# Curriculum Vitæ et Studiorum

# Francesco Gullo



Date and Place of Birth: March 17, 1982 — Cosenza, Italy

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# SHORT BIO

Francesco Gullo is a senior associate researcher at the UniCredit banking group. He joined UniCredit in 2015, and, since then, he has been part of departments/units focusing on research and development in the areas of artificial intelligence and data science: the "R & D" department first (for 5 years), the "Applied Research & Innovation" unit of the "AI, Data & Analytics ICT" department then (for 2 years), and the "Group Data & Intelligence" department now (since September 2022). He received his PhD, in "Computer and Systems Engineering", from the University of Calabria (Italy), in 2010. During his PhD, he was an intern at the George Mason University (US), and a teaching/research assistant at the University of Catanzaro (Italy). After his graduation, he was a postdoc at the University of Calabria (Italy), a postdoc and a research scientist at the Yahoo Labs (Spain), and a research scientist at the Fundació Barcelona Media (Spain).

His research falls into the broad areas of artificial intelligence and data science, with emphasis on algorithmic aspects, i.e., on formulating novel problems, theoretically characterizing them, and designing/analyzing algorithms. His recent interests include graph machine learning, graph data management, natural language processing, trustworthy AI. He has been practicing both fundamental research ( $\sim 90$  publications, mostly in premier venues such as SIGMOD, VLDB, KDD, ICDM, CIKM, EDBT, WSDM, ECML-PKDD, SDM, TODS, TKDE, TKDD, MACH, DAMI, JCSS, TNSE, PR), and applied research (12-year work experience in industrial-research environments).

He has also been actively serving the scientific community: he was/is/will be Finance Chair of CIKM'24, Workshop Chair of ICDM'16, Program co-Chair of MIDAS workshop @ECML-PKDD['16-'23], MultiClust symposium @SDM'14, MultiClust workshop @KDD'13, 3Clust workshop @PAKDD'12, as well as (senior) program-committee member of major conferences, including SIGMOD, KDD, WWW, IJCAI, AAAI, CIKM, SIGIR, ICDM, WSDM, SDM, ECML-PKDD, ECAI, ICWSM.

# CV IN A NUTSHELL

## ACADEMIA

- Italian National Scientific Habilitation (**ASN**), Associate Professor ("II fascia"), Sectors 01/B1 and 09/H1, since 2018 (valid until 2029).
- Indicators ("mediane") satisfied for ASN as a Full Professor ("I fascia"), for both Sectors 01/B1 and 09/H1.
- 18-year experience in *fundamental research* in *artificial intelligence* and *data science*, with focus on *algorithmic* aspects, and *graph machine learning/data management*, *natural language processing*, *trustworthy AI* as recent interests.
- Co-author of **89 publications**, most of them in *premier* journals (TODS, PVLDB, TKDE, TKDD, MACH, DAMI, JCSS, TNSE, PR) and conferences (SIGMOD, VLDB, KDD, ICDM, CIKM, EDBT, WSDM, ECML-PKDD, SDM).
- H-index: 27; Total number of citations: 2 229 (source: Google Scholar, Jul 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023).
- Top-2% Most Cited Scientist in 2022, according to Stanford University's standardized citation indicators.
- Recipient of the **best paper award** for the *BDTA'16 conference*.
- Wide network of (international) collaborations. Excluding editorship publications: 75 co-authors (source: dblp.org, Jul 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023), from Italian (Sapienza Univ., SNS, Unina, UniTrento, Uniba, Unical, Unica, ISI Found, ENEA), US (Stanford Univ., CMU, NYU, Brown Univ., Boston Univ., USC, GMU, Boise State Univ.), and rest-of-the-world (ETH HKUST, HKU, NTU, Telecom Paristech, Aalto Univ., Aarhus Univ., AUEB) institutions; ~70% publications with at least one co-author from a different institution.
- Numerous teaching activities, carried out in both academia and industry.
- External Scientific Board Member of the ICT PhD Program of the University of Calabria, since 2017.
- UniCredit Scientific co-Referent for the Industrial Liason Program (ILP) of Sapienza University, since 2016.
- 30+ B.Sc./M.Sc./Ph.D. theses and internships (co-)supervised.
- Consolidated experience with externally-funded cooperative projects, both national and European.

#### SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Finance Chair (role equivalent to General Chair) of the CIKM '24 conference.
- Workshop co-Chair of the *ICDM* '16 conference.
- **Program co-Chair** of several workshops/symposia/special sessions, including the well-established *MIDAS work-shop* @ECML-PKDD conference, now in its 8th edition.
- Stably part of the **program committee** of major conferences, including SIGMOD, KDD, WWW, IJCAI, AAAI, CIKM, SIGIR, ICDM, WSDM, SDM, ECML-PKDD, ECAI, ICWSM.
- Guest Editor of ECML-PKDD Journal Track; Associate Editor of Frontiers in Big Data journal; Distinguished Reviewer Board member of TWEB journal.
- Appointed Evaluator of several cooperative project proposals, funded by entities like the European Commission and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG).
- Best/outstanding reviewer award for WWW 2023, ECML-PKDD 2021, and WWW 2017 conferences.

## **INDUSTRY**

- 12-year experience in *industrial-research* R&D labs (Yahoo! Labs, Fundació Barcelona Media, UniCredit), closely interacting with industrial partners to make fundamental research impactful in an industry setting.
- Long-established portfolio of **industrial-research projects**, carried out until either a *proof-of-concept* or a *production-ready* stage, with focus on high *return on investment* (**ROI**) from different perspectives, including improved customer satisfaction/engagement, office automation, process optimization, decision support, cost saving.
- Co-inventor of 2 patents and co-author of 2 defensive publications.
- Recipient of the ABI IT Innovation Award 2018 ("Premio Innovazione IT Tecnologie Disruptive").
- Skilled in a high number of **technologies**, spanning domains such as general-purpose/domain-specific programming languages, versioning, build-automation, databases, virtualization, cloud computing, machine-learning frameworks, distributed computing, stream processing, search engines, web applications, etc.

# WORK EXPERIENCE (APPOINTMENTS)

## [Sep'22 - present] Researcher (senior associate)

UniCredit banking group
UniCredit (holding) company
"Group Data & Intelligence" department
Rome, Italy

## [Jul'20 – Aug'22] Researcher (senior associate)

UniCredit banking group UniCredit Services (controlled) company "AI, Data & Analytics ICT" department "Applied Research & Innovation" (ARI) unit Rome, Italy

#### [Jul'15 – Jun'20] Researcher (associate)

UniCredit banking group UniCredit (holding) company "Research & Development" (R&D) department Rome, Italy Design and implementation of cutting-edge, research-driven ICT solutions that are of interest to the banking industry. Main responsibilities:

- Business-driven, mid/short-term applied research
- Fundamental/applied research with longerterm "transversal" applicability in multiple contexts
- "Quasi-production"-stage prototyping (i.e., development of SW prototypes that are mature enough to be industrialized with minimal effort)
- Supervising interns
- Impact on the scientific community (papers, open-source SW libraries, collaboration with universities and research institutes, PC committees and editorial boards, organization of scientific events)

## [Mar'15 – Jun'15] Research Scientist

Fundació Barcelona Media (now part of Eurecat) Barcelona, Spain

## [Sep'13 – Feb'15] Research Scientist

Yahoo Labs "Web Mining" group Barcelona, Spain

# [Sep'11 – Aug'13] Postdoctoral Researcher

Yahoo Labs "Web Mining" group Barcelona, Spain Carrying out fundamental and applied research that is impactful for company's business needs. Main responsibilities:

- Fundamental/applied research research with longer-term "transversal" applicability in multiple contexts
- Business-driven, mid/short-term applied research, with the main goal of developing SW prototypes out of the conducted research, and interacting with production teams of the company to help industrialize them
- Supervising interns
- Getting patents out of the conducted research
- Participation to externally-funded research/innovation cooperative projects (both in the proposal-writing phase and in carrying out the projects' research activities)
- Impact on the scientific community (papers, collaboration with universities and research institutes, PC committees and editorial boards, organization of scientific events)

## [Jan'10 – Aug'11] Postdoctoral Researcher

University of Calabria DEIS (now DIMES) department Cosenza, Italy

## [Apr'09 – Sep'09] Short-term Visiting Scholar

George Mason University "Data Mining & Machine Learning" group headed by Prof. Carlotta Domeniconi Fairfax, VA – USA

### [Jan'06 – Aug'11] Research & Teaching Assistant

University of Calabria DEIS (now DIMES) department Cosenza, Italy

# [Jan'06 – Aug'11] Research & Teaching Assistant

"Magna Græcia" University of Catanzaro Department of Medicine and Surgery Catanzaro, Italy Carrying out fundamental research with the main goal of publishing papers; taking care of the experimental evaluation to support the conducted research; getting involved into teaching activities; helping in the supervision of students; participation to externally-funded research/innovation cooperative projects; participation to program committees of conferences; helping in the organization of scientific events.

# **EDUCATION**

[Jan'10]	<b>Ph.D.</b> in Computer and Systems Engineering [with highest honors] University of Calabria, Italy Thesis: Overcoming Uncertainty and the Curse of Dimensionality in Data Clustering Advisor: prof. Sergio Greco
[Dec'05]	M.Sc. in Computer Engineering [with highest honors] University of Calabria, Italy Thesis: Querying and Repairing Inconsistent XML Databases Advisor: prof. Sergio Greco
[Oct'03]	<b>B.Sc.</b> in Computer Engineering [with highest honors] University of Calabria, Italy Thesis: Semistructured Data and XML Advisor: prof. Sergio Greco

# RESEARCH ACTIVITY

His research falls into the broad areas of artificial intelligence and data science, with special emphasis on algorithmic aspects, i.e., on formulating, theoretically characterizing, and designing effective yet efficient algorithms for (novel) problems that are useful to gain insights/information/knowledge from data.

As far as data types, special emphasis has been given to graphs, text, and temporal data, but he has also dealt with tabular data, probabilistic data, and semistructured data. Large-scale data processing and combinatorial optimization are frequently-occurring keywords in his work.

More specifically, his recent research interests include:

- Graph machine learning [1, 2]
  - graph representation learning; graph neural networks; machine/graph learning for combinatorial optimization; deep/reinforcement learning paradigms for graph clustering; knowledge graphs; graph classification;
- Graph data management [3, 8, 9, 14, 16, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 71, 81]
  - dense-subgraph discovery; graph summarization; reachability/distance queries on graphs; graph pattern mining; graph clustering; querying graph databases; link prediction;
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) [5, 33, 70, 73]
  - large language models; natural language generation; question answering; word embeddings; text classification; information extraction from text; sentiment analysis/transfer; text summarization; entity recognition and disambiguation;
- Ethics and trustworthiness in data management and AI (algorithmic fairness, explainable AI, interpretability, transparency, privacy, responsible AI, sustainable AI) [69]
- AI in finance [4, 30]

Other topics/problems he has focused on in the past include (social) Web mining (e.g., discovering polarized communities, social-network analysis, information propagation in online services, community search/detection, social-influence analysis, personalization of online services) [6, 10, 12, 15, 29, 34, 38, 44, 46, 75, 82, 84], mining high-dimensional/multifaceted data (i.e., projective/subspace clustering, clustering ensembles, projective clustering ensembles) [13, 18, 20, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 65, 74, 83], clustering uncertain data [11, 19, 21, 39, 49, 53, 72, 78, 87, 88], time-series data management [24, 76, 89], bioinformatics [22, 25, 77, 79, 80], XML data management [23, 68, 86].

## ORGANIZATION Finance Chair

32nd ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM '24)

# Workshop co-Chair

16th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM '16)

## Program co-Chair

[1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th] Workshop on MIning DAta for financial applicationS (MIDAS ['16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23])

In conjunction with the European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery (ECML-PKDD ['16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23])

## **Industrial Session co-Chair**

[2nd, 3rd] International Conference on Machine Learning, Optimization and Big Data (MOD ['16, '17])

## Program co-Chair

Mini-Symposium on Multiple Clusterings, Multi-view Data, and Multi-source Knowledge-driven Clustering (MultiClust '14)

In conjunction with the 2014 SIAM Int. Conf. on Data Mining (SDM '14)

#### Program co-Chair

4th MultiClust Workshop: Multiple Clusterings, Multi-view Data, and Multi-source Knowledge-driven Clustering

In conjunction with the 19th ACM SIGKDD Int. Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data *Mining* (**KDD** '13)

## Program co-Chair

1st International Workshop on Multi-view data, High-dimensionality, External Knowledge: Striving for a Unified Approach to Clustering (3Clust '12)

In conjunction with the 16th Pacific-Asia Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD '12)

## Editorial

## **Guest Editor**

[2020-2023]

Boards

Journal Track of the European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD JT)

# Associate Editor

Frontiers in Big Data journal

Data mining and Management section

# OTHER

## Distinguished Reviewer Board member

Boards

ACM Transactions on the Web (TWEB)

Appointed for [2022–2024]

# Scientific Committee member

"Data Science for Economics and Finance: Methodologies and Applications" book Editors: S. Consoli, D. Reforgiato Recupero, M. Salsana. Publisher: Springer Nature. [2020]

Program

ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD)

Committees

(research track) [2022, 2024]

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ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM)

CONFERENCES)

[2013–2014, 2020–2024]

ACM SIGKDD Int. Conf. on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) (research track) [2014–2023]

International World Wide Web Conference (WWW) (social network analysis and graph algorithms track) [2014, 2016–2023]

IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM) [2014-2016, 2018-2023]

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) [2020-2023]

SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM) [2012, 2014–2023]

European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD) (research track) [2016–2019, 2021–2023]

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

(applied data science track) [2015–2018, 2021–2023]

European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI) (research track) [2023]

ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) (research track, long papers) [2012–2022]

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) [2021-2022]

International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM) [2014, 2017–2022]

Int. ACM SIGIR Conf. on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR) [2020-2021]

ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) (research track, short papers) [2019–2020]

ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) (industry/case studies track) [2017–2018]

Program Committees (OTHER WORK-& SHOPS)

SEBD [2022–2023]; FRCCS [2023]; DSAA – special sessions track [2021–2022]; DSAA – applications track [2019–2020]; DS [2022]; ASONAM [2015–2020]; NetSci [2020]; LOD [2017–2020]; CSoNet [2019]; SocInfo [2019]; KDIR [2016–2019]; ICoMS [2018]; ICBK [2017]; CIDM [2016]; CONFERENCES EIDWT [2011]; Open-SOFOS Work. @ECML-PKDD [2022]; Soc2Net Work. @ASONAM [2019-2020]; BSMDMA Work. @IEEE BigData and @IJCAI [2018–2019]; MATNet Work. @WWW [2018]; SoAPS Work. @ECIR [2018]; MultiClust Work. @SDM [2012]

Invited Network-based Receivable Financing Scuola Normale Superiore Talks

Virtual Seminar, December 2021

Dense Subgraph Discovery in Temporal Networks Workshop on Algorithmic Aspects of Temporal Graphs IV

48th Int. Collog. on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP '21)

Virtual Event, July 2021

Data Science on Information-rich Graphs: New Frontiers, Problems, and Methods

University of Milan Milan, Italy, June 2019

Mining Massive Complex Graphs: New Frontiers and Methods

ISI Foundation

Turin, Italy, September 2015

From Patterns in Data to Knowledge Discovery: what Data Mining can do 3rd International Conference Frontiers in Diagnostic Technologies (ICFDT '13)

Frascati, Italy, November 25-27, 2013

Projective Clustering Ensembles

Yahoo Labs

Barcelona, Spain, September 2011

Information-Theoretic Hierarchical Clustering of Uncertain Data

George Mason University Fairfax VA, USA, April 2009

PhD Thesis

Stefano Piersanti

Reviewing

Sapienza University – Dept. of Computer Engineering, Control and Management (DIAG)

PhD Program in Engineering in Computer Science

Will it fail and why? A large case study of company default prediction with highly

interpretable machine learning models

Thesis advisor: Prof. Aris Anagnostopoulos

XXXIII cycle

External REVIEWING Journals: TKDE, TKDD, TPAMI, VLDBJ, MACH, DAMI, TIST, Information Systems, TWEB, TCSS, TBDATA, Pattern Recognition, Internet Mathematics, Nature Communications, AIRE, KAIS, Information Sciences, APNS, DKE, SAM, AI Communications, AI in Medicine, JOCS, Computational Intelligence, BDR, IJDSN, IJITDM, JINT, JIIS, EAAI, ADAC, Neural Networks, JDIQ, Information Fusion, IEEE Access, ISSI

Conferences: SIGMOD, KDD, WWW, ICDE, ICDM, WSDM, CIKM, EDBT, SDM, ECML PKDD, PAKDD, DaWaK, CIDM, EDB, IDEAS, SEBD

Conference

ECML-PKDD '22 [55, 56], CIKM '21, ECML-PKDD '21 [26, 57, 58], ECML-PKDD '20 [59], BigNOMICS '19, CIKM '18 [28, 29, 30], Participation ECML-PKDD '19 [60], ECML-PKDD '18 [61], ECML-PKDD '17 [10, 62], WIMS '17 [70], IEEE BigData '16 [33], ECML-PKDD '16 [64], ECML-PKDD '14 [39], KDD '14 [40], EDBT '14 [42, 43], VLDB '12 [21], SEBD '11, SIGMOD '11 [48], ICDM '10 [50, 49], ICDM '09 [51], IDEAS '09 [76], SDM '09 [52], ICDM '08 [53], SUM '08 [78], CBMS '07 [80]

# Teaching Activity

External Scientific Board Member

COLLABORATIONS

Information and Communication Technologies PhD Program

WITH

Teaching

University of Calabria (Italy), Department of Computer Science, Modeling, Electronics and

Systems Engineering (DIMES) Universities

Cycles: XXXVIII (years '22-'25), XXXVII (years '21-'24), XXXVI (years '20-'23), XXXV (years '19-'22), XXXIV (years '18-'21), XXXIII (years '17-'20)

# UniCredit Scientific co-Referent for the Industrial Liason Program (ILP)

Sapienza University, M. Sc. in Data Science

Years: 2016 – present

Industry

Machine Learning I (32 hours)

COURSES

UniCredit – Advanced Analytics Lab, Data Skill Booster program

Attendees: UniCredit employees (data scientists, machine-learning engineers)

Description: theoretical foundations and hands-on sessions on machine-learning basics

Syllabus: regression, classification, decision trees, support vector machines, ensembles, unsupervised

learning

Held on Jun-Jul 2021

Machine Learning II (32 hours)

UniCredit – Advanced Analytics Lab, Data Skill Booster program

Attendees: UniCredit employees (data scientists, machine-learning engineers)

Description: theoretical foundations and hands-on sessions on advanced machine-learning topics Syllabus: neural networks, convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, graph neural

networks, neural networks for recommender systems

Held on Oct-Nov 2021

Neural Natural Language Processing (21 hours)

UniCredit – Group Data & Intelligence, Data Upskilling program

Attendees: UniCredit Employees (data scientists, machine-learning engineers)

Description: theoretical foundations and hands-on sessions on the latest advances in NLP

Syllabus: word embeddings, sequence models, large language models, attention models, autoregressive

models, model pretraining Held on Jun-Jul 2023

University

Advanced Learning and Mining Problems in Big Graph Data (6 hours/year)

COURSES

University of Calabria (Italy)

(Instructor) Department of Computer Science, Modeling, Electronics and Systems Engineering (DIMES)

PhD Program in Information and Communication Technologies

Academic year: '17-'18

Computer Science (55–84 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculties of Engineering, Pharmacy, and Political Sciences, B.Sc. 1st year (remedial class project)

Academic years: '09-'10, '08-'09

Computer Science (16–24 hours/year)

"Magna Græcia" University of Catanzaro, Crotone campus (Italy)

Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, B.Sc. in Nurse Sciences (3rd year) Academic years: '10-'11, '09-'10, '08-'09, '07-'08

Laboratory Activity in Computer Science (16 hours/year)

"Magna Græcia" University of Catanzaro, Catanzaro campus (Italy) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, B.Sc. in Dental Health (3rd year)

Academic years: '09-'10

University

Foundations of Computer Science (18 hours/year)

COURSES

University of Calabria (Italy)

(Teaching

Faculty of Engineering, B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (1st year)

Assistant)

Academic years: '10-'11, '09-'10, '08-'09

Computer Science (20 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculty of Political Sciences, M.Sc. in Political Sciences (1st year)

Academic years: '10-'11, '08-'09, '07-'08, '06-'07

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Internet Algorithms and Cryptography (13 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculty of Engineering, M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (2nd year)

Academic years: '10-'11, '09-'10

Web-based Information Systems (13 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculty of Engineering, M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (2nd year)

 $A cademic \ years: \ '09-'08, \ '08-'07, \ '06-'07, \ '05-'06 \\$ 

Data and Knowledge Bases (13 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculty of Engineering, M.Sc. in Management Engineering (1st year)

Academic years: '07-'08, '05-'06

Algorithms and Data Structures (13 hours/year)

University of Calabria (Italy)

Faculty of Engineering, B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (2nd year)

Academic years: '06-'07

Foundations of Computer Science I (30 hours/year)

"Magna Græcia" University of Catanzaro (Italy)

B.Sc. interuniversity course in Computer and Biomedical Engineering (1st year)

Academic years: '10-'11, '09-'10, '08-'09, '07-'08

Computer Science (8 hours/year)

"Magna Græcia" University of Catanzaro, Catanzaro campus (Italy)

Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, B.Sc. in Health Services (3rd year)

Academic years: '09-'10

Training Co-instructor of the "Knowledge Graph Completion" training camp (9 hours)

CAMPS AND Sapienza University of Rome HACKATONS M.Sc. in Data Science

Academic year: '20-'21

Doctoral Liliana Martirano

Advisorships University of Calabria

Dept. of Computer Science, Modeling, Electronics and Systems Engineering (DIMES)

PhD Program in Information and Communication Technologies

Industrial Program ("Dottorati Innovativi con Caratterizzazione Industriale", PON R&I 2014-2020

Azione I.1)

XXXVI cycle (years 2020–2023)

B.Sc./M.Sc. Alessio Barboni

THESIS Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '22-'23)

Advisorships Thesis: Temporal Graph Representation Learning meets Credit-risk Assessment

Giorgia Salvatori

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '21-'22)

Thesis: Graph Summarization in the Financial Domain

Francesco Ottaviani

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '20-'21)

Thesis: Characterizing Knowledge Graphs in the Embedding Space

Dilara Isikli

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '20-'21)

Thesis: Financial Sentiment Analysis

Marco Moauro

Roma Tre University, M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '20-'21)

Thesis: Knowledge Graph Construction and Processing: a Case Study on the Italian Bourse

Giacomo Lo Cascio

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '19-'20)

Thesis: Representation Learning on Blockchain Networks, with an Application to Cryptocurrency

Price Prediction

Alessia Galli

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '19-'20)

Thesis: Motif Extraction and Discord Discovery in Temporal Graphs

Vlado Vukovic

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '18-'19)

Thesis: Discord Discovery in Temporal Graphs

Giulia Di Brango

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '18-'19)

Thesis: Anomalous-Event Detection in Heterogeneous Graphs

Lucia Gagliarducci

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '18-'19)

Thesis: Relation-Extraction for Knowledge-Graph Completion

Giacomo Legnaro

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '17-'18)

Thesis: Efficient and Effective Streaming Algorithms for Network-based Invoice Factoring

Giulia Gavazzi

Sapienza University of Rome, M.Sc. in Data Science (A.Y. '16-'17)

Thesis: Mining Dense and Non-redundant Subgraphs, with an Application to Event-graph Ex-

ploration

Fabrizio Granieri

University of Calabria, B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '09-'10)

Thesis: Graph Partitioning for Clustering Ensembles

Ronny Meringolo

University of Calabria, B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '09-'10)

Thesis: Graph Partitioning for Clustering Ensembles

Antonio Senno

University of Calabria, M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '08-'09)

Thesis: Clustering Ensembles Methods

Giuseppe Scrivano

University of Calabria, B.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '06-'07)

Thesis: Multidimensional Time Series: Similarity Detection and Clustering

Emanuele Forlano

University of Calabria, B.Sc. + M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (A.Y. '05-'06)

Thesis: Algorithms for Time Series Clustering

RESEARCH Giulia Gavazzi, Giacomo Legnaro, Hugo Maldini INTERN M.Sc. students at Sapienza University of Rome

Supervising Research Interns at UniCredit, Winter 2016 (Data Science Industrial Liaison Program)

Project: News Collection for Emerging-Event Detection [70]

Alessio Areni, Cristiano Di Crescenzo, Elena Troccoli

M.Sc. students at Sapienza University of Rome

Research Interns at UniCredit, Winter 2016 (Data Science Industrial Liaison Program)

Project: Event Detection in Temporal Graphs [70]

Pranay Anchuri

Ph.D. student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2014

Project: Mining Interesting Patterns from Uncertain Graphs

Daniele Ramazzotti

Ph.D. student at University of Milano-Bicocca

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2014

Project: Social Influence Detection by Probabilistic Causation and Spatial Proximity [29]

Edoardo Galimberti

M.Sc. student at Politecnico of Milan

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2014 Project: Efficient and Effective Community Search [15]

Natali Ruchansky

Ph.D. student at Boston University

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2014 Project: The Minimum Wiener Connector Problem [37]

Davide Mottin

Ph.D. student at University of Trento

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2013 Project: Query Reformulation in Graph Databases [36]

Panos Parchas

Ph.D. student at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2013

Project: Extracting Representative Instances of Uncertain Graphs [41, 14]

Lucrezia Macchia

Ph.D. student at University of Bari

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Winter 2013

Project: Mining Summaries of Propagations [44]

Arijit Khan

Ph.D. student at University of California at Santa Barbara Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2012 Project: Fast Reliability Search on Uncertain Graphs [43]

Charalampos Tsourakakis

Ph.D. student at Carnegie Mellon University

Research Intern at Yahoo Labs Barcelona, Summer 2012

Project: Extracting optimal quasi-cliques with quality guarantees [45]

# Externally-funded Research/Innovation Cooperative Projects

Participation The Rome Technopole Ecosystem

AS A Funding entity: European Union - NextGenerationEU, National Recovery and Resilience Plan

RESEARCH- (NRRP) ("Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza" (PNRR))

STAFF Innovation ecosystem number: ECS\_00000024

Member

**TYPES** (Towards transparencY and Privacy in the onlinE advertising business)

Funding entity: EU-H2020

Project number: H2020-DS-2014-1 - Project ID 653449

SUPER (Social sensors for secUrity Assessments and Proactive EmeRgencies management)

Funding entity: EU-FP7

Project number: FP7-Security-2013.6.1-1 (http://super-fp7.eu/)

#### Cenit Social Media

Funding entity: Spanish Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology CENIT program, project CEN-20101037 (http://www.cenitsocialmedia.es/)

**GeoPKDD** (Geographic Privacy-aware Knowledge Discovery and Delivery)

Funding entity: EU-FET-014915

Project number: IST-6FP-014915 (http://www.geopkdd.eu)

LogNET (An Innovative Network to Improve Logistics in Gioia Tauro)

Subproject LOGICA (laboratory of LOGIstics in CAlabria)

Funding entity: POR Calabria 2000-2006

EUREKA! An idea for energy

Project: Fraud Detection via Load Profiles

Funding entity: Enel University, area "Distribution Nets of Electricity"

PARTICIPATION PDS-OBDA: Protected Data Sharing with OBDA

IN Target funding programme and entity: ICT-13-2018-2019, European Commission

PROPOSAL

ALGO-AUDIT: Network for Training Algorithm Auditors for Privacy-Preserving, Fair and

DRAFTING
(PROJECTS
Transparent Data-Driven Decisions

Target funding programme and entity: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2018, European Commission

ACCEPTED) SeDaSOMA: Serendipitous, Data-as-a-Service-oriented, Open big data Management and

Analytics framework

Target funding programme and entity: H2020-ICT-16-2015, European Commission

APPOINTED Funding entity: European Commission
EVALUATOR Funding programme: Horizon Europe

OF Proposal category: Research & Innovation Action (RIA)

Project Call(s): 2022

Proposals Funding entity: European Commission

Funding programme: Horizon 2020 ICT Proposal category: Innovation Action (IA)

Call(s): 2017

Funding entity: Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

Funding programme: ICT of the Future

Proposal category: Industrial Research, Experimental Development

Call(s): 4th (2015), 5th (2016), 6th (2017)

Funding entity: Austrian Research Promotion Agency  $(\mathbf{FFG})$ 

Funding programme: **Beyond Europe** 

Proposal category: Industrial Research, Experimental Development

Call(s): 1st (2016), 2nd (2017)

Funding entity: Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) &

Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

Funding programme: ICT of the Future – Bilateral China Call Proposal category: Industrial Research, Experimental Development

Call(s): 1st (2017)

# Honors and Awards

# Italian National Scientific Habilitation (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (ASN))

Granted by: Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR)

Role: Associate Professor (II fascia)

Sector 01/B1 - Computer science (*Informatica*), valid from Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 2029

Sector 09/H1 - Information processing systems (Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni), valid from Jul 26<sup>th</sup>,

2018 to Jul 26<sup>th</sup>, 2029

#### WWW 2023 Best Reviewer Award

Granted to reviewers "selected by track chairs of the research track from the Program Committee and Senior Program Committee, based on the quality of their reviews, and their engaged participation during the discussion phase"

# Top-2% Most Cited Scientist across all Scientific Disciplines

Updated science-wide author databases of standardized citation indicators

Stanford University

(https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/4)

Year: 2022

## ECML-PKDD 2021 Best Reviewer Award

Granted to selected reviewers for "their timely and insightful reviews and for actively participating in the discussions"

# ABI IT Innovation Award 2018 ("Premio Innovazione IT – Tecnologie Disruptive")

Granted by "Associazione Bancaria Italiana" (ABI), the trade association of Italian banks

Awarded system: UC Balance (an innovative system for network-based invoice factoring)

Personal contribution: design, theoretical characterization, and implementation of the algorithmic core behind the system

## WWW 2017 Outstanding Reviewer Award

Granted to selected reviewers "who went well beyond their call of duty, provided exceptional reviews, and contributed a lot to discussions"

# BDTA 2016 Best Paper Award

Paper "Handling Uncertainty in Clustering Art-exhibition Visiting Styles" [72]

"BC" label ("paper where the results are backed by code")

from the 2015 Arizona University Repeatability in Computer Science study

(http://reproducibility.cs.arizona.edu/v2)

Paper "Uncertain Centroid based Partitional Clustering of Uncertain Data" [21]

# SIGMOD 2011 Repeatability and Workability Evaluation (RWE) label

Paper "Advancing Data Clustering via Projective Clustering Ensembles" [48]

# SDM 2009 Student Travel Award

Paper "Diversity-based Weighting Schemes for Clustering Ensembles" [52]

## Italian Innovation Award (Premio Nazionale per l'Innovazione) - I edition (2009)

Fraud Detection via Load Profiles project within EUREKA! An idea for energy initiative

# (Italian) Habilitation to practice as an Engineer

Section A, Field of Information Technology

Qualifying exam passed on October 2006 (1st 2006 session), no expiration date

## Tuition fee reimbursement (based solely on merit)

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering University of Calabria, 2003

# Industrial Activity

Patents H. Vahabi, F. Gullo

Method and/or System for Recommender System Patent Granted [US10796239B2, 2020-10-06]

X. Bai, B. B. Cambazoglu, F. Gullo, A. Mantrach, F. Silvestri Using Exogenous Sources for Personalization of Website Services

Patent Granted [US9792372B2, 2017-10-10]

F. Bonchi, A. Gionis, F. Gullo, A. Ukkonen

 $Method\ and\ System\ for\ Computing\ Relationship-Constrained\ Shortest\ Paths\ in\ Large\ Networks$ 

Defensive Publication

F. Bonchi, A. Gionis, F. Gullo, C. Tsourakakis

Method and System for Extracting High-quality Subgraphs from Large Graphs

Defensive Publication

Industrial Large-Language-Model-based Search on Internal Sharepoint Content

PROJECTS Outcome: PoC

(SELECTED) Skills: large language models; semantic search;

Technology: OpenAI; Azure Workbench

Graph-based Credit-risk Assessment

Outcome: PoC

Skills: (temporal) graph representation learning; supervised learning

Technology: Palantir Foundry, Python, Docker, PyTorch

Prediction of Credit Card Installments

Outcome: production

Skills: supervised learning, sequential learning, reinforcement learning

Technology: Palantir Foundry, Python, PySpark

Building and Analyzing a Knowledge Graph of HW/SW Resources

Outcome: PoC

Skills: graph databases, (knowledge) graph analytics

Technology: Neo4j, Python, Java

 $Building\ and\ Analyzing\ a\ Knowledge\ Graph\ of\ Corporates$ 

Product: PoC

Skills: graph databases, (knowledge) graph analytics

Technology: Neo4j, Python, Java

A Complete NLP Pipeline for Processing Garnishment Documents

Outcome: production

Skills: NLP, supervised learning, word embeddings, OCR

Technology: Scala, Python, Weka, Stanford CoreNLP, SpaCy, OpenCV, Tesseract

Network-based Invoice Factoring

Outcome: production

Skills: combinatorial optimization, graph analytics, network flow, cycle enumeration

Technology: Scala

Email Classification for Talent Acquisition

Outcome: prototype

Skills: NLP, supervised learning

Technology: Java, Weka, JavaMail, EWS Java API

Identification of Crisis Events for Business Continuity

Outcome: prototype

Skills: NLP, entity recognition and disambiguation, sentiment analysis, text categorization

Technology: Scala, Spark, HBase

Entity Recognition and Disambiguation for Financial News

Outcome: PoC

Skills: NLP, entity recognition and disambiguation, MinHash, locality-sensitive hashing (LSH)

Technology: Scala, Spark, HBase

Detecting Corporate Group Structure from Unstructured Data

Outcome: production

Skills: web scraping, learning from positive and unlabeled examples, NLP, entity recognition and

disambiguation, computer vision

Technology: Scala, Spark, Weka, OpenCV

Exploiting Search History of Users for News Personalization

Outcome: production

Skills: personalization of online services, query-log analysis, distributed computing

Technology: Java, Hadoop

Predicting the Next Application a User is Going to Use

Outcome: PoC

Skills: supervised learning, recommender systems, mobile data, distributed computing

Technology: Java, Hadoop, Hive

Churn Analysis on Flickr

Outcome: PoC

Skills: churn analysis, supervised learning, distributed computing

Technology: Java, Matlab, Hadoop

Optimal User Engagement through Social-Diffusion-aware Recommender Systems

Outcome: production

Skills: recommender systems, information diffusion in complex networks, distributed computing

Technology: Java, Hadoop

Ticker Similarity Search

Outcome: prototype

Skills: online similarity search, time-series analysis, locality-sensitive hashing (LSH)

Technology: Java

Identification of Historical Trends in Organic Search via Query-log Analysis

Outcome: prototype

Skills: query-log analysis, distributed computing

Technology: Java, Hadoop

OPEN SOURCE PyCCAlg – Correlation-Clustering Algorithms in Python

PROTOTYPES https://github.com/fgullo/pyccalg

(CO-) DEVELOPED Skills: correlation clustering, linear programming

(SELECTED) Technology: Python, SciPy, PuLP

JPCE - Java-based Projective Clustering Ensembles tool

http://people.dimes.unical.it/andreatagarelli/software/jpce/

https://github.com/fgullo/jpce

Skills: clustering ensembles, subspace clustering, projective clustering ensembles

Technology: Java

JCLUdata – a Java software for clustering uncertain data

https://github.com/fgullo/jcludata

Skills: clustering, uncertain data, probability theory, information theory

Technology: Java

Hermes – A distributed-messaging tool for NLP

http://hermes.rnd.unicredit.it:9603

Skills: NLP, graph analytics

Technology: Scala, Spark, Kafka, Redis, ElasticSearch, Hbase

MSPtool – Mass Spectra Preprocessing tool

http://polifemo.deis.unical.it/~gtradigo/jnlp/msptool/ Skills: bioinformatics, mining of biological data, time-series analysis

Technology: Java, JFreeChart, Java Web Start, J2EE

TSCtool - Time Series Clustering tool

Skills: time-series analysis, mining of spatio/temporal data

Technology: Java, JFreeChart

# TECHNICAL SKILLS (NON-EXHAUSTIVE)

GENERAL-PURPOSE PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: Java, Python, Scala, C/C++

Domain-specific languages:

MATLAB (matrix programming), SQL (relational DB querying), HTML (web-page markup), XML (machine-readable doc markup), Bash (shell scripting), LaTeX (typesetting), Markdown (text formatting), Prolog, Datalog (logic programming)

Versioning technology: Git, SVN

BUILD-AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY: SBT, Apache Maven

Databases:

MySQL, PostgreSQL (RDBMSs), Neo4j (graph DBs), Redis, Couchbase Server (non-relational DBs)

VIRTUALIZATION TECHNOLOGY: Docker

CLOUD-COMPUTING SUITES: Google Cloud Platform, Microsoft Azure

MACHINE-LEARNING FRAMEWORKS: PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric

KNOWLEDGE-GRAPH-EMBEDDING FRAMEWORKS: PyKEEN, OpenKE

DISTRIBUTED-COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY: Apache Hadoop, Apache Spark, Apache HBase, Apache Hive

STREAM-PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY: Apache Kafka DATA-MANAGEMENT PLATFORMS: Palantir Foundry

SEARCH ENGINES: Elasticsearch

INTERACTIVE-COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY: Jupyter Notebook

WEB-APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY: Java EE, Java servlet, JavaServer Pages (JSP), Jboss, Apache Tomcat

SOFTWARE LIBRARIES:

Stanford CoreNLP, Weka, JDBC, JavaMail, JFreeChart (Java); spaCy, NumPy, SciPy, pandas, NetworkX, OpenCV, scikit-learn, Hugging Face Transformers (Python)

OPERATING SYSTEMS: macOS, Windows, Unix/Linux

QUANTUM COMPUTING: IBM Qiskit SDK

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