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I am a PhD student in Causal Reinforcement Learning at the Italian PhD Program on AI, a partnership between the University of Pisa and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. My research interests include (deep) Reinforcement Learning, Causal Reasoning and Multi-Agent Systems.

Research Positions

Nov 2024 - present



PhD Student, National PhD in AI

University of Pisa || University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Causality-Driven Reinforcement Learning in multi-agent system scenarios.

Supervisors: Franco Zambonelli and Stefano Mariani.

Nov 2023 - Nov 2024



Research Fellow, Distributed and Pervasive Intelligence Group, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Causality-Driven Reinforcement Learning in single-agent system scenarios.

Supervisors: Franco Zambonelli and Stefano Mariani.

Education

Nov 2024 – present



PhD Computer Science, University of Pisa

Causality-Driven Reinforcement Learning.

Sep 2021 – Oct 2023



M.Sc. Mechatronics, Robotics and Automation Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Grade: 110 with honors/110.

Thesis title: *Integrating Causality into Q-Learning for Adaptive Control in Dynamic Environments*.

Oct 2022 – Mar 2023



Erasmus+ exchange semester, Technische Universität München (TUM)

Courses: Embedded Network Systems, Concept and Software Design for CPS, Experimental Vibration Analysis, Visual Data Analytics, Robotics.

Sep 2018 – Oct 2021



B.Sc. Mechatronics, Robotics and Automation Engineering, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Grade: 96/110.

Thesis title: *Artificial Intelligence applied to predictive maintenance*.

Summer Schools

May 2024 and July 2024



Summer school: OXML, University of Oxford

Fundamentals (online)

Representation Learning and Generative AI (in-person).

Sep 2022



Summer school: Advanced Course in AI, AImageLab

Topics: Deep Learning, Vision and Language in Industry.

Partecipation to Research Projects

Feb 2024 - Nov 2024



AGRARIAN: this project aims to create an advanced agricultural solution focused on utilizing both drones and rovers to gather images and data for analyzing vineyards, specifically targeting the detection of golden flavescence.

Supervisors: Marco Lippi and Stefania Monica.

Partecipation to Research Projects (continued)

Mar 2021 - Aug 2023

- **ProjectRED:** transitioned from a member to leader within the Mechanical Division and R&D, driving innovation and team management across significant projects. Developed the electronic case and machine learning applications for a new semi-adaptive suspension system. Led a team of 15 in rover assembly and technical documentation. Spearheaded the development of an autonomous robotic system for rover localization and mapping in unknown environments, using advanced technologies such as YOLOv5, homography, and SLAM.

Research Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 G. Briglia, F. Immovilli, M. Cocconcelli, and M. Lippi, "Bearing fault detection and recognition from supply currents with decision trees," *IEEE Access*, 2023.

Conference Proceedings

- 1 G. Briglia, M. Lippi, S. Mariani, and F. Zambonelli, "Improving reinforcement learning-based autonomous agents with causal models," in *2024 25th International Conference on Principles and Practice of Multi-Agent System (PRIMA)*, accepted.
- 2 G. Briglia, F. Immovilli, M. Cocconcelli, and M. Lippi, "Cross-load generalization of bearing fault recognition with decision trees," in *2023 7th International Conference on System Reliability and Safety (ICSRS)*, IEEE, 2023, pp. 400–406.

In progress

- 1 G. Briglia, F. Zambonelli, and S. Mariani, "A roadmap towards improving multi-agent reinforcement learning with causal discovery and inference," submitted at CLeaR 2025, Lausanne.
- 2 G. Briglia, F. Zambonelli, and S. Mariani, "Causal reasoning in reinforcement learning," in progress for IEEE TAI.
- 3 G. Briglia, F. Zambonelli, and S. Mariani, "Vni: Vectorized numerical interventions," in progress for UAI 2025.

Skills






Languages	■ Italian mother tongue and fluent in English
Coding	■ Python, PyTorch, Tensorflow, C, C++, Matlab, R, Rapid
RL Libraries	■ stable-baselines3, cleanrl, minimalRL, RLLib, torchrl
RL Environments	■ Gymnasium, VMAS
Causality Libraries	■ causalnex, pgmpy, gCastle, do-why, causal-learn
Distributed Systems	■ multi-threaded/processing design, parallel/distributed computing
Version Control	■ GitHub, Git-Lab, CI/CD, Machine/Deep/Reinforcement Learning pipelines
Operating Systems	■ Windows, Linux
Misc.	■ Academic research, teaching, training, consultation, Office, \LaTeX

Miscellaneous Experience

Awards and Achievements

- 2024  **OxML 2024 partial scholarship**, University of Oxford
- 2023  **Best 20 recent graduates in Italy in the engineering area**, AlmaLaurea.



Certifications

- 2024  **Reinforcement Learning Specialization**, University of Alberta.
- 2023  **Deep Learning Specialization**, DeepLearning.AI.
-  **Game Theory**, Stanford Online.
- 2022  **Crash Course on Python**, Google.
- 2021  **English Language Certification: B2**, Trinity College of London.

Reviewing

- 2024  **IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics**

Others

- Nov 2023 - present  **TechSportTrackAnalysis**, *by me and colleague*: development of a social network based on amateur sports statistics obtained from video footage of matches. The core of the system is a set of AI algorithms refined ad-hoc for the purpose.
- Jan 2018 - Feb 2018  **PLC software developer**, Elettric80.
School-work experience, PLC department.

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