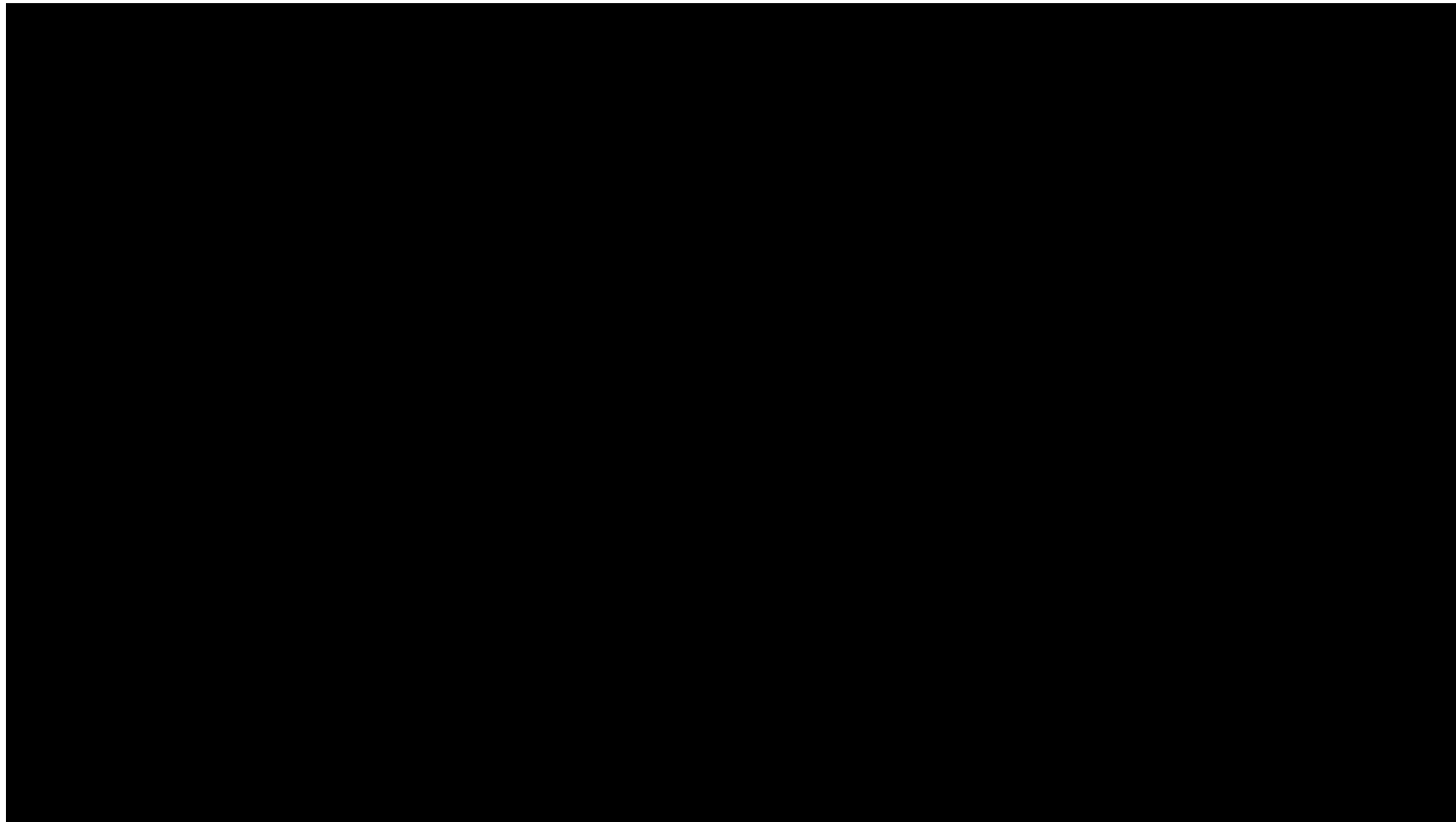




Robotics & AI for Health The Future is Now!

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ICT 4 Health

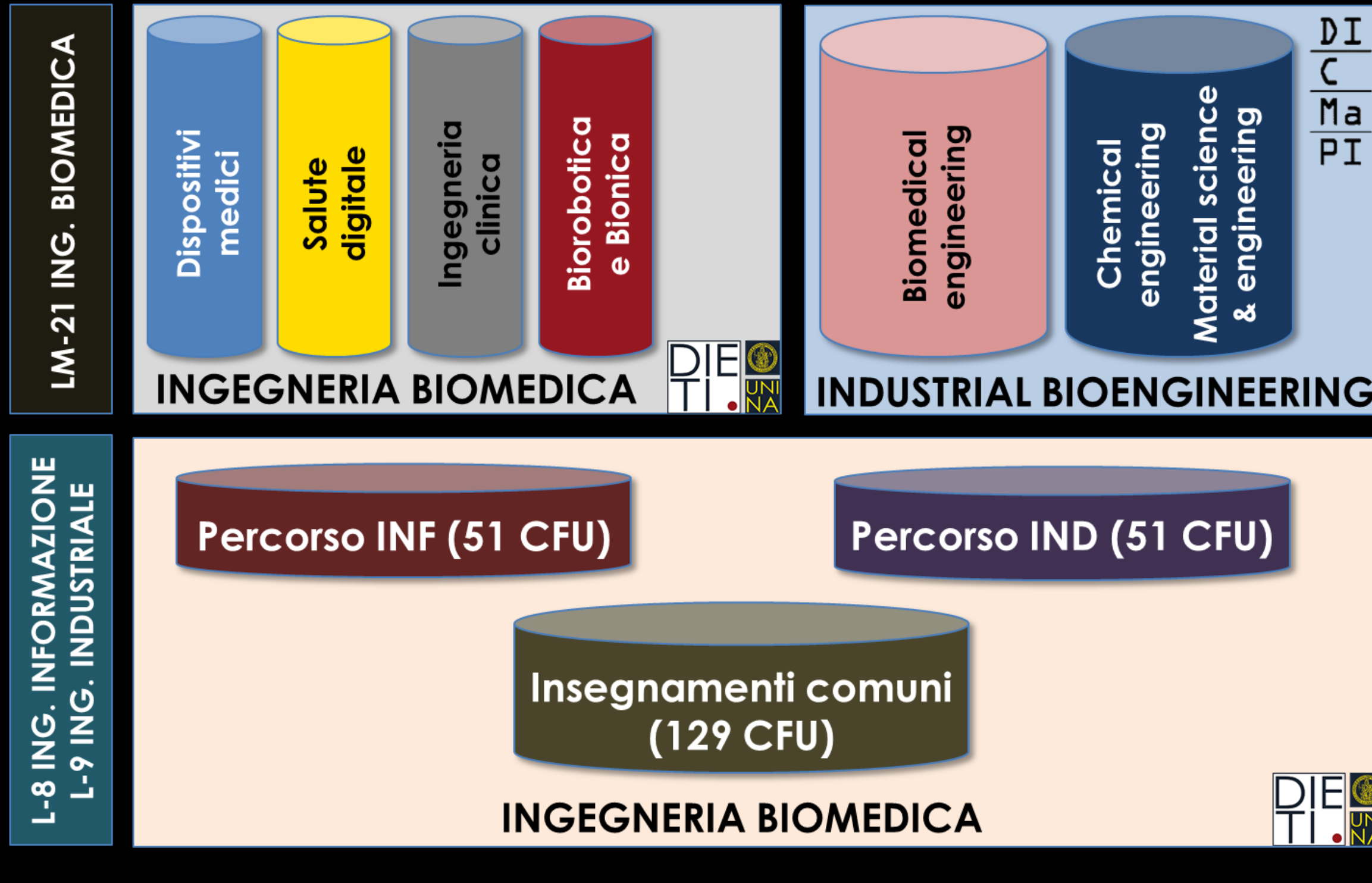


- ✓ Dipartimento di Eccellenza
- ✓ 9.35 M€ in 60 months
- ✓ 1 Full Professor
- ✓ 1 Associate Professor
- ✓ 4 Tenure-track Assistant Professors
- ✓ Augmented Reality for Health Monitoring (ARHeM) Lab
- ✓ eHealth Big Data Analytics (eHBDA) Lab





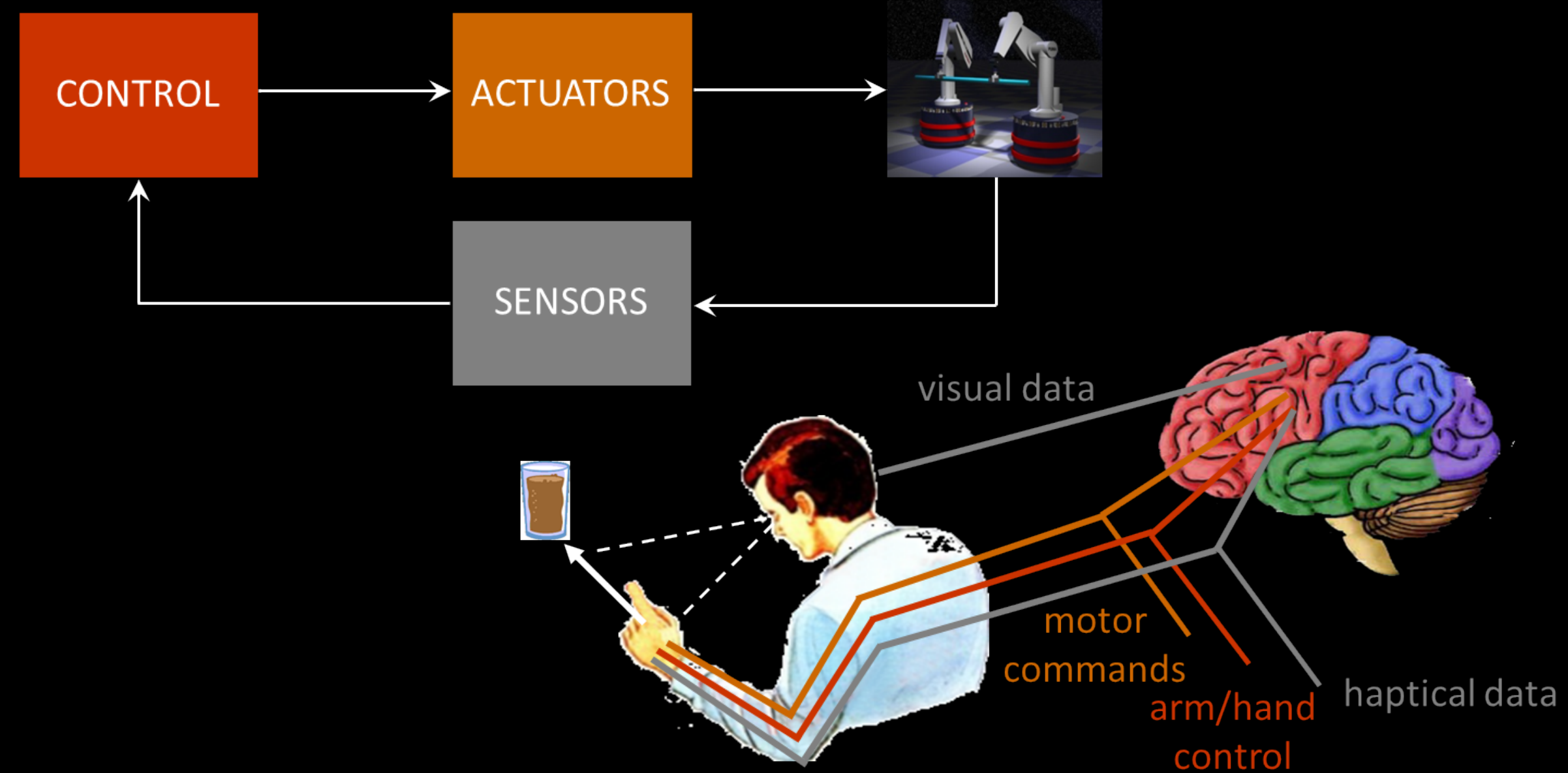
Master Courses in Bioengineering

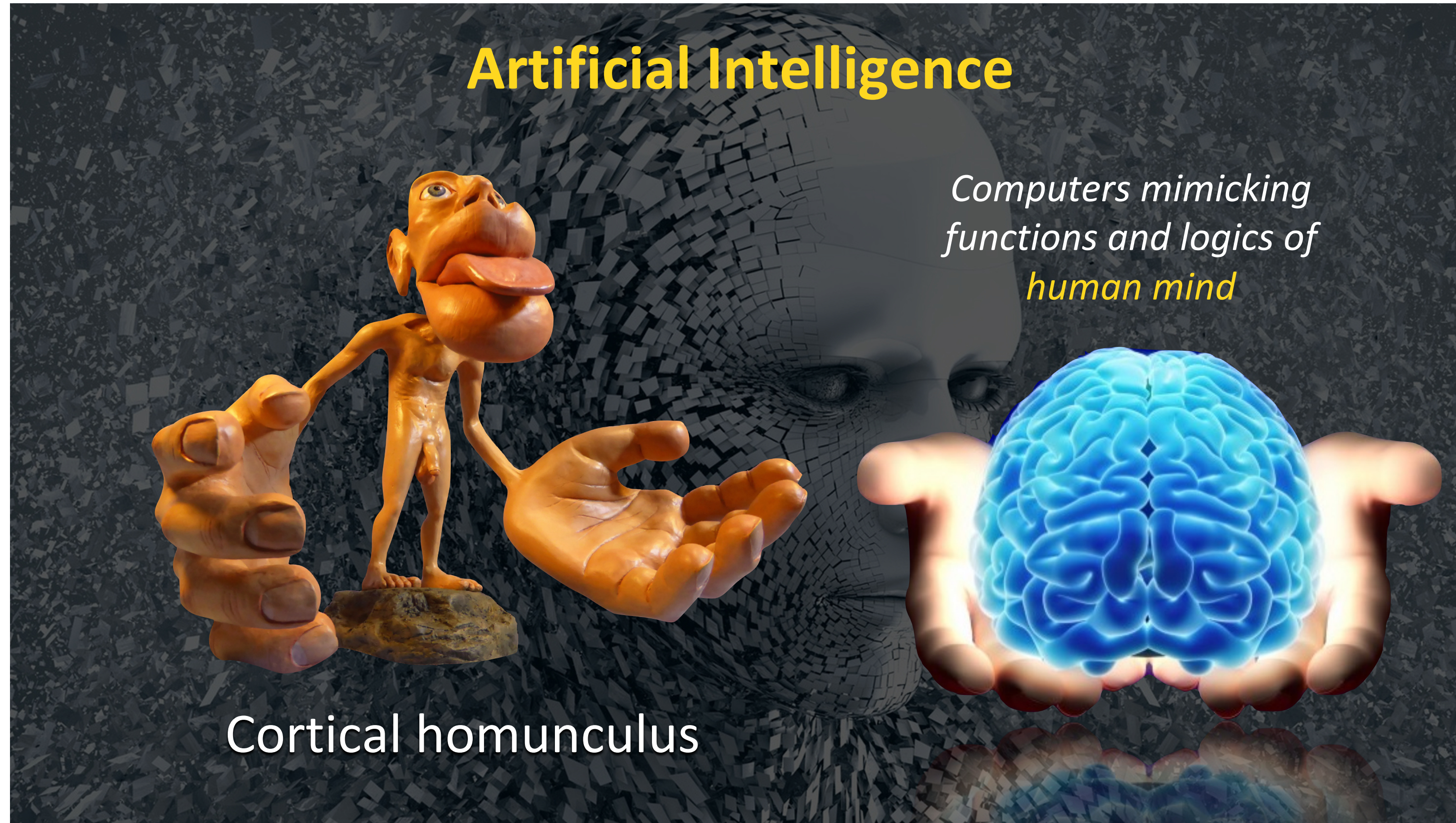


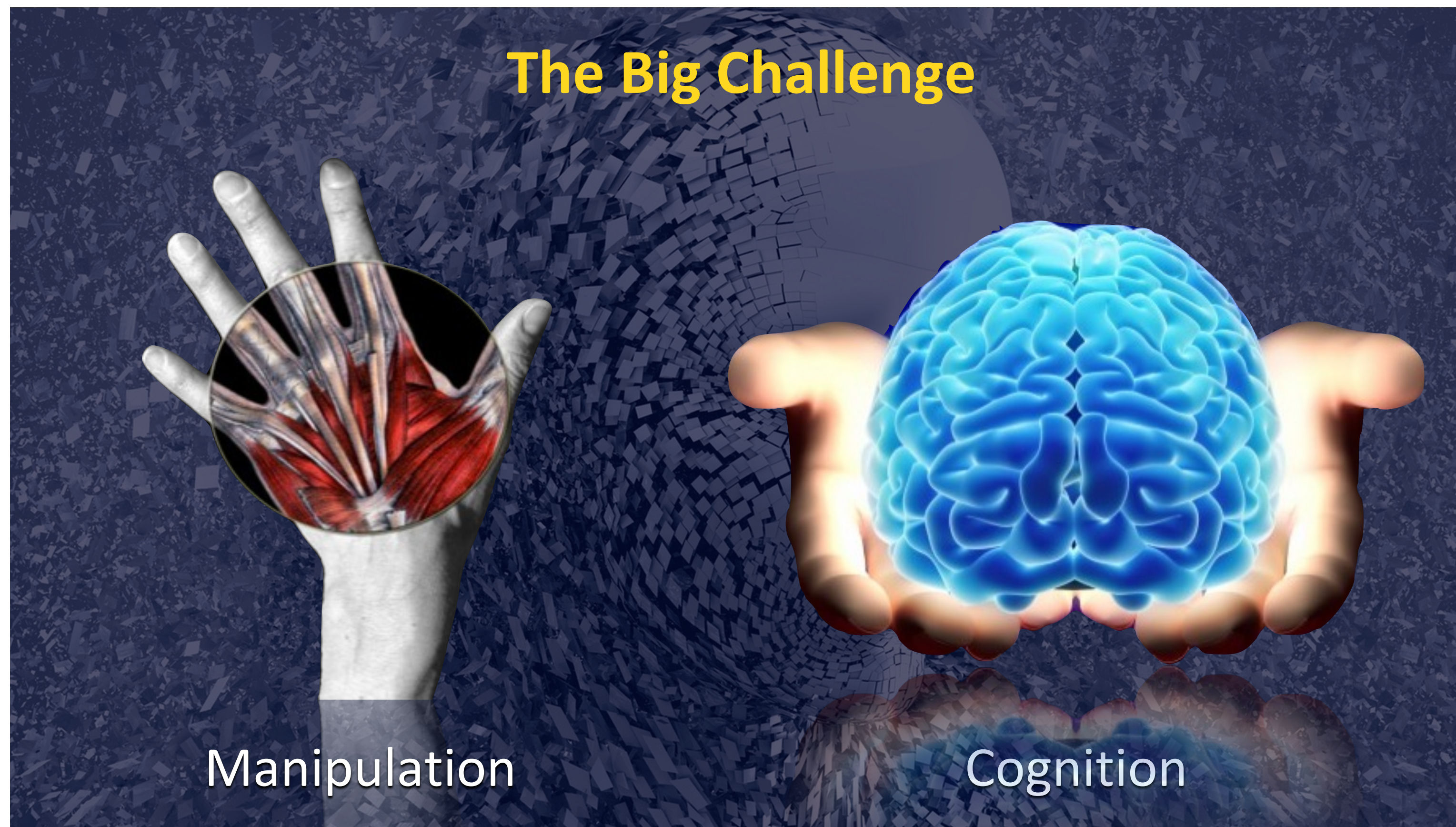


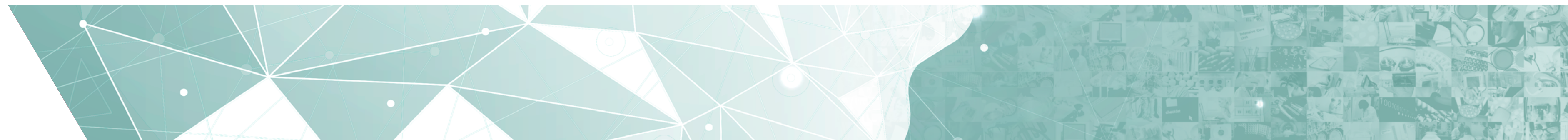
Robotics

intelligent connection of perception to action

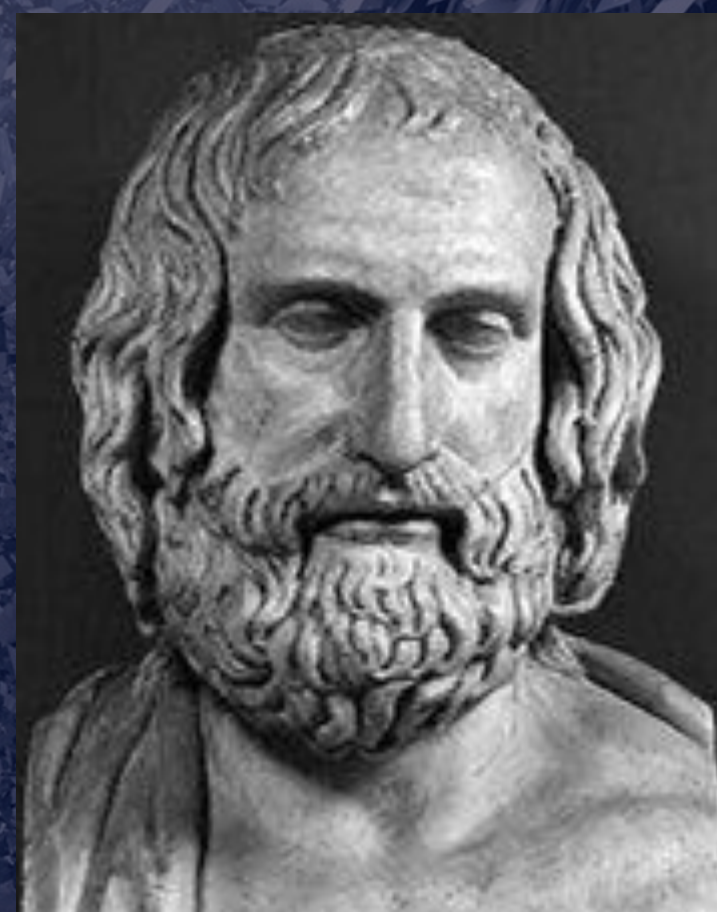




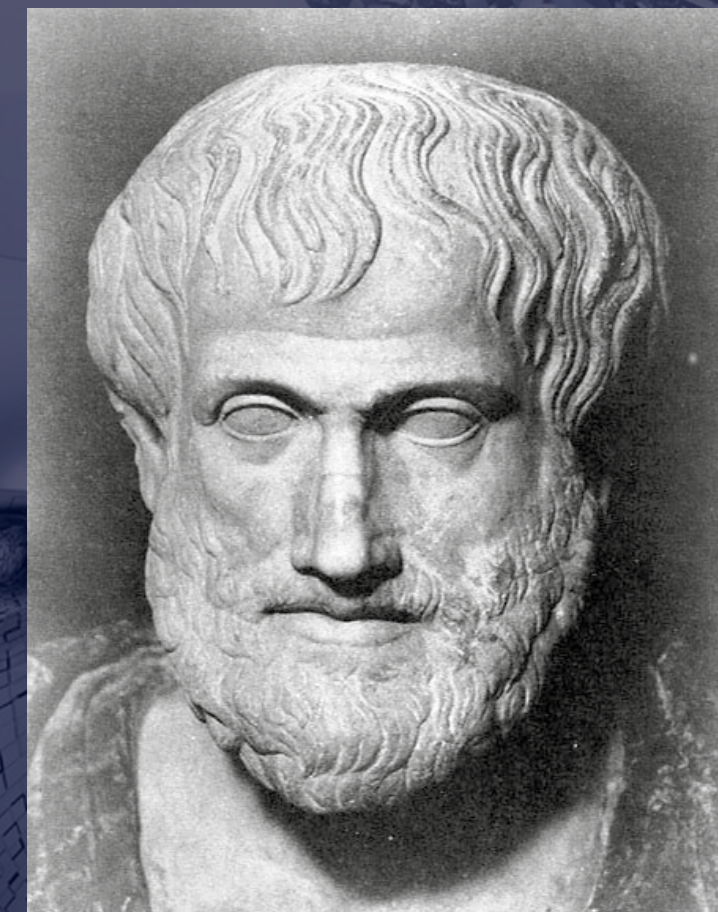




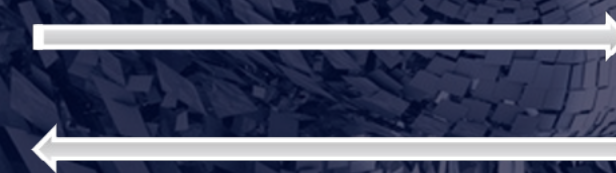
Body vs Mind



Anaxagoras



Aristotle



Embodiment

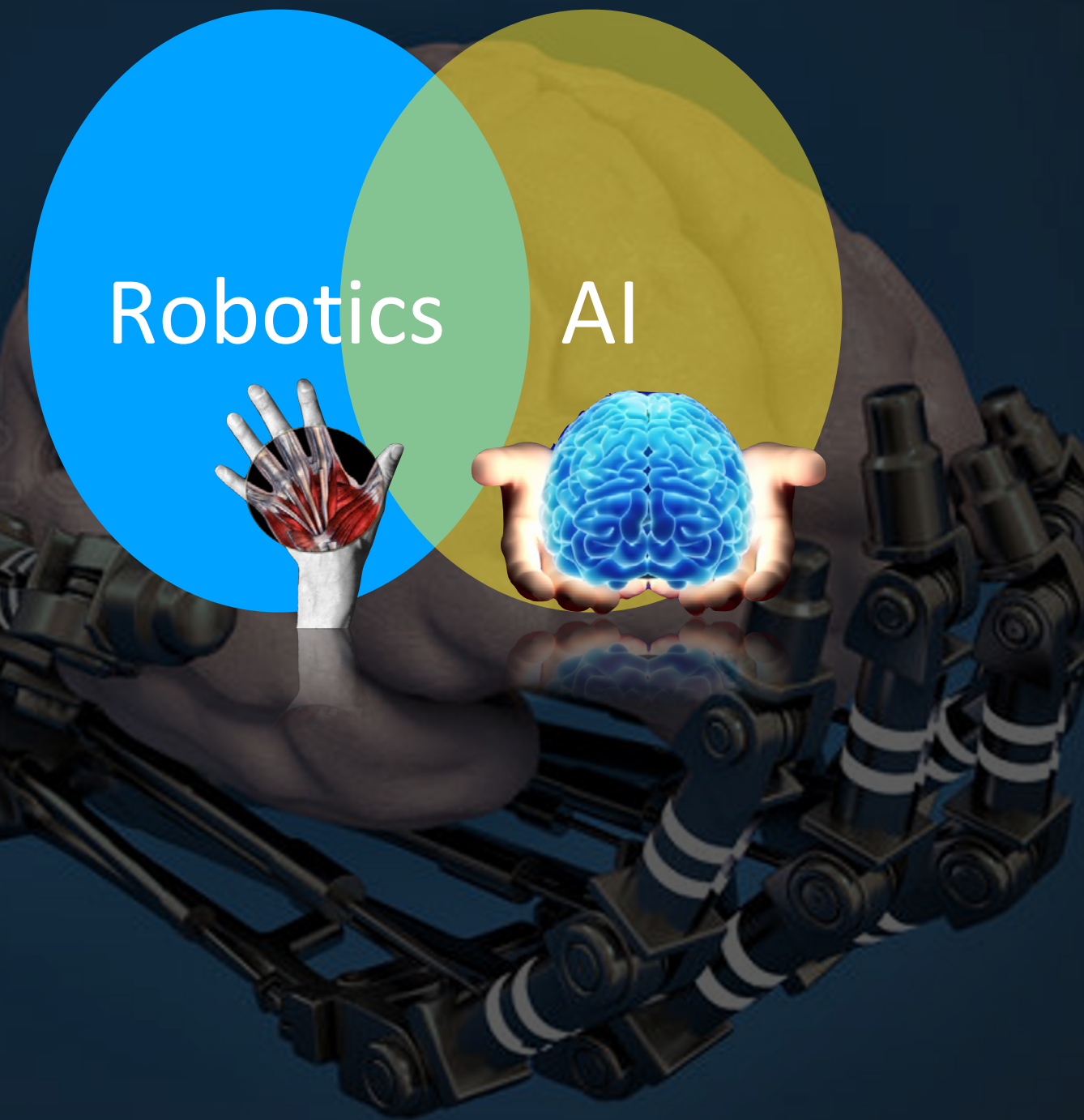


Physical Artificial Intelligence

*The big challenge is found at the
intersection of Robotics and AI*

*Physical Artificial Intelligence is
MUCH harder*

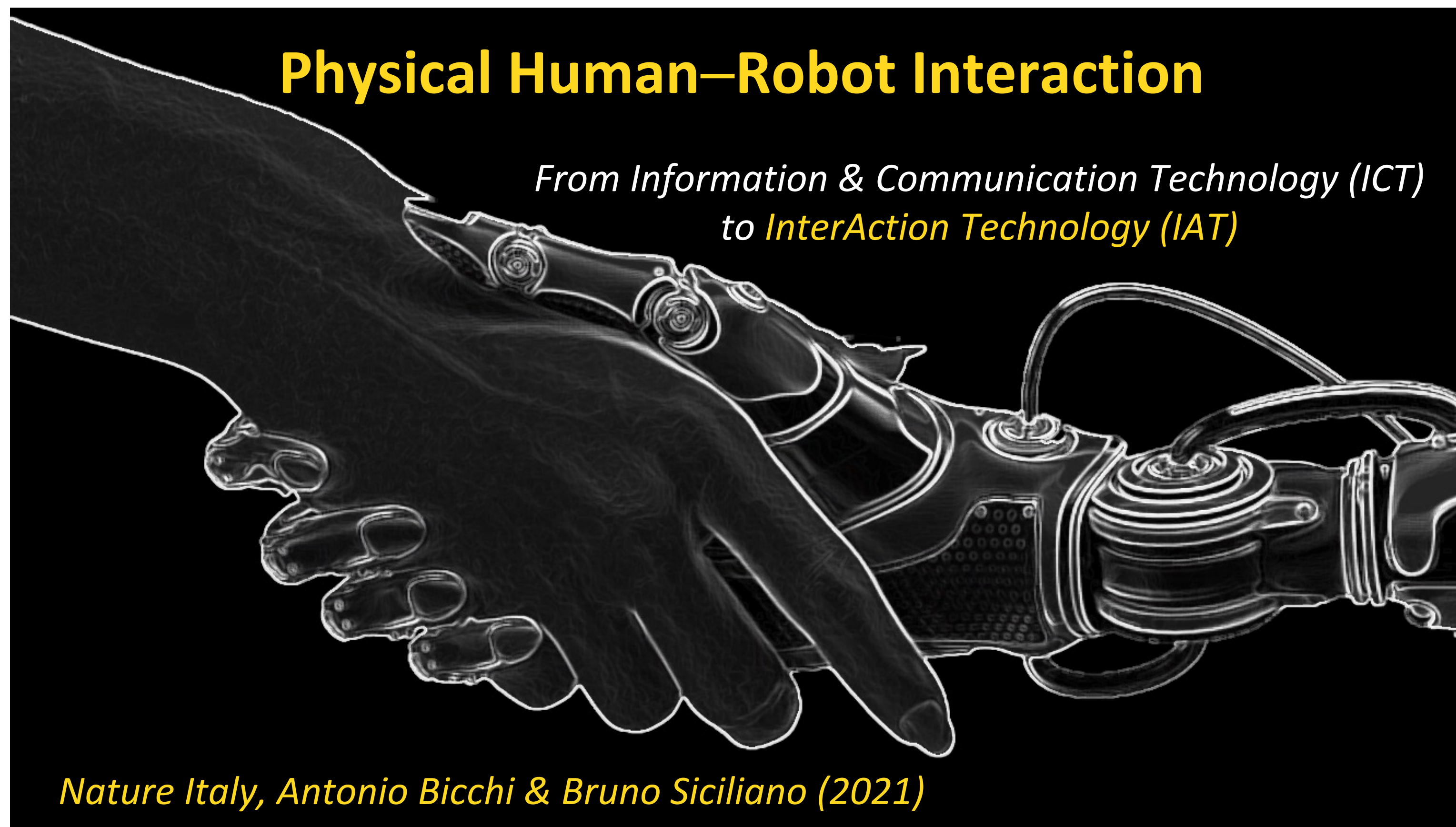
*AI is not deterministic and
“blind” use in robotics can be
potentially dangerous*





Physical Human–Robot Interaction

*From Information & Communication Technology (ICT)
to **InterAction Technology (IAT)***



Nature Italy, Antonio Bicchi & Bruno Siciliano (2021)

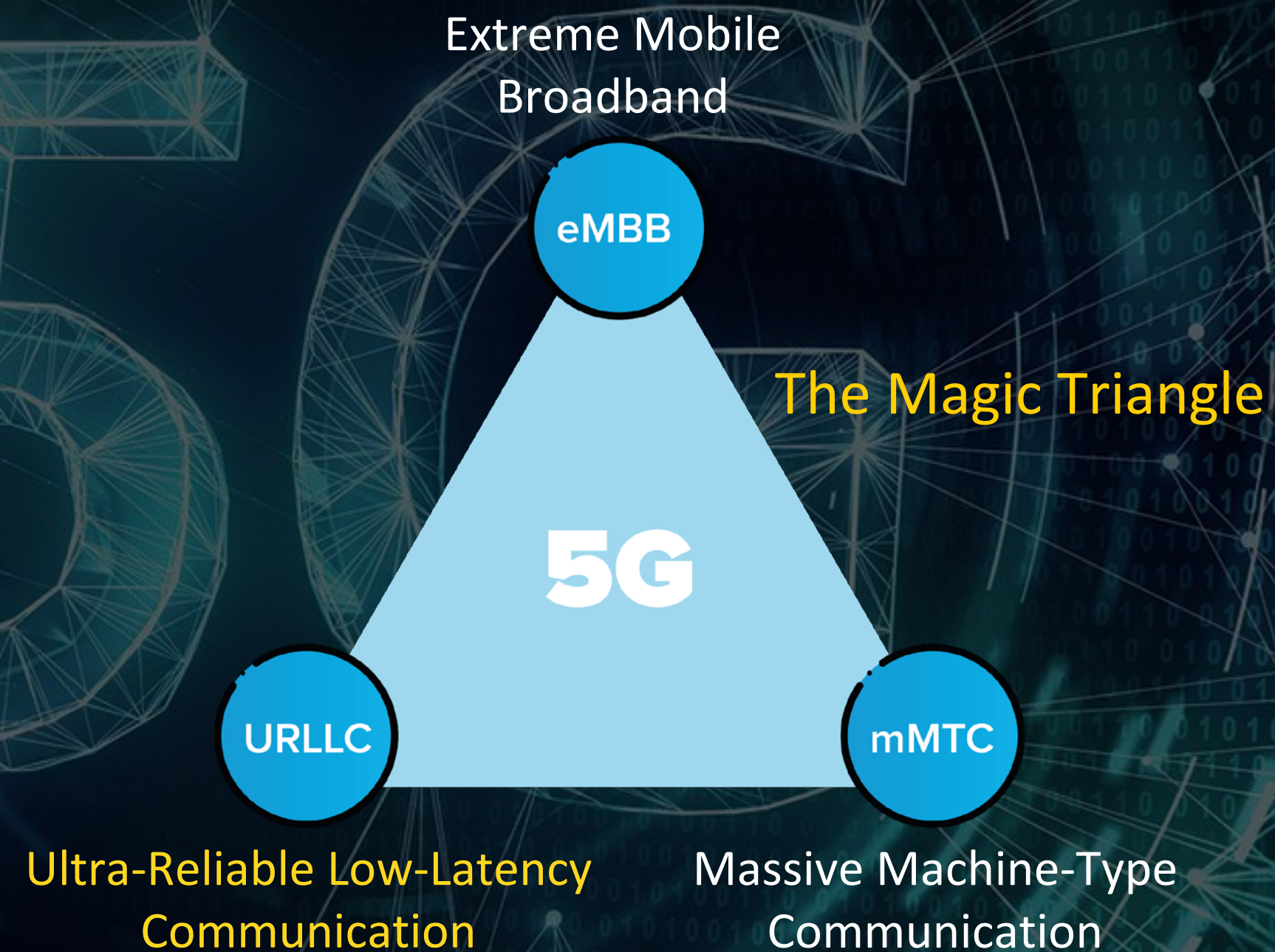


Fifth Generation of Wireless Technology

*5G will pave the way for a
new generation of robots*

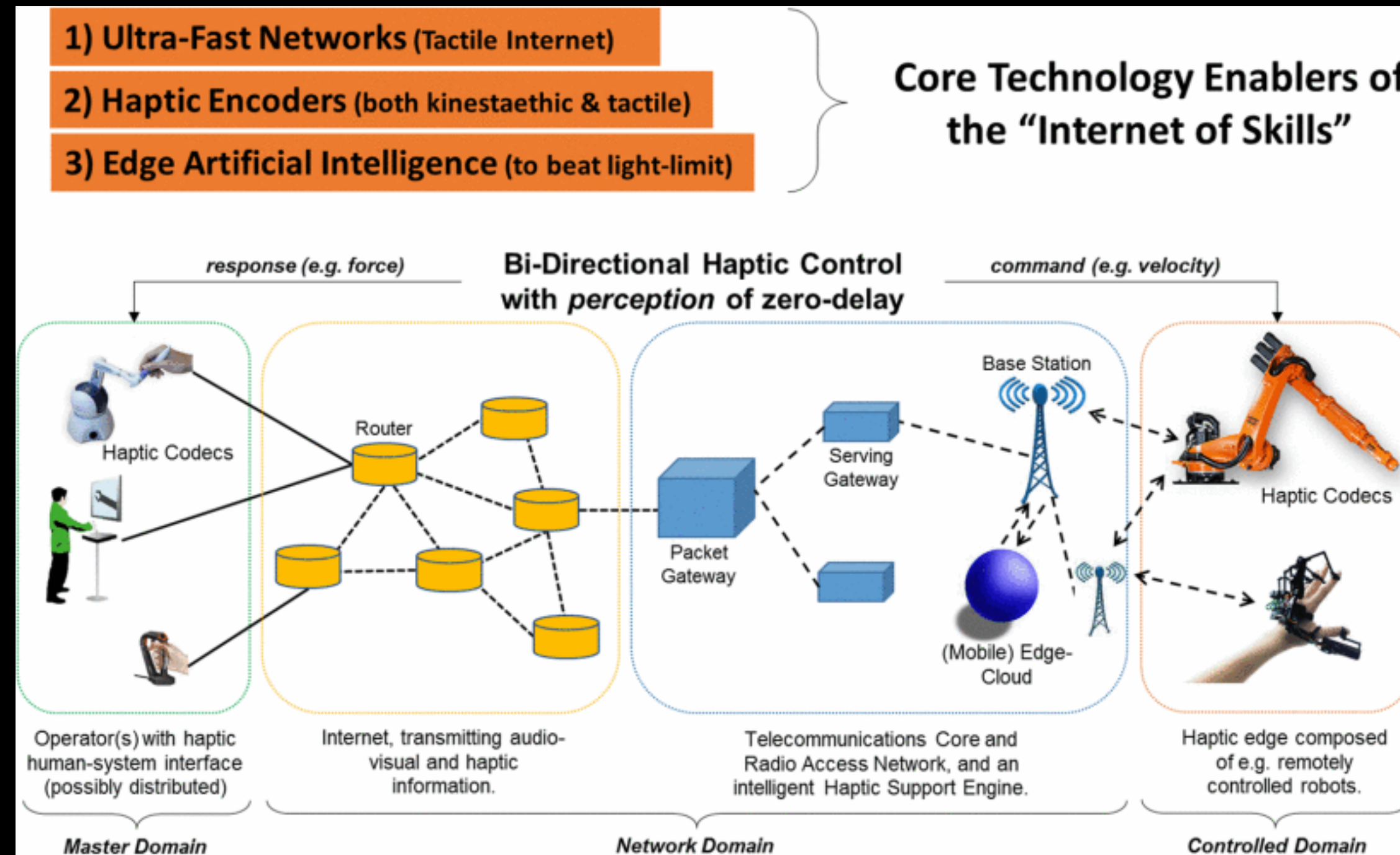
*The vast computing and data
storage resources of the **cloud**
is exploited*

*Robots can be controlled
dynamically in real time and be
connected to people and machines
locally and globally*





From IoT to IoS — The Phygital





Pillars of Next Generation Robotics



The Factory, Reimagined



NDT, Autonomous

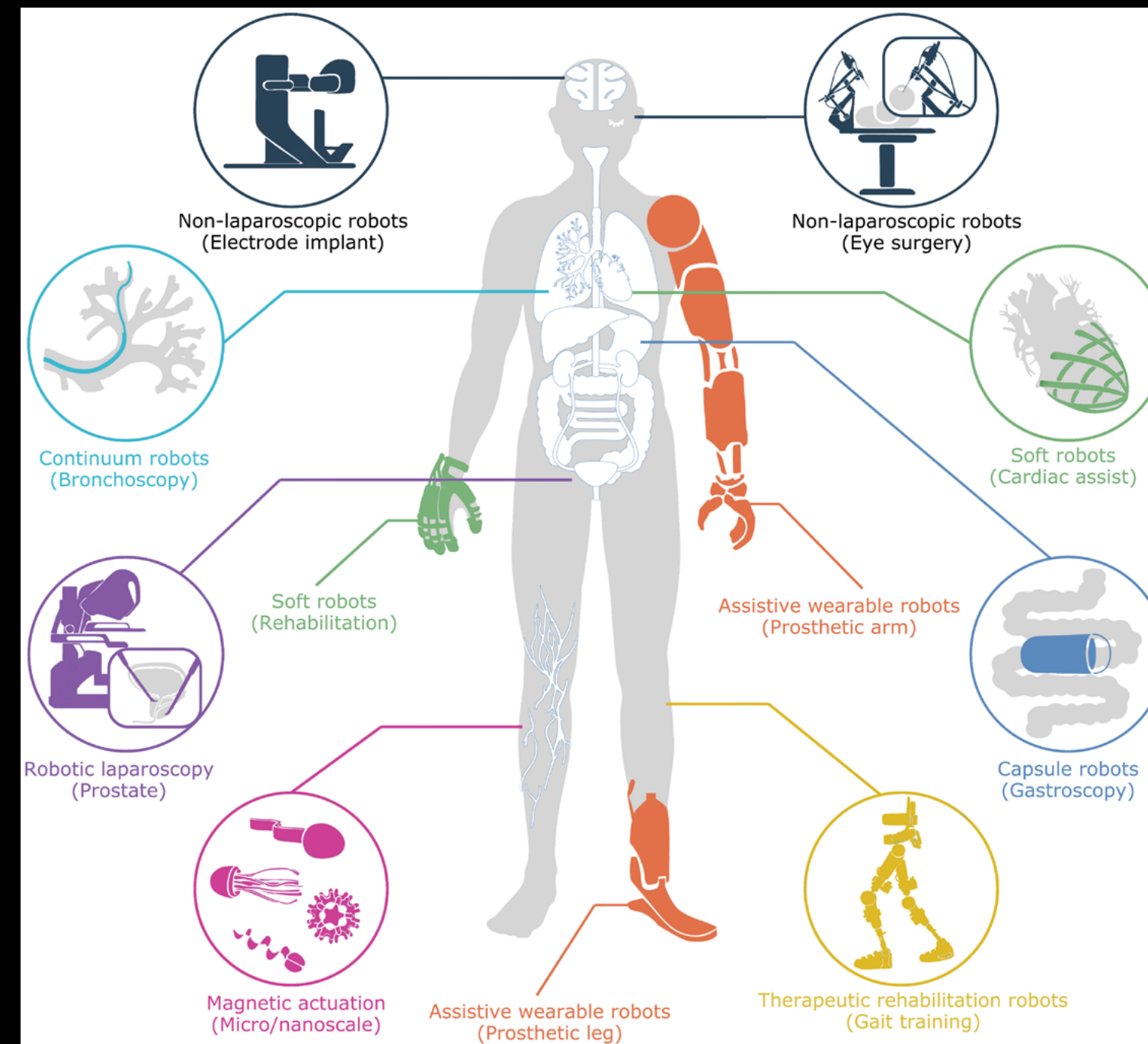


Healthcare, Revolutionized



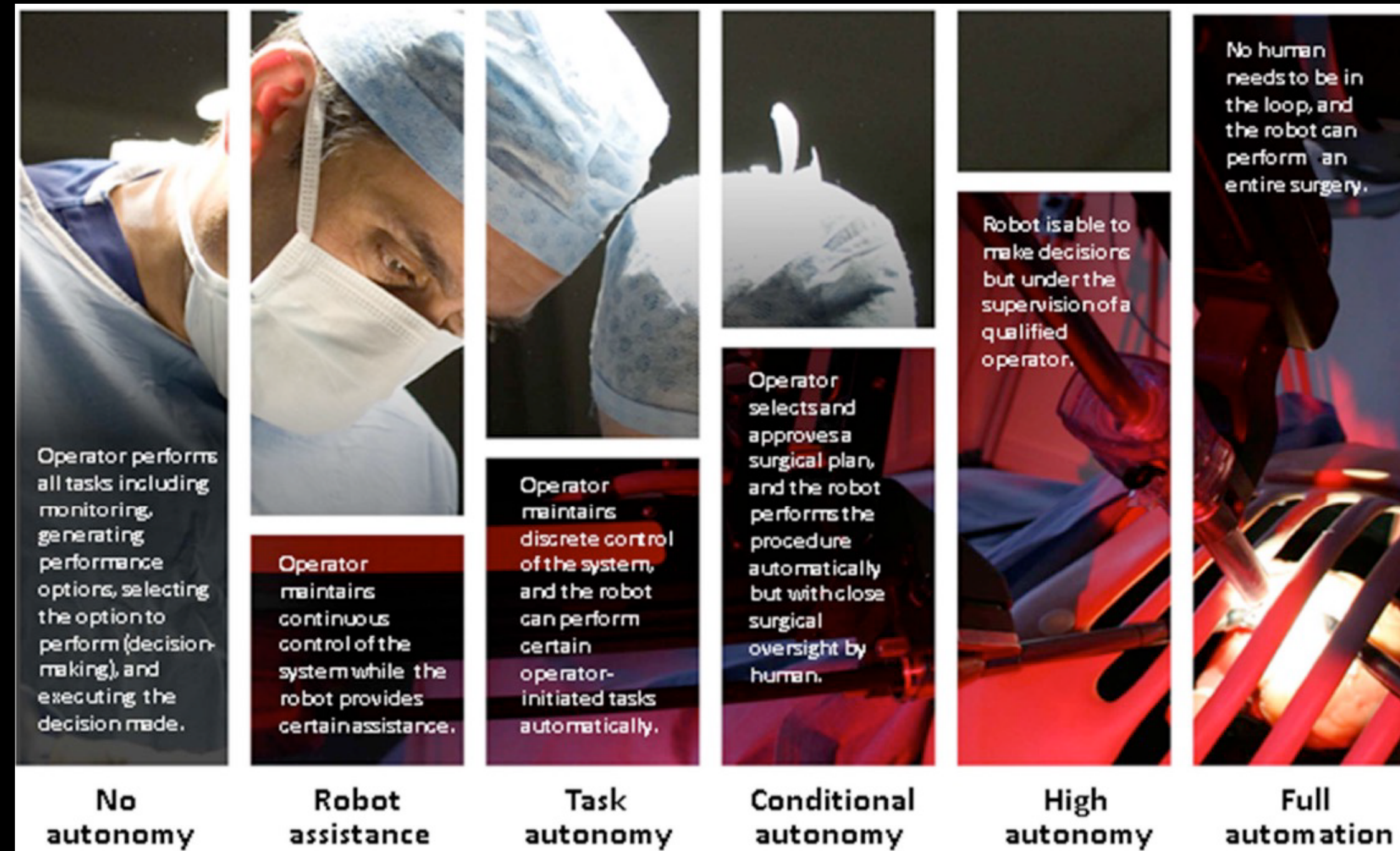
Field Robots, Unthetered

Key Areas of Medical Robotics





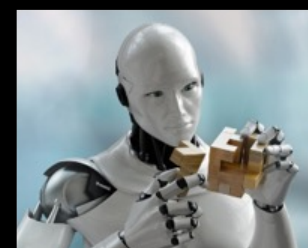
Levels of Autonomy





Robots & Humans

«La scienza m'interessa proprio nel mio sforzo per uscire da una conoscenza antropomorfa; ma allo stesso tempo sono convinto che la nostra immaginazione non possa essere che antropomorfa»
Italo Calvino

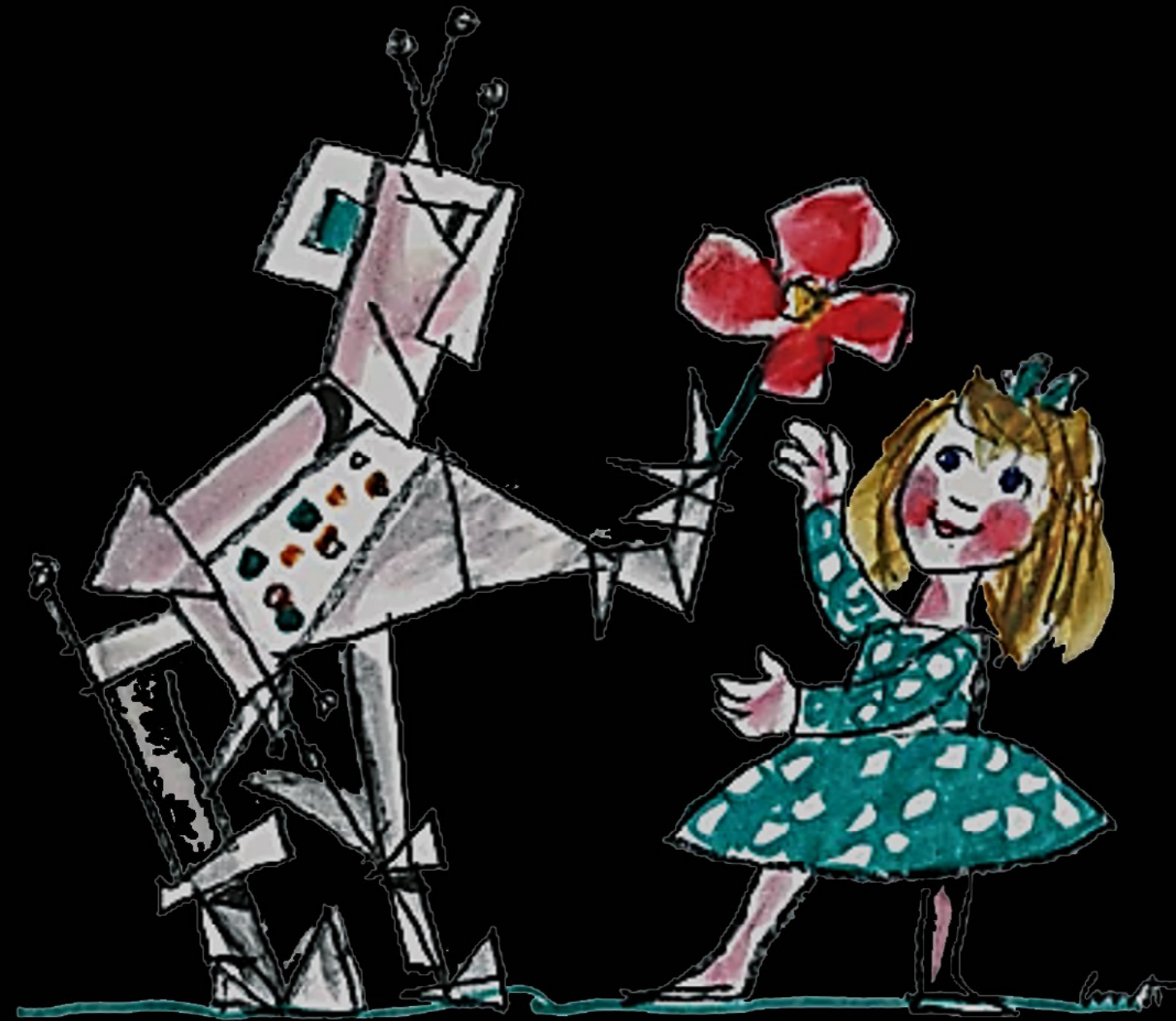


Biological inspiration in design and learning from nature (*biomimicry* and *bionics*)

A future where *robots* are more *social* than solitary (*robot companion*)

Robots will *enhance human work and life rather than replace us* in our homes, hospitals, factories, farms and freeways

Roboethics



Ethical, legal, societal and economic (ELSE) issues for design, construction and use of robots

Cohabitation of humans with robots

*Fundamental **human rights** and the **moral duties** corresponding to them*

Challenges and Outreach

New emerging areas

Biomechanics

Haptics

Neurosciences

Machine learning

Virtual prototyping

Animation

Surgery

Rehabilitation

Sensor networks

...

New communities of users and developers

*Most striking advances happening at **intersection** of disciplines*

*Future developments and expected growth of field largely depending on **scientific cooperation***

*Robotics technology becoming **ubiquitous, distributed and embedded into smart environments***

Towards a Technological Humanism

«In effetti l'uomo si dimostra essere cosa divina perché dove la natura finisce di produrre le sue spetie l'uomo quivi comincia colle cose naturali a fare coll'aiutorio d'essa natura infinite spetie»

Leonardo da Vinci



*«A distanza di 100 anni dall'ingresso della parola robot nel nostro lessico, la sfida e allo stesso tempo l'opportunità che il mondo della ricerca dovrà rappresentare è relativa a futuri scenari in cui la robotica diventerà un mezzo interattivo per contribuire a migliorare le condizioni di vita. In questa visione, la rivoluzione dei robot potrà aiutarci a riaffermare **la caratteristica meno artificiale del nostro mondo: la nostra umanità**»*

Atlante Treccani, Bruno Siciliano (2020)

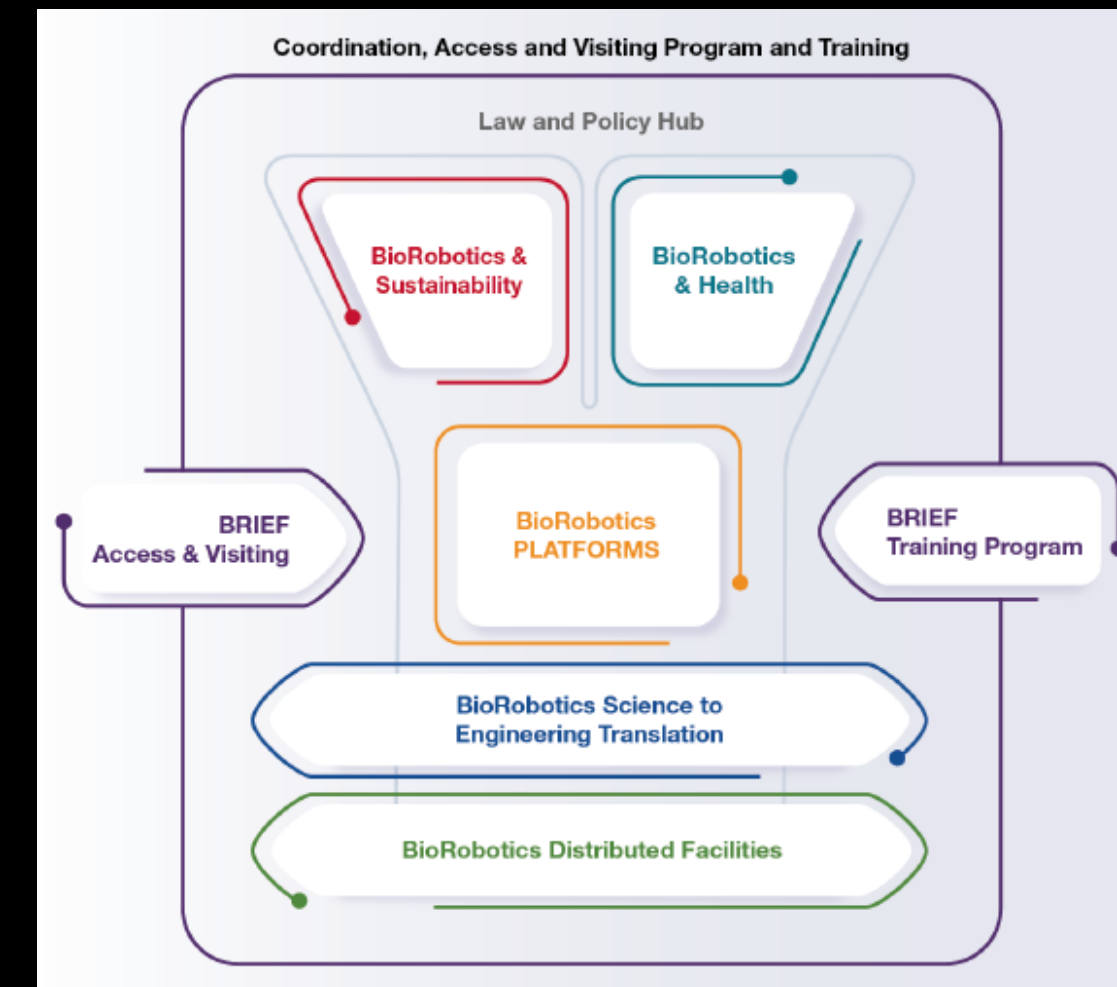


Biorobotics Research &
 Innovation Engineering
 Facilities

Piano Nazionale
 di Ripresa e Resilienza

#NEXTGENERATIONITALIA

- ✓ *Strengthening infrastructures having long-term sustainability*
- ✓ *24 M€ in 28 months*
 - ❖ *Grants from competitive calls*
 - ❖ *Institutional endowments from public bodies*
 - ❖ *Revenues from commercial contracts*
- ✓ *3 Institutions*
 - ❖ *SSSA*
 - ❖ *UniNa*
 - ❖ *PoliBa*
- ✓ *UniNa*
 - ❖ *4.8 M€*
 - ❖ *Biomimetic and Biohybrid Robotic (B2R) Lab @ DIETI*
 - ❖ *Robotic-assisted in Situ Tissue Regeneration and Repair (REISSUE) Lab @ CRIB*



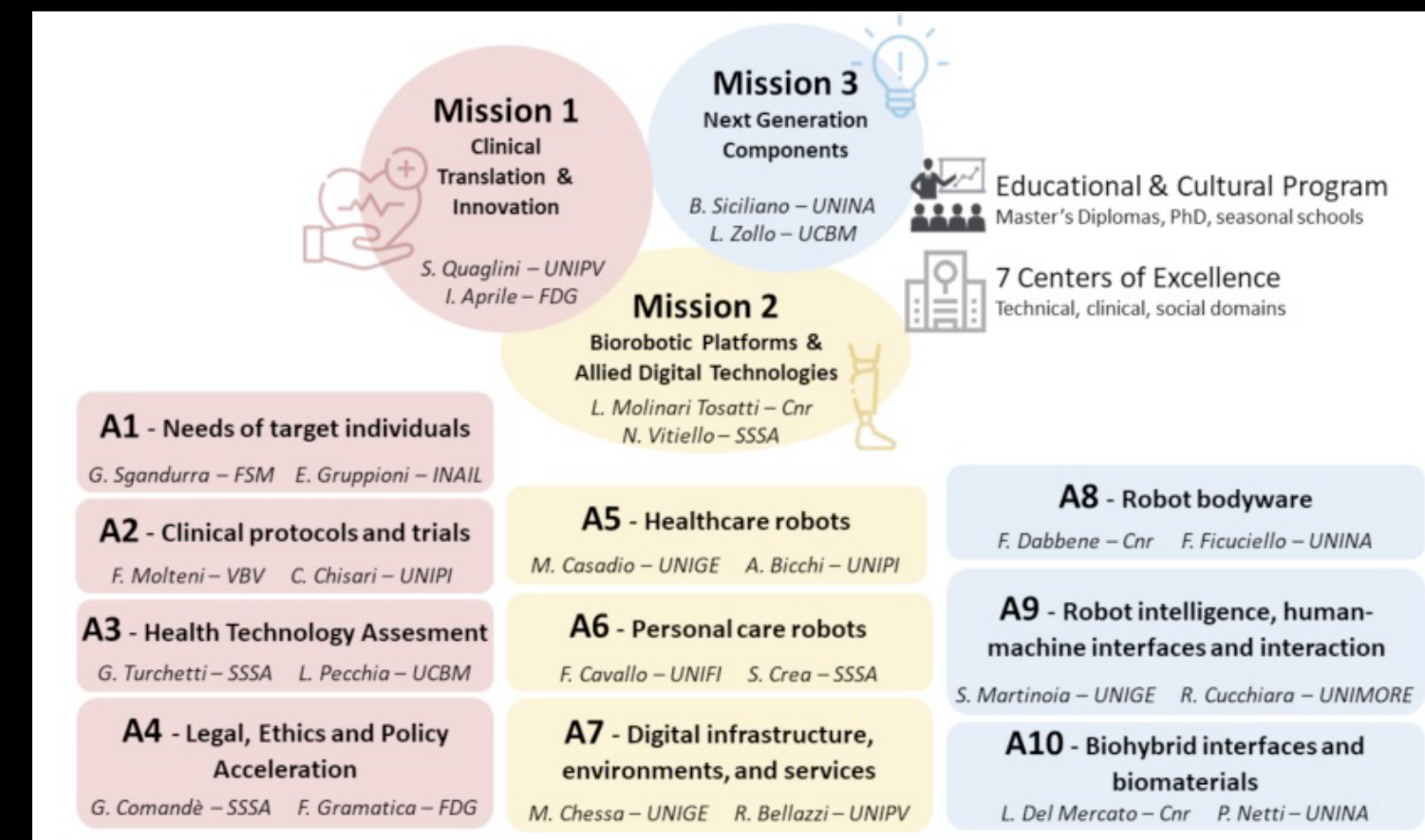
FIT4MEDROB:

rivoluzionare i modelli assistivi e riabilitativi

- ✓ A new generation of biorobotic and digital technologies for a sustainable welfare
- ✓ 126 M€ in 44 months
- ✓ Hub & Spokes model
- ✓ 26 Institutions
 - ❖ 1 Research Centre (CNR)
 - ❖ 10 Universities
 - ❖ 12 Clinical Centres
 - ❖ 3 Companies
- ✓ UniNa
 - ❖ 31 M€ (13 M€ + 18 M€ cascaded funding)
 - ❖ 4 Engineering Departments + 4 Medical Departments + 1 Physics Department
 - ❖ Center of Excellence for Biorobotic and Bionic Materials and Systems

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Exoskeleton-assisted walking for prehabilitation and active aging



- ✓ *Promoting active lifestyles based on regular moderate-intensity physical training*
- ✓ *170 K€ in 24 months*
- ✓ *3 Institutions*
 - ❖ *SSSA*
 - ❖ *UniNa*
 - ❖ *UCBM*





Harmony

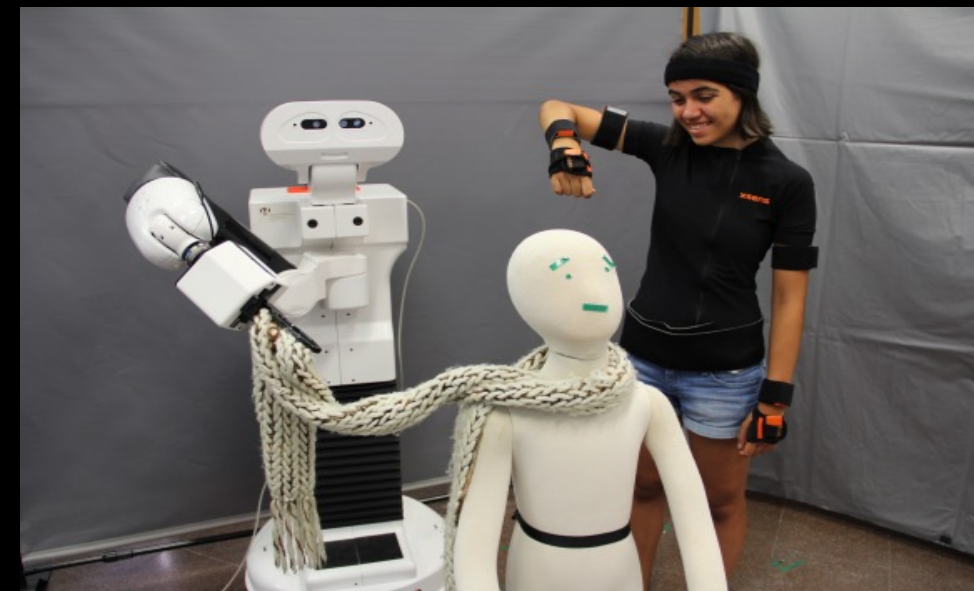
Assistive robots for healthcare



- ✓ 7.2 M€ in 36 months
- ✓ Navigation and SLAM
- ✓ 19 total DOFs
- ✓ Manipulation
- ✓ Human-robot interaction
- ✓ Perception
- ✓ Speech recognition
- ✓ Sensors: laser, sonar, IMU, RGBD-camera, wrist force/torque sensor



Human-robot cooperation



Human-robot teleoperation

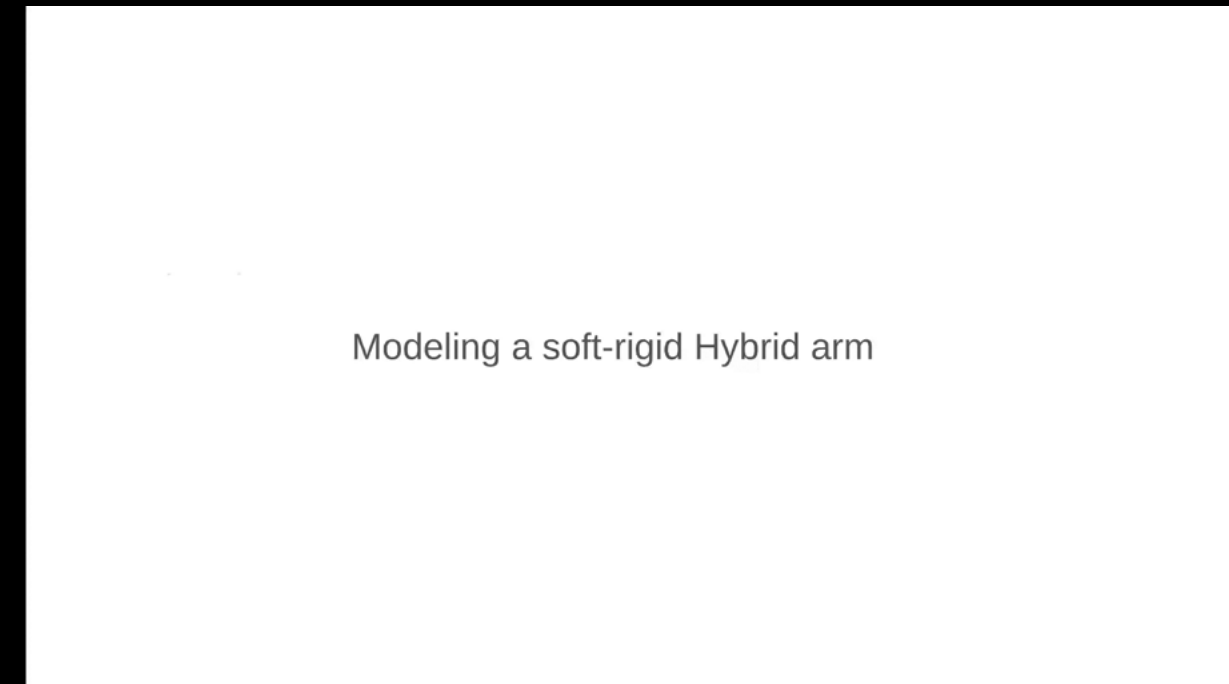
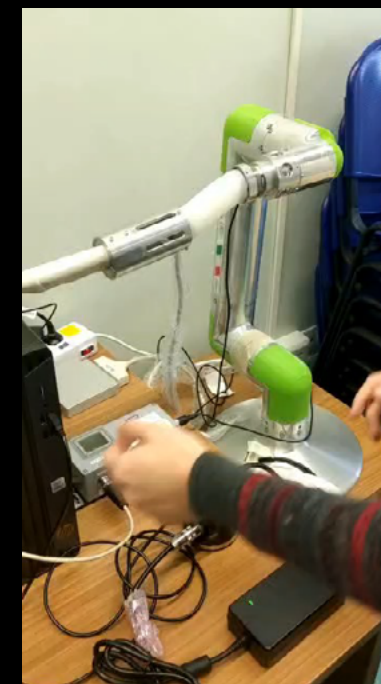
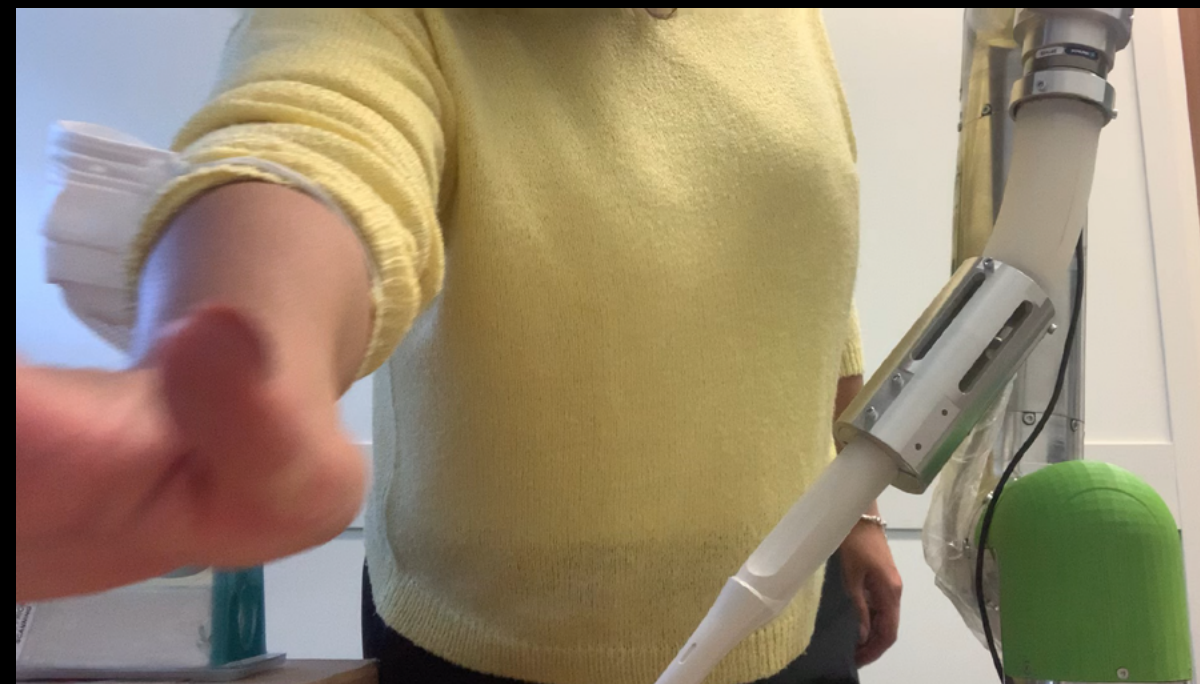




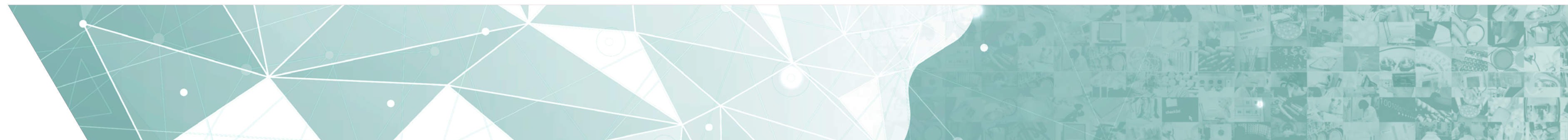
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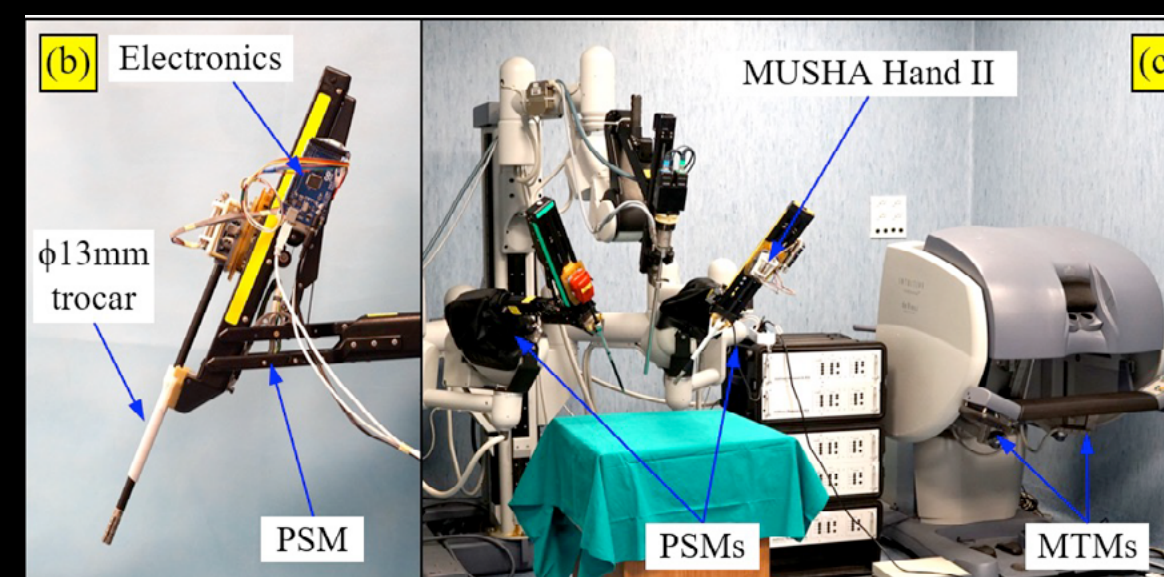
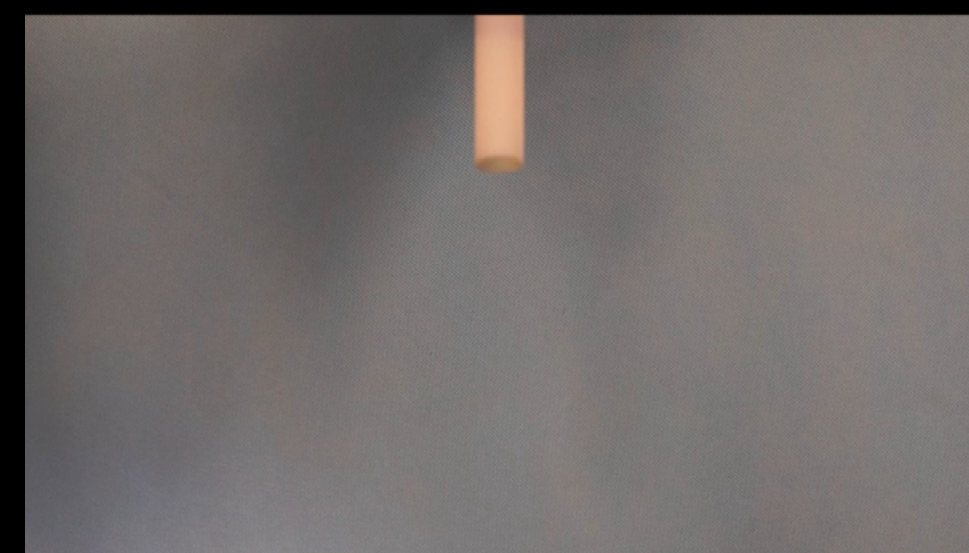
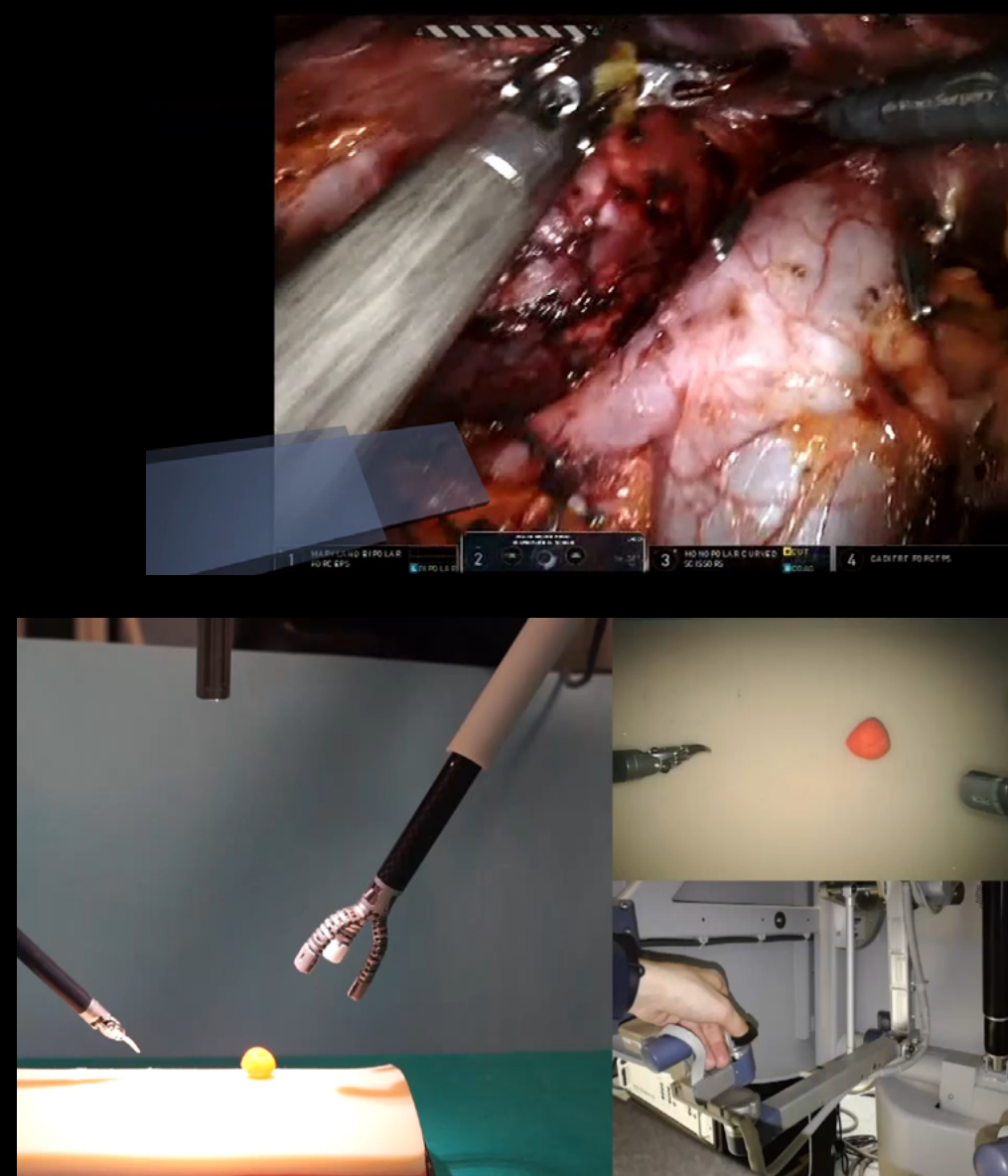
- ✓ 8.75 M€ in 42 months
- ✓ Design of a soft/rigid robot
 - ❖ Intrinsically safe
 - ❖ Force/torque wrist sensor
 - ❖ Under-actuated
 - ❖ Lightweight
- ✓ Control
 - ❖ Manual guidance
 - ❖ Motion planning with SOFA
 - ❖ AI for image-guided pose refining
 - ❖ Finite-element method for soft part



Micromechanic and robotic approaches for diagnosis and therapy of prostate cancer



✓ 95 K€ in 24 months



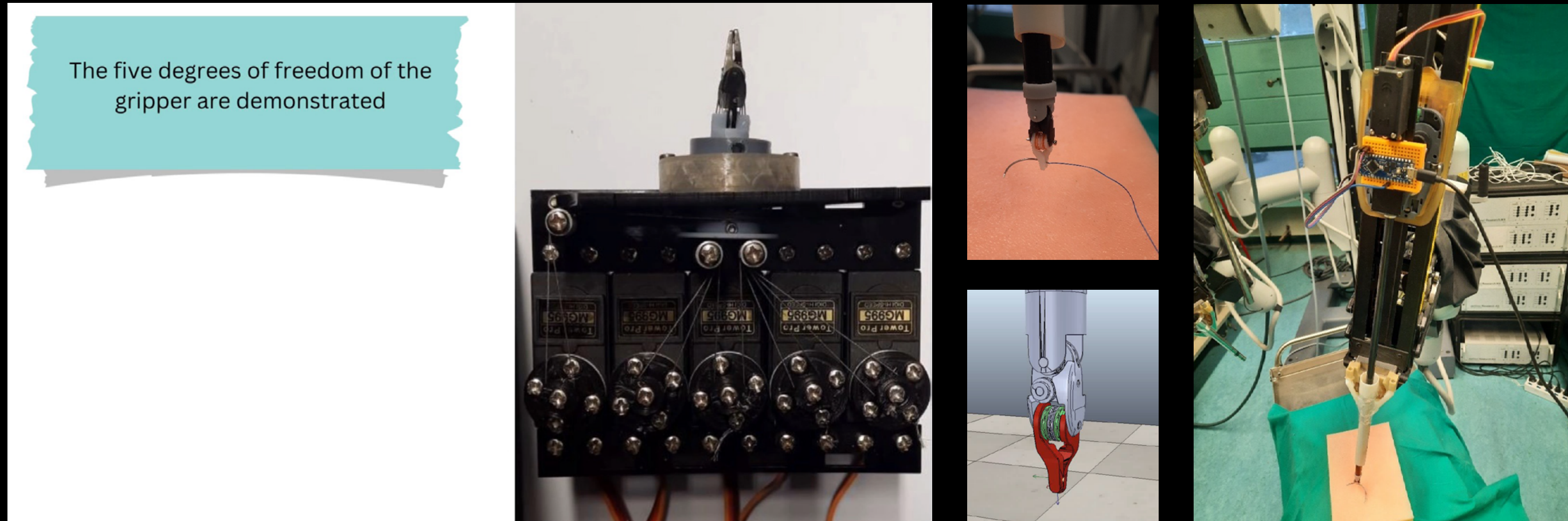
Mini-invasive surgical tools and artificial anthropomorphic hands

Needle Holder with Handling Capability (PACMAN)



- ✓ 75 K€ in 18 months
- ✓ Rolling capabilities for needle reorientation (1 extra DOF)
- ✓ da Vinci Research Kit integration with control interface

The five degrees of freedom of the gripper are demonstrated



New surgical tool for in-hand rolling

Remote Surgical Training (ReST)

✓ 50 K€ in 12 months



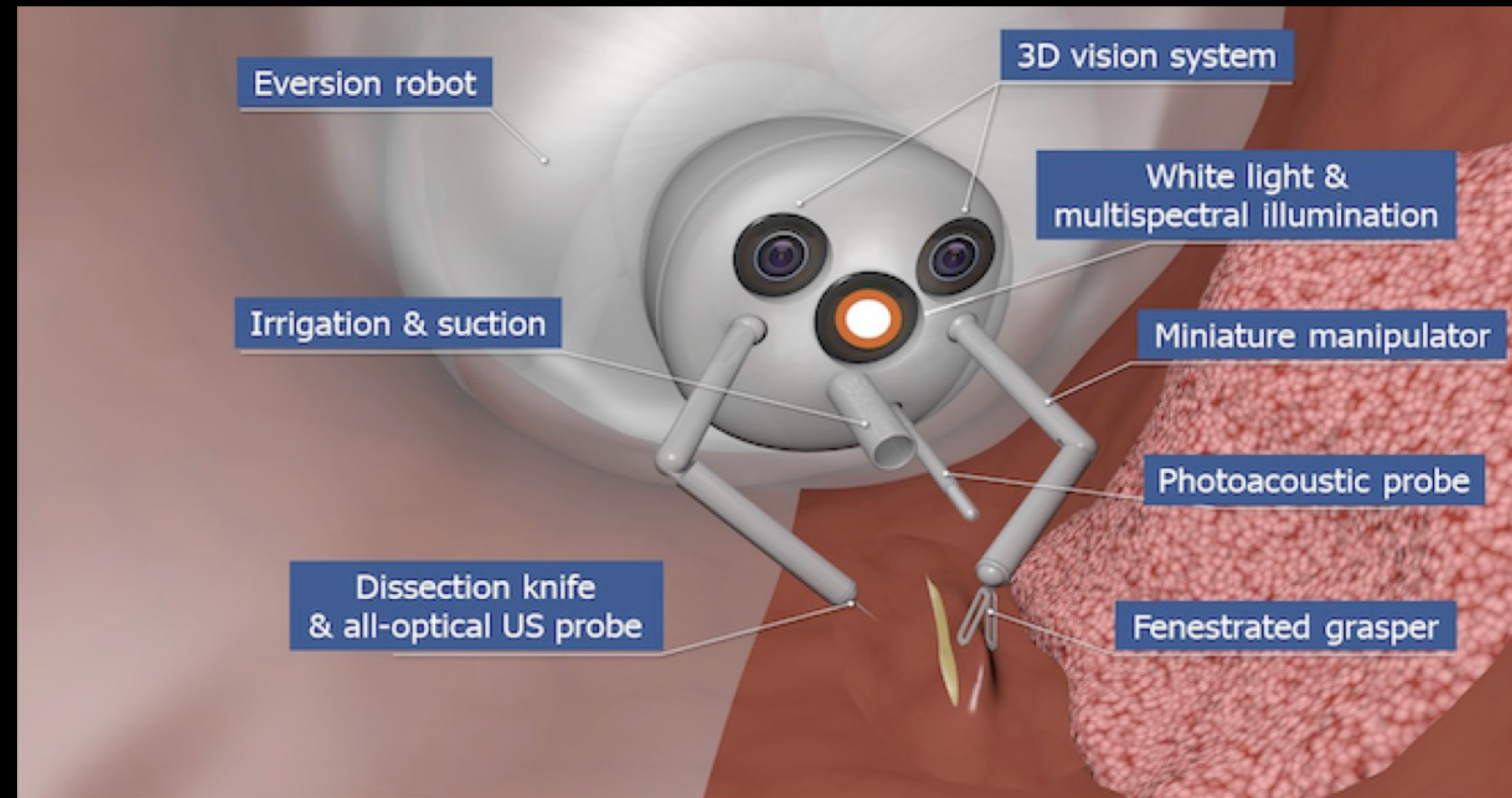
- ✓ Training setup composed of a da Vinci Xi system, master console and slave robot hosted in one room, and a tutor console placed in adjacent room
- ✓ Adoption of 5G as cutting-edge technology for transmission of real-time multimedia flows (audio, video, data) across the Internet — **constant latency**
- ✓ **Haptic feedback** data generated by control components on the operating tools

INTUITIVE
SURGICAL®

Towards Intelligent Robotic Endoscopic Dissection (TI-RED)



- ✓ Novel robotic surgery and medical imaging system for endoscopic dissection of colorectal early cancer lesions
- ✓ 207 K€ in 24 months
- ✓ 2 Institutions
 - ❖ UniTo
 - ❖ UniNa



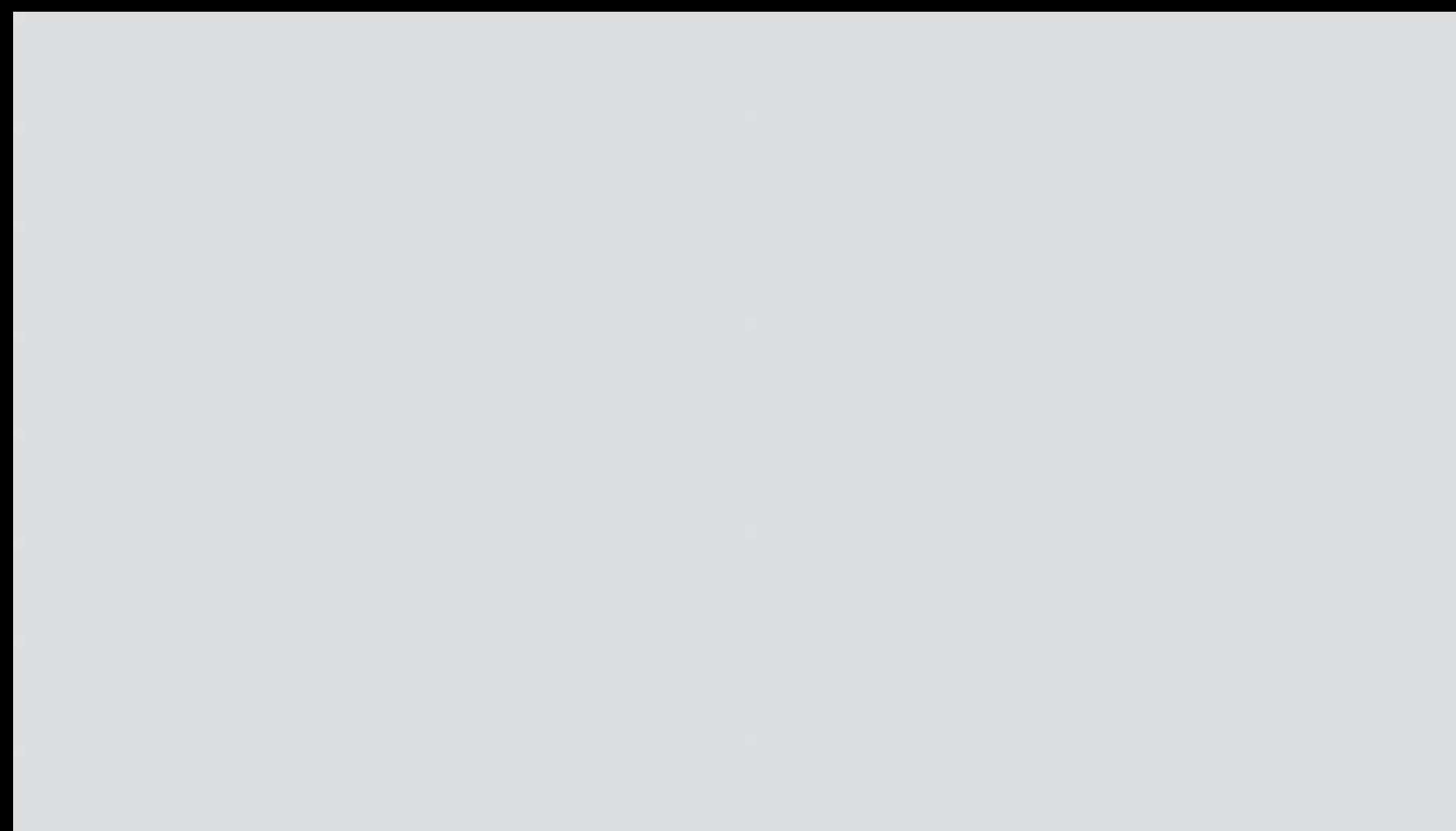


ENDO
THERANOSTICS

****SyG proposal under evaluation****



- ✓ *One-stop shop theranostic procedure for treatment of colorectal polyps*
- ✓ *10 M€ in 60 months*
- ✓ *4 Institutions*
 - ❖ *UniTo*
 - ❖ *QMUL*
 - ❖ *KCL*
 - ❖ *UniNa*



Thank You!



"For surgical robots, one key aspect is that the treating physician is still in control to a significant extent."

Delitti in materia di violazione del diritto d'autore (Art. 25-novies, D.Lgs. n. 231/2001) [articolo aggiunto dalla L. n. 99/2009]

- Messa a disposizione del pubblico, in un sistema di reti telematiche, mediante connessioni di qualsiasi genere, di un'opera dell'ingegno protetta, o di parte di essa (art. 171, legge n.633/1941 comma 1 lett. a) bis)
- Reati di cui al punto precedente commessi su opere altrui non destinate alla pubblicazione qualora ne risulti offeso l'onore o la reputazione (art. 171, legge n.633/1941 comma 3)
- Abusiva duplicazione, per trarne profitto, di programmi per elaboratore; importazione, distribuzione, vendita o detenzione a scopo commerciale o imprenditoriale o concessione in locazione di programmi contenuti in supporti non contrassegnati dalla SIAE; predisposizione di mezzi per rimuovere o eludere i dispositivi di protezione di programmi per elaboratori (art. 171-bis legge n.633/1941 comma 1)
- Riproduzione, trasferimento su altro supporto, distribuzione, comunicazione, presentazione o dimostrazione in pubblico, del contenuto di una banca dati; estrazione o reimpiego della banca dati; distribuzione, vendita o concessione in locazione di banche di dati (art. 171-bis legge n.633/1941 comma 2)
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