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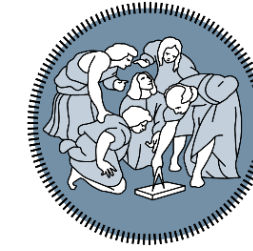
SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL  
AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING

# Automation and Control Engineering

Laurea Magistrale – equivalent to Master of Science

Open Day, 26 - 27 May 2021





More than **46.300**  
students including  
about **6.700**  
international studenti

More than **1.400**  
teaching and more  
than **1.200**  
administrative and  
technical support staff



## **4** Schools

- Architecture Urban Planning  
Construction Engineering
  - Design
- Civil, Environmental and  
Land Management  
Engineering
  - Industrial and  
Information Engineering

**12**

Departments

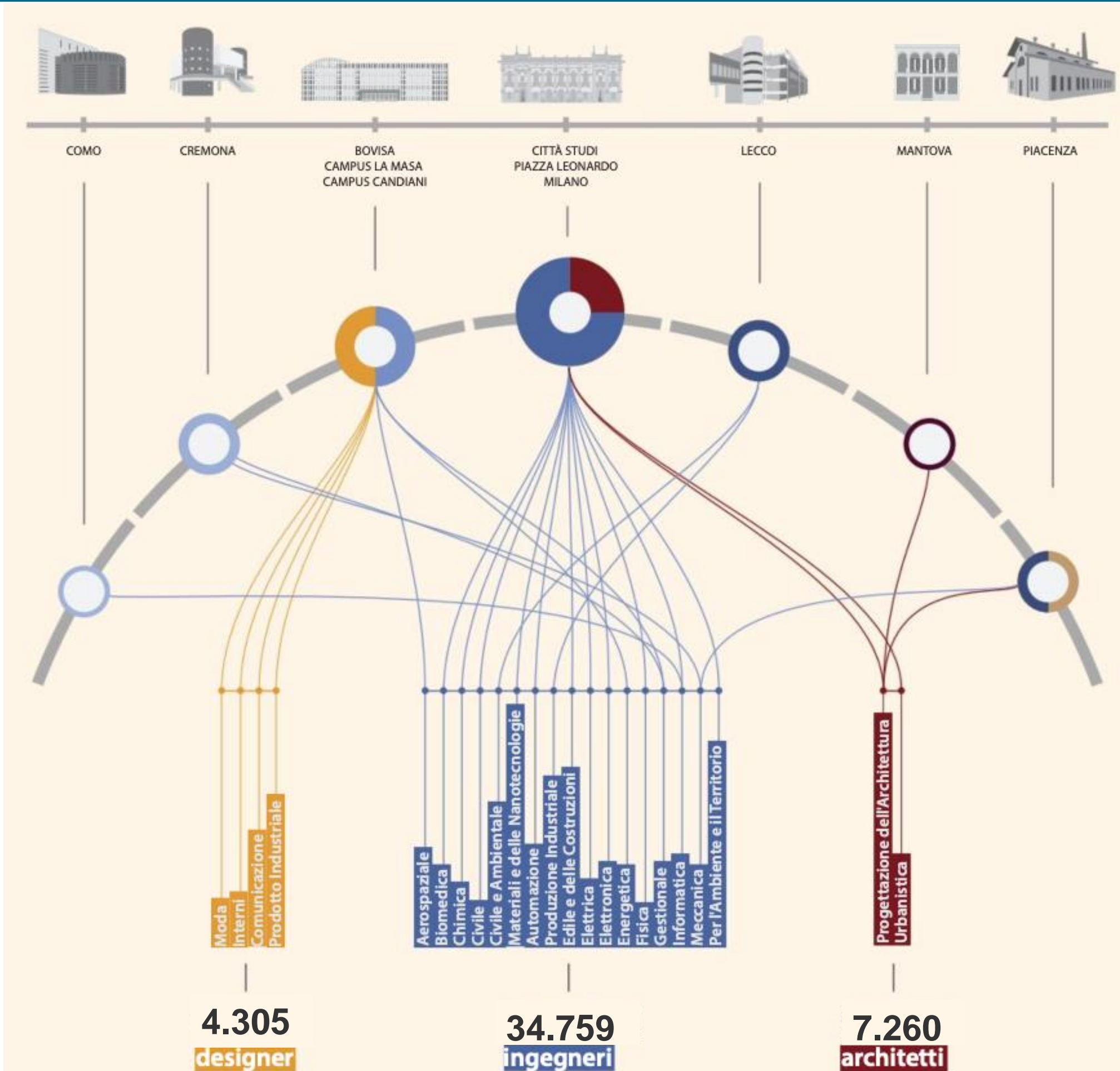
Classificied **n. 1** in Italy, **n. 7** in Europe, **n. 20** in the world  
under the "Engineering & Technology" category  
QS World University Ranking 2020



# Politecnico di Milano: Campuses



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Como

Cremona

Milano Bovisa

Milano Leonardo

Lecco

Mantova

Piacenza

■ engineering

■ design

■ architecture

# Automation Engineering



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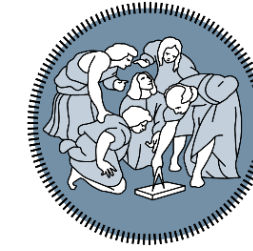


Study Programme in Automation Engineering:

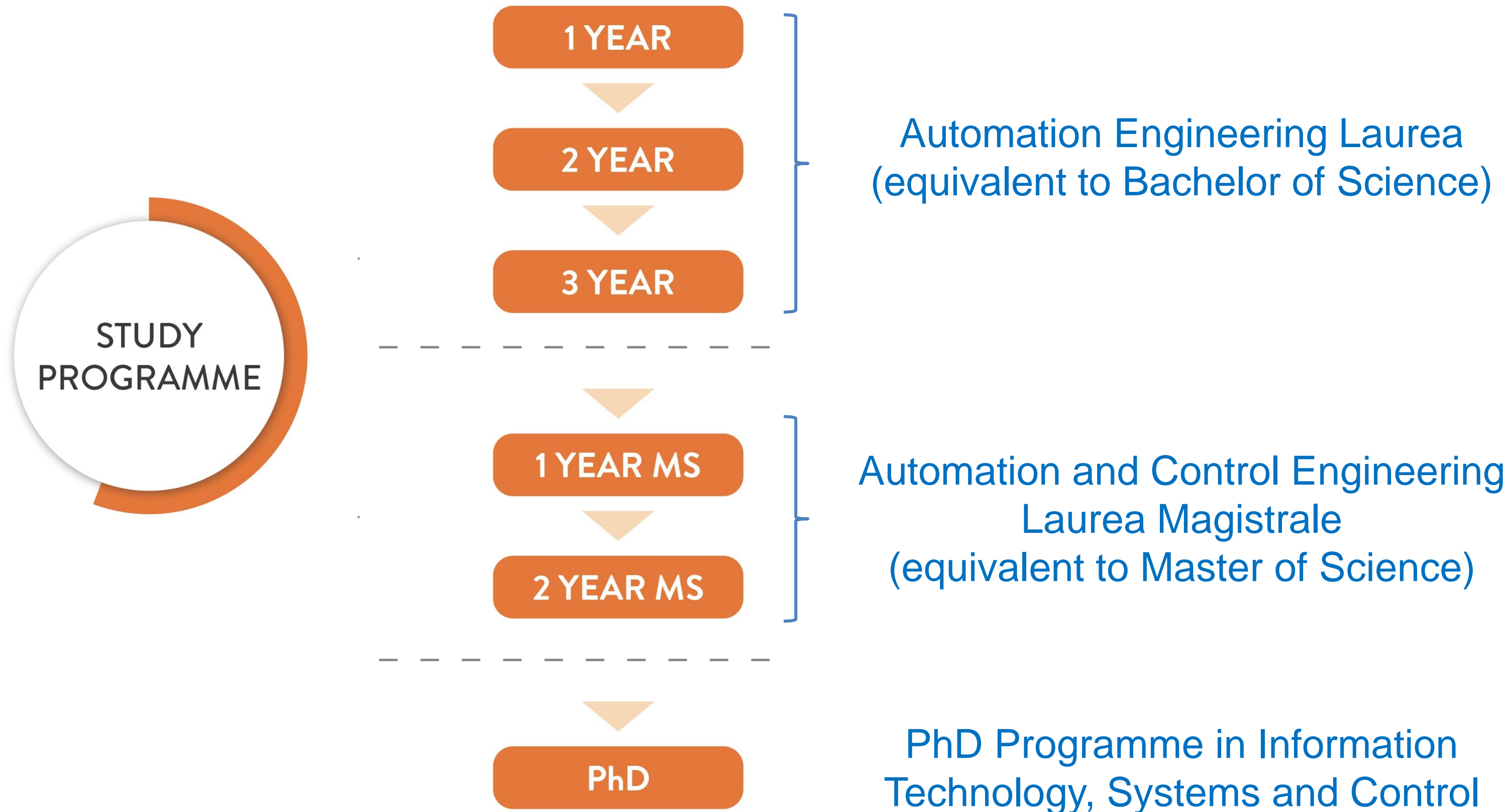
- offered within the [School of Industrial and Information Engineering](#)
- based at [Milano Leonardo Campus](#)



# Automation Engineering



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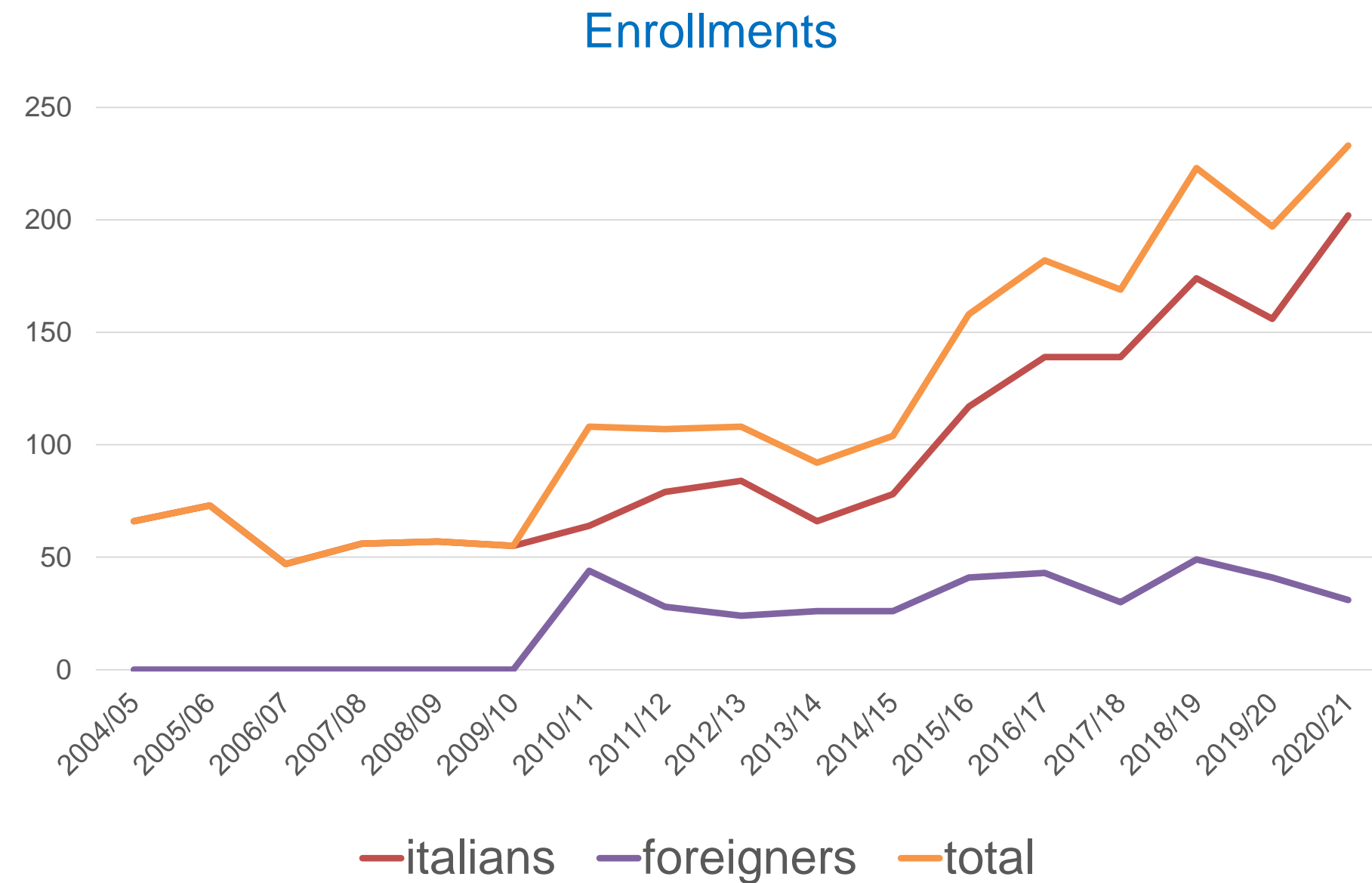


# Attractiveness of the MSc programme



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Year	Italians	Foreigners	Total
2004/05	66	0	66
2005/06	73	0	73
2006/07	47	0	47
2007/08	56	0	56
2008/09	57	0	57
2009/10	55	0	55
2010/11	64	44	108
2011/12	79	28	107
2012/13	84	24	108
2013/14	66	26	92
2014/15	78	26	104
2015/16	117	41	158
2016/17	139	43	182
2017/18	139	30	169
2018/19	174	49	223
2019/20	156	41	197
2020/21	202	31	233



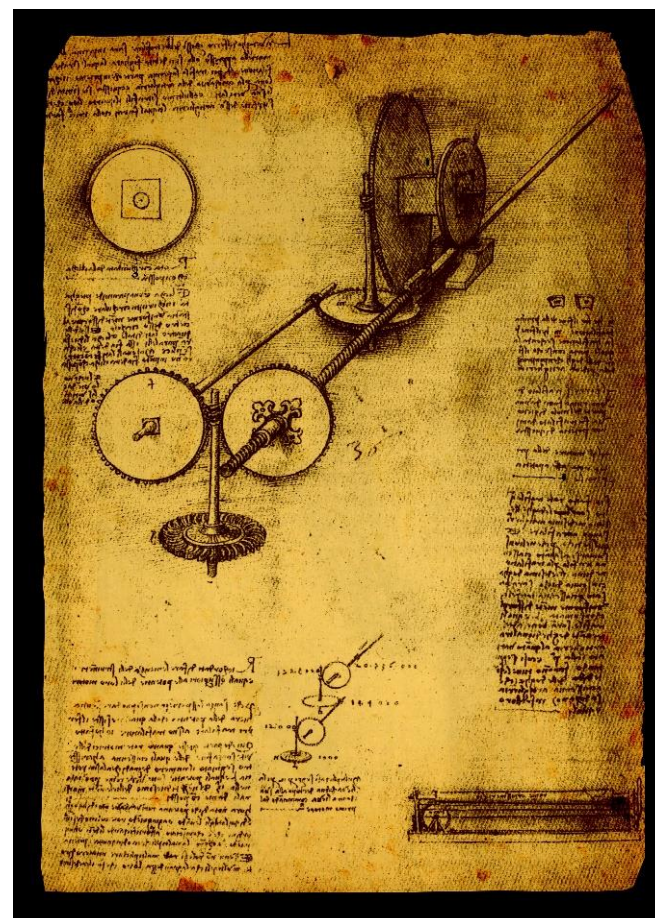
# Learning objectives



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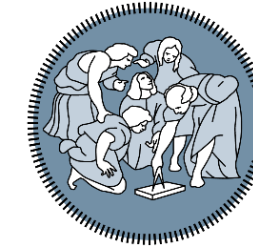


The Automation and Control  
Engineering MSc Programme  
aims at training engineers ...



... able to **design, implement and manage** automation systems characterized by a **strong technological content**, in inherently **multidisciplinary contexts**

# Competences of our MSc students

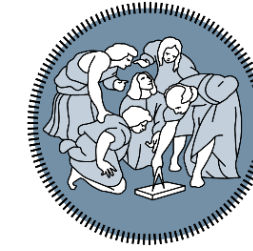


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- **solid background on the mathematical tools** necessary for the analysis and design of complex automation systems
- a thorough **understanding of the technologies and processes** typical of industrial sectors where automation plays an increasingly important role
- **ability to explore and evaluate the offer and market trends** in the field of instrumentation and system components, in view of innovative applications
- **familiarity with the most advanced techniques** for identification and data analysis, simulation, optimization and control of dynamical systems of all kinds, and **ability to integrate them** in an effective and creative manner
- aptitude for **teamwork** and ability to embrace the **principles and methods of organization**



# Programme requirements



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**Single curriculum**, organized in **two years, four semesters**, with courses taught in English, except for a few optional ones in Italian. Most courses are held at Leonardo Campus, a few at Bovisa Campus.

Students have to earn **120 credits** according to their **study plan**:

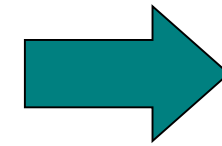
- 60 credits of **mandatory courses**:
  - 45 on qualifying subjects (systems and control, identification, converters and drives, applied mechanics)
  - 15 credits on subsidiary subjects (computer science, electronics, measurements, industrial production technologies)
- 40 credits of **complementary courses**
- 20 credits for a **final thesis** on new methods and techniques for automation and control with application in high-tech areas

# Programme structure

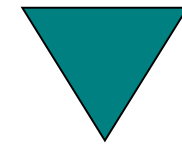


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1st year



2nd year



Course title	Credits (CFU)	Semester
Computer aided manufacturing	10	1
Dynamics of mechanical systems	10	1
Model identification and data analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statistical learning</li><li>• System identification and prediction</li></ul>	10	1
Advanced and multivariable control	10	2
Dynamics of electrical machines and drives	10	2
Complementary courses	10	2

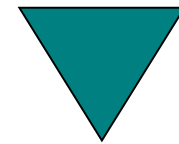


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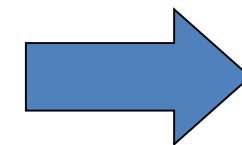


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1st year



2nd year



Course title	Credits (CFU)	Semester
Software Engineering (for Automation)	5	2
Automation and Control Laboratory	5	2
<i>Complementary courses</i>	30	1, 2
Thesis	20	1, 2

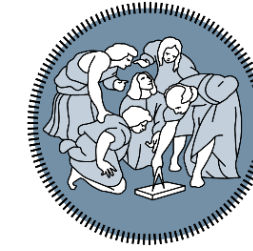


**Courses** can be classified in the following categories:

- **methodological**, on advanced techniques of learning from data, identification, simulation, optimization and control
- **technological**, on process instrumentation including advanced actuation and measurement systems for control applications
- **application-oriented**, on the application of control and automation to key areas such as industry, energy, and transportation
- **experimental and professionalizing**, including a **lab course** and a **project work** with companies to reach a full mastery of methods and techniques, and improve soft skills

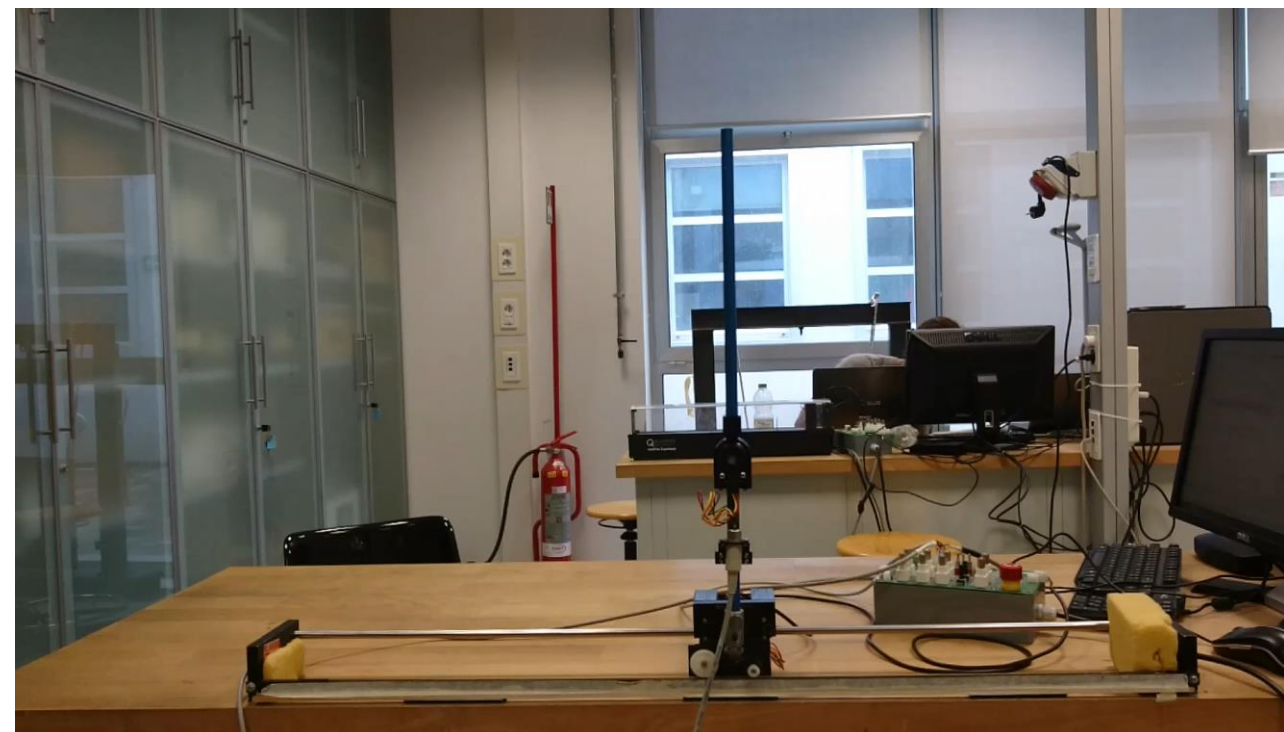
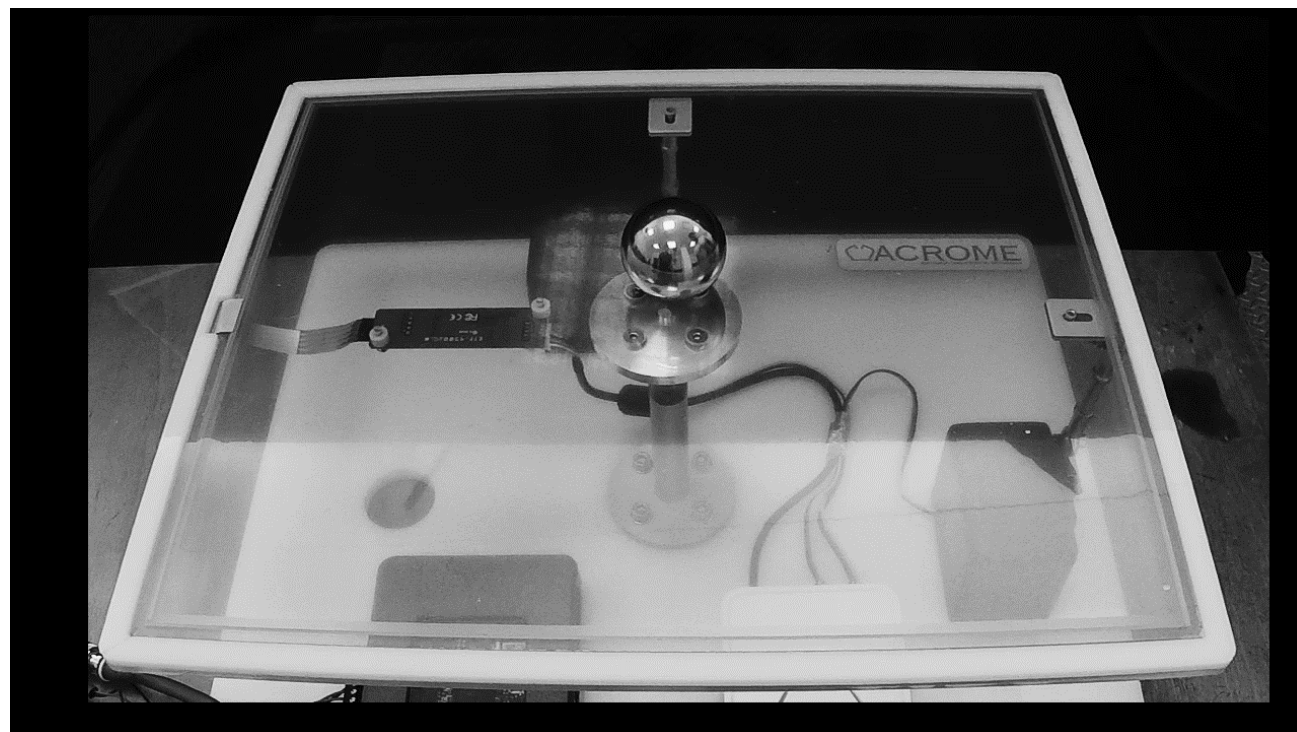
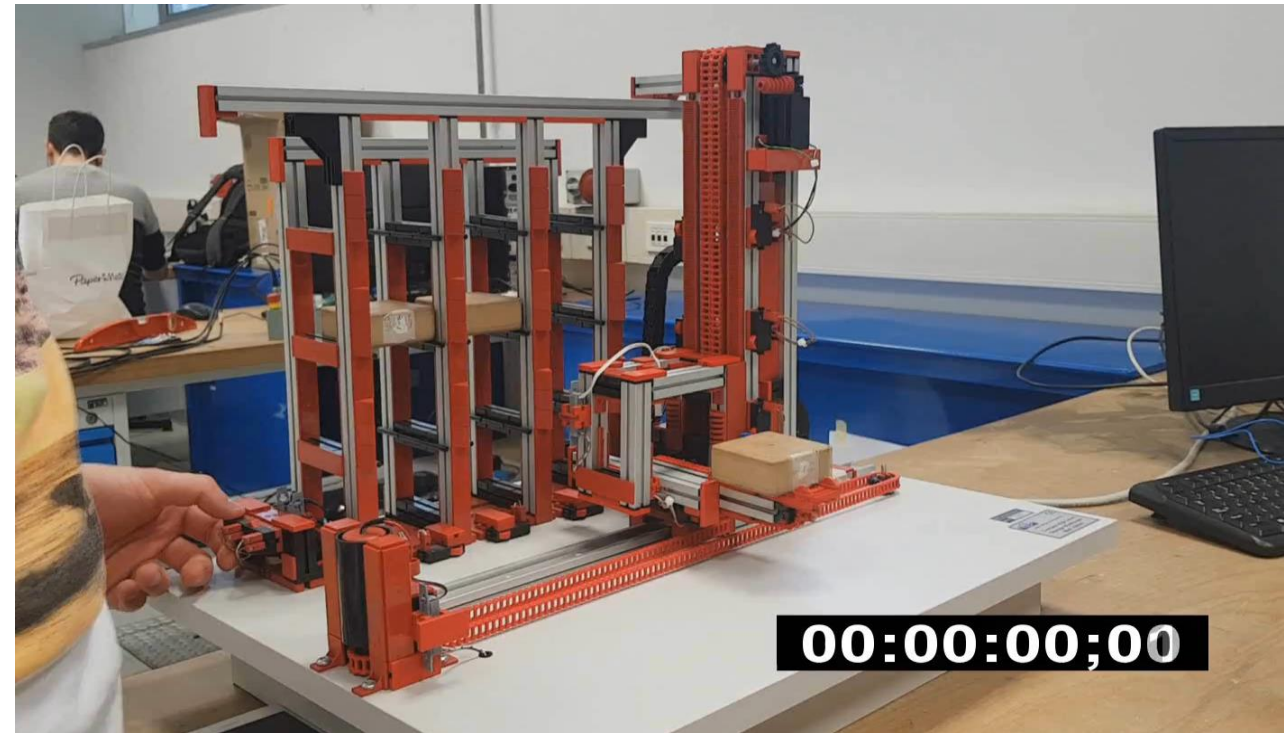


# Automation and Control Laboratory



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- course held in a lab
- students divided in groups, working on various experimental set-up
- mandatory course in the second semester of the second year



# Project work



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Project works are innovative courses in **collaboration with companies**

- companies propose **open innovation topics**, on design activities in the field of automation and control
- each project work is run under the supervision of **an academic and an industrial tutor**
- students work in small groups during the semester
- at the end they **prepare a report and discuss the project** in front of the academic and the industrial tutor and the other students



# Elective courses on core topics



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Course title	Credits (CFU)
Advanced measurement systems for control applications	5
Advanced process control	5
Advanced topics in automation and control engineering	5
Automation and control in autonomous vehicles	5
Automation and control in electric and hybrid vehicles	5
Automation of energy systems	5
Constrained numerical optimization for estimation and control	5
Control of industrial robots	5
Control of mobile robots	5
Data driven control system design	5
High-tech entrepreneurship	5
Networked control	5
Nonlinear control	5
Numerical analysis	5
Power electronics and supplies	5
Production systems control	5
Robust control	5
Safety in automation systems	5
Simulation techniques and tools	5
Systems theory	5
Vibration Control and Diagnostics of Mechanical Systems	5

# Thesis



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	Thesis with reviewer “Tesi”	Thesis without reviewer “Tesina”
Expected outcome	an innovative project in the field of automation and control	a (maybe less) innovative project in the field of automation and control
Reviewer required	yes	no
Maximum increment for the final grade	7/110	4/110



# Training beyond the MSc programme



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Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) – [www.pok.polimi.it](http://www.pok.polimi.it)

POLIMI portal of free online courses to support students in their academic and professional career. A certificate of attendance is provided if the final test is passed.

Passion in action – [www.polimi.it/en/programmes/innovative-teaching](http://www.polimi.it/en/programmes/innovative-teaching)

open participation teaching activities that the Politecnico offers to its students to support the development of transversal, soft and social skills. Acquired skills will be accredited on the Diploma Supplement.

# Degree awards



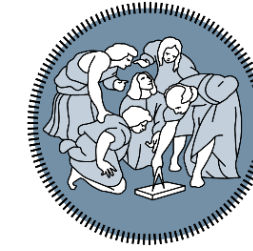
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## Degree awards for the Best MSc Thesis in Automation and Control Engineering entitled to

- prof. Claudio Maffezzoni  
*for the best thesis on the Application of advanced techniques for automation and control in highly technological fields*
- prof. Nicola Schiavoni  
*for the best thesis on the Development of innovative methodologies for automation and control*



# Honours Programme



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## Honours Programme 'Scientific Research in Information Technology'

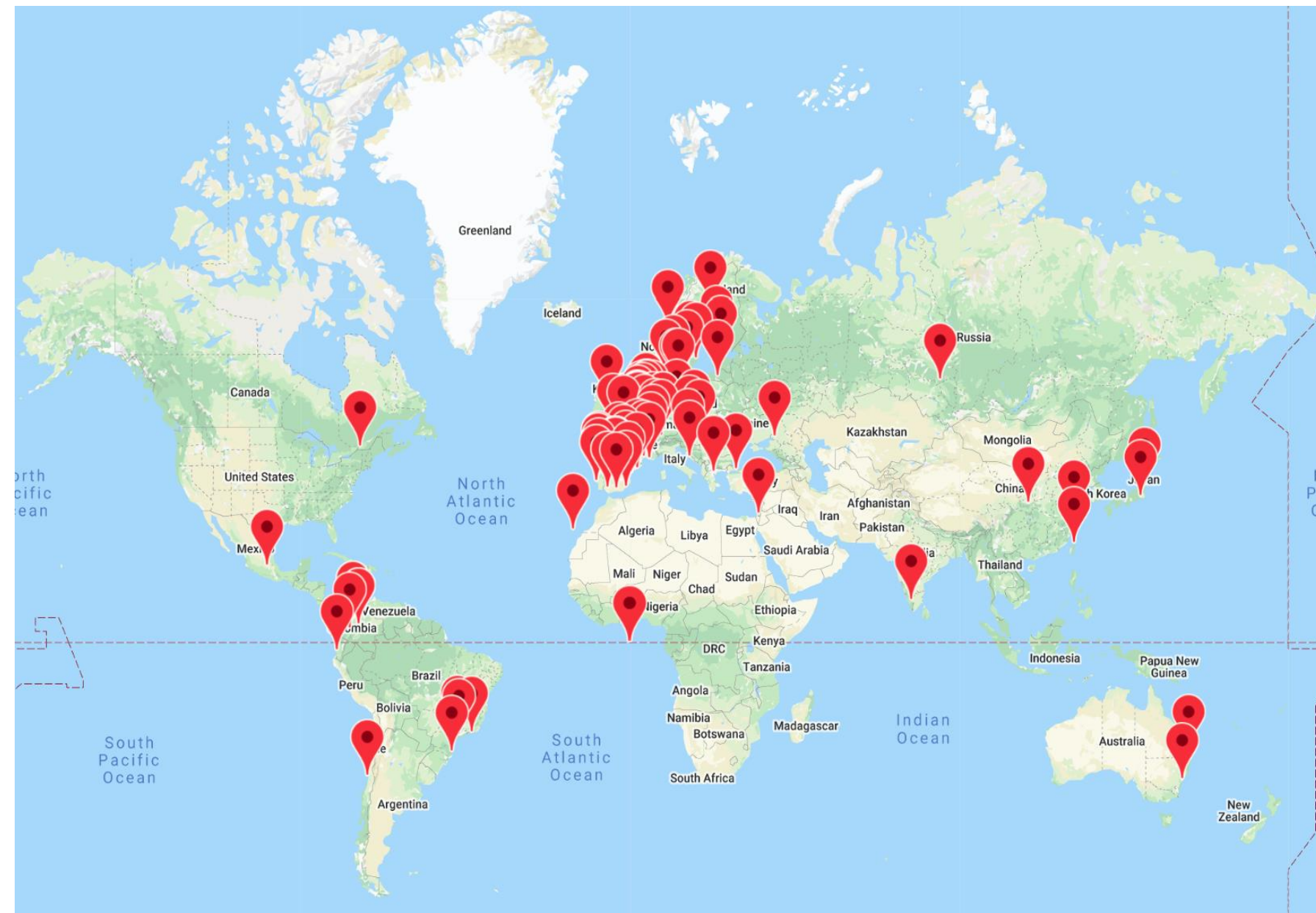
- extracurricular programme to train MSc students in conducting scientific research in Information technology
- the Honours Programme title is reported in the students' transcript together with a description of the conducted activities
- three main topics for Automation and Control Engineering:
  - Theory and application of control systems
  - Optimization and control of complex systems
  - Robotics, Mechatronics, and Industrial Automation

[www.honours-programme.deib.polimi.it](http://www.honours-programme.deib.polimi.it)

# International mobility



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Opportunities for gaining experience abroad:

- **study mobility**  
attending courses or working on the thesis
- **double degree**  
two degrees in three years with at least 60 CFU of exams @POLIMI

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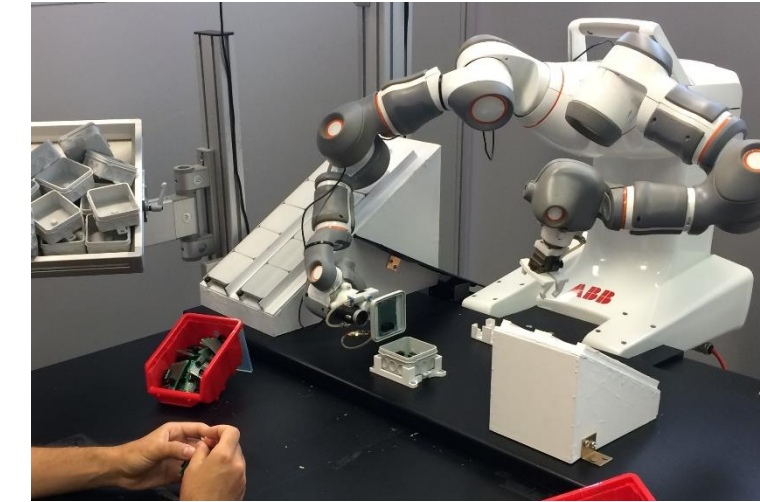
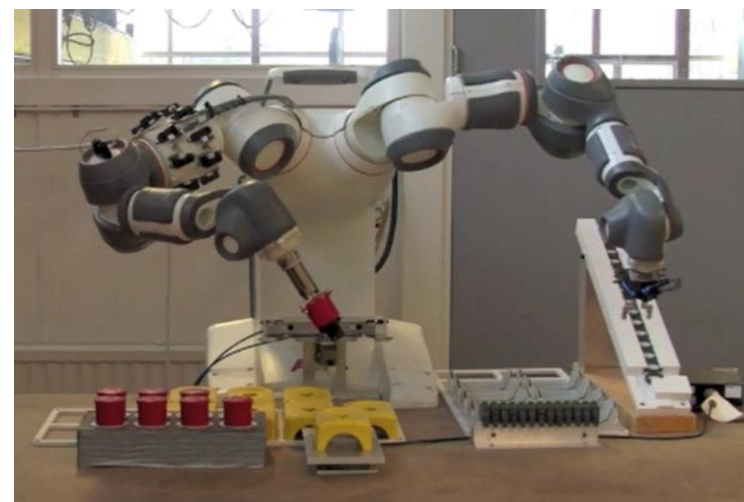


# Some research areas



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- automation in vehicles and transportation systems
- collaborative robotics and mechatronics
- automation in energy systems and integration of renewables





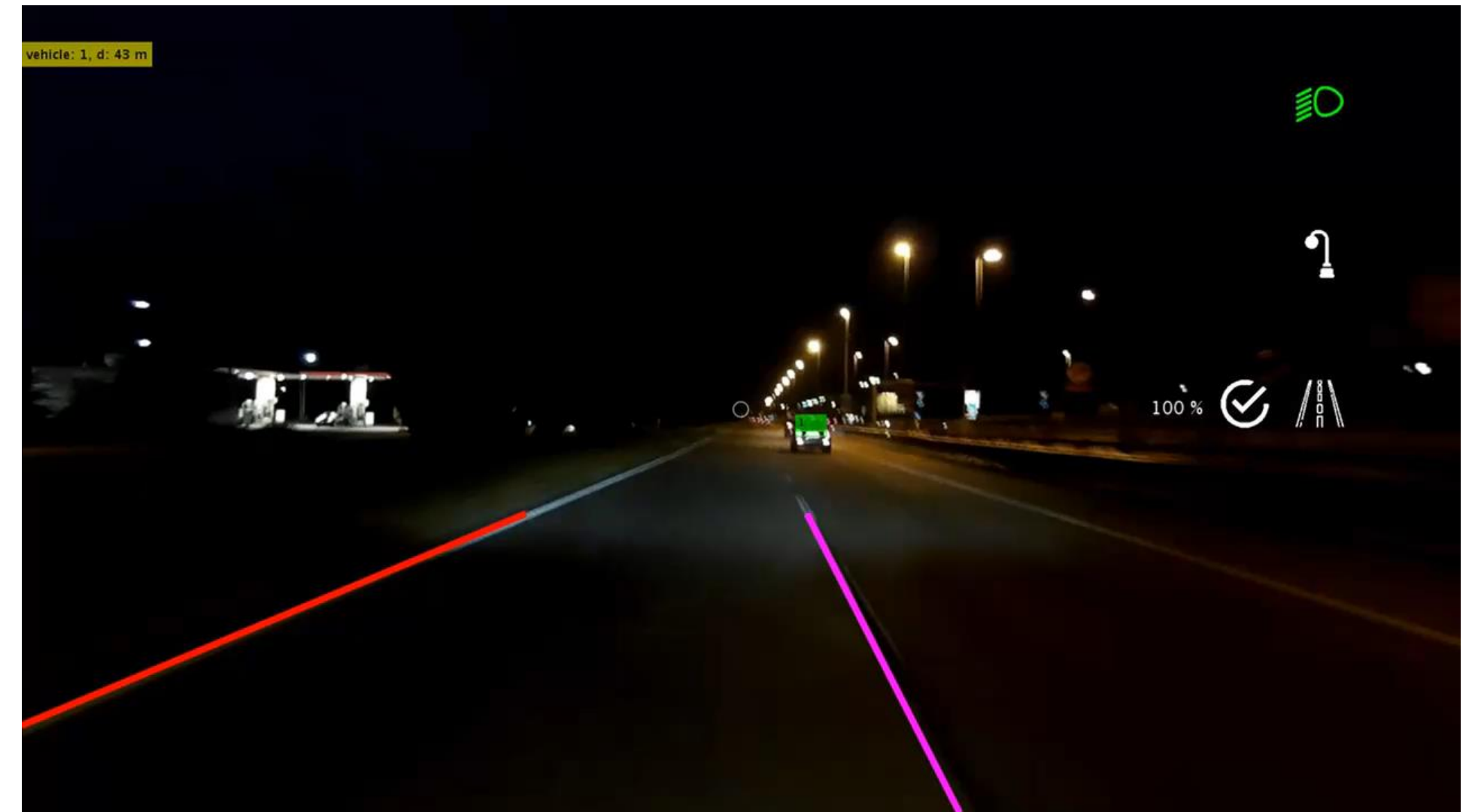
# Automation in vehicles and transport



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self-charging e-bike



advanced driver assistance system



# Collaborative robotics



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with a dual-arm robot

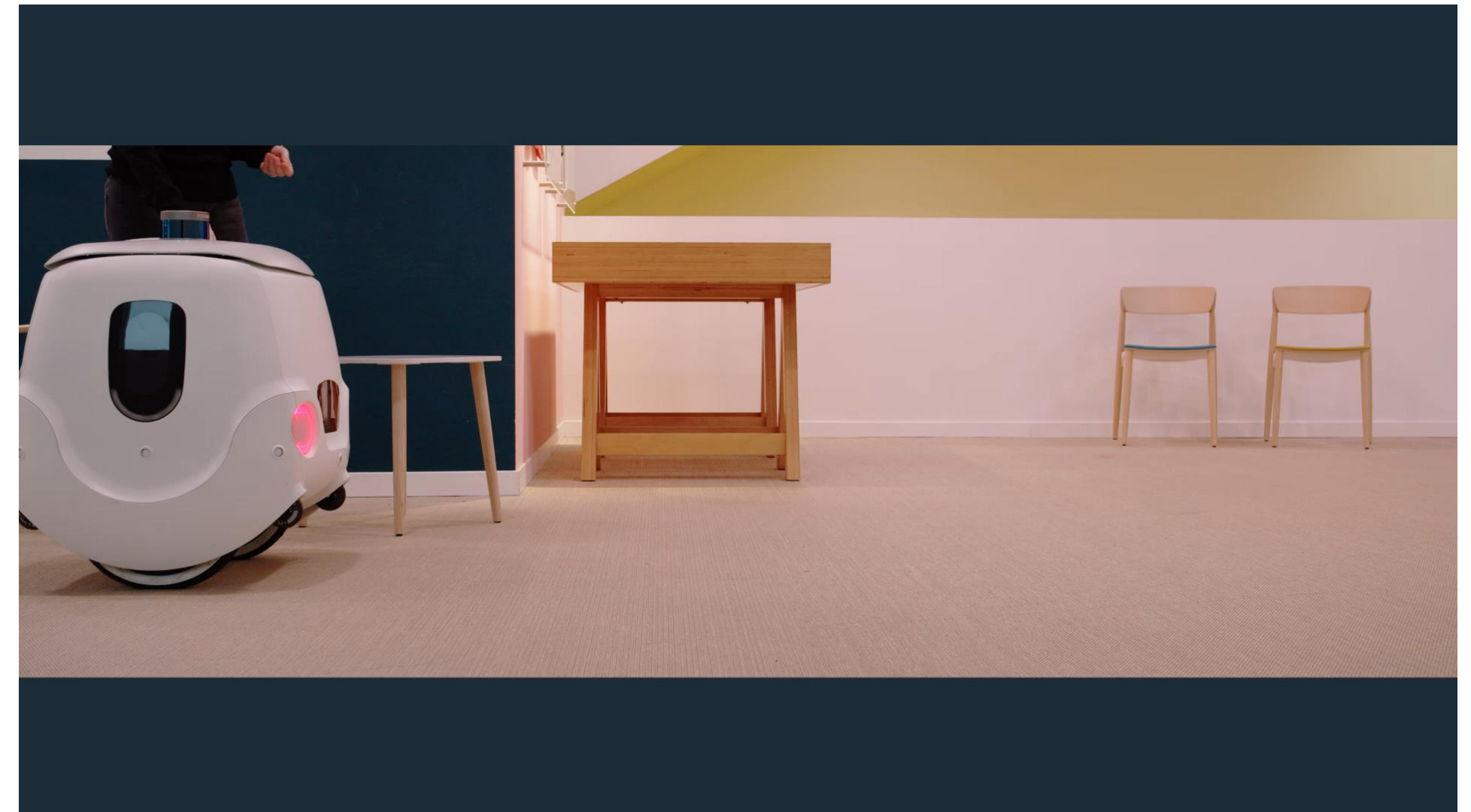


with an industrial manipulator





in the countryside



in town



# Energy systems and renewables



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power kite to convert wind energy into electricity

# Study of methods and algorithms



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New applications call for the development of suitable methods and algorithms for

- prediction
- learning from data
- planning and trajectory tracking
- predictive control in presence of constraints
- verification and control of cyber-physical systems
- distributed optimization of interconnected systems

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# Career opportunities

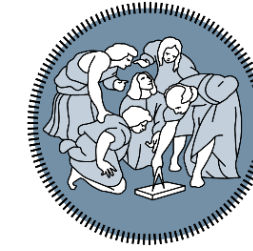


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- companies that produce hardware and software for automation
- companies that design and manufacture machines or plants with high level of automation
- companies that manage automated production plants
- corporations or companies that manage large-scale networks and services
- engineering and consulting firms that design and project complex, economically challenging and technologically advanced plants and systems



# Offers for Automation Engineers



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## TOTAL OFFERS: 3446

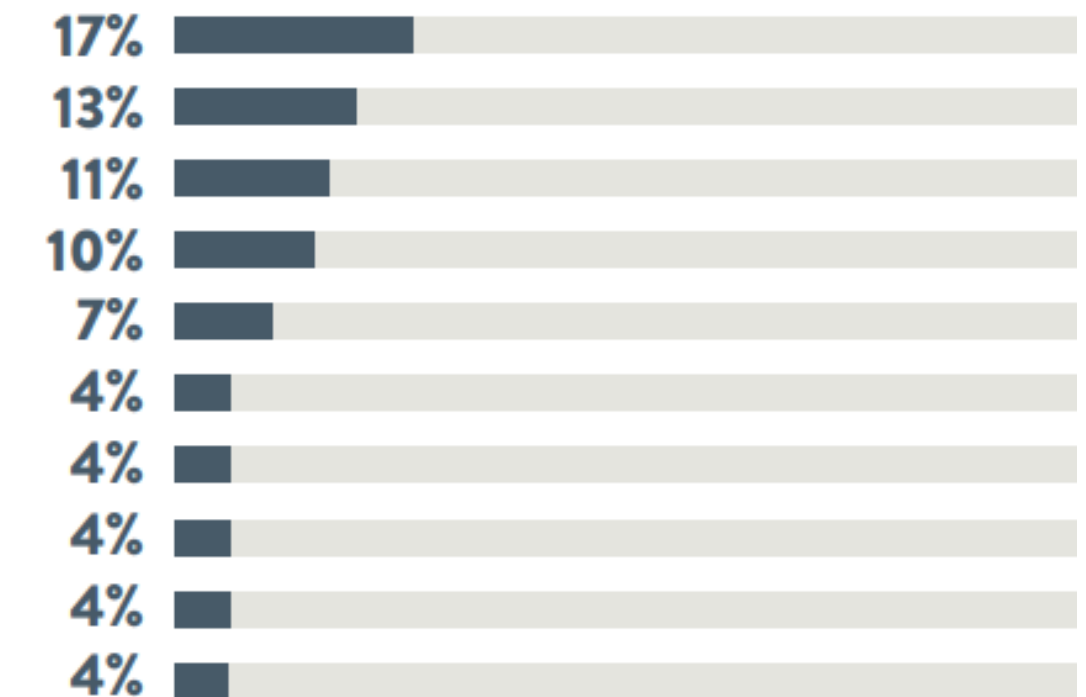


## WHERE THEY WORK



## TOP 10 SECTORS

**Electronics and Automation**  
**Metallurgy and Metalworking**  
**ICT**  
**Mechanics and Installation**  
Business Consultancy  
Automotive  
Energy Oil&Gas  
Business Services  
Scientific Research and Dev  
IT Consultancy






# Employment statistics



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## 2020 Survey – MSc students graduated in 2018

EMPLOYED*	EMPLOYED WITHIN 6 MONTHS*	NET MONTHLY SALARY
<b>97%</b> 	<b>92%</b> 	<b>€ 1.650</b> 
1 YEAR AFTER GRADUATION	PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON EMPLOYED WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER GRADUATION	

Career Service



## AUTOMATION AND CONTROL ENGINEERING



PROGRAMME ▾

STUDENTS ▾

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