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## Education

Degree in Physics (“Dottore in Fisica, Laurea Magistrale”) at Milan University (Italy). Thesis about development and application of a Lagrangian particle model for atmospheric dispersion

## Professional Experience

2012 – present

Senior Associate of EnviroComp Consulting, Inc, California

1997 - present

Co-owner and project manager of Enviroware srl, Italy

The company provides worldwide advanced consulting services in air quality impact assessment, industrial risk evaluation, development of modelling tools and development of environmental software and web applications. (for more information visit <https://www.enviroware.com>)

1994 - 1997

Founder and scientific responsible of IDEA – Environmental Consulting

1994

Visiting Scientist San Jose State University, Dept. of Meteorology, California

1994

Scientific consultant for Failure Analysis Associates, Inc, California

1992 - 1993

Scientific stagiaire at JRC European Commission, Ispra (Italy)

1992 - 1993

Scientific consultant for Tema spa (ENI group), Milan (Italy)

## Skills

Air quality and meteorological modelling

- Developer of mathematical models for the atmospheric dispersion of pollutants (MRBT, TOXFLAM, PLPM, LAPMOD)
- Project manager for several air quality and odor impact assessment studies using US-EPA preferred and suggested air quality models (AERMOD, CALPUFF, ISC, CALINE3) and meteorological models and related processors (WRF, CALMET, CALWRF, MMIF, AERMET)

- Developer of web platforms for evaluating models' performance in international benchmarks (RTMOD, ENSEMBLE, ESCOMPTE, UDINEE) including the preparation of all meteorological and air quality datasets of reference.
- Developer of web platforms for online model simulation (AQWEB, AMS)
- Developer of the MeteoData service providing meteorological datasets for modeling  
<https://www.enviroware.com/meteodata/>

#### Scientific Activity

- More than 60 peer reviewed scientific publications on many Italian and international journals (Updated list available at [http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Roberto\\_Bianconi](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Roberto_Bianconi)).
- Participation to several international projects on air quality and nuclear preparedness (RTMOD, ENSEMBLE, URANUS, UDINEE, AQMEII1/2/3/4).

#### Computer programming

Perl / Python / Fortran: 30 years programming experience

- Designer and developer of several web-based platforms, including: RTMOD<sup>1</sup>, a system for long-range model output intercomparison, within a Concerted Action of the European Commission; ENSEMBLE<sup>23</sup>, a model evaluation platform started within the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programmes of the European Commission; AQWEB, used by Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy, for remote use of air quality models; FASST-WEB, a web friendly interface to the TM5-FASST tool, developed at JRC Ispra (Italy) that allows to evaluate how air pollutant emissions affect large scale pollutant concentrations and their impact on human health.
- Skills on developing ad-hoc software for managing and processing very large datasets of disparate formats, as well as for their analysis and georeferenced transformation and representation.
- Developer of computer models for simulating the atmospheric dispersion of pollutants due to accidental or controlled releases. These models include the analytical model MRBT<sup>45</sup> and the Lagrangian particle models PLPM<sup>6</sup> and LAPMOD<sup>7</sup>.
- Developer of computer codes for data processing and format conversion of regional air quality models.

#### Server and network administration

- More than 25 years experience as system administrator. All informatics and network management tasks are tackled in-house. The expertise includes Linux installation and packages management, Apache web server set up and maintenance and remote in-cloud backup. Very good knowledge of Linux, Windows and OS X operating systems.

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<sup>2</sup> Bianconi R., S. Galmarini and R. Bellasio (2003) A WWW-based decision support system for the management of accidental releases of radio nuclides in the atmosphere. Environmental Modelling and Software, 19, 401-411.

<sup>3</sup> Galmarini S., R. Bianconi, W. Appel, E. Solazzo, S. Mosca, P. Grossi, M. Moran, K. Schere, S.T. Rao (2012) ENSEMBLE and AMET: two systems and approaches to a harmonized, simplified and efficient assistance to air quality models development and evaluation. Atmospheric Environment, 53, 51-59.

<sup>4</sup> Bianconi R., M. Tamponi (1993) A mathematical model of diffusion from a steady source of short duration in a finite mixing layer. Atmospheric Environment, 27A, 781-792.

<sup>5</sup> Andretta M., R. Bianconi, W. Flospergher, M. Tamponi (1993) The MRBT model: an analytical dispersion model in a finite mixing layer. Sensitivity analysis and validation against tracer measurements. Atmospheric Environment, 27A, 1665-1672.

<sup>6</sup> Vitali L., F. Monforti, R. Bellasio, R. Bianconi, V. Sacchero, S. Mosca and G. Zanini (2006) Validation of a Lagrangian dispersion model implementing different kernel methods for density reconstruction. Atmospheric Environment, 40, 40, 8020-8033.

<sup>7</sup> Bellasio R. e R. Bianconi (2012) The LAPMOD modelling system for simulating atmospheric pollution in complex orography (in Italian). Ingegneria Ambientale, vol. XLI, n. 6, 492-500.

### Cloud computing

- Eight years of experience with Amazon AWS cloud computing services (design and implementation of a high computational power fleet based on EC2 instances and EFS elastic file system) for running the meteorological model WRF and related processors (CALWRF, MMIF).

### **Scientific publications and conference contributions**

- 65 peer-reviewed scientific publications
- 50 contributions to conferences

## Scientific journals

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