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AI & Robotics at the IAS-Lab (Intelligent Autonomous System Laboratory)



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National Lab CINI AIIS (Artificial Intelligence and Intelligence Systems)



57 nodes on 52 different sites
**52 universities, 3 national
centers**
137 labs

1128 people

(931 staff persons: Professors,
researchers)



Italy, a driving force behind the European strategy on Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence in Europe



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to **systems** that **display intelligent behaviour** by **analysing their environment** and **taking actions** – with **some degree of autonomy** – to achieve specific goals.

Brussels, 25.4.2018
«Artificial Intelligence for

...the strategy places people at the centre of the development of AI — **human-centric AI**. It is an approach **to boost the EU's technological and industrial capacity** and AI uptake across the economy, prepare for socio-economic changes, and **ensure an appropriate ethical and legal framework**.

Rita Cucchiara



Brussels, 8.4.2019
«Building Trust in Human-Centric Artificial

Artificial Intelligence in Europe

Italy, a driving force behind the European strategy on Artificial



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Europe is well placed to benefit from the potential of AI, not only as a user but also as a creator and a producer of this technology. It has excellent research centres, innovative start-ups, a world-leading position in robotics and competitive manufacturing and services sectors, from automotive to healthcare, energy, financial services and agriculture. Europe has developed a strong computing infrastructure (e.g. high-performance computers), essential to the functioning of AI. Europe also holds

strategy³. On that basis, it can develop an AI ecosystem that brings the benefits of the technology to the whole of European society and economy:

Trustworthiness is also a prerequisite for its uptake.

- for **citizens** to reap new benefits for example improved health care, fewer breakdowns of household machinery, safer and cleaner transport systems, better public services;
- for **business** development, for example a new generation of products and services in areas where Europe is particularly strong (machinery, transport, cybersecurity, farming, the green and circular economy, healthcare and high-value added sectors like fashion and tourism); and
- for services of **public interest**, for example by reducing the costs of providing services (transport, education, energy and waste management), by improving the sustainability of products⁴ and by equipping law enforcement authorities with appropriate tools to ensure the security of citizens⁵, with proper safeguards to respect their rights and freedoms.

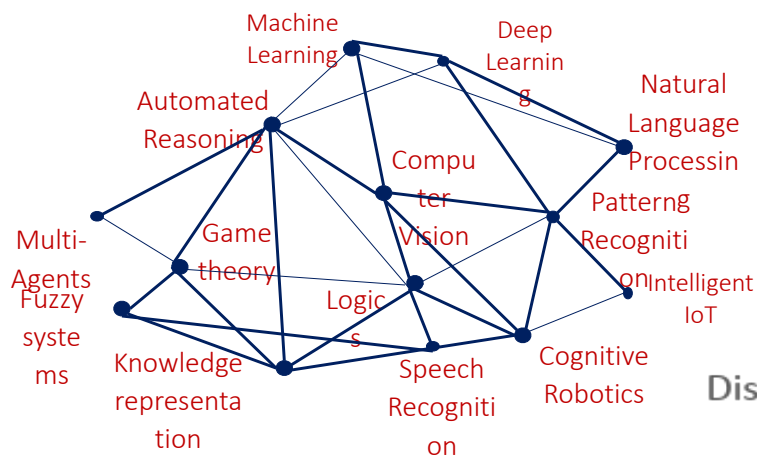
Brussels, 19.2.2020

«White Paper on AI- a European approach to excellence»



https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/commission-white-paper-artificial-intelligence-feb2020_en.pdf

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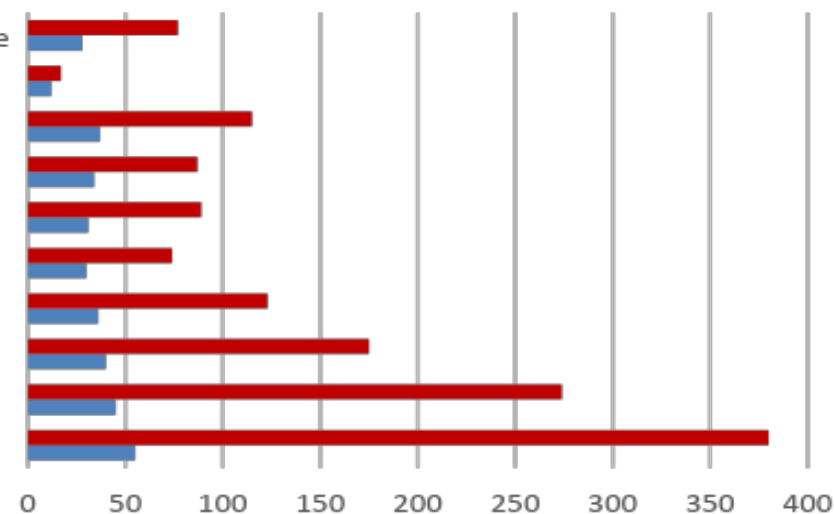
Survey Consorzio Cini 2019-2020

<http://aiis-survey.conorzio->

Distribuz

Topics

Embodied Artificial Intelligence
Ontologies
KR and Logic Programming
Natural Language Processing
Agent-Based Systems
Decision Support Systems
Human-Computer Interaction
Computer Vision
Data Analysis and Mining
Deep and Machine Learning



Keywords from 2019-2020

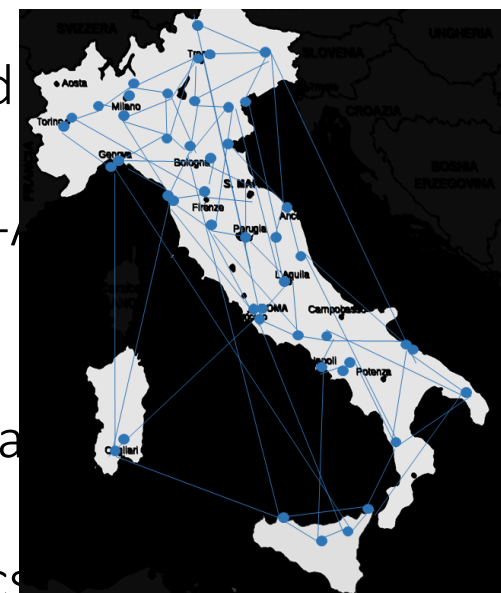
■ Nodes ■ Members

- PoliMI and UniMI (**Milano**) Machine learning , Game theory, AI in Finance...
- PoliTO and UniTO (**Torino**) Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Robotics, AI and Health

National Nodes: Some examples (not exhaustive)



- UniTN and FBK (**Trento**) Computer Vision, Multimedia, NLP, Planning, Industrial AI
- UNIVR (Verona) Computer Vision, AI for Health
- UNIPD (Padova) Ai and Robotics, Digital Libraries
- UniBO (**Bologna**) Logics, Ethics, Edge AI
- UniMORE (**Modena**) Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Ind CH
- UniPI(**Pisa**) Big Data, Machine Learning, Robotics, NLP, Ex-
- UniSI (**Siena**) Machine Learning
- UniFI (**Firenze**) Machine learning, Vision, AI and CH
- UniSapienza (**Roma**) NLP, Robotics, Knowledge Representa
- UniCT (**Catania**) Computer Vision
- IIT and UniGe (**Genova**) Machine learning, Vision, Robotics,
- CNR (**Pisa, Roma, Bari..**) Machine learning, Ontologies, NLP, etc.
- UniCA (**Cagliari**) Pattern Recognition, Cyber and AI
- UniNA (**Napoli**) Pattern Recognition, Embedded AI, Transports



Final objectives of PNR 2021-2027: Artificial Intelligence

- **To propose AI as the fulcrum of the IT challenge of the new decade,**
 - i) to maintain Italy's leadership in AI research, both in terms of **foundational and human-centric research** and in terms of multidisciplinary research aspects together with related technologies;
 - ii) to give birth to - and strengthen where existing - **the Italian industry** of software, hardware and services in AI, and
 - iii) to foster **digital transformation** in the short and medium term.
- **To transform Italy into a country that designs and develops "AI for everything"** (AI 4 x) technologies at the service of industrial and social transformation:
 - in the short and medium term to **support the conscious adoption of AI technologies**, possibly certifying their reliability;
 - in the long term to enable and maintain technological sovereignty in those areas of excellence **typical of the Italian economy**



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Implementation plans ...

and final AI Keywords

- **Education**

- New National Doctoral School in Artificial Intelligence 2021-2025
- Support to growth to Ai curricula in bachelor and master degree
- Life-long education in AI

- **Ethics and trustworthy initiatives**

- **Challenges Initiatives**

- **A National long term research project in AI**

- **The National institute of IA and connected centers**

- Human-centric AI in production
- Trustworthy AI
- ReinaAlssance for made-in-Italy
- creative and curiosity-driven AI
- AI in generative design
- AI for Goods
- Foundational AI

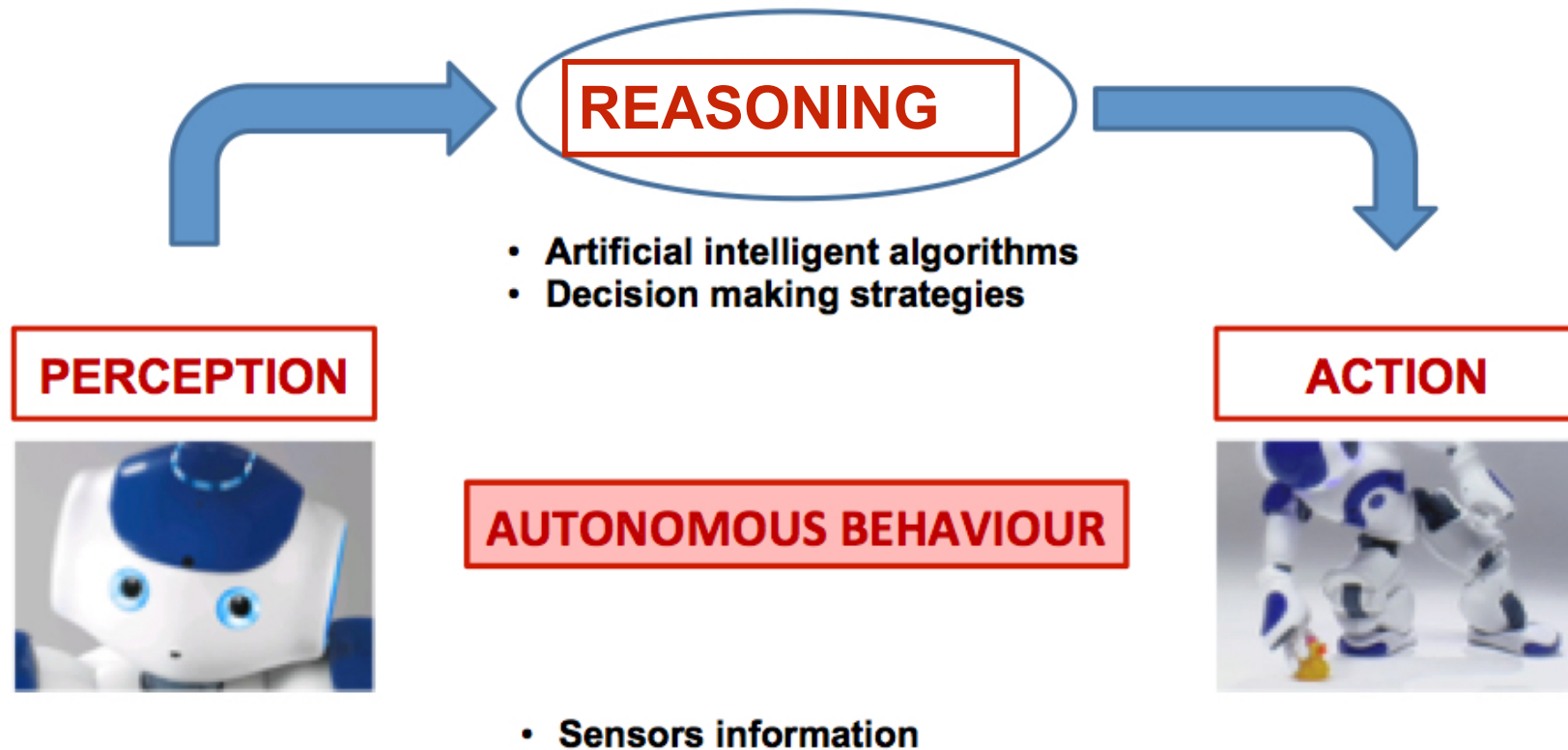
-Human- AI interaction



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Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca



My research goal: to extend perception of robots
...because more (artificial) intelligence is needed by industrial robots



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Enhancing robot perception for autonomous robots

IAS-Lab @ UniPD

Research topics

- Autonomous robotics
- Human robot interaction
 - Exoskeleton
 - Muscle & Brain Machine Interface
 - Social robotics
- 3D camera network for people tracking and object tracking
- Educational Robotics
- New vision sensors (2D & 3D)
- Deep Learning for robotic tasks
- Task and motion planning with Force feedback





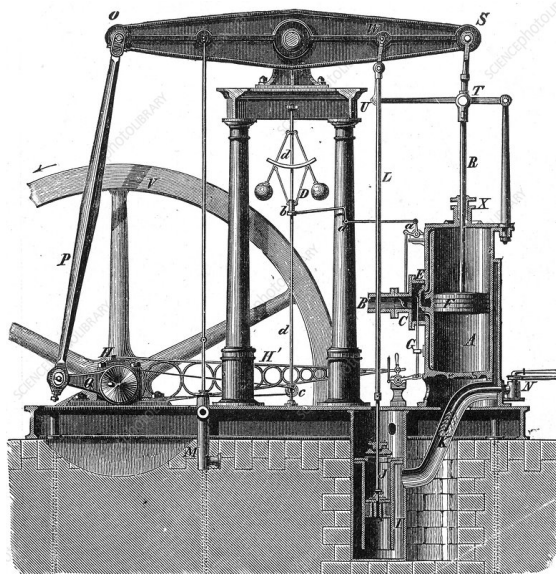
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Recent Funded Projects @ IAS-Lab

- EU-H2020 ICT 25 - 2018
 - SPIRIT - A software framework for the efficient setup of industrial inspection robots
- EU-H2020 ICT 22 - 2016
 - eCraft2Learn - Digital Fabrication and Maker Movement in Education
- EU-H2020 FoF 2014
 - FOCUS - Factory of the Future Clusters
- EU-FoF 2012
 - FibreMap - Automatic Mapping of Fibre Orientation for Draping of Carbon Fibre Parts
- EU-FoF 2011
 - Thermobot - Autonomous robotic system for thermographic detection of cracks
- EU-RfSME 2010
 - 3DComplete - Efficient 3D Completeness Inspection
- EU-FSE 2009:
 - iSP - Innovative Simulation and Programming of robotics workcells
 - iDVS2 - Intelligent Distributed Audio and Video Surveillance System
- EU-FSE 2008:
 - iDVS: Intelligent Distributed Vision System for surveillance and quality inspection
- EU-Comenius2 2006:
 - TERECoP: Teacher Education on Robotics-Enhanced Constructivist Pedagogical Methods

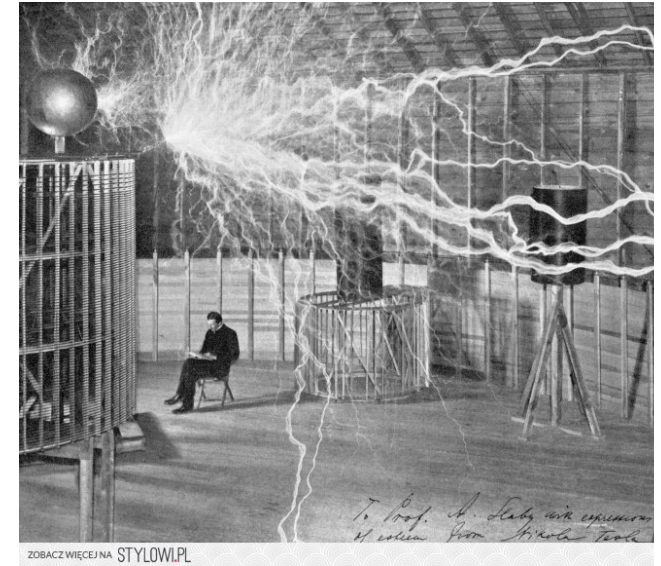


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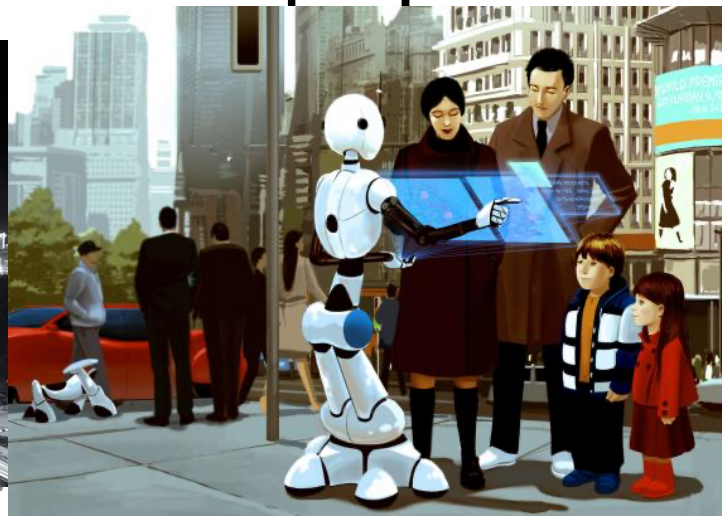


Like the steam-engine
or electricity in the
past...

AI and Robotics



are transforming our world, our society and our





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Promuovere la cultura dell'IA (Intelligenza Artificiale) nel territorio



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Due iniziative dell'Università degli Studi di Padova per promuovere la cultura dell'IA e della robotica:

1. Dedicata alle aziende: corso intensivo
2. Dedicata agli studenti: laurea magistrale

AI & ROBOTICS FOR INDUSTRY 4.0

First edition 2021

Prof. Emanuele Menegatti



Obiettivo del corso

- Creare un **dialogo** tra UNIPD e imprese del territorio
- **Aggiornare** le aziende sulla più **avanzate tecnologie** in ambito **Intelligenza Artificiale e Robotica** (...sfatando alcune previsioni)
- Presentare le **competenze** di UNIPD nel settore

Contenuti del corso

Un crash-course sull'Intelligenza Artificiale e la Robotica orientato alle aziende.

- Moduli di 1,5 ore con 30 minuti di domande.
- 3 giornate da 6 ore

DAY 1

- Intelligent Robotics and Collaborative Robotics (Menegatti)
- AI and learning (Sperduti)
- Industrial Robotics (Rosati)

Contenuti del corso

DAY 2

- Industrial computer vision (Pretto)
- AI e social networks (Pini)
- Deep Learning (Ghidoni)

DAY 3

- Industry 4.0 e Predictive maintenance (Beghi)
- AI and cultural heritage (Orio, Canazza)
- Osservatorio Industria 4.0 (Di Maria)
- Testimonianze, brainstorming and networking

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Dal A.A. 2020-21

Laurea Magistrale in lingua inglese in *Computer Engineering* **Curriculum in AI & Robotics**



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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

**COMMON TO ALL
CURRICULA**



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, ...



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