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## Personal data

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## Short bio

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I am a PhD student at the [Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems](#) (GER). Previously, I got my Master's degree in Mathematical Engineering at the [University of Padova](#) (IT), where I also obtained my Bachelor's degree in Physics. My PhD is supported by the [International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems \(IMPRS-IS\)](#), which is part of the [Cyber Valley](#) initiative.

My research focuses on data-rich problems where inferential predictions and mechanistic models mutually inform each other to describe complex systems. To address these problems, I develop mathematical models rooted in statistical physics and scalable algorithms. My interests are mainly in, but not limited to, urban sciences, machine learning, and social sciences.

## Research experience

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Sep 1, 2020 – expected: 2024

**PhD student** | Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems: Physics for Inference and Optimization group, Tübingen, Germany

Mar 1, 2020 – Aug 31, 2020

**Research Intern** | Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems: Physics for Inference and Optimization group, Tübingen, Germany

## Education

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Sep 1, 2020 – expected: 2024

**PhD** in Computer Science | University of Tübingen, Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen, Germany

**Thesis:** Designing Networks with Adaptation Rules and Optimal Transport

**Supervisor:** Dr. Caterina De Bacco

**Program:** International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems (IMPRS-IS)

Oct 1, 2018 – July 23, 2020

**Master's Degree** in Mathematical Engineering | University of Padova, Italy (cum laude)

**Thesis:** Developing new methods for routing and optimal transport on networks

**Supervisor:** Prof. Mario Putti

**Co-supervisor:** Dr. Caterina De Bacco

**Curriculum:** Mathematical Modelling for Engineering and Science

Oct 1, 2015 – Sep 24, 2018

**Bachelor's Degree** in Physics | University of Padova, Italy

**Thesis:** Dynamics and thermodynamics of the adiabatic piston (in Italian)

**Supervisor:** Prof. Giancarlo Benettin

## Additional work experience

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Oct, 2022 – Apr, 2023

**Head, co-founder** | Commute, Germany

**Advancement:** Our startup was dedicated to providing data-driven solutions to policymakers to build transportation infrastructures for better livability in cities. It was admitted to the initial phase of the MAX!mize incubation program ([maximize-incubator.com](https://maximize-incubator.com)) for the Max Planck Society, supported by Max Planck Innovation GmbH

## Talks

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Each category is in reverse chronological order.

### Contributed talks

- [CT3] Bilevel optimization for flow control in optimal transport networks  
[Netsci 2023](#) (Vienna, Austria, 2023) · [Abstract](#) · [Slides](#)
- [CT2] Infrastructure adaptation and emergence of loops in network routing with time-dependent loads  
[Netsci 2023 Satellite, Networks & cities](#) (Vienna, Austria, 2023) · [Abstract](#) · [Slides](#)
- [CT1] Optimal transport in networks for design and flux optimization  
[NetPLACE Seminars](#) (online, 2023) · [Slides](#) · [Video](#)

## Teaching experience

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Oct 21, 2021 – Feb 11, 2022

**Teaching assistant** of Advanced Probabilistic Machine Learning and Applications | University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

**Lecturer:** Dr. Caterina De Bacco

Apr 19, 2021 – July 31, 2021

**Teaching assistant** of Advanced Probabilistic Machine Learning and Applications | University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

**Lecturer:** Dr. Caterina De Bacco

## Academic service

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Peer-review: Journal of Physics Communications 3, Physica Scripta 2

## Languages

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English (proficient user) – IELTS score: 8/9 | Cambridge ESOL: CAE | CEFR: C1

Italian (native)

German (independent user) – CEFR: B1 (formal training in progress)

Spanish (basic user) – CEFR: ~A1/A2 (personal interest)

## IT skills

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Advanced level: Python (libraries for scientific computing, data science, ML, data visualization), Linux: Debian-based distributions, macOS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , code parallelization on computing infrastructures, git

Basic level: C++, Mathematica, Microsoft Office Suit, Linux: Arch-based distributions, MATLAB, HTML, CSS

## Extracurricular activities

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July 30-31, 2022 **Volunteer** for TRenD in Africa Python Workshop 2022 | online ([trendinafrica.org](https://trendinafrica.org))

## Publications

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Each category is in reverse chronological order. Asterisks denote equal contribution.

### Journal Papers

- [JP7] Message-Passing on Hypergraphs: Detectability, Phase Transitions, and Higher-Order Information  
Nicolò Ruggeri\*, [Alessandro Lonardi](#)\*, Caterina De Bacco  
Journal of Statistical Physics: Theory and Experiment · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#) · [CO<sub>2</sub> compensation](#)
- [JP6] Bilevel Optimization for Traffic Mitigation in Optimal Transport Networks  
[Alessandro Lonardi](#), Caterina De Bacco  
[Physical Review Letters](#) 131, 267401 (2023) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#)
- [JP5] Immiscible Color Flows in Optimal Transport Networks for Image Classification  
[Alessandro Lonardi](#)\*, Diego Baptista\*, Caterina De Bacco  
[Frontiers in Physics](#) 11:1089114 (2023) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#) · [Poster](#) · [CO<sub>2</sub> compensation](#)
- [JP4] Infrastructure adaptation and emergence of loops in network routing with time-dependent loads  
[Alessandro Lonardi](#), Enrico Facca, Mario Putti, Caterina De Bacco  
[Physical Review E](#) 107, 024302 (2023) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#)
- [JP3] Multicommodity routing optimization for engineering networks  
[Alessandro Lonardi](#), Mario Putti, Caterina De Bacco  
[Scientific Reports](#) 12, 7474 (2022) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#)
- [JP2] Optimal Transport in Multilayer Networks for Traffic Flow Optimization  
Abdullahi Adinoyi Ibrahim, [Alessandro Lonardi](#), Caterina De Bacco  
[Algorithms](#), 14(7), 189 (2021) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#)
- [JP1] Designing optimal networks for multicommodity transport problem  
[Alessandro Lonardi](#), Enrico Facca, Mario Putti, Caterina De Bacco  
[Physical Review Research](#) 3, 043010 (2021) · [arXiv](#) · [GitHub](#)

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