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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**2020-2023 Joint PhD (cotutoring) in Science and Technologies for Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering, University of Genoa, and in Sciences et Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication, INRIA, Université Côte d'Azur**

PhD in Signal and Image Processing, in particular on remote sensing, artificial intelligence and stochastic models, with focus on the integration of (hierarchical and planar) probabilistic graphical models and of deep learning architectures for a variety of remote sensing image analysis tasks.

**2020 Master Internship, INRIA, Université Côte d'Azur and University of Genoa (April – September)**

“Probabilistic graphical models and machine learning methods for remote sensing image analysis”.

The research topics proposed in this thesis are meant to bridge between and combine different ideas from Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGMs) to develop novel methods for remote sensing image classification. Within the project, a novel formulation has been developed that aims at combining the feature representation capabilities of CNN architectures and the probabilistic modeling capabilities of PGMs to optimize classification accuracy in challenging applications such as those associated with the aftermath of natural disasters.

**2019-2020 Master SISEA (Double Degree), Mathematical and Computational Engineering, IMT Atlantique (Ecole Mines-Télécom)**

Joint curriculum between the Master Degree in Internet and Multimedia Engineering of the University of Genoa (see next item) and the SISEA and Engineering Master Programs of IMT-Atlantique. IMT Atlantique is a French graduate engineering school (Grande Ecole). This Master is a collaboration with the University of Rennes-1 and it awards the Research Master Degree SISEA (Master2 "STS", Mention EEEA, parcours "Signal Image Systemes Automatique"). I followed the SISEA program through the advanced courses of TAF "Mathematical and Computational Engineering" at IMTA, and I ranked fifth out of 42 students in 2020.

**2018-2020 Master Degree in Internet and Multimedia Engineering, University of Genoa 110/110 cum laude and right of publication ("dignità di stampa") (27<sup>TH</sup> October 2020) with the thesis "A Novel Method for Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing Images Combining Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models and Deep Convolutional Neural Networks".**

**2018-2020 STSI Master Level, IANUA**

IANUA-ISSUGE is the Institute of Higher Studies of the University of Genoa. It supports the best 10% of the students of each school of the University of Genoa (<http://www.ianua.unige.it>). STSI stands for the "Sciences and Technologies for Information Science" curriculum of IANUA.

**2016-2018 STSI First Level, IANUA (formerly known as ISSUGE)**

First Level of the IANUA STSI program, during the second and the third year of my Bachelor Degree.

2015-2018 **Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering and Information Technology, University of Genoa**

110/110 cum laude (24<sup>TH</sup> July 2018) with the thesis "Regularization Methods for Image Restoration".

2010-2015 **High School Diploma**, Scientific High School "Blaise Pascal" Ovada (AL)

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

IEEE GRSS Mikio Takagi Student Prize (best Student Paper Award at the IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, IGARSS), 2021.

Prix d'excellence, Université Côte d'Azur (France), 2021.

Prize for Talent and Merit, Orientamenti 2021, Regione Liguria (Italy), 2021.

IEEE-GRSS Italian Chapter Master Thesis Prize, 2021.

Vinci Project funding to support joint PhD projects, Université Franco-Italienne, 2022.

Finalist to the Prix Laffitte, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Ecole Mines Paris-PSL, 2022.

## PROJECTS

Technical and management activities for the following projects:

2022-2024 **PRISMA**Learn, "**Tecniche avanzate di machine learning per la fusione dati e l'analisi di immagini della missione PRISMA**"

Funded by the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and coordinated by Professor S. B. Serpico, University of Genoa, Italy.

2021-2022 **MultiBigSAR**Data, "**Semi-automatic information extraction from time series of multifrequency and multimission SAR data**"

Funded by ASI and coordinated by Professor P. Gamba, University of Pavia, Italy.

2018-2020 **TIAMO**, "**IoT technologies for the marine environment**"

Coordinated by SITEM S.r.l., Genoa, and funded by Regione Liguria (European Regional Development Fund, ERDF).

## TEACHING ACTIVITY

Co-teaching (official teaching appointment) of the Remote Sensing for Hydrography course, Master in Geomatics, Istituto Idrografico della Marina / University of Genoa (2022-2023).

Teaching support activities for the Systems and Signals for Telecommunications course, University of Genoa (2023-2024).

Teaching support activities for the Machine Learning for Pattern Recognition course, University of Genoa (2020-2021).

Co-supervised one Master Thesis at the University of Genoa, 2022.

"Cultore della materia" for the courses Machine Learning for Pattern Recognition, Master in Internet and Multimedia Engineering, University of Genova and Remote Sensing of Natural Disasters, Master in Engineering for Natural Risk Management, University of Genoa.

## PUBLICATIONS

### International journal papers

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing Images through Fully Convolutional Neural Networks and Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models," *IEEE Transaction on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, vol. 60, pp. 1-16, 2022, Art no. 5407116, doi: 10.1109/TGRS.2022.3141996.

M. Pastorino, F. Gallo, A. Di Febbraro, G. Moser, and S. B. Serpico, "Multimodal fusion of mobility demand data and remote sensing imagery for urban land-use and land-cover mapping," *Remote Sensing*, vol. 14, no. 14, 3370, Jul. 2022, doi: 10.3390/rs14143370.

S. Pensieri, F. Viti, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, L. Maggiolo, M. Pastorino, D. Solarna, A. Cambiaso, C. Carraro, C. Degano, I. Mainenti, S. Seghezza, and R. Bozzano, "Evaluating LoRaWAN Connectivity in a Marine Scenario," *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, vol. 9, no. 11, 1218, Nov. 2021, doi: 10.3390/jmse9111218.

M. Pastorino, A. Montaldo, L. Fronda, I. Hedhli, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Multisensor and Multiresolution Remote Sensing Image Classification through a Causal Hierarchical Markov Framework and Decision Tree Ensembles," *Remote Sensing*, vol. 13, no. 5, p. 849, Feb. 2021, doi: 10.3390/rs 13050849.

### Submitted international journal papers

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Fully Convolutional Network to Learn the Potentials of a CRF for the Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing Images," *IEEE Transaction on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, submitted.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Multimission, Multifrequency, and Multiresolution SAR Image Classification through Hierarchical Markov Models and Convolutional Networks," *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, submitted.

### International conference papers

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Learning CRF potentials through fully convolutional networks for satellite image semantic segmentation," SITIS 2023 - International Conference on Signal-Image Technology & Internet-Based Systems, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2023. URL: <https://inria.hal.science/hal-04255319>.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Classification of Multimission SAR Images based on Probabilistic Graphical Models and Convolutional Neural Networks," IGARSS 2023 - IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Pasadena, California, USA, July 2023. URL: <https://hal.inria.fr/hal-04109475>.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Fully convolutional and feedforward networks for the semantic segmentation of remotely sensed images," ICIP 2022 - IEEE International Conference in Image Processing, Bordeaux, France, October 2022, doi: 10.1109/ICIP46576.2022.9897336.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Semantic segmentation of SAR images through fully convolutional networks and hierarchical probabilistic graphical models," IGARSS 2022 - IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2022, doi: 10.1109/IGARSS46834.2022.9883111.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, e J. Zerubia, "Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models and Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Remote Sensing Image Classification," EUSIPCO 2021 - 29th IEEE European Signal Processing Conference, Dublin / Virtual, Ireland, Aug. 2021, doi: 10.23919/EUSIPCO54536.2021.9616179.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, "Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing Images Combining Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models and Deep Convolutional

Neural Networks,” *IGARSS 2021 - IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium*, Brussels, Belgium, July 2021, doi: 10.1109/IGARSS47720.2021.9553253.. (First Best Paper Award).

#### **National conference papers**

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, and J. Zerubia, “Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models and Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing Images,” (poster), CIRM (Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques) Workshop on Apprentissage Automatique et Traitement du Signal sur Graphes / Machine Learning and Signal Processing on Graphs, Marseille, France, 7-11 Nov. 2022.

M. Pastorino, G. Moser, S. B. Serpico, e J. Zerubia, “Segmentation Sémantique d’Images de Télédétection Combinant Modèles Graphiques Probabilistes Hiérarchiques et Réseaux de Neurones Convolutifs Profonds,” ORASIS 2021, Sep 2021, Saint-Ferréol, France. URL: <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03339665>.

#### **PROJECT ASSIGNMENT**

##### **2020 Semantic Segmentation of Remote Sensing images combining Hierarchical Probabilistic Graphical Models and Deep Learning, University of Genoa, INRIA Université Côte d’Azur, and IMT Atlantique**

Development, implementation, and experimental validation of a novel method combining deep learning techniques and stochastic models for the task of image classification of satellite images of urban areas. The objective was to envision a new model that allowed to obtain accurate results in the classification of remote sensing images by exploiting the advantages of both of the aforementioned techniques (state-of-the-art accuracy for deep learning and predictions with spatial consistency for stochastic models) while avoiding the use of the huge amount of data needed for deep learning models to work. Programmed in Python and Pytorch.

##### **2019 Multimodal Image Registering for the biodistribution of a gene therapy drug in the brain of a non-human primate, IMT Atlantique**

The project aims to adapt a segmentation approach to identify fluorescent background noise cells and define the appreciation criteria for registration of biomedical images.

##### **2018 Regularization Methods for Image Restoration, University of Genoa**

Treatment of ill-posed problems in the context of Image Restoration. The study focuses on iterative methods to solve systems of linear equations. In particular, the Landweber, Steepest Descent and Conjugate Gradient methods are discussed in detail and implemented using MatLab code.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITY**

Reviewing activity for IEEE Transactions on Geoscience since 2022, for Remote Sensing and IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters in 2023, and for IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing and MDPI Remote Sensing since 2021, and IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) since 2022.

Visiting student at the laboratory headed by Professor Sébastien Lefèvre, Université Bretagne Sud, Vannes, France in November 2022.

#### **PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES**

MOTHER TONGUE

**Italian**

OTHER LANGUAGES

**English, French, Spanish**

Cambridge English Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Advanced C1)  
Cambridge Assessment Language, Reference n: 185IT0090004  
Grade B (199/210) – May 2018

French course (C1), Inria Université Côte d'Azur, France  
2021-2022

Diplôme D'Études en Langue Française (DELF B1)  
Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale et de la Jeunesse – République Française  
N° de diplôme: 039011-201811T-4184085  
November 2018

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

2019-2020 **Representative of the Students, STSI Master Level, IANUA, University of Genoa**

Autorizzo il trattamento dei miei dati personali ai sensi del Dlgs 196 del 30 giugno 2003 e dell'art. 13 GDPR.

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