

# Patricia Rubisch

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## General Information

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## Education

2019–2024 **PhD**, *ANC: Machine Learning, Computational Neuroscience, Computational Biology*, University of Edinburgh, UK, Thesis title: The interplay between voltage-dependent plasticity, inhibition and network structure in spiking neuronal network models.  
2018–2019 **MScR**, *ANC: Machine Learning, Computational Neuroscience, Computational Biology* , University of Edinburgh, UK, Master of Science by Research with Distinction.  
2015 – 2018 **BSc Cognitive Science**, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany.

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## Publications

- Geirhos, R., **Rubisch, P.**, Rauber, J., Temme, C. R. M., Michaelis, C., Brendel, W., & Wichmann, F. A. *Inducing a human-like shape bias leads to emergent human-level distortion robustness in CNNs*. In Journal of Vision, 19. 2019
- Otte, S., **Rubisch, P.**, & Butz, M. V. *Gradient-based learning of compositional dynamics with modular RNNs*. In International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks, 2019

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## Preprints

- **Rubisch, P.**, Stefan, M. I., Hennig, M. H. *The role of temporal sensitivity of synaptic plasticity in representation learning*. bioRxiv. 2024
- Haghiri, S., **Rubisch, P.**, Geirhos, R., Wichmann, F., von Luxburg, U. *Comparison-based framework for psychophysics: Lab versus crowdsourcing*. arXiv. 2019
- Geirhos, R., **Rubisch, P.**, Michaelis, C., Bethge, M., Wichmann, F. A., & Brendel, W. *ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture; increasing shape bias improves accuracy and robustness*. arXiv. 2018. Published as a conference paper at ICLR 2019

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## Talks

- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Inhibitory control of plasticity promotes stability and competitive learning in recurrent networks*, Gordon Research Seminar: Inhibition in the CNS 2023, Les Diablerets, Switzerland

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## Poster Presentations

- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Competitive learning through fast inhibitory regulation of neural plasticity*, presented at CoSyNe 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

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- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Inhibitory control of plasticity promotes stability and competitive learning in recurrent networks*, presented at CoSyNe 2023, Montreal, Canada
- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Sensitivity to subthreshold fluctuations in membrane potential is central for prediction of synaptic plasticity*, presented at Bernstein Conference 2022, Berlin, Germany
- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Lateral inhibition regulates Long Term Plasticity and functional specialisation*, presented at SPONT 2022, Alicante, Spain
- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Systematic exploration of neuron type differences in standard plasticity protocols employing a novel pathway-based plasticity rule*, presented at Bernstein Conference 2021, online
- **Rubisch, P.**, Hennig, M., *Systematic exploration of neuron type differences in standard plasticity protocols employing a novel pathway-based plasticity rule*, short talk at Neuromatch Conference 4 2021, online

## Grants, Awards and Fellowships

- 07/2024 **LSA Fellow**, German Scholar Organisation, Germany
- 03/2023 **CoSyNe Presenter Travel Grant**, CoSyNe 2023 in Montreal, Canada

## Work Experience

- 12/2023–  
Present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Medical School Berlin, Stefan Lab.  
Modelling synaptic plasticity in health and disease from molecules to networks
- 07/2024 **Teaching Assistant**, Neuromatch Academy, online.  
Teaching Assistant for 2 week *NeuroAI* course
- 2019–2023 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.  
Teaching Assistant for *Computational Cognitive Neuroscience*, Marker for *Neural Computation* and Tutor, Demonstrator and Marker for INF1:CG (cognitive science undergraduate course)
- 2015–2018 **Student Research Assistant**, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, AG Neural Information Processing, Prof. Felix Wichmann.  
Planning, implementation and conduction of psycho-physical experiments

## Additional Education

- 2022 **Cajal Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme**: Computational Neuroscience
- 2022 **FENS Summer School**: Artificial and natural computations for sensory perception: what is the link?
- 2020 **Neuromatch Academy**: Computational Neuroscience

## Service and Leadership

- 2025 – today Postdoc Representative of the Bernstein Network
- 2024 – today INBICA Journal Club organiser
- 2020 – 2023 Committee member of the Edinburgh University Volleyball Club in the position of Club Secretary (2020–2021), Vice President (2021–2022), Inclusion Officer (2022–2023), awarded with Edinburgh University Sports Union Colours Award (2023)
- 2016 –2018 Student representative *Study Commission Cognitive Science*
- 2016 – 2018 Student representative *Board of Examiners Cognitive Science*

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## Programming Languages

Languages Python, Matlab, Java, R, Scheme