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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- September 2022** | **Instructor @ University of Trieste, Trieste (TS), Italy**
September 2022 | Taught the Statistics pre-course for the Master's degree in Data Science and Scientific Computing
- March 2022** | **Teaching Assistant @ University of Trieste, Trieste (TS), Italy**
September 2022 | Teaching assistant for the course in *Optimization Algorithms* held by professor Lorenzo Castelli
- October 2021** | **Research Collaborator @ University of Trieste, Trieste (TS), Italy**
March 2021 | *Research Project "H2020 BEACON"*
 > Air Traffic Management and Combinatorial Optimization problems
 > Deep Reinforcement Learning based approaches
- Reinforcement Learning Combinatorial Optimization Python PyTorch
- August 2021** | **Intern @ CINECA, Casalecchio di Reno (BO), Italy**
September 2020 | Development of scientific computing applications for support of projects on COVID-19 at the Italian super-computing centre
- HPC C++ CMake Python NVIDIA Rapids
- December 2020** | **Student Intern @ ESTECO s.p.a, Trieste (TS), Italy**
January 2020 | *In collaboration with Volvo Cars (Sweden) and Viscando AB (Sweden).*
 > Extreme Value Theory in engineering and industrial domains
 > Multi-Agent Inverse Reinforcement Learning to model human behaviour in urban traffic scenarios. Focus on autonomous vehicle validation.
- Inverse Reinforcement Learning Autonomous Vehicle Validation Agile PyTorch TensorFlow
- August 2020** | **Trainee | Summer Of HPC 2020 @ Vienna Scientific Cluster, Trieste (TS), Italy**
June 2020 | *Project "Marching Tetrahedrons on the GPU"*
 > Efficient implementation of the marching tetrahedrons algorithm running on the GPU
 > Edge-based formulation of the problem that allows for an embarrassingly parallel implementation of the algorithm
- HPC C CUDA
- September 2019** | **Volunteer @ TriesteNext 2019, Trieste (TS), Italy**
 > Facility and crowd handling manager
 > Public relations and conferences promoter
 > Gadget stand manager in the children section

EDUCATION

- January 2025** | **PhD Candidate | Applied Data Science and Artificial Intelligence**
University of Trieste, Trieste, Italy
 > Supervised by Luca Bortolussi and Lorenzo Castelli
 > Research in applications of reinforcement learning to mathematical optimization and robotics
- Mathematical Optimization Reinforcement Learning

- December 2020** | *Master's Degree* | **Data Science and Scientific Computing**
University of Trieste, Trieste, Italy
- > Graduated with honors
 - > Thesis: "Inverse Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Vehicle Validation and Traffic Safety"
- Machine Learning C/C++ Python Java HPC Numerical Methods
- July 2018** | *Bachelor's Degree* | **Statistics and Information Technology**
University of Trieste, Trieste, Italy
- > Graduated with honors
 - > Thesis: "Differential Evolution Algorithm: an application to the portfolio selection problem"
- Multi-Objective Optimization MATLAB Java Statistics Finance
- June 2015** | *Secondary School Diploma* | **Electronics and Electrotechnics**
ITISA. Volta, Trieste, Italy
- July 2012** | *Fifth Year Diploma* | **Classical Guitar**
Conservatorio di Musica G. Tartini, Trieste, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, Castelli, L. and Bortolussi, L. 2025. Scaling Combinatorial Optimization Neural Improvement Heuristics with Online Search and Adaptation. In Proceedings of the AAAI conference on artificial intelligence, 2025.
- 2023 Gasparin, A., **Camerota Verdù, F.J.**, Catanzaro, D. and Castelli, L., 2023. An evolution strategy approach for the balanced minimum evolution problem. *Bioinformatics*, 39(11)
- 2023 Marchetti, F., Pietropolli, G., **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, Caselli, M., & Minisci, E. Control Law Automatic Design Through Parametrized Genetic Programming with Adjoint State Method Gradient Evaluation. Submitted to *Applied Soft Computing Journal*
- 2023 **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, Pietropolli, G., Manzoni, L. & Castelli, M. Parametrizing GP Trees for Better Symbolic Regression Performance through Gradient Descent. Companion Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
- 2023 Pigozzi, F., **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, & Medvet, E. How the Morphology Encoding Influences the Learning Ability in Body-Brain Co-Optimization. Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
- 2023 Caruso, M., Regolin, E., **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, Russo, S. A., Bortolussi, L., & Seriani, S. Robot Navigation in Crowded Environments: A Reinforcement Learning Approach. *Machines*, 11(2), 268.
- 2021 Castelli, L., **Camerota Verdù, F. J.**, & Gasparin, A. "Mitigating demand-capacity unbalances through inter-airline slot trading." In ODS 2021: International Conference on Optimization and Decision Sciences. AIRO-Associazione Italiana di Ricerca Operativa
- 2020 Kaucic, M., Barbini, F. & **Camerota Verdù, F.J.** "Polynomial goal programming and particle swarm optimization for enhanced indexation." *Soft Comput* 24, 8535–8551 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00500-019-04378-5>

AWARDS

- Scientific Award Third Place** Prostep Ivip Scientific Award 2021 in the Master's Thesis category, Germany
 EUROCONTROL Innovation Masterclass 2022 on conflict resolution in air traffic control with reinforcement learning

PROJECTS

Participation in a team that developed a solution, based on reinforcement learning and graph neural networks, for the air traffic control problem proposed in the 2022 edition of the Eurocontrol Innovation Masterclass. Our team placed 3rd in the competition and was awarded with a 2k euros prize.

> IT SKILLS

Programming C, C++, Java, Bash, Python, CUDA, MPI, OpenMP, MATLAB, R
Software FICO Xpress, LibreOffice, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Vi/Vim
Operating Systems Linux, Windows, Android

🌐 LANGUES

Italian ● ● ● ● ●
Spanish ● ● ● ● ●
English ● ● ● ● ○

+ PERSONAL SKILLS

- > Work organization
- > Self-management
- > Group work

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