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Current and Past Positions

- December 2018 – present **Assistant Professor (Senior, according to the Italian Law n. 240/2010 - art. 24, par. 3, letter B)**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano.
Research in the field of parallel and distributed systems and software engineering
- June 2016 – November 2018 **Assistant Professor (Junior, according to the Italian Law n. 240/2010 - art. 24, par. 3, letter A)**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano.
Research in the field of parallel and distributed systems and software engineering
- February 2014 – May 2016 **Post-doctoral Research Assistant**, *Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI)*, Lugano.
Research on software testing. Research on software engineering methodologies for multiscale simulations on large-scale high performance computing infrastructures
- September 2012 – February 2014 **Post-doctoral Research Assistant**, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*, Amsterdam.
Research on infrastructures for e-science applications
- March 2012 – August 2012 **Post-doctoral Research Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano.
Research on dependable, distributed and pervasive systems
- September 2011 – December 2011 **Visiting Research Scholar**, *Purdue University*, West Lafayette, IN.
Research in the field of distributed publish/subscribe systems. Host: Prof. Patrick Eugster
- January 2009 – December 2011 **PhD Student**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano.
Advisor: Prof. Gianpaolo Cugola
- July 2008 – December 2008 **Research Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano.
Research in the field of large scale distributed systems with focus on event based middleware

Qualifications

- April 2017 **Italian National Scientific Qualification to the function of Associate Professor in Information Processing Systems**, *Italian academic discipline code: 09/H1 - Sistemi di Elaborazione delle Informazioni*, from the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR). Obtained on April 4th, 2017 according to article 16, subsection 1, of the Italian law number 240/10.

Education

- 2009–2011 **PhD Computer Science**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Advisor: Prof. Gianpaolo Cugola, *Cum Laude*.
- 2006–2008 **M.S. (Laurea Specialistica), Computer Engineering (Ingegneria Informatica)**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, 110/110.
- 2002–2006 **B.S. (Laurea Triennale), Computer Engineering (Ingegneria Informatica)**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, 107/110.
- 1998–2002 **Scientific High School Degree (Diploma di Maturità Scientifica)**, *Liceo Scientifico A. Antonelli*, Novara, 100/100.

Summer Schools

- October 2009 **Advances in Wireless Sensor Networks**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
- September 2009 **Complex Networks and Statistics**, *National Research Council (CNR)*, Pisa, Italy.

Awards & Recognitions

- 2017 Awarded with 3000 Amazon Web Services cloud credits in the AWS Cloud Credits for Research program.
- 2017 Awarded with a NVidia GPU to support research under the NVidia GPU Grant program
- 2014 Best paper award at the 8th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS '14) [22]
- 2012 PhD was awarded Cum Laude [50]
- 2011 Best paper nominee at the 5th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based System (DEBS '11) [14]
- 2009 Recipient of Ph.D. scholarship granted by Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research at Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Languages

- Italian **Native**
- English **Proficient user**

Memberships

ACM Member

Research Profile

My research interests span different areas, and in particular parallel and distributed systems and software engineering. My main research activity focuses on the definition of techniques and tools to ease the design, development and analysis of complex parallel and distributed systems, with a special emphasis on stream processing and reactive systems.

Starting from my PhD studies in Politecnico di Milano, I investigated event-based middleware as a suitable communication substrate to build complex distributed applications. I first worked on extensions of publish-subscribe systems [12], and then moved towards the definition of Complex Event Processing (CEP) systems, which are the topic of my PhD thesis [50].

CEP systems can be programmed to detect situations of interest from the observation of relevant patterns of event occurrences. They introduce two main research challenges: the definition of suitable programming languages and paradigms to express the patterns of interest and the design and implementation of efficient algorithms and tools to analyze event occurrences. My PhD research focuses on both aspects [4, 13, 2, 14, 6, 3, 5, 41, 26].

My first contribution in the area of CEP systems is a study of existing solutions and systems designed to process streaming information [4, 37]. Next, I worked on the definition of a new language to model the complex relationships among events [13], on the implementation of efficient algorithms for event processing [2], and on the design of communication protocols for distributed processing [32, 5].

Motivated by the performance requirements of many modern event-based and reactive applications, I worked on algorithms and tools that exploit the parallelism of multi-core CPUs and modern GPUs to speedup the analysis and dispatching of events [14, 16, 6, 3].

After my PhD studies, I joined the High Performance Distributed Computing group at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, where I applied my research on event and data streaming in the context of Semantic Web technologies and rule-based reasoning [7, 25, 19, 20, 29].

In 2014, I joined the Software Engineering group at the University of Lugano (USI), where I extended my expertise in the area of software testing and analysis [27, 10].

Since 2016, I am an assistant professor at Politecnico di Milano.

During my career, I developed a network of collaborations. I have been a visiting research scholar in the group of prof. Patrick Eugster at Purdue University (US). I participated in a number of international research projects on various topics, including self-adaptive systems [17], service-oriented systems [21], monitoring systems [33, 44, 18, 45], Wireless Sensor Networks [1], programming language paradigms [34, 23, 38] and software engineering for high performance computing [35].

Teaching Activity

- June 2019 – September 2019 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Ericsson Italia*, Genova, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the “Software Academy” course “Development of concurrent and scalable software”, 3rd edition
- May 2019 **Lecturer**, *Moxoff*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Big Data Processing with Apache Spark”
- March 2019 – July 2019 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the course “Stream and Complex Event Processing” for PhD Students, with Prof. G. Cugola and E. Della Valle
- February 2019 – June 2019 **Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Prova Finale (Ingegneria del Software)”
- July 2018 **Invited Lecturer**, *4th International Summer School for Big Data and Machine Learning*, Leipzig, Germany.
- June 2018 – December 2018 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Ericsson Italia*, Genova, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the “Software Academy” course “Development of concurrent and scalable software”, 2nd edition
- November 2018 – December 2018 **Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Middleware Technologies for Distributed Systems”
- September 2018 – December 2018 **Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Ingegneria del Software”
- September 2018 – December 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”
- May 2017 – May 2018 **Tutor**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Tutor for the Master “Development of Innovative Software Products”
- July 2018 **Lecturer**, *4th International Summer School for Big Data*, Leipzig, Germany.
Invited lecturer
- September 2017 – February 2018 **Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Informatica A”
- September 2017 – December 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”
- December 2017 **Lecturer**, *Prisma Testing*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Version control with Git”.

- July 2017 – December 2017 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Ericsson Italia*, Genova, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the “Software Academy” course “Development of concurrent and scalable software”.
- September 2016 – February 2017 **Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Lecturer for the course “Informatica A”
- September 2016 – December 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”
- May 2016 **Invited Lecturer**, *Technische Universität Darmstadt*, Darmstadt, Germany.
External Lecturer for the course “Concepts and Technologies for Distributed Systems and Big Data Processing”
- September 2015 – February 2016 **Lecturer**, *Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI)*, Lugano, Switzerland.
Lecturer for the course “Computer Networking”
- March 2015 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the course “Stream and Complex Event Processing” for PhD Students, with Prof. G. Cugola and E. Della Valle
- October 2013 – November 2013 **Lecturer**, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Lecturer for the course “Systems Programming”
- April 2013 **Proposer and Lecturer**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Proposer and Lecturer for the course “Stream and Complex Event Processing” for PhD Students, with Prof. G. Cugola and E. Della Valle
- April 2013 – May 2013 **Lecturer**, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
Lecturer for the course “Academic English”
- September 2009 – February 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”
- September 2010 – February 2011 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”
- March 2009 – July 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Software Engineering”
- September 2008 – February 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, *Politecnico di Milano*, Milano, Italy.
Teaching Assistant for the course “Distributed Systems”

Supervised PhD Students

- May 2017 – Present Hassan Nazeer Chaudhry, PhD Student, “RDF Stream Processing”. Advisors: dr. Matteo Rossi and prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- June 2016 – Present Lorenzo Affetti, PhD Student, “A Distributed Real-time Computation Infrastructure”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- June 2016 – December 2016 Irma Metra, PhD Student, “Design, Verification and Implementation of a High Performance Stream Reasoning System”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- September 2014 – June 2016 Francesco Bianchi, PhD Student, “Automated Testing of Distributed Systems”. Advisor: prof. M. Pezzè, University of Lugano (USI), Lugano, Switzerland.
- February 2014 – December 2015 Mattia Vivanti, PhD Student, “Dynamic and Static Analysis Combined for Code Coverage”. Advisor: prof. M. Pezzè, University of Lugano (USI), Lugano, Switzerland.
- September 2013 – March 2014 Emanuele Panigati, PhD Student, Project on “Inference on Dynamic Data”. VU University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Advisor: prof. L. Tanca, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy

Supervised Master Students

- 2017 Samuele Di Leva, MSc Thesis, “Using Machine Learning Techniques to Automatically Derive Complex Event Processing Rules”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, prof. M. Matteucci, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- 2017 Dario Collavini, MSc Thesis, “Integrating SPARQL into TESLA to achieve Stream Reasoning”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- 2016 Angelo Di Pilla, MSc Thesis, “Combining streaming events with static data in the Complex Event Processing tool T-Rex”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- 2016 Claudio Sanna, MSc Thesis, “High performance stream reasoning: A highly parallel implementation of C-SPARQL in CUDA”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy.
- 2014 Simone Bernasconi, MSc Thesis “Mobile Distributed Reactive Programming with Consistency Guarantees”. Advisor: prof. C. Ghezzi, University of Lugano (USI), Lugano, Switzerland.
- 2011 – 2012 Andrea Marzorati, MSc Thesis “Storex : un Middleware di Complex Event Processing con Capacità di Storage”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
- 2011 – 2012 Maria Cristina Di Santo, MSc Thesis “Complex Event Processing Under Uncertainty: Model, Implementation and Evaluation”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
- 2010 – 2011 Alberto Negrello, MSc Thesis “Implementazione e Analisi di Protocolli per il Rilevamento Distribuito di Eventi Complessi”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
- 2010 – 2011 Francesco Feltrinelli, MSc Thesis “Human-Oriented Event Processing: Human Interactions in Complex Event Processing”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
- 2010 – 2011 Daniele Bruno Bottelli, MSc Thesis “Algoritmi di Forwarding per Hardware Parallelo”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy
- 2009 – 2010 Luca Mantovani, MSc Thesis “CCBR-MS: un Protocollo per Interrogazioni Distribuite in WSN”. Advisor: prof. G. Cugola, Politecnico di Milano, Milano, Italy

Service

Organization Committee Membership

- 2019 Tutorial co-chair for the 13th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2019)
- 2019 Co-chair of the Workshop on *Real-Time & Stream Analytics in Big Data*. within the IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2019), 9–12 December 2019, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2018 Doctoral Symposium co-chair for the 12th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2018)
- 2018 Co-chair of the Workshop on *Real-Time & Stream Analytics in Big Data*. within the IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2018), 10–13 December 2018, Seattle, WA, USA

- 2018 Committee Chair of the DEBS ToT (Test of Time) to determine the paper with the highest impact from DEBS 2008. 12th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2018)
- 2017 Co-chair of the Workshop on *Real-Time & Stream Analytics in Big Data*. within the IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2017), 11–14 December 2017, Boston, MA, USA
- 2017 Proceedings chair for the 11th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2017)
- 2017 Posters and demos co-chair for the 18th ACM/IFIP/USENIX Conference on Middleware (Middleware 2017)
- 2016 Co-chair of the Workshop on *Real-Time & Stream Analytics in Big Data*. within the IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2016), 5–8 December 2016, Washington D.C., USA
- 2016 Co-organizer of the symposium *Software engineering meets scientific computing: generality, reusability and performance for scientific software platforms. Part 1: Engineering methodologies and development processes*. within the ACM Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing Conference (PASC 2016), 8–10 June 2016, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2016 Co-organizer of the symposium *Software engineering meets scientific computing: generality, reusability and performance for scientific software platforms. Part 2: Performance and scalability requirements*. within the ACM Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing Conference (PASC 2016), 8–10 June 2016, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland

Editorial Board Membership

- 2017 Section Editor of the Springer Encyclopedia on Big Data Technologies - Section on “Big Stream Processing”
- 2017 Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of IGI Global Smart Marketing with the Internet of Things
- 2017 Member of the Guest Editorial Board for the Semantic Web Journal, Special Issue on Stream Reasoning

Program Committee Membership

- 2019 PC Member for the IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE 2020)
- 2019 PC Member for the 13th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2019)
- 2019 PC Member for 16th Extended Semantic Web Conference (ESWC 2019), Velocity on the Web Track
- 2019 ACM/IEEE Workshop on Hot Topics of Web of Things (HotWoT 2019)
- 2019 PC Member for the Workshop on Emerging Trends on Web Velocity and Web of Things (WVoT 2019)
- 2018 PC Member for the 1st International Workshop on Big Stream Processing, colocated with the 2018 ACM/IFIP/Usenix International Middleware Conference (Middleware 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 12th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 2nd Workshop on High-Level Declarative Stream Processing (HiDeSt 2018)

- 2018 PC Member of the 13th International Conference on Software Engineering Advances (ICSEA 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 15th European Semantic Web Conference (ESWC 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 3rd IEEE Internet of Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the Web Stream Processing Workshop (RSP 2018), colocated with the Web Conference 2018 (WWW 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 8th International Conference on Advanced Communications and Computation (INFOCOMP 2018)
- 2018 PC Member for the 4th International Conference on Advances and Trends in Software Engineering (SOFTENG 2018)
- 2017 PC Member of the 2nd Workshop on Active Middleware on Modern Hardware (Active), colocated with the 18th ACM/IFIP/USENIX International Conference on Middleware (Middleware 2017)
- 2017 PC Member of the 1st International Workshop on Web Stream Processing (WSP 2017), colocated with the 16th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2017)
- 2017 PC Member of the 11th International Conference on Advanced Engineering Computing and Applications in Sciences (ADVCOMP 2017)
- 2017 PC Member of the 12th International Conference on Software Engineering Advances (ICSEA 2017)
- 2017 PC Member for the 3rd International Conference on Advances and Trends in Software Engineering (SOFTENG 2017)
- 2017 PC Member for the 2nd IEEE Internet of Things Design and Implementation (IoTDI 2017)
- 2016 PC Member for the 3rd International Workshop on Stream Reasoning (SR 2016)
- 2015 PC Member for the 9th International Web Rule Symposium (RuleML 2015) Doctoral Consortium
- 2015 PC Member for the 4th International Workshop on Ordering and Reasoning (OrdRing 2015)
- 2015 PC Member for the 8th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2015) Demo & Poster Track
- 2015 PC Member for the 9th International Web Rule Symposium (RuleML 2015)
- 2014 PC Member for the 3rd International Workshop on Ordering and Reasoning (OrdRing 2014)
- 2013 PC Member for the 7th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2013)
- 2013 PC Member for the 13th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud, and Grid Computing – Doctoral Symposium (CCGrid PhD 2013)
- 2012 PC Member for the 6th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2012)

Reviewer Service

- 2019 Reviewer for
ACM Computing Surveys
Journal of Big Data
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
Journal of Visual Languages and Computing (JVLC)
Future Generation Computer Systems
Information and Software Technology
Scientific Programming
- 2018 Reviewer for
ACM Computing Surveys,
IEEE Transactions on Cloud Computing (TCC),
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS),
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC),
Journal of Big Data
Semantic Web Journal
Onward! 2018
International Journal of Geo-Information (IJGI), Special Issue on Spatial Stream Processing
Design Automation for Embedded Systems (DAEM)
Symmetry
International Journal of Parallel, Emergent and Distributed Systems (IJPEDS)
Information and Software Technology
Future Generation Computer Systems
- 2017 Reviewer for
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)
IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems
Journal of Systems and Software,
Journal of Engineering and Technological Sciences
Semantic Web Journal
Future Generation Computer Systems
Journal of Big Data
- 2017 External Reviewer for
7th International Conference on Cloud Computing and Services Science (CLOSER 2017)
- 2016 Reviewer for
IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)
IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)
IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics (TII)
IEEE Transactions on Big Data (TBD)
ACM Transactions on Autonomous and Adaptive Systems (TAAS)
Computer Networks Journal (COMNET)
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
Cognitive Computation Journal
IEEE Internet of Things Journal (IoT-J)
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC)
Expert Systems With Applications (ESWA)
Engineering Science and Technology, an International Journal (JESTECH)
Big Data Research
Sensors
Journal of Sensors

- 2016 External Reviewer for
20th International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management (EKAW 2016)
- 2015 Reviewer for
IEEE Transactions on Big Data (TBD)
IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics
IEEE Transactions on Services Computing (TSC)
IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)
Computer Networks Journal (COMNET)
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC)
Expert Systems With Applications (ESWA)
Information Journal
- 2015 External reviewer the
9th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2015)
- 2014 Reviewer for
IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)
IEEE Internet Computing Journal
Computer Languages, Systems and Structures Journal
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC)
- 2014 External reviewer for
8th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2014)
14th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing (CCGrid 2014)
- 2013 Reviewer for
ACM Transactions On Internet Technology (ToIT), Special Issue on Event Recognition
ACM Transactions On Software Engineering And Methodology (TOSEM)
International Journal of Big Data Intelligence (IJBDI)
Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC)
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
- 2013 External reviewer for
20th International Conference on High Performance Computing (HiPC 2013)
- 2012 Reviewer for
Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)
- 2012 External reviewer for
10th International Conference on Service Oriented Computing (ICSOC 2012)
- 2011 External reviewer for
5th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2011)
- 2010 External reviewer for
4th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2010)
18th International Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE 2010)
International Journal of Systems and Service-Oriented Engineering (IJSSOE)
- Other
- 2019 Nominated member of the DEBS ToT (Test of Time) Award Committee to determine the paper with the highest impact from DEBS 2009. 13th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2019)
- 2018 Co-organizer of the Dagstuhl Seminar number 20071 on the Foundations of Composite Event Recognition. To be held in February, 2020

- 2018 Invited member of the Doctorate Examination Committee for Yulia Evkina, as Pre-Examiner. PhD thesis on “A Hybrid Context-aware Middleware for Relevant Information Delivery in Multi-Role and Multi-User Monitoring Systems: an Application to the Building Management Domain”. Tampere University of Technology, Finland
- 2017 Invited member of the Doctorate Examination Committee for Mikko Rinne. PhD thesis on “Event Processing using Semantic Web Technologies”. Aalto University, Finland
- 2017 Nominated member of the DEBS ToT (Test of Time) Award Committee to determine the paper with the highest impact from DEBS 2007. 11th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2017)
- 2017 Invited participant in the Dagstuhl Seminar 17441 on Big Stream Processing Systems
- 2016 Invited participant in the Dagstuhl Seminar 16341 on Integrating Process-Oriented and Event-Based Systems
- 2013 Member of the RDF Stream Processing Community Group, W3C
- 2012 Invited member of the Doctorate Examination Committee for Jacobo Urbani. PhD thesis “On Web Scale Reasoning”. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands

Projects and Funding

- 2018 Refresher course for Ericsson Italia.
Refresher course on “Development of concurrent and scalable software” for Ericsson Italia
Principal Investigator. Grant: 20,000€.
- 2017 Research funding from the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Finanziamento delle attività base di ricerca). Grant: 3,000€.
- 2017 Refresher course for Ericsson Italia.
Refresher course on “Development of concurrent and scalable software” for Ericsson Italia
Principal Investigator. Grant: 15,000€.
- 2017 Smart Safety in Smart Cities.
Innovation activity in the 2017 EIT Digital Cities Action Line.
The project aims to build a smart prediction and notification system to alert citizens in the case of potential hazards.
- 2015–2016 PASC. Angiogenesis in Health and Disease: in-vivo and in-silicio
Founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).
Principal Investigator: Prof. Mauro Pezzè, Prof. Igor Pivkin.
The project aims at defining new computational techniques to investigate the role of multiscale flow phenomena in angiogenesis as enabled by the capabilities of High Performance Computing.
- 2014–2015 DyStaCCo: Dynamic and Static Analysis Combined for Code Coverage.
Founded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).
Principal Investigator: Prof. Mauro Pezzè.
The project aims at investigating automatic dataflow testing qualitatively and quantitatively, combining static and dynamic analysis to improve the coverage of relevant targets.
I participated to the project as scientific contributor and as a supervisor for a PhD student.

- 2012–2014 Commit P20 – IV-E (e-Infrastructure Virtualization for e-Science Applications).
Co-financed by the dutch government.
Project Leader: Prof. Henri Bal.
The project aims at investigatigating how to design a programmable e-Science architecture while describing the infrastructure components and optimize them for typical usage scenarios.
I participated to the project as scientific contributor.
- 2012–2014 Green Move.
Co-financed by Regione Lombardia.
DEIB, Politecnico di Milano.
The project aims at promoting sustainable mobility in large cities by designing, implementing, and evaluating novel approaches for sharing electric vehicles in the city of Milan.
I participated to the project as scientific contributor.
- 2009–2012 SMSCom. Self Managing Situated Computing.
ERC Advanced Investigator Grant N. 227977.
Principal Investigator: Prof. Carlo Ghezzi.
The project aims at developing a consistent, integrated, and homogeneous set of methods and tools for the design, validation, and operation of dependable self-managing situational software.
I participated to the project as scientific contributor.

Formal Presentations

- July 2018 *Managing Streams of Data*, **Invited Lecture**, 4th International Summer School for Big Data, University of Leipzig, (Germany).
- June 2018 *Efficient Temporal Reasoning on Streams of Events with DOTR*, 15th Extended Semantic Web Conference (ESWC 2018). Heraklion, Crete, Greece.
- October 2017 *FlowDB: Integrating Stream Processing and Consistent State Management*, Talk at the Dagstuhl Seminar on Big Stream Processing Systems, Dagstuhl (Germany).
- June 2017 *Complex Event Recognition Languages*, with Alexander Artikis, Matthias Weidlich, Martin Ugarte and Stijn Vansummeren, Tutorial at the 11th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2017), Barcelona (Spain).
- August 2016 *Managing Streams of Events: an Overview*, Tutorial at the Dagstuhl Seminar on Combining Process Oriented and Event-Based Systems, **Invited Talk**, Dagstuhl (Germany).
- June 2016 *Taming Velocity and Variety Simultaneously in Big Data with Stream Reasoning*, with Daniele Dell’Aglia, Tutorial at the 10th International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2016), Irvine CA (USA).
- May 2016 *Managing Streams of Data: Lessons Learned and Open Challenges*, **Invited Talk**, TU Darmstadt (Germany).
- February 2016 *Managing Streams of Data: Lessons Learned and Open Challenges*, **Invited Talk**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Venice (Italy).
- July 2015 *Managing Streams of Data: Lessons Learned and Open Challenges*, **Invited Talk**, Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy).
- June 2015 *Efficient Analysis of Event Processing Applications*, 9th International Conference On Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2015). Oslo (Norway).
- May 2015 *Reactive Programming: A Walkthrough*, with G. Salvaneschi and G. Tamburrelli. Technical Briefing at the 37th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE 2015). Firenze (Italy).

- April 2015 *Toward an Intelligent Event-Based Communication Infrastructure: Lessons Learned and Open Challenges*, **Invited Talk**, Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK). Trento (Italy).
- May 2014 *Learning From the Past: Automated Rule Generation for Complex Event Processing*, 8th International Conference On Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2014). Mumbai (India).
- May 2014 *We have a DREAM: Distributed Reactive Programming with Consistency Guarantees*, 8th International Conference On Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2014). Mumbai (India).
- November 2013 *Large Scale Reasoning over Dynamic Data*, COMMIT P20 Meeting, UvA, Amsterdam (The Netherlands).
- July 2013 *Toward an Intelligent Event-Based Communication Infrastructure: Lessons Learned and Open Challenges*, **Invited Talk**, TU Darmstadt (Germany).
- December 2012 *High-Performance Location-Aware Publish-Subscribe on GPUs*, 13th International Conference On Middleware (Middleware 2012). Montreal (Canada).
- May 2012 *Combining Expressiveness and Efficiency in a Complex Event Processing Middleware*, **Invited Talk**, VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam (The Netherlands).
- February 2012 *Combining Expressiveness and Efficiency in a Complex Event Processing Middleware*, PhD Thesis Defense, Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy).
- October 2011 *Adopting GPUs for Low Latency Event Processing*, Distributed Programming Group Seminars, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana (US).
- July 2011 *High Performance Content-Based Matching Using GPUs*, 5th International Conference On Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2011). New York (US).
- July 2011 *Processing Flows of Information: From Data Stream to Complex Event Processing*, with G. Cugola, Tutorial in the 5th International Conference On Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS 2011). New York (US).
- February 2011 *Complex Event Processing on GPU Hardware: an Experience Report*, SMSCom Seminar, Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy).
- November 2010 *A Column Generation Approach for the Operator Placement Problem*, Minor Research Topic Seminar, Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy).
- July 2010 *TESLA: a Formally Defined Language for Complex Event Processing*, 4th International Conference on Distributed Event Based Systems (DEBS 2010). Cambridge (UK).
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- T-Rex a Complex Event Processing Engine. Implements different processing algorithms, some of them explicitly tailored to take advantage of parallel hardware (both multi-core CPUs and GPUs).
- DisTRex a distributed implementation of T-Rex, which embeds communication protocols to distribute the processing load to better support large scale.
- PCM Parallel Content-Based Matching. A Content-Based Matching engine conceived to reduce processing latency taking advantage of parallel hardware (both CPUs and GPUs).
- CLCB Cuda Location-Aware Content-Based Matcher. A Location-Aware and Content-Based Matching engine conceived to reduce processing latency taking advantage of CUDA GPUs hardware.
- iCEP a learning framework for automated Complex Event Processing rule generation.
- CAVE a tool to support developers in analyzing the behavior of an event processing application. CAVE efficiently verifies correctness properties based on the application and on the assumptions that developers have about the environment in which the application operates.
- DREAM A middleware for Distributed Reactive Programming in Java, which offers flexible guarantees for the propagation of changes across multiple distributed components.
- SLIM a middleware for service location and invocation in mobile wireless sensor and actuator networks.
- ASIA a publish/subscribe middleware that offers a lightweight support for gathering aggregation information (e.g., client population) about the system. It does not focus on a specific kind of aggregation. Instead, it generalizes at the infrastructure level: each application can request its own specific type of aggregation information.

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