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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Artificial intelligence is profoundly transforming the way we conduct research, formulate questions, find answers, and innovate. More than just a tool, it is now a driver of discovery – capable of analyzing vast amounts of data, predicting patterns, accelerating knowledge production, simulating complex scenarios, and virtually testing new products before they reach the market, across multiple sectors. Models such as AlphaFold2 and GNoME illustrate this potential. But integrating AI into science requires more than models, architectures and computing. It demands new skills – critical thinking, ethics, and multidisciplinarity – alongside regulation, global cooperation, a balance between innovation and safety, and ethical, responsible use. The challenge is to ensure that AI fosters research that is more collaborative, transformative, and impactful for society – not merely more automated.