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🎓 computational neuroscience, machine & deep learning, AI, statistics



## Work experience

- 2016 – . . . . . 📌 **Research Assistant.** Petrovici group for brain-inspired computing, U. Heidelberg.
- 2017 – 2018 📌 **Guest Researcher.** Senn group for comp. neuroscience, U. Bern.
- 2014 – 2015 📌 **Research Assistant.** Evers group for theo. quantum dynamics, MPIK Heidelberg.

## Summer schools

- June 2019 📌 **DS<sup>3</sup> Data Science Summer School.**  
Five-day school co-organised by the École polytechnique & the DATAIA Institute.
- March 2019 📌 **IRCN Course in Neuro-Inspired Computation.**  
Invited after application. Four-day course offered by the U. Tokyo.

## Training

- August 2019 📌 **Team Communication – Key Roles and Intercultural Contexts Workshop.**
- March 2019 📌 **University Leadership and Management (Epigeum).**  
Courses: Leadership and management, Managing people, Strategic planning.
- February 2019 📌 **Business management course "Grundlagenwissen BWL".**
- October 2018 📌 **Computational Physics with GPUs.**
- April 2017 📌 **Machine learning in science and industry.**  
Courses offered by the Heidelberg Graduate School for Physics.

## Skills

- Languages 📌 very good writing, reading and communication skills in english
- Coding 📌 PYTHON & tensorflow, Matlab, Mathematica, C(++), HTML
- Software 📌 familiar with Linux bash shell and Windows systems, version control (git), integrated testing (jenkins), job scheduler (slurm, moab)
- Design 📌 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Powerpoint, Inkscape, Gimp
- Teaching 📌 co-supervised one master's thesis and supervised lecture tutorials, physics experiments for students and soft skill courses for first-year students
- Social 📌 organised the Journal Club of my research group during my Ph.D.





## Communication & presentation skills

### Selected talks

- 2019 📌 **Selected talk at Cosyne 2019**  
Cosyne Conference 2019, Lisbon, Portugal.  
Selected from submitted abstracts.

## Communication & presentation skills (continued)

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- 2018     **Invited talk at INI (ETH)**  
ETH Institute of Neuroinformatics, Zurich, Switzerland.  
Invited by Dr. João Sacramento.
-  **Intel Neuromorphic Research Community (INRC) Workshop**  
Workshop, hosted by Intel, Reykjavik, Iceland.  
Invited as INRC Project Representative.
-  **Neuroplasticity: From Bench to Machine Learning**  
Workshop, Institute of Advanced Studies, U. Surrey, England.  
Selected from submitted abstracts.
-  **From Neuroscience to Machine Learning**  
Workshop, European Institute for Theoretical Neuroscience, France.  
Invited as a replacement for Prof. Dr. Walter Senn.

### Poster presentations

- 2019     **Bernstein Conference 2019** in Berlin, Germany.
-  **CNS Conference 2019** in Barcelona, Spain.
-  **DS<sup>3</sup> Data Science Summer School** in Paris, France.
-  **IRCN Course in Neuro-Inspired Computation** in Tokyo, Japan.
- 2018     **Bernstein Conference 2018** in Berlin, Germany.
-  **EMBO Dendrites Workshop 2018** in Heraklion, Greece.
- 2017     **Bernstein Conference 2017** in Göttingen, Germany.
-  **CNS Conference 2017** in Antwerp, Belgium.





## Awards

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- 2019     First prize in the finals of the 2019 International Collegiate Competition for Brain-Inspired Computing (ICCBC 2019) at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

## Education

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- 2016 – . . . . .     **Dr. rer. nat., Heidelberg Graduate School for Physics, Germany.**
- 2014 – 2016     **M.Sc. in Physics, Heidelberg University, Germany.**  
Thesis title: *Stochastic Computation in Spiking Neural Networks Without Noise.*
- 2010 – 2014     **B.Sc. in Physics, Heidelberg University, Germany.**  
Thesis title: *Energy Conservation in Fano Spectral Line Shape Control.*
- 2001 – 2010     **Abitur, Gymnasium am Romäusring, Villingen-Schwenningen.**

## Research publications, theses & proposals

### Journal articles and preprints

- 1 Senn\*, W., Dold\*, D., Binas, J., Schindler, K., Bengio, Y., Sacramento, J. & Petrovici, M. A. (2019). Lagrangian dynamics of dendritic microcircuits enables real-time error backpropagation across cortical areas. *in prep.*
- 2 Dold\*, D., Bytschok\*, I., Kungl, A. F., Baumbach, A., Breitwieser, O., Senn, W., ... Petrovici\*, M. A. (2019). Stochasticity from function – why the bayesian brain may need no noise. *Neural Networks*, 119, 200–213. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neunet.2019.08.002>
- 3 Kungl, A. F., Schmitt, S., Klähn, J., Müller, P., Baumbach, A., Dold, D., ... Koke, C. et al. (2019). Accelerated physical emulation of bayesian inference in spiking neural networks. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1807.02389* (submitted, currently in review).
- 4 Bytschok\*, I., Dold\*, D., Schemmel, J., Meier, K. & Petrovici\*, M. A. (2017). Spike-based probabilistic inference with correlated noise. *arXiv:1707.01746 preprint*.

### Theses

- 1 Zenk, M. (2018). *Spatio-temporal predictions with spiking neural networks*. Master's thesis, co-supervised by Dold, D. Heidelberg University.
- 2 Dold, D. (2016). *Stochastic computation in spiking neural networks without noise*. Master's thesis. Heidelberg University.
- 3 Dold, D. (2014). *Energy conservation in fano spectral line shape control*. Bachelor thesis. Heidelberg University.

### Proposals

- 1 Jordan, J., Dold, D., Petrovici, M. A. & Senn, W. (2018). Real-time error-backpropagation for deep cortical microcircuits in spiking neuromorphic systems. Intel INRC grant.

## References

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