# Mirko Torrisi

Data Scientist | PhD Candidate

(351) 86 76 977
 ★ torrisimirko@yahoo.com
 mirkotorrisi.com
 mirkotorrisi
 mircare



# Skill Set

Machine Supervised Learning, Transfer Learning, Ensembling, Stacking, Time series classification,

Learning Classification, 1D- and 2D-RNN, CNN, Deep Learning, Signal and Image Processing.

Software Scientific Computing, Parallel Computing, High Performance Computing, Cloud Com-

Engineering puting, Version Controller and Collaborative Integration (Git).

Programming Python, Bash, C++, Java, MATLAB, MySQL.

Frameworks Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas.

Soft Skills Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Leadership, Project Management.

## Education

2015 - PhD in Computer Science, University College Dublin, Ireland.

present My PhD project focuses on *Predicting Protein Structural Annotations by Deep and Shallow Learning* and is funded by the Irish Reserch Council. My PhD advisor is Dr. Gianluca Pollastri, who first introduced me to the Deep Learning world.

Sep 2018 – **Visiting Scholar**, *University of California*, *Irvine*, US.

March 2019 In Dr. Pierre Baldi's lab, a world-class scientist in Deep Learning and Bioinformatics, I performed cutting-edge research projects applying novel research practices.

2011–2015 **B.Sc. CS**, University of Catania, Italy, 110/110 cum laude.

I won a 1-year Erasmus scholarship to study at University College Dublin (Ireland), where I employed Apache Lucene/Sol, Java, jQuery and PHP for *Identifying Trends in Online Political Data* with Dr. Derek Greene. For my thesis, I processed, analyzed and evaluated viral miRNA and their target genes with Dr. Alfredo Ferro and his research group.

# Software

Porter 5

Description State-of-the-art Predictor of Protein Secondary Structure in 3 and 8 classes with Deep

Recurrent Neural Networks. Over 35,000 unique queries.

Web Server http://distilldeep.ucd.ie/porter/

Docker https://hub.docker.com/r/mircare/porter5/

Brewery

Description Fast, state-of-the-art Prediction of 1D Protein Structure Annotations.

Web Server http://distilldeep.ucd.ie/brewery/

Docker https://hub.docker.com/r/mircare/brewery/

# Experience

# **Teaching**

- Sep 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, *UCD*.
  - Dec 2019 Supervised the weekly submissions of 130 students, led 10 demonstrators and the lab sessions while supporting the module coordinator in coordinating and innovating the module.
- Jan May Facilitator Advanced Machine Learning, UCD.
  - 2018 Assisted postgrads with Keras, OpenAI Gym, Supervised and Reinforcement Learning, [..].

#### Miscellaneous

- 2018 Journal Reviewer.
- present I have reviewed 15+ journal articles for Bioinformatics (Oxford University Press), PeerJ, IEEE Transactions on Computers, and more; see details on <u>PubLons.com</u>.
- Oct Dec Tutor, IGB, UCI, Irvine, California.
  - 2018 I defined and directly supervised the research internship of a master student, successfully enhancing and automatizing a sensible (proteomics) data pipeline.
- June 2018 **Al/Deep Learning Demo**, *UCD*, Dublin, Ireland.

  Invited to run a demo at the UCD School of Computer Science Summer School Programme.
- Mar June Capture The Flag, University of Catania, Catania, Italy.
  - 2014 Part of the winning team of a National Capture The Flag.
- Mar Aug Stage Technician, University of Catania, Catania, Italy.
  - 2014 I have been selected to support the IT Services at University of Catania.

# Recent Journal Publications

- Mirko Torrisi, Manaz Kaleel, Gianluca Pollastri. Deeper Profiles and Cascaded Recurrent and Convolutional Neural Networks for state-of-the-art Protein Secondary Structure Prediction. Scientific Reports, Nature Research (2019). doi: 10.1038/s41598-019-48786-x.
- Manaz Kaleel, Mirko Torrisi, Catherine Mooney, Gianluca Pollastri. PaleAle 5.0: prediction of protein relative solvent accessibility by deep learning. Amino Acids, Springer Nature (2019). doi: 10.1007/s00726-019-02767-6.
- Mirko Torrisi, Gianluca Pollastri, Quan Le. Deep learning methods in protein structure prediction. Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal, Elsevier (2020). doi: 10.1016/j.csbj.2019.12.011.
- Mirko Torrisi, Gianluca Pollastri. Brewery: Deep Learning and deeper profiles for the prediction of 1D protein structure annotations. Bioinformatics, Oxford University Press (2020). doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa204.

### Miscellaneous

- Interests Climbing, Surfing, Drumming, Sustainability, Reading.
- Languages English (Full professional proficiency), Italian (Native proficiency).
  - Awards Erasmus+, Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, UCD School of Computer Science Bursary.