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I am a Senior Researcher at RISE Research Institutes of Sweden. My work lies at the intersection of programmable networks, datacenter systems, and machine learning for networking.

Research Experience

RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

Senior Researcher

Connected Intelligence Unit

Stockholm, Sweden

Nov 2024–now

The University of Texas at Austin

Visiting Researcher, UT Networked Systems Research Group

Research on semantic-aware networking for LLM inference, hosted by Prof. Daehyeok Kim.

Austin, Texas, US

Sep 2026

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Postdoctoral Researcher, “ULTRA” ERC-funded project

Networked Systems Laboratory (NSLab)

Stockholm, Sweden

Dec 2022–Nov 2024

Roma Tre University

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Giuseppe Di Battista

Degree Thesis: “Hyper-scale Datacenters: Physical Speed-up and Virtual Testing”

Rome, Italy

2019–2022

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Visiting Ph.D. Student

Design and Implementation of Ribosome [c6].

Stockholm, Sweden

Jan 2022–Feb 2022

Roma Tre University

B.sc. and M.sc. in Computer Science

M.sc. Advisor: Prof. Giuseppe Di Battista

M.sc. Degree Thesis: “Virtualization and Orchestration of Large Network Infrastructures”

Final Grade: 110/110 with honors

Rome, Italy

2013–2019

Publications

International Conference Publications

- [c1] **Scazzariello**, Caiazzzi, Ghasemirahni, Kostić, and Chiesa. “Queue-Mem: Energy-Efficient Hardware Storage for Advanced Network Function Acceleration”. In: *USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI)*. 2026.
- [c2] Ghasemirahni, Farshin, **Scazzariello**, Chiesa, Maguire Jr, and Kostić. “FAJITA: Stateful Packet Processing at 100 Million pps”. In: *ACM Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT)*. 2024.
- [c3] Wang, **Scazzariello**, Farshin, Ferlin, Kostić, and Chiesa. “NetConfEval: Can LLMs Facilitate Network Configuration?”. In: *ACM Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT)*. 2024.

- [c4] Polverini, Cianfrani, Caiazzzi, **Scazzariello**, Abdelsalam, Filsfils, and Camarillo. "Achieving Best-path Selection at Line Rate through the SRv6 Live-Live Behavior". In: *IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS)*. 2024.
- [c5] Caiazzzi, **Scazzariello**, and Chiesa. "Millions of Low-latency State Insertions on ASIC Switches". In: *ACM Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT)*. 2023.
- [c6] **Scazzariello**, Caiazzzi, Ghasemirahni, Barbette, Kostić, and Chiesa. "A High-Speed Stateful Packet Processing Approach for Tbps Programmable Switches". In: *USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI)*. 2023.
- [c7] Caiazzzi, **Scazzariello**, Alberro, Ariemma, Castro, Grampin, and Di Battista. "Sibyl: a Framework for Evaluating the Implementation of Routing Protocols in Fat-Trees". In: *IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS)*. 2022.
- [c8] **Scazzariello**, Ariemma, Di Battista, and Patrignani. "Megalos: A Scalable Architecture for the Virtualization of Network Scenarios". In: *IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS)*. 2020.

International Journal Publications.....

- [j1] Polverini, Cianfrani, Listanti, Caiazzzi, and **Scazzariello**. "In-Network Q-Learning-Based Packet Forwarding for Delay Sensitive Applications". In: *IEEE Network* (2025).
- [j2] Polverini, Cianfrani, Caiazzzi, and **Scazzariello**. "SRv6 Meets DetNet: A New Behavior for Low Latency and High Reliability". In: *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications* (2025).
- [j3] **Scazzariello**, Ariemma, Di Battista, and Patrignani. "Megalos: A Scalable Architecture for the Virtualization of Large Network Scenarios". In: *Future Internet* (2021).

Workshop Papers, Demos, and Preprints.....

- [o1] **Scazzariello**, Rotman, Gavrilenko, Khashab, Shpiner, Kadosh, Chiesa, Kostić, and Silberstein. *Avoiding Cross-Datacenter Collective Congestion via Disaggregated Buffering*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2605.11852>. 2026.
- [o2] Siavashi, **Scazzariello**, Maguire Jr, Kostić, and Chiesa. *Blink: CPU-Free LLM Inference by Delegating the Serving Stack to GPU and SmartNIC*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2604.07609>. 2026.
- [o3] De Luca, De Nadai, **Scazzariello**, Caiazzzi, Farshin, Chiesa, and Di Battista. "Aggregate Local, Sync Global: A Hierarchical Approach to Efficient Geo-Distributed LLM Training". In: *Workshop on Computation over Heterogeneous Networks (NetCompute)*. 2026.
- [o4] Nordqvist, Wang, Ferlin, **Scazzariello**, and Chiesa. "RAG Against the Machine: Zero-Shot Software Vulnerabilities Classification using LLMs". In: *International Workshop on Large Language Models for Code (LLM4Code)*. 2026.
- [o5] Wang, **Scazzariello**, Kostić, and Chiesa. "Toward Automated, Contamination-free Dafny Benchmark Generation". In: *Dafny Workshop*. 2026.
- [o6] Wang, **Scazzariello**, Alshnakat, Guanciale, Kostić, and Chiesa. *Dissect-and-Restore: AI-based Code Verification with Transient Refactoring*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.25406>. 2025.

- [o7] Langlet, **Scazzariello**, Luciani, Burocchi, Kostić, and Chiesa. *Can LLMs Forecast Internet Traffic from Social Media?* <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.20123>. 2025.
- [o8] Wang, **Scazzariello**, and Chiesa. "From Scientific Texts to Verifiable Code: Automating the Process with Transformers". In: *International Workshop on Large Language Models for Code (LLM4Code)*. 2025.
- [o9] Puccioni, Farshin, **Scazzariello**, Wang, Chiesa, and Kostić. "Deriving Coding-Specific Sub-Models from LLMs using Resource-Efficient Pruning". In: *International Workshop on Large Language Models for Code (LLM4Code)*. 2025.
- [o10] Cipollone, Wang, **Scazzariello**, Ferlin, Izadi, Kostić, and Chiesa. "Automating the Detection of Code Vulnerabilities by Analyzing GitHub Issues". In: *International Workshop on Large Language Models for Code (LLM4Code)*. 2025.
- [o11] **Scazzariello**, Caiazzzi, and Chiesa. "Deliberately Congesting a Switch for Better Network Functions Performance". In: *P4 Workshop in Europe (EuroP4)*. 2024.
- [o12] Girondi, **Scazzariello**, Maguire Jr, and Kostić. "Toward GPU-centric Networking on Commodity Hardware". In: *International Workshop on Edge Systems, Analytics and Networking (EdgeSys)*. 2024.
- [o13] Ghasemirahni, Farshin, **Scazzariello**, Chiesa, and Kostić. "Deploying Stateful Network Functions Efficiently using Large Language Models". In: *Workshop on Machine Learning and Systems (EuroMLSys)*. 2024.
- [o14] Wang, **Scazzariello**, Farshin, Kostić, and Chiesa. *Making Network Configuration Human Friendly*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.06342>. 2023.
- [o15] Caiazzzi, **Scazzariello**, Quinzi, Ariemma, Patrignani, and Di Battista. "Nesting Containers for Faithful Datacenters Emulations". In: *IEEE/IFIP International Workshop On Technologies For Network Twins (TNT)*. 2023.
- [o16] Caiazzzi, **Scazzariello**, and Ariemma. "VFTGen: a Tool to Perform Experiments in Virtual Fat Tree Topologies". In: *IFIP/IEEE International Symposium on Integrated Network Management (IM)*. 2021.
- [o17] Ariemma, **Scazzariello**, and Caiazzzi. "MRT#: a Fast Multi-Threaded MRT Parser". In: *IFIP/IEEE International Symposium on Integrated Network Management (IM)*. 2021.
- [o18] **Scazzariello**, Ariemma, and Caiazzzi. "Kathará: A Lightweight Network Emulation System". In: *IEEE/IFIP Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS)*. 2020.

Awards

- **IRTF/IETF Applied Research Networking Prize 2025**

For our CoNEXT paper "*NetConfEval: Can LLMs Facilitate Network Configuration?*"

Awarded to Changjie Wang to "recognise the best recent results in applied networking, interesting new research ideas of potential relevance to the Internet standards community".

- **Runner-up Best Paper at ACM CoNEXT 2024**

For our paper "*NetConfEval: Can LLMs Facilitate Network Configuration?*"

Selected among the top 3 best papers at the conference.

- **Best Paper at ACM CoNEXT 2023**

For our paper "*Millions of Low-latency State Insertions on ASIC Switches*"

- **Best Demo at IFIP/IEEE IM 2021**

For our demo "*MRT#: a Fast Multi-Threaded MRT Parser*"

- **Best Demo at IFIP/IEEE NOMS 2020**

For our demo "*Kathará: A Lightweight Network Emulation System*"

Research Funding

Research Projects

Democratizing Trustworthy Software Development

2026-2029

Funded by **Digital Futures** (Total Funding: **8.7M SEK**)

Role: Co-PI

Partners: KTH

SAFIR: Secure AI for Intelligent Resilience and Confidentiality in the Cloud

2026-2028

Funded by **Vinnova** (Total Funding: **27M SEK**)

Role: Acted as one of the co-PIs of RISE

Partners: CanaryBit, Ericsson, KTH, Nvidia, RedHat, RISE, SAAB

EdgeWise: Fast & Explainable Next-Generation Robots for MCA

2026-2027

Funded by **Digital Futures** as a Demonstration Project (Total Funding: **2M SEK**)

Role: Acted as one of the co-PIs of RISE

Partners: KTH, RISE

Individual Grants & Mobility

Individual Mobility within 6G

2026

Funded by **Vinnova** (Total Funding: **~210K SEK**)

Role: Principal Applicant

Research visit at The University of Texas at Austin

Professional Service

- **Program Committee**

2026: CoNEXT 2026, ICNP 2026, IWQoS 2026, EuroP4 2026, IPSN 2026

2025: ICNP 2025, IWQoS 2025, ANRW 2025, NPC 2025, IPSN 2025

2024: NSDI 2025, ICNP 2024 Demos & Posters, IWQoS 2024, NPC 2024, IPSN 2024

- **Panel Evaluation**

2026: Digital Futures postdoc grants

- **External Reviewer**

IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (2024-2025)

ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review (2024)

Elsevier Computer Networks (2024)

IEEE Network Magazine (2023)

Teaching & Supervision Experience

Teaching Assistant**KTH Royal Institute of Technology**

IK2227: Network Systems with Edge or Cloud Datacenters

Period III, 2025

Practical lab sessions using Kathará, covering the following topics: data center routing, EVPN BGP & VXLAN, Kubernetes, RDMA, and Anycast & DNS.

Master Students Supervision**RISE Research Institutes of Sweden**

2026: Lorenzo Sacco, Jacopo Veronese

2025: Francesco De Nadai, Francesco De Luca, Luis Jira, Zhicheng Dong, Daniél Laki

Master Students Supervision**KTH Royal Institute of Technology**

2024: Daniele Cipollone, Laura Puccioni

2023: Changjie Wang, Sepehr Javid, Jingyi Pan, Chenming Du

Bachelor & Master Students Supervision**Roma Tre University**

2022: Gabriele Alecci, Alessandro Volpe, Andrea Marrocco

2021: Marta Burocchi, Tommaso Caiazzzi

2020: Alex Cocciatelli

Thesis Reviewer**Roma Tre University**

Read, reviewed, and graded 11 external B.sc./M.sc. theses

2019–2022

Selected Talks

IFIP TMA (PhD School)**Delft, Netherlands**

From Network Topologies to Experiments: A Practical Introduction to Kathará

June 2026

USENIX NSDI**Renton, WA, US**

Queue-Mem: Energy-Efficient Hardware Storage for Advanced Network Function Acceleration

May 2026

Video: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/nsdi26/presentation/scazzariello>

Nvidia Research**Virtual**

Queue-Mem: Energy-Efficient Hardware Storage for Advanced Network Function Acceleration

Oct 2025

Roma Tre University**Rome, Italy**

Invited Talk: “NetConfEval: Can LLMs Facilitate Network Configuration?”

Jan 2025

ACM CoNEXT <i>FAJITA: Stateful Packet Processing at 100 Million pps</i> Video: https://scazzariello.net/storage/media/Fajita-small12.mp4	Los Angeles, CA, US Dec 2024
EuroP4 Workshop <i>Deliberately Congesting a Switch for Better Network Functions Performance</i>	Charleroi, Belgium Oct 2024
“Between 0x2 Nerds” Podcast <i>BGP Security: ROSE-T (ROuting SEcurity Tool)</i> Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLpz0mpRWCM	Virtual Jan 2024
ACM CoNEXT <i>Millions of Low-latency State Insertions on ASIC Switches</i> Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXem7FXMUZo&t=2538	Paris, France Dec 2023
RIPE 87 Meeting <i>ROSE-T: Making MANRS Compliance Simple (And Automatic!)</i> Video: https://ripe87.ripe.net/archives/video/1262/	Rome, Italy Nov 2023
ACM SIGMETRICS <i>Network Monitoring on Multi-Pipe Switches</i>	Orlando, FL, US Jun 2023
IEEE/IFIP NOMS <i>Nesting Containers for Faithful Datacenters Emulations</i>	Miami, FL, US May 2023
Roma Tre University <i>Hyper-scale Datacenters: Physical Speed-up and Virtual Testing</i>	Rome, Italy Apr 2023
RIPE 85 Meeting <i>Kathará: A Lightweight and Scalable Network Emulation System</i> Video: https://ripe85.ripe.net/archives/video/941/	Belgrade, Serbia Oct 2022
Polytechnic University of Marche <i>Guest Lectures on Data Center Networking</i>	Virtual May 2020
IEEE/IFIP NOMS <i>Sibyl: a Framework for Evaluating the Implementation of Routing Protocols in Fat-Trees</i>	Budapest, Hungary Apr 2022
IEEE/IFIP NOMS <i>Megalos: A Scalable Architecture for the Virtualization of Network Scenarios</i>	Virtual Apr 2020
IETF 107 Meeting - RIFT Working Group <i>Tools for Experimenting Routing in the Data Centers</i>	Virtual Apr 2020

Selected News & Articles

KTH News <i>How Can Large Language Models Make Network Configuration Human Friendly?</i>	Feb 2025
ACM Digital Library <i>Featured Article: “NetConfEval: Can LLMs Facilitate Network Configuration?”</i>	Aug 2024
APNIC Blog <i>Verify MANRS Compliance Automatically with ROSE-T</i>	May 2024

ACM Digital Library**Apr 2024***Featured Article: "Millions of Low-latency State Insertions on ASIC Switches"*

MANRS Blog**Mar 2024***Verify MANRS Compliance Automatically with ROSE-T*

KTH News**Feb 2024***New cybersecurity analysis solution leads to significant reduction in energy consumption*

Languages

Italian: Mothertongue**English:** Proficient