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Education

Sep '22 - Today MSc Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna, Graduation: Jul '24.

• Current GPA: 29.75/30, top of the class (170 students).

Oct '19 - Today STEM Excellency Degree, Institute of Superior Studies, Bologna, Graduation: Jul '24.

- 7 STEM students are admitted each year and are provided with a personal tutor, exemption from tuition fees, free accommodation and an annual scholarship throughout their Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
- Yearly requirements: 28/30 GPA, no grade lower than 24/30, must take 5 additional excellency courses.
- Current GPA: 30/30.

Oct '19 – Jul '22 **BSc Computer Science**, *University of Bologna*.

o GPA: 29.77/30, top of the class (150 students). Graduation grade: 110 cum laude.

Publications

- Apr '23 **Samuele Marro**, Michele Lombardi. Computational Asymmetries in Robust Classifiers, *40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)*.
- Dec '22 Andrea Asperti, Davide Evangelista, **Samuele Marro**, Fabio Merizzi. Image Embedding for Denoising Generative Models, *Under review at Springer Artificial Intelligence Review*.
- Jul '22 Samuele Marro, Luca Donno. EIP-5375. Ethereum Foundation.
- May '21 **Samuele Marro**, Luca Donno. Green NFTs: A Study on the Environmental Impact of Cryptoart Technologies, https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.00003.

Experience

Dec '19 - Today Student Research Assistant, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.

- Developed, under prof. Michele Lombardi and Michela Milano, an **adversarial defense** (implemented in **Python** + **PyTorch**) with certified robustness.
- Proved that training a robust ReLU model is Σ_2^P -hard.
- Wrote a Julia interface to formally verify the effectiveness of the defense using MIPVerify.jl + Gurobi.
- Obtained a 170k core-hour grant for the CINECA Galileo100 HPC cluster.

Sep '22 - Today **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Bologna*, Bologna, Italy.

o Taught the Applied ML module of "Introduction to Machine Learning" for the Fall '22 semester.

Jan '22 – Today **Solidity Developer and Auditor**, *Freelance*.

- Performed Smart Contract audits, Web3 integrations and secure Smart Contract development.
- Specialized in EVM and EVM-like (e.g. Vite) security standards.

Nov '21 – Mar '22 **Intern**, *MindIt Srl* + *Kantar*, Bologna, Italy.

- Developed a Tensorflow LSTM implementation compatible with IBM CPLEX optimization algorithms.
- Rewrote Meta's FBProphet time series model in **Tensorflow**.

Mar '22 Gitcoin Round 13 Hackathon, 6k USD award.

 Wrote four smart contracts in Soliditypp for the Vite blockchain and developed unit tests with Vuilder and Javascript.

Mar '21 – May '21 **GreenNFT Hackathon**, 3k USD award.

- Created a model to estimate the environmental impact of individual transactions on Ethereum.
- Developed Green NFT Helper, a **JavaScript** + **Svelte.js** website to help users to reduce their emissions.
- Mar '21 Gitcoin Round 9 Hackathon, 1k USD award.
 - Developed a Chrome extension in JavaScript to search on IPFS directly from the omnibox.

Nov '18 – Jul '19 Ancalau Award, 3k EUR.

- Trained in Python + Tensorflow a CNN to identify illegal dumping locations from aerial data.
- Deployed the model as part of an Android app (written in **Java**) to capture aerial data and relay landfill locations in real time to a quadcopter.

Oct '17 – Jun '18 Independent Research.

 Extended Grammatical Evolution's Backus-Naur Forms to support runtime checks and automatic correction of invalid production rules in C# and Python.