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SUMMARY

Postdoctoral Fellow at EMBL Rome, building Agentic AI Frameworks for multimodal knowledge retrieval to transform scientific discovery.

I hold a Ph.D. in Generative AI from Sapienza University of Rome, with a specialized focus on generative modeling, multimodal learning, and diffusion models.

My experience bridges advanced academic research, including a visiting position at Singapore Management University, and industrial AI consultancy, where I deployed state-of-the-art models.

Highly methodical and fast-paced, I excel at prototyping complex AI systems from theoretical grounding to practical deployment, reliably delivering high-impact research assets under tight deadlines.

EXPERIENCE

- **European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)** Rome, Italy
Postdoctoral Fellow – ARISE2 Marie Curie Fellow Feb 2026 – Present
 - Designing an AI agent for natural language-based figure retrieval from Europe PMC, aiming to reduce manual search time for biologists through semantic image indexing.
 - Building open-source infrastructure to scale multimodal search across millions of scientific papers, transitioning figure-based content into verifiable and searchable research assets.
 - Collaborating with the Petroni Group on LLM/LVLM-based retrieval systems and participating in intersectoral secondments to foster technology transfer.
- **Singapore Management University - School of Computing and Information Systems** Singapore
Visiting Researcher Mar – Aug 2025
 - Conducting research on super-resolution diffusion models with wavelet-based frequency conditioning under the supervision of Prof. Shengfeng He at the Visual Understanding and Generation Lab (VUG).
 - Developing novel techniques to enhance high-resolution image generation by improving the reconstruction of high-frequency details in diffusion models.
- **Sapienza University of Rome** Rome, Italy
Teaching Assistant – MSc in Electronics Engineering Jan – Jun 2024
 - **Machine Learning for Signal Processing (Fall 2024):** assisted in lectures, project preparation, creation of new teaching material, and evaluation for data science and machine learning basics.
- **ELMAN Srl** Pomezia, Italy
AI Consultant Jan – Sep 2023
 - Developed SeaFormer, a state-of-the-art transformer-based model for vessel route forecasting.
 - Forecast position of a vessel with a prediction error after 8 hours which is below 5 nmi and at the same time the SOG error is double times better than the actual state of the art.
 - Published research in machine learning conference proceedings. (MLSP 2023)
- **omninext** Rome, Italy
Machine Learning Engineer (Full Time) Mar – Jun 2022
 - I worked on deep learning solutions for photovoltaic energy predictions.
 - Collaborated with Regional Italian Authorities
- **Xpeppers/Claranet IT** Ciampino (RM), Italy
Cloud Engineer (Internship) Mar – Jun 2019
 - Built AWS-based serverless app for monitoring event-driven architectures with real-time error and overload alerts, improving technical response times.
 - Implemented CD/CI pipelines, reducing system downtime by 30% and improving technical response times.
 - Tech stack: AWS services including Lambda, DynamoDB, and CloudWatch; Python; HTML/CSS/Javascript.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “**Latent Wavelet Diffusion For Ultra High-Resolution Image Synthesis**”.
L. Sigillo, S. He, D. Comminiello. ICLR 2026
- “**Gramian Multimodal Representation Learning and Alignment**”.
G. Cicchetti, E. Grassucci, L. Sigillo, D. Comminiello. ICLR 2025
- “**Metadata, Wavelet, and Time Aware Diffusion Models for Satellite Image Super Resolution**”.
L. Sigillo, R. Giamba, D. Comminiello. ICLRW 2025
- “**Guess What I Think: Streamlined EEG-to-Image Generation with Latent Diffusion Models**”.
E. Lopez, L. Sigillo*, F. Colonnese, M. Panella, D. Comminiello.* ICASSP 2025
- “**Quaternion Wavelet-Conditioned Diffusion Models for Image Super-Resolution**”.
L. Sigillo, R. Giamba, D. Comminiello. IJCNN 2025
- “**Generalizing medical image representations via quaternion wavelet networks**”.
L. Sigillo, E. Grassucci, A. Uncini, D. Comminiello. Neurocomputing 2025

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)** June 2022 – Sep 2025
Sapienza University of Rome Rome, Italy
- **MSc. in Engineering in Computer Science** Sep 2019 – Jan 2022
Sapienza University of Rome Rome, Italy
- **B. Eng. in Computer Science and Engineering** Nov 2016 – Jul 2019
Roma Tre University Rome, Italy

SKILLS

- **Programming:** Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Numpy, Java
- **Development:** Docker, Git, SQL, NoSQL, CI/CD, AWS, Linux
- **Soft Skills:** Leadership, Project Management, Scientific Writing, Public Speaking, Time Management

PROJECTS

- **CartoonGAN:** Testing and Implementation of “CartoonGAN: Generative Adversarial Networks for Photo Cartoonization”. github
- **Aviation Crashes Visualization:** D3js to represent information about aircraft crashes such that accidents could be easily plotted, analyzed and understood. github
- **NextRoom:** IoT project meant for Sapienza Smart Museum involving STM low energy boards. The system suggests to visitors the best rooms to visit according to their tastes and during the Covid19 helps to guarantee social distancing and avoid gatherings. github
- **PhilosopherRank:** a PageRank-based method applied on philosophers’ Wikipedia pages to extract influence relations and rank objectively the most influential philosophers. github
- **TeamX Mobile App:** Quick and easy way to find collaborators for your projects. Android/iOS App in C# github
- **TeamX Web App:** Spring Boot web app for TeamX with Java back-end and PostgreSQL database github