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CONTACTS

ECHO Laboratory
EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland

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SKILLS

Programming

ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE

Python · Wolfram Mathematica

BASIC KNOWLEDGE

C++ · Matlab · Julia
R · Bash

TOOLS

Latex · Powerpoint & MS Office
HTML · CSS · Inkscape

Languages

NATIVE: Italian

FLUENT: English

INTERMEDIATE: French

BEGINNER: German, Japanese

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne　　*Lausanne, Switzerland*
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER　　2023 - PRESENT
Laboratory of Ecohydrology, with prof. Andrea Rinaldo

Tübingen University　　*Tübingen, Germany*
VISITING PH.D. STUDENT　　SEPT 2022 - DEC 2022
"Self-organization of neuronal networks" group, with prof. Anna Levina

Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems　　*Dresden, Germany*
VISITING PH.D. STUDENT　　JUNE 2022 - JULY 2022
Division of Biological Physics, with Dr. Daniel M. Busiello

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Physics *cum laude*　　*University of Padova*
THESIS: *Information and Criticality in Complex Stochastic Systems*　　2019 - 2023
Supervisors: prof. Amos Maritan and prof. Samir Suweis

Master's Degree in Physics　　*University of Padova*
THESIS: *Scaling and Renormalization Group for models of neural activity*　　2017 - 2019
Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*, GPA: 29.93/30

Erasmus student　　*Paris-Sud University*
INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEM, ECTS GPA: A/A　　2018 - 2019

Bachelor's Degree in Physics　　*University of Padova*
THESIS: *A Bayesian interpretation of quantum probability*　　2014 - 2017
Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*, GPA: 29.19/30

INVITED TALKS

Tuning transduction from hidden observables to optimize information harvesting　　*Trieste, Italy*
"INFORMATION PROCESSING AND DECISION-MAKING IN BIOLOGY" WORKSHOP, ICTP　　*11th Mar 2024*

Survival and coexistence in spatially explicit metapopulation models　　*Padova, Italy*
"EMERGENT DYNAMICAL PATTERNS OF DISORDERED SYSTEMS WITH APPLICATIONS TO NATURAL COMMUNITIES" WORKSHOP　　*18th Dec 2023*

Information theory in stochastic processes and complex systems　　*Dresden, Germany*
MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE PHYSICS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS　　*13th Jul 2022*

What can phase transitions and criticality teach us about brain dynamics?　　*Stockholm, Sweden*
BRAINNET WORKSHOP, KTH ROYAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY　　*23rd - 24th May 2022*

Unfolding complex systems with information theory　　*Online*
YOUNG SEMINARS OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF STATISTICAL PHYSICS　　*10th Mar 2022*

PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

Information propagation in multilayer systems with higher-order interactions across timescales　　**PHYS. REV. X**
G. NICOLETTI, D. M. BUSIELLO　　*in press (2024)*

Tuning transduction from hidden observables to optimize information harvesting　　**ARXIV**
G. NICOLETTI, D. M. BUSIELLO　　*arXiv:2403.04709 (2024)*

Prenatal experience with language shapes the brain　　**SCIENCE ADVANCES**
B. MARIANI, G. NICOLETTI, G. BARZON, M. C. O. BARAJAS, M. SHUKLA, R. GUEVARA, S. SUWEIS, J. GERVAIN　　*9 (47), eadj3524 (2023)*

Emergent encoding of dispersal network topologies in spatial metapopulation models　　**PNAS**
G. NICOLETTI*, P. PADMANABHA*, S. AZAELE, S. SUWEIS, A. RINALDO, A. MARITAN (*EQUAL CONTRIBUTION)　　*120 e2311548120 (2023)*

A network-based method for extracting the organization of brain-wide circuits from reconstructed connectome datasets
K. K. H. Manjunatha, M. Bruzzone, G. Nicoletti, S. Suweis, M. Dal Maschio

The emergence of scale-free fire outbreaks in Australia
G. Nicoletti, L. Saravia, F. Momo, A. Maritan, S. Suweis
Best poster award at the conference "Stochastic Models and Experiments in Ecology and Biology 2021" Venice, Italy

The architecture of information processing in biological systems
G. Nicoletti, M. Bruzzone, S. Suweis, M. Dal Maschio, D. M. Busiello

Mutual information in changing environments: Nonlinear interactions, out-of-equilibrium systems, and continuously varying diffusivities
G. Nicoletti, D. M. Busiello

Information-driven transitions in projections of underdamped dynamics
G. Nicoletti, A. Maritan, D. M. Busiello

Criticality and network structure drive emergent oscillations in a stochastic whole-brain model
G. Nicoletti*, G. Barzon*, B. Mariani, M. Formentin, S. Suweis (*equal contribution)

Disentangling the critical signatures of neural activity
B. Mariani, G. Nicoletti, M. Bisio, M. Maschietto, S. Vassanelli, S. Suweis
Featured in the "Top 100 papers in Neuroscience" published by Scientific Reports in 2022

Mutual information disentangles interactions from changing environments
G. Nicoletti, D. M. Busiello
Physical Review Letters Editors' Suggestion, viewpoint in the APS "Physics" magazine and highlight in PRL's weekly tip sheet for reporters

Neuronal avalanches across the rat somatosensory barrel cortex and the effect of single whisker stimulation
B. Mariani, G. Nicoletti, M. Bisio, M. Maschietto, R. Oboe, A. Leparulo, S. Suweis, S. Vassanelli

Scaling and criticality in a phenomenological renormalization group
G. Nicoletti, S. Suweis, A. Maritan

Contributed talks and posters

Italian Conference on Complex Systems 2023
Poster: Emergent encoding of dispersal network topologies in spatial metapopulation models
Naples, Italy
9th - 11th Oct 2023

28th International Conference on Statistical Physics
Talk: The architecture of information processing in biological systems
Tokyo, Japan
7th - 11th Aug 2023

Brain Criticality Meeting 2022
Poster: Criticality and network structure drive emergent oscillations in a stochastic whole-brain model
Online
7th - 9th Nov 2022

Conference on Complex Systems 2022
Talk: Criticality and network structure drive emergent oscillations in a stochastic whole-brain model
Talk: Information-driven transitions in optimal projections of underdamped dynamics
Palma de Mallorca, Spain
17th - 21st Oct 2022

Bernstein Conference 2022
Poster: Disentangling the critical signatures of neural activity: avalanches, spatial correlations and information
Berlin, Germany
14th - 16th Sept 2022

Conference on Complex Systems 2021
Talk: Disentangling the role of external and intrinsic dynamics on the critical signatures of neural activity
Talk: Modeling the emergence of scale-free fire outbreaks in Australia
Poster: Disentangling internal interactions from noisy environments through mutual information
Lyon, France
25th - 29th Oct 2021

Stochastic Models and Experiments in Ecology and Biology 2021
Poster: Modeling the emergence of scale-free fire outbreaks in Australia
Venice, Italy
22nd - 25th June 2021

Brain Criticality Virtual Meeting
Poster: What can a phenomenological Renormalization Group teach us about criticality in a network of neurons?
Online
6th - 9th Oct 2020

Bernstein Conference 2020
Poster: Scaling and criticality in a phenomenological renormalization group
Online
29th Sept - 1st Oct 2020

Italian Conference on Complex Systems
Poster: Scaling and Renormalization Group for the activity of neurons
Trento, Italy
1st - 3rd July 2019

Attended schools and workshops

Winter Workshop on Complex Systems 2022
WORKSHOP
Arc-et-Senans, France
24th - 28th Jan 2022

Beg Rohu Summer School on "Statistical Mechanics and Emergent Phenomena in Biology"
SCHOOL
St. P. Quiberon, France
30th May - 12th June 2021

Computational and Theoretical Models in Neuroscience
SCHOOL
Venice, Italy
9th - 16th Sept 2019

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES

Robustness, Adaptability and Critical Transitions in Living Systems
MAIN ORGANIZER
Satellite of the Conference on Complex Systems 2021
Lyon, France
27th Oct 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION

2023 - 24   **Fundamental of Information Systems**, Master's Degree in Data Science, University of Padova   *Teaching assistant*

2022 - 23   **Advanced Statistical Mechanics**, PhD course in Physics, University of Padova   *Invited lecturer*

2022 - 23   **Physics with applications to biological systems**, Bachelor's Degree in Biology of Human and Environmental Health, University of Padova   *Teaching assistant*

2021 - 23   **Co-supervision of two Master's thesis and two Bachelor's thesis**, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Padova   *Co-supervision*

2021 - 22   **Models of Theoretical Physics**, Master's Degree in Physics of Data, University of Padova   *Teaching assistant*

2020 - 22   **IT and Bioinformatics**, Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Molecular Biology, University of Padova   *Teaching assistant*

HONORS AND AWARDS

12th Mar 2023   **Featuring in the "Top 100 papers in Neuroscience" published by Scientific Reports in 2022** for the article *Disentangling the critical signatures of neural activity*, Sci. Rep. 127, 12, 10770 (2022)

29th Nov 2022   **Graduate Alumni Award** awarded to the best graduate student of the School of Science, University of Padova

22nd Nov 2021   **Physical Review Letters Editors' Suggestion, viewpoint in "Physics" magazine and highlight in PRL's weekly tip sheet for reporters** for the article *Mutual information disentangles interactions from changing environments*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 228301 (2021)

25th Jun 2021   **Best Poster Award** for "Modeling the emergence of scale-free fire outbreaks in Australia" at *Stochastic Models and Experiments in Ecology and Biology 2021*, ECLT, Venice, Italy. Sponsored by MDPI

Feb 2017   **Student grant** for the best students enrolled in scientific degrees, granted by University of Padova

10th Oct 2014   **Best student award** for the best high school students in Italy, awarded by the Italian Ministry for Education

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

2021 - present   **Member of the Complex Systems Society**

2021 - 2023   **Member of the Italian Society of Physics**

2021 - 2023   **Elected representative** in the PhD Program Committee and the Academic Board of the PhD program, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Padova