LUCÍA GÜITTA LÓPEZ

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PROFILE

As an Electronics Engineer, I am particularly interested in **Deep Reinforcement Learning applied to Robotics**. I aspire to earn a Ph.D. in this field while leveraging my expertise as research assistant in Reinforcement and Deep Reinforcement Learning, Computer Vision, Transfer Learning Techniques, and Robotics. My **leadership** and **teamwork** experience have sharpened my **problem-solving** and **hard-working nature**, as well as my **work ethics** with a focus on **perseverance** and **determination**.

EXPERIENCE

Research

Feb 2023 - Present

Industry 4.0 Observatory associate

Madrid (Spain).

Member of the Industry 4.0 Observatory (*Observatorio de la Industria 4.0*) whose objective is to provide a permanent framework for debate, training, information dissemination, research and opinion on Industry 4.0.

Sep 2021 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Engineering Systems Modeling

ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Within the field of deep reinforcement learning, I am focusing on applying and designing transfer learning techniques to conceive an efficient solution to bridge the reality gap. The case studies are, for now, different robotic arms

Title: "Efficiently transferring deep reinforcement learning experience to industrial assets".

Supervisors: Prof. Álvaro Jesús López López, Ph.D., and Prof. Jaime Boal Martín-Larrauri, Ph.D.

Nov 2019 - Present

Research Assistant

Institute for Research in Technology (IIT), ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Junior researcher belonging to the Smart Systems department and funded by the Chair for Smart Industry.

Research areas: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Reinforcement and Deep Reinforcement Learning, Robotics, and Industry 4.0.

May 2016 – Jun 2020

Project Co-Founder

Eiximenis – Sustainable Street Lighting.

Project whose aim was to bring sustainability to the streetlights, reducing its consumption and light pollution according to the street occupation. My work was focused on the software and hardware design.

May 2018 – Aug 2018

Visiting Student

Institute for Research in Technology (IIT), ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Scholarship granted by the Chair in Smart Industry.

Design and develop an algorithm for failure detection prediction in transformers according to internal and external variables such as oil temperature, current faults, etc.

Nov 2015 – Jun 2016

Visiting Student

Institute for Research in Technology (IIT), ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Scholarship granted by the Smart Systems Department.

Prototyping, design and 3D printing of cases for house automation smart devices.

Teaching

Jan 2021 - Present

Lab Instructor

ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Lab instructor of the Industrial Automation Master's Course taught during the first year of the Official Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering.

Feb 2018 – Jun 2018

Master's Thesis Project Co-supervisor

ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Co-supervise several projects mainly on Deep Learning and Deep Reinforcement Learning.

Feb 2018 – Jun 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Teaching assistant for the Electronic Circuits laboratory of the ICAI-SAPIENS exchange student program.

EDUCATION

Sep 2021 - Present
Ph.D. Candidate in Engineering Systems Modeling
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).
Title: "Efficiently transferring deep reinforcement learning experience to industrial assets".
Supervisors: Prof. Álvaro Jesús López López, Ph.D., and Prof. Jaime Boal Martín-Larrauri, Ph.D.

Aug 2023 – Oct 2023
(enrolled) Deep Multi-Task and Meta Learning (Artificial Intelligence Professional Program)
Stanford University School of Engineering (online).

Jul 2022 – Jul 2022
Deep Reinforcement Learning (Summer School Program)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU Amsterdam).

Feb 2022 – May 2022
Reinforcement Learning Course (Artificial Intelligence Professional Program)
Stanford University School of Engineering (online).

Sep 2017 – Jun 2019
M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).
General engineering (electronics, electric power systems, mechanics…).
Master's thesis: "Regulation lighting system on public thoroughfares and point by point remote management" (Grade: 10/10).

Sep 2017 – Jun 2019
M.S. degree in Smart Industry
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).
Master's thesis: "Regulation lighting system on public thoroughfares and point by point remote management" (Grade: 10/10).

Sep 2013 – Jun 2017
B.S. degree in Electromechanical Engineering (major in electronics)
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).
Final project: "Camera orientation control with virtual reality glasses" (Grade: 10/10).

Sep 2013 – Jun 2017
Diploma in Professional Skills
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Sep 2013 – Jun 2017
Diploma in Communication Skills and Studies in a Foreign Language
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

PUBLICATIONS

Güitta-López, L., Boal, J. & López-López, Á.J. "Learning more with the same effort: how randomization improves the robustness of a robotic deep reinforcement learning agent". *Applied Intelligence* (2022). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10489-022-04227-3

Güitta-López, L., Boal, J. & López-López, Á.J. "Evaluating the Perception, Understanding, and Forgetting of Progressive Neural Networks: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis". *Neural Networks* (2023) **[Under review].**
Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=4342081 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4342081

MERITS AND AWARDS

Oct 2022
First place in the Barcelona Triathlon Super-Sprint distance
Barcelona (Spain).

Nov 2021
Co-Supervisor of the Best Master's Thesis Award
ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).
Award sponsored by the "Colegio Nacional de Ingenieros de ICAI".
Title: "Improvement of alarm and video surveillance systems by incorporating audio analysis".

Sep 2021 – Sep 2023
Research Assistant Representative, Ph.D. Program Delegate and Delegate of the Comillas International Doctorate School
Institute for Research in Technology (IIT), ICAI School of Engineering, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid (Spain).

Oct 2017
Finalist Project of the Indra Ventures 4 Gran Canaria contest
Canary Islands (Spain).
Award sponsored by Indra Sistemas S.A. and given to our Sustainable Street Lighting project.

Sep 2013
Academic Excellence Scholarship
Madrid (Spain).
Scholarship sponsored by the Community of Madrid.

LANGUAGES

Spanish	Native
English	Fluent Certificate in Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE – C1), Cambridge University, June 2017

SKILLS

Digital and programming skills

Operating Systems	Ubuntu Windows ROS Mac OS	**Software development**	Git
Office Automation	LaTeX Microsoft Office 365 LibreOffice	**Platforms**	Raspberry Pi NVIDIA Jetson Arduino
Programming languages	Python R C / C++ RAPID MATLAB / Simulink PLC programming languages	**Machine learning frameworks**	PyTorch BoTorch
		Virtual environments	MuJoCo RobotStudio (ABB) CoppeliaSim (V-REP)
		CAD	Sold Edge SolidWorks

Soft skills

Leadership Team-work oriented Analytical skills Critical thinking Committed Decision-making