

# Alessandro Pacini

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Educational Background

2021

### PhD in Emerging Digital Technologies

*Telecommunications, Computer Engineering, and Photonics Institute (TeCIP) - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

2018

2021

### MSc in Computer Science and Networking

*Joint degree from Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna & University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy.*

2015

2018

### BSc in Computer Science

*University of Camerino, Camerino, Italy.*

## Theses

### PhD Thesis

**TITLE** A flexible and modular approach towards Zero Touch Networks

Research focused on finding efficient ways for reusing and migrating current generation of networks to a Zero-Touch paradigm. The basic idea is to extend Software-Defined based scenarios with new functionalities, so that they can be integrated with closed-loop decision frameworks.

**ADVISORS** Prof. Valcarenghi Luca, Dr. Sgambelluri Andrea  
& Dr. Giorgetti Alessio

### MSc Thesis

**TITLE** A scalable and reliable Kafka-based monitoring architecture for Zero Touch Networks

A monitoring architecture has been developed using Apache Kafka to continuously monitor an optical network. By using the publish-subscribe architecture offered by this framework, plug-n-play modules have been designed, able to read and process network monitored data at runtime.

**ADVISORS** Prof. Valcarenghi Luca & Dr. Sgambelluri Andrea

### BSc Thesis

**TITLE** Comparative study on the energy efficiency of different innovative election models in clustering protocols for heterogeneous WSNs

**ADVISORS** Prof. Mostarda Leonardo & Dr. Micheletti Matteo

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## Research Projects

### BRAINE

**January 2021** I have been involved in many WPs where there is the need to extend an SD-RAN 5G framework with external control loops in high performance distributed scenarios.  
**- Ongoing**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Funding agency:** EU Horizon programme

### PROXIMITY-CARE

**October 2021** The project aims to improve socio-health services in the rural areas of the province of Lucca. I developed a navigable map to identify possible intervention areas by taking into account both current health and connectivity services.  
**- Ongoing**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Funding agency:** Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Lucca

### 5G-SOSIA

**September 2020** The aim of the project is to exploit 5G capabilities to decrease the first aid time. I developed an application that connects to smart-band devices and sends patient live data to a data-center for further elaborations.  
**- Ongoing**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Funding agency:** Tuscany region

### 5GROWTH

**January 2021** I have supported the development of a WP where metrics from a 5G testbed had to be sent over a Kafka bus for forecasting purposes.  
**- January 2022**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Funding agency:** EU Horizon programme

### Extracurricular Internship

**June 2019** Development of a fault detection and localization app for an SDN controller (ONOS) in optical environment.  
**- July 2019**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Advisor:** Dr. Giorgetti Alessio

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## Awards

### Undergraduate Research Scholarship

**September 2021** Research and development of a scalable and fault tolerant data collection and processing framework to be integrated into a Zero-Touch Network.  
**- September 2022**

*TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.*

**Advisor:** Prof. Valcarengi Luca

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## Research Interests

- Zero-Touch Networks
- Closed-loop automation
- Next-generation monitoring techniques
- Distributed and scalable networking architectures

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## Memberships

<b>International</b>	IEEE Student Member	<i>October 2022</i>
	IEEE Communications Society Student Member	<i>October 2022</i>

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## Teaching Experience

<b>March 2022</b>	Lecture for PhD students in Health Science, Technology and Management <i>TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.</i>
<b>February 2022</b>	Lecture for Seasonal School students about next-gen monitoring platforms <i>TeCIP Institute - Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.</i>

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## Languages

<b>Italian</b>	Native
<b>English</b>	Professional working proficiency

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## Skills

<b>Programming</b>	Python, Java, Javascript
<b>Knowledge</b>	Networking stacks, WAN/MAN/LAN architectures, Parallel computing, Distributed systems, Software Defined Networking, Container & Orchestration
<b>Other Skills</b>	Communication, Organization, Motivator, Hard-working

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## Participation In Events

<b>March 2022</b>	IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communications (PerCom), Pisa, Italy.
<b>May 2021</b>	Kafka Summit Europe 2021, Remote.

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## Event Organization

<b>March 2022</b>	International Workshop on Telemedicine and E-health Evolution in the New Era of Social Distancing (Telmed), Pisa, Italy.
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## Other Certificates

<b>May 2021</b>	Confluent Fundamentals Accreditation, <i>Confluent</i>
<b>February 2019</b>	Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA 1-2-3-4), <i>Cisco Systems</i>
<b>February 2012</b>	B1 Preliminary in English, <i>University of Cambridge</i>

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## Publications

A. Sgambelluri, A. Pacini, F. Paolucci, P. Castoldi, and L. Valcarenghi, “Reliable and scalable kafka-based framework for optical network telemetry,” *J. Opt. Commun. Netw.*, vol. 13, pp. E42–E52, Oct 2021.

F. Paolucci, A. Sgambelluri, M. F. Silva, A. Pacini, P. Castoldi, L. Valcarenghi, and F. Cugini, “Peer-to-peer disaggregated telemetry for autonomous machine-learning-driven transceiver operation,” *J. Opt. Commun. Netw.*, vol. 14, pp. 606–620, Aug 2022.

L. Valcarenghi, A. Pacini, A. Sgambelluri, and F. Paolucci, “A scalable telemetry framework for zero touch optical network management,” in *2021 International Conference on Optical Network Design and Modeling (ONDM)*, pp. 1–6, 2021.

L. Valcarenghi, A. Pacini, J. C. Borromeo, S. Fichera, M. Gagliardi, D. Amram, and V. Lionetti, “A framework to support social distancing management based on 5g and accelerated edge cloud,” in *2021 IEEE International Mediterranean Conference on Communications and Networking (MeditCom)*, pp. 94–99, 2021.

S. Calabrò, R. Gagliardi, F. Marcantoni, M. Micheletti, A. Pacini, and A. Piermarteri, “Tailoring micro-solar systems to heterogeneous wireless sensor networks,” in *Web, Artificial Intelligence and Network Applications* (L. Barolli, M. Takizawa, F. Xhafa, and T. Enokido, eds.), (Cham), pp. 724–733, Springer International Publishing, 2019.

M. F. Silva, A. Pacini, A. Sgambelluri, and L. Valcarenghi, “Learning long-and short-term temporal patterns for ml-driven fault management in optical communication networks,” *IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management*, pp. 1–1, 2022.

L. Valcarenghi, A. Pacini, J. Borromeo, S. Fichera, M. Gagliardi, D. Amram, and V. Lionetti, “Managing physical distancing through 5g and accelerated edge cloud,” *IEEE Access*, pp. 1–1, 2022.

M. F. Silva, A. Pacini, A. Sgambelluri, L. Valcarenghi, and F. Paolucci, “Bringing disaggregated telemetry and ml to the transceiver for autonomous signal adaptation,” in *2022 Optical Fiber Communications Conference and Exhibition (OFC)*, pp. 1–3, 2022.

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## References

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