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## EDUCATION

**PhD in Artificial Intelligence**, Politecnico di Torino Expected 2024

- My research focuses on the **pruning/quantization of large Deep Neural Networks** (e.g., LLMs) to enable their deployment on resource-constrained platforms, as well as on low-power AI using event-based cameras.
- Published papers at top-tier conferences, including **CVPR**, **ICRA** and served as a reviewer for esteemed journals such as TPAMI, T-RO.
- **Invited speaker** at the EMEA 2024 Innovation Forum (now Edge AI Foundation), presenting on Vision Transformer compression to a distinguished audience of industry leaders.

**Master's Degree in Mechatronics Engineering**, Politecnico di Torino 2018 - 2020

- Graduated with highest honors (110/110 cum laude), ranking among the top 5% of students.

**Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering** (109/110), Politecnico di Torino 2015 - 2018

## SKILLS

<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python, C, C++ (proven experience with CUDA kernels <a href="https://github.com/mamtorch">github.com/mamtorch</a> )
<b>Libraries</b>	Pytorch, Tensorflow, TensorRT, CUDA
<b>Languages</b>	Italian (native), English (C1), French (C1)

## EXPERIENCE

**Machine Learning Research Internship** Oct 2022 - Mar 2023  
European Space Agency (ESA) *(Remote)*

- Designed low-latency deep neural networks for anomaly detection on radiation-resistant hardware, optimized for deployment on up to 560 active geostationary satellites.
- Achieved a 90% reduction in memory usage and a 40% improvement in inference speed over prior neural anomaly detection methods by using a novel pruning technique.

**Visiting Researcher** Sep 2020 - Mar 2023  
Boston University Robotics Lab *Boston, MA*

- Developed a lightweight algorithm for *robotic visual navigation* in unknown environments that relies solely on the output of a monocular camera.
- This work has led to a publication at the Top-1 Robotics Conference (ICRA)

## RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- *A Multiply-And-Max/min Neuron Paradigm for Aggressively Prunable Deep Neural Networks* (2024) Under minor revision: IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (IEEE TNNLS). Preprint [here](#).
- *Optimizing Vision Transformers: Leveraging Max and Min Operations for Efficient Pruning* (2024) In: IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS)
- *PEDRo: an Event-based Dataset for Person Detection in Robotics* (2023) In: IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR) Workshop. Dataset on [GitHub](#) with more than 600 downloads.
- *Visual Navigation Using Sparse Optical Flow and Time-to-Transit* (2022) In: IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)
- Full list on [my Google Scholar profile](#), including a CVPR paper as a finalist in the 2024 CVPR Event-Based Eye Tracking Challenge.