Giorgio Giannone

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I am broadly interested in Probabilistic Machine Learning, Perception and Geometry, with a focus on Vision-Language Generative Models, Few-Shot Generation, Multitask Language Models, Diffusion Models, and Hierarchical Variational Inference.

Experience

Applied Scientist, Amazon Science

Seattle, Washington, USA April 2024 - Present

- Home Innovation Team.
 - Grounded Multimodal Generative Models
 - Retrieval and Generative Re-Ranking

Visiting Researcher, UCL Centre for Artificial Intelligence

London, UK *Jan 2024 - March 2024*

- o Host: David Barber
 - Multi-Resolution Convolutional Models for Long Sequences
 - Bayesian Inference for Language Models

Research Intern, Microsoft Research

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA Jun 2023 - Sept 2023

- o ML and Statistics Group. Hosts: David Alvarez Melis, Nicolo Fusi
 - Dynamic Vocabulary Augmentation for LLMs

Visiting Collaborator, MIT-IBM AI Lab

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA Jan 2023 - June 2023

- o Model Alignment Team. Host: Akash Srivastava
 - Generative Models for Systems with Constraints
 - Aligning Language Models with Negative Data

Research Scientist (PhD Intern), IBM Research

Zurich, Switzerland Jun 2022 - Nov 2022

- o Accelerated Discovery Team. Hosts: Matteo Manica, Teodoro Laino
 - Open-source library GT4SD for conditional generative models
 - Multitask Language Models for Text and Chemistry

Applied Scientist (PhD Intern), Amazon Science

Cambridge & London, UK

- o Alexa Team. Hosts: Yunlong Jiao, Emine Yilmaz
 - Domain Agnostic Subpopulation Generalisation

Research Engineer, NNAISENSE

Lugano, Switzerland Jan 2019 - Jan 2020

Jul 2021 - Oct 2021

- o Deep Learning Team. Managers: Christian Osendorfer, Jonathan Masci
 - Structured Latent Variable Models

Machine Learning Engineer, Pi Campus

Rome, Italy

• NLP for large scale data-driven early stage investing

Oct 2018 - Dec 2018

Grenoble, France Feb 2018 - Aug 2018

Research Intern, Naver Labs Europe

o Computer Vision Team. Host: Boris Chidlovskii

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- Deep Learning for Scene Understanding

Co-Founder, SecretAIry (formerly GAiA)

Rome, Italy $July\ 2017$ - $Jan\ 2019$

- Chatbots to enhance Workplace Communication
 - Selected among 100+ startups to join the EnLabs Incubator

Education

PhD, Statistical Machine Learning

Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark

• Few-Shot Generative Models

June 2020 - Dec 2023

- Hierarchical Variational Inference
- Thesis: Learning Generative Models with Limited Data
 - Supervisor: Ole Winther; Co-supervisor: Søren Hauberg

Visiting PhD Student, MIT School of Engineering

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Jan 2023 - Sept 2023

- Constrained Diffusion Models for Engineering Design
- Improving Generative Constraint Satisfaction using Invalid Designs
- Evaluating Vision-Language Models for Engineering Tasks
- Research on LLMs for CAD. Co-developer of text2cad.

• Thesis: Multimodal Learning for Scene Understanding

Host: Faez Ahmed, DeCoDE Lab

Master's Degree, Data Science

Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Sept 2016 - Nov 2018

- Excellence Path & Summa Cum Laude
 - Supervisor: Aris Anagnostopoulos; External Supervisor: Boris Chidlovskii

Visiting Graduate Student, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

NYC, New York, USA

• Visualization and Data Analytics Research Center. Host: Enrico Bertini Sept 2017 - Jan 2018

- Built an interactive entity retrieval tool to investigate 10M documents

Master's Degree, Mechanical Engineering

Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Sept 2014 - Jan 2017

- Thesis: Bubble Dynamics in Turbulent Shear Flows
 - Supervisor: Carlo Massimo Casciola; Co-supervisor: Paolo Gualtieri

Bachelor's Degree, Mechanical Engineering

Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

• Thesis: Rapid Prototyping of Metallic Manufacturing

Sept 2009 - May 2014

2022

Publications & Patents

GIANNONE, NIELSEN, WINTHER

• Summa Cum Laude

Reparameterized Multi-Resolution Convolutions for Long Secunningham, <u>Giannone</u> , Zhang, Deisenroth	quence Modelling	Under-Review 2024
Evaluating Vision-Language Models for Engineering Design Picard, Edwards, Doris, Mann, Giannone, Alam, Ahmed		Under-Review 2024
NITO: Neural Implicit Fields for Resolution-free TO NOBARI, GIANNONE, REGENWETTER, AHMED		Under-Review 2024
Aligning Optimization Trajectories with Diffusion Models GIANNONE, SRIVASTAVA, WINTHER, AHMED		NeurIPS 2023
Diffusing the Optimal Topology: A Generative Optimization GIANNONE, AHMED	Perspective	IDETC23 2023
Unifying Molecular and Textual Representations via Multi-terreservations, Giannone*, Born, Winther, Laino, Manica		ICML 2023
Accelerating Material Design with GT4SD GT4SD Team (Core Contributor)	Nature npj Computa	tional Materials 2023
Few-Shot Diffusion Models		SBM@NeurIPS

SCHA-VAE: Hierarchical Context Aggregation for Few-Shot Generation GIANNONE, WINTHER	ICML 2022
Method and apparatus for semantic segmentation and depth completion CHIDLOVSKII, GIANNONE	US Patent 2022
JM1: Worst-group Generalization by Group Interpolation GIANNONE, HAVRYLOV, MASSIAH, YILMAZ, JIAO	NeurIPS-W 2021
Hierarchical Few-Shot Generative Models GIANNONE, WINTHER	NeurIPS-W 2021
Transformation-aware Variational Autoencoders Giannone, Saremi, Masci, Osendorfer	tech report 2020
Input-filtering NeuralODEs for spiking data GIANNONE, ANOOSHEH, QUAGLINO, D'ORO, MASCI, GALLIERI	NeurIPS-W 2020
T-VAE: No Representation without Transformation GIANNONE, MASCI, OSENDORFER	NeurIPS-W 2019
Learning Common Representation from RGB and Depth Images GIANNONE, CHIDLOVSKII	CVPR-W 2019

Open-source

GT4SD: Generative Toolkit for Scientific Discovery

2022

- Library leveraging conditional generative models for accelerated discovery.
- Core Contributor.
- Work on Diffusion Models for images and 3D molecule conformation. The GFlowNet framework.
 Property Prediction module. Public Hub for model upload. Training Pipelines. Documentation.
 Tutorials. Testing. CI/CD. Server and Client API. Docker Images for CPU and GPU.

Grants & Awards

GPU Grant, LUMI-G, EuroHPC PI, Efficient Pre-training of Large Generative Models for Constrained Design	Copenhagen, Denmark Nov 2023
Grant, Otto Møensted's Foundation Grant Research Abroad	Copenhagen, Denmark $Dec~2022$
Grant, Independent Research Fund Denmark DFF PhD Grant	Lyngby, Denmark $Jun~2020$
Grant, Perception as Generative Reasoning Workshop Complimentary Conference Registration	NeurIPS 2019 Oct 2019
Grant, Pi School Full tuition covered for the School of AI (3% acceptance rate)	Rome, Italy Oct 2018
Certificate of Award, Tsinghua University Prize for outstanding accomplishments (top 6)	Beijing, China <i>Aug 2018</i>
Certificate of Achievement, Naver Labs Europe Prize for the best internship performance	Grenoble, France $Jul~2018$
1st Pick, Excellence Path, Master's Degree, Data Science Admission based on the first year's academic performance Participation in activities at the School for Advanced Studies	Rome, Italy Mar 2018
1st Place, Global AI Hackathon, Italian Edition Our team built GAiA, a working assistant chatbot We won three prizes: Challenge Microsoft, People's Choice, Product Market F	Rome, Italy $Jun~2017$ it

Academic Service

Reviewer

Conference: ICML21 (top 10%), AISTATS21, ICML22, NeurIPS22, CVPR2023, NeurIPS23, ICML24

Conference (assisted review): ICML19, ICCV19, AAAI20

Journal: TPAMI, TMLR

Workshop: NeurIPS-IBW20, NeurIPS-MetaLearn21, ICML-DeployableGenAI23,

ACL-LanguageMolecules24

Teaching

Teaching: Deep Learning (DTU 02456), Bayesian Machine Learning (DTU 02477), Advanced Machine

Learning (DTU 02460)

Supervision: two special courses (9 months), two master's thesis (6+6 months), 18 final projects

Volunteering

PAISS18, NeurIPS18, ELLIS Unit Copenhagen, MLLS

Skills

Languages

• Python (proficient); R, Matlab (good knowledge); C, Java, JavaScript (basic knowledge)

Research

• Accelerate, HF Transformers, LaTeX, NLTK, OpenCV, PyTorch, SpaCy, TensorFlow

Software

• AWS, CVX, Docker/podman, FastAPI, Git, GitHub Actions, Gradio, Linux, MinIO, MongoDB, MySQL, Travis

Miscellaneous

Summer/Winther Schools

o OxML22 , ProbAI21, M2L21, SMILES20, EEML20, RegML20, ETH School on PDEs, Tsinghua DL 2018, PAISS18

Talks

• Algorithmic Methods for Data Mining (Sapienza University), Bayesian Reading Group (DTU), MLLS Center (KU), UCL-NLP (London), Amazon Alexa (Cambridge), DeCoDE Lab (MIT)

Online Education

- o Coursera: Machine Learning (Oct 2016), Deep Learning (Aug 2017).
- \circ edX:

Computer Science (Nov 2016), Artificial Intelligence (Apr 2017), CS50 (Jan 2021), Math for Quant Finance (Oct 2021), Causal Diagrams (Nov 2021), Science and Business of Biotech (Jun 2022).

• Udacity: Self-Driving Cars Nanodegree, 1st term (Dec 2017).

Associations/Communities

- Italian Association for Machine Learning (IAML);
- ContinualAI
- o TribeAI