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#### SUMMARY .

Alberto Maria Metelli is an Assistant Professor of Information Processing Systems with the Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria (DEIB) in the Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Laboratory (AIRLab) at Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi). He obtained the Ph.D. in Information Technology (cum Laude) in March 2021 at Politecnico di Milano defending a thesis about environment configuration in reinforcement learning, awarded the "Premio NeoDottori di Ricerca Marco Cadoli 2021" as the best Italian Ph.D. thesis in Artificial Intelligence (from AIxIA) and recently published in the book series "Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications" (FAIA) [B1]. He is co-founder of ML Cube S.r.l., an innovative start-up, providing cutting-edge solutions for machine learning systems and life-cyclemanagement optimization, nominated by Fortune Italia as one of the top 20 Italian AI start-ups in 2022. His main research interests revolve around artificial intelligence and machine learning for sequential decision-making, in particular reinforcement learning (RL). He is currently working on theoretical and algorithmic aspects of inverse RL [C22, C19, C4], RL in configurable environments [C29, T2, C18], off-policy RL [C28, J9, C17], automated RL [C13, J4], and RL in structured environments [C6]. He participates in research projects about reinforcement learning for autonomous driving [J10], defense, Industry 4.0, complex networks, and about machine learning for climate science [A4, A3]. He is also interested in algorithms, optimization, statistics, probability, and recommendation systems [W23].

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Assistant professor at DEIB, Politecnico di Milano, since March 2023.
- National scientific qualification as Italian associate professor (sector 09/H1), until February 2034.
- Author/Co-author of 11 publications in peer-reviewed international journals (4 as main contributor, 1 single-author), including JMLR (2), Machine Learning (2), RAS (1), ESWA (1), IEEE TNNLS (1), and IEEE T-ITS (1). According to Scimago Journal Rank: 8 articles in Q1 journals. Author/Co-author of 30 publications in peer-reviewed international conferences (11 as main contributor), including ICML (10), NeurIPS (8), AAAI (6), AISTATS (2), UAI (1). According to GGS Conference Rating: 24 publications in A++ venues and 2 publications in A+ venues (Class 1).
- Winner of both "Premio NeoDottori di Ricerca Marco Cadoli 2021" and "Premio NeoLaureati Leonardo Lesmo 2018" for the best Italian Ph.D. thesis and M.Sc. thesis in Artificial Intelligence respectively, awarded by Associazione Italiana per l'Intelligenza Artificiale (AIxIA).
- Oral presentation at NeurIPS 2018 (30/4856 submissions, 0.62%), spotlight presentation at NeurIPS 2021 (260/9122 submissions, 2.9%), notable paper at AISTATS 2023 (32/1689 submissions, 1.9%), oral presentation at ICML 2023 (156/6538 submissions, 2.39%).
- Lecturer of the Ph.D. course Reinforcement Learning (since a.y. 2021-2022) and of the B.Sc. course Computer Science (since a.y. 2023-2024) at Politecnico di Milano. Teaching assistant of M.Sc. course Machine Learning (since a.y. 2021-2022), B.Sc. and M.Sc. course Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (since a.y. 2021-2022) at Politecnico di Milano.
- Associate Editor of IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L). Program chair and co-organizer of the 15th European Workshop of Reinforcement Learning (EWRL 2022). Session chair of ECML-PKDD 2021. Senior PC member of two top-tier conferences (AAAI 2022 and IJCAI 2021).
- Participation in 7 industrial research projects funded by private companies (1 as **co-PI**) and in 4 competitive research project funded by public institutions (1 as **co-PI** of the local research unit).
- (Co-)Supervisor of 10+ Ph.D. students and of 30+ M.Sc. students at Politecnico di Milano.
- Member of the ELLIS Society and CLAIRE supporter.
- Co-founder of ML Cube S.r.l., accredited spin-off of the Politecnico di Milano, born in November 2020.

#### Personal Information \_

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Web of Science: https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/2074428 (AAY-5206-2020)

#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE \_

**Assistant Professor** (Ricercatore a tempo determinato (Junior) - L.240/2010, art.24, c.3, lett.a)) March 2023-Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria Milan, Italy Research programme: "Artificial intelligence foundations for sequential decision making".

SSD: ING-INF/05, Settore concorsuale: 09/H1 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni.

Postdoctoral Researcher (Assegnista di ricerca - L.240/2010, art.22)

November 2020-February 2023

Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria Milan, Italy

Research title: "Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for autonomous driving applications".

Research manager: Prof. Marcello Restelli.

SSD: ING-INF/05, Area: 09.

## NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC QUALIFICATIONS.

#### National Scientific Qualification as Italian Associate Professor

February 2023

(Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale - L.240/2010, art.16)

Professore di II fascia - Settore concorsuale: 09/H1 - Sistemi di elaborazione delle informationi.

Validità: 06/02/2023 - 06/02/2034

## NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS \_

## Professional Qualification as Italian Information Engineer

September 2021

(Abilitazione all'esercizio della professione di Ingegnere dell'Informazione - DPR.328/2001)

Sezione A - Settore dell'informazione. I Sessione 2021 - Politecnico di Milano.

#### EDUCATION \_

#### Ph.D. in Information Technology (Dottorato di ricerca)

November 2017-October 2020

Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria

Milan, Italy

Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Tutor: Prof. Nicola Gatti.

Ph.D. Thesis: "Exploiting environment configurability in reinforcement learning".

Reviewers: Prof. Amir-massoud Farahmand (Vector Institute, University of Toronto), Prof. Alessandro Lazaric

(Facebook AI, Paris).

Date of award: 11 March 2021. Final Mark: Laude.

M.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering (LM-32 Ingegneria Informatica)

October 2015-July 2017

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

M.Sc. Thesis: "Compatible reward inverse reinforcement learning".

Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Co-supervisor: Dott. Matteo Pirotta.

Date of award: 27 July 2017. GPA: 30/30. Final Mark: 110/110 cum Laude.

**B.Sc. in Engineering of Computing Systems** (L-8 Ingegneria dell'informazione) October 2012-July 2015 Politecnico di Milano Milano

Date of award: 24 July 2015. GPA: 30/30. Final Mark: 110/110 cum Laude.

#### High School Diploma

September 2007-July 2012

IISS Ettore Majorana

Seriate (Bg), Italy

Specialization in Computer Science (Perito Informatico). Final Mark: 100/100 cum Laude.

## Publications \_

Scientific Productivity 41 publications (41 entries on Scopus, 51 co-authors according to Scopus)

- International Journals: Author/Co-author of 11 publications in peer-reviewed international journals (4 as main contributor, 1 single-author), including Journal of Machine Learning Research (2), Machine Learning (2), Robotics and Autonomous Systems (1), Expert Systems with Applications (1), IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (1), and IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (1).
  - According to Scimago Journal Rank (SJR): 8 publications in Q1 journals (of which 6 in "Artificial Intelligence" area and 2 in "Computer Science Applications" area).
  - According to CORE Journal Ranks:<sup>2</sup> 3 publications in A\* journals and 2 publications in A journals.
- <u>International Conferences</u>: Author/Co-author of **30 publications** in peer-reviewed international conferences (11 as main contributor), including **ICML** (10), **NeurIPS** (8), **AAAI** (6), **AISTATS** (2), and **UAI** (1).
  - According to GII-GRIN-SCIE (GGS) Conference Rating:<sup>3</sup> **24 publications in A++** venues and 2 publications in A+ venues (Class 1).
  - According to CORE Conference Ranks:<sup>4</sup> 24 papers in A\* venues and 3 papers in A venues.

Publication Impact (accessed on 5 December 2023)

 $\frac{\text{Google Scholar:}}{\text{Scopus:}}$ 

citations **708** citations **332** 

h-index **15** h-index **11** 

i10-index **19** i10-index **13** 

Fellowships, Awards, and Recognitions \_\_\_

Personal Research Awards and Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

#### AAAI 2024 - New Faculty Highlights

December 2023

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

Description: Invited speaker program at AAAI conference (GGS: A++) highlighting AI researchers who have just begun careers as new faculty members or the equivalent in industry.

(link: https://aaai.org/aaai-conference/aaai-24-new-faculty-highlights/)

#### DAAD AInet Fellowship - Postdoc-NeT-AI on Human-centered AI

October 2023

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Description: Fellowship granted to excellent early-career researchers to meet the German AI research community. (link: https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/postdocnet/fellows/fellows/)

#### Publication of the Ph.D. Thesis as Book

June 2022

European Association for Artificial Intelligence (EurAI)

Description: Publication of the Ph.D. thesis in the "Dissertation in AI" series "Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications" as a recognition for the outstanding theses participating in the EurAI "Dissertation Award". (link: https://www.iospress.com/catalog/books/exploiting-environment-configurability-in-reinforcement-learning)

#### Winner of "Premio NeoDottori di Ricerca Marco Cadoli 2021"

November 2021

Associazione Italiana per l'Intelligenza Artificiale (AIxIA)

Description: Award for the best Italian Ph.D. thesis in Artificial Intelligence (public selection). Amount: 1000€. (link: https://aixia.it/premi/premio-per-neodottori-di-ricerca-marco-cadoli-annuale/)

#### Recipient of a "Springer Award"

April 2021

IT PhD Board of Professors, Politecnico di Milano

Description: Publication in a Polimi Springer Briefs volume, for the best results from the IT PhD program doctors. (link: https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-85918-3)

## Winner of "Premio NeoLaureati Leonardo Lesmo 2018"

 $October\ 2018$ 

Associazione Italiana per l'Intelligenza Artificiale (AIxIA)

Description: Award for the best Italian M.Sc. thesis in Artificial Intelligence (public selection). Amount: 500€. (link: https://aixia.it/premi/premio-per-neolaureati-leonardo-lesmo-annuale/)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.scimagojr.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>http://portal.core.edu.au/jnl-ranks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://scie.lcc.uma.es/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://portal.core.edu.au/conf-ranks

#### Oral Presentation at ICML 2023 (top 2.39%)

July 2023

International Conference on Machine Learning 2023, Honolulu, HI, US

Description: Best 156 papers out of 6538 submissions (top 2.39%) to ICML 2023 (GGS: **A++**) for the paper "Towards Theoretical Understanding of Reinforcement Learning" [C4].

## Notable Paper at AISTATS 2023 (top 1.9%)

April 2023

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics 2023, Valencia, Spain

Description: Best 32 papers out of 1689 submissions (top 1.9%) to AISTAS 2023 (GGS: A+) for the paper "A Tale of Sampling and Estimation in Discounted Reinforcement Learning" [C7].

## Spotlight Presentation at NeurIPS 2021 (top 2.9%)

December 2021

Neural Information Processing Systems 2021, Online

Description: Best 260 papers out of 9122 submissions (top 2.9%) to NeurIPS 2021 (GGS: **A++**) for the paper "Subgaussian and Differentiable Importance Sampling for Off-Policy Evaluation and Learning" [C17].

#### Oral Presentation at NeurIPS 2018 (top 0.62%)

December 2018

Neural Information Processing Systems 2018, Montreal, Canada

Description: Best 30 papers out of 4856 submissions (top 0.62%) to NeurIPS 2018 (GGS:  $\mathbf{A}++$ ) for the paper "Policy Optimization via Importance Sampling" [C28].

STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS \_

#### Winner of a Ph.D. Scholarship

July 2017

Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (MIUR)

Description: Ranked first among 50 applicants of Politecnico di Milano in Computer Science and Engineering area.

## Recipient of a "Le migliori matricole dell'A.A. 2012/2013" award

 $May\ 201 A$ 

Politecnico di Milano

Description: Awarded for the best freshmen students of Politecnico di Milano.

## B.Sc. and M.Sc. Student Scholarships

2012-2017

Politecnico di Milano

Description: Full reduction of student tuition fees for merit  ${\rm GPA}>29/30$  (each eligible year).

## Enrollment to the "Albo Nazionale delle Eccellenze"

2012

 $Istituto\ Nazionale\ di\ Documentazione\ Innovazione\ e\ Ricerca\ Educativa\ (INDIRE)$ 

Description: National register of the best among the Italian high-school graduates.

(link: https://www.indire.it/eccellenze/)

Competitions \_\_\_

#### Runner-Up (Best Academic Team) at ACM RecSys Challenge 2017

In.la. 2017

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Description: Recommender systems challenge with a team of 8 students from Politecnico di Milano. Amount: 1500€. (link: http://www.recsyschallenge.com/2017/)

#### Winner of "Migliori Elaborati 2011-2012"

June 2012

IISS Ettore Majorana

Description: Best project award for the developing of a database system to manage remedial courses.

## Winner of a Bronze medal at "Olimpiadi Italiane di Informatica 2011"

October 2011

Associazione Italiana per l'Informatica ed il Calcolo Automatico (AICA)

Description: Italian Olympiad in Informatics, ranked 24th.

(link: https://www.olimpiadi-informatica.it/index.php/olimpiadi-italiane-2010-2011.html)

Reviewing Service Recognitions \_\_

He has been recognized for the reviewing service for international conferences: NeurIPS 2019 (top 50%), ICML 2020 (top 33%), AAAI 2021 (top 25%), ICLR 2021 (outstanding reviewer), AISTATS 2022 (top 10%), NeurIPS 2023 (top reviewer).

He has been awarded travel/accommodation/registration support for international conference participation, granted by conference organizers via conference sponsor: NIPS 2017 (Long Beach, CA, US), ICML 2018 (Stockholm, Sweden), NeurIPS 2018 (Montreal, Canada), ICML 2019 (Long Beach, CA, US), NeurIPS 2019 (Vancouver, Canada), ICML 2022 (Baltimore, MD, US), NeurIPS 2023 (New Orleans, LA, US).

## Teaching Activity<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_

Primary Responsibility Teaching Activities —

#### Lecturer and coordinator of Computer Science

2023-2024

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

 $6~\mathrm{CFU}$  - B.Sc. in Civil Engineering - Campus Leonardo - II semester. Avg no. of students:  $\sim\!\!75.$  a.y. 2023-2024 (36 hours).

#### Lecturer and co-coordinator of Reinforcement Learning

2021-2022, 2023-2024

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

5 CFU - Ph.D. in Information Technology - Campus Leonardo. Avg no. of students:  $\sim 80$ . Co-coordinator: Prof. Marcello Restelli.

a.y. 2021-2022 (15 hours, corresponding to 3 CFU), a.y. 2023-2024 (15 hours, corresponding to 3 CFU).

#### Lecturer of Deep Reinforcement Learning

2021-2022

GSSI - Gran Sasso Science Institute

Online

Ph.D. in Computer Science. Avg no. of students:  ${\sim}10.$ 

a.y. 2021-2022 (2 hours).

TEACHING ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES \_\_

#### Teaching Assistant of Machine Learning

2021-2024

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

5 CFU - M.Sc. Computer Science and Engineering and M.Sc. Mathematical Engineering - Campus Leonardo - II semester. Avg no. of students: ~100. Lecturer: Prof. Daniele Loiacono. a.y. 2021-2022 (10 hours), a.y. 2022-2023 (20 hours), a.y. 2023-2024 (20 hours).

#### Teaching Assistant of Foundations of Artificial Intelligence

2021-2024

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

 $5~\mathrm{CFU}$  - B.Sc. and M.Sc. Computer Science and Engineering - Campus Leonardo - I semester. Avg no. of students:  $\sim\!\!80+80.$  Lecturers: Proff. Francesco Amigoni and Pier Luca Lanzi.

a.y. 2021-2022 (10+10 hours), a.y. 2022-2023 (16+16 hours), a.y. 2023-2024 (8+8 hours).

#### Teaching Assistant of Computer Science (Informatica)

2018-2023

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

8 CFU - B.Sc. in Environmental and Land Planning Engineering - Campus Leonardo - I semester. Average no. of students: ~150. Lecturer: Prof. Andrea Bonarini.

a.y. 2018-2019 (24 hours), a.y. 2019-2020 (24 hours), a.y. 2020-2021 (30 hours), a.y. 2021-2022 (30 hours), a.y. 2022-2023 (24 hours).

#### Laboratory Teaching Assistant of Computer Science (Informatica)

2018-2021

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

8 CFU - B.Sc. in Environmental and Land Planning Engineering - Campus Leonardo - I semester. Avg no. of students:  $\sim$ 150. Lectuter: Prof. Andrea Bonarini.

 $a.y.\ 2018-2019\ (20\ hours),\ a.y.\ 2019-2020\ (20\ hours),\ a.y.\ 2020-2021\ (20\ hours).$ 

#### Laboratory Teaching Assistant of Computer Science A (Informatica A)

2017-2018

Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

 $10~\mathrm{CFU}$  - B.Sc. in Management Engineering - Campus Bovisa - I semester. Avg no. of students: ~80. Lecturer: Prof. Florian Daniel.

a.y. 2017-2018 (36 hours).

#### Academic Tutor

2020

Cefriel S.c.a.r.l.

Milan, Italy

Supervision of a student for the project of the Master CEFRIEL on AI&ML (24 hours).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Total 68 hours of teaching and 370 hours of teaching assistance.

## EVALUATION COMMITTEES \_\_

Examination Committees \_

#### President of the Ph.D. Final Examination Committee

April 2023

Ph.D. in Information Technology - Politecnico di Milano

Milan, Italy

Candidate: Dr. Giulia Romano. Thesis: "Pricing and advertising strategies in e-commerce scenarios"

PhD Committee: Proff. Alberto Maria Metelli, Ioannis Caragiannis (Aarhus University, Denmark), Negin Golrezaei (MIT Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US).

#### Research Projects \_\_\_\_\_

Competitive Research Projects \_\_\_

## AI4REALNET (AI for REAL-world NETwork operation)

October 2023-

HORIZON EUROPE

Role: Co-principal investigator of the local research unit and WP co-leader (with Prof. Marcello Restelli).

Topic: Reinforcement learning for operating complex real-world network infrastructures.

Project coordinator: INESC TEC, Porto, Portugal. Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution: European Union. Budget:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  Funding institution:  $4M \in (456k \in 10^{-5}$ 

iBeCHANGE

December 2023-

HORIZON RIA

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Develop the iBeChange platform for personalizing cancer prevention.

## FAIR (Future Artificial Intelligence Research) - Spoke 4: Adaptive AI

March 2023-

Extended Partnership - National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Artificial intelligence: foundational aspects - Adaptive AI.

Spoke coordinator: Politecnico di Milano (Prof. Nicola Gatti). Funding institution: Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR). Budget:  $12M \in (6M \in \text{to Politecnico di Milano})$ . Duration: 36 months.

## CLINT (CLImate INTelligence)

July 2021-

HORIZON 2020

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Extreme events detection, attribution and adaptation using machine learning.

Project coordinator: Politecnico di Milano (Prof. Andrea Castelletti). Funding institution: European Union.

Budget: 6M€ (1.1M€ to Politecnico di Milano). Duration: 48 months.

Competitive Research Projects for Computational Time \_\_\_\_

# PGCLaSI - Policy Gradients for Control of Large-Scale Industrial Plants October 2023-July 2024 CINECA Supercomputing Centre - Class C Project

Role: Principal Investigator.

Topic: Development of efficient policy gradient algorithms for large-scale industrial plants.

Grant: 80k GPU hours.

Industrial-funded Research Projects \_\_

## Nuovo Pignone Tecnologie S.r.l. (Baker Hughes group)

April 2023-

Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for the control of industrial compressors

Role: Co-principal investigator (with Prof. Marcello Restelli).

Topic: Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for streams of multiple compressors.

Budget: 62k€.

#### ML cube S.r.l.

December 2020-December 2022

 $Life-Cycle-Management\ and\ Optimization\ of\ Machine\ learning\ algorithms\ in\ real-time\ biddings$ 

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Study, analysis, and design of machine learning algorithms for optimized real-time bidding. Co-principal investigators: Proff. Marcello Restelli, Nicola Gatti, Francesco Trovò. Budget: 84k€.

#### Nuovo Pignone Tecnologie S.r.l. (Baker Hughes group)

October 2021-June 2022

PID controller tuning using Reinforcement Learning

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for anti-surge control in centrifugal gas turbines.

Principal investigator: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Budget: 40k€.

Leonardo S.p.A. May 2021-

Machine Learning per l'Autonomia dei Velivoli

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Development of ML-based systems for autonomous mission and fleet management.

Co-principal investigators: Proff. Marcello Restelli and Nicola Gatti. Budget: 250k€.

Ferrari S.p.A. December 2020-January 2021

Reinforcement Learning Techniques for Developing Artificial Test Drivers on a F1 Simulator

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Development of reinforcement learning algorithms to test F1 vehicles in simulation.

Principal Investigator: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Budget: 80k€.

Magneti Marelli S.p.A.

March 2019-February 2020

Decision Making based on Reinforcement Learning for Automated Driving (2nd project)

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for autonomous driving.

Principal investigator: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Budget: 60 k€. Reference Publications: [W20, J10].

Magneti Marelli S.p.A.

March 2018-February 2019

Decision Making based on Reinforcement Learning for Automated Driving (1st project)

Role: Research scientist.

Topic: Development of reinforcement learning algorithms for autonomous driving.

Principal investigator: Prof. Marcello Restelli. Budget: 56k€.

#### STUDENT SUPERVISION \_

He is currently **supervising 2 Ph.D. students**:

- 1. Filippo Lazzati, "Inverse Reinforcement Learning", Ph.D. in Information Technology (Cycle: XXXIX), DEIB, Politecnico di Milano.
- 2. **Alessandro Montenegro**, "Policy Gradient Methods for Industrial Applications", Ph.D. in Information Technology (Cycle: XXXIX), DEIB, Politecnico di Milano. Co-supervisor: Matteo Papini.

He is **co-supervising 11 Ph.D. students** mostly of the Information Technology programme at Politecnico di Milano.

He supervised (relatore) 3 M.Sc. theses and co-supervised (correlatore) 33 concluded M.Sc. theses mostly in Computer Science and Engineering at Politecnico di Milano and he is currently (co-)supervising 10 M.Sc. students at Politecnico di Milano, including 4 students admitted to the Honours Programme of Politecnico di Milano and 1 student awarded with the "Premio NeoLaureati Leonardo Lesmo 2019" (AIxIA) for the best Italian M.Sc. thesis in artificial intelligence.

He is the **research manager** (responsabile) **of the research fellowship** (assegno di ricerca) "Development of adaptive reinforcement learning algorithms for control of industrial plants" at DEIB Politecnico di Milano.

TECHNOLOGY 7	Transfer
START-UPS AND	

## Co-founder of ML Cube S.r.l.

 $November\ 2020$ 

Accredited spin-off of Politecnico di Milano

Innovative start-up providing cutting-edge solutions for machine learning systems and life-cycle management optimization. (link: https://www.mlcube.com)

Nominated by Fortune Italia as one of the top 20 Italian AI start-ups in 2022.

Funding: "Smart & Start Italia" granted by Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico (MiSE) to innovative start-ups (~323 k€).

Open-Source Tools \_\_\_\_\_

#### ARLO (Automated Reinforcement Learning Optimizer)

 $July\ 2021\text{--}$ 

Description: Open-source Python library for Automated Reinforcement Learning (AutoRL), aimed at making RL accessible by non-expert users automatizing the development of a learning pipeline. Project status: First released in April 2022, still in development. Role: Scientific advisor.

(github: https://github.com/arlo-lib/ARLO, doc: https://arlo-lib.github.io/arlo-lib/index.html)

Development of Products \_\_\_

ML Cube Platform

November 2020-

 $\label{lem:B2B} Description:\ B2B\ innovative\ Machine\ Learning\ product\ for\ Life-cycle\ Management\ real-time\ Optimization,\ aimed\ at\ preventing\ model\ obsolescence\ and\ providing\ automatic\ diagnosis\ and\ retraining\ of\ the\ models\ in\ production.$ 

Project status: First release. Role: Scientific advisor. (link: https://www.mlcube.com/mlcube-platform)

AD Cube December 2021-

Description: AI platform for the optimization of multi-channel advertising campaigns. Project status: In production. Role: Scientific advisor. (link: https://adcube.ai/)

Funding: Winner of **ELISE's 2nd Open Call grants** (link: https://www.elise-ai.eu/events/elise-s-2nd-open-call-grants-funding-to-16-smes-to-develop-ai-based-services-or-applications)

#### Talks, Seminars, and Presentations \_\_\_\_

Invited Talks and Seminars \_\_\_\_

Invited Talk

38th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence - New Faculty Highlights

February 2024 (to happen)

Vancouver, Canada

38th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence - New Faculty Highlights GGS: A++. Title: "Recent Advancements in Inverse Reinforcement Learning"

Invited Talk

1st Symposium on Lifelong Explainable Robot Learning (SYMPLER)

December 2023

Nürnberg, Germany

1st Symposium on Lifelong Explainable Robot Learning (SYMPLER)
Title: "Explaining Human Intentions through Inverse Reinforcement Learning"

Invited Seminar

AI Seminars - Politecnico di Milano

May 2023

Milan, Italy

AI Seminars - Politecnico di Milano Title: "Inverse reinforcement learning: a theoretical view".

Invited Talk

September 2022

ELLIS@Milan Artificial Intelligence Workshop - Bocconi University Title: "Online Learning in Non-Cooperative Configurable Environments".

Invited SeminarMay 2022Università del Piemonte OrientaleAlessandria, Italy

Università del Piemonte Orientale Title: "Stream Learning in Non-Stationary Environments".

Invited Talk

December 2021

20th International Conference of the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence (AIxIA 2021) Online Title: "Exploiting Environment Configurability in Reinforcement Learning".

Invited Seminar
ML Modena Meetup

January 2021
Online

Title: "From MAB to RL... and beyond!" (with Francesco Trovò).

Invited Talk November 2018

17th International Conference of the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence (AIxIA 2018) Trento, Italy Title: "Compatible Reward Inverse Reinforcement Learning".

Seminar
Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria
November 2017
Milan, Italy

Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Elettronica, Informazione e Bioingegneria Title: "Distributional Reinforcement Learning".

International Conference and Workshop Talks —

Conference Talk

July 2023

The Fortieth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)

Honolulu, HI, US

GGS: A++. Title: "Towards Theoretical Understanding of Inverse Reinforcement Learning".

Conference Talk

April 2023

The 26th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2023) Valencia, Spain

Milan, Italy

GGS: A+. Title: "A Tale of Sampling and Estimation in Discounted Reinforcement Learning".

Conference Talk July 2022

Thirty-ninth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2022)

Baltimore, MD, US

GGS: A++. Title: "Stochastic Rising Bandits".

Spotlight Conference Talk

December 2021

Thirty-fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021)

Online

GGS: A++. Title: "Subgaussian and Differentiable Importance Sampling for Off-Policy Evaluation and Learning".

Workshop Talk

December 2021

Deep Reinforcement Learning Workshop - NeurIPS 2021

Online

Online

Title: "Policy Optimization via Optimal Policy Evaluation".

Conference Talk September 2021

European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD 2021)

GGS: A. Title: "Policy Space Identification in Configurable Environments".

Conference Talk July 2021

Thirty-eighth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2021)

Online

GGS: A++. Title: "Provably Efficient Learning of Transferable Rewards".

Conference Talk February 2021

35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2021)

Online

Online

GGS: A++. Title: "Policy Optimization as Online Learning with Mediator Feedback".

Conference Talk

July 2020

Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2020)

GGS: A++. Title: "Control Frequency Adaptation via Action Persistence in Batch Reinforcement Learning".

Short Conference Talk

June 2019

Thirty-sixth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2019)

Long Beach, CA, US

 $\label{eq:GGS:A++} \text{GGS: A++}. \ \text{Title: "Reinforcement Learning in Configurable Continuous Environments"}.$ 

Long Conference Talk

July 2018

Thirty-fifth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2018)
GGS: A++. Title: "Configurable Markov Decision Processes".

Stockholm, Sweden

Poster Presentation at International Conferences \_\_\_\_

He presented his contributions in several international conferences: ICML 2023 (3 posters - Honolulu, HI, US), AISTATS 2023 (1 poster - Valencia, Spain), ICML 2022 (2 posters - Baltimore, MD, US), NeurIPS 2021 (2 posters - Online), ICML 2021 (1 poster - Online), AAAI 2021 (1 poster - Online), NeurIPS 2019 (1 poster - Vancouver, Canada), ICML 2019 (2 posters - Long Beach, CA, US), NeurIPS 2018 (1 poster - Montreal,

Canada), ICML 2018 (1 poster - Stockholm, Sweden), NIPS 2017 (1 poster - Long Beach, CA, US).

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Referee Activities \_

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Organization Activities \_

October 2023-

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Register of Expert Peer Reviewers for Italian Scientific Evaluation - MUR

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES \_

Associate Editor

IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) - SJR: Q1

## Program Chair and Member of the Organizing Committee

September 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>For both journal and conference publications, the rating is the most recent available. For Scimago Ranks (SJR), the "Artificial Intelligence" quartile is reported if no further specification.

Responsibilities: Reviewer recruitment, call for papers writing, supervision of the review and decisidefinition of the meeting schedule, chairing a session. (link: https://ewrl.wordpress.com/ewrl15-2022/)	ion process,
Session Chair European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discontabases 2021 (ECML-PKDD) - GGS: A Responsibilities: Chairing a Reinforcement Learning session (4 paper presentations).	September 2021 overy in Online
(SENIOR) PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER AND REVIEWER FOR INTERNATIONAL (	Conferences .
Senior Program Committee member International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) - GGS: A++	2021
Senior Program Committee member AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) - GGS: A++	2022
Program Committee member International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) - GGS: A++	2020, 2022
Reviewer International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) - GGS: A++	2019-2023
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Program Committee member AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) - GGS: A++	2020-2021,2024
Reviewer International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) - GGS: A+	2020-2022
Reviewer International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) - GGS: A++	2021-2024
Reviewer for International Journals	
Reviewer Scientific Report (Nature) - SJR: Q1 (Multidisciplinary)	2023
Reviewer PLOS ONE - SJR: Q1 (Multidisciplinary)	2023
Reviewer Expert Systems with Applications (ESWA) - SJR: Q1	2023
Reviewer IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence (TAI) - SJR: Q1	2023
Reviewer IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) - SJR: Q1	2023
Reviewer IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS) - SJR: Q1	2023
Reviewer  Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR) - SJR: Q1	2022
Reviewer Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)	2022-2023
Reviewer Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (EAAI) - SJR: Q1	2022
Reviewer	2022

15th European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning (EWRL 2022)

Milan, Italy

Entropy (MDPI) - SJR: Q2 (Information Systems)	
Reviewer Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence - SJR: Q2	2021
Reviewer Intelligenza Artificiale - SJR: Q3	2021
Reviewer IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) - SJR: Q1 (Computer Scient	2021 ace Applications)
Reviewer  Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR) - SJR: Q2	2019, 2022
Reviewer  Machine Learning (Springer) - SJR: Q1	2019
Reviewer IEEE Transactions on Cognitive and Developmental Systems (TCDS) - SJR: Q1	2018
Memberships of Scientific Societies	
ELLIS Society Member European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems	2021-
CLAIRE Supporter Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe	2023-
AAAI Member Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence	2020-
AIxIA Member Associazione Italiana per l'Intelligenza Artificiale	2018-2022

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS			
Books			

[B1] Alberto Maria Metelli. Exploiting environment configurability in reinforcement learning, volume 361 of Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications. IOS Press, 2022. (link: https://doi.org/10.3233/FAIA361).

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- [J4] Marco Mussi, Davide Lombarda, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, Francesco Trovó, and Marcello Restelli. "ARLO: A framework for Automated Reinforcement Learning". Expert Systems with Applications, 224:119883, 2023. CORE 2020: B. SJR 2022: Q1. (link: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2023.119883).
- [J5] <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>. "A Unified View of Configurable Markov Decision Processes: Solution Concepts, Value Functions, and Operators". **Intelligenza Artificiale**, 16(2):165–184, 2022. SJR 2022: Q3. (*Invited publication as winner of the "Premio Neodottori di Ricerca Marco Cadoli 2021"*). (link: https://doi.org/10.3233/IA-220140).
- [J6] Alberto Maria Metelli, Guglielmo Manneschi, and Marcello Restelli. "Policy space identification in configurable environments". Machine Learning, 111(6):2093–2145, 2022. CORE 2020: A. SJR 2022: Q1. (link: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10994-021-06033-3).
- [J7] Alberto Maria Metelli, Matteo Pirotta, Daniele Calandriello, and Marcello Restelli. "Safe Policy Iteration: A Monotonically Improving Approximate Policy Iteration Approach". Journal of Machine Learning Research, 22(97):1–83, 2021. CORE 2020: A\*. SJR 2021: Q1. (link: http://jmlr.org/papers/v22/19-707.html).
- [J8] Amarildo Likmeta, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, Giorgia Ramponi, Andrea Tirinzoni, Matteo Giuliani, and Marcello Restelli. "Dealing with multiple experts and non-stationarity in inverse reinforcement learning: an application to real-life problems". **Machine Learning**, 110(9):2541–2576, 2021. CORE 2020: **A**. SJR 2021: **Q1**. (link: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10994-020-05939-8).
- [J9] Alberto Maria Metelli, Matteo Papini, Nico Montali, and Marcello Restelli. "Importance Sampling Techniques for Policy Optimization". Journal of Machine Learning Research, 21(141):1–75, 2020. CORE 2020: A\*. SJR 2020: Q1. (link: http://jmlr.org/papers/v21/20-124.html).
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[J11] <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, Matteo Pirotta, and Marcello Restelli. "On the use of the policy gradient and Hessian in inverse reinforcement learning". **Intelligenza Artificiale**, 14(1):117–150, 2020. SJR 2020: Q3. (*Invited publication as winner of the "Premio NeoLaureati Leonardo Lesmo 2018"*). (link: https://doi.org/10.3233/IA-180011).

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- [C9] Davide Maran, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, and Marcello Restelli. "Tight Performance Guarantees of Imitator Policies with Continuous Actions". In **The Thirty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence** (AAAI), pages 9073–9080. AAAI Press, 2023. Acceptance rate: 19.6%. CORE 2023: A\*. GGS 2021: A++. (link: https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v37i8.26089).
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- [C13] Alberto Maria Metelli, Matteo Pirola, Francesco Trovò, and Marcello Restelli. "Stochastic Rising Bandits". In Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), volume 162, pages 15421–15457. PMLR, 2022. Acceptance rate: 1235/5630 (21.9%). CORE 2021: A\*. GGS 2021: A++. (link: https://proceedings.mlr.press/v162/metelli22a.html).
- [C14] Giorgio Manganini, Angelo Damiani, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, and Marcello Restelli. "Balancing Sample Efficiency and Suboptimality in Inverse Reinforcement Learning". In **Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)**, volume 162, pages 4618–4629. PMLR, 2022. **Acceptance rate: 1235/5630 (21.9%)**. CORE 2021: **A\***. GGS 2021: **A++**. (link: https://proceedings.mlr.press/v162/damiani22a.html).
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- [W2] Gianmarco Genalti, Lupo Marsigli, Nicola Gatti, and <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>. "Towards Fully Adaptive Regret Minimization in Heavy-Tailed Bandits". In **NeurIPS 2023 Workshop Heavy Tails in Machine Learning**, 2023.

  (link: https://openreview.net/forum?id=I00Z75alN6).
- [W3] Alessio Russo, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, and Marcello Restelli. "Switching Latent Bandits". In **Sixteenth European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning**, 2023. (link: https://openreview.net/forum?id=H1Om2g-o8Y).
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- [W6] Riccardo Zamboni, <u>Alberto Maria Metelli</u>, and Marcello Restelli. "Distributional Policy Evaluation: a Maximum Entropy approach to Representation Learning". In **Sixteenth European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning**, 2023.

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