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# Prospective Student Day

Doctoral Study Programme Computer and Information Science

*University of Ljubljana  
Faculty of Computer and  
Information Science*





# Why Become a Doctoral Student at FRI?



# Our Successful Doctoral Students



**Asst. Prof. dr. Marinka Žitnik, 2015**  
Harvard University

**Genialis**

**dr. Nejc Škoberne, 2013**  
CEO & Co-founder of Genialis



**dr. Mitja Trampuš, 2015**  
Google



**dr. Jure Žbontar, 2016**  
Facebook

**dr. Miha Štajdohar, 2012**  
CTO & Co-founder of Genialis



**dr. Sanja Fidler, 2010**  
CEO of NVIDIA AI Research

# Modern Facilities



## 12 Computer Classrooms



## 19 Research Laboratories



**Access to HPC RIVR –**  
among Top 100  
supercomputers  
(10 PetaFLOPS,  
120.000 cores)

# Research



- Systems and networks
- Machine perception and multimedia
- Computational biology
- Software engineering and informatics
- Machine learning and artificial intelligence
- Theoretical computer science and mathematical methods

19

Laboratories

57

Mentors

<https://fri.uni-lj.si/en/mentors>

# Doctoral thesis

<https://repozitorij.uni-lj.si/Statistika.php>



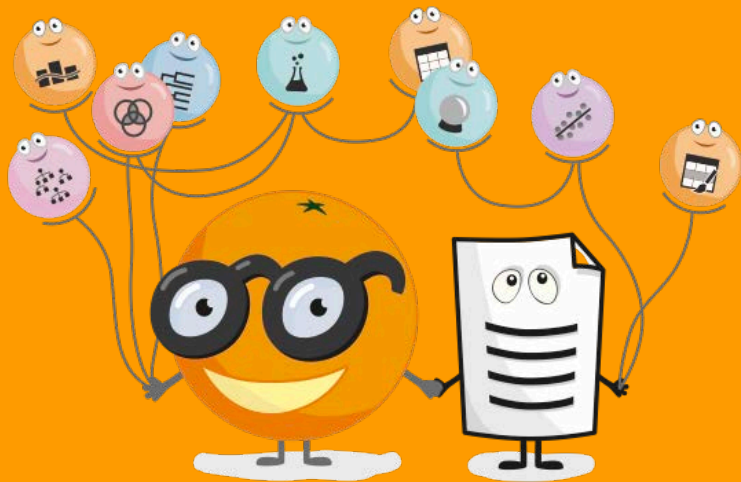
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- Semi-automatic reconstruction and documentation of software development methods, 2020
- Incremental matrix factorization for simultaneous learning from parallel data streams, 2019
- Scalable matrix factorization for data fusion, 2019
- Learning of text-level discourse parsing, 2019
- Emotion Recognition on Twitter Using Neural Networks, 2019
- Semantics-based automated essay evaluation, 2018
- Prediction of aircraft trajectories for air traffic control using machine learning approaches, 2018
- Compositional hierarchical model for music information retrieval, 2018
- Learning decision rules with evolutionary optimization, 2018
- Proactive risk management in information systems, 2018
- Multi-level monitoring and rule-based reasoning in the adaptation of time-critical cloud applications, 2018
- Low-rank matrix factorization in multiple kernel learning, 2018
- Indoor Localization Method Based on WiFi Signals and Building Layout Model, 2018
- Artificial intelligence methods for modelling tremor mechanisms, 2018
- Computational methodology for enhanced sensitivity analysis of gene regulatory networks, 2018
- Hint generation in programming tutors, 2018
- Counting small patterns in networks, 2018
- Monte Carlo Tree Search Strategies, 2018
- Finding dependencies in data with information-theoretic methods, 2017
- Adaptive Long-Term Ambulatory Electrocardiogram Morphology Delineation Using Orthogonal Transformations, 2017

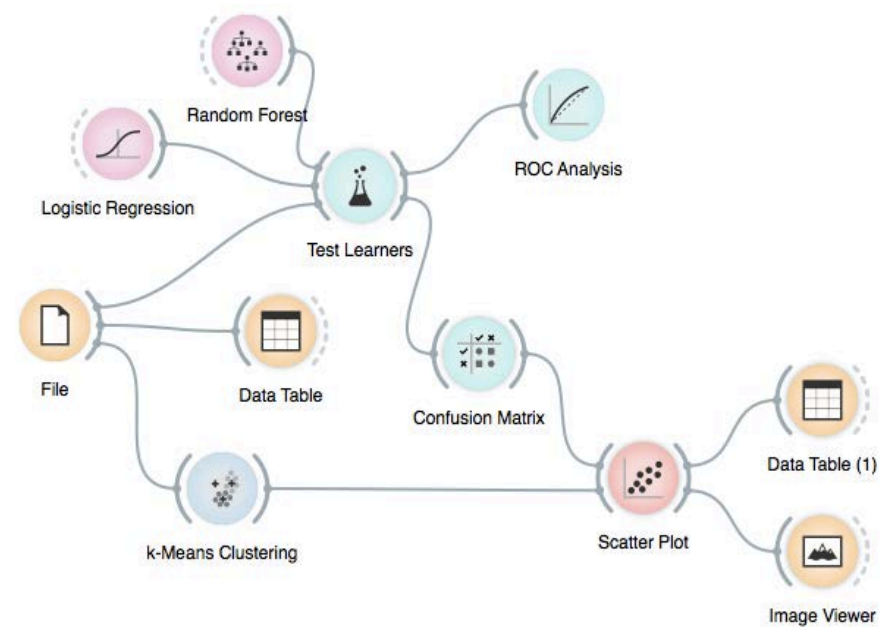
# Orange Data Mining

<http://orange.biolab.si>

- **22,700** monthly downloads
- **19,800** Youtube subscribers
- **2,024,000** views on Youtube



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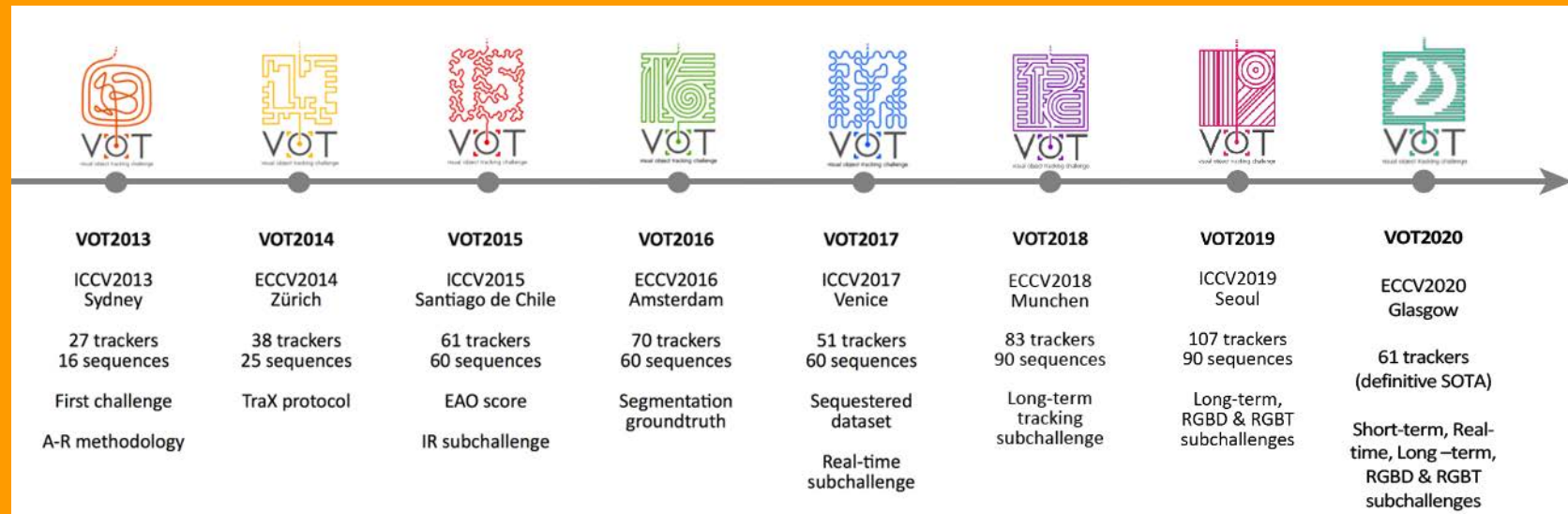
# VOT – Visual Object Tracking initiative



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<http://www.votchallenge.net>

- Running since 2013
- VOT2020: 5 specialized subchallenges
- Workshop papers with over 100 coauthors
- VOT publications cited: >1000 (Research Gate), >2500 (Google Scholar)



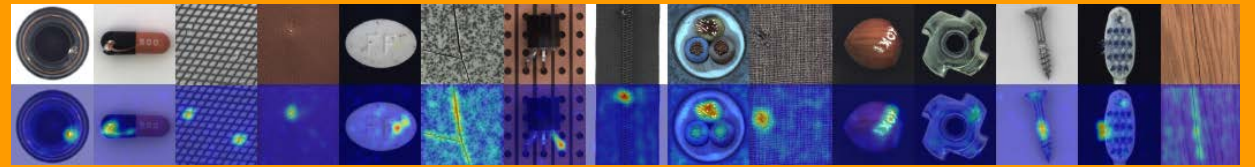
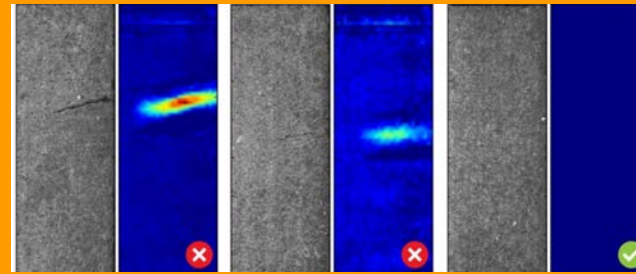
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# Deep-learning-based Computer Vision

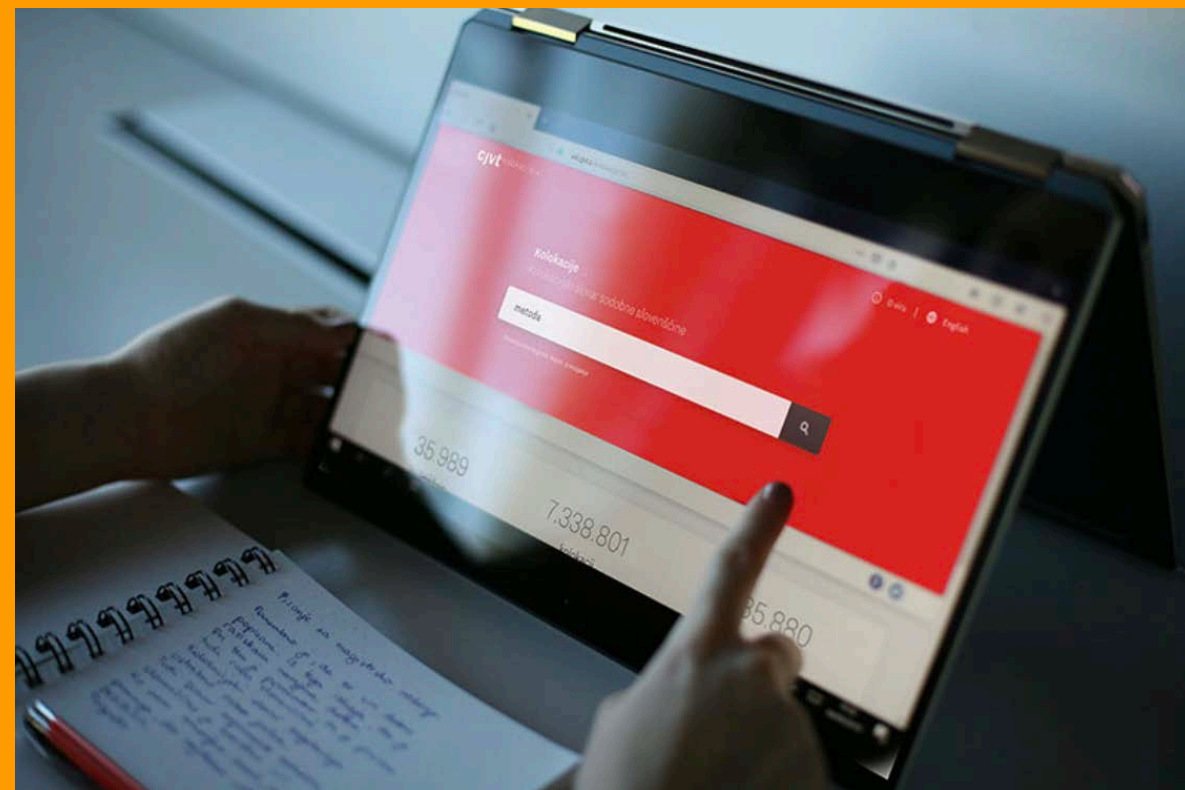
- Data-driven learning-based machine vision
- Segmentation-based surface anomaly detection
- From supervised to unsupervised learning
- Vision for robotics
- Image enhancement
- Visual tracking
- Biometrics:
  - Sclera-based Identity Recognition*
  - Ear Biometrics*
  - De-Identification*
  - Soft-Biometric Privacy Enhancement*



# Development of Slovene in a Digital Environment: Language Resources and Technologies

<https://www.cjvt.si/rsdo>

- Computational tools and services in the field of language technologies for Slovene
- Natural language Smart assistants
- Open license of software and databases
- Speech recognition
- Speech transcription
- Machine translation
- Terminology extraction
- Terminology portal





## 1<sup>st</sup> Year



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Year



## 4<sup>th</sup> Year



# Study Programme

# Elective Courses

## 2021/2022

- Incremental Learning from Data Streams
- Mathematics for Machine Learning
- Modern Cryptography and Computer Security
- Predictive Analytics for Structured Data
- Advanced Topics in Network Science
- Contemporary Approaches to Algorithm Design
- Heterogeneous Computing Platforms
- Approximate Arithmetic for Media Processing and (C)NNs

## 2022/2023

- Information System Integration Methods
- Advanced Algorithms for Search and Planning
- Machine Learning for Natural Language Processing
- Deep Learning for Computer Vision
- Selected Topics in Analysis of Sound Signals
- Selected Topics from Computer Graphics and Visualization
- Security Studies and Ethical Hacking

# International Collaborations

## Collaborations with world-renowned institutions:

- **Joint Research Centre of European Commission (Italy)**  
– doctoral partnership on cybersecurity and biometrics;
- **The European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN (Switzerland);**
- **Chinese Academy of Sciences (China)** – joint Chinese-Slovenian virtual laboratory for high performance computing;
- **Kyungpook National University (South Korea)** – joint research in computer vision and wireless computing and a double degree study;
- **University College London (UK)** – joint research in bioinformatics and mobile computing;
- **Baylor College of Medicine (USA)** – joint research in bioinformatics;
- **University of Birmingham (UK)** – joint research in computer vision and robotics;
- **Czech Technical University in Prague (Czech republic)** – joint research in computer vision;
- **Alpe-Adria University Klagenfurt (Austria)** – joint research in computer compilers and algorithmics;
- **University of Belgrade (Serbia)** – joint research in sport statistics and computational linguistics;
- **KAUST – King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia)** – computer graphics and visualization technology for depicting the life forms from atoms to organisms

**Internal fund for research and study visits abroad!**



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**Total number of  
collaborating institutions**

A photograph of three young adults walking through a modern, brightly lit hallway with large glass windows. The man on the left is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and dark pants, carrying a backpack. The woman in the middle is wearing a white top and blue jeans, also with a backpack. The man on the right is wearing a grey hoodie and blue jeans, holding a water bottle. The hallway has a dark ceiling and a light-colored floor. Large windows on the right side offer a view of a modern building and a landscape with a river. The text 'Open to Foreign Students' is overlaid in a bright yellow font on the right side of the image.

# Open to Foreign Students





## About Slovenia

Slovenia is one of the greenest European countries. Mediterranean Coast, snowy mountain tops of Julian Alps or thermal spa resorts in the Eastern part, famous for its wines, are all just an hour's drive from Ljubljana, the lively and picturesque capital of Slovenia.

## Student Life in Ljubljana

- Peaceful and safe city
- Low living costs:
  - 400-500€/month
  - Subsidized lunch, transportation
  - Dorms for exchange students
- Tech events for students



# Study in Ljubljana, discover Slovenia



# How to Apply for the Doctoral Programme?

## Apply Online

Apply at eVŠ Portal

<http://portal.evs.gov.si/prijava>

Master or pre-bologna  
equivalent study programme

## Application Deadline

**1 June 2021**

Enrolment in September 2021

## Application Enclosures

- a well-structured CV
- a certified copy of your bachelor or master's degree
- a GPA certificate of exams and tutorials
- a motivation letter
- 2 recommendation letters
- mentors's acceptance statement
- short conceptual design of the research work

## Tuition Fees

4200 € for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year

3000 € for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year

## Contact

### Student Affairs

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# Assistance to International Students by International Office

## Assistance in applying for:

- study programme online via eVŠ platform
- visa, residence permit
- JRC call

## Advising on:

- documentation for recognition of education
- finding an apartment in Ljubljana
- basic information about living in Slovenia

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# Open Positions and Scholarships

<https://fri.uni-lj.si/en/career-faculty>

## Researcher positions

- **QUIERO – Quantitative MR-based imaging of physical biomarkers**  
Info: <https://www.fri.uni-lj.si/sl/projekti/1600>,  
<https://quiero-project.eu/>  
Contact: [aleksander.sadikov@fri.uni-lj.si](mailto:aleksander.sadikov@fri.uni-lj.si)
- **Use of computer vision in biometry with emphasis on detecting fakes, e. g. deep fakes.**  
Contacts: [son.vu@ensea.fr](mailto:son.vu@ensea.fr), [peter.peer@fri.uni-lj.si](mailto:peter.peer@fri.uni-lj.si)
- **IoT security and light solutions in machine learning for anomaly detection**  
Contact: [denis.trcek@fri.uni-lj.si](mailto:denis.trcek@fri.uni-lj.si)

## Young researchers

### Artificial Intelligence

Coordinator: [blaz.zupan@fri.uni-lj.si](mailto:blaz.zupan@fri.uni-lj.si)

### Bayesian Statistics and Machine Learning

Coordinator: [erik.strumbelj@fri.uni-lj.si](mailto:erik.strumbelj@fri.uni-lj.si)

## Computer graphics and visualization

### Biological processes and data on micro/nano level

Asst. prof. dr. Ciril Bohak – ciril.bohak@fri.uni-lj.si

- Reconstruction of electron microscopy data:  
e.g. cryo-ET.
- Segmentation and analysis of microscopy data:  
e.g. structure, background segmentation.
- (Procedural) Modeling of biological systems on a molecular level:  
e.g. viruses, bacteria, cell organelles.
- Simulating parts of electron microscope using  
deep learning models: e.g. Simulating noise, electron beam, sensors.
- Deep learning methods in computer graphics:  
e.g. end-to-end differentiable rendering of volumetric data.



<https://cemse.kaust.edu.sa/vcc>

# Joint Research Centre (JRC)

European Commission, DG Joint Research Centre, Directorate E - Space, Security and Migration.  
Unit E.3 - Cyber & Digital Citizens' Security, Via Enrico Fermi 2749, 21027 Ispra (VA), ITALY

JRC employs over 2700 researchers. The JRC E3 unit employs 42 researchers in three groups that cover cyber security, transport security and law enforcement technology. Research for EU strategy and policy advisors. Researcher position, five-year fixed contract, 2 years employed at FRI, 1-3 years employed at JRC. Doctoral supervision by advisor from FRI and co-advisor from JRC.

**Machine learning for  
Internet of Things**

**Machine learning for  
image and biometrical data analysis**



# • Testimonials of Doctoral Students



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# Questions & Answers

