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## Current Position

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, in Computer Science at Aalto University. Working with Jukka Suomela.

*Espoo, FI*  
*Mar. 2025 – Now*

## Education

**Ph.D. Student**, in Computer Science at Gran Sasso Science Institute.  
Thesis: *Models and Algorithms for Temporal Betweenness Centrality and Dynamic Distributed Data Structures*.

*L'Aquila, IT*  
*Nov. 2020 – Mar. 2025*

Grade: Excellent.

Supervisor: [Francesco Pasquale](#) (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”)

co-Supervisor: [Pierluigi Crescenzi](#) (Gran Sasso Science Institute)

Reviewers: Christian Scheideler, Fabio Vandin.

**M.S.**, in Computer Science, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, *summa cum laude*.  
Thesis: *Dynamic Random Graphs and unstructured P2P networks, analysis of two models inspired by the Bitcoin network*.

*Rome, IT*  
*2017 – 2020*

Supervisor: [Francesco Pasquale](#) (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”)

**B.S.**, in Computer Science, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”.

Thesis: *Efficient learning methods for playlist prediction*.

*Rome, IT*  
*2011 – 2017*

Supervisor: [Giorgio Gambosi](#) (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”)

## Academic Appointments

**Visiting Researcher Fellow**, Department of Computer Science University of Hamburg.

*Hamburg, GE*  
*January 2025*

Host: [Thorsten Götte](#)

**Visiting Researcher Fellow**, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras.

*Chennai, IN*  
*1st-Aug. – 31st-Oct. 2024*

Supervisor: [John Augustine](#)

**Visiting Researcher Fellow**, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Padua.

*Padova, IT*  
*July 2024*

Host: [Leonardo Pellegrina](#)

**Visiting Researcher Fellow**, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras.

*Chennai, IN*  
*1st-Aug. 2023 – 27th-Feb. 2024*

Supervisor: [John Augustine](#)

**Visiting Researcher Fellow**, Big Data Analytics Lab, Fondazione Ugo Bordoni

*Rome, IT*  
*Feb. – Nov. 2020*

Supervisor: [Giambattista Amati](#)

## Teaching Activities

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**Teaching Assistant**, Computability and Computational Complexity Theory, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”.

Rome, IT  
Oct. 2018 – Jun. 2019

**Teaching Assistant**, Computer Programming, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”.

Rome, IT  
Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2019

## Work

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**Software Developer**, WeDot Rome.

Rome, IT  
Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2016

**Software Developer**, New System.

Falerone, IT  
Jun. – Sep. 2010

## Languages

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◦ Italian **Mother tongue**

◦ English **Fluent** (C2 CEFR)

## Programming Skills

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- Basic: OWL, SPARQL, FORTRAN, COBOL, LISP
- Intermediate: GO, MATLAB, JAVASCRIPT, R, ASP.NET, PHP
- Advanced: PYTHON, JULIA, JAVA, C, C++, C#, SQL
- Frameworks: Apache Spark

## Research Interests

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- Graph Mining
- Distributed Computing
- Temporal Graphs
- Randomized Algorithms
- Random Graphs
- Approximation Algorithms
- Statistical Learning
- Evolving Graphs

## Publications

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In case of theoretical computer science conferences, authors are sorted alphabetically, otherwise by contribution.

## Conference Proceedings

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- [1] A. Cruciani, D. Pasquini, G. Amati, and P. Vocca. “About Graph Index Compression Techniques”. In: *Proceedings of the 10th Italian Information Retrieval Workshop, Padova, Italy, September 16-18, 2019*. Ed. by M. Agosti, E. D. Buccio, M. Melucci, S. Mizzaro, G. Pasi, and F. Silvestri. Vol. 2441. CEUR Workshop Proceedings. CEUR-WS.org, 2019, pp. 21–24. URL: <https://ceur-ws.org/Vol-2441/paper23.pdf>.
- [2] G. Amati, S. Angelini, A. Cruciani, G. Fusco, G. Gaudino, D. Pasquini, and P. Vocca. “Topic Modeling by Community Detection Algorithms”. In: *OASIS@HT 2021: Proceedings of the 2021 Workshop on Open Challenges in Online Social Networks, Virtual Event, Ireland, 30 August 2021*. Ed. by B. Guidi, A. Michienzi, and L. Ricci. ACM, 2021, pp. 15–20. DOI: [10.1145/3472720.3483622](https://doi.org/10.1145/3472720.3483622). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3472720.3483622>.
- [3] A. Cruciani and F. Pasquale. “Brief Announcement: Dynamic Graph Models for the Bitcoin P2P Network: Simulation Analysis for Expansion and Flooding Time”. In: *Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems - 24th International Symposium, SSS 2022, Clermont-Ferrand, France, November 15-17, 2022, Proceedings*. Ed. by S. Devismes, F. Petit, K. Altisen, G. A. D. Luna, and A. F. Anta. Vol. 13751. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2022, pp. 335–340. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-21017-4\\_23](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-21017-4_23). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-21017-4\\_23](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-21017-4_23).

- [4] R. Becker, P. Crescenzi, A. Cruciani, and B. Kodric. “Proxying Betweenness Centrality Rankings in Temporal Networks”. In: *21st International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms, SEA 2023, July 24-26, 2023, Barcelona, Spain*. Ed. by L. Georgiadis. Vol. 265. LIPIcs. Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 2023, 6:1–6:22. DOI: [10.4230/LIPICS.SEA.2023.6](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPICS.SEA.2023.6). URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPICS.SEA.2023.6>.
- [5] G. Amati, A. Cruciani, D. Pasquini, P. Vocca, and S. Angelini. “propagate: A Seed Propagation Framework to Compute Distance-Based Metrics on Very Large Graphs”. In: *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases: Research Track - European Conference, ECML PKDD 2023, Turin, Italy, September 18-22, 2023, Proceedings, Part III*. Ed. by D. Koutra, C. Plant, M. G. Rodriguez, E. Baralis, and F. Bonchi. Vol. 14171. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2023, pp. 671–688. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-43418-1\\_40](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-43418-1_40). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-43418-1\\_40](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-43418-1_40).
- [6] A. Cruciani and F. Pasquale. “Dynamic graph models inspired by the Bitcoin network-formation process”. In: *24th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking, ICDCN 2023, Kharagpur, India, January 4-7, 2023*. ACM, 2023, pp. 125–134. DOI: [10.1145/3571306.3571398](https://doi.org/10.1145/3571306.3571398). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3571306.3571398>.
- [7] A. Cruciani. “MANTRA: Temporal Betweenness Centrality Approximation Through Sampling”. In: *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Research Track - European Conference, ECML PKDD 2024, Vilnius, Lithuania, September 9-13, 2024, Proceedings, Part I*. Ed. by A. Bifet, J. Davis, T. Krilavicius, M. Kull, E. Ntoutsis, and I. Zliobaite. Vol. 14941. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2024, pp. 125–143. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-70341-6\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-70341-6_8). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-70341-6\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-70341-6_8).

## Preprints

- [8] A. Cruciani. *Fast Estimation of Percolation Centrality*. 2024. arXiv: [2408.02389](https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.02389) [cs.SI]. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.02389>.
- [9] J. Augustine, A. Cruciani, and I. A. Gillani. *Maintaining Distributed Data Structures in Dynamic Peer-to-Peer Networks*. 2024. arXiv: [2409.10235](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.10235) [cs.DC]. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.10235>.

## Talks

Approximating Distance-based metrics through sampling. IIT Madras.	Chennai, IN Oct. 2024
Maintaining Distributed Data Structures in Dynamic Peer-to-Peer Networks. Aalto University.	Online Oct. 2024
Maintaining Distributed Data Structures in Dynamic Peer-to-Peer Networks. IIT Madras	Chennai, IN Oct. 2024
On the Temporal Betweenness Centrality. IIT Madras.	Chennai, IN Oct. 2024
MANTRA: Temporal Betweenness Centrality Approximation through Sampling. European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD).	Vilnius, LT Sep. 2024
Computing Distance-based metrics on Very Large Graphs. University of Padua	Padua, IT Jul. 2024
PROPAGATE: A Seed Propagation Framework to Compute Distance-Based Metrics on Very Large Graphs. European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD).	Turin, IT Sep. 2023
Proxying Betweenness Centrality Rankings in Temporal Networks. 21st International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms (SEA),	Barcelona, ES Jul. 2023
Dynamic graph models inspired by the Bitcoin network-formation process. 24th international Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (ICDCN).	Kharagpur, IN Jan. 2023

Dynamic graph models for the Bitcoin P2P network: simulation analysis for expansion and flooding time. 24th International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS).

*Clermont-Ferrand, FR  
Nov. 2022*

About Graph Index Compression Techniques. Proceedings of the 10th Italian Information Retrieval Workshop (IIR-2019)

*Padua, IT  
Sep. 2019*

Iterative Compression technique for NP-Hard problems on Graphs. University of Rome Tor Vergata.

*Rome, IT  
Jun. 2019*

## Schools

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Bertinoro International Spring School

*Bertinoro, IT  
Mar. 2022*

European Summer School on Learning in Games, Markets, and Online Decision Making

*Rome, IT  
Sep. 2021*

Max Planck Advanced Course on the Foundations of Computer Science (Convex Optimization) (online)

*Saarbrücken, GE  
Jul. - Aug. 2021*

Algorithmic Tools for Massive Network Analytics (online)

*Pisa, IT  
May - Jun. 2021*

Max Planck Advanced Course on the Foundations of Computer Science (Market Design and Computational Fair Division) (online)

*Saarbrücken, GE  
August 2020*

Algorithms and computational models for large-scale data analysis. University of Rome: "La Sapienza". By Silvio Lattanzi (Google Research).

*Rome, IT  
August 2019*

## Academic Service

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Sub-reviewer PODC-WSDM-SDM-SEA 2025

Sub-reviewer FUN 2020-2024

Sub-reviewer AAMAS 2023

## Software Packages

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- PROPAGATE, an efficient algorithm for approximating various distance-based metrics (i.e., average distance, effective diameter, diameter and connectivity rate).  
<https://github.com/BigDataLaboratory/MHSE>
- DREG, a dynamic expander graph generator.  
<https://github.com/Antonio-Cruciani/DREG-DynamicRandomExpanderGenerator>
- TSBPROXY, a suite of efficient proxies for the temporal betweenness centrality rankings.  
<https://github.com/Antonio-Cruciani/TSBProxy>
- MANTRA, an efficient framework for approximating the temporal betweenness centrality using sampling.  
<https://github.com/Antonio-Cruciani/MANTRA>
- FEPIC, an efficient approximation algorithm for the percolation centrality.  
[https://github.com/Antonio-Cruciani/percolation\\_centrality](https://github.com/Antonio-Cruciani/percolation_centrality)