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“And there may yet be a Heaven, but it’s not going to be perfect, and we are going to have to build it ourselves.”

Research Activities

My research interests lie at the intersection between computer science and life sciences. In the field of computer science, my activities focus on evolutionary algorithms (EAs) and machine learning (ML). The main applications in life sciences are connected to bioinformatics for health sciences, and food transformation processes.

IMPROVEMENT OF EAS EAs are population-based stochastic optimization techniques, where a set of candidate solutions called *population* is maintained at every iteration. Preserving diversity in the population is commonly considered to be a key factor for the performance of EAs, but while evaluating diversity is straightforward for problems optimizing a vector of real values, it becomes much harder when the structure of a candidate solution is a binary tree, or a graph. I presented contributions on computing distances to evaluate diversity between complex candidate solutions [84, 91, 108], and published a review of diversity preservation methods for population-based optimization algorithms [26]. I also co-organized a tutorial and a workshop on diversity preservation in leading conferences of the field (ACM GECCO, IEEE CEC, PPSN). My other contributions to the field of EAs include devising a benchmark for cooperative coevolutionary algorithms [33, 97] and proposing solutions for the automated tuning of internal parameters [78].

INTERPRETABILITY OF ML MODELS While generally effective, models obtained through ML are often black boxes, as it is practically impossible for humans to infer their decision processes, due to their sheer complexity. Some of my early works dealt with creating white-box, human-readable ML models such as systems of Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs) [83], and integrating expert knowledge with data-driven models [81, 88, 92]. More recently I investigated the relationships between datasets characteristics and generalization abilities of models [117], and experimented with the translation of Explainable AI (XAI) techniques from the field of image analysis to genomic data [2]. Furthermore, I explored different approaches to feature and sample selection, the process of identifying the most compact set of meaningful information to explain a ML algorithm decisions on a target problem [41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 50, 51]. As one of the leads in this research line includes combining EAs and ML, I am recognized as one of the experts of this niche, and as a consequence I co-organized tutorials on the subject in several specialized conferences (ACM GECCO, PPSN) plus an invited lecture in the summer school organized by COST Action CA15140 *Improving Applicability of Nature-Inspired Optimisation by Joining Theory and Practise*.

BIOINFORMATICS In recent years, my research activities have branched to the application of ML and EAs to bioinformatics, thanks to a long-standing collaboration with the University of Utrecht (The Netherlands), with the recent addition of partners from the University of Cambridge (UK). The case studies I tackled include automatic discovery of micro-RNA signatures for tumors [12, 19, 52], batch correction of genomic datasets [47], and automatic primer design for viruses, with a focus on SARS-CoV-2 [2, 39]. Following these activities, I joined COST Action CA18131 *Statistical and Machine Learning Techniques in Human Microbiome Studies* (2019-2023), where I am currently one of the two representatives for France in the Management Committee.

MODELING OF FOOD TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES Starting with my first post-doctoral position, I applied computational intelligence techniques to the field of food processing, a domain where the limited amount of data and the abundance of expert knowledge pose interesting challenges to ML and AI algorithms. This activity later became the main focus of my career as a permanent researcher at INRA/INRAE. The case studies I tackled, carried out mainly in the scope of the co-supervisions of PhD students Etienne Descamps and Thomas Chabin, include modeling dairy emulsions [31, 74], freeze-drying of lactic acid bacteria [53, 57, 63],

biscuit cooking [55], cleaning processes of industrial machines [5, 15], behavior of the pepsin enzyme [22, 60, 75], ecosystem services [112]. I later chaired the European COST Action CA15118 *Mathematical and Computer Science Methods for Food Science and Industry* (2016-2020), a networking project that gathered experts from both academia and industry, to make a point on the state of the art and the possible future trajectories of the sector. The project led to several reviews and position papers [10, 14, 17, 45]. As an expert of the domain, I have been involved in several other internal INRAE activities that also led to position papers [8, 11, 18, 25, 111, 113], and I have provided my perspective in two invited talks at Académie de Technologies (Paris, France) and at the University of Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

AI IN GAMES Since my Master, I developed an interest in AI applied to gaming. Games are an ideal benchmark for computational intelligence techniques, as creating an interesting opponent for humans requires software that is not only challenging, but also able to induce the tactics used by its adversaries. In this research line, I first worked on an AI able to model the opponent's behavior in the iterated Prisoner's Dilemma using EAs [28, 86], during my PhD co-supervision of Marco Gaudesi. I then tackled the automatic development of bots for the real-time strategy game StarCraft [80], submitting the first participant to the Student StarCraft AI Competition being entirely designed by another algorithm. A few years ago I started an ongoing project on developing competitive AIs for HearthStone, a collectible card game played online [4, 21, 73]. In the scope of these activities, since 2017 I have been co-chairing the session dedicated to games in the EvoSTAR conference.

AUTOMATED SUPPORT FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE Several of my early research activities were centered around the development of automated techniques to support hardware testing, ranging from the generation of programs to test specific parts of the hardware [32, 34, 93, 95, 98, 100], to fail-test generation for complex CPUs [96, 101, 102, 106], to compensation of defects in electronic noses [35, 94, 103, 105]. In the domain of software, I applied the same ideas to software testing [36, 68, 107], analysis of network protocols [27, 30, 76, 85, 82, 85, 89], and detection of malicious applications [16, 67, 79], with these last two activities carried out mainly in the scope of my co-supervision of PhD students Marco Gaudesi and Andrea Marcelli. More recently, I started the co-supervision of PhD student Eliana Giovannitti on the subject of automated discovery of backlash issues in industrial equipment [43].

Education

Université Paris-Saclay

Paris, France

Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches (HDR) IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (11/03/2022)

Mar. 2022

- French degree granting the holder the right of being the main supervisor of Ph.D. students.
- In order to obtain the degree, a considerable level of seniority in research has to be proven.
- Candidates are evaluated on publications, participation to projects, and joint co-supervision of Ph.D. students.
- Manuscript title: *Computational Intelligence Techniques for Food and Health Sciences*

Politecnico di Torino

Torino, Italy

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (11/04/2011)

Jan. 2008 - Dec. 2010

- Applications of evolutionary computation to games, hardware and software testing.
- 3 publications in international peer-reviewed journals.
- 14 publications in international peer-reviewed conferences.

Politecnico di Torino

Torino, Italy

M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Jan. 2004 - Jan. 2007

- Master thesis on automatic generation of artificial intelligence for boardgames (Quarto), using evolutionary computation.
- Magna cum laude. (110/110L)

Politecnico di Torino

Torino, Italy

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Sep. 2001 - Jan. 2004

Experience

INRAE (National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment)

Paris, France

CHARGÉ DE RECHERCHE, CLASSE NORMALE (CRCN) / PERMANENT RESEARCHER

Jan. 2020 - Current

- Employed in Joint Research Unit UMR 518 MIA-Paris (Mathématiques et Informatique Appliquées).
- Part of team EKINOCS (Expert Knowledge, Interactive modelling and decision making in dynamic Complex Systems).
- Moved to a new JRU with all my previous team, due to the reorganization process of the new institute INRAE.
- Referent for the internal INRAE network on European projects, coordinating activities between the TRANSFORM department and the JRU.
- Participant to the committee for the definition of the scientific objectives of the INRA (who would then become INRAE) inter-department funding meta-programme on numeric agriculture (DigiGral).

INRA (National Research Institute for Agriculture)

Plaisir-Grignon, France

CHARGÉ DE RECHERCHE, 1ÈRE CLASSE (CR1) / CLASSE NORMALE (CRCN) / PERMANENT RESEARCHER

Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2019

- Employed in Joint Research Unit UMR 782 GMPA (Génie et Microbiologie des Procédés Alimentaires).
- Co-leader of team MALICES (2019-2020).
- Referent for the internal INRA network on European projects, coordinating activities between the CEPIA department and the JRU.
- Coordinator of the Modeling group during the preparation of the roadmap document of the Joint Research Unit "SayFood" (UMR 782 and UMR 1145)
- After a positive evaluation, obtained the internal promotion from CR2 to CR1.

INRA (National Research Institute for Agriculture)

Plaisir-Grignon, France

CHARGÉ DE RECHERCHE, 2ÈME CLASSE (CR2) / PERMANENT RESEARCHER

Sep. 2012 - Dec. 2016

- Employed in Joint Research Unit UMR 782 GMPA (Génie et Microbiologie des Procédés Alimentaires).
- Part of team MALICES (Modélisation des Systèmes Alimentaires et Biologiques Complexes).
- Recruited in a position with job description "Knowledge engineering, modeling and analysis of complex food systems with a focus on reverse engineering and eco-design".

INRIA (National Research Institute for Computer Science and Automation)

Saclay, France

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

July 2012 - August 2012

- Employed in the ANR Project *EASEA-Cloud*
- Massive parallelization of evolutionary algorithms.
- Completed an efficient encoding of genetic programming trees, optimized for exchange of information over a network.

CNRS Institut des Systèmes Complexes (Complex Systems Institute)

Paris, France

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

May 2011 - June 2012

- Employed in the European FP7 project *DREAM*.
- Machine learning of food processing models, integrating human expertise.
- Developed innovative structure learning algorithms for Bayesian networks that are efficient even with limited datasets.

Politecnico di Torino

Torino, Italy

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Jan. 2011 - April 2011

- Applications of evolutionary computation to games, hardware and software testing.

Bibliometrics

h-index 18 (Google Scholar), updated on May 1, 2022

i10-index 38 (Google Scholar), updated on May 1, 2022

Citations 1,162 (Google Scholar), updated on May 1, 2022

Publications 36 in peer-reviewed journals, 72 in peer-reviewed international conferences

Skills

Programming Python, C/C++, Scala, JAVA

Stochastic Optimization Evolutionary algorithms, Genetic programming

Machine Learning Deep neural networks, Bayesian networks, Feature selection, Explainable AI

Languages Italian (native), English (C2), French (B1)

Editorial Boards

2020- **Board member**, Frontiers in Sustainability (ISSN 2673-4524)

Frontiers

2016- **Board member**, Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines (ISSN 1573-7632)

Springer

Program Committees (International Conferences)

ACM GECCO, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference

ORGANIZER OF WORKSHOPS, TUTORIALS, PROCEEDINGS CHAIR, REVIEWER

2012 - 2021

- Proceedings chair (2021)
- Co-organizer of the tutorial *Evolutionary Algorithms & Machine Learning, synergies and challenges* (2020)
- Co-organizer of the workshop on *Measuring and Promoting Diversity in Evolutionary computation* (2016)
- Co-organizer of the tutorial on *Measuring and Promoting Diversity in Evolutionary Algorithms* (2016)
- Reviewer (2012-2020)

IEEE CEC, Conference on Evolutionary Computation / IEEE WCCI

ORGANIZER OF TUTORIALS, REVIEWER

2014 - 2020

- Co-organizer of tutorial *A Brief Introduction to Diversity-Preservation Methodologies in Evolutionary Optimization* (2014).
- Every two years, the IEEE CEC conference is co-hosted with the IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence (IEEE WCCI)
- Reviewer (2014-2021)

EvoSTAR, leading European conference on evolutionary computation

ORGANIZER OF TRACKS, REVIEWER

2012 - 2021

- Co-organizer of the track on applications to Games (2017-2021)
- Reviewer (2012-2021)

Parallel Problem Solving from Nature, conference on bio-inspired optimization

ORGANIZER OF SPECIAL TRACKS, REVIEWER

2016 - 2020

- Co-organizer of the workshop on *Evolutionary Machine Learning* (2018)
- Co-organizer of the tutorial *A Brief Introduction of Diversity-Preservation Methodologies in Evolutionary Optimization* (2016)
- Reviewer (2016-2020)

FOODSIM, Biennial international conference on simulation in food science

ORGANIZER OF SPECIAL SESSIONS, REVIEWER

2018 - 2020

- Organizer of the special session on COST Action CA15118 *FoodMC* (2020)
- Reviewer (2018-2020)

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence

REVIEWER

2021

EA, biennial international conference on artificial evolution

REVIEWER

2015 - 2021

IEEE FRUCT, Finnish-Russian University Cooperation in Telecommunications

REVIEWER

2020 - 2021

ICORES, International Conf. on Operations Research and Enterprise Systems

REVIEWER

2018 - 2020

IMMM, International Conf. on Advances in Information Mining and Management

REVIEWER

2015 - 2016

Program Committees (National Events)

JET, Journée Evolutionnaire Thématique

ORGANIZER

2015 - 2016

- Annual seminar of the French association for artificial evolution.

Reviewing Activities

Ph.D. Defense Committees

EXTERNAL COMMISSION MEMBER

2019-2021

- Anja Jankovic, *Towards Online Landscape-Aware Algorithm Selection in Numerical Black-Box Optimization*. Supervisor: Carola Doerr, Sorbonne University, France (2021)
- Denis Antipov, *Methods for Tight Analysis of Population-based Evolutionary Algorithms*. Supervisor: Benjamin Doerr, École Polytechnique, France (2020)
- Adrian Romero Caceres, *Evolutionary Extraction of Parameter in Organic Thin-Film Transistor Compact Models*. Supervisors: J. G. Penalver and J. A. Jimenez Tejada, University of Granada, Spain (2019)
- Francesco Rossi, *Computer-Aided Technologies for Food Risk Assessment*. Supervisor: Alfredo Benso, Politecnico di Torino, Italy (2019)

Université Paris-Saclay

REVIEWER OF PROPOSALS FOR THE UDOPIA CALL FOR PHD FUNDING IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

2021

The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus

REVIEWER OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR PRODUCTION ACCESS TO HPC RESOURCES

2021

European Agency for COoperation in Science and Technology (COST)

REVIEWER OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

2019

National Centre of Science and Technology Evaluation (NCSTE), Kazakhstan

REVIEWER OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

2018-2019

Food Science Books Division, Elsevier

REVIEWER OF BOOK PROPOSALS

2019

International Peer-reviewed Journals

REVIEWER OF JOURNAL PAPERS

2013-2020

- Ad Hoc Networks, Elsevier, ISSN 1570-8705 (2014)
- Agriculture, MDPI, ISSN 2077-0472 (2016)
- Algorithms, MDPI, ISSN 1999-4893 (2013)
- Applied Sciences, MDPI, ISSN 2076-3417 (2020)
- Applied Soft Computing, Elsevier, ISSN 1568-4946 (2018)
- Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Elsevier, ISSN 0933-3657 (2021)
- Automation in Construction, Elsevier, 0926-5805 (2018)
- Beverages, MPDI, ISSN 2079-7737 (2019)
- Biology, MDPI, ISSN 2079-7737, Special Issue on Developments in Bioinformatic Algorithms (2013)
- Cogent Engineering, Taylor & Francis, ISSN 2331-1916 (2021)
- Computational Intelligence, Wiley, ISSN 1467-8640 (2019)
- Computational Intelligence and Neuroscience, Hindawi, ISSN 1687-5265 (2015, 2016)
- Computer Networks, Elsevier, ISSN: 1389-1286 (2019)
- Entertainment Computing, Elsevier, ISSN 1875-9521 (2016)
- Evolutionary Intelligence, Springer, ISSN 1864-5909 (2018)
- Frontiers in Robotics and AI, Frontiers, ISSN 2296-9144 (2021)
- Future Generation Computer Systems, Elsevier, ISSN 0167-739X (2019)
- Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines, Springer, ISSN 1389-2576 (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Genomics, Elsevier, ISSN 0888-7543 (2021)
- Global Environmental Change, Elsevier, ISSN 0959-3780 (2019, 2020)
- IEEE Access, ISSN 2169-3536, (2018, 2020, 2021)
- IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics, ISSN 2168-2267 (2018, 2020)
- IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, ISSN 1089778X (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Information Sciences, Elsevier, ISSN 0020-0255 (2017)
- International Journal of Swarm Intelligence and Evolutionary Computation, OMICS/Longdom, ISSN 2090-4908 (2014)
- International Journal of Business Intelligence and Data Mining, Inderscience, ISSN 1743-8187 (2020)
- ISA Transactions, Elsevier, ISSN 0019-0578 (2016)
- Journal of Cleaner Production, Elsevier, ISSN 0959-6526 (2014, 2015)
- Journal of Computational Science, Elsevier, ISSN 1877-7503 (2019)
- Journal of Food Engineering, Elsevier, ISSN 0260-8774 (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Journal of Food Process Engineering, Wiley, ISSN 1745-4530 (2018, 2019)
- Journal of Machine Learning Research, Microtome Publishing, ISSN 1532-4435 (2018)
- Journal of Systems Science and Complexity, ISSN 1009-6124, Special Issue on Complex Systems and Sports (2013)
- Mathematics, MDPI, ISSN 2227-7390 (2019)
- Methods and Protocols, MDPI, ISSN 2409-9279 (2020)
- Open Mathematics, De Gruyter, ISSN 2391-5455 (2018)
- Science Translational Medicine, AAAS, ISSN 1946-6242 (2020)
- Scientific Reports, Nature, ISSN 2045-2322 (2020)
- Soft Computing, Springer, ISSN 1432-7643 (2014, 2016)
- Swarm and Evolutionary Computation, Elsevier, ISSN 2210-6502 (2017, 2018)

Invited Contributions

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| 2021 | Invited talk , <i>Emergence of Meaning in ML Embeddings</i> , at C. for Logic, Language, and Cognition | Torino, Italy |
| 2020 | Invited lecture , <i>Epistemology of Machine Learning</i> , at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität | Erlangen, Germany |
| 2020 | Invited talk , <i>Machine Learning in Food Transformation Processes</i> , at Académie de Technologies | Paris, France |
| 2018 | Invited lecture , <i>Epistemology of Machine Learning</i> , at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität | Erlangen, Germany |
| 2018 | Invited talk , <i>Machine Learning in the Food Sector</i> , at University of Sarajevo | Sarajevo, BH |
| 2017 | Invited commentary , <i>(Over-)Realism in Evolutionary Computation</i> , in journal GPEM [23] | Springer |
| 2017 | Invited talk , IOBC Conference on Integrated Protection of Stored Foods [62] | Ljubljana, Slovenia |

Honors & Awards

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| 2020 | 1st place , Leaderboards for coreset discovery on 14 different datasets, with [116] | Papers With Code |
| 2018 | 2nd place , HearthStone AI competition at the CIG Conference, with [4] | Maastricht, NL |
| 2017 | Best paper award , EvoSTAR conference, EvoApps track, for [61] | Amsterdam, NL |
| 2014 | GENIL award , Tied to the 2014 EvoSTAR best paper award | Granada, Spain |
| 2014 | Best paper award , EvoSTAR conference, for [83] | Granada, Spain |
| 2012 | Honorable mention , GECCO Human-Competitive Awards | Philadelphia, USA |
| 2011 | Finalist , STARTENT Project, Future Entrepreneurs category | Torino, Italy |

Projects and Funding

Mathematical and Computer Science Methods for Food Science and Industry (CA15118 FoodMC)

COST Action

PROJECT CHAIR

2016 - 2020

- Duties included leading the project, coordinating activities, organizing meetings
- European networking project involving more than 50 researchers from over 30 countries
- The project led to several joint publications from participants. Among others: [10, 14, 17, 45, 58, 62]
- Funded by COST, European agency on cooperation in science and technology, total budget around 120k€/year

Sustainable Insect Chain (SUSINCHAIN)

H2020

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2019 - 2023

- Involved in WP7, dealing with modeling and optimization of insect supply chains for food and feed
- Funded by the H2020 framework program on call LC-SFS-17-2019, participant budget around 100k€

Statistical and Machine Learning Techniques in Human Microbiome Studies (CA18131 ML4Microbiome)

COST Action

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER

2019-2023

- One of the two MC Members representing France in the Action
- Involved in WG3, dealing with the standardization of ML techniques for genomic microbiome information

Artificial Metabolic Networks

ANR AAPG Project

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2022-2026

- Project funded by the French National Agency for Research
- Includes funding for one Ph.D. student, of which I will be the main supervisor

Modélisation d'Accompagnement pour une Gestion Nouvelle et Intégrée des Fongicides et herbicides: Innovation, Conception collective et Exploration de Nouvelles Techniques (MAGNIFICENT7)

Meta-program SUMCROP, INRAE

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2020-2024

- Involved in the development of a multi-agent system to simulate interactions between stakeholders
- Funded by inter-department meta-program SUMCROP, INRAE

TRAjectoires de transition VERTueuses pour la Réduction des usages des pesticides aSSociant les leviers Ecologiques, Economiques, Sociaux et institutionnels à l'échelle du territoire (TRAVERSÉES)

Plan Ecophyto II, ANR

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2020-2022

- Involved in the WP dealing with ecosystem modelling and interaction between stakeholders
- Funded by ANR call Ecophyto II, for the reduction of pesticides in agriculture

Bien-Etre, Santé et SysTèmes d'Elevages (BEST)

Meta-program SANBA, INRAE

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2019-2023

- Involved in the WP dealing with ecosystem modelling and interaction between stakeholders
- Funded by inter-department meta-program SANBA, INRAE

G-ENACTS, GENomic aNalysis to ACCurately deTect SARS-CoV-2

SURFSara, The Netherlands

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2019

- Involved in the WP for the automatic generation of primers for SARS-CoV-2, see [7]
- Total budget around 20k€, to be spent on up to 90,000 hours of cloud computation

PERFModel, Plate Exchanger Fouling Model

TRANSFORM department, INRAE

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2018-2019

- Involved in the machine learning of fouling models for plate exchangers in milk processing, see [5, 15]
- Funded by the INRAE TRANSFORM department, through an internal call for projects

AromOpti, Optimizing models for wine aromas

TRANSFORM department, INRAE

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2015-2016

- Optimizing models for predicting aromatic qualities of wine
- Funded by the INRAE TRANSFORM department, through an internal call for projects

EvOxyde, Generating models for oxidation of meat

TRANSFORM department, INRAE

PROJECT PARTICIPANT

2014-2015

- Modelling meat oxidation using machine learning
- Funded by the INRAE TRANSFORM department, through an internal call for projects

- Devising new approaches for interactive machine learning applied to food processes, from limited datasets, see [81, 88]
- Funded by the INRAE TRANSFORM department, through an internal call for projects

Supervision Activities

PHD STUDENTS (5)

Eliana Giovannitti

SCU.DO., Politecnico di Torino, Italy

COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUES FOR AUTOMATIC CONTROLS

2018-ongoing

- Shared main supervision (50%) with Prof. Giovanni Squillero
- Joint publications: [38, 43]

Thomas Chabin

ABIES, AgroParisTech, France

MODÉLISATION INTERACTIVE GLOBALE D'UN SYSTÈME DE PRODUCTION DE MICRO-ORGANISMES (MIME)

2016-2019 (not defended)

- Shared supervision (20%) with Dr. Nathalie Méjean-Perrot (INRAE) and Dr. Evelyne Lutton (INRAE), main supervisors
- Joint publications: [18, 53, 56, 57, 63, 64, 113]
- Currently employed as a Consultant at Astek, Boulogne-Billancourt, France

Etienne Descamps

ABIES, AgroParisTech, France

APPROCHE DE MODÉLISATION MONTE-CARLO INDIVIDU-CENTRÉE OPÉRANT PAR ÉVÉNEMENTS DISCRETS, APPLIQUÉE

2013-2016

À UN PROCÉDÉ D'HOMOGÉNÉISATION D'UNE ÉMULSION LAITIÈRE

- Shared supervision (30%) with Dr. Nathalie Méjean-Perrot (INRAE) and Prof. Cristian Trelea (AgroParisTech), main supervisors
- Joint publications: [74]
- Currently employed as a Software Engineer at Numalis, Montpellier, France

Andrea Marcelli

SCU.DO., Politecnico di Torino, Italy

MACHINE LEARNING AND OTHER COMPUTATIONAL-INTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUES FOR SECURITY APPLICATIONS

2015-2018

- Shared supervision (30%) with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, main supervisor
- Joint publications: [16, 54, 59, 61, 67, 79]
- Currently employed as a Malware Research Engineer at Talos-Cisco, Antibes, France

Marco Gaudesi

SCU.DO., Politecnico di Torino, Italy

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES FOR SOLVING OPTIMIZATION PROBLEMS THROUGH EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHMS

2012-2015

- Shared supervision (30%) with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, main supervisor
- Joint publications: [28, 67, 78, 79, 82, 84, 86, 87, 90, 91, 93]
- Currently employed as a Senior Research Scientist at Nuance Communications, Torino, Italy

MASTER STUDENTS (15)

Taha Zafar

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

UNSUPERVISED CONCEPTUAL EXTRACTION IN DEEP NEURAL NETWORKS

2021

- Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino, Italy, and Pietro Barbiero, University of Cambridge, UK.

Sofia Borgato

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF BACTERIAL DNA

2021

- Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino, Italy, Dr. Giulio Ferrero, Università di Torino, Italy, and Pietro Barbiero, University of Cambridge, UK.

Simone Alessandri

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF BACTERIAL DNA

2021

- Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino, Italy, Dr. Giulio Ferrero, Università di Torino, Italy, and Pietro Barbiero, University of Cambridge, UK.

Arthur Cahu

École Polytechnique, France

DEEP LEARNING TECHNIQUES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF BACTERIAL DNA

2021

Joao Henrique Oliveira

École Polytechnique, France

MACHINE LEARNING EXTREME VALUES OF INSECT INFESTATIONS IN HOP FIELDS

2020

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| Luca Barillari DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PYTHON PACKAGE FOR A GENERAL-PURPOSE EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2020 |
| Zi Wang MACHINE LEARNING EXTREME VALUES OF INSECT INFESTATIONS IN HOP FIELDS • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero and Prof. Sandro Cumani, Politecnico di Torino | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2020 |
| Pietro Barbiero NOVEL NEURAL TECHNIQUES FOR GENE EXPRESSION ANALYSIS IN CANCER PROGNOSIS • Co-supervised with Prof. Elio Piccolo, Politecnico di Torino • Joint publications: [49, 52] | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2019 |
| Hélène Ta MISE EN PLACE D'UNE MÉTHODE D'OPTIMISATION AUTOMATIQUE D'UN RÉSEAU BAYÉSIEN DYNAMIQUE DE PRÉDICTION DE LA MATURATION PHYSICO-CHIMIQUE ET SENSORIELLE DES BAIES DE CHENIN VERS UNE PRÉDICTION DE LA QUALITÉ DU VIN PAR LOGIQUE FLOU • Co-supervised with Dr. Nathalie Méjean-Perrot, INRAE | <i>AgroParisTech, France</i> 2019 |
| Marcello Lanciani COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUES FOR COOPERATIVE SCENARIOS • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2019 |
| Nicolò Malfatto DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PORTABLE, GENERAL-PURPOSE EVOLUTIONARY OPTIMIZER • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2018 |
| Benjamin Lemaitre DÉVELOPPEMENT PYTHON DE FONCTIONNALITÉS INTERACTIVES POUR UN LOGICIEL DE RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE EN MODÉLISATION SEMI-AUTOMATIQUE • Co-supervised with Thomas Chabin, PhD student, INRAE | <i>Université de Caen, France</i> 2017 |
| Alican Turk USE OF INTELLIGENT TECHNIQUES FOR COUNTERING EMERGING MALWARE IN MOBILE DEVICES • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino | <i>Politecnico di Torino, Italy</i> 2017 |
| Jany Belluz ANALYSE ET CONCEPTION DE MÉTHODOLOGIES APPLICABLES SOUS FORME D'ALGORITHMES ÉVOLUTIONNISTES POUR LE TRAITEMENT DE PROBLÈMES QUI NÉCESSITENT UN ENSEMBLE DE SOLUTION HOMOGÈNES • Co-supervised with Prof. Giovanni Squillero, Politecnico di Torino • Joint publications: [78] | <i>INP Ensimag, Grenoble, France</i> 2015 |
| Thomas Chabin SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS FOR EVOLUTIONARY OPTIMIZATION OF OXIDATIVE REACTIONAL SYSTEMS • Co-supervised with Dr. Evelyn Lutton, INRAE • Joint publications: [64, 77] | <i>U. Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France</i> 2014 |
| POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS (3) | |
| Nisrine Mouhrim PROJECT SUSINCHAIN • Project funded by Horizon Europe | <i>INRAE, France</i> 2021-2022 |
| Yong Shi PROJECT SURE-FARM • Project funded by H2020 and convergence institute CLAND • Co-supervised with Dr. Francesco Accatino, INRAE | <i>INRAE, France</i> 2019-2020 |
| Ilaria Brunetti DÉVELOPPEMENT ET TRANSFERT D'UN OUTIL D'AIDE À LA DÉCISION APPLIQUÉ À LA MATURATION DES BAIES DE RAISINS ROUGE ET BLANC • Project funded by the Compte d'affectation spéciale développement agricole et rural (CASDAR) • Co-supervised with Dr. Nathalie Méjean-Perrot, INRAE and Daniel Pique, INRAE • Joint publications: [122] | <i>INRAE, France</i> 2018-2019 |

Teaching

Evolution Artificielle (Artificial Evolution)

ENSTA ParisTech, Saclay, France

Co-ORGANIZER

2018-2021

- Introduction to evolutionary computation
- Class for undergraduate students (M1), 20-30 participants
- 18 hours

Nature-inspired search and optimisation heuristics

Summer School, Coimbra, Portugal

INVITED TEACHER

Jul. 2019

- Introduction to evolutionary machine learning
- Class for post-graduate students, 20-30 participants
- Invited by the networking project COST Action CA15140 ImAppNIO
- 6 hours

UC4, Quand la nature inspire les ingénieurs: algorithmes évolutionnaires, logique floue, neurones artificiels

AgroParisTech, Paris, France

TEACHER ASSISTANT

2013-2016

- Introduction to machine learning and optimization techniques
- Class for undergraduate students (M1), 20-30 participants
- 18 hours

Algoritmi e Programmazione Avanzata (Algorithms and Advanced Programming)

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

TEACHER ASSISTANT

2009-2011

- Introduction to advanced data structures in programming: binary trees, hash tables, ...
- Class for undergraduate students, 30-50 participants
- 24 hours

Fondamenti di Informatica (Fundamentals of Computer Science)

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

TEACHER ASSISTANT

2008-2009

- Introduction to basic concepts of programming and flow control
- Class for undergraduate students, 50-100 participants
- 24 hours

Participation to Start-Ups

- 2019 **Advisory board member**, Bactell, ML for prediction of antibiotics performance
- 2016 **Co-founder**, Ominee, ML for employer-oriented online services

Wisconsin, US

Torino, Italy

Press and Outreach

- 2021 **News**, on the work in cooperation with University of Utrecht: [Link] *EConsulta, Mexico*
- 2021 **News**, on the work in cooperation with University of Utrecht: [Link] *EDiary, India*
- 2021 **News**, on the work in cooperation with University of Utrecht: [Link] *NRC, NL*
- 2021 **News**, on the work in cooperation with University of Utrecht: [Link] *U.U. Website, NL*
- 2021 **News**, on the work in cooperation with University of Utrecht: [Link] *EngineeringNet, BE*
- 2019 **News**, on the work in cooperation with Univ. of Granada and Univ. of Cadiz: [Link] *TecnoXplora*
- 2018 **Interview**, by Bosnian TV Channel TVSA, for a meeting of the FoodMC project: [YouTube Video] *TVSA, BH*
- 2014 **Divulcation article**, written with Dr. Lorenzo Menichetti, SWU, Uppsala, Sweden: [Link] *Pedometron*

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