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## Education

### MILA and Polytechnique Montréal

Montréal, Canada

PhD in Computer Engineering (GPA: 4.0)

Jan 2025 - Current

- Supervisors: Sarath Chandar, Amal Zouaq.
- Courses: Representation Learning, Reinforcement Learning.

### University of Bologna

Bologna, Italy

MSc in Artificial Intelligence (Grade: 110/110 cum laude.)

Sept 2021 - Oct 2023

- Courses: Programming for Data Science, Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, Statistical Theory and Methods, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing.

### University of Florence

Florence, Italy

BSc in Mathematics (Grade: 110/110)

Sept 2017 - Mar 2021

- Courses: Analysis, Linear Algebra, Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Logic and Computability.

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

**Baldelli, Davide**, Junfeng Jiang, Akiko Aizawa, and Paolo Torroni (2024). "TWOLAR: A TWO-Step LLM-Augmented Distillation Method for Passage Reranking". *Advances in Information Retrieval*. Vol. 14608. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, pp. 465–481. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9\\_29](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9_29). URL: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9\\_29](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56027-9_29).

### PRE-PRINTS AND WORKING PAPERS

Govindarajan, Prashant, **Baldelli, Davide**, Jay Pathak, Quentin Fournier, and Sarath Chandar (2025). *CADmium: Fine-Tuning Code Language Models for Text-Driven Sequential CAD Design*. Submitted to Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR). arXiv: [2507.09792](https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.09792) [cs.LG]. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.09792>.

## Research Experience

### National Institute of Informatics

Tokyo, Japan

MSc Thesis - International Internship Program

Mar 2023 - Aug 2023

- Supervisors: Akiko Aizawa (National Institute of Informatics), Paolo Torroni (University of Bologna)
- Title: A TWO-step LLM Augmented distillation method for passage Reranking

### University of Florence

Florence, Italy

BSc Thesis

Sept 2020 - Mar 2021

- Supervisor: Francesca Romana Nardi (University of Florence)
- Title (translated): Big Deviations for Markov Chains

## Professional Experience

### MILA

Montréal, Canada

Teaching Assistant - Summer High School Internships

Summer 2025

- Designed and delivered educational workshops on Machine Learning and Probability for high school students.

### Independent Consultant (Upwork Platform)

Remote

Freelance Machine Learning Engineer

June 2024 - Jan 2025

- Delivered a variety of machine learning projects for international clients, consistently earning 5-star ratings for quality and speed.

### Loop AI Labs Inc.

Remote

Machine Learning Engineer

Sept 2022 - Dec 2024

- Co-supervised a master's thesis titled "Self Assessment Tool for Medical Exam Candidates" in collaboration with the University of Padova.
- Conducted project on Musical Deepfake Detection achieving 94% of F1 score on a proprietary dataset.
- Implemented BERT-based email classifier for an Italian University's administration, achieving 98% accuracy.

## Leadership and Community Involvement

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### Belle Parole Arci APS

Leadership in Non-Profit Organization

*Florence, Italy*

*Nov 2023 - Current*

- Involved in founding and leading Belle Parole Arci APS, a non-profit organization.
- Responsible for organizing community events and handling communications, including building the organization's website: [belleparoleaps.it](https://belleparoleaps.it)
- Secured a €10,000 grant from Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze to fund organizational activities.

## Other Achievements

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### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

*Jun 2025*      **Selected Participant**, Y Combinator AI Startup School

*San Francisco, CA*

*Jun 2022*      **4th place**, Loop Q Prize Competition

*Italy*

### CERTIFICATIONS

*Apr 2025*      **Agents Course**, Hugging Face

*Remote*

## Projects

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### Full-Stack AI Agent Platform with LangGraph Integration

*Montreal, Canada*

Personal Open-Source Project

*Jul 2025*

- Built a comprehensive full-stack platform for creating and deploying custom AI agents (like DeepResearch) using modern web technologies. Frontend developed with Next.js, React, and TypeScript. Backend implemented with FastAPI and LangGraph framework, supporting multiple AI models.

### Choosr – Career Orientation Platform

*Remote*

Creator and Lead Developer

*Sept 2024 – Present*

- Designed and implemented the entire technical stack for a career guidance platform helping Italian high school students navigate university choices.
- Built and integrated comprehensive databases of career paths and Italian university programs.
- Implemented the RIASEC psychometric test to provide personalized career recommendations.

### Deepdreaming with newest vision architectures

*Tokyo, Japan*

Personal Open-Source Project

*Aug 2023*

- Extended and modernized one of the most comprehensive open-source repositories for DeepDream-style visualizations, adding support for the latest vision models (CLIP, ConvNeXt, and more).

## Skills

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<b>ML &amp; LLM Tooling</b>	PyTorch, Hugging Face (Transformers, TRL), Hydra, vLLM, LangChain/LangGraph
<b>Programming</b>	Python (fluent), TypeScript, Bash, HTML, CSS
<b>Tools &amp; Frameworks</b>	Docker, Linux, $\LaTeX$ , Weights & Biases, Blender, Figma

## Languages

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<b>English</b>	Professional proficiency
<b>Italian</b>	Native proficiency