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PRINCIPAL AI SCIENTIST AT AMAZON AND MUSICIAN

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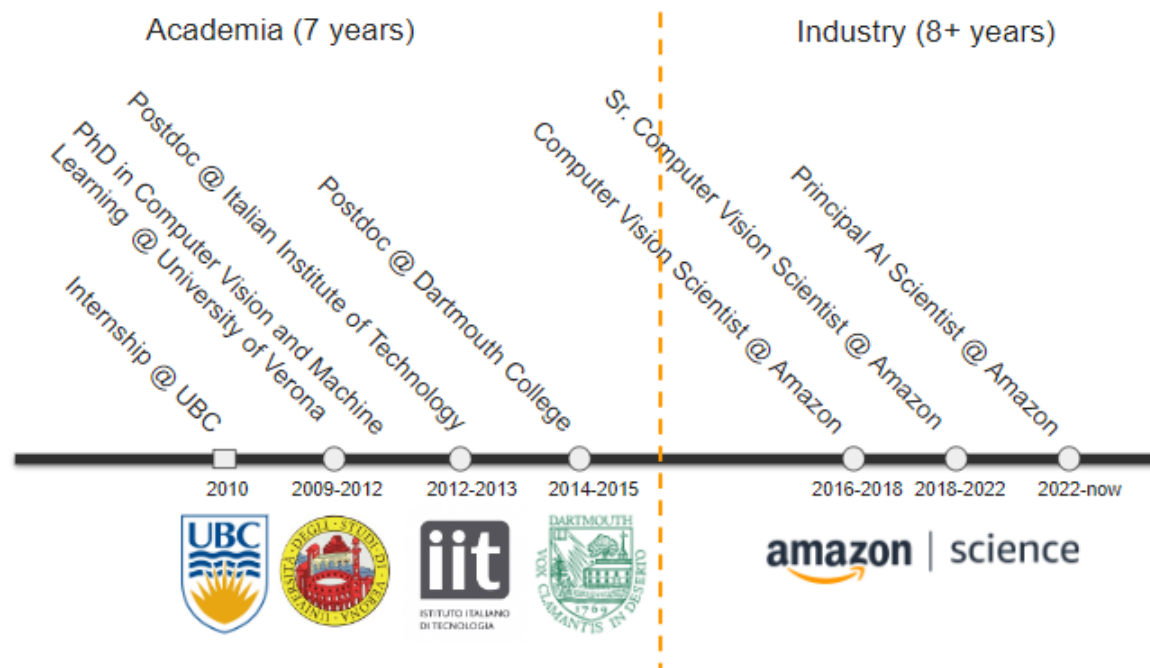
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CURRENT POSITION

Principal AI Scientist at Amazon

- Passionate about multimodal models, connecting images/videos with language (e.g., MLLMs), how people can seamlessly interact with these models and delivering them at scale
- Capacity to reason about a wide breath of science and products, and ability to switch to science depth mode at the right time
- Ability to design and prototype complex AI models and demonstrate their practical value to leadership
- Experience in transferring technology into a shipping product at Amazon scale. Examples of successful projects in production I contributed to:
 - Product recommendation widgets that leverage multimodal similarity with diversification, trained at scale for fashion and home decor. Accessible by millions of customer in the detail page of products and to Alexa-enabled devices
 - Virtual try-on experiences for make-up usable via the Amazon mobile App
 - Rapid Recap an action recognition-based tool to catch up on plays during live football games in Prime Video
 - Detection of nearly-similar videos and maturity rating to reduce manual tedious audit tasks in Prime Video
- Responsible of defining the strategy and science direction of a team of scientists. Experience in establishing research and productization roadmaps
- Collaborate and partner with business and engineering teams across the company
- Contribute in creating a centralized science team from 4 to 15 scientists
- Diversity, inclusion and accessibility ally
- Ability to present my work to non-technical audience and discuss with senior leadership, including VPs and SVPs
- Mentorship experience of interns (16), scientists, engineers and product managers

EXPERIENCE



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

- Dartmouth College** 2014–2015
Postdoc at the Visual Learning group led by L. Torresani
- Research on object localization and detection in images, deep learning and salience prediction for videos
- Italian Institute of Technology** 2011–2013
Postdoc at the Pattern Analysis and Computer Vision group led by V. Murino
- Research on social interaction analysis in videos using dynamic Bayesian nets and Bayesian non-parametric models, and on kernel-based object recognition and person re-identification
- University of Verona** 2009–2012
Ph.D. in Computer Science with focus on Computer Vision and Machine Learning
- PhD Thesis: Beyond multi-target tracking: statistical pattern analysis of people and groups
- Supervisors: V. Murino and M. Cristani. Reviewers: A. Del Bimbo and R. T. Collins
- University of British Columbia** 2010
Research Intern at the Laboratory for Computational Intelligence led by N. de Freitas
- Research on restricted Boltzmann machines, deep learning and attentional models
- University of Verona** 2006–2008
M.S. in Intelligent and Multimedia Systems. Thesis topics: particle filtering and multi-person tracking. Summa cum laude and top of the class
- University of Verona** 2003–2006
B.S. in Information Technology. Thesis topics: machine learning for medical imaging

AWARDS & GRANTS

- **Amazon Accessibility Innovation Award**, internal award given to individuals who created experiences to improve accessibility, 2021.
- **Amazon Robotics Challenge Award**, internal award given to the team who won the robotics challenge, 2018.
- **IBM Best Student Paper Award**, track: Computer Vision at International Conference on Pattern Recognition ICPR, 2010
- **Scholarship** from University of Verona that supported my Ph.D. from Jan. 2009 to Dec. 2011
- **Scholarship** from EU-Project FP7 SAMURAI, grant FP7-SEC-2007-01 No. 217899, that contributed to support my Ph.D. from Jan. 2009 to Dec. 2011
- **Travel grant** from University of British Columbia to attend Neural Information Processing Systems, 2010
- **Travel grant** from International Machine Learning Society to attend the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2011

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS

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- Y. Chen, and L. Bazzani. Learning Joint Visual Semantic Matching Embeddings for Language-guided Retrieval, [ECCV](#), 2020.
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- L. Bazzani, M. Cristani, and V. Murino, Collaborative particles filters for group tracking, ICIP, 2010.

CODING & TOOLS

- Python, PyTorch, HuggingFace, git, LATEX, bash scripting, various AWS services
- Passionate about and participated to several internal Hackathons (at least 1 per year)
- In past, worked with MATLAB, Lua/Torch7, JavaScript, Qualtrics, Alexa skill devel tools

AI COMMUNITY EFFORTS

- Co-organizer of the workshop on Computer Vision for Fashion, Art, and Design @ CVPR
- Co-organizer of the workshop on 3D Vision and Modeling Challenges in eCommerce @ ICCV
- Co-organizer and program chair of several AI conferences and shopping science summits internal at Amazon
- Active reviewer for CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, IEEE TPAMI, IJCV, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing

TEACHING & PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

Delivered 50+ technical presentations at AI conferences and internal Amazon events to audiences of up to 1000 people

Dartmouth College

Winter 2015

Machine Learning. Assistant of undergrad course by L. Torresani

Italian Institute of Technology

Winter 2013

An Introduction to Machine Learning and Computer Vision for PhD students

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Spring 2011

Person Re-identification at the Short Spring School in Surveillance for PhD students

MY MENTORS

I was fortunate enough to work with and learn from my awesome mentors during my career so far. Their advice and feedback helped me growing in a way I could never imagine. Thank you all!

- Anton van den Hengel, Larry Davis, Raffay Hamid, Josh Miele, Werner Trobin: science direction and guidance at Amazon

- Michael Donoser, Rajiv Chopra, Harmony Long: leadership and management guidance at Amazon
- Lorenzo Torresani and Hugo Larochelle at Dartmouth College
- Vittorio Murino and Marco Cristani at University of Verona and at the Italian Institute of Technology
- Nando de Freitas at the University of British Columbia

WHAT ELSE ABOUT ME

You might want to know other traits of me, not just my technical skills and achievements, right? Here are some:

- Growth mindset and value learning new skills, expanding my knowledge and improving different abilities in all aspects of my life
- Cultivate cross-cultural communication skills through living and working in diverse environments
- Nurture my creative side as musician, playing keyboards and piano since a young age. I played in several local bands and have one now. I'm currently learning guitar and singing
- Invest in taking care of the mind, emotions and my mental health via meditation, introspection and other tools
- High level of self-awareness. I'm keen to admit my mistakes when others or I recognize them, and learn from them
- My recent favourite books: the power of vulnerability by B. Brown; the myth of normal by G. Matè and D. Matè; the five invitations by F. Ostaseski
- My big 5: openness 90, conscientiousness 88, extraversion 40, agreeableness 46 and neuroticism 29
- Fluently speak Italian, English and Venetian (yes, it's a language and quite different from Italian). I'm slowly learning German too

Some of the growth areas I'm focusing on: foster more autonomy in others via delegation and improve my strategic thinking by leveraging more on intuition and influence.