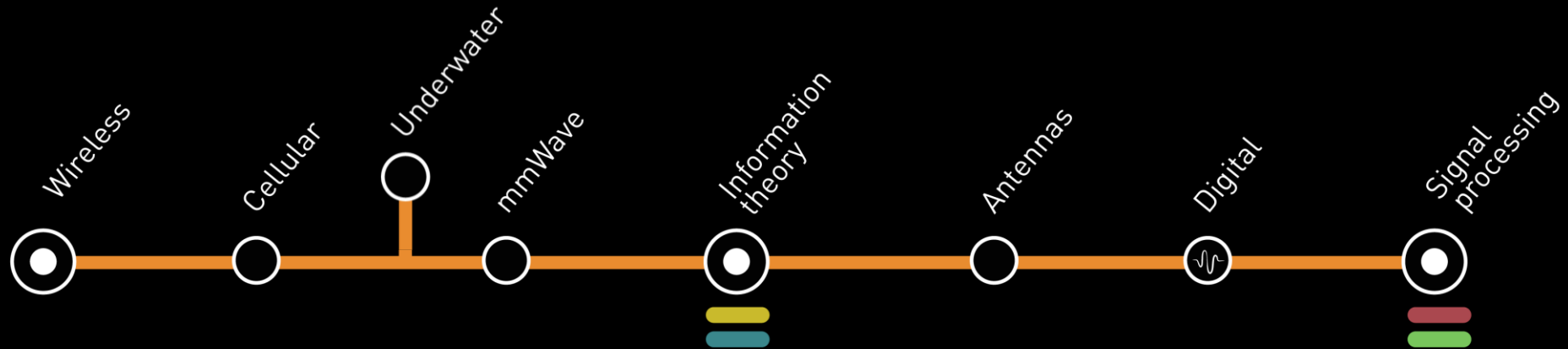




# transit map



# Communications route



Classical and revolutionary transmission techniques



# Communications route



## 5G networks

broadband, low latency connectivity

*access through stations:* Cellular, mmWave

## Massive MIMO

really many transmitting units

*access through stations:* Antennas, Inf.Theory

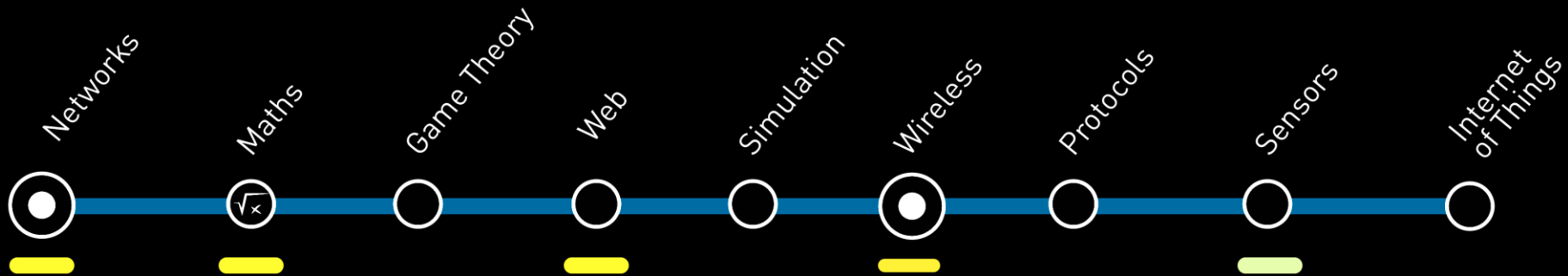


## Acoustic communications

marine monitoring and networking

*access through station:* Underwater

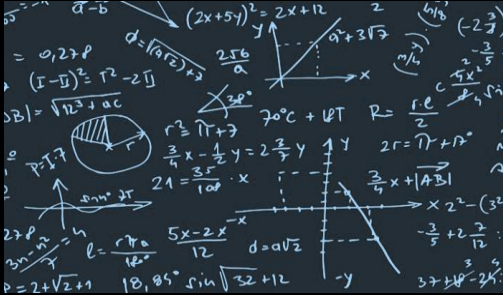
# Internet route



Software applications through the entire protocol stack



# Internet route



Mathematical models  
understanding and designing the Internet  
*access through station: Maths*

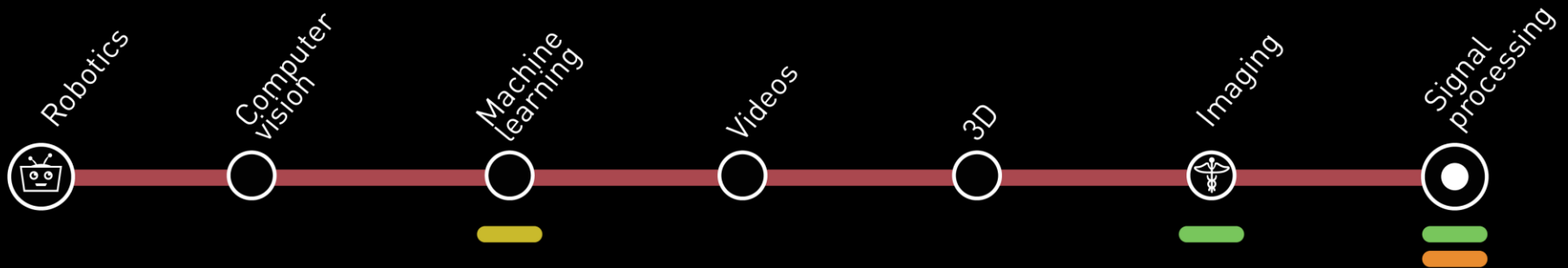
Cognitive and Software-defined  
intelligence brought in the interconnection  
*access through stations: Networks, Game Theory*



## Smart cities

ubiquitous networking for public services  
*access through station: Internet of Things*

# Multimedia route



Multidimensional contents for data-hungry systems





# Multimedia route

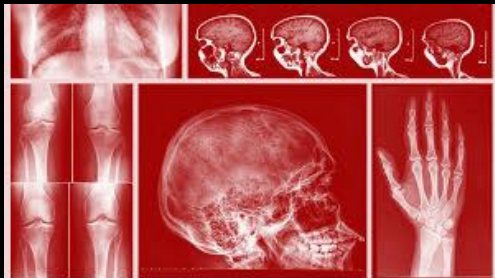


## Immersive reality

Delivering a full multimedia experience  
*access through station: 3D*

## Digital perception

Eyes, ears, brains of robots or autonomous cars  
*access through station: Computer vision*



## Medical signal processing

Advanced diagnosis and treatment  
*access through station: Imaging*

# Data analytics route



Systematic ways to  
extract knowledge  
from data

# Data analytics route



Distributed data management

Querying the cloud from everywhere

*access through station: Web*

## Biometrics

The human body as the sensing field

*access through station: Human data*

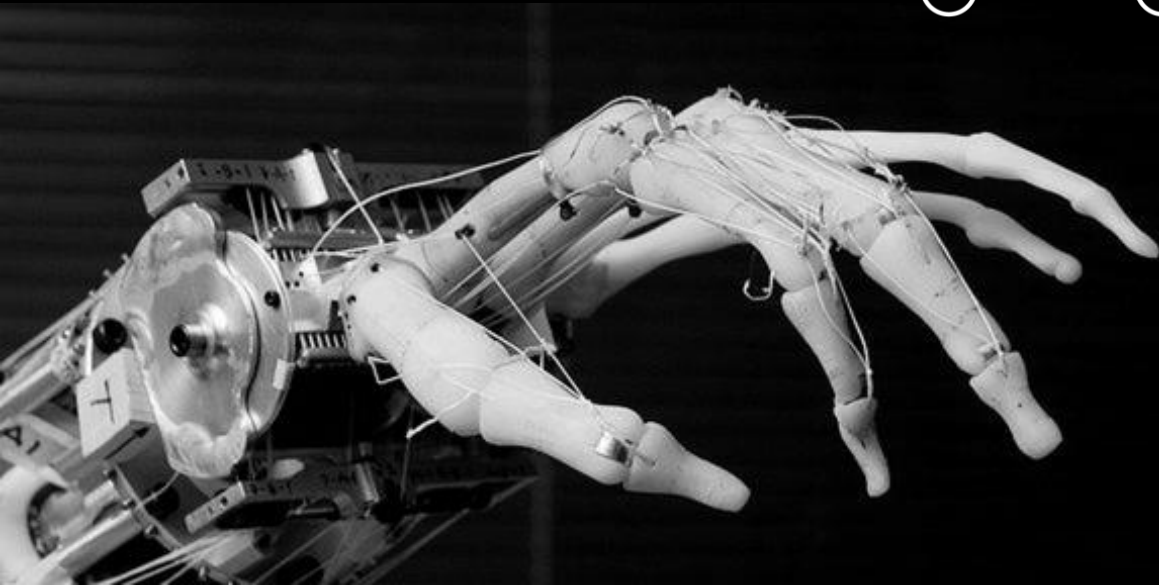
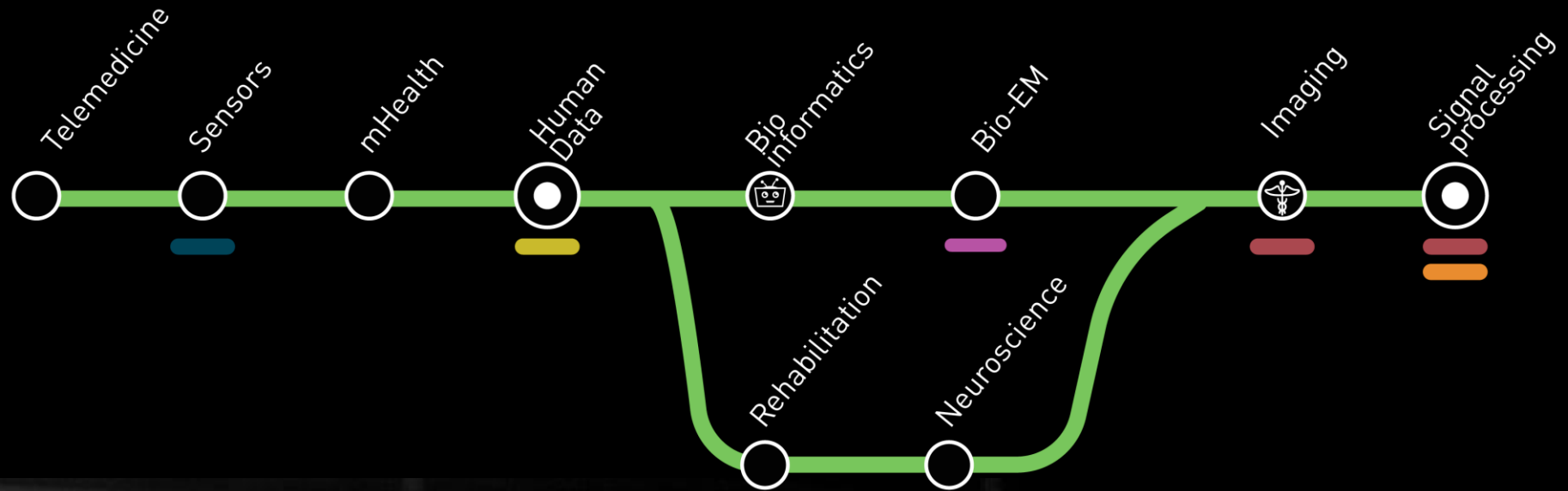


## Deep learning

Unsupervised artificial intelligence

*access through station: Machine learning*

# Quality of life route



IT expertise for  
medical care and  
mHealth scenarios

# Quality of life route



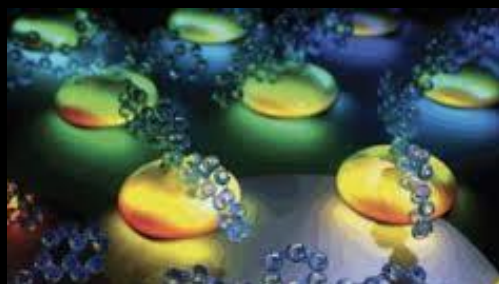
## Digital health

Real-time communication for medical apps  
*access through station: Telemedicine*

## Brain computer interfaces

Neural training against degeneration

*access through: Neuroscience, Rehabilitation*



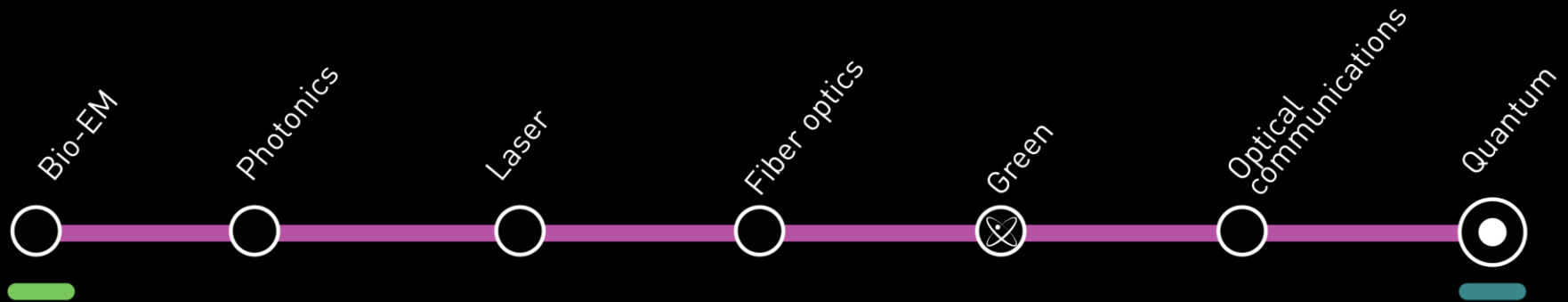
## Molecular photonics

Non-invasive monitoring and diagnostics

*access through station: Bio-EM*



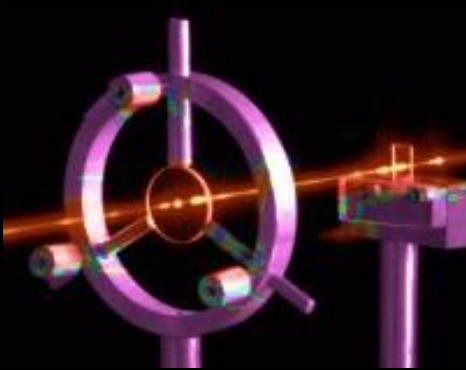
# Nanotechnologies route



Reach nanoscale to communicate at the speed of light



# Nanotechnologies route



## Photonic sensing

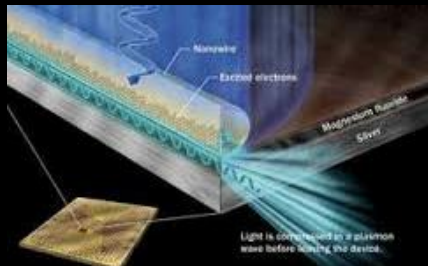
Monitoring through dielectric coupling

*access through station:* Fiber optics

## Renewable energies

Smart exploitation of natural energy sources

*access through station:* Green



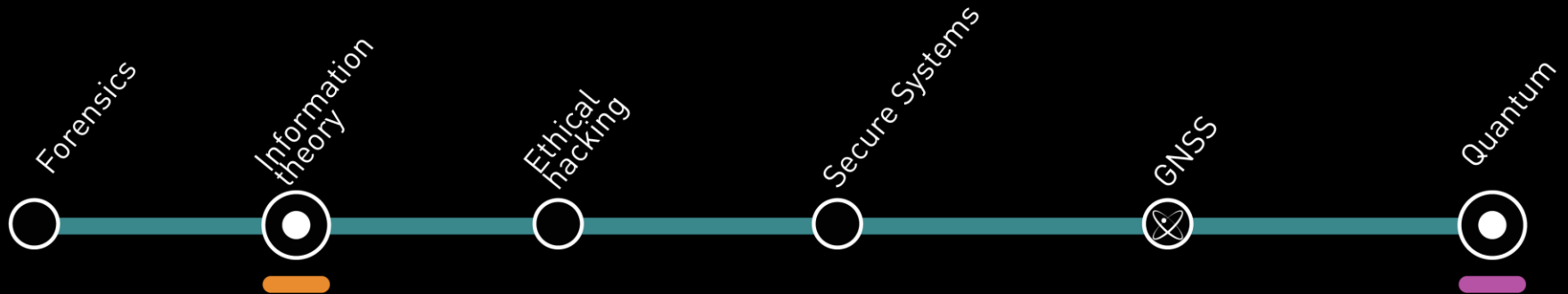
## Plasmonics

Electron/photon coupling to go beyond  $\lambda$

*access through station:* Photonics



# Security route



Ensure privacy and  
data protection for  
cybersecure systems



# Security route

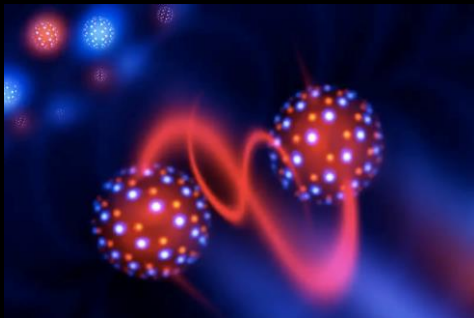


## Secure satellite positioning

Preventing localization and navigation forging  
*access through station: GNSS*

## Digital crime fighting

Detecting false media and documents  
*access through station: Forensics*



## Quantum cryptography

Ultimate security through quantum physics  
*access through station: Quantum*

# To sum up

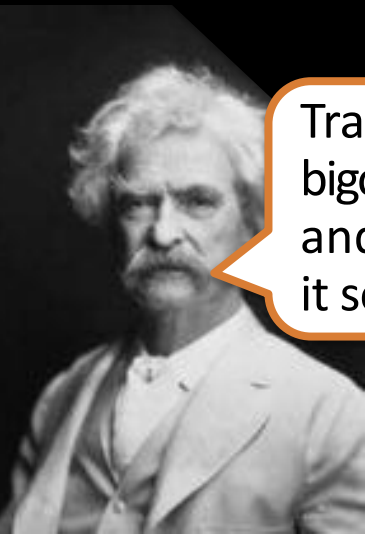
- Innovative scientific topics at the edge of new research horizons
- Matching all tastes from highly mathematical to applied and hands-on
- Interconnecting disciplines with a planned path (we don't just do "a bunch of cool stuff")



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International priority

# International by design



Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts

Mark Twain

TIME

completely in English

with many international opportunities

# Fully taught in English

- No English test required beforehand
- But you must understand (basic) English



# Incoming students

- ICT for Internet and Multimedia is one of the largest International Masters @ UniPD
- So far: 83 international students admitted
- applications are still ongoing



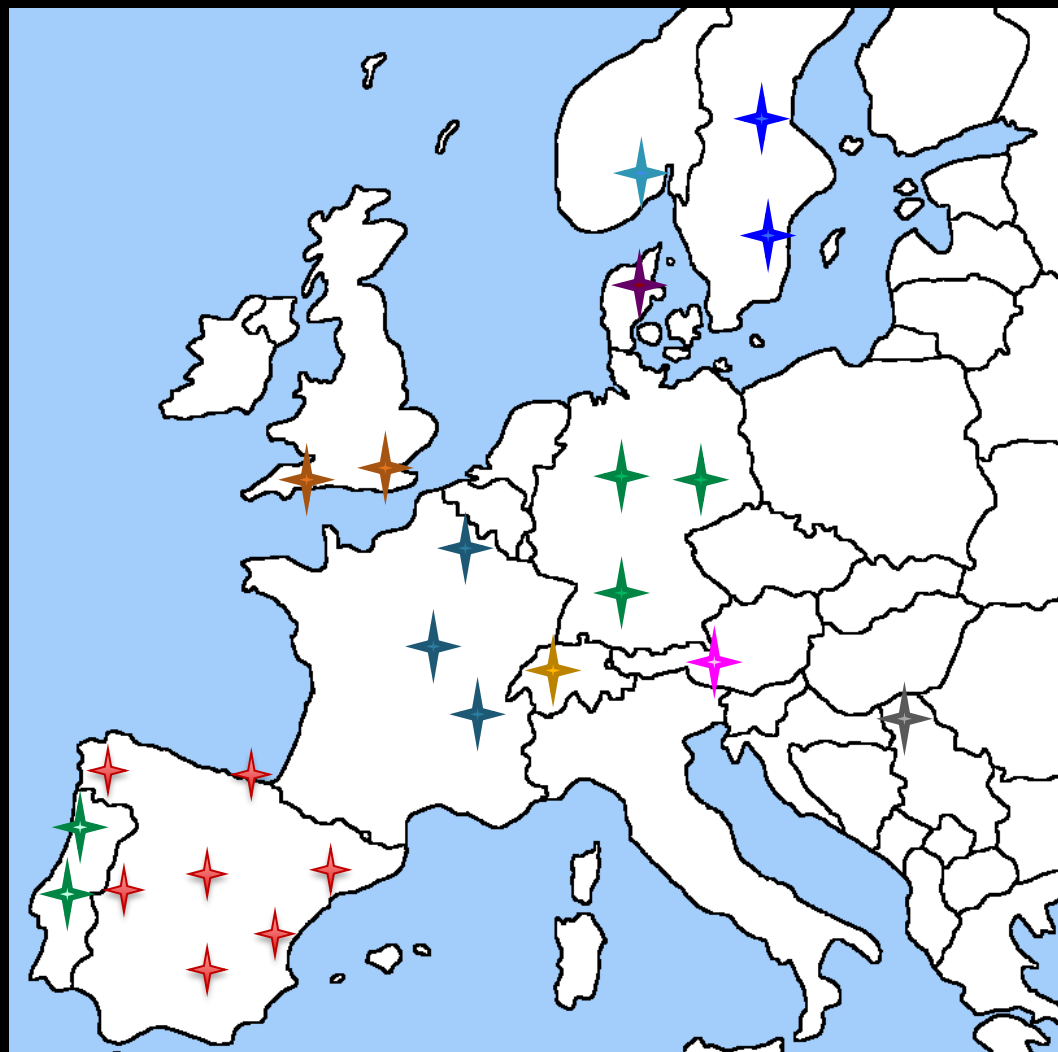


# Erasmus+

# destinations

	3
	2
	1
	3
	1
	2
	2
	1
	1 (KA107)
	1 (SEMP)
	8 (incl. Canary)

and counting...



# Double degrees



International agreements of Double Degree with top-ranked universities worldwide:

- National Taiwan University (2 positions)
- Universidad Politecnica de Madrid (2 positions)
- more agreements (France, Finland) in preparation

Compared to similar programs (e.g., TIME)  
you still get 2 degrees, but in ~2 years, not 3

# DD: how does it work?



- Apply halfway through 1<sup>st</sup> year → must earn 60 ECTS in Padova by September
- If selected, spend the 2<sup>nd</sup> year abroad
- Final thesis done and discussed abroad before a joint committee, also valid for Italian degree
- Supporting scholarship (more than Erasmus) for a period =  $\min(\text{graduation}, 24 \text{ months})$



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Job market

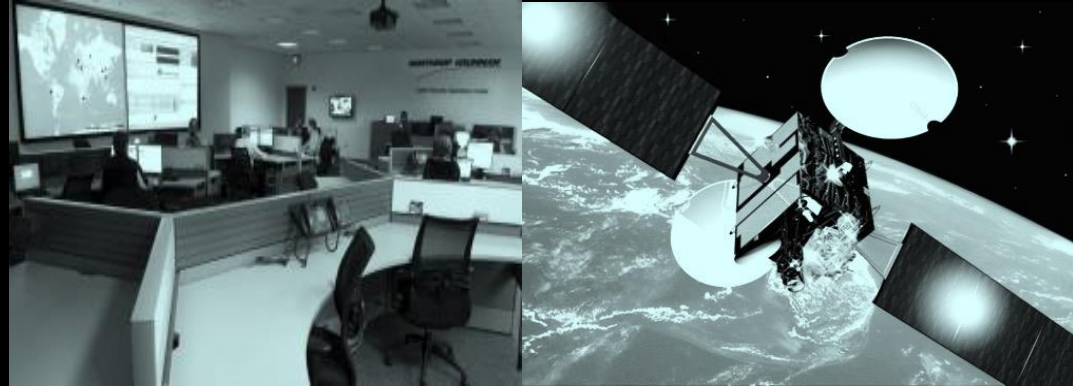
**IMPRESSIVE. MOST IMPRESSIVE.**

**BUT WHAT ABOUT JOB PROSPECTS?**

# A double track for the job market

Enterprises working  
**on** ICT

from hardware to software,  
access/transport/application



Enterprises working  
**using** ICT

networking, data analytics,  
security, energy efficiency



# Job market

Local and global enterprises



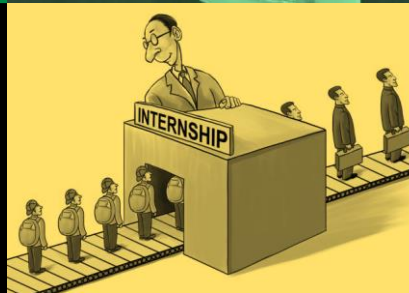
Abroad for education or work



R&D at universities or research centers



Internship options

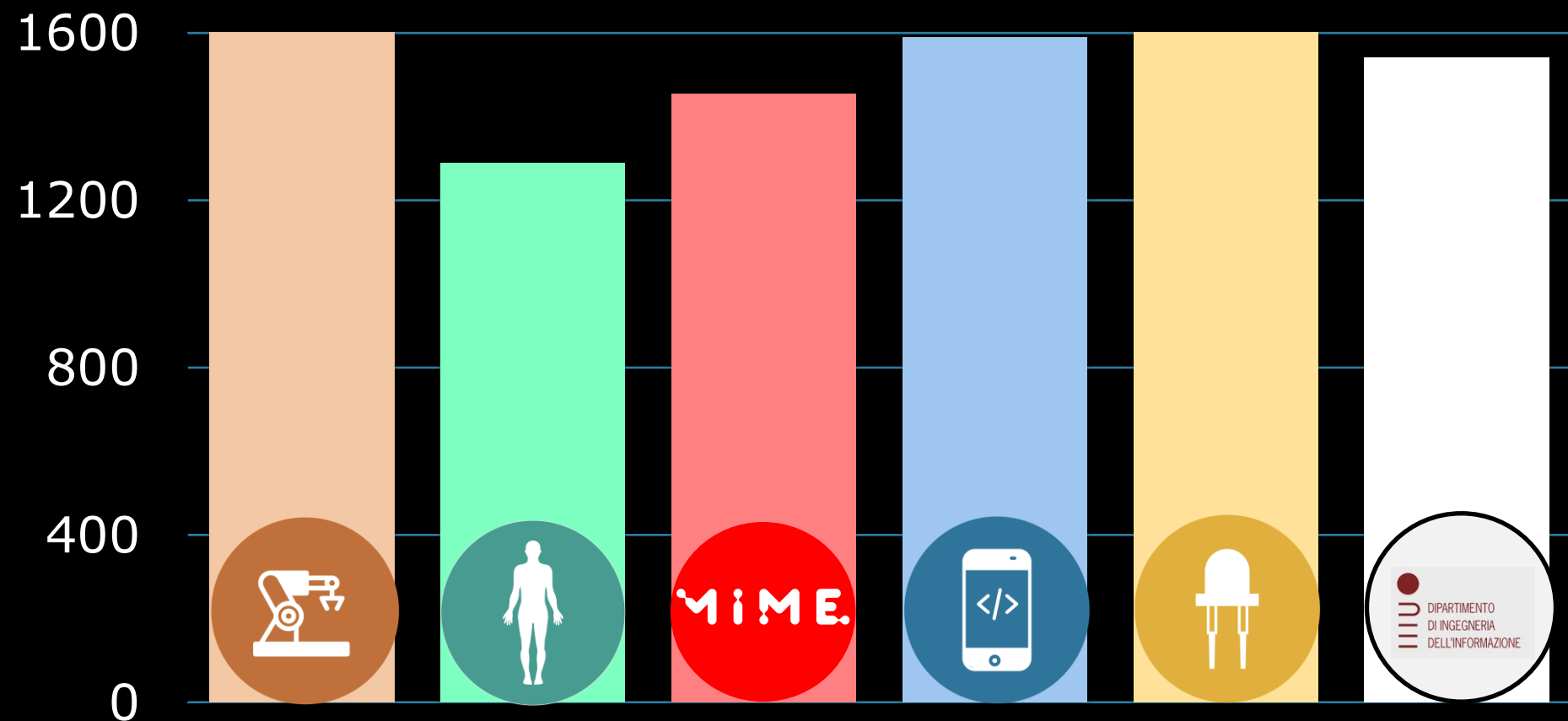




# Monthly salary after 1 year

Graduates of 2018

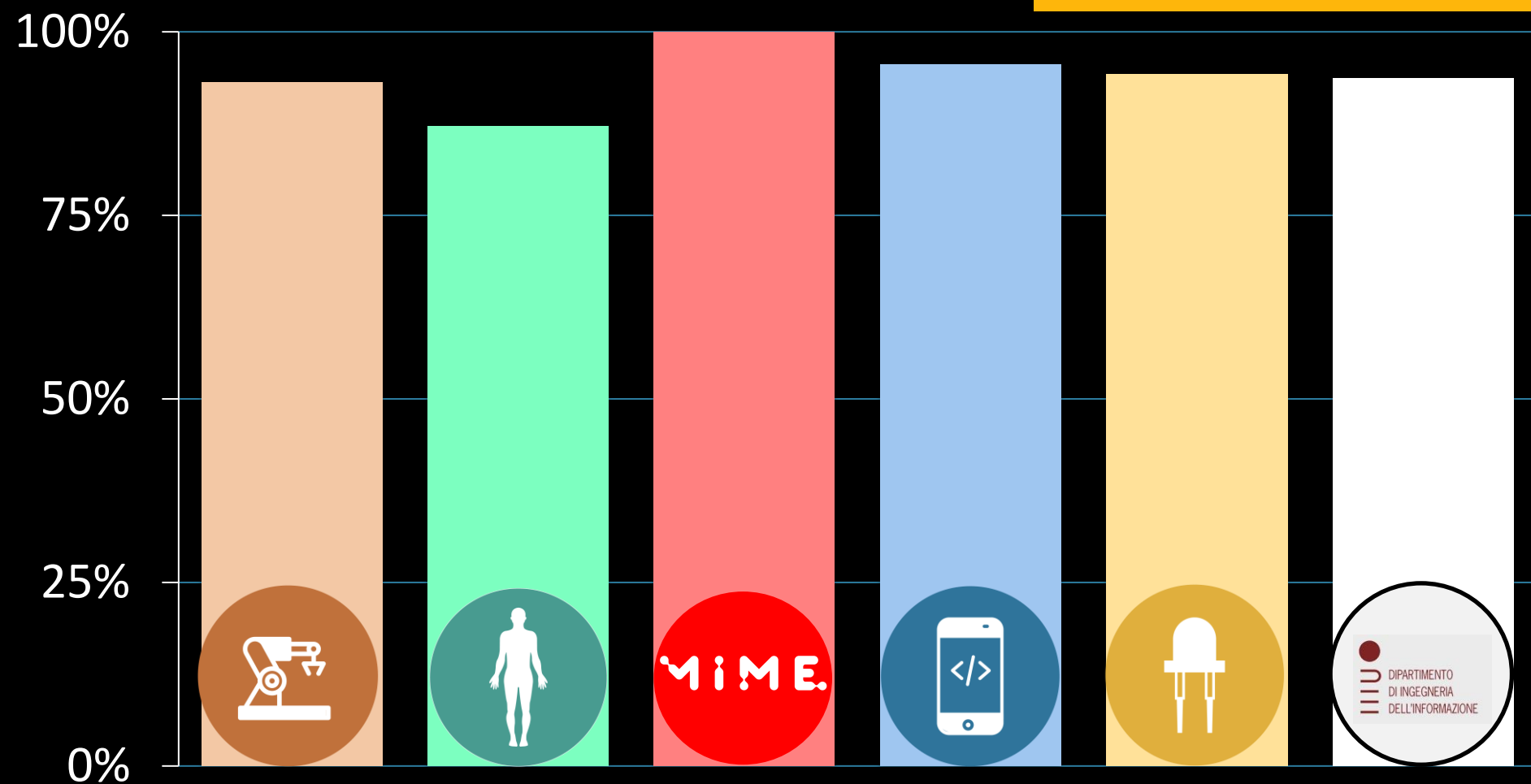
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# Employment rate after 1 year

Graduates of 2018

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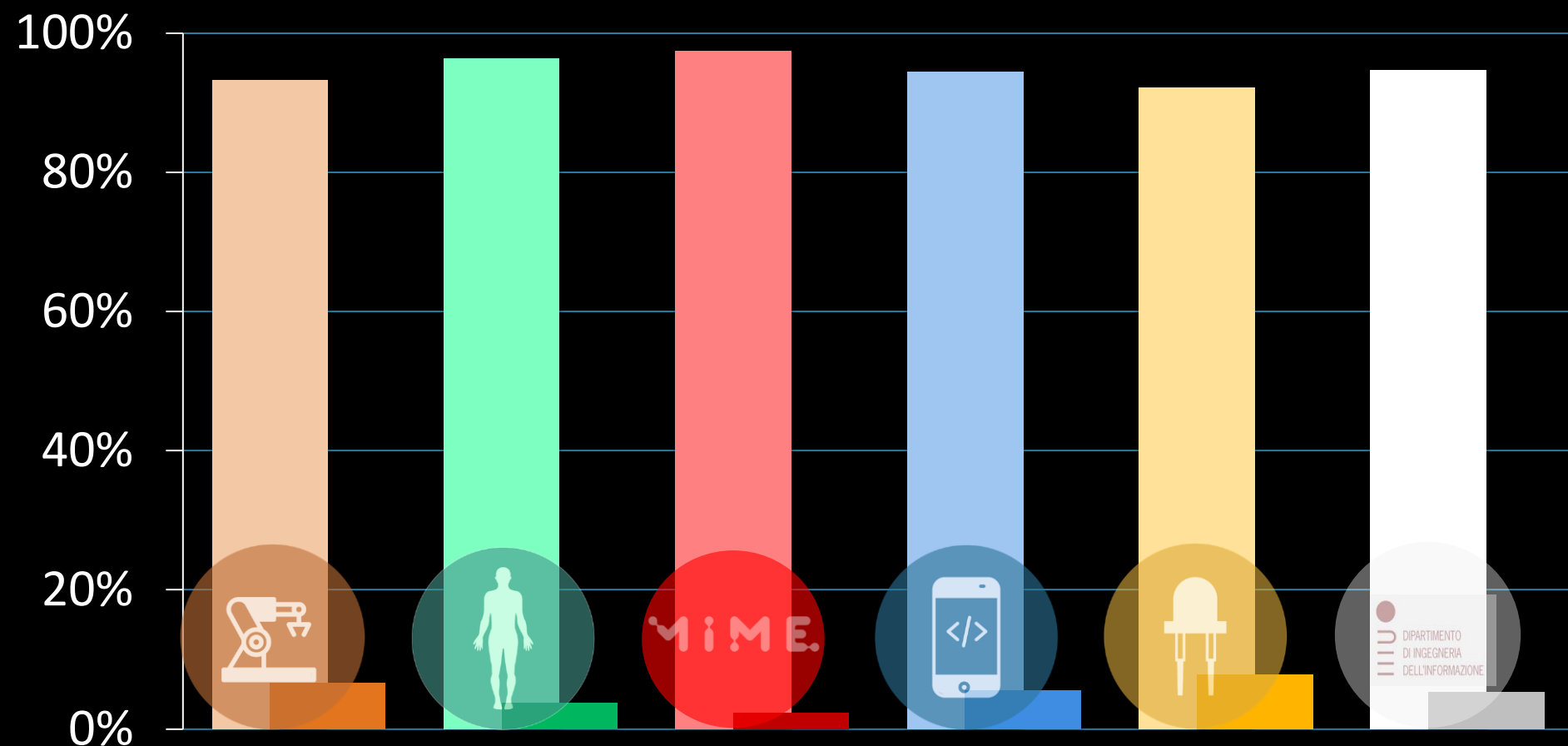


# Satisfaction rate about the program

( yes = light, no = dark)

## Graduates of 2019

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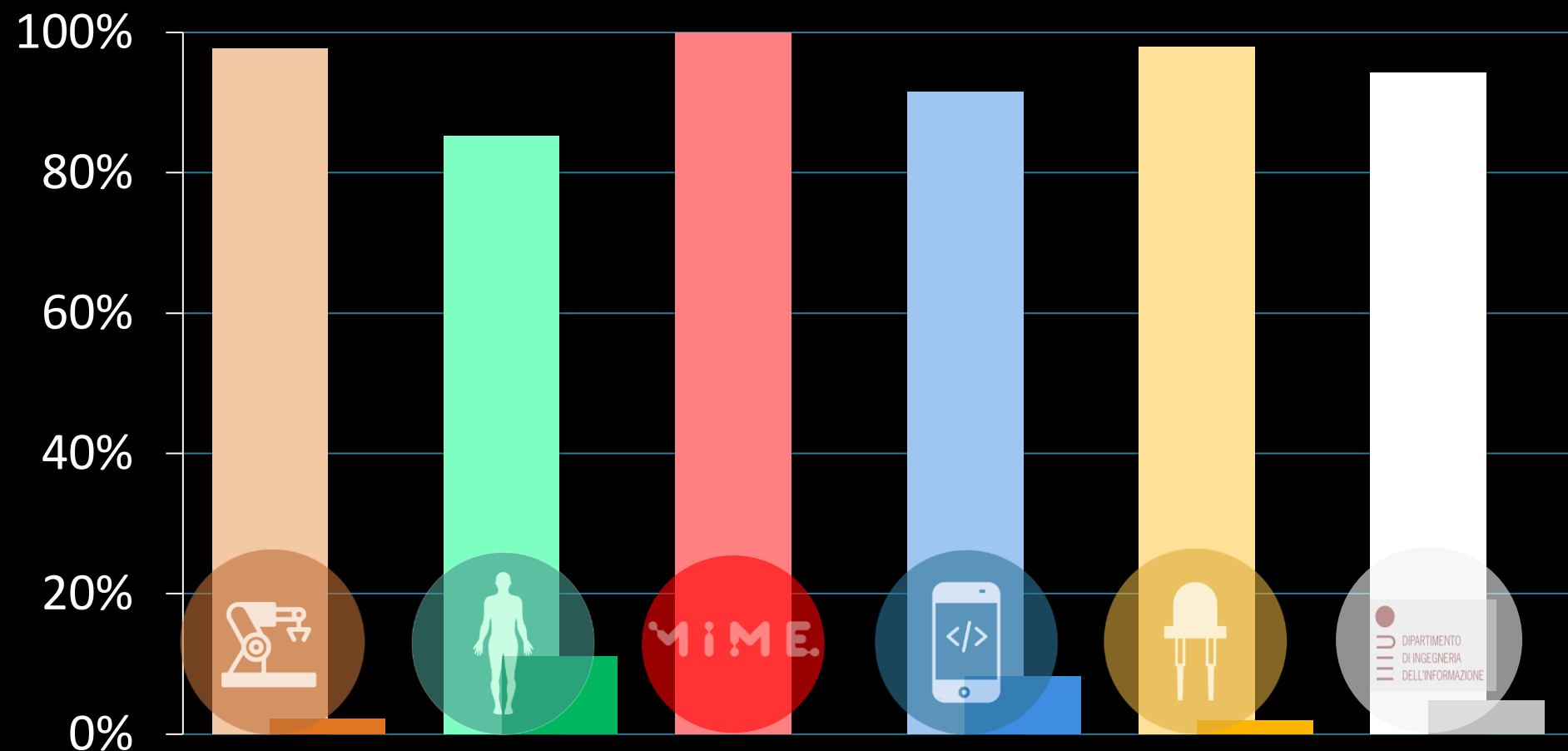


# Satisfaction rate about the lecturers

( yes = light, no = dark)

## Graduates of 2019

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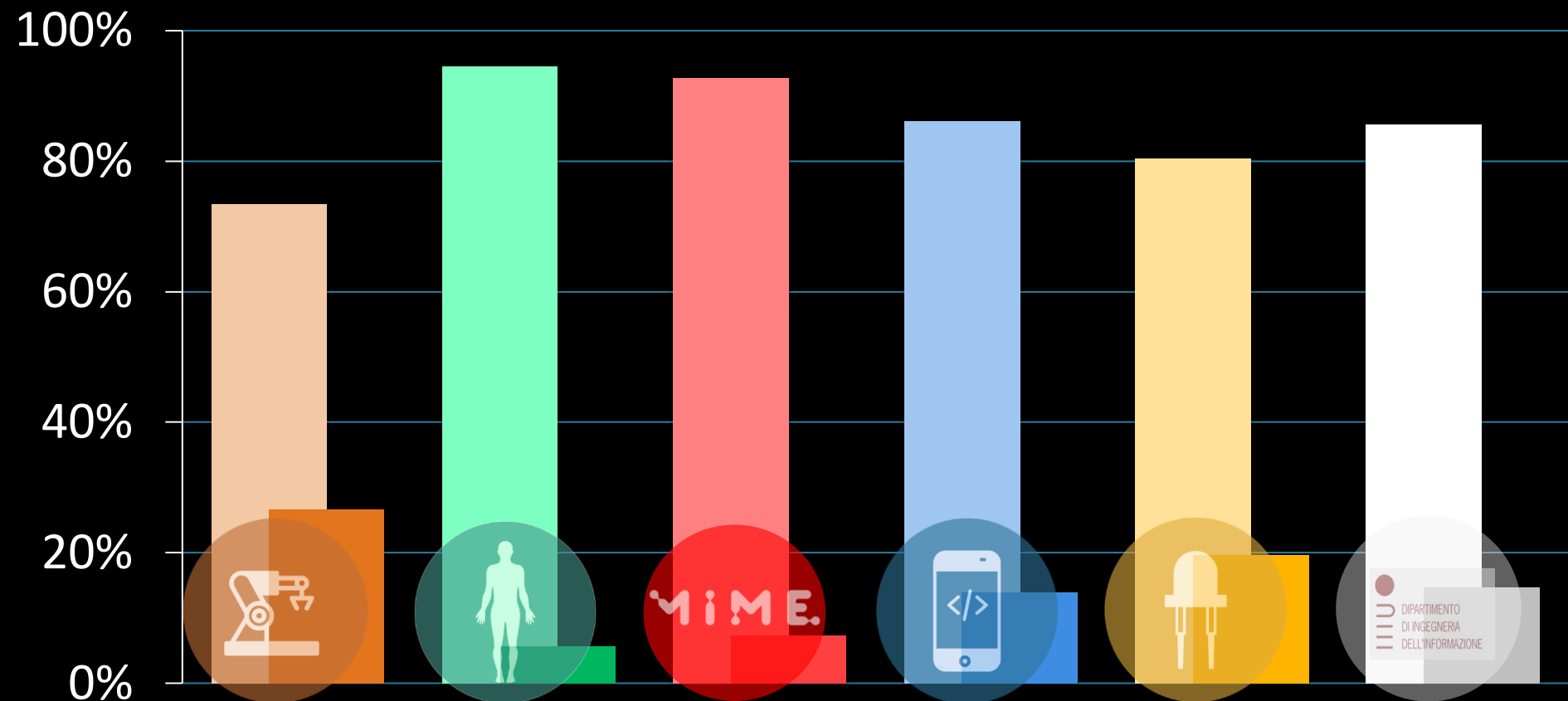


# How is the teaching load?

(light or heavy = dark)

## Graduates of 2019

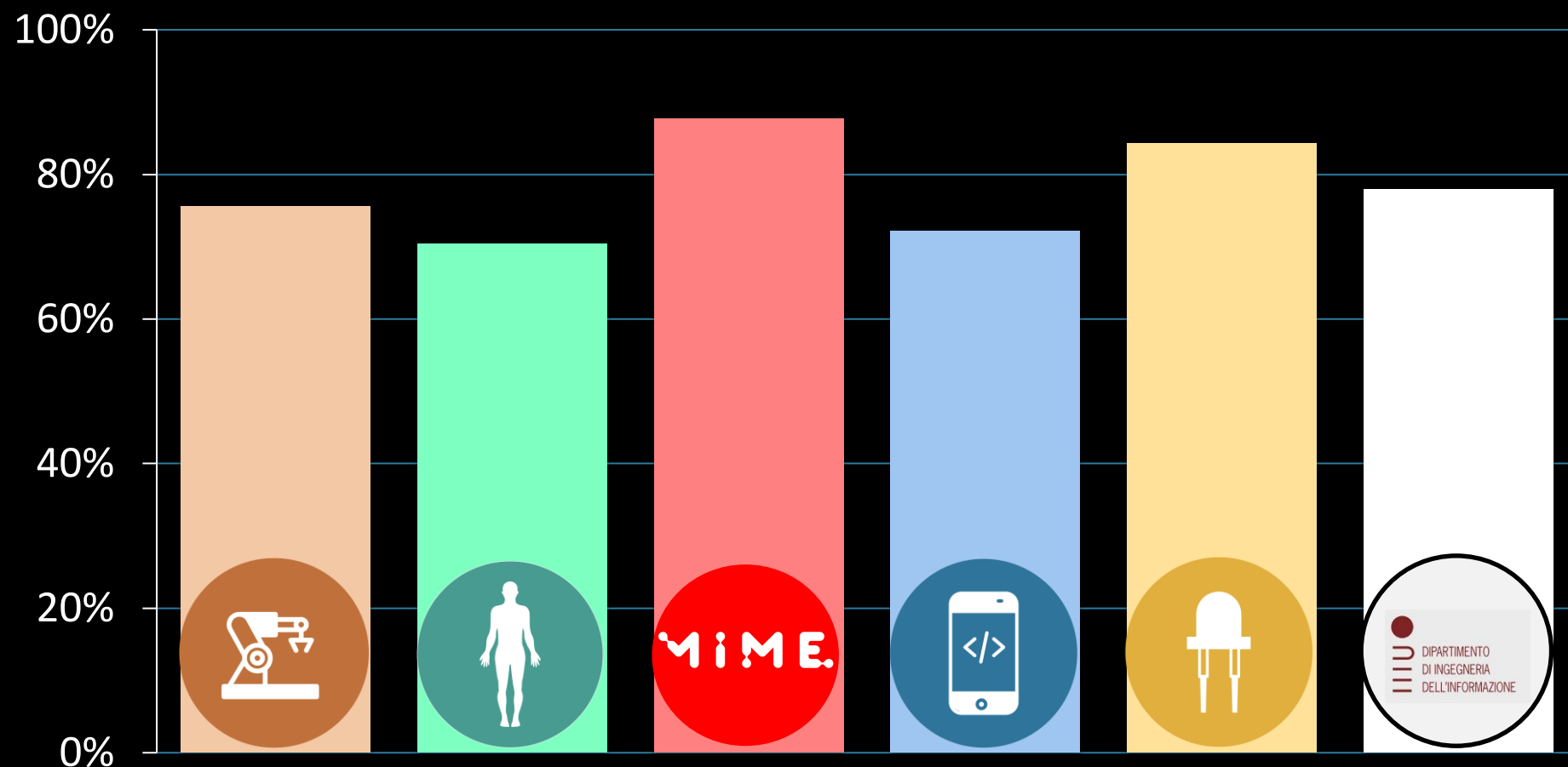
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# Would you choose it again?

Graduates of 2019

source: XXI survey



# Other data

source: XXI survey



- Average duration of studies: 2.5 years  
(also includes Double Degree students)
- Average graduation mark: 108.5
- Had an experience abroad: 51%  
(note: another ~30% are foreign nationals)
- Average time from graduation to 1<sup>st</sup> job:  
**1.3 months**



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## Study plan





Master's degree ICT  
Internet Multimedia Engineering

MIME is a 2-year (120 ECTS credits)  
postgraduate course

In the Italian system, it is a  
“Laurea Magistrale”  
of class LM-27



# Admission



Holders of Italian degree  $\geq 84/110$

with at least 50 ECTS credits in:

- maths (MAT/02, MAT/03, MAT/05, MAT/06)
- physics (FIS/01)
- computer science (INF/01, ING-INF/05)
- telecommunications (ING-INF/02, ING-INF/03)

**Direct access** for graduates with a Bachelor degree in Information Engineering, Maths, Physics, Computer Science

Guaranteed for all BS degrees of DEI, DM, DFA @ UniPD  
- and easily for students of other universities or degrees  
- foreign candidates have their own evaluation track

# Foundations



Recommended background in

- Signals and systems
- Probability and statistics
- Telecommunications

If in doubt about it → contact the teaching committee

You can fill gaps even **after** enrolling

**No English certificate required**, but

you need to prove/declare that you understand it

So if you have a certification, even better

- there is an English test within the program, anyway

# Enrolment steps

1: Pre-enrolment  
on [uniweb.unipd.it](http://uniweb.unipd.it) (soon)

2: Career evaluation  
on [uniweb.unipd.it/valutazionetitoli](http://uniweb.unipd.it/valutazionetitoli)  
(actually another website!) – all students must do it!

You must perform BOTH - you can do 2 just after 1.  
After receiving confirmation of that your career is ok:

3: Enrollment – also on [uniweb.unipd.it](http://uniweb.unipd.it)



# Study plan: what we offer



**EXAMS OF DIFFERENT SIZES**  
**MANDATORY EXAMS**  
**“SERIAL” COURSES**

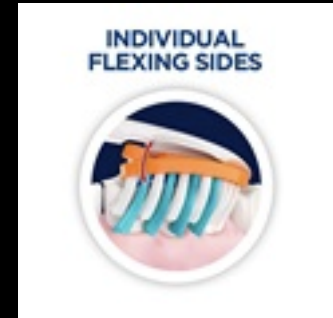


**ALL COURSES = 6 CREDITS**  
**HIGHEST FREEDOM OF CHOICE**  
**“OPEN” COURSES**

# Common characteristics

## Flexible

- Without mandatory exams
- All the exams are of 6 ECTS credits: just choose the preferred disciplines that fit you the most
- 12 ECTS credits (2 exams) are “fully elective”  
→ you can take previously discarded subjects or even exams from another curriculum or degree



# Common characteristics

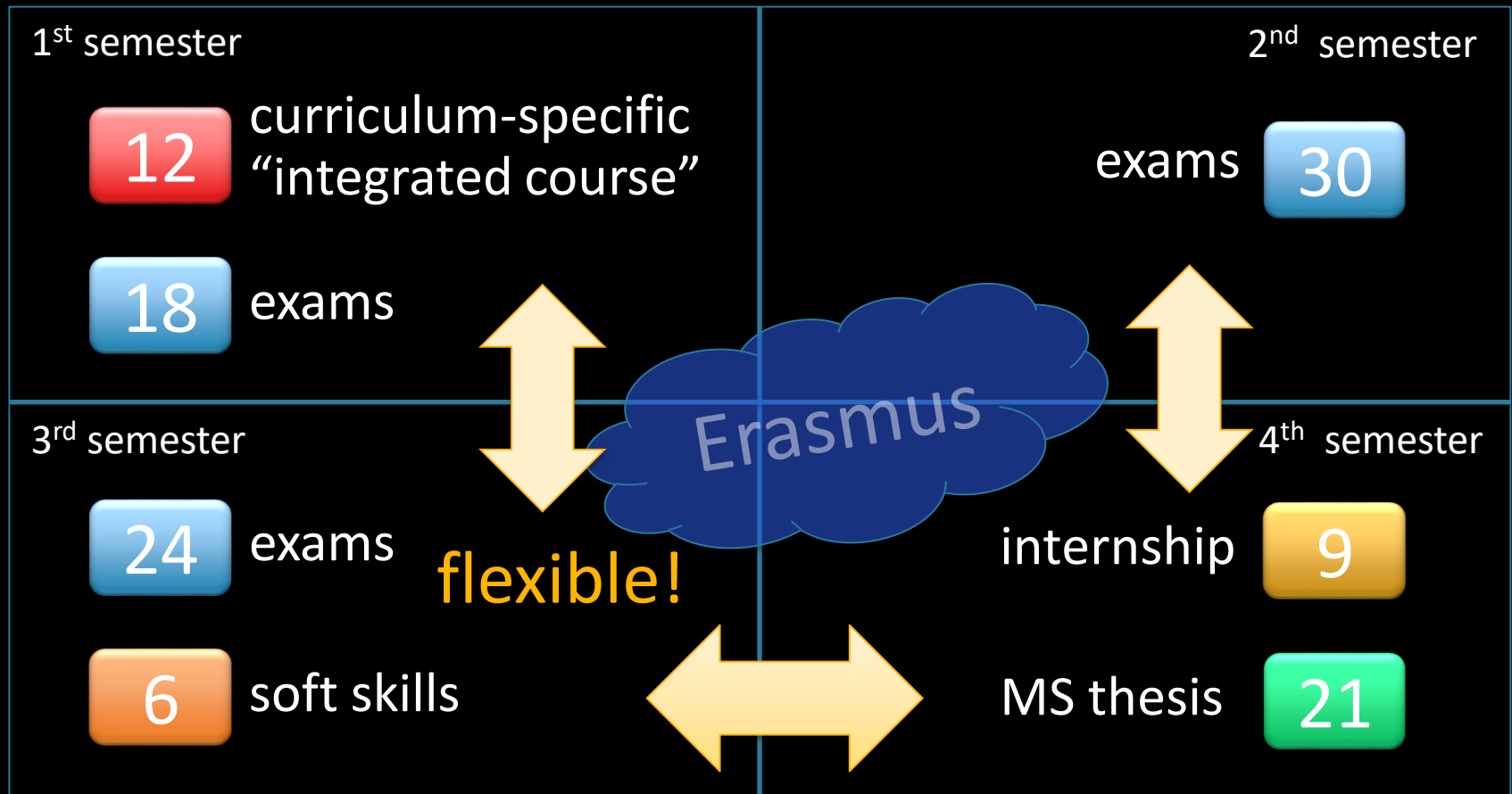
## Professional

- Final MS thesis project of 30 ECTS covering your last semester (including internship or research activity)
- 6 credits for “soft skills”
  - 3 for English B2 level
  - 3 for short courses on project management, public speaking in English or more





# Typical study plan



# Four areas of specialty = 4 curricula



# Teaching committee



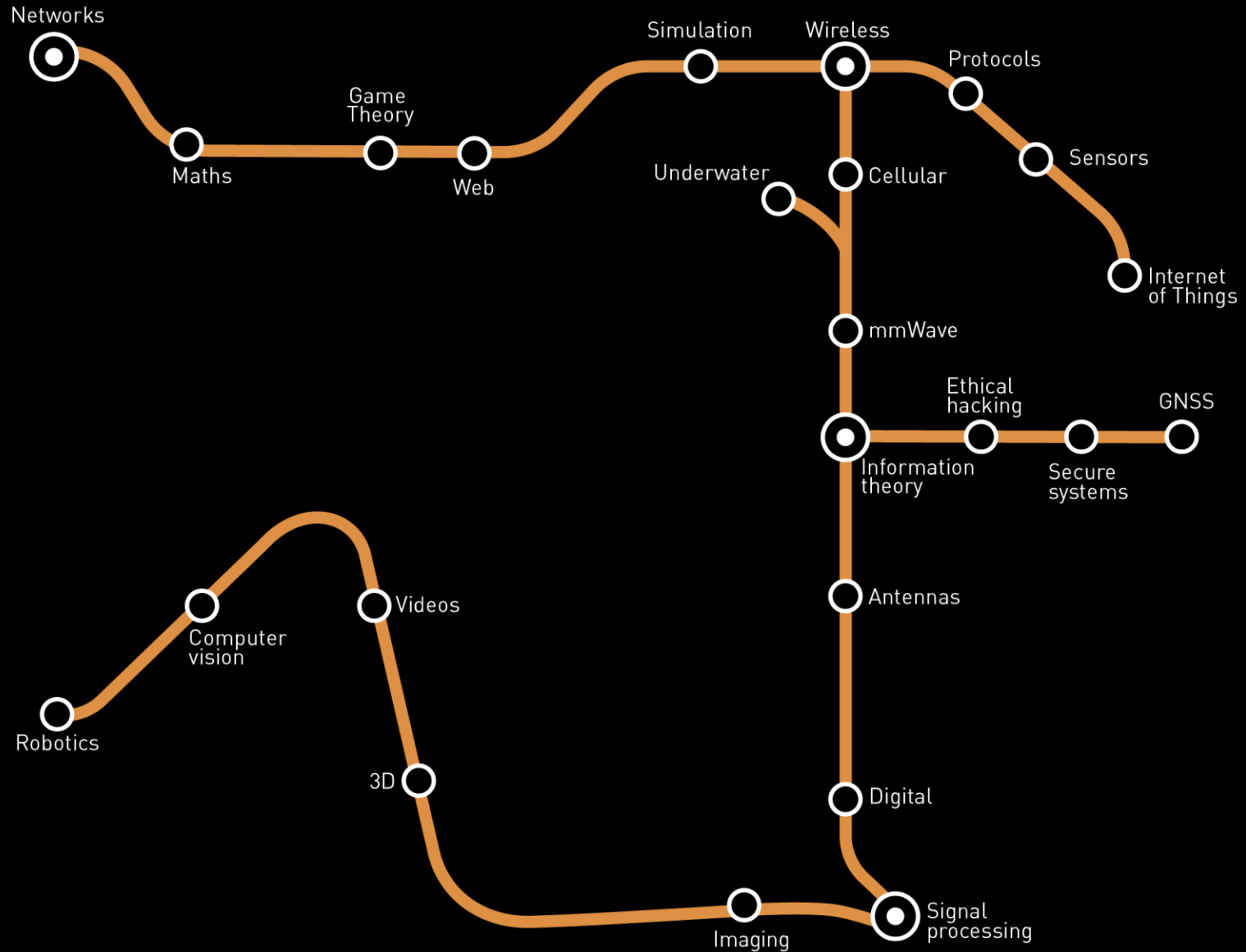
When in doubt about choices of curriculum or exams, ask the teaching committee!

You can reach them at [mime@dei.unipd.it](mailto:mime@dei.unipd.it)

You can also ask them how to handle Erasmus+ exchanges or recognition of past extra activity!



# Telecommunications





Rao

# Telecommunications

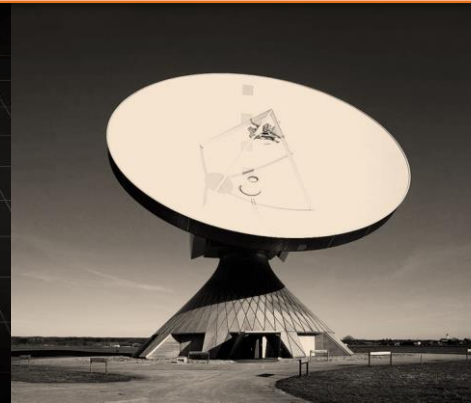
## Motivation

Explore all layers from PHY to APP  
ICT is the main enabler of Industry 4.0



## Scenarios

Next generation wireless, antenna design, sensors  
network optimization, security, multimedia, R&D





# Telecommunications

## MANDATORY

### Telecommunication principles

= Wireless communications  
+ Programming for telecom

## CHOOSE 2 FROM

Convex optimization  
Digital innovation and society  
High level programming  
Laboratory of big data analytics  
Programmable hardware devices  
Quantum information and computing

## CHOOSE 1 SOFT SKILL

Project management  
Public speaking  
Public values in media and ICT

## CHOOSE 7 FROM

5G systems  
Antennas  
Communication network design  
Computer vision  
Digital communications  
Digital signal processing  
Fiber optics  
Information theory  
Internet  
IoT and smart cities  
Machine learning  
Multimedia coding  
Optical and quantum communications  
Optical networks

## CAN ALSO CHOOSE FROM

Comp.eng. for music and multimedia  
Game theory  
Information security  
Physics data analysis  
Stochastic processes



# Internships at ...

ARRI  
MÜNCHEN (DE)

Signal processing  
for digital cinema



Fiat Chrysler  
Automobiles  
TURIN / USA

5G vehicular  
communications



Huawei  
MILAN / CHINA

Cellular  
networks R&D



Wind Tre  
VENICE

National telco  
operator



World Sensing  
BARCELONA (ES)

Wireless sensors  
monitoring



RFI  
MESTRE (VE)

Railway  
network



Telenor  
OSLO (NO)

National telco  
operator



CAME SpA  
DOSSON DI CASIER  
(TV)

Safe access



Gavia systems  
ROVIGO

Public WiFi  
services



Bft Spa  
SCHIO (VI)

Domotic and  
automation





# Is it a good choice for me?

Strong **mathematical** background is needed

- especially in probability and signal theory

Many courses are **project**-oriented

- be careful not to pick too demanding tasks

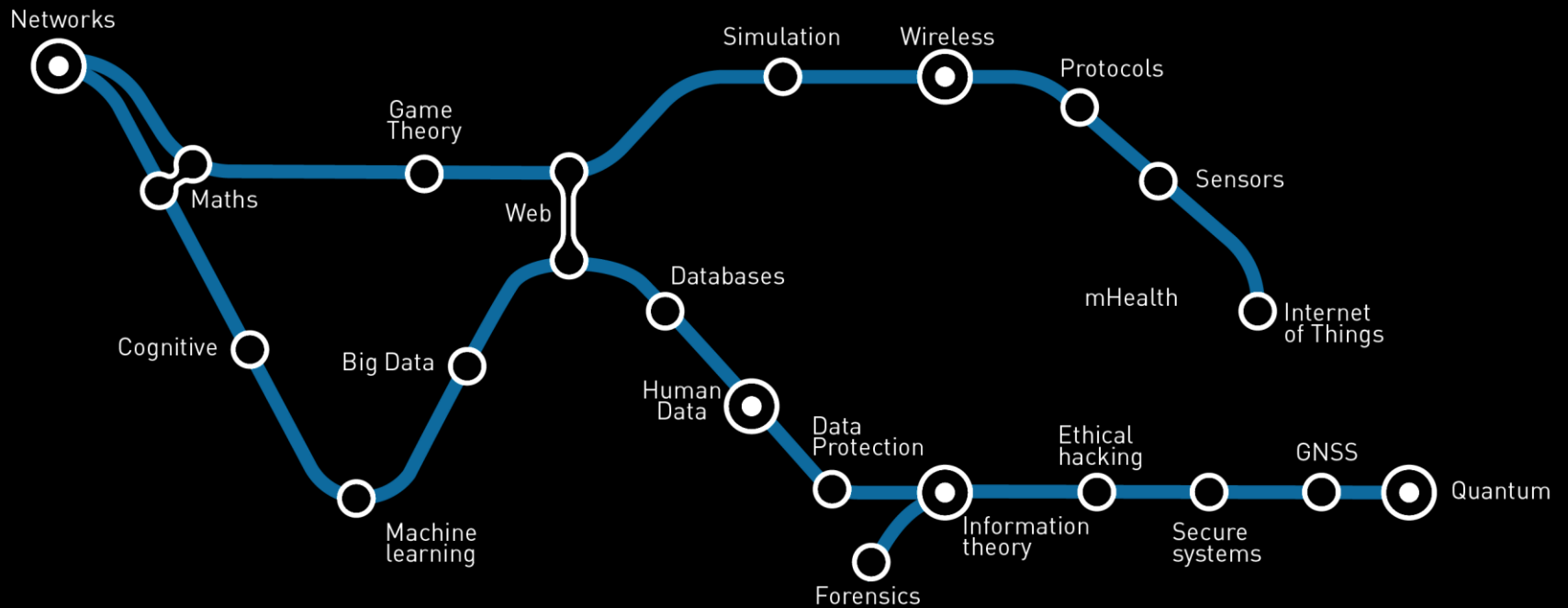
Mostly focuses on **telecommunications**

- did you like your “fundamentals” course?





# Cybersystems





# Cybersystems

## Motivation

System interconnection opens up new horizons ,  
inspiring challenges... and amazing job opportunities!

## Scenarios

The third platform: Social, Mobile, Analytics, Cloud  
Automotive, Tactile Internet, WWW, Blockchain



Shannon





# Cybersystems

## MANDATORY

Network systems  
= Network science  
+ Internet

Foundations of databases

## CHOOSE 2 FROM

Big data computing  
Convex optimization  
Cryptography  
High level programming  
Laboratory of big data analytics  
Learning from networks  
Web applications

## CHOOSE 1 SOFT SKILL

Project management  
Public speaking  
Public values in media and ICT

## CHOOSE 6 FROM

3D augmented reality  
Communication network design  
Computer vision  
Digital forensics  
Digital signal processing  
Game theory  
Information security  
IoT and smart cities  
Machine learning  
Network analysis and simulation  
Network coding  
Stochastic processes  
Wireless communications

## CAN ALSO CHOOSE

Information theory  
IoT and smart cities  
Life data epidemiology  
Natural language processing  
Neural networks and deep learning  
Network systems and dynamics



# Internships at ...

Sanmarco  
Informatica  
GRISIGNANO DI  
ZOCCO (VI)

IT Solutions



Teypra SRL  
ROVIGO

IoT connected  
devices



Sony Eutec  
STUTTGART (DE)

Multimedia  
R&D

SONY

Mida Solutions  
PADOVA

Voice & data app  
virtualization



Uqido  
PADOVA

IoT / Blockchain  
Software eng.



aquifi

Aquifi  
PALO ALTO (US)

3D vision

**solidThinking®**

solidThinking  
VICENZA / USA

3D rendering

NOKIA Bell Labs

Nokia Bell Labs  
DUBLIN (IR)

Low power  
networking

altran

Altran Italia  
ROME

5G, video 3D,  
cybersecurity

ATHONET

Athonet  
BOLZANO VICENTINO (VI)

Software defined  
networking



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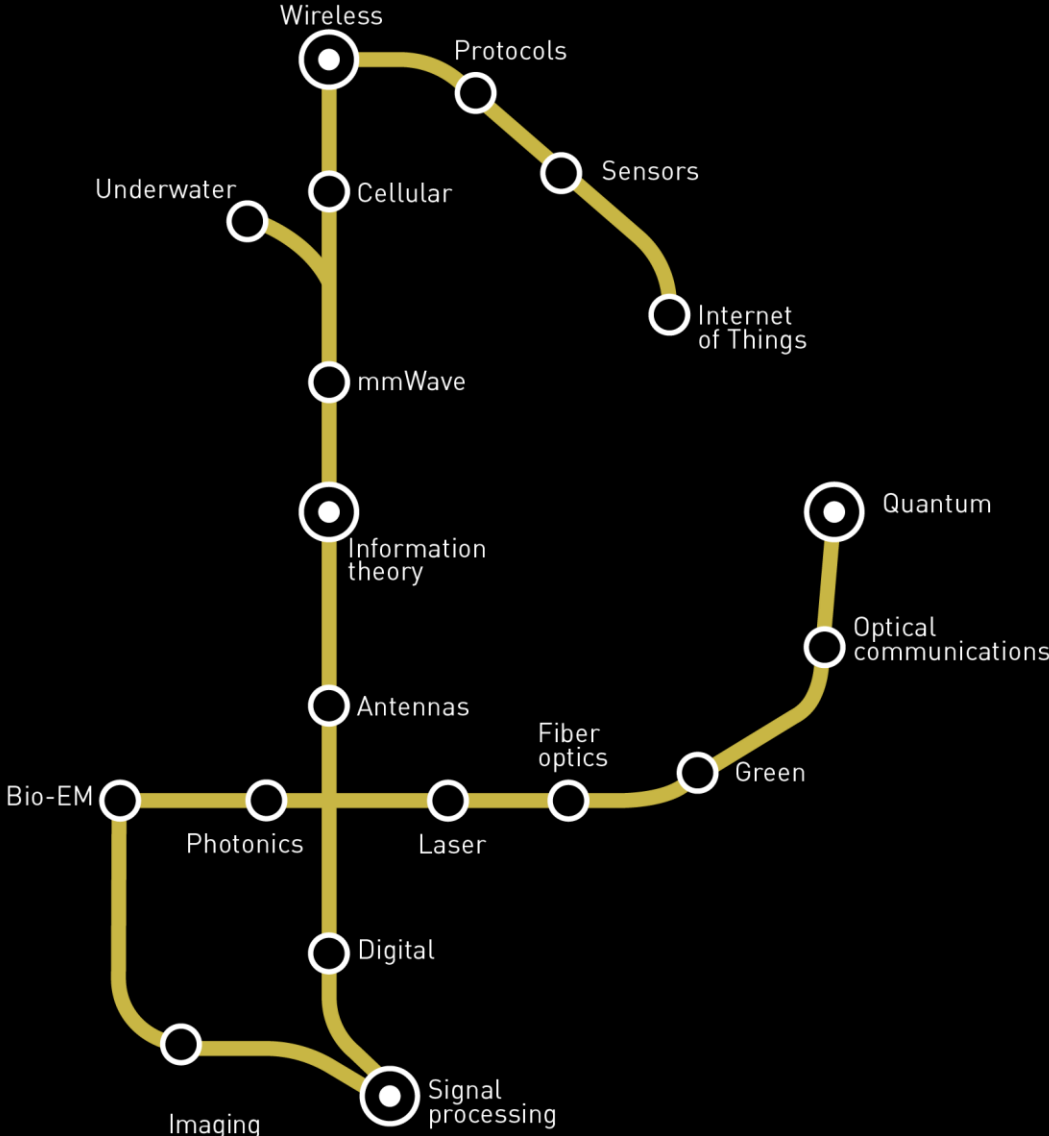
A mixture of **math**, **computer science**, **telecom**

- you certainly need good programming skills

A **system-wide** perspective, with an eye on **cross-disciplinary** topics, and an **open mindset**



# Photonics





# Photonics

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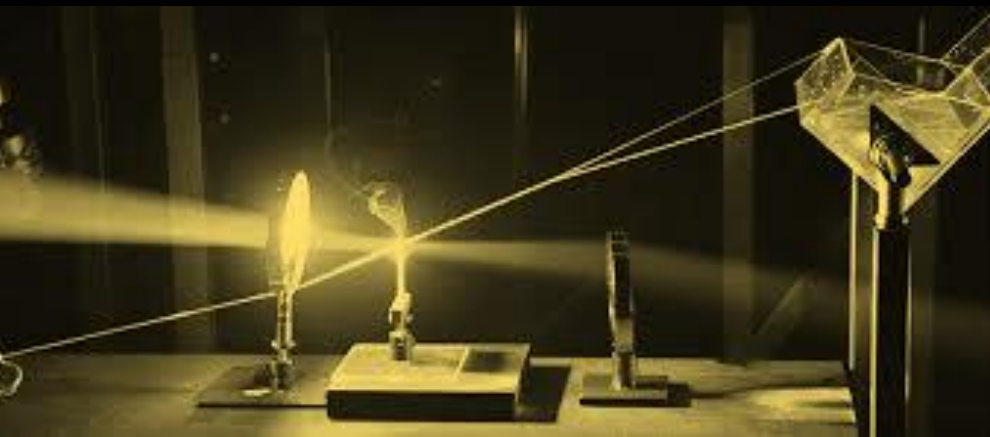


## Motivation

Photonics and light-based technologies are drivers of this century's industry

## Scenarios

Hyperspectral analysis, earthquake monitoring, optical neurosynaptic networks, quantum computers





# Photonics

## MANDATORY

Photonic technologies  
= Fiber optics  
+ Photonic devices  
Molecular photonics

## CHOOSE 2 FROM

Nanostructured materials  
Optoelectronics for green  
Photovoltaic science and technology  
Programmable hardware devices  
Quantum information and computing  
Quantum optics and laser

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Antennas  
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Machine learning  
Nanophotonics  
Optical and quantum communications  
Optical networks  
Quantum cryptography and security  
Wireless communications

## CAN ALSO CHOOSE

5G systems  
Convex optimization  
Economic policy and local development  
High level programming  
Information theory  
Laboratory of big data analytics  
Physics data analysis



# Internships at ...

Leonardo  
CARSOLI (AQ)

Thin films for  
space optics



Qascom  
BASSANO DEL  
GRAPPA (VI)

Secure satellite  
communications



DeltaOhm  
PADOVA

Photo radiometric  
sensors



CEIT  
MONSELICE (PD) /  
SVIZZERA

Fiber optical  
networks



NTSG  
ROMA

Fiber sensing  
and monitoring



Calero Antenne  
ISOLA VICENTINA (VI)

Antennas for 5G  
and automotive



Infineon  
PADOVA / AUSTRIA

Semiconductors  
and IoT



Adant  
PADOVA

Reconfigurable  
antennas



SIT  
PADOVA

Measurement  
for safety



Nidek Medical  
ALBIGNASEGO (PD)  
/ GIAPPONE

Optometrical  
instrumentation



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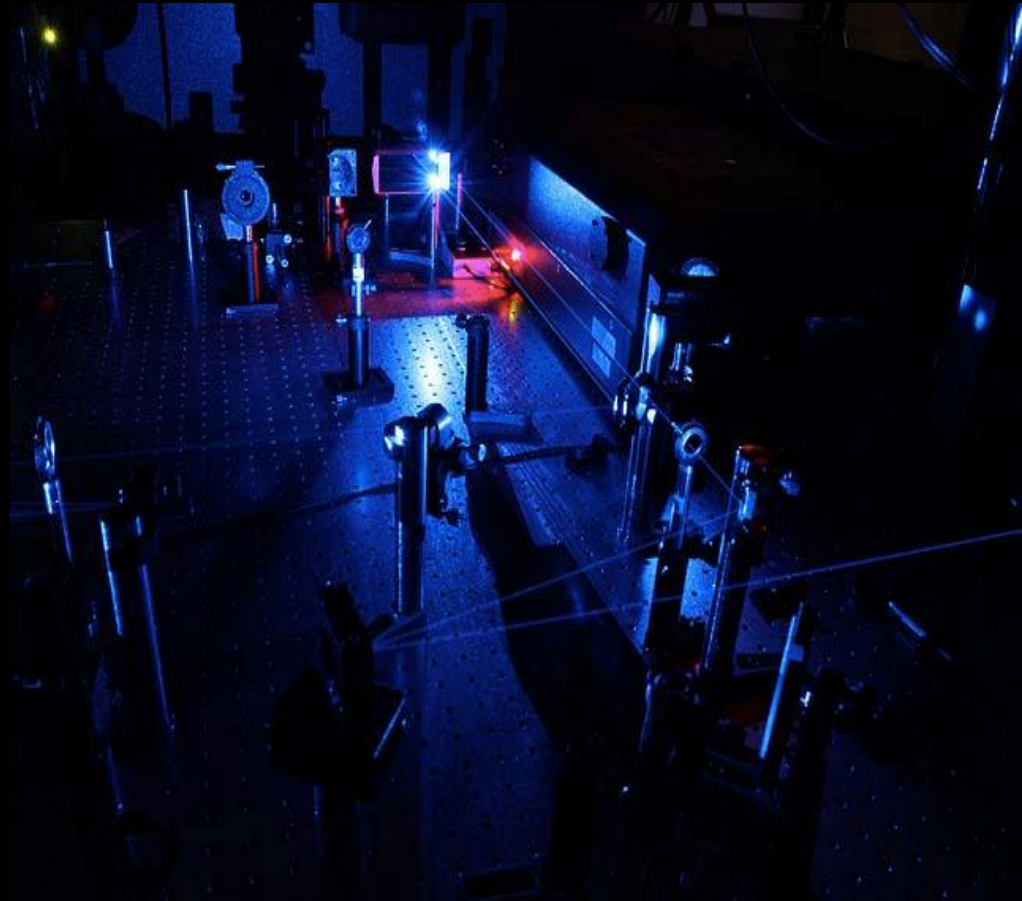
Your proficiency in **physics** will be put to the test

- electromagnetism, quantum, physics of matter

But you need a very **engineering** attitude

- laboratory activity is really important here

(yes, this is our **real lab**  
and not a stock picture)





# Life & Health

Networks



Maths



Cognitive



Big Data

Machine learning



Rehabilitation



Neuroscience

Web



Databases



Human Data



Data Protection



Forensics



Bioinformatics



Bio-EM



Information theory



mHealth



Sensors



Telemedicine



Imaging



Signal processing



# Life & Health

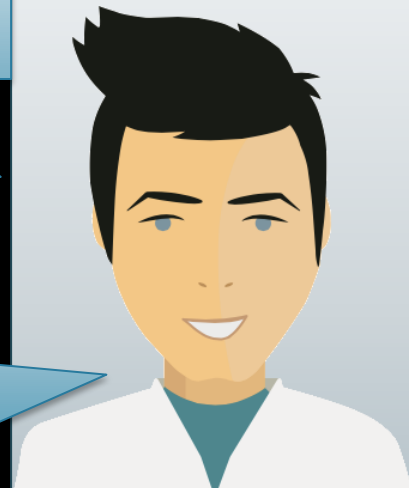
## Motivation

ICT improves well-being with pervasive monitoring, prevention/cure, rehabilitation

## Scenarios

Neuroscience, augmented reality, genomics, stroke/accident prevention, healthy ageing, sport, wearable sensors, everyday life

Vito





# Life & Health

## MANDATORY

Digital processing for life and health  
= Digital signal processing  
+ Machine learning

## CHOOSE 3 FROM

Clinical engineering and health tech  
Computational genomics  
Human electrophysiology  
Molecular photonics  
Neuroimaging techniques  
Neurorehabilitation and BCI  
Quantitative life science  
Sports engineering and rehab

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E-health  
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Life data epidemiology  
Multimedia coding  
Network science  
Neural networks and deep learning

## CAN ALSO CHOOSE

Clinical neuropsychology  
Economic policy and local development  
Foundation of databases  
High level programming  
Human computer interaction  
Laboratory of big data analytics  
Learning from networks





# Internships at ...

## Malvestio

VILLANOVA DI  
CAMPOSAMPIERO (PD)

Sensors for  
hospital bed



## Khymeia

NOVENTA PADOVANA  
(PD)

Virtual reality for  
neurorehab



## Policlinico

Sant'Orsola  
BOLOGNA

Infectious  
diseases unit



## BrainTrends

ROMA

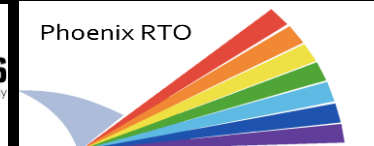
Brain biosignal  
sensing



## Phoenix RTO

PADOVA

Hyperspectral  
for agrifood



## AMPED

TRIESTE

Forensics  
multimedia



## Nidek Medical

ALBIGNASEGO (PD) /  
GIAPPONE

Ophtalmology  
ocular diagnosis



## Inst. Behavioral

## Neurobiology

TUBINGEN (D)

Paralysis/stroke  
monitoring



## WYSS Center

ZURICH (CH)

FMRI-BCI analysis,  
Neuroprosthetics



## Inst. Tecnológico

## de Canarias

CANARY ISLANDS (E)

CAD for bone  
reconstruction



# Is it a good choice for me?

Requires interest in both **ICT** & **medical** subjects

- you must acquire solid skills in both areas; thus, also math, computer science, telecommunications
- a rigorous **engineering** program

Note that you **will not** find:

- general courses in chemistry or physiology
- courses of biology, biomechanics, biomaterials



# After the degree: PhD?

About 1 in 4 of our MSc graduates pursue higher education towards a PhD

Our department offers a highly qualified PhD program in Information Engineering

Graduates in the last 10 yrs from our MSc+PhD are now

- Professors/academic researchers at: Purdue, Irvine, UC3M Madrid, Malaysia Pahang, New York Univ, Univ. Firenze, Michigan, Porto, San Diego, Kentucky, Dresden, Aalborg, Rochester, Norce Bergen Norway
- Industrial project engineers at: Gameloft, Nokia, Ublox, TIM, Qascom, SIAV, Aquifi, Ceam, Mount Sinai Hospitals NY, Wind-tre, McKinsey, Urbana Smart, ElettronicaBiomedicale, DLR, Calero Antenne, ESA, Cisco, Microsoft , Athonet



# PhD



# award

- A scholarship/award assigned to promising students to help them pursue the degree in “ICT for Internet and multimedia”
- Based on:
  - i. academic track record;
  - ii. interview with the Evaluation Committee
- 2 awarded prizes of 5000 euros each
- The call will be out soon: check the website [www.unipd.it/borse-premi-studio-studenti](http://www.unipd.it/borse-premi-studio-studenti)

# Questions





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