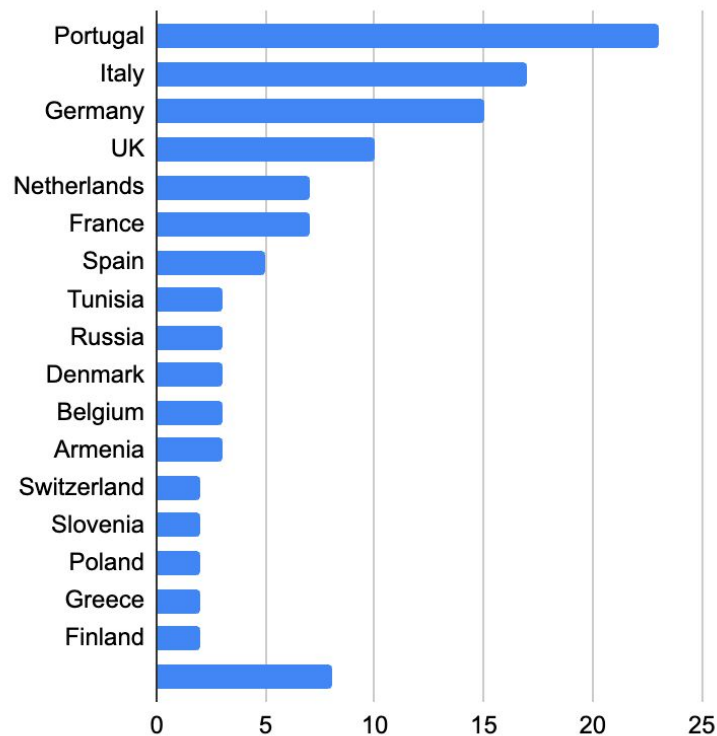




Closing Remarks (*and feedback summary*)

# Participants

- 487 applications
- 135 registered attendees
- 32% female
  - 2025: 39%, 2024: 31%
- 8% from industry





# General Organization (Suggestions?)

- The overall structure and length worked well for most participants.
- Coffee breaks, the reception, banquet, and poster sessions created valuable networking opportunities.
- Feedback on social time was divided: many appreciated the existing opportunities, while others requested more dedicated social activities.
- Poster sessions were positively received, but crowding and limited space reduced their effectiveness.

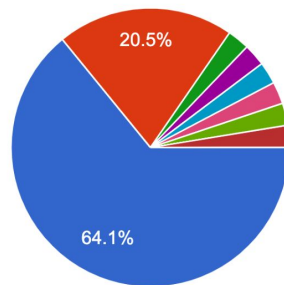
**Thanks to Ana Ayash and Sara Correia for administrative support!**

# Morning Lectures and Afternoon Talks

- Very high ratings for all the lectures!
- The diversity of participant backgrounds remains a challenge: some found the material too introductory, while others found it difficult to absorb in a single lecture.
- Several participants found the afternoon talks especially engaging. Morning lectures would benefit from covering topics in greater depth, perhaps at a slower pace.

What is your general opinion about the afternoon talks?

39 responses

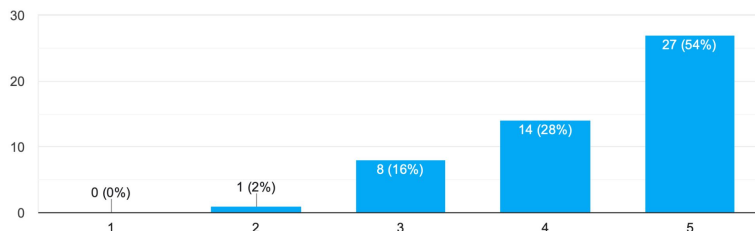


- I found them important to see how the concepts learned in the morning are u...
- They were OK
- I found them useless (e.g. uninterestin...
- my main concern is that they were alw...
- I found them very engaging for the mo...
- I think they were good but it would hav...
- I found them much better than the lect...
- Mostly really interesting, please keep t...
- They were by far my highlights! Espec...

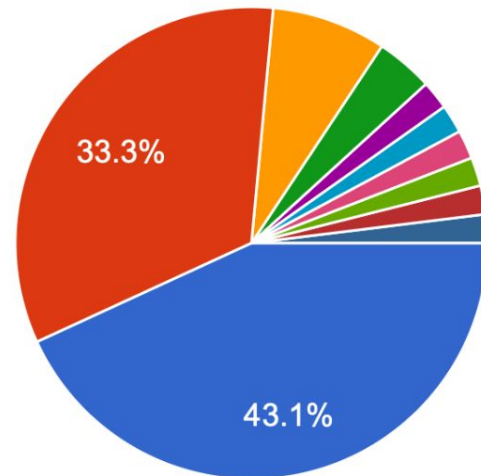
# Labs

- Ratings for monitors were very positive 🙌
- Mostly positive scores for all the lab sessions
- Still, experiences varied considerably: some participants said labs reinforced the lectures, while others found them too general and not realistic.

How would you rate the help provided by the monitors?  
50 responses



What is your general opinion about the lab guides and code?



- They helped me understand the lecture...
- They are OK, but not crucial for my un...
- The material is better covered elsewhere
- They should instead just be a collectio...
- They are good but the solution code la...

# Labs: How would you improve the labs, considering the help from the monitors?

- Suggestions focused on making monitor support more structured and guided.
- Offer parallel or differentiated lab tracks, such as guided/foundational and applied/advanced sessions.
- Work through at least one complete exercise step by step, followed by correction and explanation.
- More scaffolding in the guides and code, including background explanations, intermediate steps, and clearer links between formulas and implementation.
- Consider smaller, topic-focused groups in which participants can solve problems or discuss applications with others in the same area

# Food

- Coffee breaks

- Coffee breaks could include more vegetables, healthier choices, and savoury food instead of being dominated by sweet items and carbohydrates.
- Filter coffee quality was identified as an area for improvement.

- Lunch breaks

- Lunch was considered satisfactory
- Allocated lunch time was appropriate for most.
- Participants requested better vegetarian options.
- Waiting times during lunch were occasionally tiring.

- Banquet

- The location was highly appreciated.
- Maybe randomly draw table numbers for people to meet.
- Maybe an icebreaker activity, a cool DJ or something fun!
- Better vegan/vegetarian options.



# Facilities

- Lecture room with positive feedback, although...
  - Limited legroom was the most frequently mentioned issue.
  - Temperature and air conditioning were inconsistent.
  - Dim lighting
  - Difficulty in writing comfortably
- Lab rooms also with positive feedback
  - Lab facilities were actually better received.
  - Some rooms were considered narrow or cold.
  - Monitor support for navigating the campus was positive.
- Posters
  - Presentations require a larger and less crowded area



# What topics would you like to see covered more in the school?

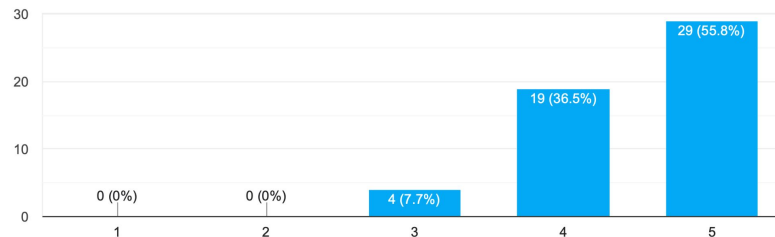
- AI safety and ethics.
  - Audio and speech.
  - Vision and multimodal learning.
  - Representation learning and robotics.
  - Causality also with a lab.
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- Current frontier research and recent developments from leading labs.
  - Methods for adapting pretrained models, and more practical applications.
  - Speaker-specific research and fewer generic introductory presentations.

# LxMLS Overall Assessment

- Overall positive scores
- Suggestions for improvement:
  - Consider redesigning the labs.
  - Better balance lecture depth and accessibility.
  - Increase social interaction.
  - Improve poster-session space.
  - Go back to having a free day by the middle.
  - Preserve the school's theory-to-practice approach while introducing more advanced, focused, and application-oriented content.

How would you rate LxMLS overall?

52 responses



**Many thanks for your suggestions!**

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A big thanks to our panelists!



And also a big thanks to our monitors!



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